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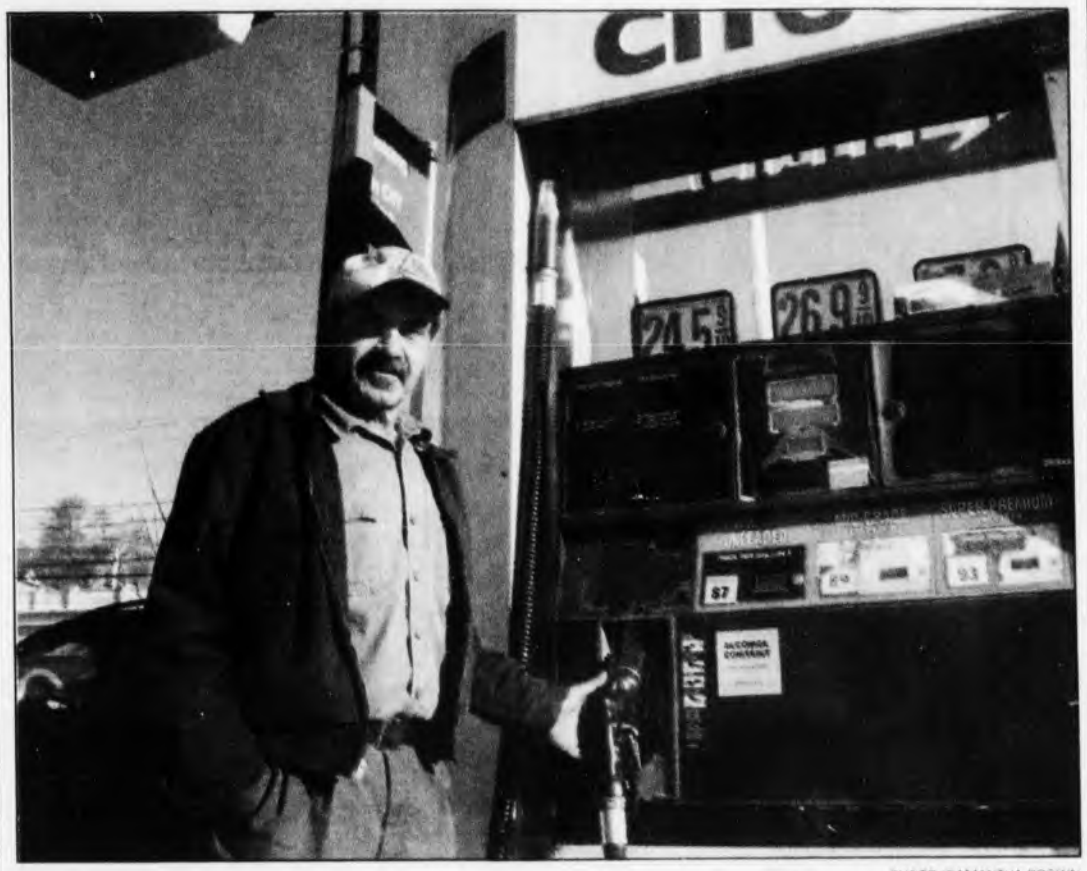
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"It's been a very, very good 35 years. If I could do it all over, I'd do the same thing."
— George Roukounakis



PHOTO/SAMANTHA BROWN

George Roukounakis, who has been a familiar figure at his gas station on S. Main Street, is retiring after 35 years. The new owner is Tom McBrien, owner of McBrien's gas station on Gannett Road in North Scituate.

Olympic Citgo changes hands

N. Scituate station owner takes over

By Samantha Brown
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"Thanks George."

This is a phrase heard many time throughout the day at Olympic Citgo on South Main Street in the Village. To locals, no last name is required, as they have come to know gas station owner George Roukounakis on a first-name basis over the last three decades.

"It would be exactly 35 years this September," he said, adding, "It's been a very, very good 35 years. If I could do it all over, I'd do the same thing."

But after all his years in town, Roukounakis has decided to "semi-retire" from his post. He said he feels it is time for a change and while he's not sure exactly what his future might hold, he feels it is time to pass the reins on to someone else. "I'm going to take some time off and I'm not even sure I'm

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TOWN ELECTION

Carlson, Dormitzer pull papers

By Samantha Brown
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Nomination papers for the 2007 Annual Town Election became available Wednesday, and some candidates didn't waste any time pulling papers.

Roughly one hour after Town Hall opened Jan. 3, Paul Carlson had made his way to the Town Clerk's office to take step one in his campaign for the Board of Selectmen. There are two three-year seats open on the Board of Selectmen, currently held by Chairman Ralph Dormitzer and Vice Chairman Rob Spofford. Spofford announced in December he will not seek reelection, but Dormitzer pulled papers shortly after Carlson.

A 33-year resident of the town, Carlson, now retired, said he is at a point where he has the time as well as financial, business and managerial experience to enable him to work hard as a member of the board to improve the quality of life enjoyed in the town.

"I love this town, it's a great place to live and now, I'm not traveling as much on business and I'd like to contribute," he said.

Carlson earned an MBA at Columbia University, which was followed by a 30-year career in mutual fund management. He held senior positions with major Boston firms. Ten years ago, he began working as a resident adviser on financial market development in many former Soviet bloc countries. Assignments included developing training programs for local professionals and advising officials on writing legislation reforming pension systems and regulating mutual funds. "From1996 to late 2005 I spent a lot of time in Romania, Bulgaria and the Ukraine helping develop their financial markets," he said. Carlson said he hopes to be given the

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Getting everyone on the same page

Overview at Selectmen's meeting Monday

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset is about to embark upon a new initiative that will have its residents coming together over a common interest. Through a program called "One Book One Cohasset," fostered by the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, the collective reading of one book will spark a host of discussions and activities aimed at bringing the community closer together.

Library Director Jackie Rafferty, who came on board in Cohasset in 2003, said beginning a One Book program in Cohasset has been on her "to do" list for some time. This year, she decided the time was right and asked the Friends of the Library if it would be interested in helping begin the program and now, the library is readying itself for the big launch Feb. 5.

"It is a very popular program that was first launched in Seattle and spread to Chicago and New York," she said. Today, programs span the country. "The concept is, the entire community reads the same book to see what will happen," and the theory is, a common dialogue will open up and residents will begin participating in activities planned in conjunction with the book.

Representatives from the library will come before the Board of Selectmen Monday, Jan. 8 to give a brief overview of the program. Rafferty said she has spoken with Town Manager Bill Griffin, Linda Elworthy of the Council on Elder Affairs, and the schools, and everyone is very excited about getting things started.

The library has chosen a book for the community to read, which will soon be unveiled. At the kickoff festivities, the first people to arrive will receive a free copy of the book as well as bookmarks, a calendar of events, balloons and refreshments.

The One Book program was initiated by the Washington Center for the Book in 1998. Local towns including Norwell, Dartmouth, Canton and Stoughton have all had success with the One Book concept.

Rafferty said the One Book program will support the library's mission of

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Kevin Wrenn's likeness reflects in the mini-pond he was feeding with rocks at Black Rock Beach while enjoying beautiful Wednesday afternoon with friends.

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This week the Mariner caught up with Director of the Council on Elder Affairs Linda Elworthy at the Senior Center, 3 N. Main St.

Name: Linda Elworthy

Occupation: Director of the Council on Elder Affairs.

Best day of your life: The day I was hired to work in Cohasset.

Worst vacation: The time I got hijacked to Bermuda (the cruise ship left without my family on board and the staff would not let me get off the boat).

Favorite season: Spring.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite meal: Any pasta.

Best book: "Mother-Daughter Wisdom" by Christiane Northrup.

Best movie: "The Quiet Man."

Best TV Show: "7th Heaven."

Dumbest thing I've ever done: The time I tried on maternity clothes in a department store and thought I had lost a ton of weight.

Pet Peeve: People who tear down others.

Goal: To learn something new every day of my life.

Person I'd most like to meet: My hero, Eleanor Roosevelt.

Most memorable moment: The day I got caught in an elevator with a corpse…I was 17 years old at the time.

Biggest worry: That I will not see peace in my lifetime.

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Father with inebriated son seeks help

By Mary Ford
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At about 12:06 a.m., Thursday (Dec. 28), a Scituate father was transporting his 17-year-old son to the hospital for evaluation because he had been drinking heavily that night, police said. But the teen became so unruly, the father who was also accompanied by his 20-year-old son, diverted to the Cohasset Police Station to ask for assistance.

The officers came out of roll call to the parking lot where the 17-year-old got out of control and struck his father with an open hand in the presence of the police officers, Sgt. William Quigley said. At that point, the teen was arrested for assault and battery. The teen was evaluated by Cohasset paramedics and was held overnight at the station. He was transported to court in the morning and arraigned on the A&B charge, police said.

Smashed windows

Smashed car windows are becoming a regular occurrence in Cohasset and in neighboring Hingham, police said. Over the past week, there were two more Cohasset incidents that turned up in the police log.

At about 10:15 a.m., on Christmas Day, a motorist driving by noticed that the front passenger-side window in a black 1999 Volvo was smashed. The car was parked on Elm Street in the Cove across from the Cohasset Harbor Inn. The car was registered to a Scituate resident and the incident is under investigation, police said.

The next incident was reported at 8 a.m., Tuesday (Dec. 26) by a caller from the Whitney Woods parking lot who said when she came back from her walk, she noticed the car – a 1997 Dodge Caravan – that was parked next to hers had its driver's side window smashed out.

When the officers arrived, the owner of the Caravan exited the trails from her walk and subsequently reported that her purse with credit cards, cash and her driver's license were missing, police said.

Sgt. William Quigley said there are signs posted at Whitney Woods warning visitors to hide their valuables out of plain view in the trunk. Police say the B&E to the Caravan occurred sometime between 7:15 and 8 a.m. The victim, who was from New York, was spending the holidays with her parents in Cohasset.

Sgt. Quigley said Hingham has had similar car break-ins at Wompatuck State Park and Turkey Hill.

Shoplifting

A 21-year-old Cohasset woman is facing a shoplifting charge for allegedly stealing a pint of Dr. McGillicuddy Cherry Schnapps from the Village Wine & Liquors Thursday night (Dec. 28). The store reported the incident the next morning. The bottle of schnapps sells for $9.99.

Chimney fire

The fire department responded to a 9-1-1 call last month about a chimney fire "out of control."

Fire Chief Robert Silvia said as it turned out, the problem was with the fireplace in that the fire was burning quite high. The problem was not with the chimney itself.

He said there was no extension; firefighters, who used gloves and buckets, removed the fire from the house. Firefighters do not usually use water to extinguish a fire in a fireplace because of the amount of steam that can result and the potential for cracking the tile or brick, Silvia said.

Silvia said as a general rule, residents should have their chimneys inspected and/or cleaned once a year. He said most chimney fires are caused by creosote buildup inside the flue or chimney, and can move out into the adjoining wall space.

Creosote is a black, tarry substance. It is a very flammable byproduct of combustion that can build up within the smoke pipe and chimney and then ignite.

Backpack

A man reaching for something in his son's backpack in the backseat was stopped at about 4:30 p.m., on Friday (Dec. 29) after a cell phone caller reported the man was "driving all over the road" and appeared to be intoxicated, police said. Police put out a BOLO (Be On The Lookout) and the car was stopped on North Main Street. After talking to the operator, police determined he was not drunk. The man explained he had been looking for something in his son's backpack that may have caused him to drive erratically for a short time.

Traffic violations

At 9:10 p.m. on Wednesday (Dec. 27), an officer on radar patrol on Hull Street observed a black Chevy Trailblazer speeding. The officer stopped the vehicle and subsequently determined through a computer check that the registration was revoked due to failure to pay insurance premiums.

The operator, a 34-year-old Brockton man, will be summonsed to court on the charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle with its registration suspended and speeding.

Drive-off

Police were able to track down a motorist who drove off without paying for $28 worth of gas from Leo's Exxon on Sunday afternoon (Dec. 31). The officers were able to work with a partial plate number. They called the woman, a Scituate resident, who said she did not realize she had not paid and would make restitution.

Revoked registration

At about 4:45 p.m., Friday (Dec. 29), an officer observed a car with revoked registration near Forest Avenue and Jerusalem Road. (Police receive weekly updates about vehicles with revoked registration and watch out for them).

The officer stopped the vehicle and identified the driver – a 36-year-old Cohasset woman, who was not the registered owner, but who was driving on a suspended license. The owner of the 1993 Mercury is a 34-year-old Revere man. The woman is being summonsed for operating on a suspended license; and the man is being summonsed on allowing an unlicensed driver to operate this car and for operating an uninsured/unregistered motor vehicle.

Hit & run

A Scituate woman's car was damaged while she was at Feng Shui at Cohasset Plaza on Friday (Dec. 29). The incident was reported at 3:14 p.m., after the woman exited the restaurant and discovered damage to the driver's side of her 2001 VW. She had parked next to a large silver truck and found silver paint on her car; it appears the truck may have sideswiped her car, police said. The incident is under investigation.

Cup of wine

At just past 12 p.m., Tuesday (Dec. 26), a Hingham resident shopping at Cohasset Plaza saw a man exit the liquor store at the plaza, get into a vehicle, open a bottle of wine, pour himself some wine into a paper cup, and drive off.

The witness called police on her cell phone and was able to provide a description of the driver, the vehicle (Chevy SUV), and the plate number.

A few minutes later an officer on patrol on North Main Street observed the vehicle. He stopped the car and found the open container of wine. But at this point the man who was reported as being the operator was now in the passenger seat and his son was operating the car on a learner's permit.

Police cited the father with driving with an open container of alcohol (a $500 civil violation); police explained that when someone has a learner's permit he or she is actually operating on the license of the passenger with the valid license.

Pedestrian struck

A 13-year-old Cohasset girl was apparently grazed by a 2000 Chrysler registered to a Hull resident while she was walking her dog along Forest Avenue at 4:45 p.m. Friday (Dec. 29). She was walking against traffic (toward the water) and the Chrysler was traveling toward Route 3A. The girl was transported to the hospital with what appeared to be minor injuries. The operator was not cited in the incident; it appeared the girl may have stepped off the shoulder into the travel lane and the car could not avoid her, police said.

Crocker faces arraignment

Charged with stealing yacht club money

By Mary Ford
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"The Cohasset Police Department worked with the State Police and the Norfolk County DA's Office in this investigation and will assist the DA's office in the prosecution of Mr. Davenport Crocker."
— Police Chief James Hussey

Davenport B. "Dave" Crocker, Sr., is due to be arraigned Jan. 18 in Norfolk Superior Court in Dedham on charges of stealing money from the Cohasset Yacht Club from 2001 to 2005. Crocker, who is from an old, respected Cohasset family, served as the club's accountant for many years.

Yacht club officials discovered the alleged theft of about $427,000 in late 2005 and subsequently sent a letter out to the 245 members of the 111-year-old facility. The letter, which caused an uproar among club membership, explained the yacht club agreed not to prosecute Crocker if he would repay the money.

However, when the news broke last January, Cohasset police launched a criminal investigation and indicated the yacht club would cooperate fully.

"The Cohasset Police Department worked with the State Police and the Norfolk County DA's Office in this investigation and will assist the DA's office in the prosecution of Mr. Davenport Crocker," Police Chief James Hussey said this week.

On Dec. 7 a Grand Jury indicted Crocker, 70, on one count of larceny over $250 by scheme on diverse dates during that time period. "By scheme" usually means the crime took place over a period of time.

Crocker did not return a message left on his answering machine at his Hingham office; his attorney could not be reached by press time.

According to the yacht club letter sent last year, Crocker repaid $200,000 and agreed to pay an additional $260,000 within 18 months. Commodore F. Wisner Murray stated in the letter sent to the membership that the $260,000 was secured by a second mortgage on Crocker's condominium in Florida.

Reached by telephone Tuesday, Murray declined to comment.

In another case, Crocker has repaid the $42,100 he stole from the Hingham-Hull Rotary Club where he served as the club's treasurer; a theft that also came to light in 2005. He was arraigned on the larceny charge on April 14, 2006. The case was continued without a finding for six months following a May 18, 2006 hearing at which the District Attorney's Office reported that Crocker had repaid the Rotary Club in full. On Nov. 17, 2006, the case was dismissed with the condition that Crocker pay court fees that included a $90 victim witness fee and $21 monthly probation fee.

Firefighter graduates from academy

To graduate, students must demonstrate proficiency in life safety, search and rescue, ladder operations, water supply, pump operation and fire attack.

Chief Robert Silvia has announced Firefighter/Paramedic Robert R. Martin II has graduated from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Recruit Training Program.

Martin is a member of the 174th class of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy's 60-day Recruit Firefighting Program. The Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, a division of the Department of Fire Services, offers this program tuition free. The 70 graduates, including two women and 68 men, represent 42 fire departments.

Today's firefighters do far more than fight fires, Silvia said. They are the first ones called to respond to chemical and environmental emergencies ranging from the suspected presence of carbon monoxide to a gas leak. They may be called to rescue a child who has fallen through the ice or who has locked himself in a bathroom. They rescue people from stalled elevators and those who are trapped in vehicle accidents. They test and maintain their equipment, ranging from self-contained breathing apparatus to hydrants to hoses, power tools and apparatus.

At the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy they learn all these skills and more from certified fire instructors who are also experienced firefighters. Students learn all the basic skills they need to respond to fires and to contain and control them, Silvia said. They are also given training in public fire education, hazardous material incident mitigation, flammable liquids, stress management, water rescue procedures, confined space rescue techniques and rappelling. The intensive 12-week program for municipal firefighters involves classroom instruction, physical fitness training, firefighter skills training and live firefighting practice.

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SNOW?

Hello Cohasset. I hope that everyone enjoyed their New Year's celebration and for those who needed a bit of recovery time, that you were able to get it. January is off to a great start weather-wise but it feels a bit weird to have it be as mild as it has been. Who knows, maybe a bit of snow will come our way in February. If you have any photos, stories or event information, send them in to me no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm at my aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com email address. Have a good week and enjoy reading the column.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy 60th birthday wishes go out to firefighter **Matt Marr** from all of his friends and co-workers at the Cohasset Fire Department. Matt celebrated his birthday on New Year's Eve.

COOKIE TIME

Mmmm, mmm, mmmm! Its Cookie time again!!- The annual Girl Scout cookie sales begins this week through the end of January. The girls will be selling door-to-door as well as having booth sales around town. The Cookie Sale is Girl Scouting's single largest program activity and the public's most recognizable image of Girl Scouting. The sale of these cookies also generates revenue for the troops and our local council to support quality Girl Scout programs. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact **Beth Marsden-Gilman** at 781-383-1811. Thank you for supporting the girl scouts. Your purchase helps girls develop self-confidence, business skills and teamwork!

INDOOR FIELD HOCKEY

Attention all Middle School Field Hockey players! Indoor field hockey starts next week, January 9th and will run Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4 to 5pm at the South Shore Sports Center in Hingham. It is open to all girls in grades 6-9 who want to practice their skills and scrimmage. All skill levels are welcome from beginner to expert!! The program will run through March except for public school holidays. The cost is $175 per girl. Each girl should come to practice with the following equipment: shin guards, mouth guard, field hockey stick and sneakers. We have a limited number of sticks available for girls to try out the first week. If you have any questions, please contact **Mike Condon** at 781-308-8132.

VOLLEYBALL

Another great fitness and sport program to consider for your child in grades 5- 9 is a volleyball class. The Cohasset Recreation Department is sponsoring a youth volleyball clinic for boys and girls in grades 5-9 at the Deer Hill School gym on Tuesday and/or Friday afternoons. This program is being run by **Ben Leong** and **Wendy Lum**, both of Cohasset from 3:30-5:30 p.m. and is 8 weeks long. Children will learn the basic skills or enhance skills already learned, bumping, setting, serving, spiking and most important, have fun and work as a team. If your child would like to take this class on both days each week, the cost is $140 and for one day a week, the cost is $100. The registration forms are available at the Cohasset Town Hall Recreation Department or by logging onto www.onecreativeplace.net. If you have any questions or would like to register by phone, call 781-383-4109 or 781-383-2211. For questions about the actual program, you may email Wendy at LeongLum@NEHCF.NEMC.org. This class is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, Jan. 16.

DEAN'S HONORS

Congratulations go out to **Devin Smith** who is a freshman at Arizona State University. Devin made the Deans Honors List for the fall semester and her parents are absolutely thrilled. Keep up the great work Devin.

TREE PICKUP

Do you have your Christmas tree still hanging around in your home or yard and want to dispose of it and do some good for an organization? Well, the Cohasset Middle School Student Council and Project Safeguard are sponsoring a Holiday Tree Pick-up fundraiser tomorrow, January 6th! The cost per tree is $20 with Senior Citizens paying $15. These fees will go to benefit Project Safeguard and if you are interested, call 781-383-2492 and leave a message with you address, phone number and any special instructions. Make sure to call by 8 p.m. TONIGHT (Friday) and have a check made out to Project Safeguard with your tree. Put the tree and check out at the end of your driveway and it will be picked up tomorrow between 10 a.m. -2 pm.

PAJAMA GAME

It's not just part of a song from the fast-paced Broadway favorite, it's the experience that actors will have if they try out and win roles in the Cohasset Dramatic Clubs spring production. Auditions for the CDCs production, The Pajama Game will be held at Cohasset Town Hall on Sun., Jan. 7 at 6 p.m., and Mon., Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. Callbacks will be Tues., Jan. 9. The show which tells the tale of a workplace romance in the midst of a battle of the sexes and a battle between labor and management features four male leads and three female leads, ranging in stage age from mid-20s to 40. There is also an ensemble of about 20 actors, age range, mid-teens and up. Minimum stage age for this production is 14. At the auditions, actors will be asked to sing 16 bars of a favorite song of their own choosing. Readings will be from the script and there will be a light movement component to the auditions. The CDC welcomes both returning actors anxious for a new role, and new players, hoping for a new and exciting experience. Directed by Mark Bono, The Pajama Game will run the last three weekends in March (including April 1). For more information, contact Mark Bono at 617-827-0887.

SWEET TOOTH



PHOTO/CRAIG GOEDECKE

Julia Norton, 4, of Cohasset, tastes the candy cane she got in her take-home goodie bag from Santa Claus while at the Herring Brook Day School in Scituate. The jolly old elf visited the school during its Holiday Snowball Breakfast last month.

25-YEAR REUNION

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AROUND TOWN

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Reunion being held on Saturday, 7/7/07 at 7 p.m. at the River Club in Scituate. Class of 1982 graduates please contact Marcy Brown Fleming at marcydon@msn.com to update your contact information. If you don't have email, please write or call: Marcy Fleming, 211 W. Linwood Dr., Birmingham, AL 35209; (205) 879-9253.Hope to see you then!

WIN A CRUISE!

Princess Cruises and Cohasset Travel have joined forces supporting a fundraiser to benefit the programs and services of Wellspring Multi-Service Center. South Shore residents can win a cruise for two to Alaska, one of the last remaining wildernesses on earth. The raffle donation will provide funding for all the valuable programs at Wellspring and the winner could be rewarded with a remarkable vacation. Winners will experience the stunning beauty of Alaska including Glacier Bay National Park, Tracy Arm Fjord or Hubbard Glacier along with Juneau, Skagway Sitka or Ketchikan depending on the itinerary. The award includes airfare to Vancouver and balcony stateroom accommodations from which to view the unforgettable scenery. The chances of winning this dream vacation are very good!

Tickets are $50 and only 300 tickets will be sold. Raffle tickets are available at the following sites: Wellspring Thrift Shops, 814 Nantasket Ave, Hull and 40 North St., Hingham; Cohasset Travel Agency, Rte. 3A, Cohasset; and Darilynn's in Cohasset Village. Cohasset Travel will be coordinating the travel plans for the cruise which is good for travel during 2007 or 2008. Raffle tickets are now available and would make a great holiday gift! The winning ticket will be drawn on April 15.

LACROSSE BOOSTERS

Lacrosse Boosters annual casino night fundraiser will be Saturday night, Jan. 20 at Atlantica. The boosters will "raise the stakes" from 8 p.m. until midnight! Tickets are $25 each and available from **Lyn Previte** (781-383-9723). There will be blackjack, roulette, poker and other games of chance. Atlantica will serve hors d'oeuvres and there will be a cash bar. It will be a great fun night out, even if you are not a gambler. Space is limited at the event and the boosters will be sure to run out of tickets before the 20th, so try to purchase ahead before the upcoming holidays! This will be the booster's only 2007 fundraiser and we need the support of the entire community! The money raised from this event will go directly to funding the JV lacrosse program at the high school for both boys and girls.

This event is critical to provide playing opportunities to our younger players and the continued success and growth of the entire lacrosse program. Cohasset Lacrosse has numerous players at the collegiate level-probably more so than any other varsity sport. Our recent success (Cohasset boys were 2006 state champions and looking to repeat) has much to do with the continuing support from our feeder programs and the financial support from the entire Cohasset community. Any lacrosse parent looking to help out with this event, please call Lynn Previte!

FABULOUS DRESSES

The Cohasset Consignment Shop will be collecting fabulous dresses during January and February to be sold at the Pre Prom event being held in Early March. If you have a dress or two that will fill this need, call 781-383-0687 to make an appointment to donate or consign your gently worn prom or prom-like dress. Here is a wonderful program that the Cohasset Middle School Student Council and Project Safeguard are sponsoring.

Have any old but beautiful dresses in your closet looking for a new home? The Cohasset Consignment Shop will be collecting fabulous dresses during January and February to be sold at the Pre Prom event being held in early March. If you have a dress or two, call 781-383-0687 to make an appointment to donate or consign your gently worn prom or prom-like dress.

MLK BREAKFAST

The breakfast will be held on Monday, January 15 at St Stephens Episcopal Church from 9- 11 a/./. A pancake breakfast will be served from 9-10 a.m. followed by an uplifting program honoring the memory of Dr. King. The featured speaker will be David Hall, Professor of law, at Northeastern University. Professor Hall is the author of The Spiritual Revitalization of the Legal Profession: A Search for Sacred Rivers and his breakfast talk is entitled Looking in Dr. Kings Mirror. Child care will be provided by CMHS Social Awareness Club. The cost is $5.00 per person and $15 per family. For more information please call **Connie Afshar** at 781 383 6006.

That is the news for now. Send me all that you have for next weeks column no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm.

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SENIOR SCENE

The following activities have been planned by the Council on Elder Affairs. Call 781-383-9112 for more information or to sign up for events.

Tuesday, Jan. 9 – Senior dance aerobics, at 8 a.m.; Line dancing with Nancy Kramer at 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 17 – Chair massage from 10 a.m. to noon.

Sunday, Jan. 21 – At South Shore Vocational for a Holiday Feast.

Saturday Feb. 3 – Silhouettes by silhouette artist Joy Anne MacConnell at 2 p.m. at Second Congregational Church, Cohasset. This is a great Valentine's Day gift. To schedule a sitting, call 781-383-9112.

ENGAGEMENT



Kathryn Ross and Mathijs Zandbergen

Ross-Zandbergen

James and Susan Ross of Cohasset have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn Ross, to Mathijs Zandbergen, son of Henny and Liesbeth Zandbergen of Katwijk, Holland.

The bride-to-be graduated from Cohasset High School in 1996, received a bachelor of science degree from Skidmore College, and then worked at Abt Associates in Cambridge before leaving for England in 2003 to complete a master's degree.

Her fiancé graduated from Pieter Groen High School in 1997, earned his master's degree in chemical engineering at the Technische Universiteit Delft and is now a graduate student in England. The two met while working toward their doctorate degrees at the University of Oxford, where they are currently enrolled. The bride is studying comparative social policy and her fiancé is studying material science.

A wedding in England is being planned, with the ceremony scheduled to take place in the Trinity College Chapel at the University of Oxford.

Jane Goedecke named to Wellspring board

Jane Goedecke of Cohasset has been named to the board of directors of Wellspring Multi-Service Center. Goedecke joins the 13-member board in overseeing the activities of this social service center that, for more than 20 years, has provided counseling, food, clothing, transportation and education for South Shore residents in need of services.

Goedecke, a controller for Goedecke & Co. LLC currently serves as president of the Cohasset Library Trust, Parliamentarian for Garden Club of America and member of the board of directors of Students Conserving America. She is a former member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the town of Cohasset, town of Cohasset Board of Selectmen and Advisory (Finance) Committee for the town of Cohasset.

According to executive Director Vinny Harte, "We are most fortunate to have Jane serve on our board of directors. Wellspring will benefit from her dedication to our mission, and from her expertise and stellar accomplishments in marketing, fundraising and community outreach. Moreover, her gracious and engaging personality, as well as her sense of humor, will make it a joy for the staff and the many friends of Wellspring to work with her."

For more information call 781-925-3211, or visit vinny@wellspringhull.org.

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Historic 1811 house getting some 'smaller' renovations

Zoning prevents bigger plans from happening

By Samantha Brown
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Developer Wayne Sawchuk has some changes in store for the Samuel Bates House in the Village. While construction is about to commence, the plans do not fully encompass the renovations he would ultimately like to see take place at the site.

For more than 1-1/2 years, Sawchuk has been trying to expand the building, also known as the "1811 building," which houses businesses located at 35 to 39 South Main St., including Bia Bistro. His plans would increase the building's size by roughly 6,000 square feet, adding retail space on the first floor and apartments on the second floor.

However, zoning regulations have impeded the process, as a lot size of 40,000 square feet is currently required in the Village for any expansion and his lot does not meet that requirement. Articles on the Special Town Meeting Warrant in December that would have changed Village zoning and allow development on smaller lots were defeated.

Revised versions of the articles are slated to come before the town again at the Annual Town Meeting this spring. While Sawchuk hasn't given up hope that they may pass and he might one day be allowed to build the apartments he has been planning, for now he said he can no longer put off renovating the building.

Any changes made will be within the confines of the current footprint. "We can make it nicer, but we can't change the layout," said Sawchuk, adding it is a shame expansion is prohibited because even a small amount of change to the footprint would have allowed for a much better layout for the two apartments that exist in the building. He said he would have liked to have been able to change the layout of the kitchen in one of the apartments to make it more functional and also expand a bathroom, and neither can be done.

But Sawchuk said even with the expansion restrictions, the apartments will be improved to the full extent they can be. "We can sand down the hardwood floors and restore a lot of things," he said, noting he will bring in new countertops and appliances and completely upgrade everything that exists. However, he said his preference would have been to do the extensive renovation he had planned and provide the town with brand new apartments.

On the outside, Sawchuk said he plans to replace a deck and the back stairway. There are also roof repairs that need to be made. A new foundation will be poured for a new entrance to the Sports Closet to make it handicap accessible. New windows will be installed and numerous maintenance items will be addressed.

Sawchuk also has plans to add granite and fencing similar to what the historical society has in front of the Captain John Wilson House and Maritime Museum on Elm Street. Behind the fencing will be a new patio for Bia Bistro that will elevate diners so they are not at the same level as the sidewalk. He said although this has been a particularly mild winter, he would prefer to wait for all the outside work to begin until the spring.

While renovations are being completed on the Sports Closet side of the building, the business will be closed. Sawchuk said he anticipates the shop would be able to reopen by the end of March. Bia Bistro will be open during construction.

Sawchuk said he will continue to seek permits to expand his building and bring housing units to the village, but if nothing comes to fruition by the spring, he may opt to take another route. If building housing is not an option, he said he has the right to expand his building for the purposes of providing retail and office space, and he would take that route.

Village zoning back in the spotlight

By Mary Ford
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The Planning Board "village discussion" with the Economic Development Committee on Wednesday night may have been a sign of things to come.

Opinions differed and emotions ran high when talking about the downtown area which is seen as the heart of Cohasset.

A multi-board meeting — chaired by Al Moore of the Planning Board — that was scheduled to also include Selectmen, Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Sewer Commission as well as the Planning Board and EDC was slated for 6 p.m. yesterday (Thursday) after the Mariner went to press.

While EDC Chairman Peter Brown tried to remain civil on Wednesday night and assure the Planning Board that his committee is not trying to do an end-run around the Planning Board's authority – Peter Pratt of the Planning Board did not believe him.

Pratt set off a few sparks during the lengthy discussion and at one point, got into a heated verbal exchange with resident, village property owner and local businessman Wayne Sawchuk.

The crux of the issue appears to be the current state of Village viability and whether there is enough urgency to propel zoning changes that would make it easier to add apartments to the village.

The issue is important because the viability of the Village is seen by many town officials and residents as a critical part of what makes Cohasset a small town with character, and a desirable place to live.

Pratt – who seemed to have backing from board members Moore and Robert Sturdy – wants to allow time for the development of the village "build-out plan" that got the go ahead at the fall special Town Meeting when voters allocated funds for consulting services. The Request for Proposals for the village consultant is front and center on the agenda, Pratt said.

Pratt is concerned, as is Moore, about "unintended consequences" of moving too quickly and said there was not enough time between now and this spring's annual Town Meeting to fully vet the downtown zoning changes that might be needed.

However, Planning Board member Stuart Ivimey stressed it is critical that village efforts not stall and continue to move forward.

From Wednesday's discussion, it looks as though at the very least the annual Town Meeting will be asked to establish a separate "Downtown Business District" that could set the stage for future zoning bylaw changes. Currently the downtown district is packaged with business districts on the waterfront in the harbor, in North Cohasset and even in Beechwood in terms of the zoning bylaw. While the downtown district would be separate – there would be no immediate change in the zoning in terms of usage and dimensions, the Planning Board said.

But the so-called "40,000-square-foot" requirement is seen as critical. Essentially as it stands now, the current zoning bylaw prohibits adding multi-family dwellings in the downtown business district on lots of less than that size. No lot in the village currently meets that criteria.

Officials have speculated that the 40,000-square-foot requirement was adopted as far back as 1978 to prevent Cohasset Village from becoming more residential with less business. But today, more residents living downtown is seen as an economic driver that would keep the village vital by brining in more foot traffic and shoppers.

The EDC, whose charge is to look at ways of increasing the tax revenue in town, sees multi-family dwellings above existing stores as a plus. "If it is possible we would like to see some adjustment to see that 40,000-square-foot (bylaw) be amended," Brown told the Planning Board. "It is important to get things moving in the district."

Pratt stressed the 40,000-square-foot requirement is an issue that the consultant would need to look at. He said there is a two-step process: in the spring coming up with the change in the dedication of the downtown district which would in itself involve a public policy debate while simultaneously signaling that in the fall Special Town Meeting various substantial, zoning changes could come forward.

"The most important part of doing this is building public consensus of how we move ahead," Pratt said.

Planning Board member Bob Sturdy talked at some length about the fact the train station was on Route 3A and how the new Transit Oriented District could hurt the Village.

But Ivimey stressed it was time "to look at the next 25 years, not the last 25." "We see problems coming for the downtown and we need to solve them now," he said.

Ivimey said the issue is how to balance all the competing interests such as parking, commercial and retail, and housing without suffering form a "paralysis of analysis." "We have to move forward – this can't just be talked about and talked about," he said.

Moore, the Planning Board chairman, said he has heard a lot about "solving the problem" but has heard "precious little about defining the problem."

He said the downtown area has evolved over 300 years with no plan at all and maybe that "had something to do with its character."

"If we make changes we have to be careful not to strip the character to make it pretty," he said.

McBrien's takes over at Olympic Citgo

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going to like it," he said, adding he may come to find he does not enjoy waking up in the morning without anyplace to go. "It might be weird."

Roukounakis' business just may be one of the longest running in Cohasset Village, and he said for that reason, he has many wonderful memories. He said some of his fondest have been when filming crews have come to town. He said during the filming of "The Witches of Eastwick," his garage was shut down and Jack Nicholson used to park his trailer behind the station. "He would cut through and one day I told him the Celtics beat the Lakers. He gave me a bad look and said something pretty bad to me," he recalled with a laugh.

He also said his dog, Athena, made her film debut in the movie, when she was trained to jump up on Susan Sarandon as she left the meat market downtown.

During the filming of "House Sitter" with Goldie Hawn and Steve Martin, he remembered a day when Martin was riding around downtown on a bicycle. Roukounakis said Martin would pull up at the station on his bike and make the bell go off and then look around and smile.

But those memories are in the past and the future of the station lies in the hands of new owner Tom McBrien, owner of McBrien's gas station on Gannett Road in North Scituate, next to Jamie's Pub. McBrien was working alongside Roukounakis in the Citgo station as of Tuesday this week.

"It's the first of the month, so he's (Roukounakis) helping me with the inspections," said McBrien, adding the major draw for him to purchase the station was the fact that it has an inspection machine. "There are only 1600 inspection machines issued by the state," he said, and purchasing Olympic Citgo allowed him to purchase the machine as well.

McBrien said he is very happy to be starting up a new business in a great location. "We're going to call it Cohasset Village Car Care by McBrien's and we're going to do repairs and have a full service station," he said. That will include oil changes, tune-ups, brakes, towing and inspections. He said the work done in Cohasset would complement the work done at his North Scituate shop, McBriens Diagnostic Repair.

McBrien said he intends on extending his hours a little later than Roukounakis had been operating. To begin, he will open at 7 a.m. and stay open until 8 p.m., but hasn't ruled out staying open a little later during the summer months. The extended hours will only apply to the gas station and not the repair shop, which will operate from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. year round.

With the new owner will come a new façade, and this week, a new coat of paint was already being applied to the outside of the building. McBrien said he also wants to get new lights for the station and in general, spruce things up. "We're also going to get rid of the saw horses and chains," that denote boundaries on the property, he said. The ultimate goal is to make the station business-friendly.

Over the past week of working together, McBrien said he has been amazed at the number of people Roukounakis knows by name. "Everybody loves him," he said, adding watching him interact with the customers, he is very attentive to everyone who comes in.

Roukounakis said with more time on his hands, he is looking forward to seeing more of his two grandchildren. However, he said he doesn't plan on going far, and is sure to be seen around town. He said above all, he would like to thank the people who have supported him from the towns of Cohasset, Scituate, Hingham and Hull, and hopes they will be as supportive to McBrien as they were to him. "He's a good man and I wish him the best," he said.

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Administration dives into budget requests

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Fiscal 2008 proposed school budget figures

	Total budget	Student Services	Osgood	Deer Hill
FY07 budget	$12,979,811	$1,316,396	$2,245,672	$2,294,767
FY08 request	$13,687,626	$1,532,127	$2,288,619	$2,505,396
% change	5.5 percent	16.4 percent	1.9 percent	9.2 percent
FY08 supplemental	$718,385	$0	$94,684	$129,327
% over request	5.2	N/A	4.1 percent	5.2 percent
Total FY08	$14,406,011	$1,532,127	$2,383,303	$2,634,723
Total % change	10.7	N/A	6 percent	14.4 percent

The school budget process will not be a mystery to the town in 2007. Members of the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Committee have made it a point to come to School Committee meetings this year and be a part of the process every step of the way.

At Wednesday's School Committee meeting, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Ralph Dormitzer and Rob Spofford were in attendance, as were Advisory Committee members Sam Wakeman and Tucker Glavin.

"We're happy to have you here," said School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy. "This is a big jumping off point."

The School Committee has not yet formally voted on a budget figure to present to the town. However, in its proposed budget, a figure of $13,687,626 has been floated for a level services budget. That number is a 5.5 percent increase over last year's town appropriated budget of $12,979,811. Last year's budget figure includes the $12,714,714 voted on in the spring, as well as $200,000 in Chapter 70 funding and roughly $65,097 in free cash, which was reimbursement to the schools for a security system at the Osgood School, which were both voted on at the Special Town Meeting in December.

The school department has also floated a supplemental budget figure of $14,406,011. That figure would add $718,385 in services, including additional teachers at all three schools, various classroom supplies and some professional development. The supplemental requests would be a 5.2 percent increase on top of the 5.5 percent increase in the level services budget, for a total 10.7 percent increase over fiscal 2007.

Wednesday's meeting saw Student Services Director Linda Gill, Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan and Deer Hill Principal Keith Gauley presenting proposed budgets. All three presented a level services request as well as supplemental requests. After hearing the testimony, School Committee Vice Chairman Alfred Slanetz said in his opinion, many of the items in the "supplemental" category are not, and should be included in the operating budget. Member Steve Fusco agreed and said during the Osgood presentation that the additional grade one teacher being sought should be included in the operating budget. Sheehan had explained the benefit of having smaller class sizes at the lower elementary level grades and Fusco said in his opinion the request "Doesn't sound very supplemental to me." Slanetz agreed and said when it comes time to formally vote on a number to move ahead with, "Maybe we should be asking for the $14.4 million."

The level services Student Services budget proposed by Gill includes a 16.4 percent increase over fiscal 2007. Last year's budget was $1,316,396 and the proposed fiscal 2008 figure is $1,532,127. Many of the requests brought forward are for state mandated services, which are not funded by the state. A figure of $124,983 is included in the budget for the remaining circuit breaker funds from fiscal 2007, and a placeholder amount of $75,000 is also included for anticipated fiscal 2008 circuit breaker funds.

At the Osgood School it is projected there will be a decrease in enrollment by roughly 28 students. However, the current kindergarten class is large at 115 students, and when those students move up to grade one, the five teachers at that grade level would lead to larger class sizes. The school department would like to move one grade two teacher down to grade one, which would reduce class size to roughly 23 students per class. In addition, one of the supplemental budget requests is for an additional grade one teacher, which combined with the teacher who would move would bring class size down to roughly 20 students per class.

Sheehan proposed adding a .5 daytime custodian position to the level services budget, as it was a position that existed and was cut last year. "We're restoring a position we had," she said, which is vital not only for cleaning the building, but for safety and security reasons. The position would be shared with the Deer Hill School. In her supplemental budget, Sheehan proposed bringing in a .5 evening custodian that would also be shared with Deer Hill and would provide the same services during the evening hours. The Osgood School fiscal 2008 budget totaled $2,288,619, an increase of 1.9 percent over last year. The supplemental requests totaled $94,684, which would be a 4.1 percent increase over the level services budget and a 5 percent increase over last year's appropriation.

At the Deer Hill School the current grade two class will make for a large grade three next year and Gauley has therefore requested an additional grade three teacher in his supplemental request. That teacher would bring class size down to roughly 19 students per class in grade three. He also included a supplemental request for a grade four teacher, which would also bring down class size to 19 students.

In his level services budget, one of Gauley's major expenses was bringing on a .5 school psychologist, which is a shared cost with the Osgood School and was paid for in full out of the Osgood budget in the past, meaning it is really only an accounting shift rather than a new cost incurred. Gauley's level services budget proposes increasing the Deer Hill budget by 9.2 percent, from $2,294,767 in fiscal 2007 to $2,505,396 in fiscal 2008. The supplemental requests total $129,327, or an increase of 5.2 percent over the level services request and an overall increase of 14.4 over last year's budget figure.

After the presentation, Selectman Chairman Dormitzer said going forward, he would like to see some way of linking the achievement of students to the money being spent. "What I'm looking for is, how do I assess whether spending more on something will make us, within the next five years, one of the top 10 schools in the state," he said.

School Committee member Rick Flynn said he thought Dormitzer had a good idea and he would like a breakdown of that as well. He also noted there are many areas that should be clearly spelled out in the budget, including where money is spent from the PSO or the Foundation Reserve account, which clearly benefit the students but may not be easily found in the budget to show the true cost of running the district. He noted some of the supplies and materials paid for this year by Foundation Reserve money will have to come out of the budget next year, and there needs to be an accounting for that money somehow so the request doesn't come as a shock next year.

The School Committee will meet again Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room at the High School near the superintendent's office. All are welcome to attend.

Grand, energy-efficient Gammons Rd. home gets OK

By Mary Ford
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It's a dream.

While those words were not specifically expressed – that was the sentiment at Wednesday's public hearing, dubbed a "large home site plan review" of the new house planned for 90 Gammons Road.

John and Motoko Deane, who are long-time Cohasset residents, have purchased the 5,500-square-foot former Weltman house, which they plan to demolish and replace on the two-acre site with a 7,154-square-foot home that is energy efficient.

Under the town bylaw, the Planning Board must review plans for homes that exceed certain size and dimensional standards. The bylaw came about following the "mansionization" of a lot at 3 Jerusalem Lane that caused an uproar about four years ago.

Architect Jim Sandell came equipped with drawings of the exterior of the proposed shingle-style home and diagrams of the floor plan. He also went into some detail about the energy efficient features and environmentally friendly construction materials that would be used.

He walked the Planning Board and audience through the home that will be built on the existing house's footprint on a promontory with panoramic views of Little Harbor. The existing guesthouse and tennis court on the property will remain, Sandell said.

The Deanes, who are actively involved in the community, will open their home up to different organizations for a variety of celebrations and fundraisers, he said while explaining how the entry drive will "set up the arrival to the house."

A pool "with an infinity edge" will also be constructed that will be a continuation of the terrace; and colonnades will project from the second floor all around, allowing one to circumambulate the entire house in the summer months. Sandell also described a conservatory, formal living areas and a music room as well as a studio, which will be built on the top level of the 3-1/2-story structure.

There will also be large areas of glass to let the view in. The windows will be installed with a shutter system that would provide protection in the event of a hurricane and also provide energy efficiency in the winter months.

The Planning Board compared the project to the house that was built on Whitehead and asked the Deanes to be cognizant of construction hours and accessing the site while the work is being done.

Chairman Al Moore said during construction on Whitehead, the owner even made arrangements to shuttle the workers in.

Sandell said it would be "commonsense and courtesy" to look at Whitehead as a model.

David Replogle, who lives next door and praised the Deanes' plans, said the construction would be nothing compared to the sewer and water work that the neighborhood has been living through over the past year.

Bob Sturdy, a member of the Planning Board, suggested the Deanes look into installing a sprinkler system, because of the difficulty the fire department would have in reaching the Little Harbor side of the property. "The fire department would be hard pressed on the water side," he said.

Planning Board member Peter Pratt said what the Deanes were doing in terms of energy efficiency could be used as a model for future projects.

But neighbor Keith Moskow, who is an architect, said the sheer size of the home negates the fact it will be energy efficient. "A very large house for two people is like having a seven-course meal with a diet coke to save on the calories," he said.

Dave Calhoun whose home would look directly across Little Harbor at the Deanes' new house, gave the project high marks.

"We are thrilled to see the change," he said. "It will look less commercial than it does now and will add a lot to Little Harbor."

The Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend the Building Commissioner issue a building permit. Construction on the site is expected to start soon, Sandell told the board.

Building permits

McNamara Associates, 1 Summer St., 16 square feet of roofing, $8,000; Evans, 76 Howard Gleason Road, 10 square feet of asphalt roofing, two skylights, railing, trim, and repairs, 5,000; Guiggio, 46 Jerusalem Road, 40 square feet of red cedar roofing, $36,000; Watts, 368 Beechwood St., replacement of 20 foot sill, 19 foot beam, 12 foot corner post and installation of metal hangers, $6,800; Graham, 22 Parker Ave., remodeling of first floor, replacement of windows and siding, $50,000; Indek, 17 Adams St., demolition and rebuilding of garage, dining room and laundry on first and second floors as well as master bedroom, sitting room and hallway to main house and converting of one bedroom to an office/study, $135,000; Kennedy, 59 Jerusalem Road Drive, $115,000; Meyers, 164 North Main St., addition of second story to existing breezeway with family room over garage and extension of four feet at the rear of breezeway, $115,000; Meyers, 164 North Main St., construction of two-story addition behind an existing two-story main house, $295,000.

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EDITORIAL

Thanks for speaking up

Before 2007 gets too far along, we still have some important 2006 business to attend to.

Some of the following names may be familiar to you, others may not be. But the people attached to these names all have one thing in common: they wrote at least one letter-to-the-editor or penned a commentary to the Cohasset Mariner in 2006.

A few wrote thank you notes to the people of Cohasset or organizations for their help or support; others complained about a decision or lobbied to have their views considered; while still others educated us about programs, problems or activities.

But no matter what the subject, putting pen to paper to share your views with your fellow citizens is important. The First Amendment is close to our hearts here in the newspaper business and at no time do we appreciate it more than when ordinary citizens, like those listed here, take advantage of their Freedom of Speech. And what better vehicle is there than your local paper?

So here at the Mariner, we salute the following citizens:

Paul Antico, Lincoln P. Bloomfield, Russell Bonetti, Austin Breslow, Elaine Breslow, Richard P. Brooks, Emily J. Brown, Peter Brown, Barbara Buckley, Jack Buckley, Mandy Burgoon, Bill & Sigrid Burnett, Tom Callahan, R. Murray Campbell, Jan Carlsson-Bull, Paul Carlson, Ted Carr, Mary Charwat (and others for the CMHS Arts Boosters), Claire Chase, Bill Chisholm, Stephanie Church, Kit Coffey & Family, Jack Creighton, Christine Cunning,

Don Dickinson, Paula Dickinson (and others CMHS Arts Boosters), Sandy Durant, Jim & Jennifer Durkin, Jim Drysdale, Sheila Evans, Douglas Eymer, Pat Facey, F. Roy Fitzsimmons, Lucia Flibotte, Gail Flynn, Rick Flynn, Edythe Ford, Ron Ford, Isabelle Franklin, June Freedman, Steven Fusco, Nancy Garrison, Brad Goodman, Terry Green, Terry Green & Mark Flibotte, Bill Grimm, Ken Gritzan, Alan R. Gruber & Helen E. Gruber, Roger Q. Hill, Laura Humphrey & Tracy Longo (Osgood PSO Science and Math Coordinators), Martha Hurtig, Lee Jenkins,

Diane Kennedy, Bill Ketchum, Jim Kinch, Kate Krumsiek, Mike Krumsiek, Steve Langham, Jennifer Lankow, Ed Leonard & Ed Leary, Polly Logan, Paul Lualdi, Adrienne MacCarthy, Eileen McBride, Terry McCarthy, Monica McKenney & Tom and Theresa Littauer (for Cohasset Wrestling Boosters Club), Joe McElroy, Mary McGoldrick, Ronnie McMorris, Pam Miles, James A. Mullen, Sarah Murphy, Coleman Nee, Lucy Noble & Isabelle Franklin (CMHS Student Council),

Susie O'Brien, Chris & Nancy Oddleifson, Kevin O'Donnell, Wigmore Pierson, Susan Playfair, Jim Porter, Post-Prom Committee (Chris Abrams Taylor, Derry Schwantner & Linda Bolster), Andrew Quigley, Karen Quigley,

Harry St. Onge, Wayne Sawchuk, School Committee (Jamie Williams, Alfred Slanetz, Rick Flynn, Adrienne MacCarthy, & Pam Wilson), Paul J. Schubert, Lynne Schwandt, John Seel, Beth Seraikas, Jim Shipsky, Sheila Sinclair, Michele Slotnick, Linda Snowdale, Rob Spofford, Joe Stanganelli, Margie Steele & Moira Stansell (Cohasset Food Pantry), Laura Stone, Lee Stone, Chris Straughn (and others for the Cohasset Hockey Boosters),

Chartis Tebbetts, Emily Toomey, Sheila Toomey (Project Safeguard), Mark H. Trask, Gary Vanderweil, Denise Walsh, Pat Waters, James Watson, Anson Whealler, Ed Whelan, Mimi White, Peter Whittemore, Frank Zeven.

The editorial pages of the Cohasset Mariner belong to you. It's where you can speak out or just say thank you to a citizen or group that went beyond the call of duty.

Sometimes it takes a good dose of courage to let your voice be heard, but we think it's worth it. Often one voice is all the inspiration needed to propel others to action.

Last year, the Cohasset Mariner received 151 letters and commentaries from 102 different people, groups or organizations.

To those of you that have thought about writing and haven't, please reconsider. To those whom we hear from on a regular basis, keep writing!

There are lots of weeks to go in the New Year — which will be filled with events, decisions, happenings and controversy. Let us hear what you think in 2007.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Assessors, Jan. 12, 8:30 a.m.

Board of Health, Jan.10, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Jan. 18, 7 p.m.

Council on Elder Affairs, Jan. 8, 9 a.m., 3 N. Main St.

Economic Development Committee, Jan. 8, 7 p.m. (with selectmen); Jan. 10, 7:15 p.m.

Harbor Health Committee, Jan. 16, 7:30 p.m.

Historical Commission, Jan. 10, 7:30 p.m.

Library Trustees, Jan. 10, 7:30 p.m. at the library

Osgood School Council, Jan. 11 and Feb. 1, 3:30 p.m., at the Osgood School.

Planning Board, Jan. 10, 7 p.m.

Selectmen, Jan. 8, 7 p.m.

School Committee, Jan. 10 & Jan. 17, 7 p.m. at the middle-high school.

Sewer Commission, Jan. 8, 6 p.m.; Jan. 17, 6 p.m. (with Water Commission)

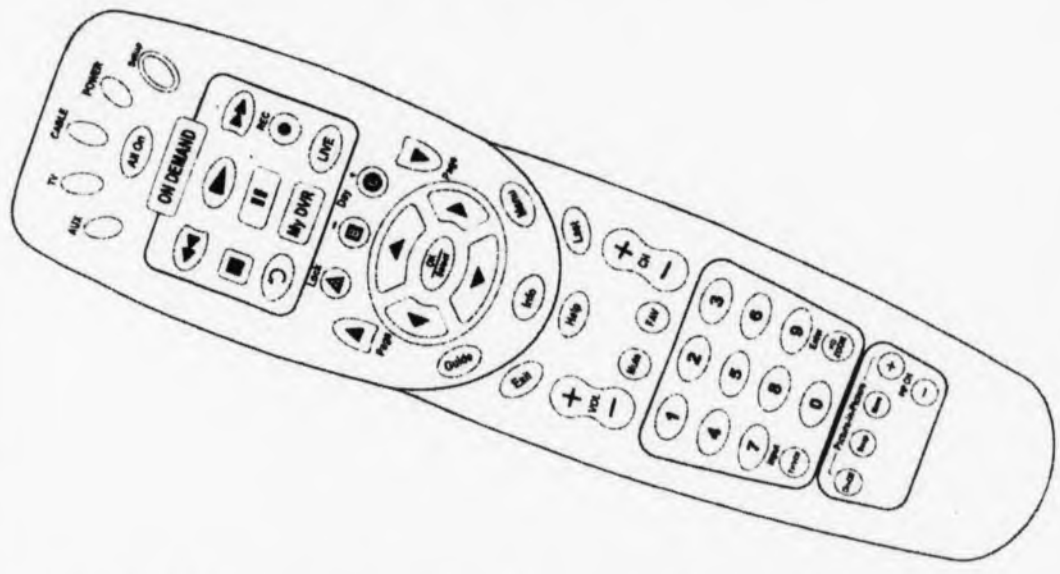
Water Commission, Jan. 17, 6 p.m. (with Sewer Commission), Jan. 27, 9 a.m. at the King St. plant.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election for 2007 are available at the Town Clerk's office.

The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb. 15.

Many recent buyers of high definition flat screen TVs haven't got the slightest idea how to hook up their new cable boxes and operate the remote*control



***definition of remote–foreign; alien; markedly divergent; not closely related or connected; separate; abstract; aloof; inaccessible; not obvious**

HAMILTON

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Advance man' for President Ford

TO THE EDITOR:

Gerald R. Ford, 38th President of the United States, was as decent, unassuming and sensitive a person as you could ever meet. And yet he served in the most powerful position in the world.

It was my privilege to serve President Ford as an "advance man," 1976-1977. My first "advance" was to the mountain community of Spruce Pine, N.C., during the President's spirited contest for the Republican nomination versus Gov. Ronald Reagan of California.

This adventure came with a surprise introduction to clogging, a dance form native to the Carolina mountains. The Avery High School Mountain Cloggers were the afternoon's entertainment.

On that same trip, due to deteriorating weather conditions in the mountains, President Ford had to abort a flight on Marine One and come by motorcade, arriving two hours late.

The President made his warm, folksy remarks standing in the drizzle and fog. He connected instantly with the soaked crowd, greeting personally not only the Governor and assorted dignitaries, but also the high school cloggers.

And that's how he was. Whether you were the Secretary of State, a White House staffer, an advance man — or a clogger, Gerald Ford noticed and was unfailingly courteous and appreciative of the work you were doing on his behalf.

A man who never took himself too seriously, Gerald Ford definitely took the presidency seriously and was absolutely the right man at the right time to begin to heal a deeply troubled country.

He remarked just after taking his oath of office, "My fellow Americans, our long national nightmare is over." And it was.

All of the eulogies we have heard and read during the last week are well deserved. As an amateur historian of the U.S. presidency, I considered it a high honor to serve President Gerald Ford during a terrible crisis in our history.

Farewell and thank you, Mr. President, for a job well done.

Wigmore A. Pierson
123 Atlantic Ave.

Energizing the village with downtown housing

TO THE EDITOR:

Further to my letter published Dec. 18, I'm informed that a majority of the Planning Board favored the citizen articles presented at the Town Meeting to facilitate construction of reasonably priced housing in the Village. However, the articles might have been better worded if they had been composed by or in collaboration with the Planning Board (although I don't know how that would be done if one or more members of the Planning Board opposes such changes).

Ironically, the articles might have been unnecessary had the ZBA not decided that it could not overrule the ridiculous 40,000 minimum lot size buried in the Bylaws, and failed to accommodate the need for such housing in the Village by issuing a variance. (The need is not only the need of our citizens for such housing, but the need of the merchants for economic stimulus).

The Selectmen didn't help by bringing up the bugaboo of "unintended consequences", as if any such could not be dealt with adequately if and when they surfaced.

At any rate, let us hope that the $30,000 will be sensibly used and that *all* members of our elected boards will co-operate constructively with the relevant citizenry to produce suitable language for the next Town Meeting, and that *all* will support passage at Town Meeting.

R. Murray Campbell
217 Jerusalem Road

Local merchants thanked

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you to the local merchants for making Cohasset village especially attractive this holiday season. The storefront windows, wreaths and Holiday Stroll have been enjoyed by many and certainly brighten up these early dark evenings.

A special thanks to David Bigley of All the Best natural foods store for suggesting the merchants purchase their store wreaths from the METCO organization, proceeds of which benefited the Cohasset METCO Scholarship Fund. A special thanks also to Karen Kirkendall of Coastal Countryside Properties (and her helpers!) for their beautiful decorating of these wreaths with a seashore motif reminiscent of Cohasset's own Sandy Beach.

In the true spirit of giving the village merchants generously donated the proceeds of each store's raffle and of the hayride during the Holiday Stroll to Cohasset's Appalachia Service Project. The lighted star above the village shines brightly!

Happy New Year,

Connie Afshar
Cohasset Diversity/METCO Committee

Neighbors to hear proposal for 25 Ripley Road

The Cohasset Housing Partnership would like to invite neighbors of 25 Ripley Road, to a public meeting regarding its proposal for redevelopment of that property.

The meeting is slated for 7 p.m., Tuesday (Jan. 9) in the public meeting room at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

At this meeting, the CHP will provide a short presentation on the history and development approach of the Partnership, how this particular property came to the Partnership's attention, the Partnership's thoughts about how the property could be redeveloped to fill a defined town need, and the means by which it plans to approach redevelopment. The CHP will also have some preliminary drawings of how the building could be reconfigured into a multi-family use.

The CHP wants this meeting to be an opportunity for neighbors to fully understand what the Partnership hopes to accomplish and to hear it straight from the Partnership rather than the rumor mill, CHP member Tom Callahan said.

Please RSVP to Tom Callahan at 781-706-9989 or tcallahan@witsop.com.

The Cohasset Housing Partnership includes: co-chairmen Clark Brewer and Tom Callahan, Margy Charles, Taffy Nothnagle, Galt Grant, Jim Hamilton, Jim Lagroterria, and Steve Lucitt.

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Sohier Street crossing is still bumpy

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

What's New? – Very often we address questions from residents in this column. Today is one of those days. We continue to get a lot of questions about the state of the Greenbush Sohier Street crossing. The last time any significant work was done in the roadway at the crossing was last spring. So, we've had a bumpy crossing for around nine months. And, it appeared for the longest time that no one was doing any work in the area. The obvious question is, "Why aren't they doing anything?" "Will it be like this forever?" "Is it finished now?"

The answer, like most things, is not simple. Last spring, work was stopped at this crossing so that the Music Circus season would not be affected by the rail construction. When it was time to resume work, the pacing item was relocation of the utility poles. The reason this is important, is that the present poles are located in the new roadway. No relocated poles, no new roadway. It's that simple.

National Grid, our electric utility, owns the utility poles. But, as is often the case they hold lines belonging to two other utilities, Comcast and Verizon. So what had to happen was: National Grid had to add a set of new poles off of the roadway so they wouldn't interfere with roadway construction. But, since these poles are on Town land, National Grid was required to hold a Pole Hearing in front of the Selectmen to get the required permission to relocate the poles. Once the Selectmen were satisfied with the new pole configuration, work could begin. National Grid then needed to get their field crews scheduled to add the new poles and the associated power wiring. All lines to homes in the affected area then had to be switched over to the new lines.

Likewise, Comcast and Verizon had to repeat the steps of stringing new wires and connecting them to homes in the area. After all of the new wires are in place for all of the utilities, then the old wires could be removed. The accompanying photo shows a line of "old" poles to the left with all of the wires removed. The line of poles to the right is the "new" pole line. Note how far off of the street the new poles are placed. Once National Grid removes the "old" poles, CBB can come back and finish the sidewalks and the road crossing. We are told that this will be completed before the Music Circus season starts next summer.

Train times — We've been asked by a number of residents how long the train will take to reach Boston and visa versa, how long to reach Cohasset from Boston. The table gives the preliminary travel times from Boston to each station of the Greenbush.

We are told that some trains may stop at the JFK/UMASS station, but we have no information regarding which trains may be involved or the timetable implications.

Speaking about stations, the included photo shows the train platform at the Cohasset station under construction, as of Jan. 2, 2007.



Platform canopy under construction: as you can see, the platform will only have a roof structure, but no walls.

Platform — As you can see, the platform will only have a roof structure, but no walls. We haven't mentioned this before, but the station will have a rack for bikes. Should anyone choose to use a moped, they can either be locked to the ends of the bike rack or parked with motorcycles in regular car spaces.

A change from the earlier designs in the station area has been made. Originally, the roadway from North Main Street to the station was to have been one-way inbound to the station. As a result of a redesign, forced by the bike accidents at the rail crossing this past summer, the connecting road to North Main Street will be built as a two-way road. The reason is that the MBTA needed to design a way for bicycles to cross the tracks at a 90-degree angle rather than the very oblique angle that exists on North Main Street. So, their solution was to use the North Main Street connector road for bicycles to cross the tracks and then use the walkway that runs parallel to Woodside cemetery that connects to North Main Street at the cemetery entrance on the Hingham side of the tracks. Since, bicycles must follow the same road rules as automobiles, and bikes will be using this detour in either direction, cars must also be able to use the North Main Street connector road as a two-way road.



The photo shows a line of "old" poles to the left with all of the wires removed. The line of poles to the right is the "new" pole line.

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Approximate Travel Times

Station	Elapsed Time (Min)
South Station	0
Quincy Center	15
Weymouth Landing	22
East Weymouth	28
West Hingham (@ SS Country Club)	33
Nantasket Junction	39
Cohasset	43
North Scituate	51
Greenbush	59

The table gives the preliminary travel times from Boston to each station of the Greenbush.

Not so happy feet this winter

TALES FROM THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT



DIANE K. DANIELSON

At the end of one of the warmest Decembers on record, I'm amazed that it was only two years ago where, after five snow days in a row, it was difficult to refrain from whacking the next person who asked, "isn't it pretty?" upside the head with my shovel. Yet, here we are, in the first winter where I'm not wistfully dreaming about a Pina Colada, palm trees, and a cabana boy named Antonio. I suppose that's a good thing. But, when I read about the Ayles Ice Shelf — all 41 miles of it — breaking off from an island south of the North Pole, I can't help but hope that penguins learn to fly real soon.

Now, I know that penguins live at the South Pole and Santa Claus at the North Pole. This is a good thing, as it's ok to force reindeer to pull a fat man on a sled, but harnessing penguins to Santa's sleigh just seems so wrong. However, whether it's Heat Miser having a tantrum or Al Gore wasn't kidding and he really did invent global warming, it's something for penguins, and all of us to be worried about. And just in case you haven't given it much thought, I've spent my morning reviewing all the potentially responsible parties.

Those gosh-darn Hollywood liberals. Yes, there are those who believe that "Happy Feet" is a left-wing plot to brainwash children into believing that global warming is actually an issue. I'll grant them that "Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip" is a front to push every bleeding-heart liberal platform that exists via a series focusing on "Saturday Night Live," that pinnacle of network programming responsible for cultural icons like the Church Lady, Coneheads and Mister Robinson's Neighborhood. Two thoughts on that: SNL did give us "land sharks;" and I always knew that Matthew Perry was the best actor on "Friends."

Verdict: While they might be loopy enough to elect The Terminator as governor, I'm not sure their wackiness extends to using global warming to put out wildfires.

James Cameron. In 1997, he gave us "Titanic." This means it's time for a 10-year anniversary, special collectors' edition DVD release. What would boost sales more than an iceberg taking out a cruise ship? In addition, according to Wikipedia, Cameron's a member of the Mars Society — "an international space advocacy non-profit organization dedicated to encouraging the exploration and settlement of Mars." Maybe he knows something we don't?

Verdict. Keep an eye on this one. Especially since he once proclaimed himself "King of the World."

George Strait. Global warming could prompt a re-release and give whole new meaning to the song "Oceanfront Property in Arizona."

Verdict: Since all his "Ex's Live in Texas," it's more likely he'd do something to take out the Lone Star state first.

Al Gore. Al does manage to get involved with some of the biggest controversies of our time: the internet, whether he was the focus of "Love Story," and global warming. But, John Edwards may have stepped on his toes a bit by listing global warming as one of his top campaign issues.

Verdict: Al got a bad rap with the internet thing; but, it's more likely that his alter ego is Oliver Barrett IV rather than Heat Miser. Besides, with John Edwards having much better hair, he'll likely get credit for anything Al did or said on this issue.

Dick Cheney. Not a suspect. While he might shoot his best friend in the face; clearly, global warming is not good for oil and gas companies.

The Scientific Community. Isn't it always the poor, ignored scientists who invent global disasters only to swoop in at the last minute and rescue the world? If you haven't noticed, there's been a subtle campaign being waged to make scientists cool. First you had the revenge of the nerds led by Bill Gates, Steve Jobs and all the other tech dudes on the geek squad. Now, you have shows like "Dexter's Laboratory" and "Jimmy Neutron" to convince kids to grow up and be scientists.

Verdict: Maybe if we all unilaterally decide that scientists are really, really cool, they'll band together and help stop global warming. Until then, I'm not investing in oil and gas, and I'm headed to Venice this year before it disappears. I've also put "An Inconvenient Truth" back on my Netflix list so that I can make other travel plans accordingly, including checking out some properties in Scottsdale and Phoenix.

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LIBRARY CORNER

Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information on programs and events, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

FOR CHILDREN

Learn to Sing in Spanish – Monday, Jan. 8, 22, and 29, at 10:30 a.m., in the Meeting Room, Jodi Craft will teach and sing familiar songs in Spanish. This interactive Spanish enrichment program is for all ages and communities. Registration is not required. The program is funded by the Friends of Cohasset Library.

Craft and Hobby Web Sites – Following is a list of craft and hobby Web sites recommended by Booklist:

- Build a Dream Catcher at rivernen.ca/build_dc.htm. Learn how to make a traditional Native American object at this site.
- Download-a-Dinosaur at rain.org/~philfear/download-a-dinosaur.html. Find easy to make paper dinosaurs.
- Family TLC at familytlc.net/index.html. Search by age. A great site for kids and parents.
- National Geographic Kids at nationalgeographic.com/kids/activities/index.html. Terrific activities and crafts.

FOR ADULTS

Author Event – Buttonwood Books and Paul Pratt Memorial Library welcome author Nardi Reeder Campion, Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 2 p.m., in the library's Meeting Room. She will discuss her new book "Over the Hill You Pick Up Speed." Light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library. Admission is free.

Movie Matinee – New event. Can't get out at night to see a movie? Come to the library Friday, Jan. 5, at 11 a.m., to see a screening of "Breakfast at Tiffany's" starring Audrey Hepburn and George Peppard. See this four-time Academy Award winning movie free at the library. Light refreshments, courtesy of the Friends of the Library, will be served.

Independent Film Night – A showing of the independent film "Men at Work" will take place Thursday, Jan. 18, at 6 p.m. Free admission and refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Library purchases movie site license – Thanks to donations from the Cohasset Friends of the Library and the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee, the library has purchased a public performance movie site license. This provides the opportunity for patrons to watch movies from a wide variety of major movie studios at the library. This is an opportunity for book discussion group to watch the movie versions of their selected books. There are many organized groups that would benefit from this opportunity to gather together to view a pertinent film or movie. To reserve the Meeting Room for a movie-viewing event, call the library at 781-383-1348 and ask to speak with Gayle Walsh, reference/adult services librarian.

Downloadable Audiobooks – Downloading audiobooks through the library catalog is now easier than ever. The new Overdrive Audiobooks 2.1 version makes it simple to search, select and download titles to a home computer, MP3 player or other portable device. Click on the Overdrive Audiobooks icon on our library's Web site to enjoy favorite titles in audio format.

2007 in preview

HENSHAW



TOM HENSHAW

The more things change the more they remain the same, as we shall find out in 2007.

January – Fresh from breaking his leg skiing, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger further demonstrates his stature as a risk-taker by driving to Texas with Uncle Ted Kennedy to go hunting with Dick Cheney.

February – Donald Trump, the owner of the Miss Universe contest, discloses that contestants in the future will have the take a breathalyzer test as part of the competition. "I can't waste my valuable time fighting with Rosie every time on of the girls has a belt," he says.

March - Not to be outdone by Madonna's adoption of an African orphan from Malawai, Oprah Winfrey adopts a white baby from Sweden. "Maybe we can exchange if it doesn't work out," says Oprah.

April – Noting the success of perky Katie Couric as anchor of the CBS Nightly News, NBC signs Paris Hilton and Britney Spears as co-anchors. "We're going after the viewers who spend the most money," said the announcement. "You know, the younger crowd."

May – Massachusetts Supreme Court finds an obscure phrase in the State Constitution that permits undocumented immigrants to run for state office as long a they have a driver's license and can prove they have paid in-state tuition to attend a state college.

June – Red Sox pay the African country of Namibia $50 million for the right to sign a pitcher discovered throwing rocks at 105 miles an hour in the desert. "I think we can get him for under $100 million for five years," says GM Theo Epstein.

July – Acting on a tip from a veteran informant, the FBI arrests Osama Bin Laden in the Charlestown apartment he shared with Elvis and Whitey Bulger. "I'd like to know the rat fink who turned me in," said the al-Quaeda leader. Whitey wasn't home at the time.

August – Patriots open season without Tom Brady, who signed with another team. "That's all right," says Coach Bill Belichick. "We've signed Peyton Manning. Isn't free agency wonderful? We could lose our whole team and go out and buy us another one."

September – The summer tourist season being over, the price of gas reverts to under two dollars from a seasonal high of $3.50 a gallon. Exxon Mobile announces that 2007 is well on its way to becoming the most profitable ever. Executives receive million dollar bonuses.

October – Another section of the roof of a Big Dig tunnel collapses, narrowly missing a boatload of tourists on the last Duck Tour of the day. "I know they'll fix the roof," said the captain of the tour, "but if they fix that leak too then I'm out of business."

November – Cable news channels stake out voting places and prepare to take exit polls of the presidential election. "It's not until next year," says a passerby when he is asked why no one has showed up to vote. "We should have an election every two years," says CNN. "No, every year," says Fox.

December – ACLU announces plans to sue to eliminate the date Dec. 25 from the calendar since it has become too closely associated with the outlawed C-word. "We'll file as soon as we find out who is responsible," said the announcement. Suggested replacement acceptable to all would be Dec. 32.

Bloomfield on Our Town

If you haven't seen the program – you won't want to miss when on Our Town cable TV show, co-hosts by Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with local author and historian Lincoln Bloomfield. Mr. Bloomfield discusses his new book "Accidental Encounters with History: Some Lessons Learned" and shares his life in the fields of education and high ranking government service.

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This show airs Monday at 9pm on channel 10 and Tuesdays and Thursdays as well.

Watch every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9p.m. on Comcast Channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed.

Christmas tree pickup

Cohasset Middle School Student Council and Project Safeguard will hold a Christmas Tree Drive. They will pick up your holiday tree and take it away at the cost of $20 per tree and $15 per tree for Senior Citizens.

To have your tree picked up call 781-383-2492 by 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 5, and leave a message with your address, phone number and any special instructions.

Have a check made out to Project Safeguard with your tree and it will be picked up from the end of your driveway Saturday, Jan. 6 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Selectmen's race off to a good start

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opportunity to use the skills he has acquired to benefit the town as a Selectman.

Carlson has an interest in the schools and volunteered his time on the Planning and Technology Subcommittee of the Strategic Planning Committee. In 2005 he, along with Steve Fusco who is now a member of the School Committee, made a presentation to the School Committee and provided recommendations on how the school should be planning for its technology needs.

A few hours after Carlson, Dormitzer made his way over to Town Hall to take out nomination papers. He said while many long-simmering issues were retired successfully in the past three years, "There are several which are carrying over into 2007 and beyond and, for which, I have an historical context and understanding which may help in their resolution." He said, for example, efficient and effective government, investment in the schools, affordable housing, Greenbush mitigation, infrastructure financing and improvements, the Second Amended Final Judgment and economic development.

Dormitzer added responsibility, authority and decision making in town government is decentralized. "It exists in the individuals on multiple elective boards such as Selectmen, School Committee, Sewer Commissioners, Water Commissioners, Planning Board, Board of Health, Library Trustees, Recreation Commission etc., appointed boards such as Advisory Board, Board of Appeals, Capital Budget Committee, Conservation Commission, Council on Elder Affairs, etc., ad hoc committees such as Economic Development, Housing Partnership, Harbor Health, etc., in the position of Town Manager and finally, with the Town Meeting." He said in light of the situation, the challenge for Selectmen is to be "effective and to make a difference in this diffuse structure. I believe it puts a premium on collaboration, common sense and courage. I hope you believe I brought these qualities in my first term as selectman and hope you will support me for a second term."

In addition to candidates for the Board of Selectmen, Elsa Miller pulled papers to retain her position on the Board of Assessors. Ralph Peroncello also pulled papers to continue his role on the Cohasset Housing Authority.

The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb. 15. Only registered voters of the town may hold an elected office. Candidates are only officially running for office after they have taken out papers and the Board of Registrars has certified the signatures.

Positions available for the 2007 town election include: Selectmen - two three-year positions; School Committee - two three-year positions; Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library - three three-year positions; Assessor - one three-year position; Board of Health - one three-year position; Cohasset Housing Authority - one five-year position; Planning Board - one five-year position; Recreation Commission - three five-year positions; Sewer Commission - one three-year position and Water Commission - one three-year position.

Friday, March 9, is the last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting, which will be held Saturday, March 31, and for the Annual Town Election which will be held Saturday, April 7.

For more information on Paul Carlson, please visit his campaign Web site at www.carlsonforselectman.com.

Library program to get residents on the same page

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encouraging reading among young, old and everyone in between. While the goal is to have as many residents as possible read the book, for children who are not old enough to participate, age-appropriate books with similar themes will be chosen. The hope is that people will not only read the book on their own, but bring the One Cook concept to the various groups they might be in, whether it be Boy or Girl Scouts, houses or worship, or the Rotary Club, and adapt it for their purposes.

"It is endless what you can do with it," said Rafferty, adding other communities have come up with some very exciting activities to go along with their One Book programs and she plans to do the same. For example, one town chose a book with an Asian theme and hosted a Japanese tea ceremony and held events at an Asian restaurant in addition to the usual book discussion groups and author talks. She said the library has plans to partner with many different organizations and businesses in town to make it a true town-wide event.

The program will take place throughout the months of February and March. Rafferty said as the program gets going, there will be information listed on the library's Web site at www.cohassetlibrary.org. She said although the program has not yet begun, she is anticipating it will go well and has already begun thinking about Cohasset's One Book 2008. "This is our first experience with the program, but I hope it won't be the last," she said.

HEALTH NOTES

Taking charge of your health in 2007

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Here's the latest thinking from the web on what to resolve for the new year. According to one pundit who'll get no credit cause he's selling something: "It's easy to make New Year's resolutions around health. Sticking with them all year is more challenging!" Well how about that? Now that the advice has been defanged, below are some examples:

• Posture and Core Fitness: It starts: "If good posture, is your goal, then use this relaxing practice to release unnecessary tension before you do abdominal fitness work". It tells you to tie a belt or scarf around your knees, inhale, then pretend there's a balloon under your back and you're inflating it. When you exhale, imagine your neck and shoulders are made of wax which flows toward your feet. It goes on for 9 more steps to tell you where the wax flows. There's one we can all keep. The BoH recommends you don't slouch.

• There's a solution for head, neck and shoulder tension, which says among other things: relax, yet remain alert. A good resolution; the BoH agrees.

• This year change a kid's life. Help a trusted charity. We suggest you do so, but choose your favorite.

• Resolve to take responsibility for chronic pain. Amid the ads, we found some good advice. If you have chronic pain and someone, a doctor for instance, tells you it's in your mind, but if you've gotten along all this time without someone calling you delusional, perhaps you should find someone who will *treat* your symptoms. But use the old remedies first. For example try ice. There are a lot of good ice packs out there. No need to check out the Boohbah Bye-Bye Boo-Boo Ice Packs - they come in different colors; or the Lower Back Ice Pack.(tm)

Resolve to take responsibility for chronic pain. Amid the ads, we found some good advice.

• Flu vaccine is the best way for people to avoid the flu and to protect their loved ones as well. It's not too late to get a flu shot.

• Resolve not to eat certain soft cheeses, known as Portuguese or Brazilian Cheese, made by the Julima, Inc. The cheese products may have "sell-by" dates of Dec.23 or Dec. 25. DPH is recalling these cheeses.

• Make sure your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms are operating properly.

• Make sure your holiday decorations stay safe. Following simple safety measures like making sure your tree is well watered and keeping open flames, such as burning candles, away from the tree will help keep you and your home safe.

• Use and serve alcohol sensibly. Last year, over 15,000 people died in alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes, accounting for 39 percent of all traffic-related deaths in the United States. An alcohol-related motor vehicle crash kills someone every 31 minutes and nonfatally injures someone every two minutes

• Prepare for an emergency. The first thing to learn is to use and teach the entire family about 911. The second is to have an emergency plan. The plan should contain common sense information you may not have thought about which could save you from harm and discomfort during an emergency. Contact the Board of Health for particulars and help on what to do.

• Send food or a gift to an overseas serviceman. The most important thing to remember when mailing food gifts is to choose foods that are not perishable, can tolerate a range of temperatures and won't break with rough handling. Also, because of security risks, the U.S. Postal Service will no longer deliver mail addressed to "Any Serviceman," so be sure there is a name and address on the package.

• Throw a party, but if you do, be sure to follow good food safety practice. The Department of Agriculture has a good food safety brochure which can be obtained on their website:

www.fsis.usda.gov/Fact_Sheets/Focus_On_Holiday_or_Party_Buffets/index.asp

So, if you haven't thought of a good resolution, take one of ours for a guilt free year. But above all, have a happy and fulfilling new year.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Carriage House School Open House and registration

The Carriage House School will hold an Open House and registration Saturday, Jan. 20, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Parents and children are invited to come and explore the classrooms and meet the teachers. If you are unable to attend this open house, feel free to call the school to obtain a registration form.

Open House will be held at the First Parish House of the Unitarian Church at 23 North Main St. Applications must be completed and returned to the school by Friday, Feb. 9. A $50 non-refundable registration fee must accompany the registration form.

The School enrollment policy is based on returning Carriage House families, First Parish families and remaining space will be filled by lottery. Parents will be notified by phone or mail the week of Feb. 14.

For more information, contact Georgie Gladdys, Director, at 781-383-9785.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about this week's report, e-mail us at beaconhill@aol.com or call us at (617)720-1562.

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By Bob Katzen

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week. This week, BHRC reports local representatives' roll call attendance records for the 2006 session through December 29.

The House has held 595 roll call votes. BHRC tabulates the number of roll calls on which each representative was present and voting and then calculates that number as a percentage of the total roll call votes held. That percentage is the number commonly referred to as the roll call attendance record.

Several quorum roll calls, used to gather a majority of members onto the House floor to conduct business, are also included in the 595 roll calls. On the quorum roll calls, members simply vote "present" in order to indicate their presence in the chamber. When a representative does not indicate his or her presence on a quorum roll call, we count that as a roll call absence just like any other roll call absence.

Only 32 of the 157 House members have perfect 100 percent roll call attendance records.

The three worst roll call attendance records belong to Reps. James Vallee (D-Franklin) who missed 418 roll calls resulting in a 29.7 percent attendance record; Louis Kafka (D-Sharon) who missed 202 roll calls (66.0 percent attendance record) and Harold Naughton (D-Clinton) who missed 128 roll calls (78.4 percent attendance record). Both Vallee and Naughton missed many votes because they were serving with their National Guard unit while Kafka missed many votes because of the death of his father.

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES' 2006 ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE RECORDS

The percentage listed next to the representative's name is the percentage of roll call votes for which the representative was present and voting. The number in parentheses represents the number of roll calls that the representative missed.

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

COURT RULING ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGE VOTE - The Supreme Judicial Court ruled that the constitution requires the Constitutional Convention to vote, prior to the end of the 2006 session on January 2, on the proposed constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage The court added that it does not have the power to force the Legislature to vote. The convention in November voted to recess the until 2 p.m. on January 2, 2007 - the final day of the 2006 legislative session. The recess would postpone until that date any further action on the proposed constitutional amendment to "define marriage only as the union of one man and one woman." The measure needs the votes of 50 out of 200 legislators in both the 2006 and 2007-2008 legislative sessions in order to appear on the November 2008 ballot. It is sponsored by an anti-same sex marriage group that gathered the necessary 65,825 signatures to bring the matter before the convention. Possible actions that could occur on January 2 include a roll call vote on the ban; adjournment without voting on the ban; a filibuster by supporters of same-sex marriage until midnight when the 2006 session ends and the proposal dies. Another scenario would be the refusal by a sufficient number of supporters of same-sex marriage to attend the convention. This action would deny the quorum necessary to convene the convention and the measure would die at midnight.

REGULATE TEEN DRIVERS (H 5378) - The House and Senate approved a conference committee version of a bill increasing the requirements that teens under 18 must fulfill in order to obtain a driver's license and increasing the penalties for their driving violations. The measure has been stalled in the Legislature since the summer when each branch approved a different version. A conference committee drafted this compromise version. Provisions include increasing from six to 12 the number of hours of on the road driving experience that these teens must have during their driver's education program; hiking from 12 to 40 the number of required supervised driving hours with a parent and requiring parents or guardians to participate in two hours of the teen's 30 hours of classroom instruction. The measure also increases fines and license suspensions for speeding and other violations. Provisions that were only in the Senate version and were dropped by the conference committee include prohibiting the use of cell phones by minor drivers and requiring that a special "junior driver" decals be attached to their vehicles. The conference committee version creates a special commission to study the possibility of requiring the junior operator decals. Final approval in both branches in needed prior to the measure going to Gov. Romney.

EPINEPHRINE IN SCHOOLS (H 2637) - The House approved and sent to the Senate a bill requiring schools to allow students with life-threatening allergies to possess and administer epinephrine in accordance with Department of Public Health regulations. Epinephrine is an injection that is often used to counteract allergic reactions to food. The measure also requires schools to allow storage of epinephrine in a secure but unlocked place that is accessible only to authorized persons. Supporters said that epinephrine, available in an easy-to-carry container that looks like a pen, can be used to ease a child's allergic reaction to foods and could save lives if the allergy is life-threatening.

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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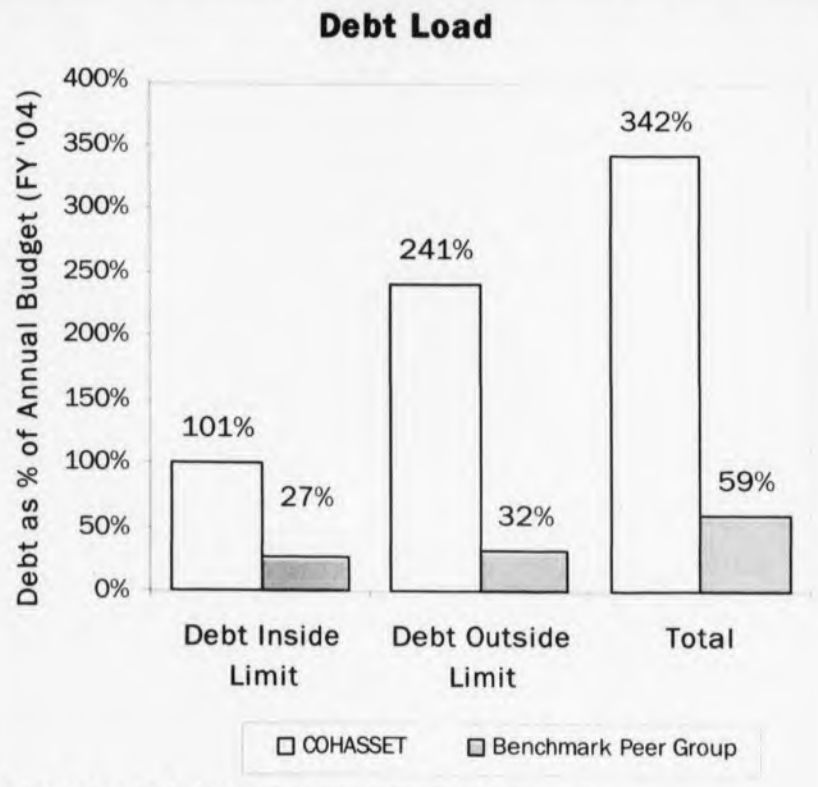
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— 24th in a series —

How does Cohasset measure up?

MUNICIPAL BENCHMARKING: COHASSET-AT-A-GLANCE



Source: Municipal Benchmarking (www.municipalbenchmarking.com)

This chart shows Cohasset's outstanding debt at the end of 2004 as a percentage of its 2004 budget. By law a community may have debt outstanding "inside the limit" up to 5% of its cumulative property value. A community may take on additional debt "outside the limit" as long as it is authorized by the voters and only used for certain authorized items, typically large capital projects.

Municipal Benchmarking determined Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group by analyzing 15 demographic traits to find the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Cohasset's peer group includes Boxborough, Carlisle, Dover, Duxbury, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lynnfield, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Marblehead, Medfield, Norwell, Sherborn, Southborough, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wayland, Wenham, West Newbury, Westwood and Winchester. Municipal Benchmarking uses information collected from municipal and school district filings, state and federal agencies, associations, surveys, and information requests under the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

Municipal Benchmarking *(www.municipalbenchmarking.com)* provides municipal officials, education administrators, citizens, labor leaders, realtors and other interested parties with unbiased data and analysis to help make more informed decisions.

Judging a community by its peer group

The Cohasset Mariner is publishing a new feature: Cohasset At-A-Glance. Cohasset At-a-Glance is a series of charts, which compare Cohasset to its Benchmark Peer Group, the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Each week the chart will look at a different area of interest in Cohasset's municipal government, such as taxes, police spending, fire staffing, municipal salaries, education spending, debt and land use.

The At-a-Glance charts were prepared by Municipal Benchmarking, LLC, a Waltham-based company that provides data and analysis to help municipal decision-makers, education officials, taxpayers, union members, such as teachers, and others make more informed decisions.

Community Newspaper Company, publisher of the Cohasset Mariner, entered into an agreement with Municipal Benchmarking this year to present this data to readers in a series on weekly charts.

Cohasset paid Municipal Benchmarking LLC roughly $7,500 for the full report which is available at Town Hall.

For more information about Municipal Benchmarking go to municipalbenchmarking.com

Editor's note: Benchmarks is an ongoing series that is run when space is available.

CEF appeals for school support

The CEF is asking for people's support to benefit the children, community and town of Cohasset.

The Cohasset Education Foundation recently sent out an appeal to residents and businesses of Cohasset. The CEF is a non-profit local education fund designed to promote academic initiatives and excellence in the local Cohasset schools. The appeal is asking for contributions to the CEF in two ways: donating to the Project Gift fund which will immediately fund needed projects at all three Cohasset schools and donating to the Endowment Fund which will provide long term funding solutions for the schools. The CEF has currently raised over $100,000 in gifts and pledges for 2006.

The goal of the CEF is to ensure that Cohasset students, teachers and administrators are provided with the programs, materials and up-to-date equipment necessary to maintain a level of academic excellence in today's competitive environment. The CEF works with the Cohasset school administration to determine the needs at each school. The CEF maintains that it will immediately fund projects once money has been raised for its Project Fund gifts. The Endowment offers a principal preserved fund, with its income from the Endowment fund becoming available for projects and for long term funding, while assuring that the principal cannot be invaded.

This fall, the CEF funded the Osgood School computer lab. The grant of $25,000 purchased 24 new desktop computers, flat panel display screens and Microsoft Office Professional Edition 2003 software. Projects designated by Dr. Denise Walsh, Superintendent of Cohasset Schools for CEF include: funding the final phase of the Middle School Technology and Engineering Lab, purchasing Promethean White Boards for the Deer Hill School, purchasing Safari Montage Video on Demand software systems for all schools and grade levels. The CEF is also donating all of the money raised through its "Extra Credit" program which recognizes teachers, administrators and staff at all three Cohasset schools to professional development.

The CEF is asking for people's support to benefit the children, community and town of Cohasset. Tax deductible donations, in-kind contributions, corporate matching donations and volunteer hours will be gratefully accepted. For more information on the CEF, you can visit their website at www.cohasseteducation.org. The CEF is looking for volunteers to help with the upcoming Spelling Bee and Gala event planned for the spring. Please contact Catherine O'Callaghan at 781-383-6868.

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Cohasset High School wins Larry Ames award

Honor given to school with best winning percentage in all sports

By Mark Goodman
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For the second straight year, Cohasset High School has won the Division 4 Larry Ames award.

The honor, given by the Boston Globe, goes to the school with the highest total winning percentage between all varsity sports during the academic year.

For 2005-06, CHS finished with a combined winning percentage of 59.97, just edging out South Shore League rival Norwell's 59.65.

The other winners were Andover (Div. 1), North Andover (Div. 2), and Duxbury (Div. 3).

CHS Athletic Director Ron Ford praised the school's athletes and coaches for the accomplishment.

"It shows how well our kids go out and compete," Ford said Wednesday. "Our coaches try to play the best competition. We really try to run a high-powered program, and I think we pull it off."

Of Cohasset's 20 varsity teams, 14 recorded above-.500 records. Among the best were golf (12-4), boys lacrosse (13-3), swimming (6-1), girls lacrosse (13-2-1), softball (14-6) and girls tennis (15-5). Only regular season records are considered.

Ford said one of the biggest reasons for Cohasset's back-to-back Ames awards is the recent surge of success experienced by the school's girls programs. In addition to those listed above, the girls basketball team was also strong last year with a 13-7 mark.

"We really try to run a high-powered program, and I think we pull it off."
Ron Ford, CHS athletic director

Overall, the nine girls teams on record posted an 81-44-5 mark, good for a winning percentage of 64.2.

"We're in the middle of one of the school's greatest runs in girls sports right now, and it's great to see," said Ford.

A complete list of every school's record is available on the Globe's high school sports web site, www.boston.com/sports/schools.

Skipper skaters rout Mashpee

By Mark Goodman
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HINGHAM – While the play on the ice wasn't always pretty, the final scoreboard was a sight to behold for fans of Cohasset High hockey Wednesday night.

Behind the strength of three first period goals – two from senior Chris Davis – the Skippers took a 5-0 win over South Shore League foe Mashpee at Pilgrim Ice Arena in Hingham.

The win improved Cohasset's record to 3-2-1 overall, 1-0-1 in the league, going into an important week for the team. After taking on Hull this Saturday at 5:40 p.m. at Pilgrim, the Skippers will host Abington-East Bridgewater on Wednesday and then Norwell next Saturday night. The Clippers are undefeated on the young season and are regarded by many as the favorite to again win the league.

After taking one on the chin Sunday against Blue Hills in an 8-2 loss, the Skippers left that one behind and came out aggressive against Mashpee. The Falcons have the reputation of being one of the most physical teams in the league, but it was Cohasset that took it to its opponents in a dominant first period.

"We came out with that in mind; that was the game plan from the start," said Skippers head coach Bob Walsh of his team's physical play.

While Mashpee got a couple good shots early on sophomore goalie Johnny Wade, the Skippers began to assert themselves after the first five minutes. It didn't take long for them to get on the board, as Davis scored at the 7:37 mark, with assists from senior Austin Lanzillotti and sophomore Andrew Smith.

The goal clearly gave Cohasset momentum, as the Skippers began unleashing shots on the Falcons goalie in what turned out to be a 16-shot first period (compared to just

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STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN
Cohasset's captains, clockwise from bottom: Nick Cambi, Ryan McLellan, Tim Toomey, Adam Smith and Gannon Dorion.

Tough break for CHS boys

By Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

Once again, the Cohasset High boys basketball team got burned at the buzzer.

Whereas East Bridgewater pulled the trick three weeks ago, it was Hull's Nick Belcastro who did it to the Skippers in the championship game of the Cohasset Holiday Tournament last Friday.

Belcastro hit a three at the end of regulation to force overtime, and two extra periods later, it was the Pirates who walked out of the CHS gym with a 70-66 win and the tournament championship.

The game was tight from the opening tip and both teams played well. With only a few seconds left on the clock, Cohasset had a three-point lead and things were looking sweet. As Hull inbounded the ball, everything went according to plan for Cohasset as Belcastro received

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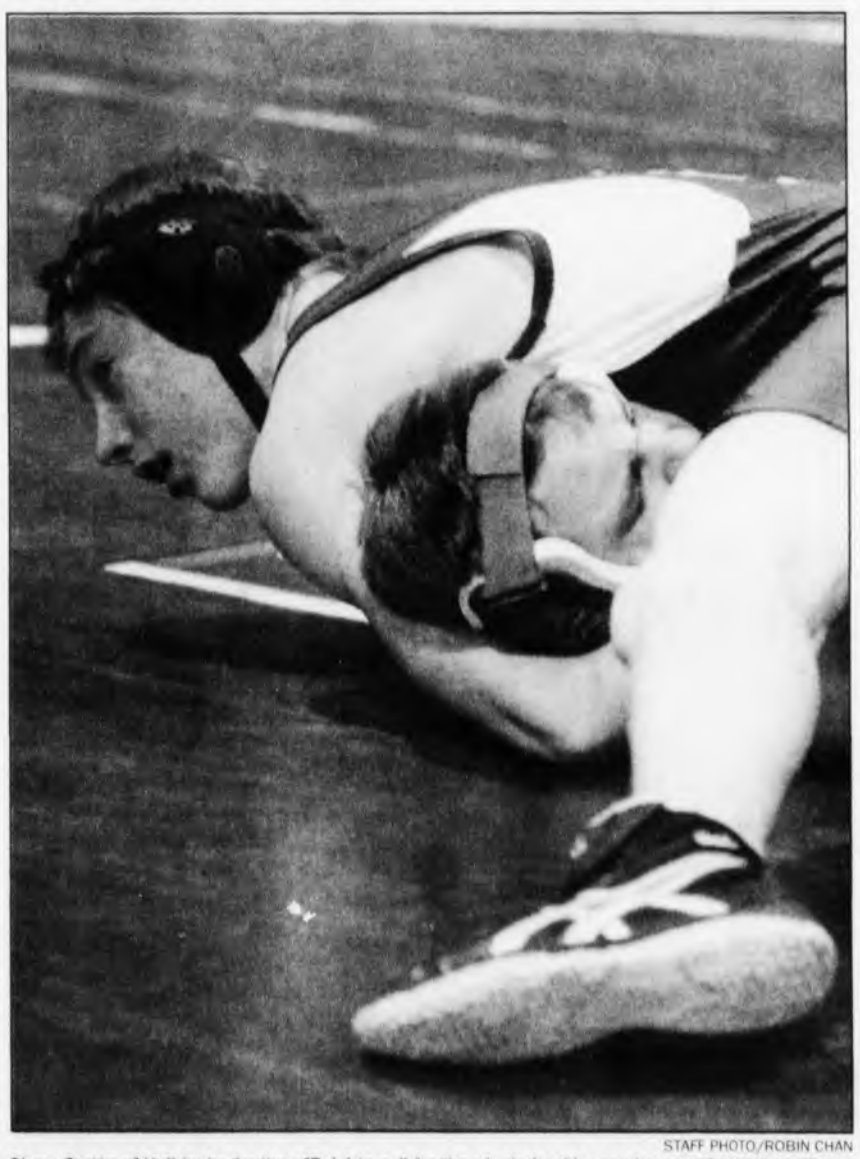


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John Sturino (12) splits a pair of Holbrook defenders en route to the basket during the season opener.

Skippers grappling with success

Wednesday's win over Holbrook puts CHS atop the league

By Mark Goodman
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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN
Steve Gratta of Hull looks for the official to call for the pin during his opening round match at the Marshfield Tournament.

They may be in a new-look league, but the Cohasset High wrestling team has yet to have much trouble adjusting.

Wednesday's 36-12 win over Holbrook gives the Skippers a 3-0 record in the newly formed South Shore-Mayflower League, and all things point to a big showdown with Carver on the 17th that will go a long way toward determining the league champion.

Wednesday's win featured a couple solid wins for a couple different names in the lineup, including sophomores Ross Collins-Wooley and Chris O'Grady. Collins-Wooley, in his second year with the program, won at 152 pounds, while O'Grady won his match at 189. For O'Grady, it was the first win of his varsity career.

The Skippers' next league match is Wednesday night at 7 when they host Norwell. In the meantime, Cohasset will compete in the North Quincy Tournament on Saturday.

Last Friday, Cohasset took part in the eight-team Lexington Dual Meet Tournament. Cohasset lost its first two matches to Whittier Tech and Watertown before beating Haverhill in the first ever match between those two programs.

Senior Nick Cambi (189) and junior Steve Hurlbut (215) were standouts on the day for the Skippers, winning all three of their matches. It was the continuation of a great start to the season for Cambi, who has compiled a 15-1 record to date.

In Lexington, seniors Ryan McLellan (119), Adam Smith (145), Gannon Dorion (152) and Tim Toomey (160)

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All-Scholastic field hockey team

Sheelah Scott named among area's elite

Editor's note: *With the recent merger of Community Newspaper Company and Memorial Press Group, there are now more schools and more athletes to be considered for All-Scholastic teams. The increase from 13 schools to 20 in the region will have an impact on how teams are chosen, including how many representatives some schools receive.*

Only public school athletes from the following schools will be considered for All-Scholastic honors: Abington, Braintree, Carver, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hingham, Holbrook, Marshfield, Norwell, Old Rochester, Pembroke, Plymouth North, Plymouth South, Rockland, Scituate, Silver Lake, Wareham, Weymouth and Whitman-Hanson.

Sheelah Scott – Senior (Capt.)
Forward – Cohasset

Scott's all-around play from her forward position was perhaps the biggest reason for Cohasset's successful season, which ended with a 13-5-2 record that included a tournament win over East Bridgewater…In that game, dropped back into defense to help shut down EB star Jessica Roberts…Finished the season with 11 goals and seven assists…Notched two goals and an assist in 4-1 win over Westwood in September…Factored into both goals in 2-1 win over Norwell on Oct. 14 with a score and an assist…Named to the South Shore League All-Star team, one of three to earn that honor from the Skippers' squad.

Kayla Littig – Junior
Forward – Carver

The South Shore League All-Star already owns the career point scoring mark at Carver High and will add to those numbers next fall… She had no trouble sharing the wealth for the lady Crusaders this season, scoring 20 times and adding 22 assists. Littig recorded 83 points in three seasons, breaking the old Carver High record of 78… After a 9-7-2 regular season the lady Crusaders beat Mashpee in the first round of the Division 3 tournament before being knocked from contention by Canton.

Jill Caramello — Junior
Left wing – Duxbury

Duxbury's Jill Caramello was one part of a talented junior class this season that helped the Dragons to a third place finish in a tough Patriot League and a win over Norwood in the Div. 1 state tournament…Caramello was second on the team with six goals and three assists, behind classmate Erin Levesque…Caramello scored one of Duxbury's two goals in a 2-0 win over Norwood in the state tourney…Only a junior, Caramello will return next fall with several classmates to make up a very potent squad.

Erin Levesque – Junior
Forward – Duxbury

Duxbury junior Erin Levesque wasn't just one of the most dangerous offensive players on her own team, she was one of the most explosive in the Patriot League, too…Levesque led the Dragons on the field in scoring this fall, and finished among the top scorers in the PL in both goals and assists…The Patriot League all-star helped Duxbury to a third place finish in the league and a win over Norwood in the first round of the Div. 1 playoffs…Levesque will return with a slew of talented players next year.

Kristie DuVal – Senior (Capt.)
Forward – Hanover

A two-year starter on the Lady Indians' squad, DuVal finished the fall as the Patriot League's leading scorer with 24 points on 14 goals, 10 assists…Shined in several games this season but had her biggest contests against Duxbury, notching the game-winner to clinch second in the PL, and racking up four goals in a 6-2 win over Scituate…A PL All-star, DuVal's consistent play helped Hanover to a 9-2-1 record in the league, behind only Hingham, and 11-6-2 overall mark and berth in the Div. 2 South tourney…A three-sport athlete at HHS, DuVal is a starter on the basketball team and will be a key player on the softball squad this spring…Has narrowed her college choices down to Quinnipiac or the University of Rhode Island next fall.

Kate LaRose – Senior
Goalie – Hanover

Hanover's starting keeper for the last two seasons, LaRose proved she was the best again this fall…Finished the year as the Patriot League's top goalie, allowing just 12 goals in 18 games for a nearly untouchable 0.67 goals against average…LaRose was the backbone of a Hanover defense that shut out almost half of their regular season opponents (eight)…Came up big, even in the team's slim losses, registering big save totals in a pair of 1-0 losses to PL champs Hingham and another one-goal setback at the hands of powerhouse East Bridgewater…LaRose shined in a 3-1 victory over Duxbury, stopping 12 shots in a game that essentially locked up a second place finish in the league for the Lady Indians (9-2-1, 11-6-2)…LaRose will certainly be missed next fall.

Lauren Pastuszak – Senior
Midfielder – Hingham

Earned her team's MVP award and for good reason…A contributor both offensively and defensively, Pastuszak's blistering speed in the midfield made her a huge asset for the Patriot League champions (12-0)…On the offensive end, Pastuszak often got the play going in the midfield and contributed one goals, four assists…Defensively, her presence was felt most in cutting down opposing offenses on breakaways and disrupting penalty corner attempts, helping her squad allow only two goals when tested…The two-time PL All-star's consistent play was essential to the team's success in the regular season and in landing the squad in the Div. 1 South tourney, where the Harborwomen (12-6-1) endured a heartbreaking triple-OT loss to Dennis-Yarmouth in stroke play…Pastuszak plans to continue her field hockey career at Quinnipiac next fall.

Jillian Watts – Senior
Forward – Hingham

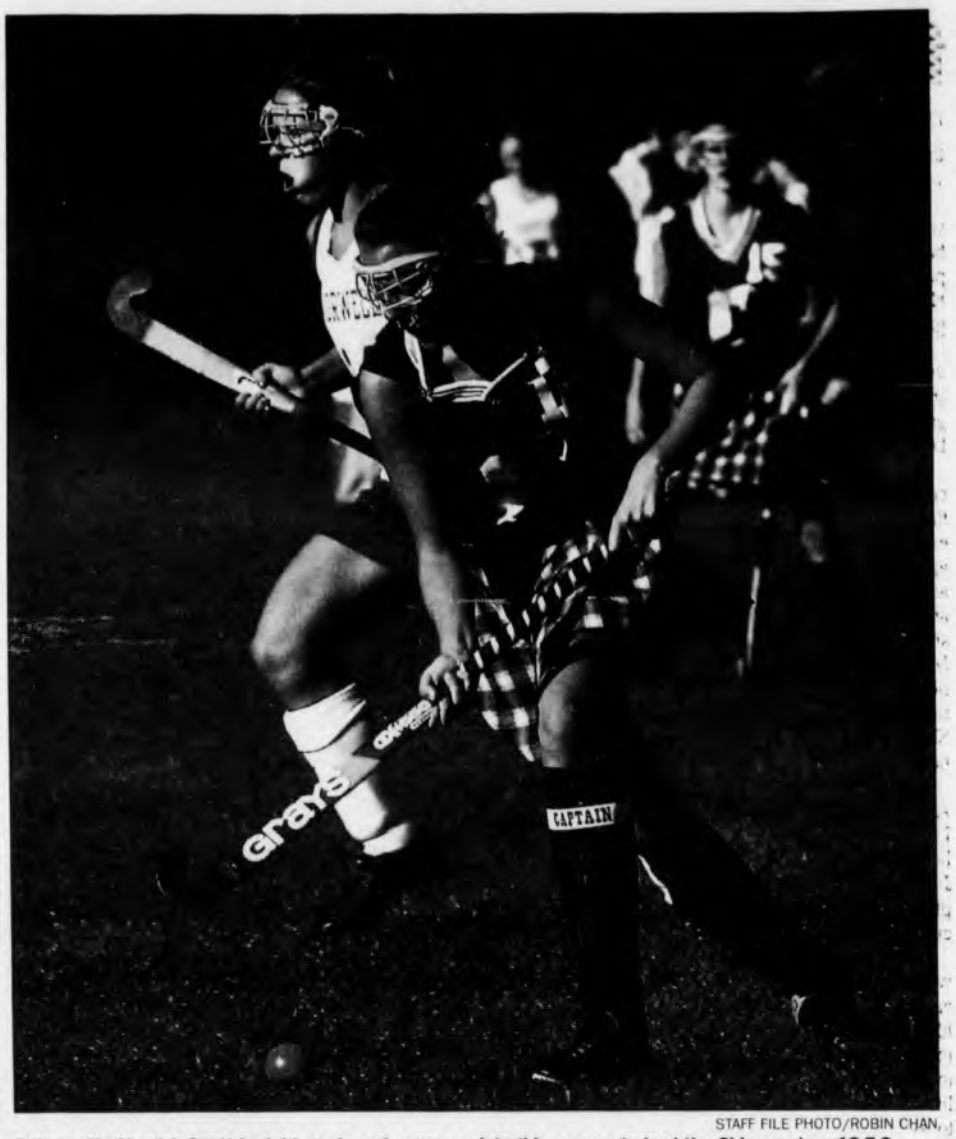
When the Harborwomen needed a big score, chances are Watts was the one who delivered it…Among the Patriot League's top scorers, Watts led the Hingham team this season…Scored several big goals this year, but perhaps none was bigger than the one she scored with 17 minutes left to play in a scoreless tie with rival Hanover in a match that clinched the team's first PL title in several years (12-0)…Watts was the leader of a Hingham offense that out-scored its league opponents 26-4 this fall…Her consistent play helped guide the Harborwomen (12-6-1) to a berth in the Div. 1 South tourney, where they forced triple-OT and ultimately fell short in penalty strokes…Also a basketball player and All-star at HHS, the forward will be missed next fall as she heads off to college

Morgan Lynch – Senior
Defense – Hingham

Often had the difficult task of marking the opposing team's best player and Lynch often made it look easy…The Patriot League All-star was an essential part of a defense that shut out eight PL opponents and surrendered only four PL goals this season en route to an undefeated title (12-0)…Was a stalwart in a pair of key games against rival Hanover, shutting down the Lady Indians' potent attack in a pair of 1-0 victories…Lynch benefited most from her natural stick-handling ability, which allowed her to thwart several scoring attempts…The PL All-star earned the Coach's Award at the team banquet this season… Scored the first goal of the season on a penalty stroke in Hingham's (12-6-1) devastating triple-OT loss to Dennis-Yarmouth in the Div. 1 South tourney…Lynch hopes to continue playing field hockey at the collegiate level next fall.

Cat Collins – Senior (Capt.)
Forward – Old Rochester

Every girl on the Old Rochester girls field hockey team is talented, but none more than Cat Collins, the Bulldogs obvious leader on and off the field…Collins suffered a minor leg injury in a crucial game against Apponequet and had to come out of the game…ORR went on to lose that game, its only loss of the season…Collins, a senior captain, helped lead the Bulldogs to a 14-1-3 regular season, winning a South Coast Conference title and earning the second overall seed in the Div. 2 state tournament.



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Cohasset's Sheelah Scott had 11 goals and seven assists this season to lead the Skippers to a 13-5-2 record.

Cristi Pineda – Junior
Forward – Old Rochester

There's no doubt Old Rochester was one of the most talented teams in the state this fall, and Pineda was one of its most talented players…Pineda led the Bulldogs in scoring with 11 goals and six assists, pacing a potent offense that frequently put pressure on opposing defenses…Just a junior, Pineda will be relied upon heavily next season as the Bulldogs lose a very strong senior class that includes fellow all-scholastic Cat Collins and teammates Amber Zablowski and Christina Cady.

Krista Lewis – Senior (Capt.)
Midfield – Pembroke

There's one thing Pembroke senior captain Krista Lewis can always lay claim to: she was one of two captains to first lead the Pembroke High field hockey team to a state tournament berth…Lewis was the Titans biggest offensive spark in a breakout year, helping Pembroke to a 7-7-4 finish and the Div. 2 bracket's 22nd seed…Lewis was a leader on and off the field during a magical run late in the season.

Lauren Paton – Sophomore
Defense – Plymouth North

Despite only picking up the game her before her freshman season, Paton has looked like a veteran right from the start for the lady Eagles… Paton was called up to the varsity squad midway through her freshman year and she has rarely, if ever, come out of the lineup since that time… Paton plays center back, but her big shot allows her to play a part in the offense. The captain-elect for the 2007 season had two goals and two assists last season.

Corrine Short – Senior
Forward – Plymouth South

After some down years for the program, Short has helped the lady Panthers steadily improve over the past few seasons… The Atlantic Coast League All-Star was a four-year starter with Plymouth South … The midfielder was strong defensively and made an impact on the offensive end of the field, chipping in with a goal and four assists this season.

Heidi Sheehan – Senior (Capt.)
Midfielder – Scituate

Whether it was scoring goals, passing to open teammates or helping out on defense, Sheehan did it all for the Sailors this fall…The offense frequently ran through Sheehan, no surprise given her all-around talents…Scored a key goal in 2-0 win over Pembroke on Sept. 20, and did it again in 3-1 Oct. 6 win over Silver Lake…Picked up three assists in 8-0 drubbing of Plymouth South…One of three Sailors to be named to the Patriot League All-Star team, a sign that the program continues to head in the right direction…Sheehan is also a standout for the SHS basketball and softball teams.

Kaylie Jacinto – Junior
Forward – Wareham

Wareham junior Kaylie Jacinto had the unenviable task of stepping in to replace a departed 2005 senior class that helped lead the Vikings on a state tournament run last year…But Jacinto carried more than her share of the load…She was among the top scorers on her own team and in the South Coast Conference, en route to being named an all-star…Jacinto will head a strong junior class next fall that should make Wareham a big player on the South Coast.

Honorable Mentions:

Chrissy Burns – Jr. – Back – Carver

Amy Rafferty – Sr. – Sweeper – Carver

Laura Campedelli – Sr. (Capt.) – Midfielder – Cohasset

Sally Meehan – Jr. – Forward – Cohasset

Leigh Tedeschi – Sr. (Capt.) – Forward – Duxbury

Holly Jones – Sr. (Capt.) – Defense – Duxbury

Meghan Hannigan – Sr. – Midfielder – Hanover

Colleen Mulligan – Jr. – Midfielder – Hanover

Margaret Daly – Sr. – Midfielder – Hingham

Meg Gallagher – Jr. – Goalie – Hingham

Marissa Yourell – Sr. (Capt.) – Goalie – Marshfield

Catherine Wilson – Sr. – Forward – Marshfield

Abby Scott – Sr. (Capt.) – Forward – Norwell

Christina Cady – Sr. (Capt.) – Midfielder – Old Rochester

Meredith Race – Sr. – Goalie – Old Rochester

Caralyn Keller – Sr. – Midfielder – Plymouth North

Diana Crowley – Sr. (Capt.) – Defender – Scituate

Meg Thibeault – Soph. – Goalie - Scituate

Michelle Pecinovsky – Sr. – Midfielder – Silver Lake

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Tough break for CHS boys

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the ball, just like the Skippers wanted.

The problem was, Belcastro was a lucky man on this night because his last second three-point attempt went in, and gave Hull a second chance as the game was headed for overtime.

"I felt we forced a shot we wanted to, but unfortunately the shot went in and that's part of the game," said Skippers head coach Dorian Bryant afterward.

With the game still tied at the end of four minutes of overtime, the game went into a second extra period. Here, Cohasset appeared to fall out of its groove as Hull was finally able to pull ahead. A last minute three-point shot by junior co-captain Pat McCarthy, who finished the night with 25 points, missed and that was basically it for the Skippers, as Hull was able to hold on for the win.

Senior co-captain Justin Alexander and junior Mark Flibotte had good games as they both finished with 10 points. Junior David Snowdale also played well and finished with eight.

Bryant said after the game it was a nice learning experience and that its better for something like this to happen now rather than later in the season. In order to overcome such a heartbreaker like this, Bryant said, "We need to focus more on the little things that we teach in practice, and us as coaches need to help the kids pay attention to what we teach.

"The effort was there, we all really wanted to win, but the ball doesn't always bounce your way. We need to take the positive things out of the game rather then the negatives."

In the tournament's first round, the Skippers faced off against West Bridgewater. It was a relatively tight game until the last few minutes, where Cohasset was finally able to pull ahead for good and take a 55-44 decision.

In the first couple minutes of the game the Skippers jumped out to an early 7-0 lead; but West Bridgewater answered with an 11-2 scoring run until McCarthy finished off a three-point play.

The rest of the half was a defensive battle while both teams scored very few points and neither was taking over the game. At halftime, led by McCarthy's seven points, Cohasset trailed by a mere one point to West Bridgewater.

In the first six minutes of the second half, Cohasset was able to take a six-point lead. Much like the first half, neither team was able to take control of the game and both teams exchanged shots as the clock kept on ticking. With five minutes left to play, West Bridgewater was down only one until McCarthy made two free throws and then stole the ball and passed it ahead to Flibotte for two.

Although West Bridgewater was able to sink a three-pointer to pull back to within two, the Skippers were not phased. With a minute left Cohasset was able to extend its lead to seven and hold off West Bridgewater for the rest of the game.

McCarthy and Alexander led the team with 16 points apiece, but it was Flibotte's breakthrough performance of eight points that lifted Cohasset to victory. With the win, Cohasset would face off against league and school rival Hull in a final championship game.

Following the game, Bryant said that although he thought the team played sluggish in the first half, they were able to make adjustments to play a cleaner game.

Cohasset (3-3) looks to go over a .500 record Friday on the road against Carver.



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(Above) Lady Skippers head coach John Levangie draws up a play during the season opener against Holbrook.

(Right) Cohasset's Sam Lehr (52) fights for a rebound with Holbrook's Nicha Imir (21) in the first half of the season opener.

After beating Bristol-Plymouth and losing to Sacred Heart in last week's Cohasset Holiday Tournament, the Lady Skippers are 4-1 going into tonight's (Jan. 5) showdown with defending South Shore League champion Carver. The girls host Harwich on Tuesday.

Due to a series of technical errors committed by the sports editor, correspondent Evan Deutsch's report on the girls' 52-45 win over Abington on Dec. 19 has not run. It will next week, along with accounts from the Carver and Harwich games.

The Mariner apologizes for the mistake.



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Ryan Crough (4) pressures Holbrook's Colin Campbell in the season opener.

John Durkin named Northeast-10 ice hockey Player of the Week

Stonehill junior forward John Durkin was named Monday as the Northeast-10 Conference Ice Hockey Player of the Week for his efforts in the Skyhawks' 4-3 league overtime triumph at Franklin Pierce last week.

Durkin, a Cohasset High School graduate netted the game-winner 52 seconds into the extra session and added a pair of assists to finish with three points for the winners, who hold sole possession of first place in the conference standings at the semester break.

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Skippers grappling with success



Head coach Torin Sweney goes over some moves before the start of the Marshfield Holiday Wrestling Tournament last Wednesday.

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all won two bouts, as did sophomore Mike Froio, who split time between the 145- and 152-pound classes.

Froio is among a group of sophomores and freshmen that head coach Torin Sweeney says is developing nicely and making solid contributions to the team. Also among that group are Rudy Helbock (103), Jack Murphy (112), Hull's Steve Gratta (119), David Toomey (130), Andrew Liberty (135) and the 140-pound trio of Mike Dorion, Jake Wheelwright and Andrew Littauer.

Marshfield Tournament

Several Cohasset wrestlers experienced success at last week's Marshfield Holiday Wrestling Tournament, led by Cambi.

The Skippers senior dominated the first day of the competition, pinning all three opponents to advance to last Thursday's medal rounds. There, Cambi kept it up and got all the way to the 189-pound final, where he lost to a strong wrestler from Bridgewater-Raynham.

Also getting to the second day of the tournament were Adam Smith, Tim and David Toomey, McLellan and Gannon Dorion. Smith had an excellent tournament, including an 8-0 over the number-two seed and a pin against the fourth-seeded wrestler.

Smith eventually finished fourth.

Skipper skaters rout Mashpee

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six for Mashpee). The first line of senior Corbin Faber and juniors Charlie Czerkawski and Pat Doonan applied a lot of pressure, and it was Doonan who factored into the team's second goal.

The junior winger, who came into the game with a team-high 10 points (nine goals, one assist), controlled the puck in the offensive zone and slid it to senior defenseman Conor Holway at the left point. Holway's blast appeared to be tipped by Doonan into the net, but official credit for the goal went to Holway. Either way, it was 2-0 Cohasset with 2:13 to go in the first period.

Davis broke it open with just 18.9 seconds left before the first intermission, punching in a rebound for his second goal of the night. Line-mates Lanzillotti and Smith again got credit for the assists.

Wade made 15 saves to earn the first shutout of his high school career. Wade is beginning to come into his own as a goalie, and is looking far more confident and assertive than during his freshman season.

The second period went scoreless, despite a flurry of shots in the middle of the frame by Cohasset. Toward the end of the period, Wade made three saves during a Mashpee power play.

With Wade, Holway and senior defenseman Zack Murray keeping Mashpee forwards at bay, the Skippers' offense went back to work in the third period. At the 10:27 mark, Doonan made a pretty pass from the right corner to Faber in front, and the senior winger went 5-hole to score Cohasset's fourth goal of the evening. Czerkawski also earned an assist on the play.

With just 3:28 to play, it was Czerkawski assisting Doonan, putting a cap on another strong game from the Skippers' top line.

"That line has been so productive," said Walsh. "They're such grinders; they wear people down. They don't care about scoring pretty goals or looking good. They're just looking to put the puck in the net."

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Holiday Tournament

Before the Blue Hills game, the Skippers earned a 6-2 win over Southeastern Regional in the first round of the tournament.

Doonan continued his torrid start to the season with two goals in that game, followed by one apiece from sophomore Andrew Bell, Murray, Lanzillotti and Smith. For Bell, it was the first goal of his high school career.

Sports Notes

Pan-Mass Challenge

Registration to ride in the 28th annual Pan-Massachusetts Challenge opens through the PMC Web site, pmc.org, Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 9 a.m.

Open to just 4,500 cyclists, the PMC will be held Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 4 and 5. The ride is the nation's original fundraising bike-a-thon and today raises more money than any other athletic fundraising event in the country.

This year's goal is to raise $27 million for the Jimmy Fund, which supports cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. To date, the PMC has raised more than $171 million for the world-renowned cancer research center.

Cyclists can choose from nine routes that pass through 46 Massachusetts cities and towns, over one or two days. Two-day cyclists can ride the original 192-mile Sturbridge to Provincetown route, the180-mile Sturbridge-Bourne-Wellesley route, the 163-mile Wellesley-Bourne-Provincetown route, or the 153-mile Wellesley-Bourne-Wellesley route.

One-day cyclists can ride the 111-mile Sturbridge-Bourne route, the 84-mile Wellesley-Bourne route, the 72-mile Sturbridge-Wellesley route, the 68-mile Bourne to Wellesley route, or, new this year, the 50-mile Wellesley to Wellesley route. Minimum fundraising requirements range from $1,200 to $3,600, depending upon the route chosen. The most popular routes typically fill up within weeks.

The PMC is a family of thousands who return to Massachusetts from around the world, year after year, committed to a common goal: a world without cancer. More than 200 PMC cyclists and volunteers are cancer survivors. Registration is $160, which funds support services, meals, and overnight accommodations, riding jerseys and more.

For more information, or to register, visit www.pmc.org or call 800-WE-CYCLE.

Bay State Magic Elite

If you are looking for a higher level of competitive basketball for your daughter, the Bay State Magic Elite may be for you. The team will be holding tryouts for girls born in 1994.

The Bay State Magic is one of the top AAU organizations in the state for girls ages 10 to 17. For info about the Bay State Magic Elite you can visit the team website at www.baystatemagicelite.com.

Tryouts will be held Sunday, Jan. 7, and Sunday, Jan. 14, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at Thayer Academy in Braintree. The tryouts will be for the upcoming season, spring 2007 through the summer. There will be a $5 per night fee to cover gym expenses.

Any questions, e-mail Coach Windwer at swindwer@baystatept.com or Coach Silvia at josil55@hotmail.com .Coach Silvia will be coming from the South Shore (Route 195 at 495). Contact him for help with directions.

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SCHOOLS

College acceptances

The following Cohasset High School seniors have been accepted to college and had another reason to celebrate the holidays: Austin Breslow, Northwestern University; Laura Campedelli, Boston College; Anne Chapman, Webster College; Shalea Daly, University of New Hampshire and University of Vermont; Roger Earle, Champlain College; Meredyth Evans, Bucknell University; Stephanie Fewsmith, Boston University; Jack Gilbert, University of Vermont;

Haly Haracz, Purdue University; Caitlin Hurley, Saint Michaels College and University of Vermont; Ryan Ingram, Duke University; Benjamin Massotta, Boston College and University of Connecticut; Zachary Murray, Eckerd College; Tristram Norman, Eckerd College; Hunter Sease, Colorado Mountain College; Robert Silvia, Hofstra University; Jeremy Simms, Dean College; Virginia Spofford, University of Vermont; Lauren Strazzulla, Cornell University; Timothy Toomey, Fordham University and Catholic University; Daniel Trendowicz, Salve Regina University and UMass-Amherst and Ellen Wise, University of Vermont.

Kindergarten registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2007-2008 school year will begin Tuesday, Jan. 16. Registration will take place at Osgood School daily from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Parents will be asked to indicated interest in full-day kindergarten or half-time kindergarten at the time of registration. Parents are also encouraged to register early to facilitate planning for programs.

Children who turn 5 on or before Sept. 1, 2007, are eligible to attend kindergarten. A birth certificate and proof of residency are required in order to register.

Call the Osgood School at 781-383-6117 for more information.

Inly School open house

Inly School will host an in-session open house Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 9 a.m. Snow date is Jan. 11. This is an opportunity to meet teachers, parents and students, and to tour the campus while school is in session. Come find out how students are given individual attention in multi-age classrooms; learn about the experiential and integrated curriculum, which includes world languages at all levels; and discover how leadership opportunities set students apart.

Visitors may tour the Toddler Program' Children's House for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten; lower elementary for grades one through three; upper elementary for grades four through six; and middle school for grades seven and eight.

Inly School is at 46 Watch Hill Drive, Scituate. It currently serves 260 students from 17 communities on the South Shore and Greater Boston. For more information, visit inlyschool.org.

Informal screening

The Osgood Preschool staff in conjunction with the school nurse will hold informal screenings for children on the third Friday of every month from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. The remaining dates are Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16, April 27, May 18.

These screenings will consist of a play group activity as well as opportunities for vision, hearing and posture screening. These screenings are to assist in identifying those students who should be referred for an evaluation to determine eligibility for special education.

If you are interested in having your child participate, contact one of the preschool staff at 781-383-6117 no later than the Wednesday prior to one of the scheduled screenings.

Deer Hill, Osgood menus

MONDAY, JAN. 8
Chicken nuggets with a dinner roll or bologna sub, veggie, rice, pears, milk or juice.

TUESDAY, JAN. 9
Waffles or ham or tuna sandwich, baked tater tots, veggie sticks, fruit, milk or juice.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10
Macaroni and cheese with a dinner roll, or turkey sandwich, green beans, peaches, milk or juice.

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Barbecue riblet on a roll or ham sub, oven fries, carrots, Jell-O, milk or juice.

FRIDAY, JAN. 12
French bread pizza or chicken salad sandwich, garden salad, pudding, milk or juice.

Back to reality after break

LIFE AT CHS



MICHAEL CORRY

With a little under a month left in this semester, now is the time to square away any scheduling issues or concerns!

I hope everyone enjoyed the break, because this Tuesday students groggily entered CHS. The bells that signal the start of the school day and the class periods dealt us crushing blow; simultaneously waking us up and dashing any hopes that we were sharing a collective nightmare. Wake up and grab your backpacks — classes are back in session. With a little under a month left in this semester, now is the time to square away any scheduling issues or concerns! Once the quarter starts the early bird really does get the worm. Be wary of your curriculum, and there shouldn't be any problems.

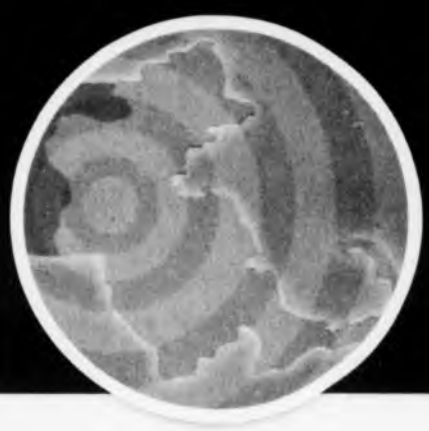
- Tuesday after school a PDP Information Session was held in the Library.
- The Middle School faculty met in the library after school Tuesday.
- Wednesday the Safe School Initiative met after school.
- The School Improvement Council met after school Wednesday afternoon.
- School Committee met Wednesday evening.
- Thursday morning the PSO Principal's Council met.

Officers from the Cohasset Police Department came in to talk to Mr. Buckley's Law class Thursday, continuing their ongoing program with high school students.

That sums up this week's news. The shortage of news most definitely doesn't reflect the haphazard CHS students adjusting to the school schedule — present in class while their minds drift to happier places. While we go on vacation mentally, those familiar bells (and the voices of our teachers) stomp on our sandcastles and sound reveille in our ears. Heading back to school after a taste of freedom is like being brought back to the big house after a break-out. The warden and COs are pretty lenient, even if they do give us a lot of homework. They just want to turn us into citizens, and help us turn ourselves into something.

Look at it this way guys; at least we aren't really locked up. We're in gen. pop instead of solitary. And our "time" is only as bad as we make it. In all seriousness, we're a lot luckier than we let on. Still though, some of us might prefer a spot in a chain gang. I'll see you next week.





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'Twas the Season at Osgood





(Above) Very talented kindergarten students proudly sing during the Osgood School holiday concert

(Left) Grace Czajak shares a laugh with a friend during the Osgood School holiday concert.

Photos by Amy Osten



Terry MacCormack, Jonathan Choi and Virginia Spofford play their clarinets at Osgood during the school's annual Christmas Concert



Jenny Cahill, Cam Cope, Wit Durant and Harrison Schmidt play their wind instruments for the students at Osgood during a holiday concert.



These happy little reindeer are all smiles during the Osgood School holiday concert.



These Osgood students are happy to listen to the music played by the high school band, during the Osgood School's annual holiday concert.



High School Music Director Bryan Marks directs the chorus during a holiday concert at the Osgood School



Osgood Students Charlie Devin, Christopher Longo and Alec Thielan, surrounded by their classmates, get into the holiday spirit while singing in the school's Christmas concert.

Tom Foster retires from The Trustees of Reservations

Helped lead Coalition to Preserve Turkey Hill

The Trustees of Reservations have announced with regret the retirement of Tom Foster, Vice President of Field Operations. Foster served as a backbone of the nation's oldest regional non-profit land conservation trust for 31 years. Soon after his retirement, he will leave his longtime Hingham home on Weir River Farm to relocate to South Deerfield, in the picturesque Pioneer Valley.

Beginning with his role as Superintendent for the Trustees' South Shore and Cape Cod Management Units in 1975, Foster quickly grew with the organization, taking on the Southeast Region in 1978 and then the Southeast and Islands Region in 1985. After changing his leadership focus to mainland Trustees' properties in 1992, he took charge of the Field Operations division in July 2002. In this role, he produced the first strategic plan for field operations, introducing a statewide framework for the care and preservation The Trustees' 96 reservations, all of which are open to the public.

In the late 1990's, Foster helped lead The Coalition to Preserve Turkey Hill, a 62-acre reservation whose 187-foot summit offers spectacular views of the South Shore. Now co-managed by The Trustees with the towns of Cohasset and Hingham and their respective land trusts, Turkey Hill was the missing piece needed to link Whitney and Thayer Woods Reservation to the Weir River Farm, originally known as the "Common Lands of the Hingham Planters," referring to the colonists who settled there beginning around 1634. Around 1904, Henry M. Whitney began purchasing parcels of abandoned farmland to create a private estate. The Whitney Woods Association later acquired much of the estate and donated more than 600 acres to The Trustees of Reservations in 1933, who have owned and managed the property ever since. Ten years later, Thayer Woods was also donated, and the Reservation became known as Whitney and Thayer Woods.

"The protection of Turkey Hill not only linked Whitney and Thayer Woods to Weir River Farm, but helped to preserve the cultural and agricultural character of Hingham," Foster said. "The work we accomplished there, in partnership with town residents, the Conservation Commissions, the Cohasset Conservation Trust, the Hingham Land Conservation Trust, volunteers and town officials, established the community-driven, grass roots model we now use for nearly all Trustees land protection projects around the state."



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"The protection of Turkey Hill not only linked Whitney and Thayer Woods to Weir River Farm, but helped to preserve the cultural and agricultural character of Hingham."

— Tom Foster

In addition to his many significant contributions to The Trustees, both locally and statewide, Tom has also been an active participant in the Hingham community serving for many years as an active member of a number of committees including the Hingham Fourth of July committee and The Hingham Town Advisory Committee. In addition, he was also a member of St. John's in Hingham where he served on the Vestry during the 1990's.

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CPR and First Aid classes start Jan. 31

South Shore Community Center is at 3 N. Main St., Cohasset. For information or to register for a class, call 781-383-0088 or stop by the office. MasterCard, Visa and Discover cards are accepted. Discounts for members are offered.

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Dance/Fred Astaire – Partners required. Six-week class starts Monday, Jan. 22, 7 to 8 p.m. Cost is $80/members; $85/non-members.

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Lo-Fat High Flavor with Maryann Saporito Boothroyd – Monday, Jan. 29, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Fee is $50/members; $55/non-members. Ginger carrot soup with cilantro, seared salmon with black pepper crust, sesame green beans with garlic and soy jasmine rice, grilled marinated chicken with lemon and rosemary with spiced ceci beans and grilled red and yellow peppers, spinach salad with turkey bacon, grilled red onions, radishes and roasted almonds light tomato-aioli drizzle, tostada with black beans, shrimp, avocado and mango salsa.

Romantic Food For You and Your Valentine with Maryann Saporito Boothroyd – Meets Monday, Feb. 12, from 6:30 to 9 pm. Cost is $50/members; $55/non-members. Fried cornmeal crusted oysters with arugula and smoked onion aioli, grilled swordfish with "hearts on fire" (hearts of pal/artichokes/red peppers) pasta, roasted duck or Cornish hen with cherry and balsamic glaze, crispy mushroom polenta, chocolate-minted cupcakes with warm Belgian chocolate sauce and whipped cream.

Tapas Night with Maryann Saporito Boothroyd – Monday, March 19, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Cost is $50/members; $55/non-members. Potato torta with romesco sauce (roasted red pepper and garlic), fried olives and peppers, charred rare beef with cabrales cheese and sherried figs, shrimp with smoked paprika and lemon, saffron rice cakes with seared scallops, eggplant and artichoke roll mops with aioli.

One Night in New Orleans: Gimme the Skinny – Tuesday, Jan. 16, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is $50. Takes place in Norwell. Chicken jambalaya, shrimp etoufee, blackened catfish with Cajun tartar sauce, honey corn bread and dessert.

A Taste of Italy: Gimme the Skinny – Tuesday, March 13, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. At Norwell. Asparagus risotto, pasta with arugula pesto, pesto-stuffed chicken, Italian seafood stew and chocolate biscotti.

14 Minute Meals: Gimme the Skinny – Tuesday, April 10, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. At Norwell. Cost is $50. Pan-seared salmon with fennel, mushroom barley and beef soup, spicy chicken cakes with horseradish aioli, steamed asparagus, mashed sweet potato.

12 Minute Meals: Gimme the Skinny – Tuesday, May 8, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. At Norwell. Asian turkey burgers, curried squash and apple soup, balsamic chicken with mushrooms, whole wheat pasta macaroni and cheese with broccoli, pan-seared haddock with basil sauce, pasta with arugula pesto and cherry tomatoes and dessert.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, DEC. 15

9:18 a.m. **Sohier St.-Deerhill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:16 a.m. **Nichols Road and Atlantic Ave.**, officer reports a woman stopped him regarding downed wires in the area. Officer reports the wire is a phone cable; Phone Co. notified.

10:39 a.m. **Linden Drive**, walk-in party requests to speak with officer regarding identity theft/fraud.

10:58 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, detail officer reports numbers 120-130 Forest Ave., is closed and impassable. Access to anything below 120 Forest Ave. can be accessed from North Main St. and anything above 130 Forest Ave. can be accessed from Jerusalem Road. Hull Fire Dept. notified and will respond to calls beyond 130 Forest Ave.

12:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

2:57 p.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious person; caller reports a man with a metal detector on the common and will make sure he is not digging holes.

3:27 p.m. **Spring St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

3:58 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, Cohasset and Hull fire departments notified that Forest St. is now open.

5:15 p.m. **King and Pond streets**; traffic enforcement.

7:24 p.m. **Hull St.**, suspicious person; caller reports a male subject approached the door to sell something and left on foot. Officer reports subject claims they came into the police station this morning. Subject sent on his way; the company is out of Quincy.

7:51 p.m. **Cohasset Square**, parking complaint; officer reports some vehicles have been moved and some have been tagged.

8:01 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

8;23 p.m. **Summer St.**, caller reports erratic motor vehicle operation; vehicle is traveling from Hingham to Cohasset. Officer reports that the vehicle is in Shaw's Plaza. Officer issued verbal warning.

9:13 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, suspicious activity reported; caller states a vehicle pulled into the first driveway on the right and turned off lights; services rendered.

9:29 p.m. **Hull**, mutual aid-police report be on the lookout for a red Honda Accord.

10:21 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

10:42 p.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious activity; caller reports hearing something. Officer reports nothing found.

SATURDAY, DEC. 16

1:07 a.m. **Pond St.-High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

1:07 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

3:16 a.m. **Marshfield**, mutual aid-police regarding overdue motorist.

8:51 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, hit and run with property damage; caller reports she was in a minor motor vehicle accident in parking lot and wants to file a report.

9:35 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, animal complaint; caller reports finding a 6 month-old brown Rhodesian Ridgeback with an electric fence collar and no tags.

11:05 a.m. **Tilden and Beaver Dam roads**, mutual aid to Scituate; ambulance requested.

11:06 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic stop; citation issued.

11:47 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid requested.

1:13 p.m. **Summer St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

2:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, breaking and entering to a motor vehicle reported. Passenger side window smashed and purse stolen; investigated and report filed.

3:34 p.m. **Linden Drive**, caller reports hydrant nearby has a minor leak; Water Dept. notified.

4:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, animal complaint; officer reports a turkey in middle of roadway.

4:53 p.m. **Elm St.**, caller reports a missing dog; it is a hound-type breed.

4:55 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller reports finding a set of keys and Blackberry Nextel phone at the beach; information logged.

4:59 p.m. **Elm and Brook streets**, the square is having a function and officers need to be notified that if a fire occurs to respond via the bank and hardware store; it is tight quarters; information logged.

5:11 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic enforcement.

6:56 p.m. **lower King St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

8:57 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

9:11 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:47 p.m. **Pond St.**, caller reports a large party; officer checked and reports that everything appears quiet.

10:05 p.m. **Summer St.**, parking complaint; officer reports a vehicle parked in middle of roadway; owner contacted and vehicle moved.

11:50 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, breaking and entering to a residence; caller reports a male subject is banging on cellar door and her husband is speaking to him. Officer reports male in custody.

SUNDAY, DEC. 17

10:01 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, caller reports a possible breaking and entering. Items are missing from her home; departmental action taken.

10:02 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, officer reports a vehicle has pulled over with a bad gas leak from the engine; investigated and report taken.

10:54 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

11:01 a.m. **Hull**, mutual aid; ambulance requested for 40-year-old male feeling lightheaded with numbness in arms.

11:37 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious activity; caller reports that she was at a stop sign and a white male wearing a black windbreaker and jeans attempted to enter her vehicle. Units are out with party; departmental action taken.

12:58 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, Hingham police reports erratic motor vehicle operation; operator is headed towards Cohasset. Units notified.

1:22 p.m. **Tower Lane**, past breaking and entering; caller reports his house was broken into and several items have been stolen; investigated and report filed.

2:01p.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, caller reports a large brush fire; Fire Capt. notified and fire extinguished.

2:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

2:44 p.m. **Margin Court**, medical aid requested.

4:22 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, officer requested.

4:57 p.m. **Brewster Road**, traffic enforcement.

5:13 p.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious motor vehicle reported; departmental action taken.

5:17 p.m. **Summer St.**, parking complaint; ticket issued.

5:38 p.m. **South Main St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

8:22 p.m. **Hull St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:07 p.m. **Forest Ave. and Forest Circle**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

9:33 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Maria B. Silva, 31, 58 Howard St., Rockland. Charges: Unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and marked lanes violation.

10:32 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports suspicious person in motor vehicle; departmental action taken.

MONDAY, DEC. 18

1:29 a.m. **Elm St.**, mutual aid-police; be on the look out announcement received from Hull for a missing juvenile.

1:34 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**; officer reports school checked; building secure.

1:34 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

7:55 a.m. **King St.**, caller reports a motor vehicle fire; turns out to be electrical.

8:47 a.m. **Summer and South Main streets**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

9:07 a.m. **Summer St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

9:19 a.m. **E St.**, medical aid requested; Hull reports a structure fire.

9:37 a.m. **South Main St.**, threats reported; male summoned on charge.

10:30 a.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

11:05 a.m. **Forest Notch**, officer requested regarding a suspicious phone call; report taken.

11:38 a.m. **Sohier St. - Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

11:47 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

12:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

1;17 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports finding a pocketbook on the ground; report taken.

2:18 p.m. **Brook and Elm streets**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

2:31 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle accident; no injuries reported.

2:51 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, erratic motor vehicle operation reported.

4:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle accident; one person injured.

11:35 p.m. **All schools**; officer reports buildings checked; secure.

TUESDAY, DEC. 19

12:48 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Crocker Lane**, traffic stop; citation issued.

1:22 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

1:24 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

7:11 a.m. **Pleasant St. and Cushing Road**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

7:38 a.m. **Sohier St. and Fairoaks Lane**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued for speeding in a school zone.

9:02 a.m. **Hillside Drive and Beechwood St.**, school bus operator reports that a motor vehicle passed when red light was flashing to stop; officer spoke to operator.

9:21 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

11:01 a.m. **All schools**, officer reports buildings checked; secure.

11:04 a.m. **Hull St. and Grace Drive**, suspicious activity reported; teen hiding packages and placing in trunk; investigated.

2:36 p.m. **Reservoir Road**, medical aid requested.

3:19 p.m. **Hull St.**, caller reports his home has been broken into and possible suspect was in a brown 1980 Sierra 4-door sedan. Arrest: Mark J. Lamm, 23, 172 Hull St., Hingham. Charges: Breaking and entering in the daytime to commit a felony and larceny over $250.

4:27 p.m. **King St.**, walk-in party reports house hit by paint balls; departmental action taken.

5:02 p.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

8:10 p.m. **Elm St.**, property recovered.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20

1:11 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

1:12 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

1:22 a.m. **Hillside Drive**, caller requests well-being check on daughter; officer reports phone line is not working.

6:26 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:51 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

7:15 a.m. **Cushing Road and Pleasant St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:26 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

9:07 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**; officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:10 a.m. **Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:46 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

10:18 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid requested; transported to hospital.

10:45 a.m. **Pond St.**, medical aid requested; transported to hospital.

11:21 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports that while walking her dog, it was attacked by an unleashed German Shepherd. Owner put the German Shepherd back on it's leash and continued on. When calling party arrived home she discovered a puncture wound on her dog; information logged.

12:41 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, mutual aid rendered to Hull for a fire.

1:30 p.m. **Park Ave.**, Hull, medical aid requested.

3:04 p.m. **Forest St.**, traffic enforcement.

4:43 p.m. **Nantasket Ave.**, medical aid requested.

5 p.m. **Ledgewood Drive**, caller reports her chimney fire out of control and the fire is in fireplace flu; extinguished.

7:48 p.m. **Beechwood St. and Kendall Village**; motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

8:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

8:11 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

8:23 p.m. **Sohier St. and Ripley Road**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

8:46 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, domestic disturbance reported.

9:10 p.m. **North Main St. and Highland Ave.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

9:43 p.m. **Sohier St. - Deer Hill School**; officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:45 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:52 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

11:44 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

THURSDAY, DEC. 21

2:23 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

2:24 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

6:51 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

7:01 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

7:11 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

7:25 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, investigation reported.

7:29 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

7:37 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

8:03 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

8:46 a.m. **Mendel Road and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

8:50 a.m. **Pond St.-High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:16 a.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

11:51 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

12:13 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

2:06 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

2:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

2:57 p.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

3;05 p.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

3:18 p.m. **South Main St.**, traffic complaint; large flat bed truck taking up southbound lane; area search negative.

4:26 p.m. **Sanctuary Pond Road**, fire investigation; services rendered.

5:40 p.m. **Elm and South Main streets**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:34 p.m. **Ripley Road**, walk-in party reports losing purse with wallet inside; investigated.

10:45 p.m. **Jerusalem Road and Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle hit and run with injuries; party summoned on charges of leaving the scene of property damage and speeding.

11:46 p.m. **Forest Ave. and Black Rock Road**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

FRIDAY, DEC. 22

12:18 a.m. **Cushing Road**, report of teens taking Christmas decorations from neighbor's yard; investigated and found nothing taken, just rearranged.

1:27 a.m. **Sohier St. - Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

1:28 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

1:28 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

1:51 a.m. **Crocker Lane**, officer reports building checked; secure.

2:09 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, parking complaint.

3:09 a.m. **Hingham** police issued a be on the look out announcement for person who committed a break and entry, stealing a purse and a vehicle.

9:35 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

1:21 p.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle stop.

3:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, mutual aid rendered to Scituate police regarding a motor vehicle accident; area search negative.

3:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle hit and run reported.

6:04 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, caller reports hearing a gun shot near maintenance shed of golf course; area search negative.

6:41 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop for red light violation; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

7:48 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, cat struck by motor vehicle.

7:51 p.m. **Pond View Ave., Scituate**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

8:30 p.m. **Beach St.**, caller reports vandalism to motor vehicle overnight.

9:53 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:01 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

SATURDAY, DEC. 23

1:23 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

1:23 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

4:53 a.m. **Linden Drive**, caller reports a motor vehicle was in his driveway; then backed out and was driving erratically through the neighborhood; investigated and only vehicle found in the area was a newspaper person.

7:12 a.m. **Brook and South Main streets**, walk-in party reports being cut off by an erratic motor vehicle operator and sideswiped a tree.

9:38 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, caller from Water Dept. reports a ladder has been placed alongside the water tank and someone apparently attempted to get into the tank; investigated and found a couple of items which were taken into custody for evidence.

5:09 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, drug/narcotic violations reported; one juvenile under arrest on charges of possession and distribution of a class D substance. Arrest: Corey F. Chase, 19, 17 Highland Ave., Cohasset. Charges: Possession of a class D substance. Arrest: Nicholas Arment, 18, 83 Fairoaks Lane, Cohasset. Charges; Possession of a class D substance.

9:51 p.m. **South Main St.**, noise complaint regarding function hall; contacted the hall and was told they will shut doors and windows to keep noise down.

10:25 p.m. **South Main St.**, Red Lion manager reports that a customer's car has been keyed in the parking lot.

POLICE/FIRE TERMS

ACO —Animal Control Officer (also referred to as 889)

ALS — Transport, Ambulance Transporting - Advanced Life Support (High level of care with paramedics administering drugs)

BLS Transport — Ambulance Transporting, Basic Life Support (Usually not life threatening)

BOLO — Be On the Look Out

BT — Breath Test (having to do with liquor offenses)

C20 — Cohasset Fire Chief Roger Lincoln

Capt. — Fire Captain (supervisor)

CID — Criminal Investigation Division (Cohasset Detectives)

CPAC — State Police Troopers Assigned to the District Attorneys Office

D1 — Delta One (Sergeant CID Commander)

D2 — Delta Two (Cohasset Detectives call sign)

D/K — Drunk

E1 - E4 — Cohasset Fire Engines

GOA— Gone on Arrival

HQ — Headquarters

Juvenile —Person under the age of 17

L1 — Cohasset Fire Ladder Truck

LEAPS/NCIC — Police Computer System (National)

ME — Medical Examiner

M/V — Motor Vehicle

OIC — Officer in Charge

OUI — Operating under the influence (liquor or drugs)

P81 through P84 — Fire Captains' Radio Call Signs

PC — Protective Custody (Persons who are too intoxicated to care for themselves are taken into protective custody — not a criminal charge)

PI — Personal Injury

Principle Party —Person who called

PT — Patient

QMC — Quincy Medical Center

R3 — Abbreviation for Cohasset Ambulance / Rescue 3. May also be R1 (Hingham Fire Ambulance), or R2 (Hull Fire Ambulance)

RMV —Registry of Motor Vehicles

RO — Restraining Order

RP — Reporting Party

S1 — Squad 1 — Cohasset Fire Squad (Forest Fire Truck)

SDI — Smoke Detector Investigation

Sgt. — Police Sergeant (supervisor)

S/P — Suspicious Person

SSH — South Shore Hospital

WMS — Warrant Management System (Name for Massachusetts computer system that holds arrest warrants)

881 — Cohasset Police Chief James Hussey

882 -888 — Cohasset PD Cruiser Numbers

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Judy Nowak, left, of Wilbraham, Mass., and her sister Jane Fegreus, right of Cohasset, look over the shoulder of Noel Hart, 8, of Cohasset to sing with the other carolers who were serenading the residents who live around the Common last month. The annual caroling event was organized by First Parish.



Will Borden of Scituate lifts his daughter Sophie, 2, onto his shoulders at the First Parish House while waiting for the annual "Caroling Around the Common" tradition to get under way.

Caroling on Common is annual tradition

Sponsored by First Parish of Cohasset

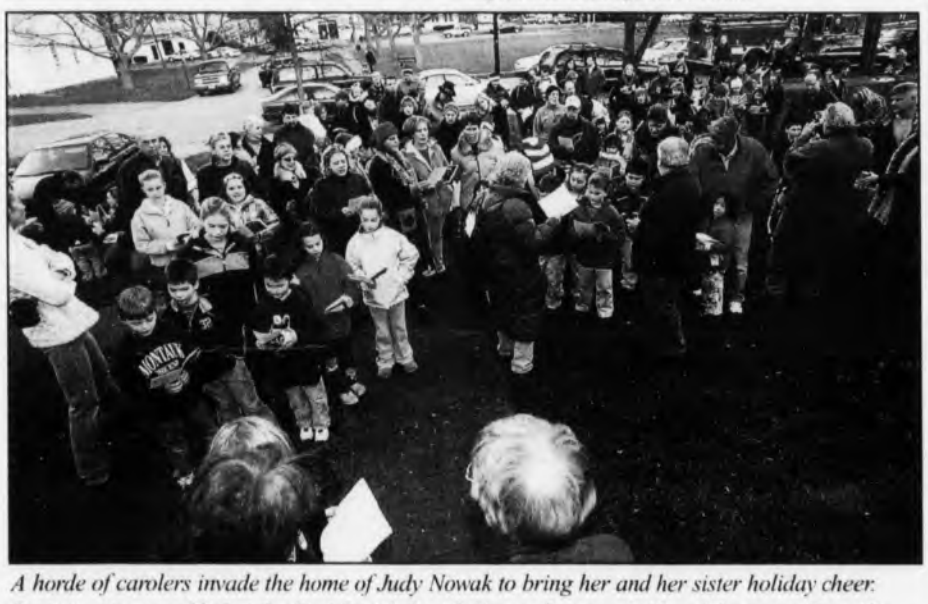
Staff photos by Robin Chan



Cass Havileck, 3, of Cohasset waits patiently for caroling to start. At approximately at 5 p.m., after caroling was over, everyone was invited to return to the Parish House for cocoa, cider and cookies.



Diana Kornet of Cohasset drops socks that were later donated to Boston Healthcare for the Homeless into the collection box before "Caroling Around the Common" got under way before the holidays last month.



A horde of carolers invade the home of Judy Nowak to bring her and her sister holiday cheer. Participants assembled at the First Parish Parish House, between 3:45 and 4 p.m. on Dec. 16. Carolers then circuited much of the Common, serenading selected homes.

Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Donald Reade. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chairman: William Baird.

Sunday, Jan. 7

10 a.m. - Worship in the Meeting House

Sermon: "Full Circle"

Religious education classes for toddlers, children and youth, along with childcare for our youngest, begin at 10 AM in the Parish House.

All are invited for coffee and refreshments in Trueblood Hall, following worship and RE classes.

11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.– Welcome to Unitarian Universalism & First Parish: A Comprehensive "Make-up Session" for folks who couldn't make it to one or both of the November sessions – Jan's Study

11:30 a.m. – Noon – CPR offered through our RE Committee

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. – Religious Education Committee

Circle Ministry:

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Circle Ministry Sample Session

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. – Circle Ministry New Facilitator Training

6 – 8 p.m. – Circle Ministry Monthly Facilitator Session with Jan

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083.

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! The Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson is the Interim Priest. Our services are at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Our "Godly Play" Sunday school takes place at 10 a.m. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village. To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish.

This week's events from Jan. 7th through 14th:

• Sun. Jan 7th: 10 am Epiphany Pageant.

• Mon. Jan.8th: 7:30 pm Vestry Meeting

• Tues. Jan 9th: 7 pm Profile Committee Meeting

• Wed. Jan.10th : 9:30 am Healing Eucharist; 10:30 a.m. Bible Study "Ruth"

• Fri. Jan. 12th: Noon – Soup and Sandwich. Bring a sandwich, we provide the soup and conversation

•Sat. Jan 13th: 7 am Bible Fellowship; 9 am Altar Guild Breakfast

•Sun. Jan. 14th: Services at 8 am and 10 am

Readings for Jan. 14thinclude the first lesson from Isaiah, 62: 1-5 in which the prophet continues to look forward to the full restoration of Jerusalem, hoping that the city might one day be a source of joy. In the second reading from Corinthians 12: 1-11, Paul commends spiritual gifts, but instructs the Corinthians in their proper use in the service of Jesus' lordship. From the Gospel of John, 2: 1-11, we hear the story of the changing of water into wine.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (third Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); Scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination: Christian Science. 781-749-2874. Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The upcoming Bible Lessons for January are God, Sacrament, Life and Truth.

Everyone is welcome!

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

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LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 06P3015EP

In the Estate of SCOTT C. FITHIAN
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death September 4, 2006

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that ARLENE M. FITHIAN of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 24, 2007**.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, December 11, 2006.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE
Board of Selectmen
Public Hearing Notice

The Cohasset Board of Selectmen, acting as liquor license authority, will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 22, 2007, at 7:20 PM in the Selectmen's Office, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, to consider the application of Chimichanga, Inc., d/b/a Acapulco's, 154-156 King Street, Cohasset, to transfer its all alcoholic restaurant license to P VII Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a Pacini's Italian Eatery, same address. The proposed manager is Antonis Petrakis. The licensed premises consists of approximately 4,500 square feet, with dining room, bar and front and rear entrances. The public is invited to offer public input on this proposal in writing in advance of the public hearing or in person at the hearing.

Board of Selectmen

AD#11218942
Cohasset Mariner 1/5/07

SEL/PIZZA ZONE
LEGAL NOTICE
Board of Selectmen
Public Hearing Notice

The Cohasset Board of Selectmen, acting as liquor license authority, will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 22, 2007, at 7:35 PM in the Selectmen's Office, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, to consider the application of P&B Pizza, Inc. d/b/a Pizza Zone, 166 King Street, Cohasset, to transfer its annual wine and malt restaurant license to SAC Pizza, Inc. d/b/a Pizza Zone, same address. The proposed manager is Savvas Kalaitzidis. The licensed premises consists of approximately 1,500 square feet of space with 2 front entrances and one rear emergency exit. The public is invited to offer public input on this proposal in writing in advance of the public hearing or in person at the hearing.

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TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

JANUARY 4-12 2007

Movie review

Take family to 'The Museum'

"Night at the Museum" (B+)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC



Larry (Ben Stiller) gets a private tour of the museum by Teddy Roosevelt (Robin Williams).

If you think "Jumanji" sounds like an Italian word for what Israelites do at dinnertime, "Night at the Museum" will seem unique. But the film is, in fact, a variation on that 1995 blockbuster.

"Night at the Museum," based on a 1993 children's book by Croatia-born illustrator and animator Milan Trenc and directed by Shawn Levy ("The Pink Panther"), is a distinct improvement.

Ben Stiller, the film industry's current favorite Everyman, is Larry Daley, divorced dad and newly appointed night watchman at New York City's world-famous Museum of Natural History.

After passing muster with the museum's three ancient, retiring guards — played by veterans Dick Van Dyke, Bill Cobbs and an apoplectic Mickey Rooney — Larry learns a secret.

At night, the museum's displays come to life, leaving Larry alone with roving wild animals and cavemen. Meet San Juan Hill-era Teddy Roosevelt (Robin Williams of "Jumanji") and his trusty steed, King. Watch out for the frolicking T.rex skeleton. Here comes Attila the Hun (Patrick Gallagher) and his barbaric hordes. The Easter Island head demands gum. Stay away from the Hall of African Mammals: The lions will eat you.

"Night at the Museum" will do for the Museum of Natural History what "The Da Vinci Code" did for the Louvre. It will make it a popular stop for families whose children will demand to see the real thing after seeing the movie, and that's considerably healthier than a plug for Domino's Pizza.

The dynamic between Larry and his son Nick (Jake Cherry) is trite. Scenes featuring Stiller and his real-life mother, Anne Meara, as an unemployment-office worker have more edge.

The film has a wonderful sense of playfulness, evident in scenes recalling "Gulliver's Travels." A bit involving Larry getting in touch with Attila's inner child is a hoot, and casting Carla Gugino as a history nerd will appeal to men who like women brainy and bodacious. An unrequited romance between Teddy and Sacajawea (Mizuo Peck) is a nonstarter.

But Williams pays a nice tribute to Ray Bolger's immortal Scarecrow from "The Wizard of Oz," and, as a tiny rival cowboy and Roman centurion, Owen Wilson and Steve Coogan bring a surreal daffiness to their scenes as well as an amusing "Brokeback Mountain" reference. Moreover, kids will love Dexter, the mischievous Capuchin monkey, even if the digital, slapping-the-monkey bit is sophomoric. There's even a tiny "Apocalypto" display, featuring ancient Mayans armed with blowguns.

Every Christmas, a film opens that every family wants to see. This year, it's "Night at the Museum."

Rated PG. "Night at the Museum" contains off-color humor.

Mark your calendar

LORETTA LAROCHE: "PARENTING WITH HUMOR & OPTIMISM—IS IT POSSIBLE?" Jan. 13, at 8 p.m. and Jan. 14 at 3 p.m. "The Siren of Stress" returns to The Company Theatre stage for two all-new laugh-filled shows. At Sunday's show, Loretta will be filming her new DVD! Tickets: $39. Tickets to all Company Theatre events can be purchased in person at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787 or fax your ticket requests to 781-871-6914 or by visiting companytheatre.com

BOSTON CHOCOLATE TOUR RETURNS Beginning Jan. 20, The One & Only Boston Chocolate Tour will return to satisfy New England's collective sweet tooth every Saturday from January through April. The fully-narrated, three-hour journey of decadent desserts and fun facts features tasty visits to Top of the Hub Restaurant, the historic Omni Parker House Hotel and The Langham Hotel Boston, The One & Only Boston Chocolate Tour departs from the Trolley Stop Store at the corner of Boylston and South Charles Streets every Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Tickets are $75 per person. Advance reservations are required and may be made by calling 617-269-7010.

A TRIBUTE TO THE RAT PACK returns to The Company Theatre after two years on Jan. 27, at 8 p.m. and Jan. 28, at 3 p.m. a third "Tribute to the Rat Pack" show on Saturday, Jan. 27, at 3 p.m. has been added. Backed by a live band, these talented singers and impersonators from Las Vegas superbly recreate the "cool" of Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis, Jr., and Dean Martin. Tickets are $32. Tickets to all Company Theatre events can be purchased in person at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Dr. in Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787 or fax your ticket requests to 781-871-6914 or by visiting companytheatre.com

Auditions

AFDTheatre auditions: Casting for "Carousel," Rodgers & Hammerstein's beloved musical love story. Jan 11 at 7pm, Jan. 13-14 at 1 p.m. More information and audition forms at www.AFDTheatre.org or call 781 646-5922. Arlington Friends of the Drama, award-winning community theater, 194-seat playhouse at 22 Academy St. Arlington, one block. from Mass. Ave.

THE FULL MONTY: Auditions will be held on Sunday, Jan. 7, at 1 p.m. at The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park in Norwell. Audition is open call no appointment necessary. Be prepared to learn a dance combination, sing a prepared song (preferably from the show) or in the style of the score. Accompanist provided and score available at audition. Cold readings may be held at first audition or call-back. Callbacks if needed will be held on Monday, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m. Rehearsals are Mondays and Fridays, 7-10pm; Sundays 3-6pm. Show dates are March 16 – April 7, 2007. For further information, call 781-871-2787.

Calendar of events

Thursday, Jan. 4

Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Avenue, Hull, On Jan. 4, at 7 p.m. First Thursday Leture Series with Joseph Garver, author of *Surveying the Shore: Historic Maps of Coastal Massachusetts, 1600-1930.* Since British, French, and Dutch colonists vied for the territory we call New England, cartographers have drawn the region to suit their political and commercial goals. In his new book, Garver analyzes and illuminates ninety historic maps, connecting them with key developments in New England history and demonstrating how a community's maps reflect its view of the world. Surveying the Shore is a rich and compelling history of New England, from the arrival of the first white men to the early twentieth century, revealed in some of the most beautiful examples of the mapmaker's art. Admission: $3 members, $5 nonmembers. For information visit lifesavingmuseum.org or call 781-925-5433.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad Street, Weymouth. 781-335-9796, no cover Satch Romano's *New* ***Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam***, 9 p.m. show, jam, 21+. Handicap access. Casual dress. Fine dining.

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Jan. 4, **BBC "Pint Night" featuring Flydown formerly The Alliance.**

Friday, Jan. 5

South Shore Folk Music Club presents **Chris and Meredith Thompson** Friday, Jan 5, 8 p.m. at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, Admission: $13 member $15 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. For information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

33rd Annual Town Fair Tire World of Wheels motor sports exposition will pack Boston's Bayside Expo Center the weekend of Jan. 5-7 with custom cars, local sports and other celebrities and special attractions. Personal appearances by **Brad Boyes** Jan. 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. NASCAR star **Ricky Rudd** Jan. 6, from 1 to 3 p.m. WWE star wrestler **Rey Mysterio** Jan. 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. and Wrentham resident and middle school student **Tayla Orleans** Jan. 6 from noon to 3 p.m. who is the youngest driver to win a feature race in the Allison Legacy Racing North series. For information call 617-474-6000.

New England Singles Jan. 5, from 8 pm. To midnight VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington. DJ Paul Dipanfilo $7. 617-325-4900. Ages 40+. www.singlesdances-newengland.com

Single Executives Club Christmas Party and Singles Dance –Jan. 5, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at **Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom**, 929 Hingham St., Rockland, exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by award winning DJ Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes and match game prizes. **Free dancing lessons** from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples age 30 and over. Cost before 9 p.m. is $10 Proper business dress recommended; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable. Visit www.se-4u.com or call 781-446-0234 for information.

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Jan. 5, **The Gobshites**.

Saturday, Jan. 6

Robin Chan's photography show ***Spectrum*** will be displayed in the Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery from Jan. 6 through Feb. 1. *"Spectrum"* may be viewed during regular library hours. A reception for Robin Chan will be held on Thursday, Jan. 11, at 7 p.m. in the gallery area. Light refreshments will be available.

Saturdays at the Ventress Library, 15, Library Plaza, Marshfield – Jan. 6, at 2 p.m. **Poetry As Voice**, award winning local poet **Carmella Roy Kearsley** reads her poetry and discusses her processes as she pairs inner journeys with rich life experiences to mark art with words. For information visit ventresslibrary.org or call 781-834-5535.

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Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth, Saturday, Jan. 6, **Traditional Irish Seisiun** every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hornpipes, with great craic and sing-along. Admission is free. No Cover. 508-830-1262.



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Robin Chan's photography show *"Spectrum"* will be displayed in the Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery from Jan. 6 through Feb. 1. *"Spectrum"* may be viewed during regular library hours. In this exhibit Chan includes photos of simple urban scenes and natural settings; he also includes abstract pieces. A reception for Robin Chan will be held on Thursday, Jan. 11, at 7 p.m. in the gallery area. Light refreshments will be available.

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Jan. 6, **Jon Frattasio & Friends.**

Sunday, Jan. 7

Peter Gammons, ESPN's award-winning baseball correspondent, presents his **seventh annual benefit concert: Hot Stove, Cool Music**, Jan. 7 at 7 p.m. at Paradise Rock Club, 967 Commonwealth Ave., Boston. The show will feature performances by a host of Boston sports and music all-stars including Gammons and Red Sox Executive Vice President/General Manager Theo Epstein and members of Little Feat. All proceeds from the event benefit the Foundation to Be Named Later. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets for *Hot Stove, Cool Music* are $40 and are available exclusively via the Paradise website at www.thedise.com 617-562-8804

A Little Christmas in Jackson Square, an Epiphany concert will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7 at East Weymouth Congregational Church, UCC, 1320 Commercial St. at Jackson Square, East Weymouth. A collection will be taken, with all proceeds to benefit the Weymouth Food Pantry. For information call 781-335-6919, 781-340-1403 or log on to www.eweyucc.org. The rare century-old Hutchings-Votey tracker pipe organ at East Weymouth Congregational Church, UCC, will be used to accompany a nearly 100-voice choir in the finale of this year's concert.

The paintings of Hingham artist Judith Mehring will be shown in the Dolphin Gallery from through January 25. Her show may be viewed during library hours. Beginning as a watercolorist, the last ten years she primarily has been painting in oil, focusing on Impressionist landscape, seascape, architecture and still life. Her talents have allowed her to present a scene in a way that will open the eyes of the viewer, allowing for colors, shapes and atmosphere to be more relative. The public also is invited to meet the artist in the Dolphin Gallery for her reception on Sunday, Jan. 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. Light refreshments will be available.

Guitarist Gerry Johnston will perform at the Hingham

CALENDAR, see next page



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The paintings of Hingham artist Judith Mehring will be shown in the Dolphin Gallery from through January 25. Her show may be viewed during library hours. Beginning as a watercolorist, the last ten years she primarily has been painting in oil, focusing on Impressionist landscape, seascape, architecture and still life. Her talents have allowed her to present a scene in a way that will open the eyes of the viewer, allowing for colors, shapes and atmosphere to be more relative. The public also is invited to meet the artist in the Dolphin Gallery for her reception on Sunday, Jan. 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. Light refreshments will be available.

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Public Library on Sunday, Jan. 7, at 3:30 p.m. His performance will include classical works in addition to popular and jazz standards. The performance is free and co-sponsored by the Boston Classical Guitar Society.

The work of Howard Bond, an indisputable master of large format film photography whose work is collected by The National Museum of Art and London's Victoria & Albert, and a series of digitally captured and printed images by Hull photographer **Stephen Lathrop,** will be featured in an exhibition at South Shore Conservatory (One Conservatory Drive) in Hingham, through Jan. 31, 2007.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Every Sunday **Dave Foley's Solo Rockin' Roots Acoustic Jam** 8 p.m. to midnight 781-335-9796.

Monday, Jan. 8

Robin Chan's photography show **Spectrum** will be displayed in the Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery from Jan. 6 through Feb. 1. **Spectrum** may be viewed during regular library hours. **A reception for Robin Chan will be held on Thursday, Jan. 11, at 7 p.m.** in the gallery area. Light refreshments will be available.

Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull, presents **Flying Santa: A Holiday Tradition** through March 11. 781-925-5433 lifesavingmuseum.org



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South Shore Folk Music Club presents Chris and Meredith Thompson Friday, Jan 5, 8 p.m. at the Boat House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston. Admission: $13 member $15 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. For information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.sofmc.org

Tuesday, Jan. 9

The Buttonwood Book Group will meet on Tue., Jan. 9, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. The selected book is "Garlic and Sapphires: The Secret Life of a Critic in Disguise" by Ruth Reichl. No reservations are necessary. All are welcome. 781-383-2665.

Applebee's Bar & Grill, 765 Bridge St., Weymouth every Tuesday night from 6 to 8 p.m. **Hanna the Balloon Artist**. 781-331-8550.

Wednesday, Jan. 10

The North River Arts Society presents **Focal Points,** a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery featuring original watercolor paintings by Marshfield artist **Betty Rogers.** This show runs through Feb. 2, 2007. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster St., Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com

Nardi Campion, author of **Over the Hill You Pick Up Speed** will be at Linden Ponds & Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 300 Linden Ponds Way, Hingham, on Jan. 10, at 10 a.m. 781-383-2665.

South Shore Art Center Gallery Artist Jane Flavell Collins, a Duxbury resident, is showing her watercolor and acrylic paintings in the Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery at South Shore Conservatory in Hingham. The exhibition continues through January, 2007. For hours, call 781-749-7565 or visit southshoreconservatory .org.

South Shore Conservatory's Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery presents Duxbury **artist Jane Flavell Collins** through Jan. 31, 2007. A native of New England, she works in all mediums but is mostly involved in watercolor and pastel. Currently a courtroom artist for WBZ-TV 4, Collins executes realistic paintings of both landscape and still life. Appearing in the South Shore Music Circus Gallery downstairs is the exhibit **Howard Bond and Stephen Lathrop: Film and Digital at South Shore Conservatory**. Admission to both galleries is free. For information visit www.southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565, ext. 10.



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Peter Gammons, ESPN's award-winning baseball correspondent, presents his seventh annual benefit concert: Hot Stove, Cool Music, Jan. 7 at 7 p.m. at Paradise Rock Club, 967 Commonwealth Ave., Boston. The show will feature performances by a host of Boston sports and music all-stars including members of Little Feat; The Hot Stove All-Stars featuring Peter Gammons, Theo Epstein and Buffalo Tom's Bill Janovitz; Joe Pernice; Kay Hanley; The Downbeat 5 and other musical and baseball guests. The event will be emceed by comedian and television star Mike O'Malley. All proceeds from the event benefit the Foundation to Be Named Later. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets for Hot Stove, Cool Music are $40 and are available exclusively via the Paradise website at www.thedise.com 617-562-8804

Thursday, Jan. 11

The Buttonwood Middle School Book Group will meet on Thu. Jan. 11, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. The selected book is **Tangerine** by Edward Bloor. No reservations are necessary. All are welcome. 781-383-2665.

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The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad Street, Weymouth. 781-335-9796, no cover Satch Romano's *New **Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam***, 9 p.m. show, jam, 21+. Handicap access. Casual dress. Fine dining.

The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. Jan. 11, **BBC "Pint Night" featuring Flydown formerly The Alliance.**

Friday, Jan. 12

The 14th Annual Providence Boat Show is one of the biggest winter boat shows in New England featuring Fishing and Cruising Powerboats as well as Cruising and Racing Sailboats — plus all kinds of equipment and accessories – at two side-by-side locations with over 240,000 sq. feet of exhibitor space. This year, the Show that runs Jan. 11 to 14 at both the Rhode Island Convention Center and the Dunkin' Donuts Center, just off Rte 95 in downtown Providence, will present more than 280 exhibitors with over 300 boats ranging in size from 8 to 47 feet on display at both locations…along with kayaks, inflatables, and accessories. Services such as financing, insurance, storage, surveying, repair and maintenance are featured at booths throughout the Show. The Show runs Thursday, Jan. 11 and Friday, Jan. 12, from noon to 10 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 13 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 14 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Ticket prices are $12.with children under 12 free at all entry points when accompanied by an adult. More information is available at providenceboatshow.com

New England Singles Jan. 12 from 8 pm. to midnight Sheraton Braintree, Grand Ballroom, I-93/I-95, Exit 6, Braintree, MA. Music from the 60's to the present. DJ Paul Dipanfilo. Ages 40 and over. Admission $10. singlesdances-newengland.com

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The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Jan. 12, **3rd Left.**



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A Little Christmas in Jackson Square, an Epiphany concert will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7 at East Weymouth Congregational Church, UCC, 1320 Commercial St. at Jackson Square, East Weymouth. A collection will be taken, with all proceeds to benefit the Weymouth Food Pantry. For information call 781-335-6919, 781-340-1403 or log on to www.eweyucc.org. The rare century-old Hutchings-Votey tracker pipe organ at East Weymouth Congregational Church, UCC, will be used to accompany a nearly 100-voice choir in the finale of this year's concert. A collection will be taken, with all proceeds to benefit the Weymouth Food Pantry. For information call 781-335-6919, 781-340-1403 or log on to www.eweyucc.org.



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Guitarist Gerry Johnston will perform at the Hingham Public Library on Sunday, Jan. 7, at 3:30 p.m. His performance will include classical works in addition to popular and jazz standards. The performance is free and co-sponsored by the Boston Classical Guitar Society.

Quick Flix

All reviews by James Vemiere, unless otherwise noted

New Releases

CHARLOTTE'S WEB (B+)

Leading ladies are usually beautiful, but in "Charlotte's Web," the latest live-action adaptation of E.B. White's classic novel, the star is downright ugly. If it's possible to see beyond the surface of this eight-legged wonder (voiced by Julia Roberts), you will find that director Gary Winick's vision does justice to this timeless tale. The sensational swine is Wilbur (Dominic Scott Kay), the runt of the litter who is nurtured by Fern (Dakota Fanning). Wilbur's days are numbered, but a new friend offers him some help. Using her talents and expertise, Charlotte sets out to save Wilbur and prove he's special by weaving messages in her web, and the town becomes enthralled with this small miracle. (Rated G) — Chelsea Bain

CHILDREN OF MEN (A-)

"Children of Men" is a terrific and haunting example of the end-of-the-world tales. It's 2027, and human beings have ceased to reproduce. In Britain, where the story is set, TV viewers mourn the news of the murder of "Baby Diego," the youngest person on earth. Theodore Faron (Clive Owen), a Scotch-soaked journalist with connections in high places, gets involved with a resistance movement at the behest of the mysterious femme fatale Julian (Julianne Moore). In these bleak, war-torn times, "Children of Men" might be the most relevant film of the year outside of the several documentaries about the fighting in Iraq. (Rated R)

THE CURSE OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER (A)

For sheer, sumptuous spectacle, nothing you've seen all year is going to top Zhang Yimou's "The Curse of the Golden Flower." It's a 10th century battle of wills, armies and psychology between the scheming, selfish, all-powerful Emperor of China (Chow Yun Fat) and his beautiful and perhaps doomed, unfaithful Empress (Gong Li). "Curse" exhibits enough martial arts fighting to satisfy any "Matrix" fan. There are armies of black ninjas, resourceful female fighters and a climactic battle of thousands that's a bit like the fearsome night siege in "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers." (Rated R) — Stephen Schaefer



Aging hippie Jasper (Michael Caine) has a political discussion with bureaucrat Theo (Clive Owen) in "Children of Men."

THE GOOD GERMAN (C)

Imagine "Casablanca" without Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, director Michael Curtiz or writers Julius J. and Philip G. Epstein, and you have "The Good German." The film, a pastiche of 1940s postwar tropes, has an impressive pedigree. Featuring George Clooney and Cate Blanchett as "Casablanca"-like lovers in a black-and-white, post-World War II Berlin, the film is a beached cinematic whale. Clooney is hardboiled scribe Jack Geismer, a military journalist who returns to cover the Potsdam Conference, where Truman, Churchill and Stalin will divide the world among them. In the process, square-jawed, cock-hatted Jack gets involved in a murder investigation involving darkly sexy Lena Brandt (Blanchett), his onetime lover. "You should never have come back to Berlin," someone says to Jack, echoing that famous "Chinatown" kicker. Putting it another way, I might suggest, "Don't play it again, Sam." (Rated R)

THE HISTORY BOYS (A-)

Paging "Dead Poets Society" members. How and why knowledge is transmitted is the subject of "The History Boys," a film adaptation of Alan Bennett's acclaimed 2004 stage play featuring the original cast directed by Nicholas Hytner ("The Madness of King George"). The result should appeal equally to teachers, students, theater buffs and fans of fine, finely-acted films, which is to say as many people as are currently going ga-ga for penguins. "The History Boys" recalls such vintage, British school-days favorites as James Hilton's novel-turned-film "Goodbye, Mr. Chips" and Terence Rattigan's beloved play "The Browning Version." Predictably, the film's most characteristic trait is its dialogue, which this cast virtually sings. (Rated R)

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Teens pick up Christmas trees



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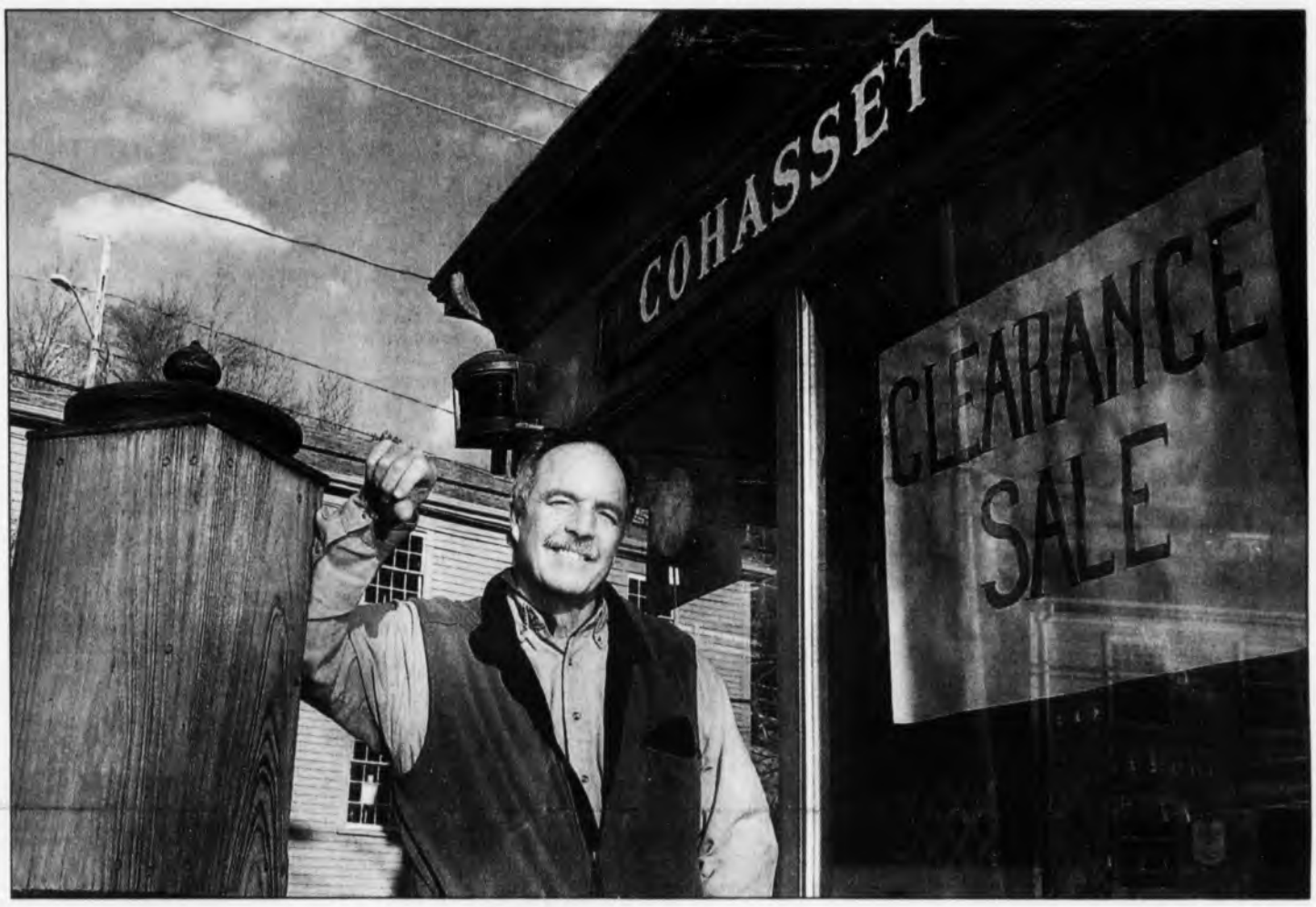
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"We've kicked this around for a while and finally, we made the decision to expand and move forward with changes to the building."

— James Watson, Cohasset Hardware



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Jim "Benji" Watson of Cohasset Hardware is closing shop in the village later this month. The store has been in the extended family since the 1920s and the immediate family since 1964.

Cohasset Hardware to close its doors

By Samantha Brown
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It truly is the end of an era. Since the 1920s, Cohasset residents have been able to run downtown for a can of paint or a box of nails, but that will no longer be the case as Cohasset Hardware has plans to close its doors.

James Watson, who along with his brother and sister own the building located at 40 South Main St., said while he is unsure what the future will hold, he would like to renovate the space currently occupied by the hardware store into two retail spaces. He would also like to renovate the upstairs portion of the building into four apartment units, if the town passes zoning bylaw changes that would allow him to do so.

"We've kicked this around for a while and finally, we made the decision to expand and move forward with changes to the building," said Watson, adding while on one hand it will be sad to leave the business behind, on the other, he feels relieved that the decision has been made. "I think it's a very positive decision and we're very excited about doing the building over."

The clearance signs in the windows of Cohasset Hardware indicate Watson is looking for a somewhat speedy exit. He estimated it would only take a couple of months to have things cleared out and ready to move forward. With circumstances the way they are, with the much larger Hingham Lumber located on Route 3A, Watson said he had always figured it would only be a matter of time before he would start to feel its effects.

"The big paint companies don't put more than a couple of retailers within close proximity to each other," he said, and although he thinks Hingham

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Village viability subject of powwow

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset Village is going to change, but just how much or when are questions that remain to be answered.

To help chart a course for the future, members of the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Sewer Commission, Board of Appeals, Advisory Committee and Economic Development Committee held a joint meeting last Thursday (Jan. 4) to try to brainstorm and find some common ground from which everyone can move forward together. At the top of the list: making sure the Village stays a viable entity in town.

Planning Board Chairman Al Moore chaired the joint meeting and said in his opinion, the only way to find a solution for the downtown area, is to figure out what the "problems" are with the area. He said it has continually been said that the area does not have enough parking, or that it needs more people living there, and that is why the area is not as economically viable as it should be. He said in his opinion, a thorough analysis needs to be conducted before anything drastic is done. "Maybe we'll change things and shoot ourselves in the foot. As a town, we're famous for that," he said.

Moore also said people continuously talk about the "character" of the downtown area, but it has never been defined. "What is it?" he asked. "We got here because there was no plan. Look at the Village 75 years ago and I think you'd have a hard time recognizing it, yet somehow, the character is surviving," he said.

Above all, Moore said his board is not going to be too hurried to make decisions that aren't well thought out.

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Housing proposal upsets neighborhood

Worries about traffic, zoning and septic issues

By Samantha Brown
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Although he stood for the entire meeting, Housing Partnership Chairman Tom Callahan was definitely in the hot seat Tuesday night.

The Partnership has announced it would like to transform the building located at 25 Ripley Road, which is currently a single-family home but has its roots in town as the Cohasset Private Hospital and nursing home, into a seven-unit "friendly 40B" affordable housing project. Neighbors, who were invited to attend a meeting at the Paul Pratt Library to ask questions and provide feedback on the project's preliminary proposal, were overwhelmingly opposed.

There were roughly 40 abutters in attendance, many of whom argued not only will their homes lose value with the addition of the project to their neighborhood, but also that they are living in a residential district which already has five non-residential entities within its boundaries. The South Shore Music Circus, the Cohasset Swim Center, the Little League fields, the Paul Pratt Library / Our World Children's Museum and the condominiums located at 150 N. Main St., are not single-family homes and add to the traffic in their neighborhood.

Callahan said Cohasset is a town that has time and time again spoken to the importance of building more affordable housing. "(However), we are a predominantly single-family home community," he said, and to meet the affordable housing guidelines set by the state, the town is likely going to have to build some multi-family housing in predominantly

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This week the Mariner caught up with new Cohasset firefighter/paramedic Robert R. Martin at the fire station on Elm Street.

Name: Robert R. Martin

Occupation: Firefighter/paramedic.

Best days of your life: Birth of my children.

Best vacation: St. Martin (Orient Beach).

Favorite season: Spring.

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving.

Favorite meal: Veal Parmesan.

Best magazine: Golf Digest.

Best movie: "The Longest Yard" (the original).

Best TV Show: "Forensic Files" on A &E.

Most embarrassing moment: Nearly passing out during the birth of my first child.

Pet Peeve: People in denial.

Goal: To give my children more than I had.

Person I'd most like to meet: Tom Brady.

Most memorable moment: My wife telling me she was pregnant.

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Man arrested in conjunction with MV break-ins at Whitney Woods

By Mary Ford
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Police Chief James Hussey isn't reluctant to give luck some credit when that credit is due.

In fact, a little luck combined with solid police work has resulted in the arrest last week of a man whom police believe is responsible for the rash of motor vehicle "smash and grab" break-ins in the Whitney Woods parking lot off Route 3A. The parking lot is across the street from Cohasset Plaza.

For the past month, several victims — including one woman who was home for the holidays visiting her parents — have contacted police after walking the trails in the wooded reservation only to find a window smashed in their motor vehicle and some valuables gone.

During the process of the investigation, Cohasset police reached out to other towns — an effort that has paid off.

A suspect was arrested in Scituate following the alleged theft of a pocketbook in Marshfield. Scituate notified Cohasset police who interviewed the suspect. As a result of that investigation, Cohasset will seek charges of larceny and breaking & entering of a motor vehicle against Peter Bulman of Pratt Road in Scituate. Police believe Bulman, 27, acted alone and was involved in as many as seven larcenies at Whitney Woods.

"We figured it was one person and was someone local who lived within a radius of a few miles of the site – so we communicated with neighboring towns," Hussey said.

However, Hussey reiterated that despite the arrest, motorists should still put any valuables in their trunk or under a seat so they are out of plain sight. He explained hiding valuables when leaving the car to take a walk or shop would help deter a potential criminal.

Intoxicated youth

In responding to a call about a party that was breaking up, police came across a young man whom they determined was under the influence of alcohol and transported him home to his parents. The incident occurred at about 12:33 a.m. Monday (Jan. 1). Police did not find any motor vehicles in the area. The young man was underage, Chief James Hussey said.

Email issue

Officer Lisa Matos is talking with the various young, teens involved in "threatening emails." Chief James Hussey said a mother reported on Monday (Jan. 1) that her son had been receiving threatening emails. Hussey said after further review police determined the emails did not rise to the level of a crime. However, Matos, who works with the schools, would sit down with the parties involved and try to handle the matter. The teens are 13 and 14 years old, Hussey said.

MV crash

The operator of a 1994 Ford pickup was cited for speeding and not having a valid inspection sticker following a single-car accident at 12:04 p.m. on Tuesday (Jan. 2) on Norman Todd Road. Police responded to the scene after dispatch received several calls about a motor vehicle that hit a tree.

The operator told police he had gotten something in his eye and took his eyes off the road for just a second when the accident occurred.

However, police determined excess speed had to have been a cause because of the damage to the pickup. The operator was transported to the hospital with non life-threatening injuries, police said.

Junior operator

A youth driving on a junior operator's license could be fined and have his license suspended. Last Thursday (Jan. 4) at 3:07 p.m. at Ripley Road and Depot Court, police stopped the youth who had passengers in the car. Chief James Hussey said the teen had been stopped before for the same thing and had received a verbal warning.

There is a passenger restriction during the first six months of junior operator licensure, including no passengers under 18, unless accompanied by another licensed driver 21 or older with one year or more driving experience, occupying front passenger seat. The passenger restriction is not applicable to junior operator's immediate family members (parents and siblings), according to the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

Intoxicated driver

A clerk at the gas station on King Street notified police about a customer who came in and appeared to be intoxicated. The clerk asked the man not to drive but he did anyway, police said. The information was put out to other police departments and Scituate stopped the vehicle and is pursuing the charge of operating under the influence against the individual, Chief Hussey said. Hussey praised the clerk for calling police.

He said police appreciate calls about erratic drivers and other situations, such as the intoxicated gas station customer, because they can prevent a potential accident.

Hit & run

Last Friday (Jan. 5), a caller reported seeing a hit and run accident at Leo's Exxon. The plate number was obtained from the video camera and police contacted the motorist who thought he had just "bumped bumpers," Chief Hussey said. However, there was a cracked headlight lens on the other car.

3A MV crash

Last Saturday (Jan. 6) at about 11:09 a.m., several callers notified dispatch about a car accident at Route 3A and lower King Street. Police said a 2004 Kia was heading northbound on 3A (toward Hingham). A 2005 Ford van was coming out of lower King and was trying to make a left to head southbound on 3A when the collision occurred. The operator of the Ford van was cited for failure to yield. Police say the Ford pulled out in front of the Kia, causing the collision. There were no injuries but the Kia had to be towed from the scene.

Drug arrest

Based on information received by the investigation division of the Cohasset Police Department, officers made some observations and based on those observations have arrested Justin E. Baker, 21, of 43 Elm St., for possession of OxyContin, Chief Hussey said. "The investigation is ongoing," he said.

OxyContin is a narcotic drug.

Emergency notification system coming

The town will soon initiate the emergency notification system called Connect-CTY. Also known as the "reverse 9-1-1" system, residents will be able to submit up to three separate telephone numbers and an e-mail address to receive emergency communications from the town. The town will be conducting a test call in the near future, using the primary telephone number provided by Verizon.

The town has developed a policy for the Connect-CTY system, which Town Manager Bill Griffin said he hopes will be online this week. The policy notes there are two kinds of emergencies: intra-departmental notifications and public notifications.

Department heads or their designees would send the intra-departmental notifications to employees. Approval from the Town Manager would not be necessary. Public notifications would come in the form of time-sensitive emergency dispatches and town-generated emergency notifications. The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Emergency Preparedness Director, or their designees could only initiate the time sensitive emergency dispatches. The Emergency Management Team must be included on these dispatches.

Time sensitive emergency dispatches might include severe weather, natural disasters, terrorism threats, community emergency response team (CERT) activation, hostage situations, amber alerts/missing persons, danger from a fire, HazMat incidents, bomb threats, or health risks such as EEE virus exposure.

Town-generated emergency notifications must be generated by a town department head and the Town Manager need not approve the notification. These types of notification include; power outages, water main breaks, water contamination, temporary water shut-off, or special service needs as approved by the Town Manager, such as senior citizen communications or transportation.

Department of corrections

In a story last week about the Deanes' proposed new home at 90 Gammons Road, the Mariner should have said the owners are Gordon and Motoko Deane. Mr. Deane was misidentified as John in the story.

The Mariner apologizes for the error.

And as a matter of clarification, the Deanes have two daughters who live with them. A direct quote from an abutter may have led readers to think there would only be two people, Mr. and Mrs. Deane, living in the home.

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CFD sets fees for open burning permits

DEP rules to be followed

"This process is being instituted so that we can properly track who is burning, what is being burned and where it is being burned."
— Fire Chief Robert Silvia

By Samantha Brown
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Open air burning is allowed as of Jan. 15 and the fire department is taking the proper precautions to ensure everything is in place for the start of the season. To that end, residents should know there are new fees in place for obtaining burning permits. Safety will be closely monitored, to ensure any burning adheres to the rules laid out by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Fire Chief Robert Silvia came before the Board of Selectmen Monday, seeking permission to implement an open burning permit fee of $5. Until now, burning permits had been free, but with a tight town budget, all town departments are being forced to take a look at their fee structures.

Silvia said the towns of Hingham and Scituate both charge $5 for a permit, and 11 of the 16 towns listed in the town's benchmarking report charge for a burning permit — seven reported they charge $10 and three charge $5.

In addition to implementing the new fee, the process to obtain an open-air burning permit will be different this year. In the past, residents were able to call the station and receive permission to burn, but that will no longer be allowed. Applicants must come down to the station and apply for the permit in person, and upon receiving the permit, will also receive a set of regulations which dictate the rules of burning.

"This process is being instituted so that we can properly track who is burning, what is being burned and where it is being burned," Silvia said.

"The $5 fee would pay for one permit that would be good for the entire season," said Silvia, adding once the permit is granted, residents may burn as much as they like during the season, which lasts until May 1, provided they call the station first, each time they wish to burn.

Residents who receive a permit will be required to sign a form, indicating they have received a copy of the rules. The fire department will keep a copy on file. The department has also set the goal of inputting the names of residents who receive burning permits into an excel spreadsheet, which will allow the department to keep track of everyone. "We hope that this will streamline the process," he said.

Silvia said he would recommend to anyone who thinks they will need to burn at some time during the season, that they obtain their permit as soon as possible. He said that will avoid having a rush to the station on the first warm weekend in April, when residents typically show up in droves for their permits, although he quipped with the way the weather has been, people could be showing up earlier than that.

The DEP and fire department limit open burning for public health and safety reasons. Open burning pollutes the air and can make it difficult for people with respiratory problems to breathe. In addition, when the air is stagnant, open burning can cause smoke and odor nuisances and pose health risks to nearby residents, particularly in densely populated areas. Open burning can also pose a safety risk when it is not adequately controlled.

Silvia said residents are allowed to burn brush, cane, driftwood and forestry debris, but are not allowed to burn grass, hay, leaves or stumps. He said in the past, "People played fast and loose with the rules," and the fire department has witnessed not only burning of improper materials, but burning much too close to buildings.

Selectmen Vice Chairman Rob Spofford asked what the fire department could do about residents who do not abide by the rules.

"We can revoke their permits, or some communities charge a fee to go put out the fire," Silvia said. Spofford said he would like to see the department take further enforcement action and said charging to put out an illegal open-air fire is the proper way of covering the cost of the department's efforts.

"I have no problem with that," said Silvia of implementing fines. Spofford said he thought having more of a consequence would give the permit "more teeth." Silvia noted the vast majority of people who conducted burning in the past did call the fire department ahead of time.

Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said in his opinion, the rule which says burning may only take place between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. forces residents to get a late start to their day. Silvia explained that rule is one of the DEP's and it is merely his department's job to enforce the rule.

For more information on burning, please contact the fire department on its business line at (781) 383-0616. More information can also be found on the Department of Environmental Protection's Web site at www.mass.gov/dep/air/compliance/burning.htm.

Open burning season begins Jan. 15

Below is the "Frequently Asked Questions" page from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection webpage about open burning.

The season begins on Jan. 15. The Cohasset Fire Department is changing the procedure for obtaining a burning permit in the Town of Cohasset. Permits will not be issued over the phone as in past years. Anyone wishing to obtain a permit must apply at Fire Headquarters, 44 Elm St. Permits will be issued for individual addresses and will be good for the entire burning season, Jan. 15 to May 1.

What are the limits on open burning in Massachusetts?

The Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) and the Cohasset Fire Department limit open burning for public health and safety reasons. Open burning pollutes the air and can make it difficult for people with respiratory problems to breathe. When the air is stagnant, open burning can pose smoke and odor nuisances - and health risks - to nearby residents, particularly in densely populated areas. Open burning can also pose a safety risk when it is not adequately controlled. The limits on open burning do not apply to outdoor cooking.

What can be burned, when, and under what conditions?

You may burn, with limits: brush, cane, driftwood, forestry debris, tree prunings, dead raspberry stalks, blueberry patches and infected beehives. You may not legally burn grass, hay, leaves, stumps or tires.

In most of the state's towns and cities, homeowners are allowed to burn brush, cane, driftwood and forestry debris - not including grass, hay, leaves or stumps - between Jan. 15 and May 1, so long as the open burning takes place:

- with the permission of the local fire department;
- between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.;
- when the air is circulating well but winds are light;
- no less than 75 feet away from all dwellings; and
- on your own property and as close as possible to the source of material(s) to be burned.

Be sure to get a permit from your local fire department *before* burning anything.

Fungus-infected elmwood and other materials normally associated with agriculture and agricultural land clearing - such as tree prunings, dead raspberry stalks, blueberry patches for pruning purposes - and disease-infected beehives may also be burned with fire department permission.

What types of open burning are not allowed?

There are no circumstances under which it is legal to burn grass, hay, leaves, stumps or tires. They simply do not burn as "cleanly" as those materials that may legally be burned. All of them produce acrid smoke that causes nuisance conditions and threatens people's health. When tires are burned, they produce noxious gases and petroleum residue, both of which can be harmful to people and the environment.

In addition, the burning of brush, cane, driftwood and forestry debris from commercial or industrial land clearing is prohibited statewide.

Open Burning Guidelines:

First things first:

Contact your local fire department for information on obtaining an open burning permit.

Starting the fire:

Remove all grass from the area where you will be burning.

Try to start the fire with natural "kindling" - never with gasoline or charcoal lighter fluid. If you must use an artificial helper, kerosene is probably safest.

While burning:

Never add brush that is green or wet. It will reduce the efficiency of the fire and produce thick smoke.

Someone must attend the fire until it's completely out. You will need a hose or other supply of water and a shovel or rake for controlling the fire.

Putting the fire out:

Burn the fire down to the coals, drown them with water, spread them out, then drown them again.

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Town Census to be mailed

The Town Census for 2007 will be mailed to each household the week of Jan. 15th. Information obtained from the census is ultimately used to prepare the street list, annual registry of voters, school list, dog owner list, and jury list. It also establishes eligibility for resident's tuition at state colleges, for veteran reimbursement, for senior citizen programs and other benefits. The census provides valuable information to various departments throughout the town.

Dog forms are on a tear off portion of the census forms. The licenses are valid through Dec. 31, 2007. Dog forms need to be returned as soon as possible with a current rabies certificate although you may have recently renewed your 2006 license. If you did not receive your census, please contact the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100.

Rep. Bradley office hours

State Rep. Garrett J. Bradley (D – Hingham) will hold district office hours on Friday (Jan. 19th), at the Sons of Italy Hall in Hingham, from 6-7pm. Please enter through the Route 3A side entrance of the building into his district office. If you are unable to attend scheduled office hours, but would like to meet with Bradley, please call (617) 722-2396 to schedule an appointment at your convenience.

Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast is Monday

Cohasset Clergy and Diversity Committee will host a Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast at St. Stephen's Church, 16 Highland Ave., Monday, Jan. 15, from 9 to 11 a.m., in Walton Rodgers Hall, on the second floor of the Parish House. Cost will be $5 per person and $15 for families. A pancake breakfast will be served between 9 and 10 a.m., followed by a program honoring the memory of Dr. King.

Featured speaker this year is David Hall, professor of Law at Northeastern University. Hall is the author of "The Spiritual Revitalization of the Legal Profession; A Search for Sacred Rivers."

Nomination papers at Town Clerk's Office

Nomination papers are available at the Town Clerk's Office. The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb. 15. Only registered voters of the town may hold an elected office. Candidates are only officially running for office after they have taken out papers and the Board of Registrars has certified the signatures.

Positions available for the 2007 town election include: Selectmen - two three-year positions; School Committee - two three-year positions; Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library - three three-year positions; Assessor - one three-year position; Board of Health - one three-year position; Cohasset Housing Authority - one five-year position; Planning Board - one five-year position; Recreation Commission - three five-year positions; Sewer Commission - one three-year position and Water Commission - one three-year position.

Friday, March 9, is the last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting, which will be held Saturday, March 31, and for the Annual Town Election which will be held Saturday, April 7.

Whistle free Greenbush not a guarantee

By Samantha Brown
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There is still no guarantee the Greenbush line will be a whistle (or horn) free train.

At Monday's Selectmen's meeting Greenbush liaisons Tom Gruber and Mark Brennan presented information regarding the potential MBTA schedule, once the trains are up and running. In the midst of conversation, the question of whether the town would be a whistle-free zone surfaced.

"We've been designed to not have a horn," said Gruber, but added the town must put in an application in order to be approved as a whistle-free zone. Brennan added, "A certain inventory needs to take place," as officials come to the town and inspect the design to ensure the proper measures are in place to forego the whistle.

Members of the Board of Selectmen were shocked by the news.

"I thought it was a done deal," said Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer.

However, Gruber noted he and Brennan have been led to believe by the MBTA that the town will have no problem receiving approval. "Right now it's not a done deal, but we expect it will be," said Gruber.

Dormitzer said he is also concerned about the lack of shelter at the planned station. He said he received a call from a citizen who made the excellent point that the only shelter at the station for commuters waiting for the train is a shelter that will be roughly 200 feet away from the platform and used for people waiting at the drop off and pick up area.

Gruber said the shelter Dormitzer is referring to is similar to what would be found at a bus stop, with only three walls and very little protection. "It could fit 10 to 12 people, maybe, if they're good friends," he quipped. He also noted the shelter in Cohasset will be the same as at other stations on the line and other stations that currently exist.

Dormitzer said it is the simple things like providing a little shelter from the elements that will help encourage commuters to use the train. "We want people to use it," he said.

For more Greenbush news, please see Making Tracks on page 11.

Book unveiled for 'One Book' program

By Samantha Brown
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The Board of Selectmen is now on board with the One Book One Cohasset program.

At Monday's Selectmen's meeting, Library Director Jackie Rafferty and Chair of the Library Board of Trustees Stacey Weaver came before the board to present an overview of the program and unveiled the book which will be at the center of Cohasset until April 1.

All five members of the Board of Selectmen received a copy of "The Last Pick," by David J. McGillivray, written with Cohasset resident Linda Glass Fechter, so they can participate in the town-wide reading program.

"It's a wonderful concept," said Rafferty, adding the program began in Seattle and spread across the country and now cities and towns across the nation are participating. The program asks the entire community to read a book, and from there it challenges the town to begin a common dialogue about the book and its message, supported by activities and events which also tie in with the book's theme. By having the community participate in a group activity, it helps foster a feeling of unity and togetherness. The hope is that people will also bring the One Book concept to the various groups they might be in, whether it be Boy or Girl Scouts, houses of worship, or the Rotary Club, and adapt it for their purposes.

"Could there be a better program for the library to run?" Rafferty asked.

Rafferty said the program would give the library the opportunity to think creatively, to come up with ideas to keep the whole community involved. "We've already gotten to know people," we didn't know before beginning the program, she said.

Selectman Fred Koed asked how many books the library will be bringing in for the program.

"We're borrowing some from other libraries and the Friends of the Library have purchased some. We're also partnering with Buttonwood Books," she said. The library is also trying to work with groups, such as the Council on Elder Affairs, to ensure everyone has access to a copy. Town Manager Bill Griffin quipped, "I mentioned it at home, and guess what I got for Christmas?"

Coauthor Fechter also attended the meeting and said from the very beginning she has been very excited about the program. "I love it because we haven't asked for any money," she said, adding there have been a number of generous donations already for the books and supplies, which make the program possible. She said Goodwin Graphics designed the logo for the One Book program for free, which will be featured on promotional materials such as fliers and t-shirts, and some sponsors have already come forward for the shirts.

"The Last Pick" tells the story of Dave McGillivray, now race director of the Boston Marathon. McGillivray, who stands 5 feet 4 inches tall, often found himself standing alone as kids of larger stature were chosen for team sports. While he thought he would never "measure up," McGillivray was determined to overcome the odds with perseverance, discipline and a steadfast belief that he could attain seemingly unattainable goals with a lot of preparation and hard work.

"This book was chosen because of its message," said Weaver. She added while it helped that Fechter lives in town and McGIllivray is not far away, the library felt the message would be universal.

Program at a glance

What: One Book One Cohasset encourages the entire town to read one book and participate in discussion groups and other activities which unite the community around the book's central theme.

When: The program will officially kick off in February and will continue until April 1, culminating with the Road Race By the Sea.

Book: "The Last Pick," by David J. McGillivray and Cohasset resident Linda Glass Fechter.

Where to get it: The Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Buttonwood Books and major book retailers.

New trail map for Wheelwright Park

Thanks to Boy Scout August Oddleifson, the town has a new trail map for Wheelwright Park and the Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary. For his Eagle Scout Project, Oddleifson, a member of Troop 28, not only used GPS mapping software to create a new map, he cleared away brush for a new trail to be enjoyed by all.

Town Manager Bill Griffin informed the Board of Selectmen about the project Monday and said the maps are available at two kiosks constructed by high school students. Pat O'Brien, Christopher Bryan and Will Pinkus built the kiosks as part of Jack Buckley's civics and community service class.

"I recently went up to look and all the maps were gone," Griffin said of a recent trip to Wheelwright Park. He said the maps are so helpful to residents walking in the woods that they are having trouble keeping up with the demand. However, he noted the maps are also available at Town Hall.

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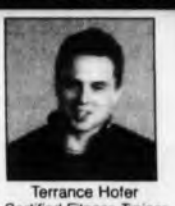
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AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

WINTER WARMTH

Hello Cohasset. How is everyone doing? The winter feel has been around a little bit this week and maybe will continue into the beginning of next. I am very happy that the dark hour of the afternoon is slowly moving ahead closer to 5 p.m. now. It always makes it feel a bit blah around when it is dark by 4:30 no matter what the temps are outside. Make sure to read about the Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast happening on Monday. Enjoy the long weekend if you have one and send in your news and information for me next week.

CYBSA REGISTRATION

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association is holding its annual registration for the upcoming spring baseball and softball season from now through Feb. 15. The CYBSA will hold a walk-in registration on Saturday, Jan. 20, from 9 a.m. to noon, in the upper lobby of the high school gymnasium. Registration forms are also available on our website: CYBSA.net and at the Town Hall. Mailed in registration forms need to be postmarked by Feb. 15, 2007. For more detailed information, please see the Sports section.

CARING BANK

Here is a bit of news on some work done by a local band. During the holidays, Pilgrim Bank and its employees continued their tradition of supporting the community by donating funds to support local activities. The Bank bought gift cards for the Scituate and Cohasset food pantries to distribute to their families in the amount of $500. In addition, the employees organized a fundraiser, which raised more than $200, matched by the Bank, to donate $500 to the South Shore Hospital Breast Care Center.

TAKING THE PLUNGE



Julian Herth comes out of the water on Sandy Beach after a New Year's Day plunge.

Julian Herth moved with his family to Cohasset from St. Louis, Mo. this summer and decided to celebrate his first New Year in Cohasset with a plunge at Sandy Beach on New Year's Day to prep for an annual fundraiser.

Julian had planned on repeating his plunge in February on Hampton Beach to raise money for Farmsteads of New England, a farming environment in Hillsborough, N.H. enhancing life for special people with special needs www.farmsteads-ne.org. However, Julian found out this week he has to be 15 years old for the Hampton Beach plunge!

We're sure Julian will be helping the program when he is old enough!

Julian is an eighth grader at Cohasset Middle School, son of **Diane and John Herth**.

GIFT OF GIVING

The Deer Hill School third grade class exhibited the gift of giving this holiday season in support of helping the homeless. Through indirect support from Malden Mills, the classes made fleece blankets and scarves. The students with the aid from their parents all helped in the project. Some of the blankets and scarves were given directly to families in need while others were sold, at various school activities, to raise money. The proceeds from these sales were used to buy needed items and supplies for the homeless. Everyone is so proud of these third graders in showing their spirit and true gift of the holidays. These types of stories are so nice to write about and include in this column. Keep sending them in.

MLK BREAKFAST

Please join the Cohasset Clergy and the Diversity Committee in honoring the memory and achievements of **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** at Cohassets annual Martin Luther King Day Breakfast.

The breakfast will be held on Monday, Jan. 15 at St Stephen's Episcopal Church from 9 to11 a.m.. A pancake breakfast will be served from 9 to 10 a.m. followed by an uplifting program honoring the memory of Dr. King. The featured speaker will be David Hall, Professor of law, at Northeastern University. Professor Hall is the author of "The Spiritual Revitalization of the Legal Profession: A Search for Sacred Rivers" and his breakfast talk is titled "Looking in Dr. King's Mirror." Childcare will be provided by the CMHS Social Awareness Club. For more information please call **Connie Afshar** at 781-383-6006.

Attention CHS CLASS of 1982 graduates or their parents: Save the Date for our 25th Reunion-Saturday, July 7, 2007 at 7 p.m. at the River Club in Scituate. Class of 1982 graduates please contact **Marcy Brown Fleming** at marcydon@msn.com to update your contact information. If you don't have email, please write or call: **Marcy Fleming**, 211 W. Linwood Dr., Birmingham, AL 35209; (205) 879-9253.Hope to see you then!

VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

Here is a super fitness and sport program to consider for your child in grades 5- 9. The Cohasset Recreation Department is sponsoring a youth volleyball clinic for boys and girls in grades 5-9 at the Deer Hill School gym on Tuesday and/or Friday afternoons. This program is being run by **Ben Leong** and **Wendy Lum**, both of Cohasset from 3:30-5:30 and is 8 weeks long. Children will learn the basic skills or enhance skills already learned, bumping, setting, serving, spiking and most important, have fun and work as a team. If your child would like to take this class on both days each week, the cost is $140 and for one day a week, the cost is $100. The registration forms are available at the Cohasset Town Hall Recreation Department or by logging onto www.onecreativeplace.net. If you have any questions or would like to register by phone, call 781-383-4109 or 781-383-2211. For questions about the actual program, you may email Wendy at LeongLum@NEHCF.NEMC.org . This class is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, Jan. 16.



Third graders at Deer Hill made fleece blankets and scarves to help the homeless. Be sure to read more about it in this week's Around Town.

LACROSSE BOOSTERS

Lacrosse Boosters annual casino night fundraiser will be Saturday night, Jan. 20 at Atlantica. The boosters will "raise the stakes" from 8 p.m. until midnight! Tickets are $25 each and available from **Lyn Previte** (781-383-9723). There will be blackjack, roulette, poker and other games of chance. Atlantica will serve hors d'oeuvres and there will be a cash bar. It will be a great fun night out, even if you are not a gambler. Space is limited at the event and the boosters will be sure to run out of tickets before the 20th, so try to purchase ahead before the upcoming holidays! This will be the booster's only 2007 fundraiser and we need the support of the entire community! The money raised from this event will go directly to funding the JV lacrosse program at the high school for both boys and girls.

This event is critical to provide playing opportunities to our younger players and the continued success and growth of the entire lacrosse program. Cohasset Lacrosse has numerous players at the collegiate level-probably more so than any other varsity sport. Our recent success (Cohasset boys were 2006 state champions and looking to repeat) has much to do with the continuing support from our feeder programs and the financial support from the entire Cohasset community. Any lacrosse parent looking to help out with this event, please call **Lynn Previte!**

That is all the news for this week. Send me in any that you may have for the next copy no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm.

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Great Web Sites for Kids – The American Library Association has a great feature called, "Great Web Sites for Kids!" The home page is divided into subject areas. Each month they highlight a different web site. This month the Caldecott Award site is featured. Everything you ever wanted or needed to accomplish great reports and projects, is just one click away. Go to ala.org/greatsites.

FOR ADULTS

Independent Film Night – A showing of the independent film "Men at Work" will take place Thursday, Jan. 18, at 6 p.m. Free admission and refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Library purchases movie site license – Thanks to donations from the Cohasset Friends of the Library and the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee, the library has purchased a public performance movie site license. This provides the opportunity for patrons to watch movies from a wide variety of major movie studios at the library. This is an opportunity for book discussion group to watch the movie versions of their selected books. There are many organized groups that would benefit from this opportunity to gather together to view a pertinent film or movie. To reserve the Meeting Room for a movie-viewing event, call the library at 781-383-1348 and ask to speak with Gayle Walsh, reference/adult services librarian.

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- LTC Charles D. Coe, US Army;
- SPC Matthew D'Elia, US Army;
- Master Sgt. Mark A. DiNardo, USAF;
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- Spc. Grant Emde, USMC;
- Airman Greg Figueiredo, USAF;
- Spc. Michael Golden, US Army;
- Lt. Andrew Hamilton, USMC; (deployed Iraq)
- Master Sgt. Laurence Hoogeveen, USAF;
- HM. 2 Keith Jackson, USN;
- Sgt. Michael Kennedy, USMC;
- Chief Warrant Officer 3 Robert Kierce, USMC;
- Lt. Matthew Lewis, USN;
- Cpl. Jamie Litchfield, USMC;
- LCDR David J. MacDonald, US Navy;
- Maj. D. ROSS MacLeod, USAF;
- Lt. Col. Christopher Mahoney, USMC (deployed Iraq);
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- Spc. Justin Maitland, US Army
- Lt. Peter Minnar, USAF (deployed Middle East);
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WEDDING



Mr. and Mrs. Christopher T.A. Henderson

Henderson-Wilson

Heather Lynn Wilson, daughter of Roger and Lynn Wilson of Cheshire, Conn., married Christopher T.A. Henderson, son of Richard and Linda Henderson of Cohasset, on July 29, 2006, at St. Mary Mother of the Redeemer, Groton, Conn. The Rev. Grzegorz P. Brozonowicz of St. Mary of the Redeemer Church and the Rev. Robert Edson of St. John's Episcopal Church, Hingham, officiated. A reception took place at Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Conn.

The bride was given in marriage by Roger Wilson.

Maids of honor were Catherine Otis of Waltham and Catherine Rose of Norwalk, Conn. Bridesmaids were Emily Henderson Miller of Hingham, Heidi Wilson of Waterbury, Conn., and Sara Kopcsak of Hoboken, N.J.

Best man was Jon Pearson of Chicago, Ill. Groomsmen were Michael Sozzi of New York City, Ross Meglathery of Burke, Va., Andrew Miller of Hingham and Gregory Wilson of Charlestown.

The bride graduated from the University of New Hampshire, Durham, N.H., in 1997 with a bachelor of science degree in child and family studies, and the University of Connecticut School of Social Work, West Hartford, Conn., in 2000 with a master's degree in social work. She is employed at Harvard College in Cambridge.

The groom graduated from Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., in 1996 with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and New England School of Law in Boston in 2005 with a juris doctor degree. He is employed at Henderson & Henderson P.C. in Cohasset.

The honeymoon was at Walt Disney World, Orlando, Fla.

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Line dancing instructor Nancy Kramer, front left, stretches with Margaret Erdman during the CEA line dancing class for seniors at the Community Center. The class is held Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

CEA takes New Year's resolutions in stride

Offers myriad programs to keep seniors in shape

By Samantha Brown
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As we approach the middle of January, it's not unusual to see New Year's resolutions fading off into the distance. The good intention to start exercising again or get finances in order may sometimes fall by the wayside as old habits tend to die hard.

But at the Council on Elder Affairs, Director Linda Elworthy said there are a number of programs in place that will help Cohasset's seniors maintain their goals for the new year. Everything from exercise to planning for the future, to getting together with friends at social events is covered, to ensure there is an activity for everyone.

The senior population is one that spans many ages. While technically residents who hit 65 are considered senior citizens, theirs is an age group that is as active as ever. In contrast, the population is living longer, which means there are even more senior, senior citizens. Elworthy said any senior who is looking to improve their overall health, is invited to take part in the CEA's complementary therapies sessions.

Elworthy explained complementary therapies are practices that are used in conjunction with Western medicine for health benefits, including Reiki, massage, reflexology, yoga, tai chi and acupuncture. Thanks to a partnership with Nantasket Therapeutic Massage, seniors can take part in both reflexology and chair massage sessions.

"They are aware of the changes in the senior body," said Elworthy of Paul and Lynn Wilson, the husband and wife team behind Nantasket Therapeutic Massage. She noted they apply appropriate pressure for every age of body, to ensure the maximum result as well as comfort.

Reflexologists use pressure, stretching and massage of the feet and hands to remove congestion and/or tension in corresponding parts of the body. The idea is, the body's nerves end in the hands and feet, and by working those endings, the body can experience healing. Elworthy said reflexology is very effective for specific disorders including plantar fascitis, diabetes, edema, muscular stiffness and arthritis. It improves circulation and provides relief to overworked feet. Elworthy noted the therapy is to be used only in conjunction with medical care, and advises anyone interested in participating to check with his or her doctor first.

The CEA also offers chair massage, which for seniors can encourage circulation, decrease muscular stiffness, and help decrease inflammation that may rest in joints. It is beneficial for treating people with arthritis, muscle and bone deterioration, tendonitis, bursitis and respiratory problems, such as asthma and emphysema.

There are other fitness classes that require more exertion on the part of the person participating. On Tuesdays from 1-2 p.m., Nancy Kramer teaches line dancing in the Senior Center's "pink room." There is also senior dance aerobics, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 to 8:45 a.m.

Elworthy said one of the most popular classes is the arthritis exercise class, which takes place at 9:30 a.m. on Fridays. Guided by occupational therapist Paula Luoma, the class helps people with moderate problems affecting movement regain some agility.

There is also a walking club, which allows seniors to chat and exercise at the same time. For one hour (some people walk for a shorter amount of time), three times per week, seniors meet at the high school to walk its corridors after 3 p.m. Couches, chairs and rest rooms are available.

To exercise the mind, Elworthy said the CEA offers book clubs and bridge. The second Friday of every month, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., seniors share in lively book discussions over coffee. Mondays at 12:15 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church, the CEA holds an ACBL sanctioned game with stratified scoring, so the less experienced can play against peers. Refreshments start at 11:15 a.m. and everyone is welcome. There is also drop-in bridge Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

To ensure seniors are secure in their finances, the CEA also holds workshops and lectures about the many issues that affect them. Elworthy said elderly fraud is on the rise and the CEA is working to get information out to the community. "Lisa Matos of the police department comes in once a month, and she's wonderful," said Elworthy, adding seniors are taught about the various scams that typically target seniors. "We had someone who lost $4,000. Someone scammed

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CEA takes New Year's resolutions in stride

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her. They're out there, even in Cohasset," said Elworthy.

In addition to fraud protection the CEA offers workshops on understanding your credit report and helps seniors obtain a copy of their report for free. Workshops that deal with protecting your assets and reverse mortgages are also offered.

For social well-being the CEA offers some programs which are strictly meant to entertain. She said there are many intergenerational activities, which take place throughout the year, which both the seniors and children who participate in really enjoy. Elworthy said many seniors have grandchildren that live far away, and many grandchildren have grandparents who live in Florida for at least part of the year, and getting the older generation together with the younger is beneficial for both age groups.

There are also gourmet lunches at the CEA, provided by both the Angel Food Project and Anna's Gourmet Cooking Class. The gourmet lunches are provided every Wednesday.

The CEA also knows how to throw a party and has various events throughout the year. Its most recent was the End of the Year Soiree, held at Historical Society headquarters, in the Pratt Building. "I met someone there who has never come to the center," said Elworthy.

To that end, Elworthy said her goal for the coming year is to increase the number of people who are using the services the CEA provides. "We like to bring in a wide range of people," she said. With such a wide variety of offerings, and transportation available for those who cannot come down on their own, there is no reason why any senior in the town cannot participate, and she looks forward to spending time with them all.

For more information on the classes and activities offered at the CEA, please call the office at 781-383-9112. The CEA newsletter, the "Cohasset Vista" can be found online via the town's Web site at www.townofcohasset.org, then by clicking on town government and the department of elder affairs. To receive the newsletter, which includes a calendar of events, by mail, please call the CEA office.

Keep your resolutions with help from the CEA

What: Chair massage and reflexology with Nantasket Therapeutic Massage
When: First Monday of every month from 12 to 2 p.m.
How much: $10 for 20 minutes.

What: Line dancing with Nancy Kramer
When: Tuesdays from 1-2 p.m.
How much: $3 per class.

What: Senior dance aerobics with Karen Kirkendall.
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 to 8:45 a.m.
How much: $3 per class.

What: Arthritis exercise class with occupational therapist Paula Luoma
When: Fridays at 9:30 a.m.
How much: $3 per class.

What: Second Friday Book Club
When: Second Friday of the month, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
How much: free
Contact: Addie McGrath 781-383-0952

What: ACBL bridge
When: Mondays at 12:15 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church
How much: free
Contact: Bill Wennerberg, instructor at 508-746-1262

What: Drop in bridge
When: Wednesdays at 1 p.m.
How much: free

For a complete listing of all the classes and activities offered at the CEA, please read its newsletter, the "Cohasset Vista," which is available at the CEA office, is sent by mail, or is now available online via the town's Web site at www.townofcohasset.org. Click on Town Government then on Department of Elder Affairs under the Human Services category. There is a link to the Vista on the left of the Elder Affairs page. For more information on any of the programs, or to sign up in advance (recommended) please call the CEA office at 781-383-9112.

FROM THE ARCHIVES



The archival collection at the Cohasset Historical Society houses hundreds and hundreds of old photographs. While many of these photographs are of well-known townspeople, they still have a significant amount of photos that have not been identified. This is the first in a series of these photos. Can you help to identify this picture? The historical society has no information to find out where this photo was taken or the identity of the three individuals. Do you have any information that might help? If so, contact the Cohasset Historical Society at 781-383-1434 or cohassethistory@yahoo.com

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Village housing

There is no question that the village is the "heart" of Cohasset. It does not have the harbor at its back as does downtown Scituate nor is it as big as Hingham Square. But, nevertheless, Cohasset's small "downtown" nestled next to its pristine town common is an important place for the future of this seaside community. Cohasset without a vibrant downtown is not a prospect that most of us would seek or envision.

So where do we go from here? We have followed the Village revitalization process for years and covered the debate in the early 90s about whether to have Greenbush stop downtown rather than out on Route 3A. Al Moore and Bob Sturdy of the Planning Board keep raising the "station issue" as an opportunity lost. That could be the case but we have to agree with Planning Board members Stuart Ivimey and Michael Westcott that now is not the time to revisit the past but to move forward.

We do not agree with Mr. Sturdy that the Transit Oriented Development, dubbed a TOD, is going to hurt the village. (The TOD is a mixed-use development including retail and some housing planned next to the Cohasset train station).

If that were the case, then Cohasset should have followed Scituate in not allowing commercial development along the Route 3A corridor. Cohasset's TOD is going to be relatively small and draw the same traffic that pulls into the businesses, restaurants and shops along the state highway. It should also help generate some badly needed tax revenue.

What is before town boards at the moment and could be before Town Meeting this spring is whether to create a separate business district for the downtown area that could open the door for zoning amendments. Currently the downtown district is packaged with business districts on the waterfront in the harbor, in North Cohasset and even in Beechwood in terms of the zoning bylaw.

Seen by some business owners and developers as critical is being able to create housing downtown by amending a zoning bylaw —the so-called "40,000-square-foot" requirement — which currently makes that impossible. Essentially as it stands now, the current zoning bylaw prohibits adding multi-family dwellings in the downtown business district on lots of less than that size. No lot in the village currently meets that criterion.

There's some debate over whether downtown housing would increase tax revenue for the town and whether more people living in the village area would generate more foot traffic for local shops. We hope the "village" consultant the town will hire can help answer that question. Not long ago Hingham amended its zoning to allow more housing in downtown Hingham. Scituate Harbor is becoming totally "condo-ized" – not something that would fit in the village – but, we have got to believe that the shops in Scituate Harbor are going to benefit from all those additional residents within walking distance.

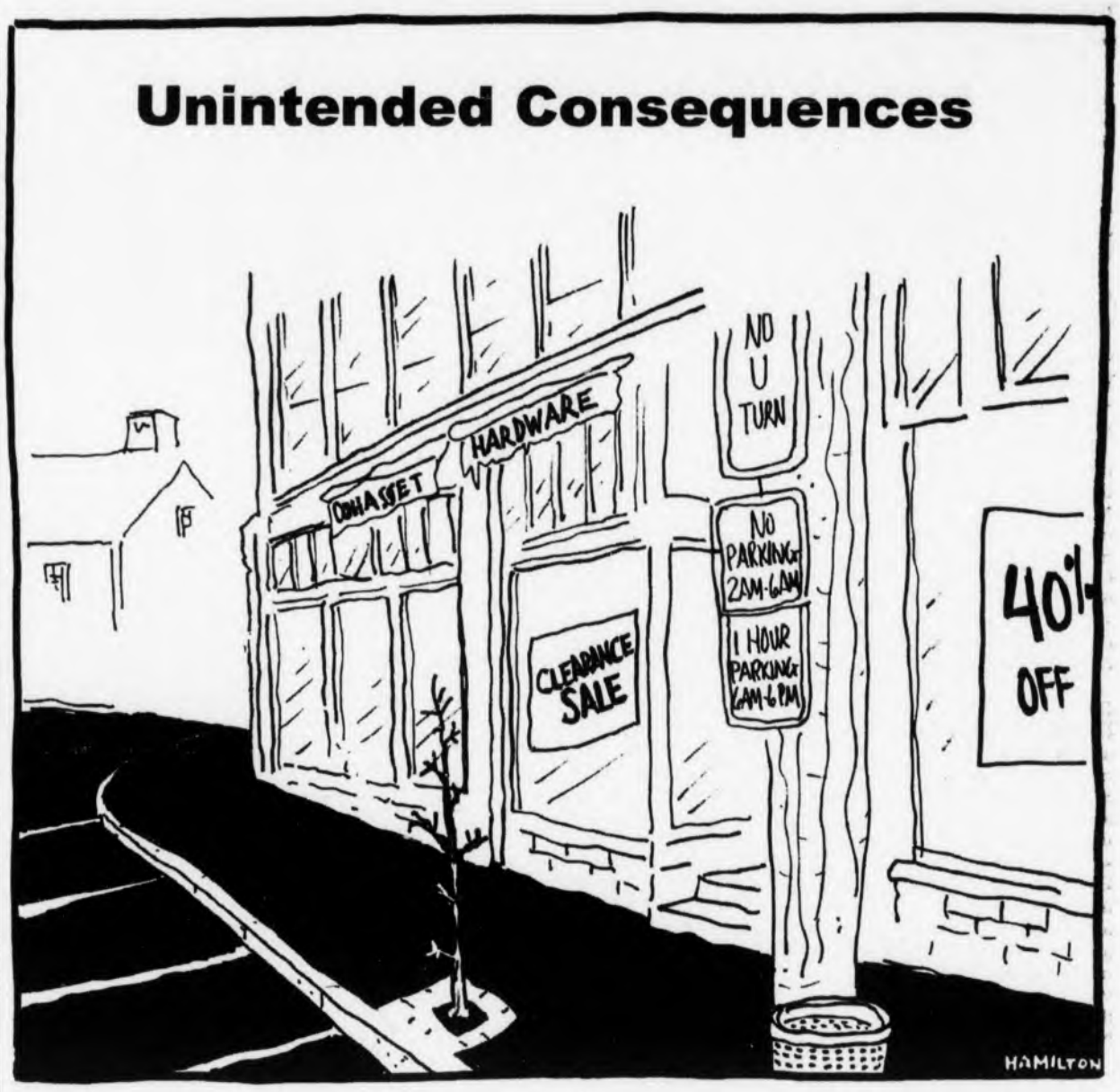
Planning board member Peter Pratt is drafting the RFP for the village consultant. He strongly advocates moving forward with that process first and then bringing forth potential zoning amendments in the fall at the Special Town Meeting.

Here at the Mariner we will continue to endeavor to keep readers informed about village developments. This week we learned that Cohasset Hardware is closing. Cohasset Hardware is not just a shop – it is a way of life that has sadly come to an end. James "Benji" Watson has plans to subdivide the space and hopes to be able to add apartments upstairs. But the apartments are a non-starter until the zoning is addressed.

Wayne Sawchuk, who lives and works in town, has plans for the Samuel Bates House that have had to be scaled back because of the same zoning issue.

Both these men cannot be described as "developers" in the generic sense. They grew up here, love the village and are committed to Cohasset. They should be applauded for their efforts and their creativity.

It took years to "revitalize" the village streetscape, which looks great. Unfortunately, the shops downtown that survived the construction cannot wait indefinitely for a more vibrant village in terms of the business climate. It's up to Cohasset residents to make that happen by shopping downtown and also by keeping the pressure on town officials to move forward quickly in hiring the consultant and bringing forth the debate on potential zoning changes.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Redefining the dream

TO THE EDITOR:

In 2005, world oil supplies began to show signs of measurable decline. In 2005, McDonald's gave into pressure to alleviate American bloat by eliminating Supersize portions. In 2005, increases in home size finally stabilized. In 2006, the feature film, "The Inconvenient Truth," made it impossible to deny the realities of global warming. In 2006, scientists admitted that our alternative energy sources (including nuclear, solar, wind and bio-diesel energy) don't even come close to supporting our infrastructure as we know it.

It is becoming clear that the only hope we have is to redefine our way of life through our innate human ability to adapt.

So after reading Mary Ford's report (*Cohasset Mariner,* January 5, 2007 – p. 7) on the recent approval of a 7,000 sq. ft. home, it wasn't that another Supersized House was being built, nor was it the convenient yet highly questionable use of the descriptive phrases "environmentally-friendly" and "energy-efficient" that has me writing a Letter to the Editor. It is the fact that the representatives, the leaders, of our community qualify this excess as "a dream" — a "grand" ideal that we should "use as a model for future projects."

I am all for freedom to express our personal needs and desires (hoping that our internal compasses will keep us in check), but perpetuating the myth that excess is a dream which we should model is not only illusory but these days it is just plain unconscionable.

I am far from being the poster child for sustainability: I still drive (a non-hybrid); I still buy more shoes than I need; and I still eat off-season (although that melon I had yesterday was predictably awful!). But everyday, as I learn more about that "inconvenient truth" that is too overwhelming to deny, I find myself redefining The Dream. I start by being conscious. I continue by educating myself, owning up to the consequences of my behavior, cultivating community, and following my heart. I can't change the past, but I can change today; and by changing today, I am starting to do my part to change the future.

And from the truth, while inconvenient indeed, I hold hope that by starting locally, we can change The Dream.

JoAnn Mirise
40 Jerusalem Road Drive

You deserve extra credit

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Education Foundation (CEF) recently launched their Teacher Appreciation Program, "Extra Credit". The CEF would like to thank all who participated to show teachers the appreciation they so richly deserve. Your gifts not only recognized a job well done, but also provided much needed funds for professional development grants. Teacher professional development is a vital tool for improving student learning and helps teachers maintain their passion for their subjects. For more information or an Extra Credit application, contact sarah.murphy@comcast.net

Sarah Murphy
41 Aaron River Road

Tree pickup, a success!

TO THE EDITOR:

It is with great appreciation that we thank all who helped make our 2007 Christmas Tree Drive a big success. Over 40 enthusiastic Cohasset Middle School Students volunteered last Saturday to pick up trees around town. With the community's support, we raised over $1700 for Project Safeguard, which helps fund Awareness Programs for Cohasset Middle High School. A special thank you to our generous drivers whose trucks were invaluable:

CC Landscaping, Joseph's Hardware, Cohasset High School, Robbins Garage, The Robinson Family, and The Dick Family.

Happy New Year!

Sheila Toomey and Wendy Erler
Project Safeguard

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MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Cohasset Housing Partnership, Jan. 16, 7 p.m.; Feb. 1, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Jan. 18, 7 p.m.

Council on Elder Affairs, Jan. 16, 9 a.m., 3 N. Main St.

Harbor Health Committee, Jan. 16, 7:30 p.m.

Library Trustees, Jan. 16, 7:30 p.m. at the library

Osgood School Council, Jan. 11 and Feb. 1, 3:30 p.m., at the Osgood School.

Selectmen, Jan. 22, 7 p.m.

School Committee, Jan. 17, 7 p.m. at the middle-high school.

Sewer Commission, Jan. 17, 6 p.m. (with Water Commission); Feb. 12, 6 p.m.

Water Commission, Jan. 17, 6 p.m. (with Sewer Commission), Jan. 27, 9 a.m. at the King St. plant.

ZBA, Jan. 30, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election for 2007 are available at the Town Clerk's office.

The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb. 15.

Public forum to learn about and discuss the Iraq War

An open public forum to learn about the historical events, strategic alternatives and ongoing future prospects regarding our nation's involvement in Iraq in particular and the mid-east in general will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road.

Two directions for future policy have been framed as follows and will be a guide to the presentations and open discussion:

Direction 1: "Going forward, the main thrust of America's policy toward Iraq should be to withdraw all direct military involvement as soon as practicable and work through diplomatic, political and economic means to enable the Iraqi people to peacefully achieve effective self-government."

Direction 2: " Going forward the main thrust of America's policy toward Iraq should be to maintain or increase our military involvement as the most effective means of enabling the Iraqi people to achieve effective self-government - and then withdrawing all direct military involvement."

Professor Lincoln Bloomfield will present a historical overview and analysis of present and future strategic alternatives. Bloomfield, emeritus professor of political science at MIT, has served with the Navy, State Department, and National Security Council. His latest book is "Accidental Encounters with History (and some lessons learned)". Charles Higginson of Cohasset will also participate in the panel. Higginson served as a Foreign Service Officer from 1960-1990, with assignments in Belgium, Vietnam, Algeria, Italy, Luxembourg and with the United Nations on economic, energy and disarmament issues. Other presenters will be announced as they are confirmed. Tom Callahan, attorney and former Cohasset Selectman, will moderate the meeting.

The basic overriding purpose is to provide the public with an opportunity to have an open forum and rational discussion on an issue of overriding public concern. All viewpoints welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

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Remember: stay clear of train tracks!

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

First things first ... safety – While Tuesday's fatal MBTA accident involved MBTA work crews and possible human error, it is a tragic reminder that the railroad right of way in not a safe place. We travel in and around the right of way and have seen evidence of hazardous trespassing. We have seen people walking on the tracks, graffiti on MBTA property and so on. This seems to indicate that residents are not taking trespass and safety seriously.

Please, please keep reminding family members, of all ages, to stay clear of the train tracks. It Is Not A Safe Place!

The gates arrive – On Tuesday of this past week the MBTA started installing the gates at the Pleasant Street Crossing. The included photo shows the crews hard at work installing the new gates across from Henry's Root Beer.

Train schedule — Last week we gave you the preliminary data from the MBTA about the travel time between all of the stations and Boston. The MBTA has also given us a preliminary train schedule, which we have included in this article for your information. Remember, the times are from Greenbush, which is about 15 minutes farther south of Cohasset station. So, for INBOUND service add 15 minutes to the Greenbush departure times. For OUTBOUND subtract 15 minutes from the Greenbush arrival times.

Any interest in a late train? – Early in December, the Town received a letter from Mr. Daniel Grabauskas, General Manager MBTA, about possible changes to the schedule to accommodate later travel from Boston to the South Shore. We have had inquiries from residents, and apparently the MBTA had inquiries as well, about the possibility of later service that might better serve South Shore residents attending functions in Boston that would preclude making the 10 p.m. train. If you have an interest in the possibility of adding a later train, either pro or con, please give us a call or send an email at the addresses or phone numbers listed at the end of this article. We are very interested in getting a sense of residents' thoughts on this matter. Is it Great? Horrible? or, Neutral? Just let us know your thoughts.

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Phone: 781-383-3094



Crews hard at work installing the new gates across from Henry's Root Beer on Pleasant Street.

Preliminary Greenbush Service Schedule

Inbound Service		Outbound Service	
Depart Greenbush Station	**Arrive South Station**	**Depart South Station**	**Arrive Greenbush**
Morning Service		**Morning Service**	
5:45 AM	6:45 AM	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
6:45 AM	7:45 AM	9:05 AM	10:05 AM
7:00 AM	8:00 AM	10:40 AM	11:40 AM
7:35 AM	8:35 AM		
8:50 AM	9:50 AM		
10:20 AM	11:20 AM		
11:50 AM	12:50 AM		
Afternoon Service		**Afternoon Service**	
1:35 PM	2:35 PM	12:20 PM	1:20 PM
2:55 PM	3:55 PM	1:40 PM	2:40 PM
5:15 PM	6:15 PM	4:00 PM	5:00 PM
		4:50 PM	5:50 PM
		5:15 PM	6:15 PM
		5:40 PM	6:40 PM
		6:30 PM	7:30 PM
Evening Service		**Evening Service**	
7:05 PM	8:05 PM	8:30 PM	9:30 PM
8:30 PM	9:30 PM	10:00 PM	11:00 PM

Weekday Service, Reduced Service Of 8 Trips Per Day Will Be Provided On Weekends

'Our cat Muffin is a warm soul'

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

We all know guys love to drone on and on about themselves, but I've learned firsthand that even a narcissistic windbag can do it for only so long. So in my Mariner columns I've tried to mix things up a little by featuring relatives, friends, and neighbors. Unfortunately, although I'm by no means short on hilarious stories involving them, I'm just about out of relatives, friends and neighbors willing to forgo legal action if I mention them again in public. It seems that unlike myself, some people consider fame and infamy to be two very different things. However, I'm happy to report that after a long search I found one particularly easy-going friend who agreed to be the subject of this week's article.

Our cat Muffin is a warm soul. He's sitting on my lap right now and I can tell you he's quite warm. He's also quite frustrated and confused. If I hold my arms out over the keyboard too long he will stand up, hug one of them tightly, and attempt to engage it in a very intimate conversation. Once clamped onto my forearm he will resist any declamping efforts pretty fiercely, growling at me whether I pet him or pinch him. I've tried explaining to Muffin that an arm likes to be wooed a little first. "You could send it some flowers," I'll say. "Bring it a mouse or something." But it does no good. This cat is like an animal.

It's ironic that my only pets so far have been cats, because I'm really more of a dog person. Specifically, a red-bandanna-wearing, Frisbee-catching, golden retriever kind of person. I always

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envisioned myself spending hours at the park throwing a tennis ball and having it brought back to me coated in saliva. At some point, though, I realized that for the average guy a dog is a very impractical pet, because you really can't have more than one total slob in the house. The scales of filth need to be balanced somewhat, otherwise one day the two of you return from the beach covered in dog slime to find your condo being condemned and demolished in order to save the neighborhood. A dog is a good pet for someone who is relatively neat themselves, and wouldn't mind tidying up after a large, incontinent hog, which is why most men should probably have a pet rock instead.

Very few people enjoy housework, but somehow the average husband still gets away with doing far less than his fair share. Guys will tell you they're "just no good at cleaning," but don't be fooled. If there were decent money in mopping or swabbing we'd be all over it. Many fathers balk at the idea of changing diapers, but if there were something substantial in it for us, instead of merely something substantial in it from the baby, you know we'd make a sport out of it. Speed laundry would be an Olympic event by now, with career-ending injuries, playing cards, Maytag sponsorships, the works. To win you'd have to remove a stain, sprint a hundred yards, find two matching powder blue socks in a 40-gallon drum full of electrified underthings, hurl an iron, and shoot something, all without generating any lint.

But the world is not heading in that direction. Guys will say it's because we're market-driven. There's no money or prestige in scrubbing toilets, so we're not up for it. Of course there's no money in watching football from the couch either, but it's a lot easier on the hands. By the way, has anyone else noticed that the space under a family room couch has an almost supernatural quality to it? I was cleaning our family room the other day — something I do every year for my wife's birthday almost without fail — and when I moved the couch I couldn't believe the volume of junk that had been shoved under there during the Christmas festivities. Wrapping paper, boxes, whole entrees, small appliances.... Enough to fill eight trash bags at normal atmospheric pressure. It was like I'd found the Cohasset Mystery Spot right there under my sofa.

Well, I'd better turn in this article before Muffin files his cease and desist order. He and Felix, his kitty counsel, are now standing on my desk glaring at me with perturbed expressions. Luckily my lawyer is a black lab who's been known to chase witnesses out of the courtroom. His fleas may be bad, but his fees are reasonable.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset, literally on top of the famous Cohasset Mystery Spot. Take Route 3 south to exit 15, then follow the signs. Bring a camera and a few bags of trash, but leave your understanding of physics and geometry at home!

Another first in gov's race

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



We swore in our first black governor the other day, an event that brings to mind it wasn't that long ago we were swearing in our first Irish Catholic governor after a string of 45 consecutive Protestants.

His name was David I. Walsh, a lawyer from Fitchburg and a rare Democrat in a day when Republicans ruled the Bay State. Walsh was only passing through. He really had his eye on the U. S. Senate seat held by the ailing W. Murray Crane.

As race played a surprisingly small role in Deval Patrick's campaign for governor in 2006, so did religion play a surprisingly minor role in Walsh's campaign in 1913.

"I cast my ballot in the recent election for Mr. Walsh," wrote President-emeritus of Harvard Charles W. Eliot, the most Puritan of Puritans. "The fact that he is a Roman Catholic should not interfere with my ballot. I voted for Mr. Walsh because only through him could I express my opinion."

Unlike Deval Patrick, Walsh did not just burst unexpectedly on the political scene. He had served a couple of terms in the state legislature around the turn of the century and had even been lieutenant governor for a year.

I should explain that, at the time, the state's constitutional offices carried one-year terms, which meant that as soon as a governor was sworn in he started running for reelection. Not that they don't do that now.

Walsh served as lieutenant governor under Eugene Foss, a Boston manufacturer, who couldn't make up his mind if he was a Republican or a Democrat. He was with the GOP until 1909 when he decided the party wasn't doing right by him. He was a Democrat while he was governor, from 1911 to 1914. Then he was a Republican again.

Walsh's campaign for governor in 1913 had an advantage left over from the 1912 national election --- Teddy Roosevelt's Bull Moose Party, which fielded a candidate in the state election a year later that split the Republican party and allowed Walsh to win by more than 50,000 votes.

The Republican candidate, Augustus Gardner, son-in-law of Henry Cabot Lodge, also boosted Walsh's candidacy when he told a gathering of workingmen in Springfield:

"You people are getting $12 a week and you want 14, don't you? How do you expect to get it, if your fourteen hundred thousand cousins are willing to take your job for $10 a week?"

Like Deval Patrick, Walsh came in for some criticism for his treatment of those convicted of a heinous crime. In Patrick's case it was Edgar LeGuare. In Walsh's case it was Jesse Pomeroy.

Pomeroy was a teen-age psychopath who terrorized South Boston with a series of sadistic child murders. He was sentenced to life in solitary confinement with only one visit a month from his mother. When Walsh became governor, Pomeroy had been in solitary for 38 years.

The governor commuted Pomeroy's sentence from "solitary" to "life at hard labor" and permitted him exercise time and an opportunity to attend chapel services. Pomeroy was later transferred to Bridgewater where he died in 1932, a prisoner for 56 years.

Walsh was reelected in 1914 but lost a bid for a third term a year later to Republican Samuel McCall, in spite of the backing of Louis Brandeis, the future Supreme Court justice, who stumped for him.

"It has never been my practice to take part in political campaigns," said Brandeis. "But this year defeat of Governor Walsh would imperil the maintenance of policies and measures for which forward looking men have been striving for a decade — that the power of government shall rest in men, not money.

"No governor of Massachusetts has been freer from the subtle influence of wealth or has striven more conscientiously to serve all the people."

Carlson announces run for Selectman

Paul E. Carlson of 18 Old Coach Road has announced his candidacy for the Cohasset Board of Selectmen.

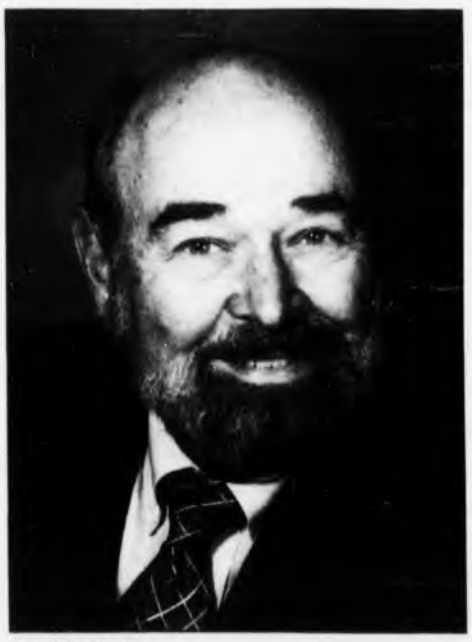
"My educational and work experiences will enable me to make an important contribution to our town and the Board," said Carlson. "My love for this great town, where my wife, Tana, and I have lived for 33 years, also motivates my candidacy."

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— Paul E. Carlson

After earning an MBA at Columbia University, Carlson had a 30-year career in mutual fund management, rising to senior positions with major Boston firms.

Following retirement from the mutual fund industry, he spent 10 years as a resident advisor on financial market development in several former Soviet bloc countries, including Romania, Bulgaria, and Ukraine.

As selectman, Carlson plans to:



Paul E. Carlson

- Study the practices of the best-managed towns across the state to get ideas for improving our services and the budget development process.
- Control expenditure growth to avoid divisive overrides. "I reject strategic planning that requires routine or yearly overrides," he said.
- Support new market priced housing alternatives for our long term neighbors to remain in Cohasset and continue to contribute to the town.
- Seek creative and innovative ideas to enhance the academic performance of our students.
- Consult with the schools and town departments to assure we develop the most appropriate technology and communications solutions. Consolidate and integrate the computerized financial and budgeting systems for the school and town.
- Build more hiking trails and upgrade the trail system we already enjoy. Push for the completion of the Forest Avenue sidewalk.

"Since I am now fully retired, I have the time as well as the financial, business and managerial experience to contribute to the improvement of the quality of life we enjoy in our town," said Carlson.

To assist in his campaign, please call Paul at 781-383-6969, email him at carlsn@aol.com or visit his website at CarlsonForSelectman.com.

Paul Carlson featured on 'Our Town'

This Monday, OUR TOWN kicks off its election season coverage when co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with selectman candidate Paul Carlson.

New to the political scene in Cohasset, Carlson talks about his goals for Cohasset and details the work he hopes to accomplish on the Board of Selectmen.

This show, set to begin airing on Monday, Jan. 15 at 9pm, also marks the return of sorely missed roving reporter Rich Ofsthun who shares his personal appraisals at the recent Antiques Roadshow held by the Cohasset Elder Affairs.

Our Town airs Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9pm on Comcast Channel 10.

This election season be sure to watch for the televised Selectmen and School Committee debates. Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed!

Owners have plans to renovate building

FROM HARDWARE, PAGE 1

Lumber is a great company with a very nice facility, it became really hard for him to compete. He said it got to the point where he would need to lend money to his business, and he was not getting that money back.

Although he is excited about his plans, Watson said he knows there will be obstacles to overcome. Currently, to have a mixed-use building, he would need zoning relief. At the fall Town Meeting, voters approved allocating money for a consultant to study the best way to develop the downtown area, which could include changing zoning laws to allow parcels with less than 40,000 square feet to renovate and build apartments, but that person has not yet been hired. Other groups in town would like to see things move more quickly ahead, as they feel developing the Village and bringing residents downtown will help keep businesses more viable, but there is no guarantee articles would be ready to come before voters at the Annual Town Meeting this spring.

Watson said whatever the town decides, "We're ready to go forward and we're ready to try a good honest attempt at getting things going downtown. We don't owe anybody any money, so we're ready to go right now."

If all goes as planned, Watson said at the very least, he expects the renovations to the first floor will be complete by the summer. He said the fate of the upstairs would depend on whether the town decides to allow renovation of buildings to include apartments on the upper level. If the upstairs cannot be turned into apartments, "I'll just sit here and wait for CVS to tap me on the shoulder…just kidding."



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Jim "Benji" Watson will miss the people, like Scott Coughlin of Cohasset, who has been a regular at his store. Watson plans to close Cohasset Hardware later this month.

Watson's extended family has been running Cohasset Hardware for the last roughly 80 years. He said he is related to the Colliers and McGaw's, who were the shopkeepers in the 1920s. In the 1960s, Watson's father owned a Chevy dealership in Scituate, which he sold in 1964 to take over the hardware store.

Watson recalled when the transaction took place. "We went from having Corvettes in the driveway to a pickup truck, right before I got my license," he quipped.

Although Watson eventually took over for his father in the 1980s, surprisingly enough, he rarely worked at the store while in high school. "Back then, it wasn't cool to be within 50 miles of you family," he joked. He therefore went into landscaping and went on to earn a college degree in horticulture.

But while Watson was out mowing lawns in high school, his friend Phil Rose was down in the Village helping stock the shelves at the hardware store. "He's been my sidekick over the years," said Watson, adding when he began thinking of letting go of the business, he began helping Rose find other employment. Rose is now working at a hardware store in Scituate.

Without the hardware store, Watson said he would still have plenty to keep him busy. He said with his background in landscaping, that field is always an option. He also has his 100-ton captain's license and currently, he works on a dinner charter boat in the summer. "There's no retirement in my future," he said. But no matter what his future holds, Cohasset Hardware will always hold a special place in his heart. "This has been great fun."

Village viability tops discussion at joint meeting

FROM VILLAGE, PAGE 1

"Maybe we'll change things and shoot ourselves in the foot. As a town, we're famous for that."
— Al Moore, Planning Board

He feels having a consultant on board — Town Meeting voted to appropriate the money necessary to hire a consultant to aid the Planning Board in figuring out the best route to take for the Village — is the proper way to move forward. "My biggest concern is that we will make changes that will give us a very different downtown," he said, and he feels having a consultant's input will help avoid making mistakes.

Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormtizer said in his opinion, the Village is a huge asset and "Right now, we're at a tipping point." He said with Cohasset Hardware closing and Cohasset Car Care by McBrien's coming to town, there are already some significant changes in the works. "We ought to agree there are goals for the downtown and at what rate they can happen," he said and find a way to ensure the Village remains the asset it is.

Dormitzer said he wonders whether adding residential units will help the retail shops, which is again a question for the consultant. Allowing residential units would require changing the town's bylaws, which has many different board members concerned.

Planning Board member Bob Sturdy said the way he sees it, the town is currently in a series of changes, many of which in his opinion are ill advised. He said having the train station out on Route 3A rather than in the village where it could serve as a powerful economic force, was a huge mistake. "There has been a battle between 3A and the Village and the other shoe is going to fall," he said. He added with the development of a Transit Oriented District, which will have housing and shops around the train station, there will be even less reason for people to frequent the downtown shops.

"We can only eat so many Wheaties in Cohasset. It just depends on where you buy them," he said. He added the town has seen many businesses disappear after a short time and the town needs to find a way to ensure businesses that come into the Village are able to stay.

Assessor Elsa Miller said what really needs to be looked into is the number of apartments that are currently located in the Village. She said the best estimate at this point is 30, and that needs to be clarified. Secondly, she said the estimate that building apartments on the upper levels downtown will yield between $50,000 and $60,000 for the town in tax revenue is impossible. "The EDC's numbers are off. Stop & Shop doesn't even give us that," she said.

Sheldon Road resident and developer Dave Calhoun said if the town really wants to make money, it could either choose to build large homes that will bring in a large amount of tax revenue, but also burden the school systems with children, or it could turn the downtown area into a place that caters to foot traffic. He said in towns like Scituate and Nantucket, everyone comes in by boat and walks around the town to shop and dine. He said if the town could accommodate day travelers, it could take in money from the fees to dock for the day, it could provide a launch boat to bring people back and forth from their boats to the town, and foot traffic could be increased to the shops during the summer months. "You want the transients that come and leave their wallets, not their kids," he said.

EDC Chairman Peter Brown said in his opinion, if there are people living downtown, automatically he would think the Village becomes more than an 8-hour per day operation, as people who live there would also frequent the shops later at night. He said while he liked Calhoun's idea, the town would really have to decide whether it wants that kind of traffic all summer long. However, he said if something isn't done soon, "We'll continue to deteriorate."

Selectman Gary Vanderweil said he isn't sure there is a consensus to put more housing downtown. "I think we have to ask the planner if that will produce more viability," he said.

While the general consensus was that a consultant should help the town in its decision making process, Town Manager Bill Griffin said all he needs is to receive the RFP from the Planning Board, in order to put it out into the marketplace. "These people are ready to respond, we just need to get the RFP in their hands."

Neighbors against proposed Ripley Road housing project

FROM HOUSING, PAGE 1

single-family housing neighborhoods. "This is a need the town has repeatedly said needs to be met and it's got to be done somewhere, somehow."

He said the Partnership is looking at areas all over town to build affordable housing, and he said he knows residents in any area where a project is proposed will put the same arguments forth. "We're not just picking on one area," he said, adding the home that the Partnership is looking at is currently on the market and slated for foreclosure, which is requiring a more speedy approach.

Kim McGowan, 154 N. Main St., asked why the town is in such a rush to delve into the project. She asked whether the town would lose money or be fined or have to deal with some form of consequences. Callahan explained, "Until you reach it (state affordable housing threshold), you're vulnerable to anyone who comes along with any project. You're vulnerable to the types of development that we don't want," Callahan said.

But neighbors argued the proposed project is the type of development they don't want. As planned, the building would be converted into seven units. There would be three one-bedroom units on the first floor, and four two-bedroom units on the second and third floors. The units would be between 700 and 1,200 square feet. There would be parking for 11 cars, or one parking space per bedroom.

McGowan pointed out, there could likely be a couple living in one of the one-bedroom units and they could have two cars, which indicates to her there are not enough parking spaces in the plans.

Septic troubles also weighed heavily on the minds of abutters. Bruce Pratt, 83 Sohier St., said he has lived in his home for the past 30 years and watched the transformation of the building from a nursing home to a single-family home. He said he remembered the nursing home having its septic tank pumped almost weekly to keep up with the amount of flow being generated, and he expects it would take a lot to bring the septic system up to the point where it would be able to accommodate a large number of people once again.

Callahan noted septic is a huge contingency when it comes to moving forward and although he has heard the system was built for 13 bedrooms, he has not yet seen anything in writing. "I've also heard they may have about three or four cesspools and that could throw us off and make the project not viable," he said.

Attorney Rich Henderson, 129 N. Main St., said the day the neighborhood heard the Partnership was looking at purchasing the building to turn it into affordable housing, he received five phone calls before 9 a.m. He said people were in a real panic to hear their residential, single-family district could soon be home to another non single-family home. "Sometimes in the summer, I can't even go down the street to get a bottle of milk at Stop & Shop. It takes a half hour," he said, due to the increased traffic from the non single-family buildings. He added parking is prohibited on the street which makes having guests difficult if they cannot fit in the driveway. He said in his opinion, the cars generated at the Ripley Road housing development cannot be accommodated, especially if they invite guests over.

Henderson also noted the project will need zoning relief because it does not have adequate square footage per the town's bylaws to accommodate seven units of housing. He said the bylaws ensure the land area is proportionate to the people living in the dwelling and he doesn't feel asking for that relief is in anyone's best interest. "You do not have the support of the neighborhood, you have zoning trouble, septic trouble, and everyone who's called me is unhappy. People are going to appeal," he said. Henderson noted his is a neighborhood that is sharing more of the burden than other neighborhoods when it comes to traffic.

However, Callahan rebutted traffic is an issue all over town, as many intersections are operating at low grades when it comes to safety.

Pratt noted many of his neighbors have not been living in the area as long as he has, and said in his opinion, traffic has actually improved over the years. "The Music Circus used to be running seven nights a week in the summer and back then, you really couldn't get out of your driveway. Sometimes you couldn't even get an ambulance up the street," he said. He added when the building was a nursing home, there never seemed to be any trouble with visitors finding a place to park.

Melinda Evans, 36 Sohier St., asked whether the Partnership would be willing to consider downsizing the project. While Callahan said nothing would be ruled out, the purchase price for the property is $699,000 and it is going to cost a certain amount of money to renovate the building and there is only so much you can ask for rent with affordable units, which may make it necessary to keep the project the way it is in order for it to be viable.

Paul Hart, 63 Sohier St., said while he's all for affordable housing, he thinks the lot should be four times the size for what the Partnership is proposing. "I'd be for it if it was on a 2-acre lot," he said.

"Then find us a 2-acre lot…cheap!" quipped Callahan.

Pratt noted at this point, everyone is essentially getting upset over nothing, as the project is still very much up in the air. "The owner could sell it to a family with eight teenagers tomorrow and then you'd have eight cars in the driveway anyway. If you get something firm, then come back and show that to us," he said.

The Housing Partnership will continue to have meetings on the proposed development. Its next scheduled meeting is Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall. For additional meeting information, look for postings in the Mariner or on the town's Web site at www.townofcohasset.org_on the meeting's calendar page. Meetings are also posted on the bulletin board at Town Hall.

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HEALTH NOTES

Medical ethics and unhealthy habits

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

We, as potential patients, should know that every health care practitioner receives training on the common basics of ethical medical behavior.

There is a system of ethical behavior covering the practice of giving and receiving medical care. Unlike conventionally accepted ethical standards, which vary as a function of ethnic or geographical considerations, medical ethics seems to be relatively uniform regardless of where it is applied. Basically, medical ethics is based on six premises, which most medical people follow regardless of their station in the profession:

- Beneficence — a practitioner should always act in the best interest of the patient.
- Non-maleficence — "first and foremost, do no harm".
- Autonomy — rational patients have the right to choose or refuse their treatment.
- Justice — When treatment resources are limited, responsibility for the decision of who gets what treatment generally lies with the most experienced practitioner at the scene. In most instances, the decision is based on principles of triage (selecting those most likely to benefit most from the resources available). Under some conditions the decision is related to the importance of maintaining the availability of medical care, such as in the case of a pandemic when practitioners receive vaccine first to ensure that they are not spreading the illness.
- Dignity — the patient (and the person treating the patient) have the right to dignity, privacy, limits to information dissemination and civil treatment.
- Truthfulness and honesty — a patient deserves to know the whole truth about his/her illness and treatment.

Thus, caregivers have reasonably well structured ethical guidelines. Clearly, when patients' rights are considered there is always much discussion and plenty of controversy. We, as potential patients, should know that every health care practitioner receives training on the common basics of ethical medical behavior. It is therefore important to understand not only what treatment is being recommended, but whether the ethical considerations in the list above have been fulfilled. Almost every organization has its own code of ethical practice. If you have a question about your treatment by any medical practitioner, you should be able to obtain information about the code of medical ethical practice by which they operate.

On the other hand, we, the receivers of care have a separate set of ethical considerations. The question bears on the relationship between health and virtue. H.L. Menkin once observed that the aim of healthcare was not to preserve the virtue in man, but to repair the consequences of his vices. For example, when does it become an ethical consideration whether to eat or drink too much or too little. Should we tell a bulimic "go and thin no more'?

Often, an act that begins as a decision quickly becomes a habit, then a compulsion and finally an addiction. Scientists suggest that, some combination of genes, social conditioning and desire cause some of us to develop unhealthy habits. One writer* asks if some of us are missing a self-control gene.

What is the threshold where one stops being permissive and starts to become ethically negligent? With the possible exception of smoking, our society tends to permit self-destructive behavior as a matter of right until it affects others, such as the drunk who drives or the person who serves alcohol to minors. So, unless we carry our bad habits to extremes, we're going to have to police ourselves.

It's been my observation that fear of dire consequences such as stopping eating fatty food for fear of a heart attack won't prevent a person from slipping into excess. Nor will simple conviction — you know you shouldn't so you resolve to stop — be a strong enough incentive to prevent excess. It's always easier for us to build a rational reason for doing something we know we shouldn't. "It's only a few calories; it's not going to hurt."

However, we have within us the weapons to cope with habits, which in advanced stages become destructive behavior. The best is to find ways to feel good about yourself. Negative habits and uncertainty about self worth have been shown to be triggers to destructive behavior such as overeating. Find purpose in life for the things you do. Accomplishment is a stimulant to feeling good about yourself — even if it's cleaning out the cellar or weeding the garden, certainly if it's supporting a cause.

Do things you like to do and finish them. Don't get distracted. And take on long term tasks you enjoy; a succession of overlapping goals and keep them before you all the time.

Don't be constrained by artificial barriers. For many, their work is done when the kids are raised and on their own. For others, it's retirement. Both induce inactivity. If you stop being challenged, there's really not much reason to go on. Begin new activities: life begins when the kids leave home and the dog dies.

Those who lead healthy lives seem to have found the way to be respected, keep busy and feel good about the things they do.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

** Anita Huslin, Staff writer, Washington Pos.*

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

FROM LETTERS, PAGE 10

Support for ballpark appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

The Beechwood Ballpark Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported the rebuilding of the Beechwood Ballpark. We would like to especially thank the Community Preservation Committee for all they have done to make this project a reality. With out their support the rebuilding of the Beechwood ballpark would have never been able to happen.

The committee has had many meetings over the last year and half to get the best field for the area and all the organizations that will be using it. We think this will be a show place for the area and the Town when it is done. This park will be used by many different organizations. We have made it clear from the very beginning that this park is not just for one organization; we look forward to having many groups use it.

One of our goals was to be sure we kept the tot lot and the basketball court, both used quit extensively. One of the plans is to have a beam built up around the out side of the basketball court so it could be flooded in the winter for ice-skating.

We are planning on a building for storage, snack bar and latrine. This and many other things will make this a much better place. We will need money for above and beyond what we have now. The committee would also like to raise as much money as possible to help with the cost of the rebuild. So far we have raised a little over $10,000. We could use a lot more to help with the project.

We will be putting up a plaque with the names of the donors. However, at this time we have not decided just where it will go. Anyone who would like to donate to such a worthy cause may do so by making a check out to the Town of Cohasset and in the memo area put in for the Beechwood Ballpark. Send your check to the Town Treasure 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025.

Again, The Beechwood Ball Park Committee would like to thank all of those who have and plan on supporting this project.

If you have any questions, you may call Glenn Pratt at 781-383-0048 or Merle Brown at 718-383-1625.

Merle Brown for the
The Beechwood Ballpark Committee

Democrats to hold caucus for state convention

Registered Democrats in Cohasset will hold their annual caucus at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, on Saturday, (Feb. 3) at 9:30a.m., to elect four delegates and two alternates to the 2007 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. Delegates will be equally divided between men and women in accordance with Democratic party rules. Anyone, at least eighteen-years old and registered as a Massachusetts Democrat as of Dec. 30, 2006, is welcome to attend the Caucus and run for a Delegate position.

This year's Action Agenda Convention will be held on Saturday, May 19 at UMASS Amherst. All Massachusetts Democrats chosen at their caucuses, with gather to develop a new Action Agenda outling grassroots, party building initiatives to prepare us for the Presidential Election in 2008.

Candidates for delegate and alternate must consent to nomination in writing and must be present at the caucus. All candidates may make a two minute statement and may distribute materials on their behalf. All ballots will be written and secret. Those not elected as Delegate and/or Alternate, who meet the qualifications, may apply to be "add-on" delegates in the following categories: youth, minority and disabled.

Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation or economic status in the conduct of the caucus is strictly prohibited. Challenges to the delegate selection process must be filed with the Massachusetts Democratic Party, 56 Roland Street, Suite 203, Boston, MA 02129 no later than ten days after the caucus date.

For more information, please contact the Democratic State Committee at 617-776-2676, call Agnes McCann, Chairman, 781-383-0222 or visit www.cohassetdems.org.

Teen Center dance

Cohasset Youth Resources will hold a dance at the Teen Center, Friday, Jan. 19, from 7 to 10 p.m. The dance is open to anyone in grades 6 through 8. The door charge is $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold as well. This is not a school function. For information call the Recreation Commission at 781-383-4109

Silhouette artist

The Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs present "Silhouettes - Heirlooms in the Making," by Joy Anne MacConnell, internationally known silhouette artist, who will create her unique portraits in Bates Hall Second Congregational Church at16 Highland Ave. in Cohasset, Saturday, Feb. 3, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The cost is $48 for 2 mirror-image portraits. Additional copies cost $15. A reservation is necessary and a 50 percent deposit must be given when reservations are made.

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Cohasset's Chris Davis (far left) looks to pass the puck to a teammate while going on the attack in the second period of Wednesday's 1-1 draw with Abington-East Bridgewater.

Skippers skate to tie with AEB

By Mark Goodman
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HINGHAM – For a short while, it looked like the Cohasset High hockey team would have an easy go of it Wednesday night against Abington-East Bridgewater.

The Skippers were en route to out-shooting the Green Wave 14-5 for the first period, and a goal from sophomore forward Andrew Smith halfway through the frame had Cohasset out front, 1-0.

But with just 1:09 to go in the period, AEB junior Michael Marella tied it up, and the momentum over the last 30 minutes clearly shifted to the visitors. Despite some good opportunities, AEB couldn't pull ahead, and the two evenly matched South Shore League teams skated to a 1-1 tie at Pilgrim Arena.

Cohasset (4-2-2 overall, 2-0-2 league) head coach Bob Walsh said he figured his counterpart, Tony Sulmonte, would make some adjustments between the first and second periods. Still, Walsh was disappointed with how his team performed, particularly in a second period in which the Green Wave posted an 11-5 advantage in shots.

"Tony's a great coach; I knew he was probably all over his guys (during the first intermission), and they came out ready to play in the second period," Walsh said. "They were all over us. They caught us running around, our defense ended up breaking down; we couldn't get the puck out of our own end."

It was the exact opposite for Sulmonte, whose team was saved by some fine goaltending from senior Joe Judge, who was sharp all night and finished with 20 saves. The AEB coach said his team had a great practice on Monday against an alumni team, but for whatever reason couldn't carry that into the opening minutes of Wednesday's game.

"I think they were just a little nervous that maybe they couldn't perform the way they had Monday," Sulmonte said. "I think the real key (in the second and third periods) was they got to

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Next up: Norwell

Coming into the season, Norwell was expected by most to repeat as South Shore League champions.

The Clippers returned all six of their league all-stars from last year, and thus far have held up their end of the bargain with a 4-0 league mark. They are 6-1 overall, and have split a pair of games with defending Div. 3 South champion Scituate.

With that said, Cohasset (4-2-2 overall, 2-0-2 league) will be looking to make a statement when they face the Clippers this Saturday night at 8 at Pilgrim Arena in Hingham, the home ice for both teams.

Skippers head coach Bob Walsh seemed confident after Wednesday's 1-1 tie with Abington-East Bridgewater that his team can get it done, as he expressed an "any given Sunday" attitude.

"For our players, it's the most important game of the year," said Walsh. "This should be a really good matchup between these two clubs…If we can keep the penalties to a minimum, Norwell's going to be in trouble."

- Mark Goodman

Lady hoopsters top Green Wave

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

Editor's Note: This story was originally scheduled to run in the Dec. 29 edition. The Mariner apologizes for the delay.

Christmas came early for the CHS girls basketball team on Dec. 19 in the form of a win against one of the traditionally stronger teams in the South Shore League.

When the Skippers walked off the court with a 52-43 victory over Abington, many grins and sighs of relief filled the bus on the way home.

After a first half of back-and-forth attacks by both teams, the Skippers began to worry about the uncomfortably close score. And when the Green Wave came out equally strong in the second half, Cohasset knew they had to change something.

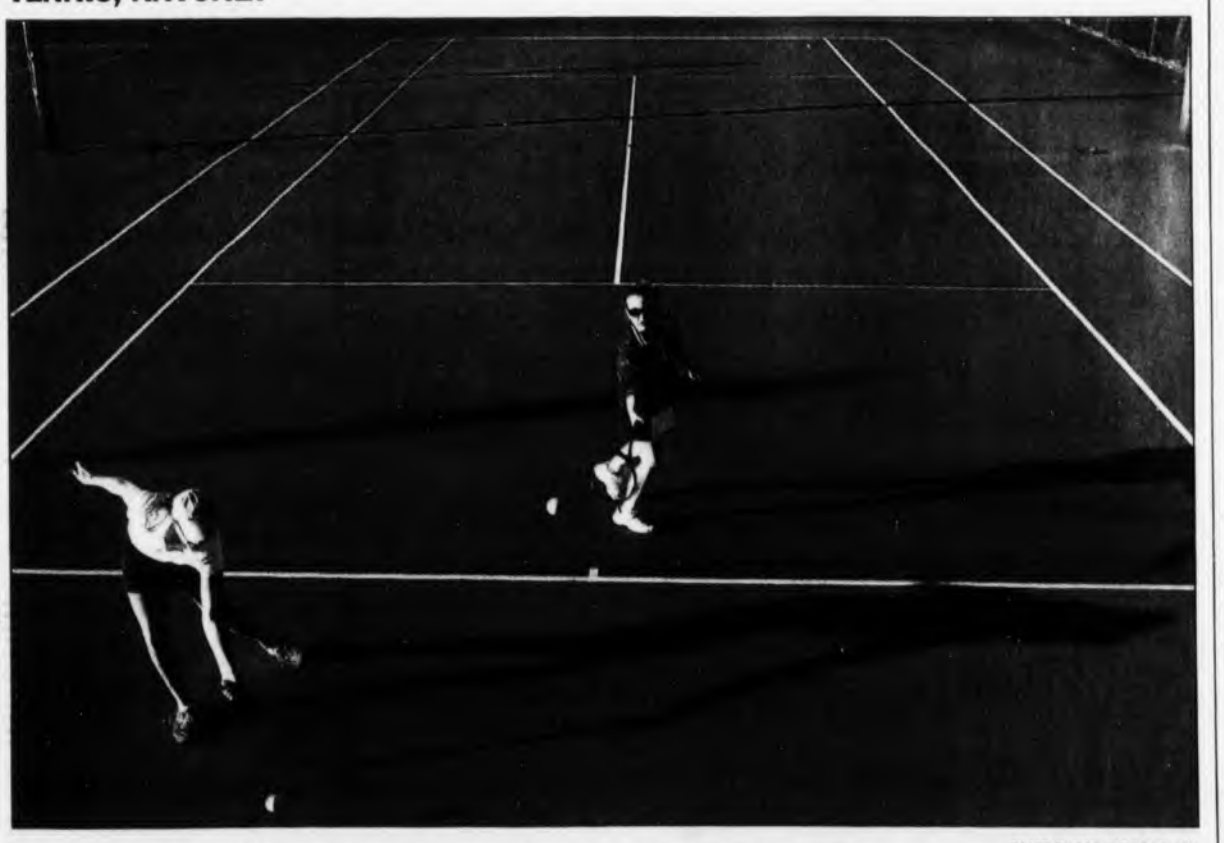
Midway through the second half, the Skippers turned up the intensity and developed a decent lead. Then, the tables turned against Cohasset. As both senior captain Lacey Richardson and sophomore center Sam Lehr fouled out with minutes left, the Green Wave edged their way back into the game. With Abington close at their heels, the Skippers realized that something must be done.

Once again, sophomore Kayla Farren came up big with four instrumental free throws to light the fire. Freshmen Meredith Kelly then finished the job by muscling in two put-backs to put away the lead. As the final seconds ticked away, the Skippers celebrated their third win of the season.

"We came out with plenty of

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TENNIS, ANYONE?



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Kate O'Callaghan (left) and Alyssa Mullin take advantage of the warm weather last Sunday to work on their game. Both girls are on the CHS tennis team and were practicing against the wall of the tennis court at Bancroft Field, since the nets are put away for the winter.

Great expectations

Sci-Coh swimmers prepare for an exciting season

By Alyssa Rogers
CORRESPONDENT

After a successful season and an impressive 6-1 record last year, Scituate and Cohasset have joined forces once again with hopes of becoming the Patriot League swimming and diving champions.

The Sci-Cohs' first win of the season, last Thursday against Silver Lake, proves that the team is already headed toward success.

At last Thursday's meet, head coach Jon Fortin led the Sci-Cohs to victory. The boys scored a 54-42 victory over the Lakers, while the girls won by 18 points, 74-56.

The swimmers quickly dominated the pool, as individuals instantly began to break both team and league records. Standout junior Brian McGuiness had exceptional performances in both the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events. His times shattered both team and league records, an incredible feat.

McGuiness was not the only swimmer to shave seconds off his times. Many team members have already matched their best times from the end of last season and others have broken past records. Senior co-captain Rob Lilly set new team records in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle. Cohasset's Sheelah Scott dropped five seconds from her best 200-yard freestyle time last year and teammate, junior Mike Wall, set a new team record in the 100-breaststroke.

Perhaps the meet's highest point was the remarkable performance from the boys' final relay team. The last event, the 400 freestyle relay, broke the team record from last year's state meet by three seconds (3:31.59). Johnny Drybanski, Colin Conway, Lilly and McGuiness are only a half a second away from setting the league record in that event.

Senior co-captain Justin Damaso is extremely impressed with the team's motivation.

"Everyone is already making an effort to match their best times from last year," he said. "We are all really looking forward to a winning season."

In his second year of coaching, Fortin has high hopes for the team.

"We are working harder this year, we have more pool time, more lanes, more kids, and a new motivation to build on the successes of last year," Fortin said.

The swim team is indeed off to a great start and is anticipating many more victories in the weeks to come. The Sci- Cohs' next meet is against Middleboro on the 16th at their home pool in Quincy.

Sports Notes

Rock the night away

Have the dark, snowless doldrums of winter got you down? Well, mark your calendars for Friday night, Feb. 9, put on your dancing shoes and head over to the beautiful Red Lion Inn Barn for a night of dancing to Cohasset's own "Grateful Dads."

The event benefits the Cohasset High School varsity hockey team and promises to be a rockin' time. Here are the details:

Feb. 9, 8 p.m. to midnight…musical entertainment by the Grateful Dads…Tickets: $20, available at the door or through any hockey team member or parent…hors d'oeuvres and cash bar on hand.

Join the Cohasset Hockey Boosters who truly know how to put the "fun" into fundraising and "come on down" to the Red Lion Inn on Feb. 9!

Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Registration

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association will hold its annual registration for the upcoming spring baseball and softball season from now through Feb. 15.

Parents/guardians have two options for registration: CYBSA will hold a registration on Saturday, Jan. 20,, from 9 a.m. to noon, in the upper lobby of the High School gymnasium. In the alternative, parents/guardians may register children by mail, provided that mailed registrations are postmarked no later than Feb. 15.

Registration forms are available on the website: CYBSA.net or at Town Hall. Registrations that are received or postmarked after Feb. 15 will be subject to a per player $25 late registration fee. The late fee will be strictly enforced, and there is no guarantee that late registered players will be accommodated, as uniform orders and other season plans will be made on Feb. 15. Your cooperation in registering players in a timely manner is greatly appreciated, as it allows the CYBSA to establish rosters and order uniforms so that we are ready for opening day.

The registration is for boys aged 5 to 12 (for Little League) and 13 and 14 (for Junior League) as of April 30, 2007. The registration is for the girls softball aged 5 to 12 (for Little League) and 13 and 14 (for Junior League) as of Dec. 31, 2006. A copy of the child's birth certificate must accompany a new player's registration forms.

The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the Junior league baseball and softball programs will be $125. The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the Major league baseball (ages 10 to 12) and softball divisions (ages 11 and 12) will be $125. The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the American League division for baseball (ages 9-11) and softball (ages 9-11) divisions will be $100.

The registration fee for boys and girls in the National League division for baseball (ages 6-8) and Instructional Softball (ages 7-8) will be $85. The registration fee for the Farm league instructional division (boys and girls ages 5-6) will be $65.

Please be advised that children assigned to Major League teams are still required to register.

Please also be advised that effective the 2008 season, 12-year olds boys/girls must play at least one year in the American League to be an automatic selection for the Major League Baseball division. (This does not pertain to softball).

Also note that boys and girls who are 6 years old, but who played in the Farm league last year are eligible to play in the National League Division this year. Please contact Liam O'Connell at (781)383-9538, or via email at

ltoconnell@hklaw.com if you have questions about player eligibility.

Please be advised that the child protection program instituted by Little League governing organization requires that all adults interested in coaching, managing or volunteering in any way, are required to register at this same time and supply a photocopy of a government issued identification. Individuals not complying with this requirement will not be allowed to participate in the CYBSA program.

Questions regarding either player or coach registration, or the programs offered to players, may be directed to Liam O'Connell at (781)383-9538 or Nancy Froio at (781)383-1897.

Volleyball clinic

Here is a super fitness and sport program to consider for your child in grades 5-9. The Cohasset Recreation Department is sponsoring a youth volleyball clinic for boys and girls in grades 5-9 at the Deer Hill School gym on Tuesday and/or Friday afternoons.

This program is being run by Ben Leong and Wendy Lum, both of Cohasset from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and is 8 weeks long. Children will learn the basic skills or enhance skills already learned, bumping, setting, serving, spiking and most important, have fun and work as a team.

If your child would like to take this class on both days each week, the cost is $140 and for one day a week, the cost is $100. The registration forms are available at the Cohasset Town Hall Recreation Department or by logging onto www.onecreativeplace.net.

If you have any questions or would like to register by phone, call (781)383-4109 or (781)383-2211. For questions about the actual program, you may email Wendy at

LeongLum@NEHCF.NEMC.org. This class is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, Jan. 16.



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(Left to right) Gymnast in Motion's Marisa Stewart, Christina Tedeschi, Melanie Stewart and Kelsey McCunney.

Strong showing for young gymnasts

On Saturday, Dec. 2, the South Shore Community Center "Gymnast in Motion" welcomed Joan's Olympic Gym in Braintree for a Level 9 Independent Club meet. Both teams performed well.

The 10-and-under age group with "gymnast in motion" were led by first place all-around Marisa Stewart, who took first on beam and floor exercise, and second on vault and bars.

Teammates Micaela Durkin took second in the all-around, including first on the vault, second on the floor and third on bars and beam. Christina Tedeschi placed third in the all-around with third place finishes on the vault, floor and beam and a first place finish on the bars.

The 11-12 year old age group rocked the gym with first place all-around Amber Silvia (32.20) and second place all-around Abby Concannon (31.00). On the vault, Silvia took top honors with a 7.9, followed by Concannon with a 7.7 and teammates Kelsey McCunney, Meaghan Steeves and Read McNichols.

On the bars, Concannon took first with a 7.9, followed by Silvia's 7.3; McCunney was fifth with a 6.6. Practicing their balance on the beam, Silvia scored an 8.5 for first, Concannon took third with a 7.0, McCunney fourth followed by a fifth place tie between McNichols and Steeves.

On the floor exercise, Silvia and McCunney tied for second with an 8.5, Concannon third with an 8.4 and Steeves placed sixth.

The 13+ age group had strong finishes by Kathleen Kelly with a second on the beam (7.8), third on floor (7.7), fifth on bars and second on vault.

The girls' next meet will be held at the South Shore Community Center on Saturday, Jan. 20 at 11 a.m. The team is coached by Amy Maree, Rebecca Butman, Nancy Durkin, Caitlin Sanchez, Melissa Crawford, Kara Protulis, Sarah Butman and Gymnastic Director Ruthann Ardizzoni.



Meaghan Steeves (left) and Read McNichols.

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Skippers skate to tie with AEB

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the puck and won the 50-50 battles more, and as a result we got more opportunities."

AEB had its best chances to take the lead at the end of the second period, thanks to sustained pressure from senior Derek Slonina. A Michael Decarvarillo shot with just 28 seconds left in the period clanged off the post. Otherwise, Skippers sophomore goalie Johnny Wade (22 saves) was up to the task.

Wade needed to be on his game, too, as Cohasset committed six penalties over the final 30 minutes, including a three-minute double-minor in the third period. Smith, seniors Chris Davis and Zack Murray, and junior RK Quebec all did a great job in killing that penalty.

The PK units in general were strong for Cohasset, but Walsh would like to see them get a little less opportunity to shine in future games.

"Penalties are going to kill us every time," said Walsh. "The two games that we've lost were penalty-ridden."

Sulmonte felt his power play unit, meanwhile, may have done the Skippers a favor by not executing properly during its chances. The AEB coach attributed that to a relative lack of experience among his top power play personnel.

"They caught us running around, our defense ended up breaking down; we couldn't get the puck out of our own end."

Skippers coach Bob Walsh after Wednesday's tie against Abington-East Bridgewater

"They get excited, and they rush everything," said Sulmonte. "They don't realize that they have more space to really slow it down. That's going to be our goal, to try and get them to slow down the power play and to stay in their lanes and their positions."

In addition to Judge, Sulmonte praised the efforts of his top four defensemen in keeping Cohasset's quality scoring opportunities to a minimum: seniors Anthony Poliati and Connor Reynolds, junior Chad Quaglia and freshman Chris Brandon.

Cohasset received a strong game from junior Alex Goetz, who created havoc in AEB's zone by simply flying all over the ice. Goetz looked sure to score when he broke in on Judge's net all long at the 9:13 mark of the second, but Judge made a great save as Goetz's attempt through the 5-hole.

Skippers 9, Hull 1

Cohasset out-shot Hull 59-7 in a blowout win last Saturday at Pilgrim.

The Pirates actually scored first, but after that, it was all Cohasset. Hull held the lead for just 23 seconds, thanks to an unassisted goal by senior defenseman Holway. Holway also scored again in the second and picked up an assist.

The second goal was scored by junior Pat Doonan, assisted by senior Corbin Faber and junior Charlie Czerkawski – the "grinder line," as Walsh likes to call them.

In the second period, the goal scoring started with Goetz on a great rush where he blew by two Hull defensemen.

"Goetzie had just made a bad pass that I was going to talk to him about when he got off the ice, but before he came off, he made this great rush and scored," said Walsh. "When he came off the ice after he scored the goal I walked over to him and the first words out of his mouth, before I could say anything were, 'I was mad that I made such a bad pass, I knew I had to do something before I came off the ice to see you, coach.' Now that's a disciplined player."

Next it was Smith, assisted by linemate Chris Davis and Holway. The third goal of the period came from Holway, with Smith picking up an assist.

The third period was more of the same and once again it was all Cohasset, starting with a slap shot from the blue line that found the five-hole by Quebec. Then freshman Tommy Buckley scored his first high school goal assisted by senior defenseman Ben Masotta and Smith.

Next, it was Murray, assisted by Doonan and Faber. Finally, with 28 seconds left in the game, freshman Brendan Doonan scored his first high school goal, assisted by sophomore Tommy LeMaire.

All together, 13 different players were in on the nine goals.

"We dressed 22 guys for tonight's game, and I'm happy to say that all 22 got ice time," Walsh said. "We took Jonny Wade out in the third period to give Andy McKenna some time and, although he didn't see a whole lot of shots, he was focused, challenged the shooter and made the necessary saves."

Lady hoopsters top Green Wave

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force, but just couldn't break away," said Cohasset head coach John Levangie. "Luckily, we got it together at the end."

Richardson and Lehr put away 20 and 10 points, respectively, before they fouled out. Farren racked up 10 points as well, closely followed by freshmen Tori Lehr, who contributed seven.

Defensively speaking, Sam Lehr pulled down 11 boards, while senior captain Haley Haracz had nine of her own. Levangie commended junior Anna Haggerty and sophomores Carly Salerno and Sarah Coggins for both their strong defense and solid passing.

In fact, while the Skippers' offense played the clutch role at the end, their defense really won them the game.

"Our 1-2-2 zone has worked great," explained Levangie. "That success, coupled with our usual press, made it tough for Abington to get anywhere."

Tori Lehr added, "We really executed well in transition. We kept them on their toes and maintained our intensity throughout the game."

Since then...

The Skippers were runners-up in their annual holiday tournament – defeating Bristol-Plymouth before losing to Sacred Heart – and followed that with two league losses to Carver and Harwich.

Tuesday's loss to Harwich was especially tough, as the offense struggled to find the mark in a frustrating 42-39 loss. Richardson led Cohasset with nine points.

The loss leaves Cohasset with a 4-3 record (2-2 league), and the Skippers now encounter a pivotal stretch of games if they wish to get back into contention for a league title. Tonight (Jan. 12) at 6:30, the girls go to Hull to take on a much-improved Pirates squad.

On Tuesday, Cohasset hosts Norwell, whose only league loss as of Thursday came by four points to undefeated Carver. Next Friday, the Skippers host Mashpee.

Sports editor Mark Goodman contributed to this story.

Two tough losses for CHS boys

By Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

Sometimes during a lopsided loss, some frustration will come out.

Junior co-captain Pat McCarthy, who has been the backbone of the Cohasset High boys basketball team since he was a freshman, displayed that frustration last Friday with a technical foul that was just one of many Skipper woes in a 86-52 loss at Carver.

Cohasset was looking to go over the .500 mark for the season, but in the end, came up well short.

Carver junior Rich King led all scorers with a game high 26 points. But it wasn't only King who did all of the work for Carver as multiple players were in double digits in scoring.

"I've scouted these guys a couple times and, to me, they had their best shooting night of the year," said Cohasset head coach Dorian Bryant after the game.

At halftime, the Skippers trailed by 11 points and were never really able to overcome the good play of Carver.

"We came out sluggish in the first half" said Bryant. "In the second half, we just couldn't get things started, and things just started to snowball from there; it was a bad shooting night."

One Cohasset player who didn't have such a bad shooting night was sophomore Danny Martin, who put up a team high 15 points, and has really been playing up to his potential so far this season. Senior co-captain Justin Alexander had nine points and McCarthy put up 11 despite sitting for the majority of the second half.

With the deficit as large as it was, Bryant was finally able to get the non-regulars some playing time, something they have not seen a lot of this year. But this led to another disappointment; not only had the Skippers lost the game, but due to an elbow in the face which caused a broken nose, junior Chris Rose was most likely lost for the reminder of the season.

Tuesday, the Skippers traveled all the way down to the Cape to take on Harwich. The Rough Riders, behind a solid defensive effort that held McCarthy to five points, came away victorious by a 62-54 score.

Once again for Cohasset, Martin led the team with his career high of 19 points. Alexander also had a good game with a total of 14 points.

Throughout the game, Cohasset was playing well and everything was looking positive for the team. With just over nine minutes remaining in the game, the Skippers went on a little run to push their lead to 10. As this happened, Harwich began to press the Skippers.

As Bryant said simply, "We didn't respond well to the press." Because of this, Harwich was able to pull back into the game as they made their open shots, and Cohasset did not. Cohasset did call three timeouts in the final six minutes but the momentum had swung to Harwich's side and the Skippers were never really able to overcome it.

"They beat us on offensive glass and we had many turnovers in the final minutes," said Bryant.

Cohasset will need to play a lot better to come out victorious against the Hull Pirates, whom they play tonight (Jan. 12) in Hull. Bryant said his mission in practice to prepare for this showdown was clear.

"We're going to do a lot of work on decision-making drills and rebounding drills," he said. "As a team, we have to be more relaxed, although it's hard with a young team; we need to stay positive and patient.

"They need to pick it up a notch, and this team will turn it around."

The Skippers (3-5 overall, 0-4 league) lost to Hull in overtime in the championship game of the CHS holiday tournament.

Skipper roundup

By Mark Goodman
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Wrestlers fare well at NQ

The Cohasset-Hull wrestling team had a good showing at last weekend's North Quincy tournament, placing ninth in a talented field of 20 teams, out of which only three are in Div. 3 (with Cohasset-Hull being one).

Leading the way for the Skippers were Ryan McLellan and Nick Cambi, both of whom took third in their respective weight classes. After finishing fourth in the Marshfield tournament, Adam Smith took fourth again. Head Coach Torin Sweeney said Smith is beginning to hit his stride and should be in line for a good seed this weekend.

Rounding out Cohasset-Hull's top performances in North Quincy were sixth place finishes from Steve Hurlbut, Gannon Dorion and Tim Toomey. Toomey was competing with an illness but stayed tough throughout.

Saturday's Cohasset tournament starts at 10 a.m., which the championship rounds beginning at 5 p.m. Joining the Skippers in what figures to be a very competitive day are Duxbury, Hingham, Hanover, Nauset, Scituate, Rockland, Lynnfield and Holbrook.

Gymnasts drop a pair of close meets

Last week, the Cohasset-Norwell gymnastics team lost a couple competitive meets to Case (Thursday) and a tri-meet Saturday against Bridgewater-Raynham and Notre Dame Academy.

The team posted a solid score of 121.2 against Case, who came in with a 126.6. Melissa Murphy and Corinna Durham led the team with all-around scores of 31.6 and 30.7, respectively. Murphy led a solid team effort on the floor exercise with an 8.4, followed by Durham (7.9), Kiersten Shontz (7.9), and Cassie Pacella (7.8).

Jamie Nichols earned a 7.9 on the beam.

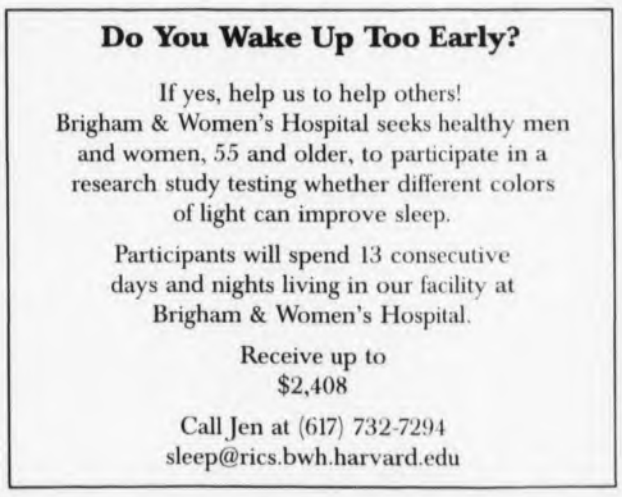
In the tri-meet, Coh-Nor turned in a team score of 119.85, but B-R (135.45) and NDA (127.7) are among the best teams in the state.

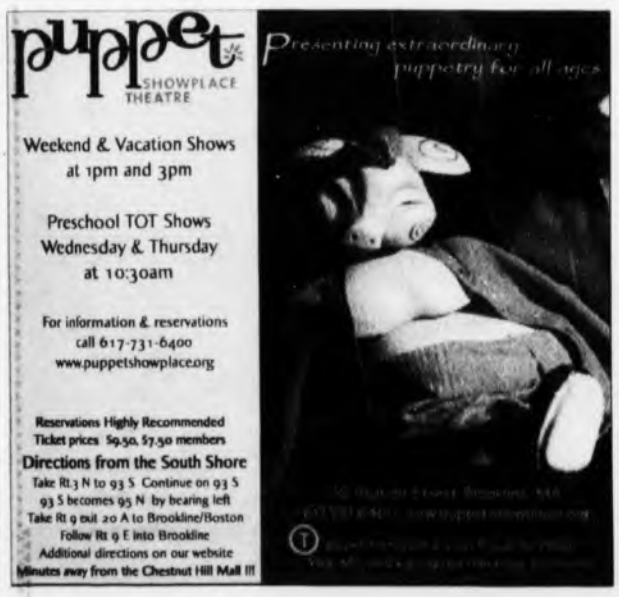
Murphy had a 31.4 in the all-around, earning solid marks in all four events (floor, vault, beam and bars). Pacella had a 7.7 on the floor, while Vanessa Durham (7.6) and Liz Clapp (7.5) both had a good showing on the vault.

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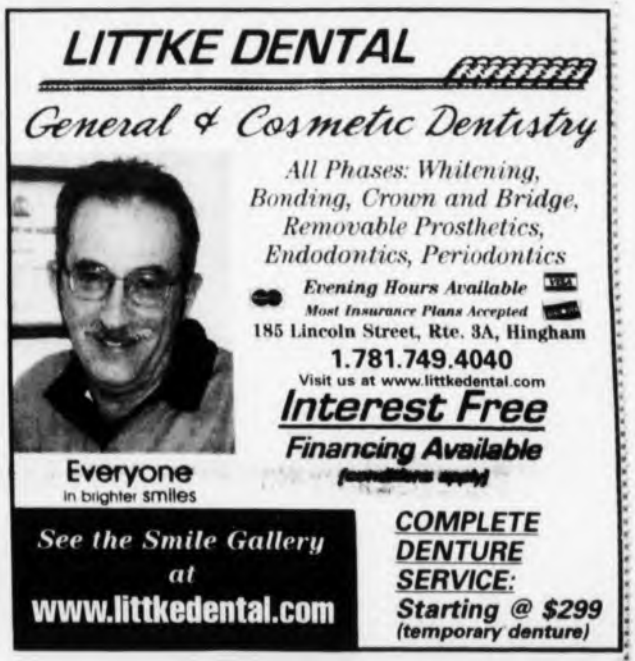












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Cohasset at Weymouth - Patriot League

The Grade 7 boys' team won its first game of the year last Sunday with a thunderous comeback from a 10-point deficit to defeat Weymouth, 38-32.

This was a tremendously exciting game, and the boys showed grit and poise, as Weymouth built a 24-14 lead early in the second half. At that point, Cohasset turned on a pressure defense that led to Weymouth turnovers and fast break baskets during a decisive 18-4 run.

Weymouth maintained a 4-6 point lead through the first half, as Cohasset struggled with the clear height advantage of the Weymouth front line. Guard play was improved, with contributions by **Chris Carpenter** and **Christian Allard**.

Early in the second half, Weymouth's height reaped dividends, after their big men pulled in several offensive rebounds, leading to baskets and a 10-point lead. The seventh graders then began to show their athleticism with active, hustling defense, which began to unravel the Weymouth offense.

Kyrel Jaundou, Patrick MacCormack, Pat Kearney, Jamie Faber, Allard, Chris Murphy and **Robbie Mahoney** rotated in and out of the game, intercepting passes, blocking off driving lanes, trapping, and pressing Weymouth into turnovers and poor shot selection. Faber and Jaundou were particularly effective defensively during this run. **Morgan McCarthy** again pulled down rebounds with great timing and positioning, and **Chris Lunde**, as usual, took good care of the ball on offense.

As Cohasset took over the tempo, they tied the score and took the lead on soft jumpers by **Jay Salerno**, strong drives to the hoop by Mahoney leading to baskets and free throws, and a great drive to the basket by Kearney leading to a gutsy 3-point play. Allard played very effective point guard, harassing Weymouth guards and cleanly breaking traps and presses. His passing led to great ball movement by the entire offense.

As Cohasset held a slim lead in the waning seconds, MacCormack took a great feed from Salerno as he drove to the basket. Rather than take the quick shot, MacCormack dribbled back out and took time off the clock before being fouled. He later drained two clutch free throws to ice the win.

Coach Rob Mahoney was pleased, saying, "We showed great energy. Our defense was active in the second half, and I was very happy with our effort."

5th grade Travel B stuns Scituate at buzzer

Coaches Stanganelli and Fitzgerald had their boys ready for their rematch against a strong Scituate club on Saturday afternoon to the delight of the fans. Scituate came out firing to go up 4-0 within minutes of the tip off, but **Ryan McKeon** quickly set the tone for the offense in the first half with his great ball control at point guard with crisp perimeter passing that immediately loosened the Scituate defense.

Cohasset's pair of **Jacks (Stanganelli and Leffel)** sparked the offense with terrific hustle that produced four buckets in the first half to lead their team in scoring. Leffel complemented his scoring with a steal and two rebounds to round out his spectacular effort.

Eric Weinstein maintained his presence on the boards to dish out a nice rebound to **Timmy Cavanaro** for a clean four foot jump shot to put Cohasset in front midway through the half. **Doug Fitzgerald** and **Jake Osmanski** put up another strong defensive front that led to multiple turnovers to disrupt the Scituate passing attack that helped Cohasset end the first half with a 10-8 lead.

The second half was a heavyweight defensive bout. It wasn't until midway through the second half before Scituate knotted it up at 10-10. **Clark Indek** contributed with timely rebounds on both ends of the court to steady the tempo and control the ball, while **Mark Rattenbury** maintained Cohasset's great ball movement and had some terrific shots that flirted with the rim.

Shortly after Scituate tied the game, the dynamic duo of **Zach Coggins** and **Chris Cohen** put it in overdrive with punishing pursuit on both ends of the court. Coggins repeatedly denied Scituate with a team-leading four steals and five rebounds.

But it was the final 40 seconds of the tied contest that turned this one into an instant classic.

On his final steal of game, Coggins drove the left sideline before getting mugged on his way to the hoop that set up the gut-wrenching drama that only a parent can appreciate – a chance to put the team ahead in the closing seconds - enough to silence even the strongest voice in the bleachers. The first shot was well thrown but rolled off the rim for a miss. With 18 seconds left on the clock, the second shot was fired and was nothing but net.

With the only play that could match the go-ahead point, Cohen reached for the sky to rob Scituate of any hope with an immaculate interception on the inbound pass to run out the clock and seal the second win for his team of this very young season.

Abington Stars League - Weymouth Air Station

The Grade 5 travel A team took on a strong Rockland team on Saturday evening. They came up on the short side of a 34-18 score, but there were several reasons to be pleased with the boys' performance.

For instance, the team's first game was against this same Rockland team, and they went down to defeat by 30 points. Most encouraging was the fact that Cohasset had pulled within 10 points midway through the second half, and they played with poise, composure and patience as they stuck to their offensive and defensive sets throughout.

Rockland built an early lead, when Cohasset received a real boost off the bench by **Rocco Laugelle**. Laugelle ball-hawked on every Rockland possession, forcing several turnovers, then leading the fast break on offense. **Mark Brown** and **Joe Buckley** worked the inside, playing good inside defense and rebounding well against the good Rockland big men.

They were active on offense as well, scoring and keeping the game close. **Chris Haggerty** kept his offensive rhythm, with his strong baseline game and soft jumper.

Rockland maintained a 10-12 point lead through the first half. The guard play of **Brendan O'Connell, Mark McKenna** and **Matthew MacCormack** concentrated on controlling an active set of guards for Rockland with tight coverage in the open floor and good zone defense.

Rockland built an 18-point lead, and then Cohasset put on the jets. Their press caused Rockland turnovers, leading to an O'Connell jumper, inside moves by Brown, and good looks by **Steven Maher**. Maher, **Dakota Achin** and **Connor Green** were outstanding defensively during this run - blocking passing lanes, intercepting passes, and diving for loose balls as Cohasset cut into the lead before Rockland eased to the win.

Coach Liam O'Connell said, "We played a good game against a tough Rockland team, which is the class of the league, and we gave them a good run."

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SCHOOLS

PAC to meet Feb. 6

"Autism Spectrum Disorders: Overview of the Newest Research in the Field," will be the topic of presenter Lesley Maxwell, on Feb. 6, at 7:30 p.m., at Osgood School, behind Deer Hill School, 210 Sohier St., Cohasset. The workshop, sponsored by PSO/PAC, is free.

Autism is a field of research that is advancing rapidly. There are many new findings as researchers, doctors and educators work with families to find the cause of autism and to understand how best to assist individuals with autism and their families. This talk will offer a practical overview of current research and findings in the field of autism spectrum disorders for families and educators.

Cohasset Parents Advisory Council has joined with the South Shore PAC Network to promote communication, combine workshops and establish a broader network. South Shore PAC Network hopes to meets informally throughout the year. For information, visit southshorepac@comcast.net.

Informal screening

The Osgood Preschool staff in conjunction with the school nurse will hold informal screenings for children on the third Friday of every month from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. The remaining dates are Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16, April 27, May 18.

These screenings will consist of a play group activity as well as opportunities for vision, hearing and posture screening. These screenings are to assist in identifying those students who should be referred for an evaluation to determine eligibility for special education.

If you are interested in having your child participate, contact one of the preschool staff at 781-383-6117 no later than the Wednesday prior to one of the scheduled screenings.

Deer Hill, Osgood menus

MONDAY, JAN. 15

Martin Luther King Jr. Day – no school.

TUESDAY, JAN. 16

Bagel with chicken vegetable soup or roast beef sub, garden salad, pears, milk or juice.

WEDNESDAY, 17

American chop suey with a dinner roll or turkey sandwich, green beans, mixed fruit, milk or juice.

THURSDAY, JAN. 18

Taco meat served over chips with lettuce, tomato and cheese or ham sub, veggie, rice, pineapple, milk or juice.

FRIDAY, JAN. 19

Bagel pizza or bologna sandwich, garden salad, fruit, milk or juice.

Carriage House open house Jan. 20

The Carriage House School will hold their Open House and registration Saturday, Jan. 20, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. Parents and children are invited to come and explore the classrooms and meet the teachers. If you are unable to attend this open house, feel free to call the school to obtain a registration form.

The Carriage House offers programs to toddlers and well as preschool aged children.

Open House will be held at the First Parish House of the Unitarian Church at 23 North Main Street. Applications must be completed and returned to the school by Friday, Feb. 9. A $50 non-refundable registration fee must accompany the registration form.

The School enrollment policy is based on returning Carriage House families, First Parish families and remaining space will be filled by lottery. Parents will be notified by phone or mail the week of Feb. 14.

If you have any questions concerning Open House or the registration process, contact Georgie Gladdys, Director, at 781-383-9785. The Carriage House School is licensed by the Office of Massachusetts Child Care Services and is NAEYC Accredited.

Kindergarten registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2007-2008 school year will begin Tuesday, Jan. 16. Registration will take place at Osgood School daily from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Parents will be asked to indicated interest in full-day kindergarten or half-time kindergarten at the time of registration. Parents are also encouraged to register early to facilitate planning for programs.

Children who turn 5 on or before Sept. 1, 2007, are eligible to attend kindergarten. A birth certificate and proof of residency are required in order to register.

Call the Osgood School at 781-383-6117 for more information.

Mr. Newkirk cannot be replaced

LIFE AT CHS

MICHAEL CORRY



He truly cared about each of his students and encouraged them to ask questions.

It's been a taxing week for CHS. The legend that is Mr. Scott Newkirk is no longer teaching at the school. Mr. Newkirk was one of a kind, a teacher who won your attention for every minute of every class (and not just because a giant paper smiley face covered the clock). A Newkirk class was a rite of passage at CHS, an independent sovereign state self-governed by the man himself; void of textbooks and lengthy homework assignments.

He truly cared about each of his students and encouraged them to ask questions. It won't be the same heading up the stairs in the morning without Mr. Newkirk there. Every class he taught filled up, because his unique teaching style engaged the students. I'm pretty upset I didn't have him this semester, but I feel sorrier for the pupils who never had Mr. Newkirk as a teacher. Scott Newkirk was a teacher that *cannot* be replaced.

CHS lost more than a teacher this week. I speak for countless students who would like to thank Mr. Newkirk for enriching Cohasset High school, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Here is this week's news:

- An anonymous volunteer and Ms. McCoy helped with the Xmas Tree Fundraiser to raise money for Project Safeguard;
- Thursday morning the Safe & Drug Free Schools Coordinated Program Review meeting was held in the Superintendent's conference room;
- Thursday morning the PSO President's council met;
- Thursday afternoon Department Heads met in the Career Center;
- Friday morning the Cohasset Diversity Committee met in the library;
- The District Attorney's Round Table met in the Career Center;

There's nothing else to say, except we miss you already Mr. Newkirk.





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Sneak a peek on Saturdays

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In fact, domestic airfares can change up to three times daily, and once a day on weekends, so it's a good idea to check in the morning, around noontime, and after about 4 in the afternoon.

Q: When is the best time of the week to find the lowest airfares? I've heard it's on a Tuesday or Wednesday.

A: While it's true that more seats are available at the lowest fares if you travel on a Tuesday or Wednesday (and sometimes on Saturdays), that doesn't necessarily mean you'll save money if you purchase your fare on those days. Airlines can lower their fares at any given moment, seemingly on a whim. In fact, domestic airfares can change up to three times daily, and once a day on weekends, so it's a good idea to check in the morning, around noontime, and after about 4 in the afternoon. Also, I've found that some of the most amazing unadvertised sales appear on Saturday mornings. Why? One theory is that because when one airline unleashes a "sneak" sale, since airfares are updated only once on Saturdays other airlines can't respond immediately.

Q: I bought a package tour and I learned that the included airfare is a discounted "bulk" fare. Do these fares carry restrictions that regular fares don't?

A: It depends. Some bulk fares, such as those sold by consolidators or as part of cruise line or tour package, do indeed come with restrictions that so-called public or "published" fares don't have. For instance, let's say you miss your flight. The airline might require that you forfeit your ticket and buy a new fare at the non-discounted "walk up" price. If the airline cancels your flight, you might have to wait for a seat to open up on your original airline's next flight out rather than enjoy the option of flying on a competing airline's next flight, as you might with a regular fare. And you might not get frequent flyer miles or advance seat selection. So it's a good idea to ask if your fare is a bulk or non-published fare and if there are any special rules or restrictions to be aware of.

Q: I flew to the Caribbean last Christmas and I had a lot of luggage. My airline refused to allow me to check in my third bag even if I would pay for it, so I ended up calling a relative to pick it up at the airport and ship it by FedEx at great expense. Why did the airline do this, and do all airlines impose similar restrictions?

A: Many airlines impose restrictions on checked luggage during the holidays on routes to the Caribbean. Obviously, this is a time when people with family and friends in the region go back home, and many of them are carrying large packages laden with gifts. There simply isn't room for all the "largesse" and airlines need to draw the line somewhere. You can find a comprehensive list of restrictions on your airline's Web site under "baggage restrictions" or similar. In general, airlines are toying with the idea of allowing fewer free bags and restricting their weight. British Airways recently announced a new policy restricting the maximum weight of each checked bag to approximately 50 pounds, with no provision to pay extra if the bag is overweight as has been the case in the past.

Q: Is it legal to purchase a round-trip ticket and just use it one way?

A: If you mean "illegal" in the sense that you'll go to jail, no. But doing so is against virtually every US airline's rules. Known in the industry as "throwaway" ticketing, using this strategy might put your frequent flyer miles at risk (the airline could wipe out your account or kick you out of its program) or, if you've bought your ticket from a travel agency they might come after the agent for monetary damages. Luckily, more and more airlines now sell their tickets exclusively as one-ways. Among them are Air Canada, Jet Blue, ATA, Airtran, Alaska, USA3000, and Southwest. And even the larger airlines often sell fares one way on routes where they compete with the "all one way" carriers.

Q: I don't own a car, and when I rent one on a trip I decline all the optional insurance because I figure my credit card covers it. Am I making the right move?

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Kelsey Erler and Emily Toomey cheerfully collect a Christmas tree from a Cohasset home. Each tree collected came with a $20 donation to benefit Project Safeguard. Project Safeguard is a Cohasset community initiative that offers information to youth and their parents around the issues of adolescent-related health and wellbeing.

Tree pickup benefits Project Safeguard



Emily Toomey opens an envelope, which contains a $20 donation to Project Safeguard as a thank-you from a Pond Street home for disposing of a Christmas tree.



Sam Green carries a Christmas tree to his crew's trailer as part of a benefit to raise money for Project Safeguard. Forty-five youths met at the Teen Center Saturday morning to help collect Christmas trees.



Anders Goetz, Kelsey Erler and Mike Monaco jump on the collected Christmas trees, tamping them down to make room for more.



Crew driver Mark Toomey collects $20 from Tucker Glavin after teens collected his family Christmas tree.

Photos by Laura Sinclair

IT'S HAPPENING

Rock the night away

Have the dark, snow less doldrums of winter got you down? Well, mark your calendars for Friday, Feb. 9, from 8 p.m. to midnight to put on your dancing shoes and head over to the beautiful Red Lion Inn Barn for a night of dancing to Cohasset's own "Grateful Dads."

The event will benefit the Cohasset Varsity Hockey team and promises to be a rockin' time. Tickets cost $20 and will be available at the door or through any hockey team member or parent: Ann Czerkawski, Karin Doonan, Jeanne Holway, Jane Lanzillotti, Andrea Wade, Steve Faber and Steve Brandt.

There will be hors d'oeuvres and cash bar.

Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast set for Jan. 15

Cohasset Clergy and Diversity Committee will host a Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast at St. Stephen's Church, 16 Highland Ave., Monday, Jan. 15, from 9 to 11 a.m., in Walton Rodgers Hall, on the second floor of the Parish House. Cost will be $5 per person and $15 for families. A pancake breakfast will be served between 9 and 10 a.m., followed by a program honoring the memory of Dr. King.

Featured speaker this year is David Hall, professor of Law at Northeastern University. Hall is the author of "The Spiritual Revitalization of the Legal Profession; A Search for Sacred Rivers."

Lacrosse Boosters casino night Jan. 20

Lacrosse Boosters annual casino night fundraiser will be Saturday night, Jan. 20 at Atlantica. The boosters will "raise the stakes" from 8 p.m. until midnight! Tickets are $25 each and available from **Lyn Previte** (781-383-9723). There will be blackjack, roulette, poker and other games of chance. Atlantica will serve hors d'oeuvres and there will be a cash bar. It will be a great fun night out, even if you are not a gambler. Space is limited at the event and the boosters will be sure to run out of tickets before the 20th, so try to purchase ahead before the upcoming holidays! This will be the booster's only 2007 fundraiser and we need the support of the entire community! The money raised from this event will go directly to funding the JV lacrosse program at the high school for both boys and girls.

This event is critical to provide playing opportunities to younger players and the continued success and growth of the entire lacrosse program. Cohasset Lacrosse has numerous players at the collegiate level-probably more so than any other varsity sport. Its recent success (Cohasset boys were 2006 state champions and looking to repeat) has much to do with the continuing support from our feeder programs and the financial support from the entire Cohasset community. Any lacrosse parent looking to help out with this event, please call Lynn Previte!

'Right Brain' writing workshop

Grub Street South at Buttonwood is a collaboration between Grub Street, Boston's only independent writing center, and Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route. 3A, Cohasset. The goal of the program is to get writers writing. On Tuesday, Jan. 30, at 7 p.m., Grub Street instructor Jamie Cat Callan will lead a Right Brain Writing Workshop.

Using intuitive, nonlinear techniques, based on multiple intelligence theory, Callan will lead the group through a short story exercise. She'll also discuss how to tap into the true narrative voice and use intuitive writing exercises to create strong, risk-taking and muscled prose. Callan will also talk about how to get published and break into the fiction writing market. Callan has been published in the Sunday New York Times Modern Love column, Missouri Review and Story. Her book titled. "Hooking Up or Holding Out" was published in November 2006.

Reservations are requested and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

SSCC Nursery School registration to start

The South Shore Community Center Nursery School at 3 North Main St., in Cohasset Village, announces that applications for the 2006-07 school year will be available Tuesday, Jan. 16, at the Nursery School and the Community Center offices. All families on the South Shore are eligible to apply. The registration process is based on a lottery system. All applications are due back to the Nursery School Office by Thursday, Jan. 25, at 3 p.m.

Included in the envelope should be a copy of the child's birth certificate and a $100 registration fee. Application envelopes should be clearly marked "Nursery School Registration." The lottery will be drawn the week of Feb. 5, and acceptance letters will be sent via mail the following week. Any child who does not get a placement in the program will have their registration fee returned.

South Shore Community Center Nursery School offers three levels of programs to meet the needs of children age three to five. The morning program runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and the afternoon program is from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

If you have any questions or will like to set up an appointment to meet the director, call Ann Madden at 781-383-0036. The director can also be reached by e-mail at: amadden@southshorecommunitycenter.com.

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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **January 30th at 7:30 PM**, to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal** of the Building Commissioner's decision to grant a building permit, dated 12/11/2006, for 75 Meadow Lane. The applicants are, **Raymond and Susan Tehranian of 132 Atlantic Ave., c/o Attorney Bruce Issadore, Norwell, MA**, according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. **File #06-12-22.**

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SUNDAY, DEC. 24

12:20 a.m. **Hull**; mutual aid to police for a roll over accident.

1:24 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, erratic operation of an older model LTD reported, registered in Scituate. Scituate police notified.

1:41 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop and tow due to expired registration.

1:42 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

1:43 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

2:17 a.m. **South Main St.**, caller reports erratic motor vehicle operation; area search negative. Scituate police notified.

7:44 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, dog found.

11:29 a.m. **Ripley Road and Sohier St.**, traffic hazard; female in roadway picking up pieces of glass.

3:25 p.m. **Hobart Lane**, caller reports larceny of scrap copper; report filed.

4:56 p.m. **King St.**, out-of-state caller requests well-being check on family; police and fire checked home and no one is around.

6:28 p.m. **All schools**, officer reports buildings checked; secure.

10:04 p.m. **Beach St.**, caller reports a suspicious motor vehicle leaving area and then circling back.

MONDAY, DEC. 25

1:06 a.m. **Pond St.**, suspicious activity reported - motor vehicle parked at football field and a group of people are out on the field; departmental action taken.

1:10 a.m. **Pond St.-High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

1:16 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

4:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, suspicious vehicle reported.

6:57 a.m. **Elm St.**, police headquarters, caller requests that the Cohasset Police Dept. visit the Drug Enforcement Administration web site to investigate Cohasset Police Dept. members.

10:17 a.m. **Elm St.**, vandalism reported.. Officer reports seeing a motor vehicle window being smashed out; departmental action taken.

1:42 p.m. **Nichols Road**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

3:17 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, animal complaint. Caller reports that it appears that there is a dog in some sort of distress; departmental action taken.

9:54 p.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious activity. Caller reports driving past Wheelwright Park and the ballpark, having to stop twice to remove two large logs out of the roadway. Requests an officer to check area; area search negative.

TUESDAY, DEC. 26

7 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

7:44 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

8 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports that when she returned to her motor vehicle from a walk, she noticed the driver's side window of the car parked next to hers smashed out; investigated and report filed.

9:06 a.m. **Elm St.**, traffic stop.

10:20 a.m. **Margin Court**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

10:49 a.m. **Pond St.-High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

11:28 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, request for officer.

12:08 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, suspicious activity. Caller reports a man came out of the liquor store and opened a bottle of alcohol in his motor vehicle, started drinking it and then drove off. Officer is out with the vehicle; departmental action taken.

12:09 p.m. **North Main St. and Forest Ave.**, traffic stop; citation issued.

5:11 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:21 p.m. **Border and Summer streets**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

6:53 p.m. **Border St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

9:16 p.m. **North Main St. and Highland Ave.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

10:09 p.m. **Forest Ave. and Heather Drive**, traffic stop; citation issued.

10:35 p.m. **North Main and Cedar streets**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

11:39 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious activity reported; departmental action taken.

11:15 p.m. **Hull St. and Grace Drive**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27

1:08 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, traffic stop.

2:06 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

2:06 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

9:06 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:12 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:35 a.m. **Clay Spring Road**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

10:13 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, officer requested for gas drive off; officer investigated and will contact the business that the vehicle is registered to regarding the matter.

12:36 p.m. **Spindrift Lane**, resident reports that a holiday display is missing from her yard.

7:10 p.m. **Pembroke Hospital**, 'be on the lookout' announcement from Pembroke Police Dept., regarding a male party, active section 12, who fled from the Pembroke Hospital. Male subject has a long history of violence; all units notified. Pembroke Police Dept. reports that the male subject has been located in Randolph by the Randolph Police Dept.

7:38 p.m. **Forest Ave. and Forest Circle**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation issued for stop sign violation.

7:49 p.m. **Forest Ave. and Jerusalem Road**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation issued for stop sign violation.

8:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation issued for speeding.

9:22 p.m. **Hull St.**, traffic stop; citation issued and 34-year-old Brockton man summoned on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration and speeding in violation of special regulations. Motor vehicle towed.

THURSDAY, DEC. 28

12:06 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid requested by walk-in party who reported his brother, who is in a motor vehicle in the parking lot, is very drunk and needs medical attention. One person taken into custody.

12:09 a.m. **Elm St.**, disturbance – intoxicated persons; Arrest: Christopher J. Radding, 17, 45 Mary's Lane, Scituate. Charges: assault and battery.

1:59 a.m. **Pond St.-High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

2 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

5:55 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, officer requested; services rendered.

10:10 a.m. **Sohier St.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

1:45 p.m. **Hull St.**, missing person reported. Caller reports her boyfriend has not been seen or heard from since yesterday. He was last seen driving a green 1996 VW Jetta and text messaged her at 3 a.m., stating "I need help, come find me." The phone went silent after the text message. Officer investigated and missing person has been located.

3:57 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, motor vehicle hit and run; investigated.

7:35 p.m. **Pond St.**, caller reports the outside odor of gas; services rendered.

7:59 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking complaint; caller reports cars are parked all over. Officer reports vehicles have been tagged.

8:28 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, medical aid requested for person in respiratory distress.

9:20 p.m. **Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

FRIDAY, DEC. 29

12:34 a.m. **Pond St.-High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

12:40 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

5:40 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

9:01 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, disabled motor vehicle; vehicle is being towed at this time and owner has yet to return to the vehicle and cannot be contacted.

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FOCUS ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Find funding for college

Schools' financial aid offices are your best resources

By Timothy R. Homan
CNC CORRESPONDENT

For adults considering earning an advanced degree or taking continuing education classes, the back-to-school season isn't just in the fall.

With area colleges and universities offering courses year-round, would-be students can find courses offered pretty much any time of the year. The challenge for many, though, is finding a way to finance the pursuit of higher education.

Unlike college students, who typically are listed as dependents of their parents and eligible for all sorts of grants and loans, older adults often have limited funding sources when looking to obtain graduate or undergraduate degrees. The same goes for adults wanting to round out their education with the occasional college-level course.

Federal loans, such as the Stafford Federal Student Loan, are the most common way to cover tuition costs, according to area financial aid advisers.

"The Stafford Loan is how the large majority of students pay for their courses," said Susan Lanzillo, director of financial aid at Framingham State College.

The Stafford Loan offers up to $18,500 a year for graduate students and covers tuition, fees and costs related to transportation, books and supplies for students taking at least two courses per academic term.

Members of the new Democratic-led Congress announced recently that they hope to reduce interest rates on federal student loans, from 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent.

When filing federal taxes, most adults can take advantage of a variety of tax incentives – HOPE Scholarship, Lifetime Learning Credit, Student Loan Deduction and Higher Education Expense Deduction – and save thousands by doing so.

For students taking only one course, tuition costs are usually paid out-of-pocket or through employer compensation. Many larger businesses will subsidize or cover all education costs for employees taking job-related classes.

Sometimes inquiring about employer compensation can be enough to get things moving in the right direction.

Jenn Musso, a part-time graduate student at Boston University who works full time for a small consulting group in Brookline, said she's hoping her company will help defray the cost – $2,500 – of her last class this spring.

"Because I asked, they decided to institute a policy on tuition benefits," said Musso, 25, who is pursuing a master's in arts administration.

Financial aid advisers say this avenue should be exhausted before seeking out loans.

Chris Perry, director of financial aid at Suffolk University, said not enough employees consider the tuition remission benefits offered in the workplace.

"I think oftentimes that's overlooked," Perry said.

She added that associations and organizations, such as local churches, sometimes have scholarships for its members.

Another funding source, not recommended by most financial aid advisers, is a loan from private lenders, such as Access Group and Citibank. Private lenders usually have higher interest rates than federal loans.

"They're not good loans," Lanzillo said.

Financial aid offices at colleges and universities tend to be the most reliable sources of funding information to help prospective students navigate a course through the unchartered waters of incurring significant debt.

"It actually went fairly smoothly," said Tony Enslow, 35, speaking about the federal loan application process.

Enslow, who recently finished a master's degree through a Boston University program, said he just contacted the financial aid office at BU and asked, "Where do I begin?"

Working for a college or university can also translate into tuition savings.



DAILY NEWS PHOTOS BY BEAR CIERI

Susan Lanzillo is financial aid director at Framingham State College.

Explore available methods for upgrading your IT skills

By Roland Van Liew
CNC CORRESPONDENT

Career skills training is particularly important for Information Technology professionals.

System administration procedures, programming techniques and hardware platforms evolve quickly. Up-to-date skills can help keep salary increases and promotions coming.

There are many instructional styles available to kick-start development of new competencies. The best training combines relevant, complete presentations with facilitated hands-on practice to accelerate learning and boost retention.

But expense, availability of regular learning time blocks, and the availability of co-workers to answer questions all factor into the training method to be chosen. The tried and true method of instructor-led, hands-on training has obvious advantages: It is the most effective, with the highest retention and fastest learning curve. But students need to travel to the delivery location, and the cost is relatively high compared to self-study methods (as long as one does not consider the value of the student's time).

It is worth noting, however, that the formal nature of instructor-led training – the requirement to be at a certain place at a certain time – and the interaction with the instructor, leads to an extremely high completion rate.

Studies show that, when confronted with "anytime, anywhere" options such as e-learning, most people encounter real trouble fitting in regular blocks of time for learning activities into their already-busy schedules. When it comes to complex topics like computer skills development, the vast majority of students never complete a program of any length (more than 10 hours).

Community colleges are an excellent source of skills training at a lower cost for those who can attend over an extended calendar period, and classes are often available in the evenings as well as during the day. There are several industrial training firms offering courses during work hours that deliver new skills in a matter of days or weeks.

Quality does vary. Make sure, at the very least, that you perform an Internet search for feedback about a given provider's track record. The information is readily available.

For employed professionals, the work time saved by formal training is significant enough that it's almost always cost effective to attend instructor-led sessions. But for unemployed individuals, or those working on their own time to develop new skills for a career change, trading off their free time for lower tuition cost may present a reasonable alternative.

How you learn is important. How much you learn is critical. Retaining what you learn is what counts. When you choose training options that build your confidence and competence with a new IT skill-set, the bottom line will be professional success.

Roland Van Liew is president of Hands On Technology Transfer Inc., headquartered in Chelmsford. For more information, go to www.traininghott.com or call 1-800-413-0939 or 978-250-4299.

Which training is right for you?

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Con: Studies show very low completion rates for complex topics like IT training, with very limited information retained. Almost as expensive as instructor-led classroom training.

COMPUTER-BASED/VIDEO TRAINING
Pro: Inexpensive information written by programmers with unknown skill sets.
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OBITUARY

Janice Rosano

Co-founder of R.W. Rosano General Contractors

Janice (Ferreira) Rosano, 74, of Cohasset, died Jan. 4, 2007, at her home.

Born in Rockland, she was raised in the Beechwood section of Cohasset and was a graduate of Cohasset High School. Mrs. Rosano and her late husband, Rocco W. Rosano, who died in 1978, founded R.W. Rosario General Contractors, which continues to serve the South Shore.

Mrs. Rosano worked for the Town of Cohasset, working with the Cohasset Public Schools and in the Town Clerk's Office. She also served Cohasset as the secretary for the Board of Assessors, an Election Warden, as well as the Shellfish Constable. She was also active in the community, working in the CCD Program at St. Anthony's and with the Cub Scouts as a den mother. Mrs. Rosario enjoyed reading and cooking. She also loved spending time at Bassins Beach in Cohasset and Peter's Pond in Sandwich.

The wife of the late Rocco W. Rosano, she leaves her daughter, Jill A. Rosano of Cohasset; her sons, Randall W. Rosano of Pembroke, Ryan W. Rosano of Boston, Ross W. Rosano of Cohasset and Ray W. Rosano of Pembroke; her grandchildren, Robert, Richard, Emily, Megan, Mary Kate, Isabelle and William and two great-grandchildren. Kayla and Wyatt. She was the sister of the late Milton "Babe" Ferreira.

A funeral service was held Jan. 8, at the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset, followed by a funeral Mass in St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset. Interment in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Town of Cohasset (Beechwood Ballpark) c/o Town Treasurer, Cohasset, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA. 02025.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Donald Reade. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chairman: William Baird.

Sunday, Jan. 14 — Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday 10 a.m.- Worship in the Meeting House Sermon: "Working Our Souls"

Religious education classes for toddlers and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 a.m. in the Parish House.

A One Room Schoolhouse for our children and youth will feature the Synergy Brass Quintet, hosted by our First parish UU Youth Group.

Our youngsters will revel in the sounds of this exciting ensemble that has performed across the country and participated in such stellar musical events as the Tanglewood Festival and the Boston Early Music Festival.

Refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall will follow the morning service and RE classes.

Noon to 2:30 p.m. – Soul Work Conversations and Children's Programming – Lunch served at noon, with programming from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. On this Sunday of celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. King, we will launch this series of monthly conversations and parallel programming for children here at First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Cohasset. This is a collaborative venture of this congregation, First Parish in Hingham-Old Ship, and Second Parish Unitarian Universalist in Hingham. We'll explore in structured conversation led by Jan Carlsson-Bull and Eva Marx the essays and dialogues found in Soul Work: anti-racist theologies in dialogue. Copies are available for purchase in Jan's study at the discounted price of $18@. Please make your check payable to First Parish UU/Cohasset and earmark it "Soul Work."

Nan Moore is leading programming for children of participants during this first session of the series.

This series is dedicated to the late Rev. Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley, minister, mother, educator, mentor, social justice activist, and co-editor of *Soul Work*, the touchstone book for this series. Let us honor her life and that of Dr. King as we seek to live their legacy in conversation and action.

Monday, Jan. 15 — On this anniversary of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, First Parish Unitarian Universalist will celebrate his life and legacy with other Cohasset congregations at a breakfast at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, from 9 to 11 a.m.. $5/person, $15/family

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083.

Welcome to St. Stephens 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 10:00 a.m. Church school for Pre K – Grade 5 is at 10:00 a.m.

- Friday, the 12th at 9:30 a.m. Yoga class
- Friday, the 12th Soup and Sandwich at noon.
- Saturday, the 13th: Bible Fellowship 7 a.m..
- Saturday, the 13th Altar Guild Breakfast 9-11 a.m.
- Sunday, the 14th, Youth devo at 9:00 a.m.
- Monday, the 15th: MLK Breakfast 9-11 co-sponsored by the Diversity Committee and the Cohasset Clergy
- Monday, the 15th Christian Meditation 7:30 p.m.. Profile Committee meeting 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, the 16th: Social service League Meeting at 9 a.m.
- Wednesday, the 17th : Holy Eucharist and Healing 9:30a.m.
- Wednesday, the 17th Bible Study — The Book of Ruth 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, the 17thBook Group — "Wicked" 7:30 p.m.

In the Scripture lessons for the second Sunday after Epiphany, Isaiah proclaims salvation to Israel, Paul's letter to the Corinthians speaks of the variety of gifts given. In the Gospel Jesus turns water into wine at the wedding in Cana. Preacher: Ms. Wheatley-Dyson.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (third Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); Scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination: Christian Science. 781-749-2874. Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The upcoming Bible Lessons for January are Sacrament, Life and Truth.

Everyone is welcome!

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

POLICE/FIRE LOG

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10:41 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

11:19 a.m. **South Main St.**, caller reports a larceny at this location overnight and requests an officer. She knows the identity of the suspect; party being summoned on charges of shoplifting by asportation.

12:47 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, walk-in reports that his neighbor is acting strangely and that this is an ongoing issue; services rendered.

3:14 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle hit and run reported by walk-in party who also reports that the suspect fled the scene; investigated and report filed.

4:27 p.m. **North Main St.**, caller reports male party driving erratically and appears intoxicated; investigated and male operator checks out okay.

4:44 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, caller reports a female was hit by motor vehicle while walking her dog; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS for minor injuries.

4:46 p.m. **Forest Ave. and Jerusalem Road**, motor vehicle stop resulting in a 36-year-old Cohasset female being summoned on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and operating a vehicle with a suspended license and a 34-year-old Revere male being summoned on charges of allowing improper operation of a motor vehicle, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

11:06 p.m. **Kingsley Road**, mutual aid to Hull Police Dept., request for back-up for a large street fight following a motor vehicle accident; peace restored and one female in custody.

SATURDAY, DEC. 30

12:40 a.m. **Pond St.-High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

12:41 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

2:32 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, erratic operation; black sports car traveling at a high rate of speed reported by Hull Police Dept.; area search negative.

2:53 a.m. **Pond St. and Clay Spring Road**, officer requested for well-being check of two parties; services rendered.

10:01 a.m. **Brook St.**, caller reports that they are attempting to move some items into the business but there is a motor vehicle blocking the entry way; departmental action taken.

12:04 p.m. **Summer St.**, walk-in party reports locking herself out of her house; services rendered.

4:57 p.m. **Jefferson Lane**, medical aid requested for 42-year-old male with chest pain; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

5:53 p.m. **Elm St.**, fire alarm activation; caller reports burning food on his stove and he can't shut the alarm off; fire extinguished and smoke cleared.

8:21 p.m. **Clapp Road**, medical aid requested for motor vehicle accident; cancelled by Scituate Fire Dept. before arrival.

11:04 p.m. **Doane St.**, caller reports receiving two annoying phone calls this evening; wants them logged and will come in to station tomorrow to take care of the rest; information logged.

SUNDAY, DEC. 31

12:23 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

12:24 a.m. **Lincoln Park**, mutual aid for woman after a fall to Scituate police.

10:46 a.m. **Highland Ave.**, medical aid requested for female after falling down about ten stairs; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

JANUARY 11-19 2007

A funny hook on fishing

Local actor scales to professional ranks

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



Bill Stambaugh

Bill Stambaugh has been a staple on the local community theater scene for the past decade — with leading roles at Norwell's Company Theatre, Braintree's Curtain Call and elsewhere – but recently the Plymouth native decided it was time to go pro. Stambaugh, who now lives in Holbrook, joined the Actor's Equity Association union so that he could pursue roles in professional theater.

"I felt like I reached a place in community theater where I was ready for the next chapter in my acting career. I'm hoping that getting my Equity card will provide me with a feeling that I am challenging myself with a new, higher level of acting experience. I really want to continue to learn and grow and just become a better actor," says Stambaugh, a 1991 graduate of Plymouth North High School who earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in theater performance from Franklin Pierce College.

Stambaugh joined Equity — the labor union that represents more than 45,000 actors and stage managers in the United States — on Dec. 26 — the first day of rehearsals for "Guys on Ice: The Ice Fishing Musical" in which he opens this week at Stoneham Theatre.

"This whole thing kind of came out of nowhere. I was asked to come up to Stoneham to audition for Jason Southerland, who is directing "Guys on Ice," on the same day and I was also cast that day. I had auditioned once before for Jason at Boston Theatre Works and, apparently, he remembered me. I didn't get that first job with him, but I got this one. And I really believe this is all happening for a reason. It is change for the better. I love theater and I love the exploration it represents so I am very much looking forward to working at this new level."

First up for Stambaugh is the role of Lloyd in "Guys On Ice," which features book and lyrics by the late Fred Alley and was originally written as a joint production of the American Folklore Theater and the Milwaukee Repertory Theater. The musical was first presented at Ephraim Village Hall in Door County, Wisconsin, in 1998.

In the show, longtime friends Lloyd and Marvin (Cory Scott) are camped out in their ice fishing shanty and keeping themselves warm with their mutual fondness for good bait, good beer and the Green Bay Packers. As Marvin waits to learn whether or not he'll get the chance to appear on his favorite cable television fishing show, Lloyd frets over a recent argument with his wife. Along the way — while scrambling to keep Ernie the Moocher (Weymouth's Bill Gardiner) away from their cold ones — the pair perform musical numbers including "De Fishing Hole," "Ode to a Snowmobile Suit," and "Fish is de Miracle Food."



"Guys on Ice: The Ice Fishing Musical" will be presented at the Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham, through Jan. 28. For tickets and information, call 781-279-2200 or visit www.stonehamtheatre.org.

Stambaugh readily acknowledges that ice fishing is not the most obvious inspiration for musical theater.

"It is a very different show, for sure, but it's also extraordinarily funny. It takes place in Wisconsin where they have some very different attitudes and accents, too, and it takes you on a really funny ride. The ice fishing is just representative of how these guys bond every day. When you get beyond the ice fishing, the story is really endearing."

With roles in musicals like "Ragtime," "Oliver!," and "Cabaret" and plays including "Broadway Bound," "Speed the Plow," "Glengarry Glen Ross," and "A Streetcar Named Desire," the 34-year-old Stambaugh has endeared himself to local community theater audiences. He doesn't take his leave from that world lightly.

"I've been lucky and privileged to work as much as I have in community theater. And the people I've met along the way have been fantastic to me. I just hope I can achieve the same happiness and success in Equity houses, because the stage is where it's at for me. It fulfills me like nothing else. My biggest concern is the work. There will be fewer opportunities for me to work as a professional. I am ready, however, because I just wasn't taking as much from the experience in community theater as I had in the beginning. It was definitely time to find new ways to challenge myself."

("Guys on Ice: The Ice Fishing Musical" will be presented at the Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main Street, Stoneham, through Jan. 28. For tickets and information, call 781-279-2200 or visit www.stonehamtheatre.org.)

Calendar of events

Thursday, Jan. 11

Robin Chan's photography show ***Spectrum*** will be displayed in the Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery from Jan. 6 through Feb. 1. *"Spectrum"* may be viewed during regular library hours. **A reception for Robin Chan will be held on Thursday, Jan. 11, at 7 p.m. in the gallery area.** Light refreshments will be available.

The Dickinson Group will open a new art gallery in Weymouth on Route 18, next to the former Weymouth Naval Air Station. The gallery, known as Art Treasure Gallery, officially open its doors with a Jan. 11, show featuring the works of 20 local and national artists. Artists interested in displaying at the Weymouth gallery are asked to contact gallery director Gabriel Catbagan at 781-331-9841.

The Buttonwood Middle School Book Group will meet on Jan. 11, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. The selected book is **Tangerine** by Edward Bloor. No reservations are necessary. All are welcome. 781-383-2665.

Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull, presents Flying Santa: A Holiday Tradition through March 11. 781-925-5433 lifesavingmuseum.org

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad Street, Weymouth. 781-335-9796, no cover Satch Romano's *New* ***Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam***, 9 p.m. show, jam, 21+. Handicap access. Casual dress. Fine dining.

The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. Jan. 11, **BBC "Pint Night" featuring Flydown formerly The Alliance.**

Friday, Jan. 12

The 14th Annual Providence Boat Show is one of the biggest winter boat shows in New England. This year, the show runs Jan. 11 to 14, at both the Rhode Island Convention Center and the Dunkin' Donuts Center, just off Rte 95 in downtown Providence, The show runs Thursday, Jan. 11 and Friday, Jan. 12, from noon to 10 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 13 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 14 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Ticket prices are $12.with children under 12 free at all entry points when accompanied by an adult. More information is available at providenceboatshow.com

New England Singles Jan. 12, from 8 pm. to midnight Sheraton Braintree, Grand Ballroom, I-93/I-95, Exit 6, Braintree, MA. Music from the 60's to the present. DJ Paul Dipanfilo. Ages 40 and over. Admission $10. singlesdances-newengland.com

Single Executives Club Singles Dance – Jan. 12, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at **Raffael's**, 1601 Main St., Rt. 1A, Walpole Dancing with music by award winning DJ Complimentary buffet, free door prizes and match game prizes. Free dancing lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples age 30 and over. Cost before 9 p.m. is $10. Proper business dress recommended; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable. www.se-4u.com or call 781-446-0234 for information.

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Jan. 12, **3rd Left.**

Next Page Café, 550 Broad Street, Weymouth Jan. 12, **Mission of Blues** No cover. All shows 9:15 p.m. unless noted. 781-335-9796.

CALENDAR, see next page

Mark your calendar

6TH ANNUAL LUNAFEST FILM FESTIVAL Saturday Jan 20, from 5 to 9 p.m. Presented by The Healthy Living Guide, the festival brings eight award-winning films by, for, and about women. A national platform for emerging women filmmakers to share their stories is produced by LUNA, the whole nutrition bar for women. For tickets, register online at TheHealthyLivingGuide.com. $17. Proceeds to benefit the Breast Cancer Fund. Special exhibit of Local Artists & Authors displaying their life work and purpose. For information, call Candita at 781-834-2728. Cape Cod Community College, 2240 Iyannough Road, (Rt. 132), W. Barnstable

BOSTON CHOCOLATE TOUR RETURNS Beginning Jan. 20, The One & Only Boston Chocolate Tour will return to satisfy New England's collective sweet tooth every Saturday from January through April. The fully-narrated, three-hour journey of decadent desserts and fun facts features tasty visits to Top of the Hub Restaurant, the historic Omni Parker House Hotel and The Langham Hotel Boston, The One & Only Boston Chocolate Tour departs from the Trolley Stop Store at the corner of Boylston and South Charles Streets every Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Tickets are $75 per person. Advance reservations are required and may be made by calling 617-269-7010.

CABIN FEVER, GREATER BOSTON, ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE TOY SHOW will be held at the Holiday Inn in Dedham Jan. 21 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Admission $4.50 ($3.50 after noon) For information visit bostontoyshow.com or call an Wims at 781-281-1448.

A TRIBUTE TO THE RAT PACK returns to The Company Theatre after two years on Jan. 27, at 8 p.m. and Jan. 28, at 3 p.m. a third "Tribute to the Rat Pack" show on Saturday, Jan. 27, at 3 p.m. has been added. Backed by a live band, these talented singers and impersonators from Las Vegas superbly recreate the "cool" of Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis, Jr., and Dean Martin. Tickets are $32. Tickets to all Company Theatre events can be purchased in person at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Dr. in Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787.or fax your ticket requests to 781-871-6914 or by visiting companytheatre.com

THE DROWNED HOGS will be holding their 12th Annual swim on Saturday, Jan. 27, at high noon at the Mary Jeanette Murray Bathhouse on Nantasket Beach in Hull. More than 400 swimmers and 1,200 spectators are expected. Swimmers recruit sponsors to help raise money for Wellspring Multi-Service Center in Hull. Pledge sheets and information are available at Wellspring and www.drowned-hogs.org

THE SOUND OF MOTOWN comes to The Company Theatre with debut appearance of SOULED OUT featuring the sounds of The Four Tops, Temptations, Kool & the Gang and more. **SOULED OUT** takes to the stage for two shows – Feb. 2 and Feb. 3. Both shows start at 8 p.m. **SOULED OUT** is an 11- piece musical ensemble that specializes in the great "Motown" soul sound. Featuring a three piece vocal section that fronts the band, the group weaves it's way through the Motown and 70's & 80's soul eras with choreographed dance routines and outstanding musicianship. Tickets for **SOULED OUT** are priced at $31 and are available at the box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com.

Movie review

'Dreamgirls' has Supreme moments

"Dreamgirls" (B)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC



James "Thunder" Early (Eddie Murphy) strikes a dramatic pose in front of his back-up singers the Dreamettes.

Is "Dreamgirls," a film described by one of my colleagues as the gay man's "Lord of the Rings," another "Chicago" or "Rent?"

Since I'm no fan of either, it doesn't matter.

But I, like everyone else who's seen this colorful screen version of the 1980s stage musical, can say that a star is born in the film, and her name is Jennifer Hudson.

Written for the screen and directed by Bill Condon, who also wrote the "Chicago" (2002) screenplay, "Dreamgirls" tells the bewigged and sequin-drenched story of a 1960s-era girl group resembling the Supremes.

It features Beyonce Knowles as the Diana Ross-like Deena Jones; Hudson in the show-stopping role of big-boned singer Effie White; and Jamie Foxx as a Berry Gordy-like entrepreneur who turns a Cadillac dealership into a Motor City-based, Motown-ish industry. The film has many of the weaknesses critics identified in the stage version.

The action begins rather suddenly at a talent contest and unfolds in a stylized "Chicago" and "Rent"-like universe, half TV set, half theater stage. Condon is especially fond of colored filters to achieve an expressionistic, showbiz look.

If the story line is clearer in the film, it is also surprisingly flat and full of girl-group clichés: the diva-esque tantrums, sex, jealousies, betrayals and conspiracies. The group's increasingly wigged-out do's and pop-influenced costumes and gowns tell a vivacious story all their own, and Knowles especially looks splendid in her form-fitting costumes.

Three friends from the projects, the "Dreamettes" are hired to sing backup on the road for the Little Richard-like James "Thunder" Early (a strong turn by Eddie Murphy).

The film charts the girls' meteoric ride to the top of the charts. It acknowledges the scourge of payola and how songs composed and performed by black artists were routinely co-opted by white performers and given more radio and TV play.

But "Dreamgirls" never approaches the power of "What's Love Got to Do With It" (1993), the acclaimed film portrait of the personal and professional marriage of Ike and Tina Turner.

Another challenge facing the film is also one it shares with the stage version. Unlike "Mamma Mia" and "Jersey Boys," "Dreamgirls" does not feature its real-life source music.

Instead of the signature Motown sound of the Supremes, the songs in "Dreamgirls," composed by Broadway-bred Henry Krieger ("The Tap Dance Kid"), are show tunes. We hear about the new "fusion," black-bred, pop music, but we don't really hear it (although the faux Jackson 5 sound authentic).

Having said that, Hudson's rendition of "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going" caused an outbreak of spontaneous applause at the screening I attended. Knowles is not upstaged entirely by Hudson and has her own spotlight moment belting out the tune "Listen." Anika Noni Rose is also fun as the third Dreamette, the good-girl-gone-sour Lorrell Robinson. Foxx's fictional Gordy, however, is a weak follow-up to his Academy Award-winning work in "Ray." Speaking of which, don't the Supremes deserve a "Ray" of their own?

Rated PG-13. "Dreamgirls" contains profanity and sexual references.

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Saturday, Jan. 13

The North River Arts Society's Annual **Children's Art Day** takes place on Jan. 13, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. Explore the arts with the NRAS' staff of art instructors. Activities for all ages will include printing, painting, drawing, collage and more. Mom and Dad can learn about our new pre-school program, ongoing after-school classes for children and teens, and our very popular Summer ArtCamp and Young Masters Summer Program. This year, we are also featuring a student art exhibit in our Little Gallery. This exhibit of work completed by NRAS students during after school classes and in ArtCamp will be on display during the Art Day event and will continue until Saturday, Jan. 20. The Little Gallery is open during office hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. Refreshments. Raffle. Admission is $2 per child. Call the NRAS office for information 781-837-8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com.

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The monthly Down East Dancers Country Dance will be held at the Taunton Elks Lodge, 119 High St., Taunton on Jan. 13. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Couples and line dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight with DJ Donna Shea. Refreshments, raffles, cash bar. $6. For info call 508-680-6736 or 781-925-9066 or visit downeast-dancers.com

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Jan. 13, **Spank.**

Next Page Café, 550 Broad Street, Weymouth Jan. 13, **Beale Street Band**, No cover. All shows 9:15 p.m. unless noted. 781-335-9796.

Sunday, Jan. 14

Concert of Brazilian Music. at Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. Sunday, Jan. 14, at 3 p.m. **David Newsam**, classical guitarist and teacher at Berklee College of Music, and **Natalia Bernal**, Chilean jazz vocalist, present a concert of Brazilian music in the library's Logan Auditorium. The hour long concert is free and open to the public. For information call 781-848-0405.

Temple Beth Emunah's Brotherhood and Sisterhood in conjunction with area churches invites everyone to the **11th Annual Free Luncheon** to honor the memory of **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** on Sunday, Jan. 14, at 1:15 p.m. The special guest speaker will be **Rabbi H. David Werb**, the spiritual leader of Temple Beth Emunah for the last 36 years. **Fr. Frank Cloherty** of Our Lady of Lourdes Church and **Rev. Michael Walker** of Messiah Baptist Church will make special presentations. For information call the Temple at 508-583-5810 or visit templebethemunah.org

The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury will hold its first Second Sunday program, a series of interactive programs offered at no charge, on Sunday, Jan. 14, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The focus of the workshop will be fun figures with found objects. All materials will be provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Further information is available at www.artcomplex.org

The paintings of Hingham artist Judith Mehring will be shown in the Dolphin Gallery from through Jan. 25. Her show may be viewed during library hours.

The work of Howard Bond, an indisputable master of large format film photography whose work is collected by The National Museum of Art and London's Victoria & Albert, and a series of digitally captured and printed images by Hull photographer **Stephen Lathrop,** will be featured in an exhibition at South Shore Conservatory (One Conservatory Drive) in Hingham, through Jan. 31, 2007.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Every Sunday **Dave Foley's Solo Rockin' Roots Acoustic Jam** 8 p.m. to midnight 781-335-9796.

Monday, Jan. 15

The No Place for Hate Committee and the **Duxbury Interfaith Council** will honor the memory of Martin Luther King Jr. at its annual Prayer Breakfast. The event will take place at Holy Family Church, Rt. 3A in Duxbury on Monday, Jan. 15 at 8:30 a.m. A $5 per person/ $10 per family donation is requested. Contact the Council for information at 781-934-8388. This year essays written by several Duxbury High School students will be presented.

John F. Kennedy Library and Foundation presents **Kennedy Library Forums Martin Luther King Day – A Tribute to August Wilson. Charles Dutton and Dwight Williams** will pay a tribute to August Wilson Jan. 15, from 2 to 3 p.m. Elvis Mitchell will moderate. All forums are free and open to the public. Reservations are required. Reservations guarantee a seat in the building but not the main hall. Doors to the main hall open one hour before the program begins. Call 617-514-1643for reservations and information or visit www.jfklibrary.org

Duxbury's Bumpus Gallery presents work of Donna Green An exhibit of portraits titled "Faces of Innocence" by South Shore artist **Donna Green** will be featured at the **Helen Bumpus Gallery in Duxbury** during January and February. A reception to meet the artist will be held at the Gallery on Sunday, Jan. 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served and all are invited to attend. The Helen Bumpus Gallery is located on the main level of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden Street. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours. For information call 781-934-2721.

Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull, presents **Flying Santa: A Holiday Tradition** through March 11. 781-925-5433 lifesavingmuseum.org

Tuesday, Jan. 16

The South Shore Community Center Nursery School announces applications for the 2006-2007 school year will be available on Tuesday, Jan.16, at the Nursery School and the Community Center offices. All families on the South Shore are eligible to apply. The registration process is based on a lottery system. All applications are due back to the Nursery School Office by Jan. 25 at 3p.m. Included in the envelope should be a copy of the child's birth certificate and a $100 registration fee. Application envelopes should be clearly marked "Nursery School Registration." The lottery will be drawn the week of Feb. 5 and acceptance letters will be sent via mail the following week. Any child who does not get a placement in the program will have their registration fee returned. For information call Ann Madden at 781-383-0036 or email at amadden@southshorecommunitycenter.com



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Whale Tracks and Facts, photographic exhibit at the South Shore Natural Science Center Learn more about the variety of whales off the south shores through informative displays and interactive and educational kiosks throughout the month of January 2007 at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell. The Science Center has partnered with Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, Scituate and will offer the following activities and events. A photographic exhibit " Whale Tracks and Facts" Studying the Whales of the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary will be on display in Vine Hall Gallery at the Science Center through Jan. 4-31. Recent research using non-invasive suction cup tags is providing amazing insights into the behavior of humpback whales – the acrobats of the marine environment. This photographic exhibit offers images of whale behaviors photographed at the surface, and the subsurface tracks of whales as recorded by the new technology. Two interactive kiosks from the Sanctuary will complement the exhibit. A Family Fun day is planned for Saturday, Jan. 20 and will feature a 40 foot model of a Right Whale named Lefty. Learn about whale biology from inside the model. Other hands on activities will focus on this critically endangered species. For information contact the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell at 781-659-2559 and for directions view the website at www.ssnsc.org.

CALENDAR, see next page

Volunteers

THE PLYMOUTH INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL will roll into Plymouth again this summer with films, workshops, surprise guests and speakers, and films on the waterfront.

Volunteers who have worked during previous festivals know the excitement of meeting filmmakers and making new friends while learning first hand the ins-and-outs of movie magic. If you can spare six hours a day for two days this July, PIFF needs you. Come to PIFF's first organizational meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room at the StoneForge restaurant on Rte. 3A in Plymouth. Commitment time is short. The festival's core teams work with your schedule. Volunteers receive complimentary passes to workshops, screenings and other events. For information check out our website www.plyfilmfest.org or contact Lisa Mattei, festival director at lisa@plyfilmfest.org

VOLUNTEER WITH THE MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS Local disasters call for community solutions - Be part of the solution. The Towns of Plymouth, Carver, Kingston, Duxbury, Middleborough, Randolph, Plympton, Pembroke, Halifax, Hanson, Wareham, Rochester, Marion, Rockland, Marshfield, East Bridgewater and Avon are in need of volunteers. Both medical and non-medical volunteers are needed; whether you are currently employed or retired. If you are a seasoned volunteer or this is your first time, your help is needed. On-going training will be provided both before and during an emergency. Bring your Skills, energy and enthusiasm! Contact your local board of health or call the Plymouth area medical reserve corps at 508-747-5050.

Classes

THE PLYMOUTH COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION will offer a Beekeeping for Beginners school beginning on Jan. 25, at the Plymouth County Extension Center Building on High Street in Hanson. The course runs every other Thursday for seven sessions at 7 p.m. For information call Charles Marchewka at 781-585-8908.

THE SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER announces its winter schedule of courses and workshops. Adult classes start the week of Jan. 16 and are offered in all media for beginners and experienced levels. Children's classes begin Jan. 22, 2007 and financial assistance is available through the Lois Weltman Memorial Fund for Children, requiring a student be recommended by an art teacher. Gift certificates for classes are available in any denomination and make great holiday gifts! For more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org to register online.

NEW WINE EDUCATION SERIES at The Wine Barrel, 10 Main Street Ext. Plymouth. Sign up early for 'Introduction to Wine: A Global Perspective', a series of four classes that will be held on Jan, 22, 29, and Feb. 12, 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. Register for the entire series or individual classes. Details available in store, online at the-wine-barrel.com, or call 508-830-9511.

TUFTS CUMMINGS SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE presents six educational opportunities for the horse owners of New England. Presented on Wednesday evenings in January, February and March, these lectures will bring you up to date on the most current advancements and treatments in veterinary medicine. Presented by board certified clinicians from Tufts Hospital for Large Animals, the faculty is eager to show you the results of their research and extensive experience and to hear from you about your horse's health. Designed for the horsemen, this lecture series has always provided a great environment for learning and promoting equine health and fitness. For information visit tufts.edu/vet/continedu/equ_health_2007.html

FOUNDATION TO PAINTING and EXPLORING THE CREATIVE PROCESS offered by the SCITUATE ARTS ASSOCIATION at the Ellis Estate on 709 Country Way, Scituate. Foundation to Painting applies to all new painters and painters whom wish to brush up on their skills. SAA president, Bob Beaulieu, will be offering this course. The Cost is $130 for SAA members, and $150 non members. Contact Bob Beaulieu at 781.424.7064, or email Bob@beaulieudesign.com The second course is Exploring the Creative Process based on the book "The Artists Way" taught by Ms Nancy Howell. This course is ideal for anyone who is interested in exploring their creative instincts. It is not just for painters, but is a discussion group for those who are looking for new ways of tapping into their own intuition and finding answers as to why we often set up roadblocks for ourselves. On Jan. 16, we will be in the first six-week session which will go until Feb. 20. Cost is $120 for members, $135 for non members. Contact Nancy Howell at 781.545.8443, or email at nancyhowellstudio@comcast.net Further information about events with the Scituate Arts Association can be obtained on www.scituateart.com

AMERICAN RED CROSS offers courses in First Aid, Adult CPR/AED, Infant & Child CPR and First, CPR for the Professional Rescuer. Call 617-770-2600 or visit bostonredcross.org for information.

SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER ANNOUNCES *TROMPE L'OEIL* CLASS

Trompe l'oeil (pronounced TROMP LOY) means to fool the eye.... In art, this technique has been used since ancient times to create illusions on walls, ceilings, floors, and furniture. It is often combined with what we think of today as a "faux finish" such as creating the illusion of marble, stone, wood on humble surfaces with paint. This technique was traditionally done when the real material was either too expensive or inappropriate for the area it was to cover.

Marshfield resident Sharon Perlmutter has extensive experience in *trompe l'oeil* as a set designer and artist (www.thepaintedline.com) and will offer this technique and more in her Thursday evening class at the South Shore Art Center. To register for this class or the many others offered, call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org. The winter term classes begin January 16. South Shore Art Center is located in Cohasset Village.

Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 10-4 and Sunday, 12-4, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, MA 02025

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Applebee's Bar & Grill, 765 Bridge St., Weymouth every Tuesday night from 6 to 8 p.m. **Hanna the Balloon Artist**. 781-331-8550.

Wednesday, Jan. 17

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association, the **South Shore Natural Science Center** and the **Mass Audubon South Shore Regional Headquarters** announce their partnership in presenting another free winter lecture series. The lectures will be held every Wednesday night at 7 pm at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell beginning Jan. 17 and ending March 21. The series is sponsored in part by Rockland Trust Company. Admission is free of charge. **Jan. 17 - *Sippewisset: Or, Life on a Salt Marsh* Tim Traver, Author** Author Tim Traver will be speaking on his recent remarkable book *Sippewisset: Or, Life on a Salt Marsh*. For information visit www.nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA at 781-659-8168, Mass Audubon at 781-659-9400 or SSNSC at 781-659-2559.

The Art of Yoga registration is now taking place at the Art Complex Museum. Yoga instructor Kathleen Young leads participants through gentle, meditative movements in a positive, non-threatening environment. There are two different class times offered for the one-hour classes: one which begins Jan. 17, at 8 am; and another which begins on Jan. 18, at 11:30 am. The cost for four weeks $36. Further information is available at www.artcomplex.org or 781-934-6634, extension 15.

The North River Arts Society presents **Focal Points**, a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery featuring original watercolor paintings by Marshfield artist **Betty Rogers.** This show runs through Feb. 2. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster St., Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com

South Shore Art Center Gallery Artist Jane Flavell Collins, a Duxbury resident, is showing her watercolor and acrylic paintings in the Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery at South Shore Conservatory in Hingham. The exhibition continues through January, 2007. For hours, call 781-749-7565 or visit southshoreconservatory.org.

Thursday, Jan. 18

Comedy Night –Townline Café, 269 Main St, (Rt. 28), West Bridgewater, Next to Asack's Footwear, (On the Brockton Line). Jan. 18 at 8 p.m. First comedy show featuring: **Dave Andrews** "The Funny Musician" Other comics: **Annette Pollack, Jon Pierce, Jay Margaca, Sean Sullivan, Dan Hirshon**, Dinner and appetizers available. Tickets $12 in advance/$15 at the door. Advance reservations recommended. 508-580-0255 www.townlinecafe.com or www.annettepollack.com

The Scituate High School Music Department/Friends of Scituate Music Papa Gino's Community Fundraiser Jan. 18, from 4 to 9 p.m. Papa Gino's Cohasset. Any guest must bring in a flyer – no coupons – Dine-in and carry out orders. Not valid for delivery. To receive a flyer call Lisa Beck at 781-545-7023 or email at helloscituate@aol.com

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad Street, Weymouth. 781-335-9796, no cover Satch Romano's *New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam*, 9 p.m. show, jam, 21+. Handicap access. Casual dress. Fine dining.

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Jan. 18 **BBC "Pint Night" featuring Flydown formerly The Alliance.**

Friday, Jan. 19

New Repertory Theatre enters 2007 with the New England premiere of **Silence** by British Playwright Moira Buffini. **Silence,** winner of the Susan Smith Blackburn prize, is based on actual characters and events. ***Silence*** opens on Jan. 20 and plays through Feb. 11. **Silence** salaciously blends sex and politics in this Dark Ages meets New Age comedy," says Rick Lombardo, New Rep's Producing Artistic Director. **Silence** will be directed by **Rick Lombardo**, and will feature Boston favorites **Marianna Bassham** and **Lewis Wheeler,** and introduce New York's **Emily Sproch** to Boston audiences. Designers **Cristina Todesco** (scenic), **Christopher Ostrom** (lighting), and **Frances Nelson McSherry** (costumes) will join together to create the world of the play. Tickets: $31-$50, depending on time of the week and time of the show. Discounts for seniors and students. Call: 617-923-8487 or buy online at www.newrep.org

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Single Executives Club Singles Dance –Jan. 19, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at **Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom**, 929 Hingham St., Rockland, exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by award winning DJ Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes and match game prizes. **Free dancing lessons** from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples age 30 and over. Cost before 9 p.m. is $10 Proper business dress recommended; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable. Visit www.se-4u.com or call 781-446-0234 for information.



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New England Singles **Jan. 19, from 8 pm. to midnight Sheraton Braintree, Grand Ballroom, I-93/I-95, Exit 6, Braintree, MA. Music from the 60's to the present. DJ Tom Bruhl. Ages 40 and over. Admission $10. singlesdances-newengland.com**

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Jan. 19, **Sister Cheryl.**

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Quick Flix

All reviews by James Verniere, unless otherwise noted



Five-year-old Christopher (Jaden Smith) contemplates his dad's tough times in "The Pursuit of Happyness".

New Releases

CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (C-)

"Code Name: The Cleaner" is a painfully absurd comedy that is loaded with shtick from the first frame to the last. It's too bad talents such as Cedric the Entertainer, Lucy Liu and Nicollette Sheridan ("Desperate Housewives") signed up for this disastrous romp, a twisted crime caper that goes awry.

Jake (Cedric) is a janitor who somehow became entangled in the government's quest for a missing computer chip. In the end, the film is a 90-minute excuse for a well-known funny guy to act like a clown. (Rated PG-13) — Chelsea Bain

HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER (B)

Do kids prefer good or evil? Judging by the yucks during the packed screening of the animated film "Happily N'Ever After," evil holds its own. So long, of course, it doesn't win in the end. In the best tradition of "Fractured Fairy Tales," "Happily N'Ever After" takes the Cinderella story and turns it on its head. The animation in "Happily N'Ever After" looks like as if it was done on a copy machine, and the music is awful, but the under-10 crowd in the audience enjoyed themselves immensely. (Rated PG) — Keith Powers

ROMANTICO (B+)

An unflinching, if also relentlessly bleak look at the hard-scrabble existence of a pair of illegal Mexican musicians, "Romantico" contributes to the ongoing immigration debate. Directed by Needham native Mark Becker, a Stanford film school graduate who co-edited "The Lost Boys of Sudan," the film is a straightforward depiction of undocumented Mexican immigrants for whom going home poses a serious problem. The film is a hauntingly realistic portrait of the sort of life led by countless immigrants in the United States. For them, being "illegal" is a step up from the abyss. (Not Rated)

Ongoing

THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (B+)

The hard-luck drama "The Pursuit of Happyness" is a family affair in more ways than one. Will Smith delivers a wrenching performance as real-life Chris Gardner, a husband and father trying to raise himself out of homelessness and poverty. His son Jaden Smith, however, almost upstages him playing his screen son. Chris is a harried father, husband and salesman whose hair is beginning to gray. He sells medical bone-scanning devices, which he purchased in a get-rich-quick scheme. Redemption appears in the form of an unpaid internship at Dean Witter, where Chris dreams of striking it rich as a stockbroker. The film's arc is predictable; the payoff comes late, and the little-engine-that-could musical score grates. Smith's hard-charging Chris is a genuinely moving metaphor for the indomitable human spirit. When Smith finally weeps, you will, too. (Rated PG-13)

APOCALYPTO (A-)

In opening scenes of "Apocalypto," Mel Gibson's latest, subtitled, gonzo-exotico effort, a young Mayan hunter chomps down on a tapir testicle, and you wonder: What is this, the pre-Columbian "Jackass"? No, it's "Mad Max Beyond Yucatan." "Apocalypto" is grotesquely violent and seething with rage. The film is chockablock with evil portents, an end-of-times vibe and a "Goddess of the Scaffold." In other words, it's vintage Mad Mel. A little girl's prophecy will remind some of Joseph Campbell's theory that Christ had mythic predecessors in pagan religions. But ontological Melisms aside, if you liked Michael Mann's great "The Last of the Mohicans," you are going to grock this ultra-violent, National Geographic extravaganza bigtime. (Rated R)

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School Committee votes 'no' on override

By Samantha Brown
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"The town does not have the appetite for it."
— Steven Fusco, School Committee

The school department intends on running the district without the help of an override. While Wednesday's School Committee meeting had a brief discussion about going for a small override this year — sparked by Vice Chairman Alfred Slanetz — in the end all five members agreed the town does not have the stomach to go for a tax hike.

The committee discussed bringing forward one of three budget options to the town for fiscal 2008. The first was to recommend a level services budget of $13,687,626 (an increase of $707,815 over fiscal 2007); the second was to recommend the level services budget with modifications (either cuts from level services and/or additions from the supplemental budget); and the third was to recommend the level services budget plus the supplemental requests, for a total of $14,406,011.

To begin, each School Committee member was given the opportunity to state his or her opinion. Member Jamie Williams said she would like to bring forward the level services budget. She said the town is committed to giving the schools $400,000 this year, which would leave a gap of $307,000 to be made up from its request. She said by using surplus funds, which are likely to be seen in the utilities line item, and other offsets, such as Chapter 70 state grant funds, "I hope we can take care of that $300,000" without going for an override.

Member Rick Flynn said he agreed with Williams. He said although the town does not know what it will receive from the state this year in terms of funding, he believes the roughly $300,000

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State Sen. Robert Hedlund, who grew up in town, makes a point during an interview at the Cohasset Mariner office in Hingham Square on Monday.

Hedlund proud of his 'blue-collar' sensibilities

Unfazed by change in governor's office

By Mary Ford
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"I have never looked at an issue along partisan lines."
— State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth

State Senator Robert Hedlund is still relatively young, still sports a goatee, and still plays softball on L Street in Hull.

But the legislator who was a mere 29 years old when he first ran for the seat to represent the eight-town Plymouth-Norfolk District is now considered "as getting up there."

Clearly, at 45, he is not the oldest person in the Legislature by a long shot, but having been elected for the first time in 1990, "seasoned" is probably the best way to describe the Weymouth Republican.

Now the 1979 Hingham High graduate can employ skills honed in through years of interaction with the Democratic-dominated Legislature in dealing with the first Democratic governor in Hedlund's tenure.

Hedlund, who has lived in Weymouth for more than 20 years, described newly sworn-in Gov. Deval Patrick as "charismatic, and a great orator." But, he says, the general consensus on Beacon Hill is that Patrick may be a little naïve based on his initial actions.

However, Hedlund is quick to point out that he wishes Patrick all the best and wants him to succeed.

"There are huge fiscal clouds on the horizon and judging by his actions, I'm not sure he grasps that yet – but I'm hopeful," Hedlund said in an interview at the Cohasset Mariner office Monday. "Obviously, it's early and I hope he thinks outside the box."

Hedlund says Patrick has reversed former Gov. Mitt Romney's cuts to the fiscal 2007 budget amounting to $450 million without prioritizing and preserving some of the cuts that would have ended the fiscal year on June 30 with a surplus and a balanced budget.

"As examples, he could have restored the cuts in human services but not kept those 'pork' projects such as gazebos in Braintree and a piece of land in one of my Democratic colleague's district that is not even for sale," he said.

Hedlund, who also served with former governors William Weld, Paul Cellucci and Jane Swift, describes Romney, whom he says "got a bad deal from the media," which portrayed him as aloof, as having the best grasp of issues and level of detail of the group.

"Romney is an incredibly smart guy who put mature, very talented professionals around him," Hedlund said. "Romney did the best he could not to

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TOWN ELECTION

Richardsson to run for School Committee

By Samantha Brown
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With just under one month left for candidates to pull nomination papers for the 2007 Annual Town Election, the first School Committee hopeful has come forward.

North Main Street resident Peter Richardsson pulled papers Wednesday morning, for one of the two three-year seats up for grabs on the committee, currently held by incumbents Jamie Williams and Adrienne MacCarthy. Neither current School Committee member has indicated whether they will seek reelection for their positions as of yet.

Richardsson is currently a member of the Economic Development Committee. He and others on the board have been working to increase tax revenue to the town through increasing commercial development and were proponents of forming a Transit Oriented District, which was passed at the spring Town Meeting. The EDC has also been a supporter of zoning articles, which came before Town Meeting in the fall and could come up again this spring, which would have changed the zoning for the Village to allow mixed-use development.

The EDC has also worked with the Alternative Energy Committee on money-saving ideas for the town, including harnessing the power of the wind to generate electricity, especially at the schools.

When not volunteering his time participating on the EDC, Richardsson serves as the President of LineCatcher Industries, a small marine products manufacturer and distributor. He is also the Assistant

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Zoning articles ruffle planning board feathers

By Samantha Brown
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The Economic Development Committee has submitted revised Village zoning articles to the Board of Selectmen to be brought to the spring Town Meeting. While the original articles — which would have allowed for the development of a new village business district and residential units on the second floor of buildings downtown — made their debut at the fall Special Town Meeting and were defeated, the EDC would like the town to consider them again on March 31.

While Town Meeting voted down the articles in the fall, it did approve allocating $30,000 for the Planning Board to hire a consultant to study the downtown area and the possible effects of changing zoning. Some residents expressed concern the articles did nothing to protect the "character" of the downtown area and did not ensure the town would not end up with "unintended consequences." Members of the Planning Board said this week they feel the second submittal of the articles by the EDC is not in keeping with what Town Meeting voted, as the consultant is not yet on board. Town Manager Bill Griffin has time set aside on the Monday, Jan. 22 agenda for the Board of Selectmen's meeting to discuss the EDC's proposed articles.

The EDC is charged with coming up with recommendations for the Board of Selectmen to help increase revenue coming into the town. One of the committee's interests is finding ways to add apartments to the downtown area to not only provide tax revenue for the town, but to diversify town's housing market and help increase foot traffic downtown to keep businesses viable. There has

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Best magazine: Sport Fishing magazine.

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Best TV Show: "Survivor."

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Pet Peeve: Clutter and hand-prints on the wall.

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Person I'd most like to meet: Manny Ramirez.

Most memorable moment: The 2005 Monster Shark Tournament in Oak Bluffs, Martha's Vineyard.

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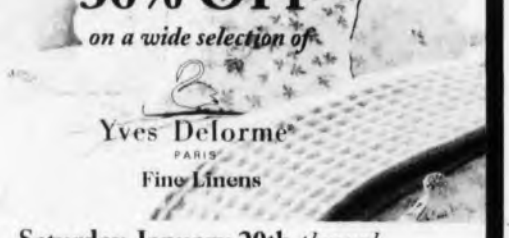
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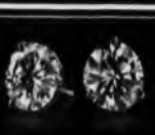
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POLICE/FIRE BEAT

Felled tree hits wires, snaps pole on King Street

By Mary Ford
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Anyone traveling on 3A by the top of upper King Street at the light at Stop & Shop last Saturday afternoon or evening was certainly curious about why a cruiser was stationed there blocking the road.

As it turns out a tree that a King Street homeowner was taking down at about 3:30 p.m. apparently fell in the wrong direction and landed on wires with such force that it snapped a utility pole. The pole cracked about 3/4 of the way up.

Apparently the homeowner was clearing his lot when the mishap occurred.

The fire department, which National Grid asked to be on hand for safety reasons as its personnel worked with the pole and wires, was on the scene until midnight, Fire Chief Robert Silvia said.

"There were two sets of high-voltage wires at the top of the pole," Silvia said. He explained National Grid had to go through its office in Rhode Island to carefully shut down certain lines without shutting power off in the entire town. "They asked us to shut down the road," he said. "And, at their request, we stood by to provide a safety detail."

David Graves, spokesman for National Grid, said of the 405 customers affected, 300 would have only seen a momentary "blip." Ten customers on King Street were out for five minutes; 10 for 30 minutes; 10 for two hours and 10 minutes; and three for two hours and 26 minutes.

Graves explained that much of the National Grid system is computerized so it can be remotely operated and sections of the system can be isolated, sometimes without causing outages to customers. In the South Shore, Southeastern Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, the remote switching controls are in National Grid's Rhode Island center, he said.

Window broken

Police are investigating the breakage of a window at the Teen Center that was called in at about 9:30 a.m. last Monday (Jan. 8) by town facilities manager Brian Adams. Police Chief James Hussey said the window, which was splintered, appeared to have been broken by a blunt instrument. However, it appeared that no one entered the Teen Center and nothing was missing. "It could have been a case of pure vandalism," Hussey said. "We have scoured the area and have not found any witnesses."

Bridge tagged

Police have taken photos and are investigating a "tagging" [signature or symbol painted on a structure] incident under the new Rocky Lane Bridge. Chief Hussey explained the vandal had to climb down the embankment because the marking is under the bridge. "Tagging" was also found on the Greenbush green utility shed near the Spring Street crossing. Hussey said Cohasset police have had success in the past with catching the culprits who engage in this activity by working with other towns. These vandals usually have a particular style that is their "signature." Tagging is a criminal offense, he said.

Car window

Police are investigating an incident that was reported at about 9:30 a.m. last Sunday (Jan. 14) about a rock being thrown through a resident's car window. Police found a large rock in the car. Nothing was taken, however. Chief Hussey said he hopes the investigation will determine what the motive of this incident was or if it was a case of pure vandalism.

MV crash

A motorist was cited for failure to use care when entering an intersection following an accident at 10 a.m., Sunday (Jan. 14) at Sohier and King streets.

Chief Hussey said the operator of a 1997 Honda tried to make a left onto King Street (3A) from Sohier Street and collided with a 2005 jeep that was traveling northbound on 3A. "Apparently the operator of the Honda pulled out when it was not safe to do so," he said. There were no reported injuries but the Honda did have to be towed from the scene.

No break-in

A customer at the Village Greenery last Thursday (Jan. 11) at about 8:30 p.m. was concerned when she found the door open, lights on and "things all over the place." However, nothing was out of place and nothing was taken, police said.

Baby formula

Police are investigating a shoplifting incident at Stop & Shop where a six-foot tall, white male wearing a green, hooded sweatshirt took a carriage full of $840 worth of Enfamil baby formula from the supermarket without paying.

Chief Hussey said police are reviewing the store's security cameras. The store manager was able to provide a description of the vehicle as an older model Toyota Camry but did not see the plate number. The suspect headed north on Route 3A.

Police put out a BOLO (Be On the Look Out) to area towns. The incident which occurred at about 12:30 p.m. on Sunday (Jan. 7) is still under investigation.

Drive-off

Driving off without paying for gasoline is becoming fairly routine in Cohasset. Recent cases would lead one to believe that the people who leave without paying have done so by mistake. Last Thursday (Jan. 11), at about 6 p.m., even the clerk, who reported a drive-off of $11.01, saw the driver talking to another person and thought she was distracted. Police tracked the motorist down and she was going to make restitution.

"We usually get a plate number," Hussey said. He explained video cameras also often pick up the type of car so there is little chance of the person getting away with larceny of gasoline.

North Main Street resident to run for School Committee

FROM RICHARDSSON, PAGE 1

Network Director for the town of Hingham.

But at the root of Richardsson's life is his family. He and his wife Kate moved to Cohasset from Hull in 2004 and have two children, Henri, who is almost 4 years old and Ted, who is 1-1/2 years old. His children have been the driving force behind his seeking a seat on the School Committee.

"My son Henri started this fall in the integrated preschool program at the Osgood School. My son Ted will follow in 2008. As a parent, I embrace the town's goal of having our school system ranked among the top 10 in the Commonwealth," he said.

Richardsson acknowledges the fact that the town has financial realities it must accept. He said the town has the highest debt load per capita in the state, and although the EDC has worked tirelessly to increase tax revenue through commercial development, "That tree will take time to bear fruit." He noted three bitter overrides and a host of new fees have siphoned precious cooperative focus away from the schools. "While living within Prop. 2-1/2 and paying our teachers' contracted 6 percent increases might seem an impossible task, voters need to be given a demonstrable and quantifiable return on their investment in the school system before an override has any chance of succeeding," he said.

Richardsson praised the School Committee for the work it has done this year. "While the School Committee seems to have rounded the corner and charted a prudent course, we all need to be rowing in the same direction to achieve successes. Jamie Williams and Alfred Slanetz have well articulated the goals the committee would like to see achieved for the schools and more importantly, the metrics and benchmarks for achieving them. They have pushed for financial transparency and accountability that is a requisite for any successful school system, and I hope to work with Alfred to continue their good work. Steve Fusco is also ahead of the technology adoption curve, and I look forward to helping him realize his dream." Richardsson added he looks forward to helping a disciplined School Committee and solidly funded school system reach some lofty goals.

Richardsson is currently the only candidate to come forward for the School Committee. There are also two three-year open seats on the Board of Selectmen. Incumbent Ralph Dormitzer will run to retain his seat and Rob Spofford announced he will not seek reelection. Old Coach Road resident Paul Carlson has pulled papers for a seat on the Board of Selectmen.

The following residents have pulled papers to retain their seats on their respective boards: Elsa Miller for the Board of Assessors, Ralph Perroncello for the Cohasset Housing Authority, Steve Bobo for the Board of Health, and Stacey Weaver, Sarah Pease and Barbara Power for the Board of Library Trustees.

The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb. 15. Only registered voters of the town may hold an elected office. Candidates are only officially running for office after they have taken out papers and the Board of Registrars has certified the signatures.

Positions available for the 2007 town election include: Selectmen - two three-year positions; School Committee - two three-year positions; Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library - three three-year positions; Assessor - one three-year position; Board of Health - one three-year position; Cohasset Housing Authority - one five-year position; Planning Board - one five-year position; Recreation Commission - three five-year positions; Sewer Commission - one three-year position and Water Commission - one three-year position.

Friday, March 9, is the last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting, which will be held Saturday, March 31, and for the Annual Town Election which will be held Saturday, April 7.

For more information on Selectman candidate Paul Carlson, please visit his campaign Web site at www.carlsonforselectman.com.

For more information on Peter Richardsson, please visit his campaign Web site at www.richardssonforcohasset.com.

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Dec.-Jan.	HIGH				LOW			
	AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 18	10:20	9.7	11:00	8.4	4:00	0.8	$:41	-0.5
Sunrise: 7:08 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:39 p.m.*			
Fri. 19	11:06	10.1	11:44	8.8	4:46	0.4	5:25	-0.8
Sunrise: 7:07 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:41 p.m.*			
Sat. 20	11:52	10.3	—	—	5:33	0.0	6:09	-1.1
Sunrise: 7:06a.m.					*Sunset: 4:42p.m.*			
Sun. 21	12:28	9.1	12:39	10.4	6:21	-0.3	6:54	-1.2
Sunrise: 7:06 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:43 p.m.*			
Mon. 22	1:13	9.4	1:27	10.3	7:10	-0.5	7:40	-1.1
Sunrise: 7:06 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:44 p.m.*			
Tues. 23	2:00	9.6	2:18	9.9	8:01	-0.5	8:28	-0.8
Sunrise: 7:05 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:46 p.m.*			
Wed. 24	2:49	9.7	3:12	9.4	8:55	-0.4	9:18	-0.4
Sunrise: 7:04 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:47 p.m.*			
Thurs. 25	3:41	9.7	4:09	8.9	9:53	-0.2	10:12	0.1
Sunrise: 7:03 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:48 p.m.*			

Tides between Cohasset and Plymouth are within 10 min.

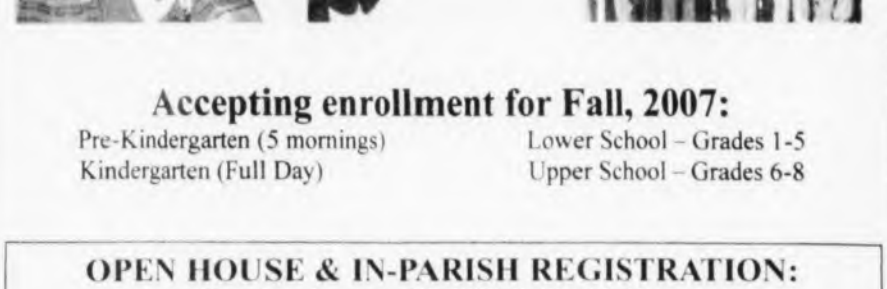
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Zoning articles ruffle planning board feathers

FROM ZONING ARTICLES, PAGE 1

been a lot of turnover of businesses in the Village, and the EDC speculates if people are living downtown, it could help the town retain its downtown merchants.

In an interview Wednesday, Planning Board Chairman Al Moore said he had heard "through the grapevine" the EDC had submitted the articles for the Warrant. "I have to say, I'm not terribly pleased with the way this has come forward," he said. He added the big reason he is against bringing the articles forward in the spring is due to the fact that the town voted to allocate money for the consultant and his board is "pretty unanimous that we need that information" before making any changes.

Moore also noted the town is in a very delicate situation right now, and zoning changes to the area would be permanent. He said while some may think his board is dragging its heels in bringing new zoning forward, "I think we need to be very careful," as making changes might benefit a few people, but once they're done, they're done. "I think we need to take our time," he said.

Planning Board Vice Chairman Peter Pratt echoed Moore's sentiments but said speaking for himself, "I think this is a complete end run around what Town Meeting instructed us to do. The articles are not ready for primetime and the Village has not been studied the way Town Meeting directed."

Pratt said the Planning Board has made a public commitment to bring zoning articles forward to the fall Town Meeting. By the time the fall Town Meeting comes around, the consultant will be on board and be able to weigh in with recommendations. "What has been submitted is not good for the Village. It's not good for the small business owner, there is no historical façade protection, and there is nothing about parking fees or new parking creation which would clearly be needed," he said.

However, the EDC feels in submitting the articles, it is living up to its charge of making recommendations. "Ever since January, 2006 when we presented our recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for ways to increase commercial tax revenues, it was obvious to all that the multi-use zoning in the Village District needed updating. Since then, the EDC has investigated, discussed and analyzed ideas and suggestions of its own, the Planning Board and others. We have met with and discussed our ideas with the Planning Board and the new committee composed of several boards.

"We have been publicly encouraged by the chairman of the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen to present our suggested changes for review by all concerned. Our submission to the Board of Selectmen on Jan. 12, 2007 represents the result of this work and analysis and was presented as suggestions for their review with the Planning Board for incorporation in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting," said EDC Chairman Peter Brown.

Town Manager Griffin said the EDC will need either the Selectmen or Planning Board to agree to put its articles on the Warrant, or Town Meeting agenda, or it could choose to submit the articles as citizens' petitions, which would automatically be put on the Warrant. However, he noted proposed zoning changes must always go through a public hearing process conducted by the Planning Board. Pratt said he is currently working on the Request for Proposals for the consultant and anticipated it would be ready to be sent out by the end of this week.

The changes

The revised articles brought forward by the EDC would change the minimum lot size required from 40,000 square feet down to 6,000 square feet for occupancy by more than one family and from 4,000 square feet for each additional family down to 1,500 square feet, with a cap of no more than 10 units per lot. The lot frontage and width measurements would be changed from 20 feet to 50 feet and the lot coverage from 35 percent to 80 percent.

Another change would formally incorporate the Village Business District bylaw under the purview of Section 4.3 of the town's bylaws, which would allow residential units to be built only in conjunction with a commercial use. Units are also restricted to be built above first-floor commercial uses, and could not be built on a basement level.

The third change would change the town's parking regulations to not require parking spaces for stores, offices and other lawful uses in the vicinity of the municipal parking lot, providing they are in legal distance between the nearest designated parking space in the lot and the main pedestrian entrance of the building, not to exceed 500 feet.

'The Last Pick' is first choice

Town-wide reading program to kick-off Feb. 4

Cohasset is about to embark on a reading initiative of *marathon* proportions. "One Book One Cohasset" aims to foster and encourage a love of reading among all generations and to bring the Cohasset community together with a common goal.

Throughout February and March the entire town will be encouraged to read the same book and to participate in activities that reflect the primary themes of "The Last Pick" (Rodale Press 06) — the book selection for this inaugural Cohasset project. The major messages of this 256 page nonfiction book are the importance of goal setting, overcoming obstacles — both mental and physical, giving back to those in need and dreaming BIG! Activities such as the annual Read-a-thon (grades K-9), free lectures and yoga demonstrations held at the library, all aimed to help people be their personal best, are examples of how the messages of One Book will resonate throughout the community.

Sponsored by Cohasset's Paul Pratt Memorial Library, this first-time effort will kick-off at the library Open House on Sunday, Feb. 4 and will culminate on April 1 at the annual Cohasset Road Race by the Sea, organized by the Cohasset Rotary Club. The initiative has not formally begun, yet already people have spent countless hours preparing for the project. This includes a Project Committee comprised of members of the Friends and Trustees of the library, plus representatives of Cohasset's schools, parent/student organization representatives, clergy, town officials, the Council on Elder Affairs and local businesses. Buttonwood Books, Goodwin Graphics, the Cohasset Yoga Center, The Good Sport and the Cohasset Mariner newspaper are all working to make it a success.

Choosing the right book for a town-wide read can be the most challenging piece of the program, yet in Cohasset's case, it all just fell into place for several reasons. The idea of reading a newly published book was exciting and also meant that enough copies would be available — in fact, the publisher, Rodale, specifically scheduled a second printing of "The Last Pick" so that Cohasset would have enough inventory. The co-authors are both local to Massachusetts, and Linda Fechter is a Cohasset resident. Dave McGillivray, co-author and the subject of the book, graciously agreed to come to Cohasset several times throughout the eight-week program to meet residents, sign books and give motivational speeches, as well as participate in the Cohasset Road Race by the Sea. In another twist of fate, the book is dedicated to former Cohasset resident and Red Sox Radio Announcer, Ken Coleman. As former Director of the Jimmy Fund, it was Coleman who believed in McGillivray and gave him the chance of a lifetime, when he agreed to support McGillivray's goal of running 3,452 mile run across the country in 1978 to raise money for cancer research and treatment.

Particularly unique is the fact that 100 percent of McGillivray's book proceeds go to a charity, the DMSE Children's Fitness Foundation (www.dmse-sports.com), whose aim is to help stave off the epidemic of childhood obesity through fitness and educational programs.

For a list of "happenings" surrounding the One Cohasset One Book program visit www.cohassetlibrary.org.

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Monday 10:30-11:15 a.m.
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Starts February 5 or Jan. 16
Climbers and Jumpers
Ages 3 & 4
Monday, 9:45-10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, 11:45-12:30 p.m.
Starts February 5 or Jan. 16
Beginner Gymnastics
Ages 4-K
Monday, 12:00-12:45 p.m.
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Super Sports Class
Ages 4-K
Monday, 9:00-9:45 a.m.
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Starts February 5 or Jan. 16

PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS
Arts & Crafts for Mom & Me
Ages 2-4
Wednesday, 9:15-10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, 10:15-11:00 a.m.
Starts January 24
Baby Ballerinas
Ages 2-3
Monday, 12:15-1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 11:00-11:45 a.m.
Thursday, 11:00-11:45 a.m.
Starts February 5, Jan. 16 or 25
Music for Mom & Me
Ages 1 to 5
Monday, 9:15-10:00 a.m.
Monday, 10:15-11:00 a.m.
Monday, 11:15-12:00 noon
Starts February 12
Mother Goose Story Time
age 2-5
Thursday, 11:00-11:45 a.m.
starts January 25
Su Escuela Story Time
age 3-5 years, Friday, 1:00-2:00
1 day, $5, February 2
Exploration - Science
age K
Monday & Wednesday, 12:15-2:15
starts January 3
starts February 26
Little Chefs
age 3-5
Friday, 10:30-12:00 noon
Starts February 16
Story & Craft Time
age 3-6
Monday, 12:30-2:30 pm
Wednesday, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
Thursday, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
starts January 22, 24, 25
Paleontologist Bob
Ages 4-6
Monday, 1:30-2:30 pm
1 day, $15, May 14
Preschool Puppet Shows
Friday, Jan. 26, 12:15-12:45 p.m.
"City Mouse, Country Mouse"
February, Feb. 16, 12:15-12:45 p.m.
"The Princess and the Dragon"
Tiger Tots Karate
age 4-6
Monday, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Sunday, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
starts January 8
starts March 12

YOUTH & TEEN CLASSES
Babysitting Course
Ages 10 and Over
Thursday, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
3 weeks, $35, March 1, 8, 15
Craft Classes
Grades 1-6
Wednesday, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Young Chefs
age 6-10
Tuesday, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
starts February 13
Home Alone Safety
ages 10 and over
Thursday, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
3 weeks, $35, March 1, 8, 15
Karate
Ages 6-12
Monday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. - beginner
Monday, 5:30-6:30 p.m. - yellow belts
Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. - beginner
Friday 4:30-5:30 p.m. - beginner
Friday 5:30-6:30 p.m. - yellow belts
Saturday, 9:00-10:00 a.m. - beginner
Saturday, 10:00-11:00 a.m. - yellow
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Starts March 12
Karate Sparring, Weapons & Judo
Sunday 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
starts March 18
Criminal Capers
age 6-9
Wednesday, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
4 weeks, $75, April 4
Rockit Robot
age 8-11
Wednesday, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
4 weeks, $75, March 7
Old Fashioned Valentines
Grades K-6
Wednesday, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
1 day, $15, February 7

ADULT & TEEN CLASSES
Beginner Ballroom Dancing
Friday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Starts February 9
Intermediate Ballroom I
Friday, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Starts February 9
Intermediate Ballroom II
Friday, 8:30-9:30 p.m.
starts February 9
Intermediate Ballroom III
Thursday, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
8 weeks, $160/couple
starts February 8
Salsa/Latin Dancing
Thursday, 8:30-9:30 p.m.
starts February 8
Standard First Aid & CPR
Monday, 7:00-10:30 p.m.
March 5 & 12
April 2 & 9
Cardio Dance
Friday, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
starts February 2
Childbirth Education
Monday, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
starts March 5
Connecting with Kids
Tuesday, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
starts March 6
Practical Conversational French
Thursday, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
starts March 8
Digital Photography
Monday, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
starts March 5 & 12
Dog Obedience
Monday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Starts April 2
Dog Obedience II
Monday, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Starts April 2
Duplicate Bridge
Tuesday, 7:00-10:00 p.m.
$5 per person per week, ongoing
Learn How to Sell on eBay
Saturday, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Starts January 13, 20, 27
Fencing Classes - Foil I
Ages 10-Adult
Thursday, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Starts January 25
Knitting
Monday, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
starts February 5
Financial Workshop for Women
Wednesday, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Starts March 7, 14, 21
Adult Karate
age 13 & up, & purple belts & up
Tuesday, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Friday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 11:00-12:00 noon
starts January 8
starts March 12
Lengthen & Strengthen
Wednesday, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
starts January 24
Let's Get Organized
Thursday, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
1 night, March 5 & 12
Pilates
Monday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Feb. 5
Tuesday, 9:00-10:00 a.m., Jan. 23
Wednesday, 9:00-10:00 a.m., Jan. 17
Thursday, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Jan 4
Positive Parenting
Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
starts February 6
QiGong
Friday, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
starts January 5
Tuesday Night Book Club
Third Tuesday, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Social Skills Training For Adults
Thursday, 7:00-8:15 p.m.
Starts January 18
Health Kids Workshop
Macaroni & Cheese Again?
Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
2 hours, February 7
Hip Hop - Adult
Wednesday, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
starts February 7
Intermediate Tap For Adults
Wednesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
starts February 7
Isadora for Adults
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starts February 1
Scrap Booking
Thursday, 7:00-10:30 p.m.
1 night, $12, March 8
Strength Conditioning
Friday, 10:15-11:15 a.m.
starts January 19
Stress Workshop
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Health of Cohasset Harbor still under the microscope

Bacterial monitoring providing needed data

By Samantha Brown
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"Cohasset has probably got one of the better watched areas in all of Massachusetts Bay."
— Christian Krahforst, Mass Bays National Estuaries Program

Cohasset is no stranger to beach closings during the summer months, but the Harbor Health Committee hopes to make closures a thing of the past. As part of the action plan to make that goal a reality, the town has been working with the Environmental Protection Agency and Coastal Zone Management. Representatives from both agencies presented preliminary findings to the HHC Tuesday.

HHC Chairman Karen Quigley said the town is very fortunate to be participating in the EPA's Clean New England Beaches Initiative. Through the program, the EPA conducts targeted bacterial monitoring at several selected freshwater and marine beaches during the summer. Bassing Beach was selected as one of the testing sites as a result of the agency's review of the Department of Public Health's historical beach data in which the beach has shown repeated bacterial incidents, resulting in 48 beach closure days from 2002-2005. To fully understand why Bassing Beach has such high levels, it was necessary to study the entire inner harbor.

EPA representatives Matthew Liebman and Michael DiBara presented the data collected so far to the HHC. DiBara explained there were 10 sample stations set up in the inner harbor, which took readings from May through September. Liebman said in testing, the two major types of bacteria the EPA was searching for were enterococci and fecal coliform. Enterococci live in the intestines of warm-blooded animals and are typically the reason for closing beaches to swimmers. Fecal coliform is usually the culprit when it comes to closed shellfish beds.

Some of the highest enterococci bacteria levels were found at the James Brook input, the Parker cut and the Parker Avenue dock. Samples taken indicated one tidal cycle is not enough to help flush bacteria out of the harbor, which is a problem. Preliminary conclusions given by the EPA indicate sediment tends to build up in the Parker cut which could be serving as a bacterial breeding ground. When the town experiences unusually high tides or significant rain events, that bacteria is freed up and flows into the harbor, which with the poor flushing of the harbor, leads to a buildup.

While the levels are high, Liebman and DiBara agreed they aren't unusual. However, Quigley quipped, "They're significant enough that you'll come back another year!"

Liebman said when his crew does return this summer the EPA will work with the DEP and the town's Center for Student Coastal Research, which has been a tremendous help thus far, to conduct follow-up investigations of several bacteria "hot spots." Researchers will use the DEP's Wall Experiment Station (WES) advanced microbial source tracking techniques, including human genetic markers, quantitative fluorescent whitening agents and caffeine to better identify pollution sources.

Christian Krahforst of the Mass Bays National Estuaries Program also presented information on his department's findings in Cohasset. His tests were conducted from June through September.

Krahforst took a look at the salinity of the water to see if the freshwater being pumped into the harbor from the town's wastewater treatment plant is adversely affecting its biological makeup. He said it was important to determine whether the town's water is well mixed, which would indicate it is flushing properly.

While representatives from the EPA would argue Cohasset's waters do not flush properly, Krahforst said he feels Cohasset's is one of the better-flushed harbors. He said tests indicate while there is more freshwater on the surface, the water does seem to be mixing the farther down samples are taken. He also said the harbor's waters are very clear, which is a good indicator of water quality and a positive sign. He noted eelgrass beds need sunlight at their roots to thrive, and the clarity of Cohasset's water is allowing sunlight to get through. However, Krahforst said it will take much more testing before the health of the harbor can be determined.

Members of the audience asked the experts if there is a "model" harbor in Massachusetts that Cohasset should aspire to be like. Krahforst said in all honesty, many harbors haven't had the scrutiny Cohasset has, and harbor health data has not been collected. "We've (the state) been remiss in a lot of our monitoring. Cohasset has probably got one of the better watched areas in all of Massachusetts Bay," he said. However, Krahforst said other beaches are on the list and in fact, data collection will begin in Scituate this summer.

Liebman said in his experience, there is no such thing as a "pristine" beach these days. However, he said in terms of bacterial counts, he would say Cohasset's is "pretty normal, but on the impaired side," compared to other towns he has studied. "There are cleaner harbor beaches," he said, and his group intends to get to the bottom of how Cohasset can get up to snuff.

Rules, regulations on building permits

The following was provided by the Building Commissioner's Office at Town Hall.

"If it is regulated, it must be permitted." That is the short answer to the question, "Do I need a building permit?"

The Massachusetts State Building Code and the Cohasset Zoning Bylaw require that a building permit be applied for and issued for any construction that is regulated by either of these documents. The permit process insures that the proposed project is reviewed and inspected for compliance with regulations.

A typical application for residential construction requires three sets of building plans. Proposed work that involves expansion of a building also requires a site plan. If the Building Commissioner's initial review indicates that the project complies with building and zoning requirements, the application is then to be forwarded to other departments, boards and commissions for review.

Typically the Fire Department reviews and approves plans for projects where smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are required; the Conservation Commission reviews plans that require excavation to insure that the project complies with the wetland protection regulations that the Conservation Commission is responsible for; the Board of Health and/or Sewer Commission review projects where the work may impact an on-site septic system or the municipal sewer system. Depending on the complexity of the proposal, there may also be the need for zoning relief from the Zoning Board of Appeals or a Site Plan Review by the Planning Board.

After review and approval by other appropriate departments, the application is returned to the Building Department for a more detailed review prior to the issuance of a building permit. Once issued, the building permit is very specific as to the limit of the work. Any expansion of the project beyond the specified limits must be further reviewed and permitted.

The licensing and registration programs are administered by the State and are designed to insure that contractors are competent and familiar with the Building Code. In addition, there is a procedure to recover damages for faulty workmanship if the work is performed by a registered home improvement contractor. A further protection is the requirement that contractors provide workers' compensation insurance for their employees. Evidence of proper insurance is required at the time a contractor applies for a permit for a specific project.

The Building Code requires that all work be performed by a licensed and registered contractor unless the property owner takes out the permit himself and supervises the construction himself.

It may not be obvious, but simpler projects such as roofing, siding, replacement windows, wood stove installations, temporary tent installation for functions, swimming pool installation, installation of new electrical appliances, furnace/boiler installation as well as many other project require a permit in that those projects are regulated by the Building Codes.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall

Hochberg/Prairie, 22 Little Harbor Road, new windows, sidewall, roof, kitchen renovation, $150,000; Ross, 65 Meadow Lane, construct new 4,700 square foot, 2.5 story house, 10-room single family residence, $600,000; Cox, 736 Jerusalem Road, demolish front of house, replace structural beams, demolish and plaster ceilings, $5,000; Smith, 48 Stockbridge St., master bedroom addition on existing frame, $60,000; Kehoe, 41 Arrow Wood St., kitchen, bath remodel, $12,000; Degiacomo, 59 Beach St., 28 squares asphalt roofing shingles, $11,500; Montgomery, 48 Sohier St., 16 squares asphalt roofing shingles, $8,200; Hargadon, 7 Marion Way, 12 replacement windows, $9,778.

White, 230 Jerusalem Road, installation of wood stove, $1,000; Williams, 17 Meadow Lane, insulating and dry walling second floor of garage, $15,000; Gwinn, 14 Elm Court, 20 square feet of asphalt roofing, $20,000; King, 812 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., installation of 18 foot partition wall with door and 8 foot free-standing wall for cabinets, $2,000; Scwartz, 218 Jerusalem Road, build out basement area for playroom, bath and pantry, $50,000.

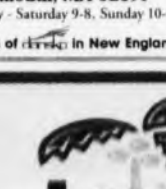

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Big birthday wishes to 11-year-old Tricia Litchfield!

AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

NO COMPLAINTS

Hello Cohasset. Well, winter arrived this week in a very *cold* way. I hope that everyone stayed relatively warm and did not have any pipe or car issues due to the cold. I used to really love winter including the cold, snow, etc. As I get just a tiny bit older, I still love the snow but would like it to be enough for a snow day or two for the kids and, have the temps be warm. Other than that, bring on the 60's and 70's! Oh well, no complaints can really be had on our end as far as this weather goes. We have been spoiled quite a bit in comparison to other parts of the country so here's hoping that we don't see any more of the really cold temps that we had this week and move forward to a nice, dry spring.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Here is a special Birthday Wish to a wonderful and special little (ok, growing up by the minute) girl. Miss **Tricia Litchfield** celebrated birthday number 11 last week with family and friends and is thrilled to be moving ahead. Tricia is in the fifth-grade at the Deer Hill School. Tricia's family is so proud and happy for her. Tricia, you are loved by so many, happy birthday and enjoy this year to its fullest.

DEAN'S LIST

A note came from **David H. Goldenberg**, Dean of the College, from the University of Hartford that **Thomas Morgan**, made dean's list for the Fall 2006 semester for his freshman year. His family, especially Mom (**Donna**) and Dad (**Robert**) are all extremely proud of his efforts these past months. Great work David, keep it up.

INDIAN GARDENS

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its monthly general meeting on Jan.23 in Bates Hall at the Second Congregational Church at 9:30a.m. This month's program is titled "Indian Gardens —Yesterday and Today." **Joyce Bakshi** will take a pictorial journey through the history of Indian Gardens and their development to the contemporary gardens one sees today. In addition, there will be a mini-flower show entitled," Design for a Light, Lunch Table". All members wishing to participate must submit entries by 8:30 a.m.

CYBSA ASSOCIATION

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association is holding its annual registration for the upcoming spring baseball and softball season from now through February 15, 2007. The CYBSA will hold a walk-in registration on Saturday, January 20, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, in the upper lobby of the High School gymnasium. Registration forms are also available on our website: CYBSA.net and at the Town Hall. Mailed in registration forms need to be postmarked by Feb. 15,. For more detailed information, please see the Sports section.

ALL-LEAGUE HONORS

Wow, here is another great recognition. Senior **Chris Roy** received All-League honors from the Independent School League (ISL) for his contributions to Lawrence Academy's football team. This award followed last year's ISL honorable mention for his leadership on the team's defensive line, and Coach Brian Carroll credits Chris for becoming one of the team's hardest-hitting defensive players, noting that he also scored his first touchdown with a three-yard run. The team voted Chris the most valuable offensive lineman, and his inspirational and unselfish play, enormous heart, and dedicated service as one of the team captains also earned him the Coaches' Award. Chris, who earned high academic honors for the fall term, is the son of **Susan Roy-Reposa** of Hingham and **Peter Roy** of Cohasset. Super news Chris.



Chris Roy was voted most valuable offensive lineman.

CHS 25TH REUNION

Attention CHS CLASS of 1982 graduates or their parents: Save the Date for our 25th Reunion-Saturday, July 7 at 7 p.m. at the River Club in Scituate. Class of 1982 graduates please contact Marcy Brown Fleming at marcydon@msn.com to update your contact information. If you don't have email, please write or call: Marcy Fleming, 211 W. Linwood Dr., Birmingham, AL 35209; (205) 879-9253.Hope to see you then!

PROM PLANNING

Calling all parents and friends of this year's CHS graduating class of 2007. The plans for Prom 2007are starting to get developed and pulled together and you along with your thoughts and ideas are being recruited. Please contact **Mary Sease** at 781-383-8318 or **Gloria DiPaulo** at 781-383-6615 to find out more and jump on board.

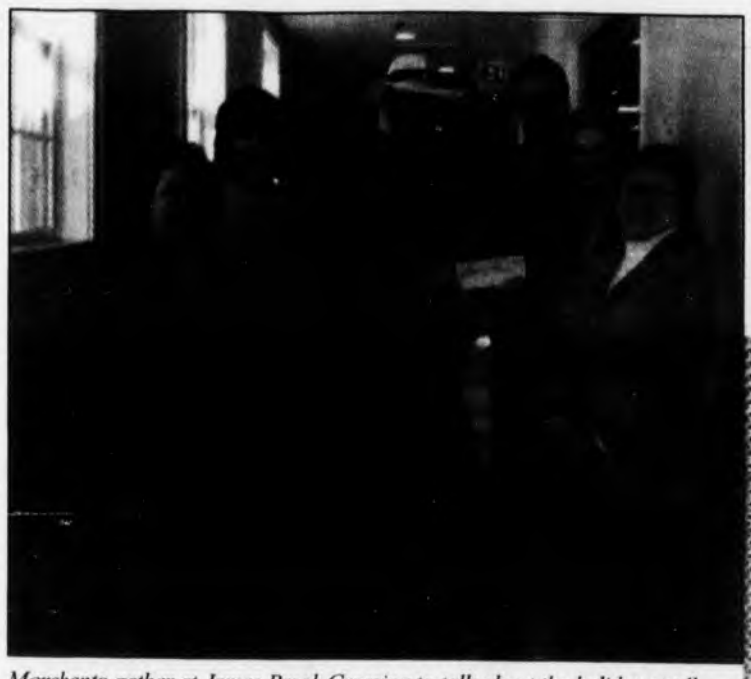
CABARET ON STAGE

Looking for a great night out with family and friend where you can sing, dance and be merry? Well, "Cabaret 45-Just for the Record" is happening next week at the Hingham Armory and it is a blast. Yours truly is a part of this amazing cast of people who come together each year to sing and dance into the audiences hearts. Grab some friends, appetizers and a babysitter and get ready for a night of entertainment Cabaret style, you won't be disappointed!

Tickets are on sale to the general public at the Hingham Community Center and show dates and times are Thurs., Jan. 25, at 7 p.m.; and Fri., Jan. 26, and Sat., Jan. 27, at 8 p.m. Tickets are $23, except for the Thursday show, when seniors pay $12 and all others, $15. If you are interested and would like to purchase tickets, contact Jeanne Murphy at (781) 749-9031.

SILHOUETTES

The Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs would like to let us all know that internationally known silhouette artist, **Joy Anne MaConnell** will create her unique portraits at the Second Congregational Church on Saturday, Feb. 3. This program is called "Silhouettes, Heirlooms in the Making" and each $48 sitting produces two mirror-image silhouettes. Additional copies are available upon request. Appointments and deposits are required and this makes a perfect Valentines Day gift. If you would like to schedule a sitting, call 781-383-9112 and know that all proceeds raised are to benefit the Friends of the Cohasset Elder Affairs.



Merchants gather at James Brook Crossing to talk about the holiday stroll and present a check to the Rev. Gary Ritts for the Appalachia Service Project. For more be sure to read Around Town! From left are: Judy McColgan, (The Tea Shop), Darilynn Evans (Darilynn's), Pat Ranney (Coldwell Banker), David Bigley (All the Best), Gary Ritts, (Cohasset ASP), Karen Kirkendall (Coastal Countryside Realty), Donna Murphy (Pilgrim Bank).

GRATEFUL MERCHANTS

A group of Village Merchants who coordinated the Village Holiday Stroll in December gathered on Wednesday, Jan. 10 at James Brook Crossing to wrap up details of the event and to make plans for future events. The **Rev. Gary Ritts** was present to accept a check from the group for more than $1,000. The gift was made to support the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project.

This represented the proceeds from raffles held in individual shops and the hayride provided by **Brendan St. John**. The merchants expressed their thanks to all who turned out for the event and to all who helped to make it such a success.

BC HIGH HONORS

The following Cohasset students earned honors at Boston College High School for the first quarter. For high honors a student must have at least a 3.80 quality point average. For honors students must receive a quality point average of at least 3.2.

HIGH HONORS: **Alex G. Hunt** (grade 12); **Thomas J. Chase** and **Erikk L. Hokenson** (grade 11); **Andrew Michael Cantillon, Keegan Robert Flynn, Paul Oliver Forrer, David M. Hernon, John McHugh Kearney, Robert Christopher McCunney, Thomas Joseph Pecca** and **Maxwell Otto Shipp** (grade 9).

HONORS: **Patrick B. Flynn** (grade 12); **Alexander Shipp** (grade 11); **Kyle Thomas DeSisto, Evan James Richardson** and **Eric Peter Vanderpool** (grade 10).

Keep up the good work, guys!

DEAN'S LIST

Lindy J. Morde was named to the dean's list for the Fall 2006 semester at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, S.C. Keep up the hard work Lindy, your family and friends are all very proud.

That is all for this week. Send me all of your news and information no later than Tuesdays by 5:00 pm. All photos should be dropped off at Cohasset News downtown in an envelope marked, "Cohasset Mariner, Around Town" or, emailed to mford@cnc.com with the same subject heading. All the text and wording should be sent to me here at Around Town. Don't forget to send all the names of people in the photos.

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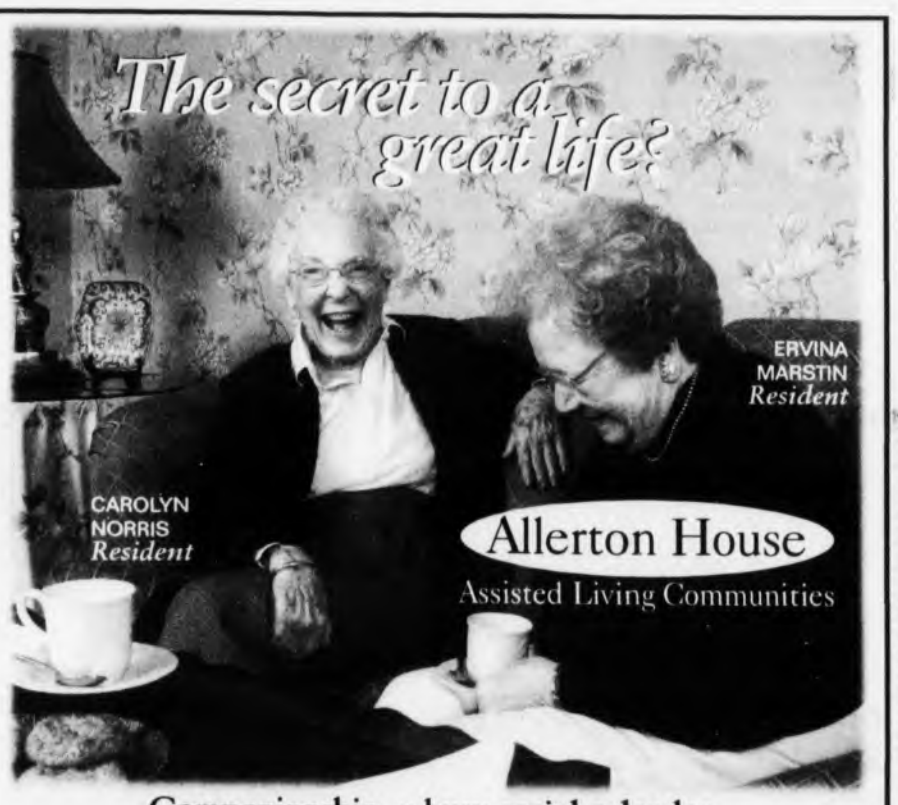
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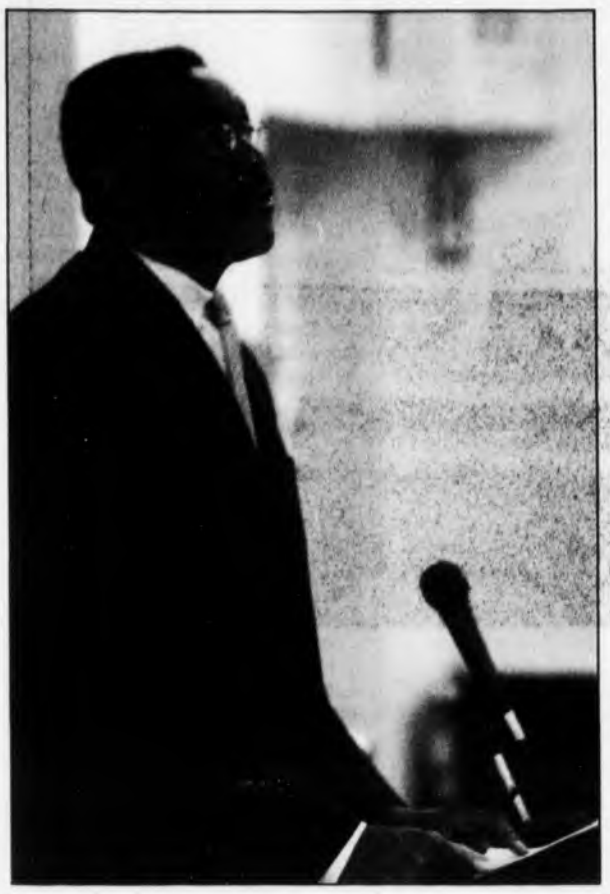
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Professor Hall: 'Hold up the mirror' to your lives



David Hall, professor of law at Northeastern University, speaks to those in attendance at the Martin Luther King Day Breakfast, sponsored by the Cohasset Diversity Committee.

MLK Day speaker focuses on love, justice

By Samantha Brown
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It was wet and dreary outside, but that didn't deter many Cohasset residents from attending the sixth annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Breakfast. Held this year at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. The traditional pancake breakfast was followed by at talk by Professor David Hall.

Residents of all ages were in attendance to hear Hall speak. A member of the faculty at Northeastern University School of Law, he not only spoke about the importance of trying to live life in a way that is consistent with the teachings of Dr. King, but also answered a few questions about the his new book, "The Spiritual Revitalization of the Legal Profession: A Search for Sacred Rivers."

Hall is a professor at Northeastern University, who came to Cohasset this week thanks to the Cohasset Diversity Committee. Over the years, the Diversity Committee has hosted many speakers from organizations such as Caribbean U-turn and the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute in Dorchester. This year, the message was again one of peace and living life according to King's philosophy.

"We need to create a nation and a world that is as beautiful on the inside as it is on the outside."
— Professor David Hall

The country is currently at war and Hall said in King's mind, people should only resort to war when there is nothing else that can be done. He said the best thing people can do is try to love one another. "Standing beside love is always justice," and noted in our daily lives, everyone should strive for both. "They are the true twin towers no enemy could ever destroy," he said.

He said in a country which has much wealth and privilege, sometimes its people can have a sense of entitlement and it is important for people to take a look at themselves and "hold up the mirror" to take a look at how they are really living their lives. Hall said one of his most favorite sayings is from an old fairy tale: "Mirror, mirror, on the wall, who's the fairest of them all." He said those who are the fairest do not necessarily have physical beauty, but are those who serve humanity and those who have dedicated their lives to make a change. "We need to create a nation and a world that is as beautiful on the inside as it is on the outside," he said.

Hall said his hope for the future is that there will always be people who never cease to hold up the mirror to themselves or forget the dream Dr. King had, so that one day, the nation can boldly sing, "Free at last, free at last, thank God almighty, we are free at last."

Born in Savannah, Ga., Hall holds both a doctorate of juridical science and his master of laws from Harvard Law School. He received his Juris Doctor from the University of Oklahoma in 1978, where he was also awarded a master's degree in human relations. He earned his bachelor's degree from Kansas State University in 1972. Named an "all American" at Kansas State for both his athletic abilities in basketball and his scholarly accomplishments, Hall played professionally in Italy for two years. He is married to Marilyn Braithwaite-Hall and is the father of three children, Rahsaan, Sakile and Kiamsha.

Hall lectures nationally on topics of social justice, leadership, diversity and education. He also conducts workshops on diversity and the legal professions for law firms, govrnmental organizations and legal collectives such as the Boston Lawyers Group. He is on the Board of Directors for numerous organizations for numerous organizations. In 1993 he received the Massachusetts Black Lawyers Outstanding Contribution to the Legal Profession Award. He has also been honored by the Boston Bar Association and other community-based organizations. In 1997 he was named Outstanding Dean of the Year by the National Association of Public Interest Lawyers. In 1999, he received the National Conference of Community and Justice Humanitarian Award. President George Bush appointed Professor Hall in 2003 to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation.



Quentin Hill, 7, and Michael Hill, 6, enjoy their pancakes at the Martin Luther King Day breakfast, held at St. Stephen's Church. The boys brought their Webkinz stuffed animals to the event. This year's was the sixth annual breakfast, sponsored by the Cohasset Diversity Committee.



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Taylor Frederick, 9, and Caleigh Nolan work on some arts and crafts projects during the Martin Luther King Day Pancake Breakfast at St. Stephen's Church.



Kiamsha Hall of Stoughton, daughter of featured speaker David Hall, colors a drawing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., during the annual breakfast held by the town in King's honor.

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School board keeping keen eye on budget requests

By Samantha Brown
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The School Committee will not go for an override this spring. At its Wednesday meeting it voted to bring forward a budget figure of $13,687,626 to the town, which would provide level services to the district.

In addition, the committee agreed when it presents its budget to the Board of Selectmen, it will have a list of prioritized supplemental requests, which it would like to see funded if additional money becomes available. The committee said the Selectmen asked for such a list last year and this year they are happy to be able to provide it.

The School Committee is looking at a fiscal 2008 budget figure of $13,687,626, which would provide level services for the district. There is also a supplemental budget that would add $718,385 on top of the $13.6 figure that would move the district ahead at a faster pace if the money can be found to fund it. The School Committee still isn't sure how much of the $718,385 it might present to Selectmen, as it must go through and prioritize items. Members agreed they all felt there were items on the supplemental list that would not be coming forward this year.

To help in the decision-making process, the School Committee has been listening to proposed budget figures from school administrators and invited Facilities Manager Brian Adams, Curriculum Coordinator Nancy Myrzglod, Athletic Director Ron Ford and Middle-High School Principal Joel Antolini to present at its Jan. 10 meeting. Their input has helped the Committee decide which items are the most important to fund.

The school department does not have a facilities maintenance budget. In fact, it has included a $10,000 request for maintenance in its supplemental budget, which would at least give it some emergency funds to work with. Should the schools encounter any small problems with maintenance, it does not have the money available in the regular operating budget to be able to go out and make a purchase to quickly remedy the situation — it must ask for a transfer from the town budget. The supplemental budget figure, if granted, would help avoid asking for a transfer.

Adams' requests will need to be met by the town's budget and he said he plans to ask for about $48,000 to make school building improvements.

Adams said all three schools need painting in their classrooms and corridors. He said he would be asking the town for some money for paint, but added it would not be enough paint to cover all three buildings. He noted even if the money were available to purchase enough paint, he does not have the staff necessary to get the work done. He added all the wall and floor outlets need repair district wide.

At the Osgood School, Adams said the carpet in the library needs repairing and the wood along the front foyer stairs needs refinishing. The cement sidewalk at the building's entrance also needs repair.

There are broken tiles in the corridor at the Deer Hill School that need replacing. There is an air conditioning duct in a classroom that needs to be connected to the compressor. The cement pads in the courtyard need repair to prevent door leaks and the fence around the back of the playground needs upgrading. There is also a sewer leak between the Osgood and Deer Hill schools.

One of the floors in a high school classroom is buckling. There is also a leak in the high school library, which will require repair to the roof/windows. Adams explained the leak is in a new area of the high school and the contractor did not put in the window flashing properly. While he had previously thought the leak was in the roof, Adams said now, it would likely cost more money in legal fees to go after the contractor than it would to fix the flashing.

Flynn said because the leak should be fixed right away, perhaps the School Committee should approach the Advisory Committee and ask for a Reserve Fund Transfer. Transfers can be made for any unexpected or unforeseen cost at any time of the year, and do not require a vote of Town Meeting.

"The first priority for me is staffing, even if money is allocated for maintenance, it means nothing if there is not adequate staff to make the repairs. I'm always putting out fires, we don't have a chance to do anything preventative."
Facilities Manager Brian Adams

Flynn said when the town agreed to build and renovate the schools it also agreed to maintain them. He said due to the fact that many things in the schools were all brand new at once, it only makes sense they will all age and need replacement at the same time, which is much too costly to do at once. "We need a rotating maintenance plan," he said, noting the police and fire departments and the schools all replace their vehicles on a rotating basis and maintenance should be handled in the same fashion.

"The first priority for me is staffing," said Adams, adding even if money is allocated for maintenance, it means nothing if there is not adequate staff to make the repairs. "I'm always putting out fires, we don't have a chance to do anything preventative," he said.

Athletics

While there had been some talk last year about eliminating junior varsity sports, Athletic Director Ron Ford said they are included in this year's budget. He said he is recommending a budget of $207,926 this year, up from $152,323 last year. Last year's budget was lower than this year's budget because it included $145,969 in offsets from user fees and booster club donations. This year, Ford said he would prefer to keep anticipated booster fees out of the budget as offsets, as he would like to be able to use them to supplement the budget, rather than count on that money to fund necessary components such as coaching salaries.

Ford put forth a supplemental request of $57,000, which would allow for three things: an increase in participation by adding another level of sports, total inclusion of the swim team in the budget, and giving a boost to the joint Cohasset/Hull track team.

Ford said with an additional $4,000, the joint Scituate/Cohasset swim team will formally become a part of the budget. Currently, it is paid for through the booster club. If the school department paid for the program, it would "legitimize" the program, he said.

Cohasset's joint track team with Hull could use a boost in participation, and Ford believes adding a cross-country team would help keep track numbers up all year round. Ford said Hull currently has a cross-country team, which is doing well in terms of participation. Hull's numbers tend to be smaller during the spring track season. Ford said if Cohasset can start up a cross-country team, it could partner with Hull for the season and make its team even stronger. Hopefully that momentum would carry on in Hull through the spring.

Ford said currently, the Deer Hill School has a great cross-country program, which has outstanding participation, thanks to physical education teacher Michael Weydt. However, once students reach the middle school level, they do not have the option of continuing it. "It's something I think would generate a lot of interest," he said.

Ford noted his figures include a $250 user fee, and he realizes his proposal is subject to School Committee approval before it goes on to the next level. However, he noted for its size, Cohasset has the number one program in eastern Massachusetts and he would like to continue moving forward in a positive direction.

Some sports currently only have a varsity level, and Ford said where the numbers allow, he would like to start up junior varsity teams. In addition, for the teams that do have junior varsity levels, he would like to add a freshmen team. "It wouldn't be for every sport every year," he said, but he said being able to increase the school's offerings should increase participation. The funds to make that possible are included in the supplemental request.

Middle High School

The middle school budget was presented by middle-high school principal Joel Antolini. He said this year he is looking for an increase of roughly $72,082 or 3.6 percent.

In addition, the middle school has a supplemental budget of $100,143, which would increase the budget by an additional 4.9 percent, for a total increase of 8.5 percent. The supplemental budget would add one math teacher, add one foreign language teacher that would expand the exploratory offerings for students and decrease class size. In addition, the school would like to purchase new English books and math lab supplies and materials, which would support the new math teacher.

There were some increases in the level services budget, including a salary increase for the technology teacher as last year the school had a long term substitute whose pay was less. There are also increases in the science textbooks and materials line item as well as the social studies textbooks and materials line item. The school is purchasing 60 new geography books, which will complete the set and allow students to take books home with them to complete homework assignments.

The high school budget is currently proposed at $4,294,956, or an increase of 5 percent over last year. A supplemental budget is also included for an additional $343,456, which would be an increase of another 8 percent, for a total increase of 13 percent.

The supplemental budget includes requests for software and texts for AP computer science and textbooks for social studies (U.S. History, Ancient History, European History and Law) and Spanish. Equipment for science and art classes, including an LCD projector, a table saw and planer, as well as digital photography software, photography enlargers and a printing press are also included.

Also included in the supplemental request is funding for out of district experiences, including travel for the debate team, drama and math league and student council outings. There is also funding to allow Cohasset to become eligible to participate in "Virtual High School," an Internet program that would allow students to take classes on the computer. In order to participate, Cohasset would need to hire a teacher which it would contribute to the program, as every school which participates in the program must supply a teacher who can teach an online class. The money would also allow the school to administer the PSAT test to all grade 11 students.

There were some increases in the level services budget including additional money for science and social studies texts and materials. Some instructional supplies line items increased this year over last because they had been paid for using grant funding and now must be included in the budget. There was also an increase in library supplies and materials to purchase software that will allow the high school to connect to the Old Colony Library Network from its computers, which will allow students to search for library books at the Cohasset library from the school.

The School Committee will hold ongoing budget discussions. For more information on meeting dates or the school budget, please visit either the town's Web site at www.townofcohasset.org or the school district's Web site at www.cohassetk12.org.

Fiscal 2008 School Budget

School/department request	Budget request	Supplemental
Osgood School	$2,288,619	$94,684
Deer Hill School	$2,505,396	$129,327
Middle School	$2,056,989	$100,143
High School	$4,294,956	$343,456
Curriculum	$162,240	$5,775
Athletics (in HS budget)	$207,926*	$57,674
Total district budget	$13,687,626	$718,385

** Athletics budget includes $121,000 in offsets from user fee revenue.*

Energy efficiencies for Cohasset schools

Selectman examines ways to save money

By Samantha Brown
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The utility bills for Cohasset schools aren't cheap and the middle-high school is the worst offender. In an effort to find solutions to the problem, Selectman Gary Vanderweil has begun working with Facilities Manager Brian Adams to see if there is any way to cut back on costs.

At Monday's Selectmen's meeting, Vanderweil spoke during the selectmen's comment period about the work he and Adams have been doing, and explained while it is not complete yet, it is a step in the right direction. He said he has a letter in the works, which he is going to send to the School Committee, outlining their findings.

Vanderweil said the high school was one of the last school building projects before going "green" became the norm. Currently, lighting at the high school originates at 14 electrical panels that are controlled by one master lighting control. From the master control, the on-off times for each of the roughly 80 exterior and interior lighting circuits can be manually adjusted. There are override switches in the principal's office that can override the off-cycles of the lighting control system and reactivate any of the shut down lighting.

"The backbone is there for good lighting controls," he said,

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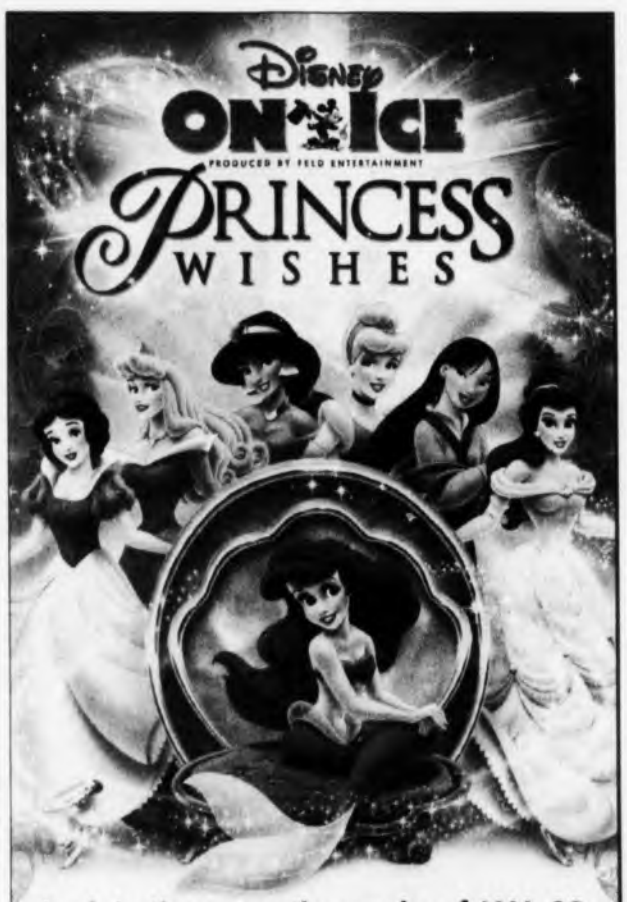
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School Committee votes 'no' on fiscal 2008 override

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can be made up in the budget. He said this year, the school department has made dramatic strides because it has been able to pre-purchase supplies, freeing up money in the budget to cover other expenses, and he would recommend the district start paring down what it is currently spending this year to allow the pre-purchase of materials for 2008 items using fiscal 2007 funds. When funds are left over at the end of one fiscal year, there are two things that can be done with the money: it can be used to either prepay the purchase of supplies and materials, which must arrive at the school prior to July 1, or it must be used to prepay special education tuition. Flynn noted while the district has been fortunate to avoid an override three years in a row, "It will catch up with us at some point," and an override will be necessary, potentially as soon as next year.

Vice Chairman Alfred Slanetz said in his opinion, there should be one budget number and the supplemental requests should be included in the bottom line. "The supplemental requests are required to move us toward achieving our district goals," he said, one of which is becoming one of the top 10 schools in the state. However, he did say some of the supplemental requests could be eliminated from the list, such as the addition of junior varsity or freshman sports programs. With supplemental funding, the teams that only have a varsity squad would add a junior varsity squad if the number of participants presents itself, and the teams with junior varsity players would add freshmen teams, in the hopes that more offerings would spark even more participation on team sports.

Slanetz noted Athletic Director Ron Ford has been before the board three times asking to allow eighth-grade students to participate on junior varsity teams because the numbers aren't there to fill out the roster, and he said spending money to add teams which don't have the participation to begin with is only taking money away from hiring more teachers.

Slanetz said in forecasting the budget for next year, he wouldn't be so conservative with the anticipated circuit breaker and Chapter 70 funds, which will both be awarded by the state. He also said it might not be a bad idea to go for a small override, perhaps in the $200,000 range. He said by increasing the estimates and possibly going for an override, more of the items in the supplemental budget could be funded, which would help the district move ahead at a faster rate.

But Flynn noted he has heard nothing positive when it comes to state funding and increasing its estimate wouldn't be prudent. He said it is better to aim a little lower than what was received this year, as all news points in that direction, and if the schools receive a little more than that, it can be decided how to spend that money at a later date. He said the last thing the district needs is to overshoot its estimate and need to come back to the town at a later date for more funding, or start making cuts after the fact.

Member Steve Fusco said he would like to avoid an override this year. "The town does not have the appetite for it," he said, adding while at some point it looks likely the district will need one, this is not the year. He also said he believes the district should prioritize its supplemental requests and noted some of the items which have been called supplemental, aren't supplemental in his eyes. "I don't care about books or paint, I care about teachers," he said.

Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy said in her opinion, the school department is not asking for any "fluff" and clarified that all the items in the supplemental budget are important. However, she noted given everything that has gone on in the community, there is a sentiment out there that residents do not want to go through another override this year. She said she would like to move forward with the level services budget, and pointed out the only reason the department has the level services budget as an option is from the help of the parents who are "paying exorbitant fees."

Fusco said the funding problems being faced in Cohasset are not unique, but the town's approach needs to be. He suggested the committee think outside the box, and perhaps look into offering classes for adult education and charging a fee for the use of the building. He said while he wasn't sure of all the particulars that go along with a program like that, such as how much it would cost to hire for custodial coverage, "I do think we're going to need to look at things differently. There have to be other ways to do it."

Williams agreed and said the district should look into what it would cost to begin its own school, similar to the Landmark School, which provides special services for students. Cohasset pays tuition to send children to the Landmark School and if it could provide the service to its own students, similar to how the integrated preschool is run, as well as children from surrounding towns, not only would it help area children by reducing their commute time, the school could generate some revenue.

The School Committee agreed to bring forward the level services budget with the caveat that it has not yet firmly decided what the money will be spent on. It will also bring forward a list of supplemental requests to the Board of Selectmen, which will be prioritized, just in case additional funding becomes available.

Energy efficiencies for Cohasset schools

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which is why he has recommended an electrician install a communications wire from the master panel to Adams' desk location. This, along with $1,000 worth of hardware and software he would purchase, would allow him to rapidly set the controls up from his computer. The software would allow Adams to program 365 days per year, which would accommodate lighting schedules for holidays and vacations.

Vanderweil said because the school was well designed in terms of allowing in natural light, he feels most windowed spaces do not require artificial lighting on clear days. He said many of the hallways in the school are completely lined with windows, which provide a good amount of light during the day. "We don't need so much artificial light," he said.

"The backbone is there for good lighting controls."

— Selectman Gary Vanderweil

Vanderweil pointed out any changes in lighting would need to "conform with the codes, but we should experiment and see how much we can do."

In addition to investigating the lighting plan at the high school, he and Adams have been looking at the HVAC (heating, ventilating and air conditioning) controls. He said they conducted an experiment over Christmas, turning the system on 30 minutes later than usual, and turning it off 30 minutes earlier than usual, saving an hour of energy. Vanderweil said the test showed the concrete of the building holds on to heat very well and on average, the temperature dropped six degrees overnight.

While there is still work to be done, Vanderweil said he believes it is a good start, and looks forward to sharing his ideas with the School Committee.

Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormtizer commended Vanderweil for his efforts. "This is some really nice work," he said, adding he thought the ideas were great. Vanderweil quipped once a complete evaluation has been done for the middle-high school and options are weighed, "Then we'll do the others."

Democrats to hold caucus for state convention

Registered Democrats in Cohasset will hold their annual caucus at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, on Saturday, (Feb. 3) at 9:30a.m., to elect four delegates and two alternates to the 2007 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. Delegates will be equally divided between men and women in accordance with Democratic party rules. Anyone, at least eighteen-years old and registered as a Massachusetts Democrat as of Dec. 30, 2006, is welcome to attend the Caucus and run for a Delegate position.

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Volunteers sought for technology committee

School Committee Member Steven Fusco and Cohasset resident/Technology Committee Chairman Bob Pattison are looking for four volunteers to join the Cohasset Technology Committee. The goal of the committee is to amend the existing three-year technology plan for the Cohasset Schools; help create the overall strategic direction for technology; and provide scheduled recommendations for all technology-related, capital expenditures. Anyone interesting in joining this committee should contact Steven Fusco via e-mail at steven.fusco@fmr.com or by calling 781-383-0968. Bob Pattison can be reached via e-mail at bpattison@miltonps.org or by calling 617-347-1130.

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EDITORIAL

Fiscal 2008

In the newspaper business, we can sympathize with what always seems to be a "bad news" story. Times never seem to be terrific in terms of the bottom line, either with the print business or in town and school government.

These "industries," as are most, are driven by economic factors and changing times. The goal is to focus on moving ahead even when that requires considerable creativity in terms of resources.

Here at the Mariner, we have found Cohasset to be one of the most interesting towns to cover for several reasons. The most obvious is its coastal location and exquisite beauty. But the true heart of the town is its people: those who grew up in town and have remained here and those who have moved in and now call the place their own.

There is considerable passion among townspeople here whether it's the budget, property taxes, or vision for the Village. At times, that passion erupts into a real dispute, pitting groups and individuals against each other. Thankfully, the acrimony usually fades and citizens again come together, united in their desire to do what is best for Cohasset.

As we approach the new fiscal year, which starts July 1, there could be storm clouds on the horizon at the state level in terms of revenue. Estimates are that the sales tax revenues will be flat and lottery revenues are "maxed out," to quote our state Sen. Robert Hedlund.

Yet even with Prop. 2-1/2, the state law that caps how much a municipality can raise its tax levy in a given year, local property taxes are higher than ever. That puts stress on the residential taxpayer.

Welcome news here in Cohasset is that the School Committee is working on a budget that will *not* require an override this spring to balance the fiscal 2008 budget. We think we can safely say – a year without an override campaign (for or against) — would be a nice respite.

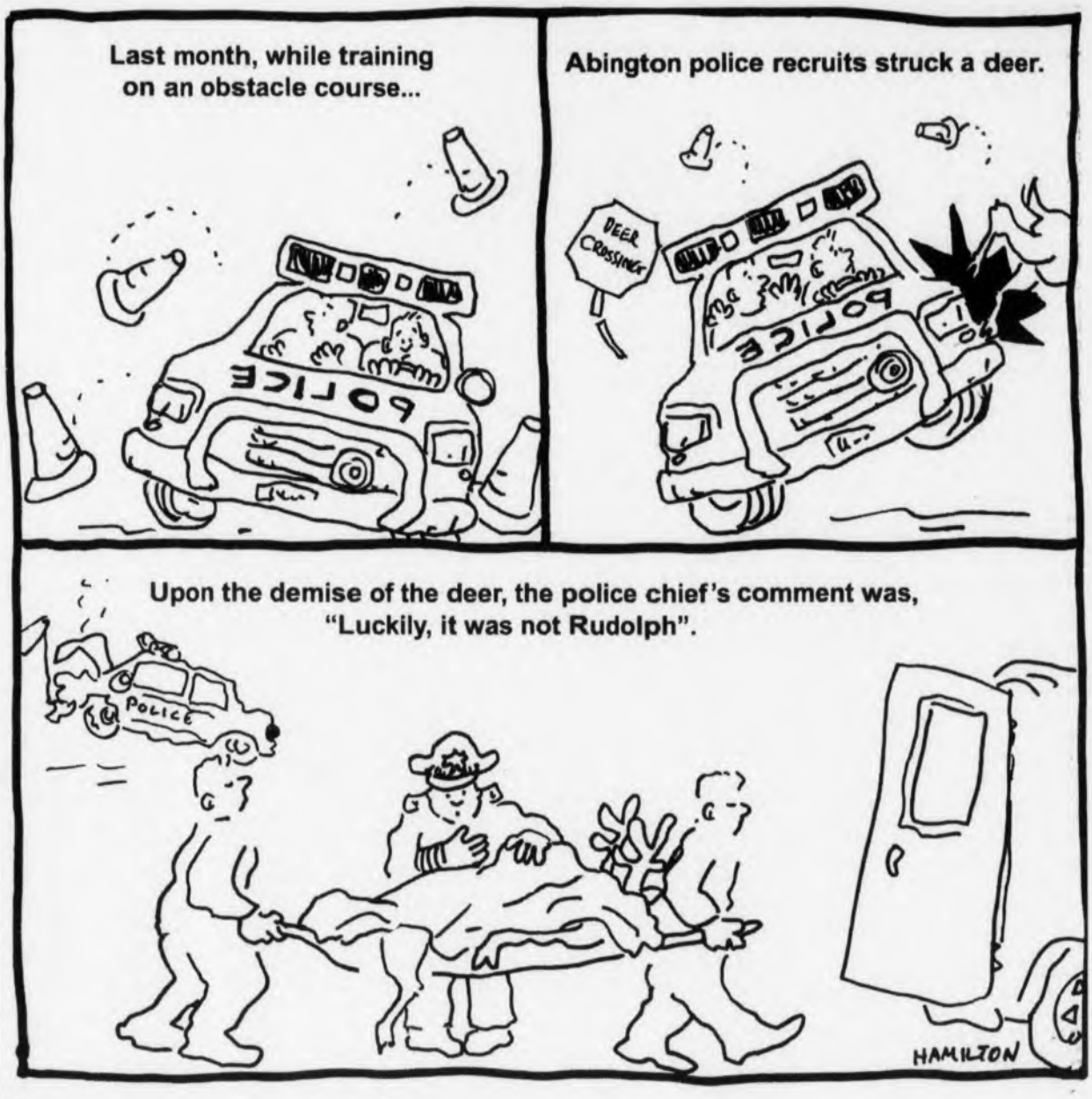
Even with fewer resources, however, there is one aspect of the town cannot be overlooked: building maintenance. We report this week in a budget story on some maintenance issues at the schools that need to be addressed.

Those of us who own homes and motor vehicles know all too well what happens when maintenance is put off. The problem not only gets worse, it gets more costly. The old saying "a stitch in time, saves nine" is all too true.

What continues to astound many of our colleagues at the Mariner, however, are the resources that Cohasset has among its own citizenry. Volunteer brainpower and energy continues to come forth, willing to dive into an issue. Most recent examples, in our view, are the Harbor Health Committee, Economic Development Committee, Beechwood Ballpark Committee, and the Cohasset Housing Partnership.

In Cohasset, government for the most part is not an "us versus them" but truly a collective "we."

We feel confident that fiscal 2008 is going to be a banner year for the town in terms of coming together on a range of problems. We urge those who may have been sitting on the sidelines to consider getting involved. Call the Selectmen's office for a list of committee vacancies, or better yet, consider running for office! Nomination papers are available at the Town Clerk's Office until Feb. 15.



Meetings

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m.

Capital Budget Committee, Jan. 24, 7 p.m.

Cohasset Housing Authority, Jan. 24, 1 p.m., 60 Elm St.

Conservation Commission, Feb. 1, 7 p.m.

Library Trustees, Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m. at the library

Planning Board, Jan. 24, 7 p.m.

Osgood School Council, Feb. 1, 3:30 p.m., at the Osgood School.

Selectmen, Jan. 22, 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Feb. 12, 6 p.m.

Stormwater Committee, Jan. 23, 7 p.m.

Water Commission, Jan. 27, 9 a.m., at the King St. plant.

ZBA, Jan. 30, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election are available at the Town Clerk's office. The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb. 15.

Census forms need to be returned.

Readers invited to sign up

The Cohasset Mariner is building a Readers Advisory Network of e-mail addresses so we can more frequently involve our readers in the content of the newspaper. Readers, who join the network, may be asked for reactions to stories, ideas for stories or follow-ups, for a digital "person on the street" interview, or for a community commentary.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the network, email Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com. She will answer any questions that you may have. The Mariner promises to remove you immediately from the Readers Advisory Network if you request that we do.

Letters to the Editor

Condominium location on Ripley Road not suitable

To the Editor:

A seven-unit condominium to replace the now private home at 25 Ripley Road, as proposed by the Cohasset Housing Partnership, would make two dangerous intersections more dangerous, especially for the Town's children. The intersection of Ripley Road and North Main Street and the one just a block away at Ripley Road and Sohier Street are much-traveled access roads to and from Route 3A.

Children of many ages, walking and riding bikes, as well as teenage babysitters and mothers pushing strollers constantly traverse these roads and intersections to get to the Little League, Town Pool, Paul Pratt Library, Children's Museum and playground, and Deer Hill School.

The proposed plan provides for 11 parking spaces, and, as I read the plan, it proposed putting the curb cut at the rear of the condominium on Sohier Street., across from the Library and Our World Children's Museum. Not only would there be one- to- two cars per unit coming in and out, there would be visitors, delivery trucks, trash collectors, fuel deliveries, septic pumpers, etc. Since condominiums require landscape maintenance, there would be landscapers' conveyances regularly obstructing passage and visibility. This is on the route to the main entrance of the town pool. A driveway entrance with this amount of use at the current place on Ripley Road would be similarly obstructive..

Since none of the Partnership members live in this immediate area, they would not realize all this. I commend them for devoting their time and effort in the very difficult job of trying to up our affordable housing stock. But it should be pretty evident that, for the above and other reasons expressed at the Jan. 9 neighborhood meeting, this particular location is really not suitable.

Jacqueline Whipple
119 North Main St.

Wrestling Boosters thank sponsors

To the Editor:

The Cohasset-Hull High School Wrestling Team recently hosted its 16th annual Wrestling Tournament on Jan. 13. This year a total of 12 teams from across the region participated in the all-day event. The Cohasset-Hull Wrestling Booster Club provides concessions and T-shirts for team participants and fans at the tournament. The proceeds from these sales go to the Booster Club to purchase uniforms and equipment, as well as senior scholarships for the wrestling team.

We would like to acknowledge and thank our sponsors who generously supported us this year.

Our thanks go to:

Atlantic Bagel, Good Fella's Pizza, Pilgrim Bank, Cohasset House of Pizza, Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks, Good Sport and Stop & Shop.

Cohasset-Hull Wrestling Boosters
Cheryl McLellan
Sheila Toomey

Hockey boosters thank local merchants for their support

To The Editor:

The Cohasset High School Hockey Boosters extend a sincere thanks to all the local merchants that generously donated gift certificates and monies for our seventh annual Holiday Calendar Raffle. With out their support, our annual fundraiser would not be possible. We also thank all those people in the community who purchased raffle tickets in support of the Cohasset Hockey Boosters and in hopes of winning one of the daily prize drawings throughout the month of December. It is our primary fundraiser each year that raises funds to support the Cohasset Varsity Hockey Team. The monies are used to purchase equipment, ice time and fund our annual Dennis Walsh Scholarship Award each year. This year's calendar raffle was another great success thanks to all who participated.

Thank you again to the local merchants and congratulations to the lucky winners: Bridgette Obrien, $100 gift cert. King Jewelers; K. Callahan, $50 gift cert. Red Giranium, $25 gift cert. Casa del sole Tanning; M. Avery, Red Lion Inn 1 night stay & dinner for two ($250 value); Wayne Sawchuck, $25 gift. cert. French Memories, $45 gift cert. Nail Essentials; A. Franklin, $100 gift cert. Adrian Morris Salon; Jack O'Malley, $50 gift cert. Dillon & Company; Wendy Brennan, $25 gift cert. Carousel Antiques, $25 gift cert.

On Second Thought; James Mahar, $50 gift cert. Cohasset Jewelers, gift basket ($100 value) Adrian Morris Salon; Trish Morse, $30 gift cert. Buttonwood Books, $25 gift cert. Feng Shui; Kathy Giuggio, $20 gift cert. Twist, All The Best Natural Foods, 1lb. coffee for six months ($54 value); Karen Doonan, $50 gift cert. EK Design, $25 gift cert. Darilynn's; O'Connel, $25 gift cert. Joseph's Hardware, $25 gift cert. Pizza Zone; Patty Gillis, his & her sunglasses ($498 value) Maui Jim, Inc; Scott Smith, $20 gift cert. Atlantic Bagel, two gallons paint, Cohasset Hardware; Susan Bell, $50 savings bond Rockland Trust, $50 gift cert. Bermuda Shop; Brendan Barrett, $25 gift cert. The Good Sport, $25 gift cert. Jake's Seafood; Brian Noonan, $100 gift cert. King Jewelers; James Mahar, $30 gift cert. Cohasset Village Greenery, $25 gift cert. Shaws;

O'Connell, $75 gift cert. Bernard's Restaurant; Conor Holway, three hours college counseling ($750 value) Marlena Alex; Maureen Stebbins, $50 gift cert. Ports, $25 gift cert. The Good Sport; Maureen Stebbins, $100 gift cert. and gift basket (100.00 value) Adrian Morris Salon; Robert Gledhill, $175 gift cert. for full car detail Cohasset Collision; Carpenter, $50 gift cert. Bia's, $50 gift cert. Village Wine & Spirits; Jane Lanzillotti, $100 Pilgrim Bank; Maria Mills, $30 gift cert. Adamo Day Spa, $25 gift cert. Schooner's Rest; Robert Gledhill, 2 tickets, Cohasset Music Circus; Roger Wade, $75 gift cert. Bridgeman's Rest; Crawfords, 2 large pizzas, Cohasset Pizza House, $25 gift cert. Stop & Shop; Ruth Walsh, $100 gift cert. Robbins Garage; Michelle Valerio $100 gift cert. Atlantica Restaurant and Michelle Sacks, $100 cash, Cohasset Hockey Boosters.

We look forward to continuing this fundraiser next year and to a successful hockey season.

Cohasset Hockey Boosters
Jeanne Holway, Jane Lanzillotti, Steven Faber, Anne Czerkawski, Karin Doonan, Ande Wade, Steve Brandt

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Yes or no for a late-night train?

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Greenbush Late Train — Last week we published the proposed schedule for the Greenbush from Boston to the South Shore. You may remember that the last train will leave South Station at 10 p.m., arriving in Cohasset about 10:45. Subsequently, we asked you to send any comments you might have on the desirability of a later train so that one could easily attend a basketball game, baseball game, or some other event in Boston that might make it tough to make a 10 p.m. train to return home. So far, we have received 7 replies, split 4 Yes, 3 No. Certainly, more than 7 people in Town must have an opinion on this. Please let us know, either by phone or email. The appropriate contacts are at the end of this article.

Mount Cohasset – There is a huge dirt pile, readily visible from Route 3A, on the site of the New Cohasset Station. The pile looks to be nearly 50 feet high. Tongue in cheek, we refer to it as Mt. Cohasset. But, contrary to popular belief the MBTA is not preparing to add a ski lift.

We've also had people ask us whether the MBTA wants to get rid of the dirt so residents can use it for fill. But, the MBTA put it there on purpose. The whole parking lot area will be raised nearly 8 feet in height to accommodate underground drainage structures. That will take a lot of dirt. And, you're looking at it now.

Busy as beavers — Unfortunately, it is tough to get very close to all of the work going on at the intersection of Spring and Pond Streets. (The neighborhood residents surely know what's going on, since they are patiently waiting for the workman to finish and disappear from sight.)

Last week we put on our hard hats and safety vest and ventured into the fray to take the photo of Pond Street under construction. There were crews working on drainage on the Lantern Lane side of the crossing, two power company bucket trucks were rearranging the overhead power wires and the crew that laid the rubber strips between the rails at the crossing had just finished their work. There must have been 30 to 40 people working in this area. It became very evident that this is a "must finish" part of the project for Cashman and the MBTA. The truth is that this crossing must be completed so that Cashman can close the temporary crossing on Spring Street across from the Historical Society in order to make the system ready for commercial service.



Greenbush work on Pond Street.



Mt. Cohasset, the huge dirt pile, on the site of the Cohasset Station.

Certainly, more than 7 people in Town must have an opinion on this. Please let us know, either by phone or email. The appropriate contacts are at the end of this article.

As a very interesting little known fact, did you know that in the early days of Cohasset South Main Street stopped at the old library building (now the Cohasset Historical Society), and detoured onto Spring Street, only to reemerge onto South Main St. at the corner where St. Anthony's now stands? The portion of South Main Street that lies between the two ends of Spring Street was a marsh and deemed impassible. In more recent times it was fashionable to fill in areas such as this so the road way between Scituate and Cohasset could be straightened out. We suppose this wouldn't pass muster with the Conservation Commission these days.

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The thumbs have it

TALES FROM THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT



DIANE K. DANIELSON

Previously, if you asked me about the greatest innovation in thumbs, I would have given the textbook answer: "opposable thumbs allow us to grasp tools." Or, I might have thought wistfully of the time when "thumbing it" wasn't an invitation to meet serial killers. And perhaps I'd wonder what Siskel and Ebert would have done if not for their thumbs? Yet, while I admire those among us blessed with green thumbs, I never thought I'd see the day when being "all thumbs" is a compliment.

But, we are fast becoming a thumb-centric society. Thanks to cell phones, BlackBerry's and Gameboys, our children are now coming out of the womb grabbing the world by their thumbs. It's no wonder that their first words are no longer "Mama" or "Dada", but "Mario" and "DonkeyKong;" and that their first stuffed animals come with a userid, password, and an invitation to www.webkinz.com. "Toto, I don't think we're in Kansas anymore. Now go get me some Webkinz money so I can visit the W shop."

What effect is this having on the already wacky world we live in? Last year a London study found that Generation Y rings doorbells with their thumbs. I didn't believe this as personally I'm partial to my index finger, and thought I should do my own research. I nixed my initial plan to follow some of my 20-something neighbors around. (I lived in Brookline at the time, where it's practically a faux pas to walk down the street and not be on your BlackBerry or Blue Tooth.) But I was worried that I'd be labeled as the neighborhood creepy lady. Instead I surveyed a few of my young colleagues, by email of course. Their answer? "Ring doorbells? Why do that? Wouldn't you just text them to say you're out front?" Once again, the thumbs have it. (Note to self: Do not invest money in any company that manufactures doorbells.)

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However, there is even more fallout from all this mind-numbing thumb-centricity. The newly identified malady: "BlackBerry Thumb." No, it's not what Little Jack Horner got when he stuck his thumb in that pie. It's actually tendonitis or aggravation of underlying arthritis by the repetitive motion required by BlackBerry use. Fortunately, if you live in NYC (where else?), they have spas that now offer specific therapies for BlackBerry Thumb, Cell Phone Acne and Tech Neck, the latest technology-related injuries.

Yet, sore thumbs aren't the only BlackBerry backlash. Recent articles in The Wall Street Journal and on Forbes.com have labeled our children "BlackBerry Orphans" and even asked the question "Is Your BlackBerry Ruining Your Sex Life?" I'll admit responsibility for adding to somewhat useless, albeit amusing, blog fodder as the author of the latter. Still, I do confess that my research for that article delayed my own purchase of a BlackBerry for a few months. But now I'm BlackBerrying with the best of them, and if my child wants my attention, he can stop whining and text me.

As for the effect on my social life, I do find that with everyone's impossibly busy schedules, PDA's – Personal Digital Assistants – play a far larger role in my life than PDA's – Public Displays of Affection. So, really, how can my BlackBerry ruin what doesn't exist in the first place? In the meantime, anyone want to thumb-wrestle?

Diane K. Danielson is a Cohasset resident, the CEO of DowntownWomensClub.com and a blogger for www.womensDISH.com, who, when recently asked what five material items she could not live without, listed: hair scrunchy, BlackBerry, laptop, library card and running shoes.

HEALTH NOTES

Unsafe disposal of 'sharps' poses health hazard

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Each year, 8 million people across the country use more than 3 billion needles, syringes, and lancets — also called sharps — to manage medical conditions at home. Sharps disposal by self-injectors is not typically regulated, and self-injectors do not always know the safest disposal methods leading to haphazard disposal habits and increased community exposure to sharps.

Unsafe disposal practices present the greatest risk to sanitation and sewage treatment workers, janitors, housekeepers and children. Sharps users sometimes heedlessly throw their used needles in the trash or flush them down the toilet. Used sharps left loose among other waste at the RTF have become lodged in equipment, forcing workers to remove them by hand. Children, adults, and even pets are also at risk for needle-stick injuries when sharps are disposed of improperly at home or in public settings.

Because of the substantial risk, Cohasset has provided for convenient disposal options to sharps for users. Sharps can be disposed of at the Board of Health Office at Town Hall. All sharps must be in puncture proof containers, such as detergent bottles or metal cans with tops.

People exposed to sharps face not only the risk of a painful stick, but of contracting a life-altering disease such as HIV/AIDS or Hepatitis B or C. All needle-stick injuries are treated as if the needle were infected with a disease. Victims of sharps-related injuries face the cost of post-injury testing, disease prevention measures, and counseling, even if no infection or disease was spread. Some diseases can take a long time to appear on test results, leading to months of testing and apprehension. Reportedly one trash hauler, who was stuck by a needle during trash pickup, contracted Hepatitis C, which remained undetected for two years, despite a medical examination when he was stuck. The worker later died from the disease. Needle-stick injuries are a preventable health risk, and states and municipalities take specific actions to protect their residents from this risk

There are sharps disposal containers at the Board of Health in Town Hall, and at the Recycling Transfer Facility (RTF) at Cedar Street.

People use sharps to treat all sorts of medical conditions in the home, and the number treated at home with injectable medicines continues to rise. Sharps users may use lancets and/or needles and syringes to deliver medicine for conditions such as: allergies, arthritis, cancer, diabetes, hepatitis, HIV/AIDS, infertility, migraines, multiple sclerosis, osteoporosis, and psoriasis.

Perhaps the scariest thing about the sharps thing is the use by casual and recreational drug users. This group appears in studies to have the highest rate of transfer of infection because apparently if they are casual about drug use, they are also casual about needle use. And studies have shown that casual needle users are specially at risk in communities like Cohasset, where the risk of infection from diseases such as AIDS and Hepatitis C is low, precautions are more lax and the probability of transmission of a disease by those infected is substantially higher than where the risk is assumed to be great. In Massachusetts, anyone over 18 can legally purchase syringes and needles from a pharmacy without a prescription.

For any sharps user, there are a number of safe disposal options. While most of the below are not available to Cohasset sharp users, they may be available at other locales.

- **Drop-off collection sites**: Take the filled sharps container to appropriate collection sites, which may include doctors' office, hospitals, health clinics, pharmacies, Board of Health, Community Center, police and fire stations and medical waste facilities. These programs often give self-injectors the option of continuing to use empty household containers to collect sharps, but prevent the sharps from entering the household waste stream.
- **Household hazardous waste collection sites**: Self-injectors can place their used sharps in a special sharps container or, in some cases, an approved household container, take them to municipal household hazardous waste collection sites and place them in the sharps collection bins.
- **Residential special waste pickup services**: Self-injectors can place their used sharps in a special container, similar to a recycling container, and put it outside their home for collection by trained special waste handlers. Some programs require customers to call for pickup, while others offer regular pickup schedules.
- **Mail-back programs**: Used sharps are placed in special containers, which are mailed (in accordance with U.S. Postal Service requirements) to a collection site for proper disposal. Mail-back programs are available for individual use by sharps users and can also serve as a disposal method for community collection sites.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Donald or Rosie?

HENSHAW



TOM HENSHAW

I was watching TV with a friend of mine the other night when they interrupted the mundane news like the war in Iraq to bring us up to date on the growing feud between Rosie O'Donnell and Donald Trump.

Not only that, but the breathless newsman at the mike asked us to pick a winner and send our choices via e-mail to an address that began with www and end with a .com, just like they do in the presidential race.

"Who do you like?" I asked my friend with my usual savoir-faire. "The guy with the weird comb-over or the fat broad?"

"I don't like either one," she said, probably speaking for the same 80 per cent of the population that thinks Britney Spears ought to go home to Louisiana and learn to make gumbo and fix crawdads.

Me, I'm enjoying every minute of it — for the same reason people slow up to watch motor vehicle accidents on I-95. It's as if Hitler had declared war on Mussolini and we got to watch the shooting from Switzerland.

In case your interest in the news has been stalled by blizzards in Colorado and missing kids in Missouri, the Rosie-Donald contretemps began when Donald pardoned Miss USA, a country girl from Kentucky, for falling into the flesh pots of New York.

Speaking as one who has sampled the fleshpots of New York, which can be an easy fall for a city boy from Boston, let alone a country girl from Kentucky.

Donald was in a position to pardon Miss USA because he owns the Miss Universe Contest of which Miss USA is part along with Trump Towers, the Trump Taj Mahal and a TV show called "The Apprentice" in which he gets to fire everybody on camera.

A new season of "The Apprentice" was about to begin against "Desperate Housewives" and you don't suppose . . . naw, it couldn't be.

But I digress . . .

Rosie, faced with a coming contract renewal on her show, "The View," detected something subversive in Donald's forgiveness of Miss USA and, combing her hair forward in approximation of Donald's do, she dissed him as "a moralist."

Incidentally, whatever it is that Donald does to his hair it is not a rug. It's his real hair, he told MSNBC, which devoted an hour show to him. It's just that his girl friend cuts it. Which should be a lesson to men everywhere: Never let a friend, no matter how intimate, cut your hair.

I missed Donald's return volley but I understand the word "pig" figured strongly in the conversation. Rosie came back with a reference to "bankruptcy." Donald countered with "third rate comedian" and yada yada yada.

Before you knew it Rosie and her boss, Barbara Walters, were taking a victory high-five right there in full view on the boob tube. Madonna was chipping in her two pence from London and TV was polling celebrities at the Golden Globes for their opinions.

Then and only then did I flip the dial to Nickelodeon to catch a rerun of "Ozzie and Harriet." Maybe there's something to be said for old time TV after all.

Selectman candidate featured on 'Our Town'

OUR TOWN continues its election season coverage as co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with selectman candidate Paul Carlson.

New to the political scene in Cohasset, Carlson talks about his goals for Cohasset and details the work he hopes to accomplish on the Board of Selectmen.

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This show airs again on Monday at 9pm. Roving reporter Rich Ofsthun will also share his personal appraisals at the recent Antiques Roadshow held by the Cohasset Elder Affairs.

Our Town airs Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9pm on Comcast Channel 10.

This election season be sure to watch for the televised Selectmen and School Committee debates. Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed!

BRIEFLY

Town Census

The Town Census for 2007 has been mailed to each household this week. Information obtained from the census is ultimately used to prepare the street list, annual registry of voters, school list, dog owner list, and jury list. It also establishes eligibility for resident's tuition at state colleges, for veteran reimbursement, for senior citizen programs and other benefits. The census provides valuable information to various departments throughout the town.

Dog forms are on a tear off portion of the census forms. The licenses are valid through Dec. 31, 2007. Dog forms need to be returned as soon as possible with a current rabies certificate although you may have recently renewed your 2006 license. If you did not receive your census, please contact the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100.

Selectmen happy with budget talks

Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said as one of the liaisons to the School Committee, he believes this year's budget process has gotten off to a very positive start. "They're trying to come up with a balanced budget, and there is some question as to whether that's happening, but they're trying," he said.

Dormitzer and Vice Chairman Rob Spofford, who is also a liaison to the School Committee, both recently attended a school budget meeting. While Dormitzer said he hopes items will have more prioritization going forward, he was pleased with what he saw.

Dormitzer said the School Committee has set the goal of becoming one of the top 10 schools in the state. "That gave us some sense they're receptive to the concerns of the town," he said. However, he said going forward, he would like to see more of a breakdown in the budget as to how spending is going to ensure the goal is met.

Spofford said he too has had a very positive experience so far. "They're moving in the right direction. They're making a strong effort to live up to the Town Meeting request that they be more open with their budget," he said.

Spofford also noted it is important to study the school budget in the context of the entire town budget. "We don't just need to put a spotlight on the schools," he said, adding the communication lines are as good as he's seen them be during his three years on the board.

Member appointed to Housing Partnership

The Board of Selectmen appointed Debra Hines to the Housing Partnership at its Monday meeting. Hines' housing experience dates back to 1991, when she worked at a non-profit housing organization in Baltimore, Md. As a consultant, she has worked with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development over the last 10 years. She also has experience from a financial perspective as the Vice President of Global Business Services for IBM, managing a team of 600 financial management professionals.

There is still one vacancy on the Housing Partnership. Interested candidates should contact the Selectmen's office at (781) 383-4105 or may send a letter of interest and résumé to Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, or via e-mail to Town Manager Bill Griffin at wgriffin@townofcohasset.org.

Stormwater Bylaw

The Stormwater Committee has submitted a proposed Stormwater Bylaw for consideration at the March 31 annual Town Meeting. The bylaw is also sponsored by the Board of Health, Water Commission and Conservation Commission.

"The Stormwater Bylaw is being proposed to help address the serious storm water flooding and pollution in Cohasset and to allow the town to comply with the requirements of the federal Clean Water Act," said John McNabb, chairman of the Stormwater Committee.

The proposed Stormwater Bylaw establishes a new Stormwater Commission and authorizes the commission to implement an annual Stormwater Improvement Program to prevent and reduce existing storm water flooding and pollution, and for a new Stormwater Permitting Program to require new development or redevelopment to reduce their storm water impacts to the greatest extent possible.

"We can still make changes to the proposed bylaw if we need to before the warrant goes to press," said McNabb, "so we urge all interested residents to please review the proposed Stormwater Bylaw and send comments and questions to us no later than Feb. 16."

The Stormwater Committee can be contacted at stormwater02025@comcast.net for residents who want to submit comments or get a copy of the proposed bylaw. A copy of the Stormwater Bylaw Warrant Article can also be downloaded from the Cohasset Water Department Web site at cohassetwater.org.

Cohasset Citizens Rally for Peace

With a larger turnout than expected, a group of Cohasset citizens gathered on Cohasset Commons Saturday morning to Rally for Peace. Promising to make this a weekly event, the participants invite all interested and concerned individuals and families to join them Saturday, from 9:30 to 10 a.m., on Cohasset Commons.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Carlson kickoff party

Town voters are invited to a gala campaign kickoff party for selectman candidate Paul Carlson.

The party will be held from 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, at the 465 King Street home of Lou Harvey. Sip some wine and meet the candidate before the Pat's game!

Please respond to Tana Carlson at 781-383-6969 or tcarlson1@aol.com. To check out some of Paul's positions before the party, visit his website at carlsonforselectman.com.

Contributions for the campaign can be sent to: The Committee to Elect Paul Carlson Selectman, c/o Julie Guild, Treasurer, 365 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, 02025.

LIBRARY CORNER

Movie matinee of 'American in Paris'

Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information on programs and events, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Movie Matinee at the Library – Can't get out at night to see a movie? Join us for a daytime screening of "An American in Paris," starring Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron on Friday, Feb. 2, at 11 a.m. This film won the 1951 Academy Award for Best Picture. Free admission. Light refreshments will be provided courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Movie Site License is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee.

Artist Exhibit – The South Shore Art Center is pleased to present an exhibit of James Baker's prints at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library beginning January 3, 2007. Mr. Baker, a Scituate resident, will display his unique prints through the 28th of February. Gallery hours are Mon., Tues. and Thursday: 10:00am to 8:00pm, Wednesday and Fridays: 10:00am to 5:00pm, Saturdays 9:00am to 5:00pm, and Sundays 2:00pm to 5:00pm.

Mp3 Players available – The library has purchased two MP3 players. These devices are available for checkout to residents who would like to download audiobooks from our library catalog using OverDrive Audiobooks. The players come with all the necessary hardware, software and instructions for you to begin enjoying this new format. Ask the circulation desk for more details on this exciting new way of listening to audiobooks.

Roger Williams Zoo pass – The Friends of the Library has generously donated funds to purchase a pass to the Roger Williams Zoo in Providence, Rhode Island. This pass admits 4 persons at a reduced charge. This pass is available now to Cohasset residents only and can be reserved in person, over the phone or at cohasseetlibrary.org. For information, call the circulation desk.

Tax forms available – A selection of 2007 IRS tax forms and instructions are available free at the library. For hard to find forms, try logging on to irs.gov or mass.gov. You may download any tax form from these sites, free of charge.

Knitting Group – Edna Finegan of the Senior Knitting Group will be on hand to help you with your knitting. All knitting levels are welcome, Wednesdays, Jan. 17 and 24, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., in the library meeting room.

FOR CHILDREN

Spanish Music – Join Jodi Craft, Mondays, Jan. 22 and Jan. 29.

Vocalmotion – Join Sharon Chase for an interactive music program, Mondays, Feb. 5, 12 and 26. All ages and communities welcome. Generously funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Drop In Story Time – Big books music and more. To be held, Tuesdays, Jan. 23, Jan. 30, Feb. 6 and Feb.13. All ages and communities are welcome.

Story And Craft – This program is for Cohasset residents age 3 to 6. This is a four-week commitment. Scheduled for Thursdays, Jan. 25, Feb. 1, Feb. 8 and Feb. 15. Two sessions are scheduled; 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., and 1 to 2 p.m.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen

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QUESTIONS

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By Bob Katzen

With today's edition coverage of the 2007 Massachusetts legislative session with the weekly Beacon Hill Roll Call report will begin. This feature is a clear and concise compilation of the voting records of area state representatives and senators at the Statehouse.

Beacon Hill Roll Call provides an unbiased summary of bills and amendments, arguments from floor debate on both sides of the issue and each legislator's vote or lack of vote on the matter. This information gives readers an opportunity to monitor their elected officials' actions on Beacon Hill. Many bills are reported on in their early stages and readers often have the opportunity to contact their legislators and express an opinion prior to the measure being brought up for final action.

The feature "Also up on Beacon Hill" informs readers of other important matters at the Statehouse.

Beacon Hill Roll Call is provided by Bob Katzen who has covered the Legislature for more than 30 years. He has been providing this feature to hundreds of newspapers across the state since 1975.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week as the 2007 session gets underway.

The official list from the state treasurer's office of "per diems" collected by 157 state representatives in 2006 for "mileage, meals and lodging" expenses reveals that through December 31, these lawmakers have collected a total of $469,128. Per diems are paid by the state to representatives "for each day for travel from his place of residence to the Statehouse and return therefrom, while in the performance of his official duties, upon certification to the state treasurer that he was present at the Statehouse."

These per diems are paid to representatives above and beyond their annual salaries which at the beginning of this year were raised 4.8 percent from $55,569.41 to $58,236.74. The $2667.33 hike was implemented by former Gov. Mitt Romney under the terms of a constitutional amendment approved by the voters in 1998. The amendment requires legislative salaries to be increased or decreased biennially at the same rate as the state's median household income for the preceding two-year period - as ascertained by the governor. Many representatives also receive additional stipends ranging from $7,500 to $25,000 if they serve as committee chairs or in other leadership positions.

The 2006 statistics indicate that representatives received annual per diem payments ranging from $280 to $15,300 and 26 representatives have so far chosen not to apply for any money. These figures are not necessarily the final ones for 2006. State law does not establish a deadline that representatives must meet in order to collect the per diems. Critics say that some representatives will wait several more months into 2007 before they file for additional per diems from 2006 in order to avoid having their full payments appear on the initial list released by the state treasurer's office.

The amount of the per diem varies and is based on the city or town in which a representative resides and its distance from the Statehouse. These payments are not taxable and range from $10 per day for representatives who reside in the Greater Boston area to $90 for some Western Massachusetts lawmakers and $100 for those in Nantucket. Representatives who are from areas that are a long distance from Boston's Statehouse often are the ones who collect the highest total of annual per diems.

The Legislature approved, as part of the state budget in 2000, a provision doubling these per diems to the current amounts. Supporters of the hikes said that the per diems had not been raised for many years despite the rising costs of travel, food and lodging. Some opponents said that the hikes were excessive while others argued that the very idea of paying any per diem is outrageous. They noted that other state workers and most private workers are not paid additional money for commuting. The House and Senate did not hold a separate roll call vote directly on the doubling of the per diem. The hike was included as a small section of the comprehensive $21.5 billion fiscal 2001 state budget that was approved on roll call votes by both branches.

The representative who received the most money in 2006 was Rep. Daniel Bosley (D-North Adams) with $15,300. The other top ten recipients include Reps. William Pignatelli (D-Lenox) $10,890; Denis Guyer (D-Dalton) $9,676; John Binienda (D-Worcester) $8,352; Robert Correia (D-Fall River) $7,596; John Scibak (D-South Hadley) $7,320; Demetrius Atsalis (D-Barnstable) $7,250; Christopher Speranzo (D-Pittsfield) $7,020; Ellen Story (D-Amherst) $6,780 and Michael Rodrigues (D-Westport) $6,705. Six of this year's top ten recipients also made last year's top ten list including Bosley, Pignatelli, Guyer, Binienda, Scibak and Story.

Next week's report: Local senators' per diems for 2006.

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES' PER DIEMS FOR 2006

Here are the numbers of days that local representatives certified that they were at the Statehouse in 2006. Also included is the total amount of per diem money that the state paid the representative in 2006. A total of 26 representatives did not list any days and did not request any per diems. This should not be construed to mean that these 26 representatives were never at the Statehouse in 2006. It simply means that they chose not to list the number of days and not to request their per diems.

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

PATRICK RESTORES $383.6 MILLION - Gov. Deval Patrick restored $383.6 million that was cut from the state budget in November by former Gov. Romney who used his budget cutting powers to unilaterally cut $425 million from the state's $25.7 billion fiscal 2007 state budget. Romney later restored some $41.4 million. Patrick last week restored the remaining $383.6 million. Romney's cuts included funding for education, social service programs and public safety.

CREATE WORK-FAMILY COUNCIL (H 4216) - Romney "pocket vetoed" legislation creating a 16-member Massachusetts Work-Family Council to focus on work-family issues facing employers and employees with families. The council would conduct public hearings to identify these issues and recommend solutions and public and private workplace practices that support the well-being of both employers and families. A pocket veto occurs when the Legislature approves a bill and then adjourns for the year. If the governor does not act on the measure within 10 days, it is considered to be vetoed. Romney said that since he was leaving office and the Legislature approved the bill at the last minute, he did not have the time for a complete legal review of the proposal and decided to pocket veto it.

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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Republican senator proud of his 'blue collar' sensibilities

FROM HEDLUND, PAGE 1

cut deals with the legislative leadership."

With Romney, Hedlund – who was friends with Romney's former Chief of Staff – could literally just walk into the corner office. That has changed, however it's not going to faze Hedlund, a self-described "independent thinker."

But he also realizes that over the past few years when the Boston media wanted the Republican view on an issue, Romney, Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey, or former state Treasurer Joe Malone were the "go-to" people. "We'll now be more visible in that sense," says Hedlund about Republican leadership on Beacon Hill. Hedlund was recently promoted to Minority Whip, which carries new responsibilities. The Minority Whip assists the Minority Leader in coordinating the party caucuses in response to legislation and other matters.

Republican representation in the Legislature is at an all-time low. A fact, Hedlund readily acknowledges.

A mere five GOP senators out of 40 make up the GOP voice in the Senate and Republicans can only call 19 out of 160 representatives in the House their own.

"We are at an historic low since the Civil War, as far back as records were kept," Hedlund says. But he points out the "silver lining" could be a renewed Republican focus, not on the governor's office, but on getting more Republicans elected to the Legislature. "The tragedy is that we have had great candidates through the years that we did not focus on because we had the corner office," Hedlund explained. "We argued that that was the true 'check.'"

Hedlund says former Lt. Gov. Healey, who ran against Patrick, made the case for the need for more checks and balances in state government better than anyone. He blames her loss on a poorly run campaign.

"We have nowhere to go but up," he says about the Massachusetts Republican Party. "We had a misguided focus to put GOP resources at the top of the ticket. "We are going to have to be like Avis – we try harder because we have to, or like Alamo, we have to try triple harder."

Hedlund sees himself as the most independent person in the Senate. It's a trait that has held him in good stead in the district. Apart from the 1992 race against former Weymouth Selectman Brian McDonald, voters have returned Hedlund to office seven times; his closest race being the McDonald rematch in 1994, which he won by some 600 votes. In November, Hedlund easily beat Democratic candidate Stephen A. Lynch of Marshfield in a landslide.

"I have never looked at an issue along partisan lines," Hedlund says. He recalls voting to override a Weld veto at a time when the Legislature was cutting welfare and state employee benefits. Sustaining the veto would have meant raises for Weld's cabinet secretaries. Weld even called Hedlund at his home to twist his arm.

"I looked at the issue on its merits," he recalls. "My blue collar sensibilities and independent outlook wouldn't let me do it.

"I've taken that approach over time and it has served me well."

Hedlund, who owned a truck repair business when he got into politics, has taken courses at Quincy College, UMass Boston, and Wentworth. He has not finished college. That alone is unusual in the Legislature, which is primarily "lawyer-driven." Hedlund says a key to his success is that he is a full-time Legislator. He said many legislators are making considerable money with their active outside employment.

In the next session, Hedlund's bills that are drawing attention include pension reform that would cap individual pension benefits; limit benefits based on actual compensation; and would prevent abuse between different retirement groups. Hedlund's proposed pension reforms have also been included in the recently released Republican caucus package.

Hedlund has also taken the lead on a legislative immigration package that would deal with employers who hire illegal aliens; would require a Massachusetts driver's license in order to register a motor vehicle; and would keep illegals out of public housing.

He says he is "tormented" about the gay marriage issue. Hedlund voted to put the question of amending the state Constitution to define marriage as between a man and a woman before the voters. However, he is undecided on how he will vote in the second Constitutional Convention which is required to put the question on the ballot in 2008.

"I've met a lot of good people on both sides of the issue, who have weighed in quite strongly," he says.

In 2007, Hedlund sees the biggest issues as "budget stuff, affordability and property taxes."

He anticipates $175 million more Big Dig costs with maintenance of the tunnels. All state employee contracts are up in the coming year except for State Police and correction officers. Liabilities totaling $300 million in healthcare reform are also expected to have huge budget impacts. This is all coupled with expected flat revenues from the sales tax and "maxed out" lottery revenues.

"There is going to be less growth in revenue than we have had," Hedlund said.

The Plymouth-Norfolk District includes Weymouth, Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Norwell, Scituate, Marshfield and Duxbury.

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Letters to the Editor

FROM LETTERS FROM PAGE 10,

Thanks to the Cohasset Cultural Council

TO THE EDITOR;

Working closely with Arts Department Acting Chair, Nina Berkowitz, the Cohasset Middle High School Arts Boosters applied for and received the exciting news that it is a 2007 Cohasset Cultural Council grant recipient. The Cohasset Cultural Council is a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

The grant will be used to implement Phase II of the Living Gallery, an expansion of permanently mounted professional quality picture frames displayed throughout the Middle High School. These special frames allow the faculty the opportunity to change exhibits of student multi-media work on a regular basis.

Visit the Middle High School and cohassetartsboosters.com to be dazzled by the talented students.

On behalf of the students, faculty, parents and administration, we thank the Cohasset Cultural Council for giving the Arts a Boost!

Barbara Baumgarten, Elaine Breslow, Kathy Guinee, Carol Meyers, Janet Robinson, Beth Seraikas and Sue Thompson

It's Happening

SSCC Nursery School registration starts

The South Shore Community Center Nursery School at 3 North Main St., , announces that applications for the 2006-07 school year are available at the Nursery School and the Community Center offices. All families on the South Shore are eligible to apply. The registration process is based on a lottery system. All applications are due back to the Nursery School Office by Thursday, Jan. 25, at 3 p.m.

If you have any questions or will like to set up an appointment to meet the director, call Ann Madden at 781-383-0036. The director can also be reached by e-mail at:

amadden@southshorecommunitycenter.com.

Carriage House open house

The Carriage House School will hold an Open House and registration Saturday, Jan. 20, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Parents and children are invited to come and explore the classrooms and meet the teachers. If you are unable to attend this open house, feel free to call the school to obtain a registration form.

Open House will be held at the First Parish House of the Unitarian Church at 23 North Main St. Applications must be completed and returned to the school by Friday, Feb. 9. A $50 non-refundable registration fee must accompany the registration form.

The School enrollment policy is based on returning Carriage House families, First Parish families and remaining space will be filled by lottery. Parents will be notified by phone or mail the week of Feb. 14.

For more information, contact Georgie Gladdys, Director, at 781-383-9785.

Rock the night away

Have the dark, snow less doldrums of winter got you down? Well, mark your calendars for Friday, Feb. 9, from 8 p.m. to midnight to put on your dancing shoes and head over to the beautiful Red Lion Inn Barn for a night of dancing to Cohasset's own "Grateful Dads."

The event will benefit the Cohasset Varsity Hockey team and promises to be a rockin' time. Tickets cost $20 and will be available at the door or through any hockey team member or parent: Ann Czerkawski, Karin Doonan, Jeanne Holway, Jane Lanzillotti, Andrea Wade, Steve Faber and Steve Brandt.

There will be hors d'oeuvres and cash bar.

Teen Center dance

Cohasset Youth Resources will hold a dance at the Teen Center, Friday, Jan. 19, from 7 to 10 p.m. The dance is open to anyone in grades 6 through 8. The door charge is $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold as well. This is not a school function. For information call the Recreation Commission at 781-383-4109

Silhouette artist

The Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs present "Silhouettes — Heirlooms in the Making," by Joy Anne MacConnell, internationally known silhouette artist, who will create her unique portraits in Bates Hall Second Congregational Church at16 Highland Ave. in Cohasset, Saturday, Feb. 3, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The cost is $48 for 2 mirror-image portraits. Additional copies cost $15. A reservation is necessary and a 50 percent deposit must be given when reservations are made.

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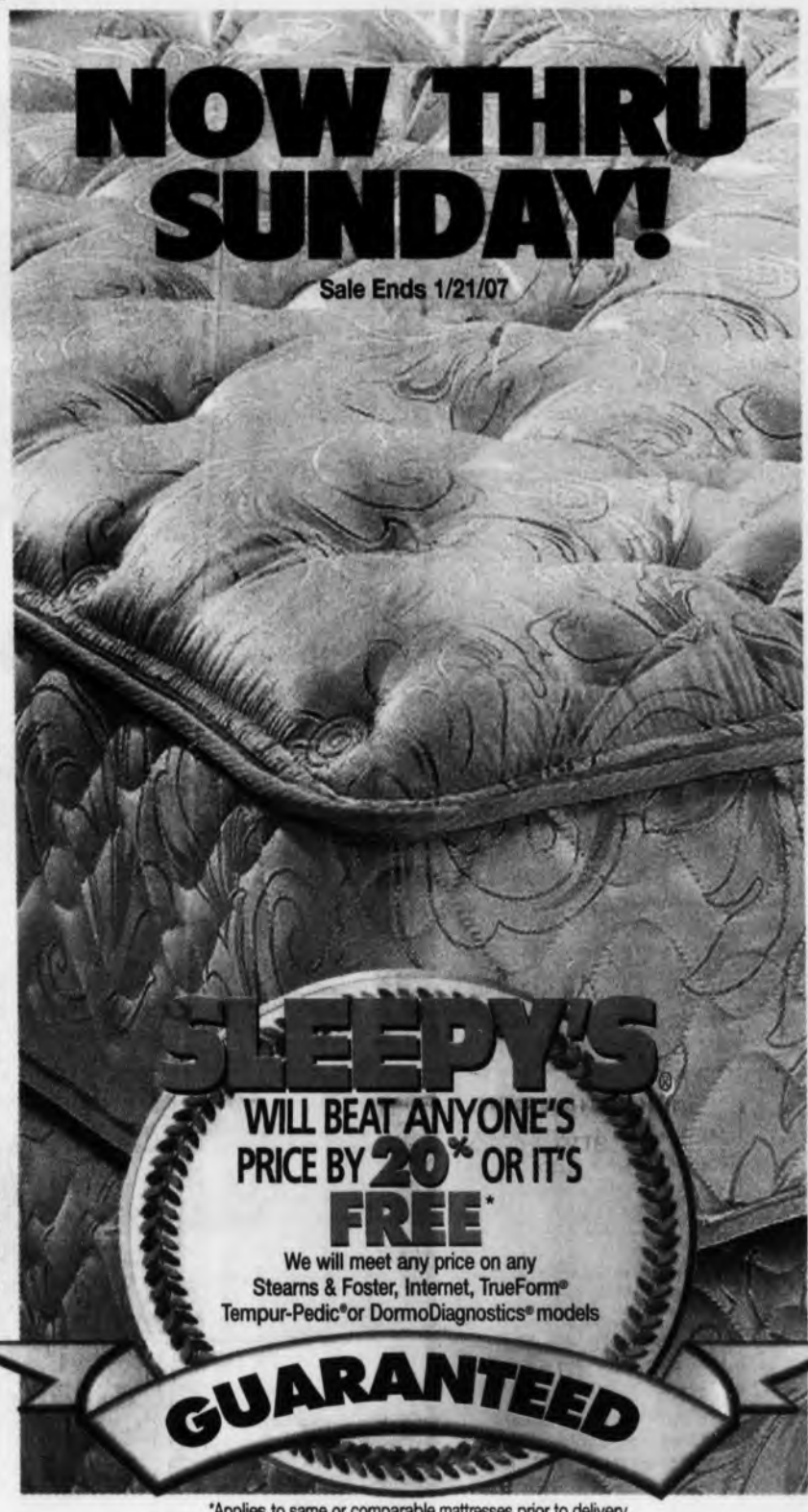
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By Mark Goodman
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The Cohasset/Norwell gymnasts recent picked up their first two wins of the year against Nantucket and Plymouth South.

The girls made their long trip to the island last Saturday worth their while with a 118.4-111.5 win over the host Whalers. Several good performances in the floor exercise event helped pave the way to victory.

Melissa Murphy had the team's score with an 8.7, followed closely by Corinna Durham (8.6), Cassie Pacella (8.4), Kiersten Shontz (8.2) and Liz Clapp (7.5). Durham and Murphy placed second and third, respectively, in the all-around with a 30.7 and 30.5. Durham also posted a solid 8.1 on the vault.

Both girls improved their all-around scores Tuesday against Plymouth South, and they had to, as Cohasset/Norwell edged out Plymouth South, 119.65-118.5. Durham earned a 31.3 and Murphy a 30.9, again finishing second and third in the all-around.

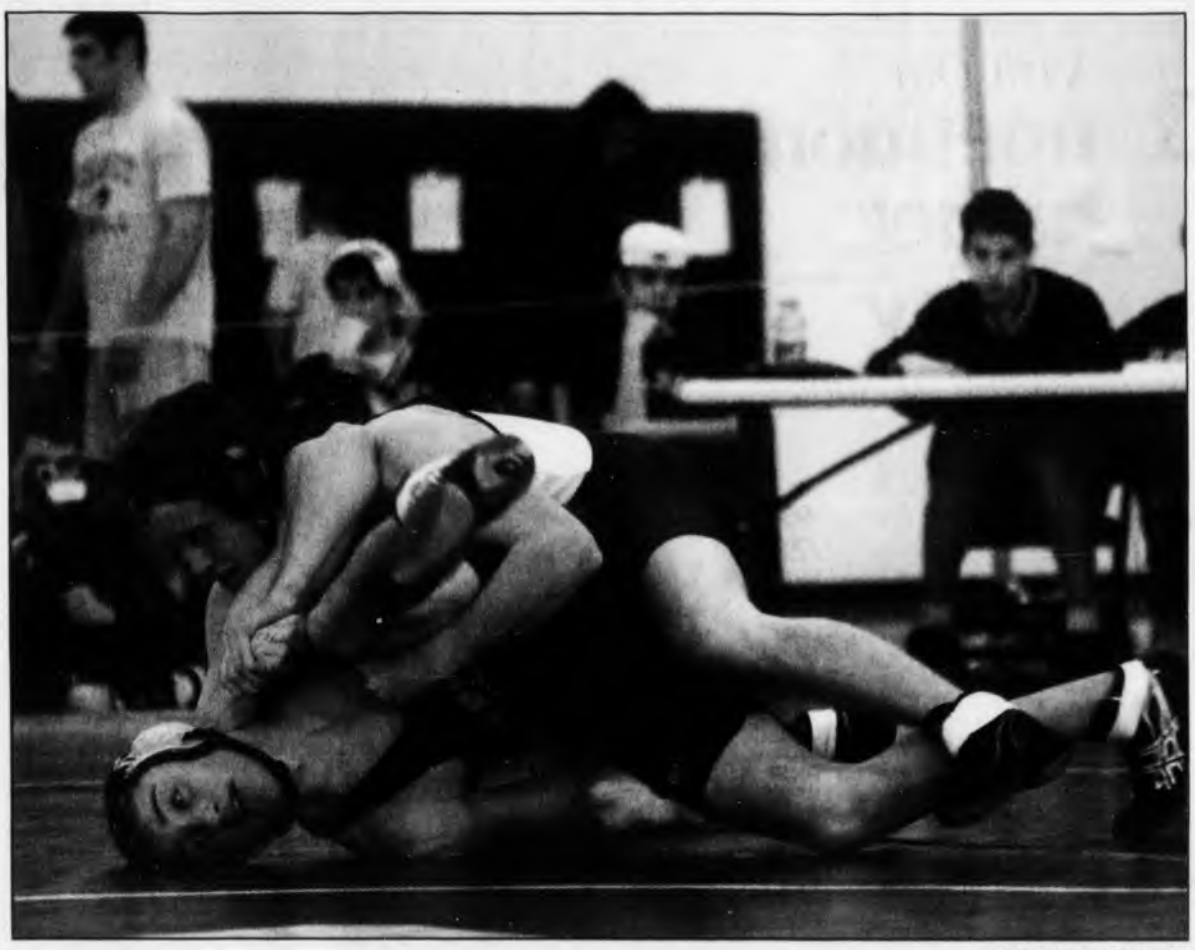
On the vault, Shontz finished right with Durham and Murphy with a 7.9, followed by Vanessa Durham (7.85), Jamie Nichols (7.75) and Clapp (7.6). Pacella (7.3) and Nichols (7.0) also had solid scores on the beam to help the winning cause.

Cohasset/Norwell travels to Attleboro this Saturday for a 5 p.m. meet, and hosts Marshfield Monday night at 7.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Corinna Durham gets some air time during her floor exercise routine Tuesday.



STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

Hanover's Matt LaCroix finds himself in a bind while wrestling Cohasset-Hull's David Toomey during Saturday's Cohasset tournament.

Grapplers atop the SSL

Nail-biting win over Carver puts CHS wrestling in driver's seat

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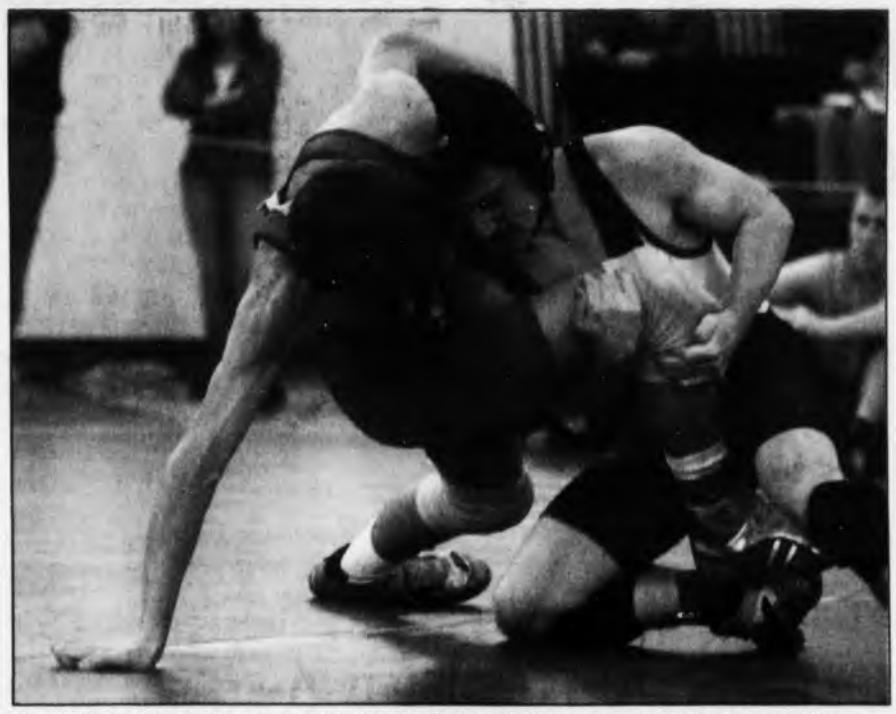
A couple weeks ago, Cohasset High wrestling coach Torin Sweeney said the South Shore/Mayflower League would come down to Wednesday's match with Carver.

The match lived up to the hype and came right down to the wire, and it was the Skippers that pulled out a 45-36 lead.

Cohasset led 39-36 going into the final bout, with Cohasset's Tim Toomey squaring off against Carver's Eric Collins. The two faced one another at the Marshfield tournament last month, with Toomey winning a wild 13-11 decision.

Right from the get-go,

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Ryan McLellan tries to take down Scituate's Eric Palmer in the second round of the Cohasset tournament. McLellan won the competition at 119 pounds, and in the process earned his 100th careery victory.

Late run does in lady hoopsters

By Mark Goodman
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In what was a tight game throughout, all it took to make the difference was 90 seconds of sublime basketball.

In Tuesday's South Shore League girls basketball tussle between Cohasset and Norwell, it was the visiting Clippers who made it happen, using a lightning-quick 7-0 run to break a 40-40 tie and eventually come away with a 51-44 victory.

After Cohasset senior forward Lacey Richardson (12 points) knocked home a pair of free throws with 3:59 left to tie the game, it was all Norwell. Clippers senior forward Katelyn Stravinsky hit a three on the ensuing possession, and the girls in blue didn't look back.

The Clippers' defense came up with a stop at the other end, followed by a good drive into the lane by senior guard Liz Ropi (nine points, six assists), who found Stravinsky for an open 12-foot jumper on the baseline that hit nothing but net.

After another stop, a terrific outlet pass from Ropi found fellow senior Kristin Capaldo all alone for a lay-up, and Capaldo converted for two of her 11 points on the night. Cohasset called timeout after Capaldo's basket, but the damage had already been done.

Stravinsky went 4-for-4 from the line in the last 1:20 to put away the win. Stravinsky finished with a game-high 24 points (20 in the second half), to go with five rebounds, five blocks and five steals.

The defensive energy from Ropi and sophomore Taylor Aizenstadt in the second half also proved instrumental for Norwell (6-3 overall, 5-1 league). Ropi's pressure defense at halfcourt disrupted several Skippers possessions, while Aizenstadt had a pair of blocked shots that sparked the entire team, including one critical block with six minutes to go on what appeared to be a sure two points for Cohasset sophomore Kayla Farren.

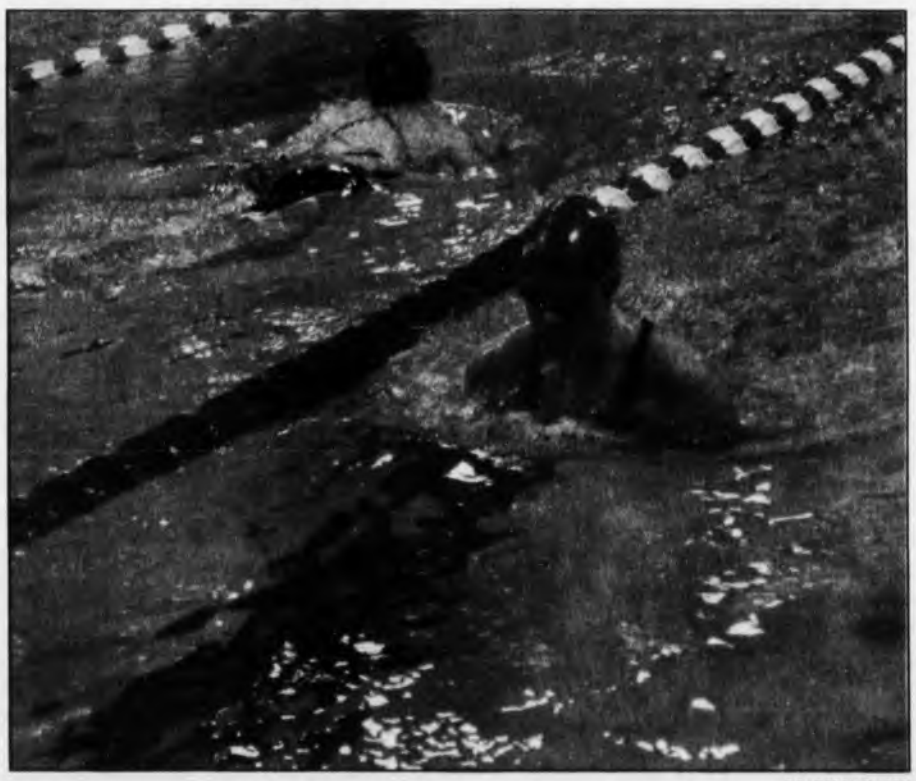
The Skippers (4-5, 2-4) tried to neutralize Norwell's quickness advantage with their strength in the frontcourt. Sophomore center Sam Lehr was a major presence all night in the paint, and finished with team-highs of 13 points and 11 rebounds.

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'Having fun and swimming fast'

Sci-Coh swimmers breeze past Hingham

By Alyssa Rogers
CORRESPONDENT



COURTESY PHOTO

Scituate sophomore Allison Costa competes in a recent meet for the Sci-Coh swim team.

The Scituate/Cohasset swim team continued its winning streak last Tuesday as it easily defeated Hingham in Quincy.

The girls swam hard against their Hingham competitors and finished with a meet score of 95-80. Hingham proved to be no match for the boys either as they won, 80-45.

Freshman Megan Little swam an excellent meet. In the 200-yard Individual Medley, Little's time of 2:31.94 came within a mere half-second away from beating the old team record set by captain Mamme Daley last year.

Little also picked up two other first-place finishes. She won the 100-yard Freestyle with a time of 1:01.87, and her 400-yard Freestyle Relay team won with a time of 4:10.75. Ashley Scott, Sheelah Scott and Caitlin

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'Having fun and swimming fast'

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Mahoney joined Little on the relay team.

"I am very impressed with Megan's effort," coach Jon Fortin said. "She is only a freshman and she has never before swam the 200 I.M. before. Her performance was amazing."

Cohasset sophomore Torey Hart broke her old team record in the 100-yard breaststroke as she placed first with a time of 1:18.94. Hart also finished first as part of the 200-yard freestyle relay team. Alyssa McCarthy, Katelyn Ryan, Alyssa Rogers and Hart wrapped up first place with a time of 1:58.47.

"In time, Hart will become one of the best breaststrokers in the league," Fortin said.

Three other girls also finished in the top two spots. In the 100-yard fly, Mahoney won with a time of 1:12.38, while Emily Mulcahy came in second with a time of 1:12.63. Mimi Mahoney took home first place in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:11.28.

On the boys side, three individuals and two relay teams turned in state final qualifying times. Brian McGuiness blazed past the field for first place in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:51.90. McGuiness also came in first in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:01.66. Jonny Drybanski secured first place in the 200-yard Individual Medley with a time of 2:09.61.

Rob Lilly took home first in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle races with times of 23.43 and 51.41 respectively. The 200-yard medley relay team of McGuiness, Mike Wall, Drybanski and Lilly finished first with a time of 1:51.90. The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Drybanski, Colin Conway, Lilly and McGuiness came in first with a time of 3:31.28.

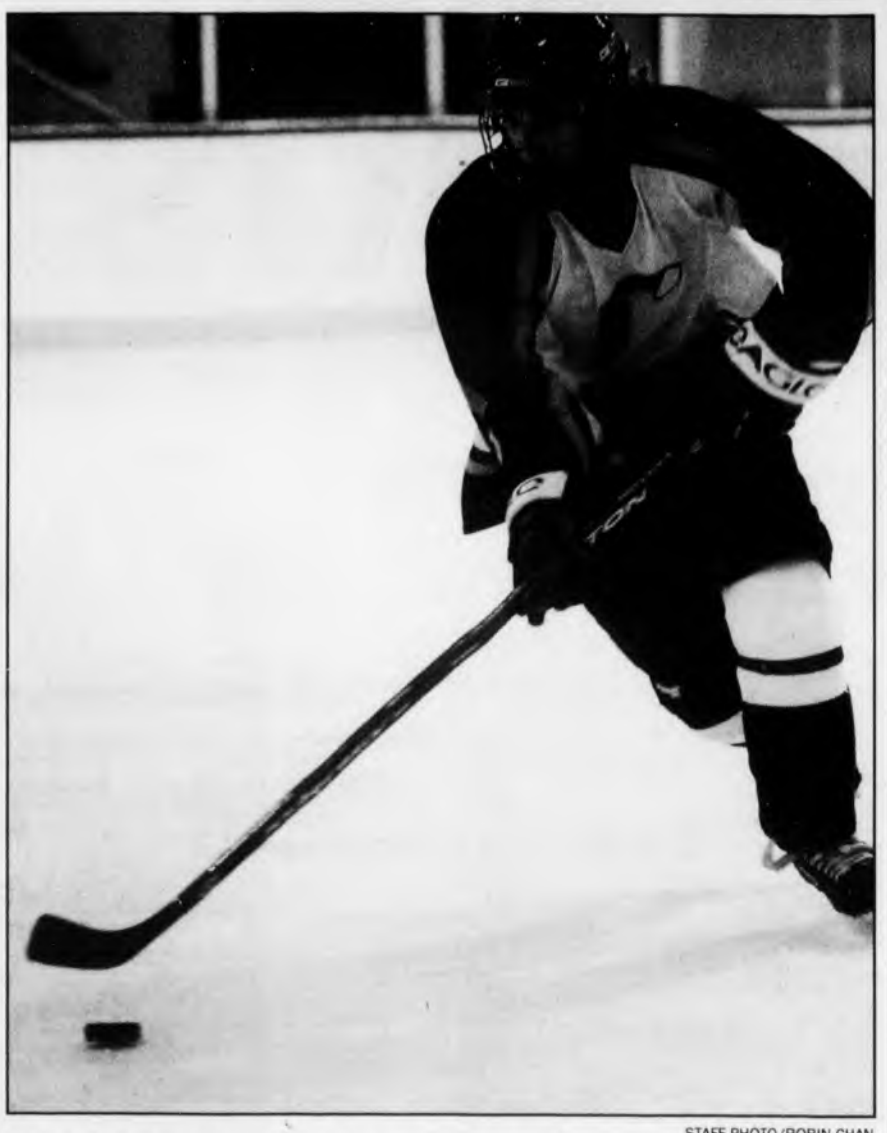
Drybanski also picked up a first-place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:03.37.

Senior co-captain Justin Damaso swam remarkably at Tuesday's meet. He finished first in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:14.31 and his 200-yard medley relay team picked up second with a time of 1:55.43. Damaso's time in the 100-yard breaststroke is only three seconds away from qualifying for sectionals. Sean Crowley, Conway and Brent Daley teamed with Damaso in the 200-yard medley relay race.

The performances of the divers, Scituate's Kate Seelig and Cohasset's Betsy Crawford, should not go unnoted. Crawford finished with 153.15 points and Seelig with 121.20. Both must score 160 points at least twice to qualify for state sectionals.

"Our team goals are simple: have fun and swim fast," Fortin said. "The one thing I am most proud of is the team's unity. There is no division amongst the schools. Win or lose I could care less. What matters most to me is that we remain a class act of responsible and respectful athletes that work together to reach for common goals. Our team displays this each day and I couldn't be more proud."

The squad travels to Pembroke today for a 3:30 p.m. meet. Next Tuesday, the team is on the road again as it heads to Randolph for a meet. Time is yet to be announced for the meet against the Blue Devils.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

After a pair of recent lopsided losses to Norwell and South Shore Voke, Andrew Smith (pictured above in action last week against Abington-East Bridgewater) and his CHS hockey teammates will aim to get back in the win column this Saturday when they skate against Harwich. Face-off is scheduled for 6 p.m. at Moore Rink in Orleans.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Tori Lehr (40) battles for a rebound during the Skippers' season opener in Holbrook.

Late run does in lady hoopsters

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Senior forward Haley Haracz played well for Cohasset, and freshman forward Meredith Kelley played well off the bench and came up with a couple key baskets in the second half. Sophomore guard Carly Salerno also finished with five points and four assists.

The Clippers faced a challenged Wednesday night after the Mariner went to press, traveling to Hanover to take on an Indians team that was 8-2 heading into this week's action. The teams have already faced each other once this season, as Hanover earned a 69-65 win in the consolation game of the Lapels Holiday Classic over the winter break. Norwell hosts a much-improved Hull squad this Friday night at 6:30.

The Skippers, meanwhile, are on a five-game losing streak and hope to get back on track Friday night when they host Mashpee. That will be the second of a four-game homestand, with Cohasset hosting East Bridgewater next Tuesday and Abington next Friday.

Grapplers atop the SSL

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Toomey shot in for a takedown and nearly got it, but Collins caught Toomey in a scramble and put the Cohasset sophomore on his back for a brief moment and a gave the Skippers a big scare. Collins managed to get the takedown, but Toomey reversed him quickly.

At this point, Toomey went for the victory and put Collins on his back for a pin at 1:35 seconds in the first period.

Sweeney called it the most intense league match the program has been a part of since it upset Rockland for the league championship in 2002.

"One of our big goals this year was to win the league championship," said Sweeney. "This team has worked really well together. Every match, it's someone different stepping up in a tight situation."

Carver kicked off the evening with a pin at 171, but Cohasset senior Nick Cambi came right back with a pin at 189. Cambi improved his record for the season to 22-2 with the victory.

The Crusaders came back with a pin at 215, but Cohasset answered again with Steve Hurlbut pinning Dan Confar with one second left in the second period of the 285-pound match. Hurlbut, wrestling up from his usual 215, tied the match at 12-all.

The Walsh twins of Carver, Matt and Nathan, both pinned their Skipper opponents at 103 and 112 as the visitors took a 24-12 lead. Cohasset senior Ryan McLellan than pinned Nate Szcepanek in a battle of two of the best Div. 3 119-pounders.

Carver went back on top, 30-18, with a pin at 125, but the home team closed the gap again with David Toomey's inspiring third period pin with the match score tied 4-4.

Carver got a pin at 135, but that would be the Crusaders' last points of the evening. At 140, Cohasset's Adam Smith overpowered his opponent en route to a second period pin. At 145, sophomore Mike Froio earned three team points with a 6-4 decision in a competitive bout.

At 152, Gannon Dorion got a first period pin, giving the Skippers their first lead of the night and setting the stage for the deciding Toomey-Collins showdown.

Sweeney said afterwards the matches involving McLellan, Hurlbut, Froio and the Toomeys all could have gone either way, and that those wins were the biggest factor in Cohasset being able to come out on top.

Cohasset (10-6 overall, 5-0 league) can win the SSL-Mayflower outright with a win Wednesday at Southeastern Regional. Before then, the Skippers host Wayland, Durfee and Whitman-Hanson for a 10 a.m. Saturday quad meet. Wayland is one of the state's best teams and will surely provide a major challenge for Cohasset.

Cohasset Tournament

The Skippers hosted their annual tournament last Saturday and finished fourth out of 10 teams. Marshfield edged out Duxbury for first, with Rockland, Cohasset and Scituate all very close to one another in spots 3-5.

Cohasset had three weight class champions on the day: McLellan (119), Smith (145) and Cambi (189). The wins for McLellan were especially significant, as they gave him 100 for his high school career. McLellan became only the 13th wrestler in the program's history to reach the 100-win mark.

Sweeney said 189 was the tournament's best division, and Cambi handled everything that came his way, including a tough 3-0 decision over Marshfield's Wendall Chipman in the semifinals.

Hurlbut finished second at 215, while Dorion and Tim Toomey took third at 152 and 160, respectively.

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COHASSET YOUTH BASKETBALL

5th grade Travel B runs into the Green Wave

Fresh off their week-old victory, the fifth grade boys squared off against a formidable Abington team Saturday night at the Weymouth Air Force Base. The last time these teams met, Cohasset was handed a sizeable defeat in a physical game that showcased Abington's strong passing and shooting skills.

This contest turned out to be another slugfest that went down to the wire. **Ryan McKeon** put Cohasset quickly ahead with a hot hand and ultimately led the team in the scoring with six points. After lighting it up early, McKeon began to draw a crowd, which allowed him to dish it out for some inside points by his teammates.

Doug Fitzgerald had a great night on both sides of the ball with a timely steal and two points, including a nice "Statue of Liberty" pick to set up **Jack Stanganelli** to drive to the hoop and pick up a shooting foul. Jack drained a clean free throw to put Cohasset ahead 9-4 with a minute left in the first half.

Jack Leffel made some great rebounds and terrific shots from the perimeter throughout the half. Big man **Mark Rattenbury** played well all night in a physical game to pick up three rebounds (and a foul or so). Mark finished the half on the highlight reel with a full court pass to McKeon for smooth lay-up to put Cohasset ahead 11-6.

The pressure picked up in the second half as the Green Wave gained some momentum. The referee's whistle was a blowin' throughout the half as both teams picked up close to a dozen fouls each. **Timmy Cavanaro** had a busy night to lead the team with seven rebounds and some great quick release passes to break the Abington press attack.

Clark Indek played well with some strong offensive rebounds to maintain possession and drain one of his own. **Zach Coggins** put on his arm extenders to lead the team in steals and picked up three rebounds and an assist. **Chris Cohen** was his usual disruptive force to cause turnovers and make Abington earn every point. Chris had two points and assist from his heroic hustle.

But the Wave kept rolling in and finally crashed on Cohasset shores with two minutes left in the game. It began with a collision with one of Abington's stout forwards on his way to the basket sending the Abington player out with a knee injury. The good news was that the injured player appeared to be ok on the sideline – the bad news was that Abington sent their transfer student from Hoosierville, Indiana to the line.

With Cohasset in front 13-12, Hoosierboy drained his two shots without a breaking a sweat to put the Wave ahead for good. Cohasset fought hard to the end and sent their opponent home with another level of respect for the kids from the coast.

Pembroke at Cohasset HS - Patriot League

On Sunday, the grade seven boys hosted Pembroke in a hard-fought game that saw Pembroke come all the way back from an early 12-point deficit to defeat Cohasset.

The boys were firing on all cylinders early in the first half, as they ran the floor and pressured Pembroke numerous turnovers and low-percentage shots. Cohasset built a 14-2 lead and maintained it through much of the first half. **Christian Allard** was the catalyst, as he ran the floor and drove the paint. Allard's penetration led to baskets for himself and several assists as he fed forwards **Jamie Faber, Jay Salerno, Robbie Mahoney** and **Kyrel Jaundoo.**

The front line did a good job early on of rebounding and contesting shots on the defensive end. **Pat Kearney** and **Patrick MacCormack** also contributed to the fast start. Kearney drove hard to the basket to get to the free throw line, and MacCormack also drove the lane to score once and dish off nicely to **Morgan McCarthy** for a foul-induced basket.

Pembroke began to solve the Cohasset running game near the end of the first half. They began to cover the passing lanes and pick up the Cohasset guards closer to half court, which led to less open scoring chances. Pembroke gradually took advantage of deft ball-movement and passing at the point guard position to find open shots in their half-court offense.

Chris Carpenter kept pace with a beautiful inside move, taking advantage of his quickness to get to the free-throw line and score. The guard play of **Chris Lunde**, Allard, Kearney and Carpenter kept Cohasset tied at halftime, 28-28.

Pembroke continued its good passing and they turned up the pressure defense to open the second half. They took over the lead, but Cohasset continued to play tough defensively. Pembroke maintained a 4-6 point lead for most of the remainder, and their solid defensive sets prevented the host from cutting into the lead.

5th graders travel to Abington

On Saturday night, the Cohasset grade five travel basketball team met Abington for the second time this season, hoping for a win this time.

Cohasset hit the court prepared and confident, jumping out to an early lead. Utilizing an aggressive zone defense, and a highly confident offense, Mark Brown led the rally with six easy points. Commanded by **Brendan O'Connell** and **Mark McKinnon**, Cohasset passed the ball crisply and frequently, looking like a well-coached orchestrated team.

Joe Buckley worked the inside to pull down rebound after rebound, with the defensive help of **Connor Greene** and **Stephen Marr**, all doing a superb job at boxing out the opponent. The first half ended with Cohasset leading 10-9.

Abington pulled ahead quickly in the second half to snap off seven unanswered points in the first three minutes; then never looked back. Abington ripped through Cohasset's zone defensive maze, forcing Coach O'Connell to transition to man-to-man coverage.

Cohasset struggled to regain its dominance with shot after shot, though nothing seemed to locate the hoop, finding themselves pointless for more than 11 minutes into the second half. Finally the bashing ended when **Rocco Laugelle** hit a free throw after being fouled.

Halfway through the second half, **Chris Haggerty** fell to the floor with a teammate-induced Charlie horse, only to find himself the cause of a 3-second violation while the referee ignored his injury. Late game efforts by **Matt McCormack** and **Liam Burke** weren't enough, with Liam fouling out with only nine seconds left in the game.

Final score 15–26, with Brown scoring eight points, Burke, O'Connell and McCormack with two points each, and one from Laugelle.

Struggles continue for CHS boys

By Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset was entering last Friday's game against Hull very confident and looking to avenge the heartbreaking double overtime loss in the Holiday Tournament.

Unfortunately, things were just not going the Skippers' way this night, as they lost 63-52 to their South Shore League rival.

Cohasset allowed three Hull players to score in double digits, including Corey Martin, who put up a game-high 18 points for the Pirates. Cohasset themselves had two double digit scorers, senior co-captain Justin Alexander (17 points) and junior Dave Snowdale, who had his season high with 10 points.

Although the Skippers trailed Hull by only five at the half, the Pirates were able to execute better down the stretch and hit big shots that forced Cohasset to start fouling early in order to try and climb back into the game.

Following the game, Skippers head coach Dorian Bryant said, "Our guys are figuring out our league is a good league; it's a very good Division 3 and 4 league."

The Skippers once again saw how good this South Shore League is after Tuesday's loss, 55-43, against the Norwell Clippers. Luckily for Cohasset, junior co-captain Pat McCarthy was able to play through his recent eye surgery and make yet another large contribution, leading the team with 19 points.

Right from the gun, Cohasset came out with fire in its eyes and hustling up and down the court. Unfortunately, Norwell just overpowered the Skippers and after the first five minutes, the Clippers were up 10-0 over Cohasset. Cohasset didn't even make a field goal until they had already given up 13 points.

As the half rolled down, Cohasset seemed to be getting it together, going on a little run of their own and pulling the game to within eight. Again, Norwell just overpowered Cohasset and at the half, they led 32-18.

As the game continued, nothing really changed and both teams were playing like they had all game and Norwell was still dominating. It wasn't until McCarthy nailed a three-pointer with 3:30 left in the game that Cohasset finally gained some confidence. Directly after, Alexander was able to power himself inside for a lay-up and suddenly Cohasset only trailed the Clippers by six points.

Despite playing very well on offense, Cohasset appeared to forget they had to rebound and in the end, they just gave up too many offensive rebounds, giving Norwell second chances and eventually allowing them to pull away for good.

Once again, Alexander had another big game for his team scoring 16 points. James Long of Norwell led all scorers with 26 points. Afterwards McCarthy said effort isn't the Skippers' problem, saying, "Everyone is doing their job; they're doing all they can for us out there."

Combined, McCarthy and Alexander contributed for 35 out of the teams 43 points against Norwell. About this, Bryant said, "We're trying to get that third scorer, but it just seems to be always only two scorers in double digits. We need more than just two double digit scorers a game and the team knows that."

Although this Skippers team looked like they were going to have a much different season than the past two, recently the team has struggled to find their groove. Both Bryant and McCarthy mentioned that they were hitting the tough part of the schedule with the Hull, Carver and Norwell, but that when they play these teams again their team will be ready.

This readiness will eventually lead to wins as long as the players are willing to do the work, said Bryant. Hopefully this is true for the Skippers, as they are falling farther and farther below a .500 record each loss. Tonight (Jan. 19) at 7, Cohasset will have another tough league game against Mashpee, in which the team travels all the way down to the Cape.



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Cohasset's Dave Snowdale (10) goes up strong against Abington's Tim Wells during the teams' Dec. 19 game. Snowdale scored 10 points in last week's loss to rival Hull.



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Notice of License Application pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91 Waterways License Application Number W06-1818
Cohasset Board of Water Commissioners

NOTIFICATION DATE: January 22, 2007

Public notice is hereby given of the waterways application by Cohasset Board of Water Commissioners to install and maintain an in-pond aeration system at 339 King Street, in the municipality of Cohasset, in and over the waters of Lily Pond. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date." Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comments Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4) (c).

Additional information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Waterways Regulation Program at (508) 946-2730. Project plans and documents for this application are on file with the Waterways Regulation Program for public viewing, by appointment only, at the address below.

Written comments must be addressed to: David Hill, Environmental Engineer, DEP Waterways Regulation Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347.

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TOWN OF COHASSET
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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **January 30th at 7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal** of the Building Commissioner's decision to grant a building permit, dated 12/11/2006, for 65 Meadow Lane. The applicants are, **Raymond and Susan Tehranian of 132 Atlantic Ave., c/o Attorney Bruce Issadore, Norwell, MA**, according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. **File #06-12-22**.

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TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **January 30th at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Variance** pursuant to §5.3.1 and/or any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Taja Realty Trust**, seeks to construct a two car garage within the side setback at **449 Jerusalem Road** , according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. **File #07-01-09**.

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SPORTS NOTES

Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Registration

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association will hold its annual registration for the upcoming spring baseball and softball season from now through Feb. 15.

Parents/guardians have two options for registration: CYBSA will hold a registration on Saturday, Jan. 20,, from 9 a.m. to noon, in the upper lobby of the High School gymnasium. In the alternative, parents/guardians may register children by mail, provided that mailed registrations are postmarked no later than Feb. 15.

Registration forms are available on the website: CYBSA.net or at Town Hall. Registrations that are received or postmarked after Feb. 15 will be subject to a per player $25 late registration fee. The late fee will be strictly enforced, and there is no guarantee that late registered players will be accommodated, as uniform orders and other season plans will be made on Feb. 15. Your cooperation in registering players in a timely manner is greatly appreciated, as it allows the CYBSA to establish rosters and order uniforms so that we are ready for opening day.

The registration is for boys aged 5 to 12 (for Little League) and 13 and 14 (for Junior League) as of April 30, 2007. The registration is for the girls softball aged 5 to 12 (for Little League) and 13 and 14 (for Junior League) as of Dec. 31, 2006. A copy of the child's birth certificate must accompany a new player's registration forms.

The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the Junior league baseball and softball programs will be $125. The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the Major league baseball (ages 10 to 12) and softball divisions (ages 11 and 12) will be $125. The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the American League division for baseball (ages 9-11) and softball (ages 9-11) divisions will be $100.

The registration fee for boys and girls in the National League division for baseball (ages 6-8) and Instructional Softball (ages 7-8) will be $85. The registration fee for the Farm league instructional division (boys and girls ages 5-6) will be $65.

Please be advised that children assigned to Major League teams are still required to register.

Please also be advised that effective the 2008 season, 12-year olds boys/girls must play at least one year in the American League to be an automatic selection for the Major League Baseball division. (This does not pertain to softball).

Also note that boys and girls who are 6 years old, but who played in the Farm league last year are eligible to play in the National League Division this year. Please contact Liam O'Connell at (781)383-9538, or via email at ltoconnell@hklaw.com if you have questions about player eligibility.

Please be advised that the child protection program instituted by Little League governing organization requires that all adults interested in coaching, managing or volunteering in any way, are required to register at this same time and supply a photocopy of a government issued identification. Individuals not complying with this requirement will not be allowed to participate in the CYBSA program.

Questions regarding either player or coach registration, or the programs offered to players, may be directed to Liam O'Connell at (781)383-9538 or Nancy Froio at (781)383-1897.

Rock the night away

Have the dark, snowless doldrums of winter got you down? Well, mark your calendars for Friday night, Feb. 9, put on your dancing shoes and head over to the beautiful Red Lion Inn Barn for a night of dancing to Cohasset's own "Grateful Dads."

The event benefits the Cohasset High School varsity hockey team and promises to be a rockin' time. Here are the details:

Feb. 9, 8 p.m. to midnight…musical entertainment by the Grateful Dads…Tickets: $20, available at the door or through any hockey team member or parent…hors d'oeuvres and cash bar on hand.

Join the Cohasset Hockey Boosters who truly know how to put the "fun" into fundraising and "come on down" to the Red Lion Inn on Feb. 9!

Pan-Mass Challenge

Registration to ride in the 28th annual Pan-Massachusetts Challenge opens through the PMC Web site, pmc.org, Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 9 a.m. Open to just 4,500 cyclists, the PMC will be held Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 4 and 5.

The ride is the nation's original fundraising bike-a-thon and today raises more money than any other athletic fundraising event in the country. This year's goal is to raise $27 million for the Jimmy Fund, which supports cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. To date, the PMC has raised more than $171 million for the world-renowned cancer research center.

Cyclists can choose from nine routes that pass through 46 Massachusetts cities and towns, over one or two days. Two-day cyclists can ride the original 192-mile Sturbridge to Provincetown route, the180-mile Sturbridge-Bourne-Wellesley route, the 163-mile Wellesley-Bourne-Provincetown route, or the 153-mile Wellesley-Bourne-Wellesley route. One-day cyclists can ride the 111-mile Sturbridge-Bourne route, the 84-mile Wellesley-Bourne route, the 72-mile Sturbridge-Wellesley route, the 68-mile Bourne to Wellesley route, or, new this year, the 50-mile Wellesley to Wellesley route. Minimum fundraising requirements range from $1,200 to $3,600, depending upon the route chosen. The most popular routes typically fill up within weeks.

The PMC is a family of thousands who return to Massachusetts from around the world, year after year, committed to a common goal: a world without cancer. More than 200 PMC cyclists and volunteers are cancer survivors. Registration is $160, which funds support services, meals, and overnight accommodations, riding jerseys and more. For more information, or to register, visit www.pmc.org or call 800-WE-CYCLE.

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Back to earth after California college visit

LIFE AT CHS



MICHAEL CORRY

It's 7:30 on Wednesday morning, and my Dad drops me off at school directly from Logan Airport. We spent the past few days visiting schools in California, where it's just a *little* bit warmer than it is here. Our flight landed at roughly 6:30 a.m., and I entered the building with nothing save the clothes on my back, a pen, and a winning smile. Luckily, I'm an insomniac so the time change didn't faze me. The trip was a success, especially since it was planned last Wednesday and we flew out Thursday night.

We spotted a few celebrities, including Rob Corddry, a Weymouth native and Daily Show alum, Lukas Haas and Tara Reid. Now that I'm back in school I need to stop stargazing and start getting caught up. The end of the semester is nigh! It's much easier to make statements of admonition than it is to take my own advice. Thanks to DVR I have one less excuse to avoid completing assignments, cutting the grand total of reasons I invent not to do my work down to two or three hundred. I'm extremely fond of a cartoon I saw in The New Yorker last year, with the caption: "No one's last words were 'I wish I'd done more homework.'" Even though most people of sound mind and body would agree with this statement, it doesn't change the fact that not doing homework hurts your grades.

Moving right along, here is this week's news.

- Congratulations to the following CHS students who were published in Teen Ink Magazine! **Paul St. Pierre, Jeremy Simms, Lara Novak, Kyle Dattola-Harris**, and **Robert Silvia** were all immortalized in print in the latest issue of this national publication.
- The Drama Club has begun rehearsing for this year's Drama Festival, a statewide competition. Last year the Drama Club progressed to the Semi-finals. This year's performance piece is "No Exit" by Jean-Paul Sartre.
- Tuesday morning the Superintendent's Administration Council met
- After school Tuesday High School faculty met in the library.
- Wednesday after school the Safe Schools Initiative — Bully Policy met in the Main Office.
- Wednesday night a Relay For Life meeting was held in the library.
- The School Committee met Wednesday night.
- Thursday after school the NEASC Follow Up Committee met.
- Tonight the Middle School Spelling Bee is in the Auditorium at 7 p.m.

The weekend is finally here, and some of us have the good fortune of sleeping in tomorrow. If you don't have that privilege, take some time out of your day tomorrow to compensate. I know I'll probably be doing both.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

PAC to meet Feb. 6

"Autism Spectrum Disorders: Overview of the Newest Research in the Field," will be the topic of presenter Lesley Maxwell, on Feb. 6, at 7:30 p.m., at Osgood School, behind Deer Hill School, 210 Sohier St., Cohasset. The workshop, sponsored by PSO/PAC, is free.

Autism is a field of research that is advancing rapidly. There are many new findings as researchers, doctors and educators work with families to find the cause of autism and to understand how best to assist individuals with autism and their families. This talk will offer a practical overview of current research and findings in the field of autism spectrum disorders for families and educators.

Cohasset Parents Advisory Council has joined with the South Shore PAC Network to promote communication, combine workshops and establish a broader network. South Shore PAC Network hopes to meets informally throughout the year. For information, visit southshorepac@comcast.net.

Integrated Preschool applications available

Applications for Cohasset Integrated Preschool will be available Feb. 1 at both Osgood School and the Student Services office in the high school. Children must be 3 by Sept. 1, 2007, to participate in the morning class and 4 by Sept. 1, 2007, to participate in the afternoon class.

Applications should be returned to the Student Services office, 143 Pond St., no later than Friday, Feb. 16. The lottery will take place Monday, Feb. 26, and families will be notified by mail that week. A deposit of $75 is required to hold the space. Tuition is currently $1,500 for the year – four days of 2.5-hour sessions each school week – but is subject to change by the School Committee.

Home schoolers for science

South Shore Home Learners begin their third Monday Fun Day session Jan. 22, at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library and Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum in Cohasset.

Monday Fun Day activities include the Mad Science hands-on workshop, Discovering the Masters art class, Chess Club, Games Club and Story Time Arts and Crafts. Home schooling children and their parents are encouraged to spend time exploring the Museum, Library and the playground with their friends. The Museum is a wonderful multi-age space with something for everyone to enjoy.

Mad Science is the newest addition to the Monday Fun Day schedule. Bugs, inventions, optical illusions and space will be among the topics explored in this session.

Monday Fun Day Session 3 will run from Jan. 22 to March 5.

For information about Monday Fun Day or home education on the South Shore, contact southshorehomelearners@comcast.net. You can also join the South Shore Home Learners Yahoo Group or attend their meetings every third Thursday of the month. Contact SSHL for time and place.

South Shore Home Learners is a not-for-profit organization committed to strengthening and encouraging homeschooling families on the South Shore.



Back row from left: Alexandra Lanier (Cohasset), Lea Saleski (Marshfield), and Lily Seksay (Cohasset); front row: Jonah Jones (Marshfield) and Quentin Woolf (Marshfield) hold up peace symbols. Peace studies are incorporated into the curriculum at the Inly School in Scituate.

Inly School celebrates Montessori Centennial

Throughout the month of January, Montessori schools around the world are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Montessori education movement and its founder. On Jan. 6, 1907, Dr. Maria Montessori opened the first "Casa dei Bambini" (Children's House) in an inner-city neighborhood in Rome. Today Montessori is the fastest growing education philosophy in the Western world. Roughly one million families send their children to Montessori schools in North America, with some 100,000 new enrollments annually.

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A slide presentation on the history of the education movement juxtaposed black-and-white photos of early Montessori classrooms in Nigeria and Lithuania with Inly classrooms today. Remarkably, it showed students using the same time-tested Montessori manipulative and materials. In addition, Children's House (ages 3—6) students sang a song about Dr. Montessori, Lower Elementary (grades 1-3) students read from books they created themselves about their school, and Middle Schoolers (grades 7—8) performed a skit about the importance of inclusion. Children's House students also held a special ceremony to dedicate their flower and vegetable garden to Dr. Montessori, and to pledge their stewardship of the Earth.

Hallways throughout the school are decorated this month with children's pictures illustrating "Peace and Friendship" as well as "Freedom and Responsibility."

Peace Studies — Many Montessori schools have a substantial peace studies program; in others, like Inly, it is incorporated into an integrated curriculum. The peace studies component teaches children how to resolve conflict and develop compassion and tolerance for others, including those of other cultures, races, and backgrounds. Many Children's House classrooms also feature a "peace table," a designated place where children can go to work out their differences. These traditions carry on in the name of Dr. Montessori, who was nominated three times for the Nobel Peace Prize.

For more information about Inly School, see www.inlyschool.org. To learn more about Montessori schools, visit the Montessori Foundation at www.montessori.org or the American Montessori Society at www.amshq.org.



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Police/Fire Log

SUNDAY, DEC. 31

1:04 p.m. **Lawson Road**, medical aid requested by Scituate Fire Dept. - transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

1:42 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, officer reports an open door and resident is away; investigated and found son at the residence.

2:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports gas drive-off with a value of $28; plate provided has no matching records.

5:04 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested for elderly female in respiratory distress.

5:19 p.m. **Ash St.**, well-being check requested; services rendered.

5:20 p.m. **Black Horse Lane**, suspicious vehicle reported; area search negative.

9:07 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking complaint; officer reports three vehicles tagged.

11:31 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, caller reports loud music from next-door neighbor; services rendered and noise disturbance gone on arrival.

MONDAY, JAN. 1

12:06 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic enforcement.

12:33 a.m. **Howe Road and Tad Lane**, officer has intoxicated male onboard and will drop him off to the custody of his parents.

1:03 a.m. **North Main St. and Ripley Road**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

3:04 a.m. **Pond St.** officer reports school checked; building secure.

3:05 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:57 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

11:05 a.m. **Sohier St.** officer reports school checked; building secure.

3:37 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road**, traffic stop.

8:39 p.m. **Nichols Road**, walk-in party reports her son received threats via e-mail; report filed.

8:55 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

8:56 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:05 p.m. **Pond St.-High School**; officer reports school checked; building secure.

TUESDAY, JAN. 2

1:16 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

1:17 a.m. **Sohier St.** officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

6:30 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

9:12 a.m. **King St.**, caller reports male resident has fallen out of his motorized wheelchair in the parking lot; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

10:27 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:33 a.m. **Elementary Schools**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

11:08 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports a tire with rim is in the middle of roadway; departmental action taken.

12:04 p.m. **Norman Todd Road**, several callers report a motor vehicle versus tree; injuries reported. Transport to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

1:09 p.m. **Cedar St.**, walk-in party reports a larceny; departmental action taken.

1:53 p.m. **South Main St.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

3:47 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in medical aid; blood pressure check.

4:08 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop.

4:24 p.m. **Whitney Woods Lane**, caller reports her motor vehicle window broken and two purses stolen; investigated and officer reports incident occurred at 4 p.m., by two while males in a two-toned Cadillac. Scituate and Hingham Police Departments notified.

4:59 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, break and entry to a motor vehicle reported; window broken. Officer investigated.

5:28 p.m. **Todd Lane**, report of cell phone lost in N.Y.C.

5:39 p.m. **Gannett Road, Scituate**, mutual aid rendered for motor vehicle accident.

6:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid/CPR in progress-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

7:31 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

8:12 p.m. **Elm St.**, 209A service rendered.

8:35 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, officer reports unlocked back door; investigated and building secured.

9:19 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

9:45 p.m. **Short St.**, caller reports that two males are inside dumpster; services rendered.

9:55 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in medical aid; blood pressure check.

11:20 p.m. **Oak St.**, Fire Dept. reports odor in basement; notified wire inspector and National Grid.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 3

7:08 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:11 a.m. **Cedarledge Village**, caller requests to speak with an officer; services rendered.

8:58 a.m. **Reservoir Road**, illegal burning; extinguished.

10:53 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious BMW station wagon reported parked by house; officer reports area search negative.

2:38 p.m. **Gunrock Ave.**, structure fire reported; location box struck; extinguished.

4:03 p.m. **Pond St.**, caller reports outside odor of gas; Gas Co. notified.

4:39 p.m. **Howe Road**, mailbox damage reported; occurred New Year's Eve. Information logged.

5:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid for 18-month old child with high fever-transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

5:40 p.m. **Hillside Drive**, officer requested; services rendered.

6:12 p.m. **Depot Court**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:41 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:53 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

9:08 p.m. **Pond St.-High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:20 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

9:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic enforcement.

9:34 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

9:55 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

THURSDAY, JAN. 4

12:36 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

12:37 a.m. **Pond St.-High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

1:47 a.m. **School St.**, officer requested by Cohasset resident at Hull Police Dept. headquarters; services rendered.

2:04 a.m. **Cohasset Police Dept.**, caller requests to speak to Chief of Cohasset Police. She was advised that the Chief was not in and she requested to speak to the person in charge; will meet with her at Hull Police Dept.

2:43 a.m. **Cohasset Police Dept.**, walk-in party requests to file a complaint against Hull Police Dept.; advised.

6:53 a.m. **North Main St.** traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

8:38 a.m. **Pond St.**, medical aid requested for elderly man after being injured from a fall.

9:33 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

10:35 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, caller reports she has locked herself out of her house and vehicle. The keys are in the house and her baby is in the motor vehicle; departmental action taken.

10:43 a.m. **Meadow Lane**, caller requests an officer regarding a dispute; peace restored.

11:10 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller reports the roadway is becoming narrow due to sand dunes encroaching onto the street; DPW notified.

11:41 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, Meals on Wheels delivery person requests a well-being check on a person who has not taken two meals left outside as well as newspapers; investigated and report filed.

3:07 p.m. **Ripley Road and Depot Court**, traffic stop; citation mailed to person who has a Junior Operators License with passengers in vehicle.

4:46 p.m. **Hillside Drive**, investigation; officer reports party not at this address at this time.

4:57 p.m. **Elm St.**, well-being check requested by grandson for grandmother who was not answering her door; officer reports that no one is home.

5:07 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

5:36 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

5:51 p.m. **Hull St.**, warrant services rendered; area search negative - party has moved.

6 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:13 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:15 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:43 p.m. **North Main St.**, erratic motor vehicle operation reported; area search negative.

6:55 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, caller reports a disabled motor vehicle in middle of roadway; car drove off.

7:59 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

8:20 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

FRIDAY, JAN. 5

12:05 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, disabled motor vehicle; McBrien's notified.

1:15 a.m. **Pond St.-High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

1:15 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

6:44 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

6:52 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

6:52 a.m. **Forest Ave.** traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

7 a.m. **Forest Ave. and Cedar Acres Drive**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

7:31 a.m. **James Lane**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

10:10 a.m. **Lighthouse Road, Scituate**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

10:22 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, Sovereign Bank reports a possible disturbance to take place at 1 p.m., by a party who is angry with the bank; peace restored.

10:49 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, suspicious vehicle reported in front of Shaw's with police radios inside; officer reports vehicle will be checked through out the day.

11:50 a.m. **Linden Circle**, caller reports a neighbor called him at work to let him know that his dog was running loose and his back door was wide open; house checked by officer and appears secure.

12:23 p.m. **Elm St.**, be on the look out announcement regarding a hit and run suspect traveling southbound on Route 3A in a rental truck; area search negative.

12:42 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

3:09 p.m. **Pond St.**, caller reports an outside odor of gas; Keyspan notified.

3:12 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports a hit and run motor vehicle accident. The suspect vehicle is a gold Durango. Operator located by Hanover Police Dept. and stopped at Cohasset Police Dept. to speak with an officer.

5:44 p.m. **Fernway**, caller reports that her two daughters were at the library and were supposed to walk home at 5 p.m., and have not arrived home yet. Mother called back to report daughters have been home for a half hour and have been playing quietly.

7:19 p.m. **Mendel Road**, caller reports hitting a deer on Route 3A; no injuries reported to driver and child passenger; services rendered.

7:46 p.m. **E St.**, medical aid for 15-year old with arm laceration-transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

7:54 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking complaint; three vehicles tagged.

8:12 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, erratic motor vehicle operation reported;

SATURDAY, JAN. 6

12:18 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

12:25 a.m. **Pond St.-High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

7:52 a.m. **King St.**, caller reports a male party who came in to pay for gas appears to be intoxicated. Cashier stated that he asked the male not to drive but he did anyway. Scituate Police Dept. reports pulling motor vehicle over and having male in custody.

10:16 a.m. **King St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:59 a.m. **King St.**, suspicious activity; male inside building and items piled up outside the building. Units report an open door and a male inside; contacted owner and he stated everything is okay with males in building.

11:09 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and lower King St.**, motor vehicle accident; no injuries reported.

11:12 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, break and entry to a motor vehicle reported-window smashed out; investigated and nothing is missing.

1:11 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, investigation/follow up at Scituate Police Dept. regarding recent motor vehicle break-ins.

2:47 p.m. **Elm St.**, property reported lost.

3:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports her pocketbook with several credit cards, a driver's license, a white Ipod and a set of keys was stolen from her vehicle while she was walking at Whitney Woods; investigated and report filed.

3:54 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic stop. Motor vehicle towed for expired registration.

5:18 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid for 53-year old with chest pain-transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

5:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, several callers report a deer struck by a motor vehicle; Hingham medic responding, but it is on Cohasset side.

7:25 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in medical to Fire Dept. regarding a baby that has bumped her eye.

9:01 p.m. **Jerusalem Road, Hull Police Dept.** reports they received a cell phone call regarding an erratic motor vehicle operator who has turned onto Jerusalem Road from west corner. Investigated and nothing found. Hingham Police Dept. notified.

10:42 p.m. **Wheelwright Park**, suspicious activity reported.

11:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

SUNDAY, JAN. 7

12:44 a.m. **Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious activity reported; services rendered.

1:06 a.m. **Lower King St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop; citation issued.

1:21 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, caller reports a large party; officer investigated and reports that everyone at the party is over 21 and very cooperative.

1:54 a.m. **Elm and Brook streets** arrest: Justin E. Baker, 21, 43 Elm St. Cohasset. Charges: Possession of a class B drug with intent to distribute.

2:14 a.m. **Pond St.-High School** officer reports school checked; building secure.

2:14 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

9:40 a.m. **Pond St.-High School** officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:47 a.m. **Sohier St.** – Deer Hill School, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:47 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

11:31 a.m. **Elm St.**, be on the lookout announcement for armed robbery suspect; robbery took place at CVS at intersection of 53 and Route 18.

12:34 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, store manager reports a shoplifter; party is pulling out onto Route 3A northbound in an older model Toyota Camry. Suspect is described as a white male wearing a green sweatshirt and unshaven who stole twenty cans of baby formula (Enfamil).

OBITUARIES

Phoebe M. Sceery

Gifted artist and adventurer

Phoebe Malmfeldt Sceery, 86, died January 5, 2007, at home.

Raised in West Hartford, Conn., she was the daughter of architect, Carl Malmfeldt and granddaughter of a Swedish cabinet maker who emigrated to Connecticut from Malmo. Her mother, Louine Ford, came from a long line of sea captains and their hearty wives who sailed from Searsport, Maine. Mrs. Sceery was educated at Colby Sawyer College in New London, N.H. and Katherine Gibbs School in Boston. A gifted artist with a great knack for design, she took classes in painting and sculpture at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts throughout her life.

Mrs. Sceery was among the first women trained as a draftsman during World War II. Later, she held a number of jobs as a medical secretary and medical artist including her work for the first psychoanalyst in Hartford and for the founder of the Retina Foundation in Boston. Modest, she reported that she wasn't much of a secretary. Rather, as she had a helpful and energetic nature, she told more often of her adventures as a beloved personal assistant to her employers and their families.

She married Robert T. Sceery, MD, a pediatrician, Aug. 6, 1949. In 1953 they moved to Cohasset, where they raised their six children and grandparented 17 more. They lived happily in Cohasset until their deaths.

Devoted to their family and committed to their community, they had a large circle of friends. A lively hostess and caring friend, Mrs. Sceery was known for her quiet strength, for her generosity and kindness, her ardent, freely shared opinions and her curiosity and willingness to embrace new people.

She had an adventurous spirit. At 70, caught without a ride, she hitchhiked across Nova Scotia to join friends for a sailing trip down east. Widowed at age 84, after 55 years of marriage, she was no longer able to enjoy her own adventures but still delighted in those of her grandchildren and friends.

She was the wife of the late Dr. Robert Sceery. She leaves her daughters, Lucy Clode, Beth Rockoff and her husband Mark, of Hingham, Katie Trumper and her husband Mark, of Edmonds, Wash., Amy Sceery and her husband, Neil Crane of Woodbridge, Conn., and Mara Morris and her husband, Greg of Winnetka Ill; her son, Michael Sceery and his wife, Helene of Cohasset; her sister, Eleanora Church of Rochester, N.Y.; her brothers, John Malmfeldt of Seattle, Wash., and James Malmfeldt of Devens; and 17 grandchildren ranging in age from 4 to 27 years.

Interment will be private. A service celebrating her life will be held at the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset, Friday, Feb. 9, at 2 p.m.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Landmine Survivors Network, 1420 K Street NW, Suite 650, Washington, D.C., 20005.

Marie McCarthy

Homemaker, former CCD teacher

Marie (Rankin) McCarthy, 83, died Jan. 7, 2007, at Golden Living Center in Cohasset.

Born and educated in Nova Scotia, Mrs. McCarthy had been a resident of Marshfield from 1967 through 2001. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. McCarthy was a former CCD teacher at St. Ann by the Sea Church in Marshfield.

Wife of the late Gerald O. McCarthy, she leaves two sons, Jeffrey McCarthy of Pembroke and his wife, Leanne, and Kevin McCarthy and his wife, Lisa, of South Hadley; one brother, Alec Rankin of Watertown; one sister, Isabelle Graham of Nova Scotia; two grandchildren, Ryan and Max; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by 11 brothers and sisters.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Ann By the Sea Church, Marshfield. Interment in VA National Cemetery in Bourne. Arrangements were handled by MacDonald Funeral Home, Marshfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 311 Arsenal St., Watertown, MA 02472.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Donald Reade. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chairman: William Baird.

Sunday, Jan. 21 New Member Sunday

10 a.m. — Worship in the Meeting House

Sermon: "Why I Am a Missionary"

Religious education classes for toddlers, children, and youth and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 AM in the Parish House..

Refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall will follow the morning service and RE classes.

1 - 2:30 p.m. – CPR offered through our Religious Education Committee

3 p.m. - First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Cohasset joins with First Parish in Hingham — Old Ship in celebrating the 325th anniversary of their Meeting House.

Old Ship is the oldest wood frame place of worship in the nation in continuous ecclesiastical use; it is a national Historic Landmark. Many of us will join our neighbors in celebrating this milestone event and hearing the keynote address delivered by Dr. Diana L. Eck, Professor of Comparative Religion and Indian Studies at Harvard University and Director of the Pluralism Project, a network of some sixty affiliates exploring the religious dimensions of America's new immigration.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083.

Welcome to St. Stephens 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 10:00 a.m. Church school for Pre K – Grade 5 is at 10:00 a.m.

- Friday, the 19th at 9:30 a.m. Yoga class
- Saturday, the 20th: Bible Fellowship 7 a.m..
- Sunday, the 21st, Youth Worship at 9 a.m.
- Sunday, the 21st, Outreach Meeting at 11:40 a.m.
- Monday, the 22nd, Christian Meditation 7:30 p.m..
- Wednesday, the 23rd, Holy Eucharist and Healing 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, the 23rd, Bible Study

In the Scripture lessons for the third Sunday after Epiphany, in the book of Nehemiah, Ezra reads from the law of Moses. Paul's letter to the Corinthians details the importance of each person's ministry for the common good. In the Gospel Jesus gives his inaugural sermon. Preacher: Ms. Wood.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (third Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); Scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination: Christian Science. 781-749-2874. Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The upcoming Bible Lessons for January are Life and Truth.

Everyone is welcome!

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

St. Joseph Retreat Center winter events

St. Joseph Retreat Center at 339 Jerusalem Road in Cohasset will host the following winter programs:

Morning of Prayer –"A Time for Listening," hosted by Anne D'Arcy CSJ, Tuesday, Feb. 6, from 9:15 to 11:30 a.m.

Day of Prayer –To be held in observance of Ash Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Private Directed Retreat Days – hosted by Joan McCarthy, CSJ. To be held Wednesday, Jan. 28 to Friday, Feb. 2.

At-Home Retreat and Directed Prayer Weekends – To be held from Friday to Sunday, Feb. 16 to Feb. 18, Feb. 23 to 25 and March 16 to18. Stay at the Retreat Center for the three days or make your retreat at home and come to the center for a daily 45-minute individual spiritual direction sessions.

For information on these programs as well as other 2007 events, call 781-383-6024, visit csjboston.org and click on Retreat Center, or e-mail retreat-center@csjboston.org.

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Jon Arnold, left, and Melissa Tierney, right, along with other parents, got into the volunteer spirit at Cradles to Crayons while making sure the puzzles and games had all their pieces before being sent to needy children.



During a tour of the warehouse, Jim Stevens, left, president of Cradles to Crayons in Quincy, holds up a toy while explaining to the Cub Scouts that the average age of a homeless person is eight-years-old. One in seven children go to bed hungry; one in five lives in poverty; and there are 25,000 homeless children in Massachusetts.

Staff photos by Robin Chan



Josh Rosen of Cub Scout Pack 38 washes some of the toys and supplies so they would look like new at Cradles to Crayons, a nonprofit that helps needy children. The scouts also delivered and unloaded the supplies and helped sort.



Alexander Arnold, who helped spearhead the toy and supplies collection for Cradles to Crayons with his family, helps transfer toys from one of the seven cars that brought the donated goods to the organization.



Cub Scouts, Matthew Dickey, 6, left, and Jack McMillan, 6, front, help decorate birthday wrapping paper while volunteering at Cradles to Crayons on Saturday.

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Calendar of events

Thursday, Jan. 18

The Scituate High School Music Department/Friends of Scituate Music Papa Gino's Community Fundraiser Jan. 18, from 4 to 9 p.m. Papa Gino's Cohasset. Any guest must bring in a flyer – no coupons – Dine-in and carry out orders. Not valid for delivery. To receive a flyer call Lisa Beck at 781-545-7023 or email at helloscituate@aol.com

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The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Jan. 18 **BBC "Pint Night" featuring Flydown formerly The Alliance.**

Friday, Jan. 19

New Repertory Theatre enters 2007 with the New England premiere of **Silence** by British Playwright Moira Buffini. *Silence* opens on Jan. 20 and plays through Feb. 11. Tickets: $31-$50, depending on time of the week and time of the show. Discounts for seniors and students. Call: 617-923-8487 or buy online at www.newrep.org

The South Shore Folk Music Club will hold an **All Open Mike Night** on Jan. 19, at the Beal House, Main St. in Kingston. The Open Mike starts at 8 p.m.; doors open at 7:30 p.m. Performers can sign up at the door at 7:30. Tickets are $5 for members and $6 for non-members. This is an annual night when you are the star! Sing, play instrumentals, recite poetry, tell a short story. There will be 14 eight minute Open Mike slots, enough time to do two songs. All performance types welcome, not just folk. A special set by featured artist **Andrew William Freeman**. Handicapped accessible hall, and smoke and alcohol free. Light refreshments are available. SSFMC collects non-perishable food goods at every event and delivers them to the Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless in Kingston. For information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

South Shore Art Center in Cohasset is mounting an exhibition of works on paper selected by **Stephanie Walker, director** of Boston's Chase Gallery. **Works on Paper** opens in the Bancroft Gallery on Friday, **Jan. 19, with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m.** The exhibition continues through Feb. 25. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset.

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The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Jan. 19, **Sister Cheryl.**

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Next Page Café, 550 Broad Street, Weymouth Jan. 19, **Lisa Marie & All Shook Up** No cover. All shows 9:15 p.m. unless noted. 781-335-9796.

Saturday, Jan. 20

Summer internships for teens. Meet personally with Dr. Carole Jabbawy, Director of the Internship Connection at the Summer Opportunities Camp Fair, Jan. 20, noon to 3:30 pm, at Derby Academy, 56 Burdett Ave, Hingham. The event is free and open to the public. Program directors will speak about their adventure, sports, arts, academic enrichment programs and more. High school students interested in part-time summer internships will have the opportunity to learn about student experiences from last summer. Students were placed with mentors in television, medicine, engineering, finance, arts non-profits, newspapers, pharmacy, law, costume design, magazines and more. These structured and supervised internships provide a unique opportunity to "try on" a career before committing to years of preparation. For information visit www.internshipconnection.com or 617-796-9283.

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Duxbury's Bumpus Gallery presents work of Donna Green An exhibit of portraits titled "Faces of Innocence" by South Shore artist Donna Green will be featured at the Helen Bumpus Gallery in Duxbury during January and February. A reception to meet the artist will be held at the Gallery on Sunday, Jan. 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served and all are invited to attend. The Helen Bumpus Gallery is located on the main level of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden Street. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours. For information call 781-934-2721.

Ballroom Dance, at Trinity Episcopal Church Hall, 241 Broad St., Weymouth. Jan. 20, from 7:30 to 11 p.m. DJ Music by DanceSport of Boston. Refreshments, door prizes and lesson at 7:30. Tickets $10 advance / $12 door. 617-325-1562.

6th Annual Lunafest Film Festival Saturday, Jan 20, from 5 to 9 p.m. presented by The Healthy Living Guide, the festival brings eight award-winning films by, for, and about women. A national platform for emerging women filmmakers to share their stories is produced by LUNA, the whole nutrition bar for women. For tickets, register online at TheHealthyLivingGuide.com. $17. Proceeds to benefit the Breast Cancer Fund. Special exhibit of Local Artists & Authors displaying their life work and purpose. For information, call Candita at 781-834-2728. Cape Cod Community College, 2240 Iyannough Road, (Rt. 132), W. Barnstable.

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CALENDAR, see next page

Movie review

'Venus' rising

Venus (A-)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC



Valerie (Vanessa Redgrave) spends a happy visit with her ex, Maurice (Peter O'Toole).

Seven-time Academy Award nominee Peter O'Toole, whose performance in "Lawrence of Arabia" (1962) may be responsible for my career, proves genius is, if not eternal, lifelong. At 74, he's being touted as a Best Actor Academy Award nominee again for his performance in "Venus." Take that, Clint.

O'Toole is Maurice, an aged, once-"beautiful" British leading man of stage and screen. A cancer survivor, Maurice is at the stage in life when various ailments are vying to kill him. His marriage fell apart ages ago, and he and his ex-wife (Vanessa Redgrave) behave more like siblings. His children are grown and gone. His life is a flat, dull routine between prostate exams. But he still has a keen eye for the ladies.

Maurice helps care for his old friend and colleague Ian (veteran actor Leslie Phillips), a fellow actor terrorized by a vulgar, voracious grandniece named Jessie (newcomer Jodie Whittaker), who has moved in with him.

Jessie, a cockney Lolita in pink sweatpants, consumes Ian's food and booze, but otherwise ignores him. Randy Maurice takes an interest in her, in large part because he is still attracted to those two absolutes of human existence: youth and beauty.

In a comic variation on a theme of Death and the Maiden, Maurice takes Jessie, whom he nicknames Venus in reference to the goddess of love, out for drinks. Afterward, he gropes her in the cab. Maurice's medication may have made him impotent, but he's game.

"I am a scientist of the female heart," he declares. He's also the engineer of a variety of other parts.

Svengali-esque Maurice then takes Jessie to the National Portrait Gallery and gets her a job as a life model for a painting class. He buys her clothes and falls in love with her in spite of the gaping difference in their ages.

"Love leads to foolishness and despair," he observes. But it's glorious, still.

Written by Hanif Kureishi and directed by Roger Michell ("The Mother"), "Venus" is a marvelous showcase for O'Toole, whose reputation as "a carouser" and whose performance in a legendary 1980 production of "Macbeth" are attributed to Maurice. Maurice rails against "bloody Peter Hall" — the legendary English stage director — and the Hydra-headed humiliations of old age. As an elderly TV actor, he has "cornered the market on corpses." Near the film's end, Maurice and Ian visit St. James Covent Garden Church, the "Actors Church," in a fitting tribute to their thespian predecessors.

If you cannot resist films in which great actors play actors — consider Laurence Olivier in "The Entertainer," Ronald Colman in "A Double Life," or Albert Finney in "The Dresser" — you cannot resist "Venus" or O'Toole. He is glorious, still.

"Venus" contains profanity and sexual situations.

Mark your calendar

THE DROWNED HOGS will be holding their 12th Annual swim on Saturday, Jan. 27, at high noon at the Mary Jeanette Murray Bathhouse on Nantasket Beach in Hull. More than 400 swimmers and 1,200 spectators are expected. Swimmers recruit sponsors to help raise money for Wellspring Multi-Service Center in Hull. Pledge sheets and information are available at Wellspring and www.drownedhogs.org

THE SOUND OF MOTOWN comes to The Company Theatre with debut appearance of SOULED OUT featuring the sounds of The Four Tops, Temptations, Kool & the Gang and more. **SOULED OUT** takes to the stage for two shows – Feb. 2 and Feb. 3. Both shows start at 8 p.m. **SOULED OUT** is an 11-piece musical ensemble that specializes in the great "Motown" soul sound. Featuring a three piece vocal section that fronts the band, the group weaves it's way through the Motown and 70's & 80's soul eras with choreographed dance routines and outstanding musicianship. Tickets for **SOULED OUT** are priced at $31 and are available at the box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com.

LATE NITE CATECHISM Sister takes audiences on a nostalgic and hilarious journey back in time as she reviews the catechism and updates her class (the audience) on changes in the Catholic Church as Late Nite Catechism stops by The Company Theatre for seven shows only; Feb. 7-11. Tickets for Late Nite Catechism are priced at $30 and are available at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companytheatre.com

QUINCY DINNER THEATRE PRODUCTIONS, now in Braintree at the Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree, presents "Lullabye of Broadway". A night of all time classic broadway hits, starring The Broadway Exchange. Wednesday, Feb. 14, Valentine's Day, social hour 6:30 p.m., four-course dinner served at 7 p.m., showtime at 8:30 p.m.; President's Day Weekend Saturday Feb. 17, social hour 6:30 p.m. four-course dinner served at 7 p.m., showtime at 8:30 p.m., and President's Day weekend matinee special Feb. 18, social hour at 1:30 p.m., four-course dinner served at 2 p.m. with a 3:30 p.m. showtime. Tickets can be ordered by telephone at 781-843-5862.

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(l-r... Andy Dimino as Dean Martin, Lambus Dean as Sammy Davis, Jr., and Sebastian Anzaldo as Frank Sinatra)

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The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Jan. 20, **Twenty Eight.**

Next Page Café, 550 Broad Street, Weymouth Jan. 20, **HouseRockers**, No cover. All shows 9:15 p.m. unless noted. 781-335-9796.

Sunday, Jan. 21

Commemorate the 325th anniversary of the **Old Ship Meeting House** in Hingham on Jan. 21 at 3 p.m. To commemorate its 325th birthday and the six months it took local farmers to build the meeting house, Old Ship parishioners have been holding a party since last July that will culminate on Sunday, Jan.21st, at 3 p.m. with a tribute involving political leaders, Hingham dignitaries, parishioners, friends and special guests. The keynote speaker will be leading religious scholar Diana Eck, author of A New Religious America and Professor of Comparative Religion and Indian Studies at Harvard University. Following the program, there will be a reception at the Parish House across the street from the Meeting House, at 107 Main St.

Italian vocalist Emiliano Loconsolo to perform along with **Garrison Fewell,** guitar; **John Funkhouser**, bass; and **Steve Langone,** drums during a **jazz brunch** at **Jamies Grille & Pub,** 804 Plain St., Marshfield Jan. 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 781-834-7877.

Cabin Fever, Greater Boston, Antique & Collectible Toy Show will be held at the Holiday Inn in Dedham Jan. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Admission $4.50 ($3.50 after noon) For information visit bostontoyshow.com or call an Wims at 781-281-1448.

Duxbury's Bumpus Gallery presents work of Donna Green An exhibit of portraits titled "Faces of Innocence" by South Shore artist **Donna Green** will be featured at the **Helen Bumpus Gallery in Duxbury** during January and February. A reception to meet the artist will be held at the Gallery on Sunday, Jan. 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served and all are invited to attend. The Helen Bumpus Gallery is located on the main level of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden Street. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours. For information call 781-934-2721.

The paintings of Hingham artist Judith Mehring will be shown in the Dolphin Gallery from through Jan. 25. Her show may be viewed during library hours.

The work of Howard Bond, an indisputable master of large format film photography whose work is collected by The National Museum of Art and London's Victoria & Albert, and a series of digitally captured and printed images by Hull photographer **Stephen Lathrop,** will be featured in an exhibition at South Shore Conservatory (One Conservatory Drive) in Hingham, through Jan. 31, 2007.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Every Sunday **Dave Foley's Solo Rockin' Roots Acoustic Jam** 8 p.m. to midnight 781-335-9796.

Monday, Jan. 22

Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull, presents **Flying Santa: A Holiday Tradition** through March 11. 781-925-5433 lifesavingmuseum.org

Tuesday, Jan. 23

Visiting author and Fox 25 Morning News Parenting Contributor, Lynne Reeves Griffin RN, MEd visits South Shore Community Center Nursery School for parent teacher workshop on Jan. 23, at 7 p.m. Griffin is a lecturer, writer and consultant to parents, teachers and health care professionals regarding child development, behavior management and issues affecting today's families. During the lecture, Griffin presents highlights from her approach on Pro-Active Parenting . For information, or directions call Ann Madden, at the South Shore Community Center Nursery School, (781)383-0036. Admission $10. Limited babysitting is available call to register.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era performs **every third Tuesday Jan. 16** at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St,. Stoughton, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $5 per person. All are welcome. Wheelchair-accessible. 781-341-2076. For information call 781-767-3911.

Wednesday, Jan. 24

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association, the **South Shore Natural Science Center** and the **Mass Audubon South Shore Regional Headquarters** presents another free winter lecture series. The lectures will be held every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell through March 21. Sponsored in part by Rockland Trust Company. Admission is free.**Jan. 24** ***Whale Conservation Research On Stellwagen Bank*** **Dr. David Wiley, Research Coordinator Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary** Dr. David Wiley, research coordinator for the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, will discuss whale research that he and partners are conducting in the sanctuary. Projects are directed at mitigating injury/death to large whales from entanglement in fishing gear and ship strikes. Highlights will include information from studies placing sophisticated computerized tags on humpback whales to investigate their underwater behavior and data from acoustic recording buoys spaced throughout the sanctuary to record whale calls and ocean noise. He will also discuss projects to shift the shipping lanes through the sanctuary to reduce the risk of ship strike and the implications of proposals to site offshore LNG terminals near the sanctuary's border. For information visit www.nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA at 781-659-8168, Mass Audubon at 781-659-9400 or SSNSC at 781-659-2559.

The Art of Yoga registration is now taking place at the Art Complex Museum. Yoga instructor Kathleen Young leads participants through gentle, meditative movements in a positive, non-threatening environment. There are two different class times offered for the one-hour classes: one which begins Jan. 17, at 8 a.m.; and another which begins on Jan. 18, at 11:30 am. The cost for four weeks $36. Further information is available at www.artcomplex.org or 781-934-6634, extension 15.

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Auditions

THE ODD COUPLE Tryouts for roles in Neil Simon comedy "The Odd Couple" will be held by the Hingham Civic Music Theatre at Hingham Town Hall's Sanborn Auditorium, Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 5-6, at 7 p.m. Performances will be April 20-22. Contact director Pat Sherman at 781-837-1499 or at stagemomma2003@yahoo.com. Also visit www.hcmt.org for more information.

LATER LIFE by A.R. Gurney. Directed by Bern Budd /Produced by Theresa Chiasson. Tuesday, Jan. 30, and Wednesday Jan. 31 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Duxbury Library (in the Merry Room, downstairs) Bay Players performances will be April 27, 28, May 4, 5 at 8 p.m. Sunday Matinee - April 29 at 2 p.m. at the Duxbury Middle School **Audition Info:** Those auditioning should be prepared to read from the script. No monologues necessary. Rehearsals will begin Feb. 18 and take place one to three nights a week, depending on role size, schedule conflicts, etc. The plan is to have the show ready before April school vacation and have NO REHEARSALS DURING VACATION, then come back and tech and mount the show. *Later Life* takes place on the balcony of an apartment in Boston in 1993. There is a party going on in the apartment, from which characters appear and return. It is primarily the story of **Austin**, a stolid, successful executive with Bank of Boston, and **Ruth**, a freewheeling multiple divorcee. There are nine (five males, four females) other juicy character roles which the author designed to be played by only 2 actors, but can be individually cast. They are: **Sally** - The hostess and hopeful matchmaker; **Jim** - An emotional man trying to quit smoking. **Marion and Roy** - A couple contemplating retirement. **Duane** - A computer believer. **Esther and Ted** - A very gregarious couple. **Walt** - An old friend of Austin. **Judith** - A friend of Ruth. For information about the show and the Bay Players, visit bayplayers.org

Theater review

'The Cherry Orchard' is vintage Huntington

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



PHOTO: T. CHARLES ERICKSON

Lopakin (Will LeBow) appeals to Madame Ranevskaya (Kate Burton) to consider a way out of debt in the Huntington Theatre Company's brand-new production of "The Cherry Orchard" directed by Nicholas Martin. "The Cherry Orchard" runs through Feb. 4, at the Huntington's mainstage, the Boston University Theatre.

As the Huntington Theatre Company's current production of Anton Chekhov's "The Cherry Orchard" opens, Russian aristocrat Madame Lyubov Andreevna Ranevskaya is returning to her Moscow estate from Paris, where she has been living a freewheeling life of extravagance in an attempt to escape the sadness that engulfed her after the drowning of her young son. Back home - her daughter Anya and governess, Carlotta, in tow - Ranevskaya soon sees firsthand that her brother, Gaev, adopted daughter, Varya, and the household staff are losing their struggle to maintain the once-grand mansion that has been mortgaged to the hilt to support Ranevskaya's lavish lifestyle.

Ranevskaya's homecoming is heralded by family and friends alike and with the luminous Kate Burton in the role, it is easy to understand their happiness. Some of the finest actresses of the 20th century have played this part on stage and film, including Uta Hagen, Irene Worth, Helen Hayes, Eva LeGalliene, and Judi Dench, and Burton proves their worthy successor. Memorable as the title character in the Huntington's "Hedda Gabler" in Boston and later on Broadway just a few seasons back, Burton once again commands the stage. As the owner of the play's titular cherry orchard, Burton deftly captures her character's blend of gracious charm and heedlessness. Ranevskaya is a complex woman, whom perhaps even those closest to her will never really understand. While they may never truly know her, they are also unable to look away from her. She is the center of their world, all elegance and grandeur even as everything around her has begun to crumble.

With options to save the estate laid out before them, the family proceeds to do nothing and ultimately the estate is sold and they leave to the sounds of the grand old house being shuttered and the beloved cherry orchard cleared. Written in 1904, the same year that Chekhov died of tuberculosis at 44, the story explores the futile attempts of the aristocracy to maintain its status and the related missteps of the rising bourgeoisie as it struggles to find its footing on a shifting playing field.

As it always does, time is marching on whether Ranevskaya is ready or not. When the ambitious, successful merchant Lopakin - the son of a serf who once worked the land and now perhaps the wealthiest character in the piece - presents a plan for selling the cherry orchard in ordèr to save the remainder of the estate, Ranevskaya's decision to ignore the plan represents a turning point from which there is no turning back. Perfectly played by respected Boston actor Will Lebow, Lopakin is just the kind of newly minted Russian success story who can no longer be ignored by the lumbering landowners whose vast acres of property often isolate them from reality.

Chekhov wrote "The Cherry Orchard" as a comedy. Konstantin Stanislavski directed the Moscow Art Theatre premiere as a tragedy, however, and subsequent productions have combined elements of comedy and tragedy. In choosing to direct this Chekhov classic for the Huntington's 25th anniversary season, Artistic Director Nicholas Martin turned to Tony Award-winning playwright Richard Nelson ("James Joyce's The Dead") for a new translation that captures the comedy and tragedy that infuses the play with its particular sanguine sadness.

Joining Burton and Lebow are a talented company of New York stage veterans including Mark Blum, Joyce Van Patten, and Dick Latessa, Boston favorite Jeremiah Kissel, and also Robert Bonotto, Jessica Dickey, Jeremy Beck, Sarah Hudnut, Gene Farber, Patrick Lynch, and Enver Gjokaj.

Latessa, a Tony Award winner for "Hairspray," is particularly affecting as the octogenarian servant who finds himself alone in the boarded-up mansion as the sound of cherry trees being chopped down is heard in the distance. Time does indeed march on with some people simply left behind.

The beautiful scenic design by Ralph Funicello, Robert Morgan's handsome costuming, and atmospheric lighting by Donald Holder, round out this top-shelf production that is as vintage Huntington as it gets.

(The Huntington Theatre Company will present "The Cherry Orchard" at the Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Avenue, Boston, through Feb. 4. For tickets and information, call 617-266-0800 or visit www.huntingtontheatre.org.)

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The North River Arts Society presents **Focal Points**, a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery featuring original watercolor paintings by Marshfield artist **Betty Rogers.** This show runs through Feb. 2. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster St., Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com

South Shore Art Center Gallery Artist Jane Flavell Collins, a Duxbury resident, is showing her watercolor and acrylic paintings in the Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery at South Shore Conservatory in Hingham. The exhibition continues through January, 2007. For hours, call 781-749-7565 or visit southshoreconservatory.org.

Thursday, Jan. 25

Winter Wine Dinner to **benefit the South Shore Natural Science Center**, Norwell. Enjoy a five course dinner with paired wines on Jan. 25, at 53 South Restaurant, 42 Washington St., Norwell. Fifty-three South is presenting the dinner and proceeds benefit the South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell. The evening begins with a reception at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. featuring a main entrée of maple glazed roast loin of venison paired with a 2003 qupe syrah, bien nacido valley wine. For the complete menu, visit the South Shore Natural Science Center website at www.ssnsc.org Cost is $75 per person plus tax and tip. Tickets are limited. For reservations, contact the Science Center at 781-659-2559 or 53 South Restaurant at 781-792-0001.

Tabasco (formerly Twelve Bens II), 1166 Washington St. (Rt. 53), Weymouth. Jan. 25, 8 p.m. **Comedy Show featuring Bob Niles,** right from Weymouth. Other comics: **Annette Pollack, Mark Sherman, Matt McArthur, Mike Bobek, Dave McDonough, Jerry Thornton.** Advance reservations recommended by calling 781-626-9695. Produced by Annette's Comedy Asylum, visit annettepollack.com or tabascobarandgrill.com 781-843-4833.

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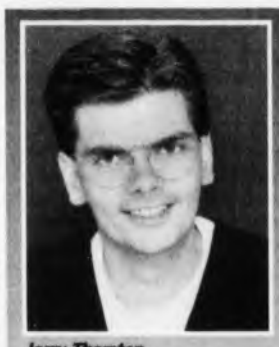
South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Jan. 26, with DJ music by DeeDee Rosefrom 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or wwwsouthshoresingles.org

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Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth, Saturday, Jan. 26, 8:45 p.m. to closing. **Booba Dubie** (classic cover rock and pop) Admission is free. No Cover. 508-830-1262.

The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. Jan. 26, **Infuse.**

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Quick Flix

All reviews by James Verniere, unless otherwise noted



Artist and writer Beatrix Potter (Renee Zellweger) happily gets just the right brush stroke for one of her paintings in 'Miss Potter'.

CHILDREN OF MEN (A-)

"Children of Men" is a terrific and haunting example of the end-of-the-world tales. It's 2027, and human beings have ceased to reproduce. In Britain, where the story is set, TV viewers mourn the news of the murder of "Baby Diego," the youngest person on earth. Theodore Faron (Clive Owen), a Scotch-soaked journalist with connections in high places, gets involved with a resistance movement at the behest of the mysterious femme fatale Julian (Julianne Moore). In these bleak, war-torn times, "Children of Men" might be the most relevant film of the year outside of the several documentaries about the fighting in Iraq. (Rated R)

DREAMGIRLS (B)

Like everyone else who's seen this colorful screen version of the 1980s stage musical, I can say that a star is born in the film, and her name is Jennifer Hudson. "Dreamgirls" tells the bewigged and sequin-drenched story of a 1960s-era girl group resembling The Supremes. It features Beyonce Knowles as the Diana Ross-like Deena Jones; Hudson in the show-stopping role of big-boned singer Effie White; and Jamie Foxx as a Berry Gordy-like enterpreneur who turns a Cadillac dealership into a Motor City-based, Motown-ish industry. The film has many of the same weaknesses critics identified in the stage version. But Hudson's rendition of "And I Am Telling You I Am Not Going" caused an outbreak of spontaneous applause at the screening I attended. Knowles is not upstaged entirely by Hudson and has her own spotlight moment belting out the tune "Listen." (Rated PG-13)

ERAGON (B)

"Eragon," or "Lord of the Wings," is to "Lord of the Rings" what tofu is to red meat. It's not the same by a long shot, but it's not bad and can be surprisingly tasty. Based on a 2003 novel by the now 23-year-old Christopher Paolini, the film boasts four screenwriters and is a weirdly Teutonic mix of Tolkien, "Star Wars" and "The Wizard of Oz." The "only hope" for the future is Eragon (18-year-old, English-born posterboy Edward Speleers), an "ordinary farmboy" who is, unknown to himself, a Dragon Rider. A mysterious opalescent, ovoid "stone" Eragon finds in the woods turns out to be an egg, out of which comes the soon full-grown, blue dragon Saphira (voice of Rachel Weisz). Eragon must get himself and Saphira to the rebels and join them in their resistance. "Eragon" features spectacular Alpine scenery, impressive flying and battle sequences and generally looks fabulous. If you're in the mood for a heaping helping of "Lord of the Rings" hash, you could do a lot worse than "Eragon." (Rated PG)

FREEDOM WRITERS (B+)

As Erin Gruwell, a middle class teacher trying to capture the attention of her gangbanger students, Hilary Swank is downright luminous and amazing. She is a rebel in lipstick and tasteful pumps. She never lets her fear dissuade her from her self-appointed mission to teach. Gruwell has her charges write diaries, which they read to the class. Published in 1999 as "The Freedom Writers Diary" with Gruwell as editor, these personal testaments are effectively used. Bring four hankies. You're going to need them. (Rated PG-13) — Stephen Schaefer

MISS POTTER (A-)

From the quintessentially British Bridget Jones to the quintessentially British Beatrix Potter, Texas-born Renee Zellweger is colonizing Great Britain in reverse. "Miss Potter" is a delightful look at the life of early 20th century children's book author and feminist role-model extraordinaire Beatrix Potter (Zellweger). Unlike many films about artists, "Miss Potter" depicts Potter at work. We see her sharpen her pencil, prepare her paper, paint brushes and watercolors and get down to it. A surprise to her publishers, Potter's work becomes a sensation at a time when it was thought disreputable for a respectable woman to work at all and when an unmarried woman was expected to fade into the William Morris wallpaper. Viewers will fall in love with "Miss Potter." (Rated PG)

THE DEPARTED (A)

A great Boston-set crime drama and a "GoodFellas"-like return to form for Martin Scorsese, "The Departed" is a wonderful example of genre filmmaking and another triumph for Jack Nicholson in the Whitey Bulger-like role of gang lord Francis Costello. Sent by Costello to the police academy to be his mole, Colin (Matt Damon) is promoted to Boston's elite anti-crime unit. At the same time, troubled Billy Costigan (Leonardo DiCaprio) has chosen to become a policeman in spite of his family's many felons. What's great about "The Departed" is its riotously profane dialogue, fabulous cast and writer William Monahan's relevant references to the city's

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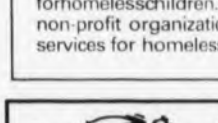
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DESTINATIONS

Sampling the delights of Malta

A CNC reporter travels farther afield

By Stephanie Foster
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Malta is a find. Azure blue skies are filled with puffy clouds. Roads are lined with flowers, pine trees and palms. The Mediterranean water is clear enough to scuba dive in; breezes are light and shores sandy. It is truly an enchanted island.

But few people are aware of it. The reason may be that Malta is rarely in the news. I didn't know much about Malta until my friend, Joan, and I made reservations with Grand Circle Travel for a 15-day tour in December.

We soon discovered Malta was an independent republic with its own currency and language. Fortunately just about everyone speaks English and is polite and helpful.

When I was at a bank to change dollars to Maltese money, a native tipped me off to a better rate down the street. But don't expect any bargains in Malta. The exchange rate is dismal – $1,000 gets you 333 Maltese lira (called pounds). I found it hard to get it through my head that a one-lira coin represents $3.30, not $1. But I learned quickly after over-tipping a few times.

After paying almost $30 each for lunch in a cafeteria, Joan and I economized by smuggling fruit, cheese and bread from the breakfast buffet at our hotel. We justified our shameful behavior by noting we weren't the only ones trying to avoid an expensive lunch.

Our group of 15 came from all over. Most were middle-aged couples. But there were also three people traveling alone and a pair of cousins we nicknamed "the guys." Joan and I were called "the girls."



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Fishing is an important industry for the Maltese, who maintain colorful boats called luzzu ships decorated with the Eye of Isis to ward off evil.



Buildings, walls and walkways are made of native limestone giving a characteristic appearance to the villages. Laundry is often hung out to dry on balconies or roofs.

Our step-aboard guide was a native and shared her passion for all things Maltese. She seemed to know the history of every town, church and work of art, and that is saying a lot, considering how many times Malta was invaded and conquered. Plus, its history dates to before Stonehenge in England, and some of the megalithic structures are older than the Pyramids.

We traveled in a large comfortable bus, and explored the cities by foot. We saw medieval citadels, walled cities, Roman town houses, ancient palaces, and magnificent churches. There is even an armory filled with real armor from the Knights of St. John.

The Maltese appear to live comfortably. There are no children begging in the streets and no apparent crime. One can travel about freely. But I did have one moment of anxiety. I was in a restroom in a deserted area and couldn't get the lock on the stall to unlatch. The stall wall was floor to ceiling so I couldn't scale it. I was locked in. My group was boarding the bus and there was no one around. My hands began to sweat. I rattled the door over and over. Then tried to calm myself. Finally, after endless minutes, I got it open.

One day, we divided into three groups and had a home hosted lunch. Our group enjoyed the hospitality of a retired banker. We toured the home, met the family and ate a home-cooked meal. They were curious about us as well and asked us to point out our hometown on a map of the states.

The vegetable soup was full of flavor and served with local bread. (Always order the soup in Malta.) A salad of fresh tomatoes, olives, capers, lettuce and cheese was also served, and wine liberally poured. Then, the main course arrived – a rolled beef dish with cabbage and potatoes.

Everyone complimented the chef. Meanwhile, the food had a hauntingly familiar fragrance. It reminded me of something I couldn't put my finger on. It was from my childhood, a time when I had a dog. It reminded me of dog food. Yum turned to yuk. I took a wee taste. Not that I've ever eaten dog food. I laughed at the thought. But I couldn't get another morsel down. My throat was cranked shut. Everyone else's plates were polished clean. I pushed the food around trying to make it look smaller.

It got worse. The dessert consisted of cake, Jell-O, whipped cream, canned peaches, pineapple, green maraschino cherries and custard. This was followed by rich, black coffee and a cannoli stuffed with ricotta cheese. I was able to wrap the pastry in my napkin and stuff it into my pocket. I couldn't bear to insult them by leaving more food behind. We rolled out of there. The next day I read a list of local specialties and the word "stallion" jumped out at me. Horsemeat. I had eaten Old Nelly for lunch.

Mostly, the food is Italian with Spanish, Greek, British, Sicilian and Moorish overtones. When in doubt, have the pasta, a wonderful experience in itself. The pizza, too, is fabulous with a delicious crust covered with fresh olives, capers, artichokes and vegetables. No canned tomato sauce here.

Cats are everywhere. Fishermen feed them minnows; residents put out food and water. They are working cats but some are privileged to live indoors as pets. One devotee in a little town created a cat park, a small green area outfitted with cat beds, perches and toys. About 15 cats seemed to live there peacefully. A sign told us donations for their welfare could be left in a mailbox across the street.

On the nearby island of Gozo, where we spent a night, every room seemed to come with a cat. One couple carelessly opened their door and ended up with a feline sleeping on their bed.

The highlight of the trip was a festa on the last weekend. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception was celebrated in the little town of Cospicua with few tourists around. We got there just as the glittering statue of "the Lady" was carried through the streets. A searchlight followed the procession.

The men of the village carried her on their shoulders, swaying from side to side under the weight. Her face was beautifully carved and full of compassion as she looked down on the singing crowd.

Bells rang. Fireworks exploded. Men in the street stretched their arms up, imploring and giving thanks. For the first time, I didn't have my camera with me. But the vision will remain forever.



The nearby island of Gozo, which can be reached by ferry, has two Neolithic temples that date to 4000 B.C.

At a glance: Republic of Malta

Topography: Mediterranean island, mostly hilly farmland, 316 square kilometers (about double the size of Washington, D.C.)
Capital: Valletta
Religion: Overwhelmingly Roman Catholic
Population: 400,000
Language: Maltese
History: Megalithic temples date to 3200 B.C. but most people know Malta as home to the ancient Knights of the Order of St. John. The Holy Roman Emperor offered Malta to the knights in 1565 for an annual payment of one Maltese falcon. The knights prospered, building Valletta, one of the first planned cities in Europe. The island was protected by the knights until Napoleon drove them out in 1798.
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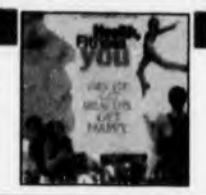
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Third graders pose in Wax Museum



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Avalon clears appeals court hurdle

But developer still seeking sewer hookup

By Mary Ford
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The 200-unit Avalon apartment complex planned for off Route 3A (across from Good Sport) may have cleared a major hurdle.

The Appeals Court has affirmed the decision of the Land Court that the Cohasset Water Commission does not have "standing" to challenge the comprehensive permit for the project.

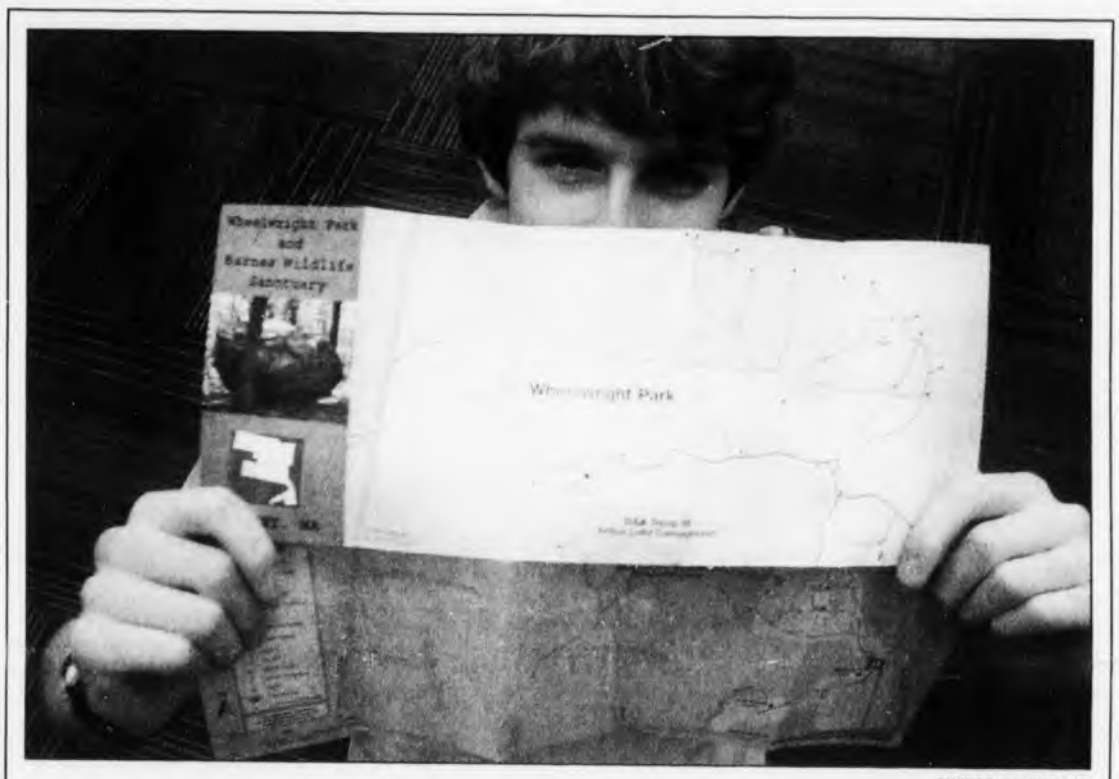
Standing is a legal term meaning having the right to initiate a lawsuit.

The decision on the appeal was issued Jan. 19, nearly 18 months after the legal process with Avalon and the Water Commission started and more than three years after the ZBA voted to grant the project a comprehensive permit which included plans for an on-site wastewater treatment system.

The Water Commission said the project would contribute to groundwater pollutants and adversely impact water quality in Lily Pond, the town's water supply and would likely increase the cost of supplying water to Cohasset residents.

However, the Appeals Court did not address the pollution issue, only that the Water Commission is not a "person

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Eagle Scout candidate August Oddleifson holds up the map of Wheelwright Park he made for part of his Eagle Scout project.

Eagle soars in Wheelwright Park

CHS sophomore uses GPS to track points

By Samantha Brown
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August Oddleifson is blazing a new trail in the town of Cohasset — literally. Over the past year, he spent many days in the uncharted woods at Wheelwright Park, and has come out with a new detailed trail map of the area for everyone to enjoy.

August completed the map as his Eagle Scout project, which is the highest honor a Boy Scout can receive. Now 16 years old and a sophomore at Cohasset High School, August has participated in Scouts since he was very young, and with this project will become an Eagle Scout for life. Scouts must complete their Eagle Scout projects before they turn 18 and August is way ahead of the curve.

Copies of the map are available at both entrances to Wheelwright Park, off North Main Street and Forest Avenue. In addition, August and fellow members of Troop 28 cleared a new path, which is now also included on the map, and provides one more trail to explore.

August used a Global Positioning System (GPS) device to track the points in the park. He explained as he walked, the equipment communicated with a satellite, which orbits the earth and was able to triangulate his location. He was then able to upload the data to his home computer.

"I had to walk each trail several times," he said, and then record the average of all the signals, to ensure the most accurate map. He said every time he walked the routes, there were slightly different coordinates given. He added he borrowed the mapping software from the Center for Student Coastal Research, which made his project possible.

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Team leaders

Sports captains play by new set of rules

By Samantha Brown
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Being the captain of a high school sports team is a big responsibility. Athletic Director Ron Ford would like to drive that point home with a new selection process that will have students nominated by peers, then interviewed to be sure they have what it takes to be a leader.

Ford said he has been working on forming a set of standards for captains that ensure those leading their teammates are solid role models. He said he has formed a "Captain's Council" which includes both adults and students, which compiled a rough draft of the standards for captains. The draft was sent to the coaches, which made revisions, then school administrators, who also made revisions, and finally to the School Improvement Council. "It's been through many reviews," Ford said.

Ford said while captains used to be named at the end-of-season banquet, he feels the anticipation of who will be captain followed by disappointment by those not named captain took away from the celebration. He said through the new process, the position would be turned into one "of honor and not a popularity contest."

"At the end of every season, I would like students to bring forward their recommendations for captain and they will be brought before the Captain's Council," Ford said, which will include him, other coaches, teachers and some students. The process will not be taken lightly, as it will span for roughly one month and each candidate will be carefully considered.

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Cohasset Village articles won't be on the spring Warrant

Proposed zoning changes to wait for consultant

By Samantha Brown
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The Board of Selectmen has decided not to bring forward a set of articles to the March 31 Annual Town Meeting that could change zoning in the downtown area.

The articles were submitted by the Economic Development Committee as a revised version of articles presented to and defeated by the fall Special Town Meeting. They would allow for the development of a new village business district with residential units on the second floor of downtown buildings, which the EDC believes could both increase tax revenue to the town and help keep the downtown area viable.

Due to opposition by the Planning Board, both the Planning Board and the EDC were invited to meet with the Board of Selectmen Monday. At times the conversation was heated, with Selectman Chairman Ralph Dormitzer wielding the gavel on Planning Board Vice Chairman Peter Pratt, who is passionate about following the direction given by Town Meeting to hire a consultant to study the downtown area before making permanent zoning changes. By the end of the meeting the Selectmen agreed with the Planning Board that now is not the time to bring the articles forward.

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The EDC cannot put articles on the Warrant itself and would either need the Planning Board or Board of Selectmen to do it for them. However, the EDC could have collected resident signatures and brought the matter forward as a citizens' petition, which must be placed on the Warrant.

The EDC is charged with coming up with recommendations for the Board of Selectmen to help increase revenue coming into the town. EDC Chairman Peter Brown explained the articles were submitted again solely as an idea to be considered. He said at this time last year, the EDC brought forth 20 recommendations and generated six articles for the Town Meeting Warrant.

Brown said his committee had not intended to "ruffle anyone's feathers," but thought it was an honest effort to do something positive for the downtown area. He said even though he understands the Planning Board was not happy with the submittal, if there is

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Occupation: Attorney and member of the Cohasset Planning Board.

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Best vacation: Jumby Bay, Antigua.

Worst vacation: Anything involving camping.

Favorite season: Fall.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite junk food: Ice cream.

Best book: The Cohasset zoning bylaws.

Best movie: "Casablanca.."

Best TV Show: Anything on The History Channel.

Dumbest thing I ever did: Agreeing with Peter (Pratt, fellow Planning Board member) on anything.

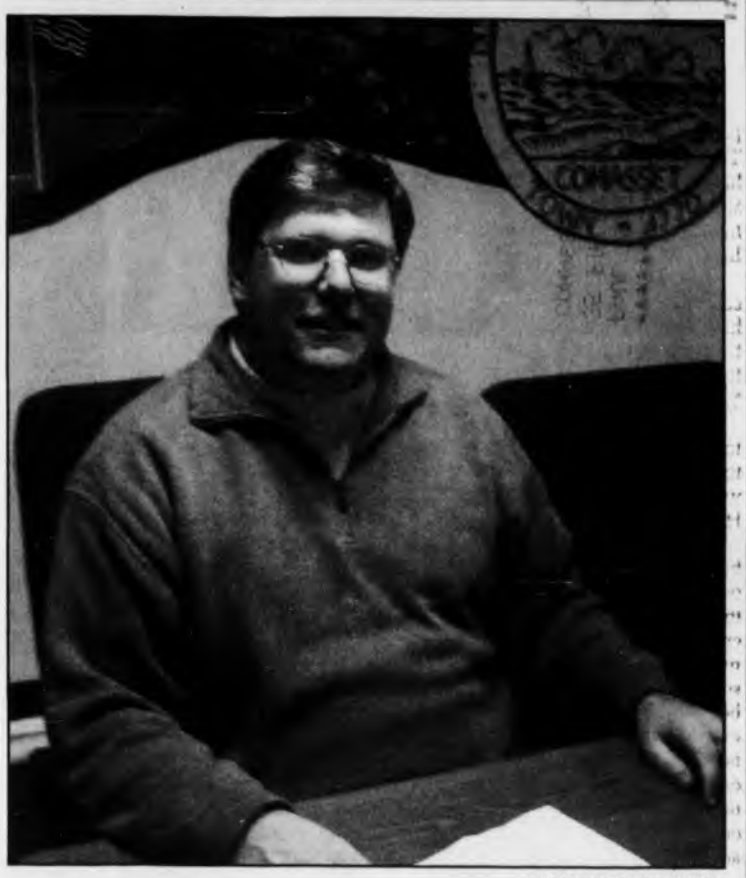
Pet Peeve: Slow drivers.

Goal: To be a better father.

Person I'd most like to meet: Benjamin Franklin.

Biggest worry: Our nanny will quit.

Best part of Cohasset: The people.



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Stuart Ivimey was at the Planning Board meeting Wednesday when the Mariner asked him to be the 'Picture This' person of the week.

Volunteers sought for technology committee

School Committee Member Steven Fusco and Cohasset resident/Technology Committee Chairman Bob Pattison are looking for four volunteers to join the Cohasset Technology Committee. The goal of the committee is to amend the existing three-year technology plan for the Cohasset Schools; help create the overall strategic direction for technology; and provide scheduled recommendations for all technology-related, capital expenditures. Anyone interesting in joining this committee should contact Steven Fusco via e-mail at steven.fusco@fmr.com or by calling 781-383-0968. Bob Pattison can be reached via e-mail at bpattison@miltonps.org or by calling 617-347-1130.

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POLICE BEAT

Resident reports debit card fraud

By Mary Ford
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"Our detectives have been in touch with the on-line companies to determine where the items were sent and ID a suspect."
— Chief James Hussey

A Cohasset resident went to the police station at about 8 p.m. Tuesday (Jan. 16) to report that his debit card number had been stolen and was being used to make purchases over the Internet.

Chief Hussey said the man's card was not stolen but someone had apparently obtained access to the card number to make multiple purchases totaling about $3,000 over a three-day period.

"Our detectives have been in touch with the on-line companies to determine where the items were sent and ID a suspect," Hussey said.

Hussey said, while this may not have been the case with this incident, people should make sure they shred or destroy debit and credit card receipts in such a manner to make it impossible for someone to obtain the card number from the receipt. He explained with the Internet, it is not necessary to have the actual card for someone's account to be used fraudulently — only the card number and expiration date are required.

No forced entry

Police are investigating an apparent burglary at Mulaney's fish market on Route 3A was reported at about 9:15 a.m., Monday (Jan. 15). Chief James Hussey said there were no signs of forced entry but a large amount of cash was taken from the store. The matter in under investigation by Cohasset police detectives, he said. Hussey did not provide further details citing the ongoing nature of the investigation.

Hit in driveway

A local octogenarian was not severely injured when an open car door hit him in his driveway, Chief Hussey said. Hussey said the driver of the car was apparently looking over her shoulder to back out and did not see him. The door on the passenger side struck the man who is 86. He was taken to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries, Hussey said. The incident occurred at 6:10 p.m. on Tuesday (Jan. 16).

Parking lot crash

Police were called to the scene of a parking lot collision at about 9:30 a.m. on Thursday (Jan. 18) at 760 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. The operator of a 1998 Ford backed out of a parking space and apparently turned in such a way that she hit the rear of a 1998 Honda that had no one inside at the time. There was minor damage and the parties exchanged papers, Chief Hussey said. The operator of the Ford also asked to police to look into damage on her car that had occurred sometime previously. However, she could not confirm where the mishap had occurred. From the spot on the car, it appeared that a larger vehicle had hit hers, police said. Police made a report about both incidents.

AAA calls police

AAA called police after receiving a call from an elderly female who said she had hit the curb along S. Main Street near St. Anthony's at about 2:30 p.m., Thursday (Jan. 18). . The curb along the roadway is more like a berm. She called it in because she was not sure if the car was drivable. AAA wanted to be sure she was OK, Chief Hussey said.

As it turned out the elderly woman was able to drive to McBrien's on South Main Street to have her car checked out. She was not injured in the incident.

Boy takes no chances

An 11-year-old boy called police at about 3:40 p.m. Friday (Jan. 19) to report that someone that he did not recognize was banging on the door and then got into a gold-colored car and drove away. Thinking the incident was an attempted breaking and entering, police put out a BOLO (Be On the Look Out) to area towns with a description of the car.

In talking to the boy, the officer was able to get the contact information for the boy's father, who said the car sounded familiar and that it could have been a "buddy of mine coming by to see me," police said. Police contacted the man's friend who said he had stopped by. The BOLO was cancelled.

Learner's permit

Police stopped a 16-year-old driver, who could only produce a learner's permit, after observing the car going slowly and crossing the double yellow lines on North Main Street near the town common. The officer pulled the car over and the young man, who had a valid learner's permit, said he had taken the road test and had his license. However, the registry did not have him listed has being licensed.

The teen is being summons to court for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. He was also cited for marked lanes violation.

Following the traffic stop, the boy who was alone in the car was released to his father, Chief Hussey said.

Pacini's Italian Eatery coming to 3A

By Samantha Brown
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It's out with the Mexican and in with the Italian for the restaurant located at 154-156 King St. Known for years as the KoKo Island restaurant, the site was revamped and transformed into Acapulcos Mexican restaurant for roughly one year until it closed its doors last month.

Now, Pacini's Italian Eatery is gearing up to take over and its liquor license was approved by the Board of Selectmen Monday. The restaurant's manager Antonis Petrakis, a Cohasset resident, attended the meeting to answer questions about his latest business venture.

Petrakis has lived in Cohasset for the past 15 years. He said the Pacini's restaurant he will open in Cohasset would be his third in the area. He also has restaurants in Hanover and Whitman. "This is a good opportunity, it's near my house and a lot of people are excited we've chosen to come here," he said.

The restaurant will have a similar menu to the other two Pacini's restaurants he owns, which include traditional Italian dishes of pasta, chicken and veal, but he will also have steak and seafood items on the menu to accommodate more customers' tastes. He said the restaurant would also offer a takeout menu.

Roger Hill, owner of the Good Sport plaza located next door to Pacini's, said he is concerned about what will happen to his businesses when the restaurant opens. He said when Acapulco's opened its doors, customers for the restaurant were taking up the parking spaces in front of his building which was deterring patrons from coming into his shops. "It completely closed the Pizza Zone," he said. At Monday's meeting the liquor license for the Pizza Zone was transferred to new owners who will reopen the restaurant with the same name, and Hill said he is going to make sure the new restaurant succeeds.

Hill said when a restaurant first opens, it is typically packed for the first three or so weeks, then the novelty wears off and things begin to slow down, which is exactly what he experienced with the opening of Acapulcos. This time around, he said he has installed signs on his property that indicate the parking in front of his building is only for his customers and all others will be towed. Hill said while he would be happy for Pacini's to have so many customers that it fills up his lot, which is located in the rear of the restaurant, at the same time he doesn't want to lose business on his end.

Petrakis said he intends on offering valet parking, which will stop the parking in Hill's plaza. He said he would also be willing to hire a police detail to keep an eye on the parking situation, as Hill had suggested.

Selectman Rob Spofford said if there isn't enough parking on the site, it should be addressed by the Planning Board, which approved the site plan for the building.

The board approved the beer and wine license for the premises after hearing from Town Manager Bill Griffin that all background checks came back clear without any complaints.

Bill Griffin provides legal fees update

Town Manager Bill Griffin provided the Board of Selectmen with a document tracking legal fees for litigation, which was discussed Monday. Griffin, who has been tracking legal fees since he began working for the town in January 2005,said he looks at the fees on a case-by-case basis every month. He also compares figures between fiscal years to see if the town is making any progress controlling expenditures. Each bill is organized as either: a real estate matter, labor related matter, Board of Appeals case, Planning Board case, Conservation Commission Case, Board of Health case, or general litigation.

Griffin has received the litigation bills from Deutsch Williams through Dec. 31, 2006, which are in addition to the annual retainer fee of $54,000. Not counting the retainer, for the first half of fiscal 2007, the town spent $66,605, compared to $76,927 in fiscal 2006. The charges in fiscal 2005 were $80,139.

The bulk of the charges have been for Board of Appeals and Planning Board cases, which total $20,388 and $22,592, respectively. Real estate matters come in at $4,095, labor matters totaled $5,101, Conservation Commission matters totaled $4,925, the Board of Health totaled $340, and general litigation totaled $9,162.

Selectman Gary Vanderweil said due to the fact that the majority of the fees are related to the Board of Appeals and Planning Board, perhaps fees associated with building permits should be increased to help cover the litigation costs.

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Griffin presents FY08 budget message

Makes cuts from department requests

By Samantha Brown
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Town Manager Bill Griffin unveiled his fiscal 2008 budget message to the Board of Selectmen Monday. With a recommended figure of $34,910,725, Griffin said he made roughly $800,000 in cuts from the requests brought forward by department heads in order to present a number that stays within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2.

Griffin's proposed budget does not include an override. Overrides allow voters to increase taxes above the limit of 2-1/2 percent set by the state to increase revenue to the town. The town has tried to pass overrides for the past two years in a row, but all have failed at the ballot box.

Griffin said if there was suddenly more money available for the town, he has a list of priorities he would fund.

Griffin said when building the budget, certain assumptions had to be made, such as the level of new growth revenue that will come in, the level of state aid that will be given to the town, and the revenue brought in from local receipts.

The budget assumes $500,000 in revenue from new growth, which is money collected from new construction. "This is what we've been averaging for the past five years," said Griffin.

Until the Governor's budget is released, Griffin assumes level state aid in fiscal 2008 and also assumes a $155,000 increase in local receipts, due to increased fees and interest earnings on school construction surplus funds.

Griffin has also included using school construction surplus funds to smooth a spike in exempt debt. The town borrowed money for the school construction projects and received a higher level of reimbursement, sooner than it had anticipated. The surplus revenue and its interest will be used to ease the burden on taxpayers.

The proposed budget would have an increase of $1,736,022 or 5.23 percent over the fiscal 2007 budget. The general government budget would see an increase of $226,286 or 2.79 percent. Of that increase, $74,000 is for the facilities management department for the town and the schools. The net increase in the general government budget is $151,000, or 1.87 percent.

Griffin is not recommending a net increase in staffing. He said there is a part-time volunteer coordinator position at the Council on Elder Affairs for which the town will provide some funding, but the rest will be paid for by grants. However, Griffin added hours would be cut from a position in the Town Manager's office as a tradeoff for paying for some of the hours at the CEA.

Griffin is recommending a school budget of $13,389,714, an increase of $475,000 or 3.68 percent. That figure is a difference of $297,912 from the budget the school department is proposing of $13,687,626.

Griffin said if there was suddenly more money available for the town, he has a list of priorities he would fund. First on the list would be $300,000 to bridge the gap between what the school department says it needs and what the town can currently afford to spend. Next would be additional funding for the school department to address its supplemental needs, which have not yet been prioritized but total in the $700,000 range. Griffin said once the School Committee goes through its list and sets priorities, he will have a better understanding of how money would be spent should it become available and how much the school department would need.

Griffin would like to be able to give the facilities management department $96,069 for additional staffing. He would also like to allocate $50,000 for engineering and grant writing services for the town. Next on his list would be allocating $45,000 for a school resource officer to be shared by the police department and the schools and another $65,000 for a town planner. However, at this point in time, the funds are not available and do not look forthcoming.

Griffin's Power Point presentation on the budget can be found at www.townofcohasset.org. A full copy of his fiscal 2008 budget message will be online soon.

Fiscal 2008 operating budget

Function	FY07 budget	FY08 request	FY08 recommend	FY07-08 $$ change	FY07-08 % change
Administration	$1,404,148	$1,496,620	$1,427,621	$23,473	1.67 %
Public safety	$3,855,869	$4,039,602	$3,897,552	$41,683	1.08%
Education	$13,020,624	$13,892,626	$13,504,714	$484,090	3.72%
Public works	$1,933,446	$2,310,949	$2,060,705	$127,259	6.58%
Health & welfare	$314,328	$338,055	$330,813	$16,485	5.24%
Culture & rec.	$607,912	$650,037	$625,298	$17,386	2.86%
Debt service	$4,524,971	$4,754,028	$4754,028	$211,057	4.65%
Benefits & insurance	$3,839,920	$4,191,311	$4,191,311	$351,391	9.15%
Water & sewer	$3,655,485	$4,118,683	$4,118,683	$463,198	12.67%
Total	$33,174,703	$35,701,912	$34,910,725	$1,736,022	5.23%

Breakdown of fully allocated general fund budget

Education	64.10 %
Public safety	17.96 %
Public works	7.23 %
Administration	6.35 %
Culture & rec.	3.05 %
Health & welfare	1.31 %



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Open burning season is under way

Below is the "Frequently Asked Questions" page from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection webpage about open burning.

The Cohasset Fire Department is changing the procedure for obtaining a burning permit in the Town of Cohasset. Permits will not be issued over the phone as in past years. Anyone wishing to obtain a permit must apply at Fire Headquarters, 44 Elm St. Permits will be issued for individual addresses and will be good for the entire burning season, Jan. 15 to May 1.

What are the limits on open burning in Massachusetts? The Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) and the Cohasset Fire Department limit open burning for public health and safety reasons. Open burning pollutes the air and can make it difficult for people with respiratory problems to breathe. When the air is stagnant, open burning can pose smoke and odor nuisances - and health risks - to nearby residents, particularly in densely populated areas. Open burning can also pose a safety risk when it is not adequately controlled.

What can be burned, when, and under what conditions? You may burn, with limits: brush, cane, driftwood, forestry debris, tree prunings, dead raspberry stalks, blueberry patches and infected beehives. You may not legally burn grass, hay, leaves, stumps or tires.

In most of the state's towns and cities, homeowners are allowed to burn brush, cane, driftwood and forestry debris - not including grass, hay, leaves or stumps - between Jan. 15 and May 1, so long as the open burning takes place:

- with the permission of the local fire department;
- between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.;
- when the air is circulating well but winds are light;
- no less than 75 feet away from all dwellings; and
- on your own property and as close as possible to the source of material(s) to be burned.

What types of open burning are not allowed? There are no circumstances under which it is legal to burn grass, hay, leaves, stumps or tires. They simply do not burn as "cleanly" as those materials that may legally be burned. All of them produce acrid smoke that causes nuisance conditions and threatens people's health. When tires are burned they produce noxious gases and petroleum residue, both of which can be harmful to people and the environment.

Open Burning Guidelines:

First things first: Contact your local fire department for information on obtaining an open burning permit.

Starting the fire: Remove all grass from the area where you will be burning.

Try to start the fire with natural "kindling" - never with gasoline or charcoal lighter fluid. If you must use an artificial helper, kerosene is probably safest.

While burning: Never add brush that is green or wet. It will reduce the efficiency of the fire and produce thick smoke.

Someone must attend the fire until it's completely out. You will need a hose or other supply of water and a shovel or rake for controlling the fire.

Putting the fire out: Burn the fire down to the coals, drown them with water, spread them out, then drown them again.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall

Brewer, 604 Jerusalem Road, installation of eight vinyl replacement windows, $6,200; Norman, 28 Atlantic Ave., demolition of second floor bath and closet and conversion to two full baths, install hardwood floors on first floor, $62,000 and Cunningham, 75 Oak St., recess existing fireplace 12 inches into wall and add new mantel, $3,000.

White, 230 Jerusalem Road, installation of wood stove, $1,000; Williams, 17 Meadow Lane, insulating and dry walling second floor of garage, $15,000; Gwinn, 14 Elm Court, 20 square feet of asphalt roofing, $20,000; King, 812 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., installation of 18 foot partition wall with door and 8 foot free-standing wall for cabinets, $2,000; Scwartz, 218 Jerusalem Road, build out basement area for playroom, bath and pantry, $50,000; Brewer, 604 Jerusalem Road, installation of eight vinyl replacement windows, $6,200; Norman, 28 Atlantic Ave., demolition of second floor bath and closet and conversion to two full baths, install hardwood floors on first floor, $62,000 and Cunningham, 75 Oak St., recess existing fireplace 12 inches into wall and add new mantel, $3,000.

MacCarthy pulls papers for School Committee

By Samantha Brown
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There are now two candidates for the School Committee as current Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy pulled papers this week to run for a second three-year term. She joins North Main Street resident Peter Richardsson in the hopes of securing one of the two open, three-year seats on the committee.

"Boosted by the calls for me to continue to serve by many of my constituents; the choice to run again actually wasn't a difficult one. Our school district has made many positive changes under the current administration and I am proud to have been a part of those changes. This is a pivotal time for the Cohasset Public Schools and I want to continue to be an advocate for our schools and our children," she said.

MacCarthy lives at 85 Doane St., with her husband John and their three sons, who all attend Cohasset schools. Prior to serving on the School Committee, MacCarthy served on the School Facility/Building Committee for eight years and was involved with overseeing two of the largest school projects ever undertaken by the town — the $10 million Osgood School and the $42 million Deer Hill and middle high school projects.

She has also served as PSO president and spearheaded a grassroots committee called "The Friends of the Cohasset Public School Playgrounds," which fundraised, purchased and installed the playgrounds at the Osgood School and at the Deer Hill School.

Should the School Committee election heat up with more people seeking the seats, MacCarthy should be well prepared. She is no stranger to races. In 2001, MacCarthy ran in a three-way race for two seats on the School committee against incumbents Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin and lost to Martin by just two votes.

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— Adrienne MacCarthy, School Committee

In the fall of 2003, Jane Pescatore stepped down from her seat, leaving one year remaining on her term, and MacCarthy was in the running to fill that position. However, a combined board of the School Committee and Board of Selectmen appointed Rick Shea to the seat. MacCarthy got her chance on the board when she campaigned against Martin again — who was hoping to win a third term on the School Committee — and Scott O'Grady and Jamie Williams. MacCarthy and Williams were elected in a four-way race for the two seats.

Williams has not announced whether she will be seeking a second term.

In addition to the seats on the School Committee, there are also two three-year open seats on the Board of Selectmen. Incumbent Ralph Dormitzer will run to retain his seat and Rob Spofford announced he will not seek reelection. Old Coach Road resident Paul Carlson has pulled papers for a seat on the Board of Selectmen as well.

The following residents have pulled papers to retain their seats on their respective boards: Elsa Miller for the Board of Assessors, Ralph Perroncello for the Cohasset Housing Authority, Steve Bobo for the Board of Health, Stacey Weaver, Sarah Pease and Barbara Power for the Board of Library Trustees, Lillian Curley for the Recreation Commission, Nathanial Palmer for the Water Commission, and Al Moore for the Planning Board.

The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb. 15. Only registered voters of the town may hold an elected office. Candidates are only officially running for office after they have taken out papers and the Board of Registrars has certified the signatures.

Positions available for the 2007 town election include: Selectmen - two three-year positions; School Committee - two three-year positions; Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library - three three-year positions; Assessor - one three-year position; Board of Health - one three-year position; Cohasset Housing Authority - one five-year position; Planning Board - one five-year position; Recreation Commission - three five-year positions; Sewer Commission - one three-year position and Water Commission - one three-year position.

Friday, March 9, is the last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting, which will be held Saturday, March 31, and for the Annual Town Election which will be held Saturday, April 7.

BRIEFLY

New science class at CHS

Starting second semester (which begins in two weeks), a new introduction to environmental research: watershed studies class will be offered at the high school. Teachers Jack Buckley and David Magnussen will teach the class.. The hope is that the class will help bridge the gap between the school year and the Summer Institute Watershed Study at the Center for Student Coastal Research.

Principal Joel Antolini said the program will not cost the school anything in terms of materials, as the equipment at the CSCR and the lab equipment at the school will be sufficient.

CHS teacher Newkirk resigns

The School Committee formally accepted the resignation of longtime social studies teacher Scott Newkirk at its Jan. 17 meeting. His resignation became effective Wednesday, Jan. 10.

School Committee Vice Chairman asked why Newkirk had resigned and where he will be going. Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh said she could only tell him what was included in Newkirk's resignation letter, which states "personal reasons."

Slanetz said he got to know Newkirk as part of the curriculum committee and thought he was a "stellar" teacher. "He really thought outside the box. He was a really solid teacher and we wish him well wherever he is going," he said.

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JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

WARM AND FUZZY

As I write the column this week, I read one of the letters that had been sent to me and really feel "warm and fuzzy" while I am taking it all in. The families involved are a part of our community and to share and work with children from here to help children who are not as fortunate is wonderful. Make sure to read and if you have any thoughts, ideas or suggestions on how to continue these types of programs and others in our community, don't hesitate to send it along. I received a wonderful letter here about a program happening in our community that has been shared a bit in the paper and now, thank you's are being given out.

"Our community IS making a BIG difference: thanks! Thanks to EVERYONE who was involved in the holiday drive that the Tiger Cub Group put together for Cradles to Crayons. This was a phenomenal example of the Cohasset community working together to make a difference in the lives of the many underprivileged children in Massachusetts, who the organization Cradles to Crayons help serve. Seven carloads packed with toys, clothes, shoes, school supplies and baby supplies were delivered to the Cradles to Crayons warehouse in Quincy on Jan.13, where the Tiger Cubs and their families helped unload, clean and sort supplies. Not only has this initiative helped those less fortunate than ourselves, but it has also helped "open the eyes" of our children as to how lucky they are, and how at even a young age they can help others and make a difference: hopefully this will be an experience that influences them throughout their lives. Thanks to everyone involved, in particular: Janet Sheehan, at Osgood School, and Colette Wood and BethWheatley-Dyson at St Stephen's Church, for their support, enthusiasm, passion and energy in making this happen! Mary Ford at the Cohasset Mariner for helping publicize the initiative. All the Tiger Cubs and their families who helped make this a success. And of course, EVERYONE who donated anything, however big or small. We plan to do this again this Holiday Season, so please start saving all your "stuff"!!! If you also have any ideas on how to make this a bigger and better initiative this year, please let us know! In the meantime check out Cradles to Crayons website to discover why this work is so VERY important and what you can do to help! www.cradlestocrayons.org"

PASSION PLUNGE

Next Saturday, Feb. 3, is the 9th Annual Passion Plunge for Special Olympics Massachusetts. The Plunge is one of the major fundraisers for this organization, which offers year round training, and competition in 26 sports to over 10,000 people with intellectual disabilities statewide. Locally the Plunge will be at Nantasket Beach at 2 p.m., with registration, festivities, and the costume parade starting at 12 o'clock. Look for Cohasset Plungers **Jay and Jeff Nothnagle**, **Jessica MacDonald**, **Graham and Nick Sida**, and the **Dunn Family**, all of whom have plunged before, along with some newcomers like **Doug Yeager** and **Michael Sceery** who are soliciting pledges right now for this great cause.

Our Cohasset athletes are part of Team Scituate Mariners, a group of over 65 competitors from five area towns who compete year round in 12 different sports. You can pledge online at www.passionplunge.org and sponsor a plunger by name or mail a donation to Team Scituate c/o Nothnagle, 36 Atlantic Avenue, Cohasset. Come along and plunge with us on February 3rd or come to watch and help raise funds for Special Olympics Massachusetts.

'PATRONESS OF THE ARTS'

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset and the Cohasset Historical Society are delighted to present "An Afternoon with Isabella" on Sunday, Feb.11 from 2 - 5 p.m. in the Pratt Building at 106 So. Main St. Acclaimed character actress **Jessa Piaia** will portray Isabella Stewart Gardner in a 50-minute dramatic first-person narrative set in 1909. Mrs. Gardner, the flamboyant and free-spirited "Patroness of the Arts", is renowned for the design and construction of "Fenway Court", an architecturally lavish setting for her extensive Italian renaissance art collections which she later willed to the City of Boston. Jessa Piaia has performed at cultural and educational sites throughout New England since 1985. She has been lauded for her well- researched portrayals of famous women and their contributions in American history. Before the performance, guests will be able to participate in a silent auction.

Among the items up for bid are a free landscape design consultation, a pearl necklace created by CGCC member, **Claire Tinory**, and a tea set donated by the Cohasset Historical Society. After the performance a formal tea catered by Arthur **Roebuck** will be served and several prizes including a gift certificate for French Memories, an Ipod Shuffle and Victorian flower arrangements will be raffled. The proceeds from this fundraiser will help fund the many programs and projects of both the Community Garden Club of Cohasset and the Cohasset Historical Society Tickets are available at the Pratt Building and are priced at $19.09 in honor of the year portrayed. There is limited seating for this performance. For additional ticket information, please call 781 383-1434. Please join us for this wonderful event.

TOP VOCALIST

Cohasset's **Meghan Burke** placed second in her division of the South Shore Conservatory's Song & Aria competition held at the Conservatory's Duxbury campus Jan. 20. Winners in each of three divisions performed in concert at Cox Hall in Hingham the day following the competition. Meghan competed in the Junior Division. Super news, Meghan.

GORE FILM

On Sunday, Jan. 28, the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church will present a showing of "An Inconvenient Truth." This award-winning documentary by Al Gore will start at 4 p.m. in Trueblood Hall, in the Parish House, 23 North Main St. (across from the Duck Pond). Discussion will follow. Admission is free.

DEAN'S LIST

We have several students in college who are doing so well that we thought we would share the good news. **Carling I. Sturino**, Class of 2008, and daughter of Mr. **and Mrs. Othello R. Sturino**, has been named to the dean's list at Assumption College in Worcester for the fall semester. Carling had to have a GPA of 3.5 or higher to achieve this honor.

Michelle Lemaire of Cohasset has been named to the Lasell College dean's list for the fall semester. Michelle is a member of the Class of 2010 and is majoring in fashion and retail merchandising.

Trevor Michael Brady of Cohasset has been named to the dean's list a Keene State College in Keene, N.H. for the fall semester. To qualify for this honor, Trevor had to have a 3.5 or higher GPA.

Mary Parker of Cohasset has received faculty honors for the 2006 spring semester at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. To earn this honor, Mary had to achieve a semester grade point average of at least a 3.667 with no individual letter grade below a B-minus.

Stonehill College in Easton recently named **Brooke Allen** of Cohasset, a member of the Class of 2010, to the dean's list for the fall 2006 semester. To qualify for the dean's list at Stonehill, students must have a GPA of 3.50 or better and must have completed successfully for all courses for which they were registered. To who were listed, congratulations on your success this year and keep up the great work.

CYBSA SIGNUPS

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association is holding its annual registration for the upcoming spring baseball and softball season from now through Feb. 15.. The CYBSA will hold a walk-in registration on Saturday, Jan. 20, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, in the upper lobby of the High School gymnasium. Registration forms are also available on the website: CYBSA.net and at the Town Hall. Mailed in registration forms need to be postmarked by Feb. 15. For more detailed information, please see the Sports section.

CLASS REUNION

Attention CHS CLASS of 1982 graduates or their parents: Save the Date for our 25th Reunion- Saturday, July 7 at 7 p.m. at the River Club in Scituate. Class of 1982 graduates please contact **Marcy Brown Fleming** at marcydon@msn.com to update your contact information. If you don't have email, please write or call: Marcy Fleming, 211 W. Linwood Dr., Birmingham, AL 35209; (205) 879-9253.Hope to see you then!

That is all for this week. Make sure to send all of your news and information no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm

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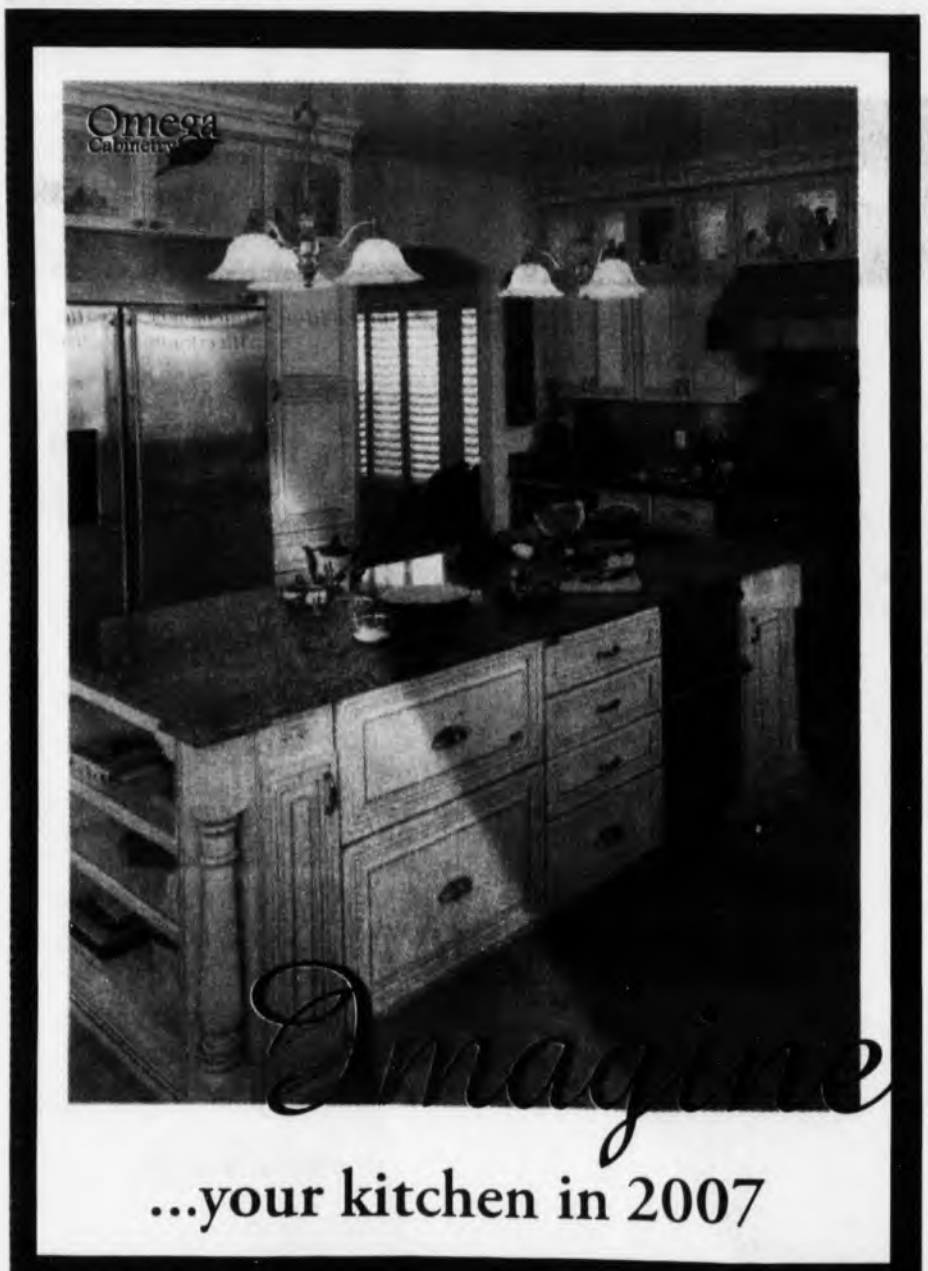
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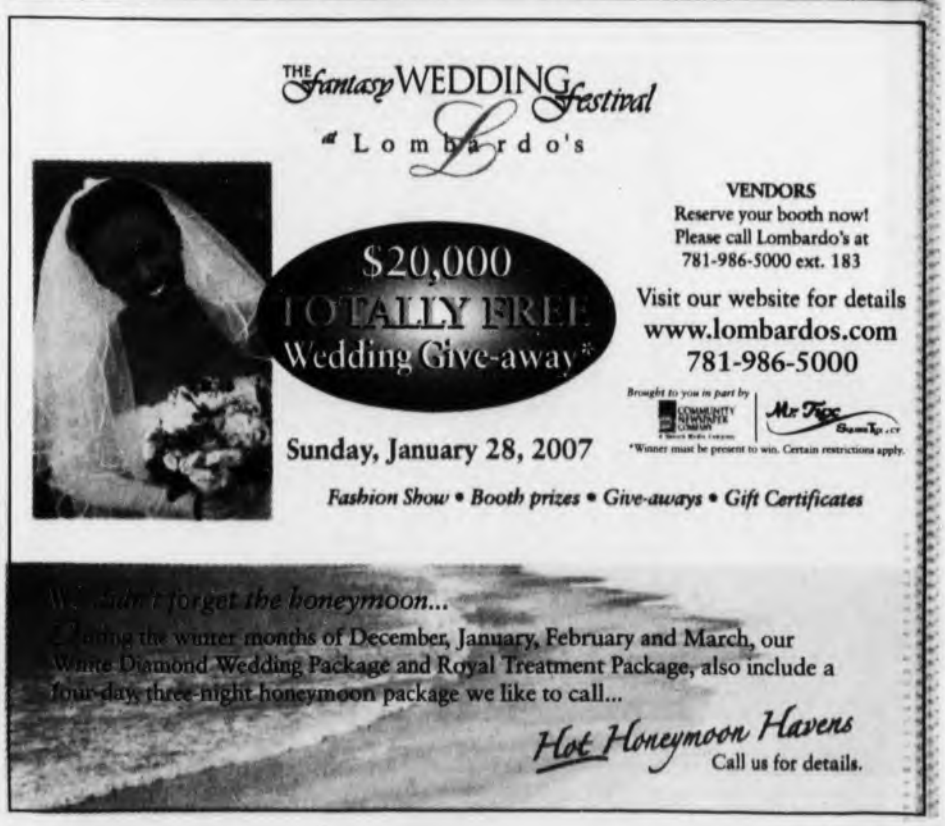


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Cousins, Quentin Hill, 7, and Michael Hill, 6, enjoy their pancakes at the Martin Luther King Day breakfast, held at St. Stephen's Church on Monday (Jan. 15). The boys brought their Webkinz stuffed animals to the event. This year's was the sixth annual breakfast, sponsored by the Cohasset Diversity Committee.







ENGAGEMENT



Rebecca Ann Kirk and Stephen Oster Fair

Kirk – Fair

Rita and Jim Kirk of Cohasset announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Ann Kirk, of Boston, to Stephen Oster Fair, of Boston, son of Sharon Oster and Ray Fair of New Haven, Conn.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Cohasset High School, Middlebury College and MIT Sloan School of Management. She is currently employed as a vice-president at Analysis Group, Inc., in Boston.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Choate Rosemary Hall and Yale University. He is currently studying at Stanford Graduate School of Business.

A Sept. 2007 wedding is planned in Cohasset.

Drowned Hogs' swim and 'Beach Ball'

Drowned Hog Beach Ball – The Red Parrot will once again host the Drowned Hogs "Beach Ball" Friday, Jan. 26, at 7:30 p.m. Those attending can dance to the music of Hull's Pemberton All Stars and gear up for the swim.

Drowned Hogs Swim – Drowned Hogs will host their 12th annual swim Saturday, Jan. 27, at noon, at the Mary Jeanette Murray Bathhouse on Nantasket Beach in Hull. More than 400 swimmers and 1,200 spectators are expected. Swimmers recruit sponsors to help raise money for Wellspring Multi-Service Center in Hull. Pledge sheets and information are available at Wellspring now.

For information, call 781-925-3211 or visit the Web site at drownedhogs.org.

Senior calendar

Call the Council on Elder Affairs at 781-383-9112 for information or to sign up for the following events:

Pancake Breakfast – To be held at Cohasset Knoll, Monday, Feb.5, at 9 a.m.

Understanding your Credit Report – Presented by Dorothy Vitale, Wednesday, Feb.7, at 11 a.m.

Valentine's Tea – Enjoy food from Anna's Gourmet Club and entertainment by Somethin Else Band, Friday, Feb. 9, from 1 to 3 p.m. Location: Cohasset Senior Center.

Reflexology/Chair Massage – To be held Monday, Feb.12, from noon to 2 p.m. The cost is $10 for a 20-minute session.

Valentines Luncheon/Angel Food Project – To be held Wednesday, Feb. 14, at noon.

LIBRARY CORNER

Movie matinee of 'American in Paris'

Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information on programs and events, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Movie Matinee at the Library – Can't get out at night to see a movie? Join us for a daytime screening of "An American in Paris," starring Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron on Friday, Feb. 2, at 11 a.m. This film won the 1951 Academy Award for Best Picture. Free admission. Light refreshments will be provided courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Movie Site License is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee.

Artist Exhibit – The South Shore Art Center is presenting an exhibit of James Baker's prints at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Mr. Baker, a Scituate resident, will display his unique prints through Wednesday, Feb. 28. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m., to 8 p.m., Wednesday and Fridays from 10 a.m., to 5 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m., to 5 p.m., and Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m.

Tax forms available – A selection of 2007 IRS tax forms and instructions are available free at the library. For hard to find forms, try logging on to irs.gov or mass.gov. You may download any tax form from these sites, free of charge.

Knitting Group – Edna Finegan of the Senior Knitting Group will be on hand to help you with your knitting. All knitting levels are welcome, Wednesday, Jan. 24, from 10 a.m., to 11:30 a.m., in the library meeting room.

Library Book Group – Join the library book group for coffee and a discussion of Thomas Friedman's "The World is Flat," Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 10 a.m., in the library Meeting Room.

One Book One Cohasset – Help the library celebrate the first town-wide reading event at a kick-off party in the library Meeting Room, Sunday, Feb. 4, from 2 to 4 p.m. Learn about this unique reading program and sign up for a variety of library events. Free.

FOR CHILDREN

Knitting Teachers – The Children's Room is looking for volunteers to teach knitting to a group of students. Those interested can call Sharon Moody at 781-383-1348, ext. 3 or e-mail smoody@ocln.org.

Spanish Music – Join Jodi Craft, Mondays, Jan. 22 and Jan. 29.

Vocalmotion – Join Sharon Chase for an interactive music program, Mondays, Feb. 5, 12 and 26. All ages and communities welcome. Generously funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Drop In Story Time – Big books music and more. To be held, Tuesdays, Jan. 30, Feb. 6 and Feb.13. All ages and communities are welcome.

Story And Craft – This program is for Cohasset residents age 3 to 6. This is a four-week commitment. Scheduled for Thursdays, Feb. 1, Feb. 8 and Feb. 15. Two sessions are scheduled; 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., and 1 to 2 p.m.

From the Archives of the Cohasset Historical Society



This group of women is believed to be members of the Fleur-de-Lis Club in the 1890s. While we know the identity of the people, we know nothing about the Fleur-de-Lis Club. Does this location look familiar? Can anyone provide the Society with information on this club? Please contact us at (781) 383-1434 if you can help in any way.

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Appeals court rules in Avalon's favor; apartment project set to move ahead

FROM AVALON, PAGE 1

aggrieved" by the ZBA's decision. The decision states the Water Commission is a municipal board and cannot be considered a "person" for the purposes of determining standing.

The Water Commission is not surprised by the Appeals Court decision

"We knew it was an uphill battle against the precedent of the Hingham Campus decision which ruled that local boards had no standing in 40B cases," said Water Commissioner John McNabb. "We have tried everything we can, from making our case unsuccessfully before the Cohasset Zoning Board of Appeals in 2002-2003 to make our case that the proposed 200-unit Avalon development will potentially contaminate Lily Pond, our drinking water supply.

"We never had our day in court to appeal the ZBA decision because the Land Court, and now the Appeals Court, have denied us that right based on the narrowest of legal issues," he said. "Significantly, neither of these Courts have ruled that we don't have a legitimate concern overprotection of the water supply."

"From our perspective, there was little doubt about the final outcome of the Water Commissioners' appeal. This decision brings us one step closer to the commencement of construction."
— Scott Dale, Avalon Bay

(The Hingham Campus decision involved the Hingham Planning Board challenging the issuance of the comprehensive permit by the Hingham ZBA for the Linden Ponds complex).

Scott Dale, vice president of development for Avalon Bay, said Avalon was pleased but not surprised by the decision.

"From our perspective, there was little doubt about the final outcome of the Water Commissioners' appeal. This decision brings us one step closer to the commencement of construction," he said, adding Avalon could break ground as early as this summer.

Dale said Avalon is proceeding with its efforts to obtain a groundwater discharge permit from the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for an on-site wastewater treatment system. The DEP is reviewing the system designed by Avalon for the proposed complex.

However, Avalon is also continuing to pursue connecting to Cohasset municipal sewer system. That matter is currently before the state Housing Appeals Committee, which handles 40-B issues. Avalon is not seeking a hookup to the Hull sewer, Dale said.

"We will break ground as soon as the sewer issue is resolved," Dale said. "This is the last issue to be resolved prior to construction."

Dale said Avalon is committed to the Cohasset project. "In January of 2006, we took ownership of the land, so we are not going anywhere," he said. "We are confident that we will ultimately build this project whether six months, a year or several years from now."

Under Chapter 40B, a state law, a town's zoning board can approve affordable housing developments under flexible rules if at least 20-25 percent of the units have long-term affordability restrictions. Towns that are under the 10 percent threshold of their housing stock deemed as affordable by state standards are vulnerable to 40-B projects.

Cohasset currently has 76 units (or 2.8 percent) of affordable housing. The state encourages rental housing, and because all 200 Avalon units would be rentals, all units – affordable and market rate – would be counted toward the town's affordable housing inventory.

McNabb said the Water Commission would meet tomorrow (Saturday) with its attorneys to review the decision and consider options.

"A possible next step is to request an appeal before the Supreme Judicial Court, however they only consider about 5 percent of those requests," he said. "We also need to review the status of the cleanup of the hazardous waste at that site and make sure, if construction is going forward there, that all the hazardous materials are removed so they will not be a threat to the water supply."



CHS sports captains will play by a new set of rules, Ford says

FROM CAPTAINS, PAGE 1

Member Steve Fusco asked whether academic standing would have an effect on candidates' eligibility to become captain. Ford said while student athletes must abide by the MIAA rules for academics, everyone involved in the process agreed National Honor Society honors those who excel in academics, and "Sometimes athletes are good leaders, but are not as strong in the classroom, so they aren't recognized that way." He noted obviously students who are on the verge of not being able to participate due to academic probation will not be considered, but everyone, especially the students, felt captains need not be chosen based on academic performance.

"It's good to have standards and hold to the standards. Kids that are doing the right thing should be recognized."
— Rick Flynn, School Committee

School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy noted many of Cohasset's coaches are also teachers, which makes it easy to ensure all the school's athletes are performing at high standards on and off the field. Ford added at the beginning of each sports season, he requires every coach send out the sports rosters to the teachers. "Academics do come first here," he said.

Member Rick Flynn said he thought the idea was great. "It's good to have standards and hold to the standards. Kids that are doing the right thing should be recognized," he said.

School Committee member Jamie Williams said she loved the idea as well. "It sets the standard and provides a role model for everyone on the team," she said.

Ford said he anticipates there will be between one and four captain candidates for each sport. Upon accepting their position, they will automatically be expected to uphold the standards in place, which for fall sports captains means maintaining exemplary behavior from the spring, through the summer months, and into the fall. Ford said he would like to have the new process in place before February, when this year's fall captains will be chosen.

Once the set of standards is finalized, it will become part of the Cohasset High School handbook, which will be voted upon by the School Committee.

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Cohasset Village articles won't be on the spring Warrant

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tension, "that's not necessarily a bad thing. This debate is a healthy debate."

Brown said the changes being proposed would change the minimum lot size required to build apartments and open up the village to developers looking to build mixed-use housing. He said currently, only the Red Lion Inn property, the Post Office and another private piece of land have the necessary square footage to make it happen. "The law prohibits any development from happening and we're trying to fix the flaws," he said.

The other changes to the bylaw would ensure residential units are not built on the first floor level because that would remain retail space. In addition, parking would not be required for buildings within 500 feet of the municipal parking lot or the Pleasant Street lot.

"We realize the Planning Board disagrees with changing the minimum lot size," said Brown, and acknowledged he knows the Planning Board needs to make sure things are done right in the village. "We agree," he said, but added the time is now to move development forward because it is getting hard for businesses to keep going downtown.

However, Selectman Vice Chairman Rob Spofford said the town committed to hiring a consultant at Town Meeting and by bringing the articles forward before the consultant is hired, "I think we're a little early here." However, he noted unfortunately, the RFP for the consultant has not yet gone out which is a separate issue.

But in an interview early Thursday morning, Pratt said his board had thoroughly gone over the RFP at its Wednesday meeting and approved it with changes. He said Town Manager Bill Griffin, who serves as the town's procurement officer, would have the amended copy on his desk Monday morning, ready to be sent out.

Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said having the articles "left in our lap has created a dilemma for us." He said it is not up to the Board of Selectmen to determine the town's zoning bylaws. He said what he does know is that there are many groups currently working to maintain the vitality of the downtown and there are many ideas as to how that should be done, and the question is: what can be done in both the short and long term to make that happen.

Planning Board member Bob Sturdy said he would agree that his board is trying to promote the viability of the downtown area. "If not, we can kiss a lot of tax revenue goodbye," he said. Sturdy said he would like an impartial consultant to help the town decide how best to move forward.

Planning Board Chairman Al Moore said when zoning gets to this level it becomes very complicated. "You change one thing and you get a spider web effect," he said. Moore added the consultant needs to be on board prior to any articles being brought forward. "Maybe the answer is more apartments, maybe it's not," he said, and the consultant will help figure that out. "The EDC could be right, but, our board hardly ever walks in lock step and we're pretty unanimous in this."

Pratt said the theory of having housing above retail shops is "en vogue" right now, and the town should remember how building 55-plus housing was the fad a few years ago. "We have Cedarmere and Cook to show for it," he said.

However, Brown noted the town doesn't want to study things so much that it ends up in "analysis paralysis," in which case nothing positive happens.

Nomination papers at Town Clerk's Office

Nomination papers are available at the Town Clerk's Office. The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb. 15. Only registered voters of the town may hold an elected office. Candidates are only officially running for office after they have taken out papers and the Board of Registrars has certified the signatures.

Friday, March 9, is the last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting, which will be held Saturday, March 31, and for the Annual Town Election which will be held Saturday, April 7.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Courteous drivers

OK, we realize the headline has become a non sequitur. With rare exceptions people behind the wheel of a motor vehicle are not courteous.

Something overcomes many of us when we are driving. Sometimes, we do not allow enough time to reach our destination so we are pressured and a slow driver in front of us can send us over the edge. Other times we are on a cell phone and are not paying attention, whether that occurs when we are exiting a parking lot, rounding a corner, or starting up at a red light.

Let's face it – we are all guilty, some more so than others. That is why road rage incidents are on the rise and it is also a big reason why more traffic signals and controls are needed.

When we polled members of our Readers Advisory Network in Hingham recently about their first reaction to the new traffic lights on Hingham's historic Main Street (Route 228) at its intersection with High and Free streets – some respondents said the signals would not have been needed if motorists were more courteous.

Yet years of accidents and countless "near misses" had proved the only way to make the intersection safer was to install a traffic light on what Eleanor Roosevelt described as "the most beautiful street in America." (The First Lady, who was writing the text for a book depicting American life, visited Hingham in 1941).

Personally, we are tired of irked drivers waving at us annoyingly when we are trying to be courteous at an intersection or four-way stop. We also do not like it when a driver's courtesy is misplaced and he stops on a busy, main road and waves for us to pull out from a side street to make the left. All too often, a not-so-courteous driver coming up from behind skirts around the courteous one and almost nails us.

So what is the point? We think civilization here — whether in Cohasset, Hingham or Massachusetts as a whole — would be greatly advanced if we all follow the rules of the road, allow enough time to get places, don't use cell phones or other electronic devices while driving.

After all patience is a virtue.

According to Random House Dictionary of Popular Proverbs and Sayings" by Gregory Y. Titelman (Random House, New York, 1996): "Patience is a virtue. The ability to wait for something without excessive frustration is a valuable character trait. The proverb has been traced back to 'Piers Plowman' (1377) by William Langland and is similar to the Latin, Maxima enim..patientia virtus (Patience is the greatest virtue) and the French, Patience est une grant vertu. (Patience is a great value.)…"

Wouldn't it be great for patience to make a comeback?

Character counts

We applaud Athletic Director Ron Ford's and the school department's plan to have serving as a team captain more than a popularity contest.

We want to be clear, however, that over the years there have been a lot of great Cohasset captains elected solely by their peers.

But, nevertheless, under a new selection process recognizing the inherent responsibility in the role of a true captain will take center stage.

Once the new standards are finalized, students nominated by their peers for the post will undergo review before the Captain's Council. The council will include the athletic director, other coaches, teachers and some students.

The process will be taken seriously and each candidate will be carefully considered, Ford told the School Committee last week.

Ford explained upon accepting the position of captain, the student will be expected to uphold certain standards.

Student leaders, whether on the field or in the classroom, can be good role models. We often hear about the dangers of "peer pressure" when it comes to underage drinking and other substance abuse.

In our society, rightly or wrongly, we admire athletes. Helping athletes to recognize their responsibility as positive role models and to live up to certain standards can be a good thing.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m.

CMHS School Council, Feb. 7 and March 7, 2:30 p.m. at the high school

Conservation Commission, Feb. 1, 7 p.m.

Council on Elder Affairs, Feb. 12, 9 a.m., 3 N. Main St.

Library Trustees, Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m. at the library

Osgood School Council, Feb. 1, 3:30 p.m., at the Osgood School.

School Committee, Feb. 7, 7 p.m. at the high school.

Selectmen, 7 p.m., Feb. 5 and Feb. 26.

Sewer Commission, Feb. 12, 6 p.m.

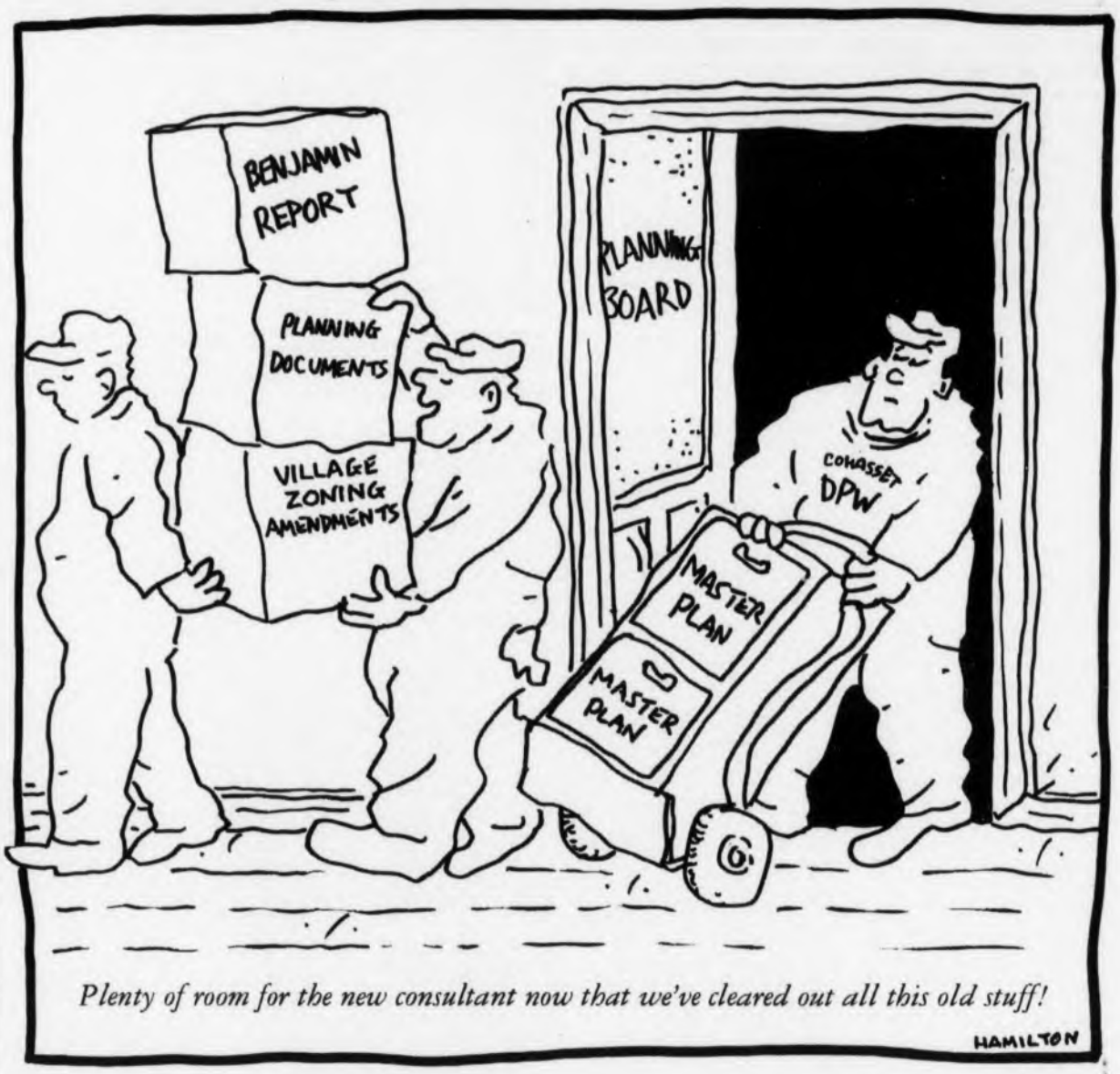
Stormwater Committee, Feb. 6 & Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 13, 7 p.m.

ZBA, Jan. 30, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

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Census forms need to be returned.



Plenty of room for the new consultant now that we've cleared out all this old stuff!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Casino Night was great time for all!

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Cohasset Lacrosse Boosters, I would like to thank the entire Cohasset community for its generous support of our annual Casino Night last Saturday.

Nearly 120 people attended the fundraiser. A great time was had by all, particularly at the roulette wheel and blackjack tables.

We would like to give special thanks to Joe Campbell and Atlantica Restaurant, which hosted the event, to Curt Mills and MaxLax Lacrosse, which donated our raffle prizes, and to the Cohasset Mariner, which publicized Casino Night.

We greatly appreciate all who donated their winnings to Cohasset Lacrosse at the end of the night and our many special benefactors who insured that the night would be a great success.

Finally, we acknowledge our numerous volunteers, particularly Lyn Previte, whose organizational effort made Casino Night possible. All of the support will keep the Cohasset Lacrosse program strong and insure the continuation of the boys' and girls' JV lacrosse programs at the high school. Hopefully, our student athletes will reward us with another state championship in the near future!

Bill Grimm
Board Member
Cohasset Lacrosse Boosters

'Green schools' help the bottom line

TO THE EDITOR:

Kudos to Selectman Gary Vanderweil for taking the lead in doing something constructive regarding the excessive energy consumption in our schools. After denying requests for years to conserve energy, it has finally become fashionable in Cohasset.

At the time that our school renovations were taking place, efficient, sustainable, low-maintenance schools were an innovative, state-of-the art idea emerging on the scene. Unfortunately, many engineers and builders in the community were unable to convince the building committee to go down this path. Instead as Selectman Rob Spofford and School Committee Chair Adrienne MacCarthy constantly remind us, as recently as the Nov. 13, 2006 STM, their main goal as the driving force on the School Building Committee was to bring the schools in *'on time and on budget'*. This tunnel vision has plunged the taxpayers into excessive debt and disproportionately high property taxes (see Boston Globe 1/11/07) compared to neighboring towns plus has negatively impacted education programs.

A new national report, "Greening America's Schools," produced by Capital E and co-sponsored by The American Institute of Architects (AIA), reveals that building energy-efficient schools results in lower operating costs, improved test scores and enhanced student health. This report demonstrates that green schools are extremely cost-effective with the financial benefits outweighing the costs 20 to 1. The startling conclusion of this report, indicates that schools designed to be environmentally friendly would save an average of $100,000 each year — enough to hire two additional full-time teachers or one more administrator.

At this time I think it would be prudent to exert some commonsense and rather than using education dollars to expand overhead we should make our top priority retrofitting energy efficiency and low maintenance projects that will save us future funds for classroom enhancement.

L. C. (Leonora) Jenkins
Pres., Cohasset Concerned Taxpayers
198 Jerusalem Road

New budget approval format needed

COMMENTARY

PAT WATERS AND TUCKER GLAVIN

This article is written by Pat Waters of Aaron River Road and Tucker Glavin of Nichols Road. "We are writing this article as two fiscally concerned residents of Cohasset, not as two Advisory Board members. We firmly believe that it would greatly benefit all of the residents of Cohasset to begin thinking of our towns financial budgeting process in a new manner based solely on the agreed upon and absolute priorities of Cohasset"

It's budget season. You may recall that last year our Selectmen, Advisory Board and Town Manager agreed that the annual budget should be presented to the residents of Cohasset at Town Meeting as a balanced budget. Proposed overrides, if any, are subject to a separate approval apart from the primary budget. With this fundamental change, it is critical that Cohasset's priorities are funded first in the budget.

In prior years, the override provided the residents of Cohasset a means to express Cohasset's priorities. Budgeting of Cohasset's priorities in this way became routine, especially when the prospect of the override passing was equally routine. Well, times have changed.

So, who decides how Cohasset's priorities are represented in the budget? Well, the Selectmen request the Town Manager to put together a budget based on the prior year's budget for the review and approval of the Selectman. The Selectmen may then reallocate or modify the budget before submitting the budget to the residents of Cohasset at Town Meeting for approval.

Under the current process, the residents of Cohasset are limited at Town Meeting to merely voting the proposed balanced budget up or down. This method does not sufficiently express our personal and community priorities. What is needed is a new format for the residents of Cohasset to approve the budget at Town Meeting to correspond with Cohasset's new budget presentation policy.

Our proposal is relatively simple. Give the residents of Cohasset a choice at Town Meeting between several balanced budgets that present varying priorities in funding. The Selectmen need simply direct the Town Manager to put together at least two balanced budgets (more if necessary) to present at Town Meeting. Allowing the residents of Cohasset a choice at Town Meeting in setting Cohasset's priorities in funding is good policy and good government.

Everyone needs to ask themselves if their priorities are being accurately reflected in the budget. If you support having a greater voice in establishing the priorities reflected in the annual budget, please call your Selectmen and ask that they provide the residents of Cohasset a choice at Town Meeting of two or more balanced budget proposals.

—Patrick Waters, Aaron River Road, and Tucker Glavin, Nichols Road.

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Last chance to weigh in on 'late train'

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

More on the Greenbush late train— This is the third week we've mentioned the survey on whether the MBTA ought to consider adding a "late" train to the Greenbush schedule. Of course, a late train would be a train that would leave South Station after the presently scheduled last train which departs South Station at 10 p.m. Since last week, we have had a good response from Cohasset residents after a rather weak response during the first week. It never ceases to amaze us how few responses arrive about an issue until that issue is about to be implemented. Then, comments come out of the woodwork with lots and lots of opinions, when it may be too late. We are rather surprised that few of the abutting residents have expressed their opinions. So, we are going to hold the survey open for another week to make sure that each of you has a fair chance to voice your opinion.

Thus far, we have received a total of 41 replies (about 1.25 percent of the households). Of these 31 favor a late train and 10 "NOs". These votes are not without comment. Some think that a late train should be run only on weekends. Others are concerned that the train schedule will not support those working at Boston hospitals, which have very early start times and quitting times. Please consider responding, either by phone or email if you'd like to add your voice to this survey.

Around the Greenbush in Cohasset – We continue to get lots of calls about the unfinished crossings at Lower King Street and Sohier Street. We'd like to assure you that we continue to press the MBTA and their contractor for completion of these crossings. So, what is going on? Several things ... First, as we've mentioned before at Sohier Street, the utility services had to be relocated. This, it turns out is very difficult. Trying to organize the various utility suppliers, as someone once said, is like trying to teach a pig to sing. It wastes your time and annoys the pig! Well, after about four months the utility services are all relocated and only the old poles need to be removed. The other thing at play at Sohier Street is the weather. The MBTA's contractor was reluctant to start the new sidewalk in the wintertime with the strong possibility of bad weather, resulting in a giant mess in the road, which serves two of our schools. Of course, with our impeccable 20-20 hindsight we can say that the weather has been very favorable. But, the odds of that happening were very poor, so we can understand why Sohier Street construction was delayed. As we get into February and March, we do expect construction to pick up and the crossing completion started. Most recently, we have been assured that final paving at the unfinished crossings will be completed this spring.

What should you expect at Sohier Street? In addition to the railroad crossing completion, there will be sidewalks on either side of Sohier Street. On the school-side, sidewalk will be constructed from the Music Circus driveway, closest to the railroad crossing, to Ripley Road at the Paul Pratt Library. The opposite side of Sohier Street will have sidewalk added across the tracks. This sidewalk will ultimately be continuous from the traffic lights at Ripley Road to the schools and then up to Fairoaks Lane.

The Lower King Street crossing is similar. And, keep in mind that as a part of the Lower King Street crossing, North Main Street and Forest Avenue will be reconfigured and a traffic light added. Sidewalk will be added from North Main Street to Laugelle Lane. (A recent grant will add sidewalk from Laugelle Lane to Route 3A and then down Route 3A to the Greenbush Station.). Again, look for work here to pick up in the spring.

About "no whistle or horns" – When we appeared before the Selectmen at their Jan. 8th meeting we were asked about the no horn situation. Specifically, the Selectmen asked whether there definitely would be no horn on the train as it proceeds through the Town. Technically, the answer we gave was correct. We could not say that there is a permit to operate the Greenbush with out horns. The Mariner picked up on this discussion and in the Friday, Jan. 12th paper reported that the "no horn" is not a "done" deal.

However, that's far from the whole story. Let us explain. The FRA (Federal Railroad Administration) has special rules for whether a specific railroad system can or cannot be hornless. A permit for a hornless or "Quiet Zone" cannot be applied for until the subject railroad system is complete or nearly complete. So, an application cannot be submitted until the system is very near completion. Thus, the Quiet Zone permit for us becomes an issue of timing. At the appropriate time, the five towns of the Greenbush must make application to the FRA for a Quiet Zone system. (Note that it is the towns that actually make this application, not the MBTA.) This application will be made jointly by the five towns, with the MBTA's help, this spring.

After the application is made, the FRA will make a detailed safety assessment of the Greenbush design. A score will be developed from their analysis. If the score is above a certain threshold, then the FRA will issue a Quiet Zone permit. You might ask, "What happens if our score is not high enough?" That's where the deck is stacked in our favor. The MBTA, knowing how the scoring system works, has designed the Greenbush so that it will score high enough to have the Quiet Zone system permit granted. In fact, the MBTA has made this commitment in their FEIR (Final Environmental Impact Report) to the Commonwealth Department of Environmental Affairs. The whole FEIR and environmental impact is predicated on a Quiet Zone system. If a Quiet Zone permit were not granted, the environmental noise impact analysis of the FEIR would be incorrect and would need to be redone. And, a new or revised Environmental Impact Report generated and a new environmental hearing held. The resulting delay would probably be measured in years, not months. Essentially, there would be no Greenbush.

So, the real answer is that there is no Quiet Zone permit yet, but the reason is not that there won't be one, but it is just too early. And, when the application is made the Quiet Zone permit will be issued.

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Thinking about presidential run

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Forgive me if I take this opportunity to announce that I am forming an exploratory committee to determine if I should run for president.

What the hell, everybody else is.

I don't know what reasons Hillary and Barak and the rest of them have for announcing 22 months in advance but for me it's a matter of survival. At four score and two, I'm not sure I'll be around in November, 2008.

I suppose, now that I have made my intentions known, Governor Bill and Congressman Dennis and the rest of them will have their dirty tricks departments pawing through my past for any innocent peccadilloes the media can blow out of proportion.

For one thing, I'm for the war in Iraq, as long as we're winning. I'm against it if we're losing.

So I might as well explain my side of them and get them out of the way early.

That trip to Havana. As they will find out when they go through my Visa receipts for the motel overlooking the Morro Castle, that was before Castro came to power. Besides, the girl assured me she was over 18.

Those funny cigarettes at the party at Babs. It was research for a story I was doing on brand names for cigarettes. How was I to know that Acapulco Golds also came in Chesterfield packages if I left a stone unturned?

That housekeeper I hired from Mexico. Just because she was soaking wet when I met her on the banks of the Rio Grande didn't mean she just swam the river. Maybe it was raining out. Besides, she assured me she had a green card.

Now that I have convinced potential voters that those things they plan to say about me are all lies, let's go on to my platform, which you will find is virtually identical to those of the other candidates only more so.

For one thing, I'm for the war in Iraq, as long as we're winning. I'm against it if we're losing. I think we should "surge" our forces in Iraq by another 100,000 men and withdraw if the war is not over in a week. Our forces should be redeployed to Grenada, in case they should threaten us again.

I think we should close the border to Mexico and build a wall from Texas to California but allow undocumented immigrants to sneak over on weekends because our economy would collapse without them. The ones that make it would be called "guest workers," or "illegal aliens," depending on your perspective.

I think everyone in the country should have health care, except those who can't afford it. Pharmaceutical companies should be subsidized by the government so they would be able to give free drugs to everyone, unless they can think of something better to do with their money.

I am definitely for continuing recent tax cuts. As far as I can determine, we've been fighting two wars and cutting taxes at the same time for the past six years. Who is the candidate that is foolish enough to campaign against that?

And speaking of campaigning, I'm told that the cost of a serious campaign for just the presidential nomination, not the election, is going to be about $100 million.

I'd better get crackin'

Complying with 'BCGs' at the office

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

One of the comforts of working for a huge multinational corporation is knowing you're unlikely to be the biggest moron in the company. My suspicions are confirmed every year at this time when I'm required to certify that I understand and comply with our Business Conduct Guidelines. The BCGs are ethical rules of thumb so obvious to any human who has lived above ground for the last 10 years, the mere fact the company feels obligated to remind us of them is proof it has a secret monkey division hidden somewhere, probably in charge of drafting our Business Conduct Guidelines.

Certifying compliance with the BCGs involves taking a short on-line course.

It's a lot like watching a film in science class. You can sleep through 90 percent of it and get exactly the same educational benefit as the alert girl taking notes in the desk to your left. The multi-media presentation consists of a series of scenarios. First, bad actors act out the Wrong Way to behave in a certain situation. For instance a man playing a sales manager might walk into the cubicle of a female subordinate, compliment her on her "nice gams", and then throw feces at her. A narrator then helpfully explains, to those of us who didn't quite pick up on which actions were inappropriate, what exactly went wrong. "Tom's focus on Leslie's appearance was disrespectful," he'll say in a slow, deliberate tone. Then the two actors will play the scene again to show the Right Way, with Tom restricting his conversation to business matters at hand while Leslie pelts him with feces.

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They sent me a letter one day telling me I worked for them and I didn't really feel like arguing. What happened was, 10 years ago I worked for a medium-size software company. Things were going along great until our CEO, who later became the inspiration for the concept of Business Conduct Guidelines, tried to fool Wall Street into thinking our revenue was a billion dollars when in fact we had made less than a hundred dollars, even counting our Christmas tips. The company imploded, then sank, then hit bottom and exploded. It then bobbed to the surface, struck a mine, sank again, collapsed in on itself and became a white dwarf. Laughing in the wings and watching the whole fiasco was one of our largest competitors, who had a well-earned reputation for tight-fistedness. Once our company had cooled and shrunk a bit further into a neutron star, they felt we were just about ready to be acquired. Fortunately for us they waited only another four years before making their move. By then we were a singularity so I don't know how on earth they found us, but they did.

Six years later it still feels odd to be such a small cog in the wheel. Our earnings report reads like a speech from the U.S. treasury secretary. "Overall revenue grew from 4.23 octillion dollars for fiscal 2005 to 1.85 nonillion dollars this year. We remain hopeful that our stock price will reflect these results once investors are convinced that 'octillion' and 'nonillion' are real mathematical terms."

You might think a company this wealthy would live extravagantly, but you wouldn't believe how frugal this operation is. I used to go on boondoggles all over the world with my previous company — you know, the one with all the financial problems — and now I have to justify every three-martini lunch I expense. In truth I admire how well they keep costs down, because I'm a big fan of that at home. At this time of year one of my favorite pastimes is regulating the heat in various rooms. We have seven zones in our house and I'm on top of every one at all times. No one upstairs at the moment? Those three zones go off, click click click. An hour till bedtime? All the downstairs zones go off. Occasionally I'll forget to turn a zone on, but I pride myself on never forgetting to turn one off. My kids call our house "The Penguin Petting Zoo", but I just pull my wool turtleneck up over my ears and continue my rounds.

I'm so good at it that I've become a legend at the oil company. They've got formulas and computer programs running day and night down there, trying to figure out how it is that every time they come to our house expecting to deliver 180 gallons of oil, we only need ten. "How do you do it Mr. Lengyel?" they ask. "You got your own derrick out back?" "Sorry to disappoint you boys!" I call from the window. And we all have a good laugh. They drive back and adjust their models and restart the programs, but it only spurs me on to greater heights of frugality.

This year my company began a program where they pay cash bonuses for good cost-cutting suggestions. So why didn't I pass mine along and spend the money on fuel to keep my family warm? Well, I have to be honest. I'd miss the penguins.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset, on a property that for some reason seems to lose one old-growth tree every winter.

'Have dog in the village zoning fight'

COMMENTARY

JIM WATSON

If you have not been following the events surrounding the zoning issues facing the downtown village district, I would suggest going on to the next person's two cents worth. I have a couple of observations, as one who has a dog in the fight, and a solution or two, something I feel one should have if they intend to weigh in at all.

We seem to have a couple of camps or actually more than a couple of camps who keep referring to a common goal, and I guess our building downtown is one of the objects of their debate. We have the Board of Selectman, the best board we have had in years, the Planning Board, who clearly sees a need for change and the public. We also have a very small portion of the public who own buildings downtown who would like very much to upgrade and beautify their buildings. I have "laid around and played around" this old town (not long enough) and am very interested in keeping intact the appearance of the village. We presently have an incredibly talented guy on the board helping us figure out exactly how to go about our renovation. Current zoning prohibits that from going forward. We hope that will actually change.

The Economic Development Committee comes before the Boards with new numbers punched into square footage requirements for old zoning by laws to go before Town Meeting and says "Try this." This makes everyone nervous and understandably so. These new suggestions continue to exclude 80 percent of the pre-existing non-conforming buildings from doing anything.

The planning board is proposing to change a bylaw that should have never been in place — talking about doing something by right back to a special permit, thinking that will give pre-existing owners a green light. No so, Mass law permits changing square footage requirements to grant special permits. Hence, the proposed bylaw change for spring Town meeting does nothing (except to further prevent progress.)

I would like to remind the citizens of Cohasset how much it helps the downtown businesses if they come in and spend 10 bucks once in awhile.

The solution? Not mine, that is coming in the last paragraph, but the Town's solution, the ultimate showstopper, hire a consultant. I am sure the consultant will have never been to Cohasset and please make sure they know no one from the Waterfield Design Group. I'll never forget the night the then chairman of the Board of Selectmen reprimanded my sister, Tina, to stop harassing one of the Waterfield people as they stood before them time and time again costing the town. We howled with laughter about it, but I'm afraid the half million-dollar joke was on us all.

I could go on here. Writing this stuff is such fun, but I have to get back to my clearance sale. It has been nice seeing certain people the last few days at my sale that I haven't seen in the past 10 years. I would like to thank the people who have supported our business over the years; people like Sam Pease who would spend at least an hour in our store every Saturday morning of his life. I thank you. I would like to remind the citizens of Cohasset how much it helps the downtown businesses if they come in and spend 10 bucks once in awhile.

Back to zoning problems and solutions: so we have a consultant; let's make sure the upcoming meetings to address this issue are more than adequately posted. At this juncture, we need to thank the E.D.C. for their input and tell them that we do not need more of it right now. I'm sure they can keep themselves busy up at the T.O.D. development. The punch line is we have to separate pre-existing non-conforming buildings as they sit on their footprints downtown from lots with much more development possibilities, such as Wayne's and John's. I have no problem with what either of these guys want to do, but in trying to figure out accommodations for their projects by square footage requirement, you are eliminating possibilities for the rest of the building down there. This provision obviously must be made. Parts of the village are so beautiful the historic buildings and actually all parts of Elm Street and the beautiful little strip of stores that Sean Cunning has created from Stagecoach Way to Hernan's and what a nice job Tracy has done with the liquor store. My heart would not be broken however, if the Coldwell office changed or if the French Memories upper building looked a bit different. We have not felt great about the appearance over the last few years of our building but wanted a game plan in place before moving ahead. We now have that and hope very much that we will be able to continue as local owners who love Cohasset. Each night I walk my dog through downtown and think what fun it is to be part of such a beautiful and unique little corner of the world. Go Skippers!

As the late, great James Brown would say, "Please, Please, Please."

James Watson, who lives on Border Street, is an owner of Cohasset Hardware in the Village.

Dormitzer, Richardsson featured on 'Our Town'

As the election season series continues on OUR TOWN, co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer to discuss his hopes for reelection and the work he hopes to continue on the board.

New School Committee Candidate Peter Richardsson joins the hosts in the second half to outline his goals for the school department and the job he'd like to do on the school committee.

As the election series continues right up to Election Day of April 7, watch for OUR TOWN to televise the Selectmen and School Committee debates!

Our Town airs Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9pm on Comcast Channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed!

Candidates Corner

Richardsson announces candidacy for School Committee

Peter Richardsson of 498 North Main St. announces his candidacy for the Cohasset School Committee. He is a committed parent, looking forward to helping a disciplined school committee and solidly funded school reach some lofty goals.



Peter Richardsson

"Last spring my wife and I evaluated the local pre-school options for our son," said Richardsson. They chose the integrated preschool program at the Osgood School. "We initially chose the program based on value, however we could not be more pleased with the experience and results," said Kate and Peter. Henri has excelled in this program, and his parents love the real curriculum that develops learning skills and the facilities that allow the students to both play physically and learn together or individually. "We have become passionate about the Cohasset School System and I am devoted to keeping the schools always achieving their high goals," said the candidate.

As a committed parent, Richardsson embraces the goal of having the school system consistently ranked among the top 10 in the Commonwealth by several different metrics. To reach this goal, the town needs to come together, accept its financial limitations, and leverage technology and best practices to make the most out of its educational resources. One best practice is to demand that every dollar spent be accountable for reaching the goal and budgeting should be done on a goals rather than needs basis.

With the highest debt load per capita in the Commonwealth, more leverage is out of the question, especially with the Little Harbor sewer project scheduled to commence. The Economic Development Committee has worked tirelessly to increase tax revenues through commercial development, and Richardsson is very proud of the success that committee has enjoyed in getting two zoning articles passed at Town Meeting. Unfortunately these successes will take time to bear financial fruit.

Most importantly, three bitter overrides and a host of new fees have siphoned precious cooperative focus away from our schools. The candidate is experienced with financial planning and budgeting and is committed to the proposition that accountability and transparency are the promise of financial stewardship. "The current school committee has done some heavy budgetary lifting already," said Peter, "and I think it was also prudent to bring forward a 2008 budget that does not require a tax increase."

While living within Prop. 2-1/2 and paying our teachers contracted 6 percent increases might seem an impossible task, voters need to be given a demonstrable and quantifiable return on their investment in the school system before an override has any chance of succeeding. "I really hope to leverage my experience as a member of the town's EDC to develop and support new ideas and offsets that might negate or reduce the need for future overrides," said Richardsson. He would model the successful pre-school program to explore the viability of other revenue opportunities like:

- a top notch SPED magnet school
- a distance learning program
- a regional language, music, arts, and AP cooperative or magnet program
- a university extension partnership program.

These programs would raise offsets and/or reduce the exposure to out-of-district tuition and transportation costs. Plus many of them would enhance the overall quality of the education offered in Cohasset. Again, the candidate is a committed parent, looking forward to helping a disciplined school committee and solidly funded school reach some lofty goals.

Mr. Richardsson and his wife Kate moved to Cohasset from Hull in 2004. They have two children, Henri (almost 4) and Ted (1-1/2). Peter serves as the President of LineCatcher Industries, a small marine products manufacturer and distributor. Kate is the Assistant IT Director for the Town of Hingham. Peter attended the University of Maine and received a Bachelor of Science, Finance/Marketing in 1988. He serves on the Cohasset Economic Development Committee (2005-pres.), the Sail Nantasket Development Board (2006-pres.), and as Secretary of the Hull Yacht Club (2002-pres.) He is a Wellspring Volunteer (2003-pres) and former member of the Board of Trustees of The Deck House School (1988-2001).

Health Notes

What you should know about head injuries

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

In Cohasset, our emergency response personnel receive far more calls about accidents and injuries than robberies and fires. They are very well trained to render such aid.

Frequently, our active life style results in a careless moment when one receives an unsuspected injury, sometimes to the head. Frequently these injuries seem minor and without harm, involving only symptoms of being "dazed" or brief loss of consciousness. At times, although minor, they may result in headaches, blurring of vision or nausea, symptoms of something more serious, called traumatic brain injury (TBI) requiring specialized care. The line between a hit on the head and TBI is a very thin one, often requiring expert diagnosis.

Skull fractures may occur with head injuries. Although the skull is tough, resilient and provides excellent protection for the brain, a severe impact or blow can result in fracture of the skull. It may be accompanied by injury to the brain. Skull fractures are common in children and result from accidents (the majority are automobile or auto/bike accidents) or abuse.

The **statistics** of traumatic brain injuries are: of the 1.4 million who sustain a TBI each year in the United States 50,000 die, 235,000 are hospitalized and 1.1 million are treated and released from an emergency department. The number of people with TBI who are not seen in an emergency department or who receive no care is unknown.

Causes: In adults in the United States such injuries commonly result from motor vehicle accidents, assaults and falls. In children, falls are the most common cause followed by recreational activities such as biking, skating or skateboarding.

The results: Severe blunt head trauma involves a loss of consciousness lasting from several minutes to many days or longer. Seizures may result. The person may suffer from severe and sometimes permanent neurological deficits. Neurological deficits from head trauma resemble those seen in stroke and include paralysis, seizures, difficulty speaking, seeing, hearing, walking or understanding.

When to seek medical care: Emergency personnel should immediately attend to all potentially serious head injuries or call the doctor for his advice. Look for obvious signs of loss of consciousness, vomiting more than once, confusion drowsiness weakness or inability to walk, severe headache, any indentation or bloody drainage from the ear immediately after the fracture occurred. "Battle's" sign is a skin darkening behind the ear several days following a basilar skull fracture.

Act quickly — In Cohasset, our emergency response personnel receive far more calls about accidents and injuries than robberies and fires. They are very well trained to render such aid. And one of the basic tenets of emergency medicine is that there is a 'golden hour' when treatment saves most lives, the first sixty minutes after trauma occurs; not a strict deadline, but a recognition that many deaths which could have been prevented by appropriate care, occur a relatively short time after injury. After a brief diagnosis, they will offer to take the patient to the emergency room by ambulance if the symptoms appear serious. People with less severe injuries may be taken by car, but be prepared to sign a release for the emergency personnel.

Until the medics arrive: Assess the patient. Be ready to tell the emergency staff about the accident, for example, severe head trauma or a fall of a few feet or a fall to a hard surface.

Prevent movement of the neck in severe head injury or if the injured person has any neck pain. If the person needs to vomit, carefully roll them onto their side without turning the head.

You do not need to keep a child or other head injury victim awake.

Specialized Assessment techniques — At the hospital, for moderate to severe cases, the standard imaging test is a computed tomography (CT) scan, which creates a series of cross sectional X-ray images of the head and brain and can show bone fractures as well as the presence of hemorrhage, hematomas, contusions, brain tissue swelling, and tumors. Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) may also be used after the initial assessment and treatment of the TBI patient. MRI uses magnetic fields to detect subtle changes in brain tissue content and can show more detail than X-rays or CT.

Actually, it's better to try not to fall.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Carlson kickoff well attended

Paul Carlson wishes to thank all those who came out to his KickOff Event on Sunday. In his remarks he emphasized that he is running for Selectman in order to maintain and improve our quality of life in Cohasset while keeping the town affordable for all our friends and neighbors.

Specific priorities are fiscal responsibility and discipline in order to avoid divisive overrides, debt reduction, providing town services effectively and efficiently and addressing various quality of life issues.

For more information about his views and how to help win this election, please see his website: CarlsonForSelectman.com. Donations can be sent to The Committee to Elect Paul Carlson, Julie Guild, Treasurer, 365 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset.

Political Notes

Democrats to hold caucus for state convention

Registered Democrats in Cohasset will hold their annual caucus at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, on Saturday, (Feb. 3) at 9:30a.m., to elect four delegates and two alternates to the 2007 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. Delegates will be equally divided between men and women in accordance with Democratic party rules. Anyone, at least eighteen-years old and registered as a Massachusetts Democrat as of Dec. 30, 2006, is welcome to attend the Caucus and run for a Delegate position.

This year's Action Agenda Convention will be held on Saturday, May 19 at UMASS Amherst. All Massachusetts Democrats chosen at their caucuses, with gather to develop a new Action Agenda outling grassroots, party building initiatives to prepare us for the Presidential Election in 2008.

Candidates for delegate and alternate must consent to nomination in writing and must be present at the caucus. All candidates may make a two minute statement and may distribute materials on their behalf. All ballots will be written and secret. Those not elected as Delegate and/or Alternate, who meet the qualifications, may apply to be "add-on" delegates in the following categories: youth, minority and disabled.

Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation or economic status in the conduct of the caucus is strictly prohibited. Challenges to the delegate selection process must be filed with the Massachusetts Democratic Party, 56 Roland Street, Suite 203, Boston, MA 02129 no later than ten days after the caucus date.

For more information, please contact the Democratic State Committee at 617-776-2676, call Agnes McCann, Chairman, 781-383-0222 or visit www.cohasset-dems.org. .

Sustainable Cohasset looks at environmental films

The following was provided by Sustainable Cohasset.

Progress continues to be made both in breadth and in depth for Sustainable Cohasset. The group has set a date for the showing of their first film, "An Inconvenient Truth," which will be shown Thursday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m., at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

They then previewed "Who Killed the Electric Car?" This provocative film, released in Nov. 2006, details the life cycle of the EV1, a very successful prototype developed by GM Saturn's division to comply with California's 1990 Clean Air mandate. Tom Hanks, Phyllis Diller and Mel Gibson were among its enthusiasts. The cars were only available by lease from GM.

Mysteriously and methodically, the EV1 fleet disappeared from California's landscape. The Goliaths, who engineered the scarily systematic removal of the EV1 fleet, are cited as included, but were not limited, to the government, the oil industry and automobile and battery manufacturers. S. David Freeman, Energy Adviser for the Carter Administration, concludes that more Davids are needed to represent public and environmental interests and to withstand these all too powerful Goliaths. Subsequent discussion revealed a variety of opinions regarding the points of view expressed in the film.

At the December meeting, Sustainable Cohasset previewed the "The Community," which deals with how Cuba survived the oil embargo after the collapse of the Soviet Union. When oil supplies ran out, the Cuban people did what they had to do. They did not take up weapons and fight for remaining supplies; instead they took up their trowels and shovels and grew food in their back yards, in pots and pans and washbasins in city plots without 40 pounds of chemical fertilizers per plot. Soils regained their natural tilth, which is the physical condition of soil in relation to plant growth. The average per person weight loss was twenty pounds and basic social skills were redeveloped as the communities solved the problems of getting children to school and workers to work without petroleum.

In addition to their film series, Sustainable Cohasset, which is part of Sustainable South Shore, hopes to develop its own Web site within the year. In addition to education and support for alternative energy sources, the group hopes to identify and seize the opportunities to reduce greenhouse gases within their own homes as well as in the community.

At the state level, Speaker of the House, Salvatore Di Masi, has just proposed the Green Communities Act, which will give incentives to both towns and individuals to reduce carbon emissions and build alternative sources of energy.

Governor Deval Patrick will create a cabinet-level position for Energy Management and he is expected to return MA to RGGI, the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, which is a multi-state pact for energy producer to reduce carbon emissions.

All are welcome to join Sustainable Cohasset in this important effort. Their next three meetings will be in Room 156 North, on the first floor of Cohasset High School at 7:30 p.m., - note new meeting time - on the following dates: Tuesday, Feb. 13 and Wednesday, March 7.

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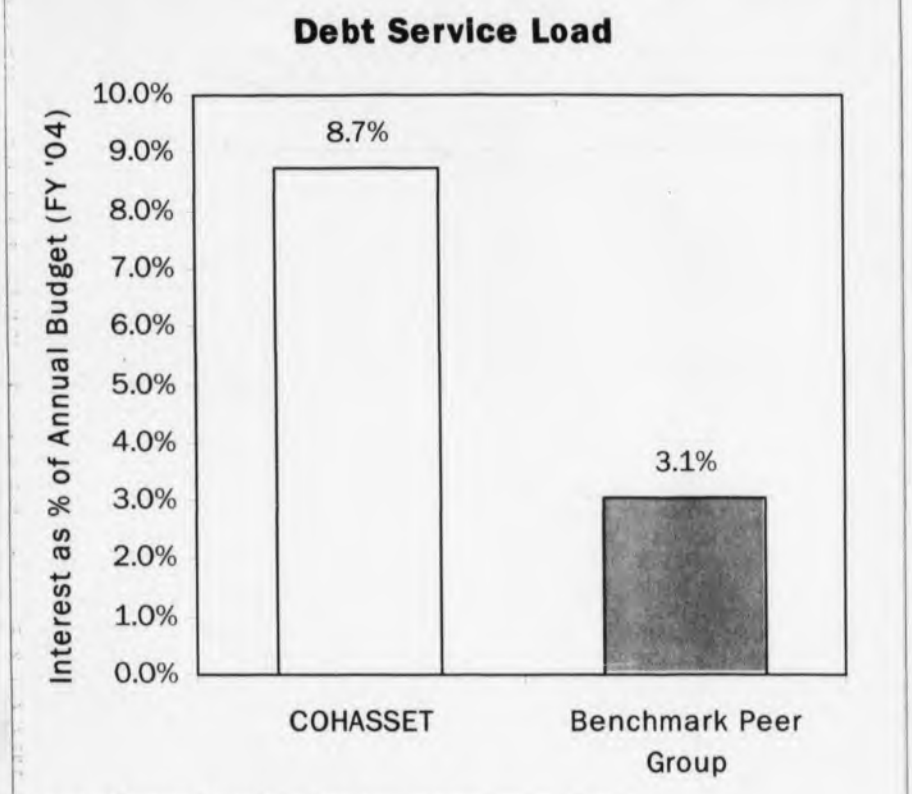


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How does Cohasset measure up?

MUNICIPAL BENCHMARKING: COHASSET-AT-A-GLANCE



Source: Municipal Benchmarking (www.municipalbenchmarking.com).

This chart shows the amount of interest that Cohasset paid on its outstanding debt in 2004 as a percent of its overall budget. This provides a gauge for how much of each year's budget Cohasset must devote to pay for its debt. Communities generally use debt to finance large capital projects like school or sewer construction. By comparing Cohasset with the median of its Benchmark Peer Group, one can get a sense for how it has decided to finance its spending as compared to other similar communities.

Municipal Benchmarking determined Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group by analyzing 15 demographic traits to find the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Cohasset's peer group includes Boxborough, Carlisle, Dover, Duxbury, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lynnfield, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Marblehead, Medfield, Norwell, Sherborn, Southborough, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wayland, Wenham, West Newbury, Westwood and Winchester. Municipal Benchmarking uses information collected from municipal and school district filings, state and federal agencies, associations, surveys, and information requests under the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

Municipal Benchmarking *(www.municipalbenchmarking.com)* provides municipal officials, education administrators, citizens, labor leaders, realtors and other interested parties with unbiased data and analysis to help make more informed decisions.

Judging a community by its peer group

The Cohasset Mariner is publishing a new feature: Cohasset At-A-Glance. Cohasset At-a-Glance is a series of charts, which compare Cohasset to its Benchmark Peer Group, the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Each week the chart will look at a different area of interest in Cohasset's municipal government, such as taxes, police spending, fire staffing, municipal salaries, education spending, debt and land use.

The At-a-Glance charts were prepared by Municipal Benchmarking, LLC, a Waltham-based company that provides data and analysis to help municipal decision-makers, education officials, taxpayers, union members, such as teachers, and others make more informed decisions.

Community Newspaper Company, publisher of the Cohasset Mariner, entered into an agreement with Municipal Benchmarking this year to present this data to readers in a series on weekly charts.

Cohasset paid Municipal Benchmarking LLC roughly $7,500 for the full report which is available at Town Hall.

For more information about Municipal Benchmarking go to municipalbenchmarking.com

Editor's note: Benchmarks is an ongoing series that is run when space is available.

Hearing on proposed storm water bylaw announced

The Storm water Committee will hold a public hearing on the proposed storm water bylaw Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 7:30 p.m., in the basement meeting room in Town Hall. The storm water bylaw will be considered at the March 31 Annual Town Meeting and is also sponsored by the Board of Health, Water Commission and Conservation Commission.

At the public hearing, the Committee will give short presentation on the existing storm water problems in Cohasset and then will take comments and questions from the audience.

"We urge all interested Cohasset residents to review the proposed storm-water bylaw and to come to the public hearing" said John McNabb, Chairman of the Storm water Committee. "This bylaw is being proposed to help address the serious storm-water flooding and pollution problems in Cohasset and for the town to comply with the Clean Water Act."

"We urge all interested Cohasset residents to review the proposed storm-water bylaw and to come to the public hearing."
— John McNabb, Storm water Committee

"We can still make changes to the proposed bylaw if we need to before the warrant goes to press," said McNabb, "so we urge all interested residents to review the proposed storm water bylaw and send comments and questions to us no later than Friday, Feb. 16."

The Storm water Committee can be contacted at stormwater02025@comcast.net to get a copy of the proposed Bylaw or to submit comments.

A copy of the storm water bylaw warrant article can also be downloaded from the town of Cohasset Web site at townofcohasset.org or from the Cohasset Water Dept. Web site at cohassetwater.org. Comments or questions may also be posted on the committees blog at stormwatercohasset.blogspot.com/.

The proposed storm water bylaw establishes a new storm water commission and authorizes the commission to implement an annual storm water improvement program to prevent and reduce existing storm water flooding and pollution, and for a new storm water permitting program to require new development or redevelopment to reduce their storm water impacts to the greatest extent possible.

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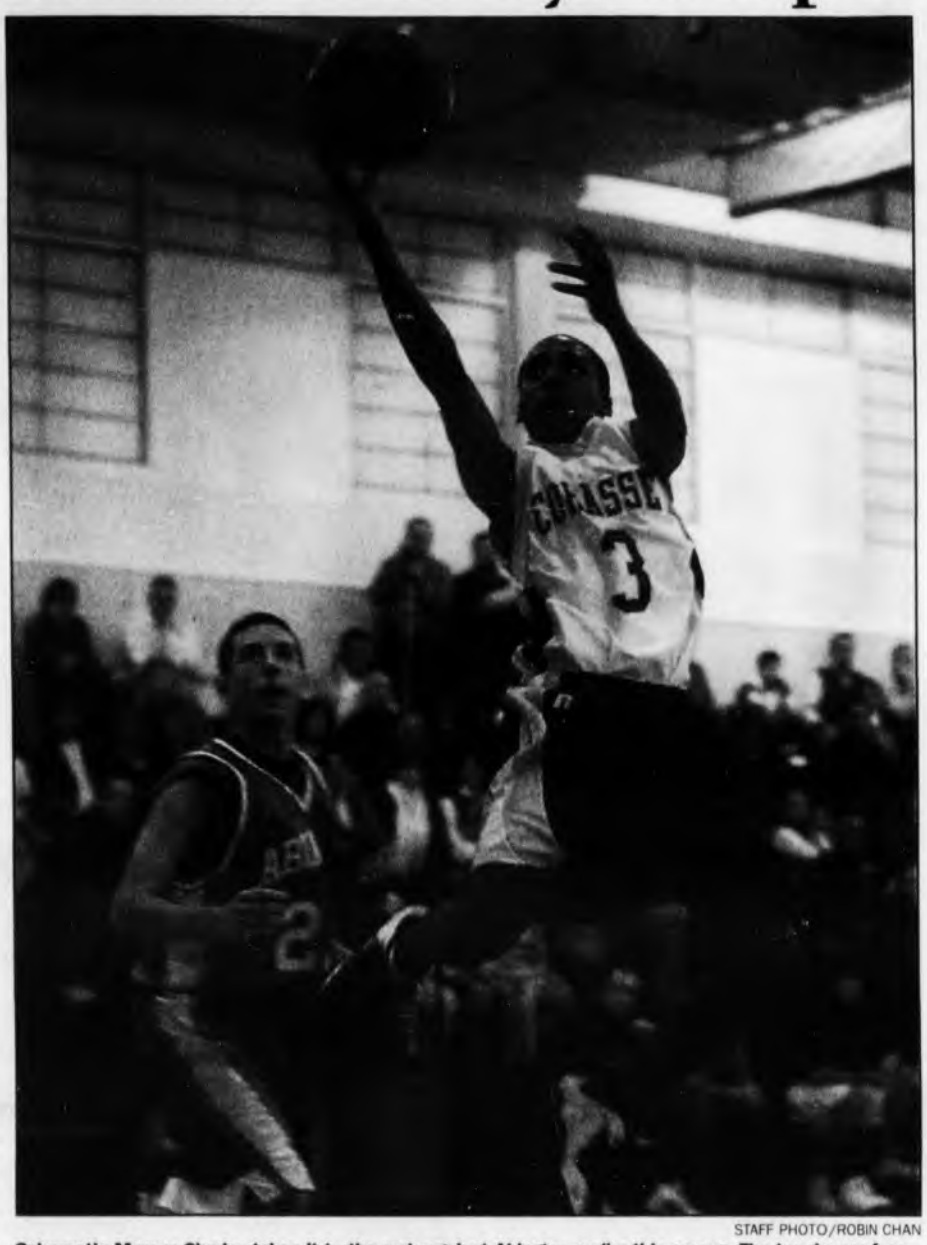
First league win, loss to SSVT in back-to-back days

By Mark Goodman
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With young teams comes the major challenge of stringing together quality games.

One night after the Cohasset High boys basketball team posted its first South Shore League win in three years – a 37-35 nipping of East Bridgewater Tuesday night – the Skippers took the floor against South Shore Voke, a team Cohasset had beaten by 23 points earlier this season.

"Over the last two years, every team in our league except us has made the tournament. We always hope to try to raise our level of play, and not rely on other teams losing kids to graduation or dropping off."
head coach Dorian Bryant



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Cohasset's Marcus Charles takes it to the rack against Abington earlier this season. The two teams face each other again tonight (Jan. 26) at Abington High School.

The score was almost completely reversed this time around, with SSVT handling Cohasset on its home floor, 59-43.

"We had a letdown," said head coach Dorian Bryant. "We played well [Tuesday night], and then [Wednesday night] we just weren't as active as they were, and that was the difference. Give credit to them (SSVT), they played well and they played hard.

"For some reason, we didn't play as intense as they did."

Finding consistent scoring from multiple sources continues to be an issue for Cohasset. Junior guard Pat McCarthy scored 24 points, but no one else had more than six.

Scoring was a problem

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CHS girls on track

Wins over Mashpee, EB snap 5-game losing streak

By Mark Goodman
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It has been a season of streaks so far for the Cohasset High girls basketball team.

After starting the season with four straight wins, five consecutive losses dropped the Skippers' record under .500.

With victories in their last two games against Mashpee and East Bridgewater, the girls and head coach John Levangie are hoping a new streak is manifesting itself.

"They have a half-season under their belts, and their nerves are starting to go away," said Levangie of his young team. "They're just going out and playing. They've worked as hard as you can expect them to."

Cohasset improved to 6-5 (4-4 in South Shore League play) with Tuesday's 51-29 win over East Bridgewater. Sophomore Kayla Farren had one of the best games of her high school career with a game-high 17 points, and senior forward Lacey Richardson added 13.

Richardson (15 points) and Farren (13) were also key in last Friday's 70-29 drubbing of Mashpee, as was freshman Meredith Kelley, who scored 15 points of her own.

Kelley is one of the top players coming off a bench that Levangie said has been contributing a lot in recent games. The coach also praised sophomore center Tori Lehr, junior guard Anna Haggerty and sophomore guard Sarah Coggins for their play in support of the starting five.

With the majority of his team being freshmen or sophomores, Levangie said of the biggest challenges for those young players is adjusting to the speed of the high school game.

"It's a much faster game at the varsity level, and it affects every phase of the game," the coach said Wednesday. "Your passes have to be crisper, you have to meet the passes. There's more pressure to everything you do."

Levangie said his players are making that adjustment, and he will hoping that trend continues as the Skippers embark on a critical stretch of league games. Tonight (Jan. 26), the girls host Abington, whom Cohasset beat by seven points earlier this season.

Tuesday, Cohasset travels to take on unbeaten league leader Carver, followed by a Friday road trip to Harwich. Both the Crusaders and the Rough Riders defeated the Skippers in the first go-round of the league schedule.

Motivated bunch

Swim teams cruise past Pembroke and Middleboro

By Alyssa Rogers
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The combined Scituate-Cohasset swim team inched closer to a Patriot League title last week as it defeated Pembroke and Middleboro. With the victories both squads improved to 4-0 setting up a much-anticipated showdown with Duxbury next week.

The girls left no doubt which team wanted it more Thursday as they swam past Pembroke, 86-77.

Freshman Megan Little and Sheelah Scott each picked up two first place finishes. Little swam a state-qualifying time of 26.69 seconds in the 50-yard freestyle. She also won the 100-yard freestyle race in state sectional qualifying time of 59.50 seconds. Scott came out on top of the 200-yard freestyle race as she crossed the finish line in state sectional qualifying time of 2:17.96. She also finished first in the 500-yard freestyle event with a time of 6:20.13.

Individually teammates junior Ashley Scott, Alison Costa, Caitlin Mahoney, Mimi Mahoney and Torey Hart also performed well. Scott, the team's sprinter, discovered a new talent as she not only swam in the 500-yard freestyle event for the first time, but she also qualified for sectionals with her time of 6:10.03. Costa (2:35.53, 200-indiviudal medley), Caitlin Mahoney (state section qualifying time of 1:08.97, 100-yard freestyle), Mimi Mahoney (state sectional qualifying time of 1:11.31, 100-yard backstroke) and Hart (1:18.13, 100-yard breaststroke) also picked up first-place finishes. Hart's time broke her previous team record.

The girls completed the sweep of the events against the Titans as they won the three relay races as well. Mimi Mahoney, Hart, Caitlin Mahoney and Little combined to win the 200-individual medley relay with a state final qualifying time of 2:05.60. Alyssa McCarthy, Caitlin Mahoney, Hart and Alyssa Rogers took home first place in the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:57.72. Ashley Scott, Caitlin Mahoney, Sheelah Scott and Little won the 400-yard freestyle relay with a state sectional qualifying time of 4:14.28.

The boys turned in an equally impressive performance against the Titans as they won, 74-54.

Jonny Drybanski, Colin Conway, Rob Lilly and Brain McGuiness stole the show as they combined to break the league record in the 400-yard freestyle relay race by almost two seconds with a state final qualifying time of 3:29.63. Duxbury held the previous record with a time of 3:31.02.

The Sci-Cohs other two relay teams also brought home first place finishes. McGuiness, Mike Wall, Drybanski and Lilly won the 200-yard individual medley relay with a state final qualifying time of 1:51.81. Brent Daley, Conway, Justin Damaso and McGuiness won the 200-yard freestyle relay with a state sectional qualifying time of 1:42.87.

Individually, eight boys picked up first or second place finishes. McGuiness (state final qualifying time of 1:49.47, 200-yard freestyle), Wall (2:27.22, 200-yard individual medley), Daley (24.31, 50-yard freestyle), Conway (1:02.16, 100-yard freestyle), Lilly (state final quali-

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Pat Doonan tries to get a shot off during a recent game against Abington-East Bridgewater. Doonan scored one of Cohasset's five goals in Wednesday's win over Carver-Sacred Heart.

Skaters get back to .500

By Mark Goodman
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Following three straight lopsided losses, the Cohasset High hockey team was due for something good to happen.

The right opponent came along at the right time Wednesday night, as the Skippers earned a 5-0 win over winless Carver-Sacred Heart, getting their record back to .500 (5-5-2) with seven games left in the season.

Sophomore Andrew Smith scored the first and last goals for Cohasset, with senior Conor Holway and juniors Pat Doonan and Alex Goetz finding the net in between. Sophomore Ian Lyster and freshmen Tommy Buckley and Brendan Doonan all earned assists.

There were a few different names in the scorebook, as head coach Bob Walsh played all five of his lines regularly throughout the game. Freshman goalie Andy McKenna also got his first ever start, making 16 saves for the shutout.

Cohasset dominated throughout, finishing with 46 shots on net, despite not playing at full strength. Walsh said all six of his defensemen are playing through various illnesses, and the team is without regular senior forwards Austin Lanzillotti and TJ Kennedy.

Still, Walsh's expectations for his team haven't diminished.

"I expect them to win every game," he said. "They've worked extremely hard in practice, so I know their preparation is good."

The Skippers will have to at least break even over their last seven games to qualify for the state tournament. Cohasset has already played all of those teams once already, going 4-2-1.

Cohasset travels to Falmouth Ice Arena this Sunday night at 6:50 to take on Mashpee, and will host Hull Wednesday night at 7:40.

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Abington Stars League - Weymouth Air Station

The boys Grade 5 travel A team met Norwell on Saturday and came away with an impressive 31-17 win.

The boys played well in all phases of the game, and they continue to show improvement on a weekly basis. This win was the result of their best all-around team play in all areas of the game.

The boys set the tone early with solid defensive play. The early guard play of Mark McKenna and Rocco Laugelle and the interior play of Connor Green, Mark Brown, and Joe Buckley led to contested shots and few rebounding chances for Norwell on offense. Green was particularly active defensively, and he has shown great anticipation and timing in the passing lanes and under the boards. His active play was contagious.

McKenna and Laugelle complemented each other's game, as McKenna played solid positional defense and Laugelle attacked the ball when the opportunities were presented.

Buckley got the offense going with a nice drive in the lane leading to foul shots, and Green contributed a nice jump shot following a rebound. Liam Burke continued to be a spark with his hustle to the ball on defense and his nice jumper for a basket from the elbow.

Dakota Achin dove for loose balls and drove the basket for a hoop, and he ran the floor well with Chris Haggerty and Steven Maher. Matthew MacCormack handled the ball well and showed his improving passing ability in the half court. He also hit Laugelle in stride for a fast break opportunity. The boys maintained a comfortable 4-6 point lead through the entire first half.

The second half was an opportunity for Cohasset to pressure Norwell with their press and man-to-man defense. The quickness of Maher, Haggerty, Achin and Burke led to turnovers and their largest lead as the final horn sounded.

Coach Terry Green said, "The boys hustled and they played great team basketball. They saw the floor well and they were very unselfish. This was a nice win."

Hanson at Cohasset HS - Patriot League

In a game where the Cohasset boys did everything but score, they went down to defeat to Hanson on Sunday.

Hanson has become a force in the Patriot League in the past year, as they possess a growing front line and offense-minded guards. The boys played a gritty game, however, and they were within striking distance throughout the first half.

After Cohasset scored to make it 6-4 in favor of Hanson early in the first half, they went on a scoring drought for the remainder of the half. With Hanson holding an 11-6 lead, Cohasset was playing step for step. On the defensive end, Robbie Mahoney, Jay Salerno, and Kyrel Jaundoo were contesting every Hanson shot and getting good position under the boards.

Pat Kearney, Patrick MacCormack and Chris Lunde were fighting through Hanson's pressure defense and press, allowing Cohasset to run the floor with several 3-on-2 breaks, with Chris Murphy, Jaundoo, and Salerno running the floor well. Still, the team could not get open shots to drop, and they struggled at the free throw line. Eventually, Hanson took advantage of the drought and was able to stretch the lead at halftime.

Hanson opened the second half by playing its half-court offense and pressing Cohasset at the other end. They opened the lead to 15 points.

Midway through, Cohasset got a spark from Jamie Faber, who played center, power forward and shooting guard in one five-minute stretch. His hustle led to rebounds, turnovers, and nice baskets. Lunde again handled the ball very well, and with his crisp passing and athleticism, Cohasset chipped away at the lead. Morgan McCarthy continued to rebound well and to pick up loose balls, and Kearney maintained his solid defensive presence at guard.

Coach Rob Mahoney said, "We played with intensity, and I liked our hustle. However, we did not take advantage of our opportunities on offense in the first half, and that really hurt us against this good team."



Vanessa Durham performs on the vault during a recent meet against Plymouth South.

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Scores climbing for gymnasts

By Mark Goodman
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The Cohasset-Norwell gymnastics team topped the 120-point mark in consecutive meets against Attleboro (Saturday) and Marshfield (Monday).

Saturday's 120.3-point showing wasn't enough to top Attleboro, one of the best teams in the state. The team had its best showing on the vault, however, thanks to strong performances by Melissa Murphy, Corinna Durham, Kiersten Shontz, Vanessa Durham and Jamie Nichols. Murphy (31.1) and Corinna Durham (30.6) again turned in solid all-around meets.

The all-around duo took the top two spots in Monday's 121.1-110.3 win over the Rams. Murphy won it with a 31.2, highlighted by an 8.3 on the floor exercise, while a team-best 7.9 on the vault helped Durham finished second in the all-around with a 30.4.

Behind Murphy in an impressive display on the floor were Durham (8.0), Cassie Pacella (8.0), Shontz (7.7), Jessica Davies (7.4) and Juliette Karp (7.3). Murphy and Shontz both earned a 7.8 on the vault, while Pacella (7.4 on bars) and Nichols (7.4 on beam) also contributed in multiple events for the victory.

The team is in action Friday night at 7 against Barnstable. This is the team's last home meet at the Massachusetts Gymnastics Center in Hingham (located next to Pilgrim Ice Arena). Coh-Nor then travels to Somerset (Tuesday).

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Cohasset's Steve Hurlbut tries to escape the grasp of Mansfield's Jim Simons during the Marshfield holiday tournament. The Skippers wrestling heads back to Marshfield today (Jan. 26) for a competition with North Quincy, Scituate, Rockland and the host Rams. Next Wednesday, Cohasset hosts South Shore Voke.

Swim teams cruise past Pembroke and Middleboro

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fying time of 51.56, 100-yard freestyle), John McGuiness (6:17.35, 500-yard freestyle), Drybanski (state sectional qualifying time of 1:02.81, 100-yard backstroke) and Damaso (1:13.10, 100-yard breaststroke) all picked up first place finishes. Lilly (state sectional qualifying time of 1:58.69, 200-yard freestyle) and Brian McGuiness (state final qualifying time of 50.19, 100-yard freestyle) took home second place finishes.

"As far as I'm concerned, getting one swimmer to qualify for state sectionals or having a relay team chase down a league record is a team effort," coach Jon Fortin said. "We are all at practice every day, we all sit on the bus for hours, we all swim the same sets and we all wear the same uniform. So as a team, boys and girls, we celebrate our success together."

Earlier last week the boys defeated Middleboro, 85-73.

Brian McGuiness (1:50.77 and 4:56.27 in the 200-yard freestyle and 500-yard freestyle), Drybanski (2:11.58 and 59.80 in the 200-yard individual and 100-yard fly) and Lilly (23.44 and 51.06 in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle) all turned in state final qualifying times en route to picking up two wins apiece. Sean Crowley also picked up a first place finish in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:07.37. McGuiness' time in the 500-yard race shattered the team's and league's previous marks.

Brian McGuiness, Wall, Drybanski and Lilly made Sci-Coh history with a record-breaking and state final qualifying time of 1:50.32 in the 200-yard medley relay race. They also teamed to post a state final qualifying time of 3:31.16 in the 400-yard freestyle relay race. Daley, Conway, Damaso and John McGuiness won the 200-yard freestyle relay race with a state sectional time of 1:44.71.

The girls bested the Sachems, 98-83.

Sheelah Scott (2:19.81, 200-yard freestyle; 6:32.18, 500-yard freestyle), Little (state sectional qualifying times of 2:30.25 and 59.78 in the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard freestyle races respectively), Ashley Scott (29.47, 50-yard freestyle), Caitlin Mahoney (state sectional qualifying time of 1:11.79, 100-yard freestyle), Mimi Mahoney (state sectional qualifying time of 1:12.79, 100-yard backstroke) and Hart (state sectional qualifying time of 1:20.01, 100-yard breaststroke) all picked up first place finishes. Little's time in the 200-yard race broke a team record.

The girl relay teams all earned state sectional qualifying times en route to victory. Mimi Mahoney, Hart, Caitlin Mahoney and Little finished the 200-yard medley relay event in record breaking time of 2:05.24. McCarthy, Caitlin Mahoney, Hart and Rogers breezed past the field in the 200-yard freestyle race with a time of 1:58.12. Ashley Scott, Caitlin Mahoney, Sheelah Scott and Little finished the 400-yard freestyle race with a time of 4:10.72.

Tuesday, Jan. 23, the teams traveled to Randolph to face the Blue Devils. Results were not available at press time. The Sci-Cohs host Duxbury (Tuesday, Jan. 30) at Lincoln-Hancock School in Quincy. The meet is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. The Dragons entered Tuesday's (Jan. 23) meet against Silver Lake with an undefeated record.

Ups and downs for boys hoops

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Tuesday against EB as well, but the Skippers pulled it out thanks to a sterling defensive effort. The Vikings scored 56 points in the teams' first meeting in December, but Cohasset put the clamps down in this one and gave Bryant the first league win of his tenure as head coach.

"It's nice to finally get a league in and get that off my back," he said. "You have to give credit to the league. Over the last two years, every team in our league except us has made the tournament. We always hope to try to raise our level of play, and not rely on other teams losing kids to graduation or dropping off."

Sophomore big man Dan Martin had a solid game for Cohasset, scoring 10 points and pulling down nine rebounds. Bryant also praised senior center Justin Alexander, whose rebounding and interior defense were instrumental in shutting down the Vikings' offense.

The Skippers, now 4-10 (1-7 in the league), hope to resurrect that type of defensive effort when they travel to undefeated Abington tonight (Jan. 26) for a 6:30 tip-off. Cohasset then returns home Tuesday to face Carver, and will host Harwich next Friday.

Sports Notes

Scituate-Cohasset youth football and cheerleading

On Tuesday, Feb. 13, the Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football & Cheerleader Organization will be holding its annual Board of Director elections at the Scituate High School library at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend. For more information, please call (781)556-0215.

Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball registration

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association will hold its annual registration for the upcoming spring baseball and softball season from now through Feb. 15. Parents/guardians may register children by mail, provided that mailed registrations are postmarked no later than Feb. 15.

Registration forms are available on the website, CYBSA.net, or at Town Hall. Registrations that are received or postmarked after Feb. 15 will be subject to a per player $25 late registration fee. The late fee will be strictly enforced, and there is no guarantee that late registered players will be accommodated, as uniform orders and other season plans will be made on Feb. 15. Your cooperation in registering players in a timely manner is greatly appreciated, as it allows the CYBSA to establish rosters and order uniforms so that we are ready for opening day.

The registration is for boys aged 5 to 12 (for Little League) and 13 and 14 (for Junior League) as of April 30, 2007. Softball registration is for girls aged 5 to 12 (for Little League) and 13 and 14 (for Junior League) as of Dec. 31, 2006. A copy of the child's birth certificate must accompany a **new** player's registration forms.

The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the Junior League baseball and softball programs will be $125. The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the Major League baseball (ages 10 to 12) and softball divisions (ages 11 and 12) will be $125.

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Please be advised that children assigned to Major League teams are still required to register.

Please also be advised that effective the 2008 season, 12-year olds boys/girls must play at least one year in the American League to be an automatic selection for the Major League Baseball division. (This does not pertain to softball).

Also note that boys and girls who are 6 years old, but who played in the Farm league last year are eligible to play in the National League Division this year. Please contact Liam O'Connell at (781)383-9538, or via email at ltoconnell@hklaw.com if you have questions about player eligibility.

Please be advised that the child protection program instituted by Little League governing organization requires that all adults interested in coaching, managing or volunteering in any way, are required to register at this same time and supply a photocopy of a government issued identification. Individuals not complying with this requirement will not be allowed to participate in the CYBSA program.

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Eagle Scout candidate maps Wheelwright Park

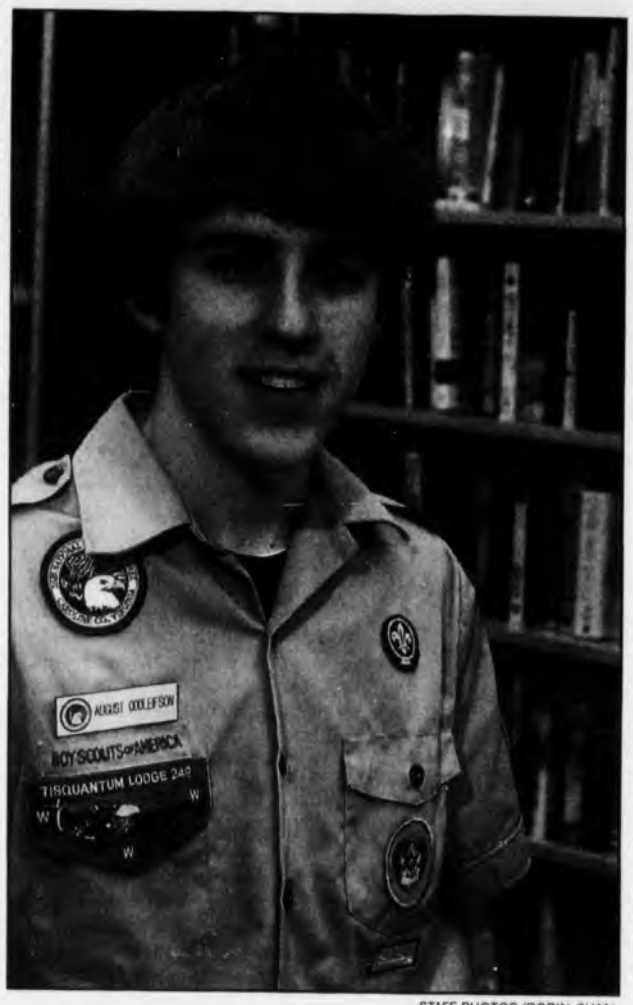
FROM SCOUT, PAGE 1

The project was approved in August of 2005 and all the coordinates were complete by the end of that fall. "The rest of the process was manipulating the data so it looked like this," August said holding up a copy of his map. In the beginning, collecting the data was quite an adventure, as he had never gone that far out into the woods and was not familiar with the territory.

But fortunately, his friend and fellow scout Graham Sinclair helped him with the project. "The whole point of participating in an Eagle Scout project is to lead people," said August, adding he taught Graham how to use the GPS equipment as part of his project.

In addition, August led members of his troop and members of Weblos Pack 38, who are in the fifth and sixth grade, during the trail clearing part of the project. The Weblos were able to use their experience helping August to become Boy Scouts.

When the time came to print the maps, August received a tremendous discount from Image Resolutions in Norwell, which was very helpful. He said he was able to print out 2,000 copies as well as two large maps, one for each entrance.



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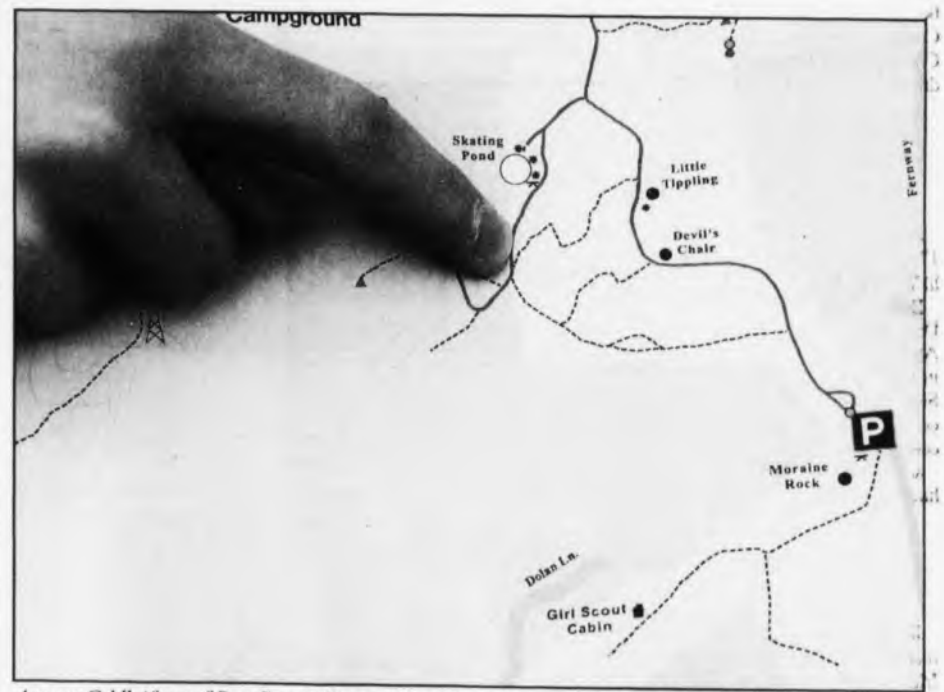
August Oddleifson, 16, of Troop 28, recently finished his Eagle Scout project. Using GPS equipment, he made a map of Wheelwright Park for the town to enjoy and also blazed a new trail in the woods for the community to enjoy.

August said he really enjoyed working on his Eagle Scout project, and described Wheelwright Park as both "beautiful and interesting." He said there are so many areas out in the woods that are very picturesque parts of the town, such as the ice pond and skating pond, and now with his map, hopefully more people will venture out to enjoy them.

Copies of the map are available at both entrances to Wheelwright Park, off North Main Street and Forest Avenue.

Completing his project was a "bittersweet" moment for August, who spent so many afternoons in the park that he now feels very confident he could be placed anywhere in the park and find his way out without the map. However, at the same time he now has more free time to spend doing the other activities he loves.

"I love to ski, even though I haven't gone yet this year, which has been disappointing," he said, noting the warm weather has cut his season short. He also plays soccer for the high school and recently signed up for the ski team. He is also a member of the jazz band and regular band, in which he plays the clarinet. August also studies the marine environment at the Center for Student Coastal Research, and teaches sailing lessons at the Cohasset Sailing Club in the summer.



August Oddleifson of Boy Scouts Troop 28 points to the trail he cleared in Wheelwright Park, on the map he also created for his Eagle Scout project.

'An Afternoon with Isabella' to be held Feb. 11

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset and the Cohasset Historical Society will present "An Afternoon with Isabella," Sunday, Feb.11, from 2 to 5 p.m., in the Pratt Building at 106 So. Main St. in Cohasset.

Acclaimed character actress, Jessa Piaia, will portray Isabella Stewart Gardner in a 50-minute dramatic first-person narrative set in 1909.

Mrs. Gardner, the flamboyant and free-spirited "Patroness of the Arts," is renowned for the design and construction of "Fenway Court," an architecturally lavish setting for her extensive Italian renaissance art collections.

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Jessa Piaia has performed at cultural and educational sites throughout New England since 1985 and has been lauded for her well- researched portrayals of famous women and their contributions in American history.

Before the performance, guests will be able to participate in a silent auction. Among the items up for bid are a free landscape design consultation, a pearl necklace created by CGCC member, Claire Tinory and a tea set donated by the Cohasset Historical Society.

After the performance, a formal tea catered by Arthur Roebuck will be served and several prizes including a gift certificate for French Memories, an Ipod Shuffle and Victorian flower arrangements will be raffled.

The proceeds from this fundraiser will help fund the many programs and projects of both the Community Garden Club of Cohasset and the Cohasset Historical Society.

Tickets are available at the Pratt Building and are priced at $19.09 in honor of the year portrayed. There is limited seating for this performance. For ticket information call 781 383-1434.

Stop & Shop donates to Wellspring

Stop & Shop Supermarket at 400 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Cohasset, announced it will donate $2,112 to Wellspring Multi Service Center through its annual Food for Friends program.

"This was another great year for Food for Friends," said Bill Holmes, executive vice president of operations for Stop & Shop. "People who are in need this holiday season will benefit from the generosity of our customers and the hard work of our associates."

Food for Friends program raises funds through sales of paper turkeys and other fundraising events at Stop & Shop stores. As a company, Stop & Shop raised a total of $1 million to support hunger relief efforts thanks to the efforts of Stop & Shop customers and associates.

OBITUARIES

William L. McCarthy

Born and raised in Cohasset

William L. McCarthy, 59, of Essex, Conn., formerly of Cohasset, died Jan. 6, 2007 in his home after a long and courageous battle with mesothelioma.

Born in Cohasset, he was the son of the late Charles (Pat) and Anne Rita McCarthy.

Mr. McCarthy graduated from Cohasset High School in 1965; earned a bachelor's degree in Marine Engineering from the United States Merchant Marine Academy in 1969, where he was a member of the men's varsity basketball team; and earned a master's degree in Marine Science/Ocean Engineering from Long Island University in 1976.

He served as Executive Vice President and Chief Marine of Seaworthy Systems, Inc in Essex, for 30 years. He was an active member of the Society for Marine Engineers and Naval Architects (SNAME) where he served on a number of Ship's Machinery Committees and Panels.

In 1999, he received the Admiral Lauren McCready award for Outstanding Achieve-ment in Marine Engineering.

Mr. McCarthy was an active member in the community and served as a coach in the Essex Little League system for many years. He worked on the Essex



William L. McCarthy

Park and Recreation Commission and spearheaded the youth basketball program. He was an avid golfer and fisherman and loved spending time with his family.

He leaves his wife of 36 years Patricia, his son Brian McCarthy of Worcester, his daughter Ellen McCarthy of Manhattan, N.Y., his son Kevin McCarthy, his daughter-in-law Kristi McCarthy of Linncroft, N.J., and his granddaughter Sophia.

He is also leaves his brother Patrick and sister-in-law Alice McCarthy of Cohasset; his nephew Sean McCarthy (and family) of Jackson, N.H.; his nephew Brendan McCarthy (and family) of Scituate; his sister Jane McCarthy and her husband Rodney White of Olney, Md.; and his nephew Maury White of Olney, Md.; mother-in-law Genevieve Vescuso of East Meadow, N.Y.; sister- and brother-in-law Barbara and John Allen; sister- and brother-in-law Nancy Vescuso and Alan Day; brother and sister-in-law Peter Vescuso and Ellen DePaulo; brother and sister-in-law John and Maureen Vescuso; sister and brother-in-law Mary Ellen and Shahram Davoodi; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The McCarthy family would like to express their sincere to Dr. Lee Krug and his staff at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City, and the Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley of Essex.

Interment was private. A memorial Mass was held Jan.13, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 14 Prospect St., Essex.

Arrangements were handled by the Robinson, Wright & Weymer Funeral Home, Centerbrook, Conn.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to mesothelioma research. Call Seaworthy Systems (860-767-9062) for additional information regarding donation details, the memorial mass, and the reception.

James T. Donohue

Retired from Boston Edison Co.

James T. Donohue, age 81, of Cohasset, died Friday, January 19, 2007, at the South Shore Hospital in Weymouth.

Born in Boston and raised in Dorchester, he attended Boston Schools and was a graduate of English High School. Mr. Donohue served in the United States Navy during World War II. After returning home, he worked for more than 47 years for Boston Edison Co. A resident of Cohasset since 1965, he became an active member of the Council on Elder Affairs in Cohasset and often volunteered as a driver.



James T. Donohue

Husband of the late Grace A. (Mudra) Donohue, he leaves his sons, Michael J. Donohue, of Maine and James M. Donohue and his wife Kim, of Cohasset and his grandchildren, Caroline and James, both of Cohasset. He was the brother of the late Dorothea Murphy.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 23, in St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset. Interment in Cohasset Central Cemetery.

Donations in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1115 W Chestnut St., Brockton, MA. 02301.

Elsie C. Paterson

Retired from Red Lion Inn

Elsie C. Paterson, 85, died Jan. 17, 2007, at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth.

Born May 29, 1921, in Dorchester, she was the daughter of Alice and Richard Lutz. She lived in Cohasset nearly her entire life. She was a very good cook, gardener, and enjoyed entertaining, and caring for others.

Mrs. Paterson and James, her husband of fifty years, worked for many years at the Red Lion Inn in Cohasset.

Wife of the late James R. Paterson, she leaves her daughters, Barbara A. Carlson and her husband Robert, of Marshfield and Patricia J. Vincent and her husband Craig, of Roxbury, Vt.; her sisters, Katherine M. James of So. Yarmouth and Alice Lutz; her grandchildren, Michael and Cathy Carlson of Marshfield, Mark and Kerry Carlson of Plymouth and Robert and Kristen Carlson of Marshfield; and three great-grandchildren.

A service celebrating her life was held at the Woodside Cemetery in Cohasset, Jan. 22.

Donations in her memory may be made to Shelter 3A Farm Fund, P.O. Box 823, Scituate, MA. 02066 or by calling 781-545-8703.

James R. Ingram

Lifelong Journalist

James R. "Jim" Ingram, 83, until recently a resident of Annapolis, Md., died in Scituate Jan. 5, 2007.

The son of John R. and Emily M. Ingram, he was born in Mansfield, and graduated from Mansfield High School in 1941 with the nickname Scoop, after reporting on school sports stories for the local newspaper. Mr. Ingram also matriculated from Harvard College with the Class of 1945, although his education was interrupted by service as an artillery officer during World War II and combat in the Philippines.

After the war, Mr. Ingram returned to journalism at the professional level and worked as a reporter for the Providence Journal and as an editor for both the Congressional Quarterly and the Journal of Medical Education. He was a lifelong journalist whose soft-spoken manner and quest for the truth helped smooth the transition from writing local news stories to editing national publications on Congressional policymaking and medical education. He was an all-around editor, at home in a range of topics, whose astute comments and wit helped shape a troublesome story.

He leaves a brother, David B. Ingram and his wife, Elizabeth, of Foxboro; his cousin and friend, Osborne Ingram and his wife, Arlene; two nephews, David and Stephen Ingram and their respective spouses, Ann and Linda; his niece, Beth Ingram; four great-grandnieces; and many lifelong friends from the Washington, D.C., area.

Services are private.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Donald Reade. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chairman: William Baird.

Sunday, Jan. 28 — New Member Sunday

10 a.m. - Worship in the Meeting House

Sermon: "We Are the People We've been Waiting For"

Guest minister: Rev. Victor Carpenter

Rev. Carpenter for the past 48 years has been active as a Unitarian (initally) and then Unitarian Universalist parish minister. A graduate of Harvard Divinity School and a former Merrill Fellow at Harvard, Rev. Carpenter has served congregations that include Boston's Arlington Street Church, First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Norwell, First Parish Church in Dorchester, and the First Church in Belmont, in addition to congregations in San Francisco, Philadelphia and Cape Town, South Africa. He is the author of Stations of the Spirit (1989) and The Empowerment Controversy (2004). First Parish Unitarian Universalist welcomes him to our pulpit!

Religious education classes for toddlers, children, and youth and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 AM in the Parish House.

Refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall will follow the morning service and RE classes.

Our Outreach Committee invites the community to join us at 4 PM in the Parish House for a showing of "An Inconvenient Truth," the feature film narrated by Al Gore. Discussion will follow.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! The Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson is the Interim Priest. If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village. To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. We now also have prayer services you can listen to online.

Going on at St. Stephen's this week:

Sunday, Jan. 28 : Regular services at 8:00 am and 10:00 am. Godly Play church school and nursery available at 10:00 service.

11:40 am. Intercessory Prayer

Monday, Jan. 29: 7:30 pm Christian Meditation

Wednesday, Jan. 31 : 9:30 am Eucharist with Healing Service

10:30 am Bible Study, "Women in the Bible"

Friday, Feb. 2: Yoga

Saturday, Feb. 3: Bible Fellowship

Sunday, Feb. 4: **One service at 9 am,** followed by Annual Meeting Breakfast at 10:00 am.

Lessons for Feb. 4, 2006

The first reading is from the book of Isaiah 61: 1-8 in which the prophet tells of the deliverance of good news to the oppressed, the brokenhearted, release to the prisoners and proclaims God to be the Lord of justice. In the second lesson 5: 1-11, we hear the story of the calling of Simon Peter, together with brothers James and John, to be the disciples of Jesus.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (third Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); Scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination: Christian Science. 781-749-2874. Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The upcoming Bible Lessons for January are Life and Truth.

Everyone is welcome!

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mfont@cnc.com

WORSHIP NEWS

St. Joseph Retreat Center winter events

St. Joseph Retreat Center at 339 Jerusalem Road in Cohasset will host the following winter programs:

Morning of Prayer –"A Time for Listening," hosted by Anne D'Arcy CSJ, Tuesday, Feb. 6, from 9:15 to 11:30 a.m.

Day of Prayer –To be held in observance of Ash Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Private Directed Retreat Days – hosted by Joan McCarthy, CSJ. To be held Wednesday, Jan. 28 to Friday, Feb. 2.

At-Home Retreat and Directed Prayer Weekends – To be held from Friday to Sunday, Feb. 16 to Feb. 18, Feb. 23 to 25 and March 16 to18. Stay at the Retreat Center for the three days or make your retreat at home and come to the center for a daily 45-minute individual spiritual direction sessions.

For information on these programs as well as other 2007 events, call 781-383-6024, visit csjboston.org and click on Retreat Center, or e-mail retreatcenter@csjboston.org.

Monthly peace vigils

On a recent Sunday evening, from 5-6 p.m., 20 First Parish Unitarian Universalists gathered on the Common for a silent candlelight peace vigil. They will do this the first Sunday of every month from 5-6 p.m. Other Cohasset congregations and community folk are invited.

The next silent Candlelight Peace Vigil will be Feb. 4.

PUBLIC NOTICE

RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE

National Grid, New England Power and/or Massachusetts Electric Company plan to apply herbicides along certain transmission line rights-of-way between January 3, 2007 through June 20, 2007. A more precise date will be provided if requested. Massachusetts General Law Chapter 132B, Section 6B requires electric utilities to provide certain notices of this work to the public.

Herbicide use for management of vegetation along the rights-of-way is done within the context of an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program. In right-of-way management the pest is tall growing trees that will grow into the wires causing outages and safety concerns. Biological control is a component of the IPM program. Biological control is achieved by promoting the establishment of low growing plant communities that resist invasion of rights-of-way by tree species. Selective use of herbicides to control tall growing trees allows low growing shrubs, grasses, ferns and herbaceous plants to become established and resist re-growth of tree species.

Accord Concentrate and Arsenal herbicides will be applied directly to the surface of tree stumps immediately after trees are cut.

Transmission lines may be identified by locating metal letters/numbers on a wood pole or painted letters/numbers on a steel structure.

Further information may be requested by contacting (during business hours Mon-Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.): M.V. Sikora, Forester, National Grid, 25 Research Drive, Westborough, MA 01582. Telephone: 508.389.9087.

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SCHOOLS

Post-Prom is looking for a venue

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The school year is half over, and we're that much closer to graduation and summer vacation. Tomorrow night is the Jr./Sr. Semi-Formal at Atlantica, which hosted Cabaret on Wednesday night. The Semi-Formal is like Prom's younger, more casual sibling. It may seem a little early to be mentioning the Prom — but a wise man once told me "Proper planning prevents poor performance." There was another P-word in there before the word poor, you can probably figure it out. I digress. Post-Prom is currently in limbo, searching for a venue to hold 100 or so Seniors and their dates from about 11:30 p.m. to 3:30 a.m. In fact, next Monday night, 6:30 p.m. at the library a meeting will be held regarding the Post-Prom.

The issue at hand is the safety of your children. Post-Prom is an after party for the dance, keeping everybody in one place and offering plenty of fun activities. Senior parents are encouraged to attend Monday's Meeting, and help solve the problem. Any and all ideas and suggestions would help make steps towards securing someplace to hold Post-Prom.

The term is coming to a close, but there's no shortage of information I have for you.

• Wednesday night was Cabaret at Atlantica. When this story went to press it had not yet occurred, but I'm sure as always it won't disappoint.

• Debate team traveled to Old Rochester Wednesday afternoon, to square up against their opponents.

• Thursday a Coordinated Program Review meeting was held.

• Thursday after school the Middle School Team Leaders met.

• 2:30-9 p.m. Thursday night the ADL Peer Leadership Training took place in the Library.

• The National Honor Society is sponsoring a school supply drive to benefit Iraqi children. They need things like blunt-edged scissors, rulers, pencils and erasers. Send in any donations anytime between now and Feb. 16th. The NHS is working with Operation Iraqi Children in this joint effort.

• Tomorrow is the Jr./Sr. Semi-Formal at Atlantica 8-10:30 p.m.

We have a half day next week to help kick off the new term. So don't be alarmed if your son or daughter is home around lunchtime on Wednesday, I assure you, they aren't cutting class. Let's get the new the new term started already.

PAC to meet Feb. 6

"Autism Spectrum Disorders: Overview of the Newest Research in the Field," will be the topic of presenter Lesley Maxwell, on Feb. 6, at 7:30 p.m., at Osgood School, behind Deer Hill School, 210 Sohier St., Cohasset. The workshop, sponsored by PSO/PAC, is free.

Autism is a field of research that is advancing rapidly. There are many new findings as researchers, doctors and educators work with families to find the cause of autism and to understand how best to assist individuals with autism and their families. This talk will offer a practical overview of current research and findings in the field of autism spectrum disorders for families and educators.

Cohasset Parents Advisory Council has joined with the South Shore PAC Network to promote communication, combine workshops and establish a broader network. South Shore PAC Network hopes to meets informally throughout the year. For information, visit southshorepac@comcast.net.

Coordinated program review scheduled

Superintendent Denise Walsh of Cohasset Public Schools was recently informed by the Commissioner of Education of an upcoming Department of Education visit. The department's onsite visit will occur during the week of March 19. Such visits are routinely conducted by the department to satisfy federal and state education requirements to review periodically specific education programs and services in local school districts throughout the commonwealth. The department is conducting the review of several programs during a single visit to be more efficient in the time spent on the mandated activity by both the department and school system staff, and also to make strong connections with the programs under Education Reform.

Superintendent Walsh indicated that the Department's Coordinated Program Review process will address the program areas of special education, civil rights, English language education and safe and drug free schools, and include a review of school district program procedures, a study of individual student records and an onsite visit by a Department of Education team. The department team will conduct interviews of district administrators, teachers and parents, conduct observations of instructional sites and prepare a report for the superintendent and School Committee.

An Executive Summary and detailed report of findings for each program area will describe the implementation status of each program requirement reviewed by the Department of Education. The findings will note those program standards the implementation of which the team found to be commendable or substantially implemented. When program standards are found not to be fully implemented, the local district must propose to the Department of Education corrective actions to bring those areas into compliance with the respective statutes or regulations. Districts are encouraged to incorporate the corrective action activities into their district and school improvement plans, including the district professional development plan. The school district may request technical assistance from the Department of Education in responding to this report. Both the department's report and the school district's response to the Department of Education are public information and will be available to the public upon request. The department's Coordinated Program Review Final Reports are additionally posted on the department's Internet Web site at doe.mass.edu/pqa/review/cpr/reports/.

"Department of Education Program review procedures provide that any member of the public may request to be interviewed by telephone by a member of the department's visiting team. Persons wishing to be interviewed should call the superintendent's office at 781-383-6111 no later than March 1 to leave their name and phone number, or they may call the Department of Education at 781-338-3706, Ellen Convisser, onsite chairwoman. A member of the visiting team will then contact each person desiring an interview within two weeks after the completion of the onsite portion of the review. If an individual does not write or speak English, is not comfortable communicating in English or requires some other accommodation, the department will make arrangements to communicate appropriately with the individual.

Walsh indicated that she is confident that the department's program review process will be a useful and positive experience for all staff in the district, and that the report will be a useful planning document for continued development for all students.

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• Lt. Peter Minnar, USAF (deployed Middle East);
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Direct additions or changes to this listing to Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee.
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The George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118 is seeking donations of toiletries and other items for those deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Donations may be dropped off at the Legion Post on Summer Street daily after 3 p.m. or at Pilgrim Cooperative Bank branches on 3A or in the village.

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To purchase tickets call (781) 383-9997 or contact any band member or Cohasset Hockey Booster. Anne Czerkawski, Steve Faber, Steve Brandt, Jeanne Holway, Karin Doonan, Ande Wade,Jane Lanzillotti.

Flying Santa is topic

Join the Hull Lifesaving Museum at 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull, Thursday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m., for a delightful look at 77 years of one of New England's most unique and beloved traditions. From touching memories of lighthouse children to ribtickling accounts of package drops that went wrong, Jeremy D'Entremont and Brian Tague will give a slide presentation of rarely seen historic photographs. Admission costs $3 for members and $5 for non-members.

Maine seaplane pilot Bill Wincapaw began Flying Santa's holiday flights to isolated lighthouses in 1929. Maritime historian, adventurer and lecturer Edward Rowe Snow made Flying Santa a true New England institution, personally visiting the lighthouses each Christmas for more than forty years.

The tradition continues today through the efforts of the nonprofit organization, Friends of Flying Santa. Brian Tague is a photographer and President of Friends of Flying Santa. Jeremy D'Entremont is Vice-President of the organization as well as a lighthouse historian and author. In recent years he has updated and returned to print several of Edward Rowe Snow's books, including *"Storms and Shipwrecks of New England"* and *"The Islands of Boston Harbor."*

This presentation accompanies the Hull Lifesaving Museum's current exhibit titled, *"Flying Santa: A Holiday Tradition,"* which runs through March 10. For information contact Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433.

Silhouette artist

The Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs present "Silhouettes — Heirlooms in the Making," by Joy Anne MacConnell, internationally known silhouette artist, who will create her unique portraits in Bates Hall Second Congregational Church at16 Highland Ave. in Cohasset, Saturday, Feb. 3, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The cost is $48 for 2 mirror-image portraits. Additional copies cost $15. A reservation is necessary and a 50 percent deposit must be given when reservations are made.

Proceeds benefit the Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs. For information, call Cohasset Elder Affairs at 781-383-9112.

Buttonwood Book Group to meet

Buttonwood Book Group will meet Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m., at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset. The selected book is "The People's Act of Love" by James Meek. Reservations are not required, and all are welcome.

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Wax exhibit shines

Third-graders pose as famous figures



Ryan Spicer is dressed as Sacagawea, the Shoshone woman who guided Lewis and Clark on their famous expedition. Third grade students at Deer Hill dressed up as their favorite historical figures for the school's "Wax Museum" exhibit.



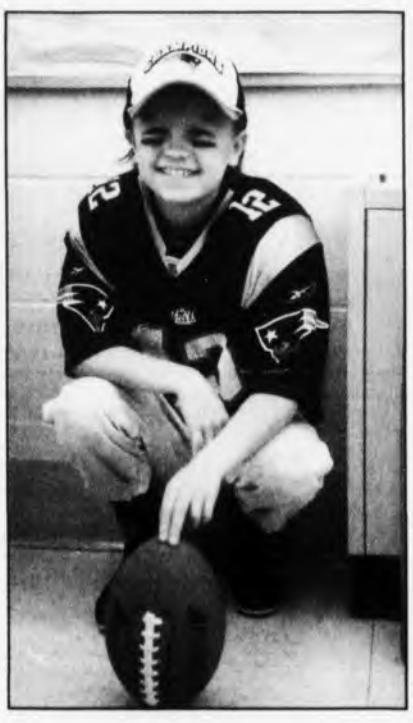
Adam Koropey is dressed as Benjamin Franklin during the Deer Hill "Wax Museum" exhibit. Students dressed up and created informational posters on prominent figures in the country's past and present.



Jack Donohue pretends to be Mahatma Gandhi, a major spiritual and political leader of India, during the Deer Hill "Wax Museum" exhibit.



Matt Montefusco strikes a pose as LeBron James, a forward for the Cleveland Cavaliers. Matt and other Deer Hill students portrayed their favorite characters of the past and present during the school's "Wax Museum" exhibit.

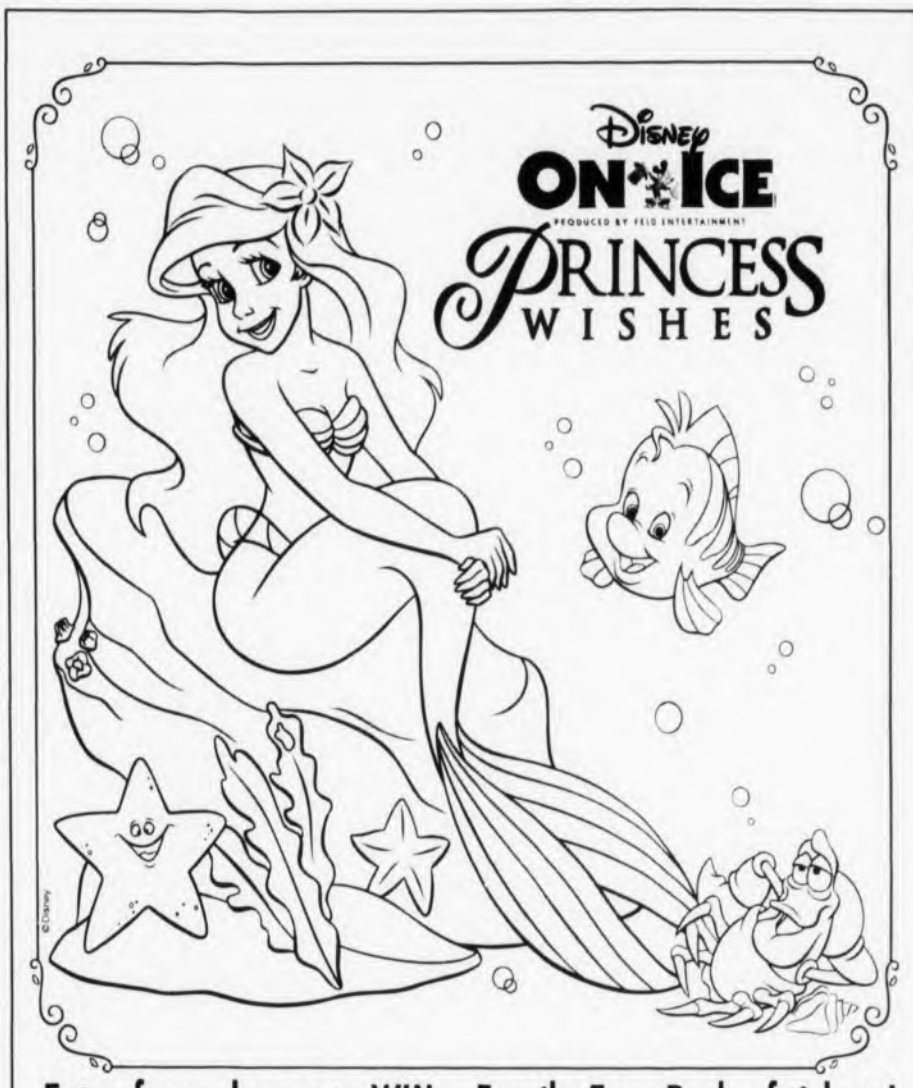


Third grade student Megan Rosano is dressed as her favorite New England Patriots quarterback, Tom Brady. Megan and her classmates dressed up as popular characters during the Deer Hill "Wax Museum" exhibit.

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Sharayia Merritt dressed as Harriet Tubman during the Deer Hill "Wax Museum" exhibit. Tubman was perhaps one of the most well known Underground Railroad "conductors," escorting more than 300 slaves to freedom.



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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SUNDAY, JAN. 7

1:31 p.m. **Ash St.**, officer requested regarding a tree that may be a danger to public safety.

1:50 p.m. **Ash St.**, well-being check requested.

3:27 p.m. **Summer St.**, motor vehicle accident; no injuries reported.

5:14 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:04 p.m. **Elm St.**, caller requests a well-being check on her aunt; officer spoke with aunt who reports that she was sick earlier.

8:52 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, erratic motor vehicle operation reported on Route 3A; information logged and highway unit notified.

8:57 p.m. **Henry Turner Bailey Road**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

9:38 p.m. **Pond St.-High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:39 p.m. **Sohier St.-Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:40 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

MONDAY, JAN. 8

12:55 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

12:56 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

5:33 a.m. **Pond St.**, medical aid - transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

8:02 a.m. **Vernon Road**, medical aid requested for female possibly having a stroke - transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

8:39 a.m. **Border St.**, caller reports her electric furnace is smoking and there is smoke in the house; Fire Capt. reports an electrical fire at the boiler. Electricity has been shut off and the house is being ventilated; all companies holding.

9:15 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:31 a.m. **So. Main St.**, caller reports a window was broken over the weekend; investigated and report filed.

9:37 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

10:11 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested for elderly male with chest pain; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

10:42 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, Fire Captain at scene for inspections reports an outside odor of gas.

2:18 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, medical aid requested.

7:06 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

7:52 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

8:20 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, store manager reports smoke coming from the fish department at Stop & Shop. Refrigerator in the fish unit has been shut down and manager will stay on scene until repairs have been made; all units clear.

10:40 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

TUESDAY, JAN. 9

1:15 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

1:15 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

6:59 a.m. **No. Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:15 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports a dead raccoon; referred to other agency.

11:10 a.m. **Rocky Lane**, vandalism to bridge reported; investigated.

1:11 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, larceny reported; investigated and report filed.

2:54 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, officer requested regarding lawn damage due to parking of motor vehicles; departmental action taken.

4:33 p.m. **Beechwood St. and Mill Lane**, traffic enforcement.

4:49 p.m. **So. Main St.**, Fire Dept. reports an outside odor of gas in the area of 29 So. Main St.; KeySpan notified.

6:11 p.m. **Doane St.**, caller reports a problem with neighbor; investigated and report filed.

8:14 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

8:18 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

8:34 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

9:08 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

9:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

9:26 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10

1:21 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

1:22 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

6:57 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic enforcement.

7:14 a.m. **Jerusalem Road and No. Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:23 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

8:52 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid requested for male down on sidewalk who can't move; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

11:52 a.m. **So. Main St.**, warrant service of apprehension on an employee; area search negative.

12:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop. Arrest: Susan M. Young – Pattison, 244 Cedar St., Cohasset. Charges: Warrant of apprehension.

1:04 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested for person having seizures and in respiratory distress; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

1:11 p.m. **No. Main St.**, medical aid requested for one female who fell on top of another and both appear to be injured; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

4:09 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued; training call.

6:01 p.m. **Mill Lane**, structure fire; 911 caller reports a fire in the chimney which is out of control; Fire Dept. notified.

10:30 p.m. **King St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, suspicious motor vehicle reported; investigated and report filed.

THURSDAY, JAN. 11

12:48 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, icy road conditions reported – patch of ice between 500 and 515; referred to DPW.

1:13 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

1:15 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

7:23 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

9:24 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:34 a.m. **King St.**, Lifeline reports alarm activation; male has fallen on kitchen floor and needs lift and assist.

10:19 a.m. **No. Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

11:24 a.m. **Rocky Lane**, caller reports larceny of license plate from her motor vehicle; departmental action taken.

1:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

2:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid requested for person with uncontrolled nosebleed; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

2:25 p.m. **Pond St.**, caller reports a raccoon is running around in circles in his yard; animal control officer unavailable. Area search negative.

3:25 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in party with request for blood pressure check.

4:33 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in party with request to speak with an officer; services rendered.

4:50 p.m. **Summer St.**, caller requests permission to park rental car in front of his house for the night; Permission granted by Sergeant in charge.

4:59 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, 209A restraining order service rendered.

5:45 p.m. **King St.**, traffic stop; citation issued.

6:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, gas drive-off in the amount of $11.01; employee reports driver was distracted and talking to another person, then drove off without paying; departmental action taken.

6:06 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:16 p.m. **So. Main and Summer streets**, officer reports two children on mini bikes without lights; departmental action taken.

8:26 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports items all over, lights on and doors open and no one is around; investigated.

FRIDAY, JAN. 12

12:45 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, icy spots reported by White's Farm and Forest Ave; message left for DPW.

12:49 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

12:49 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

5:53 a.m. **No. Main St.**, caller reports her husband requested her to call police regarding a pile of dirt and gravel in the roadway; investigated and found to be a broken rock; DPW notified.

6:15 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

7:24 a.m. **No. Main St. and Ripley Road**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

8:33 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, suspicious motor vehicle reported; investigated.

9:08 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

11:54 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, well-being check requested by Meals on Wheels driver; services rendered and party is okay.

9:15 p.m. **All Schools**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

SATURDAY, JAN. 13

12:53 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

12:54 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

7:30 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat installation rendered.

STATUS REPORTS

CFD had busy month

The summary of Cohasset Fire Department responses during the month of December is as follows: building fires six, motor vehicle fires one, brush fires one, motor vehicle crashes 10, medical emergencies 66, inspections 49, investigations 19, lock outs/lock ins three, automatic fire alarm activations 17, mutual aid fire responses to other communities five, public assists two, and miscellaneous responses three. Thirty-eight emergency incidents were reported by 911 telephone: 34 medical emergencies, two investigations and two building fires, Fire Chief Robert Silvia said.

The ambulance transported 45 patients to South Shore Hospital and one patient to Quincy Medical Center; 33 of the 46 were advanced life support transports. Mutual aid ambulances transported six patients to South Shore Hospital. Five of the six mutual aid ambulance transports were advanced life support. A healthy, happy baby girl was delivered by department firefighter/paramedics while en route to South Shore Hospital in Rescue 3. There was one motor vehicle crash that required victims to be transported to the hospital, Silva said.

Automatic fire alarm activation responses totaled 17 for the month. Accidental activation of the alarm system accounted for nine responses and malfunction was the cause of eight responses.

There were six responses classed as building fires for the month, three were for malfunctioning electrical equipment one was for an oven fire and one was for a chimney fire. One fire was an electrical short that spread to an unfinished basement area. The fire was extinguished by department personnel with the assistance of mutual aid fire units from Hull, Hingham and Scituate. An aggressive interior attack on this fire limited the damage to a small area and kept the fire from extending into the rest of the home. Silva said.

Inspections for all businesses that require annual licenses to be issued by the Town, including alcohol, common victualer and new and used automobile, were completed by the department this month, Silvia said.

Police made 10 arrests

December was also busy month for the Cohasset Police Department there were 10 arrests, one for minor transporting alcohol, two for assault and battery, one for violation of a restraining order, one for an outstanding warrant, two for breaking and entering, two for possession of a Class D Substance and finally one for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, Police Chief James Hussey said.

In December, the police department investigated 11 motor vehicle accidents, three of which resulted in personal injury. There were 88 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $1,020 in fines. Additionally, there were 61 parking tickets issued totaling $1,425 in fines, Hussey said.

The emergency dispatch center received a total of 830 calls for police services of those 136 were Emergency 911 calls, he said.

There were seven reports of breaking and entering, one involving a town building, one involving a business, one involving a vehicle and four involving private residences. There were 10 criminal complaints issued for the month, Hussey said.

TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

JAN. 25 - FEB. 2, 2007

SISTER GETS IN ON THE ACT

Catholicism put to the test at Company Theatre



Kathleen Stefano plays the part of Sister in the comedy "Late Nite Catechism," which comes to Norwell's Company Theatre Feb. 7.

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

You would be hard pressed to find anyone who attended Catholic school who didn't come away from the experience without at least one story involving a nun. While some people may try to repress the memories, actress Kathleen Stefano puts her parochial past to work for her in her portrayal of Sister in the comedy "Late Nite Catechism," which comes to Norwell's Company Theatre early next month.

"The first nun I met when I was still a little girl was Sister Michelle and she was always very nice to me. In second grade, however, I came in contact with Sister Ellen Patrice who didn't just use a wooden ruler on her students, she used a metal ruler. She was pretty kind to me, thank goodness, but it was always clear when she meant business. The other nuns could afford to go easy on us, because Sister Ellen Patrice was mean enough for all of them," recalled Stefano by telephone from her home in San Francisco last week.

Written by Maripat Donovan and Vicki Quade, "Late Nite Catechism" was first performed in Chicago in 1993. In the mid-1990s, Donovan starred in a Boston production which enjoyed a lengthy sit-down run at the Church of All Nations in Bay Village. In the years since, the one-woman show has played almost all 50 states as well as Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom. In the story, Sister is teaching a roomful of "students" (the audience). The kind-hearted instructor rewards the students for correct answers with glow-in-the-dark rosaries and other clever prizes. Naughty students should take heed, however, as the teacher may well call them on stage to sit in the corner and reflect on their actions. However, even the most reluctant students are likely to show up on time and sit up straight for this Sister's class — if they know what is good for them, anyway.

"This show takes people back to how they remember the nuns and parochial schools in general from their childhoods," something Akron, Ohio, native Stefano says she can easily relate to from her own life. "The strictness made a difference. The nuns today can't use the discipline the way they did in the past. In my day, just the fear of being hit by a nun made all the difference to the way we behaved. I firmly believe that people respond so well to this material because of what the nuns meant to them when they were little. Many of us had great respect for them then and still do today."

That respect came in handy when it was time for the nuns to focus their pupils on their studies.

"What's funny is that even now that I am all grown up and playing a nun on-stage, I still have fear that I won't remember my Catholic school knowledge for the question-and-answer portion of the show. There's a script, of course, but you also have to improvise throughout and really play off the audience. I find that the more I do this play, the more I learn. I now know a lot about the saints."

She may have her saints down pat, but Stefano — who has played Sister on and off for over five years — says that her audiences still try to trip her up on her understanding of Catholic dogma. Stefano may not have all the answers about the Immaculate Conception and other regular lesson topics, but she has some surefire ways to stay ahead of her audiences.

"When someone tries to stump me, I just turn the question around. That's one trick I've learned. I just give it right back to the person. Most of the audiences are very involved in the idea that Sister is their teacher. They become like proud kids in the classroom when they get something right during the question-and-answer session."

Touring everywhere from Anchorage to Salt Lake City to Miami has brought some very disparate audiences to Stefano's sister act.

"Anchorage was wonderful. The show was a fundraiser for a beautiful new Catholic church and it really clicked. People came along for the ride and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. When I played Salt Lake, however, I began by asking if I had any Catholics at all in the audience. It turns out there aren't only Mormons in Utah, but I think while I was there, I probably played to every Catholic in the state. In Miami there seemed to be even fewer Catholics. I was at the Coconut Grove Playhouse for almost three months in 2004 and I played to mostly Jewish crowds. Some of them were quite old and would sleep through most of the show, but others got into it and had a great time. I just changed Easter Duty to Yom Kippur Duty and it worked beautifully."

("Late Nite Catechism" will be performed Feb. 7-11 at the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. For tickets and information, call 781-871-2787 or visit www.companytheatre.com

Movie review



A sexy warrior princess named Selenia (voiced by Madonna) is one of the characters we meet in director Luc Besson's worthy "Arthur and the Invisibles.

Try to see 'The Invisibles'

Arthur and The Invisibles (B+)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

Are you ready for "Honey, I Shrunk Les Enfants?"

"Arthur and the Invisibles," also known as "Arthur et les Minimoys," is yet another winged horse sprung from the endlessly fertile, if not overtaxed, mind of French auteur Luc Besson ("La Femme Nikita," "The Professional").

The film, an English-language effort of French pedigree, combines live action with 3-D animation and is yet another variation on a theme of Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland."

The eponymous Arthur (a winning Freddie Highmore of "Finding Neverland") is a boy with a devoted granny (Mia Farrow), absentee parents (Penny Balfour and Doug Rand) and an ex-adventurer grandfather (Ron Crawford), who has been missing for many years and whose absence has been disastrous.

In an effort to save granny's home from demolition, Arthur follows instructions left behind from his grandfather and finds himself transported and transformed into a Minimoy, a tiny, fairylike creature living beneath the gardens and grounds.

Arthur's adventures in Ewok-esque Minimoy-land involve a bag of rubies to redeem his endangered home, a sexy Minimoy warrior princess named Selenia (voiced by Madonna), her father the King (Robert De Niro) and a villain named Maltazard (David Bowie).

Based on a series of children's books by director Besson and collaborator Celine Garcia, the film agreeably blends an ecological message with Carrollian tropes and themes from Greek myth, "Peter Pan," Tolkien and Arthurian legend and lore.

The 3-D animation breaks no new ground and frequently is hyperactive. The Minimoys themselves resemble both those troll figures from the 1960s and fugitives from '80s bad-hair bands.

Cameos voiced by Snoop Dogg and Anthony Anderson are shocking stereotypes, and if Selenia seems a bit too eroticized for children, well, this is French after all.

Rated PG. "Arthur and the Invisibles" contains mild violence and crude humor.

Calendar of events

Thursday, Jan. 25

Organ virtuoso Leon W. Couch, III will perform at 7 p.m. at **Wollaston Church of the Nazarene** on the campus of Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy. The concert will feature music by Franck and Ives as well as Bach and Buxtehude. More information, including directions, may be found at www.musica-eclectica.org, www.enc.edu, www.wconaz.org, or by calling 617-745-3715. Wollaston Church of the Nazarene is a 10-minute walk from the Red Line (Wollaston stop/Braintree train). Parking and admission is free.

Winter Wine Dinner to **benefit the South Shore Natural Science Center** in Norwell. Enjoy a five course dinner with paired wines. Jan. 25, at **53 South Restaurant, 42 Washington St., Norwell**. Fifty-three South is presenting the dinner and proceeds to benefit the South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell. The evening begins with a reception at 6:30 p.m., and dinner at 7 p.m., featuring a main entrée of maple glazed roast loin of venison paired with a 2003 qupe syrah, bien nacido valley wine. For the complete menu, visit the South Shore Natural Science Center website at ssnsc.org Cost is $75 per person plus tax and tip. Tickets are limited. For reservations, contact the Science Center at 781-659-2559 or 53 South Restaurant at 781-792-0001.

Tabasco (formerly Twelve Bens II), 1166 Washington St. (Rt. 53), Weymouth. Jan. 25, 8 p.m. **Comedy Show** featuring **Bob Niles** of Weymouth. Other comics: **Annette Pollack, Mark Sherman, Matt McArthur, Mike Bobek, Dave McDonough, Jerry Thornton.** Advance reservations recommended by calling 781-626-9695. Produced by Annette's Comedy Asylum, visit annettepollack.com or tabascobarandgrill.com or call 781-843-4833.

Robin Chan's photography show "**Spectrum**" will be displayed in the Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery through Feb. 1. "Spectrum" may be viewed during regular library hours.

The Dickinson Group will open a new art gallery in Weymouth on Route 18, next to the former Weymouth Naval Air Station. The gallery, known as **Art Treasure Gallery**, officially opened its doors with a Jan. 11, show featuring the works of 20 local and national artists. Artists interested in displaying at the Weymouth gallery are asked to contact gallery director Gabriel Catbagan at 781-331-9841.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad Street, **Weymouth.** 781-335-9796, no cover Satch Romano's "**New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam.**" 9 p.m. show, jam, 21+. Handicap access. Casual dress. Fine dining.

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Mark your calendar

NORTHEAST MOTORCYCLE EXPO 2007 - featuring custom bikes, stunts, stage shows, and more Bayside Expo Center, Boston Feb. 3 and 4. Appearance by Hugh King a.k.a. "The Chopper King, " producer of Discovery Channel's *Biker Build-Off, Monster Garage,* and *Motorcycle Mania.* The Admission to THE NORTHEAST MOTORCYCLE EXPO is $15 for adults, $7 for children 6-12 yrs old, and children under 6 yrs are free. Expo hours are Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information contact: 1-877-BIKEXPO (877-245-3976) or www.NEMotorcycleExpo.com.

THE HULL SEASIDE ANIMAL RESCUE is sponsoring a low cost spay/Neuter Mobile Clinic for cats and kittens Feb. 7. Financial assistance for Hull residents is available. Call for details. Kittens must be eight weeks and/or weigh three or more pounds. Cats should not be pregnant or nursing. Drop off in the Am and Pick up mid-afternoon. Reservations are required and space is limited, call 1- 877-378-1195, leave your name, number and a volunteer will get back to you.

BRIDAL EXPO takes place at the Independence Mall in Kingston on Feb. 11, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The event focuses on planning the perfect South Shore wedding and will feature local exhibitors. Future brides and grooms can sample catering delights, explore options for suitable wedding locations, see the latest bridal fashions and more. Visit www.creatingmarketingresults/bridalexpo for more information.

QUINCY DINNER THEATRE PRODUCTIONS, now in Braintree at the Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree, presents "Lullabye of Broadway". A night of all time classic broadway hits, starring The Broadway Exchange. Wednesday, Feb. 14, Valentine's Day, social hour 6:30 p.m., four-course dinner served at 7 p.m., showtime at 8:30 p.m.; President's Day Weekend Saturday Feb. 17, social hour 6:30 p.m. four-course dinner served at 7 p.m., showtime at 8:30 p.m., and President's Day weekend matinee special Feb. 18, social hour at 1:30 p.m., four-course dinner served at 2 p.m. with a 3:30 p.m. showtime. Tickets can be ordered by telephone at 781-843-5862.

THE SOCIETY OF ARTS AND CRAFTS presents CRAFT-BOSTON 2007 March 30 – April 1, at Boston's Seaport World Trade Center. Seaport World Trade Center, 200 Seaport Boulevard, Boston. COST: General Admission: $15, Senior Citizens & SAC Members: $12, Children 12 years & under: Free. Admission tickets valid for readmission throughout the weekend. For information or digital images, call 617-266-1810 or visit craftboston.org.

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Royston Nash, former music director of London's D'Oyly Carte Opera Company will narrate a concert version of "The Pirates of Penzance" on Sunday, Jan. 28, at 3 p.m. at First Parish Church in Norwell. Tickets available in advance at the James Library & Center for the Arts, 781-659-7100 and at the door. Tickets: $20 adult/$18 senior/$10 student. 781-659-7100 or jameslibrary.org.

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The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. Jan. 25, BBC **"Pint Night"** featuring **Flydown** formerly The Alliance.

Friday, Jan. 26

The Pembroke Chamber of Commerce will meet Jan. 25 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Sweet Fordy's, Rt. 36, Center St. Pembroke.

Pembroke Jazz, Rhythm & Blues Festival 2007 will feature the **Hot Tamale Brass Band, Daniel Banks and the Moondance Blues Band** with special guest **Ricky King Russell, Lonesome Jukebox** and the **Love Dogs.** The Festival is at 6:30 p.m., at Pembroke High School. Tickets $15 adults, $10 students. Food and soft drinks will be available for purchase. Proceeds from the event will go to the Pembroke Association for the Performing Arts, which supports the music and drama programs at Pembroke High School. Tickets are available at 3D Guitars & Music on Rt. 53. For information contact Dave Becker at 781-826-5402 or dbecker2@adelphia.net.

The James Montgomery Band with opening band, **The Houserockers** will perform a one-time exclusive South Shore engagement, Jan. 26, at 8 p.m., at The **Weymouth Eagles Hall**, 1338 Washington St., Rt. 53 Weymouth, 781-258-5232. Doors open at 8 p.m., show begins at 8:30 p.m. Tickets $20. Advance tickets available at the Eagles Hall, Weymouth and Satch Romano. For information, contact Satch Romano at New Blue Productions 781-258-5232 or newbluesrevue@yahoo.com.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Jan. 26, with DJ music by **DeeDee Rose** from 8:30 p.m., to 12:30 a.m., at the **Abington VFW**, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7. SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. 781-331-0021 or southshoresingles.org.

John Carver Inn, Plymouth and Cape Codder Resort & Spa in Hyannis present **Dinner Theatre** packages. Featuring **Joey Canzano's The Man of Many Voices** – first he is ole blue eyes then he becomes Dean Martin. Throughout the night he'll morph several times to Tony Bennett, Tom Jones, Julio Iglesias, Neil Diamond and the King himself. Jan. 26, CCR and Jan 27 at JCI. For information visit johncarverinn.com or call JCI at 508-746-7100 or 800-724-1620. Visit capecodderresort.com or call CCR at 508-771-3000 or 888-297-2200.

Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth, will feature **Booba Dubie** performing classic cover rock and pop, Saturday, Jan. 26, from 8:45 p.m., to closing. **Free admission. No cover.** 508-830-1262.

Drowned Hog Beach Ball The Red Parrot on **Nantasket Beach** in **Hull** will host their annual Beach Ball, Jan. 26, at 7:30 p.m. Dance to the music of Hull's **Pemberton All Stars** and help the **Drowned Hogs** gear up for their **12th annual swim**, scheduled for **Saturday, Jan. 27**, at noon, at the **Mary Jeanette Murray Bathhouse** on Nantasket Beach in **Hull**. More than 400 swimmers and 1,200 spectators are expected. Proceeds benefit the Wellspring Multi-Service Center in Hull.

Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant at 405 Franklin St., Five Corners, in Braintree will host a **Comedy Night**, Jan. 26, at 9 p.m., featuring **Larry Myles, Annette Pollack, Jeff Clough, Chris Bilello, Barry Kneller** and **Jen Larkin**. Dinner and appetizers will be available. **Advance reservations** are required and can by made by calling 781-848-0330.

The British Beer Company. Washington St. **Pembroke**. Jan. 26, **Infuse.**

Next Page Café, 550 Broad Street, Weymouth, will feature the **Cindy Daley Band,** Jan. 26, at 9:15 p.m. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Saturday, Jan. 27

The North River Arts Society presents "Mix It Up!" an exhibit or original mixed media works by **Marcia Ballou** and **Laura Harvey** at the Dolphin Gallery located at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St, Hingham Jan. 27 through March 29. **Meet the artists reception Monday, Jan. 29 from 7 to 9 p.m**. 781-741-1405.

The Drowned Hogs will be holding their 12th Annual swim on Saturday, Jan. 27, at high noon at the Mary Jeanette Murray Bathhouse on Nantasket Beach in Hull. More than 400 swimmers and 1,200 spectators are expected. Swimmers recruit sponsors to help raise money for Wellspring Multi-Service Center in Hull. Pledge sheets and information are available at Wellspring and www.drownedhogs.org

The One & Only Boston Chocolate Tour will return to satisfy New England's collective sweet tooth every Saturday from January through April. The fully-narrated, **three-hour journey** of decadent desserts and fun facts features tasty visits to Top of the Hub Restaurant, the historic Omni Parker House Hotel and The Langham Hotel Boston, The tour departs from the Trolley Stop Store at the corner of Boylston and South Charles Streets every Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Tickets are $75 per person. Advance reservations are required and may be made by calling 617-269-7010.

Kids of Vision will present a program on **nanotechnology** and **lego robotics** at the **South Shore Natural Science Center**, 48 Jacobs Lane, **Norwell**, Jan. 27, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Learn about this international Lego Robotics program available to elementary and middle school age students. 781-659-2559.

The Company Theatre in Norwell will recreate the coolness of that great era with a Tribute to The Rat Pack, a phenomenal live concert that has played Las Vegas and toured throughout the country. Backed by a live band, three talented performers will take on the persona of **Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin** and **Sammy Davis, Jr**. Shows are Jan. 27, at 3 and 8 p.m., and Jan. 28, at 3 p.m. All tickets are $32 and can be purchased at The Company Theatre box office at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and at companytheatre.com.

Starcreations Theater presents **Variety Show 2007**, Saturday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 28 at 4:30 p.m., at the Reed Community House, 33A Summer St., Kingston. General admission $5.

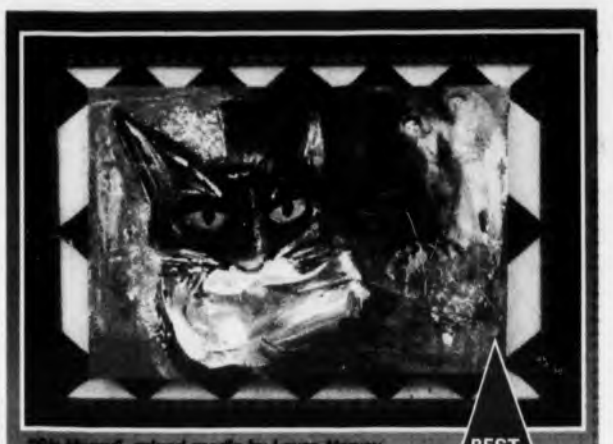
Boston Beanstalks Tall Club Anniversary Dinner Dance Join in the celebration of the 24th Anniversary of the Boston Beanstalks Tall Club, a social organization for tall people, Jan. 27, at the **Crown Plaza in Natick**. The event begins at 6 p.m., with cocktails, followed by a buffet dinner from 7 to 9 p.m., and dancing to the tunes of Big Daddy from 9 p.m. to midnight. A silent auction will be held with proceeds to benefit the Mass. Marfan Foundation. This event is open to anyone 21 years and older. The cost is $65 for buffet dinner and dance, or $25 for dance only. Dinner and dance tickets must be pre-registered and pre-paid. Dance only tickets can be pre-registered as well as purchased at the door. To pre-register or for information on the event, visit hubtall.org, e-mail registrar@hubtall.org or call 617 527-8849.

Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth features a **Traditional Irish Seisiun** every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. The next Seisiun is Jan. 27. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hornpipes, with great craic and sing-along. Admission is free. No cover. 508-830-1262.

The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. Jan. 27, **Glass Town.**

Next Page Café, 550 Broad Street, Weymouth Jan. 27 **Jump City Band**, No cover. All shows 9:15 p.m. unless noted. 781-335-9796.

The 9th Annual Lesbian & Friends Dance, a fund-raising event for the **Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition**, will be held Jan. 27, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., at the **Brookline Holiday Inn**, 1200 Beacon St., Brookline. This dance will include music by DJ Ann Rogers and complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, as well as a silent auction. Tickets cost $30 in advance or $35 at the door. For information and tickets go to mbcc.org/page.php?id=LesbianandFriendsDance2007 or call 617-376-6222.



"Sir Henry", mixed media by Laura Harvey.



"Windy Day", mixed media by Marcia Ballou

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Sunday, Jan. 28

Duxbury's Bumpus Gallery presents work of South Shore artist **Donna Green** in an exhibit of portraits titled "Faces of Innocence," at the **Helen Bumpus Gallery** in **Duxbury** during Jan. and Feb. The Helen Bumpus Gallery is located on the main level of the Duxbury Free Library at 77 Alden St. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours. 781-934-2721.

Pirates of Penzance Concert, by Gilbert & Sullivan with narration and color commentary by Royston Nash, former Musical Director of the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company of England will be held at the **First Parish Unitarian Church,** 24 River St., in **Norwell Center**, Sunday, Jan. 28 at 3 p.m. Pamela Wolfe, Musical Director. Tickets available in advance at the James Library & Center for the Arts, 781-659-7100 and at the door. Tickets: $20 adult/$18 senior/$10 student. 781-659-7100 or jameslibrary.org.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, features **Dave Foley's Solo Rockin' Roots Acoustic Jam** each Sunday from 8 p.m., to midnight. 781-335-9796.

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Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull, presents **Flying Santa: A Holiday Tradition** through March 11, 781-925-5433 lifesavingmuseum.org

Tuesday, Jan. 30

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era performs every third Tuesday at **Striar JCC/Fireman Campus**, 445 Central St., **Stoughton**, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $5 per person. All are welcome. Wheelchair-accessible. 781-341-2076. 781-767-3911.

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Reunions

North Quincy High School Class of 1966 40th Reunion, Saturday April 21, 2007 (a little late) at The Common Market, 97 Willard Street in Quincy. It will be an evening event including a buffet dinner and music. Respond to the Reunion Committee at nqhs66@comcast.net or call Paul Bregoli at 617-471-2867. In addition, contact anyone you know from the class.

THE SOUTH SHORE MOTHERS OF TWINS 50th anniversary celebration to be held Sunday, March 25, 2007, at the Elks Hall, Weymouth. Looking for past members. Also in need of photos of twins (multiples) then and now and any other pictures, memories or anecdotes of past club events. Contact : Lynda Rowland, 25 Carle Rd.,Wollaston,MA. 02170 or email @twinclub50th@aol.com for further information and reservations.

THE USS NITRO AE-2 & AE-23 ASSOCIATION will hold its annual reunion from 21-24 June 2007 in Washington, DC. For information, contact the Nitro's website at http://ussnitro.org or ebb23@aol.com



BEST BET

The Milton Players will present the hilarious British comedy, "Noises Off," beginning Friday, Feb. 2, at the Milton Woman's Club at 90 Reedsdale Road in Milton. Michael Bradley of Marshfield (left) rehearses a scene as Lloyd Dallas. Performances are Feb. 2, 3, 9, and 10, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 11, at 2 p.m. All evening performances feature cabaret-style seating, with complimentary wine, cheese and soft drinks. Tickets, which can be purchased at miltonplayers.org, are $20 for evening performances and $15 for the Sunday matinee. For information and reservations, call 1-698-7469 or visit miltonplayers.org.

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Classes

BASIC DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY, a two and one half hour workshop, is scheduled for Saturday, February 3, Advanced Digital Photography will be held on Saturday, February 10 and a three-week session for portrait photography using the digital camera will be offered on Wednesdays in March beginning March 7. Call to register 781-383-2787. Register online at www.ssac.org. Classes held at South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset.

"PC READY – Beginner Computer Class Feb. 6 and 7, from 5:30pm-8:30 p.m. $45. Wellspring, 814 Nantasket Ave., Hull. This course is designed for acquiring specific computer proficiency in two three hour classes, taught by a Microsoft and Certiport certified instructor. 781-925-3211.

REASON TO BELIEVE ADULT LEARNING PROGRAM offers education classes for ages 16 to 22, including: Earn your GED, Improve math and reading skills, Monday and Wednesday Evening Classes, All classes free of charge, career counseling and job development at no cost, Transportation is available at no cost, babysitting Available at no cost. Call Wellspring, 814 Nantasket Ave., Hull, 781-925-3211 for immediate enrollment information

SEED CORPORATION and Rockland Federal Credit Union in Cooperation with MA SBDC Rockland Chamber of Commerce and SCORE *present Free* Basic Entrepreneurial Workshops, at the Radisson Hotel, 929 Hingham Street, Rockland, on Wednesday, Feb. 28, The first of these workshops titled "Learn the Fundamentals in Planning, Preparing For, and Financing Your Business" will be held from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided free of charge to attendees. For information on SEED and its programs, call the SEED office at 508-822-1020 or visit SEED's website at seedcorp.com



BEST BET

Jeremy D'Entremont and Brian Tague take a look at 77 years of one of New England's most unique and beloved traditions. From touching memories of lighthouse children to rib-tickling accounts of package drops that went wrong, Jeremy D'Entremont and Brian Tague will give a slide presentation of rarely seen historic photographs. Maine sea-plane pilot Bill Wincapaw began Flying Santa's holiday flights to isolated lighthouses in 1929. Maritime historian, adventurer and lecturer Edward Rowe Snow made Flying Santa a true New England institution, personally visiting the lighthouses each Christmas for more than forty years. The tradition continues today through the efforts of the non-profit organization Friends of Flying Santa. This presentation accompanies the Hull Lifesaving Museum's current exhibit, Flying Santa: A Holiday Tradition, which runs through March 10. For information contact Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433 or visit lifesavingmuseum.org.

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Grub Street South at Buttonwood will host Grub Street instructor, **Jamie Cat Callan,** Tuesday, Jan. 30, at 7 p.m. Callan will lead a **Right Brain Writing Workshop**. Using intuitive, nonlinear techniques, based on multiple intelligence theory, Jamie will lead the group through a short story exercise. She'll also discuss how to tap into your true narrative voice and use intuitive writing exercises to create strong, risk-taking and muscled prose. Jamie will also talk about how to get published and break into the fiction writing market. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

Wednesday, Jan. 31

Kathleen Kelly, Business Development Officer for Century Bank, will discuss the business and banking relationship – including business accounts and loans for small businesses – when she is the featured speaker at the weekly breakfast meeting of **The President's Club Chapter of Business Network International** (BNI), on Jan. 31 at 7 a.m. The group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at Elena's Restaurant, Braintree Hill Office Park, Building 50, Braintree. Visitors are welcome. For information, contact Club President Norm Abrahamson at 781-828-2270 or by email at ngalaw@cantonlaw.net.

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association, the **South Shore Natural Science Center** and the **Mass Audubon South Shore Regional Headquarters** presents another free winter lecture series every Wednesday night at 7 p.m., at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell through March 21. Sponsored in part by Rockland Trust Company. Admission is free. Jan. 31: **Sea Turtles in New England**, with Bob Prescott, Mass Audubon Wellfleet Sanctuary Director, who will do a presentation that will include an introduction to the biology of sea turtles, details on the rescue efforts organized by Wellfleet Bay and the New England Aquarium and the theories behind why sea turtles strand. For information visit nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA at 781-659-8168, Mass Audubon at 781-659-9400 or SSNSC at 781-659-2559.

The North River Arts Society presents **Focal Points**, a new exhibit at the **Ventress Library Gallery** featuring original watercolor paintings by Marshfield artist **Betty Rogers** through Feb. 2. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster St., Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or e-mail northriverarts@rcn.com.

South Shore Art Center Gallery Artist, Jane Flavell Collins, a Duxbury resident, will show her watercolor and acrylic paintings in the Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery at South Shore Conservatory in Hingham. The exhibition continues through Jan. For hours, call 781-749-7565 or visit southshoreconservatory.org.

Thursday, Feb. 1

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The United Way Of Greater Plymouth County cordially invites the public to an open house come check out their **New United Way Office** 10 Cordage Park, Suite 237, Plymouth, Feb. 1, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. WATD-FM 95.9 to broadcast live from Cordage Park drawing for Bermuda cruise, Disney stay and 42 inch plasma TV raffles and more!

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, will feature Satch Romano's **New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796.

Friday, Feb. 2

South Shore Art Center at 119 Ripley Road, in Cohasset is mounting an exhibition of works on paper selected by **Stephanie Walker**, director of Boston's Chase Gallery. "***Works on Paper***" opens in the **Bancroft Gallery** and continues through Feb. 25. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

New Repertory Theatre enters 2007 with the New England premiere of "**Silence,**" by British Playwright Moira Buffini, which plays through Feb. 11. Tickets: $31-$50, depending on time of the week and time of the show. Discounts for seniors and students. Call: 617-923-8487 or buy at newrep.org.

Thayer Academy's Winter Concert Series will feature an **Evening of Chamber Music** with renowned cellist, **Alexander Lecarme,** Feb. 2, at 7 p.m., in Frothingham Hall at the Thayer Academy campus at 745 Washington St., Braintree. For information or inquiries about tickets, call Pam Delpino at 781.664.2502.

The South Shore Folk Music Club presents **Anais Mitchell** and **Jud Caswell** Feb. 2, the Beal House, Main St. in Kingston. doors open at 7:30 p.m. Handicapped accessible hall, and smoke and alcohol free. Light refreshments are available. SSFMC collects non-perishable food goods at every event and delivers them to the Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless in Kingston. 781-871-1052 or visit ssfmc.org.

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The Company Theatre in **Norwell** will rock out to the sounds of **The Four Tops, Temptations, Kool & the Gang** and more when the dynamic Souled Out takes to the stage for two shows, Feb. 2 and Feb. 3, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost $31 and are available at the box office, at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and at companytheatre.com.

Comedy night - All Season's Restaurant 327 Plymouth St. Rt. 106, Halifax Call for Tickets $15. Feb. 2, 9 p.m. featuring The Hilarious & Sports Comedy of **Mike Donovan** just back from China other comics: **Annette Pollack Dan Boulger (Winner of 2006 Boston Comedy Festival) Matt McArthur, Tom Harris, Chrissy Kelleher.** Advance reservations recommended by calling 781-293-4135 or 781-843-4833. Produced by Annette's Comedy Asylum. www.annettepollack.com

Single Executives Club Singles Dance Feb 2, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at **Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom**, 929 Hingham St., Rockland, exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by award winning DJ Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes and match game prizes. **Free dancing lessons** from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples age 30 and over. Cost before 9 p.m. is $10 Proper business dress recommended; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable. Visit www.se-4u.com or call 781-446-0234 for information.

New England Singles dance, **with DJ Paul Dipanfilo, will be held Feb. 2, from 8 pm., to midnight in the** VFW Hall, **at 30 Central St.,** Abington, **for people age 40 +. Admission $8. singles-dances-newengland.com.**

Next Page Café, 550 Broad Street, Weymouth. Feb. 2, **Ryan Fardy & Shades of Blue**, No cover. All shows 9:15 p.m. unless noted. 781-335-9796.



The Love Dogs

Pembroke Jazz, Rhythm & Blues Festival 2007 will feature the Hot Tamale Brass Band, Daniel Banks and the Moondance Blues Band with special guest Ricky King Russell, Lonesome Jukebox and the Love Dogs. The Festival is at 6:30 p.m., at Pembroke High School. Tickets $15 adults, $10 students. Food and soft drinks will be available for purchase. Proceeds from the event will go to the Pembroke Association for the Performing Arts, which supports the music and drama programs at Pembroke High School. Tickets are available at 3D Guitars & Music on Rt. 53. For information contact Dave Becker at 781-826-5402 or dbecker2@adelphia.net.

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Auditions

THE LITTLE THEATRE OF STOUGHTON will hold open auditions for GREASE. Young adults to adults needed Feb. 3, 8 a.m. to noon. Come prepared to sing. Stoughton Cinema Pub, Stoughton Square Visit littletheatreofstoughton.com or email: theatrejan@aol.com

THE ODD COUPLE Tryouts for roles in Neil Simon comedy "The Odd Couple" will be held by the Hingham Civic Music Theatre at Hingham Town Hall's Sanborn Auditorium, Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 5-6, at 7 p.m. Performances will be April 20-22. Contact director Pat Sherman at 781-837-1499 or at stagemomma2003@yahoo.com. Also visit www.hcmt.org for more information.

LATER LIFE by A.R. Gurney. Directed by Bern Budd /Produced by Theresa Chiasson. Tuesday, Jan. 30, and Wednesday Jan. 31 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Duxbury Library (in the Merry Room, downstairs) Performances April 27, 28, May 4, 5 at 8 p.m. Sunday Matinee - April 29 at 2 p.m. at the Duxbury Middle School **Audition Info:** Those auditioning should be prepared to read from the script. No monologues necessary. Rehearsals will begin Feb. 18 and take place one to three nights a week, depending on role size, schedule conflicts, etc. The plan is to have the show ready before April school vacation and have NO REHEARSALS DURING VACATION, then come back and tech and mount the show. *Later Life* takes place on the balcony of an apartment in Boston in 1993. There is a party going on in the apartment, from which characters appear and return. It is primarily the story of **Austin**, a stolid, successful executive with Bank of Boston, and **Ruth**, a free-wheeling multiple divorcee. There are nine (five males, four females) other juicy character roles which the author designed to be played by only 2 actors, but can be individually cast. They are: **Sally** - The hostess and hopeful matchmaker; **Jim** - An emotional man trying to quit smoking. **Marion and Roy** - A couple contemplating retirement. **Duane** - A computer believer. **Esther and Ted** - A very gregarious couple. **Walt** - An old friend of Austin. **Judith** - A friend of Ruth. For directions and more information about the show and the Bay Players, visit bayplayers.org

Quick Flix

All reviews by James Verniere, unless otherwise noted

New Releases

THE CASE OF THE GRINNING CAT (A-)

A Godardian meditation and film essay directed by French New Wave legend Chris Marker, "The Case of the Grinning Cat" is a 58-minute meditation upon the state of the world from the point of view of Marker in present-day Paris. Its ostensible subject is the iconic, yellow cat graffito that pops up on Paris walls at the turn of the new century. A 2004 work shot on video and originally made for television, "The Case of the Grinning Cat" is suffused with wistful, mysterious charm. The grinning cat of the title, whose image pops up unexpectedly on placards and apartment rooftops, just as mysteriously disappears after a time, sometimes leaving behind a Cheshire-like trace of pigment. By the end, it becomes a metaphor for life's ephemeral nature and a paradoxically happy reminder of death's ubiquity. (Not Rated)

EATING OUT 2: SLOPPY SECONDS (C+)

In the queer wonderland that is "Eating Out 2: Sloppy Seconds," romantic misadventures are the only disturbances on an otherwise idyllic college campus. Amid double entendres, sculpted bare chests and heated couplings, a group of friends and ex-lovers discover that life is an adventure to be embraced. A sophomoric, raunchy comedy, "Eating Out 2" is a stand-alone sequel. Calling it "Sloppy Seconds" may be an inside joke; it's no more sloppy — or silly — than the first. (Not Rated)

— Stephen Schaefer

GOD GREW TIRED OF US: THE STORY OF LOST BOYS OF SUDAN (A-)

The genocide in Sudan is the subject of Christopher Quinn's Sundance award winner "God Grew Tired of Us: The Story of Lost Boys of Sudan," a documentary coproduced by Brad Pitt and narrated by Nicole Kidman. Like "Lost Boys of Sudan," a 2003 nonfiction film that is this effort's bookend, "God Grew Tired of Us" charts the journey of a group of boys who must either escape from the Sudan or die at the hands of Muslim soldiers from the north bent on exterminating the Christian and animist Africans of the south. The film's opening images are dire in the extreme. But "God Grew Tired of Us" is on the same upward trajectory as most of these young men. Their struggle and determination make "God Grew Tired of Us" both enlightening and uplifting. (Rated PG)



Students at Truth University display some dazzling dance moves in "Stomp the Yard."

Ongoing

APOCALYPTO (A-)

In opening scenes of "Apocalypto," Mel Gibson's latest, subtitled, gonzo-exotico effort, a young Mayan hunter chomps down on a tapir testicle, and you wonder: What is this, the pre-Columbian "Jackass"? No, it's "Mad Max Beyond Yucatan." "Apocalypto" is grotesquely violent and seething with rage. The film is chockablock with evil portents, an end-of-times vibe and a "Goddess of the Scaffold." In other words, it's vintage Mad Mel. A little girl's prophecy will remind some of Joseph Campbell's theory that Christ had mythic predecessors in pagan religions. But ontological Melisms aside, if you liked Michael Mann's great "The Last of the Mohicans," you are going to grock this ultra-violent, National Geographic extravaganza big-time. (Rated R)

BABEL (B-)

Another weighty, portentous, relentlessly grim effort from Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu ("Amores Perros," "21 Grams"), "Babel" is, of course, being touted as Best Picture material. Afraid not. It tells several interweaving stories, involving, among others, a fabulous-looking American couple (Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett) having a marriage crisis in Morocco, the perilous adventures in Mexico of their two blond children, a mute Tokyo schoolgirl who behaves like a nymphomaniac and two Berber brothers herding sheep in the Atlas mountains. To some, Inarritu's work is genius. To others, it's just babble. Take your pick. In English, Spanish, Berber and Japanese with subtitles. (Rated R)

BLOOD DIAMOND (B-)

A Rambo movie for liberals, Edward Zwick's "Blood Diamond" might also be called "Danny Archer, Soldier of Fortune." Handsome Danny (Leonardo DiCaprio) has been a bad boy. He smokes and drinks too much and makes a living smuggling "conflict stones," also known as blood diamonds, out of 1990s Sierra Leone. The funds finance a rebel army that chops the arms off civilians and turns young boys into drug-addled zombies with AK-47s and such nicknames as "Master of Disaster"' and "Babykiller." "Blood Diamond" is based on fact. But it is hardly a serious examination of the political and social realities of modern-day Africa. Zwick brings the same sensibility he brought to "The Last Samurai" to this film. "Blood Diamond" does not pass the reality sniff-test. (Rated R)

FREEDOM WRITERS (B+)

As Erin Gruwell, a middle class teacher trying to capture the attention of her gang-banger students, Hilary Swank is downright luminous and amazing. She is a rebel in lipstick and tasteful pumps. She never lets her fear dissuade her from her self-appointed mission to teach. Gruwell has her charges write diaries, which they read to the class. Published in 1999 as "The Freedom Writers Diary" with Gruwell as editor, these personal testaments are effectively used. Bring four hankies. You're going to need them. (Rated PG-13)

— Stephen Schaefer

STOMP THE YARD (C)

Imagine "Bring It On" on steroids. The sport that's featured here — a competitive, grueling sort of dance known as stepping — is a fast-paced type of footwork unlike anything cinema has seen before. But that's not always a good thing. The familiar story features DJ (Columbus Short), an avid hip-hop dancer who competes in underground hotspots in L.A. One evening, his life is turned upside down when his younger brother is shot and killed. DJ heads to Truth University, as the film builds to a climactic, if predictable, dance tournament. Skip "Stomp." (Rated PG-13)

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DESTINATIONS

The saint of Saint Maarten

Local man re-launches island site

By Max Bowen
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From the plane's touchdown to takeoff, Jeff Berger has all your vacation needs met through his redesigned Web site on the island of St. Maarten.

Berger, CEO of his PR business, JMB Communications, recently rolled out the new and improved site, www.everythingstmaarten.com, or www.everythingstmartin.com, which documents every aspect of a trip to the half Dutch/half French island. Working with Dennis Randall of Kingston, Plymouth resident Berger has put together a site containing more than 90 pages of information on St. Maarten, or St. Martin as it is sometimes spelled.

"It has every conceivable type of information someone would want who was contemplating a trip to St. Maarten," said Berger. "It has everything about the island."

The site's content is divided into three sections. The first, entitled "Before You Go," gives visitors to the island all the information they need to plan their trip, from reserving a hotel or villa to renting a car. This section also offers a history of the island and weather information. One article in this section, called "First Things First," gives details not always covered in the travel brochures, like where to get gas for cars and how to use the island's phone system.

Berger has been a visitor to St. Maarten since 1978, either spending five weeks in a timeshare or renting a hotel.

"The old site had become like a Colonial house. Whenever we wanted to add something to it we built an addition. It became like a maze. We had valuable information, but it was a difficult design."
— Jeff Berger

The site began as a story about a trip to St. Maarten Berger put on his company's site as a writing sample. Soon after the site went online, he began getting calls from people who had read his story. From there he expanded the story into an informational site covering every inch of the 37-square mile island.

"I gradually added to it," Berger said. "It was a mammoth job."

Berger said the redesign of the site, which was launched 11 years ago, was made necessary due to the vast amount of information he has accumulated over the years. Much of the information comes from his own experiences on the island, but he gets some facts from friends and others who have gone to St. Maarten. Berger said the site had become difficult to navigate, and decided to relaunch it with a new, easier to use layout.


A bird's eye view of Saint Maarten


Jeff Berger


A map of the island.

"The old site had become like a Colonial house," said Berger. "Whenever we wanted to add something to it we built an addition. It became like a maze. We had valuable information, but it was a difficult design."

JMB Communications does public relations for financial and hospitality companies, and business consumer marketing. The company offers a program called Websites that Work, which designs sites for companies. Randall and Berger met through Habitat for Humanity, which Berger has down some PR work for.

"The site had become obsolete from a navigation perspective," Berger said, referring to his original St. Maarten site. "We started with a blank slate."

The second section of the site, "When You First Arrive," walks with visitors from the moment the plane touches down or the boat docks. The site is free but includes a pay section, with 4,500 subscribers. This section contains several visitor benefits, like discounts on airfare and car rentals.

"You can even buy souvenirs online," Berger said.

Along with the site, Berger also puts together a weekly newsletter, St. Maarten Weekly News, which he said is read by more than 100,000 people.

"I get the information for that from friends on the island," Berger said. "We hear from our readers."

A second newsletter was started in mid-2006, and covers news in the timeshare industry.

The final section covers what to do once you're on the island and unpacked. Full-color photos advertise businesses like Last Mango in Paradise, the Jimmy Buffet store on Front Street. Maps of the island are on hand, and Berger offers information on scuba diving, renting motorcycles, and sightseeing.

While the best sights and sounds are a debatable subject, Berger said, one of the best, according to several visitors, is the Grand Case, a former fishing village that sports two-dozen gourmet restaurants.

"It literally is smaller than downtown Plymouth," he said.


The open-air market in Marigot.

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Flames shoot into the night sky



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A Cohasset firefighter directs the fire hose toward the Dramatic Kitchens building off Depot Court on Tuesday evening. The two-alarm fire destroyed the structure. Mutual aid from Hull and Scituate responded and Hingham fire covered the Cohasset station.

Spectacular blaze at kitchen design shop

By Samantha Brown
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With nighttime temperatures averaging in the high 20s this week, it has not been unusual to notice the scent of burning wood on the air. But the two-alarm fire that started in Cohasset Village at 6:05 p.m. Tuesday was anything but comforting and cozy as firefighters from Cohasset, Hull and Scituate battled the roughly 50-foot high blaze for close to six hours before returning to their respective stations.

"When I rolled in, it was pretty dramatic."
— Fire Chief Bob Silvia

A call from a cell phone alerted Cohasset's police and fire departments to the incident. The caller reported smoke and fire coming from

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27 homes slated for Cook Estate

Not restricted to those 55-and-older

By Samantha Brown
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Where one single-family home currently sits on the Cook Estate, soon there will be 27. Developers from Abbot Real Estate and Development have purchased the property, located off Sohier Street, and unveiled plans before the Planning Board at a preliminary hearing held Jan. 24.

James McAuliffe, principal and co-founder of Abbott Real Estate Development, attended the meeting. He said the company is now in its 11th year and to date has built more than1,000 homes both for rent and for sale, including the recent Seton Highlands development at the Pinehills in Plymouth, which includes single-family duplex style condominium homes.

"We're very excited about being in Cohasset and trying to develop the best project we can," McAuliffe said.

While the homes at the Pinehills are 55-plus housing, the development in Cohasset will not be age-restricted. They will also be detached homes, rather than the duplex style seen in the Plymouth development. Price points for the units — which will not be deemed affordable by the state — have not yet been determined, as they will depend on the cost of construction, but McAuliffe said he believes the community will be "pleasantly surprised."

Landscape architect Joseph Geller, a partner at Geller DeVellis Landscape Architects, said because the property is located on one of the highest points in

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Just a phone call away

Emergency Notification System trial run Feb. 9

By Samantha Brown
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One of the most critical elements during any emergency is communication. To that end the town has purchased the necessary technology to allow it to be able to notify all of its residents of an emergency within minutes, via one single telephone call.

At the December 2005 Special Town Meeting, voters unanimously approved spending $30,000 to purchase an emergency notification system. Similar to the Connect-ED notification system currently in use by the school department, the town has chosen Connect-CTY. Town Manager Bill Griffin said the town will conduct its first test-call of the newly implemented system Friday, Feb. 9.

Connect-CTY is an Internet-based town-to-resident communication service that enables town officials to schedule, send and track personalized voice messages to thousands of residents, businesses and local officials in just minutes, ensuring they all receive the same message quickly. The system can be used to communicate any timely and pressing matters, such as severe weather conditions, notification of a missing child, a water main break, or other unforeseen events or emergencies. The school department has used the technology for a variety of reasons, including informing parents of a threatening note which was found on school grounds, to notification of MCAS testing.

Griffin said he believes having this new technology will be a great asset for the town. "Effective communication with local residents has a direct impact on the overall safety of our town. When an emergency or pressing situation arises, one of the primary courses of action is to alert the community immediately," he said. "With the emergency notifica-

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Colossal spelling bee victory

Middle-schoolers put to the test

By Samantha Brown
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Thirty-four of the best spellers from the towns of Cohasset and Scituate faced off Tuesday during the Cohasset Middle High School and Gates Intermediate School's 2007 Spelling Bee, held at the Cohasset High School auditorium.

After 11 rounds of spelling, it was clear Scituate had produced the winner, as its students were the top three finalists: Lindsay Whalen, grade eight, Elizabeth Mardeusz and Sarah Reynolds, both grade seven.

However, coming up close in fourth place was seventh-grade student Hayley Wheelwright, who earned first place for Cohasset. Sam Green, grade eight, was the runner up in Cohasset. Both Lindsay and Hayley will go on to the regional spelling bee competition.

When it came down to the final two contestants, Elizabeth was asked to spell the word "sedentary." While she gave it her best shot, her answer was incorrect and Lindsay was able to spell it correctly. For the win, Lindsay was asked to spell "colossal" and with that one word brought victory to her Scituate classmates who had been cheering her on from the crowd.

Mike Wankum, meteorologist for WCVB-TV Channel 5 was the announcer at the bee. He instructed the spellers they would first hear the word, and could then ask for it to be said again, to be heard in a sentence, for the word origin or a definition. Judges included Cohasset High School Supt. Denise Walsh, Paul Pratt Memorial

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Spelling Bee winner Lindsay Whalen of Scituate is all smiles while Cohasset's top speller Hayley Wheelwright realizes they will now both have to go on to compete at the regional bee.

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PICTURE THIS/Jon Belber



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This week the Mariner caught up with Jon Belber, education director and farmer at Holly Hill Farm on Jerusalem Road. Here he is with his daughter Nadia.

Name: Jon Belber.

Occupation: Education Director, The Friends of Holly Hill Farm and farmer, Holly Hill Farm.

Best day of your life: Saturday, Oct. 23, 1999, a busy day of hard work, culminating in a first date with my (now) wife.

Best vacation: A weekend trip to NYC with my family.

Favorite season: Autumn.

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving.

Favorite junk food: Natural Doritos and spaghetti.

Best magazine: "Peaceworks."

Best movie: "Tape" or "Chariots of Fire."

Best TV Show: "The Greatest American Hero" in the 1980s, and "Scrubs" 2007.

Pet Peeve: People driving and using their cell phones.

Goal: To teach people about healthy, local, organic produce, where it comes from and work to bring that food into school cafeterias.

Person I'd most like to meet: Nelson Mandela.

Most embarrassing moment: Trying to give a synopsis of a book in sixth grade that I had not read.

Biggest worry: War.

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POLICE/FIRE BEAT

Dog hearing scheduled Feb. 13 for two Labrador retrievers

By Mary Ford
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A dog hearing has been scheduled for 6 p.m., Tuesday (Feb. 13) in the basement meeting room at Town Hall for the owner of a yellow lab and black lab that live at 50 Red Gate Lane.

Jeff Ritz's house backs up to Wheelwright Park, Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy said. Ritz is the owner of the dogs. Town Manager Bill Griffin will conduct the hearing.

The public is invited, Murphy said. Anyone who has had a good or bad experience with the dogs should attend.

Murphy explained that some people, who walk their dogs in Wheelwright Park, have had problems with the labs. Dogs must on a leash in the parking lot, but can be let loose once on the trails. Dogs have approached the labs and have been attacked and bitten, he said.

Ritz confines his labs with an electric fence but that does not prevent other dogs from approaching.

In the past six-to-ten weeks there have been four incidents involving other dogs and two "human bites," Murphy said. He said a UPS driver, who came to the house, and a neighbor's nanny, who was across the street, have also been bitten, both by the yellow lab.

Car into woods

A teenager who was driving a red Mercury Marquis, lost control of the car in slippery conditions; the car ran off the road and into the woods off lower King Street by Route 3A, police said. The boy's father arrived on the scene. The car was stuck and had to be pulled out of the woods. The incident occurred at about 4:39 p.m., Tuesday (Jan. 23).

Erratic operation

Police cited an operator for speeding and lane violation following a cell phone report about an erratic driver at about 9:43 p.m. last Saturday (Jan. 27) near Forest Avenue and North Main Street.

The caller said the vehicle was speeding and passing cars as it came down North Main Street toward the intersection of N. Main, Forest Avenue and lower King Street. An officer followed the vehicle up Forest Avenue toward Hull and clocked the speed, which was excessive, Hussey said.

Handicap spot

A police officer tagged a car that was blocking a handicap spot in Cohasset Plaza last Saturday (Jan. 27) at 6:35 p.m. The fine for parking in a handicap space is $100, Chief Hussey said.

Fire lane

Last week on Friday and Saturday (Jan. 26 and 27) officers tagged two cars that were parked in the fire lane at Cohasset Plaza by Stop & Shop in separate incidents.

Chief Hussey said officer-initiated patrols in the area look for fire lane violations. He explained if there is someone in the motor vehicle, the officer will just tell him or her to move along. He said people should not park in the fire lanes and should not park there and leave the vehicle. The fine for parking in a fire lane is $25.

Hussey noted there is plenty of parking in Cohasset Plaza, so there is no need to park in a fire lane.

Parking complaints

Officer-initiated patrols on Hull Street at DiNero's often result in motor vehicles being tagged for parking violations. Last week was no exception. An officer tagged two vehicles at about 7:36 p.m., Wed. (Jan. 24) near DiNero's. Chief Hussey explained there is signage posted prohibiting parking on the Cohasset side of Hull Street near Grace Drive. The parking restriction was adopted in response to complaints from Grace Drive residents who could not see around the parked cars when they tried to exit the street. Hussey said it is a safety issue.

"When officers are working the sector, they make sure no one is parking there," he said.

Officer bitten

A family dog bit an officer, who happens to be one of the biggest animal lovers in the department, when he was responding to a call at the home, police said.

The wound was minor but the officer was checked out by the fire department; the dog was up-to-date on its shots.

The officer, who was ordered to report the incident, did so reluctantly and noted that he may have scared the animal, Chief Hussey said.

Revoked insurance

A Cohasset woman is being summonsed to court following a traffic stop for speeding on Sohier Street. The incident occurred at about 12:20 p.m., on Monday (Jan. 22). The officer making the stop found out her registration had been revoked for lack of insurance and the motor vehicle had to be towed, police said. She was cited for driving with revoked registration and speeding.

"We can't allow a car to be continue to be driven if it is uninsured," Police Chief James Hussey said. He explained that state law requires all motor vehicles be insured.

Suspended license

An Abington man is being summonsed to court after being stopped for speeding at 8:53 p.m. Monday (Jan. 22) on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. It was then determined he was driving on a suspended license, police said.

Smoking sockets

A problem with the electrical wires coming into a house on Highland Avenue on Tuesday (Jan. 23) caused smoked to come out of the electric outlets. The resident also heard a crackling noise from inside the sockets. Fire Chief Bob Silvia said because of the problem with the wires, specifically the neutral wire that provides the ground, more voltage — in excess of the usual 110 volts — was coming into the house than should have been. This type of surge can damage televisions, computers and appliances. National Grid was called to the scene, shut the power off, and fixed the problem, Silvia said.

Carbon monoxide scare

Carbon monoxide is the result of burning fossil fuel, whether that is oil, gas or lumber.

On Wed. (Jan. 24) at about 8:17 a.m., the fire department investigated a report of a carbon monoxide alarm going off. The caller explained the alarm was near the daughter's room and there was a vehicle warming up in the driveway next to the girl's room.

Chief Silvia said it is possible that fumes from the car's exhaust came in through cracks in the house; it could have also come from the oil burner.

The fire department did get elevated readings in the house; all appliances were shut down and the house was ventilated. In these situations it is the homeowner's responsibility to contact an appliance repair service.

Silvia stressed the importance of placing carbon monoxide detectors on each floor of a home, including the basement if that is used at all. Detectors must be within 10 feet of each bedroom. Because carbon monoxide is odorless – detectors are the best way to be alerted to the potential danger. State law requires homes to have carbon monoxide detectors.

Outside gas leaks

Due to 100s and perhaps 1000s of gas leaks in Keyspan pipes across town, the fire department is often called to a scene time and time again. Last week on Wednesday (Jan. 24), firefighters responded to a report of an outside odor of gas on Beechwood Street – which has been an ongoing problem. Keyspan classifies the leaks. If they are not close to a house, it can take as long as 18 months to get them fixed, Chief Silvia explained.

He said after the fire department has been to a location multiple times, sometimes the leak is pushed up the priority list. In cold weather, the outside odor of a gas leak is more pronounced because the gas does not dissipate.

Water leak

The brown-colored commercial building at 760 CJC Hwy, next to Starbucks, that is being renovated had a water pipe burst due to the cold on Saturday (Jan. 27). Because of the work being done, the front door was left open and that allowed the pipe to freeze.

In another incident that evening, a Summer Street resident called 911 to report a burst pipe. Fire Chief Silvia said the fire department can assist with turning off the water and will ensure there is no fire or electrical danger. He said residents should shut off outside faucets and drain any water before winter to prevent the water inside the pipe from freezing and backing up. It's also a good idea to leave kitchen and bathroom cabinets that contain pipes on outside walls open in cold weather to allow the heat to circulate.

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Sunrise: 6:57 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:57 p.m.*			
Fri. 2	11:15	9.6	11:50	8.5	4:52	0.5	5:29	-0.3
Sunrise: 6:56 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:58 p.m.*			
Sat. 3	11:57	9.5	—	—	5:35	0.4	6:08	-0.2
Sunrise: 6:55a.m.					*Sunset: 5:00 p.m.*			
Sun. 4	12:28	8.6	12:37	9.3	6:17	0.4	6:45	0.0
Sunrise: 6:54 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:01 p.m.*			
Mon. 5	1:04	8.6	1:16	9.0	6:58	0.5	7:22	0.2
Sunrise: 6:52 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:02 p.m.*			
Tues. 6	1:41	8.6	1:56	9.7	7:39	0.6	8:00	0.5
Sunrise: 6:51 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:04 p.m.*			
Wed. 7	2:19	8.5	2:38	8.3	8:22	0.8	8:39	0.9
Sunrise: 6:50 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:05 p.m.*			
Thurs. 8	2:59	8.4	3:22	7.9	9:07	1.0	9:22	1.3
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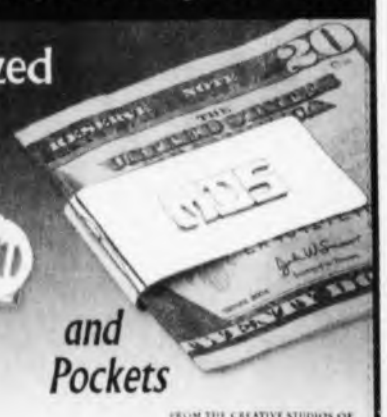
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Stormwater issues to be tackled at annual Town Meeting

New commission seen as benefit

By Samantha Brown
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The Stormwater Committee is planning on bringing a new bylaw forward for Town Meeting consideration in the spring. If passed by voters, a new Stormwater Commission would be formed which would implement an annual Stormwater Improvement Program to prevent and reduce existing stormwater flooding and pollution. A new Stormwater Permitting Program would also be formed which would require new development or redevelopment to reduce their stormwater impacts to the greatest extent possible.

Due to the article's ties to development, members of the Stormwater Committee came before the Planning Board Jan. 24 to present the article and receive feedback. They explained the new commission would be made up of various boards and asked the Planning Board if would like to participate. The Board of Health, Water Commission and Conservation Commission are all endorsing the article and will all have participants on the commission, and the Planning Board said it would like to participate as well.

Stormwater Committee Chairman John McNabb explained there are five major stormwater problems currently facing the town, which are fragmentation, flooding, pollution, federal requirements and the federal threshold. He identified portions of the proposed bylaw that would address all five.

Regulation and remediation of flooding and stormwater pollution in Cohasset is fragmented among many different local boards and officials. In turn, many stormwater flooding and pollution issues fall through the cracks and are not adequately addressed.

McNabb said the bylaw would create a new Stormwater Commission with authority and responsibility over flooding and stormwater pollution. He said the committee feels that is the most effective way to ensure someone is actually addressing the issues. He said local boards are overburdened with their current responsibilities and the new board would have both a public works function and a regulatory function, which no existing town board has.

There are serious, chronic and pervasive flooding problems in town, which are caused and/or exacerbated by stormwater. McNabb said the bylaw would authorize the new Stormwater Commission to conduct long range and annual Stormwater Improvement Program to reduce existing stormwater flooding and pollution and prevent or reduce potential additional stormwater flooding and pollution.

McNabb also said every water body in Cohasset is contaminated with one or more pollutants, such as bacteria, heavy metals, and contaminated sediment. Most are on the federal list of impaired water bodies. The bylaw would establish a new Stormwater Permitting Program that would regulate construction site runoff and post-construction runoff, prohibit illicit connections and administer a program to implement all six "minimum control measures."

Finally, the Clean Water Act requires the new regulations to regulate stormwater runoff from development or redevelopment or lots of one or more acres. The bylaw would instead regulate runoff for lots of any size, due to the fact that more than 75 percent of parcels in Cohasset are one acre or less.

Planning Board Chairman Al Moore said he was concerned there would be duplication if various boards are charged with certain duties that the new commission's efforts might overlap. However, McNabb said currently, while many boards are doing their jobs properly, there are still so many issues to be overcome, some problems are never getting fixed. With participants from many boards on the commission, it will help ensure all the issues are getting addressed.

There was also concern the process would be onerous to homeowners who are trying to develop, but Karen Quigley, also of the Stormwater Committee, explained there would be nothing more than a short form to be filled out with the building permit.

McNabb said the Stormwater Committee would be taking the proposed bylaw around to various boards and making changes as necessary. It is scheduled to hold a hearing on the article Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. The committee will take questions and comments during the meeting.

For more information or to submit comments on the article, please contact the Stormwater Committee at stormwater02025@comcast.net. A copy of the article can be downloaded from the town's Web site at www.townofcohasset.org or from the Cohasset Water Department site at www.cohassetwater.org.

27, two-bedroom homes slated for Cook Estate

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town, the view is spectacular. " You can see the ocean," he said, adding not only that, the property has some wonderful specimen trees, which is something every landscape architect likes to see, and he intends on preserving. "There is also a very nice existing stone wall we'll want to reuse," he said. Geller noted while there is property on the Fairoaks Lane side of the street that was purchased in the transaction, "There is no intention to do anything on that property."

Geller said the 27 homes would be situated on the property to create the best views of the water. "They will not be looking at each other," he said. While development will be somewhat dense, there will be open space around the edges of the property and open space in the middle. There will also be a pedestrian trail system throughout the 19 acres of property.

There are wetlands on the site that will be left alone. "We tried to be creative with our septic and drainage. We're going to work with swales to minimize the runoff going into the wetlands," he said. Another feature on site that should help mitigate runoff is the fact that the driveways for the homes will be made of pervious pavement, which will allow water to seep into the ground, rather than run off.

Dale Harris, an engineer with Coler and Colantonio, presented the site design plans. He explained test pits and percolation tests were conducted all over the site by Abbot developers and many more who had tried in the past, and the conclusion from just about everyone was that the septic system has to be placed just off the existing driveway. To accommodate for that, the current entrance to the property will be shifted a little farther down Sohier Street, which will also provide better sight lines for drivers coming out of the property than being situated at almost the crest of the hill. Harris explained a traffic study for the property is in process.

Gordon Clark of Northside Design Associates spoke about the architecture of the homes. He said the homes would be low in profile as not to obstruct views for the neighbors; they will have clapboard siding, covered entryways and brick front steps. The homes will also have an open floor plan as well as a gas fireplace and chimney. There will be a variety of design plans and all will have two bedrooms, unless it is determined at a later date that the development has extra capacity in its on-site septic system to accommodate for some three-bedroom units.

He said due to the grade of the land, some designs would have walkouts. Others will have loft spaces. The different styles will all be between 2,200 and 2,400 square feet and from the outside, their designs will be compatible.

Planning Board Vice Chairman Peter Pratt said because this piece of land is on one of the highest points in town, it is possible it could be seen for quite a distance once built and lit at night. He asked what developers plan to do in terms of "light pollution." Planning Board member Bob Sturdy said he would also assume there will be central air conditioning which could have outdoor compressors and asked whether there has been any thought given to soundproofing them.

Developers explained there would be covered entryways to the houses, which will help keep lights from the front doors contained. Any light from the development's roadways will be both dark sky compliant and energy efficient. They said there could be "shield plantings" placed strategically on site as well to help buffer noise.

Developers said they hoped to formally file with the Planning Board in February and have a hearing some time in March. They said by then, they will have all preliminary data ready to be presented, and would also have prices in place for the units.

For more information or meeting dates, please contact the Planning Board office at Town Hall at (781) 383-3517.

Town will test new notification technology

FROM EMERGENCY, PAGE 1

tion system, we have the right tool to provide reliable, up-to-date information to our community, ensuring that all residents stay well-informed."

The town will have the ability to send an unlimited number of messages, and when a town official needs to use the system, it is available immediately. The town will also have the ability to keep track of how many and which numbers were reached with a report on the results of outgoing messages sent to town officials immediately upon availability.

Town officials can target messages to an unlimited number of groups for everything from mobilizing emergency response teams to notifying necessary department heads, and send messages to only the specified groups.

"Effective communication with local residents has a direct impact on the overall safety of our town. "
— Town Manager Bill Griffin

Police Chief James Hussey said he too thinks the system will provide a great service to the town. "In the event of an emergency, we must have the capability to quickly and easily warn all residents and business people to keep them out of harm's way. This system is specifically designed for dissemination of time-sensitive messages, ensuring that town residents and businesses will be informed of emergency situations, even if they don't have the TV or radio turned on," he said.

Primary residential and business landlines in Cohasset will be automatically included in the system. If residents choose to have their e-mail address, cell phone and private landline numbers included for emergency notification, they may do so by calling (781) 383-0666. Residents with call blocking services can make sure to receive the town's town-sensitive calls by adding (781) 383-1212 to their approved number list.

Cohasset will conduct its first test call Friday, Feb. 9 in order to ensure all residents who would like to be included in the system are given a chance to correct their phone numbers. If residents do not receive the call, they should contact the town at (781) 383-0666.

Slow start for town election

The deadline to pull papers for this year's Annual Town Election is Thursday, Feb. 15 and so far, there isn't much of a race for any of the open seats. Only one new candidate pulled papers for the Annual Town Election this week: Daniel J. Martin of Linden Drive, who is seeking a seat on the Recreation Commission.

Positions available for the 2007 town election include: Selectmen - two three-year positions; School Committee - two three-year positions; Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library - three three-year positions; Assessor - one three-year position; Board of Health - one three-year position; Cohasset Housing Authority - one five-year position; Planning Board - one five-year position; Recreation Commission - three five-year positions; Sewer Commission - one three-year position and Water Commission - one three-year position.

The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb. 15.

So far, Old Coach Road resident Paul Carlson has pulled papers for the Board of Selectmen as well as incumbent Ralph Dormtizer. Selectman Rob Spofford has indicated he will not seek re-election.

Peter Richardsson, who resigned from the Economic Development Committee this week, is seeking a position on the School Committee, as is incumbent Adrienne MacCarthy.

The following residents have pulled papers to retain their seats on their respective boards: Elsa Miller for the Board of Assessors, Ralph Perroncello for the Cohasset Housing Authority, Steve Bobo for the Board of Health, Stacey Weaver, Sarah Pease and Barbara Power for the Board of Library Trustees, Lillian Curley for the Recreation Commission, Nathanial Palmer for the Water Commission, and Al Moore for the Planning Board.

The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb. 15. Only registered voters of the town may hold an elected office. Candidates are only officially running for office after they have taken out papers and the Board of Registrars has certified the signatures.

Friday, March 9, is the last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting, which will be held Saturday, March 31, and for the Annual Town Election which will be held Saturday, April 7.

Peter Richardsson resigns from EDC

School Committee hopeful Peter Richardsson resigned from his position on the Economic Development Committee this week. In a letter to the Board of Selectmen, he explained while he has had a great experience being on the board since 2005, at this time he will be concentrating his efforts on his School Committee campaign.

"I have really enjoyed my service on the EDC, and I am proud of the significant changes the committee has been able to affect. I trust the experience will make me a stronger candidate and the connections I have made will facilitate any future service to the town," he said.

French students to go to Quebec

Eighth-grade students taking French class will have the opportunity to take a trip to Quebec, Canada this April. The School Committee approved the trip at its Jan. 17 meeting.

Middle-high school principal Joel Antolini presented the committee with the specifics on the trip and said there would be a group going of no more than 45 students. The students will tour Quebec City, visit the art museum eat in French restaurants, and stay overnight in a hotel, speaking French during the entire trip.

Most of the teachers who volunteered to chaperone the trip are language teachers, which would lead to an entire department of substitute teachers for one day, which the School Committee and Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh said they were concerned about. School Committee member Jamie Williams asked whether parents could volunteer to chaperone instead, to ensure other students are not affected by the trip and Antolini said the school had not yet put the word out to ask for parents' help.

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Middle-schoolers put to test in Cohasset-Scituate spelling bee

FROM SPELLING, PAGE 1

Library Director Jackie Rafferty, Scituate Town Library Director Kathy Meeker and Scituate School Committee Chairman Libby Michaud.

In Cohasset, the spelling bee participants were chosen through individual spelling bees in their regular English classes. Middle School Assistant Principal Beth McCoy said there are 17 English classes between grades six, seven and eight, and each class had their own spelling bee to find a winner to compete in the two-town bee. "It's really nice because you have all grade levels and all ability levels competing," she said.

While Cohasset has been conducting its own spelling bee during the past few years, this is the first year the two towns have had a joint spelling bee. The event was well attended by both schools, and McCoy said she hopes the bee will continue in the future.



Cohasset speller Alexiree Hastings, donning a yellow and black bumblebee necklace, listens to announcer Mike Wankum of the Channel 5 weather team pronounce her word during the spelling bee.



Drew Cobin, one of Cohasset's spelling bee contestants, thinks before spelling the word given by the announcer of the bee, Channel 5 meteorologist Mike Wankum.



Scituate speller Elizabeth Mardeusz carefully concentrates on spelling her word during the Cohasset Middle High School and Gates Intermediate School 2007 Spelling Bee held Tuesday. Elizabeth was the runner-up in the competition.

Who participated in the spelling bee?

Cohasset	Scituate
Dominick Brennan	Meredith Barthold
Maria Buckley	Sarah Colameco
Ben Campbell	Alex D'Amato
Drew Cobin	Maeve Dawley
Jessica Costello	Brooke Eckstrom
Sam Green	Coady Egan
Alexiree Hastings	Conor Geary
James McKelvey	Lauren Jalewsky
Drew Nahill	Andrew Lemieux
Catie Pitts	Timothy Marcin
Claire Posniak	Julia Mardeusz
Carly Schwantner	Elizabeth Mardeusz
Taylor Tabb	Caroline McCall
Bryanna Valentine	Michelle Parris
Spencer Wakefield	Sarah Reynolds
Hayley Wheelright	Bennett Rose
William Choi	Lindsay Whalen



Channel 5 meteorologist Mike Wankum helped out during the Cohasset/Scituate Spelling Bee Tuesday, by serving as the announcer.



Scituate School Committee Chairman Libby Michaud holds up the "correct" card for speller Hayley Wheelwright of Cohasset.

Some words that ousted spelling bee contestants

Enthusiasm	Iguana
Rhythmic	Castanets
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Madeline Blackburn to play with youth symphony

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JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

'Tis the season

Hello Cohasset. As you are reading through this week's paper, you may have heard whether the groundhog saw his shadow. Early Spring, more winter, hmmmm? Either way, we have been relatively lucky in our neck of the woods but it looks like some really cold stuff is coming for next week. Stay warm, enjoy whatever you can outside whether it is the snow and sledding, skating or just plain walking the dog. Seasons are something that we like about this area of the country right?

I also wanted to say that the fire that happened this past Tuesday night downtown was so sad to see. The good news is that no one was hurt and I have such a respect for the work of our fire and police officials and the many others who help in these types of situations.

PRINCIPALSHIP

Big congratulations goes out to **Andrew Stephens**, husband of **Jackie (Lydon)** and dad to **Emma** and **Molly** from here in town. Andrew just accepted the Duxbury High School Principal job for July of 2007. Currently the Hull Middle School Principal, Andrew is accepted to take on the new challenge. Your family and friends are so proud of you Andrew, best of luck to you.

BCHS HONOR SOCIETY

Thomas Chase '08 of Cohasset, a junior at Boston College High School, was among the 100 seniors and juniors inducted into the Robert J. Fulton, S.J. Chapter of the National Honor Society at an evening ceremony Jan. 9 at Boston College High School's Fahey-Hunter Commons. This is an honor that your family and friends are so proud of you to have received.

TALENTED MUSICIAN

Here is a refreshing piece of news about a talented young musician from Cohasset *who* has been chosen to play with the Greater Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras for the 2006/2007 season. This accomplished student is



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Cohasset's Madeline Blackburn with her violin.

Madeline Blackburn, daughter of a very proud set of parents, **Chris and Isabel Blackburn.** Madeline plays the violin.

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Happy Valentine's Day! The Cohasset Consignment Shop is holding another raffle. Stop by and get the chance to win a sheared beaver coat. Raffle tickets are $5 and the drawing will take place on Valentine's Day. Proceeds to benefit the Social Service League of Cohasset.

DEAN'S LIST

Laura Marks of Cohasset has been named to the Emmanuel College dean's list for the fall 2006 semester with a 3.67 GPA. Your family is so proud, Laura, keep up the great work!

COLLEGE HONORS

The following Cohasset students were named to the Quincy College Fall 2006 Dean's List. **Sureerat Deeto, Sara Osmanski** and **Robert Protulis** all earned this recognition. Super job to all of you and keep up the great work.

DERBY HONORS

Headmaster Edward Foley recently acknowledged qualifying seventh and eighth grade students from Cohasset who achieved academic first or second honors for the fall semester.

Students awarded first honors earned an A- (90) or better average in all academic subjects included:

Cohasset: **Doyle Calhoun**, grade seven; **Riley Calhoun**; grade seven; **Peter McKenna**, grade eight; and **Danny Sears**, grade eight.

Students awarded second honors earned a B (84) or better average in all academic subjects:

Cohasset: **Katherine Brown**, grade seven; **Derick Buffum**, grade seven; **Sarah Evans**, grade seven; **Alex Everett,** grade eight; **Deven Koswick**, grade seven; **Hannah Rawson**, grade seven; **Elizabeth Saltonstall**, grade eight; **Gabe Seksay,** grade eight; and **Mike Troy**, grade eight.

GREAT-GRANDSON

Katherine F. Stanton from here in Cohasset has some wonderful news to share. She is a great grandmother to **William Morgan Mahoney III** (known by all as Liam) who was born to mom and dad, **Bill and Brianna Mahoney** of Seattle, Wash.. Liam's grandparents are **Jerry and Darlene Stanton** of Wauke, Iowa , and **William and Florence Mahoney** of Aubern, Mass. Congratulations to all on this wonderful news of a new baby boy in our world.

That is the news for this week. All news and information for the column for next week should be sent no later than Tuesdays by 5:00 pm.

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HELLO MAYOR

Howie Altholz of Cohasset meets and greets Boston Mayor Thomas Menino at a dinner last week for the Boston business community.

WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Frederick Struble

Struble - Stansell

Caitlin Elizabeth Stansell, daughter of Robert and Moira Stansell of Cohasset, was married on Sept. 3, 2006, to Thomas Frederick Struble, son of Daniel and Jane Struble of Pittsford, N.Y.

The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. John Mulvehill at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset, and a reception followed at Scituate Country Club.

Serving as maid of honor was Elizabeth Myers, lifelong friend of the bride. The best man was Benjamin Struble, brother of the groom. Bridesmaids included Jessie Zerendow, Melissa Pyfrom and Alissa Conley, all former Cohasset residents, as well as Eileen Struble, sister of the groom. Groomsmen included Adrian Korduba and Benjamin Kostka, both Cornell classmates and members of the US Navy, and Robert and Malcolm Stansell, brothers of the bride.

The couple met at Cornell University where they both received degrees in architecture and engineering respectively. The bride is also a graduate of Cohasset High School and works for an architectural firm in Shelton, Conn. The groom, a graduate of Osbourn Park High School in Manassas, Va., is serving onboard the USS Virginia stationed at the New London Submarine Base in Groton, Conn.

The couple vacationed at Maravu Plantation on the island of Taveuni, Fiji, for their honeymoon. They currently reside in Middletown, Conn.

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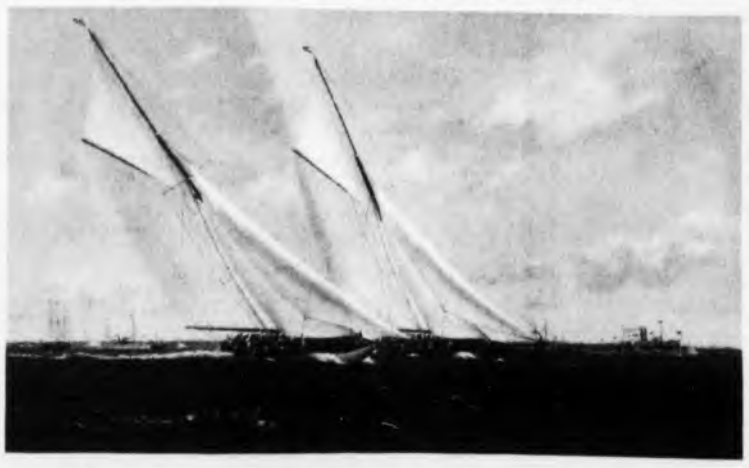
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Farm life suits three CHS students

Build bridge as part of service project

By Samantha Brown
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When students come to walk the nature trails at Holly Hill Farm this spring, they will have three Cohasset High School students to thank for their dry feet.

Since the beginning of the school year, senior Bobby Meikleham and juniors Jake Cuneo and Chris Mills have been coming to the farm, located on Jerusalem Road, during their community service class, taught by Jack Buckley. They have been completing various tasks on the farm over the last four months, but their biggest by far is a new bridge which takes visitors over the puddles and mud which are present almost continuously from spring through fall.

The boys explained water runs off the road and down the ledge and collects in pools on the trails. Because the trail is used for educational purposes, it sees many visitors and can become very messy. Former CHS students Carlos Peralta and Miguel De Los Santos, who were in Buckley's class in 2004, built a bridge in another location during their time on the farm, and this year's students used that bridge as a model for their own.

"No task is too big for these guys," said Education Director John Belber, who has been overseeing the boys in their work on the farm. He said whether through competition, as they would sometimes race to see who could complete jobs the fastest, or through sheer determination, they have done well on every project thrown their way.

They also grew their own lettuce, which was served in a salad at the Cohasset High School Hunger Banquet in November.

Their first day on the farm was a memorable one for the boys, as they say they were greeted with bags full of pony manure to be brought down to the compost pile. They have also cleaned the goat pens, weeded invasive plants, and built a raised bed garden for schoolchildren to grow vegetables in. They also grew their own lettuce, which was served in a salad at the Cohasset High School Hunger Banquet in November. "We harvested it in the rain," said Jake, adding no matter what the weather was, they were always outside working.



PHOTO/CRAIG GOEDECKE

CHS juniors Chris Mills and Jake Cuneo work in the Holly Hill Farm Greenhouse with Education Director John Belber. Mills and Cuneo are participating in a community service class at the high school and have been working on the farm since September. (Not shown is senior, Bobby Meikleham).



PHOTO/SAMANTHA BROWN

Jake Cuneo, Bobby Meikleham, and Chris Mills stand by the bridge the CHS students have been working on for their community service class at the high school.

Chris said they also gathered wood chips, which were used on pathways and in the gardens. They measured the trails for maps of the property's 35 acres, and collected sea kelp, which is used for fertilizer in organic farming. The kelp is high in nitrogen, which feeds the soil naturally. Before coming to the farm, all three boys said they were not familiar at all with growing produce in a garden, but now would feel very comfortable building their own raised bed gardens and producing vegetables on their own.

But the bulk of their time has been spent building the bridge. They began by scanning the woods on the property for fallen cedar trees. "Cedar doesn't decompose," said Bobby, and it therefore provided the perfect supports for the bridge. Next, they bought the lumber for the bridge, some of which was purchased at Copeland & Sons Lumber in Marshfield. The nails for the project were purchased at Cohasset Hardware. "We wanted to support the local businesses," said Belber, adding unfortunately since then, Cohasset Hardware announced it will be going out of business.

While the students set their sights on building a 70-foot long bridge, time didn't allow them to complete a bridge quite that long. "We set our goals high," said Chris, to which he added in the future, he would highly recommend other students complete their community service coursework at the farm, and perhaps even continue the work they began on the bridge. As an added bonus, the boys said hauling the lumber out to the trail and building the bridge has helped them stay in shape for the spring sports season, as all three are members of the CHS lacrosse team.

Belber said he is very proud of the work done by the boys. He said while the farm is a for-profit organic farm it has a non-profit educational branch which their work will support. "The farm is our classroom and these guys have left a very lasting impression on the kids."

Holly Hill Farm is a working organic farm, located at 236 Jerusalem Road. In the summer months, it harvests produce, which it sells at its farm stand as well as at the Farmer's Market on the Common. For more information, please contact Directors of Farm Operations Jean and Frank White at (781) 383-1455 or visit the farm's Web site at www.hollyhillfarm.org.

MARKET UPDATE



The Spring market has arrived early and buyers have returned in force. The inventory in Cohasset has gone from over 100 homes on the market this fall to 50 homes currently. Unlike other towns, Cohasset has a lack of inventory which creates more demand than supply. Values have clearly hit bottom and with the coming train we are anticipating modest appreciation. If you are thinking about selling or buying, please call our office for a market consultation. We may even have a buyer waiting for a home like yours.

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Flames shoot into the night sky

FROM FIRE, PAGE 1

Dramatic Kitchens and Sunroom Conservatories, Ltd., a kitchen and design shop located at 22 Depot Court. Cohasset resident Richard Brown owns the building, and the business owner is currently out of the country, which caused the shop to be closed this week. The cause of the fire does not appear to be suspicious, officials said.

Police Officer Ed Bagley and other members of the Cohasset Police Department were the first on the scene. He described the building as having billowing black smoke pouring out from the roof, and some visible flames.

Fire Chief Robert Silvia said when the call came in, he was stuck in traffic on Route 128, coming back from bringing a vehicle up to Dedham to be repaired. "When I rolled in, it was pretty dramatic," he said.

There were four firefighters on duty when the call came in and they drove two engines and the ambulance down to the fire. The ladder truck stayed at the station until other firefighters were able to get to the station and drive it over. Those firefighters who were first on the scene laid the supply lines down and gained entry through the front door.

"Upon entering, they realized the fire was overhead and they backed out," said Silvia, adding when the rest of the crew arrived, they were able to use the ladder truck to begin fighting the flames to keep it from spreading.

A small crowd gathered around the area and many took out cell phones with cameras to take photos of the incredible scene.

Soon after Cohasset's arrival, engines from Scituate and Hull pulled up. Hingham also provided mutual aid as it sent firefighters to man the Cohasset station while all of its units were out. There were at least 20 firefighters on scene. The area surrounding the building, a small, light yellow, cape-style building with a kitchen showroom on the right side of the building and an office-type area on the left, was cordoned off with yellow caution tape. The area from the Pleasant Street train tracks to the top of Depot Court and down Ripley Road to roughly Carousel Antiques was shut down to traffic for hours with police cruisers providing the blockade. A small crowd gathered around the area and many took out cell phones with cameras to take photos of the incredible scene.

With temperatures so low, water from the hoses soon caused major ice in the roadway. The Cohasset Department of Public Works responded promptly. "The DPW did a really nice job sanding and salting. If nothing else, it helped keep us from falling while we were working to put out the fire," said Silvia.

By 7 p.m. there were no flames visible from the outside of the building, but a good deal of smoke. Some firefighters could be seen at the top of the ladder truck with their axes, cutting through the roof to ensure water could combat what seemed to be the origin of the fire. The front windows of the store were completely shattered and looked melted from the heat of the flames.

As the fire subsided, it became clear the right side of the building, or the showroom side, had sustained more damage than the left, Silvia said. He added the DPW provided another very valuable service as it brought a backhoe to the scene, which was used to remove a portion of the right side of the building that was in danger of collapse. He said the way the building was set up, it was almost as if there were two separate buildings with a connecting piece in the middle. The left side of the building has substantial smoke and water damage, but was not completely destroyed by fire, he said.

There was no wind Tuesday night, which helped keep the fire contained. "We were very lucky, that's very true," said Silvia. "The building to the rear, the Adamo Salon, is roughly 20 to 25-feet away and only has the alley between it and the building at 22 Depot Court," he said. He noted while the building next door, which houses apartments as well as Farsh Oriental Rugs and Antiques, is close, the Adamo building is closer and could have been in great danger.

Silvia said there were no injuries throughout the course of the night. "Everyone kept safe," he said, adding even with the chilly temperatures, "We didn't really notice the cold." He said if the wind had been blowing, the situation would have been far worse, as it not only would have caused the fire to spread rapidly, it would have made an already cold situation even colder.

The fire department officially cleared the scene at 11:38 p.m. Silvia said a vehicle was left on detail overnight just in case the flames started back up again. The vehicle was still on the scene Wednesday morning.

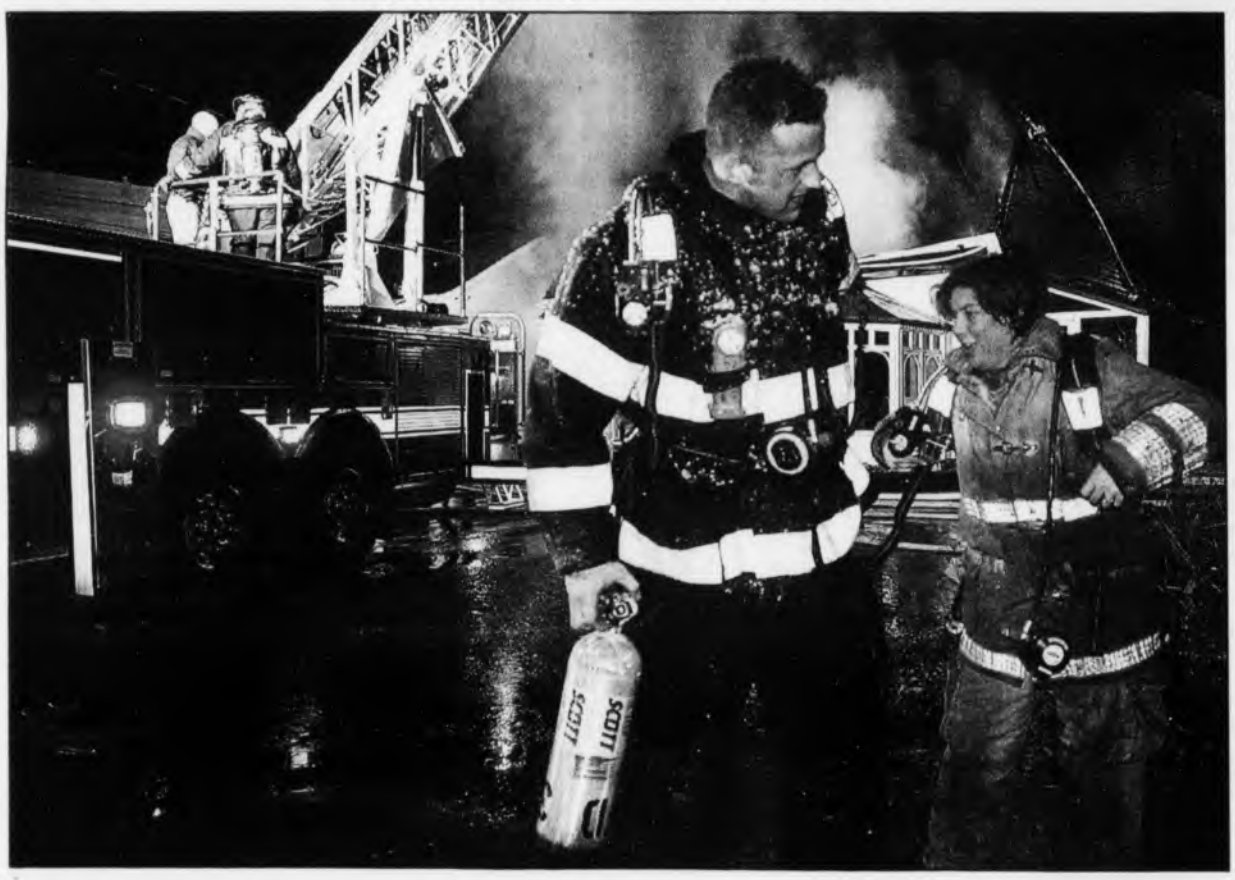
Representatives from the Fire Marshall's office were on the scene both Tuesday night and Wednesday. Silvia said any time there is a fire of this magnitude the state is called in to conduct an arson investigation. "This is not being classified as suspicious," said Silvia, adding although the cause of the fire is still under investigation, it does not appear to be of a suspicious nature.

Silvia said the Fire Marshall's office would likely bring experts in heating and electrical systems to the scene. The building had an old heating system located up in its attic, which appears to be where the fire originated. "The experts will come down here and try to sift through the wreckage," he said, and will hopefully find the cause of the fire soon.



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Above, flames tear through the roof, while a Cohasset firefighter knocks out the glass to the front of the Dramatic Kitchens building in Cohasset Village. The fire was contained to the one structure.



Left, firefighters Rob Forde and Kathy Adams assist each other with their breathing packs after knocking down a devastating fire at the Dramatic Kitchens shop on Depot Court on Tuesday.

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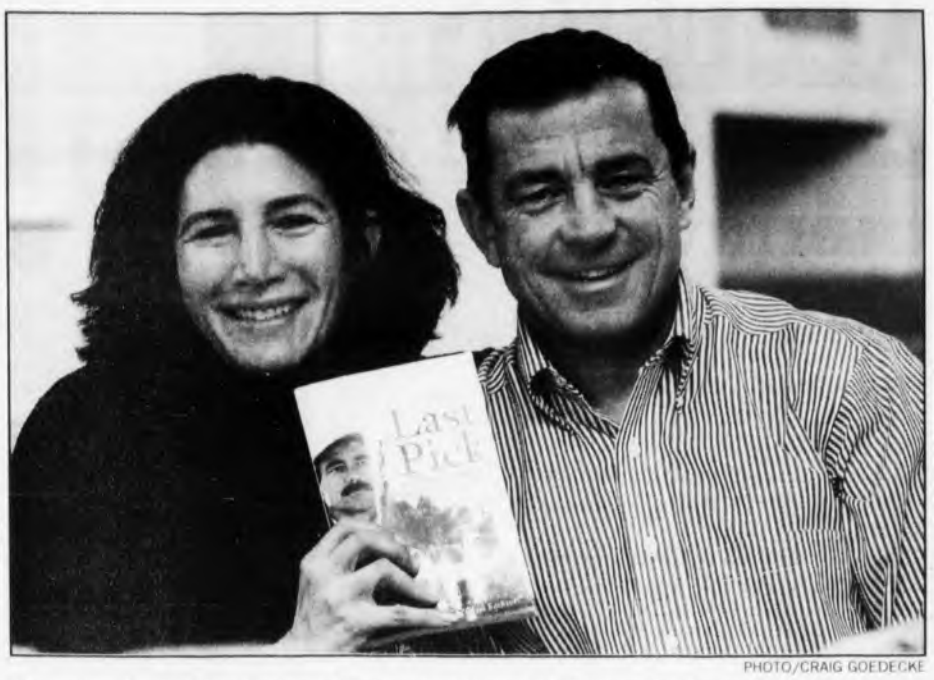
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Inspiring 'One Book' author visits with Rotary Club

Shares his story about 'positives'

"It's about turning negatives into positives."
— David McGillivray, 'The Last Pick'

By Samantha Brown
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Co-authors Linda Glass Fechter of Cohasset and David McGillivray held a book signing at the end of Monday's Rotary Club Meeting. The book the two wrote, "The Last Pick," is being read by the town as part of the "One Book One Cohasset" program, sponsored by the library.

Sitting at the round tables of the Lightkeeper's Residence, those who attended Monday's Rotary Club meeting were inspired. In conjunction with the "One Book One Cohasset" program, which will formally kick off Feb. 5, author and marathon runner David McGillivray, who is also the Boston Marathon Race Director, came to share his story with the first of many groups he will visit with in town.

Cohasset is taking part in the One Book program for the first time this year. Spearheaded by the staff at the Paul Pratt Library, the goal is to have the town collectively read McGillivray's book titled, "The Last Pick," and as a community participate in activities and discussions which will bring everyone closer together with a common thread. The program will culminate April 1 in conjunction with the Rotary Club's Road Race By the Sea, which McGillivray plans to run.

Cohasset resident Linda Glass Fechter co-authored McGillivray's book, which is one of the reasons the library decided to choose "The Last Pick" for its first One Book selection. But even without the Cohasset tie, McGillivray's story is so inspiring, the library felt it would strike a chord with everyone in the community, young and old.

"To think a community has selected our book as the inaugural book for 'One Book' means an awful lot," said McGillivray, adding while in his lifetime he has received many accolades for his athletic ability, being recognized for the book is a new and wonderful feeling.

When asked what his book is about, McGillivray says he always gives the same answer — "It's about the person reading it." He said anyone who reads his book could identify with the message and apply it to their own lives. "It's about turning negatives into positives."

For sending that message, McGillivray has been asked to speak at more than 1500 venues, from kindergarten classrooms to prisons to the Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas to the Rochester School for the Deaf. However, he noted everyone has a story to tell, and anyone can provide inspiration.

But his story begins with his childhood. McGillivray said he always wanted to be a "stud athlete" but was, in a sense, handicapped, due to his short stature. "I was vertically challenged," he said, standing at 5-foot 5-inches tall. "I couldn't dunk, I couldn't hit the ball over the fence," and in turn, he would always be the last picked for sports teams, which provided the title for his book.

"It was so devastating for a young boy who only wanted to be an athlete" to always be picked last by his peers he said, adding growing up, basketball and baseball were his two favorite sports and he practiced all the time. He would throw free throw after free throw and continued to beat his own records. As a sophomore in high school, he tried out for the basketball team and was the last player cut. He was told by the coach, "If you were just 5 inches taller, you'd be my starting guy."

That afternoon McGillivray challenged a 6-foot 5-inch center to a game of 21. "I beat him," he said, adding it was a very defining moment in his life.

Feeling discouraged, McGillivray went home and took out a marker and made a sign that said, "Please God, make me grow," and hung it over his bed. "As I got older, He did make me grow — internally, because isn't that where it counts? Inside, I was 6-foot 5," he said.

It was training for the sports he loved that led him to running. "You become a runner by default," he said, adding very few people set out to be runners, they just fall into it while getting in shape for something else. For him, running was a sport no one could tell him not to do, and his size didn't matter.

Boston Marathon

At the age of 17, McGillivray heard about the Boston Marathon for the first time. He said although he grew up in Medford, somehow the race had never come across his radar screen. He called up his grandfather and told him he was going to run, and he in turn was very supportive of that goal. He told McGillivray he would be waiting for him at Coolidge Corner.

McGillivray began the race well and made it about 18 miles — to heartbreak hill — when he just couldn't go any farther and collapsed in the street. A police officer saw he was in distress and brought him to Newton-Wellesley Hospital. All the while, he couldn't stop thinking about his grandfather, waiting for him to pass by. He came home from the hospital later that evening and called his grandfather and there was no answer and McGillivray, picturing his grandfather still there waiting for him, felt awful for letting him down.

When he finally got in touch with his grandfather, he apologized for his failure, to which his grandfather said, "You didn't fail, you learned." What he learned was that it is not reasonable to set reckless goals and one must set realistic goals to achieve anything in life. His grandfather told him to begin training and said he would be there again next year, waiting for him on the marathon course.

McGillivray's grandfather passed away two months later. Training continued until McGillivray was running 120 miles per week. He was ready to race, until he came down with a terrible stomach virus two days before the marathon. While his parents advised he not run in his condition, McGillivray had made a promise to his grandfather and wasn't about to give up. He asked that his parents not deny him at least the opportunity to start the race, and they agreed.

Five miles in, he felt awful. He ran by his parents, his mother was crying, "as mother's sometimes do," and his father was proudly taking pictures. He kept going for as long as he could, until he hit the point where his body just couldn't take anymore. He collapsed on the curb and once again felt as if he had failed his grandfather.

But when he looked up, now in an unfamiliar section of Boston, he suddenly saw something he recognized. Across the street was the cemetery where his grandfather had been buried. He remembered how his grandfather promised he was going to be there on the day of the race, and there he was. With that, he found the strength he needed and picked himself up off the ground and began running. It took him 4-1/2 hours, but he finished the Boston Marathon, and he's run that race every year for the past 35.

Once he got the marathon under his belt, he set his sights a little higher. Going back into his childhood, he recalled on his 12th birthday he ran around the pond where his family was staying, which was six miles. Later that day, he ran around the pond again and realized he had run 12 miles on his 12th birthday. Every year since then, he has set the goal of running as far as he is old, and he hasn't yet disappointed himself.

Last year, on his 52nd birthday, he began in Hopkinton and ran the Boston Marathon course — all 26 miles of it. He then turned around and ran the course again, completing his 52 miles.

But that was nothing compared to the time he ran clear across the country. "I was the Forrest Gump of the '70s, way before the movie was even made," he said. Beginning in Medford, Ore., he ran 3,452 miles in 80 days, ending his journey in Medford, Mass.

Jimmy Fund

When he first came up with the idea of running across the country, McGillivray knew he wanted to do it for a cause. He needed something more than his own drive to keep him going when things got tough, and raising money for a charity would be just the thing he needed — but which charity? At that point he was working in the Hancock tower in Boston and one night, he looked out the window and saw a sign at Fenway Park for the Jimmy Fund. Since it was founded in 1948, the Jimmy Fund has supported the fight against cancer in children and adults at Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

McGillivray called Ken Coleman, former Jimmy Fund director, Red Sox announcer, and Cohasset resident, to pitch his idea. Coleman invited him over to his office, and after three hours, they had a deal. "Ken Coleman gave me something no one else ever did — a chance. I'll never forget him and that's why I gave a dedication in the book to him," he said.

McGillivray paid a visit to the children in the clinic before setting out on his journey. He said seeing their strength helped him stay strong and keep working toward his goal. He boarded a plane and headed for the west coast to begin his trek on the other side of the country for two reasons. One, he quipped, was that he has heard prevailing winds go west to east. The other, it would be mentally easier: he would be running home.

McGillivray ran for 10 miles at a time, and then would stop to use the restroom, eat and rest. He would then get back on the road and he repeated this cycle about 5 times per day. He said instead of setting one huge goal, he set many smaller goals and completed his larger goal in pieces.

Of all the states he ran across, the toughest was Pennsylvania, which is very hilly. "I upped my miles to 57 a day just to get out," he said.

When he finished, 32,000 people greeted McGillivray at Fenway Park, and he ran around the stadium holding the check for the Jimmy Fund. He had never had such a proud moment.

After making it back home safely, McGillivray went on Good Morning America and was asked if he would run across the country again. His response, "Why would I?" He said he sees his life as continually moving forward and that is a goal he has reached and he doesn't need to complete again. "My best accomplishment is my next one," he said.

McGillivray has competed in roughly 121 total marathons, including the Hawaiian Iron Man competition eight times. He ran a marathon blindfolded to raise money for the Carroll Center for the Blind in Newton, where his brother worked. Even blindfolded being helped by two guides, he still finished the marathon in just over 3 hours. "I would've run faster, but they couldn't keep up," he quipped.

Today, McGillivray is the man behind the race, organizing the event and riding in the lead vehicle. However, that doesn't stop him from running the race after it is over and his direction is no longer needed. "For the last 19 years, I've been the very last runner to come in at the Boston Marathon," he said, and he wouldn't have it any other way.

Over the years, McGillivray has learned many lessons from his experiences. He has learned that failure usually precedes success and you've got to try something and maybe even fail before you can succeed. He had learned that it is possible to live your dreams, and people who say something cannot be done should not interrupt those doing it. But above all, he said with a laugh, "No matter where in this country my car breaks down, I know I can always run home."

The Rotary Club meets every Monday at 6:30 at the Lightkeeper's Residence on Government Island. Copies of "The Last Pick" can be found at the Paul Pratt Library, Buttonwood Books and other major book retailers.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Stormwater controls

If someone had told us when we picked journalism as a career that we would be writing about catch basins and stormwater, we might have chosen a different path.

But it did not take us long to realize that stormwater issues, as are sewer matters, are interesting and have a direct effect on quality of life.

Let's face it – unwanted, polluted water is not a nice thing.

Therefore, we fully endorse establishing a Stormwater Commission whose job will be to focus like a laser on the problem.

Cohasset is unique for a couple of reasons. The most obvious is that it has concerned residents willing to dive into this issue and try to find ways to improve the environment. The second is that Cohasset – as beautiful as it is with all of its rocky ledge – is about as unfriendly to drainage as a place can get.

As with most boards — whether appointed or elected — there could be some overlap. But we think the Planning Board, for example, will be able to call on the Stormwater Commission for assistance and advice; as will the Zoning Board of Appeals and Conservation Commission.

When the Mariner editor started covering Cohasset back in 1992, she recalls the Conservation Commission asking Selectmen one night whatever had happened to the Drainage Committee. The ConCom saw a need for some assistance and there was actually a Drainage Committee listed among myriad other town committees but no one could recall whatever happened to it.

That was a few years before the infamous downtown flood that saw U.S. mail being delivered by rowboat to the Post Office on Ripley Road.

Leave it to Mother Nature to get our attention.

The current Stormwater Committee is supporting a bylaw that will be before voters at the annual Town Meeting that would include establishing a Stormwater Commission that would implement a Stormwater Improvement Plan. The plan would endeavor to reduce flooding and pollution and a new permitting program would require new development or redevelopment to reduce stormwater impacts with the project.

You might be rolling your eyes and this expansion of government. But before you make up your mind, read this week's Health Notes.

Steve Bobo says for years, the Board of Health has been pleading with the Town to increase public works staff in order to take care of unhealthy catch basins and storm structures propagating polluted runoff into our water resources.

A Stormwater Commission could help us get our arms around that problem and others relating to runoff.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:
Advisory Committee, Feb. 7, 7 p.m.
Alternative Energy Committee, Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m.
Capital Budget Committee, Feb. 13, 7 p.m.; Feb. 26, 7 p.m.
Cohasset Housing Partnership, Feb. 6, 7 p.m.
CMHS School Council, Feb. 7 and March 7, 2:30 p.m. at the high school
Conservation Commission, Feb. 15, 7 p.m.
Council on Elder Affairs, Feb. 12, 9 a.m., 3 N. Main St.
Library Trustees, Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m. at the library
Planning Board, Feb. 7, 7 p.m.
Recreation Commission, Feb. 13, 6 p.m.
School Committee, Feb. 7, 7 p.m. at the high school.
Selectmen, 7 p.m., Feb. 5, Feb. 12, and Feb. 26.
Sewer Commission, Feb. 12, 6 p.m.
Stormwater Committee, Feb. 6 & Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 13, 7 p.m.
Water Commission Feb. 12, 6 p.m.; Feb. 22, 6 p.m., King Street plant.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election are available at the Town Clerk's office. The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb. 15.

Census forms need to be returned.

Readers invited to sign up

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If you are interested in becoming a member of the network, email Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com. She will answer any questions that you may have. The Mariner promises to remove you immediately from the Readers Advisory Network if you request that we do.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Supports marriage equality for gays

TO THE EDITOR:

In Mary Ford's interview with state Senator Robert Hedlund (Cohasset Mariner, Jan. 19) she quotes him as saying that he is "tormented" about the gay marriage issue and undecided on how he will vote in the second Constitutional Convention which will consider whether to put the question on the ballot in 2008. Those of us who have worked on behalf of MassEquality and its campaign to preserve marriage for gay couples have seen an increasing number of legislators switch from uncertainty and even negativity about same-sex marriage to a positive position. Rep. Garrett Bradley, originally ambivalent, is now a strong supporter of MassEquality.

In the course of approaching voters outside supermarkets and on street corners to ask for their support for gay marriage, I've often heard people mention a relative, a friend, or a co-worker who is gay. Typically, they'll say something like, "Why shouldn't they have the same rights that we have?" and are happy to sign postcards to their legislators on behalf of same-sex marriage. One woman said she worked in a physician's office: "My boss is gay. She's great and her partner is great, so of course I support what you're doing!"

I am the mother of four adult children, one of whom is gay. I want him to have the same opportunity as his three married siblings. It is well, I think, for legislators to take into account the feelings of the many straight supporters of gay marriage among their constituents. Love is a powerful force and should always be taken seriously.

Nancy C. Atwood
609 Jerusalem Road

Train survey is off-track

TO THE EDITOR:

The Making Tracks article on Jan. 27th purports to offer the "last chance" to weigh in, for or against, a "late" MBTA train leaving South Station after 10 p.m.

I have enjoyed reading the column and appreciate the updates on the work the "T" is doing in Cohasset. I must have missed, however, the decision to make it the method by which important decisions like this will be made or influenced, as did the 99 percent of Cohasset's residents who have decided, for whatever reason, not to reply to the survey.

Did the MBTA decide that this survey would be how they would measure public opinion, knowing that the results would have no statistical viability? Or is it the lame effort of the Mariner to shroud this information gathering effort with a legitimacy that is neither newsworthy or fair and balanced. You do a significant disservice to the process by reporting a response by 41 people out of 7,075 (.6 percent of the population) as representative either way.

Stick to reporting the work updates, and let the MBTA commission a poll if they truly want to know how the Greenbush Line host towns feel about a train leaving Boston after 10 p.m.

Marty Corry
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HEALTH NOTES

Managing stormwater is health issue

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Last year, the water problems of the Town were brought into focus on Mother's Day when we received more than 7 inches of rain in a few hours. Numerous areas were flooded. Cellars were filled with contaminated stormwater. At the time, the Town's volunteer monitors from the Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research were taking water quality measurements and very high bacteria levels were observed. The conditions provided an accurate snapshot of worst-case drainage conditions all over Town but especially in Town Center where shops were flooded and water levels reached a crisis point.

This at a time when the Town revitalization project was installing structures all over the downtown area. In all some 31 stormwater structures have been upgraded: eight new structures added by the Town and two more by the MBTA as a part of its required expansion of parking facilities and track drainage. Most of the new stormwater structures are referred to as "green" structures, meaning that they can extract pollutants from the stormwater passing through them. In all, the Town has more than 1500 stormdrains and storm-water collection structures.

Unless they are cleaned, catchbasins are a breeding ground for bacteria, pathogens and mosquitoes, including the Culex responsible for Eastern Equine Encephalitis.

The operation of a stormdrain is simple. It consists of a concrete lined hole into which pipes drain water from adjoining streets and areas where water collects. The hole is generally sized to accept the expected rainfall from a rain event of a magnitude expected every 25 years or some multiple of the expected average rainfall event. In addition, the stormdrain is supposed to collect sand and debris from the adjoining area, which

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Small-minded solutions won't fix problem

COMMENTARY

LUCIA FLIBOTTE

I find myself compelled to respond to Lee Jenkins letter to the editor that was published in the Jan. 25 Cohasset Mariner. I have a difficult time in trying to figure what I find most troubling with her letter, is it her blatant hypocrisy in criticizing the Building Committee for actually accomplishing a feat that this town has not seen since, in that they delivered a multi-million dollar construction project on time and on budget? Or do I ask if Lee Jenkins really expect any of us who have seen her vehemently oppose any school-related measures on a consistent basis for the past 18 years to believe she would have supported this same committee if they started to over-spend on the school projects to make them more "green"? Do I pose the troubling question as to why a supposed fiscal watch group leader would praise a member of the Board of Selectmen for putting forth a proposal to literally shut the lights out on our children while they try to learn as a fiscally responsible thing to do, yet she has said nary a word about the hundreds and thousands of dollars this same board has wasted on the failed Cook Estate Project. I think anyone who ever believed that Ms. Jenkins was a really just a concerned taxpayer and not an anti-school zealot should really ponder this last observation.

Ms. Jenkin's letter also prompted me to reflect on the issue of leadership or actually the lack of leadership our town has suffered over the past few years. One only needs to take a look at our neighboring towns and compare what is going on in these towns to what we are doing in Cohasset: Hingham has approved a $1.7 million article to address its overcrowded schools and I don't think

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trailers will be an option; Scituate is currently transforming its harbor front and in the process, increasing its tax base; Norwell recently approved its override to maintain key town service; Hull is at the forefront of tapping into alternative energy. Hull's wind-turbines. Scituate's new waterfront, Hingham's commitment to its schools, Norwell's commitment to its citizens all stand as stark reminders of what effective, pro-active leadership can accomplish.

And during this same time, what did we accomplish in Cohasset? Well, as previously mentioned, we spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on t he failed Cook Project, not including lost and much needed additional tax revenues. How much did this folly cost the town? I don't know but my fear is that our town's Board of Selectmen doesn't know either. We did make some improvements to the village. Did we revitalize the village, not really. Maybe I expected more than a resurfaced street, added curbs and trees from the $1.6 million grant. We completed renovations to the police and fire station but alas, this project was either mismanaged at the town level or we were short changed by the contractor. Whatever the reason, this project was not completed on time or on budget. We also have the sewer project; yet another town project that we won't have to worry about coming in on budget. And just like the failed Cook Estate project, our concerned fiscal watch groups remain eerily silent on the overruns on this project.

So when faced with continuing budget and fiscal issues that have plagued our town for the past few years, including lack of new revenue sources, reduced state aid, and rising operating costs, what type of forward thinking solutions can we expect from our elected leaders? Well if Gary Vanderweil's recent proposal is any indication, we should expect to be very disappointed. For those unfamiliar or uninformed, Mr. Vanderwiel wants to turn out the lights at the schools between 9a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Literally he wants to leave or children in the dark. He wants our kids and the staff to get by on natural sunlight during these hours. This is his solution to address what he perceives to be excessive energy consumption at the schools. If we as a community can move beyond the embarrassment of such a proposal, we have to ask ourselves, shouldn't we expect more from our so called town "leaders".

While our neighboring towns have new harbor fronts, new schools in the works, wind-turbines, and decent town services, we get "turn the lights off kids" as a solution to our town problems. We have to come to our collective senses and realize that small-minded solutions will not address or correct the larger issues facing our town. Let the fiscal watch group hypocrites among us praise these petty solutions but the rest of us have to take notice that we as a community are not being well served by our current elected officials. If we don't address this weakness in our town, then we all should be prepared to send are children with one more school supply list item: Flashlights.

Lucia Flibotte lives at 27 Summer St.

Getting right back into the game

TALES FROM THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT



DIANE K. DANIELSON

A few years ago, I had the chance to meet Barbara Corcoran, the rags to riches Grand Dame of New York City real estate, and hear her speak about how she built such a successful business. Her talks are always a hilarious mix of business savvy and homespun advice, as one would expect from the author of "If You Don't Have Big Breasts, Put Ribbons on Your Pigtails: And Other Lessons I Learned from My Mom."

However, one comment she made during that speech has always stuck with me. She pointed out that the only difference between the most successful salespeople in her organization and the rest was not in the number of rejections, failures or setbacks they faced, but rather in how quickly they recovered and got right back into the game.

I often think of Barbara's comment during ice skating season, because it was shortly after we met that I was trying to teach my son to skate. Now, my child is not what one would call a skating prodigy (no Olympic moments in our future) and our outings

But he only started crying harder, and it took me a few seconds before I realized that the last thing he wanted to do was to leave.

at that time tended to consist of me holding him upright between my legs as we circled the rink until my back gave out.

But shortly after I met Barbara, we were in Colorado visiting friends and had the opportunity to skate outside on a lake where they rented not only skates but also hockey equipment. This was a big change from being on a crowded MDC rink in Boston. Moreover, with a stick gripped firmly in his clutches for the first time and facing what seemed like acres of uninhabited ice, my son magically transformed from timid, hand-holding, cautious shuffler, to mini-mite hockey player skating off on his own to slap the puck around with a young friend. While not an Olympic moment, it certainly qualified as a Kodak moment.

Unfortunately, our combined joy — his in finding a new skill; mine in being able to skate upright — ended prematurely when he was the unwitting recipient of an accidental high stick to the face. As I carried him over to shore and packed snow on his bleeding lip (relieved that there wasn't going to be any permanent damage or visits from the tooth fairy that night), I assured him that we could return our skates and go back to the lodge immediately.

But he only started crying harder, and it took me a few seconds before I realized that the last thing he wanted to do was to leave. So, once I stopped the bleeding, I did what any good hockey mom would do: Cleaned up the dried blood, wiped away his tears, handed him the hockey stick and sent him back off across the lake.

As he rejoined his friend and play resumed, all I could think (besides wondering where I could find him a hockey helmet with a face mask) was:

- Plane tickets to Vail: $600
- Rental ice skates & equipment: $12
- Watching your son pick himself up and get right back into the game: priceless

While not yet an official "hockey mom," Diane K. Danielson is a Cohasset resident and CEO of DowntownWomensClub.com. More random musings can be found on her blog at www.womensDISH.com.

'What motivates us to change behaviors?'

TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE COHASSET

JOANN MIRISE

Sit back for a moment and think of a really exquisite meal that you have had. It most likely consisted of some favorite foods, cooked to perfection, served with pride, and shared in the company of true friends or family. I have had this meal many times and remember that positively agreeable feeling that can last for hours or even days afterwards. I have also had this meal many times when I didn't stop eating when I had enough — for whatever reason — mindlessly caught up in conversation, thinking I may never have anything that tastes that good again, or hearing my mother's voice from childhood commanding me to clean my plate. The result, of course, was an uncomfortable bloat that stole whatever possibilities had been unfolding for the remainder of the evening. The digestive system has a powerful feedback loop in place. And while I don't ever seem to have the specific answers as to why enough wasn't enough, at least I was forced to take serious pause at my behavior.

When I think about where our world is headed and how we are directly contributing to its direction, I can't help but wonder why can't there be an equivalent feedback loop when it comes to the other parts of our life besides eating. I mean, wouldn't it be helpful if we got queasy when we were at the checkout buying more than we need and more than we can afford. And wouldn't it be useful if a wave of nausea came over us as we turned up the thermostat

When you go to the wastebasket remind yourself that there is no such place as "away" when throwing away your trash.

instead of trying a sweater first. And wouldn't it be advantageous if we had a twinge of indigestion if one or two days go by and we haven't gone outside for some fresh air and deep gratitude of the beauty that surrounds us.

The title of this column is Towards a Sustainable Cohasset. I hope to use this forum to delve into some of the things that we can do as individuals and as a town to see to it that our Earth will be around. It only seems fitting to kick-off with an article that gets us thinking about the root of the issue: what motivates us to be conscious? And furthermore, what motivates us to change our behaviors? Much of the time we act out of habit or convenience. Deep down we know this does nothing to nourish our individual or collective souls.

The good news is there is a feedback loop in place for our lives, not just our bellies. Our whole being is wired with an internal voice that keeps us in line with integrity and truth. It is the voice that reminds us that we *are* enough which is the foundation for us to be able to take on the outside world. The catch is that we have to be conscious in order to hear the voice, which is by no means an easy task in the cacophony of modern life. Not to mention the process of being conscious after a period of not is oftentimes uncomfortable, messy and slow-going.

There is hope, however, and it doesn't require a year at an ashram, a therapist or a self-help book. Simply put: do something.

Act "as if" you had all of the time, money and well-toned consciousness and do something that seems right. Eventually your internal voice will get louder and louder and take over as your beacon of what is right. It's the feedback loop that can save us.

(This is where those inspiring quotes come in handy like Mahatma Ghandi's "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." or Helen Keller's "I am only one, but I am still one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something.")

In the spirit of there is no better time than the present the following are some ideas to get you started: Think consequentially. When you go to the wastebasket remind yourself that there is no such place as "away" when throwing away your trash. Buy Green. Realize that every time you purchase something you are casting a vote for what gets produced and sold. Buy less. The freedom from unnecessary, meaningless stuff is priceless.

Get Involved. Cohasset has a number of opportunities to create change. Holly Hill Farm grows delicious organic vegetables, which makes eating locally and seasonally simply irresistible. Sustainable Cohasset is kicking off a film series with An Inconvenient Truth at Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Feb. 8 at 7pm. The Trustees of Reservations and their beautiful properties help keep us connected to nature and so clearly remind us that we are the stewards of the Earth.

Now is the time. Cohasset is the place.

JoAnn Mirise is a writer and graphic designer grateful to be living in this beautiful village by the sea.

Let's rhyme it for Boston

HENSHAW



TOM HENSHAW

Even as we speak, the Boston City Council is gearing up for a vote on one of the great questions of our century — Should Boston have an official poet laureate?

Boy, is that a world-class city or what?

The job, according to Tobin's proposal, would carry no stipend but don't count on the councilors to overlook that opportunity...

"It would bring another special quality to major city events and chronicle the everyday happenings of the city from a poetry point of view," said Councilor John Tobin, who proposed the new post.

Yeah, major events like Tom Menino's birthday and everyday happenings like the first drive-by slaying of the year and the next family to move to North Carolina.

The job, according to Tobin's proposal, would carry no stipend but don't count on the councilors to overlook that opportunity, especially if one of them has a nephew who is between jobs and can figure out that June rhymes with moon.

The poet laureate in Denver is paid a stipend of $2,000 a year, which is parking meter money to our public servants, and, as far as I can see, all he has to do this winter is find words that rhyme with snow.

If the stipend were worthwhile, I might even apply for the job myself, having grown up reading the poems of Edgar A. Guest and the rhymes of an anonymous poet whose work appeared on the walls of the boys' basement and usually involved someone from Nantucket.

Did anyone ever write poetry on the walls of the girls' basement?

I know that girls do write poetry because I was once married to a minor poet who taught me that poetry did not necessarily have to rhyme, that real poets did not consider Edgar A. Guest one of them and that publishers do not break down doors to get you in print.

But I digress . . .

The office of poet laureate goes back to 1668 in England and includes such powerhouse versifiers as John Dryden, William Wordsworth and Alfred Lord Tennyson. They are appointed for life.

The U. S. has one too but they are appointed and reappointed for one year by the Librarian of Congress. The last one I know of was Louise Gluck (who?) but she has probably been replaced and I haven't got my copy of the World Almanac for 2007 yet.

The Globe, which monitors culture for us whether we like it or not, has been following closely Councilor Tobin's search for a poet laureate for Boston, even giving it front page importance alongside the war in Iraq and the Patriots.

The Globe even quoted John Hynes, the mayor of Boston 50 years ago, who once wrote, in a poem called "Boston:"

"Don't you love this city with its wrinkled brow

"And its streets laid out by the wandering cow?"

I once knew a woman who would have said that there was something Edgar A. Guestian about that bit of doggerel.

Don't give up the day job, John.

Candidates' Corner

Carlson files papers with Town Clerk

After a successful signature drive, Paul Carlson has filed his nomination papers for selectman with the Town Clerk.

His team gathered over 120 signatures, more than twice the required amount.

Voters will be able to meet with Paul at receptions to be announced for February and March or call him personally to chat or meet for coffee.

Please check his website, CarlsonForSelectman.com, for more details about his candidacy.

If you missed his interview on Our Town, you still can see it by going to his website, CarlsonForSelectman .com. The links are on his home page.

Paul is also pleased to announce that some of the members of his steering committee are Lou Harvey, Dick Avery, Melissa Clark, David Farrag, Nancy Garrison, Mark Alves, and Karen Quigley. Some of his other supporters are Bob and Jamie Williams, George and Marlena Alex, Peter and Emelia Buckley, Eli Manchester, Taffy and Jeff Nothnagle, Stuart Ivimey, Bill and Nancy Signorelli, and Diarmuid and Elizabeth O'Connell.

Nomination papers at Town Clerk's Office

Nomination papers are available at the Town Clerk's Office. The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb. 15. Only registered voters of the town may hold an elected office. Candidates are only officially running for office after they have taken out papers and the Board of Registrars has certified the signatures.

Friday, March 9, is the last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting, which will be held Saturday, March 31, and for the Annual Town Election which will be held Saturday, April 7.

Dormitzer, Richardsson featured on 'Our Town'

As the election season series continues on OUR TOWN, co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer to discuss his hopes for reelection and the work he hopes to continue on the board.

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New School Committee Candidate Peter Richardsson joins the hosts in the second half to outline his goals for the school department and the job he'd like to do on the school committee.

As the election series continues right up to Election Day of April 7, watch for OUR TOWN to televise the Selectmen and School Committee debates!

Our Town airs Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9pm on Comcast Channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed!

Course of current Iraq policy subject of political forum

By Tom Callahan
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Cohasset Political Forum opened its second season Jan. 17 with an informative discussion about the Iraq War and the course of current policy. A standing-room only crowd of 75-plus people at the public meeting room at the Cohasset Library listened to local experts Lincoln Bloomfield, professor emeritus of political science at MIT, and Charles Higginson, 30-year veteran of the Foreign Service.

Drawing from their personal experiences in US foreign policy, they provided their insights on the historical background of the conflict, on the efficacy of US policy to date, and on the strategy choices chosen by the President or otherwise available going forward.

Also offering insights into the current situation in Washington was U.S. Rep. Delahunt's chief of staff, Mark Forrest.

Those in attendance were engaged by these speakers, whose presentation was followed by numerous questions and commentary from the group. While not intending to come to any solutions, it was clear from the discourse that there are misgivings about the present and proposed policies of the administration in the readership area, one that transcends political affiliations and other demographics.

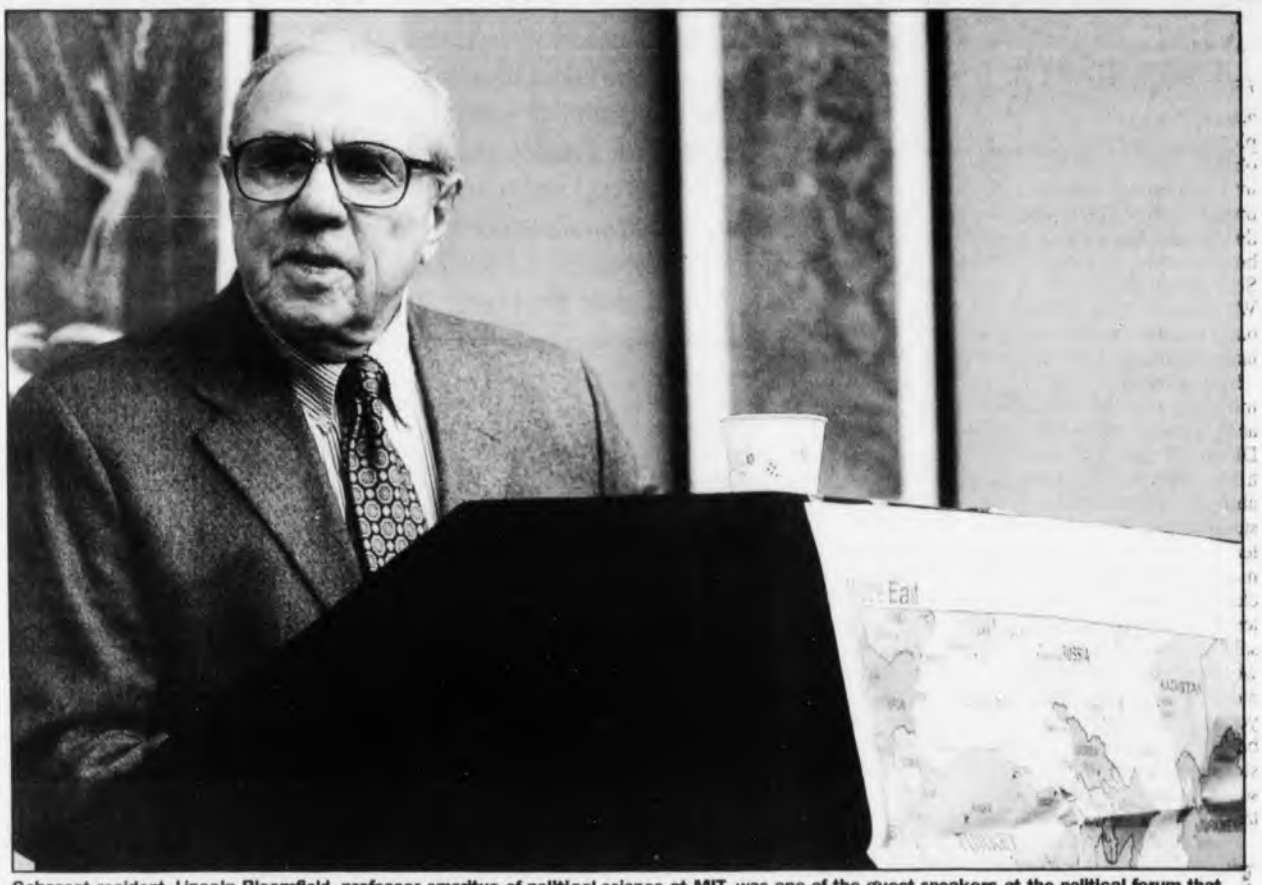
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Cohasset Political Forum was formed last year to provide an opportunity for interested and busy people to discuss and debate political issues of the day. Although sponsored by the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee, as a separate institution it is officially non-partisan and welcomes all political views to join in civil political discussion. Formats vary, both with and without featured speakers.

The next session of the Forum will discuss US environmental policy in the face of global climate change. The format will be a roundtable discussion with a number of local experts and activists invited. The session will take place Saturday, Feb. 10, at 9:30 a.m., at Cohasset Library.

The Forum welcomes ideas and organizational help for future sessions and can be reached via the CDTC chairwoman Agnes McCann at Agnesmccann@comcast.net.



Cohasset resident, Lincoln Bloomfield, professor emeritus of political science at MIT, was one of the guest speakers at the political forum that focused in the U.S. involvement in Iraq.



PHOTOS/CRAIG GOEDECKE

U.S. Rep. Delahunt's chief of staff, Mark Forrest, offers insights from Washington on the Iraq War last week at the Cohasset Political Forum.



Cohasset resident, Charles Higginson, 30-year veteran of the Foreign Service, presents his views on the Iraq war. The Cohasset Political Forum was formed last year to provide an opportunity for interested and busy people to discuss and debate political issues of the day.



Debbie Ludwig, a member of the Hingham Democratic Town Committee, videotapes the discussion. Although sponsored by the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee, as a separate institution, it is officially non-partisan and welcomes all political views to join in civil political discussion.



Norwell resident Deirdre Doolan questions speaker Charles Higginson at the forum, which lasted about two hours. The next session of the Forum will discuss US environmental policy in the face of global climate change.

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Health Notes

Managing stormwater is health issue

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accumulates as a result of snowplowing, casual disposal of objects, and other matter washed into the streets from adjacent property. One large pipe then directs the water to an "outfall," a brook, stream or the Harbor. Since the EPA enacted the Clean Water Act of 1977, discharge of outfalls into swamps and wetlands has been prohibited.

Maintenance of these stormdrains has been routinely accomplished by a man from the DPW driving one clamshell truck. In one day he can clean out about 10 drains. In order for the stormdrain system to control bacterial contamination in the summer, each drain should be cleaned at least quarterly. In winter, sand from snow plowing and salt treatment depends on the weather, but also one cleaning is required on average quarterly. If you do the math, the Town must be prepared to clean out about 16 stormdrains daily. Naturally, some stormdrains are less important than others, but the DPW is stretched thin with catchbasin cleaning as only one of its many tasks. For years, the Board of Health has been pleading with the Town to increase public works staff in order to take care of unhealthy catchbasins and storm structures propagating polluted runoff into our water resources.

The Public Works Department has seen no increase in personnel in at least 15 years, certainly none for maintenance of the improvements necessary to ensure the removal of our stormwater in a safe and healthy manner. Unless they are cleaned, catchbasins are a breeding ground for bacteria, pathogens and mosquitoes, including the Culex responsible for Eastern Equine Encephalitis.

A major new problem is that like many technological improvements, the new "green" storm-drain systems require a different cleaning method using a new, more sophisticated "vacuum" truck which requires more time to clean a structure and which requires special handling and disposal of its waste material. And if these new drains in the center of Town and in our parking areas are not maintained, the flooding in town from even slightly abnormal rain events will make the results of the Mother's Day storm look trivial. Cost of the new truck is high, but can be offset by a State grant. But it needs a trained driver and Public Works support. It's is a health issue.

Stormwater in back yards; draining into other's property and filling our streets with bacteria laden water is no longer a nuisance. It is a public health threat. The stormwater issues now being brought up by the Stormwater Committee and discussed and deliberated upon by many in town are vital to the health of every one of our children and us. The Town needs a Stormwater Bylaw to manage its drainage and stormwater problems now!

Not after we're drowning in the stuff.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Letters to the Editor

LETTERS CONT. FROM PAGE 10

Poll at Selectmen's request

To the Editor:

(Editor's note Mr. Corry copied his letter-to-the-Editor that appears this week to the 'Greenbush guys'. Here is their response.

Dear Mr. Corry,

Mark Brennan and I are conducting this poll at the request of the Selectmen. Our commitment is to report the results back to them. We are trying to gather information about the resident's feelings. Where they choose to take it from here is up to them.

The Mariner has absolutely nothing to do with it. They are printing what we write.

The thing that started this whole issue is a letter from Dan Grabauskas to all Old Colony towns asking them whether they would be in favor of a "late" train. From what we hear other towns have just determined their position from the Board of Selectmen only. We're sorry to have upset you with our attempt to see what people think about this issue.

Tom Gruber
Making Tracks

Train foes thanked

To the Editor:

Even though the cost of rebuilding the Greenbush Line has increased, it is my opinion that the cost increases were worth the concessions that the MBTA made. For instance having the train go on the surface through the center of downtown Hingham would have been awful.

I applaud the efforts of local train foes and the efforts of Senator Hedlund and of Representative Bradley. They were looking out for our future, and I appreciate that.

Peter Guild
20B Beal's Cove Road
Hingham

Need wider participation in budget matters

To the Editor:

It is encouraging that two members of the Advisory Board are thinking about a way to change the format at Town Meeting to approve the budgets on a priority basis. This is an important endeavor and last year during my campaign for school committee I outlined an action plan, *Progress through Priorities*.

In order to get a town-wide consensus, the next step involves formulating a policy that would be representative of the majority.

With the manner that the Town Meetings have been packed by special interest groups for certain articles, it has proven to be an ineffective venue for reflecting the real choices of Cohasset taxpayers.

One way that was put forth to bring equity has been through citizens' petitions. Articles have been before Town Meetings twice to allow the will of the town to prevail in financial matters by having monetary articles outside of the regular budget go to a ballot. These ideas have not passed muster with the attendees. If the articles could have gone to a ballot instead they would have passed as the ballot has historically had the most far-reaching involvement

The fate of the majority will continue to be decided by the handful of attendees at Town Meetings until an electronic or other format can be arranged to include a wider participation in Town Meetings. Another alternative is for our elected officials to roll their sleeves up and devise an acceptable ballot bylaw for these pressing, ongoing financial questions.

L. C. (Leonora) Jenkins
Pres. Cohasset Concerned Taxpayers
198 Jerusalem Road

Sewer users to bear full cost

To the Editor:

The Mariner's Jan. 26 Candidates Corner featuring Peter Richardson contains a seriously misleading statement. It reads: "With the highest debt load per capita in the commonwealth, more leverage is out of the question, especially with the Little Harbor sewer project scheduled to commence." This statement implies that the Little Harbor-Atlantic Avenue sewer project will increase the town's debt. That is incorrect.

Voters authorized the town to share the cost of sewers in the town's other sewer districts, but they rejected sharing costs with the residents of the Little Harbor-Atlantic Avenue Sewer District as well as the Jerusalem Road Sewer District. These residents must bear the full cost. All funds extended will be repaid by betterments assessed on the users of the sewer systems in those two districts. It is important that candidates and voters understand that these new sewer projects will not be adding to the town's debt.

Paul L. Lualdi
56 Deep Run

From the Archives of the Cohasset Historical Society



The Cohasset Historical Society is looking for a generous benefactor to help us restore this photgraph from our archives. The photo depicts the Cohasset High School Baseball Team, circa 1910, originally given to the Society by Mrs. Harry Jason. Anyone who would like to help restore the photo or has any information on the identity of the players or coach should call or email the Society at 781-383-1434/ or by email: cohassethistory@yahoo.com.



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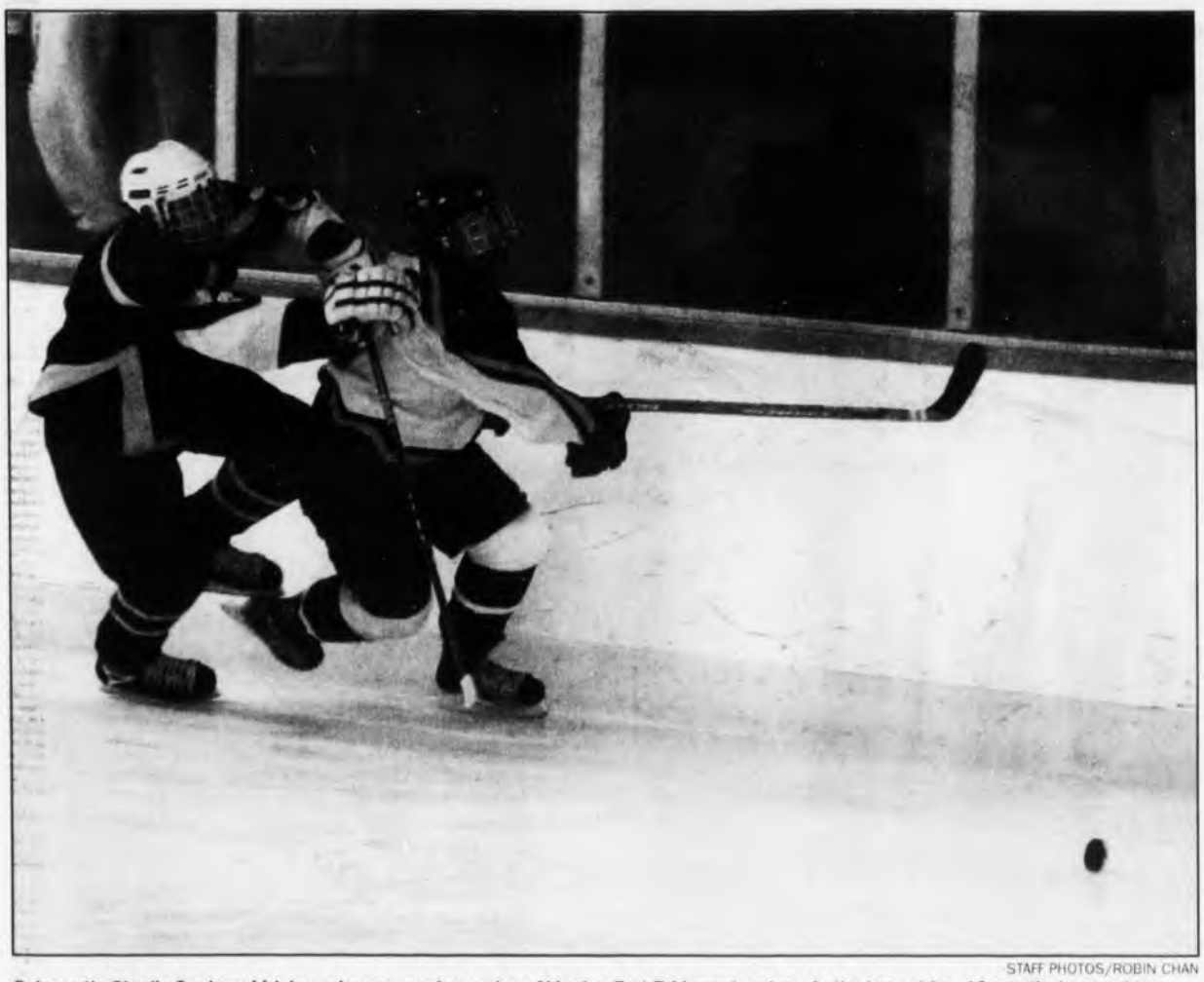
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Cohasset's Charlie Czerkawski (shown here squeezing past an Abington-East Bridgewater player in the teams' Jan. 10 meeting) scored two goals in the Skippers' 5-4 win over Mashpee last Sunday.

Still undefeated

Sci-Coh swimmers finish strong against Randolph

By Alyssa Rogers
CORRESPONDENT

The Scituate-Cohasset swim team came out on top once again last Tuesday as it cruised past the Randolph Sharks. With a 5-0 record, the Sci-Cohs remain undefeated.

The boys finished with an impressive 30-point lead over Randolph besting their competitors with a final meet score of 82-52. The girls turned in an equally impressive performance as they won 82-65.

Juniors Brian McGuiness and Johnny Drybanski both swam record breaking times en route to first place finishes. McGuiness swam an excellent 100-yard freestyle and set a new team record with a time of 49.86. He also picked up a first place in the 200-yard freestyle event with a time of 1:51.55. Drybanski made Sci-Coh record history in the 100-yard breaststroke with a state sectional qualifying time of 1:08.84.

Both McGuiness and Drybanski helped contribute to several winning Sci-Coh relays. The boys 200-yard medley relay team (McGuiness, Mike Wall, Drybanski and Rob Lilly) tore up the pool with a winning time of 1:56.68. The Sci-Coh boys stole another relay victory in the 400-yard freestyle relay as Drybanski, Colin Conway, Lilly and McGuiness recorded a state final qualifying time of 3:35.10.

The girls also performed well in their meet against Randolph. Individually, junior Ashley Scott and freshman Mimi Mahoney stole the spotlight in their respective events. Scott broke the team record in the 200-yard freestyle and qualified for state sectionals with a time of 2:15.09. Mahoney sailed past competitors, winning first place in the 100-yard backstroke with a state sectional qualifying time of 1:11.31.

Freshmen Sarah Libby and John McGuiness swam personal bests. Libby swam the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:21.15. McGuiness finished the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events with times of 2:14.82 and 6:09.64 respectively.

"I cannot believe that each meet they seem to drop time," coach Jon Fortin said. "Since they are only freshman, we look forward to seeing more great times from them in the future."

The Sci-Coh girls relay teams all finished victoriously. Mimi Mahoney, Torey Hart, Caitlin Mahoney and Meagan Little won the 200-yard medley relay with a state sectional qualifying time of 2:06.17. Alyssa McCarthy, Caitlin Mahoney, Maura Regan and Alyssa Rogers teamed to win the 200-yard freestyle relay with a state sectional qualifying time of 2:00.08. The 400-yard freestyle relay ended the girl's meet on a high note as Scott, Caitlin Mahoney, Sheelah Scott and Little earned a state sectional qualifying time of 4:17.91.

The Sci-Coh's last duel meet of the season is Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 3:30 p.m. against Hanover/Rockland at the team's home pool in Quincy.

Top Finishers:

Boys:

200 Medley Relay (first place)
Brian McGuiness
Mike Wall
Jonny Drybanski
Rob Lilly
*1:56.68

200 Freestyle
Brian McGuiness (first place)
**1:51.55

200 Individual Medley
Mike Wall (first place)
2:29.08

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Brent Daly (first place)
*24.14

100 Butterfly
Jonny Drybanski (first place)
*59.90

100 Freestyle
Brian McGuiness (first place)
**49.86

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Skipper skaters back on track

3 wins in a row leave CHS 3 points from tournament

By Mark Goodman
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With five games to go, the Cohasset High hockey team is just three points away from qualifying for the Div. 3 state tournament.

Three straight wins have put the Skippers in that position, the two most recent coming Sunday over Mashpee (5-4) and Wednesday over Hull (7-1). Cohasset is now 7-5-2 (5-2-2 in the South Shore League).

Junior Pat Doonan scored two goals to lead an effort that saw six different players find the net. But it was one player who didn't score, freshman Harry Cipolla, that brought the house down in the third period.

A player whom head coach Bob Walsh said is "probably the smallest kid in the

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Chris Davis is part of a second line that is becoming more and more productive for the Skippers.

Tough week for CHS boys hoops

By Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset High boys basketball team has had its close games and not-so-close games this season.

Last Friday's game against undefeated Abington fell into the latter category, as the Skippers lost by 30 points, 80-50. And unlike most games, the game was not close at half either.

Cohasset trailed 47-21 at halftime and the game was over then and there.

"We came out slow. Abington is a very, very good team and I think we'd have to play a perfect game just to keep up with them," head coach Dorian Bryant said. "They're experienced and we knew if we couldn't come out strong, we were doomed."

The highlight of the night for the Skippers was once again junior co-captain Pat McCarthy, who put up a game-high 29 points, over half of the team's total score. The next leading scorer for Cohasset was fellow junior Dave Snowdale who had six points. Leading Abington was senior Tim Wells (17 points), as the Green Wave spread the scoring around.

Cohasset once again had a rough outing in its game against Carver. Within the first four seconds of that game, Carver won the tip and scored a basket, setting the pace for the rest of the contest. Carver also played a very strong and well-disciplined press that flustered Cohasset's offense and ultimately cause them to fall behind early.

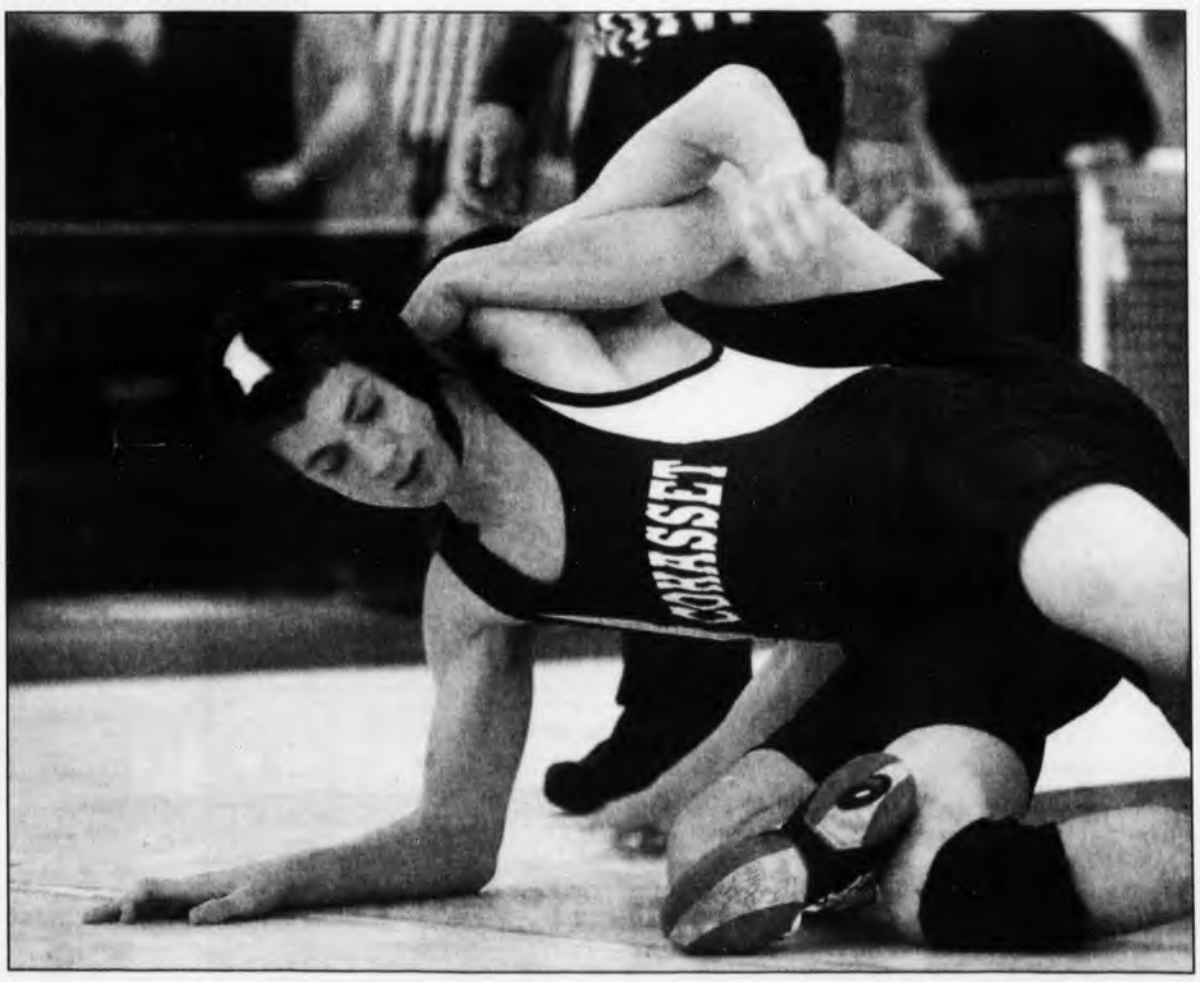
Also, Carver's ability to dominate the offensive glass gave them multiple second chances in which they were able to capitalize.

Cohasset decided to go in a different direction for this game, as it had a different starting lineup that consisted of junior Ryan Crough, sophomore John Sturino, Snowdale and the usual starters Justin Alexander and McCarthy, the two team captains.

At the end of the half Cohasset trailed by 10, 37-27, and looked lucky to only be that far behind. Coming of the bench and stepping up for the Skippers was sophomore Danny Martin, who had six points in the first half to go with four blocks. Martin finished with a team-high 19 points and a total of five blocked shots. Over the year, Martin has truly established himself as one of the better big men in the league as only a

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LEAGUE CHAMPIONS



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

A recent win over Southeastern Regional gave Jake Wheelwright (shown above in action during the Cohasset Tournament) and his Cohasset-Hull wrestling teammates the South Shore/Mayflower League championship.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

A bright spot for the Skippers this season has been the play of sophomore Danny Martin, shown here blocking a shot in a game against Abington in December.

Tough week for CHS boys hoops

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sophomore.

For the Crusaders, junior Rich King had 15 points in the first half, including three of the team's four first half three-pointers. King finished with a game-high 24 points.

The difference about this game was that the outstanding performance for Cohasset was not one of the usual players like McCarthy or Martin, but rather it was the new starter, Crough. Crough put up nine points for his career high and also played like he had been playing regularly the whole year.

After the game, Bryant explained the coaching staff's decision to start Crough.

"We felt Crough has been our best shooter in practice, and with Carver's zone defense he could help us get the most offense, along with Sturino, who is good at penetrating defenses," Bryant said.

Cohasset will hope to get some more star performances from role players in their upcoming games against Harwich and Nantucket and finally start winning games again like it did earlier in the season.

Pan-Mass Challenge registration

Registration to ride in the 28th annual Pan-Massachusetts Challenge opened Jan. 16 through the PMC Web site, pmc.org. Open to just 4,500 cyclists, the PMC will be held Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 4 and 5.

The ride is the nation's original fundraising bike-a-thon and today raises more money than any other athletic fundraising event in the country. This year's goal is to raise $27 million for the Jimmy Fund, which supports cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. To date, the PMC has raised more than $171 million for the world-renowned cancer research center.

Cyclists can choose from nine routes that pass through 46 Massachusetts cities and towns, over one or two days. Two-day cyclists can ride the original 192-mile Sturbridge to Provincetown route, the180-mile Sturbridge-Bourne-Wellesley route, the 163-mile Wellesley-Bourne-Provincetown route, or the 153-mile Wellesley-Bourne-Wellesley route. One-day cyclists can ride the 111-mile Sturbridge-Bourne route, the 84-mile Wellesley-Bourne route, the 72-mile Sturbridge-Wellesley route, the 68-mile Bourne to Wellesley route, or, new this year, the 50-mile Wellesley to Wellesley route. Minimum fundraising requirements range from $1,200 to $3,600, depending upon the route chosen. The most popular routes typically fill up within weeks.

The PMC is a family of thousands who return to Massachusetts from around the world, year after year, committed to a common goal: a world without cancer. More than 200 PMC cyclists and volunteers are cancer survivors. Registration is $160, which funds support services, meals, and overnight accommodations, riding jerseys and more. For more information, or to register, visit www.pmc.org or call 800-WE-CYCLE.

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Cohasset Youth Basketball (banner headline, please)

The Grade 5A boys travel team lost a hard-fought game to Hull this past Saturday 26-24. The boys continued their improved team play against a talented opponent, and they nearly pulled out a big win.

Cohasset showed a different look throughout the first half. They appeared to settle into more of a half-court style of offense than they have shown previously. The starting line-up of Chris Haggerty, Joe Buckley, Connor Green, Brendan O'Connell and Rocco Laugelle was patient on the offensive end as they swung the ball around the perimeter leading to good looks at the basket.

The passing was crisp as the boys found seams in the Hull defense. Buckets by Green, Laugelle and Buckley – who also contributed free throws – set the boys up with an early lead. O'Connell and Laugelle also played tough defense from the guard position, as Hull had a difficult time setting up their offense inside. Guard play continued to be strong when Mark McKenna, Matthew MacCormack and sparkplug Liam Burke took over.

Cohasset led by nine near the end of the first half, when Hull scored two consecutive hoops to close the half trailing only by five. That led to a shift in momentum early in the second half. Hull had more success banging the ball inside, and Cohasset was able to maintain a small lead early on.

Haggerty was finally able to find himself an opening along the baseline for a soft jumper helped maintain the lead. Initially, McKenna, Burke, Buckley and O'Connell were able to break the Hull press, leading to good scoring opportunities by Dakota Achin, Laugelle, and Steven Maher.

Burke and Achin passed unselfishly on the break, but as the half continued, Hull's guard were able to hustle back to cut off those passing lanes. Gradually, Hull was able to find enough spaces in their half-court offense to build a small lead that Cohasset could not overcome.

Coach Liam O'Connell was pleased with the boys' performance despite the loss.

"We played very, very well against a tough opponent," he said. "We passed very well on offense and our boys played their positions very well. There was a lot of good things to take away from this game."

AAU Basketball

The BPE Heat, the only AAU Basketball program in Massachusetts directed by college basketball coaches, will hold tryouts for spring 2007. The tryout and practice location is the Asiaf Fieldhouse at Massasoit Community College in Brockton. Dates be announced tryouts for grades 5-8, and 9-11. Times are as follows.

5th and 6th grade boys: 9-11 a.m.
7th and 8th grade boys: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
5th and 6th grade girls: 1-3 p.m.
7th and 8th grade girls: 3-5 p.m.
Future 5th through 11th grade tryouts TBA on Web site.

The BPE Heat Program is the only AAU Basketball program directed by college head coaches. Coaches are Jim Stapleton, Sal Pina, and Dan Whitham.

With player improvement and development as the primary focus of the 18-year-old program, the BPE has had great success as more players from BPE programs have played high school varsity and college basketball than any program in Massachusetts.

A unique feature of the BPE Heat is their effort to place every player who attends tryouts on a team. As college coaches they are providing as many players as possible an opportunity to play, thus increasing the number of players who make teams. E-mail bpedirector@bpeaau.com or call coach Whitham at 508-631-5066 or visit the site http://www.bpeHEAT.org.



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Cassie Pacella (shown above on the bars during the Jan. 16 meet against Plymouth South) and her Cohasset-Norwell gymnastics teammates conclude their season this Saturday at 1 p.m. against Carver.

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Cohasset's Kayla Farren (left) and Carly Salerno smother a Holbrook opponent in the teams' season opener. The Lady Skippers need at least four wins in their last seven games to qualify for the state tournament, beginning tonight (Feb. 2) at Harwich. Saturday, Cohasset hosts Nantucket, and Hull comes to town Tuesday night.

River Eels rolling along

Car dealership signs as dugout sponsor

By David Wolcott
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A baseball game is nine innings. But if you are trying to put together a baseball team, that's going to take quite a bit longer.

The leaders behind the proposed Plymouth River Eels independent professional baseball team know all too well about the twists and turns starting a new team will bring.

Fielding a team in fiscal 2007 was an original goal for the group, but the deadline to accomplish that task has since come and gone. The group began the next step in its evolution Monday with the announcement that Tracy Chevrolet of Plymouth signed a 10-year deal to sponsor the home team's dugout.

"We expect that this will be the first of many announcements we will be making in the very near future," Bay Colony Baseball and Athletics President and CEO Tom O'Brien said. "Everyone is excited about professional baseball coming to America's Hometown. Wherever we go, people are asking us about the status of the project, and we are happy to report that it's not if baseball is coming to Plymouth, it's when. And it'll be here sooner rather than later."

O'Brien said interest in the River Eels has not waned since the long-talked about project was officially announced in November 2005. There are now more than 1,200 reservations for season tickets. Vice President of Business Development Michael Rothberg said the River Eels have received resumes and other inquiries from all over North America for positions ranging from manager and general manager to players on the team.

O'Brien said he would love nothing more than to have everything about the project "done yesterday," but he hoped the general public understood that there was no way the $34.5 million project could be done without careful consideration by his group as well as the town at all of the steps along the way.

"Everyone we've talked too seems to be behind this project, and we are working diligently to bring everything to fruition," the former representative of the state's 12th legislative district said. "One thing we've learned in this process is that to put specific timelines on everything isn't conducive to the ultimate goal. Hopefully every announcement brings us another step closer to that final goal.

"We are as anxious as everyone to get this team going and we know once we do, the people in this area are going to love having their own professional independent baseball team. We are moving the project forward as quickly as we can."

The organization has a purchase-and-sales agreement in hand for 28.1 acres of land behind the Colony Place shopping plaza in West Plymouth. It received some financial relief from the town in November when town meeting approved a TIF (tax increment financing) agreement.

Plans for the proposed 5,000-seat stadium for the site, which will also include office space as well as a 2,000-square foot convention center, have not been officially presented to town's planning board as of yet.

Skipper skaters back on track



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Andrew Smith had a goal and an assist in Wednesday's 7-1 win over Hull.

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league," Cipolla laid out two Hull players with a pair of big hits, and almost scored a goal to cap a performance that had Skipper supporters chanting his name.

"Harry just works so hard at practice. He's one of those kids that's just genuinely happy to be there," Walsh said.

Senior Chris Davis, juniors Alex Goetz and Frank Wheelwright, and sophomores Andrew Smith and Andrew Bell also scored for Cohasset. Doonan, Smith, Bell, seniors Conor Holway and TJ Kennedy, junior RK Quebec and freshmen Tommy Buckley and Brendan Doonan all had assists for the Skippers.

Freshman goalie Andy McKenna carried a shutout into the third period and came away with his second win in as many starts this season.

"Andy played well," Walsh said. "He covered everything he needed to cover. I was very proud of him."

The coach also came away impressed with the production of the Smith-Davis-Buckley line, one that he said got off to a slow start this season but has been playing better and better over the last couple weeks. Smith is neck-and-neck with Pat Doonan as Cohasset's leading scorer this season, and Davis and Buckley have both come up with key goals in recent games.

The penalty kill units also had a standout performance against the Pirates, who didn't get off a single shot on the power play all night. Walsh has recently enlisted "the Doonan Squad," brothers Pat and Brendan, together on the PK. Senior forward Corbin Faber and Holway from the blue line have all been key parts of the PK effort for Cohasset.

Walsh said he believes the team has come out the funk that saw it lose three straight games before the current winning streak, and that he hopes to see it continue in upcoming challenges against Abington-East Bridgewater (Saturday, 7:30 p.m. at Rockland Ice Rink) and league-leading Norwell (Wednesday, 7:40 p.m.,Pilgrim).

"There's so much more confidence out there now," Walsh said. "They're starting to come into an understanding of the systems that I have out there for them."

Skippers 5, Mashpee 4

Cohasset overcame an always difficult trek down to Falmouth in Sunday's win over the Falcons. Junior Charlie Czerkawski had a three-point night (two goals, one assist) to lead Cohasset to victory.

Walsh said Smith "played a great game," and the penalty kill came up big again.

Send us your sports news

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Sports Notes

Scituate-Cohasset youth football and cheerleading

On Tuesday, Feb. 13, the Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football & Cheerleader Organization will be holding its annual Board of Director elections at the Scituate High School library at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend. For more information, please call (781)556-0215.

Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball registration

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association will hold its annual registration for the upcoming spring baseball and softball season from now through Feb. 15. Parents/guardians may register children by mail, provided that mailed registrations are postmarked no later than Feb. 15.

Registration forms are available on the website, CYBSA.net, or at Town Hall. Registrations that are received or postmarked after Feb. 15 will be subject to a per player $25 late registration fee. The late fee will be strictly enforced, and there is no guarantee that late registered players will be accommodated, as uniform orders and other season plans will be made on Feb. 15. Your cooperation in registering players in a timely manner is greatly appreciated, as it allows the CYBSA to establish rosters and order uniforms so that we are ready for opening day.

The registration is for boys aged 5 to 12 (for Little League) and 13 and 14 (for Junior League) as of April 30, 2007. Softball registration is for girls aged 5 to 12 (for Little League) and 13 and 14 (for Junior League) as of Dec. 31, 2006. A copy of the child's birth certificate must accompany a **new** player's registration forms.

The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the Junior League baseball and softball programs will be $125. The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the Major League baseball (ages 10 to 12) and softball divisions (ages 11 and 12) will be $125.

The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the American League division for baseball (ages 9-11) and softball (ages 9-11) divisions will be $100. The registration fee for boys and girls in the National League division for baseball (ages 6-8) and Instructional Softball (ages 7-8) will be $85. The registration fee for the Farm league instructional baseball (boys and girls ages 5-6) will be $65.

Please be advised that children assigned to Major League teams are still required to register.

Please also be advised that effective the 2008 season, 12-year olds boys/girls must play at least one year in the American League to be an automatic selection for the Major League Baseball division. (This does not pertain to softball).

Also note that boys and girls who are 6 years old, but who played in the Farm league last year are eligible to play in the National League Division this year. Please contact Liam O'Connell at (781)383-9538, or via email at ltoconnell@hklaw.com if you have questions about player eligibility.

Please be advised that the child protection program instituted by Little League governing organization requires that all adults interested in coaching, managing or volunteering in any way, are required to register at this same time and supply a photocopy of a government issued identification. Individuals not complying with this requirement will not be allowed to participate in the CYBSA program.

Questions regarding either player or coach registration, or the programs offered to players, may be directed to Liam O'Connell at (781)383-9538 or Nancy Froio at (781)383-1897.



COURTESY PHOTO

Senior captain Justin Damaso swims the 200-yard individual medley.

Sci-Coh swimmers finish strong against Randolph

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100 Breaststroke
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Justin Damaso (second place)
1:13.28

400 Freestyle Relay (first place)
Colin Conway
Jonny Drybanski
Rob Lilly
Brian McGuiness
**3:35.10

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Girls

200 Medley Relay (first place)
Mimi Mahoney
Torey Hart
Caitlin Mahoney
Megan Little
*2:06.17

200 Freestyle
Ashley Scott (first place)
*2:15.09

200 Individual Medley
Alison Costa (first place)
2:38.83

50 Freestyle
Megan Little (first place)
*26.89

100 Fly
Caitlin Mahoney (first place)
*1:11.02

100 Freestyle
Megan Little (first place)
*59.97

500 Freestyle
Ashley Scott (first place)
*6:10.78

200 Freestyle Relay (first place)
Alyssa McCarthy
Caitlin Mahoney
Maura Regan
Alyssa Rogers
*2:00.08

100 Backstroke
Mimi Mahoney (first place)
*1:11.31

100 Breaststroke
Torey Hart (first place)
*1:19.07

400 Freestyle Relay (first place)
Ashley Scott
Caitlin Mahoney
Sheelah Scott
Megan Little
*4:17.91

*State Sectional Qualifying Time
**State Final Qualifying Time

School Notebook

LIFE AT CHS



MICHAEL CORRY

Second semester marks fresh start

If you find the course of your education traveling down a road you don't want to be on, head down to guidance...

Alles goed? Today is Groundhog Day! And if our luck is better than weatherman Phil Connors', tomorrow will *not* be Groundhog Day. This is the beginning of the second semester at CHS, marking the fresh start of new classes (unless you take an AP). The novelty wears off somewhere between finding out your book once belonged to Kate Bosworth, and copying down your first homework assignment.

Johnny-come-lately, this is for you. If you find the course of your education traveling down a road you don't want to be on, head down to guidance — yesterday. The popular classes are probably already full, and you may be pigeonholed into that desk. It doesn't hurt to try though, so go see if you can improve your situation.

Ah, that's right. This is where I give you the news. I'll skip the banter and get on with business.

• CHS Debaters Kevin Barber and Mike Corry continue to dazzle opponents (and themselves) with their wonderful wordplay. Kevin and Mike have not lost a match (knock on wood) since they began their tour of duty last year.

• Thank you to Mary Sease and the concerned parents who met Monday night to work on the Rubik's cube that is Post-Prom. A follow-up meeting will be held Monday, Feb. 5th, 6:30 p.m. at the Library.

• The thespians of CHS continue rehearsals of "No Exit" for entry in this year's drama festival.

• Tuesday the Middle School Spelling Bee was held in the auditorium. I still remember my elimination in the qualifying rounds, on the word overwrought.

• Wednesday was a half-day, giving all the students a chance to run rampant for an entire afternoon, reminiscent of the days of lore spent traversing the Eagle's Nest and playing "Lava Monster" on the big orange slide. The kids coming up through the system now have weak play parks, and my condolences.

• Wednesday a Cyber-Bullying meeting was held in the auditorium.

• The Safe School Initiative Bully policy planning meeting took place after school Wednesday.

• Jeudi nuit le programme français d'échange s'est réuni dans la bibliothèque.

As my fingers hit the keys, there's a small blanket of powder covering this sleepy New England town. Well, notebooks full of crisp, perforated lined pages are begging to be covered in No. 2. Get to it.

PAC to meet Feb. 6

"Autism Spectrum Disorders: Overview of the Newest Research in the Field," will be the topic of presenter Lesley Maxwell, on Feb. 6, at 7:30 p.m., at Osgood School, behind Deer Hill School, 210 Sohier St., Cohasset. The workshop, sponsored by PSO/PAC, is free.

Autism is a field of research that is advancing rapidly. There are many new findings as researchers, doctors and educators work with families to find the cause of autism and to understand how best to assist individuals with autism and their families. This talk will offer a practical overview of current research and findings in the field of autism spectrum disorders for families and educators.

Cohasset Parents Advisory Council has joined with the South Shore PAC Network to promote communication, combine workshops and establish a broader network. South Shore PAC Network hopes to meets informally throughout the year. For information, visit southshorepac@comcast.net.

Integrated Preschool applications available

Applications for Cohasset Integrated Preschool are available at both Osgood School and the Student Services office in the high school. Children must be 3 by Sept. 1, 2007, to participate in the morning class and 4 by Sept. 1, 2007, to participate in the afternoon class.

Applications should be returned to the Student Services office, 143 Pond St., no later than Friday, Feb. 16. The lottery will take place Monday, Feb. 26, and families will be notified by mail that week. A deposit of $75 is required to hold the space. Tuition is currently $1,500 for the year – four days of 2.5-hour sessions each school week – but is subject to change by the School Committee.

Middle school book group to meet

Buttonwood Middle School Book Group, for students in grades six, seven and eight, invites all fifth-graders to join them Thursday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m., at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, to discuss "The Ear, The Eye and The Arm" by Nancy Farmer. Facilitator is Deer Hill School librarian Barb Mullin.

Reservations are not necessary. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-

Kindergarten registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2007-2008 school year has begun. Registration will take place at Osgood School daily from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Parents will be asked to indicated interest in full-day kindergarten or half-time kindergarten at the time of registration. Parents are also encouraged to register early to facilitate planning for programs.

Children who turn 5 on or before Sept. 1, 2007, are eligible to attend kindergarten. A birth certificate and proof of residency are required in order to register.

Call the Osgood School at 781-383-6117 for more information.

Home schoolers go mad for science

South Shore Home Learners began their third Monday Fun Day session Jan. 22, at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library and Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum in Cohasset.

Monday Fun Day activities include the Mad Science hands-on workshop, Discovering the Masters art class, Chess Club, Games Club and Story Time Arts and Crafts. Home schooling children and their parents are encouraged to spend time exploring the Museum, Library and the playground with their friends. The Museum is a wonderful multi-age space with something for everyone to enjoy.

Mad Science is the newest addition to the Monday Fun Day schedule. Bugs, inventions, optical illusions and space will be among the topics explored in this session.

Monday Fun Day Session 3 will run through March 5.

For information about Monday Fun Day or home education on the South Shore, contact southshorehomelearners@comcast.net. You can also join the South Shore Home Learners Yahoo Group or attend their meetings every third Thursday of the month. Contact SSHL for time and place.

South Shore Home Learners is a not-for-profit organization committed to strengthening and encouraging homeschooling families on the South Shore.

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY, FEB. 2
Cheese or pepperoni pizza or turkey sandwich, veggie sticks, raisins.

MONDAY, FEB. 5
Chicken nuggets, dinner roll or bologna sub, veggie rice, pears.

TUESDAY, FEB. 6
Waffles, sausage or ham sandwich, baked potato tots, veggie sticks, fruit.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7
Macaroni and cheese, dinner roll or turkey sandwich, green beans, peaches.

THURSDAY, FEB. 8
Sloppy Joe on a roll or tuna salad sub, oven fries, corn, applesauce.

FRIDAY, FEB. 9
French bread pizza or chicken salad sandwich, garden salad, pudding.

'Odd Couple' auditions

Hingham Civic Music Theatre will perform Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple." Producer is Tophy Woodward, and director is Pat Sherman. Six men and two women are needed in the cast.

Audition dates are Feb. 5 and 6, at 7 p.m., in Sanborn Auditorium, Hingham Town Hall, 210 Central St. Rehearsals are tentatively scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays. Show dates are April 20, 21 and 22.

For more information, call Pat Sherman at 781-837-1499 or go to Stagemomma2003@yahoo.com. Visit the Web site at hcmt.org for audition and membership forms and directions to Sanborn Auditorium.



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PICKUP HOCKEY

Finley Mullally of Cohasset, left, and Kyle Ferreira of Quincy, both 7 years old, battle for the puck while playing hockey at the East Street Pond just over the Cohasset town line in Hingham last Saturday.

What you need to know about safe ice

By John M. Worley,
Recreation Director
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

General safe ice standards

Ice safe for:	0-30 degrees	30-40 degrees	40-50 degrees
Single skaters:	1 fl inches	2 fl inches	6 inches
Couples:	2 fl inches	3 fl inches	8 inches
Crowds:	3 fl inches	4 fl inches	12 inches

Stay off salt water ice completely!

These figures are for clear, fresh water ice only; for snow ice, add 2 inches; for waterlogged ice, add 3 inches; if skates cut it, go home! Saltwater in mild climates is always treacherous – keep away from it. Also, thickness in the 40-50 degree column are safe depths for short periods of time only.

With the winter season upon us, residents of all ages look for outdoor areas for ice skating. Elm's Meadow, located at Cushing Road and Spring Street, has been prepared by the DPW for skating, and lights, until 9:30 p.m., are also on for night skating. Elm's Meadow offers a regulated, shallow area for safe skating.

However, as with any outdoor skating area, the ice should be tested before venturing on it. There are specific ways to test ice safety, which do not include throwing debris such as rocks, sticks, etc. on the ice making it hazardous for everyone.

Rather, test the ice by the edge of a skating area by carefully stepping out 6- to 8-inches, proceeding carefully to about 2 feet out from the edge only if the ice appears to be safe under your weight. Chip the ice with a tool or stick until you can ascertain a rough idea as to the thickness of the ice. You should always have another person with you when doing this.

Many outdoor skating areas do not have the same thickness of ice universally over the area. Always be on guard for soft spots or thin ice that manifest from underground springs, drain pipes, etc. This is especially true at Elm's Meadow by the Spring Street/Cushing Road corner of the area due to drains off the hillside.

Library Corner

Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information on programs and events, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Movie Matinee at the Library – Can't get out at night to see a movie? Join others for a daytime screening of "An American in Paris," starring Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron on Friday, Feb. 2, at 11 a.m. This film won the 1951 Academy Award for Best Picture. Free admission. Light refreshments will be provided courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Movie Site License is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee. The next movie, scheduled for Friday, March 2, at 11 a.m., will be Alfred Hitchcock's "Rear Window."

One Book One Cohasset – Help the library celebrate the first town-wide reading event at a kick-off party in the library Meeting Room, Sunday, Feb. 4, from 2 to 4 p.m. Learn about this unique reading program and sign up for a variety of library events. Free.

Enjoy the Ride of Your Life – Come hear Joan Collins, life coach, discuss how to identify the patterns in life that keep one stuck; what must be controlled, what to resist and what one fears most, so that people will be in a position to ride the rollercoaster of life with a sense of awe and wonder. Come to this talk open to viewing things differently. Be prepared to take notes. This free event will take place Sunday, Feb. 11, at 2 p.m., in the library Meeting Room.

Chocolate Chip Cookie Challenge – Enter the library's chocolate chip cookie challenge and maybe win a prize. As part of the One Book One Cohasset town-wide reading program, the library is sponsoring this family program on Wednesday, Feb. 14, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sign up is required. Call or visit the library to register, or register online at the library Web site.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film "Something Like Happiness" Thursday, Feb. 15, at 6 p.m. Light refreshments are courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Admission is free.

FOR CHILDREN

One Book One Cohasset — In order for all residents to participate in the One Book One Cohasset town-wide reading initiative, companion books were selected for children pre-kindergarten through grade five. The companion books emphasize the character trait perseverance, as does the adult selection, "The Last Pick."

Students in pre-kindergarten through grade one will read "The Little Engine That Could" by Watty Piper with new art by Loren Long.

Students in grades two through five will read "The End of the Beginning" by Avi.

Friends of the Cohasset Library have donated a hard cover copy of these selections to each classroom at the Joseph Osgood School and the Deer Hill School. Copies are also available through the OCLN network.

For more information visit cohassetlibrary.org and click on "Find Out More About: One Book One Cohasset."

ONE BOOK CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Vocalmotion – Monday, Feb. 5, 10:30 a.m. Music for young children. All ages and communities welcome. Meets in the Meeting Room. Funded by the Friends of Cohasset Library.

Drop-In Story Time – Tuesday, Feb. 6, 10:30 a.m. Literature, music and movement. All ages and communities welcome. No registration required. Meets in the Story Room.

Vocalmotion – Monday, Feb. 12, 10:30 a.m. Music for young children. All ages and communities welcome. Meets in the Meeting Room. Funded by the Friends of Cohasset Library.

Drop-In Story Time – Tuesday, Feb. 13, 10:30 a.m. Literature, music and movement. All ages and communities welcome. No registration required. Meets in the Story Room.

Story & Craft – Thursday, Feb. 15, 10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m., Pre-registration required. Limited to Cohasset residents ages 3 through 6. Session full.

Vacation week special events:

"Little Engine That Could" – Tuesday, Feb. 20. Drop in between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to decorate a train engine. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. Meets in the Story Room.

Game Night – Tuesday, Feb. 20, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For grades three and up. Play checkers, chess, backgammon, Battleship, Yahtzee, Clue, Risk, Mancala and dominoes. Create a team or come and join a team. Registration is not required. Prompt pick up expected. Funded by the Friends of Cohasset Library.

"Dream Big" Bookmark Craft – Drop in between 1 and 3 p.m., on Wednesday, Feb. 21. Create a bookmark for the One Book One Cohasset project. All ages welcome. Young children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

Read-a-thon Pajama Party – Thursday, Feb. 22, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Come camp out at the library and read. Wear pajamas, and bring a sleeping bag, blanket or stuffed animal. Students in pre-kindergarten through grade two need a caregiver present. Students in grades three and up need to be picked up promptly. Meets in the Story Room and Meeting Room.

Vocalmotion – Monday, Feb. 26, 10:30 a.m. Music for young children. All ages and communities welcome. Meets in the Meeting Room. Funded by the Friends of Cohasset Library.

It's Happening

Live classic rock at the Red Lion Inn Barn

The Cohasset Hockey Boosters invite everyone to join them for a fun casual night out listening to live classic rock of the from the 60's,70's, 80's and more performed by Cohasset's own Grateful Dads. No need to be a hockey fan to attend. Everyone is welcome. So put your dancing shoes on and join us at The Red Lion Inn Barn from 8 p.m. till midnight. Tickets are $20 which includes hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. All ticket proceeds benefit the Cohasset Varsity Hockey Team.

A special invitation also goes out to all CHS hockey alumni to join us for this event as well. Participating in this event is a wonderful way to show your support for the CHS hockey team, not to mention a great night out with fellow hockey alumnus. Organizers hope everyone will join them for what is sure to be a classic winter rock event on Feb. 9.

To purchase tickets call (781) 383-9997 or contact any band member or Cohaset Hockey Booster. Anne Czerkawski, Steve Faber, Steve Brandt, Jeanne Holway, Karin Doonan, Ande Wade, Jane Lanzillotti.

'Inconvenient Truth'

A free showing of "An Inconvenient Truth" will take place Thursday, Feb 8th, at 7 p.m., at Paul Pratt library with a discussion to follow. The movie is sponsored by Sustainable Cohasset. Refreshments will be provided.

For information call Debbie Cook at 781-383-6313.

Midnight Blue Teen Dance Feb. 9

There will be a dance for Cohasset youngsters in grades six through eight only, on Friday, Feb. 9, from 7 to 10 p.m. Cost is $5 per person, and attendees will be required to show a student ID when signing in for the dance.

Those attending should make sure they are able to gain admittance to the dance before their ride leaves as once full capacity is reached there will be no further admittance. There will be no admittance after 8:30 p.m. for dances.

Snacks and refreshments will be on sale.

This is not a school function.

Winter erging with CMI

Stay in shape, lose some of that holiday weight and be ready for the water with CMI's winter erging program. Seven ergs have been moved to the third floor of CSCR, the Hagerty House, at 40 Parker Ave. For $100, a person can erg anytime day or night from now until mid-April in heated comfort. The views of the harbor and ocean alone are worth the price of admission. This is a great way to beat the winter blahs.

Groups are already coming in Thursdays, from 6 to 7 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays, from 9 to 10 a.m., and space is filling up fast.

Silhouette artist

The Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs present "Silhouettes — Heirlooms in the Making," by Joy Anne MacConnell, internationally known silhouette artist, who will create her unique portraits in Bates Hall Second Congregational Church at16 Highland Ave. in Cohasset, Saturday, Feb. 3, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The cost is $48 for 2 mirror-image portraits. Additional copies cost $15. A reservation is necessary and a 50 percent deposit must be given when reservations are made.

Proceeds benefit the Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs. For information, call Cohasset Elder Affairs at 781-383-9112.

'An Afternoon with Isabella' to be held Feb. 11

Mrs. Gardner, the flamboyant and free-spirited "Patroness of the Arts," is renowned for the design and construction of "Fenway Court," an architecturally lavish setting for her extensive Italian renaissance art collections.

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset and the Cohasset Historical Society will present "An Afternoon with Isabella," Sunday, Feb.11, from 2 to 5 p.m., in the Pratt Building at 106 So. Main St. in Cohasset.

Acclaimed character actress, Jessa Piaia, will portray Isabella Stewart Gardner in a 50-minute dramatic first-person narrative set in 1909.

Mrs. Gardner, the flamboyant and free-spirited "Patroness of the Arts," is renowned for the design and construction of "Fenway Court," an architecturally lavish setting for her extensive Italian renaissance art collections, which she later willed to the City of Boston.

Jessa Piaia has performed at cultural and educational sites throughout New England since 1985 and has been lauded for her well- researched portrayals of famous women and their contributions in American history.

Before the performance, guests will be able to participate in a silent auction. Among the items up for bid are a free landscape design consultation, a pearl necklace created by CGCC member, Claire Tinory and a tea set donated by the Cohasset Historical Society.

After the performance, a formal tea catered by Arthur Roebuck will be served and several prizes including a gift certificate for French Memories, an Ipod Shuffle and Victorian flower arrangements will be raffled.

The proceeds from this fundraiser will help fund the many programs and projects of both the Community Garden Club of Cohasset and the Cohasset Historical Society.

Tickets are available at the Pratt Building and are priced at $19.09 in honor of the year portrayed. There is limited seating for this performance. For ticket information call 781 383-1434.

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DESTINATIONS

More to mission besides the sparrows

By Carol K. Dumas
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Mission San Juan Capistrano was not only a spiritual center, but a self-sufficient community.

Mission San Juan Capistrano, considered the jewel of the 21 missions built in Southern California in the 18th century, is famous for the sparrows that faithfully return here every spring.

But there is so much more to see.

Mission San Juan Capistrano, founded in 1776, was the seventh of nine founded by Father Junipero Serra. When Spain decided to colonize Upper California, missions were established to teach Christianity to the Native Americans. Serra was chosen to lead that effort.

Mission San Juan Capistrano was not only a spiritual center, but a self-sufficient community. Its complex history is infused with Spanish, Mexican, Indian and European influences.

Enclosed by a tall adobe wall that closes it off from the bustling and touristy town of San Juan Capistrano, the mission's 10 acres are anchored by the ruins of the Great Stone Church, built in 1779. The church took nine years to build, with Native American labor. The earthquake struck on Dec. 8, 1812, during morning Mass, crumbling walls and toppling the domes, killing 42 of the Indian workers. The church was never rebuilt, but its stately, ghostly ruins are entrancing. Recasts of the original bells top one of the still-standing walls.

Near the Old Stone Church is the soldiers barracks (Spanish soldiers were stationed at the mission to protect the padres and to teach trades to the Indians), Native American displays and a cemetery, where 2,000 people, mostly Juaneno Indians, are buried in unmarked graves.

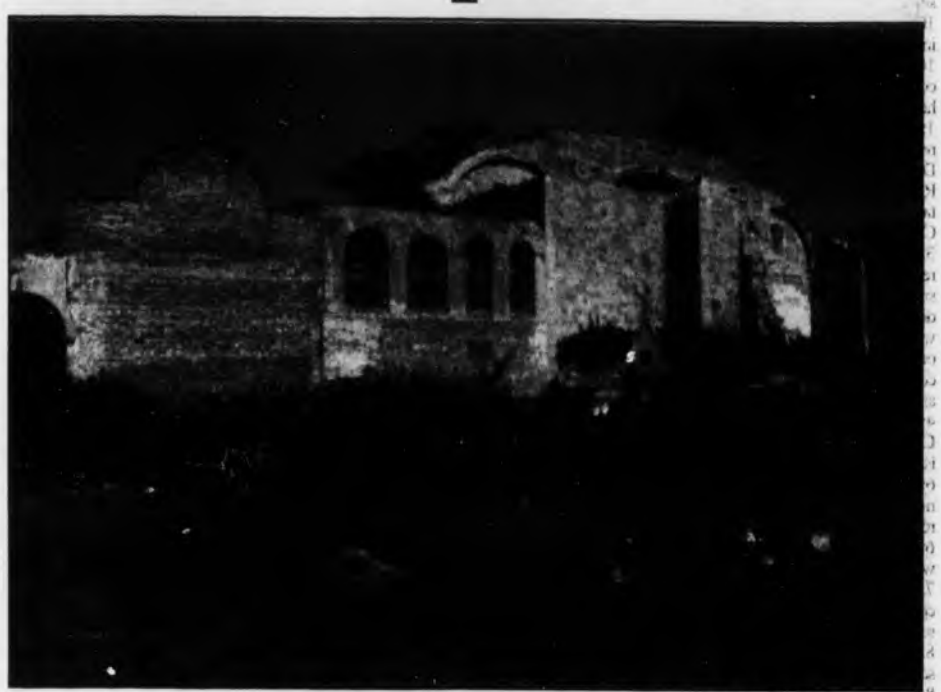
Four other buildings form a square around a center courtyard filled with flowers and fountains. Several museum rooms offer a look into life at the mission, with the padres' room and Fr. Jose Mut's room – Mut was the sole occupant of the mission, from 1866-1886. The largest building in the courtyard is Serra Chapel, the only original California mission church where Serra is known to have celebrated the sacraments. Built in 1782, the chapel has Stations of the Cross that were painted in the 1700s and a striking Baroque *retablo* (thought to be at least 400 years old) from Spain that's adorned with gold leaf. Near the entry of the chapel is the original baptismal font from the Old Stone Church and a side chapel dedicated to St. Peregrine, the patron saint of cancer sufferers.

The mission's grounds are striking any time of year. In December, lemon trees were laden with their golden orbs of fruit; fuschia-pink bougainvilla trailed over brick walls; an arid-themed garden had a variety of succulents from towering saguaro cactus to agave and aloe; lavender and roses were common on the grounds, as were many monarch butterflies and hummingbirds (California has five species).

Events during the year include concerts, a Founder's Day, and various festivals, and Mass is celebrated daily.



Serra's Chapel is named after the mission's founder, Fr. Junipero Serra, who actually celebrated the sacraments here.



PHOTOS BY CAROL K. DUMAS

Ruins of the Old Stone Church, built in 1779, and destroyed by earthquake in 1812.

Don't forget to look under the eaves for the earthenware jugs where the sparrows build their nests.

Guided tours are available, but many prefer to wander along the stone paths and explore at leisure, using the map that comes with admission.

More information

Visitor's center,
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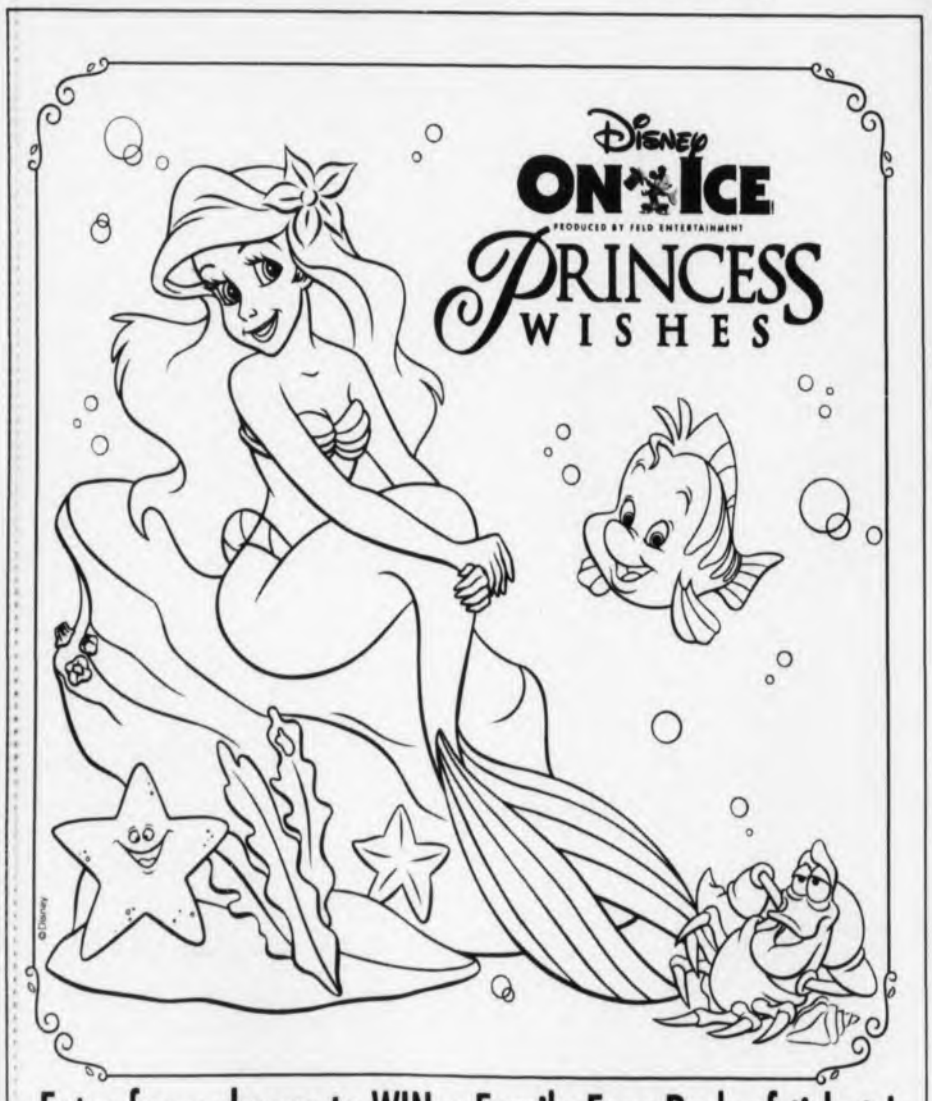
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, JAN. 13

8:53 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, officer requested; civil matter.

9 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat installation rendered.

9:30 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat installation rendered.

10 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

10:01 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat installation rendered.

10:34 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, animal complaint; dead opossum in front of house; logged.

1:40 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, walk-in party reports his dog got off her leash. Described as a 14-year-old Golden Retriever with a red and green collar and tags and answers to the name of Chelsea. Dog located at 1:56 p.m.

3:32 p.m. **King St.**, downed power lines reported; officer reports pole has snapped about three quarters of the way down. Electric Co. notified; line crews will cut lines which will cause a power outage for about an hour barring no complications. The King St., Route 3A and Pond St. areas will be affected.

4:20 p.m. **No. Main St. and Depot Court**; traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

6:06 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle accident; no injuries reported.

6:18 p.m. **King St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

7:58 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

8:06 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

8:07 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:56 p.m. **So. Main St.**, vandalism reported; windows smashed in a few motor vehicles parked in lot; caller reports three boys came in wearing dark-colored hooded sweatshirts and white baseball caps. One boy had a hand that was bleeding. Officer spoke with party and he denied any involvement.

11:18 p.m. **So. Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

SUNDAY, JAN. 14

12:51 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

12:52 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

7 a.m. So. **Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:30 a.m. **So. Main St.**, report of rock thrown through driver's side window of motor vehicle; investigated and report filed.

10:01 a.m. **Sohier and King streets**, motor vehicle accident; no injuries reported.

5:21 p.m. **Cushing Road**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

7:24 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, caller reports her lights are out and she thinks generator is working; Electric Co. notified.

9:18 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:19 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

9:30 p.m. **Sohier St.**, group fled for unknown reason when officer drove into parking lot; appeared secure. Officer reports a small group in pool parking lot while he was on routine patrol.

9:44 p.m. **Bancroft Road**, fire reported; services rendered.

11:18 p.m. **No. Main St.**, walk-in party requests assistance with upstairs neighbor in regards to a parking issue; advised.

MONDAY, JAN. 15

12:37 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:38 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

9:12 a.m. **Stockbridge St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, hard time breathing.

9:16 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, B&E (past/report), caller reports they were "robbed" sometime last night, but no sign of forced entry.

1:58 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:04 p.m. **Forest Notch**, disturbance, caller reports he would like to speak to an officer, regarding a construction company digging a large trench all the way across the circle.

9:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

11:07 p.m. **Elm St.**, icy road conditions, black ice.

TUESDAY, JAN. 16

12:07 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, icy road conditions, State DPW notified.

1:06 a.m. **CJC Highway area**, assist citizen, multiple callers about power outage.

1:16 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, power outage.

1:17 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, power outage.

2:31 a.m. **HQ.**, assist citizen, multiple calls about the power outage.

3:34 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist citizen, 911 caller "needs information about the power outage." She was advised to call the business line.

3:35 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist citizen, caller "wants information about the power outage." She wants to know "when it is going to end."

7:36 a.m. **Cushing Rd., and Spring St.**, public service, Cushing Road at Spring Street will be down to one lane after 8.

9:34 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:51 p.m. **Howe Rd.**, property (lost), caller reports she has lost her cell phone and needs a number.

1:20 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, chest pain and shortness of breath.

2:01 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, medical aid, 911 caller appeared confused and seemed to be having a difficult time breathing at this time. Officer reports female is fine at this time, she wanted help bringing her groceries in the house, she was feeling a little weak. Officer did assist the elderly female with bringing items in the house.

4:39 p.m. **Smith Pl.**, harassment report.

4:41 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, calling party notified that there is a red mountain bike in the area between this address and the beginning to Atlantic Ave.

6:10 p.m. **Haystack Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, 86-year-old male hit by vehicle.

6:55 p.m. **Surry Drive**, animal complaint, walk in party reports his dog has been missing since 12 p.m., a Golden Lab, 5 years of age.

7:24 p.m. **Pond St.**, parking violation, the athletic director at the high school called stating that a vehicle is in a handicapped spot and the radio station needs to get through. Contacted the owner and they will be up to move the car, their daughter had been using the vehicle.

8 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, 911 caller stated that there is a 79-year-old female with chest pain at this location. Hull R2 responding.

8:04 p.m. **Jerusalem Road Drive**, identity theft/fraud, walk in states that his credit card number was stolen and used at Best Buy.

8:30 p.m. **Howe Rd.**, warrant services.

10:15 p.m. **Sohier St.**, animal complaint, party lost a 7 or 8-year-old Black Lab this evening. Dog has been found.

10:28 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17

12:06 a.m. **Route 3**, public service, 911 caller states "there is a large boulder in the 3rd lane of Route 128, between exit 13 and 14." State Police notified.

12:53 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:54 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

7:09 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:19 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:34 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:34 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:57 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, resident has fallen and hit her head.

9:16 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, investigation, caller reports she believes a pipe may have burst in the house, there is water pouring out of the house. Fire Capt. reports there is a plumbing truck at the scene, apparently there was a pipe that did break in the house that is now under control. DPW notified as well to sand this area for the ice.

9:54 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, fire, investigation, caller reports smoke coming out of her chimney at this time, but she does not have a fire going in the fire place. Units report this is steam from the heating system, there is no problem.

10:54 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports high school buildings check ok, all secure.

11:01 a.m. **Sohier St.**, ofiicer reports school buildings check ok, all secure.

11:38 a.m. **Elm St., and Stevens Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:15 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, caller reports a female has fallen outside in the parking lot going up the stairs and cannot move her legs.

2:26 p.m. **Hull St.**, well being check.

2:35 p.m. **Border St., and Summer St.**, motor vehicle stop.

2:45 p.m. **Elm St.**, suspicious person.

3:15 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, traffic complaint, caller reports a motor vehicle traveling at a very slow rate of speed and taking very wide turns.

4:44 p.m. **Roy Estate**, suspicious activity, caller reports he saw a man trying to climb the fence at this location. The man has on a gray sweatshirt and has a white SUV with him. Sgt. reports this man works for the party listed above.

5:04 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building secure.

5:07 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

5:08 p.m. **Hull St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:42 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, possible stroke.

10:51 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

THURSDAY, JAN. 18

12:17 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:22 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

3:59 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, assist citizen, caller states "there is a Chevy pickup truck following him." State Police Norwell notified. They had already responded.

7:35 a.m. **North Main St.**, animal complaint, caller states "a bird, possibly a pheasant, hit his motor vehicle." No sign of a body, just feathers. Caller wanted incident logged.

7:55 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled motor vehicle.

9:25 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller reports her vehicle was hit in the parking lot and the other person is still on scene as well denying that it was her fault, victim is requesting police to the scene.

9:45 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:53 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/hit and run, officer reports that while on scene at another call, the suspect of the original call stated also that a construction vehicle from this location hit her vehicle sometime last night while her vehicle was in the parking lot.

10:14 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop.

10:44 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, elderly female not feeling well.

2:29 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, received a call from AAA Towing reporting a customer has driven into a curb and they would like to be checked and make sure she is ok.

4:14 p.m. **Windy Hill Rd.**, fire, called over from the Fire Dept., E3 to this location to investigate reports of a burst pipe.

7:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of a motor vehicle, Hingham PD reports an erratic operator coming north on 3A from 228 swerving, passing cars, flashing lights and beeping the horn.

7:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, erratic operator.

7:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled motor vehicle, caller from this location reports there is a disabled dump truck, red in color broken down at this location well off the road, it is not in the way.

9:17 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, notification, officer reports poor road conditions at above location. Cohasset DPW notified.

9:38 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, notification, caller reports an earlier accident that happened at about 8 p.m. The caller reported her daughter was pulling out of her driveway and the car spun on ice and hit a tree. The windshield is smashed along with the passenger side. The people inside the car went to the hospital on their own and are being treated at SSH.

FRIDAY, JAN. 19

8:36 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, fire, caller reports a strong outside odor of gas in this area.

9:02 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, walk in medical for a blood pressure check.

9:11 a.m. **Howe Rd.**, parking complaint, caller reports there are work trucks parked on the corner that are blocking the street making it passable for one car only.

10:44 a.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle stop.

10:51 a.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle stop.

1:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, investigation, in the Turkey Hill reservation behind the antennas there is a large pile of trash and tree stumps burning.

2:57 p.m. **Spring St.**, the hydrant at this location will be out of service for the time being due to the water main break at this location.

3:35 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

3:36 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

3:41 p.m. **King St.**, B&E (past/report), caller reports a man tried to kick the front door down, white male left in a gold colored car. Notified Hingham and Scituate of description of car and male driving. Possible 99 model Toyota or Nissan, gold in color, white male with black mustache and beard. Call was a misunderstanding.

4:19 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop.

6:06 p.m. **North Main St., and Highland Ave.**, motor vehicle stop.

7:48 p.m. **King St., and Sohier St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, Scituate reported an erratic motor vehicle on 3A northbound.

8:23 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:33 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:26 p.m. **South Main St.**, public service, calling party stated that her husband has a bad leg and needs help up and possibly up the stairs.

SATURDAY, JAN. 20

1:14 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled motor vehicle, vehicle ran out of gas.

1:28 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint, officer advised vehicle parked at a bad spot.

1:52 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

1:53 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

7:59 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

8:10 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, threats (bodily harm).

8:32 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

8:45 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:43 a.m. **North Main St.**, fire, investigation, called over from the Fire Dept., responding to this location for a Co2 detector sounding.

10:29 a.m. **Brewster Rd., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:09 a.m. **Avalon Drive, Hull**, investigation.

11:17 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party in the lobby would like to speak to an officer.

2:27 p.m. **Sohier St.**, school secure.

2:35 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

3:13 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

4:57 p.m. **Elm St.**, animal complaint, caller advised her dog was bit by another dog.

5:11 p.m. **Hull St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:21 p.m. **Pond St.**, noise complaint, caller advised there is a loud generator running – it has been running all night and caller wants it to stop.

5:29 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop.

5:47 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, 82-year-old female fell – hip injury.

6:04 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, caller elderly female advised she fell, not injured. Caller just wanted to be checked out.

7:38 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop.

8:15 p.m. **North Main St.**, well being check, transported SSH/ALS, caller advised he wants a well being check on above address.

9:18 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, officer advised there are still people inside the school.

9:19 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

9:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled motor vehicle.

9:46 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Old Coach Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:04 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Black Rock Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:34 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:44 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

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Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.first-parishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Donald Reade. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chairman: William Baird.

Sunday, Feb. 4

10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House

Sermon: "Who, What and Why"

Religious education classes for toddlers, children, and youth and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 AM in the Parish House.

Refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall will follow the morning service and RE classes.

Sunday afternoon activities conclude Mission Weekend. Over the weekend, members will gather with facilitators to discern our living mission—who we are and what we're about as a congregation at this point in our history.

Soul Work: Conversations acorss Congregations with parallel programming for children continues as a venture of First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Cohasset, Second Parish Unitarian Universalist in Hingham, and First Parish in Hingham (Old Ship). The series of facilitated conversations inspired by the book, "Soul Work: anti-racist theologies in dialogue," continues with Sunday's program held at Second Parish UU in Hingham, 685 Main Street. Lunch will be served at noon. The program runs for 12:30 to 2:30 PM. The central question continues to be: How can we as people of faith do anti-racist work as a spiritual practice, as soul work? This month's conversation will be co-led by Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull and Rev. Paul Sprecher. Be sure to bring your primary age children for the developmentally appropriate activity prepared for them. Copies of Soul Work can be purchased at First Parish UU-Cohasset.

Noon to 2:30 p.m. – Soul Work Conversations Across Congregrations with parallel programming for children continues as a cross-Soul Soul Work:

5 to 6 p.m. – Candlelight Peace Vigil on Cohasset Common — Join us for this first Sunday of the month silent witness for peace. We will have candles available, although we invite you to bring you own if you can.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church located at 16 Highland Ave. in Cohasset Village. Our offices are open daily during the week until 2:30. Appointments for special meetings with the staff and/or clergy can be made by calling the church at 781-383-1083. You can learn about us and worship with us by visiting our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org. We have children's church school program of Godly Play each Sunday at 10:00, special programs for teens, bible studies and fellowship. May God bless you this day.

This Week at St. Stephen's:

- Sunday, 9 a.m. Worship Service; 10 a.m., Annual Meeting Breakfast
- Monday, 7:30 p.m. Christian Meditation
- Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist & Healing; 10:30 a.m. Bible Study
- Friday, 9:30 a.m., Yoga; 12 noon, Soup and Sandwich
- Saturday, 7 a.m., Bible Fellowship
- Sunday Morning Prayer 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., 7 p.m., ASP Meeting

Next Sunday's readings include Jeremiah 17:5-10 in which the prophet urges each individual to trust the Lord who alone can search out human motivations. The second reading is from 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 in which Paul says belief in resurrection from death is basic to the faith that Jesus was raised, which, in turn, is vital to all Christian hope and experience. And the Gospel reading is from Luke 6:17-26 in which Jesus heals many illnesses and teaches his disciples that the values of the kingdom of God are quite different from worldly standards.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

Worship News

St. Joseph Center winter events

St. Joseph Retreat Center at 339 Jerusalem Road in Cohasset will host the following winter programs:

- Morning of Prayer –"A Time for Listening," hosted by Anne D'Arcy CSJ, Tuesday, Feb. 6, from 9:15 to 11:30 a.m.
- Day of Prayer –To be held in observance of Ash Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Private Directed Retreat Days – hosted by Joan McCarthy, CSJ. To be held Wednesday, Jan. 28 to Friday, Feb. 2.
- At-Home Retreat and Directed Prayer Weekends – To be held from Friday to Sunday, Feb. 16 to Feb. 18, Feb. 23 to 25 and March 16 to18. Stay at the Retreat Center for the three days or make your retreat at home and come to the center for a daily 45-minute individual spiritual direction sessions.

For information on these programs as well as other 2007 events, call 781-383-6024, visit csjboston.org and click on Retreat Center, or e-mail retreat-center@csjboston.org.

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A public hearing will be held at the **Cohasset Town Hall** on **Thursday, February 15, 2007, at 7:30 P.M.**, to act on an application for certification. The **Town of Cohasset** seeks to replace the sign over the entrance to the Town Hall. Application and proposed signs are on file for viewing at the Cohasset Building Department Office during normal business hours.

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What's happening on the South Shore

FEBRUARY 1-9, 2007

No Doubt about ability of actress

Tony award-winner headlines Boston production

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

In John Patrick Shanley's Tony and Pulitzer Prize-winning play "Doubt," Cherry Jones portrays a nun who suspects a priest of improper behavior with a young male student at the Catholic elementary school where she is principal. Sister Aloysius hasn't actually seen Father Flynn touching the boy, but something inside her tells her she is right to doubt the priest.

"This play is about people and the gut instinct of trust. It is about how we judge others in our daily lives. As Shanley explains in his preface to the play, when he was a young man, people with doubt were considered wise men and women. And now they're considered weak. Everyone just wants to feel that everything they know, and everything they do, is right," said Jones last week from Chicago. "But uncertainty is the basis of every decision-making process. Doubt and uncertainty used to be good things. Now, however, instead of trusting our own individual instincts, we have become like sheep. We've also become a society that is less well-educated and more mentally lazy. We've lost our ability to deliberate and reason, as both a nation and a world. Now, we've just got to again learn to accept uncertainty and be comfortable when we feel doubt, because we just can't know everything."



Cherry Jones



PHOTO/CRAIG SCHWARTZ

Cherry Jones and Chris McGarry.

What theater audiences know about Jones is that she is, without any doubt, one of the most gifted actresses working today. In addition to appearing in 25 productions during her tenure as a member of the acting company of the American Repertory Theatre, Jones has Broadway credits including her Tony Award-winning role in the memorable Lincoln Center Theatre production of "The Heiress," as well as other starring roles in "A Moon for the Misbegotten," "Angels in America," last season's "Faith Healer," and, of course, "Doubt," for which she won a 2005 Tony Award, her second as Best Actress. Jones has also appeared in feature films including "Signs," "The Horse Whisperer," and "Erin Brockovich."

Now starring in her first full-scale national tour, which comes to Boston's Colonial Theatre next week, Jones is pleased to be revisiting "Doubt" and reprising its lead role.

"After we closed in New York, I didn't miss Sister Aloysius, but I was still awfully glad to get back to her and to this play. It is a wonderful piece that I think says so much about us as people."

Mindful that many audiences would have their own vivid childhood memories of nuns, Jones was careful to craft a unique portrayal.

"It seemed too pat to make the character ramrod straight, so I play her as if she suffers from osteoporosis, which is also a tribute to my grandmother. Sister Aloysius is more interesting a little stooped. I also made her voice unattractive, which I hope will make her more poignant than if she had a normal voice. I've known a few former nuns and each one was a strong, opinionated, forceful person committed to helping others. That is how I see my character, too."

While acknowledging that "Doubt," which is set in 1964 in a Catholic School in the Bronx, will remind many of the sex abuse scandal that rocked the Boston Archdiocese and others around the country just a few years back, Jones points out that Shanley had an even bigger story in mind when he wrote the play.

"This is not a grim story about pedophilia, nor is it a whodunit. The case with the priest is just a stepping-off point. We're acting out that story as a parable for the audience," says the Paris, Tennessee-born actress who graduated from Carnegie Mellon University. "Catholics love this play, because it is so fair to the people it depicts. Not too long ago, I spoke to someone who served as a lay member on a Catholic commission and he said that Shanley really got it right. But the Church is not a democracy. The story is about the trickle-down effects of corruption and what happens when someone's belief in something is shaken."

Jones, 50, humbly admits that her longtime interest in taking a play on the road has been tempered by her own sometimes shaky belief in her ability to headline a national tour.

"I've always wanted to tour. Julie Harris is a wonderful role model and friend. Julie has taught me a great deal just by her example," Jones says of the legendary five-time Tony Award-winning actress and touring veteran who now makes her home in Chatham. "Straight plays just don't tour very often these days. Most of the touring road houses are barns made for musicals, not dramas. This play can just be heard, however, and not seen close-up and it will still have all its power. It is brave and bold of our producers to let me tour, even given that I won a Tony for the show. In many of the cities we will visit, people don't know me at all. If they had a TV star from the mid-1990s, they might have made some money. As it is, choosing to send out a tour with my name above the title is almost an altruistic decision."

(Cherry Jones will star in "Doubt" from Feb. 6 to 18 at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston St., Boston. For tickets and information, call 617-931-2787, visit the box office, or log on to www.broadwayacrossamerica.com)



PHOTO/CRAIG SCHWARTZ

Cherry Jones as Sister Aloysius

Movie review



Add Sapphire Boyce to the long list of preteens who have given remarkable film performances.

A little gem called 'Opal'

Opal Dreams (B+)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

Watch your back, Dakota Fanning. Your competition has arrived.

In the unique coming-of-age tale "Opal Dream," Sapphire Boyce makes a strong debut as a little girl who loses her will to live after the disappearance of her imaginary friends.

Directed by Peter Cattaneo ("The Full Monty") and based on a novella by co-screenwriter Ben Rice, "Opal Dream" is, as its title suggests, a small gem that will catch your eye.

Set in the otherworldly Australian Outback, where a Gold Rush-like mania has gripped opal miners, the film is a throwback to the Australian New Wave of the 1970s and '80s.

Nine-year-old Kellyanne Williamson (Boyce) lives with her parents, miner Rex (Vince Colosimo) and sprite-like mother Annie (Jacqueline McKenzie), and older brother Ash (Christian Byers) in Coober Pedy, Australia's opal capital. Her dad spends his days digging holes that plunge scarily deeper and deeper into the hard, flat, sandy soil, searching for the precious stones.

When Kellyanne loses Pobby and Dingan, friends only she can see, she insists her father and brother help her search for them. But when they trespass inadvertently on the stake of a neighboring miner, Kellyanne's father is accused of being a "ratter" (i.e., opal thief). Meanwhile, the distraught Kellyanne grows weaker and weaker with each passing day.

"Opal Dream" captures the bizarre Wild West-like atmosphere of a small town in the Outback, the trials of a small ostracized family in such circumstance and the travails of a little girl clinging desperately to childhood dreams.

It also features terrific performances from Boyce and Byers. Boyce is especially compelling as the little girl with dark circles under her eyes and surprisingly hoarse, haunting voice. Boyce follows in the footsteps of several spooky little girls of the big screen. As she waits for her imaginary friends' return, you half expect her Kellyanne to turn to the camera and intone, "They're baaaack."

"Opal Dream" contains no objectionable material.

Calendar of events

Thursday, Feb. 1

Jeremy D'Entremont and Brian Tague a look at 77 years of one of New England's most unique and beloved traditions. From touching memories of lighthouse children to rib-tickling accounts of package drops that went wrong, Jeremy D'Entremont and Brian Tague will give a slide presentation of rarely seen historic photographs. Maine sea-plane pilot Bill Wincapaw began Flying Santa's holiday flights to isolated lighthouses in 1929. Maritime historian, adventurer and lecturer Edward Rowe Snow made Flying Santa a true New England institution, personally visiting the lighthouses each Christmas for more than forty years. The tradition continues today through the efforts of the non-profit organization Friends of Flying Santa. This presentation accompanies the Hull Lifesaving Museum's current exhibit, *Flying Santa: A Holiday Tradition*, which runs through March 10. For information contact Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433 or visit lifesaving-museum.org

The United Way Of Greater Plymouth County cordially invites the public to an open house come check out their **New United Way Office** 10 Cordage Park, Suite 237, Plymouth, Feb. 1, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. WATD-FM 95.9 to broadcast live from Cordage Park drawing for Bermuda cruise, Disney stay and 42 inch plasma TV raffles and more!

British Beer Company, Washington St., Rt. 53, Pembroke. BBC {Pint Night" featuring **Flydown** formerly "The Alliance".

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, will feature Satch Romano's **New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796.

Friday, Feb. 2

James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell "Painter, Photographer, **Stephen Eames**, of Duxbury will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, from Feb. 2, to 28. No opening will be held but the public is invited to view and purchase paintings Tuesday - Friday 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

South Shore Art Center at 119 Ripley Road, in Cohasset is mounting an exhibition of works on paper selected by **Stephanie Walker**, director of Boston's Chase Gallery. "***Works on Paper***" opens in the **Bancroft Gallery** and continues through Feb. 25. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

CALENDAR, see next page

Mark your calendar

A SINGING VALENTINE TO SOMEONE SPECIAL South Shore Men of Harmony perform their 12th ANNUAL SINGING VALENTINES on Sunday, Feb. 11, from noon to 9 p.m., Monday, Feb. 12 and Tuesday Feb. 13 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Wednesday Feb. 14 (Valentine's Day) from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Barbershop Quartet will be dressed in tuxedos to anywhere on the South Shore sing "Heart of My Heart I Love You" and "I Love Your Truly" present a long-stemmed red rose, Valentine card and souvenir Polaroid picture.. Available for $100 save $25 if reserved before Feb. 4. Call Dan Costello at 781-243-1245 or Men of Harmony at 337-7464 (SING)

BRIDAL EXPO takes place at the Independence Mall in Kingston on Feb. 11, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The event focuses on planning the perfect South Shore wedding and will feature local exhibitors. Future brides and grooms can sample catering delights, explore options for suitable wedding locations, see the latest bridal fashions and more. Visit www.creating-marketingresults/bridalexpo for more information.

QUINCY DINNER THEATRE PRODUCTIONS, now in Braintree at the Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree, presents "Lullabye of Broadway". A night of all time classic broadway hits, starring The Broadway Exchange. Wednesday, Feb. 14, Valentine's Day, social hour 6:30 p.m., four-course dinner served at 7 p.m., showtime at 8:30 p.m.; President's Day Weekend Saturday Feb. 17, social hour 6:30 p.m. four-course dinner served at 7 p.m., showtime at 8:30 p.m., and President's Day weekend matinee special Feb. 18, social hour at 1:30 p.m., four-course dinner served at 2 p.m. with a 3:30 p.m. showtime. Tickets can be ordered by telephone at 781-843-5862.

THE SOCIETY OF ARTS AND CRAFTS presents CRAFT-BOSTON 2007 March 30 – April 1, at Boston's Seaport World Trade Center. Seaport World Trade Center, 200 Seaport Boulevard, Boston. COST: General Admission: $15, Senior Citizens & SAC Members: $12, Children 12 years & under: Free. Admission tickets valid for readmission throughout the weekend. For information or digital images, call 617-266-1810 or visit craftboston.org.

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The Gallery is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. - noon., and Saturday/Sunday noon - 3 p.m. For information, write to info@northriverarts.org, or call 781.837.8091.

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New Repertory Theatre enters 2007 with the New England premiere of "**Silence,**" by British Playwright Moira Buffini, which plays through Feb. 11. Tickets: $31-$50, depending on time of the week and time of the show. Discounts for seniors and students. Call: 617-923-8487 or buy at newrep.org.

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Thayer Academy's Winter Concert Series will feature an **Evening of Chamber Music** with renowned cellist, **Alexander Lecarme,** Feb. 2, at 7 p.m., in Frothingham Hall at the Thayer Academy campus at 745 Washington St., Braintree. For information or inquiries about tickets, call Pam Delpino at 781.664.2502.

The South Shore Folk Music Club presents **Anais Mitchell** and **Jud Caswell** Feb. 2, the Beal House, Main St. in Kingston. doors open at 7:30 p.m. Handicapped accessible hall, and smoke and alcohol free. Light refreshments are available. SSFMC collects non-perishable food goods at every event and delivers them to the Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless in Kingston. 781-871-1052 or visit ssfmc.org.

The Milton Players will present the hilarious British comedy, "**Noises Off**," beginning Friday, Feb. 2, at the **Milton Woman's Club** at 90 Reedsdale Road in Milton. Performances are Feb. 2, 3, 9, and 10 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. All evening performances feature cabaret-style seating, with complimentary wine, cheese and soft drinks. Tickets, which can be purchased at miltonplayers.org, are $20 for evening performances and $15 for the Sunday matinee. For information and reservations, call 1-698-7469 or visit miltonplayers.org.

The Company Theatre in **Norwell** will rock out to the sounds of **The Four Tops, Temptations, Kool & the Gang** and more when the dynamic Souled Out takes to the stage for two shows, Feb. 2 and Feb. 3, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost $31 and are available at the box office, at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and at companytheatre.com.

Comedy night - All Season's Restaurant 327 Plymouth St. Rt. 106, Halifax Call for Tickets $15. Feb. 2, 9 p.m. featuring The Hilarious & Sports Comedy of **Mike Donovan** just back from China. Other comics: **Annette Pollack Dan Boulger (Winner of 2006 Boston Comedy Festival) Matt McArthur, Tom Harris, Chrissy Kelleher.** Advance reservations recommended by calling 781-293-4135 or 781-843-4833. Produced by Annette's Comedy Asylum. www.annettepollack.com

Single Executives Club Singles Dance Feb 2, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at **Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom**, 929 Hingham St., Rockland, exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by award winning DJ Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes and match game prizes. **Free dancing lessons** from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples age 30 and over. Cost before 9 p.m. is $10 Proper business dress recommended; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable. Visit www.se-4u.com or call 781-446-0234 for information.

New England Singles Dance, with **DJ Paul Dipanfilo,** will be held Feb. 2, from 8 pm., to midnight in the VFW Hall, at 30 Central St., Abington, for people age 40 +. Admission $8. singles-dances-newengland.com.

British Beer Company, Washington St., Rt. 53, Pembroke Feb. 2, **Spank.**

Next Page Café, 550 Broad Street, Weymouth. Feb. 2, **Ryan Fardy & Shades of Blue**, No cover. All shows 9:15 p.m. unless noted. 781-335-9796.

Saturday, Feb. 3

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Chase Away The Winter Blues at **South Shore Conservatory's Hingham Campus**, Feb. 3, from 6-11 pm. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres served throughout the evening with dance music and sweets after 8:30 p.m. Ticket sales have been brisk and if you don't already have them, please visit www.southshoreconservatory.org /winter_blues.htm and place your order. Tickets are $75/person all inclusive. Donor levels are offered at $125/person, $250/person and $500/person. 781.749.7565, ext 23 for questions.

Saturdays at the Ventress Library, 15, Library Plaza, Marshfield – Feb. 3, at 2 p.m. **Intuitive Healing Mary Moffat R.N. CMAC M Ed,** a nurse of 25 years, with will show alternative ways to heal yourself on many levels. Combines the ancient and the new. All are welcome. For information visit ventresslibrary.org or call 781-834-5535.

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Ballroom Dance, at Trinity Episcopal Church Hall, 241 Broad St., Weymouth. Saturday, Feb. 3, from 7:30 to 11 p.m. DJ Music by DanceSport of Boston. Refreshments, door prizes and lesson at 7:30. Tickets $10 advance /$12 door. 617-325-1562.

Special Olympics Massachusetts will be holding their **9th annual Passion Plunge** in three locations: Saturday, Feb. 3, at Nantasket Beach in Hull; Saturday Feb. 3, at Indian Lake in Worcester; and Saturday Feb. 10 at Revere Beach in Revere. Incentive awards and prizes, a costume parade, and post-Plunge party are included. Come plunge and support the 10,000 athletes who participate in Special Olympics Massachusetts. To register and get information, visit PassionPlunge.org.

The James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell Center presents a puppet show by **Deborah Costine of the Gerwick Puppets** will be held at on Saturday, Feb. 3, at 10:30 a.m. Free and open to children ages three and older. Sponsored by a grant from the Church Hillers of Norwell. Space is limited so call the James at 659-7100 to reserve a place. jameslibrary.org.

Saphire Manor, 164 Massapoag Ave., Sharon. Feb. 3, 7 p.m. **Comedy Show** featuring **Mike Donovan, Annette Pollack, Ron Rogers, Jerry Thornton, and Bob Laarus.** $40 dinner buffet and comedy show 7 p.m. $20 Comedy Show only at 9 p.m. Call to reserve at 781-784-2400.

19th Annual Great Chefs Food & Wine Tasting on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at the Boston Marriott Quincy. Billy Costa, host of NECN's *TV Diner,* will emcee this elegant evening that will feature samples from more than 20 of the finest restaurants and bakeries from the Greater Boston and South Shore areas, as well as wine from international vintners. Tickets for the event are $75 per person and can be purchased online at www.partnershomecare.org or by calling 781-681-1232.

Northeast Motorcycle Expo 2007 featuring custom bikes, stunts, stage shows, and more Bayside Expo Center, Boston Feb. 3 and 4. Admission to The Northeast Motorcycle Expo is $15 for adults, $7 for children 6-12 yrs old, and children under 6 yrs are free. Expo hours are Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information contact: 1-877-BIKEXPO (877-245-3976) or www.NEMotorcycleExpo .com.

The North River Arts Society presents "Mix It Up!" an exhibit or original mixed media works by **Marcia Ballou** and **Laura Harvey** at the Dolphin Gallery located at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St, Hingham through March 29. 781-741-1405.

The One & Only Boston Chocolate Tour will return to satisfy New England's collective sweet tooth every Saturday from January through April. The fully-narrated, **three-hour journey** of decadent desserts and fun facts features tasty visits to Top of the Hub Restaurant, the historic Omni Parker House Hotel and The Langham Hotel Boston, The tour departs from the Trolley Stop Store at the corner of Boylston and South Charles Streets every Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Tickets are $75 per person. Advance reservations are required and may be made by calling 617-269-7010.

Cherish the Ladies, Feb. 3, at 8 p.m. at the **Somerville Theatre**, 55 Davis Square, Somerville. Tickets $28 and $22 buy online at worldmusic.org or call 617-876-4275.

Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth features a **Traditional Irish Seisiun** every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. The next Seisiun is Feb. 3. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hornpipes, with great craic and singalong. Admission is free. No cover. 508-830-1262.

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Anais Mitchell

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The South Coastal/Quincy Chapter of Hadassah is sponsoring its annual Health Breakfast from 9 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. on Sunday Feb. 4, at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main St., Hingham. This year's event—"Prevention: The Best Cure"—will focus on the prevention of cervical cancer. Dr. Martin Crain, an OB/GYN, will discuss how to maintain a healthy cervix, and Dr. Karen Zemel, a pediatrician, will discuss the pros and cons of the new HPV preventative vaccine. Jennifer Greene, a survivor, will also speak about her treatment and recovery. Cost for Hadassah members is $15 per person; non-members, $20. For questions or reservations, contact Joyce Spiegler at 781-749-0065.

The Candlelight Concert series at Hingham's Old Ship Church kicks off its 34th year on Sunday, Feb. 4, with a free performance by the Oriana Consort at 4 p.m. in the meetinghouse. The concerts are presented free of charge to the public and are handicap accessible. Children are especially welcome accompanied by adults. Please call 781-749-5493 for large group reservations. Directions are available from the church office during business hours at 781-749-1679, or online at www.old-shipchurch.org.

Duxbury's Bumpus Gallery presents work of South Shore artist **Donna Green** in an exhibit of portraits titled "Faces of Innocence," at the **Helen Bumpus Gallery** in **Duxbury** during January and February. The Helen Bumpus Gallery is located on the main level of the Duxbury Free Library at 77 Alden St. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours. 781-934-2721.

The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. Feb. 4 **Super Bowl Party.**

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, features **Dave Foley's Solo Rockin' Roots Acoustic Jam** every Sunday from 8 p.m., to midnight. 781-335-9796.

Monday, Feb. 5

The Hingham Public Library and the **Boston Classical Guitar Society** will present a free performance "Music for Voice and Guitar" by **Robert Margo** and **Wendy Silverberg** on Sunday, Feb. 4, at 3:30 p.m. in the Whiton Room.

Audition for "The Odd Couple": Tryouts for roles in Neil Simon comedy "The Odd Couple" will be held by the Hingham Civic Music Theatre at Hingham Town Hall's Sanborn Auditorium, Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 5-6, at 7 p.m. Performances will be April 20-22. Contact director Pat Sherman at 781-837-1499 or at stagemom-ma2003@yahoo.com Also see www.hcmt.org.

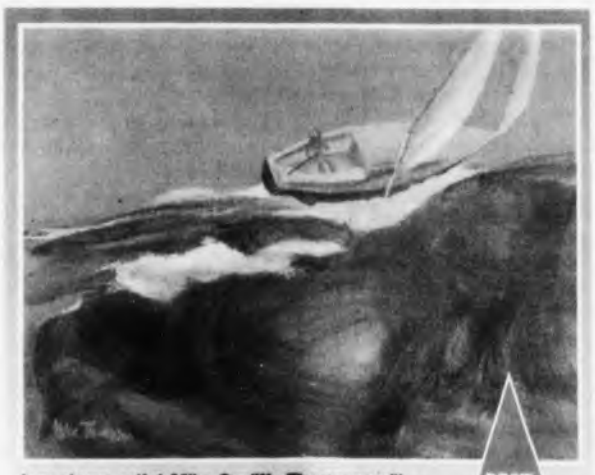
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Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull, presents **Flying Santa: A Holiday Tradition** through March 11. 781-925-5433 lifesavingmuseum.org

Tuesday, Feb. 6

ASAP - The Adoption & Foster Care School Awareness Project will hold it's next meeting on February 6th. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the Lydia Drake Library, 340 High Street, Pembroke, MA, at 7:30 pm. Our special guest will be Lori Rohleder from Barefoot Books. Come and view some of Barefoot Book's wonderful multi-cultural children's books - they make great Valentines - and 15% of your purchases will be donated to ASAP. We are committed to increasing awareness in the schools and in our communities of the special needs of children and families formed through adoption and foster care. All Parents and care-givers, educators, librarians and interested community members are welcome. For more info contact Charlotte Simpson at 781 293-3341 or visit our website at www.asapmass.org

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The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era performs every third Tuesday at **Striar JCC/Fireman Campus**, 445 Central St,. **Stoughton**, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $5 per person. All are welcome. Wheelchair-accessible. 781-341-2076. 781-767-3911.

Wednesday, Feb. 7

The Hull Seaside Animal Rescue is sponsoring a low cost spay/**Neuter Mobile Clinic for cats and kittens** Feb. 7. Financial assistance for Hull residents is available. Call for details. Kittens must be eight weeks and/or weigh three or more pounds. Cats should not be pregnant or nursing. Drop off in the Am and Pick up mid-afternoon. Reservations are required and space is limited, call 1- 877-378-1195, leave your name, number and a volunteer will get back to you.

Norman Abrahamson, from the Law Offices of Norman G. Abrahamson in Canton and a specialist in estate planning, will discuss the legal issues encountered during estate planning at the weekly breakfast meeting of The President's Club Chapter of Business Network International (BNI), on Feb. 7, at 7 a.m. The President's Club Chapter of BNI is comprised of leading business people from Quincy, Holbrook, Braintree, Weymouth, Hingham, Stoughton, Canton, Hull, Randolph, Hanover, Brockton, Milton and Dorchester, but welcomes anyone who works or lives in southeastern Massachusetts. The group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM at Elena's Restaurant, Braintree Hill Office Park, Building 50, Braintree, Visitors are welcome. For information, contact Club President Norm Abrahamson at 781-828-2270 or by email at ngalaw@cantonlaw.net.

The Atrium at Faxon Woods 2003 Falls Boulevard, Quincy presents Alzheimer's expert and author **Joanne Koenig Coste** Feb. 10, book signing at 2 p.m. 3 p.m. discussion and Q & A. Reserved guests receive a complimentary copy of **Learning to Speak Alzheimer's**. Call 617-471-5595 to reserve a seat. RSVP by Feb. 7. After presentation enjoy sinful chocolate buffet in honor of Valentine's Day.

Cherrywoods Barbeque, located at 124 Washington St. (Route 53) in Norwell is holding its first ever **Barbeque & Blues dinner** Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 7:30 p.m. The private dinner will feature a special menu prepared by our executive chef and owner, Ken Wisneski, and live acoustic blues by **Racky Thomas**, frontman of Blues Audience Readers Poll's Outstanding New England Band in 2005. Call Cherrywoods at 781-878-7850 or stop by for more details and to make reservations."

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association, the **South Shore Natural Science Center** and the **Mass Audubon South Shore Regional Headquarters** presents another free winter lecture series every Wednesday night at 7 p.m., at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell through March 21. Sponsored in part by Rockland Trust Company. Admission is free. Feb. 7, ***Codfish, Dogfish, Mermaids and Frank* Skip Debrusk, Author.** This book, written by Scituate native Skip Debrusk, is the true story of the relationship between Skip as a young man, and his mentor, set on the fishing grounds and ports of Massachusetts during the summer of 1951. Captain Frank Savery, an ex-prisoner of the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks at Alcatraz was, to say the least, an unusual mentor who passed on his natural gifts of curiosity, leadership and the value of education. He also passed on the value of hard work, risk and rewards, all as the Captain of the J.L. Stanley and Sons, a commercial fishing boat based in Plymouth. Hear this story of a bygone era when fish were plentiful and our way of life was simpler. For information visit nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA at 781-659-8168, Mass Audubon at 781-659-9400 or SSNSC at 781-659-2559.

The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. Feb. 7"Face Off" **Game show Trivia hosted by "P.J. The D.J.** from 8 to 11 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 8

Join **Loretta LaRoche** as she spills the beans at the **Radisson-Plymouth Hotel** on Thursday, Feb. 8, from 7 to 10 pm. Portion of the proceeds from this show to benefit the Lupus Foundation. Tickets are $49 for general admission, and $69 for Gold Circle Seating, which also includes a pre-show meet-and-greet with Loretta and a copy of her *Squeeze the Day* book. Tickets are on sale at 50 Court St. in Plymouth, online at www.ticketweb.com, and by calling 508-747-1340 and 866-468-7619.

Halifax in Lights – the town's July 4th celebration –hosts a **wine tasting and silent auction** Thursday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. at BR's Monponsett Inn on Monponsett Street/Route 58. For more details visit the Halifax in Lights Web site at http://www.town.halifax.ma.us/halifaxinlights.html.

Due to the overwhelming demand for tickets to Late Nite Catechism at The Company Theatre in Norwell, MA, which has already sold out 6 of the 7 performances, the Directors have announced that tickets have gone on sale for an additional performance on: Thursday, Feb. 8 at 2 p.m. There are also still a small amount of tickets remaining for Sunday, Feb. 11 at 7:30 .pm. Tickets are priced at $30, and are available at The Company Theatre box-office at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companythreatre.com

Linden Ponds and Buttonwood Books & Toys welcome **Nardi Reeder Campion** at Linden Ponds, 300 Linden Ponds Way, Hingham on Feb. 8 at 2 p.m. Ms. Campion, an octogenarian close to her nineties, will discuss her new book, "Over the Hill You Pick Up Speed: Reflections on Aging (For Anyone Who Happens To)", a collection of essays about the pleasures and frustrations of aging. This is a free event and the public is welcome. As Linden Ponds is a gated community, RSVP to 1-800-832-5319 so that they may expect your arrival and inform the gatehouse. Books, provided by Buttonwood, will be available for purchase at the event. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a personalized and/or signed copy, please call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com



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The Buttonwood Middle School (Grades 6, 7,8) Book Group invites all fifth graders to join them on Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw' s Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset, to discuss "The Ear, The Eye and The Arm" by Nancy Farmer. The facilitator is Deer Hill School librarian Ms. Barb Mullin. No reservations are necessary. 1-781-383-2665

The Dickinson Group will open a new art gallery in Weymouth on Route 18, next to the former Weymouth Naval Air Station. The gallery, known as **Art Treasure Gallery**, officially opened its doors with a Jan. 11, show featuring the works of 20 local and national artists. Artists interested in displaying at the Weymouth gallery are asked to contact gallery director Gabriel Catbagan at 781-331-9841.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad Street**, Weymouth.** no cover Satch Romano's "**New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam**, featuring **Dirty Blond Blues Jam** 9 p.m. show, jam, 21+. Handicap access. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796 nextpagecafe.com

The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. Feb. 8, BBC **"Pint Night"** featuring **Flydown** formerly The Alliance.

Friday, Feb. 9

Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Feb. 9, 6 p.m. Bestselling author, **Ann Hood** reading/signing "Knitting Circle." Free. Call for info: 781-545-5011 or frontstreetbookshop.com

John Carver Inn, Plymouth and Cape Codder Resort & Spa in Hyannis present **Dinner Theatre** packages. Featuring Feb. 3 doors open at 7:30 p.m. **Comedy on the Road**. The best in stand up comedy. For information visit johncarverinn.com or call JCI at 508-746-7100 or 800-724-1620. Visit capecodderresort.com or call CCR at 508-771-3000 or 888-297-2200.

The British Beer Company, Washington St. **Pembroke**. Feb. 9, **Third Left**

Frankie D's, 164H Summer Hill Plaza, Kingston, presents **The Mighty HouseRockers** on Feb. 9 No cover. 781-582-8226.

Mt. Blue, 707 Main St., Norwell Feb. 9, **Jah Spirit Reggae.**

Next Page Café, 550 Broad Street, Weymouth, will feature the **The Ripchordz** Feb. 9, at 9:15 p.m. No cover. 781-335-9796 nextpagecafe.com

Quick Flix

All reviews by James Verniere, unless otherwise noted



The exhausted Debbie (Elle Fanning) is comforted by her equally tired nanny (Oscar nominee Adriana Barraza) in "Babel.

New Releases

EPIC MOVIE (F)

Satire sinks to a new low with "Epic Movie," an alarmingly awful film from the creators of "Scary Movie," "Date Movie" and so many other bad films, it's hard to keep track. A bit of advice: If you see Carmen Electra in a film, run. Fourth-grade jokes get turned into another feature-length film, mocking such recent box-office hits as "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" and "X-Men: The Last Stand." There even is a gag in which "Harry Potter's" Hermione is pregnant and infected with herpes. I may be scarred for life. (PG-13)

—Chelsea Bain

THE HITCHER (C+)

If you have a thing for horror, then "The Hitcher," a so-so remake of the 1986 cult classic of the same name, might win you over. This flick opens with a shot of fresh road kill and ends with so many dead bodies, it is hard to keep count. "The Hitcher," a movie that features a sequence with someone ripped in two, is for fans of gore. But for every thrill, there is a scene that is boring and lame. Grace (Sophia Bush) and Jim (Zachary Knighton) are on a road trip through a New Mexico desert, they encounter a homicidal psycho (Sean Bean) who is looking for more than a ride. (Rated R)—Chelsea Bain

THE ITALIAN (A)

Set in a ramshackle orphanage in a snowy Russian village, the film generates a sense of hopelessness from the get-go. It's palpable even when a kind, wealthy couple from Italy decides to adopt Vanya (Kolya Spiridonov), the wide-eyed ragamuffin at the center of this wonderful tale. The other tykes would kill to fill his shoes, but Vanya, a 6-year-old with hopes of reuniting with his biological mother, goes on a wild chase to find her. As the chase between Vanya and the greedy adults continues, the film never falters. You'll be surprised how a simple story about an orphan can fill you with such emotion. (Rated PG-13) —Chelsea Bain

Ongoing

ALPHA DOG (C-)

It's a mutt. Based on the sordid, true story of Jesse James Hollywood, "Alpha Dog" is what you'd have if "The O.C." went all gansta. Emile Hirsch, Anton Yelchin and Justin Timberlake (the only actor who rises above the material) star in the story of a drug-dealer and a kidnapping that goes all wrong. Written and directed by Nick Cassavetes, "Alpha Dog" is about people you'd flee from in real life, a chorus of foul-mouthed poseuers led by an evil twerp. (Rated R)

ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (B+)

Are you ready for "Honey, I Shrunk Les Enfants?" "Arthur and the Invisibles," also known as "Arthur et les Minimoys," is yet another winged horse sprung from the endlessly fertile, if not overtaxed mind of French auteur Luc Besson ("La Femme Nikita," "The Professional"). The film, an English-language effort of French pedigree, combines live-action with 3D animation and is yet another variation on a theme of Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland."

BABEL (B-)

Another weighty, portentous, relentlessly grim effort from Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu ("Amores Perros," "21 Grams"), "Babel" is, of course, being touted as Best Picture material. Afraid not. It tells several interweaving stories, involving, among others, a fabulous-looking American couple (Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett) having a marriage crisis in Morocco, the perilous adventures in Mexico of their two blond children, a mute Tokyo schoolgirl who behaves like a nymphomaniac and two Berber brothers herding sheep in the Atlas mountains. To some, Inarritu's work is genius. To others, it's just babble. Take your pick. In English, Spanish, Berber and Japanese with subtitles. (Rated R)

BLOOD DIAMOND (B-)

A Rambo movie for liberals, Edward Zwick's "Blood Diamond" might also be called "Danny Archer, Soldier of Fortune." Handsome Danny (Leonardo DiCaprio) has been a bad boy. He smokes and drinks too much and makes a living smuggling "conflict stones," also known as blood diamonds, out of 1990s Sierra Leone. The funds finance a rebel army that chops the arms off civilians and turns young boys into drug-addled zombies with AK-47s and such nicknames as "Master of Disaster"' and "Babykiller." "Blood Diamond" is based on fact. But it is hardly a serious examination of the political and social realities of modern-day Africa. Zwick brings the same sensibility he brought to "The Last Samurai" to this film. "Blood Diamond" does not pass the reality sniff-test. (Rated R)



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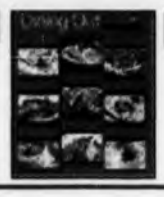
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Trash talk gets applause

Selectmen like resident's plan to rid streets of litter

By Samantha Brown
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Litterbugs are not welcome in Cohasset. To that end, Jerusalem Road resident James French is leading the charge to encourage businesses and the town as a whole to start picking up trash and prevent it from coming back.

French came before the Board of Selectmen Monday with a proposal that would have businesses and residents sponsoring sections of the roadways around town. He said because Route 3A is a Massachusetts State Highway there is an actual adopt-a-highway program which businesses can participate in. For other sections of road, residents or businesses can do what he and his wife have been doing for years: go out with a trash bag and pick up whatever litter has accumulated along the side of the road.

"Ten years ago we used to go out and it would take us an hour. Now, it takes us five minutes. If it's clean, it stays clean," he said, of the area on King Street, which his family cleans up. He hopes by maintaining trash pickup

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Greenbush train is almost ready to roll

Final spike nailed during special event

By Mary Ford
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Ross Hall of Hingham had hoped for a different outcome.

"I was expecting to commute to Boston on the train but I retired in 2000," said Hall, a former professor at Northeastern University. "My wife and I will use it to attend the symphony or other events — if we can get a seat."

Hall, who was a member of a pro-train group, Back on Track, that started fighting for restoration of the Old Colony Railroad some 20 years ago, attended Tuesday's "Final Spike" ceremony in Braintree for the Greenbush Line.

"I think it is very appropriate that an opportunity for public transit is being restored that never should have been lost in the first place," he said.

Louis Eaton of Cohasset commuted on the train to Boston from 1946 to 1959 until the Old Colony Line was abandoned in 1959 with the completion of the Southeast Expressway. "It's taken a long, long time," Eaton said. "Longer than it should have thanks to the delaying tactics by those fine people in Hingham.

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State and local officials hold golden railroad spikes and a driver following a ceremony Tuesday in Braintree marking the completion of the Greenbush line. From left are: MBTA General Manager Daniel Grabauskas, Richard Walker (MBTA Board of Directors), Joe Sullivan (former chairman of the House Transportation Committee), Lt. Gov. Tim Murray, state Transportation Secretary Bernard Cohen, state Sen. Michael Morrissey, state Rep. Joseph Driscoll, state Rep. James Murphy, and state Sen. Robert Hedlund.

Town land will remain open parcel

In split vote selectmen OK conservation restriction

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset will soon have more walking trails, more open space and more protection for Peppermint Brook, thanks to a vote of the Board of Selectmen.

At its Monday meeting the board voted 3-2 to impose a conservation restriction on the 9 acres of town owned land located adjacent to the Cook Estate off Sohier Street, permanently designating the land as an unbuildable lot. A vote at the December 2005 Special Town Meeting had authorized the board to take such action.

Clay Spring Road resident Karen Quigley and Water Commissioner John McNabb came before the board to speak on behalf of imposing the restriction. Quigley was one of the driving forces behind the 2005 article, which was passed by a majority vote and did not require the board take action, but gave permission to take action if it chose to do so. Due to the fact that the land abuts Peppermint Brook, which flows into Lily Pond, the town's drinking water supply, the Water Commission also feels protecting the parcel is imperative.

Quigley had come before the Board of Selectmen in July 2006 asking it to carry out the wishes of the people, as nothing had been discussed since the vote was taken. She said the town had spent a lot of money to acquire land in the watershed for water protection purposes, and it therefore made sense to place the restriction on a parcel the town already owns.

However, the board was hesitant to place the restriction on the property because at that time, the fate of the Cook Estate was unknown. The town had worked with the heirs of the Jane Bancroft Cook Estate for roughly three years to build affordable senior housing on the combined Cook and town parcels of land. However, wastewater issues first forced a reduction in scope for the project, and then forced the project to fall through. The town was hopeful affordable housing could be built on the property by a private developer, and at that time said if using a portion of the town-owned land could provide a wastewater solution for the property, it would be willing to use the land to help.

"Abbot has purchased the land (Cook Property) and it has no interest in building on it (the town's parcel)," said Quigley, adding in her opinion, the time is right to pass a restriction.

McNabb said in the view of the Water Commission, "We strongly agree a CR should be put on it. It's near Peppermint Brook and if it had been privately owned, we would have tried to purchase it already." The Water Commission has been vigilant in its quest to purchase property in the town's watershed area to protect Cohasset's drinking water supply.

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Since their wedding day Dec. 12, 1953, which is also the day they moved into their Jerusalem Road home, Lucia and Ed Woods have lived by the motto, "Same house, same spouse."

Couples that have stood test of time

By Samantha Brown
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Valentine's Day is a time to celebrate love. In Cohasset, there are many couples that have much to be happy about, as they have either reached or are near approaching a half-century of togetherness.

Dolores and John Roy of Old Coach Road are quickly approaching their golden anniversary. This April 18, they will celebrate 48 years of marriage and recalled how they met all those years ago.

"We went on a blind date arranged by someone I worked with in New York City," Dolores said.

John quipped, "I was returning from Korea and in those days, if you were single at the age of 26, your friends were anxious to get you married."

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Occupation: Coordinator of Cohasset care packages for the troops.

Best day of your life: My wedding day.

Best vacation: Bush Gardens in Florida with my family.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite meal: Fried clams.

Best book: Anything by Danielle Steele.

Best movie: "Kennedy" (My son Ryan played the part of John-John).

Best TV Show: "7th Heaven."

Pet Peeve: People not using directionals.

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New building will rise up from Depot Court ashes

Brown plans new structure

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset is about to lose a little piece of its Village history. In the wake of a two-alarm fire that broke out at Dramatic Kitchens and Sunroom Conservatories, Ltd., in the Village Jan. 30, it has been determined the entire building will need to come down.

Cohasset resident Richard Brown has owned the building, located at 22 Depot Court, for the last 25 years. While he said he intends to rebuild, it will never be quite the same as the original building holds many memories for his family. "This was the first piece of property I ever bought. I just stood there and watched it burn and I cried," he said.

"I was going to remodel the building next year, but this was definitely not in my plans."
— Richard Brown, owner

Brown, who owns Brown's Quality Imports at 574 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, said when he was first starting out, he began his auto business in the Depot Court building. He said he credits his wife to his being able to purchase the building. At that time, they weren't yet married and she was working two jobs and had saved up a lot of money, and she gave him a loan to help him purchase the property. "If it wasn't for her, I never would have been able to buy it," he said.

Eventually, Brown expanded his business and moved to his 3A location. For more than 10 years the building has housed Dramatic Kitchens. "I feel really bad for Vinnie (DeSimone, owner of Dramatic Kitchens), but we're trying to find him some office space in the Village," Brown said.

Building inspector Bob Egan has recommended the building come down and Brown said he agrees. He said he plans on building another Cape-style building within the same footprint. "I was going to remodel the building next year, but this was definitely not in my plans," he said. Brown will have to come before the Planning Board with any plans to rebuild, but said, "Whatever I do, it will look nice."



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This is what the building located at 22 Depot Court used to look like. Current owner Richard Brown said this picture was likely taken in the 1930s, back when the building served as a Jenney gas station.



PHOTO/SAMANTHA BROWN

This is what remains of the Dramatic Kitchens building, which caught on fire Jan. 30. Owner Richard Brown said he will have to tear the building down once the insurance investigation is complete.

The call about the fire came into the station at roughly 6 p.m. last Tuesday. Firefighters from Cohasset, Hull and Scituate battled the blaze for roughly six hours. Firefighters from Hingham manned Cohasset's station while its members were out.

There were four firefighters on duty when the call came in and they drove two engines and the ambulance down to the fire. The ladder truck stayed at the station until other firefighters were able to get to the station and drive it over. The firefighters who were first on the scene entered through the front door and quickly realized the fire was overhead. Brown said while he has not been given the official word from the insurance company, "It was definitely something to do with the heater," which was located in the attic, Brown said.

Brown said at first it looked as if the left side of the building could be salvaged. The right side, which served as a showroom, sustained much more fire damage than the left, and the Department of Public Works had to use a backhoe to remove a portion that was on the verge of collapse. The left side of the building sustained a lot of smoke and water damage and tearing down the entire building will be the safest thing to do, Brown said.

"We'll rebuild and the business will be something my kids can enjoy," he said.

POLICE BEAT

Local man facing drug charge

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Police received a cell phone call at about 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Feb. 3) about an erratic operator who was last seen traveling southbound on Route 3A and turning left onto Beechwood Street. The caller was able to provide police with the registration of the 1999 black Lincoln Town Car, Police Chief James Hussey said. The dispatcher ran the plate, which came back as "suspended, non-renewable," he said. The identity of the owner was also revealed.

Two officers responded and found the car parked at Fiori's Exxon. A short while later, the man returned to the car, and turned right (northbound) onto Route 3A. The officers wanted to confirm the operator's driving was impaired so they waited for him to drive away, Hussey explained. Then the officers pulled the Town Car over and confirmed the operator was Scot M. Connell, 33, of 430 S. Main St.

The officers made observations by the way Connell looked, including needle marks on his arms, that he might have been using drugs just prior to being stopped. He failed field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest. He was charged with OUI (drugs). He will face the additional charges of operating with a suspended registration and number plate violation.

The K-9 unit from Hull was called to see if there were drugs in the vehicle but did not find any, Hussey said.

No Mass. license

A man is being summonsed to court following a motor vehicle crash on Monday (Jan. 29) because he was operating without a valid Massachusetts license, as required by state law.

Chief James Hussey said another motorist, who was driving a 1995 Toyota Camry, pulled out of the parking lot at Leo's Exxon on Route 3A into the path of a 2001 Toyota 4Runner that was traveling northbound.

"It was determined that the operator of the 4Runner did not have a valid state license," said Hussey, who explained he had a Brazilian license. He is being summonsed to court for being an unlicensed driver, he said.

Both vehicles were towed; there were no injuries, Hussey said. The incident occurred about 2:34 p.m. The driver of the Camry was cited for failure to yield.

Scituate chief's truck sideswiped

During last week's devastating fire at Dramatic Kitchens, the Scituate Fire Chief parked his truck on North Main Street just beyond Depot Court. A police officer on traffic duty thought he saw a 1997 Oldsmobile that was traveling from South Main to North Main Street sideswipe the chief's vehicle. He went over the vehicle and confirmed that. The Oldsmobile, whose operator apparently realized what had occurred, returned to the scene a short time later and exchanged papers with the Scituate chief, police said.

Shaggy man

Police questioned a suspicious, shaggy-looking man who sat in his car for 2-1/2 hours on North Main Street near the common last Wednesday (Jan. 31). An officer investigated a call from a concerned resident and observed the man, who finally left. The officer saw the man drive up Highland Avenue and make a right onto Beach Street without using a directional. The officer stopped the car, determined the man's identity and asked him what he had been doing. According to police, the man replied that he had just been sitting there and was not bothering anyone.

Chief Hussey said police have no evidence that the man had bad intentions but they now know who he is and what car he drives and "he knows we know that." The individual could not provide a good explanation for why he had been parked there for so long, he said.

Hussey said the man was given a verbal warning for not using a directional.

Hussey said he encourages residents to contact police when they see something that appears suspicious.

"People out there are our eyes and ears," he said. "If someone is sitting in a vehicle for any length of time — it is worth inquiring about."

Girls at dock

Police responded to a report from a concerned caller about three, young girls at a dock in Little Harbor. The caller was concerned

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Volunteers sought for technology committee

School Committee Member Steven Fusco and Cohasset resident/Technology Committee Chairman Bob Pattison are looking for four volunteers to join the Cohasset Technology Committee. The goal of the committee is to amend the existing three-year technology plan for the Cohasset Schools; help create the overall strategic direction for technology; and provide scheduled recommendations for all technology-related, capital expenditures. Anyone interesting in joining this committee should contact Steven Fusco via e-mail at steven.fusco@fmr.com or by calling 781-383-0968. Bob Pattison can be reached via e-mail at bpattison@miltonps.org or by calling 617-347-1130.

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Greenbush train is almost ready to roll

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"They just about doubled the cost," he said. (The Town of Hingham, concerned about its historic districts and the train's impact on Hingham Square, fought Greenbush restoration for years.)

But discussion of the cost — estimated to be upwards of $500 million — was not part of Tuesday's presentation that celebrated the end of the construction phase of Greenbush, the third leg of the Old Colony Railroad. The Plymouth and Middleboro lines were completed in 1997. Greenbush will provide commuter rail from South Station along the coast from Weymouth to Scituate, with stops in Hingham and Cohasset. Service is expected to be restored by late summer.

Upwards of 150 people, many of whom were transported to the ceremony on MBTA buses from Weymouth Landing, huddled in a heated tent at 11 a.m. to hear celebratory remarks from about eight local and state officials before the final spikes were hammered into the track just outside. TV cameramen and newspaper photographers jockeyed for position to record the event.

"This railroad, Greenbush, is like adding another lane to Route 3."

— Terry Fancher, former chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee

MBTA General Manager Daniel Grabauskas served as emcee and recognized many local, state and MBTA officials in attendance. Speakers included Secretary of Transportation and MBTA Chairman Bernard Cohen and Lt. Gov. Timothy P. Murray, among others.

State Sen. Michael Morrissey, D-Quincy, a long-time Greenbush supporter, whose district includes Braintree, Holbrook, Abington and Rockland, described Tuesday as a "terrific day." Weymouth Mayor David M. Madden said the real issue for Weymouth was that the train would shape redevelopment of village centers, Weymouth Landing and Jackson Square. State Rep. James Murphy, D-Weymouth, a Greenbush supporter, who has been at the Statehouse for six years jokingly recalled his first day on Beacon Hill when he was asked, "What is your stand on Greenbush?"

And Joseph Sullivan, former Braintree state representative and chairman of the House Transportation Committee, attributed the completion of the line as due to "perseverance." He recalled the inaugural ride on the Plymouth Line 10 years ago when there was still doubt whether Greenbush would become a reality.

Sullivan described Tuesday's event as "an historic moment" and an "important time to look forward to a great future."

Long-time Greenbush critic, state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, strode up to the podium knowing that he was perhaps not about to stand before the friendliest of audiences. He joked that he was "the skunk at the garden party." However, Hedlund acknowledged there was never any doubt the Greenbush line was going to be full. He also praised the responsiveness of Grabauskas and Cashman Balfour Beatty, the contractor that is building the railroad, in dealing with the myriad issues facing his district that includes Greenbush towns, Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate.

Then Hedlund joked, "It's not too late there is still one spike to go – maybe we can still stop the project!"

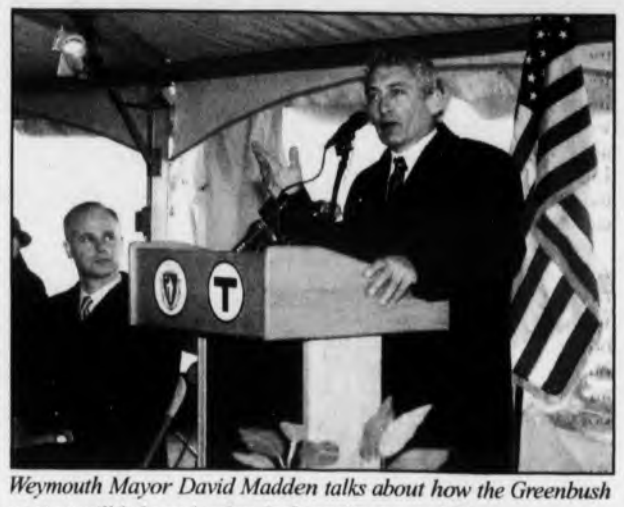
Hingham officials in attendance included Selectman John Riley and Town Clerk Eileen McCracken. Riley described the day as "inevitable." He said he still had concerns about traffic patterns in town, ridership, and the cost. McCracken said she had "mixed emotions" and said the construction had really changed Hingham's downtown area.

Susan Phippen, a former Scituate selectman and MBTA ombudsman for the town, said between the railroad and the streetscape money Scituate is receiving as part of the Greenbush mitigation agreement, the town has a "once in a lifetime chance to improve North Scituate and Greenbush villages significantly."

Barry M Steinberg, with the Association for Public Transportation, said his organization which advocates for public transportation, has serious concerns about passenger capacity issues with Greenbush. He said there would not be enough frequency of service and complained that nearly all the Greenbush stations are "in the middle of nowhere" and not in village centers within walking distance. He noted that in Plymouth, whose downtown he described as dying, people have to take a bus from the Cordage Station stop on the Plymouth Line.

But for Terry Fancher, who served as chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Greenbush, the event ranked right up there among the top rail celebrations in history. He said it had as much meaning as the driving of the final spike of the transcontinental railroad in 1869.

"This railroad, Greenbush, is like adding another lane to Route 3," Fancher said. "It is truly needed and is about to happen with the driving of the last spike." He said he was at South Station for the ceremony for the Plymouth and Middleboro lines 10 years ago. "It will be a neat thing to bring the three trains in together," he said.



Weymouth Mayor David Madden talks about how the Greenbush project will help redevelop Jackson Square and Weymouth Landing. Madden made his remarks Tuesday during the "final spike" ceremony for the controversial railroad project.



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MBTA General Manager Daniel Grabauskas drives a golden spike during the "final spike" ceremony in Braintree on Tuesday. Standing by are Secretary of Transportation Bernard Cohen, state Rep. James Murphy, Lt. Gov. Tim Murray, former House Transportation Committee Chairman Joseph Sullivan, MBTA board member Richard Walker, state Sen. Michael Morrissey, state Sen. Robert Hedlund and state Rep. Joseph Driscoll.

GREENBUSH TIMELINE

- 1849 - Service on the Old Colony line begins
- 1959 - Passenger service on the Old Colony lines stops; Southeast Expressway opens
- 1971 - Red Line extends to Quincy, delaying talk of restoring the Old Colony Lines
- 1984 - Traffic congestion in the region prompts the state Legislature, with the support of then Gov. Michael Dukakis, to direct the MBTA to study the feasibility of restoring the Old Colony lines to Plymouth, Middleboro and Greenbush
- 1988 - Due to the complexity of the project, the Greenbush feasibility study is split from the Plymouth and Middleboro lines
- 1991 - At the ballot box, Hingham is the only town along the Greenbush corridor to vote against the train.
- 1994 - The Citizens Advisory Committee, appointed by the Secretary of Environmental Affairs to comment on Greenbush feasibility studies, votes to support the train with a short tunnel under Hingham Square.
- 1996 -The MBTA decides to pay for Greenbush using only state dollars; the Town of Hingham launches a lawsuit saying the MBTA is deliberately trying to skirt tougher federal environmental laws
- Sept. 1997 - The Plymouth and Middleboro lines open to much fanfare
- 1999 - the MBTA says a short tunnel under Hingham Square is feasible and would cost $29 million.
- March 2000 - Scituate voters approve spending up to $50,000 for any legal action against the MBTA over the Greenbush rail restoration project.
- May 2000 - Hingham signs a mitigation agreement with the MBTA and agrees to drop its lawsuit; is promised a short tunnel under Hingham Square at a cost of $39 million and a $1.35 million preservation fund to protect historic properties.
- March 2001 - MBTA decides to use the "design-build" method for Greenbush, where the contractor, designs, builds and pays for the project with the MBTA then paying the contractor back over 20 years. The "design-build" method has only been used once before, for the Route 3 North widening project.
- March 2001 — a new anti-rail group publicly surfaces, dubbed AfTA (Advocates for Transportation Alternatives) and is headed by John Bewick, a former state Secretary of Environmental Affairs.
- May 2001 - Cohasset signs a $5 million mitigation agreement with the MBTA.
- March 2002 - Scituate reaches an accord with the MBTA by signing a $10.4 million mitigation agreement with the transit authority.
- Aug. 2001 - then state Secretary of Environmental Affairs Robert Durand issues a certificate giving the Greenbush project the green light
- Sept. 2001 - In a closed-door meeting with local officials, then Gov. Paul Cellucci says Greenbush is a go, but sets a $408 million cost ceiling.
- Oct. 2001 - Scituate files a lawsuit against both the MBTA and Secretary of Environmental Affairs Robert Durand stating the final environmental impact report on Greenbush does not adequately comply with MEPA standards.
- Dec. 2001 - Weymouth and Braintree sign mitigation agreements. Weymouth's $16 million package does not include mitigation for Weymouth Landing.
- March. 2002 - Scituate becomes the last community to come to an accord with the MBTA by signing a $10.4 million mitigation agreement with the transit authority.
- April 2002 - MBTA awards $252 million construction contract to Cashman Balfour Beatty (CBB)
- June 2002 - MBTA opens construction office at 1580 Commercial St. in Weymouth's Jackson Square.
- February 2003 - Citing permitting and access issues, the MBTA suspends construction on the Greenbush project for six months.
- July 2003 - Gov. Mitt Romney finds himself in the midst of a "sticker war" at a stop at the South Shore Country Club in Hingham, where citizens wearing either pro- and anti-Greenbush lapel stickers try to get the governor's ear.
- August 2003 - The MBTA's $3.9 million purchase of 1.5 miles of track in East Braintree from CSX Corporation of Florida is a key development.
- Sept. 10, 2003 - Weymouth signs a mitigation agreement with the T for Weymouth landing. that provides an additional $28 million.
- Sept. 22, 2003 - Gov. Mitt Romney and the MBTA Board of Directors unanimously agree to resume the $479 million project. Opponents including AfTA and the Coastal Coalition vow to continue to fight it.
- Sept. 2003-Jan. 2007 – Construction on the Greenbush line continues in earnest, including building at tunnel under Hingham Square.
- Feb. 6, 2007, the "final spike" is driven into the rail line in Braintree signifying completion of Greenbush, the MBTA's 13th commuter rail line. Service is expected to start in late summer.

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Adventure for Fithi comes to an end

Python found in boiler room

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For four long months, Fithi — the Our World Museum's 3-foot-long pet ball python — lived on her own inside the walls of the museum and adjoining Paul Pratt Memorial Library. However, in the end the exotic creature's need to stay warm cut her life short.

Facilities Manager Brian Adams said he received a call from a staff member last Friday who reported a strange burning odor. He went over to the building and checked around and found Fithi's remains in the boiler room.

"I think she was trying to keep warm and she must have crawled into the boiler when it wasn't on, and when it turned back on again, she got stuck," he said.

Adams said he called in a boiler technician who came over to the library and shut the unit down. It was then taken apart and Fithi was removed.

Adams said there were quite a few people over at the library and museum that were very upset to hear of Fithi's death. He said he thinks it is really amazing that she was able to live as long as she did on her own. "She had to have been alive Thursday because that's when she crawled in," he said, and that was four months after her disappearance.

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— Brian Adams, facilities manager

Interim Museum Director Julie Laugelle said she too was surprised at how long Fithi was able to make it on her own. "It was funny, I was down there in January putting away the Christmas stuff and it is usually warm down there and it was cold. But, she managed to stay alive until now," she said. Laugelle added children have been continually asking if their cold-blooded friend has been found. "This is going to be a difficult question to answer," she said.

Fithi, which means "snake" in Greek, went missing sometime overnight Oct. 12. She somehow pushed off the top of her tank, climbed out and slithered away, and Laugelle found the empty tank when she came in Oct. 13. Plans had been afoot for a while to find Fithi a new home, but after her escape, she was able to live out the rest of her days in Cohasset.

At the time she escaped, Fithi had just been fed two mice and Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy said she could stay hidden in seclusion for a month or more until she got hungry again. Even then, any field mice that might also be living in the building could provide a meal, which could sustain her for a long time.

Local veterinarian Greg Conard of Crazy Paws in the Village was also contacted at that time and explained pythons are "well-known escape artists" and do not typically like enclosures. He said snakes can lie dormant for a period of time, meaning Fithi might not come out for a while, and also said she might come out to bask in the sun, but would more likely seek places that are warm but have some moisture.

Library Director Jackie Rafferty said everyone at the library was very saddened by the discovery. "We had all hoped she would have been found alive and restored to the museum," she said. In fact, Rafferty said she was surprised at just how sad she was when she heard the news. "We're glad there has been a resolution, but we really wish there had been a different ending."

Patience Towle of the Board of Library Trustees echoed Rafferty's sentiments. "We are so sorry our little friend did not survive her adventure."

Health Dept. honored for Regional Preparedness Work

Emergency preparedness efforts by the Cohasset Health Department have received acknowledgement from a national public health organization. The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) announced this week that Mass. Public Health Preparedness Region 4b has been recognized as "Public Health Ready". Cohasset is one of 27 communities in Region 4b, which surrounds Boston.

Region 4b was one of only seven local health departments and regional coalitions to win recognition as part of Project Public Health Ready, conducted by NACCHO with support from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"This recognition is an important statement to our community. Public health staff in our region has met monthly for the past three years to develop local and regional response plans," said Dr. Joseph R. Godzik, Health Agent of the Cohasset Health Department. "The success of our application demonstrates that we are making significant progress toward preparedness."

The recognition by NACCHO follows a lengthy application and review by public health professionals from throughout the country. Applicants were required to meet emergency preparedness criteria in the areas of response and planning, workforce competency, and emergency exercises.

Lynn Schoeff, a member of the Region 4b Executive Committee, explained that being Public Health Ready is an ongoing commitment, "Our application not only outlined the region's plan for responding to a variety of hazards, but it also committed our public health workforce to further training and exercises."

Components of the more than 500-page application and regional response plan include mutual aid and resource coordination across communities, a volunteer medical reserve corps, identification of mass dispensing sites, vulnerable populations planning, training in Incident Command Systems and a schedule of exercises to identify future planning needs.

"These activities occur across city and town lines and with our partners in public safety and other agencies," noted Schoeff. "Many of the emergencies that local health may confront require that cross-jurisdictional and cross-discipline support."

Region 4b was established in 2003 as one of seven public health preparedness regions funded through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Health departments participating in the emergency planning activities include Arlington, Belmont, Braintree, Brookline, Cambridge, Canton, Chelsea, Cohasset, Dedham, Everett, Hanover, Hingham, Hull, Milton, Needham, Newton, Norwell, Norwood, Quincy, Revere, Scituate, Somerville, Watertown, Wellesley, Westwood, Weymouth and Winthrop.

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AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

GOODBYE, FITHI

Hi Cohasset. Well, what a bit of news to hear about the fate of the snake at the Children's Museum/Library here in town. As sad as it was to hear that it sealed its fate by warming up in the boiler room to the point of well done literally, now people can feel confident when going to either the museum or library and not have to worry about any surprise visitor peeking out at them.

Cohasset has a lot of programs coming in the next month that are being shared in today's column to help keep us warm and motivated as we embrace winter and look ahead to spring.

NEW ARRIVAL

Welcome to the world to **Maggie Paige Kennedy,** who arrived Jan. 17, 2007 at South Shore Hospital. Maggie tipped the scales at precisely 8 lbs. and measured 20-1/2 inches. Her proud parents are **Chip and Nikki Kennedy** of 115 A Beechwood St.

Also tickled pink are grandparents, **John and Mary Kennedy**, 131 Nichols Road, and **Ronald and Nancy Caron** of Fort Kent, Maine.

If you see the Kennedys around town out buying little things in pink, be sure to congratulate them!

BU GRAD

Boston University awarded academic degrees to 1,412 students in January 2007. Among the graduates was Cohasset resident, **Maryam Shahsahebi**, who received a M.S. in Advertising. This was fantastic news to receive Maryam, congratulations.

DAFFODIL DAYS

Support the American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days Daffodil Days, the American Cancer Society's annual event, has begun, with daffodils on sale now through March 2 and delivery to take place March 19-21. A bouquet of 10 daffodils is $7. A Gift of Hope bouquet of daffodils delivered anonymously to a local cancer patient is available for a minimum donation of $20. You can also order a Bear and a Bunch for a donation of $25, featuring Hugh R. Hope, the newest Boyds Bear designed exclusively for the American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days program, and 10 stems of fresh-cut daffodils. The deadline to place an order is Friday, March 2. To purchase daffodils, or for more information, please call your American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.

FLOWER SHOW IS A TRIP!

Come join Cohasset Elder Affairs on Feb. 3 as the portrait of nature and art breathtakingly become one at the Rhode Island Spring Flowers & Garden Show. Included is lunch at Cassarino's on Historic Federal Hill: voted the Best Italian restaurant in Providence. Leaving Cohasset at 9:30 a.m. and will be leaving R.I. at 3:30 p.m. This trip is $59 and is open to *all* adults. Call 781-383-9112 for reservations.

SWEETHEART DANCE

The Girl Scouts will host their Annual Sweetheart Dance on Friday night, March 2nd. Open to all registered Girls Scouts in Cohasset. It will be held at Deer Hill from 6:30-8 p.m.. Come and enjoy dancing with your special guy, make a craft, and enjoy some refreshments. Permission slips are available with your troop leader and must be returned to them by Feb. 23rd.

TAKING THE PLUNGE

Last Saturday, Special Olympics Massachusetts celebrated the 9th Annual Passion Plunge at Nantasket Beach. Cohasset Plungers included **Jay and Jeff Nothnagle, Jessica MacDonald, Doug Yeager, Jack Delorenzo, Michael and Nils Sceery**. Other Cohasset residents who plunged were **Charlotte Sida** who came up from Fairfield College to plunge and support her brother Nicholas's swim team, the **Kennedys** and **Laurel Hickey**. (A quick aside: congratulations go out to Charlotte who made the dean's list for the first semester at Fairfield).

More than 600 brave people plunged at Nantasket or Indian Lake in Worcester, and another 300 or more will plunge at Revere Beach on Feb. 10th. Thank you to everyone who has supported one of the Cohasset Plungers. It is not too late to send a check to one of them or to pledge online at www.passionplunge.org. Your donation helps support over 10,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities in Massachusetts who train and compete year round in 26 sports.

Kudos to local merchants who helped make the day such a huge success. The Red Parrot Restaurant, Atlantic Bagel, Dunkin' Donuts, Seaside Kites, Whole Foods, Nona's Ice Cream, The Pizza Box, BJ'S Wholesale Club and the Fruit Center are thanked by all!

QUILT SHOW

Now that Winter is finally here and upon us, Cohasset has decided that a taste of Spring is needed. They will roll out their finery in the form of an Annual Quilt Show & Luncheon on Saturday, March 3 at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.

As many as 80 beautiful quilts will be on display from 10:30 am –2 pm and tickets are just $12 each and include a delicious sit down luncheon served by volunteers serving salads, strata and tasty dessert. All proceeds will be shared between the Pediatric AIDS Charitable Trust and Boston Medical Centers Reach Out and Read Program. Tickets should be bought in advance by calling 781-383-0345 or by going to the Second Congregational Church office between the hours of 9 am-1 pm, Monday through Friday.

CO2 AWARENESS

A Cohasset teacher is leading an effort to raise CO2 awareness. **David Ames**, a ninth-grade science teacher at Cohasset High School, has started a unique project that will allow students and community residents to see just how big the Earth's carbon dioxide problem is. For a story and photo, see school news on page 28!

TASTE IS COMING!

Here is a fun way to enjoy a cold winter evening. For the 4th year, Wellspring Multi-Service Center and Hull Lifesaving Museum will be presenting, TASTE! a festive fine food and wine-tasting event, to be held at Atlantica restaurant in Cohasset; Friday, Feb. 23 , 6–9 p.m. TASTE!—promoting some of the best restaurants and caterers on the South Shore — will once again raise needed funds to benefit the educational programs at both South Shore organizations. Atlantica promises to be an inviting destination on a chilly winter evening, as guests warmed by the blazing fire, are invited to mingle and sample the best of South Shore dining. Previous TASTE! celebrations ensure that this year's event will be wonderful with more restaurants, caterers and wine vendors joining the festivities.

Special event organizers from Wellspring and the Lifesaving Museum expect more than 200 guests eager to sample new offerings from fine eateries while supporting two worthy community organizations. For tickets or more information contact 781-925-3211, www.wellspringhull.org or monica@wellspringhull.org

SYRACUSE HONORS

Congratulations go out to **Andrew Jerz**, a Cohasset resident who is a sophomore majoring in illustration at Syracuse University College of Visual and Performing Arts. Andrew made the dean's list for the Fall 2006 semester. Keep up the hard work Andrew.

That is all for this week Cohasset. Send in all of your news and information to me no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm.

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LIBRARY CORNER

One Book program under way

Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information on programs and events, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

One Book One Cohasset – The Paul Pratt Memorial Library has officially started its town-wide reading program, One Book One Cohasset. You may place your hold on a copy of David McGillivray's book "The Last Pick" by calling or visiting the library, or by logging on to the library Web site and placing the hold from your home computer. Buttonwood Books in Cohasset also has plenty of copies available for purchase. Look for exciting library programs that compliment the theme of the book.

Enjoy The Ride Of Your Life – Come hear Joan Collins, Life Coach, Sunday, Feb. 11, at 2 p.m., in the library Meeting Room. She will discuss how to identify the patterns in life that keep you stuck: what you must control, what you resist, what you fear most, so that you will be in a position to ride your rollercoaster life with a sense of awe and wonder. This is an antidote to the mid-winter blahs. Come to this talk open to viewing things differently. Be prepared to take notes. You'll get help with recharging your batteries. This free program is a One Book One Cohasset event.

Chocolate Chip Cookie Challenge – Enter the library's chocolate chip cookie challenge and you may win a prize! As part of the One Book One Cohasset town-wide reading program, the library is sponsoring this fun family program to be held Wednesday, Feb. 14, from 11a.m. to 3 p.m. Sign up is required. Call or visit the library to register or visit the library web site at www.cohassetlibrary.org to register online.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film "Something Like Happiness," Thursday, Feb. 15, at 6p.m. Light refreshments will be provided courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Free admission.

FOR CHILDREN

One Book

Vocalmotion – Held Monday, Feb. 12, at 10:30 a.m., in the Meeting Room. This program will feature music for young children. All ages and communities welcome. Generously funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Drop In Story Time –Held Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 10:30 a.m., in the Story Room. Features literature, music, and movement. All ages and communities welcome. No registration required.

Vacation week special events

"Little Engine That Could" drop in craft –Held Tuesday, Feb. 20, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Story Room. Drop in and decorate a train engine. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

Game Night – Held Tuesday, Feb. 20, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For children in grade 3 and up. Play checkers, chess, backgammon, Battleship, Yahtzee, Clue, Risk, Mancala and Dominoes. Create a team or join a team. No registration required. Prompt pick up expected. Generously funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

"Dream Big" bookmark craft – Held Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 1 to 3 p.m. Drop in and create a bookmark for the One Book One Cohasset project. All ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

Read-a-thon Pajama Party – Held Thursday, Feb. 22, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the Meeting Room and the Story Room. Camp out at the library and read. Wear your pajamas; bring a sleeping bag, blanket, or stuffed animal. Students in Pre-Kindergarten to grade 2 need a caregiver present. Students in grades 3 and up need to be picked up promptly.

Vocalmotion – Held Monday, Feb. 26, at 10:30 a.m., in the Meeting Room. This program will feature music for young children. All ages and communities welcome. Generously funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

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Cohasset Cub Scouts know how to care

Collected items for local troops

By Mary Ford
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Cohasset troops deployed overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan are going to know they are loved this Valentine's Day.

Wolf Cub Scouts, who are all second-graders, descended on the American Legion Post on Monday afternoon with arms loaded full of items ranging from Q-Tips and Ramen Noodles to Matchbox cars and Beanie Babies. Troops have requested the latter two items to give to Iraqi children.

Ann Marie Goff of South Main Street, whose husband is a member of the Sons of the American Legion, has been organizing quarterly shipments to the local troops. The Legion approached Goff last year after learning she had organized a shipment through the school in Marshfield where she is a preschool teacher.

The Wolf Cubs got involved after Jeanne Fitzpatrick, whose son Matthew is in Den 6, shared a list of items the troops needed that her husband brought home from a recent Cohasset Rotary Club meeting.

"I thought 'it would be great for the cubs to do something like this," Fitzpatrick said. She shared the idea with her son's den leader, Roger Hill. With only 1-1/2 weeks to go before the mailing, all three Wolf dens (4, 5, & 6) embraced the project resulting in Monday's special delivery to the Legion Post on Summer Street.

Thomas Wigmore, commander of the Sons of the American Legion, explained to the scouts why they were there and what the building stands for.

"The American Legion Hall is dedicated to war veterans," he said. "And today we have troops deployed overseas many of whom attended local schools like you and are now serving in Iraq and Afghanistan."



PHOTOS/CRAIG GOEDECKE

Seven-year-old Michael Slanetz gets ready to put a large bottle of soft soap into the care package at the Legion Post on Monday afternoon. Wolf Clubs collected myriad items for local troops deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan.



Henry Dormitzer, 8, carries a box to the table at the American Legion hall on Summer Street. All the donated items, which were dropped off Monday afternoon, will be shipped to local troops.

Goff told the scouts that it means a lot for the troops to receive packages from home. She explained she has an extra bedroom that is full of boxes used to pack the items. She said students at Deer Hill School wrote Valentine's cards that will also be included in the boxes.

"As long as kids from Cohasset are over there we will continue to do this," she said. "Thank you kids for coming."

Goff told the Mariner she got the idea to send packages to the troops at Martinson School in Marshfield when the principal's son was deployed. "We had a mitten tree at the time and I thought, 'wouldn't it be nice to do something for the soldiers.'"

The next shipment will be sent in the spring, Goff said.

School supplies sought for Operation Iraqi Children

The National Honor Society at Cohasset High School is looking for people to donate new, unused school supplies for Operation Iraqi Children, a project to benefit students in Iraq. These supplies may include blunt-ended scissors, 12-inch rulers with metric markings, pencils with erasers, small pencil sharpeners, large erasers, colored pencils, packaged notebook paper, composition notebooks, folders with inside pockets and zippered pencil bags. Donations must be dropped of at Cohasset Middle High School, Deer Hill, or Osgood by Friday, Feb. 16.

Legion seeking donations for those deployed

The George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118 is seeking donations of toiletries and other items for those deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Donations may be dropped off at the Legion Post on Summer Street daily after 3 p.m. or at Pilgrim Cooperative Bank branches on 3A or in the village.

Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks should be made out to the Sons of the American Legion, with "Soldiers Project" written in the memo line on the check. Checks can be mailed to Sons of the American Legion, PO Box 118, Cohasset, MA 02025.

The following items are being collected at the American Legion for deployed servicemen and women:

Batteries – AA and AAA, razors, mouthwash, Chapstick, nuts, shaving cream Ziploc bags of all sizes, hand warmers, baby wipes, pens and notepaper, Pringles, toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss.

Also, sports magazines, local newspapers, socks, T-shirts, candy (no chocolate), phone cards, peanut butter and crackers, dry tuna in a bag, deodorant, winter hats and gloves, gum, mints, Lifesavers, Q-Tips, sunscreen, soap and body wash, dry soup, beef jerky, Tylenol, Advil, Excedrin and cameras.

Also, athlete's foot cream or spray, bandanas, socks, Bounce dryer sheets, chap sticks, ground coffee, CoffeeMate, antibiotic cream, duct tape, used CD or DVD's, paperbacks, knee-hi hose, cologne, Band-Aids, a variety of shoe inserts, playing cards, black pens, writing pads, envelopes, puzzle magazines, flea collars, lens cleaner for glasses, Ramen noodles in the cup, breakfast bars, gum, single-serve packets hot chocolate or soup, Pringles, hard candy, and microwave popcorn. Personal notes or cards are encouraged.

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The event will benefit the Cohasset Varsity Hockey team and promises to be a rockin' time. Tickets cost $20 and will be available at the door or through any hockey team member or parent: Ann Czerkawski, Karin Doonan, Jeanne Holway, Jane Lanzillotti, Andrea Wade, Steve Faber and Steve Brandt.

There will be hors d'oeuvres and cash bar.



Lifelong valentines share their love stories

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The first time they met, the two attended a house party with their friends and Dolores said her first impression was that John was very handsome. At the same time, John said, "I was three feet off the ground because I had just found out I passed the bar."

"It was a good time to meet," said Dolores.

From there, the couple began dating just about every weekend, and they haven't been apart since.

Dolores said there is no secret to the success of their marriage. "The love we have for each other encompasses patience, mutual respect, a willingness to sacrifice for the wants of someone else, being able to forgive if you've been offended and compromise, of course."

Having a good sense of humor and being able to take things in stride are also important. "You have to be able to laugh at yourself and laugh together," John said.

"You have to be able to laugh at yourself and laugh together."
— John Roy, Old Coach Road

While the two said they didn't have any specific plans for Valentine's Day this year, "We always celebrate with a special dinner or something like that," Dolores said.

Ralph and Maria Perroncello of Pleasant Street will be married 56 years this Sept. 23. Just as the Roys did, they met on a blind date. Maria said she was in the middle of giving her friend a permanent when suddenly there was a knock on the door. Unbeknownst to Maria, her friend's husband was in the service with Ralph and the couple had set the two up on a blind date without Maria knowing.



Maria and Ralph Perroncello will be married 56 years this September. Maria said even after all these years, Ralph never forgets to give her a Valentine.

While they laugh about it now, Maria said at first, she didn't like Ralph. "I was seeing someone else, but Ralph won out," she said. "He was kind and thoughtful," and he also traveled to see her, as he was living in Cohasset and she lived in Revere. "A year later, we were married," she said.

Maria said the key to their marriage is being honest with each other, caring for one another, and doing things together. "That's right," Ralph chimed in. Maria said after all these years, Ralph still sends her valentines. In return, Maria said this Valentine's Day, she will probably cook him something special. "Maybe we'll have a filet for dinner."

For the past 54 years, the motto for Lucia and Ed Woods has been "Same house, same spouse." The two moved into their Jerusalem Road home on their wedding night, Dec. 12, 1953, and have been adding to their family, and in turn, the house, ever since.

The two met at a party held for the 1952 Harvard/Yale football game. "I was there with a date and he was there with a girl, but

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Dolores and John Roy met on a blind date back in 1958. This April they will celebrate 48 years of marriage.

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Lucia and Ed Woods met at a party held for the 1952 Harvard/ Yale football game.



Trudy and Nick Salerno were married on Valentine's Day 54 years ago. For them, having been engaged, married, and having their first child one day shy of Feb. 14, the day holds a very special meaning.

Lifelong valentines share their love stories

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we sort of clicked," said Lucia, who went on to explain they had very similar backgrounds and they both knew some of the other's family. "We met in '52 and were married in '53 just about a year later," she said.

One of the things that has made the couple successful over the years is their mutual admiration for one another. Ed is quick to point out his wife's accomplishments and strong suits. "What attracted me was that she is on the outskirts of brilliant," he said, adding she loves to read and was on the Board of Library Trustees for three terms, has been very involved in many organizations around town and was very active with the Red Cross. "She's a marvelous lady and a brilliant cook. I'm partial to food and she keeps supplying it," he joked.

Lucia said her husband "Is the most good humored man I ever met. In our 54 years together, I think he's lost his temper twice," she said.

"Every day is Valentine's Day for us. We have a very loving family and no one day means more than another," Ed said.

"We were engaged on Valentine's Day, we were married the next Valentine's Day and then we had our first child almost on Valentine's Day 11 months later."

— Trudy Salerno

For Trudy and Nick Salerno of Ledge Way, Valentine's Day is one of the most special of the year as it is their wedding anniversary. "We were engaged on Valentine's Day, we were married the next Valentine's Day and then we had our first child almost on Valentine's Day 11 months later," said Trudy, adding she gave birth just hours short of Feb. 14.

Nick said he knew Trudy was the girl for him the second he laid eyes on her. He was an usher in Trudy's cousin's wedding, and when he saw her, he said to himself, "That's the girl I'm going to marry."

"Meanwhile, I was completely unaware," quipped Trudy.

At the reception, Nick asked Trudy for a dance, which was followed by asking for her phone number. Due to the fact that the wedding was a daytime event, when it was over, he immediately called her and asked her to go out with him that night. "That was it," said Nick, as they've been together from that moment on.

Nick said what has kept their marriage going strong is the bond they have from raising eight children together. "When you're worrying about bringing up a family, there's no time for other things to get in the way," he said. Trudy said keeping a sense of humor and laughing together often also helps keep the relationship going strong.

So this year on Valentine's Day, the Salernos will celebrate 54 wonderful years together. While they said over the years they've always celebrated, whether by going out to lunch when the kids were little or out to dinner as they got older, one thing is certain — they will do things a little differently this year to keep things fresh.

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Front seated: Lisa Westcott, Laura Murphy, Sandy Durant and Diane Kennedy; back standing: March Wyatt, Christine Fogarty, Julie Gulid and Frank Neer, who met at the Art Center last week to assemble invitations to its upcoming fundraiser "Steppin' Out" to be held March 3, at the Red Lion Inn.

South Shore Art Center to hold fundraising event

The South Shore Art Center is making plans for their fundraiser titled, "Steppin' Out." The event will be held Saturday, March 3, at 6:30 p.m., at the Red Lion Inn and will feature a sit down dinner, dance entertainment provided by eXtreme Sport Dance Studio of Cambridge as well as live and silent travel auctions. Billy Costa, of the popular television show, "TV Diner" and KISS108, will be the master of ceremonies.

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Sunday's One Book One Cohasset Open House at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library was a huge success. On hand to help kick off the first ever town-wide reading initiative was (back row, from left) Linda Fechter, co-author, "The Last Pick"; Cindy Matheison, Character Education Committee, Cohasset Public Schools; Jackie Rafferty, Director, Paul Pratt Memorial Library; Betsey Detwiler, Buttonwood Books & Toys; (bottom row) Gayle Walsh, Reference Librarian, Paul Pratt Memorial Library; Mary Norton, Cohasset Yoga Center; and Sarah Pease, Paul Pratt Library Trustee.

'An Afternoon with Isabella' to be held Feb. 11

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset and the Cohasset Historical Society will present "An Afternoon with Isabella," Sunday, Feb.11, from 2 to 5 p.m., in the Pratt Building at 106 So. Main St. in Cohasset.

Acclaimed character actress, Jessa Piaia, will portray Isabella Stewart Gardner in a 50-minute dramatic first-person narrative set in 1909.

Mrs. Gardner, the flamboyant and free-spirited "Patroness of the Arts," is renowned for the design and construction of "Fenway Court," an architecturally lavish setting for her extensive Italian renaissance art collections, which she later willed to the City of Boston.

Jessa Piaia has performed at cultural and educational sites throughout New England since 1985 and has been lauded for her well- researched portrayals of famous women and their contributions in American history.

Before the performance, guests will be able to participate in a silent auction. Among the items up for bid are a free landscape design consultation, a pearl necklace created by CGCC member, Claire Tinory and a tea set donated by the Cohasset Historical Society.

After the performance, a formal tea catered by Arthur Roebuck will be served and several prizes including a gift certificate for French Memories, an iPod Shuffle and Victorian flower arrangements will be raffled.

The proceeds from this fundraiser will help fund the many programs and projects of both the Community Garden Club of Cohasset and the Cohasset Historical Society.

Tickets are available at the Pratt Building and are priced at $19.09 in honor of the year portrayed. There is limited seating for this performance. For ticket information call 781 383-1434.



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Selectmen like resident's plan to rid streets of litter

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around town, eventually there will be less and less to take care of.

In addition to having residents volunteer, French said the businesses on Route 3A whose litter tends to pile up should be held to a higher standard. "The litter from their parking lots frequently finds itself along 3A. In particular, both Stop & Shop and Dunkin' Donuts should assume greater responsibility for the litter their businesses generate."

Although in general Cohasset is kept relatively clean and free of litter, French said there are a number of areas that need regular attention. Litter tends to gather on North Main Street (Great Swamp area); on King Street both the east and west areas adjacent to Route 3A; Sohier Street from the Cook Estate to Route 3A; Beechwood Street, both east and west areas adjacent to Route 3A; and Cedar Street from North Main Street to the Recycling Transfer Facility.

Members of the board thought French's idea was a good one and said if he is willing to spearhead the effort, they will support him. Selectman Fred Koed suggested sending a letter from the board's office to business owners asking if they would like to adopt portions of 3A.

Selectman Gary Vanderweil said while he is in favor of the program, he noted for those areas in town which are taken care of by residents, there will have to be regulations in place to be sure if groups such as the Cub Scouts volunteer their time, they aren't in any danger being on the side of the road.

Town Manager Bill Griffin said he would work with French to come up with a plan. He said things might be more organized if he and French sit down and come up with a list of sections of 3A that need adopting then contact business owners located in the area who might consider sponsoring a section. He said if a business has a better idea of what their expectations would be in terms of keeping things clean, they would be more likely to participate.

Doane Street resident Ronnie McMorris noted there is also a lot of debris at the entrance to Wompatuck State Park. "There has been an increase in the number of people using the park and the amount of litter they're dumping is astounding. People will even toss it out their windows," she said. McMorris asked what the police could do in terms of imposing fines both for litter and the graffiti that is also turning up.

French noted the new Rocky Lane Bridge and the boxes for the Greenbush trains have already been spray painted with graffiti.

Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said he heard in New York City, the only thing that has worked for getting rid of graffiti is immediate removal. He said the gratification of creating graffiti is the satisfaction of seeing your work and if it is immediately painted over or somehow removed, that gratification is gone and the person is less likely to keep coming back. "The removal has to be immediate though," he said.

French and Griffin said they would work together on a proposal and the issue will come before the Selectmen again in the future.

Town land will remain open parcel

FROM LAND, PAGE 1

McNabb added he had visited with many other town boards and received endorsement for the restriction from the Water Resources Protection Committee, the Conservation Commission, the Open Space Committee and the Board of Health, to name a few.

Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer asked Quigley to explain what imposing the restriction on the property would accomplish. In other words, what would it prevent and what would it allow for use. Quigley read from the draft conservation restriction, which will need to be reviewed by Town Counsel. Prohibited uses include the constructing or placing of any building, structure, fill, landing strip, mobile home, swimming pool, tennis court, asphalt, concrete pavement and signs. Mining, excavating, dredging or removing from the premises soil, loam, peat, gravel, sand, rock or other mineral resources or natural deposit, cutting or otherwise destroying trees, grasses or other vegetation are also prohibited.

It also prohibits the installation of underground storage tanks, or the dumping on the premises of refuse, trash, vehicle bodies or parts, rubbish, debris, junk, waste or other substance or material, activities detrimental to drainage, flood control, water conservation, water quality, erosion control or soil conservation, wildlife habitat or archaeological conservation and the use of all motorized vehicles except for motorized wheelchairs, vehicles used by the town for upkeep and maintenance or safety vehicles.

Linden Drive resident Margy Charles, who has been a strong supporter of building affordable senior housing in town, said in her opinion, she would like to see the land stay the way it is. "Restrictions are forever," she said, and in the future, the land could become the site for affordable housing or a municipal building. "Certainly everyone wants to protect the water supply, but we've got lots of parks," she said.

Ronnie McMorris of Doane Street, who was a member of the Board of Selectmen when it was trying to develop senior housing on the Cook Estate, said the land could be used in a variety of ways, including becoming part of a land swap or the site of a town-sponsored affordable housing project. "There's no need to act on this restriction this evening," she said. McMorris added it would be a "crying shame if we never did any senior housing on this parcel."

However, Quigley said while the town does have a good amount of conservation land, not much of it protects Peppermint Brook. She said the recreational aspect of the land is only secondary to the protection purposes it serves. "This is a very highly developed area," she said.

Quigley added the town has looked at this parcel of land before to serve as many things including a cemetery, fire station, parking lot for the schools, and it's been found unsuitable for everything proposed. "There's only a very small portion that could be developed anyway, and the town could use this to protect our water supply. That's just a valid reason as all the others," she said. Quigley said many tests have been done on the site and it is primarily ledge and wetlands, which would make it hard to accomplish anything.

Developer and Beechwood Street resident Wayne Sawchuk asked whether the conservation restriction would prevent the water department from laying water pipes for the Abbott development on the Cook property. He said it was his understanding a water line was intended to run from Evergreen Lane across the town property to the Cook property. McNabb said that issue has been directed to Town Counsel and the Water Department is waiting to hear back.

Sawchuk also said the restriction could inhibit any kind of structure from being built on the property and it might be nice to include a small shelter to get out of the rain. While none of the other recreational parks in town have a shelter, in his opinion it would be a benefit.

Selectman Vice Chairman Rob Spofford said in his opinion, the land is an asset to the town. "I don't think we've ever gotten an appraisal for the commercial viable use to really determine what could be done. Maybe something could be done for a few acres to help recoup the costs lost from the Cook Estate. What's the real value we're giving away?"

However, Selectman Fred Koed said he thought the land was zoned residential and would not lend itself to a commercial use. In addition, "That brook goes right into Lily Pond which is our drinking water," he said.

Spofford said if the appraisal comes back and there is no viable use for the property, then the decision will be a "no-brainer." However, "We should know what the value is before we give it away," he said.

Koed said due to the wet conditions of the property, there is no way to gain access without building a bridge over the brook. He said the last time the board discussed imposing the restriction, the only reason it deferred its decision was to allow the Cook developers the opportunity to use a portion of it for a septic system if necessary. He said the developers do not need to use it and the land doesn't perc, so in his opinion, it makes sense to restrict its use.

Dormitzer agreed and said he had walked the property last weekend and the only way it is accessible is through the Abbot development. "We would have to get an agreement from Abbot to come through," he said, adding even with permission, septic cannot be handled on the property for any kind of development.

Spofford said by imposing the restriction, it would preclude all development of the land in the future. He said he has spoken with Donald Staszko, Beach Street resident and owner of Cohasset Plaza, which abuts the town's property, and said "he does have a commercial interest in this property and he might want to explore it." Spofford said he has also heard Black Rock Road resident and developer George McGoldrick might be interested in building on the property.

Town Meeting

Quigley said while it might be nice for the town to recover some of the money it lost on the Cook project, it also has an obligation to uphold the vote of town meeting and to protect its water supply. "We're very fortunate to have a local water supply," she said, adding it's hard to hear people say the only real value for a piece of land if it can be sold or built upon.

Spofford clarified that is not what he had said and that he merely wanted more information before he could vote to restrict the use of the land.

McNabb said the area surrounding Peppermint Brook is so developed there is a huge need to "decrease or at least not add to" the pollution flowing into it. He said with two developers on deck who are interested in building on the town's property, there is even more urgency to restrict the land's use. He noted Abbot has done a wonderful job with its plans and incorporating rain gardens and swales to help with runoff, but development will likely add pesticides, herbicides, car oil, nutrients and other pollutants into nearby Peppermint Brook. "We don't need any more (pollution) in the watershed," he said.

McMorris said during her time on the board an appraisal was done on the property and "the value alone and with the Cook property was a significant amount of money." She said she recalled the number being over $1 million in conjunction with the Cook property and several hundred thousand alone. She asked why the Water Commission isn't offering some kind of compensation to the town if it would have paid for the land if privately owned. She also added any development that would take place on the town land is nothing in terms of pollution compared to the 27 homes that will be located next door in the Abbot development.

Selectman Ted Carr said in his opinion, the restriction is too limiting to initiate right now. "There are not too many parcels available that could be used for municipal use along 3A. We need to know more. What are our options?" he asked.

Selectman Gary Vanderweil said he favored putting the conservation restriction on the property. "We've been looking at this land since time immemorial," he said. "We need animal habitat and water protection and the property is an island by itself. We need to bite the bullet."

To that Vanderweil made a motion to enact the conservation restriction. Dormitzer, Vanderweil and Koed voted in favor while Spofford and Carr were opposed.



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Greenbush end in sight

Greenbush opponents and proponents may never see eye-to-eye on the project, but with the driving of the "final spike" Tuesday in Braintree – we should all be able to agree that the end of the Greenbush saga is now in sight.

Here at the Mariner we have supported the project because we thought it would be good for the South Shore. However, views about the controversial Greenbush project differed widely across the region and even among our own staff.

At Tuesday's celebratory event, the point that was driven home was the regional nature of the project.

Scituate's Susan Phippen talked to us about the "once in a lifetime chance" Scituate has — with the streetscape mitigation money it received due to the train — to improve the villages of North Scituate and Greenbush.

Weymouth Mayor David Madden said much the same about the redevelopment of Jackson Square and Weymouth Landing.

Former Braintree state representative Joseph Sullivan, who chaired the House Transportation Committee, talked about looking to the future and the economic benefits that the train could bring to our area.

Joining the chorus of cheers for the project were the Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of Transportation, General Manager of the MBTA, and a handful of other state representatives and state senators.

Everyone chuckled when our state Sen. Robert Hedlund, a Greenbush critic, admitted to being the "skunk at the garden party". But Hedlund noted that he has never questioned the fact that Greenbush would be well subscribed. "Full" on day one, he said.

In downtown Hingham, streetscape plans are under way that should help create more ambiance; there are some creative ideas for the tunnel cap, including outside dining. (Readers may recall that the old right-of-way through Hingham Square was an unsightly hodgepodge of parking and old dumpsters.)

Along Route 3A here in Cohasset a new "TOD" (Transit Oriented District) is being developed next to the train station, which is at the old Graham Waste/Winter Garden site. The project is going to greatly improve what is the northern gateway to Cohasset.

Back in November, Cashman Balfour/ Beatty spokesman Tom Carroll said a winter with little snowfall would allow construction of the T stations on the Greenbush to proceed unhindered. If no snow was the top priority on the contractor's holiday wish list, this wish has so far been granted.

The Greenbush line seems to be gaining momentum as it rolls toward that anticipated day when that first commuter steps foot on the first passenger car on the inaugural run.

State Sen. Michael Morrissey, D-Quincy, a Greenbush supporter, said there would still be some "bumps in the road."

We know there will be challenges relating to traffic to and from the stations as well as at grade crossings. Public safety issues, including educating schoolchildren to stay away from the tracks, need to take center stage.

Greenbush will likely begin service at the end of the summer, exactly 10 years after the Plymouth and Middleboro lines started up. By all accounts, Greenbush has taken a long time. But as Mr. Sullivan said, it is time to look forward. Surely access to this form of public transit can be a good thing.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:
Alternative Energy Committee, Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m.
Capital Budget Committee, Feb. 13, 7 p.m.; Feb. 26, 7 p.m.
CMHS School Council, March 7, 2:30 p.m. at the high school
Conservation Commission, Feb. 15, 7 p.m.
Council on Elder Affairs, Feb. 12, 9 a.m., 3 N. Main St.
Library Trustees, Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m. at the library
Recreation Commission, Feb. 13, 6 p.m.
Selectmen, 7 p.m., Feb. 12, and Feb. 26.
Sewer Commission, Feb. 12, 6 p.m.
Stormwater Committee, Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 13, 7 p.m.
Water Commission Feb. 12, 6 p.m.; Feb. 22, 6 p.m., King Street plant.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election are available at the Town Clerk's office. The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb. 15.

Census forms need to be returned.

Readers invited to sign up

The Cohasset Mariner is building a Readers Advisory Network of e-mail addresses so we can more frequently involve our readers in the content of the newspaper. Readers, who join the network, may be asked for reactions to stories, ideas for stories or follow-ups, for a digital "person on the street" interview, or for a community commentary.If you are interested in becoming a member of the network, email Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com. She will answer any questions that you may have. The Mariner promises to remove you immediately from the Readers Advisory Network if you request that we do.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dog waste 'out of bounds'

TO THE EDITOR:

After reading about August Oddleifson's outstanding Eagle Scout Project in the Jan. 26 Cohasset Mariner my family and I decided to take a walk over there on Sunday afternoon to check out the new map and enjoy our town's natural beauty.

It's been a few years since I've been in that park, and while we met many friendly people on our journey, I was appalled at the thick blanket of dog waste on both side of the trail, some of it right next to the dispenser that offers free "mitt-bags" to prevent this very thing!

I must confess to being a little perplexed at this phenomena, because there was so much of it I cannot just attribute it to carelessness or insolence by a few. Let's face it, from time to time people forget to bring a bag or perhaps they are distracted by flora or fauna at the crucial moment, but is it now simply considered "out of bounds" if the offending deposit is not right in the middle of the trail? Or perhaps, as in golf, there are "winter rules" where picking it up during the cold months is consider gauche?

As I said, I've not been to the park in some time (and thus not up on the latest etiquette) so hopefully my fellow readers will educate me. Let me add that Scout Oddleifson's map looks terrific and has already assisted one visitor to the park.

Joe Curley
Pond Street

Applauds conservation restriction vote

TO THE EDITOR:

Monday night the Board of Selectmen voted 3-2 to apply for a Conservation Restriction to be placed on the 8.7 acres of Town-owned land abutting the Cook Estate as authorized by the two-thirds vote approving Article 14 at Town Meeting.

I thank the Board for its consideration. I thank Ralph Dormitzer, Fred Koed and Gary Vanderweil for upholding the wishes of the voters and for recognizing that land does have value other than development.

The intrinsic value of this land is in its ability to protect Peppermint Brook, a main tributary to Lily Pond – the source of our drinking water. This is the purpose of the Conservation Restriction.

The land evaluation stated: "The natural vegetative cover on the site protects the quality and flow of surface water into Peppermint Brook. Protection of the vegetative cover will contribute to the long-term quality and supply of water in the reservoir."

The following is apt: "There's more to it than beauty. It's difficult to explain why saving land is essential — especially if it doesn't appear to be spectacular… The land above our water supply aquifers may not be as inspiring at first glance as some other places…but by protecting the land we protect the water — one of the most valuable resources we can leave to our children and grandchildren." *TTOR, The Smart in Smart Growth*

Thank you to all who by supporting this effort have protected our drinking water supply.

Karen Quigley
27 Clay Spring Road

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Stormwater Bylaw hearing is Tuesday

The Stormwater Committee is holding a Public Hearing on the proposed Stormwater Bylaw at 7:30p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 13, in the basement meeting room in Town Hall. The Stormwater Bylaw will be considered at the March 31 Annual Town Meeting and is also sponsored by the Board of Health, Water Commission, and Conservation Commission.

At the Public Hearing, the Committee will give short presentation on the existing stormwater problems in Cohasset and then will take comments and questions from the audience.

"We urge all interested Cohasset residents to review the proposed Stormwater Bylaw and to come to the Public Hearing" said John McNabb, Chairman of the Stormwater Committee. "This bylaw is being proposed to help address the serious stormwater flooding and pollution problems in Cohasset and for the Town to comply with the Clean Water Act."

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— John McNabb, chairman

"We can still make changes to the proposed Bylaw if we need to before the Warrant goes to press," said McNabb, "so we urge all interested residents to please review the proposed Stormwater Bylaw and send comments and questions to us no later than Feb. 16. "

The Stormwater Committee can be contacted at stormwater02025@comcast.net to get a copy of the proposed Bylaw or to submit comments.

A copy of the Stormwater Bylaw Warrant Article can also be downloaded from the Town of Cohasset web site at www.townofcohasset.org_ or from the Cohasset Water Dept. web site at www.cohassetwater.org. Comments or questions may also be posted on the Committees blog at http://stormwatercohasset.blogspot.com/

The proposed Stormwater Bylaw establishes a new Stormwater Commission and authorizes the Commission to implement an annual Stormwater Improvement Program to prevent and reduce existing stormwater flooding and pollution, and for a new Stormwater Permitting Program to require new development or redevelopment to reduce their stormwater impacts to the greatest extent possible.

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'Equipment is running on the tracks'

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Safety, Safety, Safety — We can't say "safety" often enough. The accompanying photo, taken last week, shows a work car on the Greenbush tracks. In this instance the work car is loaded with materials and equipment necessary for installation of the fencing along the Greenbush right of way. Before significant railroad track completion, the construction crews had free access to the land around the tracks and installed most of the present fence posts and fencing from trucks parked alongside the tracks. Now, they will be using rail-based equipment to complete fence installation. As you can see there is still a lot of fence work to be completed.

So, what does this have to do with safety? It's just a reminder that there *is* equipment running on the tracks. In fact, in some ways it is more hazardous than when the train is up and running because the signals are not working and the equipment is not as visible or as loud as a full-scale train. The upshot being: Look for equipment on the tracks! And, don't walk on the tracks. Also, we might point out the railway is MBTA property and the MBTA doesn't take trespassing lightly.

Golden Spike Ceremony — On Tuesday, Feb. 6th, the MBTA held the ceremonial Golden Spike ceremony at the Braintree "Y". This is the place where the Greenbush line joins the other two Old Colony lines for their run on common track into Boston. You may ask, "Why Braintree?" The answer is an interesting piece of trivia. This is the only section of the Greenbush that has wooden railroad ties. The rest of the line uses concrete ties. Presto – if you want to pound spikes you gotta go to the Braintree Y! (In previous issues we did mention that all crossings use wooden ties because they stand up to road salt much better than concrete. But, with the rubber road covering in place the ties are no longer accessible.)

Drum Roll Please... — One of the advantages that we have is that we live in Cohasset. We understand, probably as well as anyone, what's happening in Town and what concerns its citizens have. One of the really hot buttons for the past several years has been the condition of Forest Avenue. If you routinely drive Forest Avenue, you know that it tends to be a rough ride. And, if you read this column, you are probably aware that the Town Manager sometimes asks the Greenbush Office to get involved in projects far removed from the Greenbush. The reason is that we are both engineers (not the train kind) and have the ability to provide solutions to some of the Town infrastructure problems while we are around Town Hall.

That's where Forest Avenue comes into the mix. We've talked about two small drainage projects that we were able to accomplish last year as a prelude to the completion of Forest Avenue work. We are now ready to begin the actual upgrade to the Forest Avenue infrastructure. This project is not as simple as slapping a coat of asphalt on the road and calling it a day. The entire project will consist of finishing the sidewalk so that it is continuous from North Main Street to Jerusalem Road. This in itself is not a trivial job. It involves some ledge removal, the removal of trees that will interfere with construction, the addition of retaining walls or slope easements on private property to avoid the cost of walls, addition of curbing, etc. The roadway will be ground back to a solid sub-surface, where needed, and given a new surface along its entire length. Clearly, this is not a trivial project. And like any construction project, there will be local disruptions as the construction proceeds.



Work car on the tracks for fence installation at Pleasant Street.

As time goes on, we'll use this column to advise you of the project plans and schedules. We believe that we have a plan that will permit the Town to accomplish this work at an absolute minimum of cost. How can we do that? Its simple, really it just takes some thought and lots of planning and management. Ordinarily, a consulting engineer will be hired, via public bid, to develop specifications for the entire job. Then, after checking references, the job is let to the lowest viable bidder.

So, why is this job different? First, the engineering work has been done through the Norfolk County Engineers. They have been dynamite to work with and have been very cooperative with the Town and very supportive. Second, this job will be paid for out of the Town's Chapter 90 money. (These are monies that are granted by the Commonwealth annually for road and road related construction activities.) The Town has been saving a portion of our Chapter 90 dollars for this project. So, there will be no impact on local taxes. Third, there is a state organization called the South Shore Regional Services Consortium (SSRSC). The SSRSC goes out to bid on a regional basis for construction commodities and services that are commonly needed by most towns. These include items like paving, street grinding, etc. By using the winning suppliers from the SSRC, we are able to take advantage of the consortiums huge purchasing power to get very good prices. They are generally substantially lower that we would get via direct bids for the Forest Avenue construction. This will make the construction portion very cost effective for the Town. Lastly, the Greenbush guys will provide the actual construction work oversight, saving the Town the cost of a much more expensive third party supervising field engineer.

In future articles we'll bring you up to date on the planning and actual construction schedules as they firm up.

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Hoaxes are nothing new

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Call it what you will, call it a hoax or call it whatever, the stunt that Sean Stevens and Peter Berdovsky pulled on Boston the other day in the interest of the Cartoon Network's "Aqua Teen Hunger Force" was not the first advertising gimmick to catch the eye of a gullible public.

It didn't get much if any attention in North America some 15 years ago when a crop circle appeared in a field of rye outside Johannesburg that had social and scientific circles in Johannesburg and Capetown going ape over the possibility that extra terrestrials had landed and were sending a message.

Speculation went on for a couple of weeks before someone noticed that the circle formed a perfect logo for the BMW automobile and the ad agency Hunt Lascaris readily admitted it designed the crop circles for a TV commercial and, when all the results were in, the ad men figured they had gotten $1 million in free publicity.

Alex Boese, a graduate student at the University of California at San Diego, dug up a number of these advertising stunts for his doctoral dissertation, and published his research in a book called "The Museum of Hoaxes."

A public relations man named Harry Reichenbach was the mastermind behind two of these tricks designed to fool the public for profit.

Back in 1913, a New York shopkeeper was stuck with 2,000 copies of a painting showing a nude young woman modestly (if such can describe a person in the altogether) bathing on the edge of a pond. In desperation, the man paid Reichenbach $45 to devise a scheme to take the paintings off his hands.

Reichenbach placed one of the photos in the shop window. He paid two young boys to stand in front of the window and make knowing gestures. Then he called Anthony Comstock, the head of the Anti-Vice Society. Comstock filed for an injunction, which was denied. But the 2,000 painting were sold in days.

And the painting went on the sell more than seven million under the title 'September Morn."

Later, Reichenbach was called on to promote a movie called "The Return of Tarzan." So he rented a hotel room under the name "T.R. Zann," and had a lion delivered to the room. Even in the days before television, the resulting confusion drew widespread press coverage — just before the movie opened.

I suppose you've noticed how the ads for the latest movies all carry lines like "Scorcese scores again!" or "Tom Cruise has another winner!" attributed to a newspaper or TV reviewer, whether he or she meant it or not.

Well, a few years back, someone noticed that even the worst stinkers produced by Columbia Pictures were receiving rave reviews from David Manning, film critic for the Ridgefield Press, an obscure weekly paper in Connecticut.

A call to the Ridgefield Press showed that no one there ever heard of David Manning. Further investigation showed him to be the creation of an executive in the marketing department at Sony, the parent company of Columbia.

Like I say, Stevens and Berdovsky were not the first — nor will they be the last.

Singapore adventure and a Valentine wish

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

In the spring of 1993 at age 28 I traveled to Singapore on business. I had never set foot outside of North America before this trip, and was game for an adventure. I brought a backpack, a dome tent, a naptha stove, cooking pots, a water filter, and enough supplies for a long hike. For a nerd Iwas in good shape, and my plan was to climb the tallest mountain in Malaysia after I'd finished my two weeks in Singapore.

Kinabalu mountain is located on the island of Borneo. Rather than fly there my Singaporean colleagues suggested I go by train up the Malaysian Peninsula to Gunan Tahan, which is the tallest mountain in Western Malaysia and considered an even more difficult hike, requiring seven days to the summit and back through the jungle, with 10 river crossings and all the leech encounters that implies. That all sounded like a good time to me, for reasons I can't quite recall now, so every day after work I ran and climbed stairs and hiked through the sweltering city with my gear to prepare as best I could.

The accommodations on the train from Singapore to Gua Musang were somewhat primitive. The bathroom consisted of a hole in the floor through which you could see the railroad ties whizzing by. There was no sign of any running water, and at midnight the temperature in my upper bunk was 90 degrees. On the ceiling to my right was a small rotating electric fan. For 28 out of every 30 seconds I would wait impatiently for that fan to point in my direction, then I'd get a delicious two second breath of a breeze and the cycle would repeat.

The ride lasted about eight hours through the night. Every 40 minutes or so we stopped in the middle of nowhere — no platform, no nothing. A few passengers would disembark, trudge off into the pitch dark, and the train would rumble forward again.

At four in the morning we reached my stop — a bona fide station. Fifteen vehicles representing five centuries of technological development were waiting in hopes of earning a 50-cent fare. The road to Sungei Relau was so punishing that the small van I'd chosen for a taxi must have sustained $300 worth of damage, so when its middle-aged driver asked me for the equivalent of two dollars I gave him 10.

He wept.

At sunrise I was assigned a guide, a teenage boy named Kai sporting flipflops and half a gram of body fat. He was singularly unimpressed with me, and over the next three days his regard went steadily down hill. In my expensive hiking boots I was constantly stumbling over roots and slipping on rocks while he negotiated the jungle trail like a besandaled mule. When my $50 water filtering system went belly-up the first time I tried to use it on the silty brown river water he just shook his head and hiked on, even faster than before. I couldn't shake the feeling that he hoped to lose me.

That night it poured rain, as it did every night. Nothing ever dried out during the humid day either, which added 15 pounds to my heavy pack and kept my feet soaked. With every step they were softening, blistering, festering. The more exhausted I got the clumsier I became, and was forever struggling to catch up with Kai. Sometimes I wouldn't see him for an hour. This mountain was his back yard, and the idea that "Europeans" like me would travel thousands of miles just to climb it was endlessly amusing to him.

By the end of the third day I was out of food. I had to ask Kai to share his. Normally I can't stand seafood in any form, but I gratefully downed bowl after bowl of whole little fish and rice. I would have eaten my dearest friend at that point. I've never been so hungry.

On the fourth day things began to get difficult. By this time I was drinking straight from the river. It was that or die. Whenever we waded through water above my waist I would find three or four leeches latched on at the belt line. (Like ticks, you never felt them until you pulled them off.) The trail got much steeper. I was fading fast and Kai was getting annoyed having to wait for me. I had lost 15 pounds. I was so tired and blistered I wasn't sure I could make it back even if we turned around right there.

It was at exactly this lowest point that an idea popped into my head: if I somehow managed to make it back home I would propose to my girlfriend, Brigid.

I don't know where this idea came from. The two of us had never discussed marriage. For four days my mind had been entirely focused on the present, on survival, not girlfriends or the future. I only know that when this idea hit me a kind of miracle occurred. I felt no pain. No fatigue. No weight. I floated up the mountain, not only catching up to Kai but passing him. When I did so I laughed. I couldn't help it. Something totally out of the realm of my experience was happening. Twice I waited on a little plateau for 10 minutes before he met me, looking more annoyed by my unexplained strength than he'd ever been by my feebleness and dependence.

A week later I was back home in California, driving to Half Moon Bay with Brigid. We lit a fire on the beach, ate pizza, talked and laughed, and then I took her hand and proposed to her.

It was the last time I ever managed to completely surprise her.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset, and would like to wish his wife a happy Valentines Day. Since she never reads his Mariner articles we're hoping he also thought to purchase a humorous card.

POLITICAL NOTES

Political forum to tackle global warming

Cohasset Political Forum to discuss global warming – The Cohasset Political Forum will meet Saturday, Feb. 11. at 10 a.m., at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library at 35 Ripley Road in Cohasset to discuss the complexities surrounding U.S. environmental policy in the face of global climate change. The format will be a roundtable discussion and will include several local speakers. The discussion will include an examination of federal environmental policies and the lack of national leadership in addressing global warming, state and regional initiatives, the goals of international treaties and policies, and what direction the US should take in formulating policy to address this serious and complex issue.

The Cohasset Political Forum was created last year to provide an opportunity for interested and busy people to discuss and debate political issues of the day. The Forum is sponsored by the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee as a separate, officially non-partisan entity and welcomes and encourages our fellow citizens of all political views to join in interesting, spirited discussion. Bring your morning coffee and join the forum for some lively conversation. For information, visit the Web site at www.cohassetdems.org or call Agnes McCann at 383-0222.

Democrats elect delegates – Cohasset Democrats held their annual caucus Saturday, Feb. 3, to elect delegates to the 2007 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. Representing Cohasset May 19, will be Ronnie McMorris, Sally Sisson, Agnes McCann, Susan Kent, Tom Callahan, Peter Pescatore, and Kevin McCarthy. This year's Action Agenda Convention will be held at UMASS Amherst where Massachusetts Democrats will gather to develop a new action agenda to develop statewide grassroots organizing and party building initiatives to prepare for the Presidential Election in 2008.

Cohasset rallies for peace – Despite the low temperatures, Cohasset citizens once again met on the Commons on Saturday morning to rally for peace. Organized over a month ago, an enthusiastic group meets every Saturday morning on the Commons from 9:30 to 10 a.m., to rally for Peace and add their voices to the call for the withdrawal of our troops from Iraq. All interested people are invited to join this group each Saturday morning.

MacCarthy featured on 'Our Town'

As the election season series continues on OUR TOWN, co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy for the full hour.

MacCarthy discusses her hopes for reelection and the work she hopes to continue on the School Committee. She details her goals for a second term and goes on to explain the current school department budget and related matters.

As the election series continues right up to Election Day of April 7, watch for OUR TOWN to televise the Selectmen and School Committee debates!

Our Town airs Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9pm on Comcast Channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed!

Candidates Corner

No races yet in Town Election

The deadline to pull papers for this year's Annual Town Election is Thursday, Feb. 15 and so far, there isn't much of a race for any of the open seats. Only one person pulled papers for the Annual Town Election this week: James Richardson of Brewster Road who is looking to retain his seat on the Recreation Commission. Daniel J. Martin of Linden Drive pulled papers last week for a seat on the Commission as well. Mary Muncey has indicated she will not seek reelection this year.

The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb. 15.

Positions available for the 2007 town election include: Selectmen - two three-year positions; School Committee - two three-year positions; Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library - three three-year positions; Assessor - one three-year position; Board of Health - one three-year position; Cohasset Housing Authority - one five-year position; Planning Board - one five-year position; Recreation Commission - three five-year positions; Sewer Commission - one three-year position and Water Commission - one three-year position.

So far, Old Coach Road resident Paul Carlson has pulled papers for the Board of Selectmen as well as incumbent Ralph Dormtizer. Selectman Rob Spofford has indicated he will not seek re-election.

Peter Richardsson, who resigned from the Economic Development Committee this week, is seeking a position on the School Committee, as is incumbent Adrienne MacCarthy.

The following residents have pulled papers to retain their seats on their respective boards: Elsa Miller for the Board of Assessors, Ralph Perroncello for the Cohasset Housing Authority, Steve Bobo for the Board of Health, Stacey Weaver, Sarah Pease and Barbara Power for the Board of Library Trustees, Lillian Curley for the Recreation Commission, Nathanial Palmer for the Water Commission, and Al Moore for the Planning Board.

The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb. 15. Only registered voters of the town may hold an elected office. Candidates are only officially running for office after they have taken out papers and the Board of Registrars has certified the signatures.

Friday, March 9, is the last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting, which will be held Saturday, March 31, and for the Annual Town Election which will be held Saturday, April 7.

Carlson house parties planned

Selectman candidate Paul Carlson invites Cohasset residents to attend the first two of several planned house parties:

- Saturday, Feb. 10, 3-5 p.m., at 429 King St., the home of Nancy Garrison.
- Sunday, Feb. 11, 3-5 p.m., at 41 Oak St., the home of Marie and Allan MacDonald.

During his campaign, Paul wants to meet and share his views with as many fellow citizens as possible.

Paul also wishes to thank the many public officials who have made time to meet with him and share their concerns, among them: Town Manager Bill Griffin; Selectmen Ralph Dormitzer, Gary Vanderweil and Fred Koed; Merle Brown and Pat Waters of the advisory committee; Jamie Williams of the school committee; Steve Bobo of the health board; Peter Pratt and Stu Ivimey of the planning board.

Anyone interested in Paul's background or positions can go to his website at CarlsonForSelectman.com.

McBrien's station not expanding use

A letter sent by Building Commissioner Robert Egan to Thomas McBrien, owner of Cohasset Car Care by McBrien's in the Village, indicates the new business will not be operating a towing business out of its South Main Street garage. Included in Selectmen's correspondence, the letter confirmed a conversation that took place between Egan and McBrien, and was sent Jan. 16.

"I explained to you that the operation of an 'auto service station and automotive repair garage' is a use that is allowed under a special permit in the Downtown Business District. Apparently, the owner of the property, Mr. Roukounakis, has been operating a service station at that site for 35 years and the use probably preceded him. It is not surprising that there is no record of a special permit having been issued. In that case, the use is considered to be pre-existing non conforming and may be continued without expansion unless abandoned. The change of owners or tenants does not change its status.

"My concern was that you might unknowingly assume that your towing operation could be transferred to this site which would obviously be an expansion of the use. You indicated that you had no intention of doing so and that it would continue to operate from the North Scituate site. You further indicated that there will only be one tow truck at the Cohasset location which will be used to retrieve vehicles to be brought in for repair. You also indicated that there will be no parking of tow trucks (other than the one) and no storage of vehicles other than those waiting for service."

Egan said if McBrien would at some point like to expand the use beyond normal service station activities, he would be required to obtain a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Health Notes

When cold weather causes problems

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Cold weather affects us all, but infants and older adults are specially at risk. Infants less than one-year-old lose body heat more easily than adults and they can't make more by shivering. Older adults often make less body heat because of a slower metabolism and less physical activity. Ability to feel a change in temperature decreases with age, and older people are more susceptible to health problems caused by cold. In cold weather, an easy-to-read thermometer in an indoor location becomes a safety device.

Risk of frostbite is increased in people with reduced blood circulation or who are not dressed properly for cold temperatures.

Wear Appropriate Clothing — Outer layers should be, wind resistant to reduce heat loss. Wool, silk, or polypropylene inner layers of clothing will hold more body heat than cotton. Stay dry — wet clothing chills the body rapidly. Excess perspiration increases heat loss. Gasoline or alcohol on your skin while working outside greatly increase heat loss from the body. Don't ignore shivering. It's a first sign the body is losing heat and a signal to return indoors.

Avoid Exertion — Remember, your body is already working hard just to stay warm, so don't overdo it.

Understand Wind Chill — In high winds, serious weather-related health problems are more likely because wind carries heat away faster than in calm conditions.

Hypothermia — Cold temperatures cause your body to lose heat faster than it can be produced. Prolonged exposure will eventually use up your body's stored energy resulting abnormally low body temperature or hypothermia which makes the victim unable to think clearly or move well; particularly dangerous since one may not know it is happening.

Hypothermia, most likely at very cold temperatures, can occur when it's only cool (above 40 F) if a person becomes chilled from rain, sweat, or submersion in cold water. Victims are often: elderly, babies sleeping in cold bedrooms, people who remain outdoors for long periods — hikers, hunters, etc; and people who drink alcohol or use illicit drugs.

- Signs of hypothermia:

Adults: shivering, exhaustion, confusion, fumbling hands, memory loss, slurred speech, drowsiness.

Infants: bright red, cold skin, very low energy

- What to Do — Take the person's temperature. If it is below 95 , it's an emergency—get medical attention immediately. If medical care is not available, get the victim inside and begin warming as follows:
- Remove wet clothing. Warm the center of the body first — chest, neck, head, and groin — using an electric blanket, if available. Or use skin-to-skin contact under loose, dry layers of blankets, clothing towels, or sheets. Warm beverages can help increase the body temperature, but do not give alcoholic beverages. Do not try to give beverages to an unconscious person. After body temperature has increased, keep the person dry and wrapped in a warm blanket, including the head and neck.

Severe hypothermia may cause unconsciousness and apparent loss of pulse or breathing. In this case, handle the victim gently, and get emergency assistance immediately. Even if the victim appears dead, CPR should be provided. CPR should continue while the victim is being warmed until the victim responds or medical aid becomes available. In some cases, hypothermia victims who appear to be dead can be successfully resuscitated.

Frostbite — Frostbite, injury to flesh from freezing, causing a loss of feeling and color in affected areas. Generally affecting nose, ears, cheeks, chin, fingers, or toes, frostbite can permanently damage the body and severe cases can lead to amputation. Risk of frostbite is increased in people with reduced blood circulation or who are not dressed properly for cold temperatures.

- Recognizing Frostbite — At the first signs of redness or pain in any skin area, get out of the cold or protect any exposed skin—frostbite may be beginning. Any of the following signs may indicate frostbite: a white or grayish-yellow skin area; skin that feels unusually firm or waxy numbness. Victim is often unaware of frostbite because the frozen tissues are numb.
- What to Do — Seek medical care. Because frostbite and hypothermia both result from exposure, first determine whether the victim also shows signs of hypothermia. Hypothermia is a more serious medical condition and requires emergency medical assistance.

If (1) there is frostbite but no sign of hypothermia and (2) immediate medical care is not available: Get into a warm room as soon as possible. Unless absolutely necessary, do not walk on frostbitten feet or toes—this increases the damage. Immerse the affected area in warm— not hot —water (the temperature should be comfortable to the touch for unaffected parts of the body). Or, warm the area using body heat. Don't cause more damage by rubbing the frostbitten area with snow or massaging it. Don't use artificial heat for warming. Affected areas are numb and can be easily burned.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

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QUESTIONS

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By Bob Katzen

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local senator's votes on two roll calls from the week of January 29-February 2. There were no roll calls in the House last week.

All roll calls are from debate on the set of rules that the Senate will follow during the 2007-2008 session. The Senate adopted the package of rules on a voice vote without a roll call.

The Senate rejected several other proposed new rules on voice votes including one requiring that the six-member Senate Ethics Committee include three Democrats and three Republicans rather than five Democrats and one GOP member. Another proposal that would have abolished the Senate system of "pairing a vote" also went down to defeat. This pairing procedure allows a senator who is absent when a roll call vote is taken, to express his view anyway. Under the arrangement, the absent senator contacts a senator who is present and plans to vote the opposite way. The present senator agrees to "pair" his vote with that of the absent senator. Neither vote is counted in the official total—they cancel each other out. Supporters of pairing said that it is a good process that allows senators to be unofficially recorded on a roll call when they are absent because of extenuating circumstances. Opponents said that pairing is an "academic exercise" that is confusing to people and makes it appear that a senator voted when in fact he or she was not even present in the chamber.

The Senate also approved, on a voice vote, a new rule to require a report by April 1 from the special legislative commission established in 2005 to look into arranging for television coverage of House and Senate sessions. The problem with the new rule is that sources tell Beacon Hill Roll Call that the Senate does not have the power, through its rules, to require a report from a commission that was created by state law and no longer exists. The commission was originally ordered to give its report by November 1, 2005 but that deadline came and went and the commission has yet to issue a report. Sources say that the Senate plans to change the new rule to one requiring the Senate members of the commission to issue a report on the possibility of Senate coverage by April 1. The House and Senate did not renew their contract with public television station WGBX to cover legislative sessions. The House sessions are currently broadcast on the Internet while Senate sessions are not broadcast anywhere.

LONG TERM DEBTS OF STATE

Senate 36-0, approved a new rule requiring that the annual Senate version of the state's multi-billion budget include a description of the state's long-term pension, bond and other obligations. Supporters of the new rule said that it would be very helpful to include these long-term debts in the budget in order for senators to get a full picture of the state's finances and obligations and begin to develop solutions. They noted that the state has an unfunded pension liability of $13 billion - the gap between the amount the state has on hand to pay its retirees and the amount the state owes them. They argued that the state's obligation to pay off this debt is likely to result in budget program cuts and/or higher taxes. (A "Yes" vote is for the new rule).

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TV COVERAGE OF SENATE SESSIONS

Senate 36-0, approved a new rule allowing television stations to seek permission from the Senate to broadcast any sessions of the Senate. Supporters of the new rule said that it would be a temporary one that stays in place until the Senate makes permanent arrangements for regular coverage of Senate sessions. Permanent solutions include the possibility of arranging coverage similar to the C-Span broadcasts of the U.S. Congress. (A "Yes" vote is for the new rule).

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ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

MAKE DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME PERMANENT - A bill filed by Sen. Michael Knapik (R-Westfield) would make daylight-saving time (DST) permanent in Massachusetts beginning in 2009. Supporters say that part-time DST is an antiquated system that wastes energy, limits outdoor activities during the winter and creates sleep problems for many people for several weeks after the clocks change.

FOOD ALLERGIES - Sen. Cynthia Creem (D-Newton) has proposed legislation requiring all restaurants to prominently display a poster about food allergy awareness in the staff area and to include on all menus a notice of the customer's obligation to inform the server about any food allergies. The measure also requires restaurants with a seating capacity of 50 or more maintain on the premises a master list of all the ingredients used in the preparation of each food item on the menu.

SEX OFFENDERS AND DRIVER'S LICENSES - Registered sex offenders would be required to renew their driver's license annually and in-person at the Registry of Motor Vehicles under a proposal filed by Sen. James Timilty (D-Walpole). The measure also requires offenders to annually provide proof of their current address to the Registry and to pose for a new license photo. Supporters say that this would ensure closer supervision and monitoring of these offenders.

MUST HAVE PHOTO ID TO VOTE - Sen. Scott Brown (R-Wrentham) filed a proposal requiring voters to show a photo identification at their polling places in order to be allowed to vote.

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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Letters to the Editor

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Selectmen urged to reconsider vote

To the Editor:

Monday night, despite requests to review all options, Selectmen Dormitzer, Vanderweil and Koed voted to place a conservation restriction on town land adjacent to the Cook Estate. While this decision pales in comparison to the lost opportunity to develop senior housing on these properties, it is nonetheless significant.

In August, 2003 Mulhern and Associates prepared an independent appraisal for the town of both the Cook property and the adjacent town land. At the time the market value of the Cook estate was over $4 million ($4,010,000); the town land tied to the Cook estate as a subdivision over $1.3 million ($1,325,000); and the town land standing alone, $595,000. That potential revenue is now lost to the taxpayers forever.

At least two developers with an interest in senior/affordable housing contacted selectmen before the meeting. Those options should have been explored. It was in the best interests of the town to explore those options, not to bend to political pressure.

I urge the Selectmen to reconsider their vote for several reasons:

They were uniformed as to the true value and development potential of that parcel as it appears that they had not reviewed the appraisal.

There remains an unmet need for senior housing and land is scarce.

Threats to the water supply must be genuine and substantiated by evidence of added nitrogen loading. Solutions should track the data and if development restriction is required, fair-market value should be paid by the Water Commission.

We need to build what needs to be built and save what needs to be saved and not give away hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars.

Ronnie McMorris
89 Doane St.

A million dollar mistake

To the Editor:

A valuable piece of town owned real estate was given a $0 value by the Selectmen last Monday evening. By a three-to-two vote, eight acres of land behind the Cook Estate was designated by the Selectmen as conservation land, even though an appraisal had determined its value to be in excess of $600,000.

Coupled with the $400,000 already spent on the ill-fated Cook Estate, the Town is out $1 million.

Why was there a rush to restrict this land?

When the Town authorized the Selectmen to restrict the land based upon petitions from abutters, the Cook Estate was going to be affordable senior housing and the Town was to receive its investment back. So, giving up land seemed like a good compromise with the abutters. Now the land is not going to senior affordable housing and the Town is out $400,000.

For a Town that has little precious buildable land, monetary pressures, and no affordable housing built in years, the decision to restrict this Town-owned land is befuddling.

True, it abuts a watershed, but of the eight acres, five would be restricted by stringent state and local setbacks. Within the three remaining buildable acres something could be built or at least some value could be realized that would not have affected the watershed.

Suggestions? How about some affordable housing for town employees? Or a few units of Senior affordable housing? As a member of Habitat for Humanity we would love to have the parcel donated for a couple of homes. The new developer of the Cook Estate might pay something to increase their unit count, reduce setbacks or even pay a nominal amount to restrict affordable housing built on the site. Commit five of the eight acres to conservation and derive some value from the balance. There's value there, let's get smart and find it.

To restrict this land under the new set of circumstances is irresponsible. It appears that the some of the Selectmen have not even read the appraisal.

It is the fiduciary responsibility of the Selectmen to revisit this decision. At the very least they need to take the time to understand what the value of the land is and then make an informed decision. It may be that the best scenario is to restrict its use for conservation. But this decision to restrict the land without the benefit of an understanding of its value is careless at best.

George McGoldrick
744 Jerusalem Road

'Heroes in our midst'

To the Editor:

I write to express my appreciation to the Cohasset Fire Department and Police Department for their superb handling of the fire downtown last week. I left the building that houses the Windsor Tea Shop and the other shops in that building to see flames shooting out of the second story of a building nearby. The winds were quite strong and the flames were frightening in their intensity. I feared especially for all the apartments on the second stories of those downtown businesses and all the people housed there. The fire was a very difficult one to contain and we could still see it from our home on the common for quite some time.

As I drove around the detour to get home, I thought of the bravery of those firefighters, who are willing to risk their lives for us in such a situation. Earlier in the week, there had been fear of an electrical wiring problem in our area. Our home was checked, several hours were spent correcting what could have been a dangerous problem. Our firemen and women are heroes in our midst and I just wished to salute them and to thank them for that dedication.

Patricia White Murphy
27 Highland Ave.

CHS Athletics say 'thank you'

To the Editor:

Nowadays, it would be impossible to run a successful high school athletic program without the support of your local community. On behalf of the School Committee, administration, coaches, parents and most importantly the student-athletes, I would like to thank all of the organizations that have made financial commitments and donations to support our athletic program this year.

On Feb. 10, at the MIAA Division 3 South Sectional Individual Tournament, the CHS Wrestling Team will debut its brand-new mat purchased with a $10,000 donation from the **Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund.** This new, lightweight mat will also be used by the cheerleading squad for the halftime performances at basketball games.

We would like to thank **Pilgrim Bank** for donating $1000 towards the reconditioning and painting of the Alumni Field scoreboard this past fall. Pilgrim Bank purchased the scoreboard for the school when Alumni Field was built.

We also would like to thank the following Booster Clubs for going above and beyond the usual this year:

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These clubs have funded additional coaching positions, pool and ice time, transportation expenses, provided financial assistance with junior varsity programs, volunteered their time at tournaments and concession stands, funded banquets and awards for our student-athletes, etc.... The efforts of these parents and supporters will enable our student-athletes at Cohasset to continue to be one of the top performing athletic programs in the state.

To everyone in the community from the businesses to the individual families who give their resources and time to assist our student — athletes, thank you for all you do. We hope that we can continue to be a program that the entire Cohasset community can be proud of.

Ron Ford
Athletic Director

Stormwater comments sought

To the Editor:

Every surface water body in Cohasset is contaminated from stormwater runoff, which also is a major cause of flooding in town. The Stormwater Committee has been examining this issue since it was appointed in August and is working on a Stormwater Bylaw to propose at the March 31 Annual Town Meeting.

The Stormwater Committee is having a public hearing at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 13 in the basement meeting room at Town Hall. We urge anyone interested in this important issue to review the draft Stormwater Bylaw at www.cohassetwater.org and to come to the hearing. Please also email any comments or questions to us at stormwater02025@comcast.net.

John McNabb
53 Pond St.
Chairman, Stormwater Committee

Bravo! Bravo!

To the Editor:

The Cohasset MHS Arts Boosters would like to acknowledge teachers Bryan Marks and Stephanie Hoskin for their expertise in mounting the fabulously entertaining 2007 Cabaret. Bravo to the talented Cohasset MHS singers and musicians!

As usual this event would not have been possible without the generous and professional assistance of Michelle Scully and Joe Campbell of Atlantica Restaurant.

Thank you for giving the Arts a Boost!

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Police Beat

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that one of the girls was out on the floating dock and could not get back in. The incident occurred at about 4:30 p.m., Wednesday (Jan. 31).

Chief Hussey said an officer went to the location and the girls were fine.

Larceny report

Police are investigating a contractor who accepted partial payment for roofing work and then did not perform.

Chief Hussey said the investigation came to Cohasset by way of Carver where, Hussey thought, the contractor had his business.

A Cohasset resident had hired this individual and signed a contract; the resident paid one-third ($4,000) of the estimated cost.

"The check was cashed but the contractor never came back to the work," Hussey said. He said the contractor kept making excuses.

Cohasset Detective Garrett Hunt is investigating and gathering all the facts. "It is possible this contractor could go to court for larceny if this is not resolved," Hussey said.

Well-being check

Police forcibly entered the home of an elderly resident on Beechwood Street last Thursday(Feb. 1) to see if the gentleman was OK. A relative of the resident had contacted police to ask for a welfare check. He said the telephone service had been cut off. Police checked with the Council on Elder Affairs and Meals on Wheels to see if anyone know of the resident's whereabouts.

"We had contact with a relative (the caller was a cousin) and there was no confirmation that he had left town, so we thought it best to enter the premises," Chief Hussey said. Police did make a forced entry and no one was found. Later that day, police received information that the elderly resident had been brought to a nursing home. "We spoke with a stepdaughter who confirmed that he had," Hussey said.

Hussey urged elderly residents to let relatives know if they are leaving town or to contact the Council on Elder Affairs.

"We will do a forced entry if we cannot confirm if someone is away," he said.

Hussey said police would make restitution with the property owner for damage to the doors.

Uninsured MV

The owner of an uninsured motor vehicle is being summonsed to court for allowing his car to be driven uninsured and with a revoked registration. Police made the traffic stop last Thursday (Feb. 1) at about 7:53 p.m. on Chief Justice Cushing Highway after observing that the 1993 Dodge Intrepid had a headlight out. The officer ran a check on the registration that came back revoked due to no insurance.

The owner of the vehicle was a passenger in the car, Chief Hussey said.

AAA called

AAA called Cohasset police asking for an officer to assist an elderly woman with a flat tire. AAA, which was on its way to help the woman, told police she sounded very nervous and asked if they would go down there. The incident occurred at about 6:18 p.m., Saturday (Feb. 3) on Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A).

"We took a ride down there and made sure she was fine," Chief Hussey said.

Historical Society to begin spring lecture series

The Cohasset Historical Society will begin its Spring Lecture Series Wednesday, Feb. 21, beginning at 7:30 p.m., at the Pratt Building, 106 South Main Street, Cohasset, with a program titled, "Greetings From Two Centuries."

John Billington, a passenger on the Mayflower and resident of Plimoth Plantation, will represent the 17th Century. John will relate the hardships of the voyage on the Mayflower and the realities of life in the new land. John will then introduce his 21st century persona, Ray Byrne, who will talk about his own background in both acting and business and what lead him to his role at Plimoth Plantation. Ray will also share the behind the scenes of life at the plantation and what it took to prepare for his place in the village.

John Billington, a passenger on the Mayflower and resident of Plimoth Plantation, will represent the 17th Century.

Plimoth Plantation provides visitors with a living museum and Ray Byrne, also known as John Billington, will provide participants with an inside-out view of this colonial world. All are invited to attend; there is no charge and light refreshments will be served.



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Positive week for the Skippers

By Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

As the Cohasset High boys basketball team was looking like the teams of the past couple of years for the past few months, they turned it on this past week winning two in a row and then dropping another close one.

Although they lost to archrival Hull on Tuesday, 55-44, prior to that the Skippers won two in a row, scoring over 70 points both games, including their season high total of 77 last Friday against Harwich.

Cohasset recently won its first South Shore League game two years against East Bridgewater, but had failed to get a league win in front of their own fans. That all changed as the Skippers ran all over Harwich for a 77-61 win.

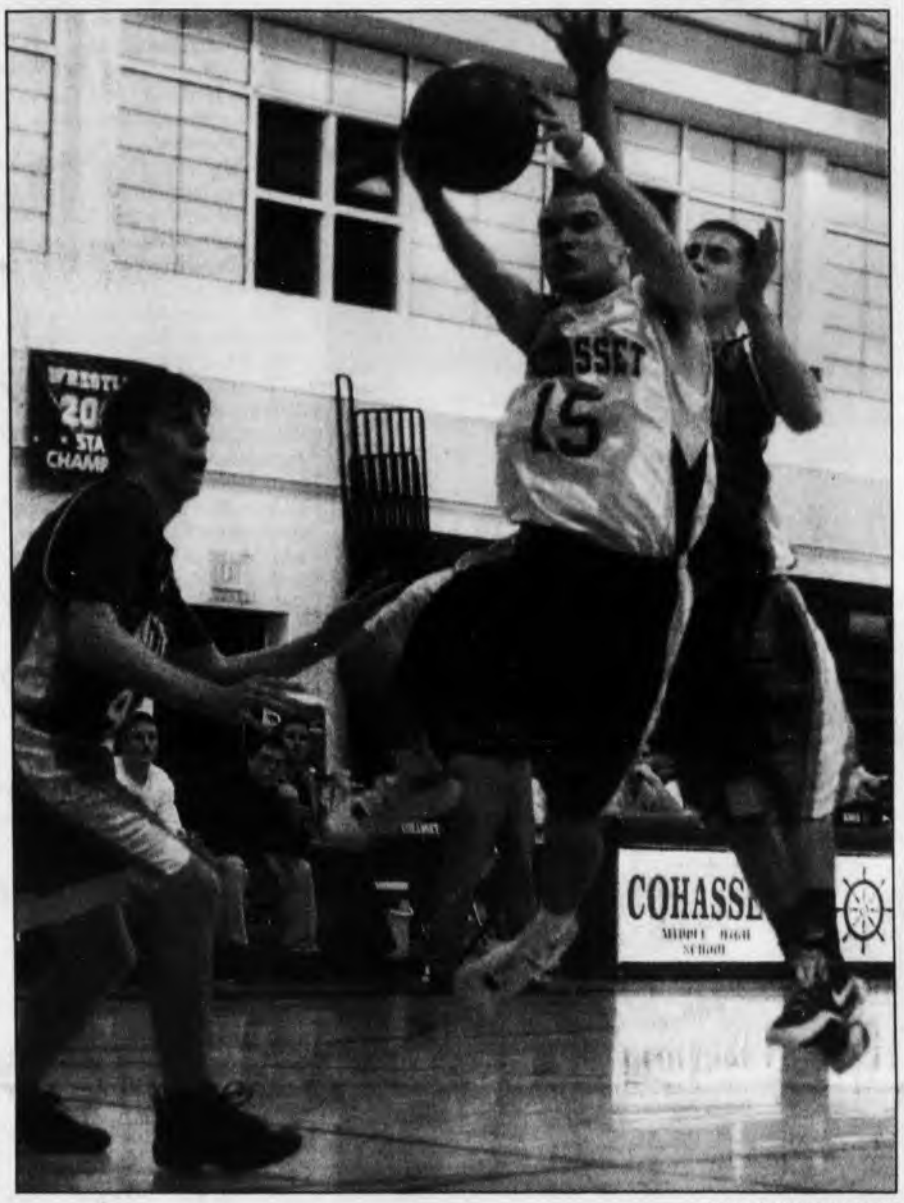
The game started fast paced and remained that way for most of the game, as both teams were scoring on almost every possession. The key for Cohasset in this game was its press, which forced poor shots from Harwich and gave Cohasset more chances to score.

With about eight minutes left in the first half Cohasset began to pull away, with junior co-captain Pat McCarthy doing most of the scoring. From there, the Skippers never looked back as they went into the locker room up 19 points. Against a team that had just beaten Hull, Cohasset looked like a completely different group that was having fun and doing all the right things.

McCarthy had 15 points in the first half and would finish with that as well. Fellow co-captain and senior Justin Alexander put up nine in the first half, finishing with 15 points also.

Unlike the rest of the games

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

The Skippers' Pat McCarthy (15) scored 28 points in wins over Harwich and Nantucket last week.

Oh so close

Sci-Coh swimmers come up a little short against Duxbury

By Alyssa Rogers
CORRESPONDENT

Heading into last Tuesday's meet against Duxbury the Scituate-Cohasset swim teams knew they needed to bring their A-game to keep pace with the also undefeated Dragons in the Patriot League standings. Both teams gave it their all, but in the end Duxbury handed the Sci-Cohs (5-1) their first loss of the season. The girls fell nine points shy of their competitors as they lost, 96-87, while the boys finished 12 points behind the competition as they lost, 99-87.

With only 14 boys and no male divers, the Scituate-Cohasset squad fought an uphill battle from the very beginning against a very large Duxbury contingent.

Juniors Brian McGuiness and Johnny Drybanski both swam state qualifying times in their respective events. McGuiness scored a first place finish with a state final qualifying time of 1:52.34 in the 200-yard freestyle. Drybanski swam impressively in the 200-yard individual medley with a state qualifying time of 2:11.44. Drybanski also earned a state sectional qualifying time (1:01.00) in the 100-yard butterfly event. Freshman John McGuiness improved his personal best time in the 500-yard freestyle by seven seconds as he finished with a time of 6:02.00.

The girls swam a tough meet as well, falling just short of victory against the Dragons.

Individually, freshman Mimi Mahoney swam an excellent 100-yard backstroke with a state sectional qualifying time of 1:10.93. Mahoney also contributed to a win along with teammates Torey Hart, Caitlin Mahoney and Megan Little in the 200-yard medley relay with a state sectional qualifying time of 2:03.94.

Torey Hart broke her old team record in the 100-yard breaststroke event with a state sectional qualifying time of 1:17.19. Cohasset's Betsy Crawford won first place in the diving competition.

"We swam a great meet and we worked as hard as we could," head coach Jon Fortin said. "The way we practice, we deserve to be the league champions."

The Sci-Coh swimmers will have a chance to face Duxbury again at the Patriot League championships Saturday, Feb. 10, at Middleboro High School. The meet is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m.

Top Finishers:

Girls:

200 Medley Relay (first place)
Mimi Mahoney
Torey Hart
Caitlin Mahoney
Megan Little
**2:03.94

200 Freestyle
Ashley Scott (first place)
*2:15.53

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Grapplers ready for postseason

By Mark Goodman
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From the time its athletes first hit the mat in the preseason, the Cohasset High wrestling team is gearing up for the team and individual postseasons.

Tournament time is now, as CHS is hosting Saturday's Div. 3 South sectional individual tournament. The action begins at 10 a.m., with final rounds beginning at 6 p.m. The top four wrestlers in each weight class advance to next weekend's Div. 3 state tournament at Wayland High School.

And either Tuesday or Wednesday, the Skippers will start what they hope is a long run in the Div. 3 team dual meet tournament. Seedings and matchups were not available as of press time Thursday, but Cohasset head coach Torin Sweeney said he expects a competitive tournament.

"It's wide open this year," he said. "I think all of the teams can beat any of the other teams. There is no clear favorite."

The Skippers will enter the tournament with a 15-12 dual meet record, thanks to a sweep of last Saturday's tri-meet with Silver Lake (a 60-12 win for Cohasset) and Nauset (60-21). Ten wrestlers won two matches for the team: seniors Ryan McLellan (125), Gannon Dorion (152), Tim Toomey (160) and Nick Cambi (189); sophomores Rudy Helbock (103), Steven Gratta (119), David Toomey (130) and Mike Froio (145); and freshmen Jack Murphy (112) and Nick Lieberman (215).

"The kids have been wrestling really well lately," Sweeney said. "To this point, I'm pleased with the effort of the team. This is a fairly young team that has improved a lot. Hopefully, we'll see some of the culmination of that this weekend."

Lady Skippers on the verge

Need 2 wins in final 4 games to qualify for state tournament

By Mark Goodman
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It took a couple months, but Cohasset girls basketball coach John Levangie believes his team is starting to get it.

The Skippers scored perhaps their biggest win of the year last Friday in Harwich, always a difficult place to play, with a 41-40 victory over the Rough Riders.

Strong defense and some clutch plays made the difference for the girls in blue. Senior Haley Haracz and sophomore Sammi Lehr (game-high 16 points) both made big free throws in the closing minutes, and freshman Meredith Kelley (11 points) made a critical baseline jumper.

Levangie also praised the play of his guards, who led an effort that saw the Skippers commit just 11 turnovers. Compare that to the 34 they had in the first game against Harwich, and the coach has reason for optimism looking forward.

"I thought the younger kids came of age in that game," Levangie said. "The practice before that game, I saw something different from them, and then the next day they turn around and beat a good Nantucket team."

In that game last Saturday, a 51-42 win over the Whalers, senior forward Lacey Richardson scored 19 points, while junior Kayla Farren finished with 11. Levangie also praised the rebounding effort by the Haracz and the Lehr sisters, Sammi and Tori. That's

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STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

Sarah Coggins (12) and her Cohasset teammates are two victories away from returning to the Div. 4 state tournament.



STAFF PHOTO/MARK GOODMAN

Cohasset High School seniors Jeff Brown and Christina Pinkus will both continue their athletic careers at Div. 1 schools next year. Brown will play lacrosse at the University of Denver, while Pinkus will play softball at Wagner College in New York City.

Top of the class

CHS seniors Jeff Brown, Christina Pinkus to play Div. 1 college athletics

By Mark Goodman
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It's not often you hear about a town as small as Cohasset producing a Division 1 college athlete.

But two in one class?

As unlikely as it seems, it's happening. CHS seniors Jeff Brown and Christina Pinkus will both continue pursuing their athletic endeavors at the highest level next year. Brown will play lacrosse at the University of Denver, while Pinkus will roam the softball diamond at Wagner College in New York City.

Pinkus, who was also being recruited by Hofstra University, Hartford and Rutgers, among others, said she was interested in going to school in the NYC area and that Wagner, located just outside Manhattan, is "the perfect place" for her.

"I was flattered by all the interest I was getting from different schools," Pinkus said Tuesday. "I've been working so hard the last few years; the outcome was great."

Pinkus, a lefthander, is one of the South Shore League's best pitchers, but it is her bat that ultimately attracted the most attention from college coaches. She hit over .400 as a junior last spring for the Skippers, and carried that into prestigious showcase tournaments across the country with her club team, Rhode Island Thunder Gold.

Wagner softball coach Glen Payne liked what he saw from Pinkus, who will play first base for the Seahwaks.

"Our staff just loved the way Christina hits every pitch with power," said Payne on Wagner's athletics web site. "Throughout the recruiting process she would continually hit home runs every time we saw her. I'd expect for her to compete for time in the middle

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STAFF FILE PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

Jeff Brown will bring a physical brand of defense to the University of Denver squad, as he did during last spring's state championship game against Dover-Sherborn.

CHS seniors Jeff Brown, Christina Pinkus to play Div. 1 college athletics

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of the line-up right away."

Pinkus' success comes as little surprise to her high school coach, Deb Bostwick. A former softball standout herself at Keene State, Bostwick knows what it takes to play at the next level.

"Christina has an incredible bat. You can tell she is a natural ballplayer," Bostwick said. "She's also a gamer. She's not afraid to get dirty, and the more games to play, the merrier. If she could play 10 innings a game, she would."

Brown, meanwhile, was the defensive lynchpin of last year's Div. 3 state champion Cohasset lacrosse team. He will be going from one successful program to another, as the Pioneers made the NCAA tournament last season and are preseason favorites in the Great Western Lacrosse League.

Also heavily recruited by Brown University and Wesleyan, Brown said the growing lacrosse culture in the Denver area was a big draw for him.

"I've heard a lot about how lacrosse is getting really big out there," said Brown, who is considering majoring in business with an eye toward UD's hotel management program. "That was certainly a big factor in my decision."

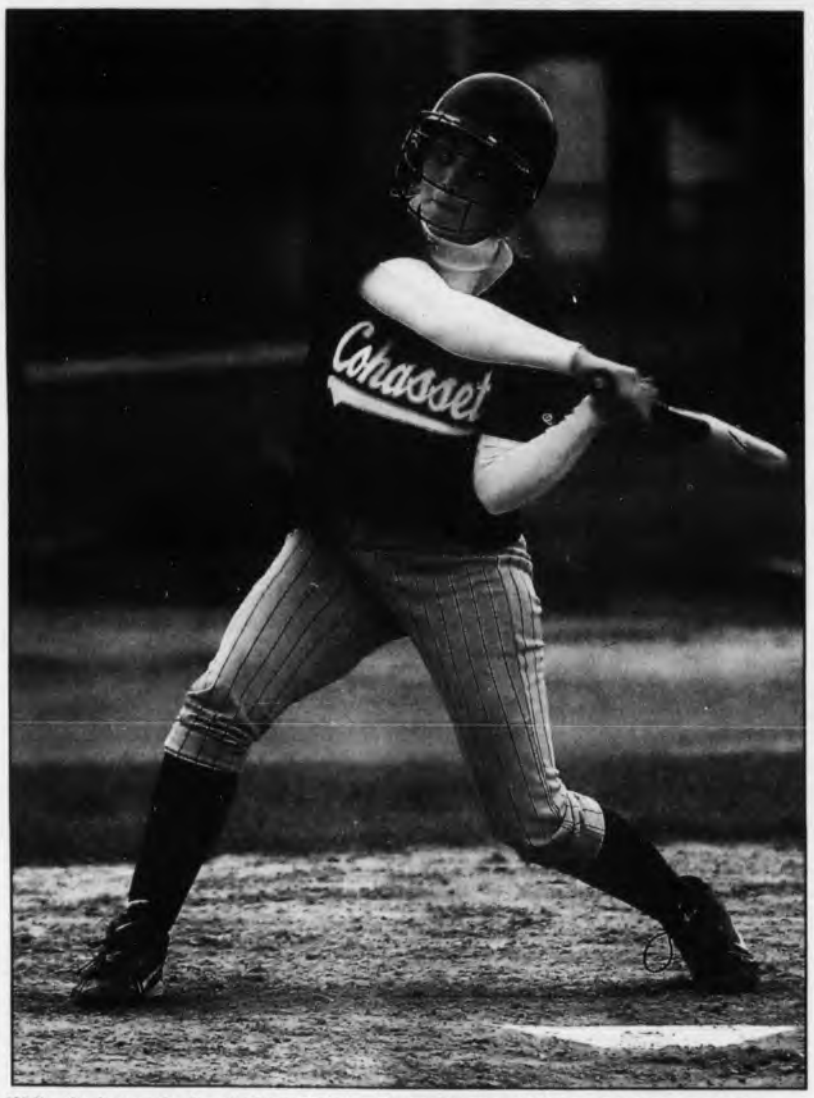
Brown is one of two defensemen in the Pioneers' recruiting class, and Denver men's lacrosse coach Jamie Munro said he is looking forward to the Skippers senior joining his program.

"Jeff Brown is a very rangy, athletic, left-handed defenseman who will fit perfectly into our style of defense and transition," Munro said on Denver's athletics web site.

Cohasset High boys lacrosse coach Stew Curran said Brown brings the right blend of athleticism, smarts and competitive spirit to play Div. 1 college lacrosse.

"What stands out to me about Jeff is he understands the time and space of the game very well," Curran said. "He understands the space of the game and how to use the corners and sidelines to get on a guy's hands and force him to his weakness.

"On top of being a very good athlete to start with, he really is a competitive kid that doesn't accept second place very well."



While also known for her pitching, Christina Pinkus hit over .400 for the Skippers softball team last season, and was recruited to play first base for Wagner College.

CHS Athletic Director Ron Ford said what Brown and Pinkus have achieved shows that student-athletes can indeed be recruited even if they play for a small public high school.

"We've been competing at a high level athletically, and on top of that, our kids are competing outside of high school to make themselves better," Ford said. "What Jeff and Christina have accomplished is a testament to how both of them work hard at their game."

Positive week for the Skippers

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Cohasset has played this year, when they came out of the locker room for the second half they continued to play at the same high level. From there, the Skippers rolled to get their second league win of the year, and first at home. Junior Dave Snowdale continued his role as a prominent role player that the team can depend on, as he put up nine points.

Even though both Alexander and McCarthy put up 15 points, they were not the high scorers. This night was all sophomore sensation Danny Martin, who scored a team high 19 points, had well over 10 rebounds, and had 10 blocks for the night to complete a rare triple-double.

Probably the best news from the game was the fact that Cohasset finally got three scorers in double digits, something head coach Dorian Bryant had been looking for all season.

"If we can get those three scorers every night, we can play with anyone," Bryant said.

The streak continued for the Skippers and the scoring didn't stop as they won their second game in a row the following night against Nantucket, with a final score of 70-61. Both teams came out firing but Cohasset scored just a little more often, jumping out to a quick 18-9 lead.

As McCarthy was forced to continuously come out of the game due to early foul trouble, it appeared that Cohasset was going to give up its lead. On the contrary, the Skippers were able to maintain a steady lead, leading by 10 at halftime. Four players contributed to all but two of Cohasset's points: Alexander (11), sophomore Marcus Charles (10), Martin (eight) and McCarthy (seven).

As the second half started, things looked to be the same as Cohasset was able to keep a good lead. But with about eight minutes left in the game, Nantucket pulled to within four. Three minutes later, the once large lead was down to only a single point, and shortly after that Nantucket went ahead by one with just about five minutes left to play.

After the teams traded a few defensive stops, Cohasset was finally able to regain the lead with an Alexander basket. Following that was a 10-0 scoring run by the Skippers to effectively finish off Nantucket. Once again Martin was the high man with 19 points, his third straight game with that total. Charles finished right behind with 18 points, Alexander with 15 for the second straight night, and McCarthy with 13 points.

Again, the team was able to get a third and even a fourth scorer in double digits for the night. Afterwards, Coach Bryant said that he was "extremely happy with the way this team is playing right now; we're starting to grow up." It was the team's first back-to-back wins all year.

Unfortunately for the Skippers, winning a third game in a row was not in their future. The team lost to a tough Hull team, 55-44. As both teams battled it out back-and-forth, neither team was truly able to pull ahead or gain a steady lead. With Cohasset down four with a minute left in the first half, Charles was able to hit a three-pointer while getting fouled; he made the free throw which tied the game up for Cohasset.

The deadlock didn't last long, as the Pirates were able to pull ahead at the end of the half, and led by five going into the locker room. McCarthy put up only two points in the half and struggled the entire night to get off quality shots. He finished with 11 points despite the Pirates playing him a tight man-to-man.

Cohasset was never really able to overcome this and the fact that Alexander fouled out of the game with seven minutes to go. It was just not the Skippers' night, as their shots were just not falling in and they were on the wrong side of some questionable calls. Martin (10 points, five blocks) and Charles (11 points) both played well, as Cohasset's future continues to look up.

Following the game, Bryant said, "We played hard; there were just too many mistakes. We settled for jumpers and were not aggressive enough. It's a tough loss because it's against our rival."

Cohasset looks to start another winning streak as they play at Norwell tonight (Feb. 9) and at Nantucket Saturday. The boys then host Mashpee Tuesday and Holbrook Thursday.



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Gordon Smith (5) battles for a rebound with Abington's TimKurowski during a game in December.



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2:22.84

200 Individual Medley
Alison Costa (first place)
2:35.19

50 Freestyle
Megan Little (first place)
*27.06

100 Fly
Caitlin Mahoney (first place)
*1:10.28

100 Freestyle
Megan Little (first place)
*59.32

500 Freestyle
Ashley Scott (first place)
*6:11.37
Sheelah Scott (second place)
6:29.34

200 Freestyle Relay (first place)
Alyssa McCarthy
Caitlin Mahoney
Torey Hart
Sheelah Scott
*1:54.91

100 Backstroke
Mimi Mahoney
*1:10.93

100 Breaststroke
Torey Hart
*1:17.19

400 Freestyle Relay (first place)
Ashley Scott
Caitlin Mahoney
Sheelah Scott
Megan Little
*4:09.25

*State Sectional qualifying time
**State Final qualifying time

Boys:

200 Medley Relay (first place)
Brian McGuiness
Mike Wall
Jonny Drybanski
**1:50.38

200 Freestyle
Brian McGuiness (first place)
**1:52.34

200 Individual Medley
Jonny Drybanski (first place)
**2:11.44

50 Freestyle
Rob Lilly (first place)
*23.90

100 Fly
Jonny Drybanski (first place)
*1:01.00

100 Freestyle
Rob Lilly (first place)
*53.10

500 Freestyle
Brian McGuiness (first place)
**4:56.28

200 Freestyle Relay (first place)
Brent Daley
Ian Porter
Justin Damaso
John McGuiness
1:48.09

100 Backstroke
Sean Crowley (first place)
1:03.78

100 Breaststroke
Justin Damaso (first place)
1:14.82

400 Freestyle Relay (first place)
Jonny Drybanski
Colin Conway
Rob Lilly
Brian McGuiness
**3:32.25

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**State Final qualifying time

Lady Skippers on the verge

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nothing new for Sammi Lehr and Haracz, who are averaging 10 and seven rebounds per game, respectively.

Even in Tuesday's 38-32 loss to Hull, Levangie saw encouraging signs. In the teams' Jan. 12 meeting, the Skippers allowed 58 points to the Pirates. The coach said the 20-point improvement on defense is indicative of how much his team has grown in the last month.

Lehr led Cohasset with 10 points, followed by Farren's seven and six each from Kelley and Carly Salerno.

The Skippers are now 8-8 with four games to play, meaning they need to win two more to guarantee a .500 record and a berth in the Div. 4 state tournament. The girls travel to Norwell tonight (6 p.m. start) for a contest with the league's second-place team, and then face a tough turnaround when they board the ferry to take on Nantucket Saturday morning at 11:30.

Cohasset then travels to Mashpee Tuesday night and finish the regular season next Thursday at home against Holbrook.

"I thought the younger kids came of age in that game. The practice before that game, I saw something different from them, and then the next day they turn around and beat a good Nantucket team."
Cohasset girls basketball coach, John Levangie

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Cohasset goalie Johnny Wade looks on disconsolately during Wednesday night's 11-1 loss to Norwell.

CHS skaters "sent a message"

By Mark Goodman
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HINGHAM - The Norwell and Cohasset hockey teams came into Wednesday night's contest at Pilgrim Ice Arena with different objectives.

The Clippers were looking to continue their recent improvement after a string of sluggish performances a few weeks ago, while the Skippers were hoping to show they were better than the 6-1 loss to Norwell back on Jan. 13.

Mission accomplished for the Clippers (13-1-1, 11-0 South Shore League), who scored early and often in an 11-1 rout of Cohasset.

"We're starting to play better. We're starting to put some good hockey together," said Norwell head coach Paul Hurley after the game. "I'm encouraged."

Hurley's counterpart, Bob Walsh, was obviously singing a different tune after seeing his team out-shot, 37-24, and facing deficits of 3-0 and 8-1 in the first and second intermissions.

"Norwell definitely sent us a message," Walsh said. "If we expect to make the tournament and then accomplish anything in the tournament, we need to do a lot of things better than we did the last two games (Norwell and Saturday's loss to Abington-East Bridgewater)."

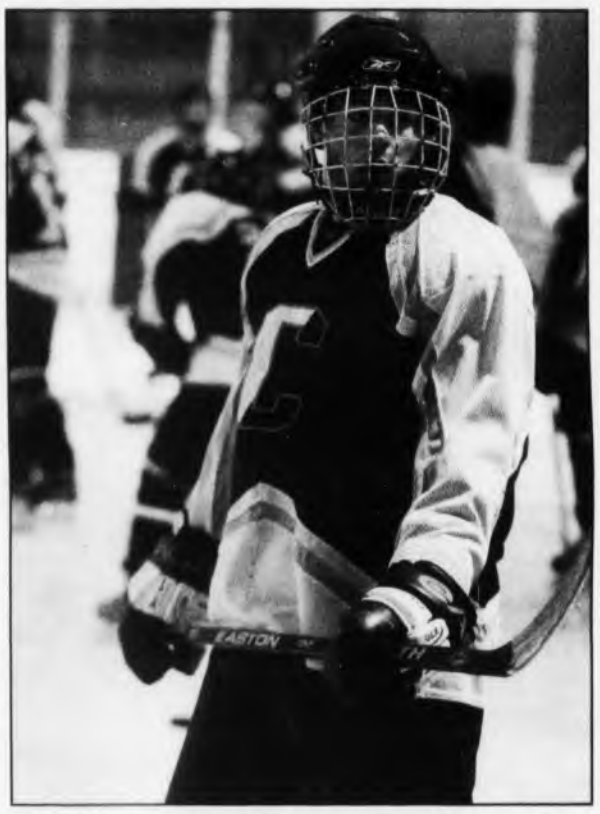
Norwell sophomore Christos Koutrobis opened the scoring just 1:17 into the game, finishing a nice pass from junior Cody Cavicchi, who had wheeled around the Cohasset net and found an open Koutrobis waiting in the slot. Senior Justin Snell scored less than two minutes later on a nice feed from behind the net by junior Danny Dempsey. At the 7:47 mark, Koutrobis and Cavicchi hooked up again, this time with Cavicchi scoring to make it 3-0.

That's how it would stand until the second period, during which the Clippers scored five more unanswered goals. In order, Dempsey, Koutrobis, junior Colin O'Shaughnessy, senior PJ Senatore and sophomore Garrett Duffy all scored for the Clippers. Freshman Patrick Johnston and senior Chris McClendon both picked up assists during the run.

Cohasset got a consolation goal with 47.6 seconds remaining in the second, as sophomore Andrew Smith fired a slapshot wide, but collected the carom off the boards and put the rebound past Norwell senior goalie John Collins. Collins was otherwise perfect in net, making 23 saves.

Snell added to his tally just 41 seconds into the third by poking in a rebound from a Dempsey shot, and Cavicchi finished with a hat trick by converting a pair of breakaway goals late in the proceedings.

The Skippers are now 7-7-2, and need three points in their last three games to qualify for the tournament. They will hope to get two of those points Wednesday night (8:10 face-off) at Bridgewater Ice Arena against Carver-Sacred Heart, a team Cohasset defeated 5-0 back on Jan. 24.



Senior defenseman and captain Conor Holway and his teammates need three points from their last three games to make the Div. 3 state tournament. The Skippers travel to Bridgewater Ice Arena Wednesday night to take on Carver-Sacred Heart.

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5th grade Travel B wins two in a row

Cohasset's fifth grade Travel B team posted its fourth victory Saturday night in front of a standing room-only late night crowd at the Weymouth Air Base against a ball-hawking Halifax team that gave a good fight all night.

The scoring was sparse midway through the first half due to an even exchange of turnovers between the clubs before **Jack Leffel** broke the scoreless tie with a beautiful fade-away to put Cohasset ahead. Leffel had a stellar first half to lead the team in scoring with two points and two assists along with four rebounds to set the tone for the game.

Mark Rattenbury delivered an inspired performance that included draining a sweet six-footer to compliment his dominating play down low with five rebounds and a steal to cap a very productive night. One of Cohasset's other big boys, **Clark Indek**, was battle-ready on the boards, picking up rebounds on both ends of the court to maintain key possessions during the game.

Zach Coggins continued his ball looting prowess with a team-leading five steals including a timely breakaway that turned into a three-point attempt to put the team up 10-4 with 4:52 left in the half.

But Halifax never gave up. The Red Tide continued to draw multiple fouls to give their kids a chance to keep it close – and they did. With six seconds left in the half, Halifax picked up a loose ball to set up a two-foot jumper that dropped in at the buzzer to make it a one possession game down 10-8.

The second half play continued to generate multiple turnovers, but Cohasset managed to stay ahead with improved ball control. **Jack Stanganelli** maintained his great all-around performance in the second half with multiple offensive and defensive rebounds to match his physical play on both sides of the ball, including a trip to the line as compensation for a good drive to the hoop.

Ryan McKeon didn't disappoint with another aggressive display of offense and defense to tally four points, two steals and a rebound. McKeon's tenacity and toughness makes every opponent respect his presence. **Jake Osmanski** drained two in the second half to keep the team ahead with a steady game at forward. **Eric Weinstein** posted four rebounds and a steal to keep the ball away from Halifax as they fought to keep the game close.

But the cool hand of **Doug Fitzgerald** kept Halifax at bay with four points off two beautiful jump shots in each half to match his great defensive effort with multiple rebounds to disrupt Halifax's comeback. The game was still in reach for Halifax until Coggins' final ambush with 6:30 left in the contest. A timely steal left Coggins with a four-foot jumper that was tipped by a Halifax defender and plucked mid-air by **Timmy Cavanaro** for a lay-up to maintain Cohasset's lead.

Cavanaro added another two points with 4:30 left with a nice eight-foot rainbow to put Cohasset ahead by 10 points. Cavanaro had another bang-up night on the boards with a team-leading seven rebounds. In the end, Cohasset prevailed 20-12.

This team continues to put good coaching to work every week. **Jim Fitzgerald** and **Joe Stanganelli** prepare the boys well to compete in each game, which is reflected in the quality of the team's overall effort. Expect this week's rubber match with a red hot Scituate club, fresh off a dramatic comeback win against Hanover, to be a treat.

Abington Stars League - Weymouth Air Station

The Grade 5A boys took on second place Hanover this past Saturday. The boys wound up on the short end of a 28-14 score, but they gave the Hanover boys everything they could handle and were in position to take control of the game until well into the second half.

This game was not high on style points, but if you like tough, physical basketball, this was the game to watch.

Early on, Hanover tried to work the ball inside to its talented frontcourt. Cohasset's big men were up to the challenge, **as Joe Buckley, Mark Brown** and **Conner Green** all used their physical presence to push their big men further out and to contest shots. Although Hanover was able to rebound a bit on the offensive end, Cohasset was able to clean the glass.

Hanover was able to force the Cohasset offense somewhat into rushed shots. However, the boys were getting shots they wanted, but they just didn't drop. This was a key, as a 6-4 deficit gradually grew to 11-4, which ultimately was tough to overcome.

Offensively, Cohasset showed some good ball movement. Hanover's active defense closed off passing lanes, but **Brendan O'Connell, Mark McKenna** and **Matthew MacCormack** continued to show their growing ability to find the open man and throw crisp, clean passes. **Steven Maher** was active defensively and on the boards. Maher also found an opening to hit a short jump shot and to get to the free throw line.

Liam Burke again was a spark off the bench, as he played both small forward and guard, and he hit a beautiful rainbow jumper. **Chris Haggerty** found the opening to hit his nice baseline jump shot, and **Rocco Laugelle**, as usual, disrupted the Hanover offense as he jumped into passing lanes in the open floor.

Green was simply ferocious at both ends of the floor as he battled for loose balls and rebounded with abandon. His emotional play was contagious. Finally, **Dakota Achin** was active in the transition game in the open floor, and he continued to dive for every loose ball.

Whitman at Cohasset HS - Patriot League

The grade 7 boys submitted one of their most gutsy and entertaining performances this past Sunday against Whitman. They were on the short end of a 41-27 score, but they gave second place Whitman all they could handle.

The coaches showed a new

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The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association will hold its annual registration for the upcoming spring baseball and softball season from now through Feb. 15. Parents/guardians may register children by mail, provided that mailed registrations are postmarked no later than Feb. 15.

Registration forms are available on the website, CYBSA.net, or at Town Hall. Registrations that are received or postmarked after Feb. 15 will be subject to a per player $25 late registration fee. The late fee will be strictly enforced, and there is no guarantee that late registered players will be accommodated, as uniform orders and other season plans will be made on Feb. 15. Your cooperation in registering players in a timely manner is greatly appreciated, as it allows the CYBSA to establish rosters and order uniforms so that we are ready for opening day.

The registration is for boys aged 5 to 12 (for Little League) and 13 and 14 (for Junior League) as of April 30, 2007. Softball registration is for girls aged 5 to 12 (for Little League) and 13 and 14 (for Junior League) as of Dec. 31, 2006. A copy of the child's birth certificate must accompany a **new** player's registration forms.

The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the Junior League baseball and softball programs will be $125. The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the Major League baseball (ages 10 to 12) and softball divisions (ages 11 and 12) will be $125.

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Please be advised that children assigned to Major League teams are still required to register.

Please also be advised that effective the 2008 season, 12-year olds boys/girls must play at least one year in the American League to be an automatic selection for the Major League Baseball division. (This does not pertain to softball).

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Please be advised that the child protection program instituted by Little League governing organization requires that all adults interested in coaching, managing or volunteering in any way, are required to register at this same time and supply a photocopy of a government issued identification. Individuals not complying with this requirement will not be allowed to participate in the CYBSA program.

Questions regarding either player or coach registration, or the programs offered to players, may be directed to Liam O'Connell at (781)383-9538 or Nancy Froio at (781)383-1897.

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look, as they substituted the boys as full squads on the floor. Cohasset held an early lead, and both teams were able to take brief control through the early part of the first half.

Whitman's big, strong, athletic front line did not have its way with Cohasset's front court. **Jay Salerno, Robbie Mahoney, Kyrel Jaundoo** and **Chris Murphy** were not intimidated, and they bodied up on Whitman. Whitman consistently threw the ball down low to their big men, and the every shot was contested. Mahoney pushed their big men off the basket, forcing shots from further out. Murphy was a force in the paint on defense, and he worked to drive the lane on the offensive end. Jaundoo was also very active, using his athleticism to contest shots.

The first half closed with Whitman maintaining a seven-point lead. The guard play of **Jamie Faber** - who used his unique blend of size and quickness to take his match-up down low on the offensive end – and **Christian Allard** kept Cohasset close, as they showed some patience and ball movement. **Chris Carpenter** was also very active on defense, using his quick hands to tip passes, slap balls away, and cause turnovers.

In the second half, Whitman tried to pull away, but the Cohasset boys were not intimidated and continued to play a physical brand of ball. Salerno hit two baseline jumpers, and the quickness of **Patrick MacCormack, Pat Kearney** and **Chris Lunde** led to steals and baskets by Kearney, MacCormack, and Jaundoo. Allard was ferocious, as he disrupted the flow of the Whitman offense and led the transition game.

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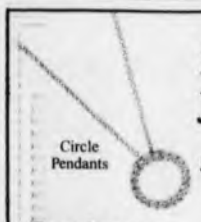
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DESTINATIONS

Paradise found, in Phuket

Text by Paula O'Brien, Photos by Matthew O'Brien

Phuket, Thailand's largest island, is an idyllic site for the country's premier international beach resort. The island's people, picturesque location and myriad water activities make this a true paradise.

Much of the charm of Phuket is that the ocean-facing west coast is lined with a series of bays where white sand beaches span between two rocky points. This makes for a series of relatively intimate places rather than one big stretch of sand lined with high-rise hotels and overflowing with beach-goers.

Tourists have many options when visiting Phuket. The island features an extensive variety of sun and surf activities so there's something for just about everyone. You can also just take in the beauty and splendor of the tropical location. Since it is quite a distance from Boston, you should plan ample time to unwind once you get there. And getting there is no quick trip. A typical Boston flight brings you to New York City, from there you board a plane for the 17-hour flight to Bangkok, and then it's another one-hour flight to Phuket.



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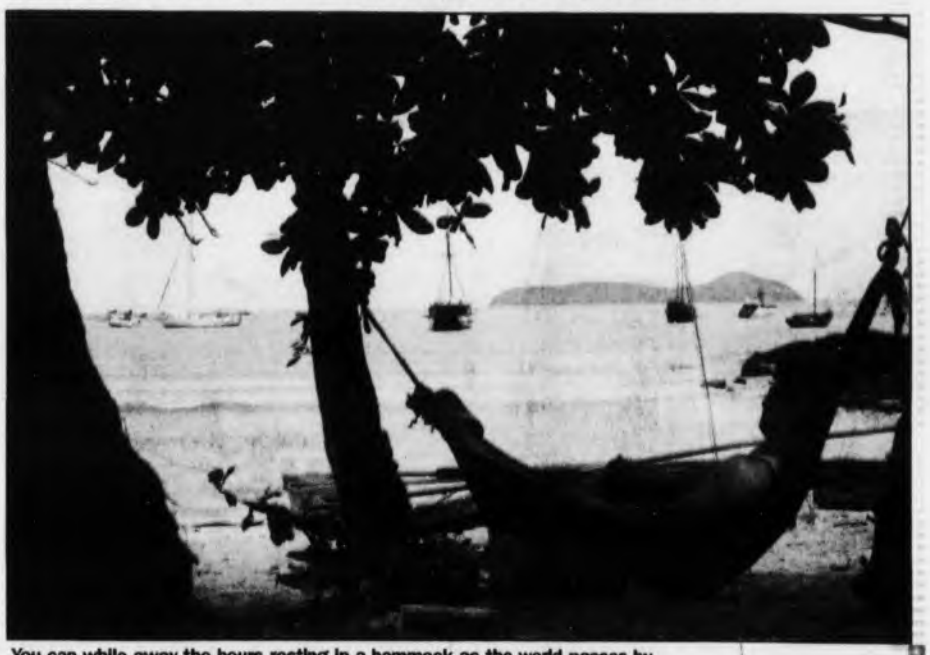
Phuket has become an international destination and with that designation comes overdevelopment and more people. But there is still plenty of nature and local color to be discovered. It has been over the last 30 years or so, that the island has gained widespread international recognition — its white sand beaches and tropical natural beauty making it a haven for tourists and those seeking a long holiday.

As for cuisine, Phuket has developed its own distinct flavors and unique dishes. Perhaps the most famous of these is Kanom Jin. This noodle and fish curry dish is usually eaten at breakfast and is often compared to spaghetti. It comes with a side dish of fresh vegetables and boiled eggs that diners can then blend with the curry to suit their own tastes. Other Phuket favorites include Lo Bah (fried sausage and tofu in a spicy sweet and sour sauce) Oh Tao (oysters deep fried with flour, eggs and taro root) and Tao Sor or Kanom Bia, which is Phuket's own variation on the spring roll.

Phuket experienced its share of loss following the Dec. 26, 2004 tsunami which had an impact on a large area of the Indian Ocean. The tsunami affected different beaches to varying degrees. Many businesses in Patong were essentially destroyed, but re-building began almost immediately. Many establishments reopened within three or four months. Life is pretty much back to normal on the island.



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OBITUARY

Laurens MacLure

Retired president of New England Deaconess Hospital



Laurens MacLure

Laurens MacLure, retired President of New England Deaconess Hospital, now Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, and former Senior Vice President of The Boston Company died in Jacksonville, Fla., after a brief illness on Dec. 24, 2006. He was 81.

Mr. MacLure was born in Boston, and was a graduate of The Fessenden School, Newton High School, Harvard College, and the Harvard Business School AMP.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army Air Force.

He joined Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company in 1949, becoming a vice president in 1958. He moved to the parent company, The Boston Company, in 1966 where he was involved in the development of the Investment Counsel Group, and was president of The Boston Company Advisors. He resigned in 1975 to assume chief executive duties at the Deaconess Hospital, a position he held until his retirement in 1989.

Mr. MacLure was an active member of the Harvard Class of 1949, having served as Class Committee Chairman, Class Treasurer, and Class Agent. He was a member and later chairman of the University Nominating Committee for Overseers and Directors of the Harvard Alumni Association.

He was a trustee of several mutual funds including The New England Funds, the Zenith Group, and C.G.M. Funds as well as director of Controlled Risk Insurance Company and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

Mr. MacLure resided in Cohasset, for 53 years and was involved in several civic, charitable and educational activities having served on the Town of Cohasset Advisory Committee, as president of the Cohasset Red Cross Chapter, a director of United Community Services, a trustee of Wheelock College and of Beaver Country Day School. At the time of his death he was an honorary trustee of the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

He enjoyed spending time with his family, sailing the coast of Maine, and was an avid photographer. He was also a golf enthusiast and member of The Country Club, Cohasset Golf Club, the Amelia Island Club, and Lyford Cay Club.

Mr. MacLure leaves his wife of 54 years, Janet (White) MacLure of Amelia Island, Fla.; two daughters, Allison Cowen of Duxbury, and Amy Wilsterman of Ho-Ho-Kus, N.J.; and two sons, Laurens MacLure, Jr. of Reisterstown, Md., and Henry G. MacLure, III of Los Angeles, Calif., as well as eight grandchildren. He also leaves his sister, Katherine Lincoln of Cohasset and her family.

A memorial service was held at the Amelia Plantation Chapel in January.

Memorial contributions may be sent to: Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, 330 Brookline Avenue, Boston, MA 02215.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chairman: William Baird.

Sunday, Feb. 11

10 a.m.— Worship for all generations in the Meeting House — "Open Hearts"

Religious education classes for toddlers and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 AM in the Meeting House. Older children and youth will gather with their parents in the Meeting House.

11:15 a.m. — A special congregational meeting "to vote to approve the mission statement developed by participants in the Mission Weekend, February 3 - 4 — Trueblood Hall.

Right after the special meeting, join us for a CHOCOLATE AUCTION! — A FUNdraiser just in time for Valentine's Day - Trueblood Hall

Dark chocolate is good for heart and soul. Let's contribute something and buy something. Bring your favorite chocolate treat, however simple, however exotic, however calorie rich or calorie modest, or non-caloric: a basket of cocoa butter products? Bring it to Trueblood Hall by 9:30 AM. Then check out the options and join the fun!

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church located at 16 Highland Ave. in Cohasset Village. Our offices are open daily during the week until 2:30. Appointments for special meetings with the staff and/or clergy can be made by calling the church at 781-383-1083. You can learn about us and worship with us by visiting our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org. We have children's church school program of Godly Play each Sunday at 10, special programs for teens, bible studies and fellowship. May God bless you this day.

This Week at St. Stephen's:

• Sunday, 9 a.m. Worship Service; 10 a.m.,

• Monday, 7:30 p.m. Christian Meditation

• Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist & Healing; 10:30 a.m. Bible Study

• Friday, 9:30 a.m., Yoga; 12 noon, Soup and Sandwich

• Saturday, 7 a.m., Bible Fellowship

• Sunday Morning Prayer 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.,

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (third Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); Scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination: Christian Science. 781-749-2874. Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

WORSHIP NOTES

Abbey series

The fourth lecture in this year's Glastonbury Abbey's Inter-Religious Lecture series *"Listening to Other Voices: The Fears that Bind Us"* is Thursday, Feb. 15, at 7:15 p.m. in the Glastonbury Conference Center.

The program led by the **Rev. Hurmon E. Hamilton, Jr.,** founding leader of the **Roxbury Presbyterian Church Social Impact Center** will educate, inspire and challenge. How do you overcome fears in the midst of poverty, violence and despair? Reservations recommended 781-749-2155. Lectures are free - donations gratefully accepted.

St. Joseph Center winter events

St. Joseph Retreat Center at 339 Jerusalem Road in Cohasset will host the following winter programs:

• Day of Prayer –To be held in observance of Ash Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

• At-Home Retreat and Directed Prayer Weekends – To be held from Friday to Sunday, Feb. 16 to Feb. 18, Feb. 23 to 25 and March 16 to18. Stay at the Retreat Center for the three days or make your retreat at home and come to the center for a daily 45-minute individual spiritual direction sessions.

For information on these programs as well as other 2007 events, call 781-383-6024, visit csjboston.org and click on Retreat Center, or e-mail retreat-center@csjboston.org.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

SUNDAY, JAN. 21

1:19 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:20 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:56 a.m. **Ash St.**, caller requests advice about annoying phone calls.

3:15 a.m. **HQ.**, bolo announcement, male attempted to gain entry to estranged girlfriend's home. He fled when he realized police were notified. Wanted for attempted B&E.

3:28 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, assist citizen, resident calling to make sure the police were responding to the correct address.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny. Temp: 11. Wind: Gusty.

9:24 a.m. **North Main St.**, animal complaint, caller reports a raccoon in her yard acting strange.

9:54 a.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:55 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop.

10:39 a.m. **Norman Todd Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal for speeding.

11:24 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted.

11:33 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:37 a.m. **North Main St.**, disturbance.

12:27 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, schools secure.

1:37 p.m. **Hollett St., Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

2:13 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:45 p.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, caller reports her neighbor is locked out of her residence.

2:56 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop.

4:09 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, first aid to officer – minor injury.

5:56 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

5:56 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked school.

7:33 p.m. **Surry Drive**, ADT called advised alarm going off at above address, homeowner contacted Fire Dept. – alarm went off due to cooking.

9:45 p.m. **Pond St.**, suspicious activity, caller advised there was a vehicle parked in front of her residence, she didn't know who it belonged to.

11:12 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

11:13 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

MONDAY, JAN. 22

12:24 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:25 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

6:45 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

7 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:53 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller on a State Police transfer call reports a male walking through the parking lot with a pocketbook in his hand and a female following him in a vehicle, unsure how the male got a hold of the pocketbook. Caller was an employee of the store. Everything at this location checks out ok. The male was carrying the pocketbook while his wife put things in the car. No problems.

10:57 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:16 a.m. **Brook St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:32 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:20 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, officer requesting tow for motor vehicle with revoked plates. Cohasset woman summoned on charges: Operating motor vehicle with suspended registration, speeding in violation of special regulation.

6:31 p.m. **Shore Sector**, icy road conditions.

8:06 p.m. **Sohier St., and King St.**, motor vehicle stop, citation for inspection sticker to owner.

8:20 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

8:53 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop. Abington male summoned on charges: Operating motor vehicle with suspended license, speeding in violation of special regulations.

TUESDAY, JAN. 23

12:52 a.m. **All Over Town**, icy road conditions.

1:21 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

7:25 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, icy road conditions, Nichols Road and by the Cunningham Bridge, DPW notified.

11 a.m. **Highland Ave.**, fire, investigation, caller reports she has smoke coming out of her electric sockets and can hear crackling inside the sockets. National Grid notified. Fire Capt. reports they have shut down electric to two houses so far, they are checking more.

12:37 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop.

1:17 p.m. **Samuel Woodworth Rd., Norwell**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, Norwell Fire requesting R3 for a party with the cold flu and respiratory problems.

3:21 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

3:32 p.m. **Elm St.**, building checks.

4:39 p.m. **Lower King St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, callers report a motor vehicle accident, no personal injury reported, the two parties involved are arguing with each other. Officer reports one of the vehicles in the woods. Officer reports this was a car gone off the road, not a two car accident, the father of the youth that was driving this vehicle came to help, it wasn't an argument.

4:53 p.m. **Market St., Rockland**, bolo announcement, from Rockland PD, be on the look out for a motor vehicle, a 1993 Chevy Caprice, color white. A male party in this vehicle entered a Rockland bar with a 3 foot metal pipe looking for a specific person whom he wanted to kill. The person was not in the bar and the suspect left in the vehicle in an unknown direction. The suspect was yelling about a rape and left extremely angry and possibly under the influence.

6:01 p.m. **Border St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:17 p.m. **Town Lot**, suspicious vehicle.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24

1:34 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:35 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

8:17 a.m. **Pond St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports her carbon monoxide detector is going off. Caller reports her daughter is awake but it was her room where the alarm was going off and they had a vehicle warming up in the driveway right next to this room. Fire Capt. reports very high readings at this time on the second floor where the 4-year-old girl was. Units tied up on scene.

8:55 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, medical aid.

9:20 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, fire, investigation, E3 to this location for an outside odor of gas. Fire Capt. reports two separate locations that are ongoing problems. Keyspan contacted and will respond today.

9:34 a.m. **Beach St.**, fire, investigation, Fire Capt. reports they have received a report of a low hanging limb at this location, they are going to investigate. Fire Capt. reports there are branches hanging on the primary.

9:48 a.m. **Sankey Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, shortness of breath.

11:01 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:12 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, building checks.

11:23 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party wanted to speak to an officer regarding a problem he is having with his landlord. No report needed at this time just wanted advice.

1:55 p.m. **Elm St.**, property (lost), walk in party reports he needs a number for a lost phone report.

4:02 p.m. **Red Gate Lane**, animal complaint, officer and ACO to this location for an order of restraint.

6:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller would like to speak with an officer.

6:13 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, caller reports she has fallen and needs help getting up.

7:36 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking complaint, 2 vehicles tagged.

10:29 p.m. **Hull St., and Cedar St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:55 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

THURSDAY, JAN. 25

6 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:05 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

9:58 a.m. **Samoset Ave., Hull**, medical aid, transported QMC/BLS.

10:43 a.m. **Windy Hill Rd.**, fire, inspections.

10:44 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:14 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:22 p.m. **Cedar St., and North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:08 p.m. **Ash St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports she's lost electricity, there is a wire hanging from a pole in the area, this will be pole number 2. E3 reports this is a blown fuse, notifying the electric company.

Legal Notices

WOOD ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 07P0142EP

In the Estate of CLARE S. WOOD
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death December 13, 2006

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that MIRIAM L. STODDARD of WESTON in the County of MIDDLESEX or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **MARCH 7, 2007.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, January 24, 2007.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11239211
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GITAKOS ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
NORFOLK DIVISION
DOCKET NO 06P0855GI
SALE OF REAL ESTATE – GUARDIAN

To all persons interested in the estate of CHRYSSI GITAKOS of COHASSET in said County.

A petition has been presented to said court for license to sell at private sale certain real estate of said CHRYSSI GITAKOS for maintenance.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said court at Canton before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the 23RD **day of FEBRUARY 2007**, the return day of this citation.

Witness, DAVID H. KOPELMAN, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this day 1ST of FEBRUARY 2007.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register

AD#11241136
Cohasset Mariner 2/9/07

GITAKOS PETITION
LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
NORFOLK DIVISION
DOCKET NO 06P0855GI
GENERAL PETITION

To CHRYSSI GITAKOS of COHASSET in the county of Norfolk, and to all persons interested in the estate of CHRYSSI GITAKOS, a person under GUARDIANSHIP.

A petition has been presented to said Court by RACHELLE L. BOUCHER for authorization to ESTABLISH AN ESTATE PLAN for reasons more fully set out in said petition.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Cantonbefore ten o'clock in the forenoon on the 23RD **day of FEBRUARY 2007**, the return day of this citation.

Witness, DAVID H. KOPELMAN, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this 1ST day of FEBRUARY, 2007.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register

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Cohasset Mariner 2/9/07

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LIFE AT CHS

MICHAEL CORRY



We're living a digital era, the friendly letter is now a thing of antiquity, and social interaction has been replaced by AIM and blackberries, iPods and cell phones. In a world with massively multiplayer online Role Playing Games, and personal computers, the world is literally at our fingertips. Are all these impersonal activities weakening our social skills? Probably. The real question is: are we flirting with de-evolution? Time will tell.

The next time you're about to ditch your friends (if you have any) and be a troglodyte, set up Tivo or DVR. Halo and World of Warcraft are still going to be there when you get home. Put down the potato chips, clean yourself up and get out there — life is a MMORPG. While the graphics are extremely realistic in life, there are no save points; act accordingly.

The NHS is still collecting school supplies for Operation Iraqi Children! Please, donate *new* supplies — they aren't looking for pencils with teeth marks! Please donate before Feb. 16th, donation boxes are set up in all of Cohasset's schools.

Have your finger on the pulse of the community? Even if you don't, I'll clue you in. Nalgene water bottles are in. If you want to kill two birds with one stone, get one of these fashionable (and resilient) bottles from The Cohasset Arts Magazine! For the paltry sum of $10, you can stay hip and donate to a worthy cause. Contact Ms. Nina Berkowitz at nberkowitz@cohassetk12.org for information.

SENIORS! Ms. Elinore Barrett will be creating a DVD with pictures of the *entire* class from K-12, so please find group photos to turn in! Photos can be submitted electronically to EKB424@aol.com or put in an envelope with your name on it and turned into Callie Barrett. The deadline is April 1st.

The next Post Prom meeting is scheduled for Monday March 5th at 6 p.m. at the Paul Pratt library. Senior parent volunteers are needed, and appreciated!

- Monday after school Project SAFEGUARD met.
- Tuesday after school the ADL Peer Leadership training took place in the library.
- After school Tuesday the Middle School faculty met.
- Tuesday night was High School Curriculum Night in the Auditorium.
- Wednesday report cards were sent home.
- After school Wednesday the NEASC follow up meeting was held.
- The School Council met Wednesday after school.
- Wednesday night the Chatterton Committee met in the library.
- Thursday morning the PSO President's Council met.
- This morning the Diversity Committee met.

Hopefully it will warm up, because if it continues to be this cold, most of us will be staying indoors for the majority of the weekend. Kudos to those who work outside, you're tougher than us wimps. See you next week.



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The Cohasset Education Foundation presents a check for $14,000 for Promethean whiteboards and the Safari Video Montage on Demand System to Cohasset schools. From left, are CEF Board Member Mary McGoldrick, Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan, Deer Hill Principal Keith Gauley, CMHS Principal Joel Antolini and Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh.

State-of-the art tools purchased

CEF funds projects at town's schools

By Catherine O'Callaghan
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Safari Montage Video on Demand system now allows all teachers access to broadcast videos from an extensive library of over 2000 video titles for grades K-12.

The Cohasset Education Foundation (CEF) announced the funding of two projects benefiting the Cohasset schools. The CEF presented the Cohasset schools with a check for $7,000 to purchase two Promethean whiteboards. Both the Cohasset Middle High School and Deer Hill School will have one of these interactive whiteboards, which will be available to all the classes at these schools. The CEF also provided funding of $7,000 for a Safari Video Montage on Demand system for all the Cohasset schools. Due to the advancement of this technology, teachers will now be able to download videos from an extensive library to use in a wide range of subject matters.

The Promethean whiteboards will allow teachers, at Deer Hill and the Middle High schools, to present dynamic lessons increasing student motivation and learning. Students can manipulate information directly on the large projection screen by using an electronic pen to drag images, write or draw, highlight information and activate links to cause actions or sounds which can be seen and heard by everyone in the class.

The whiteboard lessons include tools such as graph paper for mathematics applications, maps for geography applications, direct links to the internet, and video clips to enhance science and history applications. Schools are finding these interactive whiteboards allow students greater opportunities for participation, collaboration, and presentation of their work to classmates in creative ways.

Mary McGoldrick, Chair of the CEF Grant Committee, in recommending the approval of the grant proposal for these whiteboards, found that both teachers and students using the interactive whiteboard would be able to achieve much greater interaction with teaching material and each other.

"The learning process is enhanced as students become more engaged in the lesson, which in turn helps improve understanding and knowledge retention," McGoldrick says.

"If the boards prove to be effective, we hope that additional boards can be funded by the regular school budget" adds Chris Oddliefson, President of the CEF.

The schools also requested funds for a Safari Video Montage on Demand System from the CEF. Teachers in grades K - 12 relied on rented or previously purchased VHS tapes or DVDs to support their curriculum. There were many problems and disadvantages to this due to the limited availability of the requested tapes, the number of classes requesting to use the tapes were far greater than the tapes that were available and many times the tapes were not updated. Technology designers attempted to address this problem with on-line streaming video. The problem Cohasset faced with this system was that streaming video consumed most of the LAN bandwidth — one teacher using the technology could reduce the LAN bandwidth by almost 90 percent.

The Safari Montage Video on Demand system now allows all teachers access to broadcast videos from an extensive library of over 2000 video titles for grades K-12. These videos can now be accessed from our own server, located at the high school, and viewed simply by requesting it from the teacher's computer. The movies are sent from the teacher's computer and then projected onto a TV monitor in each classroom or in a lab by the LCD projector.

The Safari Montage Video on Demand System provides the ability to store, manage and access digital video from the Cohasset Schools; over 2000 high quality videos for grades K-12, the ability for students and teachers to create and disseminate their own videos; available resource of maps, photos, graphics, audio recordings and text files; and the ability to select multiple clips from various searched videos and play them at one time.

McGoldrick reports that the Cohasset Public Schools should see an increase in the use of video to enhance the curriculum.

The CEF is a non-profit local organization, which promotes academic initiatives and excellence in the Cohasset Public Schools. The CEF encourages and supports innovative projects and programs of an enduring value in teaching and learning that are consistent with Cohasset's system-wide goals. It also encourages leadership and creativity in teachers and administrators in the Cohasset schools.

"We understand that there is a pretty steep leaning curve and our hope is that some teachers find ways to enhance the educational experience of our children," Oddleifson says.

With community support, the CEF reached its fund raising goal for the end of January 2007 of $250,000. The CEF has an Endowment Fund, designated for the long-term health of the schools and a Project Fund, which funds projects such as the Osgood Computer Lab, the Promethian whiteboards, and the Safari Montage Video on Demand System. The CEF will be hosting a dinner and auction on Saturday, May 19th. If you would like to get involved or contribute to the CEF, please visit the website, www.cohasseteducation.org or contact Catherine O'Callaghan at cathocal@aol.com.

Cohasset teacher leads effort to raise CO2 awareness

David Ames, a ninth grade science teacher at Cohasset High School, has started a unique project that will allow students and community residents to see just how big the Earth's carbon dioxide problem is.

Working with students, Ames is building a 27-cubic-foot box made of PVC piping to represent the space taken up by one ton of carbon dioxide. The point of the construction effort is to highlight the enormity of the carbon dioxide problem, as the average human being gives off 15 times the carbon-dioxide represented by the cube. He is trying to impress upon the enormity of the carbon dioxide issue, seeing as the average human being gives off 15 of these cubes a year. A cube of that size would be longer than a football field, and about 40 stories tall.

The first leg of the project kicked off after school on Feb. 6, when several dedicated students showed up with calculators and pencils, ready to make a scale model of their future creation out of straws. Ames hopes to have this project finished by the time spring sports start in late March, and hopes to display it outside the school or on the football field for the remainder of the school year.



Pictured INSIDE the 4-1/2 foot x 4-1/2 foot, 4-1/2 foot scale model CO2 cube as the students have dubbed their 27-foot carbon dioxide representational cube are James Earle (seated in front) Thomson Jaffe, Megan Richardson and Cohasset High School science teacher David Ames. Made of straws the model is one-sixth the size of the future 27-square-foot cube the students and Mr. Ames will construct this spring. The finished cube will represent one-fifteenth (1/15) the amount of carbon dioxide the average human produces annually. A dramatic visualization of each individual's impact on global warming.

Extra credit for Valentine's Day!

The perfect Valentine's Day gift idea that will last long after the 14th: a donation to the CEF is a wonderful way to honor a specific teacher or school employee at Valentine's Day or anytime. Donations may also be made in honor of relatives, friends, coaches, grandparents, and any other special people or as a memorial remembrance. Your child's teacher or other special recipient will receive a card acknowledging that a donation has been made in his or her honor with your personalized Valentine's message. The amount of the gift will not be disclosed.

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What's happening on the South Shore

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Raffael's has a touch of spring fever

Hull restaurant announces upcoming dinner theater schedule

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

This week's temperatures may tell the cold, hard story that winter is still very much in season, but the calendar says spring is only weeks away. With warmer weather in mind, Quincy's JM Productions recently announced its Spring 2007 Dinner Theatre season at Raffael's Restaurant in Hull, which will begin St. Patrick's Day weekend, March 16-17, with the traditional Irish sounds of The Exiles.

A trio of performers — Bob Drouin on vocals and also bouzouki, fiddle, banjo, whistle, and flute; Jeff Feingold on bodhran and vocals; and Jay Gilbert on guitar, banjo, and backing vocals — The Exiles play everything from traditional Irish instrumental dance music and their own compositions to high-energy jigs and reels.

"As JM Productions begins our 26th season, we are pleased to offer talent from Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York City," said JM founder and producing director John F. McDonald Jr. "We're delighted to be presenting our first shows of the new season during March which is Cabaret Month. Our St. Patrick's Day shows connect two styles of music – Irish and cabaret. The Exiles have played in Ireland and are regularly featured in many Boston venues. They will have us all singing the traditional Irish songs as well as some original songs by this talented trio. They play so many instruments that even the non-Irish will be impressed by these Boston originals."



The cast of 'Guys by Dolls'



The Exiles

On April 20, Raffael's will once again welcome the musical revue "Guys by Dolls: Sinatra to 'N Sync," featuring five female vocalists presenting some of the best-known songs of male crooners, country singers, rock and rollers and even the boy bands. Local favorite Sheila Fahey of Neponset is joined on stage by her daughter Jennifer Fahey, also of Neponset, her niece Patty Lee of Braintree, and her friends Kathy Teevans Fitzpatrick of Milton and Braintree's Mary Ellen Anson, who lend their voices as back-up singers.

The elder Fahey has been a fixture on the South Shore community theater scene for more than two decades, most notably in JM Productions stagings of "Mame" and "Hello, Dolly!" and the company's original holiday musical, "What Christmas Means To Me," in which Fahey delivered a near-legendary 20-minute comedic monologue in 15 consecutive annual productions.

On April 21, Fahey and her "Guys by Dolls" cast mates will be back on-stage at Raffael's in their acclaimed revue "Connie, Brenda, Patsy & Me" a musical homage to female vocalists Connie Francis, Patsy Cline and Brenda Lee. The greatest hits of these legendary ladies make for a memorable song list, complemented by Fahey's addition of the "Me" component, which allows the local songstress to present the music of other artists who have influenced her personal life and her career as a singer.

Both "Guys by Dolls" and "Connie, Patsy, Brenda and Me" are under the musical direction of Milton's Mark Donahue.

"These are two of our most popular shows and have sold out four times over the last five years. Our regulars have asked to see the shows again so we've decided to present both in one weekend," explained McDonald, who has been an entertainment presenter on the South Shore since 1981.

On May 3 and 4, JM Productions will have patrons remembering where they were in the 1960s when The Turntables take to the stage in Hull for a musical journey back some 40 years to a time before iPods when listening to music on the go meant a transistor radio. The Turntables have been together since 2001. They celebrate the '60s with the terrific music, period costumes and a sing-a-long designed to encourage everyone to join in a nostalgic walk down memory lane. Originally formed for a private performance to raise money for Hull Community Theatre, this Raffael's date marks a rare public appearance by a group that has its own loyal South Shore following.



The Turntables

New York cabaret artist Dane Vannatter rounds out the spring season at Raffael's with his tribute to Tony Bennett on June 15. Vannatter's special guest for the evening will be legendary Artie Shaw Orchestra leader Dick Johnson on reeds.

"Our final show of the spring is hot enough to be the natural prelude to summer. We have been trying to book the very busy and talented Dane Vanatter for many years and we're thrilled he will finally join us in Hull. His voice and singing style will not only send your heart soaring but to hear this man sing the Tony Bennett songbook will make you wish you wish you brought all your friends. Dane Vanatter's voice, Tony Bennett's songs and the beauty of Nantasket beach in June combine to make this a one-night-only event not to be missed," according to McDonald.

For tickets and more information about JM Productions spring season of Dinner Theatre at Raffael's, 45 Hull Shore Drive, Hull, call either 617-786-7469 or 781-925-4515 or visit jmproductions.com.



Dane Vannatter

Movie review

More 'Release' than a 'Catch'

Catch and Release (C)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

In the romantic comedy "Catch and Release" — or "No Wedding and a Funeral" — viewers are required to sit through too many long, mirthless stretches. To take a cue from the film's symbolism, it's like fishing without any bites.

Jennifer Garner, who has charm to burn and bone structure to die for, is Gray Wheeler, a Boulder, Colo., resident about to marry Grady, the man of her dreams, until Grady, an outdoorsman, is killed in a freak accident at his own bachelor party.

Now, if that strikes you as a contrived setup, you haven't seen anything yet.

At the reception following Grady's funeral, where, to paraphrase Shakespeare, "the marriage trappings did coldly furnish forth the burial rites," Grady's best friend, Fritz (handsome, if bland Timothy Olyphant, "Deadwood"), gets lucky with a cute caterer in the same bathroom where the inconsolable Gray has hidden herself behind the shower curtain.

Wham. Bam. Thank you, "Mr. Yummy." Mr. Yummy?

Before you can say, this is "meet cute" to the 10th power, Gray and Fritz are bickering, bantering and finding consolation in one another's arms. Grady's clueless, clownish former roommates Sam (Kevin Smith, mimicking a foraging panda bear) and Dennis (Sam Jaeger in a slight role) try to provide comic relief with little or no success.



Wild playboy Fritz (Timothy Olyphant) tries to cheer up Gray (Jennifer Garner).

We soon learn the late Grady wasn't such a "catch" after all. He had a wacky massage-therapist mistress, in the form of Juliette Lewis, and a love-child (Joshua Friesen).

Written and directed by Susannah Grant ("28 Days," "In Her Shoes"), "Catch and Release" is belabored and much too in love with the fishing metaphor of its title. Every few minutes, the action cues a dippy form of soft pop by such bands as Foo Fighters and the Lemonheads.

The film is also reminiscent of a number of past Julia Roberts movies, all of which depend heavily upon casting and chemistry. Smith tries to bring a hint of "Clerks"-style humor to the action. Meanwhile, Dennis gets involved with a girl named — are you ready? — Persephone. The great Irish actress Fiona Shaw (Harry Potter's Aunt Petunia) is mostly wasted as Grady's bitter mother, although she and Garner seem ready to cut each other to pieces with their cheekbones.

Garner and Olyphant have little screen chemistry, and the film features a flagrant and elaborate Celestial Seasonings tie-in. Two weeks ago, this would have starred Kate Hudson.

In one of the film's more memorable lines, Los Angeleno Fritz observes that Boulder resembles a Patagonia Disneyland.

But would you pay $10 to hear it?

Rated PG-13. "Catch and Release" contains profanity and sexual situations.

Calendar of events

Thursday, Feb. 8

Join **Loretta LaRoche** as she spills the beans at the **Radisson-Plymouth Hotel** on Thursday, Feb. 8, from 7 to 10 pm. Portion of the proceeds from this show to benefit the Lupus Foundation . Tickets are $49 for general admission, and $69 for Gold Circle Seating, which also includes a pre-show meet-and-greet with Loretta and a copy of her *Squeeze the Day* book. Tickets are on sale at 50 Court St. in Plymouth, online at www.ticketweb.com, and by calling 508-747-1340 and 866-468-7619.

Halifax in Lights – the town's July 4th celebration –hosts a **wine tasting and silent auction** Thursday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. at BR's Monponsett Inn on Monponsett Street/Route 58. For more details visit the Halifax in Lights Web site at http://www.town.halifax.ma.us/halifaxinlights.html.

Late Nite Catechism at The Company Theatre in Norwell, MA, which has already sold out six of the seven performances, the Directors have announced that tickets have gone on sale for an additional performance on: Thursday, Feb. 8 at 2 p.m. **Tickets are half price for this special matinee** There are also still a small amount of tickets remaining for Sunday, Feb. 11 at 7:30 .p.m. Tickets are priced at $30, and are available at The Company Theatre box-office at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companythreatre.com

Linden Ponds and Buttonwood Books & Toys welcome **Nardi Reeder Campion** at Linden Ponds, 300 Linden Ponds Way, Hingham on Feb. 8 at 2 p.m. Ms. Campion, an octogenarian close to her nineties, will discuss her new book, "Over the Hill You Pick Up Speed: Reflections on Aging (For Anyone Who Happens To)", a collection of essays about the pleasures and frustrations of aging. This is a free event and the public is welcome. As Linden Ponds is a gated community, RSVP to 1-800-832-5319 so that they may expect your arrival and inform the gatehouse. Books, provided by Buttonwood, will be available for purchase at the event. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a personalized and/or signed copy, please call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com

The Buttonwood Middle School (Grades 6, 7,8) Book Group invites all fifth graders to join them on Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw' s Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset, to discuss "The Ear, The Eye and The Arm" by Nancy Farmer. The facilitator is Deer Hill School librarian Ms. Barb Mullin. No reservations are necessary. 1-781-383-2665

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Children ages three to six are invited to experience the joy of dance with José Mateo's Ballet Theatre, and the joy of music with South Shore Conservatory at a special Arts Open House on Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Conservatory's Hingham and Duxbury campuses. Children may take a Creative Dance or Pre-Ballet class, participate in a hands-on music class, and see Ballet Theatre's Youth Works dancers perform, free of charge. The one-and-a-half-hour long open house starts at 1 pm at the Conservatory's Hingham campus at One Conservatory Drive, and is repeated at the Duxbury campus at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George Street, at 4 pm. For information, visit southshoreconservatory.org

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The Dickinson Group will open a new art gallery in Weymouth on Route 18, next to the former Weymouth Naval Air Station. The gallery, known as **Art Treasure Gallery**, officially opened its doors with a Jan. 11, show featuring the works of 20 local and national artists. Artists interested in displaying at the Weymouth gallery are asked to contact gallery director Gabriel Catbagan at 781-331-9841.

The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. Feb. 8, BBC **"Pint Night"** featuring **Flydown** formerly The Alliance.

Friday, Feb. 9

Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Feb. 9, 6 p.m. Bestselling author, **Ann Hood** reading/signing "Knitting Circle." Free. Call for info: 781-545-5011 or frontstreetbookshop.com

The Milton Players will present the hilarious British comedy, "**Noises Off**," at the **Milton Woman's Club** at 90 Reedsdale Road in Milton. Performances are Feb. 9, and 10, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. All evening performances feature cabaret-style seating, with complimentary wine, cheese and soft drinks. Tickets, which can be purchased at miltonplayers.org, are $20 for evening performances and $15 for the Sunday matinee. For information and reservations, call 1-698-7469 or visit miltonplayers.org.

South Shore Art Center at 119 Ripley Road, in Cohasset is mounting an exhibition of works on paper selected by **Stephanie Walker**, director of Boston's Chase Gallery. "***Works on Paper***" opens in the **Bancroft Gallery** and continues through Feb. 25. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

New Repertory Theatre enters 2007 with the New England premiere of "**Silence,**" by British Playwright Moira Buffini, which plays through Feb. 11. Tickets: $31-$50, depending on time of the week and time of the show. Discounts for seniors and students. Call: 617-923-8487 or buy at newrep.org.

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Next Page Café, 550 Broad Street, Weymouth, will feature the **The Ripchordz** Feb. 9, at 9:15 p.m. No cover. 781-335-9796 nextpagecafe.com

Saturday, Feb. 10

The Fifth Annual Chocolate Lovers and Wine Tasting is scheduled to take place on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Nantasket Beach Hotel and Conference Center, located at 45 Hull Shore Drive in Hull. All proceeds will benefit Why Me, Inc., a non-profit organization that is dedicated to assisting the families of children with cancer throughout New England. Tickets $50 in advance and $55 at the door, and are 100 percent tax deductible. Attendees of the ***Chocolate Lovers & Wine Tasting*** will also receive discounted room rates at the Clarion Nantasket Beach Resort Hotel & Spa. Tickets can be purchased online at whyme.org or by check payable to Why Me, Inc. and mailed to 862B Nantasket Ave., Hull, Mass. 02045. For information call Susan Oberg Jacobvitz at 781-925-9793.

Bob , the Green Iguana is having a birthday party Saturday, Feb. 10, 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the **South Shore Natural Science Center,** Norwell and you're invited. Join the party and have close encounter of the jungle kind. Meet Bob and some of his rainforest friends and enjoy games and crafts. Top off the festivities with a special "Bob Birthday Cake" - fun for everyone. $8 Members/$10 Non-members. Pre-registration and Pre-payment required, limit 60.

The South Shore Jewish Film Festival at **Congregation Shirat Hayam** presents its second feature screening of the season, **Rashevski's Tango.** The screening will take place at Congregation Shirat Hayam (on the premises of the Marshfield United Methodist Church), 185 Plain St. (Route 139) in Marshfield on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are only $5 per person and can be reserved by emailing info@shirathayam.net or calling 781-582-2700 and leaving your name, phone number and the amount of tickets requested. Although tickets will be available at the door, reservations are appreciated. Further information, as well as directions to our Temple, is available on our website, www.shirathayam.net

The International Guild of Knot Tyers returns to the museum on Saturday, Feb. 10 from noon to 4 p.m. During their last three visits they amused, amazed and taught the young and young at heart the ins-and-outs of the art of knot tying, as well as a magic trick or two. Admission to the IGKT interactive exhibition is free. The Plymouth Cordage Museum is located in the Tower Building, Cordage Commerce Center, off Rte. 3A in Plymouth. Hours: Saturdays and Sundays, except for holidays, noon to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For information, or to schedule class trips or club outings contact Ellen Remlinger, 508-746-7707.

The monthly Down East Dancers Country Dance will be held at the Taunton Elks Lodge, 119 High St., Taunton, on Feb. 10. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Couples and Line dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight with DJ and Dance Instructor, Dave Pytka. Refreshments; cash bar. Admission: $6.For more info. 508-680-6736 or 781-925-9066. downeastdancers.com

The Animal Rescue League of Boston and **Atlantica on Cohasset Harbor** are joining together to help raise money for homeless animals currently waiting to be adopted at the League's Pembroke Shelter. On the Harbor for the Animal Rescue League of Boston takes place Feb. 10, from 5 to 9 p.m. at Atlantica Restaurant on Cohasset Harbor, 44 Border St., Cohasset, 781-383-0900. This is a proceeds evening. Mention the Animal Rescue League of Boston and 15 percent of your bill will go directly to the Animal Rescue League of Boston to help homeless animals at the League's Pembroke Shelter.

The South Street Gallery, featuring local, regional and national artists, has announced that the entire month of February will be filled with portrait painting demonstrations by South Shore artists. The South Street Gallery is located at 149 South St., one minute from the Square in Hingham. Hours are from Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. For additional information, call 781-749-0430 or visit southstreetgallery.com

Texas Hold'em Fundraiser**:** The Irish Sports Youth League of New England will be holding a Texas Hold'em fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Dorchester Post, Adams St., Dorchester. All funds raised will benefit the league's U16 team travel to Ireland this coming summer. Doors open at 7 p.m. Buy in is $100. Pay out of over $5,000 (based on 120 participants). There will be a cash bar and buffet. For information contact 508-962-9961. Everyone welcome.

Lunenburg, artist Mike Cunliffe Thompson will exhibit his oil paintings in the Clemens Gallery of the Hingham Public Library through March 1. Mr. Thompson's Clemens Gallery exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours Learn more about the artist by visiting the Library's website hinghamlibrary.org

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The One & Only Boston Chocolate Tour will return to satisfy New England's collective sweet tooth every Saturday from January through April. The fully-narrated, **three-hour journey** of decadent desserts and fun facts features tasty visits to Top of the Hub Restaurant, the historic Omni Parker House Hotel and The Langham Hotel Boston, The tour departs from the Trolley Stop Store at the corner of Boylston and South Charles Streets every Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Tickets are $75 per person. Advance reservations are required and may be made by calling 617-269-7010.



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Discovery Concert: Classical Carpools at the Jr/Sr School (formerly Community Montessori School), Rte 123, Scituate. Feb. 11, at 3 p.m. Classical music can be heard in the strangest places; it provides the soundtrack for some of our most fond memories. HSO's Discovery Concert mines those memories in a program that appeals to children of all ages. With conductor Jin Kim's delightful narration, the full orchestra weaves together short and energetic orchestral works better known to adults as themes from beloved cartoons in a fun program designed to introduce young children to the exciting world of music making. Plus, after the musical portion of the program, the audience can meet the musicians, ask questions and see the instruments up close during the Instrument Showcase. Tickets $20 adults, $15 seniors, 8 youth through age 18 are at available at the door or in advance at Hingham Public Library; Noble's and La Petite Maison, Hingham Square; Buttonwood Books, Cohasset; Front Street Book Shop, Scituate, by phone at 781-740-5694 or online at www.hinghamsymphony.org.

John Carver Inn, Plymouth and Cape Codder Resort & Spa in Hyannis present **Dinner Theatre** packages. John Carver Inn featuring **Soapy Sud's Murder Mystery** Feb. 10, doors open at 7:30 p.m. For information visit johncarverinn.com or call JCI at 508-746-7100 or 800-724-1620.

Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth features a **Traditional Irish Seisiun** every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. The next Seisiun is Feb. 3. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hornpipes, with great craic and sing-along. Admission is free. No cover. 508-830-1262.

The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. Feb. 10, **Glass Town**

Next Page Café, 550 Broad Street, Weymouth Feb. 10, **Dave and The Goliaths**, No cover. All shows 9:15 p.m. unless noted. 781-335-9796.

Sunday, Feb. 11

Red Lion Inn Bridal Showcase, Lion's Hall (the Barn), 71 South Main St., Cohasset, Feb.11, from 2 to 6 p.m. $10 admission fee.

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Children ages three to six are invited to experience the joy of dance with **José Mateo's Ballet Theatre**, and the joy of music with **South Shore Conservatory** at a **special Arts Open House** on Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Conservatory's Hingham and Duxbury campuses. Children may take a Creative Dance or Pre-Ballet class, participate in a hands-on music class, and see Ballet Theatre's Youth Works dancers perform, free of charge. The one-and-a-half-hour long open house starts at 1 pm at the Conservatory's Hingham campus at One Conservatory Drive, and is repeated at the Duxbury campus at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George Street, at 4 pm. For information, visit southshoreconservatory.org

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Mark your calendar

SCITUATE ARTS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS AN EVENING WITH SERGIO ROFFO Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Scituate Public Library, Lower Level As part of the ongoing series of "Meet the Artist," the Scituate Public Library and the Scituate Arts Association are proud to present an evening with Sergio Roffo. All "Meet the Artist" series are free and open to the public, but your donation would well be appreciated to help defray the expense of this and the many other civic activities presented by the Scituate Arts Association.

THE SOCIETY OF ARTS AND CRAFTS presents CRAFT-BOSTON 2007 March 30 – April 1, at Boston's Seaport World Trade Center. Seaport World Trade Center, 200 Seaport Boulevard, Boston. COST: General Admission: $15, Senior Citizens & SAC Members: $12, Children 12 years & under: Free. Admission tickets valid for readmission throughout the weekend. For information, call 617-266-1810 or visit craftboston.org

THE RIPPLE EFFECT IS BRINGINGTRAVIS ROY to speak in Duxbury on Friday, March 2 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Tickets for the event can be purchased at Westwinds Bookshop in Duxbury or ProSports in Kingston and Hingham. Roy, a former Boston University hockey player who was paralyzed 11 seconds into his first college game, will speak about finding meaning and success in life despite the obstacles placed in your path. He will also talk about how to set goals and see them through even when your life changes from what you thought it would be. The event is for individuals and families and is recommended for children ages 10 and up. For more information email saxtonwoods@aol.com.

RHODODENDRON NEEDLERS QUILT SHOW: More than 200 quilts and pieces of fiber art by guild members from over 30 towns south of Boston. The show will be at Stonehill College in Easton, on Saturday, March 3 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and Sunday, March 4 (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.).The show will also includes an antique quilt exhibit, many vendors, a small quilt auction and several raffles (sewing machine, quilt and gift baskets) For information and directions, visit rhododendronquiltguild.org



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Bill Beyer, 'Marina Bay'

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Brian Josselyn, 'SoHo in Summer'



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The Friends of the Ventress Memorial Library are sponsors of a free concert in Marshfield on Feb. 11, at 2 p.m. The library will not be open for business, just for the concert. Fans of the Ventress Library Sunday Concert Series will recognize acclaimed jazz cabaret performer **Bobbi Carrey** and her talented piano accompanist **Doug Hammer**. They will present a program called "Between the Wars: Music from 1918 to 1941."The concert is free and open to the public; no tickets are required. Refreshments will be served. For information call 781-834-5535, email at malib@ocln.org or visit ventresslibrary.org or bobbiecarrey.com

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The North River Arts Society presents JOURNEYS, an exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery featuring photographs by Jeanne McKenna and Rain Rodolph. This show runs through March 30. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster Street, Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com

Duxbury's Bumpus Gallery presents work of South Shore artist **Donna Green** in an exhibit of portraits titled "Faces of Innocence," at the **Helen Bumpus Gallery** in **Duxbury** during February. The Helen Bumpus Gallery is located on the main level of the Duxbury Free Library at 77 Alden St. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours. 781-934-2721.

The Next Page *Blues* Cafe', 550 Broad Street, E. Weymouth. 781-335-9796. **The South Shore Blues Benefit** for our good friend, blues man, rocker, bass player, singer **"Downtown" Rich Brown**. Feb. 11, at 4 p.m. $10 includes hot/ cold buffet, pizza and will feature: **The Blue Dog Band, Mission of Blues, *T*he *M*ighty *H*ouse*R*ockers, Miss Cindy Daley**, and there will be celebrity sit-ins and a blues jam afterward time permitting! No advance tickets, all admitted at the door on the day of the benefit. If you would like to make a donation beforehand or can not attend, please mail to: Richard Brown 55 Revere St., Holbrook, MA 02343

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Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull, presents **Flying Santa: A Holiday Tradition** through March 11. 781-925-5433 lifesavingmuseum.org

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The Buttonwood Book Group will meet on Tue. Feb. 13, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. The selected book is "The People's Act of Love" by James Meek.. No reservations are necessary. All are welcome. 781-383-2665.

EMASS Senior Softball Association, the largest program of its kind in New England, is accepting registrations for the 2007 season. There are two leagues, playing on Saturday and Tuesday mornings, and three divisions to accommodate the abilities and interests of all serious softball players over age 55. For information consult www.emass-senior-softball.com or call John Stewart at 617 969 0950.

Free workshop which discusses financial aid and college planning. Learn how to plan for college the right way. Workshop to be held Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. Sponsored by College Planning Group. 600 Chapman St. Canton. Seating is limited. Call 781-828-1114 or toll free 800-985-8569 for reservation.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era performs every third Tuesday at **Striar JCC/Fireman Campus**, 445 Central St,. **Stoughton**, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $5 per person. All are welcome. Wheelchair-accessible. 781-341-2076. 781-767-3911.

Wednesday, Feb. 14

Wanted: A Few Good Men for card games, cribbage, chess, checkers and pinochle to challenge other town senior centers. A meeting will be held Feb. 14, at 9:30 a.m. at the Randolph Senior Center. 10 Fencourt Ave. Randolph, 781-961-0928

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The North & South Rivers Watershed Association, the **South Shore Natural Science Center** and the **Mass Audubon South Shore Regional Headquarters** presents another free winter lecture series every Wednesday night at 7 p.m., at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell through March 21. Sponsored in part by Rockland Trust Company. Admission is free. **Feb. 14 The Fifty Year Voyage of the Mayflower II.** For information visit nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA at 781-659-8168, Mass Audubon at 781-659-9400 or SSNSC at 781-659-2559.

The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. Feb. 14 Face Off" **Game show Trivia hosted by "P.J. The D.J.** from 8 to 11 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 15

***The Scituate Friends of Music** presents a **Dixieland Jazz Concert** to benefit the music program of Pass Christian High School, Pass Christian Miss., in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina featuring **Bourbon Street Paraders, Scituate Senior High Jazz Band, and Gates Junior High Jazz Band** at Scituate High School, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. Tickets: $7 adults, children or seniors $5. $25 maximum per family. Purchase tickets at Button Books and Toys in Cohasset or Front Street Book in Scituate.*

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*The Braintree Art Association will meet Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. at the Council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. **Pat Isaac** will demonstrate in pastels. Free and open to the public. 781-335-4675.*

Health and Wellness Fair for **adults with developmental disabilities, their staff and family members**. Sponsored by the Sollar Wellness Center at New England Village. Takes place Feb. 15, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at New England Village, 664 School St., Pembroke. Health stations, demonstrations and screenings from local healthcare providers. **Free to the public.** For information contact Lisa Drennan at 781-293-5461 x203 or email ldrennan@newenglandvillage.org

Thursday Tea, at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Treat yourself to an afternoon of theatre and delicious desserts Feb. 15, from1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Actors from the Company Theatre, Norwell will perform musical numbers from performances. Cast members from ACT, the children's theater group for ages 7-12 years, will perform scenes from their future performance of Disney's MULAN. Michael Joseph, Artistic Director of the Company Theatre will also speak about the educational and performance missions of the theatre as they celebrate their 25th anniversary. The public is welcome to attend. Cost $8 Science Center members/$10 non members. For reservations and prepayment call the Science Center at 781-659-2559 or drop in during business hours. Additional information is available on the website at ssnsc.org

British Beer Company, Washington St., Rt. 53, Pembroke. Feb. 15, BBC {Pint Night" featuring **Flydown** formerly "The Alliance".

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, will feature Satch Romano's **New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796.



The Bridal Boutique of Plymouth at 1 and 3 p.m. and ballroom dance instruction demonstrations at 11:30 a.m. and 2 and 4 p.m. Don't miss the "Couples Challenge" and a chance to win $250 cash. The Expo is completely free of charge and will include a fun scavenger hunt, to earn your chance to win one of the following prizes: wedding bands with a retail value of $1,500 from NASR Jewelers, a block of 10 hotel rooms for your out-of-town guests from the Hilton Garden Inn, custom invitations for 150 people and 150 wedding favors from The Shoppe on Elm, and bride and bridesmaids bouquets from Tangent Floral and Garden Design. Community Newspaper Company, 95.9 WATD FM, The Perfect Wedding Guide and The Barker Tavern of Scituate are the sponsors for this event.

Call CMR, promoter of the South Shore's Finest Bridal Expo at 508-224-4044 or go to their website at www.CreatingMarketingResults/bridalexpo for information.

Friday, Feb. 16

Rockland American Legion Baseball - Comedy Night Fundraiser on Feb. 16, in the Abington VFW Hall, 29 Central St. in Abington. Top Comics Paul Nardizzi and Ira Procter will be headlining the show, which will include a small buffet, a sport silent auction, raffles, and a cash bar. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are $25 per person or 10 tickets for $200. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Thom Roache at 781-871-6722 or Joe Reis at 781-878-6836.

The Little Paul Show Feb. 16, Weymouth Lodge of Elks, 1197 Washington St- Weymouth, from 7 to 8 p.m. Cocktails with cheese and crackers 8 p.m. to midnight. Dancing-Coffee and pastry (Bring your own munchies) $10 per person. Call Debbie to reserve tables or seats 781-331-5593 or pay at the door.

Train of Love: A Tribute to Johnny Cash The Company Theatre in Norwell; Feb. 16. at 8 p.m. To see video of the show, go to terryleegoffee.com Tickets priced at $29 are available at The Company Theatre box-office at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companytheatre.com

James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell "Painter, Photographer, **Stephen Eames**, of Duxbury will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, through Feb. 28. No opening will be held but the public is invited to view and purchase paintings Tuesday - Friday 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The South Shore Folk Music Club presents **New Bedford Harbor Sea Chantey Chorus** along with **Mary Beth Soares** and **Truck Croteau** Feb. 16, the Beal House, Main St. in Kingston. doors open at 7:30 p.m. Handicapped accessible hall, and smoke and alcohol free. Light refreshments are available. SSFMC collects non-perishable food goods at every event and delivers them to the Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless in Kingston. 781-871-1052 or visit ssfmc.org.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance Feb 16, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at **Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom**, 929 Hingham St., Rockland, exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by award winning DJ Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes and match game prizes. **Free dancing lessons** from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples age 30 and over. Cost before 9 p.m. is $10 Proper business dress recommended; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable. Visit www.se-4u.com or call 781-446-0234 for information.

New England Singles Dance, Feb. 16, from 8 pm., to midnight Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St,. Dedham Music from the 60s to present with DJ Paul Dipanfilo, for people age 40 +. Admission $12. singlesdances-newengland.com.

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Bobbi Carrey

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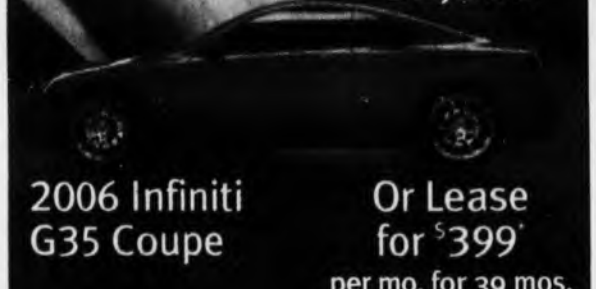
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We at Community Newspaper Company know there are many bright, talented and caring young people in our communities and, this year, in partnership with Jordan Hospital, we are sponsoring "The Best & The Brightest," a program developed to celebrate their accomplishments.

Do you know an individual between the ages of 16 and 21 who should be honored for academic achievement, volunteerism, athletic prowess, artistic acumen or the pursuit of excellence in another field? Look for the nomination form on Page 32 in this issue. Nomination forms will run for several weeks.

A selection committee, comprising local educators, businessmen and community members, will read each nomination form and choose the area's best and brightest teens and young adults.

This spring, your newspaper will include "The Best & The Brightest," a special section devoted to sharing as many of the stories and photographs of those nominated as possible.

We look forward to receiving your nominations by March 30 and hope you'll share in our excitement to recognize these outstanding individuals.

—Beth Doyle
Special Sections Editor

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'Selflessness, humility and integrity'

Roger Whitley is Citizen of the Year

By Mary Ford
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Roger Whitley does not currently sit on any town boards or committees. But that fact does not mean he is not keenly interested in the town and what is going on.

His eyes sparkle when he talks about the budgetary process and the pride he takes in the new town library.

Both are vastly different but nevertheless are still very close to his heart.

The retired architect, former Advisory Committee member, and Paul Pratt Library Trustee, has spent much time over his 50 years as a Cohasset resident "involved."

That involvement has not stopped at Town Hall or at the library. He is active at First Parish Church, once led the Rusty Skippers (town band) as its drum major, and joined the Peace Corps with his wife, Kitty, after the kids were

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Roger Whitley, a retired architect, looks down from the second floor of his house in Wheelwright Farm. Whitley, who moved to Cohasset 50 years ago, has been named Citizen of the Year.

Owners to find new home for Labs

Reach decision following Tuesday's dog hearing

By Mary Ford
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Vicious dogs or loving family pets?

That's the question that Town Manager Bill Griffin was going to have to wrestle with following Tuesday's dog hearing during which two conflicting views of Dudley, a yellow Labrador retriever and his sister, Lily, a black lab, were presented.

Dog hearings are not unlike court proceedings; witnesses are sworn in and testimony is taken.

However, as it turns out – the matter is now moot. The dogs' owners, Jeffrey and Laura Ritz of 50 Red Gate Lane, have decided to find their dogs new homes. In a telephone interview Wednesday, Jeffrey said they planned to take the dogs to a shelter in the central part of the state that had agreed to accept them.

For the Ritzes it is the end of a bitter chapter in their new neighborhood. The couple and their five children moved to Red Gate Lane from Pond Street last fall. They've had the dogs for two years and said they did not have a problem at their prior home that had more acreage.

What set the stage for Tuesday's hearing was a series of dog bites on other dogs that occurred while people were walking their dogs in Wheelwright Park that backs up to homes along Red Gate Lane. A local babysitter was also bitten as well as a UPS driver.

The Ritzes, who claim walkers were not following the town bylaws by keeping their dogs under their control at all times, acknowledge that their Labradors have bitten several other dogs that had wandered onto their property.

"We are trying to do the right thing," Jeffrey said Wednesday. "We could not face our kids following Tuesday's hearing so Laura and I went out and made the decision to find the dogs new homes.

"We just did not think we had any option based on public opinion."

Although Griffin tried to keep both sides civil at Tuesday's hearing, emotions did surface from both the neighbors and several people whose dogs were allegedly attacked by the labs, and from the Ritz family, whose dogs were restrained by an electric fence.

"This has caused a huge rift in our neighborhood. We are not bad people and we want to do the right thing."
— Jeffrey Ritz, 50 Red Gate Lane

Jeffrey Ritz described the two-year-old labs as being fantastic with his children, the youngest of whom is only two. He said they were great family dogs, a characterization he said has been supported by canine professionals.

"We believe they are good dogs that are good with people and good with kids," he said at the hearing.

But several witnesses described the dogs as being unnecessarily aggressive and vicious. And a handful of neighbors complained their neighborhood had changed since the dogs moved in. At times Griffin had to ask for order as some members of the audience reacted to Ritz's testimony.

At the end of the hour-long hearing Griffin took the matter under advisement. He had planned to call another hearing to hear testimony from another witness, who did not file his complaint about the dogs in time for Tuesday's proceedings due to personal circumstances.

The first reported incident involving the Ritz's dogs and a dog-walker dates back to October. There have been several incidents since then, including two involving people: a babysitter who testified Tuesday and a UPS driver, who did not attend the hearing.

Melissa Clark described walking her small 20-pound Shitz Tu in the park at about 9:30 a.m., Dec. 30. She described Lily, the black lab, as shaking her dog

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Not his cup of tea

By Mary Ford
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In what officials are describing as an accident, a Scituate police officer got a cup containing a bleach-like solution instead of the tea he had ordered from Dunkin' Donuts at Leo's Exxon last Friday evening (Feb. 9).

Scituate Police Chief Brian Stewart said the incident occurred about 5:30 p.m. when Officer Mark Hamacher went to Dunkin' Donuts for a cup of tea.

"He bought it and brought it back (to the station) and apparently he went to drink a small mouthful and discovered there seemed to be bleach in there," Stewart said.

Stewart said police investigated and there was no intent involved. "He swal-

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Osgood first-grader Kaitlyn Patterson is all bundled up and ready for the elements while waiting for the bus Wednesday.

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PICTURE THIS/Ryan Ingram and Caren Garber



PHOTO/MARY FORD

Cohasset High seniors, Ryan Ingram and Caren Garber, stand by the Operation Iraqi Children collection box at the school. The Honor Society sponsored the collection of school supplies for Iraqi schoolchildren. (See story, page 8).

Name: Ryan Ingram and Caren Garber.

Occupation: Coordinator of Operation Iraqi Children (Ryan). President of the National Honor Society (Caren).

Best day of your life: The day I visited Sacre Coeur in Paris with my parents (Ryan). My Bat Mitzvah (Caren).

Best vacation: London, England (Ryan). My trip to Israel (Caren).

Favorite season: Fall (Ryan). Summer (Caren).

Favorite holiday: Christmas (Ryan). Thanksgiving (Caren).

Favorite junk food: Ice cream (Ryan). French fries (Caren).

Best book: "A Separate Peace," by John Knowles (Ryan). "A Time for Dancing," by Davida Wills Hurwin (Caren).

Best movie: "The Italian Job" (Ryan). "Parent Trap" (Caren).

Best TV Show: "24" (Ryan). "Friends" (Caren).

Pet Peeve: Cracking knuckles (Ryan). Messiness (Caren).

Most memorable moment: Meeting Queen Noor at her home in Jordan (Ryan). Getting into college (Caren).

Goal: To be successful enough that one day I have the time and money to start my own charitable foundation (Ryan). To pursue medicine and have a happy, healthy life (Caren).

Person I'd most like to meet: Melinda Gates (Ryan). Lance Armstrong (Caren).

Biggest worry: That I will disappoint people (Ryan). Being lonely (Caren).

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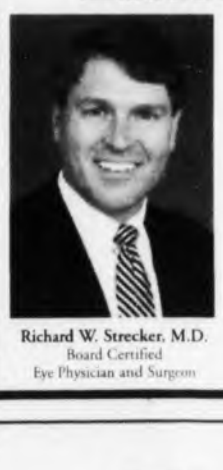
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Police cruiser involved in accident

By Mary Ford
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One of Cohasset's "front-line" cruisers is out-of-commission pending repairs following an accident last Friday evening (Feb. 9) involving the cruiser and a 2006 Ford passenger vehicle on Route 3A near the future site of the Cohasset train station.

Chief James Hussey said Officer Paul Wilson had heard a report from dispatch about an erratic driver who was traveling northbound on Route 3A from Scituate heading into Cohasset. The vehicle was reported to be speeding and passing other cars.

Wilson was in the area of Hull Street near the Hingham line when he headed up 3A. He decided to make a left near the station site where he could position himself to observe the northbound vehicle. However, when Wilson turned there were barriers preventing him from pulling into the area; therefore, the rear part of the cruiser was sticking out onto Route 3A, Hussey explained. Hussey said Wilson had waited for a break in the traffic before making the left but did not anticipate not being able to pull off the road.

A northbound vehicle hit the rear quarter panel of the cruiser. The incident is under investigation, Hussey said.

Wilson was taken to South Shore Hospital where he was treated and released. He was out of work for a few days, returning Tuesday (Feb. 13). The operator of the other car was taken to the hospital for evaluation. Both vehicles were towed.

The Cohasset cruiser sustained damage to the passenger side, rear quarter panel. Hussey said it has yet not been determined if there was damage to the chassis or undercarriage. The police department has six marked cars, including five cruisers and one SUV. The cruiser involved in the accident was one of the newer vehicles.

"We are fortunate that no one was seriously hurt," Hussey said.

Gasoline spill

At 10:21 p.m., Tuesday (Feb. 6), North Main Street was shut down for a period of time due to a gas spill at Robbins Garage.

Apparently an employee went inside to turn the pumps on and had not placed the nozzle properly in the fill pipe in his vehicle.

A police officer on patrol saw the fluid on the ground and stopped to check if it was gasoline, Fire Chief Robert Silvia said.

About 50 gallons were spilled onto the ground.

Silvia said once the fire department arrives, it first mitigates any fire danger, and then tries to eliminate any environmental damage by using booms and Speedy Dry to keep the gasoline from reaching any catch basins. The fire department also notifies the Department of Environmental Protection that takes over the scene and is in charge of cleaning up any hazardous waste.

Phones down

Rick Colon, regional director for external affairs with Verizon, said a manhole in the vicinity of 109 N. Main St. flooded Wednesday evening. The water forced its way down through a conduit into a controlled environmental vault that houses a lot of electronic equipment used to provide dial-tone service to homes and, in this case, the police and fire departments.

"Once the water hit, those electronics shorted out all the equipment in the vault causing a loss of service in the area," Colon said. He said Verizon dispatched repair crews to the site to analyze the problem, pump water and stabilize the vault. "We then attempted to dry the equipment out, but quickly learned we were going to have to replace the power system," he said.

Colon said in order to restore service, Verizon brought in backup power equipment by midnight and had all customers back up by 1:30 a.m.

Chief James Hussey said police and fire lost their business lines, but the 911 system did not go down.

Fuel tank rupture

At about 7:15 a.m., Friday (Feb. 9), a call came in from a home on South Main Street about a strong oil smell. Further investigation revealed the oil tank ruptured due to overfilling, Fire Chief Robert Silvia said. He said 75 gallons leaked in the basement of the house and more on the ground outside the house. He said the fire department first mitigates any fire danger by shutting down the power, then tries to prevent environmental damage. The state DEP was also notified and was still cleaning up this week.

Oil burner

A caller reported all the smoke detectors in the residence on Adams Road were going off at 2:40 a.m., Sunday (Feb. 11). Fire Chief Silvia said the oil burner was overtaxed due to the cold and the insulation had started to break down, creating some smoke. He said part of the house is under construction so the burner was running so long it became overheated. He said there was some smoke in the house. The burner was shut down and it is up to the homeowner to contact a repair service.

Minor MVA

At about 3:30 p.m. Wed. (Feb. 7) a caller reported she had been in a motor vehicle accident on Chief Justice Cushing Highway (3A). Chief Hussey said a southbound 2001 Volkswagen, whose occupants were from out of state, pulled over to the right-hand side of the road across from Stop & Shop to check directions. When the VW pulled out and started to do a wide, left turn the operator did not see a southbound 2006 Chevy pickup and the cars collided. The front right of pickup hit the left rear of the VW. There were no citations and no injuries, Chief Hussey said. "But the person who pulled out (driving the VW) would be at fault for insurance purposes," he said.

Tagging

"Tagging" which is a form of graffiti in which the vandal leaves his or her unique "signature" is not a common occurrence in Cohasset. But some has surfaced on the jersey barriers by the railroad tracks on Smith Place last week.

Police Chief Hussey said it was likely the same individual who "tagged" an area under the Rocky Lane bridge recently.

The incidents are under investigation.

Well-being check

Police checked up on a female resident after a co-worker called when she did not show up for work and was worried about her welfare. "The woman was home and contacted her workplace," Police Chief James Hussey said.

The incident occurred Tuesday (Feb.6) at about 2:08 p.m.

Hussey said people should not hesitate to contact police if they are concerned about the welfare of a friend, coworker or relative.

He said these issues usually involve the elderly. He explained police would do "their due diligence" by contacting neighbors and other places the resident might have contact with, such as the Council on Elder Affairs. As a last resort, police would make a forced entry to a home.

OUI arrest

Scituate arrested an individual who was driving erratically and charged the person with operating under the influence of alcohol.

At 6:30 p.m., Saturday (Feb. 10), a Cohasset caller reported the erratic driver who was heading down Pond Street toward 3A. Cohasset notified Scituate the car was heading toward that town. Scituate police stopped the vehicle on First Parish Road.

Cohasset Mariner wins three awards

The New England Press Association has recognized the Cohasset Mariner with a first place award and two, second place awards in its annual Better Newspaper Contest.

The Cohasset Mariner placed first in its circulation class for having the best local election coverage, according to judges for 2006 New England Better Newspaper Competition.

Judges praised the Mariner's coverage of last spring's override.

"Cohasset Mariner team of editor Mary Ford and reporter Samantha Brown combine for a powerful one-two reporting/writing punch to lead the Mariner to first place for local election coverage," the Judges said. "The Mariner's knowledge of local school and political issues was obvious by Ford's and Brown's detailed and matter of fact reporting.

"The quality and readability factor of their writing was superb. The Mariner's readers were the winners in these races."

The Cohasset Mariner's "Witches of Eastwick" 20th anniversary supplement earned a second-place award.

"Nothing like Hollywood celebrity coverage to attract local attention — even this outsider was hooked," the Judges said. "The writers did a nice job of tying the filming into the local scene with lots of names and faces."

And for the second year in a row, the Cohasset Mariner won an award for its editorial/oped pages that feature Jim Hamilton's cartoons, local editorials, letters, columns and commentaries.

Editor Mary Ford said winning three awards is a true honor.

"Being recognized for our local election coverage and editorial-oped pages is extremely gratifying," Ford said. "And to have our 'Witches of Eastwick' special section also picked as a winner was the frosting on the cake!"

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— New England Press Association

Contest winners were announced to newspaper publishers, editors, staff and guests at the awards banquet last Saturday at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel. New England newspapers submitted upwards of 6,000 entries to the 2006 contest, one of the largest regional competitions in the nation. Entries were judged by the American Press Institute, Reston, Va.

Numerous awards were received by CNC/South newspapers for photography, reporting, editorial pages, election coverage, special sections and more.

"It was an outstanding showing and demonstrated the hard work and commitment of our dedicated journalists," said Mark Skala, editor in chief for CNC/South. "We are fortunate to have engaged communities which makes our jobs that much more rewarding."

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Owners to find new home for Labs

FROM DOGS, PAGE 1

"like a rag doll" after her dog had run over to the Ritz's property when it heard the other dogs.

"I got a stick and yelled and screamed and it finally let go," Clark said. She said her dog had several puncture wounds to the neck and head and was traumatized for weeks.

She explained she walks in the woods often and does not know the property boundaries.

Phil Hayward testified that he and his girlfriend, Sally Ayers, were walking their dogs when they took off through the woods. The next thing they heard was a huge ruckus. They raced through the woods and saw Dudley, the yellow lab, jumping up and down and their dog crawling back "seriously mauled." "Our dog was just going to play and he grabbed our dog," Hayward said. They rushed the dog to the veterinarian.

Kathleen Leavitt, who was baby sitting for neighbors of the Ritz family, detailed going into the Ritz's property to retrieve one of the children she was caring for when Dudley jumped on her and bit her arm three times, after which she sought medical attention.

Linda Bornstein, who walks her two black labs frequently in Wheelwright Park, described coming out of the woods when her dogs ran over after seeing the other dogs. The next thing she heard was horrible screaming. She said one of her dogs was severely injured with lacerations and puncture wounds. "It happened quickly and the dog was bleeding profusely," she said.

Megan Donovan, a neighbor, said she was concerned about the children in the neighborhood. In the immediate vicinity there are 12 children, ages 10 and under and six children, three and under, she said.

"There is always the chance an electric fence can fail," she said. "There have been so many incidents. I am uncomfortable with the situation and am concerned for our kids."

David Marks of 1 Red Gate Lane, who states he has lived there 11 years, said the whole neighborhood has changed because of the dogs. "It's time to split them up," he said about the labs. "They don't belong here — it's a public park and we all want to walk there."

But Jeffrey Ritz urged Griffin to consider the fact that since the incidents his dogs have been evaluated by a professional dog trainer who will help the dogs learn to socialize with other dogs. He explained the electric fence that be may have inadvertently installed partially on town property has been moved back from the lot line. Jeffrey Ritz said Dudley did not attack the babysitter but grabbed her arm and when she screamed grabbed it harder. "If a 95-pound dog has a vicious disposition, it would have taken her down," he explained.

Ritz said his dogs had always stayed within the boundaries of the electric fence. "This has caused a huge rift in our neighborhood," he said. "We are not bad people and we want to do the right thing."

He said he would employ a dog trainer for obedience training and to help the dogs learn to socialize with other dogs. The family is also currently keeping the dogs inside 23 hours out of 24, he said.

Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy said he had received two more complaints about the dogs since the hearing was scheduled. He said while the hearing process is pending, when outside, the Ritzes would have to keep their dogs restrained at all times at the end of a leash or restrained by a device attached to the house.

Griffin told the Ritzes he must determine the facts of the case and present them to the Board of Selectmen that under state law, can issue an order regarding the dogs.

Laura Ritz said yesterday due to outbursts and heckling in the hearing room, the point that she and Jeff had tried to make — that they been concerned and had been trying to address the issue of their dogs after the first incident — was lost on the those in attendance.

Jeffrey Ritz said Wednesday that although installing a regular fence might have solved the problem, he felt after Tuesday's hearing the general consensus would be that some people would never be satisfied. He was also concerned about the possibility of a lawsuit should another incident occur.

"We are showing our good faith in doing the right thing," he said. Ritz said his children were sad when they heard the news. His seven-year-old went into a corner and started drawing goodbye and miss-you cards for the dogs.

"Our American dream of having pets has been falling apart the past two months," he said.

Scituate police officer finds bleach-like liquid in his tea

FROM TEA, PAGE 1

lowed a little and checked with the poison control people who were not concerned about it," he said.

There were two people working at Dunkin' Donuts at the time. Police went back to investigate to ensure there was no intent. "For sure this was an accident," Stewart said.

Cohasset police James Hussey said Scituate police reviewed videotapes and were able to confirm it was an accident.

"My understanding is workers were cleaning up coffee pots and one pot had cleaning liquid inside. It was placed in a location near where hot boiling water would be," Hussey said. "The officer came in to order a tea and the wrong pot was used."

Tara Tradd, Health Inspector/Food Safety Manager with the Cohasset Health Department, said this type of an incident is a critical violation of the Food Code Section 15 (Protection from Chemicals 7-201.11 Separation – Storage); also chemicals should never be in the food contact surface area without proper supervision and use, and when it is in use it should not be left unattended.

"The officer came in to order a tea and the wrong pot was used."
— Police Chief James Hussey

Tradd said there appeared to be a system breakdown with this incident.

"I hope to see as a result of this unfortunate incident and it will be a recommendation from me that they will re-train staff and go over the particular protocols that they have in place to protect both the consumer and employee from danger," she said.

Tradd said store manager Matt Bothello told her he had terminated the employee involved and that he would be reviewing the chemical handling policy with all employees at both stores. Bothello is also manager of the Dunkin' Donuts by the former Acapulco's restaurant. Both stores have the same owner.

"I will be requesting that they retrain staff and provide training in all appropriate languages necessary," Tradd said.

BRIEFLY

OT down at police department

Selectmen gave Police Chief James Hussey high marks this week for getting the overtime at the department under control.

"You have done a great job on the overtime, you really tackled that," said Selectman Rob Spofford.

Hussey, who said the department is fully staffed, said he has been fortunate to be able to bring new officers on board that have already been trained, therefore reducing the need for overtime while an officer is at the academy for six months.

Hussey's appearance before Selectmen on Monday was part of the fiscal 2008 budget process.

Town Manager Bill Griffin is recommending a $50,000 increase in the police budget over fiscal year 2007 for a total of $1.828 million. The new fiscal year starts July 1.

Included in that figure is $210,000 for overtime. In fiscal years 2005 and 2006, the police department spent $336,786 and $355,274 in overtime, respectively.

The Cohasset Police Department has 18 officers, including the chief.

Fire department praised

Selectmen voted Feb. 5 to express their congratulations and appreciation to Fire Chief Robert Silvia and the entire fire department for their outstanding work to battle and put out the raging fire in Cohasset Village on Jan. 30.

In a letter to Silvia, Town Manager Bill Griffin stated, "Through the highly professional and brave actions of our firefighting staff and mutual aid assistance, you were able to contain this fire to the immediate building and avoid what could have been a disastrous fire for the entire village.

"Thankfully, this entire effort was also undertaken without injury to any personnel, again a testimonial to the professionalism and training of our staff," Griffin wrote.

Local history is available on DVD

The Cohasset Planning Board Office has recently reproduced a 1953 film produced by Dan Cotton and Claus Gellotte to present at the 1954 town meeting to encourage acceptance of adopting zoning in Cohasset. With narration by Cotton and filming by Gellotte, the pair set out on a road tour to film the sights and landscape of 1953 Cohasset. Also filmed was Route 53, at that time called Route 3, from Queen Anne's Corner in Norwell to Hanover as a contrasting warning that, without zoning, Route 3A in Cohasset could soon "look like this."

Memorable sights of 1953 Cohasset include Cohasset Common, Jerusalem Road, the Causeway, Stony Beach, Sandy Beach, Cunningham Bridge before it was rebuilt, the Olde Salt House, John Smith Memorial Landing, the "Oakes" Estate, the Old Beechwood Ballpark and Fire Station, the Wheelwright Dairy Farm and Farmstead, Lily Pond, and the Old Nichols House built in the 1700's. The first Zoning Bylaw was adopted one year later.

This 11-minute color film is now available in DVD format for $40. Anyone interested in purchasing a copy should contact Jo-Ann in the Planning Board Office at the Town Hall, 781-383-3517.

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Department sets the bar high

School goals presented to selectmen

By Samantha Brown
STAFF WRITER

The Cohasset school department has charted a course for the future. With a firm set of goals in place, School Committee Vice Chairman Alfred Slanetz came before the Board of Selectmen Feb. 5 to fill members in on their plan to move the district ahead.

The School Committee has set the two goals of becoming one of the top 10 public schools in the state and one of the top 100 public schools in the nation. To help track its progress, the committee has come up with a set of quantitative measures for success. Slanetz said the goals are the result of Strategic Planning exercises, which have set a five-year plan in motion for the district.

First it would like to see more aptitude tests implemented. Currently in grades three through ten, 35 percent of students are taking the tests. By next year, the goal is to have 100 percent of students taking the tests, which will enable the district to better track achievement. "We want every child, of whatever level or aptitude, achieving," he said.

Without enough test data having been collected, the district does not currently have the baseline data to determine how much and how quickly students are achieving. Next year, Slanetz said through the testing being implemented this school year, the district hopes to have baseline data for 75 percent of its students.

Budget restrictions have affected staffing and this year, many students were scheduled for study hall for the second half of the year before state funding was allocated that allowed some retiring positions to be filled. With block scheduling, students are able to move through courses more rapidly and without enough teachers, the students are running out of classes to take.

The first goal is to have 100 percent of students scheduled and that goal has been met. Slanetz said the School Committee would like to see a 25 percent increase in course offerings by next year with a 50 percent increase within the next five years.

In addition, the committee would like to see an increase in the amount of students taking honors courses. Currently the school has roughly 25 percent of its students enrolled in honors courses, and it would like to see 50 percent by next year. The goal is to also have more students participating in advanced placement classes, and in turn see increased scores on AP tests. Currently roughly 20 percent of students are taking AP courses, 89 percent of which are achieving scores in the 3 to 5 range (5 is a perfect score). Slanetz said the committee would like to see greater than 25 percent of students taking the tests and greater than 90 percent of those taking the tests scoring in the 3 to 5 range.

Selectman Vice Chairman Rob Spofford asked whether the School Committee has pegged any dollar amounts on what it would take to achieve the goals, as there are many that relate to increased staffing. Slanetz said in some instances, offering more courses will simply require shifting of staff members who are already working at the school. He said when interviewing new hires, the department is going to be looking for people who have multiple skill sets and could perhaps teach the main classes as well as electives.

Selectman Gary Vanderweil asked whether Cohasset could hire a part-time teacher and share it with another district, which might also be looking to offer a class that might not have huge participation numbers, such as a foreign language or specialty elective. Slanetz said while that would be a possibility, taking a language position for example, students would need to begin with a basic class and work their way up to fluency and that would eventually require more than a part time person for the various levels.

The next goal is measuring achievement through standardized tests. "I think they're here to stay," said Slanetz, adding with the MCAS tests, in some areas, such as math and English at the 10th-grade level, Cohasset performs "quite well." In other areas such as elementary math and science, "We have room to grow."

Slanetz said the district would also like to reduce the percent of students who are applying to private schools. Next year, the district would like to see less than 20 percent of eighth grade students leave the district for private schools. The three-year goal is to have less than 15 percent and by five years, bring that number down to less than 8 percent. 'We're not saying we're ever going to do away with it. Some families have a private school tradition," he said, but added the committee would like more students to feel the education in Cohasset is comparable to a private school education and decide to finish out their high school years in town.

Upping SAT scores is also a goal for the future and where average scores are currently in the 540 to 550 range, within the next five years they would like to see scores in the 650-670 range. The School Committee would also like to see an increase in the percent of students receiving the National Merit Scholarship, which is correlated to the PSAT. The cost for administering the test has been added into the budget and will allow the test to be administered by a teacher during the school week rather than on a weekend, which will hopefully encourage more student participation.

When it comes to sports, Cohasset can compete with much larger schools in terms of participation. However, when it comes to other extra-curricular activities, such as debating teams, model UN competitions or math league, Cohasset's numbers are nowhere near its larger school counterparts. "In terms of academic extra curricular activities we have less than half, or maybe one-third participating," said Slanetz. There are currently 11 extra-curricular teams and the School Committee would like to see that number increase to 15 by next year, and greater than 25 in the next three to five years.

Another way to measure the district's success is taking a look at the acceptances to college and receipt of scholarships. Cohasset sends roughly 94 percent of its seniors on to postsecondary education and Slanetz said the committee would like to see 98 percent attending within the next five years. In addition, it would like to see an increase in the number of students attending highly competitive colleges and Ivy League schools.

The Board of Selectmen said it appreciated the presentation and liked seeing a firm set of goals in place, which will help prioritize budgeting going forward.

What did the $200,000 Chapter 70 funds do?

School Committee Vice Chairman Alfred Slanetz told Selectmen Jan. 5 having an additional $200,000 in Chapter 70 state funding this year helped immensely in its plans to move the district forward toward excellence. When the funds came in from the state, the town agreed to turn it over to the schools, which it is earmarked for.

"When we have additional funds, we can produce results," Slanetz said, and listed the various goals the school department has been able to achieve with the money.

- One middle school music teacher who will add two sections of chorus and a grade 11 and 12 American musical theater elective.
- One high school math teacher who will add two grade 10 math sections and a grade 11 and 12 computer science elective.
- One high school English teacher who will split the grade 11 AP/honors course into two classes, add an SAT prep course, add a grade 11 and 12 English literature elective, and add a grade 11 and 12 public speaking elective.
- Additional time for existing faculty to teach a grade 11 and 12 environmental science elective.

These additions will help the school department make progress on its goals by: allowing all students to be scheduled, adding AP courses, broadening curriculum for seniors, lower class size, add performing and musical arts extracurricular components, and improve standardized test scores, thereby increasing college acceptances and scholarships.

"I think this is a very exciting time for us," Slanetz said.

Town, trust eye 40-acre purchase

Public hearing is Feb. 26

By Samantha Brown
STAFF WRITER

The Board of Selectmen has roughly 100 days to decide whether it would like to purchase 40 acres of land between South Main Street and Route 3A. The Cohasset Land Foundation has entered into a purchase and sale agreement with property owner Osborne Ingram, but the town has the right of first refusal.

Members of the Foundation Dick Avery, Jack Keniley and Wayne Sawchuk came before the board Feb. 5 to explain their vision for the land. They reminded the board members of the Foundation made a presentation to the board in October of 2005. At that time, the explained the property has a 10-year forest management plan, certified by the state forester, which will protect the land from development, commencing in fiscal 2006, which began July 1, 2005. As a result, the town has the option to match a bona fide offer to purchase the land.

The Cohasset Land Foundation is a public/private partnership founded to assist the town in identifying, acquiring and appropriately developing parcels of land of "special interest" in a manner consistent with the goals outlined in the 2003 Cohasset Master Plan (which is still considered a draft). The objective of the partnership is to serve as a catalyst to save what needs to be saved and develop what needs to be developed by creatively matching funding and development interests with the needs of the town and its various constituents, including its landowners, Selectmen, the Conservation Commission, Community Preservation Committee, Open Space Committee, Senior Housing Committee, Housing Partnership and the Cohasset Conservation Trust.

Avery said in working with Ingram, the Foundation has been trying to come up with both a fair market price for the landowner, while preserving as much of the land as possible. "We want to sell off as little as possible just to cover our costs," he said.

Avery said perc tests have been conducted on the site and there have been three valid results. As a result, the Foundation would like to sell six of the 40 acres and build three single-family homes on two acres each. Some of the other land would be set aside for town purposes such as an athletic field or cemetery. Another 5 acres would be set aside and named for Ingram's father.

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Keniley said the Foundation would purchase the land for $1.25 million and it has accumulated $50,000 in fees already, so selling three parcels will provide the funds to cover the costs incurred. "We want to recoup the full price and we will," he said.

Selectman Fred Koed said he wasn't sure the town should get back into the business of developing property. The town tried to work out a deal to develop affordable housing on the Cook Estate property and ended up losing money and the project never came to fruition.

Sawchuk said the Foundation is well rounded in terms of its expertise and is equipped to handle the project. He said in the end, the town would still keep a good amount of conservation land, and would have three new homes on multiple acre lots. "We're thrilled so much can come out of this property," he said.

Before the Board of Selectmen makes a final decision, it will hold a public hearing on the matter. In order to meet advertising deadlines, the hearing will be held Feb. 26, which will also give the board time to add an article to the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, scheduled for March 31, if it decides it would like to purchase the land. The Warrant goes to the printer March 9.

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'Prom and Beyond' benefit evening planned for March 8

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VACATION WISHES

Ok Cohasset, I guess winter is not completely a nothing although Wednesdays Valentine's Day storm was certainly a messy one and not filled with snow as some of us had hoped. I hope that everyone stayed safe and warm. I also want to wish everyone a great February Vacation whether you are traveling or staying here in town.

BIG THANK YOU!

As we all know, this week's storm was a mess to say the least! I know that the town workers, fire and police and people around town who work very hard to keep the roads as safe as possible are many times receiving complaints but I just received two emails from residents who wanted to say *thank you*! I think that is a good idea as I know they all work hard at what they do, especially during a storm.

Thank you to all people who helped to keep the town as safe as possible and who took care of issues and people in our town during Wednesdays Valentine's Day storm.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

A Happy birthday wish is going out to **Tyler Kelly** who celebrated his 17th birthday this past week. Tyler, your family and friends all wish you a fantastic year.

PROM AND BEYOND

A "Prom and Beyond Evening Boutique" hosted by the Social Service League of Cohasset to benefit the Fairy Godmother Project of Massachusetts will take place on Thursday, March 8 from 7-9:30 pm at the Lightkeepers Residence in Cohasset. Proceeds will help financially disadvantaged teens attend their proms in style. The public is welcome to attend this casually elegant evening of shopping for new and gently worn prom dress and fabulous accessories.

Participating vendors are Bojangles of Plymouth with new designer dresses, The Bermuda Shop, Social Graces, KTB Designs, The Shoe Market, and many others. Raffle tickets for a luxury-pampering-pampering" package, including a round trip for two on the Limo Liner and a day spa at AZ studio will be available at the Cohasset Consignment Shop. For more information, call the League at 781-383-1443.

CREATIVE STITCH

There is a great charity project going on at the Creative Stitch in Cohasset with a knitting group. They are involved in a charity project for the CHABHA organization, found on the web at www.chabha.org. They are making knitted dolls to be sent to Kigali, Rwanda. These dolls are called Duduza (comfort) dolls. These dolls will go to child-headed households. Last year the organization brought 200 dolls to be given away, there were 1000 kids lined up to get a doll. They are trying to make as many dolls as possible before this summer and would love some help. If you would like to help, the pattern is available at the Creative Stitch in Cohasset. Anyone who is interested can contact **Staci Gilbert** at Stacikakes@comcast.net. What a wonderful project to help with.

DEAN'S LIST

Cassie Rosano of Cohasset, daughter of **Joseph and Joy Rosano**, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2006 semester at St. Michael's College in Colchester, Vt. Cassie is a freshman majoring in business administration. She had to have at least a 3.4 GPA to qualify for this honor.

Kristen A. Watts, a junior management major, has been named to the dean's list at Bryant University for the fall semester. Bryant is in Smithfield, R.I. This was wonderful news to receive Kristen and Cassie, keep up the great work.

PIANO COMPETITION

South Shore Conservatory, along with their families would like to extend a congratulations to Cohasset residents, **Julia Herzfelder** and **Audrey Kirwan** for receiving honorable mention in the Conservatory's 19th Annual Concerto Competition. This competition took place on February 4th at the Ellison Center for The Arts in Duxbury. Both Julia and Audrey, students of Piano Instructor, **Hui-Min Wang** received awards and performed in a Winners Recital as well. Congratulations to you both.

SWEETHEART DANCE

The Girl Scouts will host their Annual Sweetheart Dance on Friday night, March 2nd. Open to all registered Girls Scouts in Cohasset. It will be held at Deer Hill from 6:30-8 p.m.. Come and enjoy dancing with your special guy, make a craft, and enjoy some refreshments. Permission slips are available with your troop leader and must be returned to them by Feb. 23rd.

FILM FESTIVAL

The Plymouth Independent Film Festival, which is gearing up for the third year of the popular film festival and gala, July 19-22, 2007, has named **Howie Altholtz** of Cohasset to its Board of Advisors.

Howie is the marketing director at Boston law firm Ruberto, Israel & Weiner, as well as an attorney and successful musician himself. He has worked on projects in a variety of capacities with a number of local and national music industry clients including Aerosmith frontman Steven Tyler and Noel Redding, bass player for rock star Jimmy Hendrix, among others.

The Plymouth Independent Film Festival (http://www.plyfilmfest.org) is dedicated to supporting local independent filmmaking with attendance reaching nearly 5,000 for the past two seasons "I am honored to be a part of such a creative and energetic group," Howie said. "I look forward to whatever value I can bring to the quality and integrity of the festival."



PHOTO/DARLENE BRADLEE

The Social Service League and Fairy Godmother Project team up to help teens realize their dream of attending the prom. Pictured top row, left to right: Linda Malone, Tracy Moroni, Patty Smith, Millie Oswald. Pictured bottom row, left to right: Marita Carpenter, Denise Herbert, Alysha Moroni.



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YWCA EVENT

Beth Myers of Cohasset is serving on the committee for the YWCA Boston 2007 gala, "Night with the Academy." The event will take place June 13 at the Sheraton Boston Hotel, and will honor the 2007 class of the Academy of Women Achievers. Begun in 1995, the Academy highlights successful, influential, and effective women of Greater Boston who epitomize the YWCAs mission of empowering women and eliminating racism.

BEEF & BLARNEY

Saint Anthony Parish at 129 So. Main St., will hold its 10th annual Beef and Blarney Irish Social Night, Saturday, March 10, in the Parish Center. The Irish Band, "The O'Reillys" will be the featured entertainers.

Social hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by a sit-down dinner of corned beef and cabbage with all the fixings at 7 p.m. The price is $20 per person and $15 for seniors age 65 and older.

A limited number of tickets are still available by calling the parish office at 781-383-0219.

FASHION SHOW

DiNero's Restaurant, at 235 Hull St., will hold a fashion show luncheon to benefit breast cancer, Wednesday, April 11, at noon. The featured guest speakers will be **Dr. Beth-Ann Lesnikoski** and **Senator Robert Hedlund**. Fashions will be by Ports and Company of Cohasset and Talbot's of Hingham. There will be raffles as well.

A donation of $100 for each ticket is requested. Reservations are recommended, as seating is limited. For tickets or information call 781-383-2339.

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SCHOOLS



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The month-long Read-a-thon was kicked off on Feb. 12 at the Joseph Osgood School and the Deer Hill School with a special guest speaker: David McGillivray, author of the "The Last Pick," shown here talking to Deer Hill students.

'Dream Big Reading Marathon' kicks off

The Cohasset PSO's third annua Read-a-thon, the Drean Big Reading Maraton, has officially begun Last year this event raisedover $20,000 to benefit the Joeph Osgood, Deer Hill and Middle Schools. Partidpating students from the tree schools will set a readiig goal for the month-long event, gather pledges from family and friends and start logging their minutes spen reading. Money raised will support and maintain schol enrichment and curricuum programs.

Ths year's read-a-thon will run in tandem with the One Boo One Cohasset initiative. The goal of One Book One Colasset, sponsored by the Pau Pratt Memorial Library, is to foster a love of reading and a sense of community for all ages. The town-wide book selection, "The Last Pick" by David J. McGillivray and Linda Glass Fechter, includes messages of goal setting, aiming high and never limiting what is possible. The theme of "striving for your own personal best" is what ties this year's Read-a-thon to the One Book One Cohasset program.

The goal of One Book One Cohasset, sponsored by the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, is to foster a love of reading and a sense of community for all ages.

Companion books to "The Last Pick," "The End of the Beginning: Being the Adventures of a Small Snail (and an Even Smaller Ant)," by Avi and Tricia Tusa at the Deer Hill School and "The Little Engine That Could." by Watty Piper at the Osgood School illustrate similar themes.

The month long Read-a-thon was kicked off on Feb. 12 at the Joseph Osgood School and the Deer Hill Schools with a special guest speaker. David McGillivray, author of the "The Last Pick," spoke to the students about how important it is to focus on your strengths, set goals for yourself, plan carefully, and work hard to achieve what you have set out to do.

McGillivray, who is also the Race Director of the BAA Boston Marathon, captivated students with his stories of his childhood challenges, what he learned from them and of his 80-day run across the United States at the age of 23 in support of the Jimmy Fund and the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. It was a motivating start to the Read-a-thon and will hopefully inspire students to "Dream Big" as they set their reading goals and begin the 26-day Reading Marathon.

WWII soldier was strong and silent

By Samantha Brown
STAFF WRITER



David H. Parker

At the corner of Beechwood and King streets, there is a memorial dedicated to David H. Parker. A lifelong resident of the town, he, like so many others who were sent off to fight in World War II, paid the ultimate price in the name of freedom.

Sixty-two years ago this month, Parker's young life came to an end at the age of 20. He had grown up in Cohasset and lived with his parents and two older brothers at 339 Beechwood Street. He is remembered as being a quiet boy of a somewhat short stature, standing about 5-foot 7-inches tall.

"Pete," as his friends and classmates knew Parker, enjoyed golfing. Childhood friend Lawrence Ainslie remembers how he and Parker would play at the Cohasset Golf Club with Parker's father. To be sure their game was respectable, Parker built a practice putting green on the lawn of his family home.

In addition to golf, classmate Tom Hernan remembers playing with Parker on the high school baseball team.

Parker graduated from Cohasset High School in 1943 and was called in the next draft. He served with the 311th Infantry Regiment, the first unit across the Rhine River in 1945.

On Feb. 1, 1945, as the 311th began the attack on Kesterich, Germany, Parker took command of his squad when their leader became a casualty. Soon after, a mortar dropped near Parker, killing him instantly. He was awarded the Bronze Star posthumously for his actions.

Parker's remains were returned to Cohasset and are buried at Woodside Cemetery. According to friends, Parker's mother was so devastated by the loss of her son that her hair turned completely white. Parker's nephew, Wesley Parker of Pacific Palisades, Ca., said roughly seven months after his uncle was killed, on Sept. 8, 1945 the family moved from their Beechwood Street home, where they had lived since 1915, to Santa Monica, Ca.

The memorial intersection, which now stands just up the street from his boyhood home, ensures the sacrifices made by Parker and his family will never be forgotten by the town of Cohasset.

Chairman of the Veterans Memorial Committee Glenn Pratt provided the Mariner with the information for this article. For more information on David H. Parker or any of the Cohasset veterans who have paid the ultimate price in the name of freedom, please visit the Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee Web site at www.cohassetveteransmemorial.com.

Fallen servicemen honored around town

David H. Parker is one of many veterans who have been honored by the town of Cohasset. The town lost seven other men during World War II, who have all been memorialized with squares, parks, and roads in town including:

- Allen A. Buffum: Square at Beechwood St. & So. Main Street
- Norman Todd: Road intersects with Beechwood St., and a memorial park is located at their intersection.
- Robert E. Jason: Road at the Common
- William B. Long: Road at the Common
- Howard R. Gleason: Road to Yacht Club from Margin St.
- Perry H. Johnson: Square at Beach St. & Atlantic Ave.
- Everett F. Studley: Square at Jerusalem Road and Hull Street

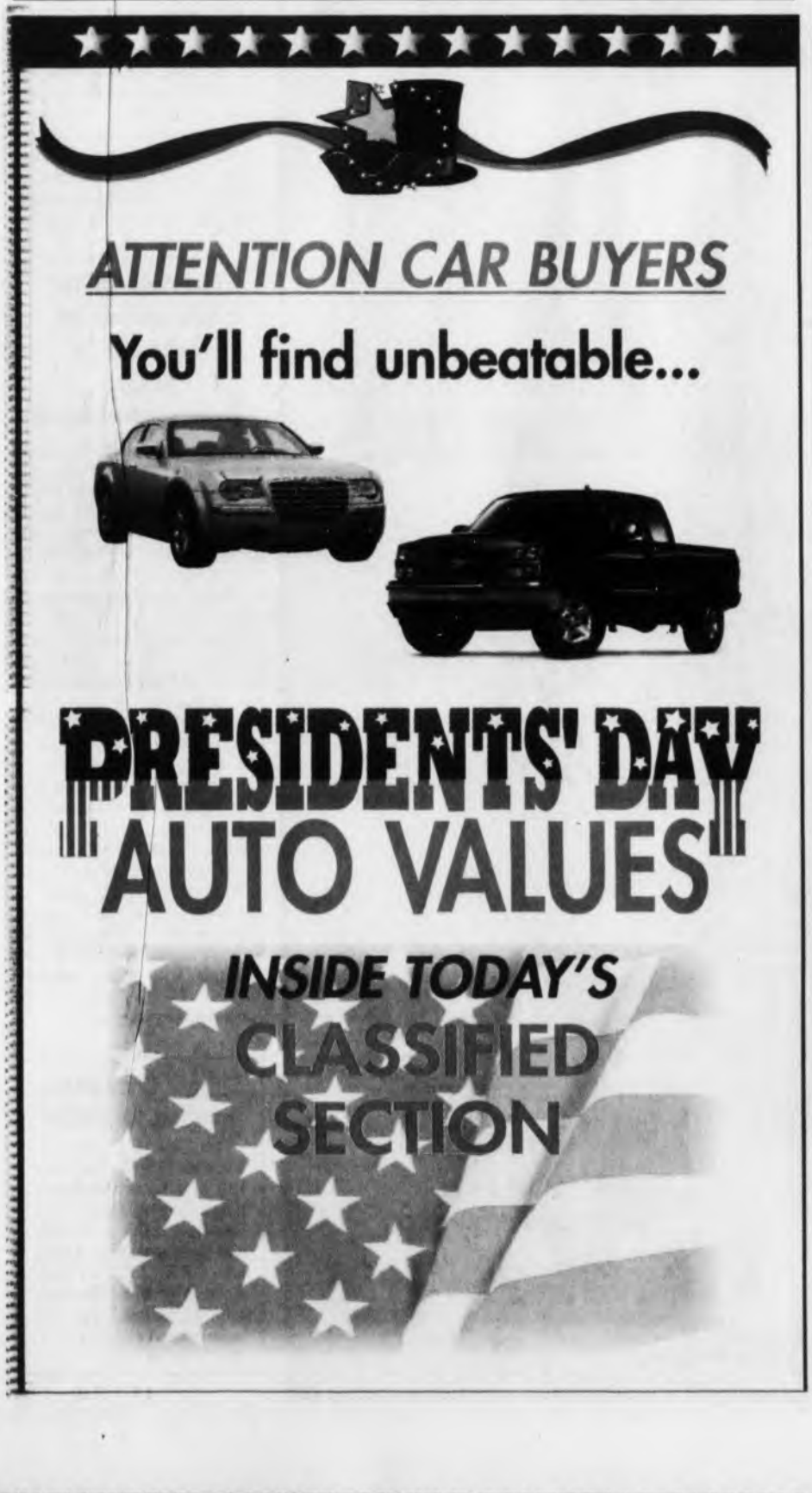
The mothers of the eight servicemen that gave their lives are memorialized at the Gold Star Mothers Monument at Woodside Cemetery, including Parker's mother, Rosalia.

Roughly 498 men and women from Cohasset served during World War II from 1941 until the war was declared over in December 1946. Cohasset has memorialized all of its service men and women from the "Greatest Generation" by listing all of their names at Veterans Park at Cohasset Harbor. A book of Cohasset servicemen's names was presented to the National Monuments Commission at the dedication of the WWII Memorial, on May 29, 2004 in Washington, D.C.

SENIOR SCENE

Flower Show and Lunch – Join Cohasset Elder Affairs Friday, Feb. 23, as the portrait of nature and art breathtakingly become one at the Rhode Island Spring Flowers and Garden Show. Included is lunch at Cassarino's on Historic Federal Hill; voted the Best Italian Restaurant in Providence. The trip will leave Cohasset at 9:30 a.m., and will leave R.I. at 3:30 p.m. The cost of the trip is $59 and open to all adults.

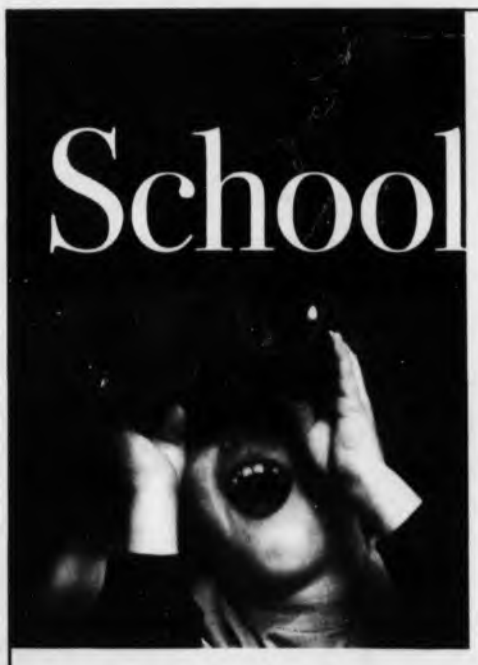
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Cohasset kids helping Iraqi kids

National Honor Society collects school supplies

By Mary Ford
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For the past three weeks, the National Honor Society at Cohasset High School has led an effort to collect school supplies for Operation Iraqi Children.

Spearheading the effort are Ryan Ingram and Caren Garber, who ensured that collection boxes were placed in all the town schools and that posters and flyers alerted students and their parents to the special collection drive.

The girls, who have both traveled to the Middle East, also went around to places like Stop & Shop to spread the word.

Ryan, who has visited Jordan through Seeds of Peace Beyond Borders, came up with the idea and decided the National Honor Society was just the organization to carry it out.

"I approached Caren and we both worked very hard together," she said. Caren spent five weeks in Israel through the National Federation of Temple Youth.

Ryan pointed out Operation Iraqi Freedom, is endorsed by First Lady Laura Bush.

"It seemed like a simple idea to put kids and school supplies together," Ryan said.

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— Ryan Ingram, CHS senior

Specific school supplies were requested such as blunt scissors, pencils, and pocket folders. The items are all assembled into plastic, two-gallon freezer bags – so each child gets a complete kit.

The supplies are sent to the OIF warehouse in Kansas City and from there are sent to the Iraq and Afganistan for distribution by US troops.

Plans are to ship the supplies collected by the National Honor Society after next week's school vacation.

Donations to help offset the shipping cost would be gratefully accepted, Caren said. Checks should be sent to the National Honor Society at Cohasset High School, 143 Pond St., Cohasset, MA 02025.

Ryan said the experience has been positive for everyone.

"It is a simple way for kids to help kids," she said. "That is what we are most excited about."

About 'Operation Iraqi Children'

The need —American soldiers passing through Iraqi villages were horrified at the squalor of Iraqi schools, which had been severely neglected under the dictatorship of Saddam Hussein. Corralled in sweltering one-room buildings without air conditioning, fans, windows, solid floors, or even toilets, Iraqi students lack even the rudimentary supplies that American children take for granted. Libraries and books are almost nonexistent. Without these basic tools of education, Iraqi children face an uphill struggle to learn.

The answer — Inspired by their conversations with Operation Iraqi Freedom soldiers as well as actor Gary Sinise's tour of the region in 2003, Sinise and author Laura Hillenbrand founded Operation Iraqi Children, a grassroots program to provide concerned Americans with a means to reach out to Iraqi kids and help support American soldiers' efforts to assist the Iraqi people.

Through the School Supply Kit Program, American children, church groups, and other organizations can help Iraqis by gathering school supplies in local drives, assembling them in kits according to our instructions, then sending them to the OIC Warehouse in Kansas City, Mo. for transport to Iraq, where soldiers will take them to Iraqi villages.

Building school supply kits — The most efficient and effective way to help Iraqi children is to create School Supply Kits that will be distributed to each student. Each Kit contains basic, badly needed items. Assembling standardized Kits ensures that each child receives the same number of the most needed items, facilitates custom's clearance, and relieves volunteers and soldiers of the time-consuming and labor-intensive process of sorting and allocating random donated items. Visit: www.operationiraqichildren.org for more information about the kits.

Kits include a pair of blunt-end scissors; one 12-inch ruler with metric markings; 12 new pencils with erasers; one small pencil sharpener; one large eraser; one box of colored pencils (crayons melt in the Iraqi summer heat!); one package of notebook paper; one composition book; three folders with inside pockets; and one zippered pencil bag. Pack only the listed supplies in a backpack or in a 2-gallon sized zipper seal plastic bag.

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'Healing Field' planned for Memorial Day

The Sons of the American Legion is planning to install a Healing Field as part of the town's Memorial Day 2007 observances.

The effort, which Selectmen have unanimously endorsed, should result in upwards of 200 American flags on eight-foot-tall poles temporarily installed on the town-owned island at the corner of Border and Summer streets. The island fices Veterans Memorial Park where the annual Memorial Day observances are held.

The flags sell for $20 and can be dedicated to anyone.

The flags sell for $20 and can be dedicated to anyone. In other words, the purchase of a flag is not limited to those honoring someone who is serving or has served in the Armed Forces. (Those who purchase flags will be able to pick them up after 10 days).

Checks should be made out to the Sons of the American Legion, with a note on the memo line indicating "Healing Field" and sent to Sons of the American Legion, PO Box 118, Cohasset, MA 02025. For more information, please visit www.healing-field.org/cohasset or contact the Legion post at 781-383-9657 or stop by the post at 98 Summer St. any weekday after 3 p.m., Saturdays after 10 a.m. or Sundays after 12 noon. Applications for Healing Field flags are available at the Post. All proceeds will go to veterans' projects of the Sons of the American Legion.

School Committee meeting cancelled

The School Committee had a meeting scheduled for Feb. 7 at 7 p.m., but due to a lack of a quorum, it was cancelled. The committee will meet again Wednesday, Feb. 28 in the community meeting room at the high school, located near the superintendent's office.

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Roger Whitley is Citizen of the Year



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Roger Whitley reflects on serving in the Peace Corps with his wife in Fiji. Kitty and Roger Whitley also volunteered with Habitat for Humanity in Guatemala. (Pictured in the background is a typical scene found in Fiji).

"I have been amazed at his humanitarian accomplishments, his gracious demeanor, and his generosity not only to our tiny little community but to the world at large."
— Jane Kyricos, 84 Summer St.

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grown and off on their own.

Whitley's generosity of his time and energy over the years on myriad committees and on countless projects and activities, led to his selection as this year's Citizen of the Year.

Jane Kyricos of Summer Street put it best in her nomination of Whitley.

"In the past 20-plus years I have known Roger Whitley, I have been amazed at his humanitarian accomplishments, his gracious demeanor, and his generosity not only to our tiny little community but to the world at large," she wrote.

The Citizen of the Year selection committee consisting of Susan Jaffe of 10 Wood Way, Mal McCunney of 685 Jerusalem Road, and Patience Towle of 61 Highland Ave., joined editor Mary Ford at the Cohasset Mariner office in Hingham Square on a recent Sunday afternoon to pore over the 12 nominations submitted by 22 individuals. The Citizen of the Year is an annual award started by the Cohasset Mariner in 1993.

Joan Kovach, 59 Ripley Road, described Whitley in her nomination as a "quiet, unassuming man with a heart as big as the planet and a commitment to the planet as well.

"We will never know how much his skill as an architect and timeless dedication influenced our beautiful library, or what legacy he left in the South Pacific as a Peace Corps volunteer," she wrote.

Cohasset can count itself lucky that Whitley moved to town in 1956. One of the main reasons he chose Cohasset was the commuter rail service at the time because he and his wife both commuted.

The Greenbush line may have been abandoned in 1959, but Whitley's commitment to his adopted hometown and the world at large only grew.

Whitley's first wife died of cancer at 41. A few years later, Whitley, a single parent with two young children, met his current wife Kitty, who was teaching at Deer Hill.

"My older daughter was in the classroom and I dated the teacher," the grandfather of two recalls with a smile. Within a year they were married and that was 38 years ago.

In the mid-70s, Whitley resigned his partnership at an architectural firm in Boston and became a self-employed architect with a home office at his house on Cedar Street.

Ten year later, he and Kitty, packed up the house, rented it out and were on their way to the Fiji Islands where they spent two years from 1984-1986,

It was Kitty, who had served in the Peace Corps in Malaysia, who suggested Whitley try the Peace Corps when he expressed frustration over news reports. "I asked, 'what can a person do?' and Kitty said, 'Why don't you join the Peace Corps'," he says.

"I spent my 60th birthday in the Peace Corps, it was a great experience," Whitley recalls.

He says he built a wood stove for his house and then showed a few villagers how to make one. Apparently they taught others. "When I left there were four or five stoves in the village – and now we've heard everyone has a stove."

Over the past 20 years, Whitley, who is now 80, became a volunteer extraordinaire, serving on the Design Review Board, a committee that has not been tapped in recent years. If Whitley had his druthers he would ensure the Design Review Board got involved again — always in an advisory capacity — in helping ensure projects fit the neighborhood.

What followed his stint on the Design Review Board, was service on the Advisory Committee where he enjoyed analyzing departmental budgets – even though initially, he "had to be pushed into" agreeing to join the committee. "I knew nothing about finance but I could listen and make judgments," he says.

After that he ran for Library Trustee and helped see the library project through to fruition. "It was a good project, I am really pleased with the way it turned out," he says.

His only disappointment over the years was seeing the effort to establish a central sewer plant where the Little League Fields are now located dashed at a Town Meeting in the early 1980s. He had served on the committee to find a site for the plant. At the time, the federal government would have picked up 90 percent of the cost of the plant.

The rest, to coin a phrase, is history. The town has been embroiled in sewer issues ever since. Whitley said at the time, some feared sewering the town would open the door to development. He points out, however, development has come along anyway.

Whitley is also active in First Parish Church and he and Kitty helped with a Habitat for Humanity project in Guatemala.

Whitley said when he learned he had been selected as Citizen of the Year, he was "stunned." His reaction is not surprising. He is described as "humble, kind, thoughtful and considerate."

George Kovach, 59 Ripley Road, said in his nomination of Whitley, "What distinguishes Roger is the selflessness, humility and integrity with which he conducts his participation in town affairs."

Many fine citizens were nominated for annual award

The Cohasset Mariner received 12 nominations from 22 individuals and families for the annual Citizen of the Year Award. A selection committee consisting of Susan Jaffe, 10 Wood Way; Mal McCunney, 685 Jerusalem Road; Patience Towle, 61 Highland Ave.; and editor Mary Ford pored over the nominations at the Cohasset Mariner office in Hingham Square on a recent Sunday and selected Roger Whitley of Wheelwright Farm for the annual award.

The decision was unanimous, although not reached without considerable discussion about all the other very deserving candidates including:

• Connie Afshar – a devoted and tireless volunteer for a variety of organizations, namely those for peace and diversity. She is always out there getting us to realize the need and showing us how we can try to help.

• Steve Bobo – a man of whose energy seems boundless. His contributions to Cohasset include his Health Notes weekly column and work with the Cohasset Historical Society, Board of Health, Lightkeepers, and Cohasset Student Center for Coastal Research.

• Merle Brown – for his consistent and dedicated involvement in his hometown over decades including the Conservation Commission, Board of Selectmen, Recycling Committee, Advisory Committee, Alternative Energy Committee, Boy Scouts and so much more.

• Ron Goodwin – for his generosity in supporting a range of Cohasset endeavors and town events. In fact, those who nominated him could not recall him ever turning down a request to help someone or some group.

• Tom Gruber and Mark Brennan – "The Greenbush Guys" for their no nonsense approach in dealing with the MBTA, always putting Cohasset's best interests to the forefront; for their hard work and informative "Making Tracks" weekly column.

• Roger Lincoln – for his decades of service to the Cohasset Fire Department, always with class and professionalism. "Honesty, courtesy and loyalty" best described the retired Fire Chief.

• Adrienne MacCarthy – for her years of volunteer service for the children and community including serving on the School Committee, School Building Committee, and on the PSO, as well as myriad other volunteer activities including Meals on Wheels .

• Veneta Roebuck – for her devotion to the town and its natural resources over many years, especially through her service on the Conservation Commission. She has provided good and steady advice and is arguably the best informed person having walked, hiked, paddled, canoed and sailed the town's land and waterways.

• Chartis Langmaid Tebbetts – for trying to make Cohasset a better place for all through her belief in democratic principles, her commitment to affordable housing, and service on town boards including the School Committee, and other good works.

• Hamilton Tewksbury – always friendly and kind as a van driver for the CEA, for his service on the Govt. Island Study Committee and other boards and helping to obtain the Fresnel lense for the Minot Light Replica.

• Jack Worley – for his 30 years of dedicated service as Recreation Director for the town and helping to grow the programs. He is always energetic, helpful and understanding.

All aboard for a late night train?

Tom Gruber, Greenbush liaison, provided Selectmen with a summary of the "Late Train Survey" he and fellow liaison, Mark Brennan, conducted recently. MBTA General Manager Daniel Grabauskas has asked area towns to gauge the need for a late train that would leave South Station after 10 p.m.

As of Feb. 6, there were 108 replies to the survey: 73 in favor and 35 opposed to a later train, Gruber said. "We have explained to the residents that this poll was not intended to have statistical relevance. It was intended to be a straw poll in which residents would express their opinion, if they so desired.

Some respondents seemed interested in whether Selectmen would hold a public hearing on the issue.

Gruber noted those who responded that they were in favor of a later train were not abutters to the tracks; those who were abutters and a few others were adamantly opposed to a later train. He also said some of the "yes" votes may not reflect on the practicality of the actual process of getting from a venue such as a Celtics or Red Sox game to South Station at some time after 10 p.m. to catch the late train.

Some respondents seemed interested in whether Selectmen would hold a public hearing on the issue. "This might bear consideration," Gruber wrote.

In a related matter, Vincent G. Longo, COO and Executive Producer of the South Shore Music Circus, said the Music Circus, while not opposed to a late train, is concerned about the timing of the trains and the impact on residents and customers.

"With the commuter rail tracks crossing Sohier Street just beyond the Music Circus parking lot gates, I want to express my concerns regarding vehicle and pedestrian safety and convenience both before and after concerts," Longo wrote in a letter to Town Manager Bill Griffin. "Even with police details on site, the convergence of a train with patrons entering or leaving the venue, especially after dark, has the potential for a safety hazard."

Longo explained the trains between 7:30 and 8:05 p.m. or 10:20 and 10:55 p.m., would impact entrance and egress from the Music Circus parking lots, delay filling and emptying the lots, and back up traffic on Sohier Street and surrounding roadways.

LIBRARY CORNER

'Rear Window' is March 2

Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information on programs and events, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Movie Matinee at the Library – Can't get out at night to see a movie? Enjoy a daytime screening of Alfred Hitchcock's "Rear Window," Friday, March 2, at 11 a.m. Admission is free. Light refreshments will be provided courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Movie Site License is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee.

One Book One Cohasset – Paul Pratt Memorial Library has officially started its town-wide reading program, One Book One Cohasset. Patrons may place a hold on a copy of David McGillivray's book "The Last Pick" by calling or visiting the library, or by logging on to the library Web site and placing the hold from a home computer. Buttonwood Books in Cohasset also has plenty of copies available for purchase. Look for library programs that compliment the theme of the book.

A Few Places Left – As part of One Book One Cohasset reading program, Cohasset Yoga Center is offering free introductory yoga classes at the library now through the month of March. Sign up for one class or several classes either by calling or visiting the library. February classes offered are Instructional Yoga on Monday, Feb. 26, at 6 p.m., Beginner Ashtanga Yoga on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 10 a.m., and Yin Yoga on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 5 p.m.

Free One Book One Cohasset T-shirt – Pick up a free One Book One Cohasset T-shirt at Buttonwood Books when buying a copy of David McGillivray's book "The Last Pick." McGillivray's book has been chosen as Cohasset's first book selection for its town-wide reading program. Each shirt comes in white with a green and white runner's bib design on the front. Show support for this event by purchasing the book and wearing the T-shirt around town.

Knitting Group – The knitting group will meet Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 10 a.m., in the library Meeting Room. Edna Finegan of the Senior Knitting Group will be the instructor. All knitting levels are welcome to this free event.

Library Book Group – Join others for coffee and discussion of David McGillivray's book "The Last Pick" Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 10 a.m., in the Meeting Room.

ONE BOOK CHILDREN'S EVENTS

"Little Engine That Could" – A drop in craft event to be held Tuesday, Feb. 20, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Story Room. Drop in and decorate a train engine. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

Game Night – Held Tuesday, Feb. 20, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For children in grade 3 and up. Play checkers, chess, backgammon, Battleship, Yahtzee, Clue, Risk, Mancala and Dominoes. Create a team or join a team. No registration required. Prompt pick up expected. Generously funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

"Dream Big" bookmark craft – Held Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 1 to 3 p.m. Drop in and create a bookmark for the One Book One Cohasset project. All ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

Read-a-thon Pajama Party – Held Thursday, Feb. 22, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the Meeting Room and the Story Room. Camp out at the library and read! Wear your pajamas; bring a sleeping bag, blanket, or stuffed animal. Students in Pre-Kindergarten to grade 2 need a caregiver present. Students in grades 3 and up need to be picked up promptly.

Vocalmotion – Held Monday, Feb. 26, at 10:30 a.m., in the Meeting Room. This program will feature music for young children. All ages and communities welcome. Generously funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Cohasset receives Coastal Wetland Restoration Grant

Environmental Affairs Secretary Ian Bowles has announced the Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research will receive $26,720 to continue monitoring at -designated priority salt marsh restoration projects, and to expand monitoring at several new sites. CSCR staff will lead, coordinate and train high school students and other local volunteers in salt marsh vegetation, fish, avian and water quality monitoring. Data will be collected at project sites in Cohasset, Marshfield, Hingham, Hull and Scituate.

"Wetlands are important for health, safety and quality of life in the coastal communities of Massachusetts."

— Environmental Affairs Secretary Ian Bowles

"Wetlands are important for health, safety and quality of life in the coastal communities of Massachusetts," said Bowles. "EOEA not only works to protect and conserve these resources, but also invests substantially in efforts to restore degraded habitats back to health."

The grant was awarded by the Office of Coastal Zone Management's Wetlands Restoration Program, which works with a large network of partners to help bring back the lost values and services of wetlands that have been damaged by historic development. Recipients will use the grant funding to restore and monitor wetlands that protect coastal areas from flooding, improve water quality and provide critical habitat for many species of fish and wildlife.

A 25 percent non-state match is required for all projects.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

'Heart as big as the planet'

As editor of the Cohasset Mariner, it is my pleasure to announce that Roger Whitley of Wheelwright Farm is the Citizen of the Year.

The town can count itself lucky that Roger, who was living in Boston back in the mid-1950s, decided to move to Cohasset — ironically, because it had commuter rail service at the time.

Over the past 50 years, Roger's quiet dedication, coupled with his talent and integrity, have won over nearly everyone he meets.

The grandfather of two has served on many committees, taken part in town activities, and has supported numerous charitable efforts.

Jane Kyricos of Summer Street put it best in her nomination.

"In the past 20-plus years I've known Roger Whitley I have been amazed at his humanitarian accomplishments, his gracious demeanor, and his generosity not only to our tiny little town but also to the world at large."

Roger was taken aback when he learned of the award, which will be formally presented at a reception in the spring.

"I was stunned," he says, adding he feels very honored to have been selected.

While nominations were open, 22 individuals or families took the time to propose a citizen or group for the annual award, detailing the nominee's contributions to help make this town we all love a better place.

The selection committee consisting of Susan Jaffe, 10 Wood Way; Mal McCunney, 685 Jerusalem Road; Patience Towle, 61 Highland Ave.; and editor Mary Ford met at the Cohasset Mariner in Hingham Square on a recent Sunday afternoon to review all the heartfelt letters of nomination. The decision to select Whitley was unanimous but not reached without considerable discussion about all the very deserving candidates

Joan Kovach of 59 Ripley Road described Roger in her nomination as a man "with a heart as big as the planet, and a commitment to the planet as well. We'll never know how much his skill as an architect and timeless dedication influenced our beautiful library, or what legacy he left on the South Pacific as a Peace Corps volunteer…"

George Kovach added, "what distinguishes Roger is the selflessness, humility and integrity with which he conducts his participation in town affairs."

With this award, the Cohasset Mariner offers recognition for making a difference. In our society too many role models go unrecognized. Too often people today look to the sports, rock or movie stars with envy, when the real hero is the local police officer, firefighter, parent, teacher, church leader or government official.

The annual Citizen of the Year Award is our way of taking our hats off to those among us who go that extra mile without asking for anything in return but the intrinsic reward of helping to make Cohasset a better place.

Mary Ford

Thanks, Samantha

Samantha Brown, staff reporter for the Cohasset Mariner for the past 3-1/2 years, has relocated to Connecticut. Her last day was Friday (Feb. 9).

Here at the Mariner, we are going to miss her dearly, as will our readers. You will still see her name on some stories this week because – always conscientious – Samantha left some stories to tide us over.

We have hired a new reporter, Nancy White, who starts Feb. 26. We are sure you will embrace Nancy the same way you have Samantha.

The Cohasset Mariner staff reporter has a challenging job to help fill a paper that is lucky to have astute readers that care deeply about community affairs. It is an honor to serve you and we are proud that reporters like Samantha have helped make the paper one we can all be proud of.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:
Board of Health, March 21, 7 p.m.
Capital Budget Committee, Feb. 26, 7 p.m.
Cohasset Historical Commission, Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m.
CMHS School Council, March 7, 2:30 p.m. at the high school
Recreation Commission, Feb. 13, 6 p.m.
Selectmen, 7 p.m., Feb. 20, and Feb. 26.
Stormwater Committee, Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m.
Water Commission, Feb. 22, 6 p.m., King Street plant.
Zoning Board of Appeals, March 6, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election are available at the Town Clerk's office. The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb. 15.

Census forms need to be returned.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Walk facing traffic

TO THE EDITOR:

A man was killed by an automobile in Scituate late last Sunday afternoon as he walked with his back to traffic. The driver said she never saw him. All authorities advise walking on the left facing the traffic, in part because a face is more visible than one's back, and in part because a pedestrian can see and jump aside if the oncoming vehicle is headed his or her way.

About 30 percent of Cohasset's pedestrians walk and jog with backs to traffic, blissfully ignoring the hazard from drivers under the influence, daydreaming, blinded by the sun or oncoming lights, talking on the cell phone, distracted by children or other passengers, etc.

Particularly dangerous is walking or jogging with back to traffic in dusk or darkness.

So do your family and your life insurance company a favor and walk facing the traffic.

R. Murray Campbell
217 Jerusalem Road

Commission extends gratitude to sponsors

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Recreation Commissioners would like to extend their most sincere gratitude to the 2006 Playground program sponsors.

Responding to the Commissioner's letter of last April were 15 local business and civic organizations, who registered for one of three level sponsorships for the summer, seven-week daycamp-type program, for children ages 3-1/2 to 12 years.

Levels of sponsorship were $500, $200, or $100, which resulted in logo and listings of each business/organization on both the children's and staff's program T-shirts, as well as a notation in the summer brochure.

In their effort to become 100 percent financially self-supporting, while affording a continuation of top quality services, the Commissioners wish to thank and recognize the following local supporters; Pilgrim Bank; Stop & Shop; Goodwin Graphics; Cohasset Veterans of Foreign War, Post #4146; Kristine A Grazioso, DMD; Lahr and Barnes Insurance Agency; Rockland Trust; The South Shore Music Circus; Cohasset Collision Center, Inc.; George R. Mealy Post #118 American Legion; The Good Sport; Goodale Insurance Agency; J.J.'s Dairy Hut; The Junk Guy and MKR Building Solutions.

2007 sponsorship letters will be mailed out soon, are available at Town Hall, or by calling Cohasset Recreation Department at 781-383-4109 for sponsor details.

Jack Worley
Recreation Director

Police association appreciates support

TO THE EDITOR:

To the residents and business owners of Cohasset:

Recently, the Cohasset Police Association conducted a fundraiser via bulk mailing. Due to your overwhelming generosity, we will be able to support numerous local causes and sponsorships this year. Already we have been able to donate to such worthwhile endeavors as the Deer Hill Band, Special Olympics, Toys for Tots, American Cancer Society and the Sons of the American Legion Flag Memorial.

On behalf of the men and women of the association, we thank you for your continued support, and encourage you to look for future events sponsored by us.

Jeffrey R. Treanor
Secretary/Treasurer
Cohasset Police Association

Sewer project won't increase town debt

TO THE EDITOR:

In my letter to the Editor published on Feb. 2, 2007, I took issue with a statement of the previous week in the Candidates Corner, which implied that the Little Harbor-Atlantic Avenue sewer project will increase the town's debt. I was challenged by two candidates currently seeking election to town office who claimed that the project would add to our town debt which could raise the town's borrowing rate and diminish the town's available credit. This is not so.

A trip to Town Hall reconfirmed that funding for construction of the Little Harbor-Atlantic Avenue Sewer District is not to come from a bond issue but from a low interest (2 percent) state loan to be paid for in its entirety by residents of the sewer district. My trip also confirmed that this loan is categorized as "outside the debt limit" and should neither raise the town's borrowing rate nor diminish the town's available credit. As knowledgeable candidates were not familiar with the nature of this funding, I believe others in town may also be unaware. I hope this letter clarifies the issue. The town's extraordinary debt is a serious problem for all of us. However, the Little Harbor-Atlantic Avenue sewer project should not add to this problem.

Paul L. Lualdi
56 Deep Run

POLITICAL

Carlson talks about issues

At two recent receptions, selectman candidate Paul Carlson enlarged on his campaign theme, "maintaining and improving town services while keeping Cohasset affordable for all our friends and neighbors."

In each case, a lively exchange of views ensued on such timely topics as downtown zoning, stormwater management, emergency services, alternate energy solutions and long-term planning. Paul was delighted to hear residents' views.

Announcements of upcoming receptions will appear in the Mariner and on Paul's campaign website, CarlsonForSelectman.com.

The candidate wishes to thank the following town officials for making time to discuss their views with him: Selectman Ted Carr, planning board Chairman Al Moore and board member Peter Pratt. He also had an informative meeting with the Council on Elder Affairs.

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Harbor wall repair to get under way

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

About another non-Greenbush project — This week a new construction project is starting in Cohasset. This will be the first phase of the Harbor Wall Repair Project. Before we talk about this, let's have a little background. It's been a while since Cohasset has done any work maintaining the seawalls that surround our harbor. For those of us who are landlubbers, evidence of this can be seen in the sidewalk that parallels the harbor wall along Border Street.

Numerous sinkhole and patches can be seen in the walkway. It has been patched so may times that it is a rather uneven walkway. From the waterside, boaters can see holes that have opened up in the wall that is causing instability in the wall at various places. The movement of the granite blocks and the loss of chinking have caused the fill behind the wall to wash out. As the material behind the wall is lost, the sidewalk surface disappears into small sinkholes. Without repairs to the wall itself, things will only get worse. Ultimately, the seawall will be subject to collapse, taking Border Street with it. Clearly, this would not be a good situation.

Three separate areas have been identified as needing repairs. These are: 1) Border Street from the Mill River Marina to the Atlantica parking lot, 2) Lawrence Wharf to Veterans Memorial, and, 3) The Cohasset Sailing Club. We mentioned before that the Town had appropriated $600K some time ago to repair phase 1), above. In the meantime, the Commonwealth offered a grant for harbor repairs that would match Town construction funds on a 50/50 basis. At the fall Town Meeting, you were gracious enough to allow the Town to expand the scope of the original $600K so that is could be used for all of three above areas rather than just the sea wall starting art the Mill River Marina.

Thus, with the matching grant from the State, we could have as much as $1 million available for harbor wall repair, rather than $600K for phase 1), only. (Note the reason the amount is not twice the original $600K is that the State will only match construction costs, not design costs.)

So, the first phase repair project is now getting underway. This will be a very tricky project and a bit inconvenient for us as residents. The contractor, T. Ford, will have to excavate on the Border Street side of the seawall to rebuild the wall, place special fabric that will let water through, but will retain soil, and backfill the excavation. In addition, the utility poles that are along side the road will need to be supported by the power company so that they don't fall down during the excavation at their base. What's the upshot? Border Street will become a single lane during construction. At this point, we are not sure that it can be opened back up to two-way traffic at night. We'll have to see what the contractor is able to do. This phase is projected to take about 7 weeks, depending on the weather. As we have said before, construction projects like this can't be done in stealth mode. The residents and anyone who uses Border Street will definitively be aware of the construction.

The contractor, T. Ford, will be using the area in front of the Sailing Club as a storage area for their construction equipment and material. The portion of the circular drive closest to the Sailing Club buildings will be kept open so that the Club can have access to the entrance to their buildings as well as to the pathway between the two buildings fronting the circle. Access to the walkway to the Town Dock and the Light Keepers will also be kept open.

What about the other two harbor wall areas, you ask? Thinks get a bit stickier here. The actual low bidder for Phase I was considerably higher than our engineering consultant estimated. So, Phase 1 will cost more than projected. Consequently, there is less money available for the other two phases. At this time, the Town Manager is working with the engineering consultant to see how the remaining dollars can be most effectively used. We may be able to do some of the work to stabilize one or both of the other two areas, but how much it is prudent to undertake, within our funding limits, is still under study.

Still more non-Greenbush info – Last week we gave you an update on the work we have been doing in preparation for completing the Forest Avenue sidewalk and paving the entire roadway. Very shortly the Town will be going out to bid for the removal of trees necessary for sidewalk construction. About 40 trees and their stumps will need to be removed to obtain the space for the sidewalk. As much as we dislike removing any trees, everyone seems to agree that the safety of our pedestrians as they walk along Forest Avenue is a greater need. We expect the tree removal contract to be let in March with work commencing in March also.

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'Global warming is a moral issue'

COMMENTARY

ALLAN MACDONALD

Publisher, reporter and concerned parent, Steinman aims his book at the average American, whether red or blue, with the intent of encouraging us to be "green patriots."

This update on global warming has been rewritten three times in the last three weeks, reflecting the rate of development that has occurred on the subject. To clarify, where not too long ago only occasional articles appeared on global warming, now not a day goes by without at least one serious piece on global warming in the Boston Globe. Nor does the coverage appear to be fabricated by the media. People are presently profoundly concerned about their environment in a way that is unique.

About a month ago, after reading James Howard Kunstler's "The Long Emergency," a current and thorough but very unsettling exploration of what our lives could be like after the end of oil, (evidently coming within the next 15 years), I drafted an article focusing on human adaptability. Sustainable Cohasset had been viewing related videos such as "The Death of Suburbia," which disturbed me greatly, because I had never made the obvious connection between suburbia and its being built upon the assumption oil would always be available. We watched "Who Killed the Electric Car,?" about the EV-1, a highly successful and efficient vehicle recalled and eradicated by its maker, General Motors. (Yes, you might ask why.)

But then we saw "The Community," a documentary on another phenomenon that occurred fairly recently right under our noses about a country that had its oil supply cut off: Cuba, after its disassociation with the Soviet Union. And guess what — the Cubans survived. The average Cuban lost 20 pounds; so many bicycles were used, they had to import them in massive quantities from China; everyone learned the value of composting because there were no fertilizers and learned very quickly how to raise vegetables in the back yard — that is, if they wanted to eat. People had to pull together, and they adapted very well. (Would we, you wonder.)

The other day I picked up two new nonfiction books at the library, James Canton's "The Extreme Future," and James Martin's "The Meaning of the 21st Century: A Vital Blueprint for Ensuring Our Future." These authors are more hopeful than Kunstler, who holds no hope whatsoever for alternative energies. But the warning is clearly that we are going to have to think hard and be as inventive and adaptive as possible (sounds like Friedman's "The World is Flat").

A most interesting voice on the subject is David Steinman and his book "Safe Trip to Eden," subtitled "Ten Steps to Save Planet Earth from the Global Warming Meltdown," published just several months ago. Publisher, reporter and concerned parent, Steinman aims his book at the average American, whether red or blue, with the intent of encouraging us to be "green patriots." He peppers his book with detail after detail meticulously researched and substantiated. Steinman takes the position that we need to speak out with our wallets and to buy green (to offset the lack of governmental conscience). It's amazing to learn from the book how many companies have been poisoning us without regard and how many companies vigorously follow green policies — the lists are there in the book — it's just a matter of learning which is which.

Last Saturday's forum on global warming at the Paul Pratt Library, held under the auspices of the town Democratic Committee and smoothly moderated by Tom Callahan, was a noteworthy and encouraging event that manifested the profound concern presently pulling people together. The session was not a doomsday diatribe, nor meandering mouthings, but a rational though spontaneous progression of vital information. We were surprised to learn from a British citizen present that every youngster in England sees "An Inconvenient Truth" — an attempt to do the same in America was outlawed — and that gas in England is $6 per gallon. A concerned citizen had prepared numerous handouts from various sources. Another participant was sufficiently concerned to bring along cartons of compact fluorescent light bulbs that he had purchased for 75 cents each. (They went like hotcakes after we learned that switching our bulbs to CF's would save us 45 percent on our electric bills – 95 percent of incandescent energy going into heat for 5 percent worth of light.)

In another local civic arena recently, Gary Vanderweil did us all a service by scrutinizing electrical and heating efficiencies at the high school. Having spent nearly 30 years at the high school, I can assure you that lights there need not be on all day every day. And the interior walls are of noticeably lighter tones now, providing more reflective light. I found CHS students very interested in the environment, and from what I hear, they still are. David Ames, Jack Buckley and some other teachers are eco-leaders, and Mike Gill is working on the problem, but will it take the EPA investigating team's public censuring of our town's schools for not recycling properly in order to change things? MCAS tests are not the only important business to be taught.

One attendee at the forum Saturday, a retired school system science coordinator, aptly illustrated the analogy she used with students of a cake, pie or large cookie cut into unequal portions in order to convey the important message that resource use is a simple matter of fairness. Americans don't realize we use nearly a third of the world's energy. At the end of "An Inconvenient Truth," Al Gore says that global warming is a moral issue. Fairness and morality should rule the day and the future. It would be of immense help – dare I say it would make a world of difference – if our leaders were sensible leaders. But as they continue to fail to be so, the people must continue to rally.

Sustainable Cohasset next meets on Wednesday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m., in the high school library. All are welcome.

Allan MacDonald is the former publicity person for the Cohasset Recycling Committee.

Gated community?

NATURAL VIEW

JIM SHIPSKY



I'm angry and upset by an incident reported in last week's Mariner. A man sitting in a car near Cohasset Common was reported to the police, who stopped and questioned him, and apparently made it clear to him he is unwelcome in Cohasset. I understand the resident may have felt fear. I understand the police did what they believe residents expect of them. I'm not criticizing or blaming them in any way.

However, as I read the report I couldn't help thinking, "The shaggy man could have been me." Some of my heroes are shaggy: Einstein, Jerry Garcia. What if I had been feeling low, depressed, lonely or upset, and just needed to get away for a while and sit calmly? What if the Common, with its timeless symbols of Earth, air, and water, with the UU Meetinghouse in the center, offered me the serenity and solace of open space?

However, as I read the report I couldn't help thinking, "The shaggy man could have been me."

I'm angry that my government is cultivating a culture of fear in Americans. Subtly and not-so-subtly implanting the fear of terrorists lurking around any corner, in any parked car. The more I live in this fear the more willing I am to be submissive and compliant to a government offering to protect me. I'll be willing to support and fund imperialistic oil wars. I'll gladly surrender my constitutional rights.

The government wants to ramp up my feelings of insecurity. But I accept insecurity is part of life. There are no guarantees. As e e cummings wrote, the only secure person is each and every slave.

Terrorism: acts committed to instill fear and terror in innocent non-combatants. Isn't that what this government is doing to Americans? Isn't the Mariner complicit in this fear-mongering by spreading fear under the guise of law and order?

Fear lies at the bottom of the emotional scale. With fear come the feelings of insecurity, powerlessness, and victimhood. I refuse to live a life filled with fear. The more thought and energy I focus on fear, the more fear I'll attract into my life.

What if it had been a bomb-wielding terrorist in the car, intent on destroying "evil Americans", and someone had approached him with insight and compassion, saying, "Are you OK? Would you to like to talk?" and he realized we Americans are a loving, welcoming people, not violent, aggressive enemies, and he said, "Yes, thank you."

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HEALTH NOTES

Stormwater problems take center stage

Hearing held on proposed bylaw

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

On Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m., the Cohasset Stormwater Committee held a public hearing to introduce it's new Stormwater Bylaw in preparation for the Town meeting in March. Eight members, appointed by the Selectmen in August 2006 representing the Conservation Commission, the Planning Board, the Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Water Commission, Health of the Harbor Committee and the Water Resource Protection Committee were present, as well as Lawry Reid, a member living in Hull, appointed as a citizen advisor on Straits Pond issues. In all, 36 people attended from practically every part of town, indicating that Cohasset's stormwater problems were not restricted to only a single area in town.

Since their first meeting last August the committee has been working on a Bylaw. Mark Bartlett of the Norfolk Ram Group, LLC, who was retained by the Committee to conduct an analysis of the stormwater problems in Cohasset and find grants to alleviate them, gave a slide presentation based on assessment reports from Federal, State and local organizations which have been studying the issue.

The presentation showed pictures of many of Cohasset's worst stormwater problems:

- Large scale flooding such as that from James Brook into the downtown, from Treats Pond and Jacobs Meadow.
- "Small scale" flooding, just as serious, where runoff from one house lot drains onto an adjoining lot. Currently there is no recourse from Town Hall for the homeowner, who is told that this is a "civil matter."

Every surface water body in Cohasset is contaminated by pollution from stormwater. Cohasset Harbor is contaminated with bacteria and other contaminants that drain in from the large Gulf River watershed, a health threat to boaters and swimmers and an economic burden for local lobstermen. Straits Pond is contaminated with nutrients and bacteria from drainage from upland residences. Little Harbor is contaminated with bacteria that have closed the shellfish beds for decades. While sewering the area will help, the stormwater contribution will still be there. Lily Pond, our drinking water supply, is contaminated by excessive nutrients which drain from the developed areas of the Peppermint Brook watershed. These nutrients increase water treatment costs and impair the quality of our public drinking water supply.

Because no existing town board, committee or official is responsible for dealing with stormwater; for years, these issues have not been addressed. For this reason and because the Federal Clean Water act requires Cohasset to adopt a bylaw and other provisions or face severe fines, the need for the Town to adopt a bylaw this March is crucial.

Many of the Town's oldest and most prominent citizens spoke about the issue. In general, any negative response was related to the establishment of yet another layer of bureaucratic control by another powerful commission. It was acknowledged that such issues were important; that the Stormwater Committee was sensitive to concerns, and a major purpose of the meeting was to obtain an insight as to how to use the current structure of Town government where possible.

For Example, two Planning Board members Stuart Ivimey and Peter Pratt indicated that they had some, but not all, jurisdiction over neighborhood flooding issues during the site review process, but were powerless because recharge of Stormwater was not addressed completely in their regulations. It was suggested that the committee prepare additions to Planning Board regulations updating their requirements for managing stormwater.

Wayne Sawchuk painted an ominous picture of the impact the railroad would have on stormwater, indicating that the railbed was in effect a conduit; a 'French Drain' which is already rapidly conducting stormwater to the lowest places along the rail line.

Elm Street residents reported that their houses are now inundated by stormwater at every rain event; a condition which has only occurred with the completion of the MBTA rail bed. Several people spoke to the havoc being caused in Jacobs Meadow by the malfunctioning tide gates and the continuing buildup of water in the Elm Street area with water flowing out of catchbasins with every high tide.

John McNabb, Chair of the Committee, indicated that they had recorded and would carefully consider the various recommendations and prepare a final version of the draft Bylaw containing provisions for addressing the questions and concerns voiced at the meeting.

After all, everyone's home is his castle. But there shouldn't be a moat in the front yard.

Steve Bobo is a longtime member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

MacCarthy featured on 'Our Town'

As the election season series continues on OUR TOWN, co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy for the full hour.

MacCarthy discusses her hopes for reelection and the work she hopes to continue on the School Committee. She details her goals for a second term and goes on to explain the current school department budget and related matters.

As the election series continues right up to Election Day of April 7, watch for OUR TOWN to televise the Selectmen and School Committee debates!

Our Town airs Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9pm on Comcast Channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed!

Economic Development Committee can stick around, selectmen say

By Samantha Brown
STAFF WRITER

"My personal view is, we have a great tradition in this town of respect for the legal powers among our elected boards."
Peter Pratt, Ripley Road

The Economic Development Committee is here to stay at least for now. While Planning Board Vice Chairman Peter Pratt came before the Board of Selectmen last week (Monday, Feb. 5) as a private citizen and asked that it revisit the charge of the committee, the board took no action on the suggestion and praised the group for its efforts thus far.

The EDC is charged with coming up with recommendations for the Board of Selectmen to help increase commercial tax revenue coming into the town. It was the driving force behind the Transit Oriented District article, which passed at the 2006 Annual Town Meeting and will allow for the development of mixed-use buildings on the five acres next to the Greenbush train station on Route 3A. Most recently, the EDC has been working on changing zoning for the Village to allow mixed-use buildings with retail on the bottom and residences on the top.

Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said in the board's opinion, the EDC has some "very fine people working on it" and it applauds the group's efforts. He said at this point, the board does not want to change the charter for the EDC.

Pratt asked to be placed on the Selectmen's agenda as a result of the EDC's recent filing of bylaw changes to be included on the spring Town Meeting Warrant. The articles were submitted as a revised version of articles presented to and defeated by the fall Special Town Meeting. They would allow for the development of a new village business district with residential units on the second floor of downtown buildings, which the EDC believes could both increase tax revenue to the town and help keep the downtown area viable.

The Planning Board opposed the articles and it and the EDC were invited to discuss the matter with the Board of Selectmen Jan.22. At times the conversation was very heated. The Planning Board feels strongly that because Town Meeting voted to hire a consultant to study the downtown area before making permanent zoning changes, that should be done first. Some members felt the EDC had "stepped on its toes" by bringing the articles forward, as zoning is under its purview.

By the end of the Jan. 22 meeting the Selectmen agreed with the Planning Board that now is not the time to bring the articles forward. However, Pratt thought it might also be time to sunset the EDC, which was appointed on a temporary basis to advise the Board of Selectmen, or alter its charge, which was taken up Monday.

"Bylaw writing was not part of its charge," said Pratt, adding the EDC is merely supposed to serve as an advocacy group making recommendations to elected boards. "My personal view is, we have a great tradition in this town of respect for the legal powers among our elected boards," he said.

"No one has attempted to change the Village bylaws in the last 50 years," he said, adding the "business balance" in the Village is one of the oldest political arguments in town. While Pratt said the EDC has been instrumental in helping figure things out, "Writing bylaws…that is where the hard work is done," and he feels a conversation with elected board members should have been had about it before it was submitted.

The Selectmen thanked Pratt for his time and Dormitzer said, "I don't think we want to debate tonight, but we've heard what you've had to say."

"I appreciate your time," said Pratt.

As members of the board made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Pratt left the meeting room. EDC member Chuck Hurd was in the audience and asked to make a brief comment on the matter before the close of the meeting.

"As a volunteer, we've worked long and hard and I personally think it's offensive that a public official would come up and try to take that away. I applaud the board for backing us and we look forward to pushing forward as there are a host of things we have ambitions to do," Hurd said.

PSO announces annual Tele-a-thon and auction

The Fourth Annual Cohasset Parent School Organization Tele-a-thon and On-Line Auction will take place Thursday, March 22, from 7 to 9 p.m., and will be broadcast live from the Cohasset Middle High School Auditorium on Comcast Cable channel 22.

While viewing the talent show, tax-deductible credit card pledges can be called in to be entered into the raffles. AnswerQuick will take phone calls and securely processing credit card pledges for the fourth year in a row. The call in number to pledge support to the Cohasset public schools is 800-505-5241. To send a check instead of a credit card, make it payable to the Cohasset PSO and have it postmarked by March 20, in order to have your name entered into the raffles. Mail your pledge to Cohasset PSO , P.O. Box 30, Cohasset , MA. 02025.

Remember the larger the amount pledged, the more chances there will be to win raffle prizes. For example, for a pledge of $100, your name will be eligible for the drawing of all the $100 raffle categories. If your name is not drawn for any of the $100 raffle prizes, then your name is entered into the $75 raffle categories and so forth.

If multiples of $100 are pledged, your name is eligible for being drawn multiple times. For example, a $300 pledge allows your name to be entered three times in the $100 raffle categories and so forth. The more you pledge, the more opportunities you have to win.

There's still time to donate an item or service for the raffle or auction prizes to receive the extra advertising recognition by becoming one of their proud sponsors.

Last year, several callers pledged $300 to $500 and it paid off; they actually won several spectacular items. This year, they will also feature a Grand Prize for the $100 raffle category, which will be Boston Harbor Hotel's Romance Getaway Package. This gift certificate for $780 consists of a breathtaking room overlooking Boston Harbor, a pair of robes customized with your initials, which will be on the bed waiting for you, along with champagne and strawberries. You can enjoy dinner for two in their nationally-acclaimed four-diamond restaurant Meritage which will include a special romance price-fixed dinner including tax and gratuity.

Donations will be listed in the silent on-line auction. The on-line auction will open for biding Friday, March 16, at 9 a.m., and close Friday, March 16. Remember to bookmark http://psotelethon.cmarket.com/cohassetpso and get ready to bid high and bid often to support all of the students in Cohasset's public schools. They hope to get a few over bids this year, so let's get the bell ringing, as they do on WGBH telethon.

There's still time to donate an item or service for the raffle or auction prizes to receive the extra advertising recognition by becoming one of their proud sponsors. Simply send an e-mail to psotelethondonations@yahoo.com. Just include name, address, phone, item or service that you would like donate, as well as a retail value of the donation. To sponsor, at the cost of $350, contact Claudia McKeon at 781-383-6125.

If interested in performing for the telethon send e-mail to cohassetpsotelethon@yahoo.com with the performers name, age and talent act. No phone calls; only e-mail entries will be considered.

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QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about this week's report, e-mail us at beaconhill@aol.com or call us at (617)720-1562.

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By Bob Katzen

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' votes on three roll calls from prior sessions in January. All roll calls are from debate on the set of rules that the House will follow during the 2007-2008 session. The House adopted the package proposed by Democratic Speaker Salvatore DiMasi and rejected all the new rules proposed by the GOP minority. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

ADOPT LOCAL AID RESOLUTIONS EARLIER (H 2007)

House 19-132, rejected a new rule requiring the House to annually adopt by March 15 resolutions stating the minimum amount of local aid that the House will give to cities and towns for that year. Supporters of the new rule said that cities and towns often do not know how much local aid they will receive until the Legislature approves the state budget in July. They noted that most communities assemble their local budgets in March and can better prepare if they know how much local aid they will receive. Opponents of the new rule said that the House Ways and Means Committee has not even crafted a budget proposal by March 15 and noted that the Legislature informs cities and towns as soon as possible but should not have its hands tied by some arbitrary date. They also noted that the deadline would be meaningless unless the Senate is also required to set a figure by March 15. (A "Yes" vote is for requiring the House to state by March 15 the amount of local aid that it will give to cities and towns for that year. A "No" vote is against the March 15 deadline).

HOME RULE PETITIONS (H 2007)

House 19-135, rejected a new rule that would require home rule petitions to be sent directly to the committee that will consider the matter rather than to the Steering, Policy and Scheduling Committee. Home rule petitions are proposed laws that have already been approved by a local city or town but also require legislative approval prior to taking effect. Supporters of the new rule said that these home rule bills are very important to cities and towns and should not be delayed. They noted that referring a measure to the Democratic leadership-controlled Steering, Policy and Scheduling Committee simply delays action and sometimes even kills the bill. Opponents of the new rule said that all proposed bills are important and that making an exception for home rule petitions would set a bad precedent. (A "Yes" vote is for the new rule sending home rule petitions directly to the committee that will consider them. A "No" vote is against the new rule).

ELIMINATE CONFLICTS BETWEEN HOUSE SESSIONS AND COMMITTEE HEARINGS (H 2007)

House 19-135, rejected a new rule aimed at reducing the scheduling conflicts between formal House sessions and committee hearings. Formal sessions are ones at which important legislation is often considered by the full House and sometimes includes roll call votes. Current rules prohibit committee hearings "insofar as practical" from being scheduled at the same time as formal sessions of the House. The new rule would prohibit committee hearings from being scheduled at the same time as formal sessions unless there is an emergency and the chair of the committee submits to the House a written description of the emergency. Supporters of the new rule said that the current rule is weak and vague. They argued that legislators should not have to choose between attending an important committee hearing and a key meeting of the full House. Opponents of the new rule said that that it would only apply to a few House committees and not to joint House-Senate committees. They noted that the new rule should be considered when the joint rules of the House and Senate are considered. (A "Yes" vote is for the new rule prohibiting committee hearings from being scheduled at the same time as formal sessions unless there is an emergency. A "No" vote is against the new rule).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

INTERNET HUNTING - A bill filed by Sen. Robert Creedon (D-Brockton) would ban "internet hunting" - the practice of using a mouse click on a home computer to kill, via the Internet, confined animals on a distant game ranch. Trophy mounts of the animal are often prepared and shipped to the customer. Twenty-five states have already outlawed this controversial practice.

FINANCIAL LITERACY IN HIGH SCHOOLS - Rep. Brian Dempsey (D-Haverhill) filed legislation requiring public high schools to offer a course on personal financial literacy including consumer financial education, personal finance and credit issues. The measure also requires that a student pass the course in order to graduate.

NO PAY FOR COLLECTING SIGNATURES - A measure sponsored by Rep. James Fagan (D-Taunton) would make it illegal to pay anyone to collect signatures for an initiative petition. These petitions are proposals by citizens for laws or constitutional amendments that would go on the ballot for voter consideration if the necessary number of signatures is gathered.

REPLACE PROPERTY TAX WITH LOCAL INCOME TAX - Private citizen Leonard H. Golder of Stow has filed legislation allowing any city or town to replace its residential real estate tax with a local income tax.

GOV'S $19 MILLION SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET - Gov. Deval Patrick filed the first budget of his new administration - a $19 million supplemental package that he says will be paid for by a combination of new revenue and spending reductions. Provisions include $4.1 million for Emergency Assistance for the Elderly, Disabled, and Children; $2.7 million for family shelters; $1.1 million to fund National Guard patrols at the Pilgrim Power Plant; $5.7 million to fund collective bargaining agreements and elimination of the entire $5 million earmark for Tourism Massachusetts. Patrick spokeswoman Cyndi Roy said, "We don't believe that Tourism Massachusetts was doing the job that it was set up to do." Another provision would expand the scope of a Big Dig audit program to include cost recovery and management. Currently the program is limited to construction and safety matters.

Y = Yes; N = No; NV = No Vote

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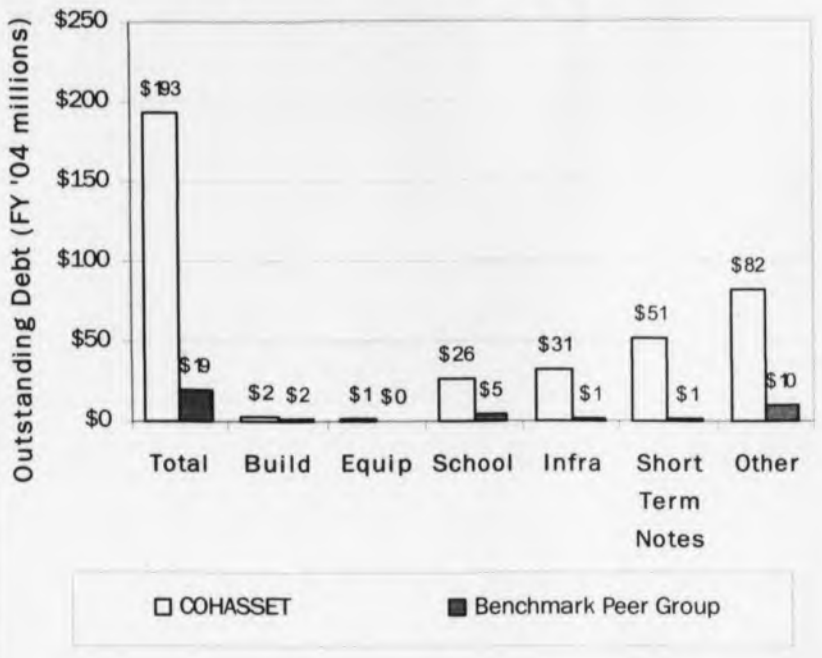

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How does Cohasset measure up?

MUNICIPAL BENCHMARKING: COHASSET-AT-A-GLANCE

Outstanding Debt by Use



Source: Municipal Benchmarking (www.municipalbenchmarking.com). Each category includes debt at the end of the year in and outside of the debt limit.

This chart shows the amount of debt that Cohasset has outstanding by use: building, equipment, school, infrastructure, short term notes and other. It also compares it to the outstanding debt for the median of its Benchmark Peer Group. Communities generally use debt to finance large capital projects like road, school or sewer construction. By considering the use of the outstanding debt, one can get a sense for resource allocations decisions that Cohasset has made.

Municipal Benchmarking determined Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group by analyzing 15 demographic traits to find the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Cohasset's peer group includes Boxborough, Carlisle, Dover, Duxbury, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lynnfield, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Marblehead, Medfield, Norwell, Sherborn, Southborough, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wayland, Wenham, West Newbury, Westwood and Winchester. Municipal Benchmarking uses information collected from municipal and school district filings, state and federal agencies, associations, surveys, and information requests under the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

Municipal Benchmarking *(www.municipalbenchmarking.com)* provides municipal officials, education administrators, citizens, labor leaders, realtors and other interested parties with unbiased data and analysis to help make more informed decisions.

Judging a community by its peer group

The Cohasset Mariner is publishing a new feature: Cohasset At-A-Glance. Cohasset At-a-Glance is a series of charts, which compare Cohasset to its Benchmark Peer Group, the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Each week the chart will look at a different area of interest in Cohasset's municipal government, such as taxes, police spending, fire staffing, municipal salaries, education spending, debt and land use.

The At-a-Glance charts were prepared by Municipal Benchmarking, LLC, a Waltham-based company that provides data and analysis to help municipal decision-makers, education officials, taxpayers, union members, such as teachers, and others make more informed decisions.

Community Newspaper Company, publisher of the Cohasset Mariner, entered into an agreement with Municipal Benchmarking this year to present this data to readers in a series on weekly charts.

Cohasset paid Municipal Benchmarking LLC roughly $7,500 for the full report which is available at Town Hall.

For more information about Municipal Benchmarking go to municipalbenchmarking.com

Editor's note: Benchmarks is an ongoing series that is run when space is available.

Still time to file for real estate tax exemptions

Cohasset Board of Assessors Office is currently accepting applications for fiscal 2007 real estate tax exemptions. The qualification date is July 1, 2006. Applicants who have filed tax exemption forms since July 1, 2006, are not required to file again. The deadline for filing is March 29. The following exemptions are available:

Persons over 70 years of age – $2,000 off

Clause 41C – if annual income is less that $18,000 (single person) or $23,000 (married couple), and the value of your assets, excluding your home, is less than $33,000 (single person) or $35,000 (married couple) and must own and occupy for previous 10 years.

Surviving spouse (no age requirement) – $350 off

Clause 17D – also minors of deceased parents and persons over 70 years of age. There is no limit on income, but the value of your assets, excluding your home, must not exceed $40,000 and must own and occupy for previous five years.

Exemption forms are available at the Assessors' Office in the Town Hall.

Disabled veterans – $800 off

Clause 22 – At least 10 percent disabled as determined by the Veterans Administration. Purple Heart Award recipients qualify, as well as Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross and Navy Cross. Other exemptions are available for more seriously disabled veterans and paraplegic veterans. Veteran must have been a Massachusetts resident six months prior to enlisting or live in Massachusetts for five consecutive years.

Blind persons – $875 off

Clause 37 – Must be registered with Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.

Tax deferral – All or part of the tax

Clause 41A – Applicant must be 65 years of age as of July 1, 2006, with income less than $40,000 and must have resided in Massachusetts for the preceding 10 years. All or part of the tax may be deferred. (Effective 2007 the interest rate has been reduced to 4 percent.)

Exemption forms are available at the Assessors' Office in the Town Hall. For more information or to check if an exemption has already been filed, call the Assessors' Office at 781-383-4114.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Murphy, 136 Jerusalem Road, $20,000, demolish interior to prepare for renovations; Whitley, 120 Jerusalem Road, $18,000, 20 squares white cedar shingle siding, new trim; Blante, 241 Hull St., $9,400; construct 10' by 12' addition; Lahive, 55 Elm St., $100,000, gut and renovate second floor, add new second floor addition over existing single story rear L; Fauth, 205 Sohier St., $4,400, 10 squares asphalt roofing; Ahern, 202 Jerusalem Road, $161,850, construct exercise room over garage, family room addition, garage addition, dormers, half bath, wood deck; Deane, 9 Gammons Road, $1,400,000, demolish existing home, construct 8,200 square foot home;

Reed, 256 So. Main St., $40,000, construct new 24 foot by 24 foot detached garage; Peracchi, 305 Fair Oakes, $8,000, finish basement; Fitzgerald, 516 CJC Highway, $20,000, install 18 foot by 36 foot in-ground pool, 3 feet by 8 feet wide, no diving board

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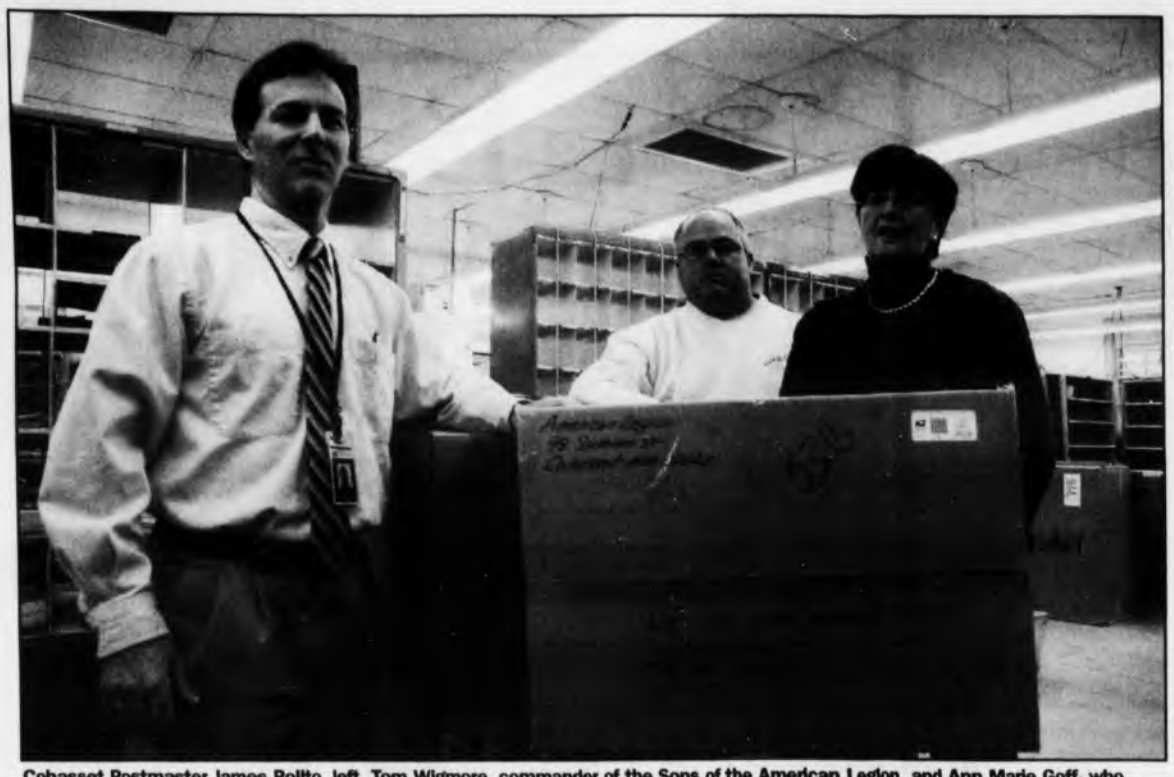
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Cohasset Postmaster James Poilto, left, Tom Wigmore, commander of the Sons of the American Legion, and Ann Marie Goff, who coordinates sending care packages to local troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, get ready to send off a 53 lb. box to Lt. Col. Chris Mahoney, USMC. The collection is ongoing. Items may be dropped off at the American Legion Post or at Pilgrim Cooperative Bank.



Four hefty boxes were weighed and processed last Thursday at the Cohasset Post Office. The shipment is now on its way to Iraq. Wolf Cub Scouts collected a lot of the items for the Valentine mailing.

Local troops not forgotten

Four big boxes head overseas

Photos by Craig Goedecke



Last Thursday, Postal Clerk Peter LindFors checks the paperwork as he pulls the cart holding the four Valentine boxes that contain a range of personal care items and other goods for deployed troops. The boxes were expected to arrive in a week to 10 days. Cohasset Wolf Cub Scouts, who are all second-graders, helped collect toiletries, reading material, candy and other goods for the soldiers and Marines.



Postal Clerk Bonnie Meaney gets ready to attach a customs' label to one of four Valentine boxes being sent to the troops last Thursday. At right is Tom Wigmore, commander of the Sons of the American Legion, who helps organize the collection. The next shipment is slated for this spring. Items may be dropped off at the American Legion Post or at Pilgrim Cooperative Bank.

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FINDING A CAMP THAT'S A GOOD FIT

By Bette S. Bussel - Executive Director, American Camp Association, New England

This is the perfect time of the year for families to do a little homework that can result in the happiest summer memories a child will ever have! First make the most important decision of all and choose camp among the many summer options competing for your child's enrollment. Camp gives kids a world of good! No child should go without a camp experience. Your willingness to explore camp options now means that come summertime, your camper could be making friends, toasting marshmallows, learning new skills and benefiting from the unique benefits only camp experiences can offer.

Following our tried and true guidelines can help you to identify the right camp—one that's a match for a child's current needs and interests. The American Camp Association, New England recommends four basic steps to a successful camp experience for your child:

1. Consider and list CAMP expectations for your child and yourself.
2. Explore CAMP options that might meet your search criteria
3. Decide on a CAMP
4. Prepare for CAMP

In this article, we'll take a look a look a Step #1. Next week, watch for Step #2.

Consider and list CAMP expectations for your child and yourself.

The ideal camp experience for your camper includes what? YOU have to fill in the blanks here. Parents, guardians, and children themselves are the experts on what's needed to round out the school year; relatives, coaches and counselors often assist.

Consider the following questions and make lists:

- What are your leading camp search parameters? Which are "non-negotiable" and which are "preferences"?
- What type of camp are you looking for? Day? Overnight /Resident? Trip & Travel? General? Specialty?
- Which of your family's values should be reflected in the camp philosophy? How religious? How competitive? How diverse? How much camper choice?
- What activities/programs interest you and your child? What level of intensity are you looking for? Are you looking for opportunities to try new activities, to play, to advance current skills, to practice, to compete or to specialize?
- What kind of facilities will your camper enjoy? Consider electricity, bathrooms, dining and the like.
- What session length, from 8 weeks to a few days, is comfortable for you, your child and your family's summer schedule?
- Most common session lengths include full season (7-8 weeks), half season (3-4 weeks), two weeks and one week.
- Remaining flexible about session length can increase your camp options.
- What camp clientele do you want to consider? There are camps for boys only, girls only, coed, brother/sister, religious groups, underserved populations, children with special needs.
- What is your budget for camp tuition?
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Boys hoops season nears the end

By Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

For the second week in a row, the Cohasset High boys basketball team played had games on back-to-back days and then a third game three nights later.

To start off, Cohasset faced Norwell in which they were absolutely dominated in losing 56-37. The next day the Skippers played Nantucket and won a thriller, 59-56. Finally, Cohasset hosted Mashpee Tuesday night and were on the short end once again, 66-50.

Against Norwell, Cohasset was unable to match the Norwell's firepower and got down early. Head coach Dorian Bryant said of the Clippers, "They are a very, very good team with lots of shooters." All their shooters helped them to jump out to an early lead and control the game.

For Cohasset, it was more of a warm-up for the game against Nantucket, as the starters came off the floor early, along with senior co-captain Justin Alexander fouling out early. Despite sitting most of the second half due to the large deficit, junior and fellow co-captain Pat McCarthy put up 14 points.

The very next day the Skippers were forced to make a long trip all the way out to Nantucket to face the Whalers. Bryant said he was worried about the team's legs prior to and during the game, but that he was pleased with the way they played. The game was a tight one throughout as neither team was ever able to truly pull ahead.

Junior Kyle Pinkus was a key factor in the win as he was asked to guard Nantucket's top player. Against him, Pinkus put on a defensive show, allowing just one point in the second half.

As the game rolled on, it became more and more heart-wrenching, as both teams looked as though they could win. With Cohasset trailing by a basket with 14 seconds left, McCarthy was able to once again bail his team out by nailing a three-pointer to put his

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Ryan McLellan (119) has a hold of Scituate's Eric Palmer in the quarterfinals of Saturday's Div. 3 South sectional. McLellan would go on to win the championship, as did teammate Nick Cambi at 189.

Good times for CHS wrestlers

Cambi, McLellan win sectional titles; team advances to Div. 3 South semis

By Mark Goodman
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The match of the day came at 125, where Cohasset senior Ryan McLellan pinned his opponent in the third period of a tied bout.

It's mid-February and as sure as the temperature is cold, the Cohasset High wrestling team is heating up.

After eight Skippers advanced from last Saturday's Div. 3 South individual sectionals to compete at this weekend's Div. 3 state tournament, the team dispatched Carver on Tuesday to advance to the sectional semifinals of the team dual meet tournament, where they will travel to face top-seed Rockland Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Cohasset took a 44-34 win over the Crusaders Tuesday. The match of the day came at 125, where Cohasset senior Ryan McLellan pinned his opponent in the third period of a tied bout. McLellan had faced the same wrestler at the sectionals three days prior, and beat him by just a point.

"That was a big match (Tuesday) because Ryan was losing for parts of it," said Skippers coach Torin Sweeney. "He came back to tie it, and then he got the pin. It was a very good, competitive match."

Just before McLellan's win, Stephen Gratta, the team's lone representative from Hull, also won by pin. Following the 125 match was a major decision victory, worth four team points, from sophomore David Toomey at 130. Those three wins turned a 22-12 deficit to a 28-22 Skippers lead.

Carver tied it with a pin at 135, but senior Adam Smith got the lead right back for Cohasset with a four-point major victory at 140. Sophomore Mike Froio (145) and senior Gannon Dorion (152) both pinned their opponents, with Dorion's victory clinching the team win for Cohasset.

Seniors Nick Cambi (189) and Steve Hurlbut (215) both also earned six points for the Skippers via pins. Cambi's win ran his record for the season to 38-2.

Several of those wins came last Saturday in Cohasset, where Cambi won the sectional cham-

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A bevy of stars for Sci-Coh swimmers

By virtue of finishing first or second in their respective events at last weekend's Patriot League championships in Middleboro, 11 Sci-Coh swimmers are on this year's Patriot League All-Star team.

That list includes seven boys and four girls. The boys are Brian McGuiness, John McGuiness, Jonny Drybanski, Rob Lilly, Colin Conway, Mike Wall and Brent Daly. For the girls, it's Allison Costa, Megan Little, Torey Hart and Mimi Mahoney.

As a team, the boys and girls both finished second behind Duxbury. The boys missed by just 60 team points, with 35 of those points coming from diving events in which the Sci-Cohs don't compete.

Next up, 15 athletes (eight boys and seven girls) will compete at this weekend's sectionals at MIT. The boys will compete on Saturday from 4:15 to 7 p.m., with the girls going at the same time on Sunday.



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Hingham's Brian Boyle, a senior forward for the Boston College men's ice hockey team, was one of several South Shore natives that played in the recently concluded Beanpot tournament, won by Boston University. See story, page 22.

One more win

Tournament berth was on line for CHS girls last night against Holbrook

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"That would be a nice accomplishment for a very young team. It would be good to get them that experience."
Cohasset head coach John Levangie

It hasn't always been pretty for the Cohasset High girls basketball team, but one more win last night (Feb. 15) would make it all worthwhile.

In a game played after the Mariner went to press, the Skippers hosted Holbrook, a team they beat 52-17 in their season opener Dec. 7. Cohasset entered the game with a 9-10 record, meaning a win would give the team the .500 record necessary for making the Div. 4 state tournament.

"That would be a nice accomplishment for a very young team," Cohasset head coach John Levangie said Wednesday. "It would be good to get them that experience."

The girls earned win number-9 Tuesday night in Mashpee with a 61-35 romp over the Falcons. Sam Lehr dominated inside for a game-high 23 points, while Lacey Richardson had 11 and Haley Haracz finished with 10.

Levangie said his team was sluggish throughout the first half, but received a big boost when Carly Salerno hit a big three-pointer just before the halftime buzzer to give the Skippers a six-point lead going into the break. That lead quickly got into double digits, at which point Cohasset's press kicked in and took Mashpee out of the game.

Levangie said Sarah Coggins and Meredith Kelley provided a lift off the bench for Cohasset, particularly during its second half run. The coach also praised the play of his guards, Salerno and Kayla Farren, for limiting turnovers and setting up the Skipper offense.

The Skippers had lost three straight coming into the game, the last two on a brutal back-to-back adventure with Norwell and Nantucket. After losing to Norwell Friday, the team had to get on the bus early Saturday morning to get to the ferry that would bring them to Nantucket. Levangie said his team played fairly well against the Whalers – a team Cohasset beat at home a week before – but just ran out of steam in the second half.

Much of that would be forgotten, though, with a win over Holbrook last night. The MIAA will announce the tournament pairings next Friday.



STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

Cohasset's Sarah Coggins defends Norwell's Katelyn Stravinsky during last Friday's South Shore League clash. Coggins and her teammates were hoping to earn a Div. 4 state tournament berth with a win last night against Holbrook.

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team up by one. Cohasset was then able to force a turnover and send Alexander to the line, where he made both of his shots with only a second left on the clock.

Both McCarthy and Alexander had outstanding games as McCarthy put up 18 points and Alexander had 15. Sophomore Danny Martin helped out as well, contributing eight points to the win for the Skippers.

In their second to last game of the season, Cohasset faced off against a very tough Mashpee team. In the first five minutes both teams went back-and-forth and Cohasset led by one. As the half rolled on Cohasset was able to stay in the game with good defense and rebounding, but was never able to take a significant lead due to poor offensive execution. With a large contribution from junior Kenny Muir, who put up four points and played strong defense, the Skippers were able to stay even with the Falcons.

That is, until the final two minutes of the first half. In these two minutes alone, Mashpee was able to drain two huge three-pointers and eventually lead by 10 at halftime. Although he finished with 16 points, those points came too little, too late for McCarthy and his team, as he only scored one basket in the first half. Alexander, on the other hand, had himself a great first half, scoring 11 points en route to another 15-point game.

Although it was a disappointing loss, Cohasset was looking forward to its final game last night (Feb. 15) at home against Holbrook, the team they beat in their season opener.

In the second half, Mashpee looked like the team that everyone was expecting them to be. Within the first five minutes of this half, Mashpee was able to double their lead from 10 to 20. At this point the game was basically over for the Skippers, as the closest they came to Mashpee's point total was 12.

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Community MVP Awards

The New England Patriots are currently accepting nominations for the 2007 Community MVP Awards program.

The Community MVP Awards honor individuals who exemplify leadership, dedication and a commitment to improving the communities in which they live through volunteerism. Through the program, nonprofit organizations throughout New England have the opportunity to reward their hard-working volunteers for the invaluable time and support they provide to their communities.

There will be 21 winners chosen and grants ranging between $1,500 and $10,000 will be awarded to the nonprofit organization for which each honoree volunteers. In 2006, the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation donated more than $50,000 to local organizations. Mid Coast Health Net, a free health and dental clinic in Rockport, Maine, received $10,000 in the name of Dr. Paul Klainer, the 2006 overall winner.

New England residents who are 13 years of age or older who provide volunteer services for nonprofit 501(c)(3) or 509 organizations are eligible for nomination. Only one nominee may be considered from each organization. The strongest applicants will be hands-on volunteers and may not receive any compensation, monetary or otherwise, for their efforts.

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pionship at 189. McLellan also won it at 119; there were 15 other schools involved in the tournament.

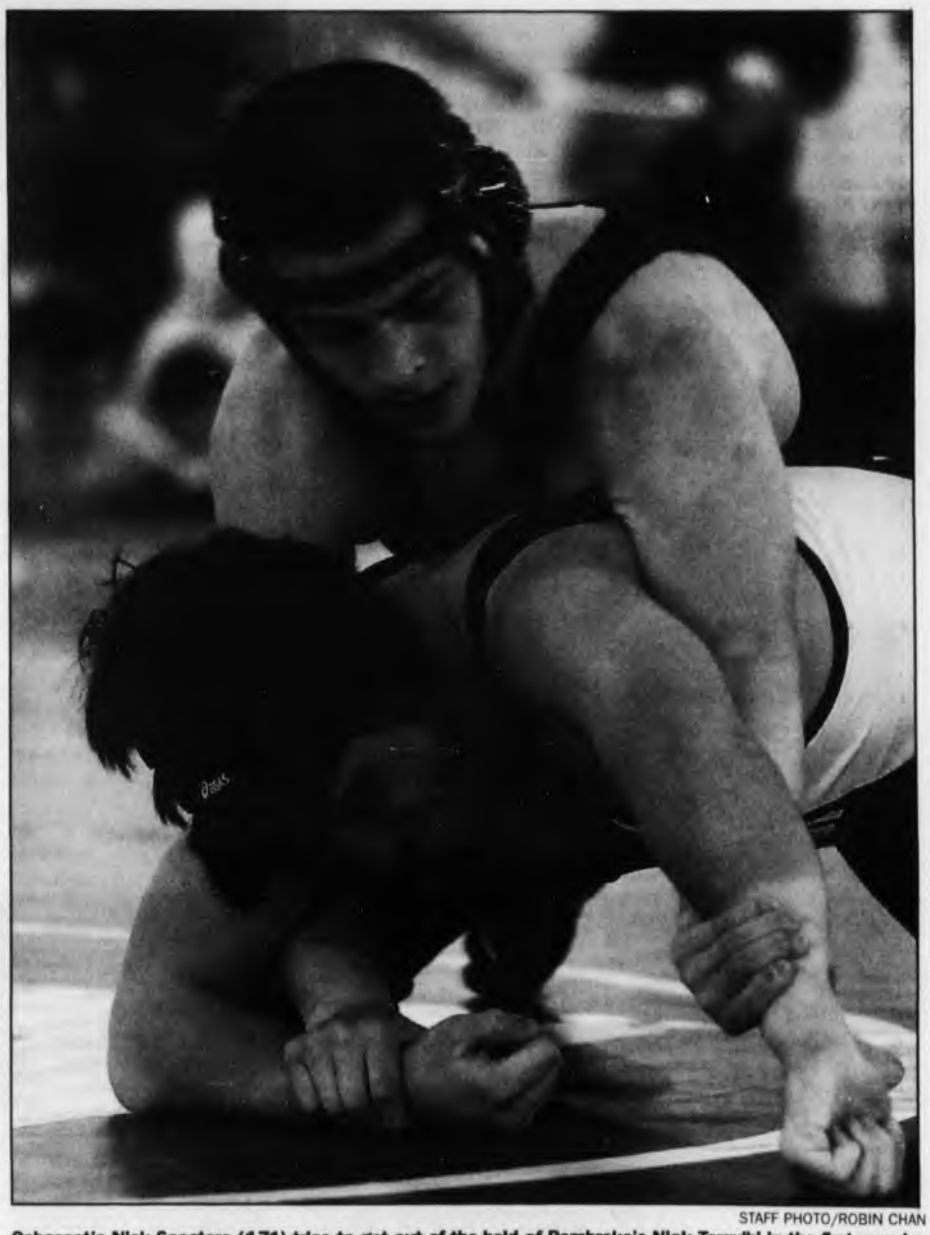
Smith was runner-up at 145, losing the championship to a talented wrestler from Pembroke. Dorion (152) and Hurlbut (215) both took third place, while Toomey and his older brother, Tim (160), finished fourth.

Cambi, McLellan, Smith, Dorion, Hurlbut and the Toomeys are all guaranteed to compete at this weekend's state meet, being held today (Feb. 16) and tomorrow at Wayland High School. Sophomore Rudy Helbock, who finished fifth at sectionals, will also make the trip as an alternate.

The top six in each weight class at Wayland will move on to All-States, being held on the 23rd and 24th at Salem High School.

Getting back to the sectionals, freshman Jack Murphy had a solid tournament, finishing sixth in a tough 112-pound division. Gratta, sophomore Andrew Liberty (135), freshman Mike Dorion (140) and junior Nick Secatore (171) all won one match in their respective weight classes. For Liberty, it was his first varsity win.

As for the team tournament, the winner of Wednesday's Rockland-Cohasset match will take on the winner of the Hingham-Pembroke match in the Div. 3 South final. The Skippers faced Rockland during the regular season and lost by just five points, setting up what should be a very competitive contest on Wednesday.



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Cohasset's Nick Secatore (171) tries to get out of the hold of Pembroke's Nick Tarquihl in the first round of Saturday's sectional.

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5th grade Travel B rallies to topple Scituate in a shootout

Wow! The rematch between Cohasset's fifth grade Travel B team and a very talented, red-hot Scituate club left the fans with racing heartbeats as they left the stands Saturday night at the Weymouth Air Base.

This contest was a gun slinging shootout from start to finish with several lead changes and an outcome hanging in the balance down to the final possession. Scituate came out firing and went ahead 15 seconds into the match and didn't look back. With lightning quick passes and great ball control, Scituate ran up an 8-0 lead before **Timmy "Jackpot" Cavanaro** drained Cohasset's first points of the game to get his team on the scoreboard.

Cavanaro followed up with a trip to the line where he dropped in a rim dribbler to narrow the lead. Overall, Cavanaro hit triple 7's in points scored, offensive rebounds and defensive rebounds for a very productive game.

But the stroke of the night belonged to **Mark "MJ" Rattenbury** who couldn't miss from Anywhere, USA. Mark's six first half points brought his team right back into this game that included well timed jump shots and crafty drives down the lane with lay-ups on both sides of the basket. Rattenbury ended the night with a team-leading eight points to keep his team close all night.

Zach Coggins was instrumental in setting up some key points and had another strong performance on both ends of the court with four points and a handful of steals to disrupt the Scituate offense. Cohasset battled through a slow start and erased the eight point deficit to lead at the half 11-10.

The arsenals remained loaded on both sides of Cohasset Harbor to keep the fans on the edge of their aluminum grandstand seats for the entire second half. **Ryan McKeon** led his troops down the court on many occasions only to disappear in the sea of Scituate blue and magically reappear behind the hoop to release a pass or drive to the basket. McKeon filled every column on the score-sheet with production everywhere.

Jack Stanganelli had his weapons drawn on both ends of the court with some close chances on offense, chasing down loose balls and frustrating Scituate's attack all night long. **Doug Fitzgerald** was well armed on defense and had many close shots spin off the rim. **Jack Leffel** had several near misses as well, but maintained a strong presence down low to make Scituate earn every point.

But after multiple lead changes in the final minutes of play, Cohasset's man in the middle rose up for the call to duty. Scituate had control of the ball and a 24-23 lead with less than four minutes left in the game when the heart rates began to rise. As both clubs traded a few turnovers, the clock winded down to 1:12 left when **EricWeinstein** fired the shot heard from Beechwood to Black Rock.

Nestled in the corner with defenders on all sides, Weinstein launched a cruise missile from way back that tickled the laces to put Cohasset ahead by one, 25-24. Scituate fired right back but came up short with 35 seconds showing on the clock when Cavanaro snatched his 14th rebound of the night.

But Scituate wouldn't let go and immediately came up with a key turnover to give them a chance at a game winning shot with 11 seconds left. Scituate's quick in-bound pass set up the final shot of the night. The ball made its way to hoop but rolled right to fall within the reach of a well positioned McKeon to run out the clock and seal the win for Cohasset's soldiers of fortune.

Cohasset @ Bridgewater - Patriot League

The Grade 7 boys took on the second place Bridgewater team on Sunday. The boys submitted an outstanding performance in a losing effort, 44-42. The boys held the lead for most of the game, and if not for some good outside shooting by the Bridgewater guards, the Cohasset boys would have pulled off an impressive upset.

The boys started strong in this game, as they opened an early12-4 lead. **Jay Salerno** was on fire, popping open and draining his patented jump shot from the corner. Defensively, **Christian Allard, Pat Kearney, Kyrel Jaundoo** and **Chris Lunde** pressured Bridgewater all over the floor, as they played with great energy. Their swarming led to turnovers and transition baskets by Jaundoo, Allard, and Kearney.

Chris Murphy and **Rob Mahoney** played aggressive interior defense. Murphy scored on a nice move inside, and he used his quickness to get position on Bridgewater's big men. Mahoney, as always, gave a Dave Cowens-like effort as he had his way in the paint.

Bridgewater played with poise, however, and they closed the gap to one point at halftime. The second half may have been the most exciting basketball played by the seventh graders all year. There were several lead changes, and when one team appeared ready to take control, the other team countered.

The half was marked by great transition baskets, as **Patrick MacCormack** scored once and had four assists. He fed Salerno, Lunde and Jaundoo twice for baskets on the transition. Lunde played his best game of the year, as he was solid on defense, passed the ball well, and made a pretty jump shot off the glass from the elbow. Mahoney worked hard for openings inside as he scored and got to the free throw line.

The difference in the game was a stretch of outside shooting by Bridgewater that gave them the lead for good. They worked the ball well around the perimeter. Although Cohasset's defense was tight, the Bridgewater guards took advantage of small creases to hit four jump shots to take the lead. It also opened the inside enough to give their big men some good looks as well.

Cohasset gave themselves several chances at the end with swarming defensive stops, but Bridgewater's D was also up to the challenge.

Abington Stars League - Weymouth Air Station

The Cohasset Grade 5A boys took on the undefeated Rockland boys this past Saturday. The boys went down 25-12, but gave the powerful Rockland team all it could handle in a game that was closer than the score indicated.

Cohasset opened the scoring as **Brendan O'Connell** hit an open jump shot, after all players on the floor swung the ball to the open man. This focus on passing was on display all evening, as the boys have really begun to develop a team concept.

O'Connell and **Mark McKenna** directed traffic at the guard position, and they fed the ball down low to **Joe Buckley** and **Mark Brown**. McKenna handled Rockland's pressure defense well. Brown made several strong moves to the basket, scoring and getting to the free throw line as well. Buckley and Brown both rebounded well against the big and talented Rockland big men.

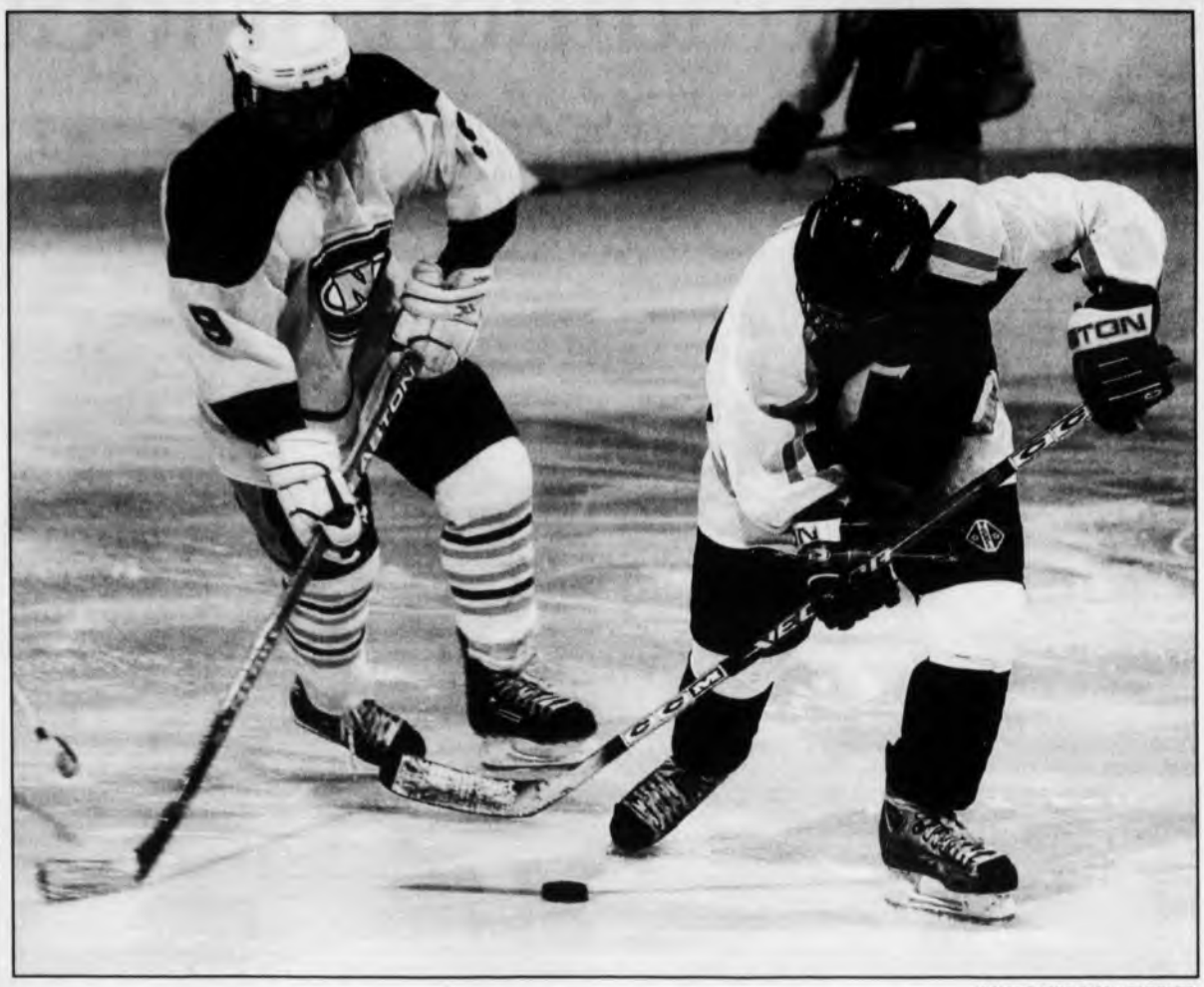
Cohasset was within 6-4 well into the first half, and they were getting some good looks at the basket. Their shots were not dropping, however, as Rockland was playing tight defense. **Chris Haggerty** began to look for his shot more aggressively, and scored on a jump shot from outside the key. **Matthew MacCormack** also took advantage of daylight as he took his smooth jumper from the elbow. He hit a key basket and showed good ball movement at the guard spot.

Rockland gradually extended their lead, but Cohasset's defensive pressure from **Steven Maher, Rocco Laugelle, Dakota Achin** and **Conner Green** made Rockland work for every shot.

In the second half, Rockland was able to maintain their lead, but Cohasset remained within striking distance. The boys showed some very encouraging signs of development as a team. They are working hard to find the open man on the court, and they are learning when to look for a teammate and when to shoot.

Haggerty, O'Connell, MacCormack, Maher, and Green all began to look for their shot more, which should mean more balanced scoring. Buckley often gave up open looks at the basket to dish off to teammates. As Buckley learns when to shoot and when to pass, he will become a real threat in the paint.

Coach **Liam O'Connell** felt that the boys played well, saying, "We played hard against the class of the league. We moved the ball well to get good shots, but, unfortunately, our shots just didn't drop tonight."



STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

Cohasset's TJ Kennedy (right) looks to get something going against Norwell on Feb. 7. With Wednesday's game against Carver-Sacred Heart postponed to the 20th, the Skippers still have three games left, from which they need three points to qualify for the state tournament. Tonight (Feb. 16) at 5:40, Cohasset takes on Rockland at Pilgrim Ice Arena. Tuesday is the Carver-SH makeup, scheduled for 8:20 p.m. at Bridgewater Ice Arena. The next night at 7:40, the Skippers take on South Shore Voke at Pilgrim.

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A tradition of local flavor

Area residents have big impact on Beanpot

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It's something unique to this region. It's a place where friendships turn into rivalries and vice versa. It's the Beanpot, one of the premier college hockey tournaments in the country and the marquee event on the local sports calendar at this time of year.

This year's final gave everyone the dream matchup, Boston University and Boston College, the winners of the last 13 titles (10 of them by the Terriers), and two of the biggest rivals in all of college sports.

This year's final featured a wide array of South Shore residents on both benches, and in many cases featured friends facing off against each other.

"There are so many people we grew up playing with. We're best friends away from the rink but once we get out there it's war."
BU's Bryan Ewing

In the end it was Boston University coming through again with a 2-1 overtime victory, but there was a South Shore connection to it all.

Teammates to rivals

Monday night's final featured a pair of high school teammates, who captain their respective college squads. It's the final Beanpot for both of them.

Hingham's Brian Boyle, and Braintree's Sean Sullivan played their prep hockey at St. Sebastian's together. Monday night they faced each other one final time for all the Beanpot bragging rights. In addition BC's Joe Rooney (a Canton native) and BU's Kenny Roche (South Boston) also played at St. Sebastian's, so Monday night marked one more chapter in their lengthy history together as friends and foes.

"We've come through the ranks together, and we've played together and against each other and its been a lot of fun to see their success, but it's a lot of fun to play against them because we really give it to each other," Boyle said of his BU counterparts.

The rivalry is a spirited one when fans of the two schools come together, somewhere on Commonwealth Avenue, but when the players have such a long history together they are able to put aside the colors they wear, except on game day.

"It's friendly until the game time," Rooney said. "It's fun playing against those guys. I went to school with Brian, Sully and Roche. I was best buddies with them in high school, and now we're playing in one of the biggest rivalries in college hockey. It's exciting, and we were happy they won so we could get one more chance to win one."

Sullivan holds the bragging rights lately, winning the last two Beanpot titles.

"It's huge bragging rights, you see these guys off the ice, you see them hanging around in the summer, there's definitely something to it when you go out there, obviously you're friends off the ice but not on it," Sullivan said.

The Plymouth Connection

Plymouth boasts four residents taking part in the latest installment, two on each side. Bryan Ewing, and Steve Smolinsky suit up for BU while the Greene brothers, Justin, and Matt sport the maroon and gold for BC.

"It's funny because we played with them pretty much all of our lives, and it's a bragging rights thing. You take it seriously, when it comes down to it you just want to win, and have a little bit of bragging rights," Matt Greene said.

From Ewing's perspective, he's held the bragging rights the last two seasons, but he knows the most important one is the last one, and even though they're friends its put on hold for 60 minutes of hockey.

"There are so many people we grew up playing with. We're best friends away from the rink but once we get out there it's war. There's always jokes after the game," Ewing said.

Smolinsky played with the Greene's at BC High, but now wears the red and white, which happens to be the rival color of Catholic Memorial.

For the Greene's it's one final Beanpot together, as Justin will graduate in the spring, and when the season ends it will mark the end of a long time playing hockey together.

They were linemates at BC High, and played a lot together in Matt's freshman year, as linemates. However, Justin has one thing that Matt doesn't have, experience on a Beanpot championship team, which Justin won as a freshman.

"My freshman year when we won it, Matty was sitting across the ice in the front row, and he's got to see it and now he wants to hold it," Justin Greene said.

Both siblings are thankful to their parents for the great financial and time commitment they gave to making their children the best they could be.

"Our parents gave us the opportunity and put us in the best position, we were both on two different teams, and they would take us to all the games and practices. They definitely put in the hours," Matt Greene said.

They know the Beanpot isn't the end, and are hopeful of bigger things to come in March when the NCAA tournament begins.

"Hopefully this isn't the end of the road, but at the present time this is as big as it gets," Justin Greene said.

A dream come true

All of the local kids playing in Monday's final have had more than a passing interest in the February tournament. Nearly all of them attended the tournament as kids, and dreamed of playing on the biggest stage.

"I went to pretty much everyone growing up, looking at colleges I knew I wanted to play for a Beanpot school," Rooney said.



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BU's Sean Sullivan, a Braintree native.



Plymouth's Bryan Ewing in action for BU this year.

The feeling is the same for Ewing. He originally hailed from West Virginia but soon after coming here he caught Beanpot fever, and became enthralled with the rivalry.

"I've always wanted to play in the Beanpot since I was young, and growing up on the South Shore, I've always been able to watch BC and BU and I always looked forward to playing," Ewing said.

For Sullivan the Beanpot was even more r recognizable than the NCAA tournament.

"As a kid you're in the backyard playing street hockey, and you say this is for the Beanpot final. I knew the Beanpot a lot more, I always watched it come February, and it was huge in my family," Sullivan said.

Sullivan says his time with the Terriers has flown by, and is hoping this last Beanpot provides the most memorable moment, especially being a captain.

"It's exciting, and it means a lot that I was elected captain and it would be nice if I could grab that trophy and give it to Coach (Parker)," Sullivan said.

Captain comes through

Sullivan was able to do just what he had hoped for after Brian McGuirk's goal at 5:06 of the overtime. He was on the ice at the time of the goal, but he said he didn't see it, since it happened so quickly off a face off, but he heard the crowd celebrating and he raced to the corner to jump on the pile.

"I've been waiting 22 years for that and you couldn't have written it any better.

"We've come through the ranks together, and we've played together and against each other and its been a lot of fun to see their success."
BC's Brian Boyle

Sullivan said he didn't see the goal, which happened so quickly off a faceoff, but he heard the crowd celebrating and he raced to the corner to jump on the pile.

The senior captain played a solid game manning the blue line, and had the most hellacious hit of the night on BC forward Nathan Gerube.

Gerube was streaking down the ice with his head down, and Sullivan was able to line him up and the result was a collision of freight train proportions. It came at a good time as Gerube had just scored the tying goal in the third period, and BC was playing at a frenzied pace.

"It was just a quick second and I saw him with his head down," he said. "It was a good feeling, and was good to get a big hit when we needed it to get the crowd going."

BU goaltender John Curry credited Sullivan with getting his team fired up in the locker room before the overtime. BC had gone into the lock room with much of the momentum having just killed off a late penalty, but Sullivan kept the spirits up, and the result was a clinching goal five minutes into extra hockey.

"You just look around and see all the seniors and its their last shot. I just stood up and said you can't write it any better than this, its your archrival in front of 18,000 people, I told them we had a lot left in the tank and we weren't leaving until we had that trophy."

Not quite the fertile ground it once was

It is evident both schools have benefited from having South Shore residents representing their schools, but there is concern about the future, and present of hockey in the area.

While there is certainly representation of the South Shore in the Beanpot this year it's not quite at the level that it once was, and that goes the same for the entire area of Greater Boston.

"We're not producing the number of players we have in the past and that's a concern for all of us college coaches," BC coach Jerry York said. "We're producing good players, but not the quantity that the other parts of the country are."

Minnesota, Michigan, and even New York have surpassed this area in the amount of players that are being produced. The reason is complicated according to York, and hasn't been pinpointed exactly.

Even still there are three captains of Beanpot schools this year from the area, in Boyle, Sullivan and Northeastern's Mike Morris, who also hails from Braintree. Sullivan says being able to play with and against the top-flight talent in the area is one reason for his success.

"It's definitely funny looking back, we all grew up pretty close together, and now we're all captains of our teams. We all played together, and fed off each other, it just shows that all this paid off," Sullivan said.

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SCHOOLS

Role of Captain's Council clarified

LIFE AT CHS

MICHAEL CORRY



If you're reading this and your son or daughter is currently in the land of berets and the Tour de Lance, you're probably waiting to hear from them. Don't hold your breath; you might have to wait until your world traveler returns to hear about their trip. For future reference, guys if you do go away and decide not to write or call home, make up for your laziness by bringing home some killer souvenirs for mom and pop.

Uncertainty has surrounded the topic of the new CHS Captain's Council. This selection of students was enlisted to aid in creating guidelines that we desire of CHS Captains. At last week's School Council meeting, it was hypothesized that these expectations could be extended to all Leadership positions within the school. For the record, the Captain's Council isn't the Illuminati of CHS — these students will *not* be involved in the selection of Captains for sports teams. The Captain's Council was formed only to help create the list. In short, the only real difference is that now we have a system where the same expectations are explicitly laid out for captaincy.

The brevity of this week's school news is in the spirit of vacation. Now you can forget about school that much sooner.

- Monday after school the Professional Development Committee met.
- The Superintendent's Administration Council met Tuesday morning.
- Wednesday afternoon the Safe School Initiative met to discuss the Bully Policy.
- Yesterday morning a Senior Assembly was held in the auditorium.

Today marks the start of February vacation! Whether you'll be spending it around the house or on the slopes, have fun.

Another vacation has arrived! Savor the upcoming week, it will slip through your fingers if you're not careful. To get the most out of your vacation, not sleeping is always an option. When making the decision to opt for this extreme, think twice before operating any heavy machinery.

Scholastic Arts Awards

The Cohasset MHS Arts Department and the Cohasset MHS Arts Boosters are pleased to announce that Boston Globe Scholastic Arts Awards have been awarded to the folllowing students:

Silver Key: **Emily Toomey,** grade 8

Silver Key: **John Rohrer,** grade 12

Honorable Mention: **Adam Smith,** grade 12

Visit the Transportation Building (Boston) this weekend (Feb. 9) in order to view the exhibit.

Congratulations on a job well done!

Pilgrim Arena offers scholarships

Applications for ten $5,000 scholarships are available at the Pilgrim Skating Arena, 75 Recreation Park Drive, Hingham.

Interested seniors must pick up and sign for the application *in person* at the arena pro shop. Completed applications must be returned by Sunday (April 15).

Applicants will be judged by members of the Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors at Pilgrim Arena.

For more information, please call Hoby Taylor, 781-749-6660.

IT'S HAPPENING

St. Stephen's to hold Slava Chorale Concert

As part of its Concert Series, St. Stephen's Church at 16 Highland Ave., will present the Slava Chorale, which will perform its program titled, "Icon Song – Light from the East," Sunday, March 4, at 3 p.m.

Slava is the Russian word for glory and in this multi-media program, sacred music of both the Slavonic and Greek traditions, holy icons and historical commentary will combine for an afternoon of transcendental beauty and inspiration. Icons are much more than mere art and have often been called "windows into heaven," and in this program icons in song and art join to bring the listener and viewer a glimpse into eternity.

The Slava Chorale is comprised of eight professional singers and directed by Dr. G. Fredrick Guzasky. Fr. John Maheras will provide insight on the great feasts of the church year, as well as commenting on the display of icons present at the concert.

Plenty of parking is available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information call 781-383-1083.

St. Anthony's annual Beef and Blarney

Saint Anthony Parish at 129 So. Main St., in Cohasset will hold their tenth annual Beef and Blarney Irish Social Night, Saturday, March 10, in the Parish Center. The Irish Band, "The O'Reillys" will be the featured entertainers.

Social hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by a sit-down dinner of corned beef and cabbage with all the fixings at 7 p.m. The price is $20 per person and $15 for seniors age 65 and older.

A limited number of tickets are still available by calling the parish office at 781-383-0219.

Gymnastic, sports openings at SSCC

South Shore Community Center is at 3 N. Main St., Cohasset. For information or to register for a class, call 781-383-0088 or stop by the office. MasterCard, Visa and Discover cards are accepted. Discounts for members are offered.

Gym Explorers – For boys and girls age 4 to 6; held Mondays from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m., or 2 to 3 p.m., Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m., or Fridays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Tumble Bugs – For boys and girls age 3; held Mondays from 3 to 3:45 p.m., or Thursdays from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

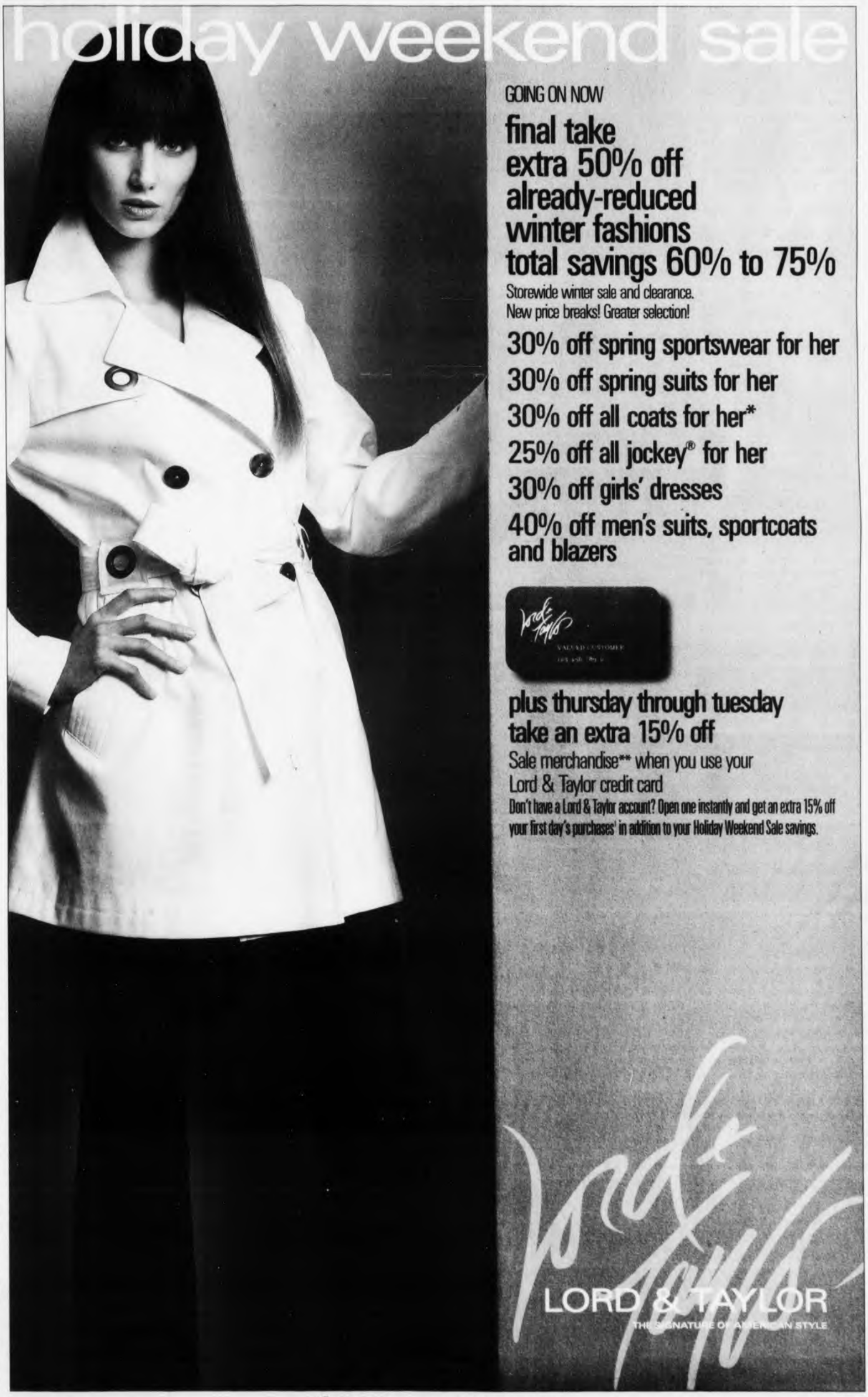
Beginner/Intermediate Girls – For age 5 to 8. Held Mondays from 4 to 5 p.m.; Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., or Wednesdays, from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.

Beginner/Intermediate Girls – For age 7 to12. Held Mondays from 5 to 6 p.m.; Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. or 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Sports for Kids – For boys and girls, **age 4 to 6**; held Mondays from 9:30-10:30 a.m., or Thursdays from 9 to 10 a.m.

Sports for Kids – For boys and girls **age 5 to 10**. Held Fridays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

February Vacation Mini Camp – For boys and girls age 4 to 10. To take place Tuesday, Feb. 20 through Thursday, February 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A fun-filled week of Gymnastics, Sports, Bowling, Crafts, face painting and much more. Bring lunch and snack daily.

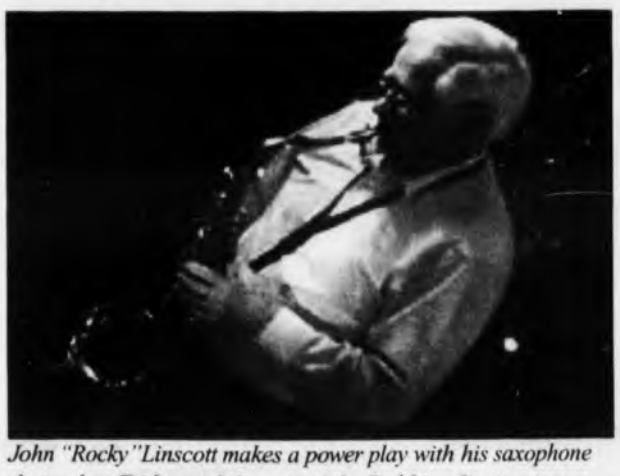


Rock 'n Hockey crash the boards at Red Lion Inn

The article was contributed by Mr. L.

Last Friday night, Feb. 9th, midwinter's freeze came to a sudden thaw in Cohasset Village when more than 275 supporters of the Cohasset High School Hockey Team and rock band the Gr8tfls (The artists formerly known as The Grateful Dads) converged in the famous Lion's Hall for a night of smash-mouth camaraderie, high speed dancing, and arena-size classic rock.

Highlights were aplenty. Texas style line dancing broke out at one point on the dance floor.



John "Rocky" Linscott makes a power play with his saxophone during last Friday night's party at the Red Lion Inn to support Cohasset High School hockey.



From left, Vic Lanzillotti, Anne Czerkawski, Jim Limbey and Rick Shea are part of the Gr8fls, an eclectic, always-in-process band.

Netting an eclectic group of people — residents from Cohasset, Scituate, Hingham and Boston and as far away as Vermont and Maine —the night was truly a special event. Hundreds laced up and danced for three straight sets while others faced-off with old friends, studied game films in the balcony, or changed it up at the bar.

Organizers of the Varsity Hockey Team Boosters — Andrea Wade, Steve Faber, Steve Brandt, Jane Lanzillotti, Anne Czerkawski, Karin Doonan and Jeanne Holway — started planning and promoting the event months in advance. For this and other fund raising programs the Boosters coordinate, the group executes on a clear and straightforward mission:

"Provide the athletic administration, coaching staff and most importantly the student athlete the greatest opportunity to meet their potential."

With many well executed goals, and surprisingly nobody, repeat *nobody*, in the penalty box (save one singer wannabe who was tossed off stage), the organizers put a resounding Win on the scoreboard. From the opening period, the outcome was never in doubt. By 9 p.m. the party was well underway with the Gr8tfls opening up with classic floor burners such as "Running Down a Dream," "One Way Out" and "My Old School."

Highlights were aplenty. Texas style line-dancing broke out at one point on the dance floor. Cohasset's own and up and coming Rich "Rogaine" Ofsthun took lead vocals for a fist pounding rendition of "Rebel Rebel," followed by a creative version of a Clapton classic (hint: Song title rhymes with Rich's nickname). "Roguey" wrapped up his tunes with a commanding message and a heart-pumping version of Lennon/McCartney's "Birthday," singing directly to his trophy wife, Kathy, who turned at least 30 the same evening.

Without question the night's energy peaked with the band's second set that brought forth the MVP of the show, Anne "Razor" Czerkawski. Blades sharpened and fully conditioned, she came out flying on all edges, lifting the action to a whole new level. Anne cut through 10 hits by great artists such as Fleetwood Mac, Sheryl Crow, The Beatles, KT Tunstall, The Pretenders and the Pointer Sisters. Anne, an experienced jazz singer (managing label, Chuckful Records), easily made her debut crossover into rock on this night. Her notes, always on target, rang out like church bells fired from a cannon.

Several very special moments occurred when her father, John "Rocky" Linscott (Portland, Maine), age 77, joined her on stage and demonstrated blistering slap shots from his authoritative but soulful saxophone. With this full and fresh lineup, the rock of ages was on the offensive and caused several body pileups on the dance floor.

Daughters and their dads and recent college grads, the Gr8fls are an eclectic, always-in-process band. This night their members' ages spanned 50 years. In addition to Anne and John, other members include Rick "Ruler" Shea, (Cohasset); Jon "CareBear" Leet (Scituate); Jim "Smoothie" Limbey (Weymouth); Vin "Harp" O'Brien (Scituate); Carey "Hap" Valentine (Woodstock, VT); Tim "Fingers" Butterworth (Brighton): and Vic "FretBoy" Lanzillotti (Cohasset).

Up and down the bench, many standout players made this event successful. Special thanks go out to 1) hockey legends Bobby Orr and Jack O'Callahan (1980 Miracle on Ice Olympian), both of whom donated authentic, autographed jerseys to the auction 2) Tom Sullivan, Founder of Braintree-based Lumber Liquidators, consistent with his notable commercial contributions 3) Adrian Morris Salon, also contributing generously to the auction 4) video producer and photographer Adam Sasso of Cohasset-based Sasso Productions and 5) new, hard working coach Bob Walsh, who continues to take Cohasset's student athletes to a new level of play and deportment.

Finally, the Red Lion Inn. Special thanks go to owner Gerd Ordelheide, his management and wait staff, all of whom collaborated closely with the Boosters in conducting this event. As all locals know, people from all over are drawn to this venue. A great place with tradition and purpose, the location's offering is still evolving. Centuries ago merely a place of rest and drink for wayward travelers, The Red Lion, in addition to providing premier facilities and hospitality for all of life's celebrations, recently has become the South Shore's premier destination for live music performance and dancing.

The Varsity Hockey Boosters thank all of you again for your generous and enthusiastic support. See you next year. Go Skippers!



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Tammy DuRoss, owner of Hingham Harbor Gallery on Otis Street (3A), holds one of the Mardi Gras masked made by a student at the South Shore Charter Public School in Norwell. DuRoss is hosting a Mardi Gras event Saturday at which she will auction the masks. Money raised will benefit art education at the Charter School. The event includes artwork by Cohasset students who attend the school.

Charter school students' artwork to be auctioned

Mardi Gras celebration at Hingham Harbor Gallery

"When they heard that their creations would be shown publicly, their imaginations really just flowed."
— Marianne Buckley Curran, art teacher

By Mary Jane Hanson
SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

Don't be surprised if Otis Street appears more like Bourbon Street in New Orleans on Saturday, Feb. 17, when the Hingham Harbor Gallery celebrates Mardi Gras! This joyful spring gala will be a daylong event and will feature live music by the Fat City Band from 2 to 5pm.

Festivities within the landmark building at the edge of Hingham Harbor will bring fun, frolic and a bit of Cajun culture to our New England community. Among the beautiful works offered in the Gallery will be hand made and decorated Mardi Gras masks created by students of the South Shore Charter Public School in Norwell. These works of art will be auctioned off and 100 percent of the proceeds from the auction will be given to the school. Tammy DuRoss, owner of the Gallery, is donating a portion of the entire day's sales to the school as well. Students from numerous towns including Hingham, Scituate, Weymouth, Hull, Norwell, Duxbury and Plympton participate in the program.

Marianne Buckley Curran, art teacher at the school, explained about the program. These students "apply to the program; (submit) a portfolio and essay and interview with the art teacher." She listed other instruction the students receive, such as art theory, color and design, and studio classes in drawing, painting, and three-dimensional sculpture.

"The students learn to work with different material. In this case, the material was plaster," she said. "When they heard that their creations would be shown publicly, their imaginations really just flowed."

DuRoss saw the work of the students at an impromptu meeting with Curran. An artist and painter in her own right, Curran has oil paintings shown at the Gallery also. Impressed by the intricacy and beauty of the masks, DuRoss had the idea of a fundraising party and a Mardi Gras celebration for the community.

"For so many years in my work with real estate and finance I have traveled and met so many wonderful talented people," said Ross, a 15-year resident of Hingham. "I always have wanted to bring these amazing and incredible things together in one place. I just thought it was a great idea. We have something for everyone and it's all forms of art; paintings, pottery, handmade jewelry, hand made Wellfleet chocolate candy, children's books and original prints, antiques, gorgeous hand woven shawls — it's all the remarkable talent of people from all over the world as well as some right here in our own area. There is something for every taste, every budget and every age group. We have pieces by renowned artists who are no longer with us to the spectacular work of the young aspiring artists who are with us today."

DuRoss' business with mortgage financing had taken her all over the world. From exotic places like the Himalayas and India to other parts of this country like Colorado and Oregon, she became aware and appreciative of the diverse and infinite nature of art forms, media and artists.

Curran said it was very rewarding to see those she has taught cross a path where their work is shown publicly. "I want them to learn that shows are something to enjoy," she said. "They are 'feel good' experiences. The public views your work, you have a chance to talk with them and see how much your creation can bring pleasure to others."

DuRoss agrees and believes it is vital to give young people every opportunity for encouragement and success. "I have the place and the masks are so innovative — these art students and their creativity are the perfect focus for our party."

Mardi Gras at Hingham Harbor Gallery will be a family day of art appreciation. "It's all about art!" said DuRoss. "Music is art, food is art, the beautiful masks are art! And the proceeds go to helping young artists learn and create more. Besides, it's going to be a blast!"

For more information, call 781-749-4562.

February School Vacation Week at the Hull Lifesaving Museum

The Hull Lifesaving Museum is located in the historic 1889 Point Allerton U.S. Lifesaving Station at 1117 Nantasket Ave., in Hull. For information, contact Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433 or visit lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net.

Family Activity: Make a Paper Lighthouse – During February school vacation week, Tuesday, Feb. 20 through Thursday, Feb. 23, from 10 a.m., to 4 p.m., visit the Hull Lifesaving Museum to learn the wonderful true story of Abbie Burgess, Keeper of Matinicus Rock Lighthouse, in Maine.

The program will be ongoing throughout the day. In the winter of 1856, Abbie's father went ashore for supplies, only to be trapped on the mainland for four weeks by a coastal storm. Abbie, then only seventeen, kept the lights burning despite knee-deep flooding and wild seas, all the while caring for her sick mother and her younger sisters.

Families are invited to watch the movie, "Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie," and browse the many lighthouse children's books, check out the museum's lighthouse models and make their own paper lighthouse models to take home.

Exhibits – While at the museum families can also explore our exhibits on shipwrecks and lifesaving, as well as our special exhibit titled, "Flying Santa: A Holiday Tradition," and visit the **Children's Navigation Loft**, a special play attic for youngsters, complete with dress-up trunks, games, puzzles, maritime activities and a climb-on sailing ship. Activity is free with museum admission. Admission is $5 adults, $3 seniors, free for children and members.

Grub Street South to host blogging workshop

Debut author, Patry Francis, will lead a workshop which will be held Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m., titled "Blogging for Writers: How blogging helped an unknown writer land an agent, get published and join an empowering network of writers and readers."

The workshop will be held at Grub Street South at Buttonwood, at Show's Plaza on Route 3A in Cohasset. Grub Street South is a collaboration between Grub Street, Boston's only independent writing center and Buttonwood Books & Toys, at Shaw's Plaza on Route 3A in Cohasset. The goal of their programs is to get writers writing.

Patry's book titled "The Liars Diary," was published in Feb. and is a novel about two women, their unlikely friendship and the secrets that rupture the bond. Her poetry and short stories have appeared in many fine magazines. In addition, Patry is a three-time nominee for the "Pushcart Prize" and has twice been the recipient of the Mass Cultural Council grant.

She lives with her family on Cape Cod. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

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Toyota, already on a roll, may well record a benchmark industry achievement before the end of the new year.

"We expect to outsell General Motors in 2007," declared Tom Murphy, general manager at McGee Toyota in Hanover, one of 70 Toyota dealerships in Massachusetts.

And Murphy fully expects his own dealership to ride the wave generated by the parent company in recent years, predicting a 25 percent increase in the sale of pre-owned cars and a 15 percent hike in new car sales from the Hanover site during 2007.

Murphy attributes a portion of the anticipated increase to the availability of additional space at his Route 53 dealership - space created by the relocation of the company's Dodge franchise to Pembroke. The Pembroke site, which covers six acres, will expand to nine acres in the coming months.

McGee is proud of its prestigious Toyota "Presidents Award." This honor is bestowed on the very limited amount of Toyota dealers that exceed the highest standard of customer satisfaction in the industry.

Murphy's optimism is also grounded in the Hanover operation's own successes, including its selection as the district's number one dealership in customer satisfaction.

Toyota's nationwide surge, Murphy predicted, will rely in part on the introduction of the new Tundra truck.

"It will be our biggest launch in history," Murphy said. "We expect to be selling more than 200,000 (of this model) per year. It's our first full-sized truck, and it will come in 31 different models. We're going after every niche."

He added that Toyota is meeting another demand by producing hybrid versions of other popular models, such as the Camry, the Highlander SUV, and the Prius.

There's nothing mysterious about Toyota's ascendancy during the early years of the new century. The Camry, described as the best-selling car in the US, offers extraordinary appeal in terms of such basic values as quality and price.

"The '07 Camry," Murphy pointed out, "has $4,000 worth of improvements, yet the price has gone up only a little more than $100. The cost of ownership is extremely low."

Toyota's pricing reflects the company's culture, which relies heavily on automation.

"It takes relatively few people to assemble a Toyota," Murphy observed. "Eighty percent (of a car) is put together by machines."

This percentage contrasts sharply with the ratio that burdens other major automakers, he added.

The Hanover dealership is formidable, covering a full 14 acres off Route 53 just a short hop from Exit 13 off busy Route 3. At any given time, Murphy said, McGee Toyota stocks about 500 cars - half new, half pre-owned. The dealership employs about 70 people - 42 in sales, 26 in service, and the remainder in administration.

Bob McGee launched the business 36 years ago with a Pontiac/Toyota dealership. He eventually sold his Pontiac interests and, eight years ago, acquired the Dodge franchise. He later acquired the Chase Chevrolet dealership in Middleboro, soon to move into a new building on 14 acres of land on the Route 44 Automile in Raynham.

Murphy is a veteran of 20 years in the business, having been associated with Toyota and Lexus dealerships for 14 years and with BMW and Porsche dealerships for six years. He's been GM at the Hanover site for the past two years.

Looking ahead to the industry's immediate future, Murphy predicts big things for hybrids.

"Hybrids," he said, "will dominate the market, because of savings on gasoline and the reduction of emissions by 70 percent."

Hybrids, of course, cover only a small percentage of the Toyota inventory at present. The line includes 20 different models, from the four-cylinder Yaris to the upscale Avalon, three different Camry convertibles, the multipurpose Sienna, the durable Corolla, and, of course, the formidable new Tundra, to mention just a few.

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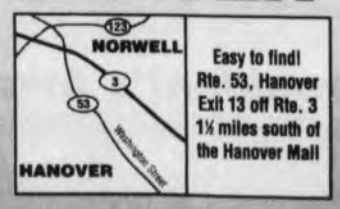
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Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chairman: William Baird.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Feb. 18

10 a.m. - Worship in the Meeting House

Sermon: "Are You a UU Gnostic" – Rev. Richard M. Fewkes

Come and lend a warm welcome to Rev. Richard M. Fewkes as guest minister. Rev. Fewkes is Minister Emeritus of the First Parish in Norwell, where he served from 1969 to 2000. He has served as Interim Minister at the First Parish UU Church of Bridgewater, Mass., from 2000 to 2002. Rev. Fewkes and his wife, Elinor Fewkes, live in West Dennis on Cape Cod.

Religious education classes for toddlers and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 AM in the Meeting House. A One Room Schoolhouse on Art & Spirit is planned for children and youth. Carol Martin and Nan Moore will guide older children and youth in the weaving of Easter baskets for individuals who are homebound and will guide younger children in preparing gifts to fill these baskets.

Refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall will follow the morning service and RE classes.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthony-cohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village. To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. We now also have prayer services you can listen to online, including a special daily Lenten reading.

Going on at St. Stephen's this week, Feb. 18 - 25:

• Sunday, Feb. 18th: Regular services at 8:00 am and 10:00 am. Godly Play church school and nursery available at 10:00 service.

11:50 am. Environmental discussion

• Monday, Feb 19th: President's Day, office closed; 7:30 pm Christian Meditation

• Tuesday, Feb. 20th: 6:30 p.m., Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Supper with Dixie Land Band; 7:30 pm: Book group

• Wednesday, Feb. 21: Ash Wednesday, services at 9:30 am Eucharist with Healing; 4 pm kids service; 7 pm, 10:30 am Bible Study: "Women in the Bible"

• Friday, Feb. 23: 9:30 am Yoga

• Saturday, Feb. 24: Bible Fellowship

• Sunday, Feb. 25th: First Sunday of Lent. Services at 8 am and 10 am; 11:40 Intercessory Prayer

Lessons for Feb. 25

The first reading is from Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 in which Moses talks about the "first fruit" and the using of God's gifts for all people. In the second reading from Romans 10: 8b-13 in which Paul says that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. In the Gospel of Luke 4: 1 –13, Jesus spends 40 days in the wilderness where he is tempted by the devil.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

Obituaries

Ida May Fortier

Lifelong Cohasset resident

Ida May (Mello) Fortier, 86, of Cohasset, died Feb. 11, 2007, at Golden Living Center in Cohasset.

Born in Cohasset and a lifelong resident, Mrs. Fortier was educated in the Cohasset schools. She worked at Hugo's Candy Corner in Cohasset Harbor in the 1960s, Montilio's Bakery in Quincy in the 1970s and Dependable Cleaners in the 1980s.

Wife of the late Edmund A. Fortier Sr., she leaves her children, Edmund A. Fortier Jr. of Scituate, Lawrence J. Fortier of Redlands, Calif., and Leslie J. Fortier and Laura L. Fortier, both of Cohasset; her siblings, Mary Grassie of Cohasset, Frank Mello of Hingham, Augustine Mello of Lakeville, Ark., John Mello of Cohasset, Elizabeth Longo of Cohasset and Eileen Tyeryar of Scituate; her grandchildren, Lori Lyons of Newington, Conn., and Danielle Fortier of Redlands, Calif.; and her great-grandchildren, Abigail Lyons and Michaela Lyons, both of Newington, Conn. She was the sister of the late Angelina Garrett.

A graveside service was held at Woodside Cemetery in Cohasset. Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Memorial donations may be made to American Cancer Society, 1115 West Chestnut St., Brockton, MA 02301.

Elizabeth F. Dunn

Owned and operated six nursing homes

Elizabeth F. (Souther) Dunn, 97, of Marshfield, died Feb. 10, 2007.

Born in 1910 in Cohasset, she was one of 12 children in the large extended family of Souther and Lincoln families. Her immigrant ancestors, Joseph Souther and his wife Elizabeth Fairfield were married in Boston by Gov. John Endicott in 1857. Their grandson, Joseph Souther, moved to that part of Hingham which became Cohasset and married Content Tower. Seven generations later, Elizabeth Fairfield Souther was born and named for her immigrant ancestor, the only known descendant to carry the name. She is a direct descendant of nine Mayflower passengers including John Alden, Richard Warren, William Mullins, Degory Priest, William Brewster, John Howland, Edward Doty, John Tilley and Henry Sampson.

Mrs. Dunn graduated from Cohasset schools and received her three-year diploma from New England Baptist Hospital in 1936. She often recalled working with the well-known Dr Lahey, founder. of the world famous Lahey Clinic of Boston, assisting in the operating room and caring for his post operative patients at New England Baptist Hospital.

She married James Dunn in 1938. They settled in Cohasset, where their three children were born and moved to Pembroke in 1949. Less than two years later, they purchased an estate with a large antique house and converted it into a nursing home. As a registered nurse, she and her husband owned and operated six nursing homes, setting the standards of excellence for a period in which nursing homes were in their infancy. They established the first organized recreational program for residents in the state and were pioneers in instituting rehabilitation and physical therapy as an integral part of patient care. In 1981, they were recognized, in an article in the national trade magazine, "Nursing Home Administrator," for making their new Mildred Alford Home in Abington an outstanding example of a modern nursing home. They eventually built and operated three more modern style nursing homes on the South Shore.

In 1972, having sold their modern style nursing homes, they closed the Elizabeth Fairfield House and retired, devoting their time to each other and their children and grand children.

She leaves her son, James T. Dunn Jr., of Plymouth; her daughters, Grace "DeDe" Dunn of Marshfield and Mary Lou Dunn and her husband, Paul W. Kaufman of Marshfield; her brothers, Hatherly Souther of Maine and Donald Souther of N.M.; a sister, Ardeth Hand of Pa; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was the wife of the late James T. Dunn Sr.

A Funeral Service will be held Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 2 p.m., in the MacDonald Funeral Home at 1755 Ocean St., Route 139 in Marshfield. Visiting hours are Wednesday from 1 to 2 p.m. Interment will be in the Mayflower Cemetery, Duxbury.



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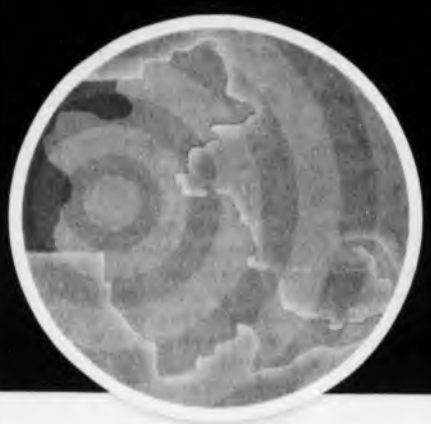
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

THURSDAY, JAN. 25

2:13 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, disturbance, caller reports youths fighting at the end of her driveway. Officers report there was no fight in progress, matter has been settled.

2:36 p.m. **Hull St.**, domestic (in progress), Male arrested for assault.

4:47 p.m. **Hull St.**, transport citizen.

7:57 p.m. **Brook St.**, vehicle disabled, owner will remove once he gets a jump.

8:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

8:31 p.m. **Hill St.**, fire, caller states that her company detector is going off in her basement. She stated that it was an old detector.

8:40 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:07 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:08 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:20 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:11 p.m. **King St., and North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:51 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

FRIDAY, JAN. 26

7:01 a.m. **North Main St.**, assist citizen, caller reports that an elderly person is walking and seems to be struggling. Officer reports women is fine she is walking to church, she declined a ride.

7:32 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, animal complaint, caller reports she saw a car hit a cat.

8:43 a.m. **Jerusaleam Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:07 a.m. **South Main St.**, fire, investigation.

10:41 a.m. **Elm St.**, building checks.

11:02 a.m. **Elm St.**, building checks.

11:37 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, parking complaint, parking tag issued to motor vehicle blocking fire lane.

12:27 p.m. **Elm St.**, building checks, building secure.

2:08 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, traffic complaint, caller complaining of kids getting out of school and speeding down the street.

2:59 p.m. **King St.**, well being check, caller reports there are people on the ice, which is unsafe and she doesn't know if everything is ok. Officer reports someone ice fishing.

3:12 p.m. **Howe Rd.**, fire, investigation, came in from the Fire Dept. E3 responding to this location for a co2 detector. Captain reports no problem, changed the battery in the unit.

3:23 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

4:46 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

5:03 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

5:06 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

5:50 p.m. **North Main St., and Jerusalem Rd.**, disabled motor vehicle.

7:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller would like to report a minor motor vehicle accident in parking lot. Officer assisting in paper exchange.

7:45 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

8:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:03 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building secure.

9:06 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

SATURDAY, JAN. 27

12:36 a.m. **Elm St.**, building checks.

12:53 a.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:04 a.m. **Cedar St.**, building checks, one of the buildings has a light on.

1:11 a.m. **King St., and North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:33 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

2:07 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

2:09 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

4:47 a.m. **Linden Drive**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

7:37 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:43 a.m. **Beach St.**, animal complaint, caller states there is a German Shepherd running in the road headed towards Atlantic Ave.

8:40 a.m. **Elm St.**, well being check.

8:54 a.m. **Elm St.**, building checks.

8:58 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:04 a.m. **Elm St.**, well being check.

9:26 a.m. **King St.**, suspicious activity.

9:56 a.m. **Elm St.**, dead animal.

9:59 a.m. **Elm St.**, well being check.

10:38 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, parking complaint. Motor vehicle tagged for blocking fire lane.

10:55 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop.

11:03 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, caller reports a drive off without paying for gas for $9.02. Called the vehicle owner's residence and it was an honest mistake, they are going back to pay for the fuel.

11:05 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, fire, investigation, caller reports she is house-sitting and she went to check on the house and there is a major water leak.

11:25 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, investigation, caller reports a water break in the building, fire alarms have activated and the water is going down the elevator shaft.

2:55 p.m. **North Main St.**, assist citizen, caller reports she is in Connecticut with her friend visiting her from Cohasset and states her friend is very ill and they cannot get a hold of her husband, she is requesting the attempt to get a hold of him and have him contact the residence in Connecticut immediately.

4:38 p.m. **Norman Todd Rd.**, officer wanted, caller would like to speak to an officer regarding a problem he is having.

5:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person.

6:04 p.m. **South Main St.**, building checks.

6:13 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle.

6:35 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, parking violation, motor vehicle tagged for blocking handicapped spot.

7:07 p.m. **Whitney Woods Lane**, disturbance, caller reports she is having a problem with her daughter at this location. Peace restored, no police action needed.

8:16 p.m. **Summer St.**, fire, investigation, 911 caller reports a pipe just burst in his house and it is flooding out his entire house.

9:06 p.m. **Hull St.**, medical aid.

9:13 p.m. **King St., and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:25 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:43 p.m. **Forest Ave., and North Main St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, traffic citation issued. Caller reports a black SUV traveling at a high rate of speed down Forest Ave passing vehicle. Officers are following vehicle on Forest Ave at this time. Officers out with this vehicle.

10:34 p.m. **Black Horse Lane**, well being check.

10:50 p.m. **Elm St.**, units at this location to attempt to serve a warrant.

10:54 p.m. **Sohier St.**, check of schools.

10:57 p.m. **Sohier St.**, checked schools.

11:01 p.m. **Pond St.**, check schools.

11:10 p.m. **Black Horse Lane**, officer wanted.

11:14 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:15 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious vehicle, worker letting motor vehicle warm up, no problem.

11:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, JAN. 28

1:12 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:13 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:18 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious vehicle.

5:03 a.m. **All Over Town**, icy road conditions.

6:56 a.m. medical aid, transported other/BLS.

9:16 a.m. **King St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports a water pipe outside has burst and is spraying water everywhere.

10:43 a.m. **Elm St.**, harassment report, walk in party reports he would like to speak to an officer regarding harassment for his girlfriends ex. He would like to file a restraining order if possible.

12:34 p.m. **Howe Rd.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports a red motor vehicle parked in front of her house now for 3 days. Vehicle belongs to a neighbor at this location, no problems.

12:44 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, officer reports while on recent call, he was bitten by the family dog. Per Sgt. requests wound is to be looked at by Cohasset Fire.

MONDAY, JAN 29

1:04 a.m. **High School/Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:05 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:12 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:13 a.m. **High School/Pond St.**, building checks secure.

9:11 a.m. **High School/Pond St.**, officer reports building checks out OK – all secure.

11:36 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

12:05 p.m. **Elm St.**, 911 caller reports she cannot turn her gas stove off because the knob broke off when she went to turn it off.

1:08 p.m. **Red Gate Lane**, medical aid; transported to SSH/BLS.

2:34 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury; Scituate cruiser is on scene and called Cohasset Dispatch via radio advising of crash. Operator of vehicle one has a false Brazilian license after a check by dispatch on the Brazilian Registry. Officers notified no license in the States as well. 3A Towing notified/responding.

TUESDAY, JAN. 30

12:48 a.m. **High School/Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:48 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

6:49 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

11:43 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

3:36 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

4:55 p.m. **Deep Run**, walk-in party reports she locked herself out of her house.

6:04 p.m. **Depot Ct.**, fire, structure; caller reports a fire inside this location. Scituate Ladder responding for mutual aid. Captain reports fully involved, all companies working. DPW coming down with barricades. Hull Fire sending one engine for station coverage. Scituate L1 on scene. Hull Engine men to the scene, Hingham Engine 2 manning Fire Headquarters. Red Cross Rehab Team notified. Fire Marshall notified. National Grid on scene. Red Cross Rehab unavailable at this time. Providence Fire sending a Rehab truck.

6:34 p.m. **Depot St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury; officer reports a vehicle hit the Scituate Fire Chief's parked truck.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31

1:08 a.m. **High School/Pond St.**, building checks.

1:10 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:30 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

6:35 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

10:14 a.m. **High School/Pond St.**, building checks.

10:44 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.**, building checks.

12:33 p.m. **Elm St.**, environmental investigations.

1:12 p.m. **Beach St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

1:17 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop; 209A served in hand.

3:01 p.m. **Crocker Lane**, suspicious

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Fire department had a busy January

During the month of January, the Fire Department responded to 188 incidents, Fire Chief Robert Silvia said.

The summary of Fire Department responses during the_month include: building fires, seven; illegal burning, two; motor vehicle crashes, 10; medical emergencies, 80; inspections, 30; investigations, 13; natural gas investigations, six; carbon monoxide alarm investigations, four; lock outs/lock ins, four; automatic fire alarm activations, 23; mutual aid fire responses to other communities, one; public assists, two; downed power lines, three; and miscellaneous responses, three. There were 51 emergency incidents were reported by 911 telephone: 39 medical emergencies, four fire alarm activations, three investigations, two motor vehicle crashes, one natural gas investigation and two building fire.

The Fire Department ambulance transported 37 patients to South Shore Hospital, two patients to Quincy Medical Center and one patient to Massachusetts General Hospital. Twenty-three of the 40 were advanced life support transports. Mutual aid ambulances transported six patients to South Shore Hospital. Four of the six mutual aid ambulance transports were advanced life support. There was one motor vehicle crash that required victims to be transported to the hospital and one motor vehicle vs. pedestrian accident that required transport to the hospital.

Automatic fire alarm activation responses totaled 23 for the month. Accidental activation of the alarm system accounted for 10 responses and alarm malfunction was the cause of 13 responses, Silvia stated in his monthly status report to Selectmen.

There were seven responses classed as building fires for the month, four were for malfunctioning electrical equipment, one was for a chimney fire and one was for malfunctioning heating equipment. One fire was a structure fire, which went to two alarms. Mutual Aid companies from Hingham, Hull and Scituate assisted in the extinguishment of the fire. The fire was in the downtown business district in a building that did not have sprinklers or an alarm system. The fire was reported by a passerby who noticed smoke coming from the building. Due to the efforts of the personnel that responded, the fire was contained to the building where it originated and did not spread to any of the exposures. One exposure, the building to the rear, is only 23 feet away. Personnel from the Cohasset Police, Cohasset Water and Cohasset Department of Public Works also assisted at the scene of the fire.

The Emergency Medical/ Ambulance Management Hardware/ Software that was approved at the fall Town Meeting was purchased and placed into service during January, Silvia said.

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activity; officer reports a woman reported to her suspicious youth in a vehicle near Graham Waste. Officer reports nothing in the area.

3:07 p.m. **North Main St.,** suspicious person. Caller reports a man has been sitting in his car at this location for about 2 fi hours now. He's described as a middle-aged man, shaggy looking, driving a gold sedan.

4:36 p.m. **Margin St.,** suspicious activity; caller reports that there were three 12-year-old girls at a dock in Little Harbor by this location. One of the girls was out on the floating dock and doesn't appear to be able to get back in. Officer spoke with the girls, all clear.

4:43 p.m. **Forest Ave.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:52 p.m. **Forest Ave.,** traffic enforcement.

4:53 p.m. **Doane and Beechwood streets,** traffic enforcement. Written warning.

5:01 p.m. **Forest Ave.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

5:13 p.m. **Beechwood St. and Wheelwright Farm,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

5:22 p.m. **Beechwood St. and Wheelwright Farm,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

5:35 p.m. **Jerusalem and Howe roads,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

6:01 p.m. **Cedar St.,** motor vehicle stop; parties told to leave area.

7:21 p.m. **Red Fox Lane,** animal complaint.

8:08 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** well being check. Transfer 911 from Hanover. Party stated that she lives in Hanover and that her father lives at this location. She has not been able to get a hold of him in three days and would like someone to check on him. She is going to meet an officer at this location. Officer reports house is wide open and no one is home. Party came home and was advised his daughter has been looking for him and that she will be there shortly.

8:09 p.m. **Parking Way,** property recovered.

8:26 p.m. **Ripley Road,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

8:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** traffic enforcement.

10:35 p.m. **South Main and Beechwood streets,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

THURSDAY, FEB. 1

6:30 a.m. **Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** traffic enforcement.

6:52 a.m. **Pond St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

6:54 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

8:38 a.m. **First Parish Road, Scituate,** medical aid; female with chest paints; transported to SSH/ALS.

9:25 a.m. **Wheelwright Park,** medical aid; caller reports a man has fallen on the access road at this location and needs assistance.

9:31 a.m. **Mill Lane,** larceny report.

9:36 a.m. **Beechwood St.,** well being check; caller cannot get a hold of his family member and would like him to be checked on. Officer reports there is no one in the house at this time and they will secure the home. Two exterior doors were damaged due to forced entry.

10:45 a.m. **South Main St.,** fire; Car 20 off at this location checking a burning permit. Fire Chief reports the homeowners have been advised of burning regulations.

10:45 a.m. **Hanover Police Department,** BOLO announcement. From Hanover PD – A suspicious male party approached an employee of Hanover School Administration Department asking about working as a substitute teacher or volunteer with younger children. Description: White male with greasy, dirty blond hair, unshaven, appeared to be 25-30 years old, small to medium build, 5 feet 6 inches to 5 feet 7 inches, wearing a camouflage-type jacket and jeans. He appeared to be nervous and shaking. He was in an older silver Ford Escort, beat up with a dent on the passenger side of the motor vehicle, with crank-type windows. Motor vehicle was a mess inside. Believed to be an older green plate on the motor vehicle, no registration number available.

4:15 p.m. **Cedar St.,** fire; E1 off to investigate unauthorized burning.

4:57 p.m. **Cushing Road,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

5:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

5:06 p.m. **Beechwood and Doane streets,** traffic enforcement.

5:18 p.m. **Doane St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

5:26 p.m. **King St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

5:28 p.m. **Doane St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

5:32 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

5:41 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

5:44 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

5:56 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

5:58 p.m. **South Main St.,** building checks.

6:06 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

6:19 p.m. **Elm St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

6:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** building checks.

7:53 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop; McBrien Tow en route. Operator summonsed on charges. Charges: Allowing revoked registration; allowing uninsured motor vehicle.

10:04 p.m. **Hull St.,** traffic enforcement.

10:30 p.m. **Jerusalem Road and Linden Dr.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

10:43 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

10:51 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

11:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway;** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation issued.

FRIDAY, FEB. 2

12:26 a.m. **King St.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

12:38 a.m. **HQ,** assist other police department; rollover – 911 call from Scituate. Scituate Fire and Police notified.

1:22 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks secure.

1:23 a.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

7:15 a.m. **King St.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

1:11 p.m. **Sohier St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

1:37 p.m. **Sohier St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

2:20 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** traffic enforcement.

2:41 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

4:50 p.m. **Forest Ave.** traffic enforcement.

5:33 p.m. **Hull St.,** well being check; caller requests a well being check for her son. Officer reports no one home at this time.

7:04 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle crash/injuries; caller reports a motor vehicle at this location. Officer reports this is on the Hingham side, two injured, no entrapment, Cohasset Fire still responding. Hingham has been notified of everything at this time. 833 to direct traffic to lower King for the time being.

9:10 p.m. **Rust Way and Jerusalem Road,** notification.

9:18 p.m. **Hull St.,** well being check; follow up from previous call.

9:27 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** well being check. Caller asks that units check area for his wife.

9:57 p.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

10:39 p.m. **North Main St. and Forest Ave.,** traffic enforcement.

10:43 p.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

10:45 p.m. **North Main St.,** motor vehicle stop.

10:59 p.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

10:59 p.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

SATURDAY, FEB. 3

12:49 p.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

12:50 p.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks secure.

1:01 a.m. **All over town;** icy road conditions.

6:47 a.m. **All over town;** icy road conditions.

7:17 a.m. **Beach St.,** icy road conditions.

7:32 a.m. **Border St.,** assist citizen; caller canceling response to her alarm.

9:20 a.m. **King St.,** public service; 911 caller stated that an elderly lady at this location could not get the lock off her locker, which has her insulin in it.

9:53 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** public service; public assistance – kids locked in vehicle at this location. McBrien's responding.

10 a.m. **Elm St.,** child safety seat installed.

10:30 a.m. **Elm St.,** child safety seat installed.

11:57 a.m. **Ripley Road,** motor vehicle crash/no injury; 911 caller reported a minor motor vehicle accident at this location. R3 obtaining signoffs.

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F.Y. 2008 SCHOOL BUDGET

There will be a public hearing on the F.Y. 2008 School Budget on Wednesday, February 28, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the School Committee Meeting Room/Central Office at the Cohasset Middle-High School, located at 143 Pond Street, Cohasset. A copy of the budget will be available, on February 27, 2007 for review in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools located at 143 Pond Street, Cohasset, MA.

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We know there are many bright, talented and caring young adults in our communities, and this year, a special section entitled "The Best & The Brightest" will appear in the COHASSET MARINER to celebrate their accomplishments.

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What's happening on the South Shore

FEBRUARY 15-23, 2007

Magician treats audiences to tricks

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Magician Lyn Dillies has performed in front of many large audiences in the past 20 years, but the Westport native still remembers growing up a painfully timid child.

"When I was small, I was extremely shy. I would hide behind my parents whenever they tried to introduce me to someone. When I was 8 years old, a magician came to our school and I was so afraid he might call on me that I slid so far down in my seat that I missed the whole show," recalled Dillies last week by telephone. "It wasn't until I was about 12, when I saw Bill Bixby in a television series called "The Magician" (NBC-TV, 1973-74), that I became entranced by magic. I can still remember racing out to a magic shop in New Bedford and before long I was going door to door asking the neighbors if I could do magic tricks for them. In those days, I would make and sell crafts and collect cans along the highway to redeem in order to save money to buy more items for my magic act."

Dillies still lives Westport, but its quaint streets are no longer her stage. They were replaced years ago by venues like Lincoln Center, the showrooms of Atlantic City and, on Feb. 24, the Company Theatre in Norwell. Classic slight-of-hand card tricks that are the bread and butter of just about every magic act are supplemented in Dillies' show by grand illusions with equally grand names like "Metamorphosis," "Human Diffusion" and "The Twister."

"My production has elements of Las Vegas with lighting and other dazzling effects designed to keep audiences on the edge of their seats," says Dillies, "but I make sure it is a family show that will appeal to people of all ages. It is very high-caliber and very wholesome at the same time. Magic is truly an entertaining art form. People who enjoy it expect to be entertained and amazed. It brings out the child in everyone." Elephants often have a similar effect, as Dillies found when she paired with performing pachyderms Emily and Ruth at the 2000 grand re-opening of Buttonwood Park Zoo in New Bedford.



Magician Lyn Dillies arrives at the Company Theatre, for two shows on Feb. 24.

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"I worked on that particular show for eight months. I love elephants so it was an extraordinary experience to gain their trust and learn their comfort level. Making not one, but two elephants appear in a pasture made magic history and is documented in the national archive of the Society of Magicians. That illusion took more than 5,000 square feet of fabric, 300 feet of truss, and two cases of red seedless grapes. Emily and Ruth both really love seedless grapes," says Dillies, who re-teamed with the elephants in 2003 for a painting and mind-reading illusion and who hopes to work with the "ladies" again later this year. "It is a privilege to work with such magnificent animals. I love them dearly." Dillies also loves her audience, which is why she and her team regularly endure what can be an exhausting set-up.

"Making sure everything - especially the lighting - is just right takes time. Our set-up can take up to 12 hours, depending on the venue. After the set-up, of course, we usually have one or two shows to perform on the same day. The work we do is very grueling because it is so high energy," explains Dillies, who top lines a team which includes magician's assistant and lighting designer Marc LeBlanc, technical director Steve Zakszewski and production assistant Adam Levy.

Dillies and company are just back from New Mexico and this week will head to Texas to perform "Magic at the Symphony" with the San Antonio Symphony, a new Dillies-devised show that blends magic with classical music.

"My grandfather was a classical violinist. I studied violin, too, and always expected somehow that I would probably pursue a career in music. I took great care in selecting the music for these shows. The work I am doing with symphony orchestras now really makes use of my background playing the violin as a child. Combining magic and music is a wonderful hook to attract new audiences to the symphonies."

("The Magic of Lyn" comes to The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell, for two shows on Feb. 24. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 781-871-2787 or go to www.companytheatre.com.)

Movie review



Jess (Josh Hutcherson) is about to meet his foot-racing match in Leslie (AnnaSophia Robb).

Spunky kids 'Bridge' the gaps

"Bridge to Terabithia" (B)

By James Vemiere
FILM CRITIC

From the people who brought us the smash hit "The Chronicles of Narnia" comes "Bridge to Terabithia." But it is more like the "Bridge to Sigmund Freud-ia," if you ask me.

A coming-of-age tale from Boston's Walden Media featuring relatively few special effects, the film charts the adventures of a boy and girl who spend a lot of time alone in the woods. The film will strike many as a sexual allegory.

That may be stating the obvious in virtually any discussion of the fantasy genre, but it's arguably more overt here.

Based on the 1978 book by Katherine Paterson, which was made into a 1985 TV film, "Bridge to Terabithia" offers the usual preteen tropes: the troubled home life of the protagonist Jess (Josh Hutcherson), in this case, a gruff, blue-collar father (ex-Terminator Robert Patrick), an exhausted mother, a wretched excess of sisters and bullying at school at the hands of a strapping eighth-grade girl named Janice (Lauren Clinton).

Meanwhile, Jess likes to run, even though he has to duct tape his sneakers. Into Jess' girl-beleaguered life comes the pretty and adorably spunky Leslie Burke (AnnaSophia Robb, who appears to have taken a long dip in the Keira Knightley gene pool). Leslie beats Jess in a footrace, has a way with repartee, a strong sense of justice (she leads one school protest chanting, "Free the pee") and an active imagination.

The child of writers — you know, arty types with a Mercedes roadster — Leslie becomes Jess' muse and his guide to the magical land of Terabithia. Actually, it's the woods behind their adjacent homes. But, hey, use your imagination.

Leslie tells Josh about the Dark Master (hold all Darth Vader and self-abuse jokes, please). A shower of pine cones becomes an enemy attack. Squirrels morph into Squogres (or something), and behind every tree lurks a demonic shadow, an observation previously made by Nathaniel Hawthorne.

Directed by Hungarian-born animator Gabor Csupo, the writer-producer of "Rugrats" and "Wild Thornberry" films, and co-adapted by Paterson's son David, "Bridge to Terabithia" is surprisingly vague about its enchanted land and may not feature enough fantasy to satisfy fans of the genre.

The cast of young actors excels, however. Hutcherson and Robb are quite good and well-matched. Newcomer Bailee Madison lights up the screen as Josh's wacky baby sister Maybelle. The luminous Zooey Deschanel ("The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy") appears to be doing a guest spot, however welcome, as Ms. Edmonds, an attractive music teacher for whom Josh pines.

The Terabithians, when they finally appear, look like fugitives from a Salvador Dali exhibit, and the film takes a truly sad, "Wuthering Heights"-like twist near the end.

But as an allegory about sexual awakening, the horrors of middle school, parents from outer space and the essential adorability of girls, "Bridge to Terabithia" isn't bad.

Rated PG. "Bridge to Terabithia" contains scenes of grade school bullying and an emotionally traumatic event.

Calendar of events

Thursday, Feb. 15

The Scituate Friends of Music presents a **Dixieland Jazz Concert** to benefit the music program of Pass Christian High School, Pass Christian Miss., in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina featuring **Bourbon Street Paraders, Scituate Senior High Jazz Band, and Gates Junior High Jazz Band** at Scituate High School, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. Tickets: $7 adults, children or seniors $5. $25 maximum per family. Purchase tickets at Button Books and Toys in Cohasset or Front Street Book in Scituate.

Art Treasure Gallery, the region's newest art gallery, offers a two-artist show starting Feb. 15 and running through March 8. South Shore artists **Bill Beyer** and **Brian Josselyn** will have their work featured at this all-new gallery which opened its doors to the public on Jan. 11 with a 20-person "members" show.

This second show at Art Treasure Gallery will feature an artists' reception Thursday, Feb. 15 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Gallery, 1132 Main Street (Route 18), Weymouth. The works of both Brian Josselyn and Bill Beyer will remain on display at the Gallery through March 8.

The Braintree Art Association will meet Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. at the Council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. **Pat Isaac** will demonstrate in pastels. Free and open to the public. 781-335-4675.

Health and Wellness Fair for **adults with developmental disabilities, their staff and family members**. Sponsored by the Sollar Wellness Center at New England Village. Takes place Feb. 15, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at New England Village, 664 School St., Pembroke. Health stations, demonstrations and screenings from local healthcare providers. **Free to the public.** For information contact Lisa Drennan at 781-293-5461 x203 or email ldrennan@newenglandvillage.org

Thursday Tea, at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Treat yourself to an afternoon of theatre and delicious desserts Feb. 15, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Actors from the Company Theatre, Norwell will perform musical numbers from performances. Cast members from ACT, the children's theater group for ages 7-12 years, will perform scenes from their future performance of Disney's MULAN. Michael Joseph, Artistic Director of the Company Theatre will also speak about the educational and performance missions of the theatre as they celebrate their 25th anniversary. The public is welcome to attend. Cost $8 Science Center members/$10 non members. For reservations and prepayment call the Science Center at 781-659-2559 or drop in during business hours. Additional information is available on the website at ssnsc.org

British Beer Company, Washington St., Rt. 53, Pembroke. Feb. 15, BBC (Pint Night" featuring **Flydown** formerly "The Alliance".

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, will feature Satch Romano's **New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796.

Friday, Feb. 16

Next Page Café, 550 Broad Street, Weymouth. Feb. 16, **Lickity Split** No cover. All shows 9:15 p.m. unless noted. 781-335-9796.

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Mark your calendar

ARTSFEST 2007 AT KENNEDY'S COUNTRY GARDENS Feb. 24 and 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 25 artists featuring art, photography, pottery and wood carvings will showcase their work.For info visit KennedysCountryGardens.com or call 781-545-1266.

SCITUATE ARTS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS AN EVENING WITH SERGIO ROFFO Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Scituate Public Library, Lower Level As part of the ongoing series of "Meet the Artist," the Scituate Public Library and the Scituate Arts Association are proud to present an evening with Sergio Roffo. All "Meet the Artist" series are free and open to the public, but your donation would well be appreciated to help defray the expense of this and the many other civic activities presented by the Scituate Arts Association.

THE SOCIETY OF ARTS AND CRAFTS presents CRAFT-BOSTON 2007 March 30 – April 1, at Boston's Seaport World Trade Center. Seaport World Trade Center, 200 Seaport Boulevard, Boston. COST: General Admission: $15, Senior Citizens & SAC Members: $12, Children 12 years & under: Free. Admission tickets valid for readmission throughout the weekend. For information, call 617-266-1810 or visit craftboston.org

THE RIPPLE EFFECT IS BRINGING TRAVIS ROY to speak in Duxbury on Friday, March 2 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Tickets for the event can be purchased at Westwinds Bookshop in Duxbury or ProSports in Kingston and Hingham. Roy, a former Boston University hockey player who was paralyzed 11 seconds into his first college game, will speak about finding meaning and success in life despite the obstacles placed in your path. He will also talk about how to set goals and see them through even when your life changes from what you thought it would be. The event is for individuals and families and is recommended for children ages 10 and up. For more information email saxtonwoods@aol.com.

RHODODENDRON NEEDLERS QUILT SHOW: More than 200 quilts and pieces of fiber art by guild members from over 30 towns south of Boston. The show will be at Stonehill College in Easton, on Saturday, March 3 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and Sunday, March 4 (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.).The show will also includes an antique quilt exhibit, many vendors, a small quilt auction and several raffles (sewing machine, quilt and gift baskets) For information and directions, visit rhododendronquiltguild.org

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Let The Good Times Roll at the Canoe Club, 2 South St., West Bridgewater, Feb. 17 and 18. Zany new musical romp starring Rob Bezubka and his Solid Gold Gang of singers, dancers and comics. Presented by Quincy Dinner Theatre Productions on Presidents Day weekend only. Saturday, dinner at 7, show at 8:30 p.m.; Sunday matinee, dinner at 2, show at 3:30. Plenty of parking and handicapped accessible. Tickets are $42.50 for dinner and show; $39.95 for seniors. Reserve at 781-843-5862.

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Rockland American Legion Baseball - Comedy Night Fundraiser on Feb. 16, in the Abington VFW Hall, 29 Central St. in Abington. Top Comics Paul Nardizzi and Ira Procter will be headlining the show, which will include a small buffet, a sport silent auction, raffles, and a cash bar. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are $25 per person or 10 tickets for $200. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Thom Roache at 781-871-6722 or Joe Reis at 781-878-6836.

The Little Paul Show Feb. 16, Weymouth Lodge of Elks, 1197 Washington St- Weymouth, from 7 to 8 p.m. Cocktails with cheese and crackers 8 p.m. to midnight. Dancing-Coffee and pastry (Bring your own munchies) $10 per person. Call Debbie to reserve tables or seats 781-331-5593 or pay at the door.

Train of Love: A Tribute to Johnny Cash The Company Theatre in Norwell; Feb. 16. at 8 p.m. To see video of the show, go to terryleegoffee.com Tickets priced at $29 are available at The Company Theatre box-office at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companytheatre.com

James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell "Painter, Photographer, **Stephen Eames**, of Duxbury will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, through Feb. 28. No opening will be held but the public is invited to view and purchase paintings Tuesday - Friday 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The South Shore Folk Music Club presents **New Bedford Harbor Sea Chantey Chorus** along with **Mary Beth Soares** and **Truck Croteau** Feb. 16, the Beal House, Main St. in Kingston. doors open at 7:30 p.m. Handicapped accessible hall, and smoke and alcohol free. Light refreshments are available. SSFMC collects non-perishable food goods at every event and delivers them to the Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless in Kingston. 781-871-1052 or visit ssfmc.org.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance Feb 16, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at **Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom**, 929 Hingham St., Rockland, exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by award winning DJ Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes and match game prizes. **Free dancing lessons** from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples age 30 and over. Cost before 9 p.m. is $10 Proper business dress recommended; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable. Visit www.se-4u.com or call 781-446-0234 for information.

New England Singles Dance, Feb. 16, from 8 pm., to midnight Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham Music from the 60s to present with DJ Paul Dipanfilo, for people age 40 +. Admission $12. singlesdancesnewengland.com.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree everyFriday, **DJ Rick** at 9:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

British Beer Company, Washington St., Rt. 53, Pembroke Feb. 16, **Sister Cheryl.**

Saturday, Feb. 17

Kennedy's Country Gardens, Rt. 3A, Scituate – WinterFest Feb. 17, 18, 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Be introduced to new and exciting plants, and enjoy colorful displays and spring gardening ideas. Lectures and demos on Saturday and Sunday include earth-friendly landscape trends, gardening tricks, herbs, orchids flower arranging and more. For info visit KennedysCountryGardens.com or call 781-545-1266.

51st Annual New England Boat Show, Boston Convention and Exhibition Center Feb. 17-24. Tickets available online at neboatshow.com or at the door. Adult $12, children (6-12) $6. Onsite parking with shuttle bus service to the door.

Wentworth Gallery, presents an art exhibit and sale by artist and famed *Jefferson Airplane* singer and songwriter, **Grace Slick.** A symbol of the psychedelic culture of the turbulent 60's, Grace Slick will sell and showcase her original paintings of rock and roll legends and expertly rendered Alice in Wonderland drawings. She will make two special appearances at the Wentworth Galleries on Saturday, Feb. 17, from 6 to8 p.m. at the Wentworth Gallery, 75 Middlesex Turnpike, Burlington and on Sunday, Feb. 18, at the Wentworth Gallery, The Mall at Chestnut Hill, 199 Boylston St., Chestnut Hill. Both appearances are open to the public and free of charge. Visit wentworthgallery.com for information.

Hingham's Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square presents **Jud Caswell** on Feb. 17, at 8 p.m. The Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square is located at the Old Ship Parish House at 107 Main St., Hingham Square, just up from the Loring Hall Theatre. It is on the MBTA's 220 bus line from Quincy Center. An open mike precedes the concert. Admission is $10 at the door. A variety of coffees, tea, and desserts is available for 50 cents. Net proceeds benefit the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. Volunteers are welcome. For further information, call Jim Watson at 781-749-1767.

Priscilla Beach Theatre is starting rehearsals for **The Little Rascals** on Saturday, Feb. 17. Enrollment is now open for the famous "Our Gang" characters. The play will rehearse on Saturdays from 1 to 5 p.m., and on Tuesdays from 4 to 6:30 p.m. It will be presented the last two weekends in March. To enroll call PBT at 508-224-4888, or visit online at ThinkTheatre.org for further details.

South Shore Conservatory's Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery presents fine art photographer **Nick Johnson** through April 30. Appearing in the Conservatory's South Shore Music Circus Gallery are painters **Gretchen Moran** and **Isabel Shamitz.** Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon. Admission to both galleries is free. South Shore Conservatory's art galleries are run through a partnership between the Conservatory and South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. For directions, visit southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565, ext. 10.

The South Street Gallery, featuring local, regional and national artists, has announced that the entire month of February will be filled with portrait painting demonstrations by South Shore artists. The South Street Gallery is located at 149 South St., one minute from the Square in Hingham. Hours are from Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. For additional information, call 781-749-0430 or visit southstreetgallery.com

Lunenburg, artist Mike Cunliffe Thompson will exhibit his oil paintings in the **Clemens Gallery of the Hingham Public Library** through March 1. Mr. Thompson's Clemens Gallery exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours Learn more about the artist by visiting the Library's website hinghamlibrary.org

The North River Arts Society presents "Mix It Up!" an exhibit or original mixed media works by **Marcia Ballou** and **Laura Harvey** at the Dolphin Gallery located at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St, Hingham through March 29. 781-741-1405.

The One & Only Boston Chocolate Tour will return to satisfy New England's collective sweet tooth every Saturday from January through April. The fully-narrated, **three-hour journey** of decadent desserts and fun facts features tasty visits to Top of the Hub Restaurant, the historic Omni Parker House Hotel and The Langham Hotel Boston, The tour departs from the Trolley Stop Store at the corner of Boylston and South Charles Streets every Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Tickets are $75 per person. Advance reservations are required and may be made by calling 617-269-7010.

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Manomet Scientist Stephen Brown will discuss his book, "Arctic Wings: Birds of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge," and his research expeditions to Alaska's North Slope. Feb. 20, at 7 p.m. snow date: March 6, at the Scituate Town Library, presented by the Scituate Library Foundation Life on the Coast" Speaker Series at the Scituate Town Library, scituatetownlibrary.org Scituate Library Foundation, 781-545-8727 scituatelibraryfoundations.org

Vacation week

HULL LIFE SAVING MUSEUM, 1117 Nantasket Avenue, Hull. February School Vacation Week, Tuesday, Feb. 20-Thursday, Feb. 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (ongoing throughout the day) visit the Hull Lifesaving Museum to learn the true story of Abbie Burgess, Keeper of Matinicus Rock Lighthouse, Maine. Families are invited to watch "Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie," browse our many lighthouse children's books, check out the museum's lighthouse models, and make their own Paper Lighthouse Models to take home. For information, contact Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433 or lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net, or visit lifesavingmuseum.org

THE NORTH RIVER ARTS SOCIETY is currently accepting registration for February Vacation Art Camp for children ages 6-9. Come explore the arts during vacation week. You can sign up for the whole week - or pick a day or two. Monday-Friday: Feb. 19 - 23, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. $25 per day $100 whole week. Bring a snack. Sign up early as space is limited. Pre-registration is required. To receive information, call the NRAS office Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon at 781-837-8091

SOUTH SHORE SCIENCE CENTER, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell February Vacation Week: Investigating Myths and Mysteries of Nature from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Specify Grades K-2 or Grades 3-5. Tuesday, Feb. 20, Mythical Beasts; Wednesday, Feb. 21, Peculiar Plants; Thursday, Feb. 22, Myths in the Lab; Friday, Feb. 23, Earth and Sky. Reservations may be made by contacting the Science Center at 781-659-2559 or visiting the Center during normal business hours.

Downtown debut for cool 'Cat'



PHOTOS/JOAN MARCUS

Christopher Sidoli as Bustopher Jones in the 25th anniversary national tour of "Cats".

Christopher Sidoli grew up in Connecticut, but it was while spending summers on the Cape that he first developed a love for performing.

"I did 'Oklahoma!' my freshman year in high school and I got more and more involved with theater during summers on the Cape," recalled Sidoli by telephone last week from a tour bus that will bring him to Boston's Opera House next week in the 25th anniversary national tour of "Cats."

"Those summers on the Cape were some of the best times in my life. I met so many people with whom I am still friends. I did my first show, 'Rags to Riches,' at the Harwich Junior Theatre when I was just a sophomore in high school." Next week will mark Sidoli's debut on a downtown Boston stage, but his work on the Cape has prepared him well.

"During my summers on the Cape, I really benefited from the wide range of theater opportunities. I did 'Grease' and 'The Scarlet Pimpernel' at the Academy of Performing Arts in Orleans and 'Side Show' and 'Kiss of the Spiderwoman' at the Cape Rep Theatre in Brewster. These shows were really great experiences for me." Sidoli — whose parents Christopher and Jean now live year round in Harwichport — has been pursuing a professional career in theater since earning a degree in voice from Skidmore College. He was an original cast member of the long-running off-Broadway show "The Awesome '80s Prom," and also performed in the New York City premiere of the opera "Children of Children." His current assignment fulfills a promise Sidoli made to himself just a few years back.

"For my 2005 New Year's resolution, I decided I needed to land a really great national tour. When I first heard about 'Cats,' however, I didn't think it was for me. I thought it would be too much of a dance show and I have no dance training at all. My background is in opera."

The 28-year-old soon learned that all cats don't have to be quick on their feet when he was cast in not one, but three roles in the longest continuously running touring show in U.S. history. Sidoli plays Gus the theatrical cat, the fierce pirate cat Growltiger, and the very cool Bustopher Jones.

"Bustopher is a very fat cat. He's by far the largest cat in the show. The costume for Bustopher is like a football so I couldn't dance even if I wanted to," says Sidoli of just one of the three costumes he dons in the musical. "I arrive at the theater two hours before curtain to get into make-up, wigs and costumes and when I'm not on-stage, I'm backstage changing hair and make-up. The three characters I play are very distinct. That makes these roles very exciting for me, because of the variety of things I am called upon to do. I wouldn't give up any of the three, but Gus is probably my favorite. I love his emotion. He's a sweet older cat remembering his grand days in the theater. It is Gus who tells the life story of Deuteronomy. Gus is very old and infused with a lot of pathos so he has some of the show's more intimate moments. I have to make his emotion real and I have to do so by believing in what I am saying and singing."

The performer credits a local influence for helping to do just that.

"A great director, Padric Lilis at the Academy, taught me to use my own life to make my work real for me. When I'm doing Gus, I call upon the memory of my two deceased grandmothers to inspire me."

Composer Andrew Lloyd Weber was inspired by "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats" and other poems of T.S. Eliot to create "Cats," which opened in New York in 1982 and went on to win eight Tony Awards including Best Musical, Best Book, Best Score, Best Director and Best Costumes. The show's most famous song, "Memory," originally performed in the Broadway production by Betty Buckley, was recorded by everyone from Barbra Streisand and Johnny Mathis to Liberace. In the past 25 years, the fanciful story of the junkyard-dwelling felines has been presented in 26 countries and 300 cities in 10 different languages. Somehow, however, Sidoli himself managed to avoid the show.

"I never saw 'Cats' until I was cast in this production. It was just never something I thought I would be associated with. I love Betty Buckley and I love her version of 'Memory,' but I just never got around to seeing the show."

That's not to say the performer doesn't understand the many people who have seen "Cats" each and every time it has come through Boston since 1983.

"With this show, there is just something that stays with people. There are so many different elements — from Lloyd Weber's beautiful music to the amazing sets and costumes to T. S. Eliot's poetry. My parents have seen the show a few times now and each time they find something different to like about it. I think that is how it affects a lot of people. The show is open to interpretation. Different people come away with different reactions to it."



Christopher Sidoli

Now 18 months into his two-year commitment to "Cats," Sidoli is still enjoying the road even when it takes him far from home.

"This job has given me a great opportunity to travel. We've played 48 of the 50 states, plus Mexico, Brazil and Chile, and we'll be in Canada when I finish up in June."

By then, however, Sidoli says he will need time to rest and relax and he knows just where he will head.

"I'm going to spend this summer on the Cape with my parents. After two years on the road, I will really need some time off."

And some time to enjoy some of his familiar favorites found only on the Cape, too.

"After all this time in lycra costumes, I'm definitely heading to the Sundae School in Dennsiport. They have the best ice cream and by June I will be ready for a sundae."

"Cats" will be at the Opera House, 539 Washington Street, Boston, Feb. 20-25. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-931-2787 or go to broadwayacrossamerica.com. On Feb. 20, a special "Kids Night on Broadway" offering will allow adults to purchase one ticket and bring a child, ages 16 or under, for free. To make use of this offer, use the code CASTKID when ordering tickets. Pre-show activities on Feb. 20 at the Opera House begin at 6:30 p.m. and will include face painting by cast members, games, refreshments and presentations by the Animal Rescue League of Boston.

—R. Scott Reedy

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Hingham's Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square presents Jud Caswell on Feb. 17, at 8 p.m. The Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square is located at the Old Ship Parish House at 107 Main St., Hingham Square, just up from the Loring Hall Theatre. It is on the MBTA's 220 bus line from Quincy Center. An open mike precedes the concert. Admission is $10 at the door. A variety of coffees, tea, and desserts is available for 50 cents. Net proceeds benefit the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. Volunteers are welcome. For further information, call Jim Watson at 781-749-1767.

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John Carver Inn, Plymouth present **Dinner Theatre** packages. John Carver Inn featuring **Joe Devito's Hilarious Hypnotist** Feb. 17 doors open at 7:30 p.m. For information visit johncarverinn.com or call JCI at 508-746-7100 or 800-724-1620.

Lullabye of Broadway Feb. 17, 18, at Braintree Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree. Musical dinner theatre revue starring The Broadway Exchange. Classic romantic and comic Broadway hits presented by **Quincy Dinner Theatre Productions** in its new intimate venue. Valentine's Day and Saturday, dinner at 7, show at 8:30; Sunday matinee, dinner at 2, show at 3:30. Plenty of parking and handicapped accessible. Tickets are $42.50 for dinner and show; $39.95 for seniors. Reserve at 781-843-5862.

Let The Good Times Roll at the **Canoe Club**, 2 South St., West Bridgewater, Feb. 17 and 18. Zany new musical romp starring Rob Bezubka and his Solid Gold Gang of singers, dancers and comics. Presented by **Quincy Dinner Theatre Productions** on Presidents Day weekend only. Saturday, dinner at 7, show at 8:30 p.m.; Sunday matinee, dinner at 2, show at 3:30. Plenty of parking and handicapped accessible. Tickets are $42.50 for dinner and show; $39.95 for seniors. Reserve at 781-843-5862.

Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth features a **Traditional Irish Seisiun** every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. The next Seisiun is Feb. 3. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hornpipes, with great craic and singalong. Admission is free. No cover. 508-830-1262.

The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. Feb. 17, **Jon Frattasio & Friends**.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St., Braintree Feb. 17, **Section 8 Band**, 781-849-7007.

Next Page Café, 550 Broad Street, Weymouth Feb. 17, **Undaunted Prof. Harp**, No cover. All shows 9:15 p.m. unless noted. 781-335-9796.

Sunday, Feb. 18

Kennedy's Country Gardens, Rt. 3A, Scituate – WinterFest Feb. 17, 18, 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Be introduced to new and exciting plants, and enjoy colorful displays and spring gardening ideas. Lectures and demos on Saturday and Sunday include earth-friendly landscape trends, gardening tricks, herbs, orchids flower arranging and more. For info visit KennedysCountryGardens.com or call 781-545-1266.

The North River Arts Society presents ***JOURNEYS***, an exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery featuring photographs by Jeanne McKenna and Rain Rodolph. This show runs through **March 30.** Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster Street, Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com

Duxbury's Bumpus Gallery presents work of South Shore artist **Donna Green** in an exhibit of portraits titled "Faces of Innocence," at the **Helen Bumpus Gallery** in **Duxbury** during February. The Helen Bumpus Gallery is located on the main level of the Duxbury Free Library at 77 Alden St. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours. 781-934-2721.

The Next Page *Blues* Cafe', 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, featuring **Dave Foley** every Sunday night at 8 p.m., 781-335-9796.

Monday, Feb. 19

Kennedy's Country Gardens, Rt. 3A, Scituate – WinterFest Feb. 17, 18, 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Be introduced to new and exciting plants, and enjoy colorful displays and spring gardening ideas. Lectures and demos on Saturday and Sunday include earth-friendly landscape trends, gardening tricks, herbs, orchids flower arranging and more. For info visit KennedysCountryGardens.com or call 781-545-1266.

The North River Arts Society presents "Mix It Up!" an exhibit or original mixed media works by **Marcia Ballou** and **Laura Harvey** at the Dolphin Gallery located at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St, Hingham through March 29. 781-741-1405.

Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull, presents **Flying Santa: A Holiday Tradition** through March 11. 781-925-5433 lifesavingmuseum.org

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Manomet Scientist Stephen Brown will discuss his book, ***Arctic Wings: Birds of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge***, and his research expeditions to Alaska's North Slope. Feb. 20, at 7 p.m. snow date: March 6, at the Scituate Town Library, presented by the **Scituate Library Foundation Life on the Coast" Speaker Series at** the Scituate Town Library, scituatetownlibrary.org Scituate Library Foundation, 781-545-8727 scituatelibraryfoundations.org

Grammy Award-Winning saxophonist Charles Neville, of the **Neville Brothers Band,** will join with the **Nat Simpkins/Henri Smith Band** to celebrate Mardi-Gras New Orleans Style on Fat Tuesday, Feb. 20, 7 p.m. to midnight at **Bob's Southern Bistro,** 604 Columbus Ave., Boston. $30 includes Cajun buffet dinner and entertainment. Call for advance reservations or purchase tickets at the door. For tickets call 617-536-6204 bobssouthernbistro.com

EMASS Senior Softball Association, the largest program of its kind in New England, is accepting registrations for the 2007 season. There are two leagues, playing on Saturday and Tuesday mornings, and three divisions to accommodate the abilities and interests of all serious softball players over age 55. For information consult www.emass-senior-softball.com or call John Stewart at 617 969 0950.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era performs every third Tuesday at **Striar JCC/Fireman Campus**, 445 Central St,. **Stoughton**, Feb. 20, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $5 per person. All are welcome. Wheelchair-accessible. 781-341-2076. 781-767-3911.

Wednesday, Feb. 21

Deborah McSorley-Kery, of McSorley-Kery Design, a full-service graphic design company in Milton, will be the featured speaker at the weekly breakfast meeting of **The President's Club Chapter of Business Network International** (BNI), on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 7 a.m. McSorley-Kery will discuss the importance and effect of professionally designed graphics in business communications. Other upcoming speakers will include Christopher Fein of Fein Law Offices in Braintree on Feb. 28. The President's Club Chapter of BNI is comprised of leading business people from various towns on the South Shore and welcomes anyone who works or lives in southeastern Massachusetts. The group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at Elena's Restaurant, Braintree Hill Office Park, Building 50, Braintree. For information, contact Club President Norm Abrahamson at 781-828-2270 or email ngalaw@canton-law.com

Wanted: A Few Good Men for card games, cribbage, chess, checkers and pinochle to challenge other town senior centers. A meeting will be held Feb. 14, at 9:30 a.m. at the Randolph Senior Center. 10 Fencourt Ave. Randolph, 781-961-0928

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association, the **South Shore Natural Science Center** and the **Mass Audubon South Shore Regional Headquarters** presents another free winter lecture series every Wednesday night at 7 p.m., at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell through March 21. Sponsored in part by Rockland Trust Company. Admission is free. **Feb. 21 Melting Ice and Rising Seas** featuring **Dr. Sarah Das, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.** For information visit nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA at 781-659-8168, Mass Audubon at 781-659-9400 or SSNSC at 781-659-2559.

The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. Feb. 22 Face Off" **Game show Trivia hosted by "P.J. The D.J.** from 8 to 11 p.m.

Bad Abbots, 1546 rear Hancock St., Quincy, Feb. 21, 9 p.m. **Danny Klein & Friends** featuring **Satch Romano** celebrate the music of The J. Geils Band, Cover charge. 617-786-8408.

Thursday, Feb. 22

The Dickinson Group will open a new art gallery in Weymouth on Route 18, next to the former Weymouth Naval Air Station. The gallery, known as **Art Treasure Gallery**, officially opened its doors with a Jan. 11, show featuring the works of 20 local and national artists. Artists interested in displaying at the Weymouth gallery are asked to contact gallery director Gabriel Catbagan at 781-331-9841.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad Street, **Weymouth.** no cover Satch Romano's "**New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam**, featuring **Gregg Miller Blues Jam** Feb. 22, 9 p.m. show, jam, 21+. Handicap access. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796 nextpagecafe.com

The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. Feb. 22, BBC **"Pint Night"** featuring **Flydown** formerly The Alliance.



BEST BET

Wentworth Gallery, presents an art exhibit and sale by artist and famed Jefferson Airplane singer and songwriter, Grace Slick. A symbol of the psychedelic culture of the turbulent 60's, Grace Slick will sell and showcase her original paintings of rock and roll legends and expertly rendered Alice in Wonderland drawings. She will make two special appearances at the Wentworth Galleries on Saturday, Feb. 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Wentworth Gallery, 75 Middlesex Turnpike, Burlington and on Sunday, Feb. 18, at the Wentworth Gallery, at The Mall at Chestnut Hill, 199 Boylston St., Chestnut Hill. Both appearances are open to the public and free of charge. Visit wentworthgallery.com for information.



Grace Slick

Townline Café, 269 Main St, (Rt. 28), W. Bridgewater, Feb. 22, 8 p.m. **Comedy Night** featuring **Frank Santorelli** (Georgie from "The Sopranos.") Other comedians include **Annette Pollack, Dan Boulger, Matt McArthur, Nikki Flynn, Shane Mauss**. Dinner and appetizers available. Advance tickets recommended by calling 508-580-0255 Visit townlinecafe.com or myspace.com/annettepollack,

Friday, Feb. 23

South Shore Art Center at 119 Ripley Road, in Cohasset is mounting an exhibition of works on paper selected by **Stephanie Walker**, director of Boston's Chase Gallery. "***Works on Paper***" opens in the **Bancroft Gallery** and continues through Feb. 25. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

The British Beer Company. Washington St. **Pembroke**. Feb. 23, **Double Take.**

Next Page Café, 550 Broad Street, Weymouth, will feature **Hoodoo Revelator,** Feb. 23, at 9:15 p.m. No cover. 781-335-9796 nextpagecafe.com

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Correction:

In last week's Town Commons feature story, the web site for JM Productions was listed incorrectly. The correct web site is www.jmproductionspresents.com

Quick Flix

All reviews by James Verniere, unless otherwise noted

New Releases

BREAKING AND ENTERING (B)

Jude Law is Will Francis, the stylish, successful head of a landscape architecture firm. Along with his partner, Will built new offices in King's Cross, a rundown part of London. Before you can say, "No good deed goes unpunished," Will's offices are broken into, perhaps by a criminal element aligned with his immigrant cleaning crew, and, most ruinously of all, his laptop with his "life" on it has been stolen. The widescreen lensing of Benoit Delhomme is gorgeous, and the film features strong work from Robin Wright Penn and Juliette Binoche. The film, however, is uneven and heavy-handed and reeks of its maker's guilty conscience.

HANNIBAL RISING (A-)

The origins of Hannibal the Cannibal are the subject of director Peter Webber's "Hannibal Rising," a surprisingly well-made and beautifully cast addition to the screen's already large collection of Hannibal-iana. This is a tale of war crimes, revenge and the scars that make monsters out of some of us. Topping the first-rate cast are French actor Gaspard Ulliel ("A Very Long Engagement") in the title role, and Gong Li as Hannibal's gorgeous, glamorous aunt Lady Murasaki.During World War II, Hannibal's parents are killed, and he and his sister are captured by starving, barbaric looters led by a fiend named Vladis Grutas (a diabolical turn by Rhys Ifans). What follows is a well-paced, incredibly gory game of cat-and-mouse. The film completes the process begun in "Silence of the Lambs," of turning Hannibal into a hero by making him the samurai of serial killers and his victims all too deserving.



Rasputia (Eddie Murphy) celebrates her wedding while her husband Norbit (also Eddie Murphy) wonders what he's gotten himself into in "Norbit.

NORBIT (C+)

Academy Award-nominee Eddie Murphy ("Dreamgirls") plays three characters in "Norbit," including the nerdy title character and his overweight wife Rasputia, who brings henpecking obesity to new levels of domestic horror. Murphy is convincing as Rasputia, largely thanks to an outrageously believable "fat-suit," but too much of "Norbit" is fat jokes, stereotypes and little else. Rude, raunchy, female-impersonating comedies appear to be all the rage in urban multiplexes these days. Let's hope they go out of fashion soon.

PUCCINI FOR BEGINNERS (B)

Cable TV on the big screen, "Puccini for Beginners" combines the sizable appeal and dishiness of "Sex and the City" and "The L Word." The film begins at a Lincoln Center performance of Puccini's "Turandot" and involves the operatic adventures of Allegra (Elizabeth Reaser), a self-described lesbian and New York City-based author of cerebral tomes whose bisexual girlfriend Samantha (Julianne Nicholson, "Law & Order: Criminal Intent") drops her. What's a lesbian in the city to do? How about become a "hasbian" and have an affair with a philosophy professor named Philip (Justin Kirk of "Weeds") before "coincidentally" seducing his ditsy, glass-blowing girlfriend Grace (Gretchen Mol)? This is all contrived and soap opera-ish. But the dialogue often sparkles, and the cast is appealing.

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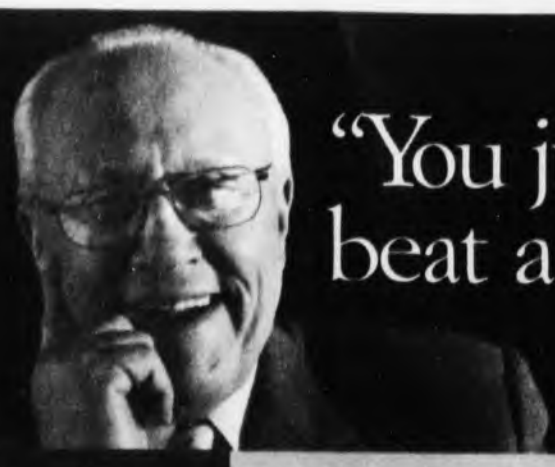
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Lady Skippers are in state tourney



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'High energy' rep keeps his perspective

Bradley now chairs Election Laws Committee

By Mary Ford
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A few minutes with state Rep. Garrett Bradley and it is clear, the modern buzzword "multitasking" has come into fashion because of people like the Hingham Democrat.

During Bradley's district office hours upstairs at the Sons of Italy off Route 3A last Friday evening, the 36-year-old state legislator - now in his fourth term -balanced this interview, handling a constituent's concerns, calling for a pizza-to-go, and the arrival of his wife, Heather, and their three children, ages 3 to 7-1/2, all without missing a beat.

His cell phone rings constantly. However, Bradley knows his priorities. He checks the numbers, puts calls directly to voicemail so we can conduct the interview – *except* a call from one of his daughters to discuss the pizza and plans for the evening.

Bradley, who had also fought Friday night commuter traffic, had even recovered from the stomach flu earlier

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STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

While getting the number of the Upper Crust in Hingham so he could order a pizza for his kids, State Rep. Garrett Bradley puts out a chair for constituents before his district office hours got under way Friday at the Sons of Italy Hall.

Sleepy election

No races for any seats this year

By Mary Ford
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Cohasset voters have to go back 12 years to 1995 to find another Town Election with no contests by the time candidates had to return their nomination papers.

That year turnout was 18 percent – some of which could have been attributed to a write-in campaign challenging the candidate running for reelection to the Board of Health.

Town Clerk Marion Douglas said she checked as far back as 1960 and could not find another Town Election with no contests.

In 1993, there was a sole race – for the Board of Library Trustees – and the turnout was a mere 11 percent.

So now, it is 2007's turn to get into the history books.

The April 7 Town Election — unless someone conducts a write-in or "sticker" campaign — is not going to feature any races, meaning no seats are contested. Therefore, those incumbents seeking reelection have a sure shot at winning as do those who are running for "open" seats.

An open seat means the incumbent is not seeking reelection; therefore, a candidate seeking that seat does not have to run against the incumbent.

This year Paul Carlson of Old Coach Road is running for Selectman Rob Spofford's seat (Spofford is not seeking reelection) and Peter Richardsson of N. Main Street is running for School Committee member Jamie Williams' seat. (Williams is not seeking reelection).

However, to be politically correct, Carlson and Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer are in a two-way race for two seats, as are School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy and Richardsson.

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'Comfort' dolls for children

Project helps orphans of AIDS/HIV pandemic

By Mary Ford
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Little dolls standing about eight inches high that can easily be held in a child's hand are multiplying at the Creative Stitch on King Street (3A) in Cohasset.

The Duduza (or comfort) dolls are made from yarn scraps and filled with polyester stuffing, so there is little cost. They are very easy to knit, so even a beginner can tackle the pattern, says shop owner Kristin Ross of Scituate.

The colorful dolls, each with its own personality thanks to the creativity of the knitter, will travel thousands of miles this summer to a part of the world totally different from the South Shore.

"The need is so huge, this is a way that we can give back."
— Kristin Ross,
The Creative Stitch

The Friday knitting class at the Creative Stitch got the project rolling after class participant Ann Selinger of Hingham shared the story about a friend of hers in Vermont who is involved with CHABA (Children Affected by HIV/AIDS), a non-profit founded in 2002, whose mission is to raise awareness in the US about the plight of children in Africa and to support community-based projects in Namibia, South Africa and Rwanda.

The Duduza dolls go to children in child-headed households that are part of an association called Amahoro, meaning peace. Teenagers orphaned by genocide and AIDS formed the association. They have begun to combine families – some of which are headed by children even younger – in order to survive.

CHABA has formed a partnership with Amahoro and has helped Amahoro expand its mission.

CINDI (Children In Distress), a consortium of children's program in South Africa, initiated the knitting pattern for the dolls.

According to the CINDI network, the idea sprang from a Canadian Internet site on which it was learned Canadians were using knitted dolls instead of polystyrene when packaging medical equipment for Africa. The dolls were then distributed to children in the hospitals. CINDI partners, who are always seeking ways to help children affected by the AIDS pandemic, picked up on the idea.

"Here was a comfort doll that the children can squeeze when they feel said," stated Yvonne Spain of CINDI on the website.

CINDI founders contacted the Canadian group for the pattern and the Duduza doll project took off.

CHABA brought 215 of the comfort dolls to one of Amahoro's Saturday

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Kristin Ross, owner of The Creative Stitch on King Street, works on knitting more Duduza (comfort) dolls that will be taken to Africa this summer.

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Name: Craig Martin.

Occupation: Insurance Agent.

Best day of your life: My wedding day.

Best vacation: Acapulco.

Favorite season: Fall.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite junk food: Ice Cream.

Best book: "The Art of War," by Sun Tzu.

Best movie: "Napoleon Dynamite."

Best TV show: Anything that isn't reality TV.

Pet Peeve: I gave up Pet Peeves for Lent.

Most memorable moment(s): Birth of my children.

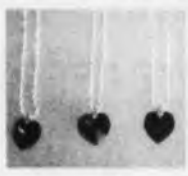
Goal: To make the most of each day.

Person you'd most like to meet: Mother Teresa.

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$58K 'counterfeit' check investigation

By Mary Ford
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An incident involving what could be a $58,000 counterfeit check is under investigation. Chief James Hussey said federal agents could be called in if the check is indeed determined to be counterfeit.

A storeowner at a shop in Shaw's Plaza reported the check had been deposited and was not sure how someone had obtained a check. The shop owner believed the check could have been scanned.

"It appears someone created a counterfeit check off one of their checks," Chief Hussey said. "We are working in conjunction with the bank in the investigation." The incident was reported at about 10:20 a.m., Wednesday (Feb. 14).

Hussey said the bank transaction took place in Schenectady, N.Y.

Juvenile arrest

A juvenile — meaning the teen is under 17 — was stopped for transporting an underage passenger on a junior operator's license and his passenger was charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol and possession of marijuana, police said. The incident occurred at just before 10 p.m. Monday (Feb. 19) at Forest Avenue and Heather Drive. Ironically, the arresting officer had given the juvenile a verbal warning for speeding earlier that evening and then spotted him shortly thereafter coming back with a passenger. "He knew he was a junior operator and pulled him over," Chief James Hussey said.

When the officer told the passenger to get out of the car, a couple of beers dropped from his coat. Further investigation revealed the passenger also had marijuana in his possession, Hussey said.

Pulling over

Two motorists were cited last Wednesday (Feb. 14) on Chief Justice Cushing Highway (3A) when they did not pull over and stop to allow fire trucks to pass. Chief James Hussey explained that a cruiser was heading to the call on Brewster Road along with fire engines and the officer saw that the cars that were in front of the fire engines did not pull over. The cruiser pulled the vehicles over after the fire engines passed and cited the motorists for obstructing an emergency vehicle. The citation can carry a $100 fine. Hussey said motorists think that if they slow down it is OK. However, state law requires motorists pull over as far to the right as they can and stop when an emergency vehicle is coming through.

Two-car crash

Two cars were towed following a collision on Chief Justice Cushing Highway (3A) by Stop & Shop, police said. At about 12:30 p.m., Wednesday (Feb. 14), a 1995 Mazda was pulling out of the service road behind Stop & Shop and started to turn right onto 3A. The Mazda pulled out in front of a 2003 PT Cruiser that was traveling northbound and a collision occurred. No one was transported to the hospital. The operator of the Mazda was cited for failure to yield.

Running stop sign

On Monday (Feb. 12), a Hull resident reported to police that, while on his way to work, he sees the same car, a 2006 gray Landrover run the stop sign at the Forest Avenue-North Main Street intersection. He also reported the vehicle cuts other cars off before speeding around the corner.

The caller provided police with the plate number and they identified whom the vehicle belongs to. Chief James Hussey said in these cases the reporting party has the option of signing an affidavit and testifying in court about the problem driver.

However, Hussey said police let the owner of the vehicle being reported know that there has been a complaint about erratic driving. He explained that police do not use an accusatory tone when they follow up on this type of complaint because they cannot be sure who was operating the vehicle.

In this case, the caller reported the incident later in the day.

Cab driver lost

Police went to the aid of a cab driver, who was trying to drive an inebriated female home to Cohasset at about 1:33 a.m., Feb. 14.

"The good part of this story is that she was not driving a car," Chief Hussey said. He explained that the cab's passenger and the cab driver were having trouble communicating; he had gotten lost, so he called police on his cell phone. "We had him meet us in Cohasset Plaza where police were able to direct him to the resident's house," Hussey said.

Snow blower not taken

A snow blower that was reported stolen on Monday afternoon (Feb. 12) had not been taken after all. Police had received a report that the snow blower was missing and a lawnmower had been left in its place. As it turned out, workers taking care of the residence had moved some equipment around and the snow blower had not been stolen.

West Corner fight

Reports of a fight at West Corner last Monday (Feb. 12) were probably unfounded, Chief James Hussey said. The report came in from Hull Police at about 9 p.m. Hingham police are familiar with the calling party and wrote the report about the alleged incident, Hussey said.

Sideswiped

A 1993 Ford Econoline Van clipped a 2005 GMC pickup parked on Elm Street near the Village on Tuesday (Feb. 13), police said.

The Ford hit the side mirror of the pickup, whose owner was able to get a plate number. Police made contact with the owner of the van, who had not realized the incident had occurred. The van owner returned to the scene and the parties exchanged papers, Chief Hussey said.

Headlight out

A headlight that was out led to a motor vehicle stop last Saturday (Feb. 17) at about 9:50 p.m. that resulted in the operator, a 27-year-old Weymouth man, being summonsed to court for being an unlicensed operator. The passenger in the vehicle, to whom the car was registered — a 29-year-old Plymouth man — was cited for allowing the vehicle to be operated by an unlicensed driver, police said.

Rocky Lane incident

Police are still investigating an alleged assault and battery on a youth who lives on Rocky Lane. About 11:15 p.m. Saturday (Feb. 17), police received a call from the alleged victim's father reporting the incident. Police, while on their way to the scene, observed a pickup coming toward them that turned out to have nine youths in the truck and in the back.

Chief Hussey said police are investigating to see who among the youths could be responsible for the attack on the Rocky Lane teen. During the traffic stop, police came across some alcohol. The driver and one of the passengers are being summonsed to court for being minors in possession of alcohol. All the teens in the pickup were from Hull, police said.

No plate

A Cambridge resident is being issued a court summons following a traffic stop on Chief Justice Cushing Highway (3A) because the car he was driving did not have a plate, which turned out to be in the back seat. The car was not registered, police said. The driver was also operating on a suspended license. The car had to be towed, police said.

Crocker due back in court in March

Davenport B. "Dave" Crocker, Sr., was arraigned Jan. 18 in Norfolk Superior Court in Dedham on charges of stealing money from the Cohasset Yacht Club from 2001 to 2005. Crocker had served as accountant for the 111-year-old club for many years.

He is due back in court for a pretrial conference March 5 and for a pretrial hearing April 12, according to the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office.

On Dec. 7 a Grand Jury indicted Crocker, 70, on one count of larceny over $250 by scheme on diverse dates during that time period. "By scheme" usually means the crime took place over a period of time.

Yacht club officials discovered the alleged theft of about $427,000 in late 2005 and subsequently sent a letter out to the 245 members of the 111-year-old facility. The letter, which caused uproar among club membership, explained the yacht club agreed not to prosecute Crocker if he would repay the money.

However, when the news broke in January 2006, Cohasset police launched a criminal investigation.

According to the yacht club letter sent in 2005, Crocker repaid $200,000 and agreed to pay an additional $260,000 within 18 months. The letter stated that the $260,000 was secured by a second mortgage on Crocker's condominium in Florida.

Yacht club officials have declined to comment on the case.

Obtain certified copy of deed

Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell would like to inform the public of an ongoing direct mail offer that is being sent to local homeowners. "Our office has received many inquiries over the past few days from property owners who had received in the mail an offer from 'National Deed Service Inc.' to provide them with a certified copy of their deed for $59.50. The company, based in Washington, DC, according to their letterhead, states it will obtain a certified copy of your deed from the county office and forward it to you."

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People who would like to view their deed can go online to the Registry Web site at norfolkdeeds.org and look at their deed in the research section. More information is available at the Registry by calling the customer service center at 781-461-6101.

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Feb.	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 22	2:23	10.3	2:54	9.4	8:36	-0.9	8:54	-0.3
Sunrise: 6:30 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:24 p.m.*			
Fri. 23	3:15	10.0	3:52	8.7	9:33	-0.5	9:49	0.3
Sunrise: 6:28 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:25 p.m.*			
Sat. 24	4:12	9.6	4:55	8.1	10:34	0.0	10:48	0.9
Sunrise: 6:27a.m.					*Sunset: 5:27 p.m.*			
Sun. 25	5:15	9.3	6:04	7.7	11:40	0.4	11:53	1.2
Sunrise: 6:25 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:28 p.m.*			
Mon. 26	6:22	9.0	7:15	7.6	—	—	12:49	0.6
Sunrise: 6:24 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:29 p.m.*			
Tues. 27	7:31	8.9	8:21	7.7	12:59	1.4	1:57	0.5
Sunrise: 6:22 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:30 p.m.*			
Wed. 28	8:34	9.0	9:19	8.0	2:04	1.3	2:56	0.4
Sunrise: 6:21 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:32 p.m.*			
Thurs. 1	9:29	9.1	10:07	8.2	3:01	1.0	3:46	0.3
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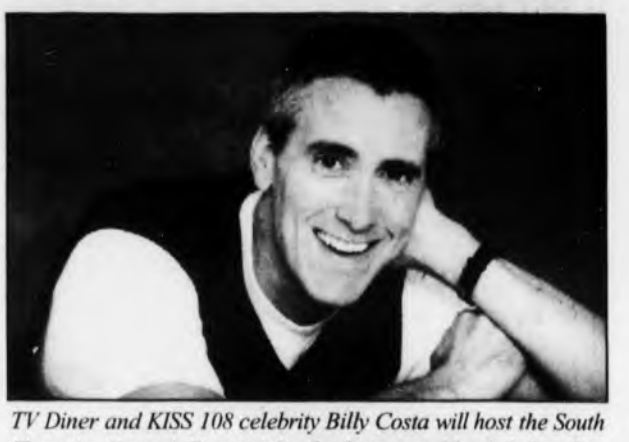
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MARCH ON!

Hello there Cohasset. How has everyone's week been with vacation and all? A bit milder weather-wise, which has been nice. The tricky month of March is right around the corner, let's hope the Groundhog was right and that spring is just about here...

As you will see from this week's column, we have many events to speak about and the more personal notes etc. seem to be on vacation as well. Send in all of your news, personal well wishes and photos each week no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm.

GARDEN CLUB

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its monthly general meeting on Feb.27th in Bates Hall at the Second Congregational Church at 9:30a.m. This month's program is titled "Cohasset Conservation Trust". Jim Hamilton will present the Cohasset Conservation Trust properties and explain why the trust plays a vital role in preserving the character of Cohasset.

ARTS NIGHT

The South Shore Art Center will host a fundraiser on Saturday, March 3rd at the Red Lion, Cohasset featuring **Billy Costa** of Kiss 108 and TV Diner. Billy Costa will emcee the evening's program, which will include dancing demonstrations from eXtreme Dancesport of Cambridge and spectacular travel auctions. Tickets are available for $135 per person, $125 Art Center members and include a sit-down dinner, entertainment, and dancing. For more information contact the Art Center at 781-383-2787 or www.ssac.org

SENIORS, SENIORS!

There are many programs for seniors being offered in the month of March that will help get you through the long month. On Wednesday, Feb. 28 a TRIAD speaker will begin at 9:30 a.m. at 60 Elm Street and "What to do in an auto accident" will be the focus. On March 2nd, the First Friday Movie with a snack provided will happen at Paul Pratt Memorial Library at 11 am. On March 5, the Cohasset Knoll Pancake Breakfast will be had at 9 am and due to popular demand, starting on March 5 on Mondays and Tuesdays, Food Shopping is at 1:15 pm. On Monday March 12 Nantasket Therapeutic will bring Chair Massage & Reflexology at Cohasset Elder Affairs from 12 - 2 p.m, on Wednesday March 14 a St. Patrick's Day Feast at St. Anthony's Parish Center at 1 p.m. with Anna's Gourmet Cooking and Time Stepper's entertainment for a cost of $7/person. The last two events in this listing are on Wednesday, March 21 will be a lunch time lecture by Norwell VNA on Emergency Preparedness from 11-12 am and on Wed, March 28 a TRIAD speaker will be at 60 Elm Street to speak about Identity Theft at 9:30 am.

THE LAST RESORT... On March 22nd at 6:30 p.m. Elder Law Attorney, Howard Kirkpatrick will present a workshop on the Enhanced Family Care Program (EAFC). The EAFC program extends Medicaid benefits to cover additional at-home services for senior citizens. This will be less expensive and will allow many seniors to receive the care they need while remaining in their own homes as long as possible. This workshop is a MUST for CARETAKERS of elders to attend and will be the only one on the south shore that Attorney Kirkpatrick will be presenting. A light supper will be provided from 6 - 6:30 p.m. Call 781-383-9112. Cost is $3.00/person.

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Sunrise Assisted Living at 125 King St., will host an American Heart Association event Tuesday, Feb. 27, from 4 to 6 p.m. The event will feature information, brochures, literature, heart healthy recipes and a guest survivor speaker. Heart healthy refreshments will be served. Donations to the cause will be greatly appreciated. For information call 781-383-6300.

SPELLING BEE

The list of participants in the Cohasset Middle High School and Gates Intermediate School's 2007 Spelling Bee has been updated. Those who took part in the bee are as follows:

Dominic Brennan, Ben Campbell, Drew Cobin, Sam Green, James McKelvey, Claire Pozniak, Alexiree Hastings, Carly Schwantner, Christina Secatore, Taylor Tabb, Spencer Wakefield, Hayley Wheelwright, Catie Pitts, Bryanna Valentine, Maria Buckley, Michael O'Brien, and **Drew Nahill.**

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AKUA KOLOR

A workshop in Akua Kolor will take place at South Shore Art Center in Cohasset Saturday, March 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants will be introduced to new water-based inks that can be used in relief printmaking, monotypes and collographs. This soy-based ink is easy to use and easy to clean up. Cost is $95 for members, $120 for non-members.

Call 781-383-2787 or register on line at ssac.org.

REC REGISTRATION

Registration for the next session of classes and programs for the upcoming session with the Cohasset Recreation Department and One Creative Place is happening now. The session is called "Enjoying Winter While We Look Ahead To Spring" and it begins the week of March 5th. For more information call 781-383-4109 or go to www.onecreativeplace.net

That is all the news for this week. Make sure to send in everything for the next weeks column no later than Tuesdays by 5:00 pm.

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Local girls ready for Australian adventure

By Mary Ford
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Come July, Australia is going to be invaded. But there is no cause for alarm. The invasion — that will include about two-dozen Massachusetts fifth-and sixth-graders — is the friendly variety.

Four of the future, young ambassadors spent Monday night in rooms donated by the Cohasset Harbor Inn on Elm Street.

Colby Callahan, 11, of Cohasset invited her fellow travelers Chelsey Crabbe, 12, of Marshfield; Danielle Dupris, 10, of Pembroke; and Lainey Sullivan, 10, also of Pembroke, for a "home-stay" which is part of the program preparing the girls for their trip.

In addition to the slumber party, Colby will show the girls around Cohasset. Staying overnight helps prepare them for the summer trip away from home including learning to pack a suitcase and being away from their parents. The visit also helps the girls bond.

However, judging from Monday's interview that took place just after they checked in at 3 p.m. – bonding has already occurred. The outgoing girls, who were nominated for the program either by a teacher, government official or someone who has participated in the program, were bubbling over with enthusiasm about their summer plans and the task at hand: having fun while learning about Australia and preparing for 15 days, literally on the other side of the world.

It is all part of People to People Student Ambassadors, a 50-year-old program started by President Eisenhower, through which American students travel abroad. The ultimate goal of the program is not only provide the adventure of participants' young lifetimes but to enhance global understanding.

About 100 students were initially nominated for the grade-school delegation from Eastern Massachusetts, and after interviews, about 40 were invited to participate. About 26 have signed on and will be making the trip. Preparations include a series of meetings and projects, as well as trying to find sponsors and conducting fundraisers to help pay for the $4,500 cost.

About People to People

- People to People was founded in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who believed that ordinary citizens of different nations, if able to communicate directly, would solve their differences and find a way to live in peace.
- Since 1963, People to People Student Ambassador programs have taken thousands of students across international borders to connect with people all over the world.
- Walt Disney created the "It's a Small World" attraction in 1964 after his participation in the People to People International White House conference.
- For more information visit: www.studentambassadors.org



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From left, Chelsey Crabbe of Marshfield, Colby Callahan of Cohasset, Danielle Dupuis of Pembroke and Lainey Sullivan of Pembroke, get together in the lobby of the Cohasset Harbor Inn, which donated two rooms for the night. The girls were spending a night-away-from-home in preparation for their trip to Australia this summer through the People to People Student Ambassador program.

For Danielle, a fifth-grader at Hobomock Elementary School in Pembroke, not going was *not* an option. "I was really excited," she said. "I jumped out of my socks when I heard I got it (selected)." She has an aunt in Australia and had planned to visit her after high school graduation and now won't have to wait, said her mother Ann Dupris.

Colby, who is in the sixth grade at Cohasset Middle High School, wasn't so sure. "I had my mind made up I wasn't going and then after the first information session I saw how much fun it was going to be," Colby recalled. "It is going to be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and I really want to go."

Colby and Chelsey, who is a sixth-grader at the Furnace Brook Middle School in Marshfield, have worked on a project together about Darling Harbour in Sydney.

Danielle and Lainey, a fifth-grader at North Pembroke Elementary School, have worked on creating games and filling out maps about Australia in preparation for the trip that will include "farm-stays," and a trip to the Great Barrier Reef, among other activities. Three chaperones will go on the trip with the students, the girls' mothers say.

They will keep journals of their experiences. Lainey says she plans to write an article for her local newspaper when she returns. The girls said they are also learning about how to conduct themselves as guests in a foreign country so they can show Australians what American students are really like. The girls and boys in the program wear "uniforms" that consist of kaki pants and golf shirts with People to People logos.

Chelsey's mother, Jean Crabbe, said the trip would expand her daughter's horizons. "There is a big world out there and she is used to seeing this little slice of life here," Crabbe said. "This will make her a better person."

Lainey's mother, Michelle Sullivan, said she is nervous and excited but most of all, very proud.

Dupris, Danielle's mother, said she too was nervous about the prospect of sending her 10-year-old child halfway across the world but knows her daughter has the confidence in herself to make the trip a success and will fit in well.

Colby's mother, Kim Callahan, who served as chaperone for Monday's overnight stay, said she was confident from the beginning that Colby would be one of the students selected to make the trip. "She is very mature and is ready to do something like this," she said. Colby has started her fundraising by sending out letters to family and friends, and conducting a raffle at the Teen Center in Cohasset.

Chelsey, who is a swimmer, loves to cook and wants to be a "Disney Imagineer" inventing new rides when she grows up, said her mother's boss offered to donate $1,000 toward her trip if she goes to the Council on Aging in Marshfield to help an elderly person and then write a paper about it – which she intends to do.

Her favorite subject is American History, as is Danielle's. Danielle loves karate and also likes to cook. She wants to open a restaurant and become a chef someday.

Lainey plays soccer, loves math and gym class, and plans to become a marine biologist. Colby is a cheerleader for Scituate-Cohasset Youth Football, likes computers, math and reading and wants to open a restaurant with her father some day.

Luckily, Monday was the first night of school winter break. The girls planned to go out for pizza and then spend the night having fun talking and comparing notes. Sleep may not have figured into the equation. "We're probably not going to bed," Danielle said.

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'Comfort' dolls for children

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gatherings in Rwanda in December. That day more than 1,000 children showed up and all wanted a doll. Plans are to return in June with more dolls.

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"The need is so huge, this is a way that we can give back," Ross says. "Everyone in the Friday class embraced the idea of doing the dolls." The excitement and effort has spread to other classes at the shop. People are also welcome to take the pattern home.

Traci Gilbert of Cohasset, who takes a class at the Creative Stitch, was so enthusiastic that her teenaged daughter has gotten involved and has organized sophomores at Cohasset High for a CHABA Challenge to knit dolls for the project.

The doll's "skin" is knit with brown yarn in keeping with the culture of the region but the doll's clothing varies widely depending on the colorful yarn scraps used.

Selinger said her four-year-old granddaughter saw a doll and wanted one. The moment provided Selinger with the opportunity to talk her granddaughter about children in parts of Africa that have no toys.

When the dolls are completed, Selinger will take them to her friend, Jane Davis, in Chester, Vt. for the trip to Africa.

Drift into French Memories for Drift Away

Musical duo performs Saturday afternoons

By Mary Ford
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There is more than coffee and croissants at French Memories on Saturday afternoons.

Continuing from 3-5 p.m. this weekend and throughout the month of March, patrons to the popular Cohasset Village shop can also enjoy live music along with their coffee or tea and conversation.

Cohasset native J Place and Joe Micarelli of Hingham have teamed up in a duo, dubbed Drift Away, in which they play what Place describes as "soul rock" and old American standards.

Both men are veteran, professional musicians and play with other bands and at many other venues. J is a vocalist and plays the harmonica, and Micarelli plays the electric piano; the combination seems just right for the coffee shop.

"When you are a musician and trying to make a living you do a lot of different things," Place explains. Drift Away fits the small venue where a band would be too overpowering.

Place, who is a single father, said he often walks to French Memories where he has been a regular customer since he moved back to Cohasset a year ago. He has also posted flyers there about other performances. He said after talking to Anne Gabanelle, who owns the shop with her husband Jean Jacques, he found her open to the idea and Drift Away had its premier performance at French Memories three weeks ago to a good response.

He said Drift Away – which was formed about 18 months ago and has its roots in jazz and blues — is not about being loud therefore the coffee shop's patrons can still enjoy a little conversation with the music.

"It is nice to play in a café," Place says. "People sit down and really appreciate the music – it is refreshing for a musician."

The tunes, Place and Micarelli perform, are a "mixed bag" in terms of genre and include "I Can See Clearly Now," "Lean on Me," "Don't Know Why," "Dock of the Bay," "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," and "What a Wonderful World."



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Look for J Place of Cohasset and Joe Micarelli of Hingham, who form the duo Drift Away, from 3-5 p.m. on Saturday afternoons at French Memories in Cohasset.

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— J Place, Drift Away

Place said people who wander into French Memories during the performance have been pleasantly surprised. "You can see it on their faces," Place says. "They say to the kids, 'here have some more hot chocolate.'"

Micarelli, who has worked with Place for more than three years, echoed Place's comments.

"It's working out great, it's a nice, warm atmosphere," says Micarelli, who is married and the father of two children. "People are pleasantly surprised to see music – then there are all the kids. It's fun to interact with the kids a little bit."

Micarelli, whose son is drummer and whose daughter is a singer, points out that many children today are not exposed to live music especially at the acoustic volume, the way music was originally intended to play.

He notes he does not have to wear his earplugs at French Memories. "It is nice to play really soft," he says.

Lance Norris of Cohasset, a regular at French Memories, is pleased with the addition of music.

"What could be better than sitting in a French café on a Saturday afternoon, smelling the bread bake and listening to the dulcet tones of the J Place duo?" he asks. "Outside of church, where else are you going to find live music in Cohasset?"

Jean Jacques Gabanelle said having live music is working out well at French Memories.

"They are very good," he says about Drift Away. "After we tried it for a couple of weeks, people were asking to have them come back."

Place, who just recorded a CD with the five-piece J Place Band of which Micarelli is also a member, says music has always been a part of him even though he did not come from a musical family.

"As John Lee Hooker said, 'if you have music in you – it just got to come out'," he says. "Music is not something you choose, it chooses you."

Place, who has lived overseas where he says people embrace jazz and blues, says he wants to do as good a job as possible as a musician "even if I'm not in the limelight making a ton of money.

"It's my life's blood and I know I'm good at it," he says.



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Quilt Show benefits pediatric AIDS



Quilts from last year's show are beautifully displayed in the sanctuary of Second Congregational Church.

Now that winter is finally upon us, Cohasset has decided it's time for a taste of spring. They will roll out their finery in the form of the Annual Quilt Show & Luncheon, on Saturday, March 3rd at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. on picturesque Cohasset Common.

"When the idea of a small quilt show and elegant luncheon came to mind, we thought it would be just a one-time, cheerful way to spend a March Saturday," says Carol Sandblom, one of the event's original organizers. "It was not intended to be a fundraiser, but — if we made a little money, it would go to benefit a charity. We must have struck a chord: over the past 13 years we've shown close to 1000 quilts and donated over $18,000 to charity."

This year, as many as 80 beautiful quilts will be on display at the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturday, March 3rd. Tickets are just $12 each and include a lovely sit-down luncheon where volunteer waiters serve homemade strata, salads and a selection of delicious desserts.

"We decorate the tables with linens and beautiful flowers to help bring a hint of spring to the midst of winter. It's really a fun way to spend a Saturday."

— Carol Sandblom, an organizer

"We decorate the tables with linens and beautiful flowers to help bring a hint of spring to the midst of winter," Sandblom added. "It's really a fun way to spend a Saturday."

The quilts displayed come from all over the South Shore and beyond. And each quilt has its own story, which is shared in the Quilt Show's program. This year's show includes both new and antique quilts, as well quilts from the 30s and 40s.

All proceeds will be shared between the Pediatric AIDS Charitable Trust and Boston Medical Center's Reach Out and Read Program. Tickets should be bought in advance at the Second Congregational Church office next to Cohasset Town Hall. Stop by the church office from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday to Friday, or call (781) 383-0345 for more information.



Library Corner

Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information on programs and events, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

FOR CHILDREN

Vocalmotion – Monday, Feb. 26, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Sharon Case will perform her musical program titled "Vocalmotion." This is an interactive song and movement program for all ages. All communities are welcome. Funded by the Friends of Cohasset Library.

Drop-In Story Time – Tuesday, Feb. 27, 10:30 to 11 a.m. in the Story Room. Story Time is for all ages and all communities. Children must be in the company of a caregiver. Stores, music and movement will be featured.

FOR ADULTS

Movie Matinee at the Library – Can't get out at night to see a movie? Enjoy a daytime screening of Alfred Hitchcock's "Rear Window," Friday, March 2, at 11 a.m. Admission is free. Light refreshments will be provided courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Movie Site License is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee.

One Book One Cohasset – Paul Pratt Memorial Library has officially started its town-wide reading program, One Book One Cohasset. Patrons may place a hold on a copy of David McGillivray's book "The Last Pick" by calling or visiting the library, or by logging on to the library Web site and placing the hold from a home computer. Buttonwood Books in Cohasset also has plenty of copies available for purchase. Look for library programs that compliment the theme of the book. Pick up a free One Book One Cohasset euro sticker at the library and show your support for this new program.

A Few Places Left – As part of One Book One Cohasset reading program, Cohasset Yoga Center is offering free introductory yoga classes at the library now through the month of March. Sign up for one class or several classes either by calling or visiting the library. February classes offered are Instructional Yoga on Monday, Feb. 26, at 6 p.m., Beginner Ashtanga Yoga on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 10 a.m., and Yin Yoga on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 5 p.m.

Library Book Group – Join others for coffee and discussion of David McGillivray's book "The Last Pick" Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 10 a.m., in the Meeting Room.

Free One Book One Cohasset T-shirt – Pick up a free One Book One Cohasset T-shirt at Buttonwood Books when buying a copy of David McGillivray's book "The Last Pick." McGillivray's book has been chosen as Cohasset's first book selection for its town-wide reading program. Each shirt comes in white with a green and white runner's bib design on the front. Show support for this event by purchasing the book and wearing the T-shirt around town.

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From the Archives of the Cohasset Historical Society

In honor of President's Day, the Cohasset Historical Society selected this engraving of the "Washington Family." It features George Washington seated with his wife Martha and her two children. It was engraved by A. Robin of New York in 1869.

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The Fourth Annual Cohasset Parent School Organization Tele-a-thon and On-Line Auction will take place Thursday, March 22, from 7 to 9 p.m., and will be broadcast live from the Cohasset Middle High School Auditorium on Comcast Cable channel 22.

While viewing the talent show, tax-deductible credit card pledges can be called in to be entered into the raffles. AnswerQuick will take phone calls and securely processing credit card pledges for the fourth year in a row. The call in number to pledge support to the Cohasset public schools is 800-505-5241. To send a check instead of a credit card, make it payable to the Cohasset PSO and have it postmarked by March 20, in order to have your name entered into the raffles. Mail your pledge to Cohasset PSO , P.O. Box 30, Cohasset , MA. 02025.

Remember the larger the amount pledged, the more chances there will be to win raffle prizes. For example, for a pledge of $100, your name will be eligible for the drawing of all the $100 raffle categories. If your name is not drawn for any of the $100 raffle prizes, then your name is entered into the $75 raffle categories and so forth.

If multiples of $100 are pledged, your name is eligible for being drawn multiple times. For example, a $300 pledge allows your name to be entered three times in the $100 raffle categories and so forth. The more you pledge, the more opportunities you have to win.

Last year, several callers pledged $300 to $500 and it paid off; they actually won several spectacular items. This year, they will also feature a Grand Prize for the $100 raffle category, which will be Boston Harbor Hotel's Romance Getaway Package. This gift certificate for $780 consists of a breathtaking room overlooking Boston Harbor, a pair of robes customized with your initials, which will be on the bed waiting for you, along with champagne and strawberries. You can enjoy dinner for two in their nationally-acclaimed four-diamond restaurant Meritage which will include a special romance price-fixed dinner including tax and gratuity.

Donations will be listed in the silent on-line auction. The on-line auction will open for biding Friday, March 16, at 9 a.m., and close Friday, March 16. Remember to bookmark http://psotelethon.cmarket.com /cohassetpso and get ready to bid high and bid often to support all of the students in Cohasset's public schools. They hope to get a few over bids this year, so let's get the bell ringing, as they do on WGBH telethon.

There's still time to donate an item or service for the raffle or auction prizes to receive the extra advertising recognition by becoming one of their proud sponsors. Simply send an e-mail to psotelethondonations@yahoo.com. Just include name, address, phone, item or service that you would like donate, as well as a retail value of the donation. To sponsor, at the cost of $350, contact Claudia McKeon at 781-383-6125.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

'Tis the season?

What a difference a year makes. If someone was moving into town this month, they might get the impression that Cohasseters are not opinionated and are generally apathetic about their government.

We know that could not be further from the truth. Percolating just under the surface is the same passion for this seaside community and its future that there was last year – when the townspeople voted in a hotly contested Town Election and later, in a divisive override election.

We agree with selectman-candidate Paul Carlson that the "bruising battles of the last few years have reduced the appetite for campaigning and serving."

In Cohasset there have always been lot of smart people willing to put their time and energy into town boards and other volunteer activities. So we hope the "bruising battles" of last year — the town election and override election — have people simply wanting to take year off and that next year, election contests will be back.

Debate is a good thing because airing the issues helps increase awareness by bringing them to the forefront. This year that is going to be a bit more difficult.

However, here at the Mariner we would still like to conduct the Question of the Week for the School Committee and Selectman candidates: Ralph Dormitzer and Paul Carlson, and Adrienne MacCarthy and Peter Richardsson, respectively.

Here are this week's questions:

- **For selectmen candidates:**
Voters may have lost their appetite for Prop. 2-1/2 overrides. But how can Cohasset continue to balance its budget without them?

- **For School Committee candidates:**
There's talk about more AP classes in Cohasset's quest to be the school system with "best and the brightest." With this focus, is enough being done for the students who might not be top achievers?

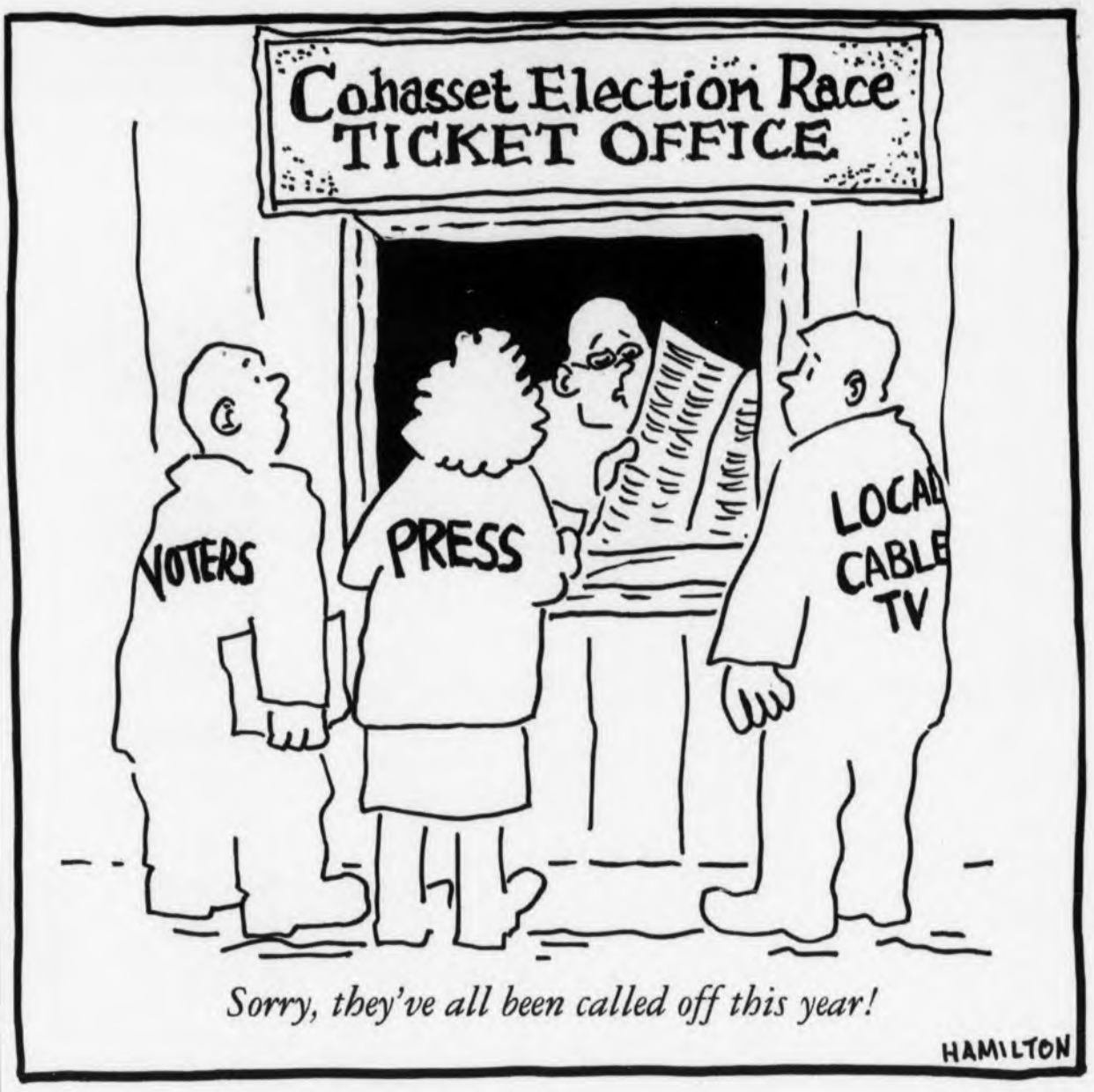
Responses should be brief — no more than 300 words — and *must* be received by 5 p.m., Tuesday. Candidates are asked to be specific and make every word count. Submissions will be cut if they exceed the word limit. (We use the word-count feature on the computer to determine the number of words.)

Candidates may reply by e-mail at mford@cnc.com; by fax at 781-741-2931, or by dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building, 73 South St., Hingham Square. However they choose to deliver their answers, candidates should adhere to the 5 p.m. Tuesday deadline.

We will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited to a few paragraphs (about 150 words), from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers and the like.

The Mariner will not accept letters to the editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

If you have questions, or would like to suggest a Question of the Week, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at mford@cnc.com.



MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:
Advisory Committee, Feb. 27, 7 p.m.
Alternative Energy Committee, March 6, 7:30 p.m.
Board of Health, March 21, 7 p.m.
Capital Budget Committee, Feb. 26, 7 p.m.
Cohasset Housing Authority, Feb. 28, 1 p.m., 60 Elm St.
Cohasset Housing Partnership, Feb. 27, 7 p.m.
CMHS School Council, March 7, 2:30 p.m. at the high school
Conservation Commission, March 1, 7 p.m.
Council on Elder Affairs, March 12, 9 a.m., 3 N. Main St.
Planning Board, Feb. 28, 7 p.m.
School Committee, Feb. 28, 7 p.m.
Selectmen, 7 p.m., Feb. 26, Feb. 28, March 5
Sewer Commission, March 12, 6 p.m.
Water Commission, March 6, 6 p.m., (7:30 p.m. public hearing) King Street plant.
Zoning Board of Appeals, March 6, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Census forms need to be returned.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Isabella' support appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset and the Cohasset Historical Society thank all those who contributed to the success of the recent fundraiser, "An Afternoon with Isabella."

Special thanks to Adrian Morris Salon, Bia Bistro, French Memories, Red Lion Inn, Arthur Roebuck and The Village Greenery, and to Olivia Baldwin, Pat Cammett, Judy Dickstein, Lee Drew, Helen King, Trisha Massa, Ann Pompeo, Barbara Power, Claire Tinory and Lelia Weinstein for their contributions to the silent auction, raffle and tea.

The event raised funds for the programs and community projects of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset and the Cohasset Historical Society. We are grateful to all who showed their support by attending the event.

Dolores Roy
Ways and Means Chairman
Community Garden Club of Cohasset

Wrestling boosters thanked

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset/Hull Wrestling Boosters would like to thank those who sponsored the Massachusetts Division 3 South Sectional Wrestling Tournament last Saturday, Feb. 10, at Cohasset High School. Through their generous support, we were able to host 14 regional teams and the friends and families who came to cheer on the 210 athletes. Thanks go to the following for enabling us to run a first-class event:

Goodwin Graphics, Starbucks, Good Fella's, Bruegger's Bagels, Cohasset Pizza House, Pizza Zone, Victoria's and Dunkin' Donuts.

Cheryl McLellan
Sheila Toomey
Cohasset/Hull Wrestling Boosters

Wampanoags helped Pilgrims survive

COMMENTARY

WIGMORE PIERSON

As Governor of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, I am pleased to congratulate the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe on their recognition as a sovereign Native American nation by the U.S. Interior Department's Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Nearly 400 years ago, 102 people crowded onto a small merchant vessel called "Mayflower" and set sail seeking freedom from religious persecution in England. They were humble and deeply spiritual men, women and children. Decades later, they came to be called Pilgrims, a name they never called themselves.

After a perilous ocean journey, they anchored off Cape Cod until they could locate a suitable area to site their colony. While still aboard, 41 of the male passengers signed what came to be called the Mayflower Compact, considered the first document ever to describe a governance by, for and of the people. In late December of 1620, they came ashore at an area first called Plymouth by the explorer, Capt. John Smith.

The Pilgrims, who lost half their number during that first difficult year, probably would not have survived at all if it had not been for the assistance of the Wampanoags, particularly from the great Sachem Massasoit and his interpreter Squanto.

He taught the Pilgrims how and where to catch the abundant eels, how to use herring as fertilizer for corn and how to plant other crops indigenous to southeastern Massachusetts.

Squanto had learned English after surviving capture by an earlier expedition, which had landed him in Spain. He escaped to England, from which he eventually made his way back home. He taught the Pilgrims how and where to catch the abundant eels, how to use herring as fertilizer for corn and how to plant other crops indigenous to southeastern Massachusetts.

Massasoit and Plymouth Governor William Bradford maintained generally peaceful and mutually beneficial relations between their two peoples while both men lived. Massasoit even attended and celebrated Bradford's wedding to widow Alice Southworth in August 1623.

It was only after both men died that relations between the peoples degenerated, culminating in open conflict between colonists and Native Americans in King Philip's War of 1675-76. It was the large influx of settlers in the intervening decades and the second and third generations of leaders on both sides who failed to uphold the views of Bradford and Massasoit.

Governor Bradford often complained about the lack of spiritual life of those who came after the Pilgrims. Author Nathaniel Philbrick in his bestseller, "Mayflower", writes"...it was the material rewards of this life that increasingly became the focus of the Pilgrims' children and grandchildren."

Also according to Philbrick, Massasoit before he died expressed the hope that"...there might be love and amity after his death between his sons and them as there had been betwixt himself and them in former times."

Today, in recognition and appreciation for the assistance granted to our ancestors by the Wampanoag people, the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants annually awards college scholarships of $1,500 each to two high school graduates from the Wampanoag community.

For further information, please visit our website at www.massmayflower.org.

Wigmore A. Pierson is Governor, Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, and a Cohasset resident.

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Train-related happenings on 3A

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

For the past several weeks, this column has been about mostly non-Greenbush articles. This week we'll remedy that with several diverse Greenbush topics.

Route 3A Design and Construction — This summer, Route 3 A from the new Greenbush Station to Rose Hill will be a very busy place with lots of construction. There are five different construction projects that are likely to impact and add congestion to this half-mile stretch of 3A.

Starting at the Greenbush Station, we know that there will be station construction by the MBTA, which includes, in addition to a very large parking lot, a completely new entrance from 3A, including a traffic light..

Adjacent to the station to the south, will be Cohasset's first Transit Oriented Development (TOD). It will be built on the site of the "old Davenport" property, which is now demolished. The TOD will be a combination of residential and commercial uses and is being constructed by Connell Real Estate & Development Co. and will be called Old Colony Square. Permitting by the Planning Board should begin this spring, with construction starting this summer / fall.

As a part of its plans, the MBTA is also widening Route 3A at Lower King Street to include a left turn lane for southbound traffic. This will also restrict Route 3A traffic as construction gets under way this summer.

A new business development called Scituate Hill has been permitted by the Planning Board for the hillside immediately to the south of the Brass Kettle Building on 3A. Its entrance road to 3A will be opposite Lower King Street. Massachusetts Highway Department has permitted a traffic light at this location, as well.

And, lastly the Town of Cohasset will be using its recent TOD grant to construct a sidewalk from N. Main Street to the intersection on Lower King and Route 3A. Then, it will proceed along 3A to the new station. The sidewalk will connect to pedestrian access from Scituate Hill and Old Colony Square on its way to the Station. The sidewalk will also connect to the bike/walking path from the Greenbush Station to Wompatuck Park.

So, you can easily see that this part of Route 3A will be a very busy place, once construction starts. Please be careful as you drive along 3A. Be on the lookout for the hazards that accompany any construction project. Due to the large number of construction projects impacting this area, there will be workers on Route 3A for very many months.

Sohier Street Railroad Crossing — Last week, we uncovered a previously unknown circumstance (at least by this office and CBB, as well). We have spoken in prior articles about the need to relocate the "old" wires from the "old" poles on Sohier Street to the "new" poles, so the "old" poles can be removed and Sohier Street can be completed. If you look carefully as you drive down Sohier Street you will be able to see one "wire" still on the old poles. We had thought that this is what is commonly called a messenger cable. (A messenger cable is a strand of high-strength cable that is used to support other wires.) Last week we found out that it is not a mechanical support, but a fiber optic cable that is used by the schools to provide administrative connectivity between the school campuses. So, CBB is currently making the necessary arrangements to have this fiber cable relocated. Moving a fiber cable is a bit trickier that moving a normal electrical signal line due to the high technology splicing that must be done. We are coordinating this cable work with the schools so as to cause a minimum of disruption.



If you drive Border Street, you can see that the construction fencing is in place. The contractor is waiting for favorable weather and tides to begin his work.

And, lastly the Town of Cohasset will be using its recent TOD grant to construct a sidewalk from N. Main Street to the intersection on Lower King and Route 3A.

Late Train Survey – Many of you let us know your opinions regarding the MBTA General Manager's letter asking whether the Town would be interested in a train leaving Boston after the presently scheduled "late train" at 10 p.m.. At first, the results were very slow coming in. We publicized the survey for three successive weeks in these Mariner articles. This seemed to help increase the number of respondents. As of Feb. 6th, we had a total of 108 replies, 73 in favor and 35 opposed to a late train. We explained to residents that this poll was not intended to have statistical relevance. It was intended to be a straw poll in which residents could express their opinion, if they so desired. We feel that it does give a sense of the feelings for those residents who care about this issue. We reported these final data to the Town Manager. Throughout the survey period the "in favor of late train votes" have generally been in a 2 to 1 ratio to the "against" votes.

The following observations about the votes were also included in our report:

- Those in favor of the late train are not abutters to the train tracks
- The abutters and a few others are adamantly opposed to a late train
- Some of the yes votes may not reflect on the practicality of the actual process of getting from a venue of interest (Celtics game, Red Sox game, theater, etc.) to South Station at some time after 10:00 PM to catch the late train.

We received a few other comments about the scheduling, not relevant to the late train issue, but interesting nonetheless. One of these was the fact that there are Cohasset residents who work in the Boston hospitals and have early hours. Thus, the present schedule would not serve them well at the start of their work day, nor for their mid afternoon commute back to Cohasset. Additional service for this need may be a plus.

Several respondents seemed interested in whether the Selectmen would hold a public hearing on this issue. This might bear consideration.

Meeting with Cashman – Last Friday we held a very good project review meeting with the contractor, CBB. As we are all aware, there are a lot of items outstanding that need to be completed. Some of these pertain to unique circumstances of a specific resident. Some pertain to the entire Town or a neighborhood, such as completion of Lower King Street or Pond Street crossings. We have developed an Open Item list that we review with CBB on a periodic basis. Quite a few of these open items are waiting for better weather or, in some cases, for higher priority work to be completed. As important as we think certain small projects are, in CBB's overall scheme of things they are not a very high a priority. The priority is generally out of our control. We do feel that our job is to keep and monitor the list of open items so these smaller projects don't ever fall through the cracks. The MBTA and CBB keep assuring us that they will be done. We will do our best to not let them forget.

Non Greenbush - Border Street Construction – We mentioned in a prior article, that the construction will be starting shortly for rebuilding the Border Street seawall from the Mill River Marina to Atlantica. If you drive Border Street, you can see that the construction fencing is in place. The contractor is waiting for favorable weather and tides to begin his work. When work does start, Border Street will probably be reduced to a single lane. So be very careful and drive slowly through this congested area.

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Anna Nicole and the news

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I hope at least one of you is interested enough to ask where I was last week when I should have been filling this space with words.

Well, would you believe it if I told you I was in Florida seeking to assert my rightful claim as the father of Anna Nicole Smith's baby?

I was still 157th back from the sign-up desk when I ran out of money and had to abandon my plans for the future with the $450 million . . er, the child.

But already I digress . . .

Anna Nicole is only the latest in that peculiarly American breed that is famous for being famous...

What is it with us — and I include myself because, as much as I hate to admit it, I have spent the greater part of the past two weeks immobilized, desperately changing channels to get the latest in the demise of the bosomy former Playmate of the Year?

Anna Nicole is only the latest in that peculiarly American breed that is famous for being famous, although the fact that she went all the way to the U. S. Supreme Court on the hunt for the $450 million left to her by her 90-year-old husband of 14 months may lift her out of that category.

The thing that amazed me was the amount of time the cable news channels devoted to Anna's untimely passing at a time when there was fighting in Iraq, illegal aliens were pouring over our borders and a female astronaut was hurrying to confront a love rival wearing an adult diaper.

The main event seems to be a free-for-all to be named father of her daughter, Dannielynn, among Anna's former lovers, including her attorney, Howard K. Stern (no not that one); freelance photographer Larry Birkhead; Prince Frederic von Anhalt, Zsa Zsa Gabor's husband; and her late husband, J. Howard Marshall II, who died in 1995 but thoughtfully left behind some frozen sperm for the occasion.

The only former lover who has not shown up to stake a claim appears to be Billy Smith, the cook at the fried chicken restaurant in Mexia, Texas, that she married at 17 when she was known as Vicky Lynn Hogan and fathered her first child, the one that died as she was giving birth to Dannielynn.

The picture I will remember longest from the TV coverage is that of Fox News Channel's Steve Harrigan, last seen broadcasting from Baghdad, standing in front of Anna's house in the Bahamas and repeating over and over, "We think Dannielynn and Howard K. Stern are inside."

I don't think we ever found out who was in that house because the owner, J. Ben Thompson, changed the locks when Anna died. He was suing her for the house at the time. She claimed he gave it to her. You wouldn't expect a man to give a house to a bosomy blonde who was Playmate of the Year, would you?

I hope Fox didn't pull Steve back from Baghdad just for that. It would be like going from the editorial page to the comic page, wouldn't it?

Oscar night and some California dreamin'

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

L.A. Story (part 1):

Oscar night is the signature Southern California event, and although I don't have time to watch the whole show I usually try to catch the first eight or nine hours. I do love movies, and the combination of great films with sunny scenes of beautiful people strolling around Los Angeles always reminds me of my stint there in the late 80s, when I realized my dream of working in special effects, and soon abandoned it so I could get some sleep. For the next few weeks I'd like to write about my first impressions of California, its people, its climate, and its tendency to fling you out of bed at six in the morning.

On the whole, native Californians are wonderfully warm, happy, carefree people. And why wouldn't they be? They live in California. But the drawback to their earnestness is that they're completely immune to sarcasm. Imagine how hard it would be to fathom a deliberately ironic comment like, "I used to hate the violence on local news until I became a serial killer," when you take everything at face value. "Do you... really like the news or are you, um, joking?" they'll ask. "I'm joking. I can't stand it," you'll say. "They blow everything I do out of proportion." And they'll look at you like a deer in the headlights, trying to unravel the complex English-like language you've been speaking.

They're not stupid. They just aren't used to being lied to all the time, which is essentially what kidding is: saying things that are patently false over and over with a straight face. Why anyone would choose to do that, given the freedom to be completely open and honest that California's culture affords, is beyond baffling to them. So as a New Englander you have to make adjustments, either laughing loudly as you deliver a punch line or peppering your speech with, "not *literally* of course!" Happily the joke isn't spoiled; they're fully able to enjoy the humor once it's been pointed out to them.

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Now, in case you have the impression that I feel superior to anyone let me state for the record that I'm about the least sophisticated guy on the planet. If you met me in person you'd be convinced I fell off a turnip truck and cracked my skull at a young age. As proof I need only briefly describe my first few months in Southern California.

Looking for an apartment in an unfamiliar city is always a bit stressful, all the more so when you're right out of college and can't afford much more than the average American spends on donuts every month. Rattraps you wouldn't have boarded your dog in on Day 1 begin to look positively charming by Day 4. So on Day 6 I was quite happy to find an available rm in a 3br apt in a nice-looking nbrhd for $400/mo — about three-quarters of my starting salary at nearby Southern Star Productions.

I had lived in this apartment with two other guys for a good month before someone informed me I'd moved to the biggest gay enclave in Los Angeles. In my defense, the name West Hollywood sounded almost exactly like Hollywood, and didn't raise any pink flags with me. I wasn't really bothered by the news, but certain neighborhood eccentricities suddenly made a lot more sense. It occurred to me that both my roommates might be gay too. For one thing they ate fresh cake at every meal. For another, the guy who owned the couch forbade me to put my feet on it. At the time this seemed like conclusive evidence, but the fact is nowadays I would gladly eat fresh cake at every meal if I were allowed, and half the quality time I spend with my children is devoted to slapping their grubby feet off my couch and fetching the vacuum.

The truth is, if you took away our wives most husbands could easily pass for stereotypical gay men. We can not only name, but recognize on sight over 150 different shades of white paint — Linen White, Atrium White, Dove White, Decorator White, Brilliant White, Lancaster Whitewash, Whindham Cream (say when), Super White, Navajo White, China White, Bone White, etc. We cry every time the Iron Giant blows up. Secretly we're huge Jane Austen fans, like to dance, and prefer pina coladas to Guinness. We're like gay women in men's bodies or something.

Anyway, living with the cake eaters was affordable, which was the main criterion then. After rent, student loan payments and a car payment I had just enough money left over for gas and three cans of Campbell's Chunky Vegetable Soup per day. The original Johnny Rocket's was a brand new restaurant on Melrose Avenue across from Southern Star, and I marveled at how my boss could afford to eat $7 hamburgers there, have her new BMW detailed every Tuesday morning, *and* save enough quarters to do her laundry on the weekends.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset, an enclave of some sort south of Boston.

In our next episode, John finds an unopened 12-pack of cheese burritos in a dumpster near his apartment, and has his first celebrity encounter..

MacCarthy featured on 'Our Town'

As the election season series continues on OUR TOWN, co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy for the full hour.

MacCarthy discusses her hopes for reelection and the work she hopes to continue on the School Committee. She details her goals for a second term and goes on to explain the current school department budget and related matters.

As the election series continues right up to Election Day of April 7, watch for OUR TOWN to televise the Selectmen and School Committee debates!

Our Town airs Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9pm on Comcast Channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed!

'High energy' state rep keeps his perspective

FROM REP, PAGE 1

that week that had raced through this entire family.

But, despite it all, Bradley, a former Plymouth County prosecutor and "triple Eagle" — BC High, Boston College and Boston College Law School graduate — is quick to laugh and handles questions about myriad issues with ease. He is proud of the fact he works in the private sector for the Boston law firm, Thornton & Naumes. He says when the legislature was first envisioned it was a "citizens' legislature," not one made up of full-timers.

'I'm a high-energy person," Bradley says. "And working in the private sector helps me keep a balance and perspective. Sometimes legislators can be too insulated – this is supposed to be a citizens' legislature and we are not supposed to be removed from reality."

While his counterpart in the Senate, state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, enjoyed an open-door relationship with the Romney administration, Bradley — who went to law school with Gov. Deval Patrick's deputy chief of staff — will now have that benefit. In fact, he had a private meeting with Patrick last Tuesday (Feb. 13).

Bradley, who represents the Third Plymouth District, consisting of Hingham, Cohasset, Hull and North Scituate, embarks on the new session with a committee chairmanship; he is now House Chairman of the Joint Committee on Election Laws.

"It's good for the district – it's a good return on investment," Bradley says, noting that Hedlund, who was recently named minority whip, has moved up into a leadership position on the Senate side. "We are a good team," he says.

A key issue that will come before the Election Laws Committee is "same-day, voter registration," Bradley explains, noting about a half dozen bills have been filed on the issue. Essentially the legislation would allow voters to walk in on polling day, and say: "Here's my license, I want to vote," he says. The cost of the program, which would have to be addressed, would entail additional training of election workers and having equipment, such as laptops, available to check the state centralized voter list to prevent voter fraud. For example, if a voter comes into the polls at the Hingham Middle School and says he used to live with his mother in Weymouth – the election official would need to ensure the individual got switched immediately to Hingham, so he did not go back to Weymouth to vote because his friend is running for City Council, Bradley explained.

Other legislation includes handicap access to voting machines, which is still a problem in some areas of the state including assistance for the visually impaired. Also full financial disclosure and reporting requirements on advertisements and Internet blogs that can be critical of candidates. Bradley cited an example of a selectwoman in another community, who was opposed to a "big box" store coming to town. An advertisement critical of her position included a link to a blog that was also highly critical. It was determined after the election that the large retailer backed the blog.

"The internet is a new frontier that legislation does not currently speak to," Bradley notes. "But we need to know who is paying the bills in these cases."



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

State Rep. Garrett Bradley welcomes a constituent, Vin Bucca, to his office hours on Friday night at the Sons of Italy Hall. Bradley, now in his fourth term, has been appointed as House Chair of the Joint Committee on Election Laws.

"The thrust of the legislation coming before us is how to get more people involved in the process, how to get more people registered to vote and how to get more people to the polls."

— State Rep. Garrett Bradley, House chairman of the Joint Committee on Election Laws

Bradley says he is fortunate to be able to call on experienced town clerks, Marion Douglas (Cohasset). Eileen McCracken (Hingham), Janet Bennett (Hull) and Bernice Brown (Scituate), for guidance as "same day registration" and other legislation before his committee.

"The thrust of the legislation coming before us is how to get more people involved in the process, how to get more people registered to vote and how to get more people to the polls," Bradley says.

As these bills reach the House, it is Bradley's job, a committee chairman, to organize the debate and respond to proposed amendments. In a nutshell, committees conduct hearings where they hear testimony on bills; they report a bill our favorably or unfavorably (or say it needs further study). Bills then go to the floor for debate; and differences are ironed out between the Senate and House before a bill is sent to the governor's desk.

Legislation

In addition to his duties as a committee chairman, Bradley has also filed legislation that should help the district.

An issue that Bradley sees as key to helping the bottom line in his district, is reforming retired teachers' healthcare benefits. If passed, the legislation could result in a substantial increase in state aid.

Due to early retirements there has been a large increase in teachers' health insurance assessments that are billed back to the towns. For example, Cohasset allows teachers upon retirement to go into the state insurance pool until 65, when they are Medicare eligible. Cohasset has a 70/30 split for teachers' health insurance, meaning the town pays 70 percent of the cost with the teacher picking up 30 percent. But when the teacher retires, he or she goes into the state system where the split is 90/10. The town, in this case Cohasset, has to pick up the additional 20 percent that shows up as an annual assessment of $750,000.

"I have filed legislation to relieve the community of this retired teachers' health insurance assessment," Bradley said.

He explained that he spoke to Gov. Patrick about the issue and he is receptive to the idea. "He agreed that given the cost of health insurance and the amount of local aid – there should be a way to relieve communities of this burden."

Bradley said towns like Cohasset adopted the concept of the state handling retired teachers' health insurance about 30 years ago to save on administrative costs.

Other legislation that Bradley has filed includes:

• Extending for an additional 10 years a federal reimbursement program for the upgrade of the Aquarion Water Treatment Plant in Hingham that also serves North Cohasset. The program should have allowed reimbursements on interest payments on the loan, but did not, Bradley said. Without this legislation, water users would see their bills rise.

• Establishing reimbursements and tax credits to gas stations that install ethanol pumps. (The closest commercial ethanol pump is in New Jersey).

• Removing all mercury-based preservatives from vaccines given to children under three and pregnant women. He noted, while mercury-based preservatives have been removed from some vaccines, it has not been removed from flu shots that are now recommended for pregnant women and infants. "I am pro-vaccine," Bradley said. "My position is about the preservatives which allow the drug companies to manufacture the vaccines cheaper because they can mass produce them." Bradley said New York, California, and three other states have enacted similar legislation.

• Requiring seatbelts be installed on school buses. Bradley said he received an email from Michaela Brickley, a fourth-grader at the South School in Hingham, asking why school buses do not require seatbelts. He said one major issue preventing this requirement is cost. "As a father of three, I find this unacceptable," he said. "I look forward to moving this bill forward with Michaela and her class's input."

• Raising the high school dropout age from 17 to 18 years of age. While this is not a major problem in the district, as a citizen and taxpayer, Bradley asks, "Why should be pay for 11 years of education but allow kids to drop out before the last year?"

Bradley knows with the possibility of a billion-dollar shortfall looming, tough fiscal choices are facing the new governor and Legislature in fiscal 2008.

He says the state has lost 150,000 jobs since 2001, corporate profits have leveled off, and capital gains are way down due to the sluggish housing market.

Bradley says he will look at the governor's municipal package — which is a bundle of proposals designed to help communities — and if it is good for the district, he will vote for it.

One example that he might not support is a local meals tax, which Patrick has floated. "The more I am involved in government – the more I realize the importance of *local* government," Bradley says. When the issue surfaced a few years ago, Bradley consulted with town managers in his district, and determined that a meals tax would like help larger cities but not smaller towns. He plans on discussing the issue with town officials again.

Despite all the challenges and balance he must find in his family life, Bradley enjoys being a state representative and has no plans to leave or to run for the state Senate.

"Unless people in the Third Plymouth District forcibly retire me, I like what I am doing in the House," Bradley says. "With three towns plus part of a fourth, I can manage to make it everywhere I want to be," he says.

Town Election to be a sleeper

FROM ELECTION, PAGE 1

In Cohasset, it is very unusual for "open seats" on the Board of Selectmen and School Committee to go unchallenged.

However, it is not uncommon for incumbents who are up for reelection — whether they are running for the Planning Board, Library Trustee, Board of Health, Sewer Commission, Water Commission or Recreation Commission — to be unopposed.

Carlson said he was as surprised as anyone there are no competitive races this year. "While I can only guess what motivates people," he said. "I believe that the bruising battles for the last few years have reduced the appetite for campaigning and service.

"Many people for various reasons are tired of politics," he said. "Cohasset has always had a healthy democracy and I hope that the willingness to serve will revive. Vigorous elections are critically important to the success of democracy at any level of government."

Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer, who is seeking a second term, said the new candidates for selectman and School Committee (Carlson and Richardsson) got off to a strong start almost from the day that nomination papers were available, which made a challenge to their campaigns more difficult.

Dormitzer said a candidate who challenges an incumbent looks at the dissatisfaction index to calculate if it is possible to defeat the incumbent. "Conversely, if there is reasonable satisfaction with the incumbent, the expenditure of energy, time and money makes the challenge unattractive," he said.

There was a potential race for Water Commission but Reginald Murphy of Linden Drive – who would have challenged incumbent commissioner Nathaniel Palmer - did not return his nomination papers, Douglas said.

Douglas said she is happy that all the seats will be filled - meaning someone has pulled papers for every seat. "But what a difference from the past several years," she said.

Last year's Town Election, which featured "hot" races on both the Board of Selectmen and School Committee, drew 48 percent or 2432 of the town's 5099 registered voters. The year before 44 percent went to the polls.

Here are the other candidates, who were not mentioned above: James Richardson, Lillian Curley, and Daniel J. Martin (Recreation Commission, 3 seats); Stacey Weaver, Sarah Pease and Barbara Power (Board of Library Trustees, 3 seats); Elsa Miller (Board of Assessors); Ralph Perroncello (Housing Authority); Steve Bobo (Board of Health); Al Moore (Planning Board); and Sean Cunning (Sewer Commission).

Friday, March 9, is the last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting, which will be held Saturday, March 31, and for the Annual Town Election which will be held Saturday, April 7.

Candidates Corner

Carlson thanks volunteers

Selectman candidate Paul Carlson wants to thank all the volunteers and donors who have helped launch his campaign.

Paul will be researching town issues and writing responses to the questions posed by the Editor of the Cohasset Mariner for the next few weeks.

This past week he met with the Elder Affairs Council and attended the meeting of the Stormwater Committee. Both sessions were very informative, raising issues worthy of substantial attention and energy during the next three years.

For more information on Paul's background and positions, please visit his website at CarlsonForSelectman.com.

Palmer files paper for reelection

Nathaniel Palmer has turned in the required documentation to qualify for re-election to the Cohasset Water Commission. The candidate explains, "Three years ago, when I first sought this position, I knew I had big shoes to fill. Then my biggest concern was whether I could distinguish myself among the significant contributions of my fellow Commissioners."

He adds, "It has been a steep learning curve, but I am grateful to have the opportunity to make tangible contributions to the quality of life in Cohasset."

As explained by Water Commission Chairman Glenn Pratt, "Nathaniel has led the Commission through the multitude of technology upgrades implemented over the last few years, and as we continue our aggressive capital improvements to the water system, he is a tremendous asset."

Elected to Vice Chairman of the Water Commission last year, upon his anticipated re-election Nathaniel will continue to take an active role on issues of process and technology improvements within Water Department operations.

Pratt adds, "Nathaniel has been a visionary to bring technology the Department's operations, he has worked tirelessly to implement automation to the treatment plant operations, establish a base GIS/GPS mapping system for the department, and coordinated the installation of a system wide security surveillance system."

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'It is not easy being green'

TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE COHASSET

JoAnn Mirise

Two thousand seven. This is my year to start making significant changes toward living sustainably. I decided this on my own. No one is paying me to live this way. It didn't come to me in a dream. I just decided. And despite the book "It's Easy Being Green" that sits on my desk as one of the many references I regularly turn to, it is becoming clear that it is decidedly *not* easy being green. In fact, I have found it frustrating, guilt-ridden, time-consuming, subject to intense scrutiny from others, and most of all inconvenient.

And the truth is I haven't been this happy in years.

I have always been aware of my role in protecting the environment: I buy organic when possible, I recycle, I support farmer's markets, I use organic lawn care and natural cleaners at home, and I dabble in some causes (memberships to organizations, signing virtual petitions, etc.). But I still had the nagging suspicion that there was more, much more, that I could be doing. I started upping the ante during the middle of last year. I read every book I could, subscribed to thought-provoking magazines and signed up for a number of Web sites dedicated to conscious living. Spending hours hunched over a big table at the library I got lost in fantasies that the research I was doing would lead to big, big things. I at least looked the part with my piles of books, laptop whirring and glasses perched ever-so-scholarly at the end of my nose. But was I accomplishing anything? I had no deadline, no paper to turn in, no boss to report to. After all of this time spent, I was left with a vacuous feeling of being so far from making a difference, yet at the same time feeling so incredibly inspired to try.

A lot of people have asked me what specifically was my tipping point — what propelled me to step up action. As with any complicated issue there is never one answer. For me, one aspect was that I was so tired of being duped. Tired of being duped by a government that used the tragic events of 9/11 to erroneously justify a war. Tired of being duped by advertisers who send the message that SUVs are a safe family car that will provide a closer connection to nature. The fact is that most people do not come close to using the features of these vehicles, certainly not enough to justify the damage they do to the environment. And I was tired of being duped by the overall American sentiment that more is better. If more is better than why are we such an obese, stressed and depressed nation?

Most of my motives, though, come from a less caustic place. I started to understand what people had meant when they said they worry that the earth won't be around for our children, or at the very least, life would be very, very hard for them. Like most parents I fell into the deepest love possible when my children were born and realized that the love expanded to my children's children who I would likely never know but for whom I already felt responsible. It occurred to me that this love, harnessed on a global scale, could be *the* ultimate alternative energy source.

More immediately though, there was a deep level of happiness, humor and fulfillment that had surfaced in me. I liken it to starting a healthy eating and exercising plan after ignoring the need for too long. There are a couple of weeks of feeling hungry, deprived and uncomfortable. But then the benefits start to kick-in like having more energy, breathing deeper, looking better — feeling good. How could I deny this and go back to old ways? No way!

So I continue on my bumpy, uncharted path of sustainable living. To do my part. To honor my interconnectedness to all things. To do all of this despite knowing there are no guarantees. Because I can't go back.

JoAnn Mirise is a writer and graphic designer grateful to be living in this beautiful village by the sea.

Semi-conscious cookies

Sally Ayers, Cohasset resident and treat-provider for Sustainable Cohasset's Film Series, shares her thoughts on being green in the kitchen.

1 cup butter – I had Cabots Creamery on hand. Cabots is a far-reaching farm co-operative so I suspect this butter has traveled further than from Vermont. It is also not organic.

1 cup sugar – I used turbinado, which is minimally processed, however, it's imported from Africa!

1 cup brown sugar – I suspect this one has traveled far and has a big petro-chemical footprint.

2 eggs – Yes! Score! Mrs. McCarthy's from Rockland. And I walked to natural foods store, All the Best, in the Village, to get them.

2 tbsp. water – I'd like to think sustainable here, but who knows. Canada? Ukraine?

1 tsp. vanilla – It is organic, however, South America is a long way for this little glass bottle to come from. But I did buy it from a food co-op.

1 1/2 cups flour – I used organic whole wheat pastry – good, but milled in Oregon.

1 tsp. salt – This one I could have harvested locally, however, I used sea salt from the co-op.

1 tsp. baking soda – Sodium bicarbonate – sounds simple enough, but I have no idea how or where this is processed.

3 cups rolled oats – I used organic and walked to the store, but still they are not exactly a local crop.

Handful chopped figs, dates and raisins – all the way from California.

Now for my bad: I ran out of time and used the Cuisinart to chop the figs and dates and the Kitchen Aid to mix it all up. Next time – no power. And that is my promise!

Oh, and then there is the oven…

Health Notes

Forms of arthritis can be a pain

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Lets face it, if you have ever complained about arthritis, you're not alone. One in five adults in the United States has doctor diagnosed arthritis. Half of adults 65 years and over have reported an arthritis diagnosis: the nation's leading cause of disability. Each year, arthritis results in 750,000 hospitalizations and 36 million outpatient visits. Direct medical costs were more than $51 billion in 1997. Arthritis is not just an old person's disease. Nearly two-thirds of people with arthritis are younger than 65. Although arthritis affects children and people of all racial and ethnic groups, it is more common among women and older adults.

The most common form of arthritis, Osteoarthritis, is also known as degenerative joint disease and occurs following trauma to the joint, following an infection of the joint or simply as a result of aging. An estimated 21 million adults have osteoarthritis, over a million in Massachusetts alone.

While evidence of osteoarthritis has been discovered in dinosaurs, the first known traces of human arthritis date back as far as 4500 BC to skeletal remains of Native Americans in Tennessee and Kansas. Evidence of arthritis has been found throughout history, from Ötzi, a mummy (circa 3000 BC) found along the border of modern Italy and Austria, to the Egyptian mummies circa 2590 BC. The Bible cites one of Job's complaints apparently to be arthritis (Job 7:3-4 and 30:16-17).

Around 500 BC willow bark gained popularity when it was discovered to help relieve some of the aches and pains of arthritis. In the early 1820s, European scientists began to scientifically study the chemical compound in willow bark, salicin, that alleviated the symptoms. However, salicin was found to be noxious to the stomach. Almost 80 years later, in 1897, an employee, Felix Hoffman of Bayer Company — then a dye production company — discovered how to make salicin less irritating to the stomach. Hoffman was attempting to help his father who suffered from arthritis. In 1899, Bayer Company trademarked Hoffman's discovery under the name "Aspirin." Today it is believed that over a trillion tablets of aspirin have been sold worldwide.

Osteoarthritis commonly affects the hand, feet, spine and the large weight-bearing joints, such as the hips and knees, although in theory, any joint in the body can be affected. In time, the affected joints appear larger, are stiff and painful, and usually feel worse, the more they are used throughout the day, thus distinguishing it from rheumatoid arthritis.

Among adults with joint osteoarthritis, moderate physical activity at least 3 times per week can reduce the risk of arthritis-related disability by 47 percent. Weight control and injury prevention measures can lower a person's risk for osteoarthritis. Self-management education programs can reduce pain and costs. The Arthritis Foundation Self-Help Program teaches people how to manage arthritis and lessen its effects. Their 6-week course reduces arthritis pain by 20 percent and physician visits by 40 percent. However, most people choose to take a few aspirins, ibuprophin or other non-steroidal anti-inflamatories.

Gout — Gout is caused by deposition of uric acid crystals in the joint that results in subsequent inflammation. People who are overweight or obese report more Gout than thinner people and such arthritis has been called the rich mans ailment. Additionally, there is a less common form of gout that is caused by the formation of needle shaped crystals of calcium pyrophosphate. An estimated 5.1 million adults report having a doctor diagnosis of Gout.

Rheumatoid Arthritis and Psoriatic Arthritis — Rheumatoid Arthritis and Psoriatic Arthritis autoimmune diseases in which the body attacks itself, can affect multiple organs and cause widespread symptoms. About 2.1 million adults are affected by rheumatoid arthritis. Pain from rheumatoid arthritis is usually worse in the morning compared to the classic pain of osteoarthritis where the pain worsens over the day as joints are used.

Treatment is divided into disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs (DMARDs), anti-inflammatory agents and analgesics. DMARDs have been found to produce durable remissions and delay or halt disease progression. In particular they prevent bone and joint damage from occurring secondary to the uncontrolled inflammation. Early treatment is important as such damage is usually irreversible. Anti-inflammatories and analgesics improve pain and stiffness but do not prevent joint damage or slow disease progression.

Fibromyalgia — Common symptoms include pain, aching, stiffness, and swelling in or around the joints. Some forms of arthritis such as Septic arthritis is caused by joint infection. About 3.7 million adults have fibromyalgia.

Since most of us get arthritis sooner or later, I guess we just have to grin and bear it.

Steve Bobo is a longtime member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

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Kayla Farren looks to pass the ball to either Haley Haracz (51) or Carly Salerno (30) as teammate Sam Lehr (52) looks on against Norwell earlier this season. The Skippers will find out their Division 4 South tournament opponent today.

Girls hoop team going dancing

Defeat Holbrook; secure ticket to postseason

By Mark Goodman
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For a team as young as the Cohasset High girls basketball squad, anything beyond the 20-game regular season can be considered a bonus.

Well, it's bonus time for the Lady Skippers, as a 58-29 romp over Holbrook last Thursday earned them another trip to the Division 4 big dance.

Lacey Richardson led the attack with 18 points, followed by Kayla Farren (12 points) and Haley Haracz (10). Haracz added 14 rebounds on the night, and Carly Salerno joined Farren to play a solid game in the backcourt for the Skippers (10-10).

Cohasset head coach John Levangie said the leadership of

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Grapplers downed by Rockland

Smith and Cambi heading to All-States

By Mark Goodman
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ROCKLAND - Talk about making a statement.

The Rockland High wrestling team had defeated Cohasset by just five points during the regular season, so many would have likely expected a similarly close encounter in Wednesday night's Div. 3 South semifinal.

Not so fast said the Bulldogs, who came up with some big wins – none bigger than at 125 – to come away with a 44-21 victory over the Skippers.

"They just completely outwrestled us," Cohasset head coach Torin Sweeney said afterward. "It's a credit to them."

Cohasset took a quick 9-0 lead, with Rudy Helboch winning via forfeit at 103 pounds and Jack Murphy pulling out three points for his team with a late reversal to win a 6-4 decision. Rockland's Matt Mahoney got his team on the board with a first period pin at 119 pounds, setting the stage for the turning point of the match.

Ryan McLellan, a sectional champion at 119, certainly had

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Cohasset head coach Torin Sweeney

to be considered the favorite on this night against Rockland's Andy Daigle at 125. Daigle, however, after going down 4-2 through one period, stunned McLellan with a pin just 28 seconds into the second period.

"That was a big match for us," Rockland head coach Tim Brown said. "McLellan pinned him the last time they wrestled and was the heavy favorite tonight. Andy just wrestled really tough."

Cohasset's David Toomey won the match of the night at 130, outlasting Tom Molloy in a 22-20 slugfest. The second period alone saw Molloy outscore Toomey 11-9, but Toomey came up with a big takedown late to win it.

With the team score tied at 12, the Bulldogs took over, winning seven of the next eight matches. Rob Downey (135) and All-State-bound John Bellrose (160) won via pin, and Chase Hoffman (171) earned five points for Rockland with a 17-2 win.

Adam Smith, who will compete at All-States this weekend in the 145-pound weight class, earned three points for the Skippers (16-13) with a 9-2 decision at 140.

Both Nick Cambi of Cohasset and Rockland's Petros Hologitas moved up in weight class to wrestle at 285 pounds for the last match of the night. Cambi, a state champion at 189, did well against Hologitas' aggressive style, going ahead 7-1 through two periods before getting a pin just 14 seconds into the third.

It was a disappointing way to end the season for the Skippers, but Sweeney said the year overall was a good one for his young squad.

"We had eight freshmen and sophomores in the lineup tonight, to show you how young we are," he said. "I think we made some tremendous growth from the beginning of the season with those kids. The experience they got this year was excellent, and I'm really looking forward to next season."

All-States

There is still some business to take care of, however, as Smith and Cambi head to Salem High School this weekend to compete in the All-State

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Icemen leave nothing to chance

Defeat Carver/Sacred Heart to earn tourney berth

By Mark Goodman
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The Cohasset High hockey team took care of business in a major way Tuesday night.

Needing two points in their final two games to qualify for the Div. 3 state tournament – and not wanting to leave anything to chance in Wednesday's season finale against South Shore Voke – the Skippers pounded Carver/Sacred Heart, 12-1, at Bridgewater Ice Arena.

Andrew Smith led the scoring brigade with a hat trick, followed by three teammates with two scores each: Charlie Czerkawski, Brendan Doonan and Alex Goetz. Pat Doonan, Corbin Faber and Conor Holway all scored once apiece.

With the game being so one-sided, Skippers head coach Bob Walsh was allowed to be rather

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liberal with his line usage. All the lines saw equal shifts, and Andy McKenna, a freshman backup goalie, even saw time at forward in the first period.

Cohasset had its last tune-up for the postseason Wednesday night at Pilgrim against South Shore Voke. It was Senior Night for the Vikings, but the Skippers were looking to ruin the party and make amends for a 6-0 loss to the same Voke team earlier in the season.

The Skippers acquitted themselves relatively well in a 4-2 loss, with the star of the show being sophomore goalie Johnny

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Pat Doonan, right, attempts to get past a Norwell defender earlier this season. The Skippers will find out their Division 3 South state tournament fate tomorrow.

Martin's dunk tells it all as season ends on high note

By Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset High boys basketball team's season came to a close last week with an outstanding performance over Holbrook. The team won 67-35 and dominated every aspect of the game.

When the game started, neither team looked ready to play, both making amateur mistakes. With about six minutes left in the first half Cohasset turned it on and began to pull away, going up 10 after junior co-captain Pat McCarthy hit two free throws after a technical foul on Holbrook's coach.

The rest of the half was very much the same as the Skippers played mistake-free offense and solid defense. At halftime Cohasset led 39-20 and was spreading the scoring around. Co-captains Justin Alexander and McCarthy both had 11 points at the half and both finished with 15. Junior Kyle Pinkus also had five points in the first half.

In the second, the story didn't change as the Skippers continued their dominance over Holbrook, playing the backups for most of the second half.

And then, out of nowhere, it happened.

Sophomore sensation Danny "D-Mart" Martin leaped into the air following a missed foul shot, grabbed the ball in mid-air, and slammed it in for two points. The entire crowd and Cohasset's bench went completely nuts when they saw this; Martin had just dunked over everybody.

"All season, players, coaches and fans have been asking me when I'm going to dunk in a game," Martin said. "I would always say, When I get the chance,' and that chance finally came tonight. It was exciting and good to finally do."

Martin once again showed his bright future with the Cohasset basketball program, amazing everyone that came to watch the game that night. He finished with 10 points, 10 rebounds and six blocks on the night.

The dunk truly summed up the night for both Cohasset and Holbrook as the Skippers went on to win the game easily and really spread their wings over Holbrook. All but two Cohasset players scored and everyone made some sort of contribution to the team's win.

Junior Dave Snowdale finished off his strong season with four points, fellow junior Mark Flibotte scored six points, and another junior, Ryan Crough, chipped in with five. Another sophomore on the rise, Marcus Charles, completed his breakthrough season with a seven-point performance.

For one Skipper, though, it would be his final game wearing the blue and white. Alexander played his last basketball game as a Skipper and played very well. All season long, Alexander has had to deal with being the lone senior on the team and it appeared no one could have done it better. He gave it his all every single night and had his best basketball season in his entire four years.

"I'm going to miss the team," Alexander said. "It was a good season, and a good group of guys."

The win gave Cohasset its eighth victory of the season, more than the past two seasons combined. They only missed the tournament by two wins and that's a good sign for next year.

"We've taken a lot of positive things out of the season," head coach Dorian Bryant said. "We've got a good shot at getting to the tourney next year. We've got to work hard to make it though."

Bryant also mentioned how it felt to win the final game, saying, "I'm pleased to win it, especially since everyone is coming back except for Justin. It's a nice achievement."

The team will look to turn it around next year and finally make the tournament, something they have not done in quite a while. With the team looking relatively the same, they will still have a large gap to fill with the loss of starting center Alexander, but the team is positive about the outcome of the season. Look for Cohasset to be competitive for that South Shore League title in years to come.



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Danny Martin, right, attempts to knock loose a rebound grabbed by Abington's Tim Kuroski earlier this season. Martin provided 10 points, 10 rebounds and six blocks in last Thursday's 67-35 victory over Holbrook.

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Icemen leave nothing to chance

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Wade. Wade stopped four Voke breakaways – two of them being 2-on-0's – to keep his team in the game.

It was a 3-2 contest with a minute left in the game, when Walsh pulled Wade to go for the equalizer. Voke wound up scoring an empty-netter to finish it off.

Holway and Brendan Doonan scored Cohasset's goals, with Ian Lyster and Tommy Buckley both earning assists.

"We just battled back-and-forth, back-and-forth with them," Walsh said. "It was their senior night so they had a big crowd there, but we played well."

Finishing the regular season at 8-8-3, Cohasset got the minimum 19 points it needed to make the postseason. The Skippers are likely looking at a preliminary round game; if they win that, they will go on to face one of the top seeds in the bracket.

"We're going to have to bring our A-game if we're going to play well in the tournament," Walsh said. "I love the tournament for that sense of, one game, and you're out. And I know the seniors are really up for it."

Tournament pairings should be available Saturday afternoon on the MIAA's postseason Web site, miaa.ezstream.net.

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Cohasset head coach John Levangie goes over a play with his team during a game earlier this season.

Girls hoop team going dancing

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his team's only two seniors, Richardson and Haracz, along with sophomore center Sam Lehr, was critical to the Skippers' postseason qualification.

"We had a pretty good week at practice (leading up to the final game), and I think their leadership was really important to that," Levangie said. "The three of them did a really nice job down the stretch."

From the coach's standpoint, getting tournament experience is not the only benefit for his team. Having these extra weeks of practice to further teach the game will also be crucial to the program's development for next season and beyond, he said.

Tournament pairings should be available this afternoon (Feb. 23) on the MIAA's postseason Web site, miaa.ezstream.net. Preliminary indications suggest that the Skippers are looking at a 14-seed and a possible road trip to Westport, one of the best teams in the Mayflower League that also features top-seeded Sacred Heart.

"I think we are probably one of the best defensive teams in Div. 4," Levangie said. "The question for us is whether the offense is steady enough to score some points."

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John Levangie

Affluent water? Are you kidding?

By Robert Belley
SPECIAL TO MARINER

I'm sure you've heard the buzz lately. "High-end water leads to purer-self." "Feel better, live longer, and revitalize your being with luxury water." Amazing, a $75 liter of water is the ACTUAL fountain of you … well sort of.

I will forever hold my stance on water as our nutritional fountain of youth (you don't have to be fitness expert to know that) but is a $200 gallon of Bling water any better than a $1.50 gallon of Poland Spring or even better than water straight from your faucet? I don't think so. And unless they seemingly a guarantee a six pack, it's no more than a superfluous jeweled embedded vase … bring on the flowers!

According to a Good Morning America weekend segment that aired Feb. 18, 2007, a blind taste test of 16 regular luxury bottled water tasters provided their analysis of three different water sources: a glacier water from Canada that priced at more than $100 a gallon, Poland Springs, and municipal tap water which equates to about two-tenths of a penny per gallon.

Thirteen of the 16 refined connoisseurs of water chose the exaggeratedly priced glacier water as their numero uno choice. Of course, I believe it has more to do with their preliminary consistency of tasting luxury water to know the difference.

However, in another blind taste test done by Good Morning America, 10 crewmembers of the weekend morning segment also were asked to try the waters. The results of the test were drastically different. Only three of the 10 crewmembers chose the high-end water as the premium source.

To be honest, I'm not surprised. I can slightly tell the difference between the variant tastes of waters, too. For instance, I was a sponge for municipal faucet water for years, leaving only Poland Spring or Acadia for my travels between clients. But, not too long ago, a client of mine urged me to indulge in a glass of water from a Brita-filtered pitcher.

I was blown away with crispness the water (for one it was very cold), and I could actually taste the difference in mineral levels. Since then, I still consume tap water, but I'm sure to drink it once my Brita has had its way with it in my fridge. Now, will I abandon municipal water? Heck no. Will I forever filter my tap water? Absolutely! Will I ever buy a $40 750mL bottle of Bling water? Absolutely not! I find it absurd and 100 percent ridiculous. But more importantly, what does my opinion mean to you?

I would hope that unless you're accustomed to drinking a particular brand or style of water you will never know the difference between luxury, middle-class bottled and tap waters. Furthermore, there is no such thing as the perfect blend of anything, including mineral/vitamin waters. The perfect blend of vitamins and minerals for the human body differ from person to person, and the need for complete nutrients comes from your daily activity levels, blood work, and nutritional plan more so than a single bottle of water.

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Cohasset Youth Basketball

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The Cohasset 5A boys came away with a riveting 24-23 win over rival Hull this past Saturday. The boys led nearly from start to finish in this one, although Hull kept it a nail-biter until the final horn sounded.

Cohasset got off to an early lead, and Joe Buckley and Steven Maher carried the load early on. Buckley scored eight of Cohasset's first 12 points. Maher played great interior defense from the four position, as he played great positional defense, contested every Hull shot, rebounded effectively, and scored on a put-back after an offensive rebound. He was a force all evening.

Cohasset maintained a lead throughout the first half. Brendan O'Connell and Mark McKenna were consistent as the guard tandem in the early going. They consistently brought the ball up court and passed the ball well through the tough Hull defense. O'Connell took the ball to the basket to score, and McKenna got himself to the free throw line on a fast break drive.

Rocco Laugelle was terrific off the bench. He played great in-your-shirt defense and stripped the ball from Hull ball handlers several times. Laugelle's quickness and ability to anticipate the pass helps the boys to ratchet up the defensive pressure.

Matthew MacCormack aggressively looked for his shot, knocking down two jumpers. He also took advantage of creases inside to drive to the basket effectively.

The second half was an intense defensive struggle. Cohasset used their press and man-to-man defense effectively to turn the ball over and to wear down Hull. The boys accomplished this while being outmanned by the Hull bench.

McKenna, O'Connell and Laugelle fought through Hull's press to get the ball in the offensive end, where Dakota Achin and Conner Green took advantage of Hull's broken press to work the fast break. Achin pulled down several rebounds, and was actively looking for his shot. He scored on a key put-back from an offensive rebound to keep the lead intact.

Green's intensity was key, as he rebounded, dove for looses balls, and kept position down low all evening. He also hit huge free throws as time wound down to provide the final margin.

The last few minutes provided great excitement as Maher, Green, Laugelle and company made stop after stop to ensure this win.

Coach Liam O'Connell explained, "This was a great win because every player made an important contribution. We won this game as a team, and I am proud of our boys."

Sports Notes

Community MVP Awards

The New England Patriots are currently accepting nominations for the 2007 Community MVP Awards program. The Community MVP Awards honor individuals who exemplify leadership, dedication and a commitment to improving the communities in which they live through volunteerism. Through the program, nonprofit organizations throughout New England have the opportunity to reward their hard-working volunteers for the invaluable time and support they provide to their communities. There will be 21 winners chosen and grants ranging between $1,500 and $10,000 will be awarded to the nonprofit organization for which each honoree volunteers. In 2006, the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation donated more than $50,000 to local organizations. Mid Coast Health Net, a free health and dental clinic in Rockport, Maine, received $10,000 in the name of Dr. Paul Klainer, the 2006 overall winner. New England residents who are 13 years of age or older who provide volunteer services for nonprofit 501(c)(3) or 509 organizations are eligible for nomination. Only one nominee may be considered from each organization. The strongest applicants will be hands-on volunteers and may not receive any compensation, monetary or otherwise, for their efforts. Nonprofit organizations may nominate volunteers by completing the application found at www.patriots.com/community. Forms must be received by March 16.

Spring and summer hockey

Bay State Hockey is conducting registration for spring and summer hockey programs at the Armstrong Arena in Plymouth and other local rinks. Programs include instructional hockey, youth leagues, powerskating and drills, girls hockey leagues, high school leagues, adult leagues and 3-on-3 leagues. For information, call 866-HOCKEY-3 or visit www.BayStateHockey.com.

Grapplers downed by Rockland

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competition.

Cambi won a state title at 189 last weekend in Wayland, and said his goal for All-States will be to make the finals, which will begin Saturday night at 6.

Cambi said after Wednesday's match that conditioning has played a big role in his and Smith's success this season.

"We worked out everyday in the off-season, and we both went to wrestling camps," the senior captain said. "We've both been working so hard all year. Plus, I played football and Adam played soccer, so we got all that extra conditioning coming into wrestling season."

Smith, who will be making his first trip to All-States (this is the second for Cambi, who finished fifth last year to move on to New Englands), lost his first match in Wayland, only to come back and win five in a row to make the third place match and assure himself a spot in Salem.

"Losing that first match upset me a little bit, and I knew I had to step it up," Smith said. "It's been a goal of mine since I started wrestling to place at states."

CAMP, SCHOOL AND ACTIVITIES DIRECTORY

Explore camp options that might meet your search criteria.
By Bette S. Bussel - Executive Director, American Camp Association, New England

There are a number of tools available to parents and kids to help in the critical process of finding the right camp. From camp fairs to online searches to the tried and true referrals from friends and family, there are many ways to identify and explore options that could suit your child's camp search criteria once you and the child have decided on your camp expectations.

Following our tried and true guidelines can help you to identify the right camp—one that's a match for a child's current needs and interests. The American Camp Association, New England recommends four basic steps to a successful camp experience for your child:

1. Consider and list CAMP expectations for your child and yourself.
2. Explore CAMP options that might meet your search criteria
3. Decide on a CAMP
4. Prepare for CAMP

Attend Camp Fairs. Meet camp directors and staff face-to-face and learn what a camp has to offer: www.campfairs.org

Ask folks you know and trust. Relatives, friends, coaches and school counselors may have suggestions of camps that might work for your child. CAUTION: Just because someone had a great experience at a camp doesn't automatically make that camp a good match for your child!

Consult professionals. There are a variety of camp consultants and referral agents who can help point you to camps they represent that might meet some or most of YOUR camp search criteria.

Look carefully at how camps present themselves to the world in print, in photographs, and in person! You can gain a more comprehensive understanding of each camp by reviewing a variety of their materials and by speaking with camp representatives, especially the camp director.

Questions to ask camps under consideration:
• What training does the staff receive on safety, supervision, counseling, problem solving and other issues unique to working with children?
• Is the price all-inclusive or are there extra charges for … **Registration • Uniforms • Horseback riding • T-shirts • Waterskiing • Group photos • Field Trips**
• Is transportation available and what are the specifics?
• How will the camp meet my child's special dietary or physical needs?
• In what way may I communicate with my child while he or she is at camp? With the staff?
• How does bad weather affect the daily schedule?
• Are there family visiting days?
• What is unique about your camp?

Next week the article will focus on Steps #3 and #4.

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Cohasset Middle School second term honor roll

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GRADE SEVEN
HIGH HONORS

Barry, Ruthann; Canney, Julia; DeAngelis, Caitlin; Dormitzer, Emily; Dunne, Adrian; Franklin, Olivia; Frederick, Danielle; Gruber, Anya; Haber, Aniko; Kearney, Patrick; Kennedy, Taylor; Kimla, Letra; MacCormack, Patrick; Mastromarino, Kathryn; McCarthy, Morgan; Neaves, Charles; O'Grady, Madeline; Oddleifson, Carly; Oddleifson, Tucker; Robinson, Isabel; Ryan, Colleen; Salerno, Jay; Scullion, Brianna; Secatore, Christina; Seraikas, Anna; Slamp, Kaye; Swanborg, Matthew; Tabb, Taylor; Tedeschi, Elisa; and Whilton, Zoe.

GRADE EIGHT
HIGH HONORS

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GRADE SIX
HONORS

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HONORS

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HONORS

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Cohasset High School second term honor roll

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HIGH HONORS

Buckley, Thomas; Coner, Christine; Crawford, Elizabeth; Donze, Margaux; Lucitt, Cameron; Regan, Johanna; and Rioux, Dominique.

GRADE 10
HIGH HONORS

Fitts, Jessica; McBride, Fiona; McMorris, Rachel; Oddleifson, David; Ofsthun, Conor; Sinclaire, Graham; and Zappolo, Carley.

GRADE 11
HIGH HONORS

Karp, Juliette.

GRADE 12
HIGH HONORS

Barber, Kevin; Breslow, Austin; Campedelli, Laura; Coggins, Emily; Dooley, Kristen; Garber, Caren; Haracz, Haley; Hurley, Caitlin; Ingram, Ryan; Richardson, Colleen; and Thompson, Amanda.

GRADE NINE
FIRST HONORS

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GRADE 10
FIRST HONORS

Barrett, Marcus; Berger, Adam; Beukers, Natalie; Brophy, Johanna; Brown, Lennart; Cahill, Jennifer; Daly, Ryan; Dunn, Brittany; Goodwin, Margaret; Hurley, Patrick; Kearns, Aisling; Lehr, Samantha; Masotta, Amanda; Monaco, Kristin; Mullin, Alyssa; Murley, Georgia; Murphy, Conor; Orner, Erika; Parnell, Megan; Roberts, Anna; Salerno, Carly; Sceery, Ivan; Smith, Stephanie; and Wilcox, Christopher.

GRADE 11
FIRST HONORS

Brown, Sarah; Cundall, Ian; Czerkawski, Charles; Deutsch, Evan; Devaney, Kali; Hart, Sondra; Laas, Alexandra; Meade, Jesse; Rose, Christopher; and Strecker, Paige.

GRADE 12
FIRST HONORS

Daly, Brent; Dattola-Harris, Kyle; Davis, Christopher; Dickinson, Donald; Gilbert, Jack; Malone, Sarah; Previte, Mary; Reel, Charlotte; Spofford, Virginia; St. John, Robert; Strazzulla, Lauren; Tangherlini, Alida; Toomey, Timothy; and Wilcox, Kara.

GRADE NINE
SECOND HONORS

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GRADE 10
SECOND HONORS

Baumgarten, Eleanor; Bell, Andrew; Castro, Melissa; Choi, Jonathan; Coggins, Sarah; Froio, Michael; Haracz, Lesen; Hartmann, Victor10; Mack, Lauren; Mahoney, Caitlin; Malveira, Stephanie; McGoldrick, Margaret; Reardon, Erika; Smith, Gordon; Sturino, John; Thomae, Jean; and Treese, Timothy.

GRADE 11
SECOND HONORS

Anderson, Meghan; Cahill, Jacqueline; Coakley, Meagan; D'Antonio, Marc; Haggerty, Anna; Kent, Christine; Kimla, Olivia; Koines, Chloe; Martone, Katina; Meehan, Sara; Mills, Christopher; Porter, Nathan; Secatore, Nicholas; Silvia, Jennifer; and White, James.

GRADE 12
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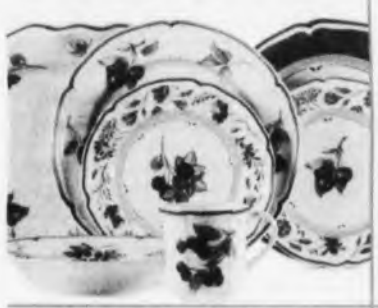
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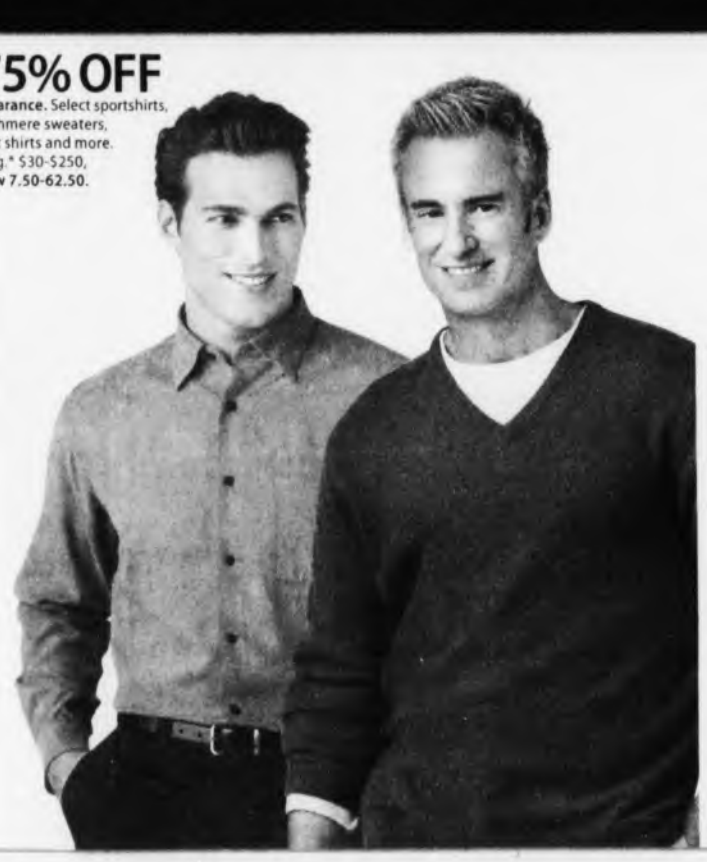
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Fire chiefs plead with media for help in reducing fire fatalities

Editor's note" the following press release from the International Association of Fire Chiefs was provided by Cohasset Fire Chief Robert Silvia.

The International Association of Fire Chiefs is pleading with the media to help inform the public of the high number of house fires with fatalities that have occurred since the beginning of February.

"We have lost too many people in home fires in the last two weeks," said President Chief Jim Harmes. "On the night of Feb. 15, six were killed in a house fire in Louisiana, two in house fires in Tennessee and one in my own community in Grand Blanc, Michigan. It is mid-February and by media reports, 59 people in the U.S. have perished in house fires in 17 states since the beginning of this month. We have got to do something," said Harmes.

He added, "These are not just statistics; these are lives; lives of the people we serve in our communities. These are the same lives that you, the media, serve. Help us to get the word out to our readers and listeners. Our citizens now have more protection available for their homes than ever before and yet people are losing their lives because they are not taking this protection seriously."

A quick check of media reports for the first 16 days of Feb. reveals 59 house-fire fatalities. Thirty fatalities were single or double fatalities, and 29 deaths resulted from just six house fires that were counted as multiple fatalities involving three or more individuals.

"These are not just numbers; these are personal tragedies that each of us as a fire chief feels every time a life is lost. Help us prevent these needless tragedies. Help us get the word out to those communities that we-the media and the fire departments-both serve," said Harmes.

President Chief Jim Harmes offers these life-saving suggestions: Check smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to be sure they are working properly; Have an escape plan with a meeting place; Once you exit your home, do not return. Too many people lose their lives going back into a burning home; Stoves are not made for heating homes; Supplemental heating devices should be used and maintained in accordance with manufacturer recommendations. Keep combustibles clear. Do not leave supplemental heating devices unattended; If you are burning wood in your fireplace, make sure your chimneys are properly maintained. That goes for your furnace, as well; If candles are necessary, use them in a safe environment in a fireproof container and away from children. Do not leave them unattended; And for the long term, consider getting a residential fire sprinkler. According to statistics, the risk of death by fire is reduced by 82 percent when smoke detectors are accompanied with residential fire sprinklers.

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— Chief Jim Harmes, International Association of Fire Chiefs

The following is a list of fire fatalities based on media reports for the first part of Feb.: Feb. 3 - Long Island, N.Y., family of three; Bens Run, W. Va., one fatality and Marinette County, Wis., two fatalities. Feb. 4 - Mount Vernon, N.Y., one fatality and San Antonio, Texas, one fatality. Feb. 5 – St. Marys, Ohio, one fatality. Feb. 6 – Providence, R.I., one fatality and Maryville, Tenn., family of four. Feb. 7 – Bardstown, Ky., family of 10 and Selah, Wash., one fatality. Feb. 8 – Topeka, Kansas, one fatality; Brooklyn, N.Y., two fatalities; Newburgh, N.Y., one fatality and Milwaukee, Wis., two fatalities. Feb. 9 – Wilmington, Del., one fatality. Feb. 10 – St. Paul, Minn., one fatality; So. Philadelphia, Penn., one fatality; Feb. 11 – Waterbury, Conn., one fatality; Mount Vernon, Ohio, two fatalities; West Philadelphia, Penn., family of five and Fresno, Texas, four fatalities. Feb. 12 – Saginaw, Mich., one fatality. Feb. 13 – Indianapolis, Ind., one fatality. Feb. 14 – Las Vegas, Nev., two fatalities; Snohomish, Wash., one fatality. Feb. 15 – Ogletown, Del., one fatality; Grand Blanc, Mich., one fatality; Mount Joy, Penn., one fatality and West Philadelphia, Penn., family of three. Feb 16 – Palmyra, Tenn., one fatality and Smyrna, Tenn., one fatality.

St. Anthony's annual Beef and Blarney

Saint Anthony Parish at 129 So. Main St., in Cohasset will hold their tenth annual Beef and Blarney Irish Social Night, Saturday, March 10, in the Parish Center. The Irish Band, "The O'Reillys" will be the featured entertainers.

Social hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by a sit-down dinner of corned beef and cabbage with all the fixings at 7 p.m. The price is $20 per person and $15 for seniors age 65 and older.

A limited number of tickets are still available by calling the parish office at 781-383-0219.

Blogging workshop

Debut author, Patry Francis, will lead a workshop which will be held Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m., titled "Blogging for Writers: How blogging helped an unknown writer land an agent, get published and join an empowering network of writers and readers."

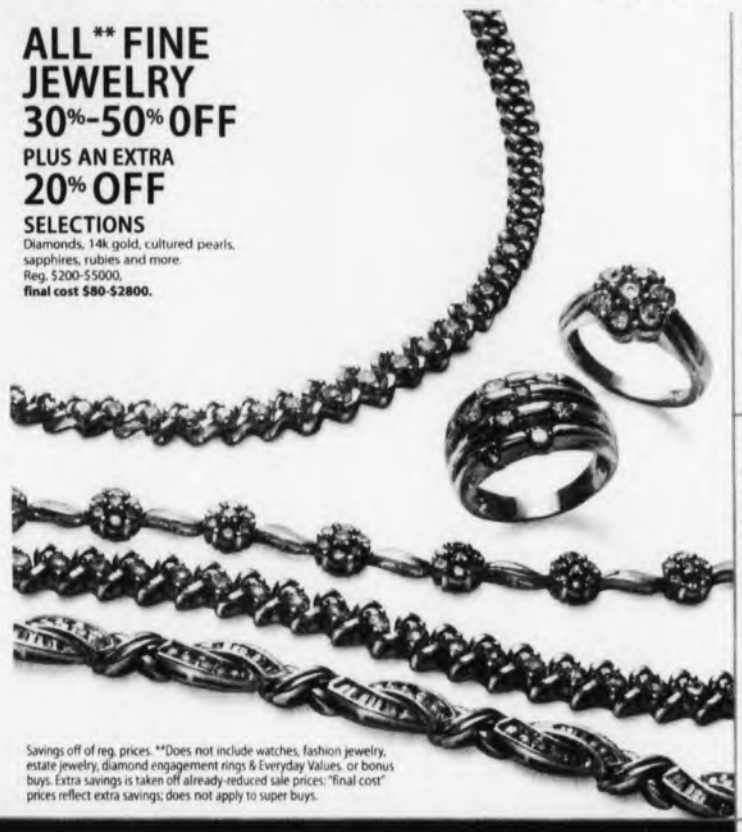
The workshop will be held at Grub Street South at Buttonwood, at Show's Plaza on Route 3A in Cohasset. Grub Street South is a collaboration between Grub Street, Boston's only independent writing center and Buttonwood Books & Toys, at Shaw's Plaza on Route 3A in Cohasset. The goal of their programs is to get writers writing.

Patry's book titled "The Liars Diary," was published in Feb. and is a novel about two women, their unlikely friendship and the secrets that rupture the bond. Her poetry and short stories have appeared in many fine magazines. In addition, Patry is a three-time nominee for the "Pushcart Prize" and has twice been the recipient of the Mass Cultural Council grant.

She lives with her family on Cape Cod. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

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DESTINATIONS

Head to Hawaii

50th state is worth the trip

By Nick French
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While it took winter a little longer than usual to find New England, late December was still as good a time as any to take a trip 5,000 miles to the west, and visit the 50th state, Hawaii.

The island of Oahu — home of Honolulu — is by far the busiest, and most populous of the Hawaiian Islands, and is where I spent the final few days of 2006.

Waikiki Beach is the tourist epicenter of Honolulu: shops, restaurants, and hotels line the area, providing plenty of activity for the non-beach goer. This is also the epicenter for the nightlife of Waikiki, and with last call coming at 4 a.m. there is certainly plenty of time to see it all.

The beach itself is a wonderful way to spend an afternoon with the cool water, warm sand. Surfing is one of the most popular activities, and was certainly one of my favorite experiences. But be forewarned: the amount of people on surfboards going in both directions causes many crashes.

There are so many other water-related activities it's almost mind boggling. You can scuba dive, parasail, and even dive into a shark cage, and watch the offspring of Jaws in their everyday life.

Snorkeling the Pacific is also a favorite pastime, and one that was among the more memorable experiences I've had. Seeing the schools of tropical fish, and large sea turtles up close in their own element was fascinating.

Golf on Oahu is also extremely popular; there are roughly 27 golf courses on the island, for all levels of play. I spent the morning of New Year's Day on one beautifully designed course with a spectacular view of the mountains, and Pearl Harbor. My play was more hilarious, than horrendous, as I managed to lose nine balls, hit all five water hazards on the course, and clanked a pair of shots off the adjacent condos on the first and 10th tees.

Pearl Harbor is as beautiful as it is historic, and a must visit for any tourist. It is still an active navy base, and you can see many modern day battleships docked within the harbor. I happened to be there on a quiet, sunny Sunday morning in December, not unlike the day that lives in infamy. It was eerie, but captivating. The USS Arizona Memorial is the big attraction, and among the more somber places I have ever been. After walking through a small museum dedicated to the history of the vessel and the story behind the attacks, you are taken to a video room to watch a short presentation.

Following the video the Coast Guard takes you on a small boat out to the memorial, which sits atop the sunken vessel that was never raised. A quiet reflection period for those who gave their lives to this country is a nice way to wrap up the entire experience.

Another required experience while visiting is a luau. There are a couple of different companies that offer luaus, and it's easy to find them in your hotel lobby. Most are buffets with plenty of drinks and spectacular entertainment. I'm not a big fan of pork, but after my dinner, I'm ready to dig a luau pit in my backyard when the ground unfreezes.

No matter your interests, be it water activities, golf, shopping, or just lying on the beach, Hawaii has plenty to off for the entire family.



PHOTOS/JESSICA MOORE

Golf on Oahu is a popular activity for all skill levels, and yes an errant tee shot of mine found this water hazard.



The USS Arizona Memorial is a somber but enlightening visit, and a great way to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country.



Sea turtles are an amazing sight in their own element beneath the Pacific.

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OBITUARIES

Elizabeth S. Hoopes

Landscape and Environmental Designer

Elizabeth Stadie Hoopes, 80, formerly of Cohasset, died Oct. 8, 2006, peacefully at home.

Born in 1926 in Philadelphia, she earned her bachelor of arts degree from Mount Holyoke College in 1948. She attended the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Mrs. Hoopes and her husband, Jack, lived at 17 Lantern Lane in Cohasset from 1969 to 1989. While raising three children, she involved herself in art and gardening, and earned a certificate in Landscape and Environmental Design from Radcliffe Institute.

She served on the Cohasset Design Review Board for four years and was a member of the Village and Common Tree Committee. Her public commissions include designing the landscaping for Constitution Park, the entry plaza for the Cohasset Art Center, the inner courtyard of the Cohasset High School, the front facade of the Cohasset Elementary School and the addition of the Cohasset Community Center.



Elizabeth S. Hoopes

A member of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset from 1966 to 1972, she served as treasurer and Chairman of the Christmas wreath workshops.

From 1972 to 1992, she was an avid member of the Cohasset Garden Club, holding the offices of corresponding secretary, Horticulture Chairman and Chairman/Designer of the Boston Flower Show. She was the recipient of the Garden Club of America Horticultural Award for Horticultural Excellence within the club in 1987.

She loved the Cohasset Garden Club and was proud and delighted in 1985, during her leadership, the club won all show awards including the Boston Society of Landscape Architects Award and the prestigious Trustee's Trophy at the Boston Flower Show.

From 1989 to 2006, she and her husband lived in Sarasota, Fla., where she enjoyed water color painting and was active in church life as an Episcopalian Daughter of the King.

She leaves her husband Jack, of Lakewood, Colo.; her daughter, Lisa of Park City, Utah; her sons, Jack of Golden, Colo. and Bill of Saunderstown, R.I., and six grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held July 16, 2007, in Wolfeboro, N.H., where she summered as a child and her ashes will be returned to the place of her childhood delight – the Barber's Pole at Lake Winnipesaukee.

Donations may be made in her memory to the Cohasset Garden Club.

Paul V. Dion

Retired from Draper Laboratory

Paul V. Dion, 72, of Scituate, died Feb. 13, 2007, at South Shore Hospital.

Born and raised in Cohasset, he moved to Scituate approximately 50 years ago. Mr. Dion worked as an engineer for Draper Laboratory in Cambridge for 45 years, retiring three years ago due to an illness.

He served in the Marine Corps, and was a member of the American Legion Post in Cohasset.

He leaves his wife, Ann (DiPersio) Dion; his children, Christine A. Dion-Doherty and her husband, Edward F., of Scituate, and Scott P. Dion and his wife, Jill, of Naples, Fla.; his sisters, Barbara Hiltz of Cohasset and Susan Kecskemepy of Cohasset; his brother, Richard Dion of Marshfield; and his grandchildren, Leah Y. and Shay P. Doherty, Jake and Nina Dion.

A funeral was held from Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home, Scituate, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St Anthony Church, Cohasset. Interment in Cudworth Cemetery, Scituate.

Memorial donations may be made to Scituate Animal Shelter, 61 Driftway, Scituate, MA 02066.

Donald W. Ford

Scituate Fireman and EMT

Donald W. Ford, 74, of Scituate, died unexpectedly Feb. 9, 2007.

Born in Boston and raised in Scituate, He was a 1950 graduate of Scituate High School. Mr. Ford attended numerous military schools. He attended EMT School in 1976 for Scituate Fire Department, Instructor Qualification School in 1979 and the U.S. Army Tank and Automotive School from 1983 to 1985.

Mr. Ford was a fireman and EMT for the Scituate Fire Department from 1964 to 1978. He worked for the Steamship Authority in Woods Hole as a Merchant Marine as QMED in the Engine Dept., from 1978 to 1982. He was a member of the U.S. Army Active Duty and Reserve from 1949 to 1992, working as an instructor on diesel engines. He also served as an oiler and engineer on various tours of duty for the 1087th Support Battalion in Fort Devens. Mr. Ford was a member of the American Legion, VFW and Merchant Mariner Reserve.

He leaves his wife, Kathryn P. (Doherty) Ford; his children, Donna M. Ford of Scituate, Andrew J. Ford and his wife Wendy, of Scituate, Pegeen A. Cox and her husband Jeffrey, of Scituate, Jennifer Ford Gerbis and her husband Harold of Scituate, Cathryn M. Ford of Weymouth and Brenda M. Ford of Cohasset; his sisters, Patricia A. Cronin and her husband Dennis; Elinor M. Kelley and her husband John; a brother, John W. Ford and his wife Beverly; his sister-in-law, Rosemary Ford; and numerous grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Richard A. Ford and the late Paul V. Ford and the father-in-law of the late James Scollins.

A memorial Mass was held in St. Mary of the Nativity Church in Scituate, Feb. 13. Interment at a later date. Arrangements were handled by Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home in Scituate.

Donations in his memory may be made to Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Ave, Boston, MA. 02115.

The Mariner welcomes photos of your loved ones to accompany obituaries by e-mail to mford@cnc.com or by mail to 73 South Street, Hingham, MA 02043

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, FEB. 3

2:23 p.m. **Hull St.,** suspicious activity; calling party stated that there was a group of about eight to 10 teenagers gathering in the backyard at this location. According to her, they were acting suspicious.

4:17 p.m. **Hull St.,** well being check; caller requests a well being check on her son. Units report the male party is not at his residence at this time.

5:10 p.m. **South Main and Brook streets,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

5:12 p.m. **Hull St.,** suspicious activity; caller reports the back garage door is open and would like an officer to check inside with them. They are unsure how the doors were opened.

5:38 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** parking complaint/motor vehicle blocking; 886 tagging motor vehicle parked in fire lane.

5:47 p.m., **Atlantic Ave.,** fire, investigation; caller reports a strong outside odor of gas.

6:18 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** assist motorist; received call from AAA for an elderly female that has a flat tire and is awaiting the arrival of a tow truck, but she is requesting the police come up and wait with her for the tow truck; she is very nervous.

6:34 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.,** erratic operation of a motor vehicle; caller on State Police transfer reports a black Lincoln traveling all over the road crossing the lines. Vehicle comes back from the Registry suspended as well. Units do have the vehicle in sight in a parking lot at this time. Hull K-9 notified to respond to Cohasset HQ for a search of this vehicle. Hull K-9 en route to HQ. Hull K-9 clear. Arrest: Scot M. Connell, 33, 430 South Main St. #3, Cohasset. Charges: OUI drugs; operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration; number plate violation.

9:43 p.m. **Grace Dr. and Hull St.,** parking enforcement; officer doing parking enforcement at this location.

SUNDAY, FEB. 4

1:17 a.m. **Nantasket Ave.,** medical aid; mutual aid to Hull, possible heart attack.

1:24 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks secure.

1:24 a.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

6:13 a.m. **Gannett Road, Scituate,** medical aid; mutual aid to Scituate. Motor vehicle rollover.

7:18 a.m. **King St. and Rose Hill Lane,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

8:30 a.m. **Hull St.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

9:26 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** officer reports building checks secure.

2:51 p.m. **North Main and RR crossing,** traffic enforcement.

4:04 p.m. **Border St.,** past assault and battery; walk-in party would like to speak to an officer.

8:56 p.m. **Lantern Lane,** medical aid; transported to SSH/BLS.

10:09 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation issued.

10:29 p.m. **Tupelo Road,** noise complaint; caller from Bayberry Lane reports a party is lighting off fireworks and it is late. Officer reports the area is quiet.

MONDAY, FEB. 5

12:46 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Road,** assist other police department; Scituate cruiser requests permission to pull a vehicle over in our town for swapping plates.

12:48 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** officer reports building checks secure.

1:01 a.m. **Forest Ave. and Forest Notch,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

MONDAY, FEB. 5

12:46 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Road,** assist other police department; Scituate cruiser requests permission to pull a vehicle over in Cohasset for swapping plates.

12:48 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** officer reports building check secure.

1:01 a.m. **Forest Ave. and Forest Notch,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

9:34 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** officer reports building checks secure.

1:45 p.m. **Elm St.,** fire, investigation; water pipe break in basement.

2:05 p.m. **Arrow Wood Road,** disturbance; caller reports they need the police for a male party that is in the residence taking things that are not his. They would like him removed. Male party was gone on arrival and did not end up taking any items.

5:14 p.m. **Nichols Road,** abandoned 911 call.

5:52 p.m. **Elm St.,** walk-in party would like to speak to an officer.

10:02 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** medical aid; caller reports an unresponsive diabetic.

10:58 p.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

11 p.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

11:01 p.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

11:21 p.m. **Old Pasture Road,** caller reports he has locked himself out of his apartment.

TUESDAY, FEB. 6

2:08 a.m. **Beechwood St.,** caller reports a co-worker did not show up for work and he is nervous that something might have happened to her. Officer reports the woman is fine and she will contact her workplace.

7:17 a.m. **Beechwood St.,** traffic enforcement.

8 p.m. **White Head Road,** captain on duty for blasting detail.

8:55 a.m. **Woodland Dr.,** hazard; caller reports the street lights are out in the area. National Grid notified.

11:27 a.m. **Sedgewick Dr.,** medical aid; Scituate Fire requests R3 for medical.

2:06 p.m. **King St.,** medical aid; caller reports she needs help with an elderly man that has fallen.

2:07 p.m. **Norfolk Road,** traffic complaint; caller complains of speeding on her street.

2:25 p.m. **Elm St.,** public service; walk-in party would like to report an unreturned U-Haul truck.

3:49 p.m. **Smith Place,** notification; officer notified that there is tagging on the Jersey Barriers by the railroad tracks at this location.

5:01 p.m. **Pleasant St.,** larceny.

5:03 p.m. **King and Pond streets,** traffic enforcement.

5:08 p.m. **Pond St. and Bailey Road,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

5:20 p.m. **King and Pond streets,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

5:26 p.m. **Pond St. and Bailey Road,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

5:35 p.m. **King St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

6:09 p.m. **Elm St.,** BOLO announcement.

8:50 p.m. **Pond St.,** fight; caller reported there was a fight at this location by the football stand. Caller could not give any description. Detail officer along with 883, 884, 886 responding. Units on scene report fight is over, those involved took off.

8:56 p.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

8:57 p.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

9:42 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Road,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

9:48 p.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

10:17 p.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

10:21 p.m. **Radio** – hazardous materials. Officers report a gas spill at this location. North Main has been closed to southbound traffic. Officer reports gas is going into storm drains. E3 out investigating. North Main is now closed to northbound traffic at this location. All companies working to contain a 45-gallon gasoline spill. Box 3 paged for station coverage. DPW notified for sawhorses to close the road. Fire captain requested DEP be notified. Fire captain reports the amount spilled is 50.8 gallons. Fire captain notified that DEP has been given an update. Response about one hour. Business owner notified to get clean up. All companies still working; spill has been contained.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7

1:16 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** check of the school.

1:17 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** check of the schools.

8 a.m. **Wing Light,** weather sunny, temperature 11.

8:03 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** caller is requesting R3 for a student that has fainted.

8:36 a.m. **Cedar St.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

9:26 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

10:57 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

10:58 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

11:12 a.m. **South Main St.,** traffic enforcement.

12:14 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** animal complaint. Caller reports she has a yellow Lab at her residence. Dog has been reunited with owner.

12:35 p.m. **Reservoir Road,** fire, investigation; illegal burning. This person has been warned a second time about the burning regulations.

3:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle crash/no injury; caller reports she has been involved in a motor vehicle accident.

6:14 p.m. **Mendel Road,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation issued.

6:49 p.m. **Stagecoach Way,** neighborhood disturbance; caller reports someone is throwing something at the windows and is scaring her.

8:46 p.m. **High School/Pond St.,** buildings secure.

8:47 p.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

8:48 p.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

THURSDAY, FEB. 8

12:40 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

12:41 a.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

7:19 a.m. **Jerusalem Road,** traffic enforcement.

7:23 a.m. **South Main St.,** traffic enforcement.

7:26 a.m. **South Main St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

7:40 a.m. **South Main St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

12:02 p.m. **King St.,** medical aid. Caller reports a resident with shortness of breath.

2:01 p.m. **Norfolk Road,** traffic enforcement.

3:36 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane,** lost property; female party called who needs a report number for her missing cell phone.

5 p.m. **North Main St.,** assist citizen.

5:03 p.m. **Elm St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

8:13 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** past assault and battery.

10:52 p.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

10:55 p.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

10:57 p.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

FRIDAY, FEB. 9

12:14 a.m. **South Main St.,** assist citizen. Caller states "there are people smoking and being rude in the bar area." Caller is making the complaint because he and his friend were refused service. Caller also would not leave a phone number. He did not want to see an officer.

12:50 a.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

12:50 p.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks secure.

1:43 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop.

7:12 a.m. **Cushing Road and Pleasant St.,** traffic enforcement.

7:15 a.m. **South Main St.,** fire, investigation; caller states there is smoke in her basement and a strong oil smell. A 275-gallon fuel take ruptured. DEP notified. Board of Health to be notified.

7:17 a.m. **Cushing Road,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

7:29 a.m. **Cushing Road,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

8:54 a.m. **King St.,** fire, investigation; caller reports she is a school bus driver and took down some wires in this area. She has kids on the bus so she is on her way but will return if needed.

9:11 a.m. **North Main St.,** fire, investigation; S1 to this location for follow up.

9:27 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** fire, miscellaneous; S1 to this location for investigation.

1:19 p.m. **Beechwood St. and Bound Brook Lane,** traffic enforcement.

2:57 p.m. **Pleasant St. and Old Pasture Road,** suspicious vehicle; caller reports there is a gray Toyota 4 Runner sitting at the top of the path where the young kids walk from school and there is an older male party in the vehicle reading the newspaper; parents are concerned. Male party checks out OK, he is just waiting to pick up his son.

5:28 p.m. **South Main St.,** fire; E3 responding to this location for a follow up on this morning's incident. E3 left scene to respond to motor vehicle accident.

5:38 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle crash/injuries. Cruiser accident at this location. Chief paged. Detectives paged. R3 transporting one officer to SSH. Forty-three-year-old female reporting lower back pain.

6:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** suspicious activity; Scituate reported that detective reported that he received a coffee filled with bleach from the Dunkin' Donuts at this location. Scituate clearing and will investigate. Sergeant stated that the attendant said it was an accident.

6:46 p.m. **Old Pasture Road,** suspicious activity; 911 caller reported getting a call she thought might be an advertisement, but they knew her name and stated they were outside her window. Officer reported it was just a false call.

8:39 p.m. **Hull St.,** parking complaint; two vehicles tagged.

10:37 p.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

10:43 p.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

10:44 p.m. **Sohier** St., building checks.

SATURDAY, FEB. 10

12:59 p.m. **Jerusalem Road and Bow St.,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning/speeding.

1:07 p.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks secure.

1:08 p.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

12:18 p.m. **Highland Court,** lost property.

12:23 p.m. **Pleasant St.,** officer wanted. Caller requests to see an officer regarding Comcast working near her house and "crossing her boundary line." Officer reports there is no issue at this location. He spoke to the Comcast workers and they have not once gone onto her property.

5:17 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** suspicious person; walk-in party stated that there were two white males in their 30s with hooded sweatshirts riding bicycles in the area of this location. She asked them what they were doing and they didn't cooperate with her. She said this is a private way and no one should be there on bikes. She said they went toward Howard Gleason Road. Officer states nothing showing.

5:33 p.m. **Elm St.,** disturbance; officer reports a dispute between neighbors. Officer states everything is all set at this location.

6:13 p.m. **Pond St. and Lantern Lane,** erratic operation of a motor vehicle; calling party states that there was an erratic motor vehicle driving toward 3A on Pond. She stated that it was a black sedan, possibly a convertible, driven by a female with a dog in the car. Scituate Police ended up arresting this person for OUI.

7:53 p.m. **Hull St.,** parking complaint; four motor vehicles tagged.

9:22 p.m. **Hull and Cedar streets,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

9:23 p.m. **Hull and Cedar streets,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

SUNDAY, FEB. 11

12:31 a.m. **Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Road,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation issued.

1:22 a.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

1:23 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks secure.

2:40 a.m., **Adams Road,** fire, investigation; 911 caller states "all his smoke detectors are going off, except the ones connected directly to the Fire Department." Caller states "there is a slight smell in the basement." Small fire outside in the insulation of the furnace. Fire extinguished.

8:56 a.m. **Jerusalem Road,** vandalism report; caller reports eggs thrown at her motor vehicle sometime overnight.

MONDAY, FEB. 12

1:33 a.m. **Pond St. - High School,** officer reports school checked; building secure.

1:34 a.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School,** officer reports school checked; building secure.

1:34 a.m. **Sohier St.,** officer reports buildings checked; secure.

9:18 a.m. **Pleasant St.,** medical aid requested.

10:34 a.m. **N. Main St.,** traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

10:41 a.m. **N. Main St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

10:42 a.m. **N. Main St.,** traffic stop; citation issued.

11:36 a.m. **King St.,** walk-in party reports son lost cell phone while ice fishing at this location.

11:37 a.m. **N. Main St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

12:07 p.m. **Sohier St.** – Deer Hill School, officer reports school checked; building secure.

12:09 p.m. **Sohier St.,** officer reports buildings checked; secure.

2:19 p.m. **Pond St. - High School,** officer reports school checked; building secure.

2:46 p.m. **Wheelwright Park,** caller reports a motor vehicle in a strange place with deep mud tracks; officer reports some vehicle have permission to be in park at this time.

2:48 p.m. **N. Main St. and Forest Ave.,** caller reports on his way to work in the morning the same motor vehicle runs the stop sign and has cut other vehicles off before speeding around the corner.

3:59 p.m. **Pond St.,** suspicious activity - nanny working at this location reports two teens in her car - area search negative.

4:32 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** caller reports that their snow blower was stolen and an old lawn mower was put in its place.

4:34 p.m. **Scituate - First Parish Road,** traffic enforcement.

4:46 p.m. **Summer St.,** walk-in party reports a lost cell phone; report taken.

4:59 p.m. **Pond St.,** animal complaint; black Labrador with red collar, age seven, has been missing for about an hour.

8:58 p.m. **Jerusalem Road and Hull St.,** Hull police report a possible fight at West Corner; area search negative.

9:32 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School,** officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:34 p.m. **Sohier St.,** officer reports buildings checked; secure.

9:59 p.m. **Pond St. - High School,** officer reports school checked; building secure.

TUESDAY, FEB. 13

7 a.m. **Wheelwright Farm,** caller reports two youths sleeping in the building at the Girl Scout camp; Scituate police and parents notified.

7:12 a.m. **Pond St.,** traffic enforcement.

7:13 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** traffic enforcement.

7:24 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road,** traffic stop; citation issued.

9:59 a.m. **Elm St.,** caller reports while working at this location another motor vehicle clipped his mirror and kept going.

10:11 a.m. **Summer St.,** E1 reports motor vehicle parked in front of fire hydrant; officer reports cars are part of a funeral procession and will be leaving soon.

11:21 a.m. **N. Main St.,** parking complaint; caller reports a motor vehicle parked in front of entrance.

12:01 p.m. **N. Main St. and Depot Court,** parking complaint; motor vehicle blocking area.

12:28 p.m. **King St.,** caller reports a traffic hazard caused by large box in roadway; area cleared.

2:51 p.m. **Norman Todd Road,** domestic disturbance; peace restored.

5:33 p.m. **Norman Todd Road,** mutual aid to elder services.

9:45 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School,** officer reports school checked; building secure.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14

12:41 a.m. **Town roads,** icy road conditions reported; referred.

1:33 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** Boston cab driver has an intoxicated female passenger who does not know where she lives and is just entering Cohasset; advised.

7:30 a.m. **Pond St.,** medical aid requested for infant with fever and breathing problems; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

9:03 a.m. **Beechwood St.,** disturbance caused by three youths throwing snowballs at passing vehicles.

10:22 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** larceny by check reported.

12:28 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle accident involving three vehicles reported.

12:41 p.m. **Jerusalem and Windy Hill roads,** disabled motor vehicle; tow truck on the way.

1:10 p.m. **Elm St.,** Fire department testing system.

2:10 p.m. **Pond St.,** medical aid requested for student who fell out of seat and desk fell on top of her, possible broken hand; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

2:58 p.m. **Brewster Road,** caller reports her basement is flooded and the water is flowing into her furnace; investigated.

3:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beech St.,** officer report that while responding to a call, two vehicle failed to stop for fire engine, both operators being cited.

4 p.m. **Weather:** snow – Wind: gusty – Temp: 28 degrees.

4:34 p.m. **Ripley Road,** caller reports problems with fire alarm system; done due to phone outage.

4:45 p.m. **Grace Drive,** medical aid requested by wife for husband who cut his finger.

5:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** medical aid requested for infant in respiratory distress; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

5:15 p.m. **Reservoir Road,** animal complaint; squirrel fell down chimney and is loose in fireplace; animal control notified via cell phone – regular telephone lines are down.

6:45 p.m. **S. Main St.,** traffic complaint; vehicle blocking roadway.

7:42 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** hazard due to icy roadway reported; highway dept. notified.

7:53 p.m. **Elm St.,** be on the lookout announcement issued by Hull police for a dark blue Ford Explorer with youths possibly inside, making threats at pedestrians with baseball bats.

8:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** medical aid requested for truck driver after falling down steps; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

9:43 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School,** officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:43 p.m. **Sohier St.,** officer reports buildings checked; secure.

9:52 p.m. **Pond St. - High School,** officer reports school checked; building secure.

THURSDAY, FEB. 15

1:22 a.m. **Nichols Road,** assist citizen.

1:31 a.m. **Deep Run,** medical aid requested, Lifeline reports alarm activation. Cancelled due to phone problem.

1:39 a.m. **N. Main St.,** medical aid requested, Lifeline reports alarm activation. Cancelled due to phone problem.

1:57 a.m. **Elm St. – Police headquarters,** 911 system back in service.

2:01 a.m. **Elm St. – Police headquarters,** all phone lines appear to be working.

2:04 a.m. **Pond St. - High School,** officer reports school checked; building secure.

2:05 a.m. **Sohier St.,** officer reports buildings checked; secure.

5:11 a.m. **Town roads,** icy road conditions reported all over town; referred.

6:08 a.m. **Howe Road,** caller states that the road is a skating rink and requests it be sanded; DPW notified.

7:02 a.m. **Schofield Road,** caller reports tree limb on wires; DPW and National Grid notified.

7:06 a.m. **Hull St.,** caller reports man with shopping cart is stuck in ice in middle of roadway; investigated and found male party to be on the side of roadway. No problem at this time.

7:16 a.m. **Elm St. – Police headquarters,** several callers with complaint of phone service; advised that Verizon is aware of the problem.

8:43 a.m. **Elm St.,** medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

11:23 a.m. **Margin St.,** walk-in party reports smoke coming from a house and no one is home; Fire Capt. reports fuel company is working and on scene. No problems at this time.

2:58 p.m. **Elm St. - Police headquarters,** icy conditions reported. DPW sanded parking lot but only completed half and not the entire lot.

3:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** Hingham police request transport for person involved in a motor vehicle accident from this location to the Scituate line; services rendered.

4:20 p.m. **Heather Drive,** caller reports someone may be in her house and requests assistance when entering; officer investigated. All clear.

4:25 p.m. **Whitney Woods Lane,** caller reports his daughter thought someone was in the house; investigated and found mother had returned home unexpectedly.

4:31 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** animal complaint; report of turkey in middle of roadway blocking traffic in both directions; department action taken.

5:07 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School,** officer reports school checked; building secure.

8:32 p.m. **Pond St. - High School,** officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:18 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School,** officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:19 p.m. **Sohier St.,** officer reports buildings checked; secure.

9:26 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

FRIDAY, FEB. 16

1:11 a.m. **Pond St. - High School,** officer reports school checked; building secure.

1:11 a.m. **Sohier St.,** officer reports both schools checked; buildings secure.

2:01 a.m. **Sohier St.,** officer reports both schools checked; buildings secure.

2:02 a.m. **Pond St. - High School,** officer reports school checked; building secure.

5:08 a.m. **Elm St.,** caller requests assistance with keys locked in a limousine; advised to contact towing company.

6:23 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chairman: William Baird.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Feb. 25

10 AM - Worship in the Meeting House

Sermon: "An Uncommon Hope"

Celebrating our 11-year connection with Salomon, a young boy from Guatemla, through the organization, Common Hope, we'll offer opportunities through worship and religious education classes and coffee hour to further awaken our own understanding of an "uncommon hope" and to reach out and share further with Salomon's family and community as two of our parishioners head south to Guatemala.

Religious education classes for toddlers and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 AM in the Meeting House. Our children and youth will focus on Guatemala and Salomon.

Refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall will follow the morning service and RE classes and will feature a Giving Tree, through which adults can choose to contribute some items much needed in the Common Hope clinics.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village. To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood.

We now also have prayer services you can listen to online, including a special daily Lenten reading.

Going on at St. Stephen's this week, Feb. 18 - 25:

• Sunday, Feb. 25th: Lent 1. Regular services at 8 am and 10 am. Godly Play church school and nursery available at 10 a.m. service. 11:45 am. Intercessory Prayer

• Monday, Feb 26th: 7:30 pm Christian Meditation

• Wednesday, Feb. 28: 9:30 Eucharist with Healing; 10:30 am Bible Study: "Women in the Bible"

• Friday, March 2nd: 9:30 am Yoga; 6 – 9 pm Lenten movie series: "An Inconvenient Truth"

• Saturday, March 3rd: 7 am Bible Fellowship

• Sunday, March 4th: Lent 2. Services at 8 am and 10 am; 9 am Youth Worship

Readings for March 4:

The first reading is from Genesis, 15: 1-12, 17-18 in which God promises to make Abraham the father of many generations. In the second reading from Philippians 3: 17- 4:1, Paul encourages the followers of Christ to stand firm in their commitment to the Lord. And in the Gospel from Luke 13: 31-35, Jesus foretells of the coming events.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (third Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); Scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination: Christian Science. 781-749-2874. Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

History talk at Greek Church

Icons and iconography are becoming more interesting as people come to discover them as points of focus for their faith. Each Tuesday during Great and Holy Lent, at Panagia Parish, Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church in Cohasset, theologian Peter Leneweaver will offer a course on the faith, beliefs, traditions, customs and ritual of the Greek Orthodox Church.

The next presentation will feature some of the history of the Greek Orthodox Church, and will take place Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 811 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. The public is welcome.

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE

The Cohasset Board of Selectmen has received official notice that the Cohasset Land Foundation, Inc. and the Osborne F. Ingram Revocable Trust have executed a purchase and sales agreement for the sale of approximately 37.5 acres of forest land off Beechwood Street in Cohasset for a total of $1,250,000 and that it is intended for portions of that forest land to be further sold and/or developed. Because the land in question is classified as forest land pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 61, the Town of Cohasset has a right of first refusal to purchase said property on the same terms of the executed purchase and sale agreement, or following a public hearing, to assign its right of first refusal to a non-profit conservation organization.

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 26, 2007 at 7:20 PM in the Selectmen's meeting room, second floor of Town Hall, to receive public input on whether the town should in fact exercise its right of first refusal or assign that right to a non-profit conservation organization. Interested citizens and town officials are encouraged to review the executed purchase and sale agreement (available at Town Clerk's office at Town Hall) and to submit comments either in writing in advance of the hearing or by oral testimony at the hearing. Written comments should be submitted to the Board of Selectmen, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025 or by e-mail to the Town Manager at wfgriffin@townofcohasset.org

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We know there are many bright, talented and caring young adults in our communities, and this year, a special section entitled "The Best & The Brightest" will appear in the COHASSET MARINER to celebrate their accomplishments.

Please help us find these remarkable teens and young adults by filling out the nomination form on this page. You can nominate an individual between the ages of 16 and 21 who, you believe, deserves to be honored, whether it be for academic achievement, volunteerism, athletics, artistic acumen or the pursuit of excellence in another field. Here's your opportunity to get involved.

You can bring the form to the Community Newspaper Company office at 182 Standish Ave., Plymouth, MA 02360 or mail the form to Beth Doyle, or fax the form to 508-591-6601.

All entries will be considered by a selection panel, and successful nominees will be interviewed and photographed. During the week of May 21st, Community Newspaper Company will include "The Best & The Brightest," a special section devoted to sharing as many of the stories and photographs of those nominated as possible.











The Best & The Brightest

Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: _____

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Please direct questions to Beth Doyle at 508-591-6620

Don't put it off... Send us your nomination today.
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Having fun with 'Legends!'

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Tony Award-winning producer Spring Sirkin has made a name for herself by backing Broadway productions of dramas from A-list playwrights like Arthur Miller, Terrence McNally. August Wilson, and Brian Friel, so Sirkin's role as one of the producers of "Legends!," a comedy about two past-their-prime movie stars which comes to Boston's Shubert Theatre next month on a national tour starring Joan Collins and Linda Evans, represents a departure for the Quincy resident.

"I just had the desire to do something that felt like more fun," explained Sirkin from her Boston office recently. "I love the heavy stuff, but after 'Frozen' (playwright Bryony Lavery's tale of a grieving mother, her child's killer and the psychiatrist who brings them together), I was ready to do something fun."

With that in mind, Sirkin — president and producing director of the Boston-based Chamber Theatre Productions which has toured nationally since 1977, bringing original stage adaptations of classic literature to life for school-age audiences — chose a comedy by the late James Kirkwood ("A Chorus Line"), which first played the Shubert 21 years ago in a legendarily ill-fated pre-Broadway run starring Carol Channing and Mary Martin. Kirkwood not only wrote the story of two aging actresses pursued by a young producer to star together on Broadway even though they have hated each other for years, but he also later penned a very dishy book, "Diary of a Mad Playwright," about the troubles he faced working with real-life legends Channing and Martin.

That original pre-Broadway tour never made it into New York, and it is unclear whether or not this one will either, but Sirkin remains in good spirits about the new production being toplined by Collins and Evans, who memorably lit up the small screen as dueling divas in the 1980s prime-time soap "Dynasty."

"I read 'Legends!' and I thought it was hysterical. I never saw the original production, but I have heard that those ladies may have had some trouble remembering their lines. When I heard that Joan Collins and Linda Evans were attached to the project this time around, I was immediately interested. Joan and Linda are incredibly well-suited to these roles. The play is fluff, but for what it is it serves a purpose. It makes people laugh and that's never a bad thing. Audiences have a good time just watching these two ladies have a good time together on stage. Joan and Linda are true professionals and they're wonderful in these roles."

That's high praise from Sirkin, who is among the producers of the London-to-Broadway transfer of the Old Vic production of "A Moon for the Misbegotten," which stars Tony- and two-time Academy Award-winner Kevin Spacey and begins performances next month at New York's Brooks Atkinson Theatre, and also an investor in the highly anticipated West End production of "Equus," starring Daniel Radcliffe of "Harry Potter" film fame, opening in London this week.

"The Howard Davies-directed production of 'A Moon for the Misbegotten' is being transferred intact from London. I'm proud to be a part of the move because it is such an important production. Kevin Spacey is terrific, of course, but I am most excited to be one of the people helping to introduce Eve Best to American audiences. She is quite a phenomenal actress."



Spring Sirkin with Joan Collins

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In Eugene O'Neill's only love story, Best plays Josie Hogan, a fierce woman with a razor-sharp tongue and a ruined reputation who lives in a ramshackle Connecticut farmhouse with her conniving father (Colm Meaney). During one long moonlit night fueled by drink and lust, Josie shows her softer side through her feelings for her landlord, Jim Tyrone (Spacey). Before long, the two implacable souls reveal to each other the profound sadness, longing and unrequited love they have kept hidden from the world.

The O'Neill classic may be a revival, but it was as one of the producers of a new play by another iconic American dramatist that Sirkin made her own Broadway debut in 1994.

"I had read a piece in the 'New York Times' about producing on Broadway in which Arthur Miller's longtime producer Robert Whitehead was quoted. It got me thinking that producing at this level was something I wanted to do," recalls Sirkin, who turned to the dean of Boston theater critics Elliot Norton for assistance.

"Elliot wrote me a letter of introduction to Robert Whitehead, and sometime later, I met with Bob in his office in New York. There was a connection between us from our very first meeting. During our conversation, I asked him what he was working on and if he needed help. Before I left his office, he put 'Broken Glass' by Arthur Miller in my hands. I remember being so excited to have a copy of a new play by Arthur Miller ('Death of a Salesman') to read, but I fell asleep on the train before I even opened it. I read it a few days later, though, and I called Bob Whitehead and told him then and there, if you still want me, I'm in."

With Sirkin among its producers, "Broken Glass" opened in April 1994. It closed two months later, but the Miami native was already hooked on her new career.

"We had just gone down the drain with 'Broken Glass,' but I was ready to go again. I was scared to death, of course, but still ready to go when Bob handed me a copy of a new play by Terrence McNally called 'Master Class.'"

With Whitehead's Tony Award-winning wife Zoe Caldwell as its star, "Master Class" enjoyed acclaimed pre-Broadway runs in both Philadelphia and Los Angeles. By the time the show arrived in New York in October 1995, Caldwell's bravura performance as opera singer Maria Callas had made the show the must-see play of the season. It went on to win three 1996 Tony Awards including Best Play, shared by McNally, Whitehead, Sirkin and Lewis Allen, Best Actress for Caldwell, and Best Featured Actress for Audra McDonald. In the decade since that success, Sirkin has produced four more plays on Broadway. Three, Arthur Miller's "The Ride Down Mt. Morgan," "KIng Hedley II" by August Wilson and "Frozen," earned Tony nominations as Best Play in 2000, 2001 and 2004, respectively. The fourth, last season's limited engagement of Brian Friel's "Faith Healer," starring Ralph Fiennes and Cherry Jones, was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Play Revival.



Kevin Spacey and Eve Best

Sirkin found success from the earliest days of her career in the theater as a founding member of the Profile Theatre, now known as the Portland Stage Company, and as co-founder of Chamber Theatre which today employs some 65 actors, directors and technicians. She is quick to credit Whitehead and Norton, however, for their help and inspiration with her work on Broadway and in London.

"Elliot taught me to turn the other cheek and let things go. He also taught me to always be kind to the people around you. Elliot Norton and Robert Whitehead were both true gentlemen. I had a very soft entrance into this world because of them. I will be eternally grateful."

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"It is a producer's responsibility to help realize the playwright's vision in whatever form that might take in order to allow the work to speak about the state of humankind," according to Sirkin.

While theater is her professional home, Sirkin says ballet is her first love. Along with husband Arthur Frank, Sirkin has presented several world-class companies in Boston including the Kirov and Royal Ballets.

"It is a joy to give a helping hand to the Celebrity Series and the Citi Performing Arts Center. I love Boston and that is why I was thrilled to be able to bring these magnificent companies here."

Her love of Boston aside, Sirkin's work as a producer is often just that.

"I'm a Tony voter which means I have to see everything. That is wonderful, of course, but it can also be wearing to see every show on Broadway. I'm good at it, though - sometimes I see nine shows in six nights, or ten shows in nine nights. Broadway is very healthy these days. This spring, there will be more new plays and play revivals than there have been in years. You can't even find a theater to put a show in, which is one of the reasons 'A Moon for the Misbegotten' is only scheduled to run through June."

If Sirkin has become an expert at marathon show-going sessions, then it is a skill she plans to pass on.

"My daughter Ashlyn is only 9, but she can sit through three shows a day with me. Ashlyn loves the theater, just not the ballet as much as her mother does. She is my best production."

("Legends!" will be presented at the Citi Shubert Theatre, 265 Tremont St., Boston, March 6-11. For tickets and information, call 1-800-447-7400 or visit citicenter.org. "A Moon for the Misbegotten" begins previews at the Brooks Atkinson Theatre, 256 West 47th St., New York City, on March 29. For tickets and information, call 1-800-755-4000 or visit ticketmaster.com.)

Movie review

Astro... not

"The Astronaut Farmer" (C+)

By James Vemiere
FILM CRITIC

Talk about an Astro-nut. "The Astronaut Farmer," an unlikely mash-up of "Field of Dreams" and "The Right Stuff," conspicuously fails to launch.

Houston, we have a problem. Directed by Michael Polish and co-written by him and his brother Mark Polish, whose previous collaborations include "Northfork" (2003) and "Twin Falls Idaho" (1999), the film is a populist, conservative fable about keeping the faith and being right when everyone says you're wrong. It features Billy Bob Thornton as a Texas rancher with a dream and a tightly knit and loving family.

George W. Bush, do I have a movie for you.

Thornton is former NASA astronaut Charles Farmer. Charles never got to ride the NASA rocket into space because of a family crisis, and so he has built his own rocket out of spare and salvaged parts.



Charlie Farmer (Billy Bob Thornton) and his daughter Sunshine (Logan Polish) attempt to simulate the feeling of G-Force.

It's in his barn, and it's several stories tall and full of extremely volatile fuel, 10,000 pounds of rocket fuel to be exact. Stop giggling. I didn't make this up.

Charles' adoring wife Audie (Virginia Madsen), who is a waitress at a local diner, makes pancakes that remind her and the kids of planets. The couple have a son named Shepard (Max Thieriot) and a daughter (Logan Polish) named Sunshine.

If this isn't Capra-corn-y enough for you, the bank is threatening to foreclose on the Farmer ranch because Charles is months behind on his mortgage (rocket fuel does not come cheap, my friend). Charles later takes his kids out of public school to tutor them at home and use as a cheap labor force.

Thornton, oozing smug self-satisfaction, rides a horse in a spacesuit in one scene and plays Charles as a man who has never doubted himself (Hmmm, who does that remind me of?). His Astronaut Farmer would make the perfect leader of a cult.

In the supporting cast, Madsen is trapped in the stand-by-her-man role. Bruce Dern's lanky grandpa is a bit scary, although Tim Blake Nelson makes a nice impression as the town's eccentric sheriff. Bruce Willis appears halfway through as a seemingly sympathetic fellow astronaut.

Stick around to see Charles, who becomes an international celebrity, appear on Jay Leno. Or better yet don't.

"The Astronaut Farmer," we do not have liftoff.

Rated PG.

Calendar of events

Thursday, Feb. 22

The Scituate Arts Association will host an informational evening with **John Danehey** at its headquarters, the Ellis House, 709 Country Way, North Scituate, on Thursday evening, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. Mr. Danehey is current Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, a practicing attorney at the law firm of Tufankjian, Danehey, Osterberg & McDonald, and an active member of the Scituate Chamber of Commerce serving on its Board of Directors. here will be a discussion about the *mutually* historic significance of the Ellis House property and the Scituate Arts Association's artistic activism, along with our future plans to support the development of these invaluable resources to our community. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served. For information call the Front Street Gallery **781-545-6150.**

51st Annual New England Boat Show, Boston Convention and Exhibition Center Feb. 17-24. Tickets available online at neboatshow.com or at the door. Adult $12, children (6-12) $6. Onsite parking with shuttle bus service to the door.

The Dickinson Group will open a new art gallery in Weymouth on Route 18, next to the former Weymouth Naval Air Station. The gallery, known as **Art Treasure Gallery**, officially opened its doors with a Jan. 11 show featuring the works of 20 local and national artists. Artists interested in displaying at the Weymouth gallery are asked to contact gallery director Gabriel Catbagan at 781-331-9841.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad Street, **Weymouth.** no cover Satch Romano's "**New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam**, featuring **Gregg Miller Blues Jam** Feb. 22, 9 p.m. show, jam, 21+. Handicap access. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796 nextpagecafe.com

The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. Feb. 22, BBC **"Pint Night"** featuring **Flydown** formerly The Alliance.

Townline Café, 269 Main St. (Rt. 28), W. Bridgewater, Feb. 22, 8 p.m. **Comedy Night** featuring **Frank Santorelli** (Georgie from "The Sopranos.") Other comedians include **Annette Pollack, Dan Boulger, Matt McArthur, Nikki Flynn, Shane Mauss.** Dinner and appetizers available. Advance tickets recommended by calling 508-580-0255 Visit townlinecafe.com or myspace.com/annettepollack,

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Friday, Feb. 23

Hull Lifesaving Museum and Wellspring Multi-Service Center will be presenting, ***TASTE!*** a festive fine food and wine-tasting event, to be held at Atlantica restaurant in Cohasset on Friday, Feb. 23, 6 to 9 p.m. *TASTE!*-promoting some of the best restaurants and caterers on the South Shore-will once again raise needed funds to benefit the educational programs at both South Shore organizations. Tickets are $50 per person and 90 percent of the ticket price is tax deductible. For tickets or information contact 781-925-5433, 781-925-3211, lifesavingmuseum.org or wellspringhull.org

The South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham. featuring local, regional and national artists, has recently hosted several portrait painting demonstrations by South Shore artists. The last one in this series will be held this Friday night, Feb. 23, from 6 to 9 p.m., and the participating artists will be **Carol Arnold, Karl Nestelberger, Diane Scott** and **Tatiana Yanovskaya.** The South Street Gallery hours are from Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. 781-749-0430 or southstreetgallery.com.

South Shore Art Center at 119 Ripley Road, in Cohasset is mounting an exhibition of works on paper selected by **Stephanie Walker**, director of Boston's Chase Gallery. ***"Works on Paper"*** opens in the **Bancroft Gallery** and continues through Feb. 25. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

Lunenburg, artist Mike Cunliffe Thompson will exhibit his oil paintings in the **Clemens Gallery of the Hingham Public Library** through March 1. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours Learn more about the artist by visiting the Library's website hinghamlibrary.org

Single Executives Club Singles Dance Feb 23, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at The Lafayette House Ballroom, 109 Washington St,. Rt. 1 south, Foxboro next to the End Zone Hotel. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by award winning DJ Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes and match game prizes. **Free dancing lessons** from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples age 30 and over. Cost before 9 p.m. is $10 Proper business dress recommended; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable. Visit www.se-4u.com or call 781-446-0234 for information.

The British Beer Company. Washington St. **Pembroke**. Feb. 23, **Double Take.**

Next Page Café, 550 Broad Street, Weymouth, will feature **Hoodoo Revelator,** Feb. 23, at 9:15 p.m. No cover. 781-335-9796 nextpagecafe.com

Saturday, Feb. 24

Illusionist Lyn Dillies **brings her magic to** The Company Theatre **Feb. 24, for two shows at 3 and 8 p.m.** Tickets priced at just $20 are available at The Company Theatre box-office at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, MA, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companythreatre.com

57th annual New England Home Show, Boston Seaport World Trade Center, 200 Seaport Blvd., Boston, Saturday, Feb. 24, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Feb. 25, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Feb. 26, 27, 28, March 1, 4 to 9 p.m. March 2, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. March 3, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and March 4, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Ticket Info: Save time, buy online:newenglandhome-shows.com Admission: Adults; $11; Children 12 yrs and under; FREE. Tickets are available at the Seaport World Trade Center Box Office during show hours.

Kennedy's Country Gardens, Rt. 3A, Scituate –ARTFEST Feb. 24 and 25, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. More than 25 artists featuring art, photography, pottery and wood carvings will showcase their work. Art is available for purchase. Complimentary refreshment samples. For info visit KennedysCountryGardens.com or call 781-545-1266.

South Shore Conservatory's Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery presents fine art photographer **Nick Johnson** through April 30. Appearing in the Conservatory's South Shore Music Circus Gallery are painters **Gretchen Moran** and **Isabel Shamitz.** Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon. Admission to both galleries is free. South Shore Conservatory's art galleries are run through a partnership between the Conservatory and South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. For directions, visit southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565, ext. 10.

The South Street Gallery, featuring local, regional and national artists, has announced that the entire month of February will be filled with portrait painting demonstrations by South Shore artists. The South Street Gallery is located at 149 South St., one minute from the Square in Hingham. Hours are from Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. For additional information, call 781-749-0430 or visit southstreetgallery.com

The North River Arts Society presents "Mix It Up!" an exhibit or original mixed media works by **Marcia Ballou** and **Laura Harvey** at the Dolphin Gallery located at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St, Hingham through March 29. 781-741-1405.

The One & Only Boston Chocolate Tour will return to satisfy New England's collective sweet tooth every Saturday from January through April. The fully-narrated, **three-hour journey** of decadent desserts and fun facts features tasty visits to Top of the Hub Restaurant, the historic Omni Parker House Hotel and The Langham Hotel Boston, The tour departs from the Trolley Stop Store at the corner of Boylston and South Charles Streets every Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Tickets are $75 per person. Advance reservations are required and may be made by calling 617-269-7010.

John Carver Inn, Plymouth present **Dinner Theatre** packages. featuring **Broadway Exhange Quintet** Feb. 24 doors open at 7:30 p.m. For information visit johncarverinn.com or call JCI at 508-746-7100 or 800-724-1620.

Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth features a **Traditional Irish Seisiun** every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. The next Seisiun is Feb. 3. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hornpipes, with great craic and singalong. Admission is free. No cover. 508-830-1262.

Saphire Manor, 164 Massapoag Ave., Sharon. Feb. 24, 7 p.m. **Comedy Show** featuring **Frank Santorelli** "Georgie from 'The Sopranos', **Annette Pollack, Scott Higgins, Dave Rattigan and Dan Hirshon** $40 dinner buffet and comedy show 7 p.m. $20 Comedy Show only at 9 p.m. Call to reserve at 781-784-2400.

The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. Feb. 24, **Radio for the Blind.**

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree Feb. 24, **A Month of Sundays Band** every Friday, **DJ Rick** at 9:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

Next Page Café, 550 Broad Street, Weymouth Feb. 24, **Mission of Blues**, No cover. All shows 9:15 p.m. unless noted. 781-335-9796.

Sunday, Feb. 25

Mystic Valley Railway Society TRAIN SHOW, Feb. 25, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Christina's Function Facility, Route 1, Foxboro. Free parking. Take I-95 south Exit 9 to Route 1 south for 2 miles on left. Adults $4 children 5-12 $1, under 5 free. For information visit mysticvalleyrs.org or call 617-361-4445.

The North River Arts Society presents ***JOURNEYS***, an exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery featuring photographs by Jeanne McKenna and Rain Rodolph. This show runs through **March 30.** Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster Street, Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com

Duxbury's Bumpus Gallery presents work of South Shore artist **Donna Green** in an exhibit of portraits titled "Faces of Innocence," at the **Helen Bumpus Gallery** in **Duxbury** during February. The Helen Bumpus Gallery is located on the main level of the Duxbury Free Library at 77 Alden St. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours. 781-934-2721.

The Next Page *Blues* Cafe', 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, featuring **Dave Foley** every Sunday night at 8 p.m., 781-335-9796.



Erin Draper of Bridgewater portrays Emily Webb and Andrew Sheflin plays George Gibbs in the Bridgewater State College Theatre Arts Department's production of "Our Town."

Local talent fills 'Our Town'

Bridgewater State College Theatre Arts Dept. presents Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," a play in three acts. "Our Town" will be performed on Feb. 28 through March 3, at 8 p.m., with 2 p.m. matinee performances on March 3 and March 4.

"Our Town" takes place in the small town of Grover's Corners, N.H. at the turn of the 20th century. The story is conducted by a character known simply as the stage manager, serving as an omniscient narrator throughout the play, and follows the Webb family's eldest child Emily as she journeys through life, marriage, and death in a small New England town. First performed in 1938, "Our Town" has since been one of the most frequently produced plays by an American playwright.

"Our Town's" cast of students come from all over the Massachusetts area: Kimberly Perkins (Abington); Benjamin Salzberg, Erin Draper (Bridgewater); Mario DaRosa Jr., Rich Henderson (Brockton); Joseph Helm (Dartmouth); Alex Lewis (Duxbury); Rich Michaels (Franklin); James Sass (Halifax); Maggie Grady (Holliston); Kenny Dignard (Leominster); Andrew Adler (Mansfield); Corey Kononchuk (Marshfield); Patricia Sorgman (Middleboro); Melanie Bernier (Norfolk); Alison Hough (Northboro); James Cisternelli, Tom Manning (Norwood); Maureen Bates (Pembroke); Marc Ferrante (Plympton); Dan Harrold (Quincy); Stephen Plummer (Rockland); Stephen Benjamin (Sharon); Erin Mulhern (South Yarmouth); Shannon Dwyer (Walpole); Patrick McMahon (Westfield); Andrew Sheflin (Weymouth); Candice Rexford (Whitinsville).

"Our Town" will be performed at the Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium at Bridgewater State College on Feb. 28-March 3, at 8 p.m. and matinees at 2 p.m. on March 3 and March 4. Ticket prices are $14 for general public and $12 for students and senior citizens. For information or reservations, please call the Bridgewater State College Box Office at 508-531-1321.



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Capt. Tom King lives and researches and fishes out of Scituate. He will deliver his illustrated presentation on what sharks are present in our local waters and when they are here. You'll also learn where and how to find them. on Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. at the Scituate Town Library, presented by the Scituate Library Foundation Life on the Coast" Speaker Series at the Scituate Town Library, scituatetownlibrary.org Scituate Library Foundation, 781-545-8727 scituatelibraryfoundations.org

Mark your calendar

MUSUEM GUIDE PROGAM-Daniel Webster Estate: Museum Guide classes will be offered March 24, April 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Daniel Webster Estate and Heritage Center, 238 Webster St,. Marshfield. Attend one session of your choice. For information call Regina Porter at 781-837-9858.

CAMPUS BOUND COUNSELORS, Greg Nevader And Meredith Eastman, will hold a workshop at the Hingham Public Library in the Whiton Room on Tuesday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. to help parents and students start off on the right foot. "in the library's Whiton Room. This event is free and will present invaluable information for parents who are helping their high school juniors and sophomores start the college search. To ensure a seat at this workshop, RSVP to 617-769-0400 or visit campusbound.com.

THE SOCIETY OF ARTS AND CRAFTS presents CRAFT-BOSTON 2007 March 30 – April 1, at Boston's Seaport World Trade Center. Seaport World Trade Center, 200 Seaport Boulevard, Boston. COST: General Admission: $15, Senior Citizens & SAC Members: $12, Children 12 years & under: Free. Admission tickets valid for readmission throughout the weekend. For information, call 617-266-1810 or visit craftboston.org

RHODODENDRON NEEDLERS QUILT SHOW: More than 200 quilts and pieces of fiber art by guild members from over 30 towns south of Boston. The show will be at Stonehill College in Easton, on Saturday, March 3 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and Sunday, March 4 (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.). The show will also includes an antique quilt exhibit, many vendors, a small quilt auction and several raffles (sewing machine, quilt and gift baskets) For information and directions, visit rhododendronquiltguild.org

Monday, Feb. 26

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Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull, presents **Flying Santa: A Holiday Tradition** through March 11. 781-925-5433 lifesavingmuseum.org

Tuesday, Feb. 27

Grub Street South at Buttonwood is a collaboration between Grub Street, Boston's only independent writing center, and **Buttonwood Books & Toys,** Shaw' s Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset. The goal of the program is to get writers writing. On Tue., Feb. 27, at 7 p.m., debut author, **Patry Francis**, will lead a workshop titled "Blogging for Writers: Reservations are requested and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

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Sunrise Assisted Living of Cohasset is hosting an **American Heart Association** event. Tuesday, Feb. 27 from 4 to 6 p.m. There will be information, brochures, literature, heart healthy recipes and a guest survivor speaker. Heart healthy refreshments will be served. Donations to the cause would be greatly appreciated. RSVP 781-383-6300

EMASS Senior Softball Association, the largest program of its kind in New England, is accepting registrations for the 2007 season. There are two leagues, playing on Saturday and Tuesday mornings, and three divisions to accommodate the abilities and interests of all serious softball players over age 55. For information consult www.emass-senior-softball.com or call John Stewart at 617 969 0950.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era performs every third Tuesday from 1 to4 p.m. at **Striar JCC/Fireman Campus**, 445 Central St,. **Stoughton.** Admission $5 per person. All are welcome. Wheelchair-accessible. 781-341-2076. 781-767-3911.

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Sapphire Manor, 184 Massapoag Ave., Sharon. Feb. 24, 7 p.m. Comedy Show featuring Frank Santorelli "Georgie from 'The Sopranos', Annette Pollack, Scott Higgins, Dave Rattigan and Dan Hirshon $40 dinner buffet and comedy show 7 p.m. $20 Comedy Show only at 9 p.m. Call to reserve at 781-784-2400.

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Wednesday, Feb. 28

Christopher Fein of **Fein Law Offices** in Braintree, will be the featured speaker at the weekly breakfast meeting of The President's Club Chapter of Business Network International (BNI), on Feb. 28 at 7 a.m. Fein will discuss legal issues faced by small businesses. The group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at Elena's Restaurant, Braintree Hill Office Park, Building 50, Braintree. Visitors are welcome. For information, contact Club President Norm Abrahamson at 781-828-2270 or by email at ngalaw@cantonlaw.com.

Wanted: A Few Good Men for card games, cribbage, chess, checkers and pinochle to challenge other town senior centers. A meeting will be held Feb. 14, at 9:30 a.m. at the Randolph Senior Center. 10 Fencourt Ave. Randolph, 781-961-0928

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association, the **South Shore Natural Science Center** and the **Mass Audubon South Shore Regional Headquarters** presents another free winter lecture series every Wednesday night at 7 p.m., at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell through March 21. Sponsored in part by Rockland Trust Company. Admission is free. **Feb. 28 What Goes Up Must Come Down: The Myths and Science of Tides, and the Eldridge Tide and Pilot Book.** For information visit nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA at 781-659-8168, Mass Audubon at 781-659-9400 or SSNSC at 781-659-2559.

The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. Feb. 28m Face Off" **Game show Trivia hosted by "P.J. The D.J.** from 8 to 11 p.m.

Thursday, March 1

Listen and Learn forum with Rep. Tom Calter March, 1 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Jones River Landing, 55 Landing Road, Kingston. The Jones River Landing will host an interactive forum with new state Rep. Tom Calter. The event presents an opportunity to hear from Calter on his background, vision and planned approach in the State House, as well as a chance for residents of the 12th District to share their concerns on current issues that face their communities. The open forum will feature a question and answer session during which attendees are welcome to raise any topic relating to the future of their towns or the district as a whole. Free and open to all; no registration is required. For information, visit jonesriver.org or call 781-585-2322.

The Hingham Bridal Event, March 1, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Old Derby Academy, 34 Main St., Brides....Be inspired! Sample fine wines, hors d'oeuvres, chocolates and cake. Have fun with a mini-make-over or a new hair style. Enjoy our DJ's music, enter free raffles and share creative wedding ideas with some of the South Shore's finest purveyors of wedding gowns, bridal party apparel, hair styles, accessories, invitations, flowers, gifts, favors, photographs, limousines, catering and more. Admission $9; bring a guest for free by registering online at discoverhingham.com 781-749-5774.

Art Treasure Gallery, the region's newest art gallery, offers a two-artist show running through March 8. South Shore artists **Bill Beyer** and **Brian Josselyn** will have their work featured at this all-new gallery which opened its doors to the public on Jan. 11 with a 20-person "members" show.

British Beer Company, Washington St., Rt. 53, Pembroke. March 1, BBC {Pint Night" featuring **Flydown** formerly "The Alliance".

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, will feature Satch Romano's **New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796.

Friday, March 2

The South Shore Folk Music Club presents **Three of Cups** March 2, the Beal House, Main St. in Kingston. doors open at 7:30 p.m. Handicapped accessible hall, and smoke and alcohol free. Light refreshments are available. SSFMC collects non-perishable food goods at every event and delivers them to the Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless in Kingston. 781-871-1052 or visit ssfmc.org. Admission $8 members, $12 non-members.

The South Shore Conservatory Concert Series presents **Maestro Chamber Players,** March 2, 7:30 p.m., at The Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George St., Duxbury. Artistic Director Eugene Kaminsky has announced an all French program including piano and cello sonatas by Claude Debussy and César Franck and other works from the French chamber repertoire. Tickets at $25 for adults and $20 for students and seniors may be purchased online at southshoreconservatory.org, by phone at 781-934-2731, ext. 10 (Duxbury) or 781-749-7565, ext. 10 (Hingham), or in person at the Conservatory offices in Duxbury and Hingham. A reception precedes the performance at 6:45 pm.

The Ripple Effect is bringing Travis Roy to speak in Duxbury on Friday, March 2 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Tickets for the event can be purchased at Westwinds Bookshop in Duxbury or ProSports in Kingston and Hingham. Roy, a former Boston University hockey player who was paralyzed 11 seconds into his first college game, will speak about finding meaning and success in life despite the obstacles placed in your path. He will also talk about how to set goals and see them through even when your life changes from what you thought it would be. The event is for individuals and families and is recommended for children ages 10 and up. For more information email saxtonwoods@aol.com.



Artist Tatiana Yanovskaya painting a portrait at the South Street Gallery

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The South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham. featuring local, regional and national artists, has recently hosted several portrait painting demonstrations by South Shore artists. The last one in this series will be held this Friday night, Feb. 23, from 6 to 9 p.m., and the participating artists will be Carol Arnold, Karl Nestelberger, Diane Scott and Tatiana Yanovskaya. The South Street Gallery hours are from Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. 781-749-0430 or southstreet gallery.com

John Carver Inn, Plymouth present **Dinner Theatre** packages. featuring **Dave Kane's Misgivings,** a night of belly-laughs, blessings, blarney and bingo March 2, doors open at 7:30 p.m. For information visit johncarverinn.com or call JCI at 508-746-7100 or 800-724-1620.

New England Singles Dance, March 2, from 8 pm., to midnight Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham Music from the 60s to present with DJ Paul Dipanfilo, for people age 40+. Admission $12. singles-dances-newengland.com.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree everyFriday, **DJ Rick** at 9:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

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Kennedy's Country Gardens, Rt. 3A, Scituate –ARTFEST Feb. 24 and 25, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. More than 25 artists featuring art, photography, pottery and wood carvings will showcase their work. For info visit KennedysCountryGardens.com or call 781-545-1266.

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Quick Flix



Johnny Blaze (Nicolas Cage) takes fiery aim, while a flabbergasted Roxanne (Eva Mendes) looks on in "Ghost Rider."

All reviews by James Verniere, unless otherwise noted

New Releases

"BREACH" (B-)

Anyone in the mood for "The Devil Wears Brooks Brothers"? How about for a bleak political fable about a deeply religious, high-ranking government official so delusional he thinks he's knows more than anyone else? He's actually betraying his country and responsible for the deaths of others. "Breach" boasts a darkly tormented turn by Massachusetts-own Chris Cooper as Robert Hanssen, the real-life veteran FBI agent who specialized in computer technology and security and caused the greatest intelligence breach in U.S. history. Based on the 2001 Washington scandal, "Breach" also features Ryan Phillippe in the "Donnie Brasco"-meets-"The Departed" role of real-life Eric O'Neill, an FBI agent-in-training assigned to spy on the spy by an FBI handler, the demanding higher-up Kate Burroughs (Laura Linney). (Rated PG-13)

"COMEDY OF POWER" (B)

Based on France's Enron-like scandal, where businessmen bribed their way to access to African oil, "Comedy of Power" isn't so much a comedy of the laugh-out-loud sort as it is a merry consideration of the human capacity for greed, deception and even murder. Isabelle Huppert is wonderful as the chief judge investigating corruption. The more we see her Jeanne, the scarier she becomes. The case becomes her life, ruining her long marriage and creating serious complications for France. The film is ultimately a study of a woman's power, the power of the state and the powerlessness of the many men who think they can wiggle their sorry butts around this obsessed figure. (Not Rated)

— Stephen Schaefer

"DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS" (C+)

The softer side of Tyler Perry shows up in "Daddy's Little Girls," a sentimental romantic comedy that breathes new life into the term "chick flick." The story centers on down-on-his luck mechanic Monty (Idris Elba), who is trying to support three adorable girls. Their mother is cheap, out-of-control and dating a sleaze. Monty finds a new job as a driver for Julia (Gabrielle Union), a brassy, hot-shot attorney who is sexy, single and rich. Between hurling insults at Monty, she gabs on the phone to her gal pals, complaining about the lack of decent single men. As expected, the road to love is bumpy. Loaded with sappy cliches and featuring a pair of mismatched lovers, Perry milks Cupid for all he's worth. (Not Rated)

— Chelsea Bain

"GHOST RIDER" (D)

If you mixed Goethe's "Faust" with the ballad of Evil Knievel, you'd have "Ghost Rider," a lame, superhero flick that answers the question: What if the devil pimped my ride? The film is based on a Marvel comic book I found too lowbrow when I was about 12. During the day, Johnny (Nicolas Cage) is a "hotshot" stunt motorcycle rider who dresses and talks like an Elvis impersonator. But after Johnny sells his soul to Mephistopheles (Peter Fonda of "Easy Rider") as a teenager, strange things happen at night. Johnny's head turns into a flaming skull and his Harley chopper into a motor-sickle from hell. (Rated PG-13)

"OSCAR NOMINATED SHORTS" (A)

Are you in the mood for a quickie? This year's Oscar-nominated shorts prove that great stories can be told at lightning speed. With so many foreign entries, the program feels like a whirlwind trip around the world. Those with musical inclinations will find Ari Sandel's "West Bank Story," a spoof of "West Side Story," an absolute hoot. No Jets or Sharks here. The rival gangs are the Israelis and the Palestinians, who sing and dance as they settle their score. The animated portion of the program is just as delightful. Put "The Departed" and "The Queen" on the backburner; it's time for the little guys to have their moments in the sun.

— Chelsea Bain

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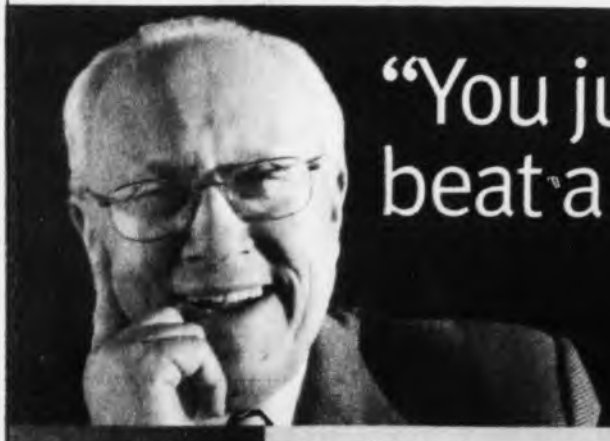


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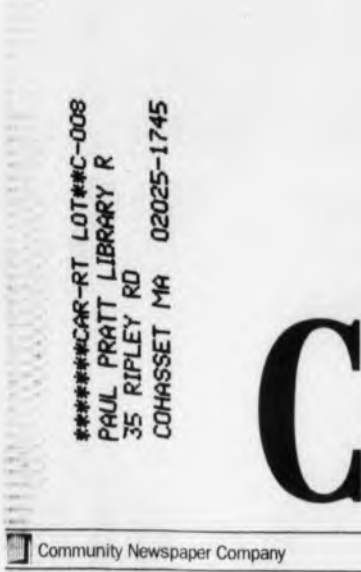
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Fun over school vacation week



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Cohasset hawk returns home

By Nancy White
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On Wednesday afternoon, a Cohasset hawk was released back in to the wild after six weeks of rehabilitation. The effort to save the hawk's life involved four different agencies, and a lot of caring people. The hawk was found injured with a broken wing by a local resident in January. The resident called the Environmental Police who in turn called Cohasset/Norwell Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy to the scene. Murphy captured the red-tailed hawk near train tracks about a half-mile from the Village.

"He's feisty and he is a fighter."
— Paul Murphy, animal control officer

Murphy's initial thought was to bring the severely injured hawk to the New England Wildlife Center in South Weymouth for treatment. However, the Center was closed due to a holiday weekend. He immediately thought of Crazy Paws located right outside the Village. The veterinary hospital owned by doctors Fawn Stevenson and Gregory Conrad has experience with both exotic and wild animals.

"They took the hawk in in a heartbeat," attests Murphy, "they happened to be there and they saved the bird's life."

Crazy Paws vet techs Liz D'Arcangelo and Lynda Gullicksen dubbed the one-winged hawk "Pete".

"He just looked like a Pete," says Lynda. The vets and employees at Crazy Paws made an educated guess that the hawk was a male based on his larger size. A hawk's sex can only be determined through a DNA test, which was not performed during his brief captivity.

Dr. Fawn Stevenson treated the hawk for two weeks. The wing was

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PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Crazy Paws Veterinary Technician, Liz D'Arcangelo, holds "Pete," a red-tailed hawk, by the talons. Shortly thereafter he was released back into the wild. Pete sustained a broken wing eight weeks ago and was treated at Crazy Paws before being transferred to the Cape Cod Wildlife Center in West Barnstable for rehabilitation.

Quick thinking teen makes ice rescue

Girl skates near rock, falls in

By Mary Ford
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When 15-year-old Sarah Beacham of Raleigh, N. C. donned ice skates for the first time over February vacation she could not believe she was really skating on a pond.

Her mother, Jacqueline, said she was exclaiming that fact with such excitement that it brought a smile to Rich Ofthsun's face. Rich, who lives on Fair Oaks Lane and had one skate on at that moment, was getting ready to join his son Conor and some other boys in a pickup hockey game on Lily Pond. It was about 1 p.m., Sunday (Feb. 18).

The temperature had consistently been well below freezing for weeks and the pond had been populated with ice fishermen as well as recreational skaters. The ice on the pond was estimated to be five or six inches thick.

Therefore Janet Costa, who lives nearby Lily Pond on Whitney Woods

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Conor Ofsthun, 15, stands by Lily Pond where he used his hockey stick to rescue a girl who fell through the ice by the large rock in the background.

Land quest

Public hearing continues Mar. 5

By Nancy White
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The Board of Selectmen came a little closer to deciding the fate of roughly 40 acres of land off Norman Todd Road between South Main Street and Route 3A on Monday night. The Cohasset Land Foundation (CLF) entered into a purchase and sale agreement for the land, however, under a Massachusetts statute, the Town has the right of first refusal.

The land's designation as forestland places it under a Chapter 61 statute that grants the Town the option to match a bona fide offer to purchase the land. The option comes with a time restraint of 120 days. The Town's clock to make a decision began Jan. 11 and ends May

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PICTURE THIS/Stephanie Church and Paula Murphy



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The Mariner caught up with Stephanie Church and Paula Murphy, co-directors of the South Shore Community Center this week. The center hosted a camp over February school vacation. For photos see page 20.

Name: Stephanie Church and Paula Murphy.

Occupation: Co-directors of the South Shore Community Center.

Best day of your life: The day I met my husband (Stephanie). The birth of my children (Paula).

Best vacation: Vieques, Puerto Rico (Stephanie). Laguna Beach, Calif. (Paula).

Favorite season: Summer (Stephanie). The fall (Paula).

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving (Stephanie). Fourth of July (Paula).

Favorite meal: Seafood of any kind (Stephanie). Steak quesadillas (Paula).

Best book: "The Notebook," by Nicholas Sparks (Stephanie). "To Kill a Mockingbird," by Harper Lee (Paula).

Best actor: Paul Newman (Stephanie). Steve Buschemi (Paula).

Best TV show: Anything on the Hallmark Channel (Stephanie). "Friday Night Lights" (Paula).

Pet Peeve: Rude people (Stephanie). Unkindness in any form (Paula).

Most memorable moment: In 2003 out last vacation in Vieques with my husband (Stephanie). Atlanta 1996, my third play receiving a full production. (Paula).

Goal: To exercise more (Stephanie). To finish the play I have just begun writing (Paula).

Person you'd most like to meet: Queen Elizabeth (Stephanie). Meryl Streep (Paula).

Biggest worry: To have my two grandsons be happy and healthy children (Stephanie). My son going to college in the fall (Paula).

Best part of Cohasset: The ocean (Stephanie). The village (Paula).

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POLICE/FIRE BEAT

Police want to know about attempted telephone scams

By Mary Ford
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A resident reported to police on Tuesday (Feb. 20) that she had received a call from a male with a foreign accent saying that he wanted to give her a free cell phone. The man, who said he was from New York, attempted to get the woman's social security number and other personal information, police said. She declined to do so and hung up, but the man kept calling her back.

Police Chief James Hussey said people should become immediately suspicious if someone asks for their social security number. "Never give your social security number out over the phone," he said. He explained that social security numbers are key when people are trying to create a false identity or steal someone's identity.

"This woman did the right thing by not being suckered in and then, by contacting us," Hussey said. The chief said the information about the call was passed to police detectives, who are contacting other towns to see if there have been similar incidents. "If there have been we would like to know out it," he said.

Shoplifter

On Wed. (Feb. 21) at about 2:47 p.m., police received a call about a potential shoplifter at Stop & Shop. The caller said a female was in the store attempting to steal a lot of products. The description that was provided matched someone who police say had been involved in other, similar incidents. However, when the officers arrived at the scene the person had left the store. As it turned out, the individual, apparently realizing she was being watched, started returning the items to the shelves. Further investigation revealed the woman was indeed the same person that police thought she was. Stop & Shop was able to provide the plate number of the motor vehicle that she left in.

Stop & Shop decided not to press charges because she did not actually take anything but the store may seek a non-trespassing order against the woman.

Chief Hussey explained that someone does not have to actually leave a store to be charged with shoplifting. If an individual is concealing items on their person or in their purse or bag, the person could be arrested. However, in this case the woman did not take anything.

Tagging

At 10 a.m., Thursday (Feb. 22), police responded to a call from Deer Hill School to look at graffiti (tagging) on the roof. Police went up to the roof and took photos; the tagging looked similar to other recent incidents in town.

That same day an officer responded to a call from a resident on Forest Avenue about a teen wearing a brown, hooded jacket who was trying to open his car doors. When the resident confronted the individual, he just kept walking, police said. Based on the description, the officer came across the person on Forest Avenue. In talking to the 16-year-old, who lives in Hull, the officer said he made an admission about being responsible for tagging on some Forest Avenue signs using a black magic marker. Further discussions led police to believe the male is also responsible for the Deer Hill graffiti incident and tagging under the Rocky Lane Bridge.

They also think there may have been more than one person involved. The matter is still under investigation.

"Tagging" is a form of graffiti in which the vandal leaves his or her unique "signature."

Cruiser mishap

At 10:47 a.m., Friday (Feb. 23) a police cruiser ran over a water hole cover that shot up and broke the transmission fluid pan underneath the vehicle.

The fluid spilled out along a stretch of Sohier Street creating sheen along the roadway that was cleaned up by the Department of Public Works, Fire Chief Robert Silvia said.

The amount of fluid spilled estimated at about a gallon or two did not reach the threshold that would require the state Department of Environmental Protection be notified, Silvia explained. He said the fluid was not pooled but was spread about 200 feet along the road. "It was just enough to cause a problem on the road," he said.

Police Chief Hussey said the hole in the transmission pan was repaired right away and that the water department said it would cover the cost.

In an unrelated matter, the cruiser involved in a Route 3A accident two weeks ago ended up being "totaled," Hussey said. He explained the accident apparently damaged the frame of the vehicle. "We are now looking at what options we have to replace the cruiser," Hussey said.

MV crash

A single-car motor vehicle crash that involved a vehicle hitting a utility pole at about 8:34 a.m. last Thursday (Feb. 22) on Old Pasture Road caused some power outages, Fire Chief Robert Silvia said. Although the pole was not broken as a result of the crash, the impact apparently popped a fuse causing partial outages on Old Pasture and extending up to Ripley Road. Firefighters went house-to-house in the immediate crash area to make sure there were no electrical problems, Silvia said.

Police Chief James Hussey said an 18-year-old female was driving the car and was apparently distracted for a second, taking her eyes off the road, when she hit the pole. The car had to be towed; the girl was not injured. She was not cited, Hussey said.

Wood stove

A Beechwood Street resident called the fire department at about 7 p.m. last Thursday (Feb. 22) with concerns about the operation of the wood stove in the home. Fire Chief Robert Silvia said firefighters removed the fire from the wood stove chamber by using gloves and buckets to carry it outside. Afterwards, they ventilated the structure and made sure there was no fire extension to the smoke pipe or chimney. He said there was minimal damage. The resident called when the smoke pipe started to turn cheery red, he explained. There is not supposed to be any fire in the pipe.

Silvia stressed the residents with wood stoves and/or chimneys should have them cleaned out at least once a year to insure there is no creosote buildup.

Loose dog

The Animal Control Officer has written a report and has spoken to a resident whose dog was found on the loose twice in the same day in the village last week. Dogs must be kept under their owner's control at all times in Cohasset, according to the town leash law.

No license

A Hull man has been arrested for unlicensed operation of a vehicle and his 16-year-old daughter was arrested for disorderly conduct following a traffic stop at Forest Avenue and North Main Street last Friday (Feb. 23) at 2:55 p.m.

Chief James Hussey said an officer was on radar patrol on Forest Avenue, which is one of the most problematic areas in town in terms of speeding traffic. The officer clocked a van traveling 45 mph in a 30 mph zone. The officer observed two people in the car but the rear windows were darkened. The officer made the traffic stop and asked the man who was driving for his license and registration. The man said he was driving his son to work and said he did not have his license with him; he also allegedly provided police with a variety of different names. Finally, he provided police with his real name and it turned out he did not have a license. He was arrested and charged with operating without a license and giving a false name to a police officer. He was also cited for speeding. Hussey said he had three children with him. Initially the kids did not want to get out of the car and one of the children, a 16-year-old female, became disorderly and was arrested. Everyone was transported to the station where the kids were released to their mother. The van was towed, Hussey said.

From the Archives of the Cohasset Historical Society

In honor of Black History month, the Cohasset Historical Society has chosen to highlight Thomas Loney, who in a 19th century newspaper clipping was described as "one of Cohasset's substantial citizens."



Thomas Loney was born a slave on a plantation in Virginia in 1833. When the Civil War broke out in 1861, he ran away to the north and joined the Navy. According to archival documents during his time in the Navy, "so high was his integrity and truthfulness valued that his sole testimony in court saved 12 colored men from hanging."

A few months after his discharge from the Navy, Loring Bates, a well-known ship owner, brought Thomas Loney to Cohasset. He worked in a stable for eight years, finally going into business for himself breeding pigs, which he did successfully for 17 years. Mr. Loney lived on Pleasant Street with his wife Marion. He held minor town offices and even owned a pew in one of the town churches.

Stop by the Cohasset Historical Society to learn more about Thomas Loney. They are open Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Mar.	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 1	9:29	9.1	10:07	8.2	3:01	1.0	3:46	0.3
Sunrise: 6:19 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:33 p.m.*			
Fri. 2	10:17	9.2	10:48	8.5	3:51	0.8	4:28	0.2
Sunrise: 6:17 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:34 p.m.*			
Sat. 3	10:58	9.3	11:24	8.7	4:35	0.5	5:05	0.1
Sunrise: 6:16a.m.					*Sunset: 5:35 p.m.*			
Sun. 4	11:37	9.2	11:58	8.8	5:16	0.4	5:40	0.2
Sunrise: 6:14 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:36 p.m.*			
Mon. 5	—	—	12:13	9.1	5:54	0.3	6:14	0.3
Sunrise: 6:12 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:38 p.m.*			
Tues. 6	12:31	8.9	12:50	8.9	6:32	0.3	6:49	0.5
Sunrise: 6:11 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:39 p.m.*			
Wed. 7	1:05	8.9	1:27	8.6	7:10	0.4	7:25	0.8
Sunrise: 6:09 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:40 p.m.*			
Thurs. 8	1:41	8.8	2:07	8.2	7:50	0.5	8:03	1.1
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Questions remain for 40 acres

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10. The public hearing on this issue will carry over to Monday, March 5 so the Selectmen can gather more information.

The CLF has negotiated a price tag of $1.25 million to purchase the 37.5 acres of land, a combination of wetlands, ledge and forest. If the Town were to purchase the land, the price and terms would remain relatively the same.

The agreement between current property owner, Osborne Ingram and CLF stipulates that at least 50 percent of the land remains undeveloped and put under conservation restrictions. A closing cost of $100,000 would be due by July 31, 2007. The balance plus 5 percent interest would be due within five years.

Members of the Foundation, Chairman Rick Swanborg, Jack Keniley, Tom Callahan and Wayne Sawchuk presented their intentions for the land — if the Town decides not to pursue the purchase. Selectman Gary Vanderweil, a member of the CLF, recused himself from the discussion and sat in the audience.

According to Rick Swanborg, perc tests have determined there are only three buildable lots on the property, each covering two acres. "We want to keep the building footprint to a minimum, then restrict [further development] through conservation boundaries," Swanborg said. This means that although the future homeowners may own two acres of land, portions of it would have conservation restrictions.

The six acres of developed land is essential to CLF's project as it is the only way the non-profit organization will recoup the cost of purchasing the land. "With the sale of three houses and contributions, we will make the money back," says Swanborg, "and maybe have a little left over for the next project."

The CLF has talked to the Vedanta Centre, a spiritual retreat center and land abutter. The center has expressed interest in increasing its open land by purchasing 6.25 acres adjacent to its property.

The CLF envisions the remaining 25 acres as open space and/or conservation land. A portion, if not all, of that acreage will be a park named in Ingram's father's honor. The possibility of a small parking area off Beechwood Street and walking or bike trail was discussed.

Swanborg made note that it is not in the Foundation's charter to be landowners, but rather the mechanism behind the purchasing of property. Eventually, Swanborg foresees the land being handed over the Cohasset Conservation Trust.

"We're going to do work with the appropriate committees and Boards, take the land through the development process, get areas solidified, then put the project out to bid," Swanborg said, "our objective is to save most of the land for natural habitat with little effect on current homeowners."

Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer agreed, "I think the objectives you bring forward are our objectives, too."

The Selectmen praised the Foundation for getting the ball rolling and bringing the project to this point. "Cohasset is fortunate to have individuals willing to come forward and do this sort of thing," said Selectman Fred Koed.

However, Selectman Rob Spofford expressed reservations at passing on this offer. "I think personally it's an attractive offer [for the town]. There are 40 acres being put in front of the Town of Cohasset. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity; it's too big for us four to make this decision. I do believe it should go to Town Meeting."

Koed worried with strapped budgets the Town would have a difficult time taking on a $100,000 payment over the next 20 years. Spofford suggested that a combination of funding through a bond and working with the Community Preservation Committee might just make it possible. None of these possibilities have been investigated thoroughly as of yet, he said.

"I think it would be a missed opportunity to the Town of Cohasset not to gain control of this land. Forty acres is an asset to have at the Town's disposal. I believe it's in the best interest of the total and long-term community to obtain this land," Spofford said, when reached for comment on Tuesday.

Dormitzer was inclined to bring some certainty to the project, rather than leave the issue unresolved for another week or another month. This land acquisition was first mentioned to the Board of Selectmen in October 2005. However, the letter of intent to sell that activates the Town's right of first refusal was not received until Jan. 11, 2007.

Selectman Ted Carr requested more time to talk to prospective property owners, the Vedanta Centre and current property owner, Osborne Ingram. The public hearing will reconvene on Monday, March 5. The Selectmen will need to determine whether to add an article to the warrant for the annual Town Meeting, scheduled for March 31. If the Selectmen decide to try to purchase the land, Town Meeting will need to authorize the purchase with a two-thirds vote.

Who's who in Cohasset land acquisition

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The Cohasset Land Foundation is a relatively new non-profit organization established in February 2004 to assist the Town in identifying, acquiring and appropriately developing parcels of land. Its birth came out of the 2003 Cohasset Master Plan (which is still considered a draft) as a means to achieve the goals outlined without burdening the Town in financial obligation. The Foundation is modeled after a similar program in the Town of Lincoln that successfully met the challenges of protecting the environment, deterring urban sprawl and creating affordable housing.

The objectives are to maintain the character of the Town by providing Cohasset landowners with an "environmentally sensitive and economically viable non-profit alternative to traditional development," according to its charter. The group aims to secure open space and develop what needs to be developed by creatively matching funding and development interests with the needs of the Town.

The Foundation hopes to acquire real estate at market rates and to build on it only as much as needed to cover costs. By eliminating the need for a profit margin that is essential in normal land developing, more open space will be preserved. The group only aims to be the catalyst and "dealmaker" in these land purchases. It's not in its charter to own or maintain land.

The Foundation will work with the Town of Cohasset and its constituents, including landowners, Selectmen, the Conservation Commission, Community Preservation Committee, Open Space Committee, Senior Housing Committee, Housing Partnership, as well as the private organization the Cohasset Conservation Trust.

Members of the Foundation come from varied backgrounds in law, real estate and land developing. Trustees include Rick Swanborg, Richard Avery, Tom Callahan, Jack Keniley, Frank Neer, Glenn Pratt, Wayne Sawchuk, Gary Vanderweil, David Weltman, and Michael Westcott. The purchase of the Ingram property would be the first major action of the Cohasset Land Foundation (*see related story*).

The Cohasset Conservation Trust is another non-profit organization within the Town of Cohasset. Begun in 1967, the organization was the vision of three Cohasset residents, Ed Long, Dick Leggat and John Hartshorne. The Trust's first acquisition in 1968 was Bassing Beach (on the Cohasset/Scituate border), which was donated to the Trust. The Cohasset Conservation views its conservation lands as a legacy for area residents, and considers stewardship of these lands as its basic responsibility. Its purpose is the preservation and protection of open space and the encouragement of the study of our natural resources.

In its 40-year existence the Trust has become the stewards of more than 90 acres of land. The Trust works to obtain an entire lot of land either through purchase or donation and ensures the parcel is deeded under conservation restrictions. Fourteen properties are wholly owned by the Trust and are devoted to passive recreation and accessible to the public. There are several other properties that are meant for wildlife protection, including Pegram Preserve off River Road. More information is available at their website www.cohassetconservationtrust.org.

Road named Rosano Lane

By Mary Ford
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Joseph A. Rosano, a commercial real estate investor and local developer, is proud of his family name.

So proud, in fact, that he recently asked Selectmen for permission to rename the lower portion of Crocker Lane — on the east side of Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A) — Rosano Lane.

Rosano's request will not affect the part of Crocker lane on the west side of the highway that continues westward to the top of the hillside, which is owned by Paul Barry and where Barry's company Graham Waste is located.

Rosano explained in a recent letter to Town Manager Bill Griffin that his grandfather's property on North Main Street was originally named "Rosano Lane" and was changed to Rocky Lane in the early 1990s. (Rosano's uncle Rocky Rosano developed the housing subdivision in that neighborhood).

Rosano stated that lower Crocker Lane, which forms part of the perimeter of Rosano's triangle at the corner of lower King and 3A, has been in his family for more than 50 years.

"I feel the resurrection of my family name on this piece of property in Cohasset is historically appropriate and fitting to replace and preserve the legacy of our name for five generations of a Cohasset family," he wrote.

Town Manager Bill Griffin said he consulted with the police and fire departments, which do no object to the name change. The change would not cause a problem with the E911 system, he said.

Selectmen gave the OK. Rosano said Tuesday that DPW Supt. Carl Sestito would be ordering signs for the tiny, private lane.

What is next for Rosano is constructing a colonial-style professional building on Rosano's triangle. The Zoning Board of Appeals gave the OK for the project. The building will be an exact copy of the colonial at the corner of Beach Street and Highland Avenue (on the Little Harbor side), Rosano said.

"I feel the resurrection of my family name on this piece of property in Cohasset is historically appropriate and fitting to replace and preserve the legacy of our name for five generations of a Cohasset family.'
— Joseph A. Rosano

"I want it to blend with the residential character of the neighborhood," he said. "It is going to be extremely nice."

In February 2005, the ZBA granted Special Permits with conditions to allow the construction of a professional office and single residential unit at the site, housed in a single structure. The plans require the first floor be used as a medical and/or professional office and the second floor as a single residential apartment. Cedar trees will be planted to provide 100 percent screening from residences; signage will conform with the bylaw; and the site will include 19 parking spaces.

That stretch of 3A is in for some fairly big changes. Plans are to install a traffic light at lower King Street; a commercial subdivision is being planned for the west side of the state highway across from lower King Street. The train station and Transit Oriented District are just down the street. And up 3A toward Scituate, Avalon Bay is planning a 200-unit apartment complex.



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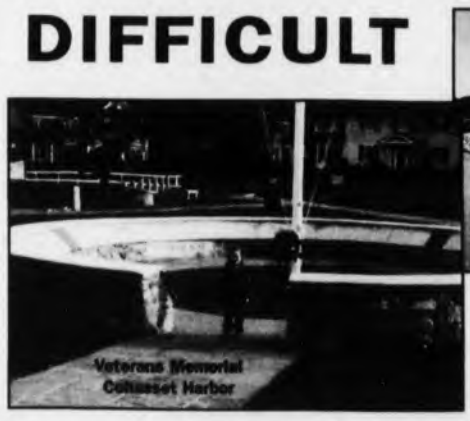
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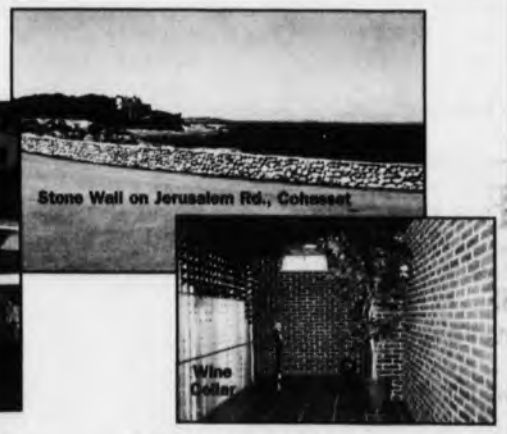
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School budget gets stamp of approval

Level services budget proposal is $13.6 million

By Nancy White
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On Wednesday night, the School Committee voted to approve a bottom line budget of $13,686,400 for fiscal year 2008. The vote was 4-0 (Member Steve Fusco was out of town). The certified budget proposal will now go before Town Meeting and face voters' scrutiny on March 31st. Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh and staff received word from the State House on the allocation of Chapter 70 state aid funds at noon on Wednesday and they were pleased with the results.

"Governor Deval Patrick used the words balanced and responsible to describe his budget and I think those are the same words we can use to describe our budget," Walsh said. The Town of Cohasset will receive a sum of $136,686 in state aid, which made up the one percent difference the level services budget was lacking up until Wednesday. The School Committee voted on Jan. 17th to recommend a level services budget – with no override.

The Town Manager, Bill Griffin, recommended a 3 percent increase over the fiscal 2007 budget, which is a dollar increase of $409,903. This increase was short of School Committee projections. The School Committee's working budget included a 5.5 percent increase over last year's budget, or $13,687,626.

The Chapter 70 funds coupled with a $160,000 savings from the teacher retirement health assessment from the Town brought the School Committee just $1226 shy of its target budget.

Chapter 70 funds are provided from the state to the town for use in the district's school system. Because this is a state grant given to the Town, Cohasset taxpayers will not be burdened with this additional sum.

Walsh, along with School Business Manager Dave DeGennaro, walked the Committee first through the District Wide budget and then the breakdown by school.

Salaries for teachers and staff constitute 73.6 percent, or $10,072,717 of the total budget. All contracts are settled through the 2007-2008 school year.

Notable items include decreases in both the transportation and utilities allotment. A district wide 12.2 percent decrease from fiscal 2007's transportation line item is due to the recently established bus fee that will offset next year's cost by $107,295. All three school buildings will have a lower budget for utilities due to a re-negotiated rate with gas and electricity, DeGennaro said. He also noted there has been increased efficiency of utilities across the board.

The impact and benefit of "pre-purchasing" on the budget was also discussed. If there are remaining funds at the close of a fiscal year, items that the schools know they will need for the upcoming year (usually textbooks or paper materials) can be pre-purchased for the following fiscal year. This allows those expenses to be taken out of the upcoming fiscal year's budget.

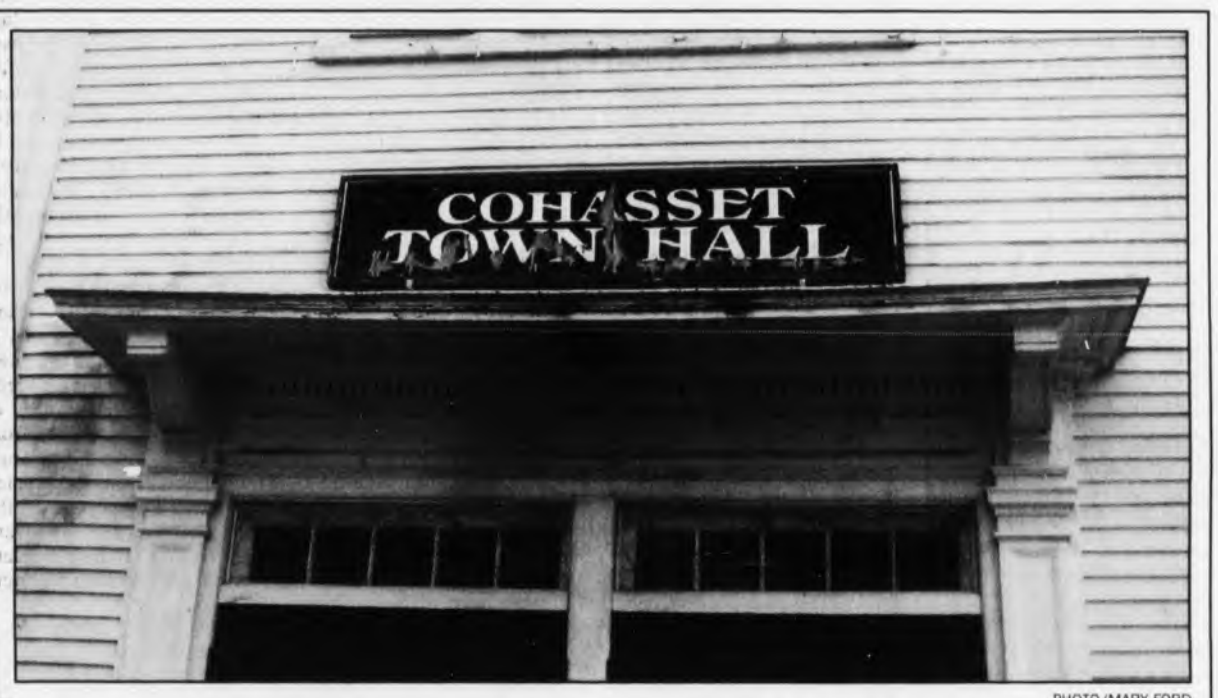
Vice Chairman Al Slanetz said this year's mild winter meant lower heating costs and that could translate to an opportunity to pre-purchase supplies at the close of this fiscal year. Only 5 percent of fiscal 2007's budgeted amount for heating the Middle/High School has been used.

The budget that will be presented at Town Meeting will be a level services budget. This means that the Cohasset schools will be able to operate in the same way they operated this year. The School Committee has also outlined a supplemental budget request that contains items that they feel are necessary to move the schools forward.

"It's important to recognize that there is $700,000 in supplemental requests. I would say about $450,000 to $500,000 is mission critical to moving this school district forward," said Slanetz. The supplemental items include eight additional teachers, maintenance staff, technology, junior varsity/freshman sports teams and textbooks.

The supplemental budget outline was put together in collaboration with the Superintendent's office and each school's administration to answer the question "what do you need to move the district forward?" Although town organizations, such as the Cohasset Education Foundation and PSO, have been able to provide additional revenue for needed supplies and education initiatives, additional teacher salaries would need to come through the budget, Walsh said when reached on Thursday morning. Currently, there is no plan in place to get the additional revenue needed for supplemental items.

Town Meeting will vote whether to accept the School Committee's budget based on the bottom line number of $13,686,400. The School Committee reserves the right to re-allocate funds between line items as fiscal 2008 progresses.



PHOTO/MARY FORD

Town Meeting voters will be asked to approve money to replace the peeling sign on the front of Town Hall. The proposed sign has "Cohasset Town Hall" all on one line, not on two lines as shown above.

Old Town Hall sign could be replaced

By Mary Ford
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Building Inspector Bob Egan described the current sign as an "embarrassment" because of its condition.

The peeling sign on the front of Cohasset Town Hall could be replaced at the cost of $4140 that includes the price of the sign and the installation.

Building Inspector Bob Egan, who described the current sign as an "embarrassment" because of its condition, brought the matter before the Community Preservation Committee this week.

"I kept the wreaths up there as long as I could," Egan quipped.

The CPC makes recommendations to Town Meeting about how money in the town's Community Preservation Fund should be spent.

Egan explained that the Cohasset Common Historic Districts Commission liked the sign, which would it said would be in keeping with the look of the Town Common.

The current sign is at least 20 years old, Egan said. The new sign will look a lot like the existing one. It will have gold lettering on a black background. The proposed sign that would be manufactured and installed by Hassan Sign Company off Route 3A has the words Cohasset Town Hall all on one line; the existing sign uses two lines.

The CPC recommended the expenditure with the caveat that town archivist David Wadsworth be consulted about the design.

The CPC recommends appropriating money from the Community Preservation Fund on projects supporting low and moderate income housing, historical preservation, and open space acquisition and preservation.

Money received from the Commonwealth is deposited into Cohasset's Community Preservation Fund and combined with the revenues raised locally by assessing a 1.5 percent surcharge against real property values. The fund is spent on projects endorsed by the Community Preservation Committee and then approved by Town Meeting.

The money provided by the Department of Revenue is raised by a surcharge assessed at all Recorder of Deeds offices each time someone records a deed or mortgage on the land records.

The old part of Town Hall is steeped in history, including the theatrical kind. During the summer of 1934, actors Humphrey Bogart and Broderick Crawford – who at that time were not that famous – graced the Town Hall stage in summer stock productions.

BRIEFLY

Historical tour available on DVD

The Cohasset Planning Board Office has recently reproduced a 1953 film produced by Dan Cotton and Claus Gellotte to present at the 1954 town meeting to encourage acceptance of adopting zoning in Cohasset. With narration by Cotton and filming by Gellotte, the pair set out on a road tour to film the sights and landscape of 1953 Cohasset. Also filmed was Route 53, at that time called Route 3, from Queen Anne's Corner in Norwell to Hanover as a contrasting warning that, without zoning, Route 3A in Cohasset could soon "look like this."

Memorable sights of 1953 Cohasset include Cohasset Common, Jerusalem Road, the Causeway, Stony Beach, Sandy Beach, Cunningham Bridge before it was rebuilt, the Olde Salt House, John Smith Memorial Landing, the "Oakes" Estate, the Old Beechwood Ballpark and Fire Station, the Wheelwright Dairy Farm and Farmstead, Lily Pond, and the Old Nichols House built in the 1700's. The first Zoning Bylaw was adopted one year later.

This 11-minute color film is now available in DVD format for $40. Anyone interested in purchasing a copy should contact Jo-Ann in the Planning Board Office at the Town Hall, 781-383-3517.

Sustainable Cohasset launches film series

Sustainable Cohasset will commence its documentary film series with the first film to be shown in March. There will be three movies in all dealing with energy issues. Two of the films focus on energy issues in the United States and the third documents how Cuba survived an oil embargo.

The first film, "Who Killed the Electric Car," deals with the successful launch of the EVI by GM's Saturn division. The leased cars were extremely popular and therefore when the leased vehicles were not renewed to their satisfied users, there ensued a unique campaign to return the vehicle to the California highways. Tom Hanks, Phyllis Diller and Jay Leno make appearances in the film. When the EV1 devotees did not succeed they even held a formal funeral. The film brings a humorous note to a serious study of a unique political and social phenomenon.

The public is welcome to view the film at Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Monday, March 19, at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Our offices will be closed Saturday, March 10th

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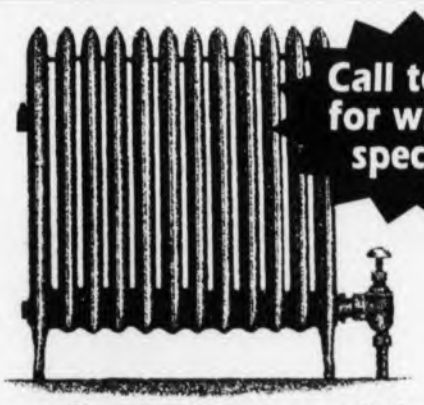
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WELCOME MARCH!

Hi there Cohasset. Happy start of March and as the weather today states, "March Roars In Like A Lion and Out Like A Lamb.: Luckily for us, it was not all snow. We have some great things to read about in th ecolumn this week from awards, ski news and more. Have a great week.

Here is some great news about some of our Cohasset kiddos. Great job to all. The New Hampshire Alpine Racing Association has just announced the finalists that will be competing in State Skiing Championships at Gunstock Mountain the weekend of March 9-11th.

TOP SKIERS

Congratulations to **Marie Gilman**, a 7th grade student at the Middle School and her 4th championship race; **Michaela Braun,** a 4th grade student at the Deer Hill School from Mrs. Haran's class; and **Daniel Axelson**, a third-grade student at the Deer Hill School from Miss Coleman's class. Good luck and we'll be cheering you on from Cohasset!

Also, we want to recognize **Catherine Gilman** and **Mackenzie Axelson** for their terrific performance in the qualifiers this past season! Great job by all!

PSO TELETHON

This is a great event that takes place each year and benefits our schools and students in a great way. The Cohasset PSO is once again hosting its 4th Annual Telethon and Talent show on Thursday March 22nd from 7 to 9pm on Comcast cable channel 22. They are looking for talented musicians and performers to participate in this fun-filled evening! New this year will be the opportunity for Cohasset students to perform with their children. If you are interested, please email your name, phone number and talent to Nancy at cohassetpsotelethon@yahoo.com.

SPORTS PHYSICALS

Attention to all middle and high school students. Spring sports physicals will be held on Fri. March 9th at 2 p.m. in the high school nurse's office. In order to participate in spring sports, an updated physical has to be on file in the nurse's office. An updated physical is considered anything dated March 2006 to the present. If you have any questions please call **Judy Collins** RN at (781) 383-0853.

COLLEGE NEWS

Some of our Cohasset students are being recognized from some schools and wanted to pass on this good news. **Taylor O'Brien**, class of 2007 at Skidmore College, earned highest honors for the fall semester. She is the daughter of **Emmett and Susan O'Brien**. Highest honors are awarded for a quality point ratio of 3.670 or more out of a possible 4.0.

Ian Charles Kidder of Cohaset has been named to the President's List at Plymouth State University for the fall semester. To be eligible for the President's List students must achieve at grade point average of 3.7 or better.

Katie Roches, a fourth-year student at Holy Cross, has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester. She is the daughter of **Adrian and Sarah Roche.**

Molly R. Liddell, a communication arts major, at Framingham State College has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester. All of you should be very proud of your hard work and accomplishments, we know your families are.

PROM AND BEYOND

A "Prom and Beyond Evening Boutique" hosted by the Social Service League of Cohasset to benefit the Fairy Godmother Project of Massachusetts will take place on Thursday, March 8 from 7-9:30 pm at the Lightkeepers Residence.

Proceeds will help financially disadvantaged teens attend their proms in style. The public is welcome to attend this casually elegant evening of shopping for new and gently worn prom dress and fabulous accessories. Participating vendors are Bojangles of Plymouth with new designer dresses, The Bermuda Shop, Social Graces, KTB Designs, The Shoe Market, and many others. Raffle tickets for a luxury-pampering package, including a round trip for two on the Limo Liner and a day spa at AZ studio will be available at the Cohasset Consignment Shop. Don't forget to come on in to the Consignment Shop for your tickets. For more information, call the League at 781-383-1443.

GEAT DANCING

The South Shore Art Center will host a fundraiser on Saturday, March 3rd at the Red Lion, Cohasset featuring **Billy Costa** of Kiss 108 and TV Diner. Billy Costa will emcee the evening's program, which will include dancing demonstrations from eXtreme Dancesport of Cambridge and spectacular travel auctions. Tickets are available for $135 per person, $125 Art Center members and include a sit-down dinner, entertainment, and dancing. For more information contact the Art Center at 781-383-2787 or www.ssac.org

That is it for this week Cohasset. Keep thinking warm springtime thoughts and look ahead. Send in all of your news and information to me no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm.

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WEDDING

Schmitz - Buckley

Gerard and Lynne Buckley of Cohasset announce the marriage of their daughter, Candice Eileen, to Ben Charles Schmitz, son of Daniel and Elizabeth Schmitz Sr. of Springville, N.Y.

The couple were married Oct. 7, 2006, at the 1824 House in Waitsfield, Vt. Officiating at the wedding was the bride's aunt, Robin Pape of Cohasset.

Matron of honor was Alexis Zerendow Hambrick. Bridesmaids were Julia Workman Brown and Cynthia Dean, sister of the groom. Both Alexis and Julia grew up with the bride in Cohasset.

Best man was the groom's father, Daniel Schmitz Sr. The groom's brother, Daniel Schmitz Jr., and the bride's brother, J. Robert Buckley, served as groomsmen.

The bride is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Tufts University. She works as a school psychologist in Salem, N.H.

The groom, who graduated from the State University of New York at Binghamton and Ohio State University, is employed as a training coordinator for ESRI in Danvers.

The couple resides in Epping, N.H.



Mr. and Mrs. Ben Charles Schmitz

Relay kick-off meeting is March 7

The Cohasset Relay For Life is scheduled this year for June 15 & 16 and this is a wonderful event that raises funds and awareness about this devastating disease. The kick-off meeting for team captains and other interested people is March 7 at the Lightkeeeper's Residene from 6:30-8 p.m.. Here, you can come by and get all the information you need, have any questions answered that you may have and meet several of the key people who put all the pieces together for a fantastic event. For more information about this meeting or the Relay, contact Harry St. Onge at st.onge@comcast.net and for more information about the American Cancer Society, call1-800-ACS-2345 or

SENIOR SCENE

The following events are sponsored by the Council on Elder Affairs, call 781-383-9112 for more information.

St. Patrick's Day Feast – To be held Wednesday, March 14, at 1 p.m., at St. Anthony's Parish Center, 129 South Main St., Cohasset. The event will feature Anna's Gourmet Cooking and musical entertainment by the Time Steppers. The cost is $7 per person.

Elder Caretaker Workshop – Elder Law Attorney, Howard Kirkpatrick will present a workshop titled "The Last Resort," on the Enhanced Family Care Program (EAFC), Thursday, March 22, at 6:30 p.m. The EAFC program extends Medicaid benefits to cover additional at-home services for senior citizens. This will be less expensive and will allow many seniors to receive the care they need while remaining in their own homes as long as possible. This workshop is a must for caretakers of elders to attend and will be the only one on the South Shore that Attorney Kirkpatrick will present. A light supper will be provided from 6 to 6:30 p.m. Call 781-383-9112 to sign up. The cost is $3 per person.

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A quiet space, to relax and recharge

Seaside retreat welcomes all

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In today's fast-paced society it is often a challenge to find a moment during the day, let alone a quiet space, to relax and recharge — mentally, physically and spiritually. Saint Joseph's Retreat Center, located on Cohasset's scenic Jerusalem Road, offers a solution to both problems with a peaceful setting to spend a morning or a week. Owned and operated by the Boston Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph since 1974, the Retreat Center welcomes men and women of all faith denominations.

Acquired by the Sisters of Saint Joseph in 1947, its original purpose was a summer vacation home for the Sisters. "The organization saw a need for a place the Sisters could come to relax and renew," says Sister Joan McCarthy, Program Director for the Retreat Center, "and that tradition holds true even today."

From 1947 to 1974, the Sisters would come and stay at the house for a week or two in order to reconnect with God and with their mission. In 1973, the function of the house started to take on the form of a retreat center. The following year it officially became St. Joseph's Retreat Center; broadening its purpose by opening its doors year round to people of all religious beliefs and walks of life as a home of solace and reflection.

Today, the opportunities to participate in a retreat at the St. Joseph's Retreat Center are plentiful. The programming is designed to accommodate different lifestyles and spiritual goals. The length of retreat varies from a simple morning prayer to a popular eight-day retreat during the summer months. Different levels of spiritual direction are available and each retreat, no matter the length, centers on quiet reflection.

"We offer [guests] a space to be with themselves and with God," says McCarthy. There are plenty of places to sit, reflect and pray throughout the house and grounds. A gazebo is located near the edge of the Atlantic Ocean where, during summer months, benches overlook the water. There is a small crescent shaped beach that is well used during the warm weather for walking or swimming. A labyrinth nestled between the house and the ocean offers guests another means for meditation and reflection. Chairs are strategically positioned at every window to take full advantage of the seascape.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Middle school teacher, Kathleen Gorke of North Hampton, who was on a recent retreat with other educators, takes in the ocean during a quiet time. The house, seen at back, left, houses the St. Joseph's Retreat Center on Jerusalem Road. The programming at the center is designed to accommodate different lifestyles and spiritual goals

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— Sister Ann Marie Ghiloni, administrator for the center

"As soon as guests enter they experience an inner peace," attests Sister Ann Marie Ghiloni, administrator for the center, "they look forward to this time for themselves."

"The spirit of the place draws you in," says Eileen Fortunato, Program Coordinator, "[some visitors] may take 50 photos because they feel inspired by the beauty of the location."

A tour of the house reveals comfortable accommodations (15 bedrooms, some with multiple beds) with all the necessities — blankets, towels, and a Bible in every room. The second floor houses the chapel where mass is held during retreats and various group gatherings would take place. Its cut glass windows have an expansive view of the Cohasset shoreline and the ocean beyond. A sound system in the dining area and living room pipes soothing music into these rooms to accompany the sound of rolling waves.

Over the last 32 years projects to renovate and modernize the home have been completed to create more bedrooms, functional space and utility. Yet, the historical charm and structure of the home remains the same as when the Sisters of St. Joseph purchased the house. The same could be said for the organization itself.

The Congregation of Sisters of Saint Joseph, based in Roman Catholic faith, was founded in mid-17th century France. It was begun by six women under the leadership of a Jesuit priest whose goal was to do "whatever is possible for women to do." Twenty-three congregations are currently scattered across the United States, doing myriad work based on individual skills and needs in the community.

The Sisters of St. Joseph's mission and desire since its inception, in its most basic terms, is to "reflect a profound love of God and neighbor without distinction." This mission is prevalent at the Retreat Center in both its physical location and its greater purpose. Sister Joanne Gallagher, Communication Coordinator for the Congregation explains, "The Retreat Center is a part of something much bigger. The home is part of a 356-year history that has reached out to the neighbor in a way that's inclusive and welcoming." The word "neighbor" means much more to the Sisters than its dictionary definition, it's about strengthening and connecting communities.

"We encourage the relationship between neighbor to neighbor, neighbor to nature, neighbor to all of creation. It's the whole of creation becoming holy, creating rippling circles of love," McCarthy says with a smile. She sees the Retreat Center as the ideal place for this type of discovery and exploration.

"We have a strong foundation. Take this house; it is literally built on rock. But also we have a rich heritage [as an organization]. We're interested in serving the needs of the people and reaching out to help those people any way we can."

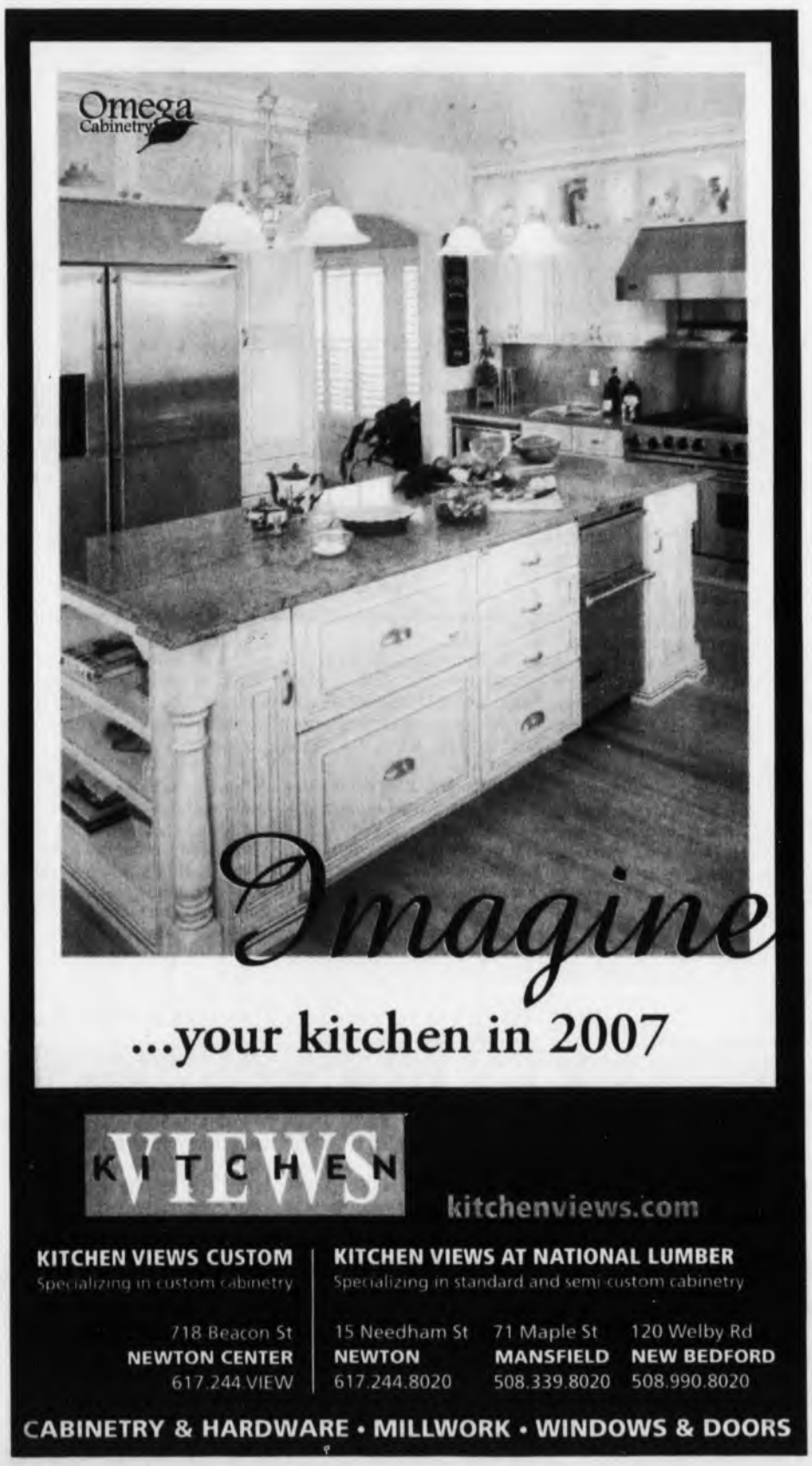
Their solid "foundation," as McCarthy calls it, in both their faith and mission, has allowed the organization to remain relevant in the 21st century. They remain committed to developing "ever widening and rippling circles of relationships" through technology, education, and service work.

"As a [lay person] outside of the congregation, I really admire the organization's commitment to the house," says Fortunato, who is working to diversify the Center's offerings and tailor them to community needs.

"It's a deliberate and conscious desire by the Sisters to have this type of resource and to use it and share it with the public," answers McCarthy.

And for those closest to the Center: "we want the people of Cohasset to know that they are welcome," says Ghiloni.

More information about the retreat opportunities and the Sisters of St. Joseph is available at their website www.csjretreatcenter.org or by calling (781) 383-6024.





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Cohasset hawk returns home

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realigned and then wrapped tight to the body to prevent movement while it healed.

Crazy Paws did not have the facilities to keep Pete while he made a full recovery so once he was stabilized Murphy transported him down to the Cape Wildlife Center in West Barnstable. There they have a flight cage where Pete could learn to fly again.

There is no way to know how Pete suffered his injury, D'Arcangelo said that it is common for hawks to get caught on power lines or hit by cars when going after prey. They are completely focused on the food and don't realize there's something in between, she said.

When a hawk is injured and rehabilitated, it must be released back into the wild in the same area that it was caught. Murphy collected Pete from the Cape Wildlife Center and brought him back to his hometown of Cohasset.

He was released behind Crazy Paws on Pleasant Street shortly after 2p.m. on Wednesday afternoon. It is recommended that rehabilitated animals return to the wild three to four hours before sundown to allow them ample time for acclimation with their territory.

"It took about 10 minutes to catch him in the flight cage. He's feisty and he is a fighter," Murphy commented as the Pete flapped his wings in the travel case.

D'Arcangelo donning leather gloves pulled the reddish brown-and-white feathered hawk out of the cage. She held Pete firmly by his talons. He spread his wings several times then calmly waited to be released. After wishing him well, she gave him a lift into the air and he flew off into a nearby tree. Then, after a short pause, he disappeared into the trees.

His release is occurring at just the right time as the species' mating season is approaching. With any luck, residents will be seeing "baby Petes" in the near future — thanks to the people and organizations involved in getting this red-tailed hawk healthy and back to the wild.



PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Crazy Paws Veterinary Technician, Liz D'Arcangelo, removes "Pete," a red-tailed hawk, from his travel carrier shortly before being released back into the wild. Cohasset Animal Control Officer, Paul Murphy, looks on.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Conor Ofsthun, 15, holds the hockey stick he used to rescue a girl on Lily Pond after she had fallen through the ice.

Quick thinking teen makes ice rescue

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Lane, said she did not think there would be any danger. The girls — Sarah and her younger sister Laura — went skating that day with their cousin, Janet's daughter, Amy, 13. Jacqueline, and Amy's dad, Frank Costa, accompanied them to Lily Pond.

However, as soon as Sarah got on the ice, she went straight for the big rock in the middle of Lily Pond and unbeknownst to her, the water right next to the rock was not frozen. She skated right into the water and then surfaced and screamed for help.

Conor, who is 15 and a sophomore at Cohasset High, first heard one of his friends say he had heard a call for help. Then he saw Sarah, who was trying to pull herself out of the ice. He and the other boys skated right over.

Quick-thinking Conor was the closest and immediately crouched down; he extended his hockey stick to Sarah, and pulled her out.

Then Sarah's mother Jacqueline and her uncle Frank dragged Sarah across the ice.

"We thanked him profusely the next day for saving her life."
— Jacqueline Beacham, mother

The entire incident happened so quickly that Conor's dad, Rich, who had dialed 9-1-1 on his cell phone had barely gotten through when he could report that Sarah was safely out of danger. (Cell phone 9-1-1 calls are routed through the State Police).

"Frank called me with panic in his voice and said to have a warm tub and some dry clothes ready," Janet recalls.

Conor, who played with the Coastal Stars Youth Hockey program for five years, said he and his friends were playing hockey about 50 yards from the rock when they heard Sarah scream. Once he had skated over, Conor said Sarah grabbed his extended hockey stick right away; he said she had been submerged for a few seconds because her ponytail was wet. Conor said he knew not to get too close; he was crouched down on his side to distribute his weight and he used his skates as traction to get the leverage needed to pull Sarah out.

In a telephone interview, Jacqueline said the entire incident was very scary. "We all panicked when this happened but were impressed with Conor's ability to stay calm and skate quickly to pull Sarah out. We will always be thankful," she said. "We thanked him profusely the next day for saving her life." The Beachams were in Cohasset for a five-day visit with the Costas.

Rich Ofsthun said he and Conor's mother Kathy are proud of their son.

"Kathy and I are very proud and rather impressed that a 15-year-old could think so quickly and clearly," he said.

Dog training classes offered

The first series of Dog Training on the Common with Cohasset Recreation will begin in April. Classes for Beginners, Level 2 dogs and Agility will take place on Monday nights. Classes will take place April through October. Cost is $110 for a five-week class.

For more information, call 781-383-4109, or to speak to the instructor, call 781-878-4343.

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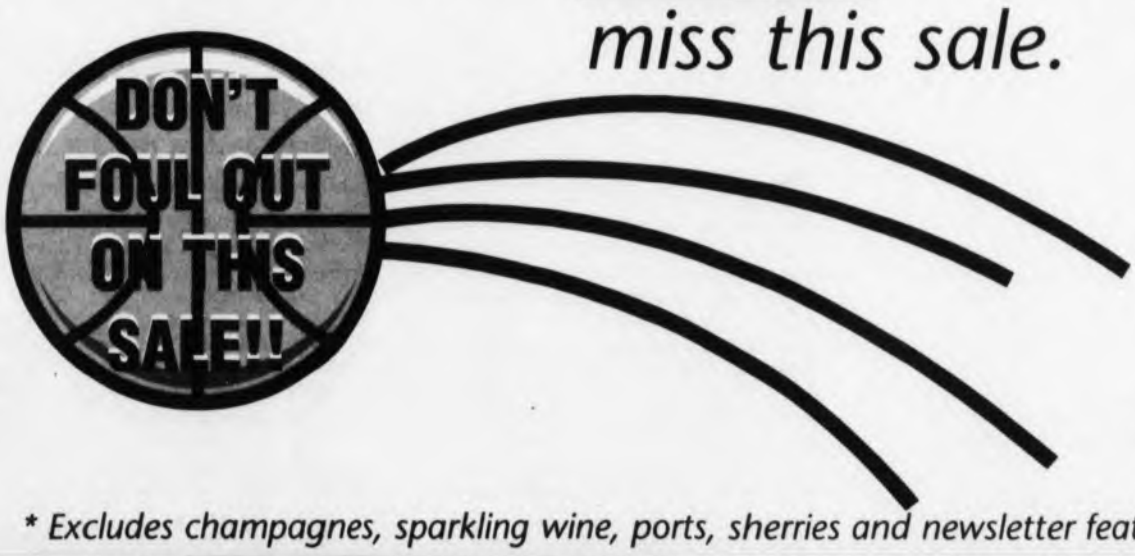
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Beware of scams

A smart woman last week contacted police after a man saying he was from New York called her home and wanted her social security number. He told the resident that he wanted to give her a free cell phone and was pretty persistent, calling back several times.

Police Chief James Hussey said police want to know if anyone else has received this type of call recently in Cohasset.

He said under no circumstances should anyone give their social security number out over the telephone.

Incidents of identity theft and similar types of fraud are on the rise. Having an individual's social security number can be helpful for a would-be thief in obtaining credit cards and other information using another's identity.

Even if you have not provided your social security number to anyone, it is a good idea to check your credit card bills carefully as soon as they arrive and make sure that all the purchases are yours.

The Mariner editor's husband was the victim of identity theft. Luckily a sharp customer service representative at a J. C. Penney's store in Texas called him up and said she thought someone was trying to use his credit card over the phone.

A quick look at the Master Card bill and it was evident that the credit card number was being used. More than $1400 in purchases had been made within about a 48-hour period at a variety of stores — all the purchases had been made over the phone using his credit card number. Investigation revealed the items were delivered to an address in Minnesota.

We did not find out how the number became compromised but we are now are a lot more careful with disposal of receipts and the like.

Local hero

For the record, Conor Ofsthun, 15, did not want to be the center of attention this week. Like most heroes, Conor did not plan to do anything out of the ordinary when he went skating with friends on Lily Pond over February vacation.

However, when an incident occurred – he acted quickly and used common sense. He had the presence of mind not to panic and not to put himself in danger while helping someone else.

Conor is very humble about his heroic efforts. The family of the girl who fell through the ice that afternoon had hoped that the paper could recognize Conor. Jacqueline Beacham said her family would be eternally grateful to Conor for saving Sarah's life. They also wanted others to be aware of the danger of skating near the Lily Pond rock.

We congratulate Conor and all of Cohasset should be proud of him.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:
Alternative Energy Committee, March 6, 7:30 p.m.
Assessors, March 6, 3:30 p.m.
Board of Health, March 21, 7 p.m.
Cohasset Housing Partnership, March 6, 7 p.m.
CMHS School Council, March 7, 2:30 p.m. at the high school
Council on Elder Affairs, March 12, 9 a.m., 3 N. Main St.
Library trustees, 7 p.m., March 14, at the library.
Selectmen, 7 p.m., March 5 and March 7.
Sewer Commission, March 12, 6 p.m.
Stormwater Committee, March 5, 7 p.m.
Water Commission, March 5, 6 p.m.; and March 6, 6 p.m., (7:30 p.m. public hearing) King Street plant.
Weir River Estuary Committee, March 7, 7 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals, March 6, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions. Census forms need to be returned.

Readers invited to sign up

The Cohasset Mariner is building a Readers Advisory Network of e-mail addresses so we can more frequently involve our readers in the content of the newspaper. Readers, who join the network, may be asked for reactions to stories, ideas for stories or follow-ups, for a digital "person on the street" interview, or for a community commentary.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the network, email Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com. She will answer any questions that you may have. The Mariner promises to remove you immediately from the Readers Advisory Network if you request that we do.



POLITICAL NOTES

Political forum reviews Gov. Patrick's start

Cohasset Political Forum to be held — The Cohasset Political Forum will meet Wednesday, March 14 at 7 p.m., at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road to discuss the first two months of the Patrick Administration, the meaning of the election and Governor Patrick's first budget.

The discussion will include an examination of the governor's budget, presented Feb. 27, and the expectations and goals of his administration.

The format will be a roundtable discussion led by Tom Callahan and several local speakers. The discussion will include an examination of the governor's budget, presented Feb. 27, and the expectations and goals of his administration.

The Cohasset Political Forum was created last year to provide an opportunity for interested and busy people to discuss and debate political issues of the day. The Forum, sponsored by the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee as a separate, officially non-partisan entity, welcomes and encourages fellow citizens of all political views to join in interesting, spirited discussion.

For background on this topic, read the newspaper and check out the budget when it is posted online. For information go to www.cohassetdems.org, or call Agnes McCann at 781-383-0222



Enthusiastic Cohasset Citizens rally for peace. A dedicated group meets every Saturday morning on the Commons at 9:30 a.m. to rally for peace.

Cohasset citizens rally for peace — Low temperatures and biting winds could not keep a dedicated group of Cohasset citizens from meeting once again on the Commons this past Saturday morning to rally for peace. Organized more than two months ago, an enthusiastic group meets every Saturday on the Commons from 9:30 to 10 a.m., to rally for Peace and add their voices to the call for the withdrawal of our troops from Iraq. All interested people are invited to join the group.

Register to vote for Town Meeting, Election

The last day to register to vote for the annual Town Meeting on March 31, and the annual Town Election, April 7, is Friday, March 9. Registration sessions will take place at the Town Clerk's office from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a Town Meeting or Election Day may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register to vote. If you move, you may register to vote as soon as you move into a new home. Registration is closed for a brief period before each Town Meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. If you register during a closed period, you will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections.

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Pond/Spring streets 'a giant mess'

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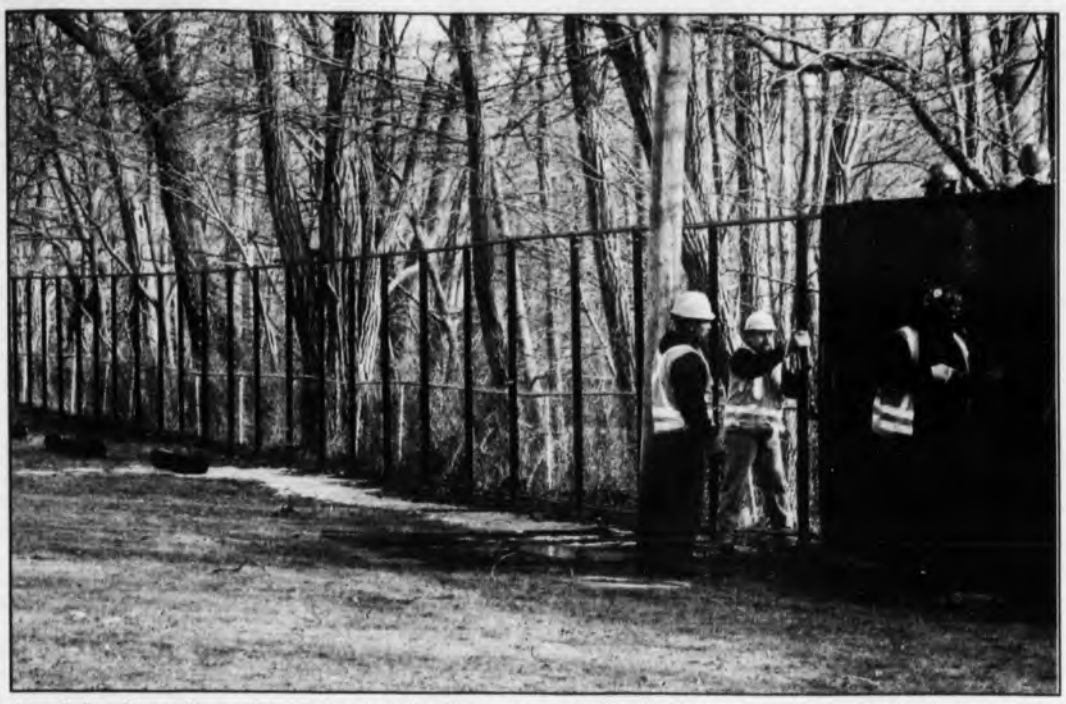
TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

We continue to get a variety of calls from abutters in the Pond Street / Spring Street area regarding numerous issues. We readily admit that this area is a giant mess and a major inconvenience for the abutters to the work area from all sides. Since this is currently a "Dead End" area most residents can't see what's happening (or most properly what's not happening here).

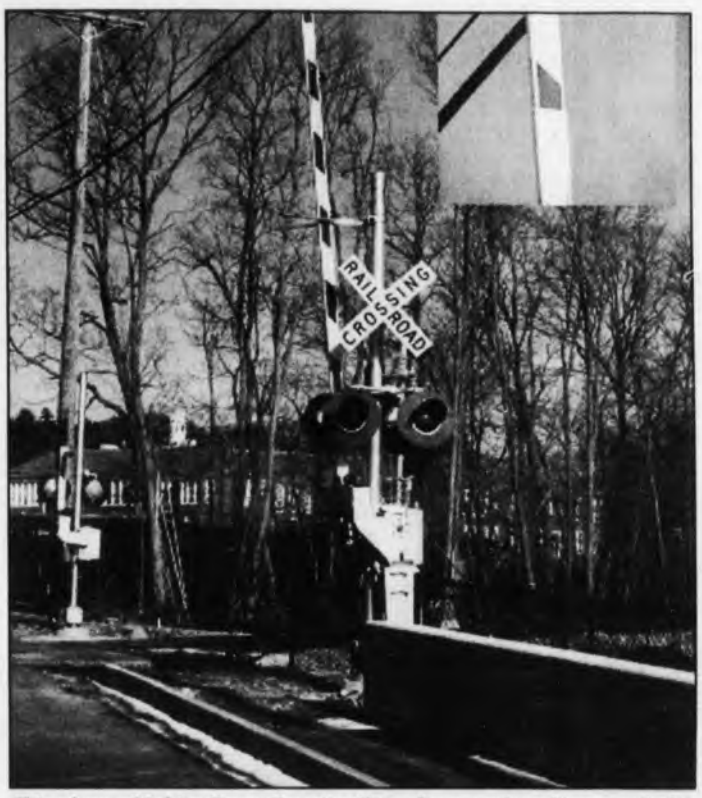
Essentially, CBB, the MBTA's contractor did a lot of grading and drainage work for this crossing and then left and turned control over to the Cohasset Water Department's contractor to have the water lines upgraded approximately from Lantern Lane to the corner of Spring Street and Cushing Road. As soon as the Water Department finished, the big freeze occurred and the top surface of the ground is as hard as a rock. We are waiting for this to thaw (which should happen soon) so work can begin. However, also we need to consider that even if CBB finishes the grading and is ready for paving, the asphalt plants are not open yet. So, there is not much point in finishing the grading if the paving cannot be done. Additionally, there is still a little work to be done to relocate wires on some of the poles in the area. CBB still needs to have their utilities get these wires relocated.

Meanwhile, the area residents put up with all of the inconvenience. Water and mud wash off of the road across private property. Inventive pedestrians find ways to get around the construction barriers even if it means trampling over private lawns. This makes a mess of private yards. We've tried to find ways to stop it, to no avail. Perhaps, if you know of anyone who thinks short cuts across private property are OK, you might mention to the trespassers that it is not a good idea. The construction area is closed to pedestrians for good reason. It is a dangerous place. And, trespassing is an illegal practice.

More on Town Parking Lot — As we have mentioned many times in our articles, the Town and the MBTA are still in dispute over the number of parking spaces left in the Town Lot once Greenbush is complete. Progress is being made. Early this past Monday morning, we had the opportunity to attend a meeting arranged by state Rep. Garrett Bradley to revisit some of our Town Parking Lot needs with the MBTA. The Greenbush Guys along with the Town Manager and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen represented the Town, while Jim Eng and Eric Fleming represented the MBTA. Garrett did his usual masterful job in brokering the meeting and leading discussion. Some of the issues involved are the number and arrangement of the parking spaces, and the possible addition of plantings and green space to soften the look of the lot. When the final decisions have been made we'll be sure to let everyone know.



New 8-foot Pratt Library fence being installed. This fence it looks a bit different from the "standard" chain link fence used elsewhere.



This photo of Sohier Street Crossing Gate shows a minor hiccup with the wires as they are presently located.

More Yet on Safety... — We always try to thread topics on safety through these articles. The MBTA's interest in safety is foremost in their designs and operations. On March 30, the MBTA will be holding a meeting for the safety forces of the Greenbush Towns to review the aspects of safety that will be important to both fire and police as the train begins its commercial service. Items such as the communication protocols between the Town safety personnel and the MBTA are of paramount importance when crises arise.

Similarly, there are a number of train-related issues, which are of concern to the DPW in each Town. The MBTA will hold a seminar on April 16 exclusively for the Greenbush Towns' DPW departments to make sure that each Town fully understands how the DPW will be interfacing with the MBTA and who maintains what as train service begins in the fall. The DPW is particularly important because they have roles to play on behalf of the Town during the every day railroad operation as well as during possible emergency situations.

Fence Stuff — CBB's contractor, McCoy Fence, has been installing fence along the right of way. We're told that the areas that get wood fence and steel picket fence will be delayed. Most recently we snapped a picture of McCoy workers installing new fence behind the Pratt Library. If you happen to look at this fence it looks a bit different from the "standard" chain link fence used elsewhere. First, it is black. This color is used in all areas determined to be historic. Second, it is a very tight weave fence designed so that children's feet won't fit into the loops of the fence. This makes it very hard, if not impossible for children to climb. Third, the fence in this area is 8 feet high rather than the standard 6 feet. This is designed to give an added level of protection to the children and youth who use the facilities behind the library.

Sohier Street Gates — The crossing gates have been installed at the Sohier Street crossing, but are not quite complete. Recently, CBB discovered that one of the relocated poles needs to be moved again, slightly away from the road. The accompanying photo shows a minor hiccup with the wires as they are presently located. If you look at the photo you will see an inset close up of the top part of the gate that nearly touches the overhead wires. Since the gate arm is not metal, there is no threat to personal safety. But CBB recognizes that the wires need to be moved a bit.

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The Dukakis good old days

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



A total of $1,166 a month to lease a Cadillac DeVille . . . $27,000 to change the décor in the corner office . . . expensive helicopter rides . . . $72,000 a year for a secretary to keep your wife's appointments . . . Kind of makes you long for the good old days of Michael Dukakis, doesn't it?

Would you believe that almost a full generation has passed since Michael was the governor of the Commonwealth for a record dozen years.

For most of you, he is just a guy who ran for president against the first George Bush, made a fool of himself by riding in a tank with a helmet too small for him on his head, and turned murderer Willie Horton loose on furlough to rape and pillage once more.

But no one ever accused Michael of leasing a Cadillac for his own use. Or a Ford, for that matter. Michael's milieu was the MBTA, which he caught every morning at his home in Brookline, got off at Park Street and walked to his office in the state house.

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He was so devoted to the T that he almost missed the birth of his first child because of it.

Wife Kitty, in her book "Now You Know," tells of the time she went into labor and someone called Michael, then a state representative, at the State House to alert him that he was about to become a father.

"Michael sprinted down the steps of the State House, across the Boston Common, and into the Park Street subway station. He was halfway home, when suddenly, without any warning, the streetcar went dead. The lights went out, the power stopped. This was the Big Blackout of 1965. Michael got off the street car and ran the rest of the way home."

Neither the Herald or the Globe have honed in on our new governor's dining habits as yet but I'm willing to bet that whatever they find, filet mignon or lobster thermidor, it won't stand up to Michael's lunching tastes.

Peter Lucas, my old colleague at the Herald, was once invited to lunch with the Duke and recounted his experience in a 1979 column.

"I met him in his austere office in the law firm of Hill & Barlow, expecting that we would go out to some restaurant, even if I had to pick up the tab.

"Instead, he sent out for two ham and cheese sandwiches, mine with mustard, his with mayo.

"His secretary returned with the two little things, carrying one in each opened hand as though they were two captured rare birds.

"He unwrapped his sandwich thoughtfully and carefully as though, beneath the wrapping, was something extravagant — like Genoa salami.

"I unwrapped mine and two little limp slices of pickles dropped out. He picked at his sandwich while I devoured mine. He drank a glass of water and I indulged myself in a Pepsi."

When he was governor, Michael used to throw a Christmas party for the State House press and Peter Lucas noted a strange thing — the bar was always shut off when he went for his third beer. He checked on it.

"There is no reporter around," he wrote, "who has ever had three beers at the governor's party."

HEALTH NOTES

Ounce of prevention for house fires

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

In Massachusetts, home heating oil spills and leaks have become an all too common problem.

The recent cold weather has brought more than inconvenience to many Massachusetts Towns. The Cohasset fire department has issued a warning about fire danger: Nationwide, for the first 16 days of February there were 59 house-fire fatalities. The Cohasset Fire Service passes along the following life-saving suggestions:

- Check smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to be sure they are working properly.
- Have an escape plan with a meeting place.
- Once you exit your home, DO NOT return. Too many people lose their lives going back into a burning home.
- Stoves are not made for heating homes.
- Supplemental heating devices should be used and maintained in accordance with manufacturer recommendations. Keep combustibles clear. Do not leave supplemental heating devices unattended.
- If you are burning wood in your fireplace, make sure your chimneys are properly maintained. That goes for your furnace, as well.. Any flu can develop dangerous cracks. Have a Chimney sweep check the lining of your flu for cracks to ensure a safe fireproof heating system.
- If candles are necessary, use them in a safe environment in a fireproof container and away from children. Do not leave them unattended.
- And for the long term, consider getting a residential fire sprinkler. According to statistics, the risk of death by fire is reduced by 82 percent when smoke detectors are accompanied with residential fire sprinklers.

Related problems: In Massachusetts, home heating oil spills and leaks have become an all too common problem. The culprit in most cases is the delivery or supply line that carries home heating oil or kerosene from storage tank to the furnace.

Tanks and delivery lines sometimes leak! Particularly in older homes, delivery lines are buried underground, or placed within or beneath concrete basement floors. They are generally made of copper, steel, brass or iron. When they come in direct contact with soil or concrete and water, the resulting chemical reactions can make them corrode and spring leaks. Delivery line breaks can also occur when there is shifting or settling in a home's foundation, basement floor, or the soil that supports them.

It's the law! State fire prevention regulations now require all new delivery lines to be encased in a non-metallic protective sleeve when installed. Sleeves are also required for replacement delivery lines when a listed oil safety valve is not used. Remember that if you own or purchase an older home, your delivery line may not have a protective sleeve since the original heating system may never have been upgraded. And leaks can continue undetected for years, seriously damaging your property and lowering its value.

Extra Protection — Even better than just a sleeve is the sleeve plus a double wall tank which protects the entire fuel delivery system. The Board of Health will soon consider requiring double wall tanks for new construction and fuel tank upgrades.

Paying a little now may save a lot later: A home heating oil leak insures a couple of things: First the cleanup will be expensive. Second, the experience will be highly disruptive to your family, and maybe your neighbors. Investing a small amount of money now by having your home heating oil delivery line encased in a protective sleeve can prevent leaks, sparing you the cost of cleanup and the potential loss of property value

When home heating oil leaks out of a buried delivery line, it initially migrates into the soil beneath the house and eventually may affect the groundwater. Drinking, breathing or coming in contact with contaminated water, air, or soil can damage your health. Thus, DEP regulations require cleanup to State standards within specific timelines. Such actions may include excavation of contaminated soil to protect public health and the environment. Most homeowner insurance policies do not cover losses from leaking tank systems and environmental cleanups.

One such leak recently cost a Cohasset homeowner big bucks. You should check with your insurer to see whether or not your policy covers such losses. You should also consider checking into and joining an insurance and/or oil company program if you are not currently covered. Joining such a program could provide you with financial assistance and protection in the event of a leak or spill.

Ask your oil burner technician to check your heating system and evaluate it for possible leaks. Inexpensive preventive measures such as the installation of an automatic shutoff valve or replacement of the oil delivery line with one encased in a protective sleeve can greatly reduce your risk of a heating oil leak. For additional information contact your local fire department, oil company, or VISIT:

www.mass.gov/dep/cleanup/homeownr.htm or http://www.state.ma.us/dph

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

MacCarthy featured on 'Our Town'

As the election season series continues on OUR TOWN, co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy for the full hour.

MacCarthy discusses her hopes for reelection and the work she hopes to continue on the School Committee. She details her goals for a second term and goes on to explain the current school department budget and related matters.

As the election series continues right up to Election Day of April 7, watch for OUR TOWN to televise the Selectmen and School Committee debates!

Our Town airs Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9pm on Comcast Channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed!

Elected officials could lose option for town health insurance benefit

By Mary Ford
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The issue was put on the list of priorities to be explored by Selectmen this year.

Selectmen are grappling with the issue of whether to allow elected officials, who are paid a stipend, to be eligible for town health insurance benefits.

State law allows towns to consider those elected by popular vote eligible for health insurance coverage during their term regardless of the number of hours spent in service to the town.

Members of the Board of Selectmen, Board of Assessors, and the Town Moderator are eligible in Cohasset. However, only two people — both on the Board of Assessors — are currently taking advantage of the benefit.

As a cost-saving measure going forward, Selectmen are considering restricting health insurance for elected officials only to those who work regularly more than 20 hours per week.

In an interview this week, Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said Selectmen are revisiting the issue now as one of many opportunities to reduce town expenses.

He explained the town could grandfather those now receiving the benefit as long as they continue to be reelected; terminate the grandfathering at each individual's next election; or terminate the coverage on a date specific.

Like any other employee, paid elected officials are entitled to health insurance after they leave office if they are vested in the state retirement system. One becomes vested after 10 years of service. Therefore, if the town does not make any changes, a paid elected official receiving benefits under the current act with 10 or more years of service, could continue to receive the benefit when they are no longer in office.

A state law enacted in 1955 governs the matter.

Town Manager Bill Griffin said there does not appear to be any former selectmen or assessors who are receiving the health insurance benefit.

Several months ago, a town resident suggested ending this benefit for elected officials, however grandfathering those who currently receive the benefit.. It was put on the list of priorities to be explored by Selectmen this year, Griffin explained.

The town must offer health insurance to employees who work at least 20 hours per week. The Cohasset Town Clerk, who is elected, works more than 20 hours per week and is entitled to health insurance like any other employee, Griffin said.

The courts have ruled that towns may discontinue coverage that has previously been provided to elected officials working less than 20 hours per week.

Town Counsel has said Selectmen have the right to restrict health insurance coverage to those elected officials who work more than 20 hours for week and has the authority to grandfather those who are currently receiving health insurance but do not work 20 hours per week.

At a recent meeting Town Counsel Paul DeRensis said Selectmen should make the decision and said, due to the personal nature of the issue, Town Meeting might not be the best forum to hold the discussion. "The law gives the decision to you," DeRensis said.

The town offers two plans: HMO Blue and Blue Care Elect. Under HMO Blue, the town's share of an individual plan is $4,863 (89 percent of the total premium); the town share of the family plan is $10,104 (69 percent of the total premium). Under Blue Care Elect, the town's share of an individual plan is $3,142 (50 percent of the total premium); and $7,996 for the family plan (also 50 percent of the total premium). Ninety active employees and 20 retirees take the individual plan, while 125 active employees and 14 retirees take the family plan. Two active employees and one retiree take the individual Blue Care Elect plan and three active employees and one retiree take the family Blue Care Elect plan.

Active teachers are part of the list of active employees on the health plan. Retired teachers on the other hand receive their health insurance through the state's Group Insurance Commission.

The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen receives an annual stipend of $1500, with the other two selectmen receiving $1,000 a piece. The Chairman of the Board of Assessors receives an annual stipend of $1300, with the other two members receiving $1200; the moderator is paid $1 a year.

Water bills could be rising

Commissioners propose rate hike

By Mary Ford
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There could be a fair number of Cohasset residents who did not live in town during the infamous summer of 1994 and therefore, don't have any idea that the town faced a water crisis of monumental proportions.

It was that summer when the then antiquated water distribution system effectively broke down – leaving many homes along the coast with nothing much coming out of their taps.

The Cohasset Water Department, which is self-supporting from user fees and other water revenue, got the message that things had to change and the system had to be upgraded.

Water Commission John McNabb described the water crisis of 1994 as a "wakeup call" and explained that nothing had been done to improve the distribution system since the plant was built in 1978.

Now turn the clock head 13 years. The Water Department has continued to move forward to meet the demands of the 21st Century, the commission says.

But the cost associated with upgrades to the plant and water mains, and acquisition of land in the watershed, could cause a few ripples at the March 31 annual Town Meeting.

The Water Commission will propose a 27 percent increase in water rates. If Town Meeting gives the go-ahead, the new rates would take effect on April 15, 2007.

The Water Commission is having a public hearing on the proposed rate increase at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday (March 6) at the treatment plant, 339 King St.

At last week Selectmen's meeting during which the Water Commission made its presentation, Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said water rates increased in 2005 and water users would not be expecting another hike. He said he expected angry calls and a firestorm of opposition.

The proposed rate restructuring covers the $150,000 cost of hydrant rental (*see related story*) that has been charged annually to the town. The increased rates would cover that cost and pay for planned major improvements to the Lily Pond Treatment Plant to improve drinking water quality and to meet stringent federal drinking water standards, the commissioners said in their budget message.

Water Commissioner Nathaniel Palmer explained this week rate increase would add about $35 per quarterly bill – or about $12 per month – to the majority of customers' bills. Families with large irrigation systems would pay more when they are running "full blast" during July and August.

The difference is based on a typical quarterly bill today of $126 increasing to $161. Palmer explained that for those residents whose homes are on the sewer – the sewer bill shows up on the water bill. So if the sewer bill is $300, about $120 of that is for water. This proposed increase is not related to the sewer rate and will not cause sewer rates to go up, he said.

Because of the many capital improvement projects — most initiated after 1994— debt service (principal and interest payments on loans) accounts for 58.6 percent of the fiscal 2008 Water Department budget. Land acquisition makes up another category of loans.

The rate increase is necessary to pay for the capital improvement plan voted on by the town that includes at $21 million investment plan being implemented over several years, Palmer Said.

"We have been following a specific project plan which takes us out to about 2010, but the scope of the project is finite, based on what was presented to voters in 2004, which was based on issues identified through an assessment of the current state of our infrastructure," he said.

Plans include a major retrofit of the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant including a new pretreatment system allowing the water system to be in compliance with increasingly stringent water quality standards.

"The improvements delivered through this system will no doubt come as a great relief to residents who have dealt with the 'dirty water' issues recently. The miex system we have successfully evaluated is specifically designed to address this by removing dissolved solids that cause water discoloration."

Palmer pointed out water rates have grown at roughly the rate of inflation. He noted the Water Commission has elected to go before Town Meeting for water rate approval. "This is not a requirement but is something we have elected to do," he said.

Since 1994, the Water Department has replaced or rehabilitated 15.5 miles of water mains, making up 43 percent of the 36 miles of mains. The Water Department's aggressive land acquisition program, with funding assistance from the Community Preservation Fund and the state, has protected 121 acres in the Lily Pond and Aaron River watersheds since 2001.

The Water Department is also reducing the impact from stormwater from the Peppermint Brook sub-watershed area of Lily Pond by installing 56 raingardens, which passively clean the stormwater and overall discharge of pollutants from that area into Lily Pond.

McNabb explained to selectmen that proposed water rates were "progressive" in structure meaning they encourage conservation by charging heavy users more. The Water Commission proposes going form a two-step to a three-step system, so those in the first step (lower users) would not be increased even more. About 60 percent of water users would fall in the first step.

Step out Saturday night at Art Center event

Saturday evening at the Red Lion Inn, the South Shore Art Center presents Steppin' Out a fundraiser to support the Art Center's exhibition and education programs. The evening includes dinner and dancing demonstrations by eXtreme Dancesport and Studio 665. Billy Costa of Kiss108 and NECN's TV Diner, will host the event, which includes a live travel auction featuring unique and fabulous travel experiences. Highlight's include an opportunity to co-pilot a vintage World War II "Texan". For history buffs and flight enthusiasts—with a strong stomach—this is an opportunity to revel in aerobatic maneuvers and enjoy speeds of up to 200 miles per hour! For those who prefer relaxation to adventure, there are numerous luxury trips to world destinations including Umbria Italy and the Bahamas. Anyone interested in placing an advanced, silent bid may do so by contacting the Art Center on Friday, March 2ndd or Saturday, March 3rd before 4 p.m. An auction catalogue is available at www.ssac.org or in person at the South Shore Art Center.

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Extreme Dancesport Studio of Cambridge will light up the Red Lion Inn as they perform dazzling dance routines for the March 3 fundraiser.

In addition to the live auction, many local businesses and friends of the Art Center have "stepped up" to provide silent auction packages, which include merchandise and certificates from Kinnealey Meats, Village Wine & Spirits, Carlisle Clothing/Andrea Kinnealey, Adrian Morris Salon, EMS, London Harness, Talbots, Siam Cuisine, Tosca, Black Rock Country Club, REI, In the Pink, Wine Annex/Fruit Center, and Buttonwood Books & Toys. For more information on any of the auction items, please contact the South Shore Art Center at 781-383-2787 or www.ssac.org

Hydrant fees flushed out of town

Water Dept. to charge users

By Mary Ford
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The town has been renting the fire hydrants from the Cohasset Water Department but due to fiscal constraints, has not been paying the entire bill for years.

Therefore, the water department is taking matters into its own hands and plans to charge water users for the "hydrant fees."

"The reason we propose the change is that we've practically never had the entire amount paid," Water Commissioner John McNabb told Selectmen.

The $150,000 hydrant fee based on $375 per hydrant has been part of the fire department's budget. The fee was approved at the 1997 Town Meeting. Last year the town paid the water department $75,000 and in fiscal 2006, the town paid $52,091. Town Manager Bill Griffin said he increased the amount as a good-faith gesture to show the town intended to address this matter over a period of time

"The reason we propose the change is that we've practically never had the entire amount paid."
— John McNabb, Water Commission

The issue surfaced during discussion of water department warrant articles during last week's Selectmen's meeting that included a proposed water rate increase and restructuring. If the article passes at the March 31 annual Town Meeting then the hydrant rental fee would be repealed.

The water commissioners are proposing a 27 percent increase in water rates, which are subject to Town Meeting approval (*see related story*).

Selectman Fred Koed, a former water commissioner, was not pleased with transferring the hydrant fee over to water users. "Currently everyone is billed fairly over the real estate tax base," he said.

The town continues to pay for Hingham hydrant fees. Aquarion Water Company, whose plant is in Hingham, serves North Cohasset. Hydrant fees include fire protection costs for municipal buildings, all of which are served by Cohasset water.

Koed explained this week that the entire town pays for the Hingham hydrant fees. But if the budget shift is made, only Cohasset water customers would pay Cohasset hydrant fees and only Cohasset customers would pay for municipal protection costs. All town buildings are served by Cohasset water.

Town Manager Bill Griffin said Cohasset pays Aquarion Water Company $17,120 annually for 28 hydrants.

Koed also said those people on well water would not be paying anything for fire protection if water customers pick up the hydrant fees.

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Question of the Week

Selectman candidates: Voters may have lost their appetite for overrides. How can Cohasset balance its budget without overrides?

SELECTMAN/ Ralph Dormitzer

The three big drivers of annual increases in expenses for the Town are contracted salary obligations for personnel, debt load and medical benefits. In the fiscal year 2008 upcoming, these increases amount to (including all costs) approximately $1.5M. Revenue for the Town from taxation and new growth is approximately $1.0M. The Town, therefore, must find new sources of revenue to cover the difference.

It is an annual problem. For the past two years and including the fiscal '08 year we have covered the difference by reducing expenses where possible, with new growth, by increasing fees, with foundation grants and through additional State aid. In the future there are opportunities to reduce expenses with the cooperation of town and school employees through collective bargaining agreements, but there are limited additional opportunities to reduce other expenses. In fact, there are increasing demands to increase expenditures for the maintenance of Town infrastructure and buildings, and to meet high performance goals for the schools. Revenue opportunities through increases in fees are encountering resistance and people have already been very generous in supporting the schools through voluntary contributions. Additional State aid cannot be relied upon. There is, however, revenue potential in new growth in residential and commercial properties.

The Town cannot therefore indefinitely avoid Prop. 2-1/2 overrides. It can reduce the frequency of the requests for overrides and limit the amount of the requests. The leadership of the Town has an obligation to provide efficient and effective government but also to recommend overrides when to do otherwise would be imprudent.

SELECTMAN/ Paul Carlson

Under Proposition 2-1/2, we can increase spending by 2-1/2 percent over the prior year plus new revenues from tax base growth. With a growth factor of about 2 percent, our spending can rise by 4-1/2 percent. Since we have little population growth and low inflation, we are not facing major increases in the town budget. However, there are always pressures to expand spending on town services. Besides seeking more state aid, we do have some important options that are under our control:

1. Foster more commercial development. The Economic Devel-opment Committee is reviewing opportunities to generate more commercial activity. Two recommendations we adopted created the Transportation Overlay District at the railroad station and relaxed our very stringent parking requirements for Route 3A developments. The town is also discussing village development options.

2. Carefully control spending in all our departments. For example, some towns with much better academic results spend less per student than we do. We should perform serious research to find out which of their practices we can adopt.

3. Hold all departments accountable for effective and efficient operations as well as determine whether their practices are consistent with changing conditions.

4. Continue to raise fees consistent with commonsense, state law and other restrictions.

5. Cut our large debt burden and associated debt service through asset sales and expense savings elsewhere in the budget.

Spending growth of 4-1/2 percent strikes a fair balance between the interests of those who want more town services and others who receive and expect few services. Cohasset's financial and budget strategies must not rely on routine overrides.

Nevertheless, we must understand that, if the Avalon project goes forward, we will probably need substantial spending increases (and overrides) to provide services to our new residents.

School Committee candidates: There's talk about more AP classes in Cohasset's quest to be the school system with "best and the brightest." With this focus, is enough being done for the students who might not be top achievers?

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Adrienne MacCarthy

As a School Committee member it is incumbent upon me to make sure that our goals address the needs of *all* of our students. We cannot lose focus on the well-being of the entire student body, to accommodate a certain segment. With this in mind, here are four district goals for our Schools which address the needs of *all* of our students:

- Challenge *all* students to proficiency and beyond
- Close achievement gaps where they exist
- Function as a professional learning community
- Partnership with families and community

With in each of our goals, each administrator has identified their needs to achieve these goals. A need can be as "simple" as a new textbook or as "grand" as adding a teacher. However, each need is geared toward providing the support and resources necessary to enable *all* students to meet or surpass our high expectations.

At the high school, one can look at it as a ripple effect; we need to be able to challenge *all* students to advance within any given subject. For instance; the college prep student challenged to move into an honors course or an honors student to move into an AP course. Ultimately, this will take an increase in AP courses so our students can meet our challenge and be competitive as they search for their postsecondary education. Currently, a student may not be able to advance within a subject due to overcrowding and/or lack of staffing. This need is directly linked to another goal of being within the top 10 Public Schools in the State and being within the top 100 Public Schools in the Country.

It is imperative for us to realize, in order to reach our district goals within 3-5 years, our schools will need an adequate and predictable budget, annually.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Peter Richardsson

"A rising tide lifts all boats!"

The school committee's goals do call for more AP classes; from 8 currently to 15 by 2011. This is both necessary and laudable. What is more important is that the goals also call for AP participation to jump from 20 percent to 70 percent. Increased opportunity, participation, and assets will challenge more students to become "top achievers." Additional goals/metrics will make achievement opportunities even more ubiquitous.

- 0 percent of all students in all subjects scoring **Failing/Needs Improvement** on MCAS.
- 0 percent of all students in all subjects scoring **Advanced** on MCAS.
- 100 percent of students scored at or above aptitude on Stanford 10, grades 3 through 10.
- Differentiated instruction for students of all aptitudes.
- Recruiting highly qualified content specialist teachers with degrees in their content area to reduce class sizes.
- Student centered rather than an institution centered philosophy.
- Addition of mandatory co-curricular tracks (Art, Music, Drama, Athletics, Academic Interscholastic Competition) for students with varied strengths or interests.

Mr. Slanetz and the school committee have developed more precise and granular goals to improve performance at all levels, and increasing AP offerings is necessary for the 70 percent of the students that will now be prepared and encouraged to handle an AP course.

A quick anecdote; as a high school ski coach in Maine our team won the state championships, (10 teams competed with 12 skiers per team). The success of our team was our depth. While I could count on my top three skiers to finish in the top 15, the secret to our success was that I could also count on skiers 4-10 finishing in the top 50. The plan here is not to offer AP classes at the expense of the middle; it is to prepare the middle to finish in the top 50, metaphorically.

NEXT WEEK'S QUESTION

For both school committee and selectman candidates: *When it comes to the budget, town appears to be split into two distinct "camps" - the town side and the school side. What could you do to encourage better communication and decrease the appearance of distrust and skepticism between the "two sides?"*

Responses should be brief —no more than 300 words — and should be received by 5 p.m., Tuesday. Candidates are asked to be specific and make every word count. Submissions will be cut if they exceed the word limit. (We use the word-count feature on the computer to determine the number of words.)

Candidates may reply by e-mail at mford@cnc.com; by fax at 781-741-2931, or by dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building, 73 South St., Hingham Square. However they choose to deliver their answers, candidates should adhere to the 5 p.m. Tuesday deadline.

We will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited to a few paragraphs (about 150 words), from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers, short position statements and the like.

The Mariner will not accept letters to the editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

If you have questions, or would like to suggest a Question of the Week, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at mford@cnc.com.

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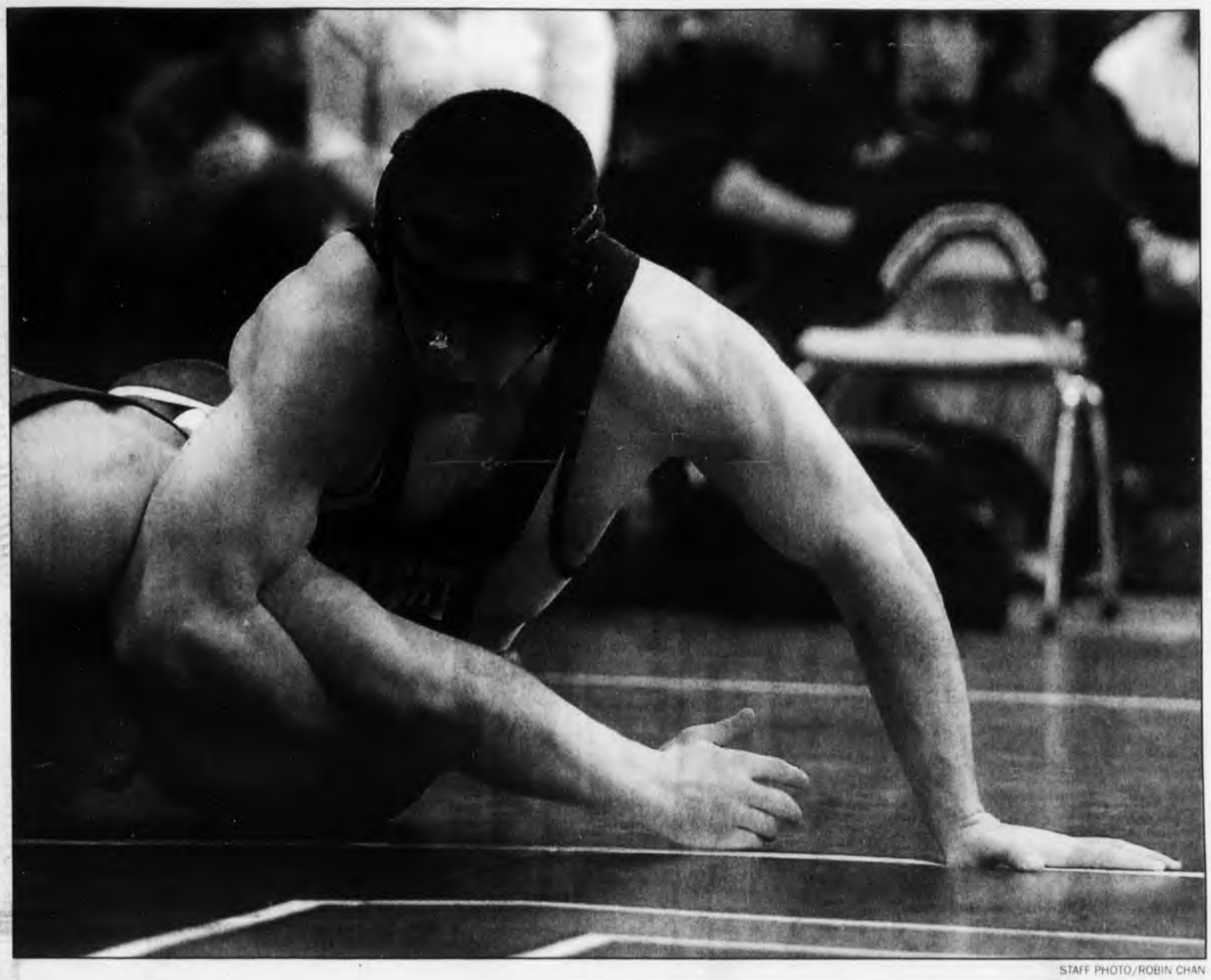
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CAMBI HEADS TO NEW ENGLANDS

Cohasset's Nick Cambi has a hold of Central Catholic's Mike Leavitt during his close 5-4 loss in the championship semifinal during All-States in Salem on Saturday. Cambi would eventually finish fourth in the 189-pound weight class, a finish good enough to qualify him for the all-New England competition this weekend in New Haven, Conn.

End of the road

Skippers can't get by Sacred Heart

By David Wolcott
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KINGSTON - With only three upperclassmen on the roster, any hope the Cohasset High girls basketball team had of knocking off a tournament-tested Sacred Heart squad in the first round of the Division 4 South girls basketball tournament was slim at the very best.

The Lady Skippers held their own early in the game, but Sacred Heart's suffocating defense eventually took over on the way to a 49-29 victory.

The Lady Saints had as many turnovers as blocked shots (six) and after slow start to the night offensively, they put things in motion more than enough to take a 28-20 lead at the break.

"This was a great experience for the kids to be able to play in this type of a game in a playoff atmosphere," Skippers head coach John Levangie said after the loss that closed the book on his squad's campaign. "There's only two seniors on the roster (co-captains Lacey Richardson and Haley Haracz), so the rest of the squad got a taste of the tourney atmosphere and they'll all want to come back and maybe stay around a little longer next season."

Playing without starting point guard and offensive catalyst Ari Eisenstein (flu), Sacred Heart struggled to find a groove early on in the game, while Kayla Farren (six points) and Haracz (four points) were each able to drain outside jumpers to put Cohasset up 4-0 in the opening minutes of action.

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Lacey Richardson plays some tight defense on Sacred Heart's Kristin Schreiber in the Skippers' loss Wednesday night. Richardson and fellow senior Haley Haracz played their last high school basketball game.



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Cohasset's Conor Holway tries to fend off Cape Tech/Chatham's Jon Farnham during Tuesday's preliminary round game in Orleans.

Skaters bow out of tourney

By Rich Eldred
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ORLEANS - It took two schools combined to end the Skippers' season, but it ended Tuesday night at the Charles Moore Arena in Orleans when Cape Tech/Chatham defeated Cohasset 7-4 in a Div. 3 hockey state tournament preliminary round game.

The Skippers wound up 8-9-3 while CT/C (10-9-2) moves on to play top seeded Norwell (16-3-1) tonight (March 2) in Bourne.

"It was a great effort. My hats off to Cape Cod Tech," Skippers head coach Bob Walsh reflected. "Every time we put something up then they were able to battle us back. My guys worked their heads off tonight. Nobody has to hang their heads. They kept working and working right to the last buzzer."

Cohasset hit the skids late in the first period, falling behind 3-1, and while they fought back the unified team from Cape Cod always had a quick counterpunch to rebuild a two-goal lead. The last tally was an open netter with 30 seconds remaining in the game.

"Everybody was in it to win tonight, right from the get go," said Cape Tech/Chatham head coach Scott Rebello. "It's a good thing because the other team came off the bench and they wanted it too. They were skating hard. Their goaltender had some nice saves. I thought both goaltenders were phenomenal tonight."

It was a solid year for the Skippers, one that saw them finish third in the South Shore League.

"We were a .500 team," Walsh noted. "But these guys trained harder than a lot of teams I've coached. They came to work early in the mornings for 5 a.m. practices. They were there at 4:30 in the morning. These were the hardest working guys I've ever had the pleasure to coach."

It's always hard to say goodbye, Walsh added, saying, "It's a great group of seniors and they're going to be sorely missed. But we've got a great group of young guys coming up. That's the thing about high school hockey, it comes in cycles."

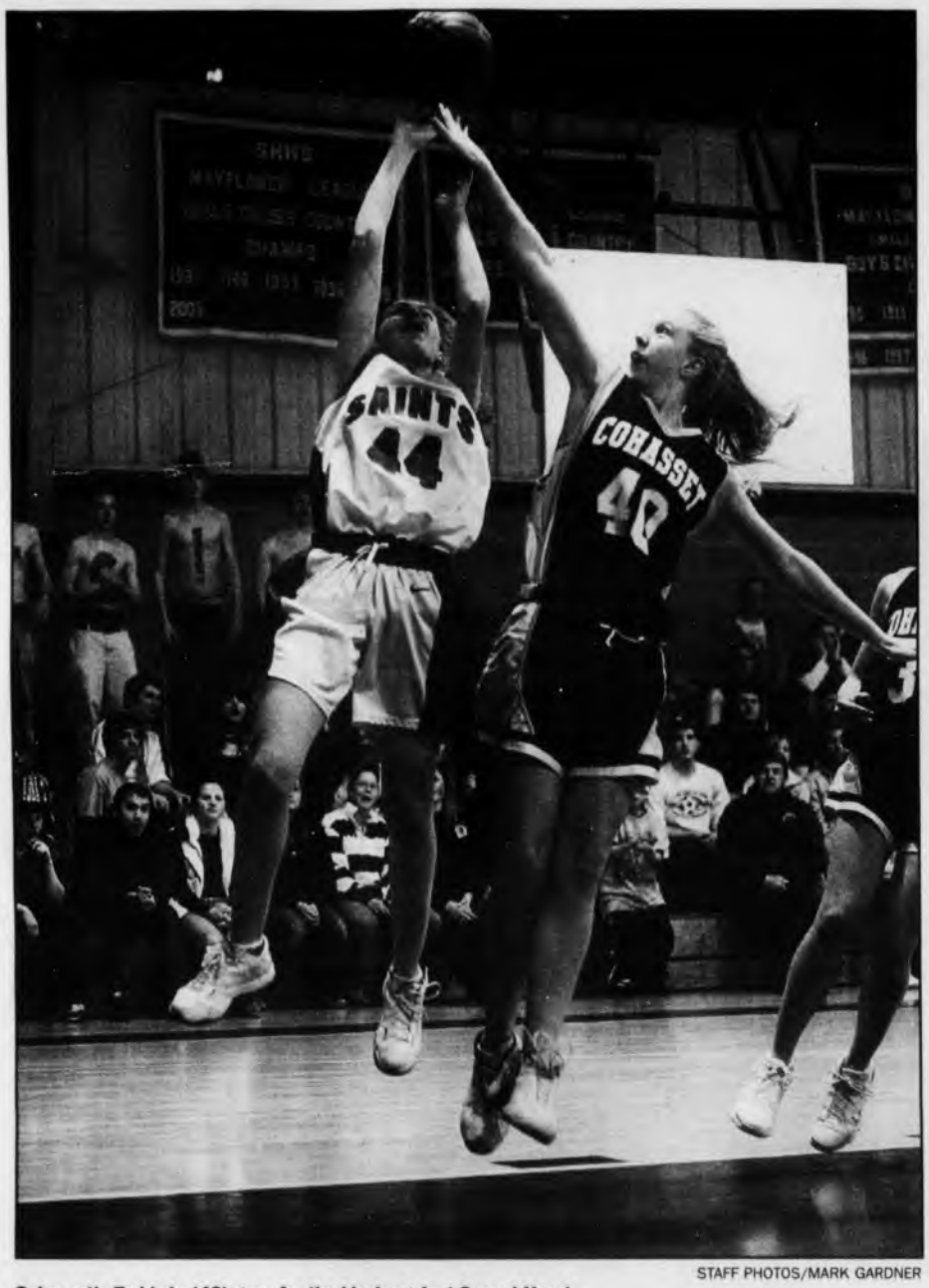
Cohasset got on the board first with their first shot when RK Quebec blasted a slapshot from the blue line through as screen 1:35 into the game. Chuck Czerkawski picked up the assist.

The Skippers outshot CT/C in the first period 7-6 but the unified squad picked up three goals. Richie Randall's shot dribbled between goalie Johnny Wade's pads. Matt Donoghue caught the inside of the far post with a wide shot from the circle and followed that by breaking away with the puck after a face-off and flipping it over Wade's shoulder for a 3-1 lead with 3:30 left in the period.

That two-tally margin set the pace for the night. The Skippers played well, especially in the opening minutes of each period, but CT/C goalie Mike Aiesi was enjoying a good night.

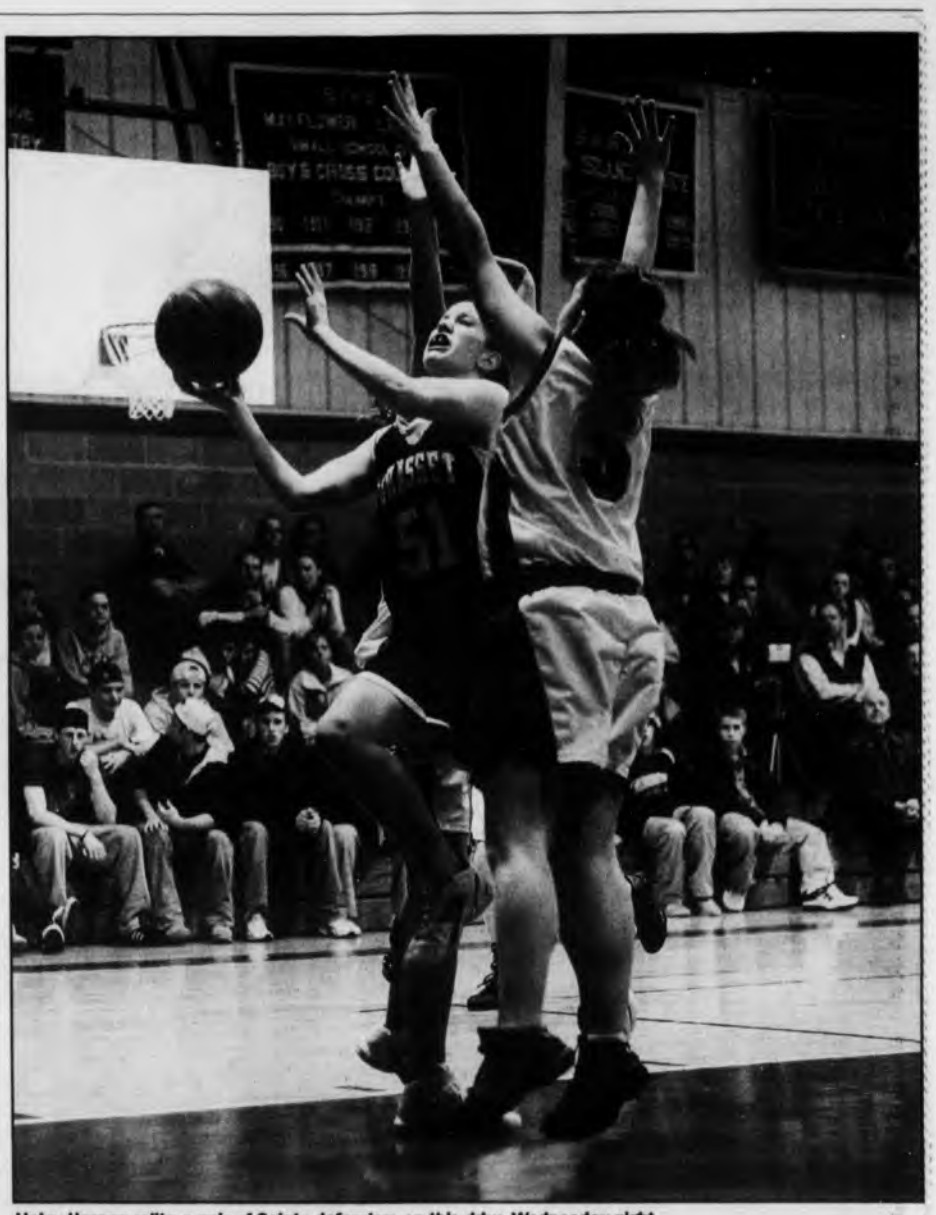
"There were a bunch of times we had opportunities in front when the goalie gave us the

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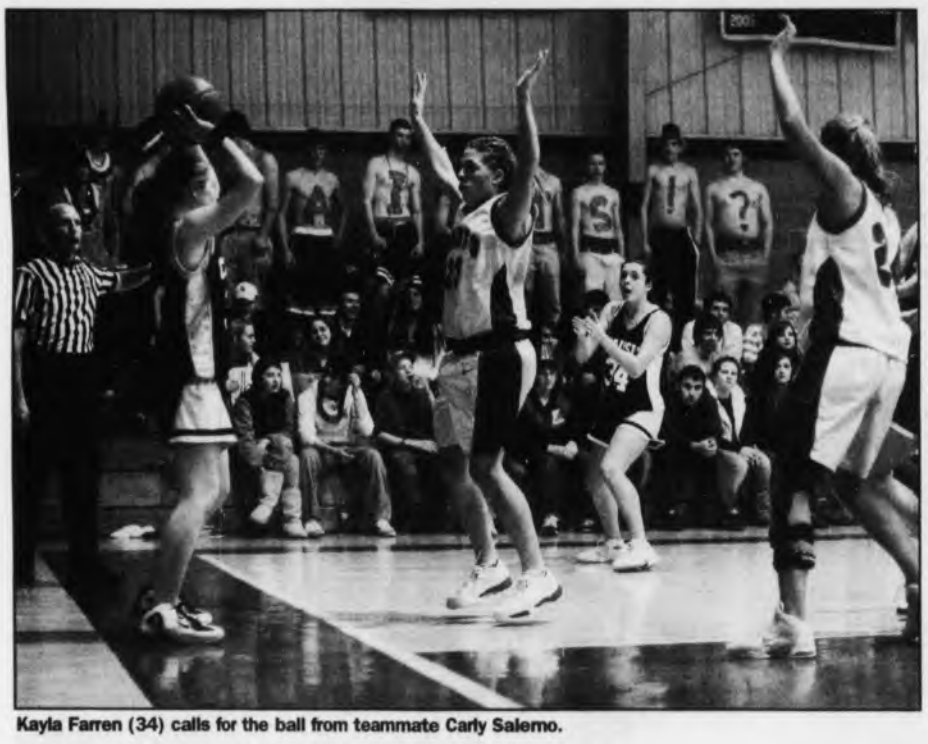


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Cohasset's Tori Lehr (40) goes for the block against Sacred Heart.



Haley Haracz splits a pair of Saints defenders on this drive Wednesday night.



Kayla Farren (34) calls for the ball from teammate Carly Salerno.

End of the road

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The Mayflower League champions finally got the lead at 9-8 with 9:32 left in the first half thanks to a free throw by Alyssa Barry, and the Saints would never trail again. Sophomores Ali Lyons and Molly Cahill each had eight of their 11 points on the night before the break as Sacred Heart built an eight-point lead going into the half.

Sacred Heart turned up the defense several notches in the second half, stretching the lead out to as many as 20 points. Cohasset never got its legs under them after the break as they were limited to just one basket from the field (a jumper by Tori Lehr) over a 14-minute span that started the second half.

There were some strong signs for the future of the Skippers in the loss, as sophomore Sammi Lehr led all scorers with 12 points. Tori Lehr added five points and Richardson had a basket in her final high school game.

"We'll learn from this. We've been up and down offensively most of the season and this wasn't one of our better nights," Levangie said. "But to hold a team as good as Sacred Heart to less than 50 points is a feather in our cap."

Skippers 51,
Bristol-Plymouth 18
By Eric MacCarthy

With a 10-10 record the Skippers just snuck into the tournament, and had to play a preliminary round game Monday at home against Bristol-Plymouth, a team they beat by a very large margin earlier in the year.

Nothing changed this time around, as the Lady Skippers were able to easily defeat Bristol Plymouth winning 51-18.

Right from the tip-off Cohasset began to dominate the game as they started on a 9-0 run. They played a very strong and disciplined half-court press that flustered Bristol-Plymouth's offense and led to many offensive opportunities for Cohasset.

The rest of the half went about that same way as Cohasset began to pull farther and farther ahead, and it was clear they were the better team. At halftime, Cohasset led 28-10 with Sammi Lehr doing most of the scoring, putting up 12 points.

Haracz and Richardson also played very well, as they have all year. Richardson put up four points, finished with six, and really helped the offense to function. Haracz finished with only two but it was her defensive awareness and presence that helped to shut down Bristol-Plymouth's offense and hold them to only 10 points in the first half.

As a result of the large lead, both Haracz and Richardson played very little in the second half of what would be their final home game as Cohasset Lady Skippers. About this, Haracz said, "It was good because all of the younger players got to play a lot in the second half. They are going to be all set for next year and years after with all the talent."

One of the groups of these "young players" is the freshmen. Meredith Kelly, Samantha Crough and Tori Lehr have made huge contributions to the team throughout the entire season, and continued their strong play in the tournament.

Lehr, who has been a very reliable inside presence, like her sister, put up eight points. Crough, as usual, came right off the bench and scored almost immediately, finishing with four points. Kelly, who has shown the ability to become a league all-star in the next couple years, finished with seven points. All three girls will be heading the basketball program throughout their high school careers.

In the second half, Cohasset once again dominated every aspect of the game, from rebounding to staying out of foul trouble. Everyone was able to play and make contributions to the fine win. Sammi Lehr led all scorers with 14 points and also had over 10 rebounds for a double-double.



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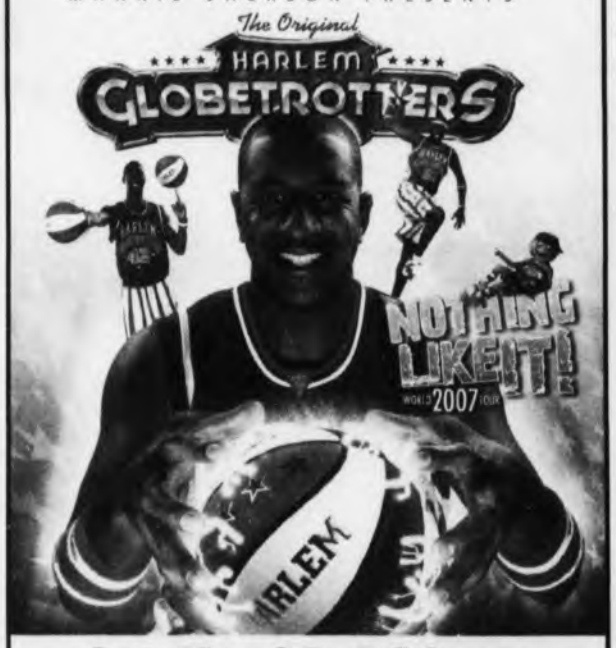
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Skaters bow out of tourney

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rebound we needed," Walsh noted. "But we had a hard time putting it in. That could have made the difference in the game."

Wade was sharp as well and he stuffed Tech/Chatham captain Corey Ritchie on a breakaway early in the second period. Aiesi matched that, blocking a Pat Doonan breakway, but 5:36 into the period Doonan scored on a power play, with another slapshot through a screen. Conor Holway and Czerkawski assisted.

"I guess we expected a dogfight," Rebello said. "It was going to be up-and-down hockey. Once you get here you aren't playing the weak sisters in the league. Now we know we can put the puck in the net against a quality team."

The Skippers pressed hard but couldn't get the tying goal, and when they gave Tech/Chatham a power play at the end of the period, Donoghue completed the hat trick when he took a feed from behind the net and fired the puck just under the crossbar with five seconds left in the period.

The Skippers took a long break in the locker room and came out flying, taking the first six shots of the final period. They trimmed the lead to 4-3 on a beautiful play when Czerkawski whacked the ice calling for the puck and Doonan fed him from behind the net. It was a bang-bang play and Czerkowski nailed it.

The goal came at the 3:33 mark but two minutes later Zach Buckley picked up a loose puck, put a few shifts on and put it into the net from right in front for a 5-3 lead.



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Pat Doonan (right) goes for a loose puck during Tuesday's game.

That was the Cape team's first shot of the period and Cohasset kept the pressure on; at one point they'd out-shot CT/C 12-3 in the period. A minute later, with 7:59 left to play, Czerkawski banged the puck into a pack and it deflected and bounced over Aiesi's stick into the net. It was the first real break the Skippers got. Doonan and Zach Murray got assists and Cohasset trailed by just one, 5-4, with plenty of time left.

As they'd done all night, the CT/C dug in its skates. At the 9:48 mark Buckley pounced on a loose puck in front of the net and punched it in. When the Skippers pulled Wade, Randall skated the length of the ice and lobbed the puck into the empty net with 30 seconds to play.

Cohasset out-shot CT/C for the game, 28-25.

Morris to host camps

Marshfield native will have something for every laxer at weeklong July clinics

By Julie Ann Nevero
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Sean Morris had to learn the hard way.

The skills and strategy the Marshfield native has acquired over the years helped him guide his UMass-Amherst lacrosse team to the NCAA title game last summer but they didn't come easy. Morris spent years developing the chops that helped land him a gig playing professionally for the Chicago Machine in the MLL (Major League Lacrosse) but believes other kids shouldn't have to take that route.

Accordingly, the former Ram is developing the Sean Morris Lacrosse Academy and will be conducting two top-notch camps this July. Morris' pair of weeklong sessions will feature other professional players, local collegiate players, top area high school coaches and players, and his camp partner and director of the EMass Jr. Minutemen, Dan Chouinard.

"It's our opinion that there just aren't any quality camps on the South Shore that will have these kids playing at the level they want to be at," Morris said while fiddling with a lacrosse stick inside Choinard's Minutemen office in Rockland. "Basically, the sport has outgrown the coaching. Most of the youth programs are conducted by Dads who haven't played the sport."

Selected as a Tewaaraton Award finalist twice in his UMass career, that is the Heisman Trophy of lacrosse, Morris said camps all too often feature the same drills, skills, and techniques and this repetitive activity does little to help a lacrosse athlete develop to the next level.

At Morris' two camps (a co-ed slated for July 9-13 at Hingham High and a boys only July 16-20 at Thayer Academy) athletes will benefit from a 7-to-1 player to coach ratio. Essentially, there will be a coach available to offer instruction for every area of the field. All of Morris' and Choinard's instructors have played the game.

"Every guy is really going to know his stuff," Morris said. "We're pulling in the best the sport has to offer for these kids and we're really excited about it. The people we're bringing in and the tools they're going to learn are things they won't see anywhere else.

"We'll do the drills and skills stuff, but more importantly, the kids are going to learn a lot in terms of the strategy of the game and why you do things a certain way. We'll demonstrate it for the kids and then have them go through the motions with us."

Morris and Choinard have been working together for nearly a decade. A coach at Weymouth High for the last nine years, Choinard coached against Morris when he played at Marshfield High. Since then, the pair has conducted smaller camps and Morris has popped in on some of Choinard's Jr. Minutemen practice sessions.

"You would have thought Elvis had just walked in the way the kids react when they see Sean," said Choinard, who's also a resident of Weymouth and firefighter there. "Sean's not that big a guy so for the kids to see that someone doesn't have to be a six feet tall to be a professional athlete, so long as he's willing to do the proper work."

In addition to Morris and Choinard, campers can expect to benefit from the expertise of fell UMass players Jack Reid, an All-American defenseman, Chris Fiore, Brett Moyer, and Billy Day. Coaches from UMass, Fairfield, Maryland, Stonehill, and Boston University.

A pair of Duxbury High lacrosse alumni who now play Div. 1 college lacrosse will also be on hand. Max Quinzani and Chris Nixon helped guide the Green Dragons to a state title last spring and are gearing up for their first collegiate seasons at Duke and Georgetown.

On the girls' side of the spectrum, Northwestern senior Kristen Kjellman, who won the Tewaaraton Award after guiding her team to its second-straight NCAA title last summer, will be in attendance.

Area high school coaches from Milton, Quincy, Weymouth, Norwell, and Marshfield will also be of service.

Morris and Choinard are currently developing a website and brochures that will offer more specific insight into the camps. The duo said they plan to welcome kids from Grades 4 to High School for the camps that will run daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the two aforementioned locations. They are urging you to act fast because they will limit the amount of registrants. Contact information will be available soon.



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COHASSET YOUTH BASKETBALL

Cohasset at Hull - Patriot League

The Grade 7 boys came away with a convincing 41-24 win over Hull this past Sunday, as they continued their solid play in the stretch run.

This game was never really in doubt, as Cohasset controlled the tempo and the score from the outset. They started with an early lead, led by the outstanding play of **Christian Allard**, who continually shred the Hull defense with his penetration. Allard used his drives through the lane to drop in runners and lay-ups, and he also dished off the ball effectively.

The inside play of **Chris Murphy, Robbie Mahoney** and **Jay Salerno** was impressive, as they controlled the paint. Mahoney was aggressively looking for his shot, and scored off rebounds, hit short jump shots, or drove the lane himself.

Cohasset was able to maintain a solid lead midway through the first half, when they turned on the jets. **Jamie Faber** was spectacular on both ends of the floor. Faber and Murphy found each other several times, first with Faber hitting Murphy with two beautiful passes for inside baskets, and then Murphy dropping off to Faber on a spectacular give-and-go for a drive to the basket and lay-in.

Kyrel Jaundoo continued his strong play inside, as he used his athleticism down low to defend, rebound, and block two shots. He also made a great offensive move inside, changing his shot in midair, scoring the basket, and getting to the foul line.

The boys continued their solid play in the second half. Hull mounted a charge cutting a 16-point lead to 10 points, but Cohasset substituted effectively to regain control. **Pat Kearney** played his typically solid game, both at guard and forward, as he disrupted the Hull offense with his quick feet and good positioning.

Patrick MacCormack played solid defense and hit a pretty jump shot off the glass. **Chris Lunde** continued to play well at both guard positions. The front line of Mahoney, Murphy, Jaundoo, and Salerno - who had a block and absorbed a charge on defense – maintained control inside, and Allard continued to be the catalyst as the final horn sounded.

Coach **Mike Kearney** explained, "Our squad matched up equally with the talented Hull team. Each and every player demonstrated a great level of intensity on the floor, and that was what gave us our margin of victory. I am very proud of our boys."

Abington Stars League - Weymouth Air Station

The Grade 5A boys played a strong Abington team this past Saturday, and were defeated. For much of the game Cohasset played even up with Abington, but for an eight minute stretch in the first half, Abington simply played spectacular ball – shooting lights-out from the outside – and led by outstanding play at the point guard position. In that span, Abington turned an 11-10 lead into a 32-12 halftime advantage.

Early on, Cohasset took the play to Abington. The big men inside - **Mark Brown** and **Joe Buckley** - set the tone with solid zone defense, good rebounding and active offensive moves. Guards **Brendan O'Connell** and **Mark McKenna** moved the ball efficiently to get the ball inside. McKenna and **Chris Haggerty** both hit key jump shots to keep the Abington defense honest.

Steven Maher, Matthew MacCormack and **Liam Burke** kept up the pressure on Abington with a solid defensive presence and some good looks at the basket on the offensive end. Once Abington went on their run, however, no Cohasset combination on the floor could stem that tide.

In the second half, the boys put together a solid performance, outscoring Abington throughout. They cut the lead to 14-16 points, with Maher and O'Connell scoring. **Dakota Achin, Conner Green** and Burke played aggressive defense and dove on the floor for loose balls and tie-ups.

With the score more manageable, Cohasset was able to use its increasingly effective press to force Abington turnovers. They turned their defense into instant offense on several occasions, with Brown, Green and Buckley all contributing.

Coach Liam O'Connell said, "In spite of the score, we played well for a good part of the game. Sometimes a team just plays very well like Abington, and there's not much you can do to stop them. Still, we did not give up in the second half."

5th Grade Travel B

The 5th Grade Travel B team met its match Saturday night at the Weymouth Air Base against a stout Abington team. Abington set the tone 10 seconds into the game and kept a shutout rolling for the first 13 minutes of the match before **Ryan McKeon** drained Cohasset's first points of the game from a stealth steal by **Doug Fitzgerald** to put a scratch in the 12-2 Abington lead.

Fitzgerald turned in a great performance with an even hand and good aggressive play all night. **Clark Indek** played big in the center position to bring his team within the closest margin of the night with a three-point play to narrow the lead to seven before the game started to drift away.

Cohasset fought hard to stay close but their aggressive play only gained notches in the "fouls" column on the scorecard. Unlike recent contests, the team saw their foul count skyrocket and their scoring and rebounding numbers plummet. Abington's steady play throughout the half left them ahead by ten 17-7 at the midpoint.

The second half was much of the same but the boys never gave up and battled with a host of close shots that danced with the rim on many occasions. **Jack Leffel** hustled on both ends of the court to disrupt the passing lanes and picked up many loose balls. **Jacob Osmanski** had some nice chances that were foiled by Abington's strong defense. **Timmy Cavanaro** continued to hold his own on the boards to keep his rebounding average near double digits.

McKeon did his best to make Abington score the old-fashioned way; they earned it! As a result, Ryan wasn't on the court when the final buzzer sounded, which made the Abington bench happy.

However, **Zach Coggins** was on the court as time ran out and we believe his final play was a precursor for better things to come. As the final seconds ran off the clock, Zach fiddled and diddled to the corner past a wave of defenders before he dipped and shot to see the laces wave goodbye to a game to forget.

SPORTS NOTES

Countdown to a new season

The New England Revolution will hold a series of "Countdown to Kickoff" events leading up to their season opener against Toronto FC. Members of the team will be at the Jungleplex in Plymouth Sunday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to sign autographs, conduct clinics and skills competitions, as well as offer advice to young local soccer players.

Winners of the skills competitions and raffles will receive exclusive prizes including tickets to the home opener, autographed gear, a behind-the-scenes tour of Gillette Stadium and the opportunity to be an honorary locker room attendant.

The event is free and open to all age groups. The first 100 people will also receive a free Gatorade water bottle. Every child 14 and under who attends the event will be eligible to participate in a soccer skills contest. Prizes will be awarded to the top boy and girl in different age groups at each venue.

At the end of the tour, grand-prize winners will receive a pair of tickets to the Revs' April 14 home opener, on-field recognition at the game, and an autographed soccer ball. Season ticket packages are on sale now. Call 877-GET-REVS or revolutionsoccer.net for more information.

South Shore Heat AAU Boys basketball tryouts

March 11 at Naval Air Station in Weymouth. Grades 6 and 7, 8-9:30 a.m.; grade 8, 9:15-10:30 a.m.; grade 9, 10:15-11:30 a.m.; grades 10 and 11, 11:15-12:30. Second and third tryout dates the following weekend. $25 tryout fee, still looking for coaches at all levels. For information: Doug Kirby 617-827-7872 or dougkirby1@comcast.net.

Community MVP Awards

The New England Patriots are currently accepting nominations for the 2007 Community MVP Awards program. The Community MVP Awards honor individuals who exemplify leadership, dedication and a commitment to improving the communities in which they live through volunteerism.

Through the program, nonprofit organizations throughout New England have the opportunity to reward their hard-working volunteers for the invaluable time and support they provide to their communities. There will be 21 winners chosen and grants ranging between $1,500 and $10,000 will be awarded to the nonprofit organization for which each honoree volunteers.

In 2006, the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation donated more than $50,000 to local organizations. Mid Coast Health Net, a free health and dental clinic in Rockport, Maine, received $10,000 in the name of Dr. Paul Klainer, the 2006 overall winner. New England residents who are 13 years of age or older who provide volunteer services for nonprofit 501(c)(3) or 509 organizations are eligible for nomination.

Only one nominee may be considered from each organization. The strongest applicants will be hands-on volunteers and may not receive any compensation, monetary or otherwise, for their efforts. Nonprofit organizations may nominate volunteers by completing the application found at www.patriots.com/community.

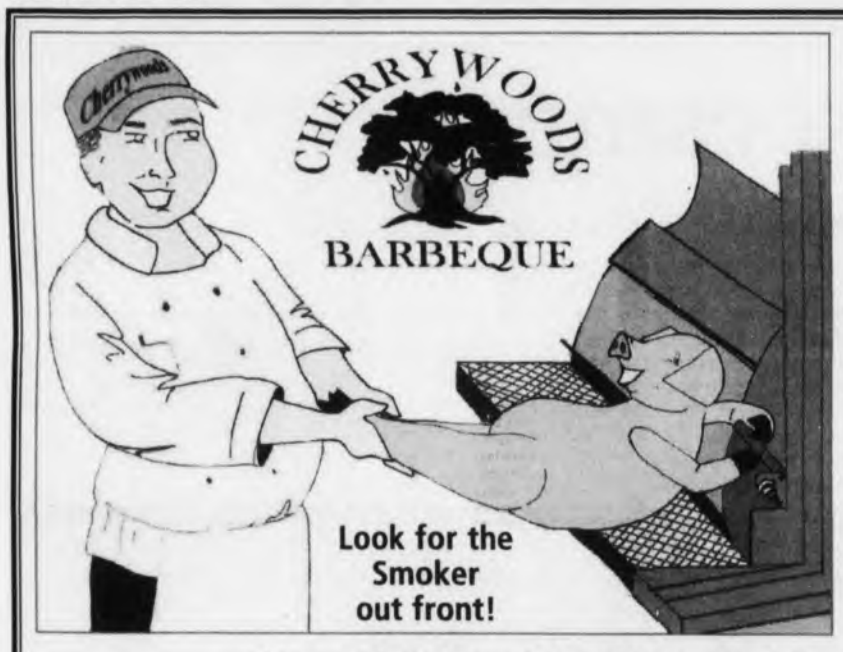
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Pan-Mass Challenge

Registration to ride in the 28th annual Pan-Massachusetts Challenge can be done through the PMC Web site, pmc.org. Open to just 4,500 cyclists, the PMC will be held Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 4 and 5. The ride is the nation's original fundraising bike-a-thon and today raises more money than any other athletic fundraising event in the country. This year's goal is to raise $27 million for the Jimmy Fund, which supports cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. To date, the PMC has raised more than $171 million for the world-renowned cancer research center.

Cyclists can choose from nine routes that pass through 46 Massachusetts cities and towns, over one or two days. Two-day cyclists can ride the original 192-mile Sturbridge to Provincetown route, the180-mile Sturbridge-Bourne-Wellesley route, the 163-mile Wellesley-Bourne-Provincetown route, or the 153-mile Wellesley-Bourne-Wellesley route. One-day cyclists can ride the 111-mile Sturbridge-Bourne route, the 84-mile Wellesley-Bourne route, the 72-mile Sturbridge-Wellesley route, the 68-mile Bourne to Wellesley route, or, new this year, the 50-mile Wellesley to Wellesley route. Minimum fundraising requirements range from $1,200 to $3,600, depending upon the route chosen. The most popular routes typically fill up within weeks.

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Moving on to something that actually makes sense, here is this week's news.

• Tomorrow at 2 p.m. at Norwell High School, the curtains go up for the CHS Drama Club's performance of Jean Paul Sartre's "No Exit." The stars of the play are **Austin Breslow, Molly Gallagher, Sally Meehan** and **Charles Miller**. This year's entry in the Massachusetts High School Drama Guild Festival is definitely worth seeing. Last year the Cohasset Cast and Crew were State Semi-finalists. Tickets are $10 at the door — but get there early because it will probably sell out. The action (and acting) starts at 9 a.m. if you'd like to see some of the other schools perform. So if you dig theatre, or just want to support CHS Arts in general, come to the Festival!

• Monday after school the NEASC Follow-Up Committee met.

• Wednesday the SDFS Coordinated Review Meeting took place.

• The School Committee met Wednesday night.

• Thursday morning the PSO President's Council met.

• After school Thursday the Professional Development Committee met.

• Thursday afternoon the Middle School Team Leaders met.

Who will be the next Mr. Skipper? Find out next Friday night, March 9th! See young men in formal wear and signature wear, and listen to their responses to philosophical questions — with their talents (or comedic lack thereof) as the grand finale. Tickets are $10, and the show will probably sell out so get your tickets STAT. I know, 300 comes out the 9th, but Mr. Skipper only comes once a year. Go see a late showing after CHS' annual Male Beauty Pageant. That's what I plan on doing.

I've been watching a lot of Discovery Channel, History Channel, and National Geographic lately. Something has to replace HBO's Rome, because the series will end after the second season. I stumbled across a show called Man vs. Wild on Discovery, and it's incredible. An ex-British Special Ops named Bear is put into the middle of nowhere, and he must survive with only a few items he is given at the start of each show. Definitely worth watching.

Get those Mr. Skipper tickets, and I'll see you at the show!

PAC meeting March 6

Join the Cohasset Parents Advisory Council on March 6.

This is an opportunity for parents to discuss with the PAC Board any issues, concerns and positive information that they would like to share regarding the school district. The PAC Board would like as much feedback regarding what your needs are in order to take steps in planning for next year. The meeting starts promptly at 7:30 p.m. at the Osgood School, 210 Sohier St.

All workshops and presentations are Free - Sponsored by the PSO/PAC

SOUTH SHORE PAC Network – Cohasset has joined with local PAC members in the south shore area to promote communication, combine workshops and establish a broader network. The South Shore PAC Network hopes to meets informally throughout the year. If you would like to to be added to our e-mail network for updates please forward your contact information to: southshorepac@comcast.net

Informal screenings for children slated

The Osgood Preschool staff in conjunction with the school nurse will hold informal screenings for children on the third Friday of every month from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. The remaining dates are March 16, April 27, and May 18.

These screenings will consist of a play group activity as well as opportunities for vision, hearing and posture screening. These screenings are to assist in identifying those students who should be referred for an evaluation to determine eligibility for special education.

If you are interested in having your child participate, contact one of the preschool staff at 781-383-6117 no later than the Wednesday prior to one of the scheduled screenings.

Middle-schoolers can join Buttonwood book group

Buttonwood Middle School Book Group will meet Thursday, March 8, at 7 p.m., at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset. The selected book is "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" by Arthur Conan Doyle. Fifth-graders are invited to attend. No reservations are necessary. All are welcome.

Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 for more information.

Derby honors

Headmaster Edward Foley recently acknowledged qualifying seventh and eighth grade students from Cohasset who achieved academic first or second honors for the fall semester.

Students awarded first honors earned an A- (90) or better average in all academic subjects included:

Cohasset: Doyle Calhoun, grade seven; Riley Calhoun; grade seven; Peter McKenna, grade eight; and Danny Sears, grade eight.

Students awarded second honors earned a B (84) or better average in all academic subjects:

Cohasset: Katherine Brown, grade seven; Derick Buffum, grade seven; Sarah Evans, grade seven; Alex Everett, grade eight; Deven Koswick, grade seven; Hannah Rawson, grade seven; Elizabeth Saltonstall, grade eight; Gabe Seksay, grade eight; and Mike Troy, grade eight.

Pilgrim Arena offers scholarships

Applications for ten $5,000 scholarships are available at the Pilgrim Skating Arena, 75 Recreation Park Drive, Hingham.

Interested seniors must pick up and sign for the application *in person* at the arena pro shop. Completed applications must be returned by Sunday (April 15).

Applicants will be judged by members of the Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors at Pilgrim Arena.

For more information, please call Hoby Taylor, 781-749-6660.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 6
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7
Early Release Day: Macaroni and cheese, dinner roll, or turkey sandwich, green beans, peaches.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8
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Deciding on Camp and Then Preparing to Go!
By Bette S. Bussel · Executive Director, American Camp Association, New England
Here at the American Camp Association, New England, we believe that there is no greater experience a child can have than a summer spent at camp. New friends; new and unique experiences; a chance to grow and develop and a chance to just kick back and have fun – nothing comes close! Once you decide on camp for your child, then it's time to get ready for the camp experience. Here are some tips!

Decide on CAMP
Involve your child as much as possible in the decision making process so that he or she will look forward to camp. (Research proves that campers who have some control over choosing their camps deal have an easier time with homesickness.
Review camp materials and compare camps. Tour the camp when it is in session or attend an open house or camp informational event. Speak with camp directors or camp representatives. Devise questions to ask them based on your child's particular needs and interests.
Request parent references from camps and check them. Go with your gut! There is no such thing as the best camp, only the best camp for your child. You will have to make the final decision since you are the expert on your child. Select a camp and send in your registration materials early to avoid being wait-listed.

Prepare for CAMP
Preparing for camp together helps ensure that you and your camper have a successful experience.
• Families should create progressive opportunities to prepare children for camp, especially the first-time camper. Practice being away from home by spending overnights or weekends with friends or family.
• Encourage children to practice caring for their belongings and for their bodies independently.
• Discuss strategies for coping with homesickness. Write down a plan for your child to follow if homesickness hits www.acane-camps.org/camp/guide/homesickness.pdf
• Pack only what is on the packing list sent by the camp. The camp knows what your child will use and need. Over packing can lead to lost or damaged items.
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Mini-camp is tons of fun!

Will Puzella, 4, laughs out loud while being tickled by Sarah Butman during school vacation mini camp at the South Shore Community Center. The camp included gymnastics, sports, bowling, crafts, face painting and more.

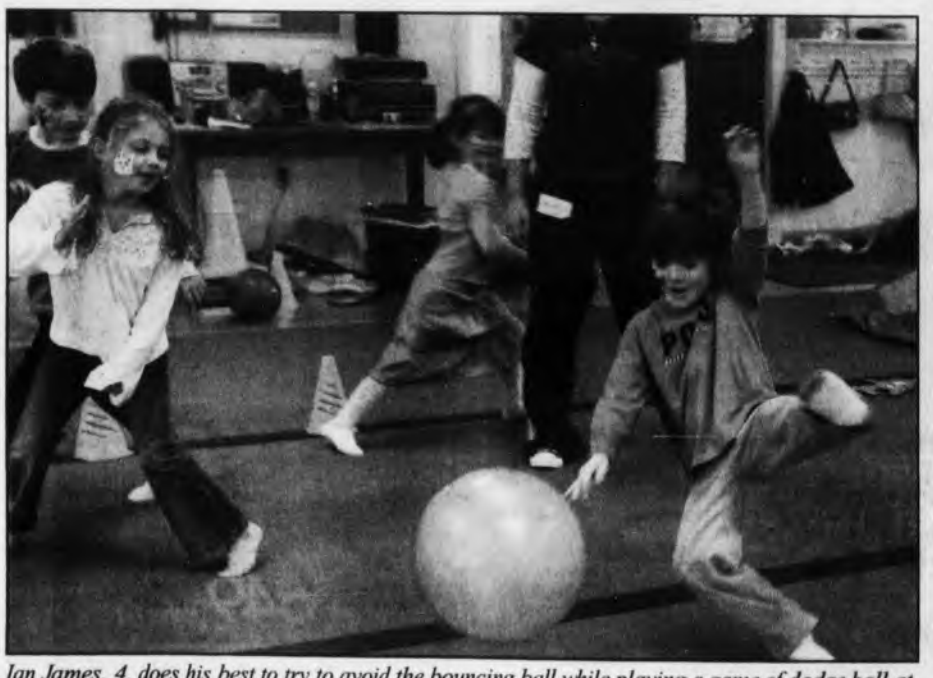
Community center hosts school vacation activities



Betsy Hillier, 7, gets her arm painted by Mary Brennock during the vacation week mini-camp. For more information about community center activities call 781-383-0088 or stop by the center at 3 N. Main St.



Caroline Hillier, 7, left, and Sarah Dimodica, 4, wait patiently on the white line for the next game during the gymnastics portion of the vacation week mini-camp at the South Shore Community Center last week.



Ian James, 4, does his best to try to avoid the bouncing ball while playing a game of dodge ball at the South Shore Community center last week during school vacation.





Above: *Mary Brennock paints the eyes of the rabbit on Mia Martone, 7, during the mini vacation camp – that included a little bit of everything.*

Left: *Leah Cook, 8, tries to stay in the lines while coloring the sky on her drawing during the vacation week mini-camp at the South Shore Community Center, 3 N. Main St.*



Sophie Smartwood, 5, shares a moment with her camp counselor Sarah Butman, right, after a break during the vacation week mini camp.

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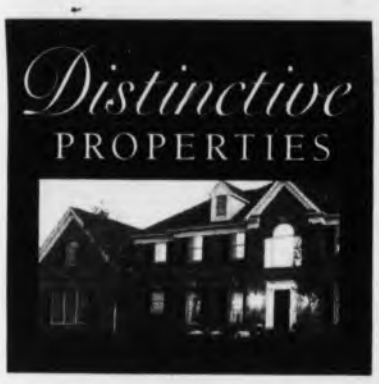
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Cookie Challenge winner is announced

Congratulations to Maggie Ernst of Cohasset for winning the Chocolate Chip Cookie Challenge held at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Feb. 14. Maggie's winning batch of chocolate chip cookies was chosen among five entries. The public was invited to sample each entry and vote for their favorite. Comments on Maggie's tasty cookies included "buttery!" "Just like my mother's recipe!" and "Delicious!"

The Cookie Challenge was offered as a fun family event for the library's first town-wide reading program, One Book One Cohasset. The library selected David McGillivray's book "The Last Pick" for its residents to read. In the book, the author and subject of the book, Dave, confesses to be a big chocolate chip cookie fan.

Library events complimenting the theme of the book: Dream Big and Never Underestimate Your Abilities, are being offered through Sunday, April 1



Maggie Ernst, left and her friend Bianca Furtado with a plate of chocolate chip cookies.

All entrants received a One Book One Cohasset t-shirt. Maggie, the winner of the contest, was invited to bake another batch of her special cookies for author, Dave McGillivray, when he visits the library on Tuesday, March 13.

To make a batch of Maggie's awesome cookies follow her recipe titled, "Maggie's Chocolate Chip Cookies." It goes as follows: a half pound of unsalted butter, softened; eight ounces of brown sugar; five and a half ounces of white sugar; two eggs at room temperature; one teaspoon of vanilla extract; twelve and three quarter ounces of all-purpose flour; three quarters of a teaspoon of baking soda and 10 ounces of semisweet chocolate chips.

Cream butter and sugars together until light and fluffy. Add eggs and vanilla. Beat well. Sift flour, soda and salt and blend in to batter. Do not over beat. Stir in chocolate chips. Chill dough for one hour or more. When ready to bake, preheat convection oven to 325 degrees. Drop dough onto foil-lined cookie sheets using a one inch cookie scoop. Bake one sheet at a time for 9 to 11 minutes. Makes five dozen unless you taste too much of the dough!

LIBRARY CORNER

Movie Matinee At The Library – Can't get out at night to see a movie? Join us for a daytime screening of Alfred Hitchcock's "Rear Window," Friday, March 2, at 11 a.m. Free admission. Light refreshments provided courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Movie Site License is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee.

Library System Upgrade – The library's on-line catalog will go through an extensive upgrade procedure beginning March 5. A new server will be installed at the Central Site office. This office serves all of the Old Colony Library Network member libraries. The entire on-line catalog, both on your home computer and in the library, will be unavailable for three days from March 5 to March 8. Loan periods for items that are due on a closed date will be extended until the system goes on-line again, which will be March 8. Although library materials may be checked in and out during this time, there may be limited access to your records.

New Video Service – For a limited time, Cohasset library patrons can download videos to their home computer using the **MyLibrarydv** service found on the library homepage. Now you can bring famous chefs into your kitchen, tour far-off places with expert guides from the comfort of your home, and curl up with a good movie, all by using this new technology from Recorded Books. Easy to follow instructions allow up to 10 downloaded programs at any given time. To access MyLibrarydv, go to the library web site at www.cohassetlibrary.org and click on the MyLibrarydv icon on the homepage.

Skincare Workshop – Learn about what it takes to have great skin. Do you want to know the truth about effective skin care and skincare products? Is there really a difference between the drug store, department store and the dermatologists office? Join Lisa Hebert, professional esthetician, from Bella Aesthetics for this honest and informative seminar scheduled for Sunday, March 4, at 2 p.m., at the library. Sign-up required. Call the library at 781-383-1348 or visit the library to sign up.

Meet The Author – Be sure to visit the library Tuesday, March 13, at 7 p.m., to meet David McGillivrary, author of "The Last Pick." The Library chose Dave's book for their first town-wide reading program. Book discussions and library events complimenting the theme of his book are being offered until April 1. Free admission.

FOR CHILDREN

Mama Steph – Meets Monday, March 5, 10:30 a.m., in the Meeting Room. Featured will be music for young children. All ages and communities welcome. No registration required. Funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.



Police/Fire Log

FRIDAY, FEB. 16

7:32 a.m. **Highland Ave.**, report of black smoke coming from chimney; problem with boiler. All companies tied up; ventilating the building. Fire Capt. reports heavy smoke in building; companies tied up on scene.

9:09 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St.**, motor vehicle accident; injuries reported.

10:40 a.m. **S. Main St.**, parking complaint; motor vehicle blocking deliveries at teen center.

12;32 p.m. **Ripley Road**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

1:05 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid requested for person having chest pain; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

2:03 p.m. **Ripley Road**, fire investigation; report taken.

3:08 p.m. **Sohier and King streets**, motor vehicle accident; no injuries reported.

3:14 p.m. **Ripley Road**, medical aid requested for person after falling.

3:22 p.m. **Spindrift Lane**, assist citizen who turned in ammunition for safe keeping.

4 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, well being check for caller who reports she hasn't been out of her home for three days due to ice in her yard; services rendered.

8:40 p.m. **Ripley Road**, disabled motor vehicle reported; must be parked on road overnight.

SATURDAY, FEB. 17

1:56 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

1:57 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

5:57 a.m. **Elm St.** – police headquarters, be on the lookout announcement issued by Hull police for a white motor vehicle that hit a stockade fence on Prospect St. Caller stated that the motor vehicle was white; police found a black mirror on scene. The motor vehicle should have extensive damage.

8 a.m. **Weather**: Sunny, **Temperature**: 19 degrees, **Wind**: Light.

9:38 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

12 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in party at police headquarters to turn in a cell phone which was found on the roadway.

1:16 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

1:51 p.m. **Hillside Drive**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

2:18 p.m. **S. Main St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

2:53 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, assistance to citizen; departmental action taken.

3:02 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

4:24 p.m. **Short St.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

4:37 p.m. **Hull St.**, caller requests an officer to help direct traffic while a truck is being moved; services rendered.

5:43 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued; tow requested for expired registration.

6:57 p.m. **Scituate - First Parish Road**, medical aid requested for walk-in at Scituate Fire Dept. headquarters; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

7:41 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

7:55 p.m. **Sohier St.** – Deer Hill School, officer reports school checked; building secure.

7:56 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

9:31 p.m. **Forest Ave. and N. Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

9:32 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking complaint; two vehicles tagged.

9:47 p.m. **N. Main St.**, traffic stop resulting in summons being issued to a 27-year-old Weymouth man for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and lights violation and to a 29-year-old Plymouth man for allowing unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

11:11 p.m. **Rocky Lane**, caller reports a black pick-up truck full of youths are in driveway looking for a fight with his son; all units en route to headquarters will all parties involved to identify and resolve the situation. Chief Hussey paged to advise of the situation. Summons issued to an 18-year-old Hull man on charges of minor with possession of alcohol and to a 19-year-old Weymouth man on charges of a minor with possession of alcohol.

11:43 p.m. **Rocky Lane**, medical aid requested for son who was involved in a fight.

SUNDAY, FEB. 18

6:39 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

6:40 a.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

6:41 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

10:03 a.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, fire investigation. Odor of gas due to faulty pilot on stove; services rendered.

10:18 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:23 a.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

11:22 a.m. **King St.**, request for officer. Summons issued to 22-year-old on charges of threatening to commit a crime.

2:34 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid requested for elderly male who fell from his bed and hit his head; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

3:31 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, caller reports a man in a white hard hat and a yellow vest with no writing on it is walking around with a PDA; officer reports the man is working for National Grid.

10:28 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:39 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

10:47 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:56 p.m. **S. Main St.**, caller reports that his motor vehicle is going to slide down the hill because of a bad transmission and he needs a tow; McBrien's notified.

MONDAY, FEB. 19

4:26 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports a vehicle in lot looks suspicious; information logged.

5:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic enforcement.

5:46 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; summons issued to a 28-year-old Cambridge resident on charges of number plate violations and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

6:08 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, parking enforcement; services rendered.

7:54 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond Street**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

8:52 p.m. **Deer Hill/Osgood/High School**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

8:54 p.m. **Scituate - Sedgewick Drive**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

9:46 p.m. **N. Main St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

9:56 p.m. **Forest Ave. and Heather Drive**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued. Juvenile under arrest on charges of minor with possession of alcohol and illegal possession of a class D substance.

11:26 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

11:59 p.m. **School St.**, mutual aid rendered to Hull police to be on the look out for a motor vehicle containing Cohasset youths who threw items at a home in Hull. Appears to be related to calls for a disturbance on Rocky Lane in Cohasset over the past weekend. Hull police provided several names and will be into Cohasset police headquarters in the morning to obtain information on males that they think are involved. Attention CID and day shift commander.

TUESDAY, FEB. 20

12:30 a.m. **Elm St. – Police Headquarters**, mutual aid rendered; message delivered to Bail Commissioner from Rockland police to contact their station.

12:38 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

12:39 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

2:49 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested for person after a fall and has chest pain; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

7:27 a.m. **Old Pasture Road**, anonymous caller reports receiving a strange phone call overnight; well-being check rendered.

8:42 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, elderly female called 911 several times; appears to be very confused.

11 a.m. **Elm St.**, suspicious activity; caller reports receiving a phone call from a male party with a Arabic accent who stated he is from N.Y., and would like to give her a free cell phone. The male party attempted to get the victim to give him her social security number as well as other information. The victim declined to do so and hung up but the male party keeps calling her back; departmental action taken.

11:13 a.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, caller reports her smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors have activated; investigated.

11:53 a.m. **Elm and South Main streets**, pocketbook reported found.

1:12 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, 911 hang up call received. When called back, resident answered phone, but is not saying anything; can be heard in background talking to her son who is not there. Son has been notified and is responding to the scene. Officer requested for a well-being check. Resident has been left in the care of her son at this time.

1:40 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, caller reports his neighbor from across the street is standing in his driveway looking at his house; services rendered.

3:45 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

5:32 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

5:57 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

8:02 p.m. **Elm St. and Elm Court**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

8:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and lower King St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

8:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

8:42 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

8:47 p.m. **Sohier St.**, Sergeant reports a light on in one of the control buildings for the tracks. MBTA Police notified and they will call back. Sergeant reports the shed that houses all the wiring is wide open and a light is on; no damage reported at this time. He has secured the shed for the time being and is waiting for a call back from MBTA Police. MBTA Police called back and stated that the control shed is okay to leave open for the night and they will have a crew come back tomorrow. Sergeant reports he spoke to the officer in charge at the MBTA Police and they have decided to send a crew out tonight to secure the control shed. Units also report that the shed has been spray painted.

9:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, traffic stop; citation issued.

9:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and lower King St.**, caller reports a vehicle driving erratically with no lights on.

9:09 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

10:05 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:07 p.m. **Sohier St.** officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:23 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:28 p.m. **Hull St.**, mutual aid rendered to Hull police in contacting resident.

Police arrested five in January

Police made five arrests in January; one for breaking and entering, one for possession of a Class B substance, one for assault and two for outstanding warrants, said Chief James Hussey in his monthly status report to selectmen.

During the month of January, the police department investigated 12 motor vehicle accidents, two of which resulted in personal injury. There were 118 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $715 in fines. Additionally, there were 30 parking tickets issued totaling $775 in fines, Hussey said.

Also in the month of January, the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 873 calls for police services, and of those 150 were Emergency 911 calls.

In the month of January, there were six reports of breaking and entering, one involving a business, one involving a private residence and four involving motor vehicles. Also in January there were four criminal complaints issued for the month.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASE

7:30 P.M., Tuesday, March 6, 2007

The **Cohasset Water Commission** will hold a public hearing on its proposed rate increase, on **Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.** to be held at the **Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant**, located at **339 King Street**, Cohasset. The proposed rate increase is based on a restructuring of the current rate schedule, as well as a planned increase relating to the Cohasset Water Department's capital improvement plan approved during the 2004 Annual Town Meeting.

Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chairman: William Baird.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, March 4, 2007

10 a.m. - Worship in the Meeting House

Sermon: "Open Hearts and..."

Religious education classes for toddlers, children, and youth and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 AM in the Meeting House.

Refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall will follow the morning service and RE classes.

Soul Work: Conversations across Congregations (with parallel programming for children) - First Parish UU in Hingham/Old Ship - Noon to 2:30 p.m.

This first Sunday series of conversations on anti-racism work as spiritual practice, as soul work, will continue, with lunch served at noon, and adult conversations led by Eva Marx from Old Ship and Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, running from 12:30 to 2:30 PM. We offer parallel programming for primary age children. This series is based on the book, Soul Work: anti-racist theologies in dialogue. You may purchase a copy at First Parish UU for $18. This series is dedicated to the late Rev. Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley, co-editor of Soul Work.

Candlelight Peace Vigil on Cohasset Common: Join us for this first Sunday of the month witness for peace. While we have have candles available, we invite you to bring your own if you can.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village. To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood.

We now also have prayer services you can listen to online, including a special daily Lenten reading.

Goings on at St. Stephen's this week, March 4 - 11

- Sunday, March 4 : Lent 2. Regular services at 8 am and 10 am. Godly Play church school and nursery available at 10 service. 9 am. Youth Worship
- Monday, March 5 :_ 7:30 pm Christian Meditation
- Wednesday, March 7 : 9:30 Eucharist with Healing; 10:30 am Bible Study: "Women in the Bible"
- Friday, March 9: 9:30 am Yoga. Noon – Soup and sandwich
- Saturday, March 10: 7 am Bible Fellowship
- Sunday, March 11: Lent 3. Services at 8 am and 10 am; 11:40 am – Eco-taskforce meeting

Lessons for March 4, 2007

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18 Abram has a vision in which Yahweh promises him many descendents and a homeland for future generations.

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1 Paul pleads with his congregation in Philippi to emulate him rather than those who do shameful things.

Luke 13: 31-35 Jesus is warned by Pharisees to leave Jerusalem since Herod Antipas has threatened to kill Him. He responds that He must fulfill His healing ministry before He "attains His end."

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

Obituaries

Charles C. Philbrook

World War II veteran

Charles C. Philbrook, 85, of Cohasset, died Feb. 26, 2007, at Good Samaritan Hospital.

Born in Boston and raised in Cohasset, Mr. Philbrook was a veteran of World War II. He served as a private first class in the U.S. Army with Gen. George S. Patton in the Hellcats 12th Armored Division.

He leaves his sister, Nancy C. Snowdale of Cohasset; and his nephews, Robert L. Snowdale of Plymouth and Alan C. Snowdale of Cohasset. He was the uncle of the late Wayne T. Snowdale.

Graveside services, under the direction of McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, were private.

Memorial contributions may be made to Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St., Cohasset, MA 02025.

Alfred Vars

Merchant Marine

Alfred Vars, 86, of Cohasset, formerly of Abington, died Feb. 13, 2007, at South Shore Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Born in Rhode Island, Mr. Vars was educated in Rhode Island schools. He had been a Merchant Marine.

All services were private. Quealy and Son Funeral Home, Abington, made the arrangements.

Worship Notes

March events at St. Joseph Retreat Center

St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, is hosting the following programs in March:

March 7, Morning of Prayer "A Time to Rend, A Time to Sow" with Betsy Conway, CSJ, and Dorothea Masuret, CSJ.

March 10, Day of Prayer "Transforming Grace" with Rose Clarisse Gadoury, SSA.

March 19, Morning of Prayer for the Feast of St. Joseph with Pat Boyle, CSJ.

For more information on these programs and on other 2007 events, email retreatcenter@csj-boston.org or call 781-383-6024.

Legal Notices

PRENDERGAST ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Norfolk Division
Docket No. 05P2405EP
Notice of Fiduciary's Account

To the persons interested in the estate of Kevin Prendergast late of Cohasset, in the county of Norfolk.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the 1st and final account (s) of Michael Prendergast as executor (the fiduciary) of said estate has been presented to this Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Canton on or before the 26th day of March, 2007 the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account (s). If you desire to object to any item of said account (s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, FIRST JUSTICE of said Court at Canton this 14th day of February, 2007.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11252710
Cohasset Mariner 3/2/07

HORAN GUARDIANSHIP
LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 07P0359GI

In the Matter Of MARIE HORAN
Of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN

To MARIE HORAN of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK, and heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said MARIE HORAN of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK is a mentally ill person and praying that DONNA KELLY of EAST BRIDGEWATER in the County of PLYMOUTH or some other suitable person be appointed guardian, to serve without surety of the person – and property – with the authority to administer antipsychotic medications in accordance with the treatment plan for reasons more fully set forth in said petition.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **MARCH 28, 2007**.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, February 16, 2007.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11250929
Cohasset Mariner 3/2/07

To Place A Legal Ad Call Mary (781) 433-7902

The Best & The Brightest

Braintree Forum, Cohasset Mariner, Duxbury Reporter, Hanover Mariner, Hingham Journal, Kingston Mariner, Marshfield Mariner, Norwell Mariner, Old Colony Memorial, Pembroke Mariner & Reporter, Plymouth Bulletin, Scituate Mariner, Wareham Courier, Weymouth News

We know there are many bright, talented and caring young adults in our communities, and this year, a special section entitled "The Best & The Brightest" will appear in the COHASSET MARINER to celebrate their accomplishments.

Please help us find these remarkable teens and young adults by filling out the nomination form on this page. You can nominate an individual between the ages of 16 and 21 who, you believe, deserves to be honored, whether it be for academic achievement, volunteerism, athletics, artistic acumen or the pursuit of excellence in another field. Here's your opportunity to get involved.

You can bring the form to the Community Newspaper Company office at 182 Standish Ave., Plymouth, MA 02360 or mail the form to Beth Doyle, or fax the form to 508-591-6601.

All entries will be considered by a selection panel, and successful nominees will be interviewed and photographed. During the week of May 21st, Community Newspaper Company will include "The Best & The Brightest," a special section devoted to sharing as many of the stories and photographs of those nominated as possible.











The Best & The Brightest

Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: _____

Birthdate / Age (16-21): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Names of Parents: _____

Nominee's School: _____

Grade Level: _____

Major Academic Interest: _____

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College or Career / Occupation Plans: _____

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Athletic Activities (Optional): _____

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Organization (if applicable): _____

Telephone: _____

Please fill out form & return to Community Newspaper Company

Please direct questions to Beth Doyle at 508-591-6620

Don't put it off... Send us your nomination today.
The deadline for the receipt of nominations is Friday, March 30, 2007.

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TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

MARCH 1-9, 2007

Couple shares a 'Vision'

Dancers are partners on stage, in life

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Melanie Atkins and Szabolcs (Sabi) Varga may be soloists with Boston Ballet, but the dancers are very much a couple. Their offstage partnership has led to many onstage pairings as it will again this week when "New Visions," a Boston Ballet triple bill of contemporary works, opens at Boston's Citi Wang Theatre.

"There are 12 dancers featured In 'Sonata for Two Pianos and Percussion,' but several times it is just the two of us dancing onstage," explained Atkins by telephone during a rehearsal break with Varga last week. "With 'New Visions,' there is no story. It is just purely movement and music, so as dancers we have the chance to make it whatever it becomes."

For Atkins and Varga, their work together has become something that has evolved alongside their personal relationship, which began on a first date in 2002 and now includes marriage and a home in Braintree. One of four married couples now with Boston Ballet, Atkins and Varga celebrated their first wedding anniversary on Jan. 6. They may work in the city, but when the curtain falls, the pair is happy to head home to the suburbs.



PHOTO BY MARTA FODOR

Melanie Atkins and Szabolcs (Sabi) Varga performing on stage

Our relationship is sometimes even used as an example by the other couples in the Ballet."
Melanie Atkins



Melanie Atkins PHOTO BY ERIC ANTONIOU

"When we were looking for a place to live, Sabi and I realized that we didn't want a condominium in Boston. We come home from work late. We didn't want to be attached to anyone else. We wanted a house. We chose Braintree because we wanted to live in a neighborhood. Braintree is a very typical New England town and we like that very much," says Atkins, who lived in Acton and Natick after her family moved to the United States from Reading, England. We bought our house in Braintree in 2004 and although we never really think about it, things have gone very well for us. Our relationship is sometimes even used as an example by the other couples in the Ballet."

After spending his childhood in Budapest, Varga appreciates the relative quiet of life on the South Shore.

"I saw very little ocean when I was growing up. Now, I love to sit in the car and photograph the ocean. I also love the four seasons here. I do the shoveling in the winter, and in the good weather Melanie does the gardening and I do the yard work."

Atkins and Varga both acknowledge that their on-stage roles required a bit of settling in once they became a couple.

"It can be difficult to put two people together on stage who are emotionally involved, because you want your life partner to be perfect. When we first danced together, we were both too concerned about how the other looked to do our own best work. We worked that out over time," says Atkins, who trained at Natick's Walnut Hill School of the Arts and later danced with the Fort Worth Dallas and Miami Ballet Companies.

Varga, who trained at the Hungarian Dance Academy in Budapest and 10 years ago was named "Best Young Dancer" at the International Rudolf Nureyev Competition, could not agree more with Atkins, whom he met when both were with the Alberta Ballet under the direction of Mikko Nissinen. It was Nissinen who invited both Atkins and Sarba to join him at the Boston Ballet after he became Artistic Director of the internationally renowned company in 2002.

"We know how lucky we both are to have found the person who was meant for each of us. We nurture our relationship. The way our personal and professional lives intersect, we could spend 24 hours a day, seven days a week together. We make sure, however, to carve out time away from dance. We also give each other space as needed. That said, it is easier when we dance together. We don't have to act. Our relationship definitely comes through. My favorite ballet is George Balanchine's 'Duo Concertant.' Before I met Melanie, I did that ballet with another partner, and I loved it. I loved it even more, though, when I danced it with Melanie."

Varga also loves to dance world premieres. This week's Boston Ballet program will give him his fifth opportunity to do just that.

"It is a fantastic feeling when you are dancing something that is having its world premiere. There is nothing else like it. With 'Brake the Eyes,' our resident choreographer Jorma Elo is mixing six movements from five works by Mozart in a way that is kind of like snapshots."

And very different from traditional ballet.

"'New Visions' is very athletic, very raw. There is no pink and no flowers on the stage," says Atkins. "There are also no tutus. The costumes are minimal so that the audience will be able to see visible tone and definition in our bodies."

And people down front may see even more, according to Varga.

"They are really going to see how this is done. People are going to see us sweat."

(The Boston Ballet will present "New Visions" at the Citi Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont Street, Boston, March 1-4. For tickets and information, call 1-800-447-7400 or visit bostonballet.org)



Szabolcs (Sabi) Varga PHOTO BY ERIC ANTONIOU

Movie review

Sex, 'Lives' and audiotape

The Lives of Others (A-)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

If you can imagine George Orwell's classic "Nineteen Eighty-Four" as an East German soap opera, you have an idea of the virtues and admittedly minor vices of "The Lives of Others."

Set in 1984 in Communist East Berlin, this award-winning film by Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck (in German with subtitles) focuses on the lives of theater actors and directors and the government flunkies and ministers who keep them under surveillance and secretly envy and lust after them. At the time, Stasi, the East German state police, employed 100,000 workers and 200,000 informers.



George (Sebastian Koch) and Christa-Maria (Martina Gedeck) find time for a moment of passion in the midst of paranoia.

Georg Dreyman (Sebastian Koch) appears to have the world on a string. A tall, handsome and successful playwright, he has managed to thrive under strict censorship and lives with his muse, the beautiful leading lady of stage and screen Christa-Maria Sieland (long-limbed Bavarian beauty Martina Gedeck).

When spiteful authorities decide to keep an eye on Georg, they enlist Stasi Captain Gerd Weisler (Ulrich Muhe), a surveillance expert who may remind some of the character Gene Hackman played in Francis Ford Coppola's prophetic 1974 thriller "The Conversation." Weisler sets up in the attic of Georg and Christa's apartment building. Perched at his desk and wearing headphones, he is an evil totalitarian imp, listening in on their most intimate encounters.

Weisler, a middle-aged man with no life of his own, grows increasingly fascinated with his subjects and begins to resemble an electronic Nosferatu, deriving nourishment from the lives of the vibrant, beautiful people upon whom he spies. He's the paparazzo from hell, a vampiric Peeping Tom.

When the Minister of Culture (Thomas Thieme, who's a natural for the title role in a "Goldfinger" remake) becomes enamored with Christa, she sullenly submits and lets him have his way with her. Von Donnersmarck wisely makes these scenes tingle with ambiguity. Christa may be trying to protect herself and Georg, but she also seems to respond to the minister's intense desire. Later, the strain of the affair takes its toll on her relationship with Georg, and she becomes dependent on pills.

Before the fall of the Berlin Wall, the East envied the West its political and economic freedoms in the way that Weisler envies Georg and Christa, and that desire helped bring down the wall. In many ways, von Donnersmarck's film recalls the work of the late, great Polish filmmaker Krzysztof Kieslowski ("The Decalogue"), who also came of artistic age under an oppressive communist regime, although von Donnersmarck arguably lacks Kieslowski's penetrating, moralist vision.

Muhe, who looks like a cross between Kevin Spacey and Joel Grey's "Cabaret" master of ceremonies, gives a compellingly creepy performance as the evil and finally pitiful spy who gets caught in his own trap. Orwell would have approved.

Rated R. "The Lives of Others" contains profanity and sexual situations.

Calendar of events

Thursday, Mar. 1

Local Chapter of Business Networking International bni.com meets weekly Thursday mornings in Pembroke at 7:30. New members are welcome. Call Tricia Lorente at 508-740-3385 for details.

Artwork by students of Donna Rossetti-Bailey Feb. 28-April 7. Over the years, many people from the South Shore have studied pastel and drawing with Marshfield artist, Donna Rossetti-Bailey. More than 30 students have works on display in the Vine Hall Gallery, **South Shore Natural Science Center,** 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. This exhibit will highlight both plein-aire and studio work. Artists' Reception on Thursday evening, March 15, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. 781-659-2559.

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Mark your calendar

MAPLE DAY AT THE SOUTH SHORE NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER, Norwell, March 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Learn how trees are tapped and sap is collected to make maple syrup. include woodland walks and learning how to tap the trees. Dress for outdoor weather. Can you identify real maple syrup? See if you can at the Taste Testing. Kids will make crafts and there will also be maple goodies and treats to buy. Cost is per person is: $5 member/Maximum of $20 for the family and $10 non- members/Maximum of $35 per non-member family and includes admission to the EcoZone too. For a complete schedule of events, check the website at ssnsc.org

THE FULL MONTY will be presented at The Company Theatre in Norwell, from March 16 through April 7. The show contains adult situations and some vulgar language. Tickets, priced at $28-$30, are available at the box-office at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companytheatre.com

THE SOCIETY OF ARTS AND CRAFTS presents CRAFT-BOSTON 2007 March 30 – April 1, at Boston's Seaport World Trade Center. Seaport World Trade Center, 200 Seaport Boulevard, Boston. COST: General Admission: $15, Senior Citizens & SAC Members: $12, Children 12 years and under: Free. Admission tickets valid for readmission throughout the weekend. For information, call 617-266-1810 or visit craft-boston.org

THE 26th ANNUAL DUXBURY SPRING ANTIQUE SHOW will be held on Saturday, March 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, March 18, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Duxbury High School, Duxbury, (Exit 11 off Route 3 to St. George Street) The show features 50 New England antique dealers and benefits the Duxbury High School athletic programs. This year verbal appraisals of art and antiques will be available on Sunday, March 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., $5 per item or $10 for 3 items. Lunch will be served on both For information, contact Deb Bowen at 934-9489.

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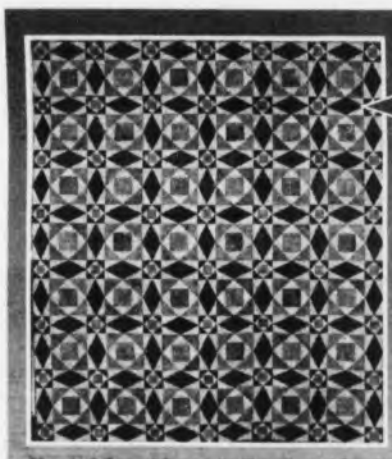
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Listen and Learn forum with Rep. Tom Calter March, 1, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Jones River Landing, 55 Landing Road, Kingston. The Jones River Landing will host an interactive forum with new state Rep. Tom Calter. The event presents an opportunity to hear from Calter on his background, vision and planned approach in the State House, as well as a chance for residents of the 12th District to share their concerns on current issues that face their communities. The open forum will feature a question and answer session during which attendees are welcome to raise any topic relating to the future of their towns or the district as a whole. Free and open to all; no registration is required. For information, visit jonesriver.org or call 781-585-2322.

The Hingham Bridal Event, March 1, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Old Derby Academy, 34 Main St. Sample fine wines, hors d'oeuvres, chocolates and cake. Have fun with a mini-make-over or a new hair style. Enjoy our DJ's music, enter free raffles and share creative wedding ideas with some of the South Shore's finest purveyors of wedding gowns, bridal party apparel, hair styles, accessories, invitations, flowers, gifts, favors, photographs, limousines, catering and more. Admission $9; bring a guest for free by registering online at discoverhingham .com 781-749-5774.

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Reunions

THE SOUTH SHORE MOTHERS OFTWINS 50th anniversary celebration to be held Sunday March 25, at the Elks Hall, Weymouth. Looking for past members. Also in need of photos of twins (multiples) then and now and any other pictures, memories or anecdotes of past club events. Contact : Lynda Rowland, 25 Carle Rd., Wollaston, MA. 02170 or email @twinclub50th@aol .com for further information and reservations.

THE IMPERIALS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS. Will hold its Fifth annual Spring Fever dance on April 14, at 7:30 pm, at the Abington K. of C. Cost is $15, $10 under 18. This fundraiser has become a mini reunion of sorts and a corps banquet for members. The whole family is invited. Contact John Stark by visiting pathwayproductions.org/imperials.htm

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1972 is holding it's 35th Class Reunion on Friday, Nov. 23, at 6:30 p.m. Help them find missing classmates.Visit nightsea.com/HHS72reunion35.htm www.nightsea.com/HHS72reunion35.htm (You must enter website exactly as shown.) For information contact Ellen Cadigan Mazel 781-275-7875 or mazels@mindspring.com

THE USS NITRO AE-2 & AE-23 Association will hold their annual reunion from 21-24 June 2007 in Washington, DC. For information, contact the Nitro's website at http://ussnitro.org or me at ebb23@aol.com



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Friday, Mar. 2

Plymouth Guild for the Arts Winter Members' Show is on display March 2 through April 22 at the Plymouth Gallery, 10 Cordage Park Circle, Suite 119, Plymouth. All are welcome to attend the opening March 2, from 7 to 9 p.m. Gallery hours are Mon-Wed and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Admission is free. In addition to the gallery show, new artwork will be on exhibit upstairs in the Cordage hallways during regular business hours. Visit plymouthguild.org or call 508-647-7222 for information.

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The South Shore Conservatory Concert Series *Maestro Chamber Players* concert, originally scheduled for Friday, March 2, 7:30 p.m., has been **rescheduled**. The concert will take place on Sunday, April 22, at 4 p.m., at the Ellison Center for the Arts. For information call 781-934-2731, ext. 10 (Duxbury) or 781-749-7565, ext. 10 (Hingham). Tickets at $25 for adults and $20 for students and seniors may be purchased online at sothshoreconservatory.org Current South Shore Conservatory students receive complimentary tickets to the Concert Series.

The Ripple Effect is bringing Travis Roy to speak in Duxbury on Friday, March 2 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Tickets for the event can be purchased at Westwinds Bookshop in Duxbury or ProSports in Kingston and Hingham. Roy, a former Boston University hockey player who was paralyzed 11 seconds into his first college game, will speak about finding meaning and success in life despite the obstacles placed in your path. He will also talk about how to set goals and see them through even when your life changes from what you thought it would be. The event is for individuals and families and is recommended for children ages 10 and up. For more information email saxtonwoods@aol .com.

John Carver Inn, Plymouth present **Dinner Theatre** packages. featuring **Dave Kane's Misgivings,** a night of belly-laughs, blessings, blarney and bingo March 2, doors open at 7:30 p.m. For information visit johncarverinn.com or call JCI at 508-746-7100 or 800-724-1620.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance March 2, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at **Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom**, 929 Hingham St., Rockland, exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by award winning DJ Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes and match game prizes. **Free dancing lessons** from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples age 30 and over. Cost before 9 p.m. is $10 Proper business dress recommended; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable. Visit www.se-4u.com or call 781-446-0234 for information.

New England Singles Dance, March 2, from 8 pm., to midnight Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham Music from the 60s to present with DJ Paul Dipanfilo, for people age 40 +. Admission $12. singles-dances-newengland.com.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree everyFriday, **DJ Rick** at 9:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The British Beer Company. Washington St. **Pembroke**. March 2, **The Gobshites.**

Next Page Café, 550 Broad Street, Weymouth, will feature **Blues Legend Weepin Willie,** March 2, at 9:15 p.m. No cover. 781-335-9796 nextpagecafe.com

Vocalist **Leah Souza, with pianist Mathew Quinn and trumpeter/vocalist Johnny Souza,** will perform jazz standards and songs from *The Great American Songbook*, from 8:30 pm to 12:30 am at The Radisson Plymouth, 180 Water St. No cover charge. For information, call 508-747-4900 or visit leah-souza.com

Saturday, Mar. 3

The 16th annual **Walk for Hospice of the South Shore** takes place from 7 to 10 a.m., inside South Shore Plaza in Braintree and is sponsored by Weymouth Health Care Center, raises money to support Hospice of the South Shore, which provides end-of-life care to hundreds of patients throughout Southeastern Massachusetts, regardless of ability to pay. Individual walkers, teams, sponsors, and members of the community are encouraged to sign up for the walk at southshorehospital.org The 16th annual event is a terrific way for families to get together with musical entertainment, a Tae Kwon Doe demonstration, giveaways, raffles, and refreshments. Call 781-340-4010 for information.



Artists' Reception on Thursday evening, March 15, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

"Weir River-Last Night", by Connie Cummings of Hingham

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Duxbury's Bumpus Gallery, presents An exhibit titled "Light" will feature the **photography of Keitaro Yoshioka** beginning March 1 and continuing until the end of April. A reception to meet the artist will be held at the Gallery on Saturday, March 3, from 2 to 4 p.m. The Helen Bumpus Gallery is located on the main level of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours. For information call 781-934-2721.

Doctors Carol DeFranca and **Scott Chapman** of Norwell Spine and Sports Rehabilitation in Norwell, will present the second lecture in their **Healthy Woman Lecture Series** to discuss vital topics in women's health at Body To Soul Fitness, located at 33 Riverside Drive in Pembroke. This lecture, titled **Healthy Energy, Active Metabolism**, will teach attendees how to maximize healthy energy and will be held from 10:30 to 12:30 p.m. The cost of this workshop is $29. Space is limited. To register, contact 781-829-2002.

Hingham Symphony Orchestra Chamber Players present Tchaikovsky's virtuosic Serenade for Strings plus various solo works accompanied by piano on Saturday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the House of Prayer, Rte 228, Hingham. $20 adults, $15 seniors, $10 youth through age 18, available at the door or call 781-740-5694. Visit hinghamsymphony.org for more details.

South Shore Conservatory offers fiddling workshops for string musicians String musicians are invited to raise up their instruments and learn how to fiddle with world renowned fiddler **Eden MacAdam-Somer** on March 3, at South Shore Conservatory's Ellison Center for the Arts location ***Fiddling Workshop Class I***, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The cost for ***Class I*** is $25 for non-SSC students, and $10 for SSC students. ***Fiddling Workshop Class II***, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., The cost for ***Class II*** is $30 for non-SSC students, and $10 for SSC students. For information on the fiddling workshops or for directions, call 781-934-2731, ext. 10 or visit southshoreconservatory.org

Spring Stirrings, Gala Party and Fundraiser, Saturday, March 3, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the **South Shore Natural Science Center,** Norwell Tickets are $45 per person and may be purchased by calling the Science Center at 781-659-2559 or visiting the Science Center during business hours.

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Blue Hills Reservation and South Region Sites March 3, at 1 p.m. **Ponkapoag Mud Stomp.** Meet at Ponkapoag Golf Course parking lot, 2167 Washington St., Canton. Put on your boots and join a DCR Ranger on a 4 mile walk through muck and mud puddles. Dress appropriately. Always wear sturdy footgear and carry water. All programs are free. Call 617-698-1802 for weather conditions.

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Meetings

THE ADOPTION & FOSTER CARE SCHOOL AWARENESS PROJECT WILL hold its next meeting Tuesday, March 6. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the Lydia Drake Library, 340 High St., Pembroke, at 7:30 pm. The special guests will be Dr. John McEwan, superintendent of the Whitman Hanson School District, and Tom Evans and Michelle McGee representing the Phoenix Project. The discussion will be about grassroots organizing, how local and state education budgets operate, and school and community collaboration. ASAP is committed to increasing awareness in the schools and in communities of the special needs of children and families formed through adoption and foster care. All parents, caregivers, educators and interested community members are welcome. For information, contact Charlotte Simpson at 781-293-3341, or visit www. asapmass.org.

THE SOUTH SHORE OCD SUPPORT GROUP holds monthly meetings for adults suffering from OCD, parents of children suffering from OCD or friends and family of adults suffering from OCD. Meetings are at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at the Duxbury Senior Community Center, 10 Mayflower St., Duxbury. (Route 3 to exit 10 east, to Tremont Street, (RT 3A North) to 10 Mayflower). No cost. Wheelchair accessible. Call Barbara Lashley at 508 830-1630 for the date of the next meeting or for information.

LA LECHE LEAGUE: Planning to breastfeed? Then you'll want the information and encouragement that La Leche League provides. Leaders are experienced breastfeeding mothers, accredited by La Leche League International. Whether you're pregnant or already nursing, LLL has something for you - tips and techniques shared by mothers who have enjoyed a successful breastfeeding relationship. Services include monthly informational meetings, lending library and 24-hour phone help for breastfeeding problems or questions. All mothers and their babies are welcome. For information, call Love 781-740-4876, Tina 781-544-6226, Heather 781-544-9230, or Patti 781-986-6980.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS is a 12-Step program for recovering from compulsive overeating. There are no dues, no fees and no weigh-ins. We welcome everyone who has a problem with food including overeaters, anorexics, and bulimics. For nearest meeting and further information call toll free (877) 317-2111.

FREE ALCOHOLISM COUNSELING: The FAMILY PROJECT is a research study which offers free treatment to find out whether adding family counseling to one-on-one recovery counseling leads to more sobriety for individuals with alcohol problems. Individuals ages 18-65 with a current alcohol problem who live with a family member other than a spouse are eligible. The study is conducted by researchers at Harvard Medical School and Bay State Community Services, Inc. For information, call the Family Project at Bay State Community Services at 617.694.2602.



Ireland's funniest man, don't miss this lively blend of traditional Irish dance, ballads, song and humor. Backed by the lilting sounds of accordion, piano, and pipes, the dancers twirl and tap as they thrill audiences in the best cabaret from Ireland! Tickets priced at $34 are available at the box-office at 30 Accord Park in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online atcompanytheatre.com

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Auditions

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Charles Stockbridge is a self-taught Scituate artist whose love for maritime scenes and ships harkens back to masters, Martin Johnson Heade, Fitz Hugh (Henry) Lane, ship portrait painter James Buttersworth, and contemporary masters, Sergio Roffo and William Davis. Stockbridge has a collection of paintings on display at the Front Street Art Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate from March 1, through March 25 with a reception on March 4, from 2 to 5 p.m.

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Concert pianist Bryan Boyce will perform at **Bridgewater State College** at 7:30 p.m. in Boyden Hall's Horace Mann Auditorium Boyce, who was educated at the esteemed Eastman School in New York, will perform Franz Liszt's "Mephisto Waltz." Tickets, which are available at the door, are $8 for the general public, $5 for Bridgewater State College faculty and staff, and free for students. For information, call 508-531-1377 or e-mail dnemko@bridgew.edu.

Next Page Café, 550 Broad Street, Weymouth, presents **The End Result featuring LuLu** March 3, at 9:15 p.m. No cover. 781-335-9796 nextpagecafe.com

Frankie D's, 164H Summer Hill Plaza, Kingston, March 3, **The Cindy Daley Band** 781-582-8226.

The One & Only Boston Chocolate Tour will return to satisfy New England's collective sweet tooth every Saturday from January through April. The fully-narrated, **three-hour journey** of decadent desserts and fun facts features tasty visits to Top of the Hub Restaurant, the historic Omni Parker House Hotel and The Langham Hotel Boston, The tour departs from the Trolley Stop Store at the corner of Boylston and South Charles Streets every Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Tickets are $75 per person. Advance reservations are required and may be made by calling 617-269-7010.

The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. March 3, **Twenty Eight**

Sunday, Mar. 4

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club: March 4, 1 p.m. **Moderate walk**, some hills, 4 miles. Old Route 128 to Beech Hollow and doe Hollow. Return via the green dot trail. Meet at Houghton's Pond main parking lot on 840 Hillside St., in Milton. All walks lead by park ranger or walking club volunteer. Hiking boots and drinking water is recommended on all hikes. 617-698-1802.

Grab your cleats because soccer season is back and the **New England Revolution** wants you to help countdown the days to kickoff. Pros from the Revolution will be on hand at the **Jungleplex**, 8 Natalie Way, Plymouth from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to sign autographs, conduct clinics and skills competitions, and offer advice to aspiring young soccer players. Winners of the skills competition and raffles will receive exclusive prizes, including tickets to the home opener, autographed gear, a behind-the-scenes tour of Gillette Stadium and an opportunity to be an honorary locker room attendant. The event is free and open to all age groups. The first 100 people will also receive a free Gatorade water bottle. For information, visit revolutionsoccer.net The Revs kick off their home schedule on April 14 at Gillette Stadium.

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Classical guitarist Steve Marchena will perform at the Hingham Public Library on Sunday, March 4, at 3:30 p.m. The free concert is part of the Sunday Sounds Special series sponsored by the Boston Classical Guitar Society and the Hingham Public Library.

The Cape Cod Chamber Players will return in concert to **The Art Complex Museum** in Duxbury on Sunday, March 4, for the museum's first concert of the year. The Players include: **David Gallagher**, bassoonist; **Henry Duckham,** clarinetist; **Lucy Banner**, piano; **Laura Pardee,** oboist; and **James Mosher,** French Horn. Their program, which is offered, free of charge, is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m.

The Next Page *Blues* Cafe', 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, featuring **Dave Foley** every Sunday night at 8 p.m., 781-335-9796.

Monday, Mar. 5

Art Treasure Gallery, the region's newest art gallery, offers a two-artist show running through March 8. South Shore artists **Bill Beyer** and **Brian Josselyn** will have their work featured at this all-new gallery which opened its doors to the public on Jan. 11 with a 20-person "members" show.

Tuesday, Mar. 6

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Wednesday, Mar. 7

Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. **CEILIDHE** March 7, 6:30 p.m. Sing along, play along, laugh along with Kathie Lee, Neal Gray & friends. Get your foot stomping and your Irish flowing. Free. Call for info: 781-545-5011 or frontstreetbookshop.com

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association, the **South Shore Natural Science Center** and the **Mass Audubon South Shore Regional Headquarters** presents another free winter lecture series every Wednesday night at 7 p.m., at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell through March 21. Sponsored in part by Rockland Trust Company. Admission is free. **March 7, Lyme Disease Sam R. Telford III of Tufts University will discuss deer ticks, the diseases associated with them including Lyme Disease and how to protect yourself.** For information visit nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA at 781-659-8168, Mass Audubon at 781-659-9400 or SSNSC at 781-659-2559.

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TheThree of Cups. Top: Ann-Marie Messbauer Bottom: Deborah Claar

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Thursday, Mar. 8

The Buttonwood Middle School Book Group will meet on March 8, at 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. The selected book is "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" by Arthur Conan Doyle. Fifth Graders are invited to attend. No reservations are necessary. All are welcome. 781-383-2665

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Hingham Symphony Orchestra Chamber Players present Tchaikovsky's virtuosic Serenade for Strings plus various solo works accompanied by piano on Saturday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the House of Prayer, Rte 228, Hingham. $20 adults, $15 seniors, $10 youth through age 18, available at the door or call 781-740-5694. Visit hinghamsymphony.org for more details.



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Duxbury's Bumpus Gallery, presents An exhibit titled "Light" will feature the photography of Keitaro Yoshioka beginning March 1 and continuing until the end of April. A reception to meet the artist will be held at the Gallery on Saturday, March 3, from 2 to 4 p.m. The Helen Bumpus Gallery is located on the main level of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours. For information call 781-934-2721.

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Call for entries

SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER seeks entries for the national juried exhibition, *TechArt III.* Entires due March 6. Exhibition dates are April 13 through May 20, 2007. Opening Reception, Friday - April 13, 6 to 8 p.m. *TechArt III* is held in conjunction with the Boston Cyberarts Festival. Don't miss it. $1,200 in prizes. Contact Information email: shannan@ssac.org phone: 781-383-2787 ssac.org

THE PLYMOUTH INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL is seeking an artist to feature during their 2007 Festival. For artists wishing to be considered for the feature slot, the criteria, in keeping with the independent theme, are simple. The artist need not be well known. Non-professional photos will be considered equally with high-end. The strength of the artist's work should speak for itself. It is preferable that the artist hail from South-Eastern Massachusetts and that they have a body of work that contains at least eight to 10 pieces. The work can be two or three dimensional. It should be thought-provoking, energetic and fresh. Work with social, environmental, or intelligently humorous content, or a combination of the three, is desired. Submissions must be done electronically. All interested parties should forward a letter of interest and 8-10, no more than 12. photos to leslie@plyfilmfest.org. Deadline for submissions is March 20, 2007. The work will be reviewed by Festival committee, and artists will be notified of the decision by mid-April 2007.

ZOINKS! TOY STORE is celebrating their brand new location in The Hanover Mall, 1775 Washington St., Hanover. And, the new store needs your help decorating. Now through March 23, you can submit your idea for the Zoinks! Mural. If your mural is selected it will be re-created by a local artist in the new Zoinks! Toy Store.

How to enter: Children up to 15 years who have artistic ideas for the new Zoinks! Submit paintings, drawings, or computer artwork to the Zoinks! Toy Store or the Customer Service Center at The Hanover Mall. All entries must include: name, address, home phone, and name of parent or guardian. Contestants are asked to incorporate the following themes into their artwork: "A Wicked Cool Toy Store" and "Don't Forget to Play" as well as: puzzles, toys for boys, toys for girls, play area, stuff and plush, science, nature, infant, toddler, candyland, books, games, arts and crafts, stuff and hug! create a bear. Winner Receives: A $500 Shopping Spree at Zoinks!, a four-pack of tickets to Six Flags or Red Sox Tickets His/Her name featured on the Mural at Zoinks! Deadline For Entries: Friday, March 23. One winner will be selected and announced on April 2. For information visit hanovermall.com or call 781-826-7386 ext. 237.

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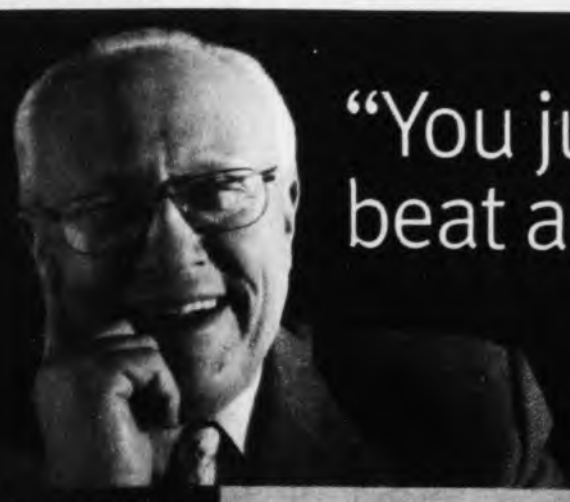
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Sgt. John Conte checks out the new mobile computer in his cruiser. The computers will enable officers to write reports from the field and to access databases for information such as the status of a license plate or driver's license.

Cruiser computers for police on patrol

$48K pays for new system

By Mary Ford
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Cruisers at the Cohasset Police Department have gone high-tech.

"This is getting us into the 21st Century," said Police Chief James Hussey about the new Mobile Data Terminals, dubbed MDTs.

The computers, which are mounted in the center console, allow the officer to run checks while they are on patrol. That could include checking a vehicle registration or an operator's driver's license.

Before the computers, the officer had to call the station where the civilian dispatcher would have to run the computer check.

In addition to checking information at the Registry of Motor Vehicles, an officer can also see if an individual has outstanding warrants, for example. The officer can also tap into the information management system at the station to see if police have had any prior dealings with the individual.

Hussey said the new mobile computers are an important tool that will also take pressure off the dispatcher, who may have to field a 9-1-1 call in the middle of receiving a request to run information from an officer in the field.

"What typically happened before is an officer would have to repeat an individual's name and spell the name, his or her social security number or license number – while the dispatcher had to handle other responsibilities," Hussey said.

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WATER

Rates could climb

By Nancy White
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The Water Commission is putting forth six articles for Town Meeting voters to scrutinize on March 31, covering varied issues including water rate increases, land acquisition and the sale of water. But the one that could affect Cohasset water users most directly and almost immediately is the increase in water rates. The Selectmen voted to recommend the increase in water rates unanimously.

The Water Commission's new rate configuration, outlined in Article 4, is two-fold. If passed, the water rate per cubic feet will increase (about 15 percent), and will include "stand-by fire service" or hydrant fees. The total increase will be about 27 percent for residences that consume less than 2,000 cubic feet of water each quarter; 70 percent of water users will fall into this category. The increase would translate to about $35 on a quarterly bill. Residences or businesses that consume more than 2,000 cubic feet of water per quarter will be hit with a 40 percent increase. The rates would take effect April 15, 2007.

"We need a rate increase. That's what it's costing the Water Department so we need to get it back," Selectmen Gary Vanderweil said. However, he was concerned that the rate was "sky high"

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Town waives land buy

By Nancy White
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The Selectmen voted 4-0 to waive their Right of First Refusal on the 40 acres of property off Norman Todd Road on Monday night. The Cohasset Land Foundation will move forward with its plan to use the land for conservation and development. Selectman Gary Vanderweil recused himself from the discussion and vote because of his involvement in the Cohasset Land Foundation (CLF).

Last week (Feb. 26) the Selectmen held a public hearing on the right of first refusal, the hearing was continued into this week's meeting. The members of the Cohasset Land Foundation presented their plan and vision for the 40-acre tract of land, currently owned by Osborne "Ozzie" Ingram. The CLF has entered into a purchase and sale agreement with Ingram with a purchase price of $1.25 million.

The discussion on this issue was brief, as much of the issue had been hashed over at the first part of the public hearing last week. Selectman Ted Carr has requested additional time to discuss with both the Vedanta Center (which, according to the Foundation is

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Art show in good taste

By Nancy White
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Art is going to get a little tastier next Wednesday when the "Eat Your Art" exhibit comes to the high school. The sixth annual event asks kids and adults alike to test their creativity and produce a piece of art solely constructed of edible food.

"In years past we've had over a hundred entries," said Nina Berkowitz, event founder. Berkowitz began this event six years ago after learning about a Maryland teacher who did something similar in her school. Berkowitz took the idea and has made it a Cohasset arts staple. Berkowitz is an art teacher and department chair at the high school.

"Right now, we're trying to hype up the event and get the students excited about it. I've shown slides of past examples to illustrate how you can create something out of food," she says.

The "Eat Your Art" has been the platform for such creations as a Picasso reproduction made of marzipan, "bronze" statues sculpted of chocolate as well as once-in-a-lifetime creations because as soon as all entries have been judged, the art becomes "property of the party" and will be consumed by all present.

The kids and adults use a variety of ingredients that may or may not be tasty when combined. "We've had some weird creations in past years," says Berkowitz. But that's all part of the fun and creativity, she says.

Rice Krispies treats, due to their pliability, are a popular medium. While

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Nathan Needle, who was a senior in 2006, samples SpongeBob who was made out of Rice Krispies at last year's exhibit.

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The Mariner caught up with Lynne DeGiacomo and Laura Abrams at the Cohasset Historical Society in the Pratt Building this week.

Names: Lynne DeGiacomo and Laura Abrams.

Occupation: Executive Administrator of the Cohasset Historical Society (Lynne). Assistant Curator (Laura).

Best day of your life: The day I learned I passed the law school bar exam (Lynne). The day my thesis is finally done…someday! (Laura).

Best vacation: Family vacation across Wyoming with Mark and the boys (Lynne). Backpacking in Europe where I met my husband (Laura).

Favorite season: Summer (Lynne and Laura).

Favorite holiday: Christmas (Lynne and Laura).

Favorite junk food: Homemade chocolate chip cookies (Lynne). French fries (Laura).

Best book: "Crossing to safety," by Wallace Stegner (Lynne) "Pride and Prejudice," by Jane Austen (Laura).

Best movie: "Bull Durham" (Lynne). "Bridget Jone's Diary" (Laura).

Best TV show: "Cold Case" (Lynne). "The Office" (Laura).

Pet Peeve: Littering (Lynne). Arrogance (Laura).

Most memorable moment: Hiking in Zermatt, Switzerland (Lynne). Skydiving (Laura).

Goal: To write a novel (Lynne). To find a good balance between family, work and friends (Laura).

Person you'd most like to meet: My grandmother one more time (Lynne), Barack Obama (Laura)

Biggest worry: Surviving my children's teenage years (Lynne). Saving for a house (Laura).

Best part of Cohasset: Small-town atmosphere (Lynne). The Historical Society with French Memories running a close second (Laura).

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POLICE/FIRE BEAT

Door-to-door solicitors need to register

By Mary Ford
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Last week, a resident contacted police about door-to-door solicitors in the neighborhood. A cruiser was dispatched and spoke with the solicitor, who worked for Green and Assoc. in Rhode Island, police said. The officer told the individual that he needed to apply for a permit at the police station.

Chief James Hussey said police encourage residents to call if they see door-to-door solicitors. Police will know "right then and there" if the individual has registered. Police will also go out to the reported location, explain the town bylaw, and tell the person to stop soliciting until he or she registers.

Under the new town bylaw, door-to-door solicitors are required to register at the police station where they can apply for a $25 license. They are required to wear a badge issued by the police that includes their name and photograph. The badge should be worn and be clearly visible.

Solicitors have to provide police with their name, address, date of birth and height, weight and eye color, social security number; dates and times of canvassing activities; name and address of employer; and a brief description of the purposes of the solicitation.

Hussey said some companies will bring a van full of individuals to town and drop them off in different neighborhoods. He explained reputable companies will come into the police station first and explain their plans.

Exceptions to the bylaw are town, state or federal officers or employees on official business; minors under 18 unless in connection with a commercial activity; candidates for public office or campaign workers; those promoting political causes and those soliciting for charitable organizations unless those solicitors are paid.

Town officials have said the bylaw, which voters approved at the 2006 annual Town Meeting, is not a panacea for unwanted solicitation. It is narrowly defined to meet court challenges particularly with respect to the First Amendment to the Constitution. Cohasset's bylaw was modeled after a similar one in Duxbury.

A detailed description of the bylaw is available at the Town Clerk's office. Violators of any provision of the bylaw could be subject to loss of solicitation license and fines.

Gas spill

At just past 8 a.m., Wednesday (Feb. 28), the fire department responded to a report of a gasoline spill at the concrete containment vault that houses the town's gasoline/diesel tanks. Chief Robert Silvia said the operator made an error and overfilled the tank spilling about 25 gallons of gasoline on the outside of the tank and onto the ground. The fire department worked to contain the spill and to ensure there was no fire danger. The company responsible for the error hired Fleet Environmental for the cleanup, Silvia said. DEP was also notified because more than 10 gallons were spilled. The aboveground tanks are used to fill town-owned vehicles.

Chain reaction

Last Thursday (Feb. 28) there was a three-car accident at 3A and Rose Hill (near 3A & lower King Street). The incident occurred at 2:16 p.m. Chief Hussey explained that the operator of a 2006 Nissan Frontier that was heading southbound on 3A came to a stop because traffic was stopped in front of her. A 1996 Toyota Camry, which was behind the Nissan, then rear-ended the Nissan, and a 2001 Ford Explorer, which was third in line, rear-ended the Toyota. The Nissan had safely stopped, left the proper amount of space, and was not pushed into another vehicle, Hussey said. However, the Camry and Ford Explorer were traveling too closely and were unable to stop safely. Both those operators received written warnings for following too closely to the vehicle in front. Both those cars were damaged enough that they had to be towed.

Fire Chief Robert Silvia said the fire department evaluated the people involved and no one wanted to be transported. No one was complaining of any problems, he said.

Ran light

Police say a 2004 Nissan Murano ran the light at Beechwood Street and 3A causing an accident. Chief Hussey said the Nissan was traveling eastbound on Beechwood Street when the incident occurred at 1:37 p.m., Monday (Feb. 26). Traffic on 3A had the green light, he said.

The Nissan hit a 2002 white Ford van that was traveling southbound through the intersection on 3A.

Hussey said paramedics responded to the scene but no one was transported. He said witness testimony confirmed that the Nissan went through the red light. The operator was cited for failure to stop for a red light, Hussey said.

'Taggers' summonsed

Police say they have two suspects in the recent incidents of "tagging" in town. Both are being summonsed to court on vandalism charges.

Last week, police identified one of the suspects following tagging on traffic signs on Forest Avenue and on the Deer Hill School roof. Further investigation has resulted in police finding another individual who, police believe, is also responsible. One of the suspects is from Hull and the other is from Cohasset.

Recent tagging incidents in town include graffiti on Forest Avenue signs; under the Rocky Lane bridge; on a Greenbush engineering hut; and at Deer Hill School.

"Tagging" is a form of graffiti in which the vandal leaves his or her unique "signature."

Shoplifting

Police were called to Stop & Shop on Friday (March 2) at about 2:39 p.m. where loss personnel met them. Loss prevention told police an individual had gone through the checkout but had left the store with items that she had not paid for. Police stood by while loss prevention talked to the person in the parking lot. The individual, who was cooperative, had receipts for all the items, police said.

In another incident, also at Stop & Shop, which occurred at about 10:30 a.m., Saturday (March 2), the store provided a plate number of a white female, who had purchased 28 cans of whipped cream, but had allegedly taken a total of 40 cans. Therefore, she had not paid for 12 cans.

Although most of the cans were put through the scanner, a cashier realized others were not.

Police contacted the owner of the vehicle. She drove to the store with her daughter. Further investigation determined that police believe the daughter did in fact take 12 cans of whipped cream. Police will bring shoplifting charges against her, Chief Hussey said.

Suspicious letter

Police turned over a suspicious fax that was received by the DPW on Cedar Street to the Secret Service. The letter was an apparent scam and was trying to entice the recipient to send money. Chief Hussey said while no crime had yet been committed, police sent the letter to the Secret Service so that agency could track this type of scam and see how widespread it is.

On a roll

Police were not immediately able to locate the owner of a vehicle that was in park but had rolled out of a parking spot at Starbucks and was blocking emergency access to the coffee shop last Saturday (March 3) at about 5:45 p.m. Police could not get in touch with the owner of the car, which apparently had malfunctioned. For safety reasons, police had the vehicle towed.

BRIEFLY

Capital budget priorities presented

Members of the School Committee and Superintendent Denise Walsh attended the Capital Budget Committee on Feb. 26 to bring forth their top three priorities for school capital improvement.

The first request was the purchase of a Special Education van. The current town-owned van is a 1995 Ford Econoline and it has racked up over 152,902 miles. If the van were to break down, the town would have to use a contracted service, which would get very costly over time.

The track at the Middle/High School needs to be resurfaced. It was installed in 1997 and the dealer recommended re-surfacing (which involves adding two layers of track surfacing) every five years. The track is now 10 years old and the schools have not had the funds to keep up with regular maintenance. The Capital Budget Committee requested more information on what needs to be done to get the track up to snuff. The ultimate goal is to outline and allocate funds for a long-range maintenance plan.

The last priority, and perhaps the most urgent, is the Middle/High School has a leak in the library possibly due to improper installation of flashing behind the windows. The repair is estimated to cost $54,000. A report has been sent to the original contractor for examination.

Reading Club

One of the ongoing goals of Cohasset schools is to increase assessment as it enables the schools and teachers to target specific areas a student may excel or require a little extra help. One of the initiatives that came out of the additional Chapter 70 funds allocated to the schools at the Special Town Meeting last fall was a "Reading Club" at Osgood School. The program is meant as an early intervention for students who may be struggling with reading. The six-week program meets in small groups before school for one hour with teachers. Currently, 11 to 12 students are involved.

"I think it's a testament to the new reading curriculum that so few students are involved," said Vice Chairman Al Slanetz.

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Mar.	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 8	1:41	8.8	2:07	8.2	7:50	0.5	8:03	1.1
Sunrise: 6:08 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:41 p.m.*			
Fri. 9	2:19	8.7	2:49	7.9	8:32	0.8	8:44	1.4
Sunrise: 6:06 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:42 p.m.*			
Sat. 10	3:00	8.5	3:35	7.5	9:18	1.0	9:29	1.7
Sunrise: 6:04a.m.					*Sunset: 5:44 p.m.*			
Sun. 11	4:47	8.3	5:27	7.2	11:09	1.3	11:20	1.9
Sunrise: 7:02 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:45 p.m.*			
Mon. 12	5:40	8.2	6:25	7.1	—	—	12:05	1.4
Sunrise: 7:01 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:46p.m.*			
Tues. 13	6:38	8.3	7:25	7.2	12:17	2.0	1:05	1.3
Sunrise: 6:59 a.m.					*Sunset:6:47 p.m.*			
Wed. 14	7:39	8.5	8:25	7.5	1:17	1.8	2:05	0.9
Sunrise: 6:57 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:48 p.m.*			
Thurs. 15	8:39	9.0	9:21	8.1	2:18	1.4	3:01	0.4
Sunrise: 6:56a.m.					*Sunset: 6:49 p.m.*			

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Land foundation to move ahead with 40-acre purchase

FROM LAND, PAGE 1

interested in purchasing 6.25 acres that borders their current property) and Ingram. Carr visited the Vedanta Center and said he was impressed at how "tranquility and peaceful" he found the property.

"I think they could really benefit from the land," Carr said. The Vedanta Center has been in Cohasset since 1929 and is a spiritual center for all religious beliefs. According to Rick Swanborg, Chairman of the CLF, the Vedanta Center plans to leave the land undeveloped and extend its current open space property.

Carr also reached out to Ingram to get his feeling of the sale of the land and the Foundation.

"He conveyed to me that he was in favor of the land foundation and has worked closely with them for many months," he said and concluded his statement lending support to CLF, "I think the Land Foundation is a great partner for the Town to have."

Selectman Rob Spofford, who last week expressed a desire to put this decision before the voters at Town Meeting, warmed up to the idea after learning of Ingram's support of the project.

"I have the utmost respect for [Ingram] and in a normal business, you can sell the land to whoever you want, instead he chose to sell the land to a organization like the Land Foundation," Spofford said.

"I hope [the Foundation] is able to deliver on what they have said and what they have laid out to us and continue to work in conjunction with the goals and objectives of the community," which he indicated included the development of affordable housing. The current development plans on the 40 acres will include three single-family homes on approximately two acres each; there are no present plans for the Foundation to develop affordable housing.

Once the vote was taken to waive the Town's right of first refusal, Chairman Ralph Dormitzer commented, "I know it's a challenge for you now."

The agreement between Ingram and CLF stipulates that at least 50 percent of the land remains undeveloped and put under conservation restrictions. A closing cost of $100,000 will be due by July 31, 2007. The balance plus 5 percent interest would be due within five years.

According to current plans laid out for the Selectmen last week, the land will be split between the Vedanta Center (6.25 acres), the three building lots (6 acres) and the remainder, roughly 25 acres will be open space and/or conservation land. A portion, if not all, of that acreage will be a park named in Ingram's father's honor. There is a possibility of a small parking area off Beechwood Street for the park (*see related story*). Eventually, Swanborg, foresees the land being handed over the Cohasset Conservation Trust.

"We wanted to wait until the Selectmen made their decision before moving ahead with plans," Swanborg said when reached on Wednesday. He indicated that much of the work up until this point was making sure the deal was viable and working with Ingram to reach an agreement. "It's going to be a lot of work."

Swanborg hopes to map out the CLF's next steps in regards to the land in a meeting this weekend.

Town-owned parking lot a possibility

By Mary Ford
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The Cohasset Land Foundation went before the Community Preservation Committee last week to float the potential for a small, town-owned parking lot at the entrance to the proposed Ingram Park off Beechwood Street.

Wayne Sawchuk and Rick Swanborg of the CLF explained the one-half to one-acre lot would allow for about eight cars so the 30-acre Ingram Park would be accessible.

CLF seeks to buy the entire 37.5-acre property and turn 25 acres over to the Cohasset Land Conservation Trust for wildlife habitat and a nature walk. Plans for the remainder of the property include three house lots of two acres each and selling about six acres to the Vendanta Centre, a spiritual retreat that abuts the site.

Swanborg said estimates the cost of the land for the parking lot would be $25,000 and construction and other costs would be $15,000 for a total of $40,000. The town would have to maintain the parking lot, he said.

"It would be nice for people to have the opportunity to come in and walk the property," he said.

Swanborg said the CLF wanted to get some feedback on the proposal from the Community Preservation Committee and was acting on the assumption that the Selectmen would decide not to purchase the property. (*See related story*).

The proposed, gravel parking lot would not be unlike the entrance to Turkey Hill off Route 3A.

"I think it is a great idea," said CPC member Susan Sardina. "I don't like parks that can't be accessed."

The CPC approved recommending expending the $40,000 with two contingencies: that the town waives its right of first refusal to buy the Ingram acreage [which Selectmen did Monday night] and the land could be used for a parking lot. The proposed parking lot would have to pass muster with the Conservation Commission and not encroach on wetlands, the CPC said.

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From the Archives of the Cohasset Historical Society

To celebrate Women's History month, the Cohasset Historical Society plans to devote our From the Archives column to notable women from Cohasset for the month of March. Our first submission is from the diary of Drusilla Snow Percival, a Cohasset woman who accompanied her husband, Captain John Percival, on a merchant voyage to the Mediterranean. Punctuation, spelling and capitalization are as they appear in the original diary. For those who are interested in reading more, the diary is available in installments in Historical Highlights, the Society's membership newsletter.



Drusilla's diary begins with the following entry:

Wednesday, October 7th, 1857
Left home my husband, myself and 2 children for Boston went on board Bark Vesta bound for Constantinople, a number of our friends came down to see us before we left The wind which was fair when we left home came round east and prevented our sailing that day The first and second mate went home that night we remained on board Nancy staid on board with us in the evening Eben Waterman from Hanover came down and spent an hour or two and Mr. & Mrs. Pratt of Boston The children went to bed happy and contented much pleased with their accommodations.

She continued:

Friday, October 9th, 1857
Pleasant this morning it continued pleasant through the night but a rough sea The children and myself attempted to get up but could not we could not sit up at all Mary however dressed and went on deck and tried to drive it away but she was obliged soon to come down and give up I got out in the cabin on the sofa but was obliged to return to my stateroom and get into my berth Lilla did not leave her berth during the day we were all pretty sick till night it continued pleasant but a rough sea Mary did not loose her appetite but Lilla and myself did not eat for several days.

Thursday, December 3rd, 1857
I saw the sun go down behind the hills of Africa, last night and this morning it rose as it seemed out of the ocean, it rose bright and clean and went into a cloud, last night was very pleasant, the wind was ahead but very light we tacked ship during the night several times, as we were between Cape Zibert and Slinski Reef, this morning the Isle of Zembra and Cape Bon were in sight.

Visual journey to the Renaissance

The Cohasset Historical Society will offer the second installment of its Spring Lecture Series on Wednesday evening, March 21st. Harvard University professor, Dr. Ubaldo DiBenedetto, will take us on a visual journey to the Renaissance and talk about "Why Renaissance painting is what it is."

Through slide and lecture, Dr. DiBenedetto will guide us through the history of the demonstrable, visible and progressive technical innovations that created a form of art that became unique and was copied by hundreds of artists throughout the world. Born in Italy, Dr. DiBenedetto holds two masters degrees and a Ph.D. He specializes in Comparative Renaissance Studies and is the author of both scholarly works and a novel. Dr. DeBenedetto was awarded the "Harvard University Rocker" for his long and distinguished academic career.

The presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Pratt Building, 106 South Main St. The Society cordially invites all members, guests and the community to attend this most interesting of programs. There is no charge for the evening and light refreshment will be served.



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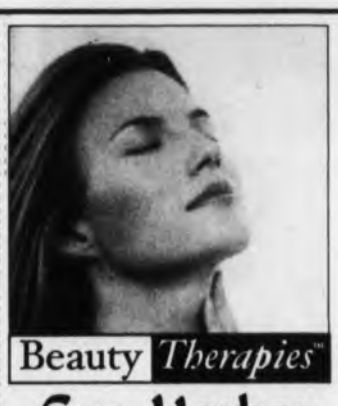
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SPRING AHEAD

Hello Cohasset, is it cold enough for you? From what I hear, Spring will be in the air by early next week and we can take it in while it is here. Let us hope it is here to stay. Many programs are getting ready to kick off springtime fundraisers, sports are starting to get ready for their spring beginnings and daylight savings is tomorrow night. Don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night. It is kind of a bummer to have it darker in the morning but the extra daylight is nice on the other end. Enjoy!

OH BOY!

Welcome to the world, baby boy. That is the sentiment being felt in the Moore household these days as **Luke Robert Moore** made his entrance on Feb. 26, 2007. **Eric and Emily Moore** are his very proud parents and his maternal grandparents, **Michael and Elsa Libby** of Cohasset and paternal grandparents, **Bob and Meg Moore,** also of Cohasset could not be happier.

Congratulations to all of you on this wonderful addition to all of your lives and Luke, we know that you are surrounded each day by love. Welcome little one.

JUNIOR GARDENERS

The next meeting of the Junior Gardeners of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset will be held on Tuesday, March 13th at the Deer Hill School cafeteria from 2:45-3:45 p.m. CGCC members **Adele Janssens** and **Diane Herth** will teach the children how to grow plants from seeds. If you would like to see pictures of the Junior Gardeners at their meetings, please go to www.communitygardenclubofcohasset.org and click on Junior Gardeners. On the same site, everyone is invited to send in gardening questions and CGCC members will give you advice on any aspect of gardening.

PLANT SALE

If you are already thinking about your spring garden, please be sure to save the date of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset Annual Plant Sale on May 19 at the Cohasset Historical Society. Members will be there to answer all your gardening questions and help you select plants that will enhance your garden.

BASIC TRAINING



Airman Shane Dorion

Here is some news about a very determined young man. Air Force Airman **Shane Dorion** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During his six weeks of training, Shane studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Shane earned distinction as an honor graduate. Shane is the son of **Maura and John Dorion** of Cohasset and is a 2006 graduate of Cohasset High School.

DREAM TRIPS

Looking for the perfect Mother's Day, Father's Day or birthday gift? Here are some ideas for those special people in your lives. On Tuesday, May 1st, a trip to the Peabody Essex Museum is happening. Take a luxurious Bus Coach to Historic Salem for a guided tour of the Peabody Essex Museum and enjoy a bountiful lunch at Victoria Station on Salem's beautiful Waterfront. Menu Choices: Baked Stuffed Shrimp; Prime Rib; Chicken and Broccoli over Fettuccini; Lemon Butter Swordfish. The cost is $63 with payment due at registration. The last day to register for this event is on Friday, April 13th. The second great gift idea or event to attend is on Wednesday, June 27th and is the Return of The Tall Ships. Take a luxurious Bus Coach to Newport, R.I., where you will board the Vista Jubilee for an extended Luncheon Cruise with buffet and music and have front row seats to watch the beautiful "Parade of Sails" as 25 majestic Tall Ships enter Newport Harbor. This bus departs from St. Anthony's at 8:15 in the morning and returns at 6:00 at nite. The cost is $77 and the last date for this registration is on June 8th. Call 781-383-9112 to the Cohasset Elder Affairs to register for either.

PAJAMA GAME!

Hey Cohasset, here is a great show that you will all want to see and enjoy while wearing your favorite pair of jammies. The following Cohasset residents want you to come on by and see this wonderful show. **Barbara Baumgarten, Laura Coletta, Thomson Jaffe, Sarah Malone** and **Lisa Pratt** along with other area actors and actresses are involved. You'll be sleeping right when you sleep in Sleep-Tite Pajamas as the Cohasset Dramatic Club presents "The Pajama Game" March 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 and 31 at 8 p.m.; March 25 and April 1 at 2 p.m. March 16 at Cohasset Town Hall.

Filled with such recognizable songs as "Steam Heat" and "Hernando's Hideaway", "The Pajama Game" tells the tale of the workers at the Sleep-Tite Pajama Factory as they battle the company president for a seven-and-a-half cent raise. When the new factory superintendent falls for the head of the union's grievance committee, romance and flannel are in the air. In recognition of the show's labor verses management theme the Cohasset Dramatic Club is offering all $2 off the adult ticket price when the purchaser shows a union membership card. Management and non-union workers can save as well by donning PJs for the Saturday March 17, March 24 or March 31 shows. All audience members who attend the show Saturday night in PJs will receive $2 off the ticket price. Tickets are $14, $12 for seniors, students and groups of 8 or more and may be purchased in advance at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate or by phone at 617-697-2115.

HABITAT FUNDRAISER

The Scituate Cohasset Newcomers Club Fundraising Night at Cohasset's Papa Gino's on 3A will take place from 4-9 pm on Thursday, March 15. Twenty percent of all proceeds from dine in or take out orders (not valid for delivery or with coupon) will go to Habitat for Humanity's Scituate House. You must have a flyer to participate so please cut out the flyer below and bring it with you on the 15th. The flyer can also be found on the SCNC website atwww.scnewcomers.com.

HONOR ROLL

For his academic achievements during the first semester, **Patrick O'Brien** of Cohasset has been named to the 12th-grade high honor roll at Tilton School in Tilton, N.H. To be on the high honor roll, Patrick had a grade point average of at least a 3.7 with no grade lower than a B. Patrick is a member of the Class of 2007. This is wonderful Patrick.

DEAN'S LIST

Another great piece of news about a Cohasset student arrived from a very proud mom. **Mike Snowdale** was recently acknowledged by the Faculty and College Administration of Endicott Collet in Beverly that he was placed on the dean's list for his superior academic performance during the fall 2006 semester. Super news Mike, keep up the great work.

CANOE, KAYAK RACE

Jack Buckley of Cohasset is among the early entrants in the 25th Anniversary Run of the Charles Canoe and Kayak Race on Sunday, April 29. The Run of the Charles is held to benefit the Charles River Watershed Association (CRWA). Jack is entered in the 24-Mile Race, one of the five races held as part of the daylong celebration of improvements to the Charles River. Entries have already come in from 15 states plus Canada! The annual Run of the Charles Canoe & Kayak Race showcases the ongoing improvements in the Charles River while drawing approximately 1500 paddlers and thousands of spectators to enjoy a day on the river.

For more information on sponsorship, registration or any other aspect of the race, please call (508) 698-6810:

e-mail rotc@crwa.org or visit www.charlesriver.org.

MARATHON RUNNERS

On April 16, the following Cohasset residents, **Ken Gritzan, Steven Macklin** and **Laura Vigneau** will be running in the 111th Boston Marathon to save lives through the 18th annual Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge (DFMC). These Cohasset residents, along with DFMC teammates from across the United States as well as other countries, will run Massachusetts' historic marathon route from Hopkinton to Boston to raise $4 million for cancer research. By raising a minimum of $3,000 each to receive an invitational entry to this prestigious race, DFMC runners are funding the Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. To contribute to the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge, go online to dfmarathon.kintera.org or contact the DFMC office at (617) 632-1970 or dfmc@dfci.harvard.edu

TALENT SHOW

The Cohasset PSO is once again hosting its annual Telethon and Talent show on Thursday March 22nd from 7 to 9pm on Comcast cable channel 22. They are looking for talented musicians and performers to participate in this fun-filled evening! And new this year, we are inviting parents of Cohasset students to perform with their children.

If you are interested, please email your name, phone number and talent to Nancy @ cohassetpsotelethon@yahoo.com

TOP SKIERS

Last week, I reported on **Marie Gilman, Michaela Braun** and **Daniel Axelson**, all Cohasset students who were named finalists in the New Hampshire Alpine Racing Association at the State Skiing Championships at Gunstock Mountain the weekend of March 9-11th. I am sorry for the confusion last week as to what the recognition was for and this was it. Also, **Catherine Gilman** and **Mackenzie Axelson** are being congratulated as they had a great season as well. Good luck to you guys, this is great news. Cohasset is cheering you on!

HOOP STARS

This week Derby Academy held their winter sports awards ceremony. In boys basketball, Cohasset boys were the winners of the "Outstanding Offense" award on each of the three Derby teams. The winners were: **Myles Garbarini** in grade 6 (6th grade basketball), **Robbie Mahoney** in grade 7 (JV Basketball) and **Gabe Seksay** in grade 8 (varsity basketball). All three boys were high scorers on their teams. Congratulations boys!

That is all for this week. Send in all of your event and people news no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm.

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Cohasset Education Foundation dedicates Osgood Computer Lab

By Catherine O'Callaghan
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

"When the students are in the new lab, you can hear a pin drop. They give their undivided attention."
— Janet Sheehan, Osgood principal

The Cohasset Education Foundation dedicated the new Osgood Computer Lab on March 1st. Parents, School Committee members, CEF board members, teachers and administrators attended this informative and interactive event. Community members and parents visited and learned more about the new technology equipment at the Osgood School, which was funded by the CEF. A group of current third grade students demonstrated the new computer programs that they are using in their school. Derry Schwanter, Technology Instructor and Janet Sheehan, Principal of the Osgood School discussed the computer programs now available to students and faculty for kindergarten, first and second grades and the effects and improvements that the new technology offers.

Nearly 400 students currently enrolled in grades K - 2 will benefit from the Osgood Computer Lab, which also increases computer education and training opportunities for faculty to improve technology integration in the classroom. The new computer lab provides up to date technology to meet the needs of the entire school. The equipment supports and extends valuable learning and improves the educational opportunities for Osgood students. Osgood is now able to provide improved computer education and offer advanced training opportunities for its faculty. Janet Sheehan, Principal of Osgood notes that the new computer lab has provided the ability to instruct a class of students all at the same time. Before the new computers and software were installed, students were forced to share computer terminals and earphones. She recalls that some of the old computers took half a day to warm up and many required repairs. Sheehan has observed the student's enthusiasm and interest in the new computer lab. "When the students are in the new lab, you can hear a pin drop. They give their undivided attention."



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Seven-year-old Amanda Vitello, a second grade student at the Osgood School, demonstrates a computer program to Cohasset Education Foundation President Christopher Oddleifson during the dedication of the school's new computer lab.



Olivia Wilson, 8, a second-grader at Osgood searched for the computer version of the story, "Black Cat," during the dedication ceremony last Thursday (March 1).

Faculty members are utilizing the new computers to plan lessons. A reading consultant is scheduled as part of Osgood's professional development to use the computers to support the new reading curriculum program. In addition, the new computers are now being used for a before school reading fluency program as well as a tutoring support group. Dr. Walsh, Superintendent of Cohasset Schools commented, "The new computer lab puts all of the other schools on notice." Students from Osgood will now have a greater exposure and more computer experience than ever before. The Deer Hill School and the Cohasset Middle High School will need to meet the needs of these students with their advanced knowledge and interest in computers as they matriculate through the school system. Mary McGoldrick, Chair of the CEF Grants Committee acknowledges the importance of engineering and technology in all the Cohasset public schools. The CEF recently awarded grants for Promethean white boards at Deer Hill and the Middle High School. "We are looking forward to hearing from the teachers and administrators from all the schools in regards to their needs for programs or projects with an enduring value that enhance, enrich, and maintain excellence in our schools."

The CEF used the funds that they received from the original Cohasset Education Foundation in November 2006 to fund the Osgood School Computer Lab. The grant of $25,000 purchased 24 new desktop computers, flat panel display screens and Microsoft Office Professional Edition 2003 software. Rick Flynn, School Committee Member pointed out that the first project that the former CEF funded in 1992 was to purchase computers for Osgood, which at that time was in the old elementary school building. The new CEF received the support of the former CEF board members to purchase new computers for Osgood with their raised funds. Midge Stone, former and current CEF board member responds to the gift, "It is a pleasure to fund the computer project at the Osgood School with the funds raised by the former CEF. I am pleased that our groups came together and looking forward to working with this new energetic group of parents to raise money to fund needed projects in the schools."

Chris Oddleifson, President of the CEF reported that the CEF has raised over $250,000 in cash and pledges. To date the CEF has disbursed approximately $40,000 in grants, $25,000 for the Osgood Computer Lab, $7000 for a video server and library available to all the Cohasset public schools, and $7000 for two Promethean interactive white boards for Deer Hill and the Cohasset Middle High School. The CEF has raised over $100,000 for its endowment fund, which will use only its interest to provide long-term support for the schools.

For more information on the CEF, please visit their website at www.cohasseteducation.org.



Cruiser computers for police on patrol

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He said the new computers allow the officer to do work on his or her own and not tie up the dispatcher who has other duties to attend to.

"It also gives us the ability to get information in real time," he said, explaining that during a motor vehicle stop an officer can conduct the license and registration checks immediately.

Hussey explained, however, the officers must have probable cause to run plates. In other words, there has to be a valid reason for them to do so.

The chief said 10 officers have been trained on the new computers. Those officers will train the other officers. There are 18 officers in the department.

Another benefit to the new computers is that officers can write reports from the field, eliminating the need for them to return to the station to do so. Hussey said it is advisable for police to write reports on incidents soon after they occur so the details are still fresh in their minds.

"I look at this as an investment in the long term."
— Police Chief James Hussey

The department bought four mobile computers, which have quick disconnect features so they can be moved from vehicle to vehicle, or be operated outside the vehicle. Three of the MDTs are in marked vehicles and one is in the detective's car, Hussey said. Touch screen commands make easy use of all computer functions. The 12 inch-by-9 inch computers weight about six pounds.

The fall special Town Meeting approved the $48,000 for the computers that includes training costs, Hussey said. He explained the new technology should help reduce personnel costs. Maintaining the computers will cost about $3000 a year.

"I look at this as an investment in the long term," he said. "In a small town like ours, the dispatcher serves both police and fire — anything that we can do to reduce that workload is good and could eliminate the need for a second person during a peak time."



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A close up of the new Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) that is on a special mount in the police cruiser. The police have four of the new computers which will allow officers to run license and registration checks and to file reports while on patrol.

The MDTs were purchased from DuraTab, which is looking into a better mount for the computers. Currently the mount makes it difficult to have a passenger in the front seat of the cruiser, Hussey said.

Selectmen recommend water rate increase 5-0

FROM WATER, PAGE 1

compared to area towns and wondered if this increase was going to cover the capital and debt repayment over the next few years.

The Water Commissioners indicated that they hoped to be selling wholesale water by 2011 to ease the Water Department's budget crunch and the burden on water rate payers.

"In 2011 there will be another water rate increase, if we aren't able to sell water wholesale," said Water Commission Nathaniel Palmer. The Water Commission is seeking Town Meeting approval to sell water to local cities, towns or other water companies (*see related story*).

Taxpayers have previously paid for stand-by fire service through their property taxes every year. This fee is a combination of hydrant fees, the maintenance of hydrant pipes and the cost to keep 400,000 gallons reserved in case of emergency every day. The recent fire in the Village last month was doused using 175,000 gallons of this emergency water.

According to Chairman Glenn Pratt, due to town budgetary restraints, the Water Commission has not received the entire $150,000 to cover this cost. The $150,000 is built into their Water Commission's budget as expected revenue but they have not received that sum in years, he says. "Then we're scrambling to make up the difference."

The Town's fiscal 2008 budget, to be voted on at Town Meeting (Article 3), does not include a line item for hydrant fees. The additional cost for typical residences will be $15 per quarter, with 1 inch or larger meters being $40 per quarter. This cost will only affect homes and businesses serviced by Cohasset water.

The rate increase is necessary to fund water system improvements outlined in their long-range capital program. These improvements include upgrades to the aging Lily Pond Water Treatment plant, replacement of undersized water mains in the Little Harbor area and a retrofit of the treatment plant to install the MIEX pretreatment system.

Pratt indicated that 2008 and 2009 would be "big years" for debt service. In fiscal 2008, 58.6 percent of the Water Department's budget is devoted to debt service. Currently, the Water Department has $30.5 million in debt, dating back to the building of the Lily Pond Treatment Plant in 1978. The debt is a combination of loans taken out for the system improvements, like upgrading water mains and street work; constituted 78 percent of the debt, or 24 million. Most of these upgrades took place after the 1994 water crisis. Land acquisition and treatment plant loans constitute the remaining 22 percent.

In addition, more capital projects, like the MIEX pretreatment system (a $5 million undertaking), will need to be completed in the next two years in order to meet the increasing federal water regulations. The MIEX system will improve drinking water quality and allow the department to meet the stringent federal drinking water regulatory requirements.

Each project will incur more cost, but the changes need to be made now, Pratt said.

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Telethon to raise funds for Cohasset schools

Preparations are underway for the fourth annual Cohasset PSO Telethon, the flagship fundraiser for the Cohasset Parent School Organization, which will be held Thursday, March 22, from 7 to 9 p.m., on local Comcast TV channel 22. The Cohasset PSO Telethon is a live event which runs for more than two hours with a star-studded talent show that simultaneously entertains, informs and raises the much needed funding to enrich the public school curriculum.

Phone in with a tax deductible MC or VISA credit card pledge for $25, $50, $75, $100 or more to 800-505-5241 and AnswerQuick will securely process pledges for the fourth year in a row. Remember, the more that is pledged, the more chances there are to win raffle items.

The PSO has funded curriculum enrichment, guest speakers, teacher grants, the Osgood retractable stage, playground equipment, library books, a portion of the Connect Ed Service, physical education supplies, $5,000 in updates to the Middle High School auditorium, $20,000 to the new technology lab at the Middle High School and much more for the children of the Cohasset Public Schools.

This year's emcees, Rich Ofsthun and Lucia Flibotte, will return for a fourth year to keep the show running smoothly. Local families and business have been generous with donations to support the telethon raffles and the on-line silent auction. Business sponsors include Coldwell Banker Real Estate Brokerage, Pilgrim Bank, Coastal Nissan Auto Center, Graham Storage Services, Coastal Countryside Properties, Adrian Morris Salon and Jim Armstrong, guitar and music instructor.

For those of you who love auctions, don't forget the silent auction, which has been added to help support the telethon proceeds. Lisa Dooley is managing the on-line auction at http://psotelethon.cmarket.com. The auction features items valued at more than $150. The auction will start Friday, March 16, at 9 a.m., and will run until March 23 at 9 p.m. More items are being added daily, so check the web site often to plan your bids.

The higher the donation the more chances there will be to win exciting raffle prizes. A donation of $100 or more secures a chance in all of the raffle levels that will be offered. To send a tax deductible check, made payable to the Cohasset PSO, have it postmarked by Tuesday, March 20, and include your name, phone, and mailing address, so you can be contacted if you win a raffle item. The mailing address is Cohasset PSO, P.O. Box 30, Cohasset, MA. 02025.

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Cohasset water sale needs a checkpoint

By Nancy White
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The Selectmen voted 4-1 to not recommend to Town Meeting that the Water Commission be given the authority to sell water to other municipal entities. Selectman Fred Koed did not agree with the majority of the Selectmen.

Town Meeting articles, 17 and 18 (both receiving the same vote), request the authority for the Water Commission to sell water to other cities, towns, commissions, districts or water companies, either due to emergency circumstance or by contract (up to 20 years in length).

The Cohasset water system is provided with 4.2 million gallons of water per day, an EPA certified number compiled from 40 years of rain data. Currently, the Town consumes approximately 750,000 gallons.

"We are letting opportunity go out to the ocean everyday," said Water Commission Chairman Glenn Pratt. Three million gallons of water is returned to the sea everyday, according to Pratt.

The Water Commission is proposing a special amendment (Article 17) and an amendment to the bylaw (Article 18) to allow it to sell up to 2 million gallons of water per day or 50 percent of their daily yield. Right now, the legislation enables the Commission to sell water only to private parties, not other municipalities without going to Town Meeting. The Water Department has a 20-year contract to provide water to the Linden Ponds development in South Hingham. At full buildout the Commission will provide approximately 306,000 gallons to the complex.

"We are letting opportunity go out to the ocean everyday"
— Glenn Pratt, Water Commission Chairman

The sale of approximately a million gallons of water per day will contribute to the Water Commission's ongoing improvement projects in Cohasset.

"No matter what collection of contracts we are able to get, we wouldn't be able to sell half of our daily water," said Pratt. The Water Commissioners felt that restriction was fair to the Town water payers and would give the Commission the flexibility to aggressively find customers for the water.

Selectman Gary Vanderweil felt there needed to be a checkpoint with the town, "rather than give the Water Commission blanket authority to pursue contracts. Water is our only natural resource."

Chairman Ralph Dormitzer proposed a compromise where the Water Commission would have to come before the Selectmen for approval of a contract. It would be less onerous than having to go before Town Meeting, which only occurs ever six months, because the Selectmen meet roughly every two weeks, he said. Dormitzer felt the Selectmen represent a broader interest of the Town and could possibly use "our only natural resource" to broker a deal for money and/or services with surrounding Towns.

Selectman Fred Koed, a former Water Commission, advised that it would be unfair to have the Cohasset water payers, which only represents part of the town, be used as leverage.

"Every dollar that comes in subsidies the cost of water and the water rate can be reduced," said Water Commission Vice-Chairman Nathaniel Palmer, "The more we can sell, the less expensive the water could be for Cohasset residents."

The vote at the end of the discussion showed the Selectmen's majority agreement that there should be another set of eyes reviewing the contracts for the sale of water.

"Water is our one resource and there's reasons there are checks and balances in place," said Selectmen Ted Carr.

• **Article 5 – Term of Contract**: The Water Commission seeks the authority to award or renew the contract for the operation, management and maintenance of the Water Department. Water Department employees are not Town employees, rather contracted employees of the Water Commission. The Article is requesting authorization to renew or enter into contracts with terms longer than three years. Recommended 4-1.

• **Article 19 – Land Acquisition:** The Water Commission seeks authorization from Town Meeting to purchase a parcel of land in the Lily Pond watershed in Article 19. No additional funds need to be appropriated by Town Meeting. The lots, identified on the assessors plan number 56-58, abuts land recently acquired by the Water Commission. Recommended 4-0.

• **Article 16 – Zoning Bylaw:** This Article addresses language contained in the Town Water Resource District Zoning Bylaw. The Article revises the language including the most current regulatory language required by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The revision will include two new standards that will enable the Water Commission to protect the Town water supply from the improper storage of deicing chemicals (salt etc.) and animal manure. These conditions are called for as a condition of the Water Department's water management permit granted by the DEP. The article is still under review by Town Counsel, Paul DeRensis. Recommendation of indefinite postponement, 5-0.

Selectmen vote to indefinitely postpone Stormwater article

By Nancy White
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The Selectmen voted 3-2 to indefinitely postpone the Stormwater Management Bylaw put forth by the Stormwater Commission on Monday night. The Commission will still have the opportunity to argue the article's merits at Town Meeting.

The purpose of the Article is to establish a program, organization and procedures to deal with stormwater and flooding issues within the Town.

"One of the unique things that will come out of setting up the Stormwater Committee is that residents will have someone to go to with flooding issue," said Stormwater Chairman Martin Nee. Currently, there is an issue of accountability because no one group has jurisdiction over the issue, said Nee.

The lengthy article establishes a new town entity as well as defines its scope. A permit program would be implemented, requiring new structures on raw, undeveloped land and any activity that will disturb current runoff pattern of more that one acre of land to obtain a stormwater permit.

"I'm reluctant to add another committee to the by-laws."
— Selectman Gary Vanderweil

"The permit process is to prevent new development from creating additional runoff than what exists now," explained the Committee's technical consultant, Mark Bartlett, "Cohasset has poor soil and bedrock to begin with. We just don't want more runoff."

Except in cases where no other town building permit is necessary, the Stormwater Committee will act in an advisory role and the majority of stormwater permits will be handled by established boards (Planning Board, Board of Health).

The article also includes a stormwater capital improvement program for the purpose of reducing existing and future stormwater flooding and pollution. Several areas in town, such as an area on Atlantic Ave and surrounding James Brook, continually see significant flooding and multiple homes are affected.

"I like that the Commission would be feeding up through other boards," said Chairman Dormitzer. However, the majority feeling was the article was not ready to go before Town Meeting. Selectman Gary Vanderweil argued for the separation of flood control and EPA regulation on runoff and storm drains.

"I'm reluctant to add another committee to the by-laws," Vanderweil said.

The Stormwater Committee has made dozens of changes in the past month to the article in an effort to incorporate public comment.

"This article charges a body in Town with the responsibility and accountability [of stormwater issues]. It's something pushing and moving this issue forward," said Stephen Bobo, member of the stormwater committee and Board of Health.

"I think we are ready for Town Meeting and hearing what the Town has to say," said Committee member Sarah Charron.

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EDITORIAL

Loving the Loring

Cohasset Mariner readers from time to time have asked us for updates about the Shipyard project next door in Hingham.

(At Community Newspaper Company, the editors have "jurisdiction" over more than one newspaper. The Cohasset Mariner and the Hingham Journal have been a "team" since the fall of 1993.)

Last Sunday we sent out a request via email to our Hingham Journal Readers Advisory Network and we received an overwhelming response about the proposal for a six-screen movie theater at the Hingham Shipyard, which will also include stores, restaurants and residential communities.

Opinions were quite literally all over the map: some thought a six-screen multiplex theatre at the Shipyard would be great for the area; others thought it should be scaled back; and still others said another movie theatre of any size would be bad for Hingham.

But one theme came through loud and clear: Hingham loves Loring Hall. Here at the Mariner, we also know from experience that Cohasset residents also love the Loring.

So great is the affection for the building, which dates back to 1852, that one gets the feeling the quality of life in the area would be adversely affected if it were not to continue in operation.

Here in Cohasset, we enthusiastically join the chorus of Hinghamites who think Loring Hall is unique. In fact attending a movie there can be a special experience. Where else can you grab a cup of coffee at Brewed Awakenings or Brigham's – or have dinner before the show at the Square Café, which is just around the corner? After the "early show" there is still time for a bite at Star's, Muang Thai, Liberty Grille, the Snug or other local spot. The great thing is you do not have to get back into your car! Once at the Square, everything is within walking distance.

The Loring itself provides an ambiance that is not available at other theatres. Maybe it's the wood floor, the balcony, the antiquated restrooms, tiny snack bar, or old-fashioned ticket booth. The Loring is right out of "central casting" when it comes to old-time theatres. And we love it!

Like so much in this area, the Loring is steeped in history. Way before movies, Hinghamites paid 12-1/2 cents a piece to hear Ralph Waldo Emerson speak "in a quiet and unostentatious way" in March 1853, according to a Journal report.

Over the ensuing years, the Loring was home to dance classes; violin concerts; and to those espousing political causes. In the late 1800s during a temperance movement, a "law and order" meeting was held there urging the town selectmen move against the illegal sale of "intoxicating liquors."

The Rev. Anna Howard Shaw argued for women's suffrage during an appearance at the Loring in 1884 that drew 200 people and the support of Gov. John D. Long of Hingham.

In 1887, black soldiers of the 54th and 55th Massachusetts Regiments came to Hingham by steamboat to visit the grave of Civil War Governor John Andrew. They were entertained at the Loring by Peter Sprague, a former officer of the 55th.

By 1912, Loring Hall started showing silent films with piano accompaniment provided by Howie Horton. By the 1920s, 50 cents would buy an evening of movies and vaudeville.

The building was renovated in the 1930s that included installing an up-to-date projection room, two bathrooms, a ticket booth, concession counter and staircases.

During WWII, the Loring was flanked by "cages" for collecting pots and pans for the war effort.

The Loring was built in 1852 for the "meetings and lawful amusements" of residents. The structure cost $4,000 that was donated by Col. Benjamin Loring, a Hinghamite born before the Revolutionary War.

The "ladies of Hingham" had organized a fair, concert, and other social gatherings to raise the $700 needed to buy the site and install the foundation.

This week our Journal readers said: "The Loring is a gem;" "Loring Hall is historic;" "historic and quaint;" "one of the most special things about Hingham;" "should be preserved at all costs."

We all know that time marches on. The Hingham Shipyard is going to be transformed into a waterfront retail and housing area that should be of huge benefit to the region.

But when all is said and done – it is gratifying that we still appreciate the small things that mean a lot.

Loring Hall has earned its place in our history. Let's continue to support it.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Board of Health, March 21, 7 p.m.

Cable Advisory Committee, March 29, 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, March, 15, April 5 & 19, 7 p.m.

Council on Elder Affairs, March 12, 9 a.m., 3 N. Main St.

Library trustees, 7 p.m., March 14, at the library.

Planning Baord, March 21, 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, March 12, 6 p.m.

Water Commission, March 15, 6 p.m., King St. plant

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Census forms need to be returned.

Monday morning commuters crossing the Fore River Bridge were greeted with the sign: EXTENDED BRIDGE OPENING UNTIL 6:45. Why not just make it one simple word?



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

War protest off mark

TO THE EDITOR:

I was impressed Saturday morning, March 3, by the people displaying the anti-war signs – "Get out of Iraq" – "Stop the War," etc., at the POW-MIA Square.

I wanted to stop and ask, (but I just got back in town and didn't have time), if we did that could we stop taking off our shoes in airports?

Robert Ernst
60 Elm St.

Cohasset Hardware

TO THE EDITOR:

Words always fall short when saying goodbye to old friends. When it comes to saying goodbye to Cohasset Hardware: Tina, Ben and their staff, thank you comes quickly to mind. Thank you for the years of quality service and stability in an ever changing downtown. Thank you for thousands of nails, tools, paintbrushes, Cohasset trash bags, tape, glue, light bulbs, grass seed, plungers, beautiful windows, cheerfully posting all of our event fliers, boat parts, (with expert advice), candles and flashlights before storms, consults on paint colors, a neutral meeting place and always a genuine interest and investment in our town. Next time I'm in Home Depot I will be lonesome for the hardware store where "everyone knows my name."

Mary Whitley
120 Jerusalem Road

Keep Veterans Services at cabinet level

TO THE EDITOR:

The following letter to Gov. Patrick was sent to the Mariner for publication:

Dear Governor Patrick,

As Commander of the Lt. Ralph Talbot (USMC-CMOH) DAV Chapter 65 that supports 10 towns on the South Shore, I implore you to reconsider downgrading the Honorable Thomas Kelley's Department of Veterans' Services from cabinet level status.

Simply stated, most veterans come from lower and lower-middle income families. Believe me, State and Federal level bureaucracy make it extremely difficult for these veterans to resolve problems and communicate concerns. Tom Kelly's staff has been a crucial asset in assisting veterans.

Further, his Department works with your Executive Department and the General Court(specifically, the Joint Committee on Veterans & Federal Affairs) to oppose frivolous proposals, consolidate House and Senate veterans' legislation, and provide oversight of veterans' services offices in the three hundred and fifty plus municipalities.

The National Headquarters of the DAV, the Department of Massachusetts DAV and its eighty chapter (of which we are one) contribute tens of thousands of dollars and volunteer hours, but we cannot succeed without your support.

The current furor over care at Walter Reed Army Hospital is the tip of the iceberg. Our country's veteran heroes are also the State of Massachusetts veteran heroes and you must be kept well informed to avoid them "falling through the cracks" as they did after Vietnam. Our veterans are proud citizens of the United States, but they are also citizens of Massachusetts and it is to our State (yours, mine and theirs) to which they return and live with the physical and psychological wounds of war.

Paul A. Salvas, Commander – DAV Chapter 65
Joseph R. McElroy-Adjutant-DAV Chapter 65

CEF off to a great start

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Cohasset Education Foundation Board of Directors, I would like to thank everyone in this community who has supported our recent Annual Appeal. Your generous response has enabled us to exceed our initial goal of $250,000 in pledges and cash contributions by January 31, 2007.

Contributions to the Project Fund has already made three grant awards possible; $25,000 for the Osgood Computer Lab (k–2), $7,000 for the Safari Montage Video System (k–12) and $7,000 for a Promethean White Board, Deer Hill (3 – 5). These grants help ensure that Cohasset students, teachers and administrators are provided with the programs, materials and up-to-date equipment necessary to make a difference in today's competitive environment. Your contributions to CEF's Extra Credit Program have provided valuable funding towards professional development available to all the teachers and administrators of our public schools.

Our work is just beginning. Currently, the Endowment Fund balance is $100,000 and with your continued support will grow to provide for the long-term health of the schools and the Town. The Project Fund has a current balance (after funding our recent grants) of approximately $40,000 which we anticipate granting over the next several months. The Extra Credit program has also received a great response and monies raised will continue to be dedicated to professional development. None of this initial success would be possible without your support. For more information about the Foundation and how you can become involved please visit our website at www.cohasseteducation.org.

Chris Oddleifson,
President, CEF,
69 Summer St.

Check out CohassetCares.com

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Harbor wall project challenges

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Pond/Spring intersection — In last week's Mariner we mentioned that the Pond Street crossing is at a standstill waiting for the reopening of the asphalt plants. (*Ah - when the asphalt plants reopen, can spring be far behind?*) Since, it is tough for most of us to really see what's happening at the Pond St./Spring St. intersection, we thought we'd show you what it currently looks like. This photo shows that this intersection is really not ready for prime time. But, it's not as bad as it looks. The rough grades have all been established. All drainage is in place. New water lines have all been installed. There is still some electrical utility work to be completed along with road curbs, sidewalk, paving and landscaping. We would estimate this to be another month's work once it restarts.

Pond/Spring crossing — There is strong incentive for CBB to restart work at this crossing as soon as they can, since Pond Street must be opened before the other leg of Spring Street can be closed. And, the MBTA must close the temporary crossing on the other leg of Spring Street to complete the work there. We have told both CBB and the MBTA that we will not permit the Pond St./Spring St. crossing to open until it is absolutely complete. We don't want any more partially completed crossings like Sohier or Lower King streets.

Harbor wall rebuild project — If topics with a technical bent are not your cup of tea, you may want to skip this portion of our article. But for those of you who like to understand the story behind the story there is a very interesting bit of technology that will be utilized about mid March during the harbor wall replacement project.

When seawalls are to be rebuilt there are several ways the contractor can choose to work. One way is to conduct operations only at low tide when the wall is entirely accessible. This makes sense. But, the disadvantages are many. First of all, low tide does not always coincide with reasonable daylight working hours. Second, when the tide changes and comes back in (*And, as sure as death and taxes, it will*), the entire work site must be secured so that it is stable and will not shift with the incoming tide. Further, the preparation and stabilization efforts that must be done in preparation for tide changes detract from the time actually available to work on the wall and seriously increase the cost of the project.

So, if this is such an expensive approach, why would we speak about it? Well, the contractor, T. Ford of Georgetown, Mass. had a bright idea. They are going to employ a proprietary device called Portadam. (See www.portadam.com/PortadamNetscape.htm).



The Pond St./Spring St. intersection, as shown here, is really not ready for prime time.

The accompanying diagram shows what this device is and how it is used. The Portadam is a temporary dam that will be erected in front of the sea wall. After it is erected, the area immediately in front of the harbor wall will be dry and can be worked on at will by the contractor.

Let's look at what the Portadam is and how it is set up. In the diagram, there is a supporting structure shown in the top illustration, to the left. The seaward side the framework is covered by a robust fabric waterproof membrane. The weight of the water causes a downward force (see "LOADING" above). The downward force causes the supporting structure to anchor itself firmly to the sea floor and presses the fabric membrane tightly against the frame and the sea floor, creating a dam. Any water that does leak around the Portadam will be pumped out, rendering the area between the Portadam and the harbor wall reasonably dry for the construction necessary to rebuild the wall.

The lower three sketches show how the Portadam is actually installed. First, the support frame is positioned on the harbor floor. Then the membrane is placed against the framework, with a rather long tail extending into the harbor area away from the harbor wall. Lastly, the water is pumped out from behind the Portadam, leaving the area behind the Portadam dry.

Current plans are for the Portadam to be installed about mid-March. Then, T. Ford workers will be able to work during daylight hours, regardless of tide position. ...Clever these Georgetown folks.

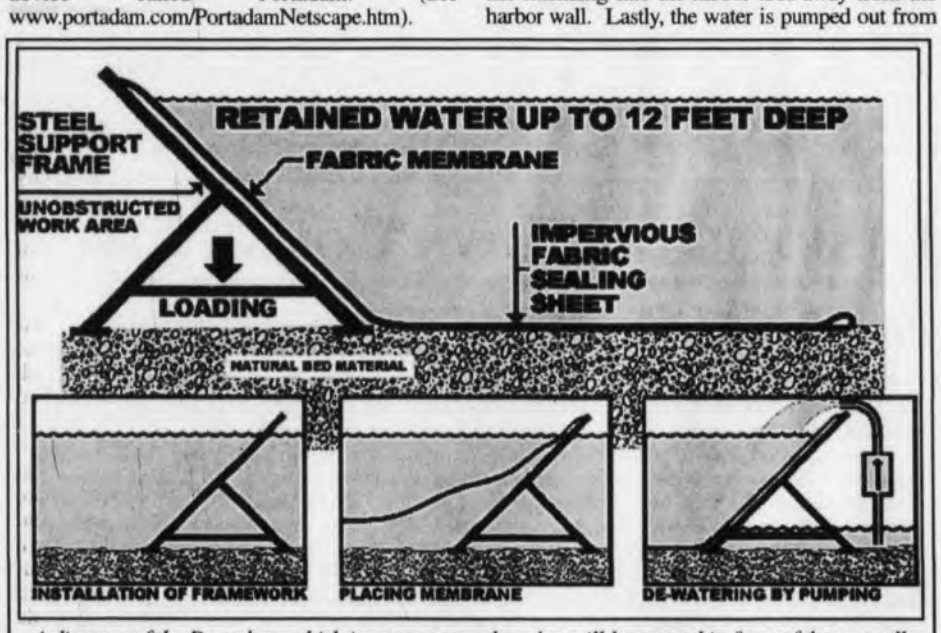
While we are talking about the harbor wall rebuild project, we might mention that the Town, with cooperation of the Cohasset Sailing Club has allowed the contractor to utilize a specific portion of the driveway in front of the sailing club on Government Island, which is Town property, as a staging area for equipment and materials. We have agreed to keep a portion of the drive open for the Sailing Club to have direct access to their buildings and the space between the two buildings for the activities that need to take place as they begin their start-up activities late this spring.

We do recognize that some of this staging area is visible from the Lightkeepers building. We have responded to the requests from the Lightkeepers Board to be as sensitive as we can in the placement of the equipment and material in this area. On Tuesday, March 6 at 7:30 a.m., we met with the contractor and were able to do some rearrangement to improve the view from the Lightkeepers. But, we do need a place to store material and equipment so we can't make it totally disappear. Initially, we did consider using the back Lightkeepers' parking lot as a staging area, but felt that trucks dragging material up the Lightkeepers' driveway past the building would cause much dirt and wear and tear to the driveway. It would also reduce parking for events. These factors would have a definite direct negative impact on the ambiance and desirability of the Lightkeepers' facility. We thought this to be much worse than the present solution.

Staging areas for Town projects is always a difficult part of these necessary projects. The further the staging area is from the construction site, the more expensive it is for the Town, and the longer it takes to complete the project. We felt this location to be a good compromise, but clearly, not a perfect solution. Fortunately, this harbor wall repair will be a relatively quick project and will soon be complete.

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A diagram of the Portadam, which is a temporary dam that will be erected in front of the seawall.

Getting ready to spring forward

HENSHAW



TOM HENSHAW

Get ready for some first class grumbling next weekend.

That's the day, Sunday, March 11, when we all get up at 2 a.m. and set our clocks ahead to 3 a.m. so that we can lose an hour's sleep. We'll feel it all day Sunday, and again on Monday, March 12, when we're expected to arrive at the office or shop bright-eyed and bushy-tailed.

And for that you can blame our own Congressman Ed Markey, who shepherded the new time through Congress.

It's called Daylight Saving Time and it happens every year only this time it's three weeks early so what used to be daybreak will be the middle of the night for what used to be called the day shift at offices, factories and schools.

And for that you can blame our own Congressman Ed Markey, who shepherded the new time through Congress. Better he should have stuck with the war in Iraq or the television industry or some other less controversial subject.

"Daylight Saving Time just brings a smile to everybody's faces," he said. "When it's daylight and people are going home at night, they feel better, and as the ad says, that's priceless; it's impossible to put a value of it."

Didn't they say something like that about Prohibition?

No one has touched a clock to reset the hands yet and already the griping and moaning has started from the highest airline executive to the guy who jogs before breakfast to the kid who'll grope his way to school though darkened streets.

The airlines faced a conundrum in that the 8 a.m. flight to London, say, has clearance to land seven hours later only to find that another airline is landing on that runway because the Americans are an hour early due to the time change.

Joggers who look forward to rising at 6 a.m. and exercising as dawn is breaking will be faced with rising at what used to be 5 a.m. and running in slippery streets in the dark with a flashlight to avoid potholes and other threats to life and limb.

The National Parent Teacher Association has already pointed out the safety issues of school kids walking to school, or even to catch a school bus, in the dark when who knows who may be aboard.

Markey says the early shift to Daylight Savings Time would save energy since lights would not have to be turned on for the extra hour in the evening and reduce crime since most are committed in the evening darkness.

The Globe discovered Michael Downing, professor of English at Tufts and author of "Spring Forward: The Annual Madness of Daylight Savings Time," who thinks Markey's theories are all wet.

"All of this is at best hypothetical," he is quoted as saying. "People have attributed to it all the evils of the world and all the healing properties of snake oil."

Me? I'll probably sleep 'til 9 a.m. on Monday, or 8 o'clock or 10 o'clock, whatever. It's one of the priceless values you can out on retirement.

Rainy season and other LA mayhem

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

L.A. Story (Part 2)

Southern Star Productions made Saturday morning cartoons — aggressively mediocre cartoons even by the standards of that time slot, during which children will watch an electrocardiogram if it's shrill enough. Had my job in any way involved the production of dreck like Teen Wolf or The Berenstain Bears I would have been thrilled, believe me. But since I was fresh out of university with a degree in mechanical engineering my job was to make sure the office didn't run out of apple juice.

I couldn't have been more incompetent. The office was always out of everything I was supposed to be supplying it with. It was like the clichéd sitcom plot where a really brilliant person is unable to do some menial job because he's too busy writing a successful screenplay, only without the screenplay. In my case I was too busy trying to find a real job during the longest writers strike in Hollywood history. It took all of my energies, frankly, and if I was willing to give up apple juice, soap, toilet paper and other office luxuries in order to further my career, well, I expected my coworkers to make similar sacrifices.

One day about four months into the strike I got a craving for a nice cool bottle of apple juice and remembered to do my job. As a thank you my long-suffering boss gave me two tickets to a movie premiere. These are generally swank affairs attended by well-dressed people, so my first order of business was to find some decent clothes. Luckily I had a gay roommate who worked for a famous clothing designer with quality control problems, so I was the grateful recipient of an irregular but incredibly hip gray polyester suit with big padded shoulders, big buttons, big everything. I looked like David Byrne in a tent, but my roommate assured me that was the style at the time and I've always felt it was dangerous to argue with fashion.

I'm pretty sure it was Los Angeleans who first decided it was a good idea to put French tap water into bottles...

The premiere was for The Dead, the last film from John Huston, one of our greatest directors, adapting a book by a great author, James Joyce, and starring Academy-award winning actress Angelica Huston. It was a crushing bore, but the evening was salvaged when I pointed out to my girlfriend none other than Andy Warhol walking among the guests at the post-premiere party. When she pointed out that Andy Warhol was several months dead I pointed out that everyone was wearing such huge suits that it was very easy to make such errors.

While we were scanning the room for alive celebrities and eating our quiche puffs we heard the unmistakable sound of a four-car crash outside the theater. Multi-car pileups are just background noise during the rainy season in Los Angeles, which is the week of Feb. 20th. For 11 months the roads are thoroughly coated with oil dripping from a million engine blocks, with no rain to rinse it into the storm drains. Then rain falls for 10 minutes, forms a thin layer between the pavement and the oil, and automobiles become three-ton air hockey pucks. Picture black ice suddenly crystallizing on every inch of every road in Norfolk County and you can imagine the mayhem. Meanwhile houses are sliding down hills, acres of prime cliffside real estate are washing out to sea, and the phones at FEMA are ringing off the hook. Rain is a curse in L.A.

Living in a desert is bound to give you a weird attitude toward water in general. Since it comes from pipes and almost never from the sky you tend to think of it as a man-made product. Not for drinking, but for washing your driveway and the roof of your house, a decorative item that can get filthy unless you give it a good rinsing every couple of weeks. Drinking water comes exclusively from bottles, usually from overseas. I'm pretty sure it was Los Angeleans who first decided it was a good idea to put French tap water into bottles, load it onto freighters and ship it 8.000 miles to sit next to Orangina in the 7-Eleven. Now we're all convinced that water should cost $1.50 a quart. When Californians start trucking in air from out of state I'm telling you we can all kiss our IRAs goodbye.

The writers strike finally broke in late 1988, and I found a new job at a special effects company. My first task was to help build a giant model of Freddy Krueger's throat, in which 15 slimy half-naked extras moaned and writhed while the camera spun downward as if falling into Freddy's gullet. Between takes we made smoke and kept everyone properly slimed up. It was chaotic and slippery and a guy was calling "Action!" and "Cut!" with fans blowing and smoke billowing and cameras whirring, just like in the movies.

The 18 months that followed found me on the set of many grade-Z productions with no artistic aspirations, but I approached every shoot as if I were working for the great John Huston. Since he was dead I did a fair amount of goofing off.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset, spending most of his time trying to de-slime his children. In Part 3 of "L.A. Story" careers are made, innocence is lost, and names are dropped at an increasingly ferocious pace.

BRIEFLY

Top grad rate

Cohasset achieved a 98 percent graduation rate for the Class of 2006, ranking it the third public school system in the state behind Weston (98.7 percent) and Norwell (98.5 percent). The data was released on all Massachusetts schools (including charter schools) in February. The percentages are based on the number of students enrolled in the Class of 2006 and of those who received their diplomas within four years. The statistics were compiled to adhere to the new federal No Child Left Behind Act, which requires the state to show graduation success for a particular class.

DOE Grant

A grant of $30,000 was awarded for the full-day kindergarten program at Osgood School from the Department of Education. The funds allocated for this year are required to be used during the current fiscal year. The grant will fund the purchase of instructional materials and technology for the full-day kindergarten. Professional development for the teachers is also a possibility. Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan hopes that this grant (which Cohasset will be eligible for every year) will support a combination of paraprofessional staff and materials in the future.

'The Saudi Arabia of wind'

COMMENTARY

ALLAN MACDONALD

It's both challenging and revivifying to try to keep up with the latest developments in peak oil/climate change. As I write, the news is that Shell and BP are opting for wind turbine development. "All the stars are aligning in a way that supports alternative energy," says Robert Lukefahr, president of BP Alternative Energy North America, as reported in the March 2 Boston Globe. "Energy security issues will cause many communities to seek indigenous supplies of energy."

A source that has appeared to serve like a lodestar and goldmine in the above regard is a book published just several weeks ago, the latest environmental arrival at Paul Pratt Library, "The Citizen-Powered Energy Handbook: Community Solutions to a Global Crisis," by Greg Pahl, whose title promises investigation of Lukefahr's comments. And it does that, in most interesting fashion.

Energies do indeed appear to be aligning. On Saturday morning, Feb. 24, about a hundred people gathered at Hull High School auditorium for an update on Hull Wind III, the turbine project at Harding's Ledge. Hull is referenced repeatedly in Pahl's new book. We haven't realized it, but Hull leads the nation in harnessing energy from the wind. It's an international inspiration. Hull has done things the right way. Carol Wasserman, director of regulatory strategies for ESS Group, a consulting and engineering firm in Wellesley, referred to the Hull shoreline as "the Saudi Arabia of wind."

A quaint incident occurred near the conclusion of the Saturday program. A member of the audience rose and gave his name. "I'm from Hull," he said. Then, "Oh, I'm sorry, I mean Hingham." A ripple of good-hearted chuckling went through the auditorium as especially those of us not from Hull could feel the well-deserved pride emanating from the Hull residents.

Pahl says that the present choice for NIMBYs is either a turbine in your line of sight or doing without electricity. He reminds us that we Americans feel that electricity is our God-given right. We learn in the book that turbines range from those with a 20-inch blade (used, say, to power electric fences) to those over 500 feet high with blades the length of a Boeing 747's wingspan. We are told that future alternative energy sources will vary from community to community, depending on siting, depending on what is reasonably available. Perhaps tidal energy would be Cohasset's choice.

"Communities," Pahl says, "are our own best security. Especially if we are united as a community in our determination to face the future. I firmly believe that a community's commitment to its own future energy security will ultimately prove to be one of the best long-term investments it can possibly make. I hope your community is among the growing number of cities and towns around the world to follow this sensible strategy."

Allan MacDonald is a Cohasset resident and former member of the recycling committee.

LIBRARY CORNER

Meet authors of 'The Last Pick' Tuesday

Meet the Author – Be sure to visit the library Tuesday, March 13, at 7 p.m., to meet David McGillivrary and Linda Fechter, authors of "The Last Pick." The library chose this book for their first town-wide reading program. Book discussions and free library events complimenting the theme of his book are being offered until April 1. Free.

New Video Service – For a limited time, Cohasset library patrons can download videos to their home computer using the MyLibrarydv service found on the homepage. Now patrons can bring famous chefs into their kitchen, tour far-off places with expert guides from the comfort of home and curl up with a good movie, all by using this new technology from Recorded Books. Easy to follow instructions allow up to 10 downloaded programs at any given time. To access MyLibrarydv, go to the library Web site at cohassetlibrary.com and click on the MyLibrarydv icon on the homepage.

Yoga Classes – There are still a few spaces left for yoga classes at the library. Instructors from the Cohasset Yoga Center will teach a variety of Hatha yoga style classes in the library free to the public. Call the library to find out what classes are still available. To sign up for a class, call Gayle Walsh, adult services librarian, at 383-1348.

Knitting Group – The Knitting Group will meet Wednesdays, March 14 and 21, at 10 a.m., in the Meeting Room. Edna Finegan of the Senior Knitting Group will be the instructor. Free. All knitting levels welcome!

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film "A Simple Curve" on Thursday, March 15, at 6 p.m., in the Meeting Room. Free admission and refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

FOR CHILDREN

Paul Pratt Memorial Library will offer the following programs for children:

MamaSteph is Back – MamaSteph will perform through the end of April on Mondays, at 10:30 a.m., in the Meeting Room. Funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library. All ages and communities welcome.

Drop In Story Time – Children are welcome to Drop In Story Time, which will feature big book stories, music and movement. The program will meet during the month of March on Tuesdays, at 10:30 a.m., in the Story Room. All ages and communities welcome.

SENIOR SCENE

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a feast!

St. Patrick's Day Feast – To be held Wednesday, March 14, at 1 p.m., at St. Anthony's Parish Center, 129 South Main St., Cohasset. The event will feature Anna's Gourmet Cooking and musical entertainment by the Time Steppers. The cost is $7 per person.

Elder Caretaker Workshop – Elder Law Attorney, Howard Kirkpatrick will present a workshop titled "The Last Resort," on the Enhanced Family Care Program (EAFC), Thursday, March 22, at 6:30 p.m. The EAFC program extends Medicaid benefits to cover additional at-home services for senior citizens. This will be less expensive and will allow many seniors to receive the care they need while remaining in their own homes as long as possible. This workshop is a must for caretakers of elders to attend and will be the only one on the South Shore that Attorney Kirkpatrick will present. A light supper will be provided from 6 to 6:30 p.m. Call 781-383-9112 to sign up. The cost is $3 per person.

The event will feature Anna's Gourmet Cooking and musical entertainment by the Time Steppers.

Peabody Essex Museum – Take a luxurious Bus Coach, Tuesday, May, 1, to historic Salem for a guided tour of the museum and enjoy a bountiful lunch at Victoria Station on Salem's beautiful waterfront. Menu choices: baked stuffed shrimp, prime rib, chicken and broccoli over fettuccini, or lemon butter swordfish. The cost is $63. Payment is due at registration. The last day to register is Friday April 15.

Return Of The Tall Ships – Take a luxurious bus coach to Newport, R.I., Wednesday, June 27, to board the Vista Jubilee for an extended luncheon cruise with buffet and music and front row seats to watch the beautiful "Parade of Sails," as twenty-five tall ships enter Newport Harbor. The bus departs from St. Anthony's at 8:15 a.m. and returns at 6:30 p.m. The cost is $77. Payment is due at registration. The last day to register is Friday, June 18.

HEALTH NOTES

Fructose, glucose and your weight

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Some time ago, this column waxed eloquent about sugar — said it was evil. More recently, we talked about the motivators for destructive behavior, such as overeating. Today, we'll talk about the philosophical factors behind our present system of food distribution and how market forces may be translated into subtle drivers for unhealthy habits.

This from a recent newspaper article "Pick up a processed food item these days — from bread and cereal to salad dressings, soft drinks and soups — and you're likely to find a common ingredient: high-fructose corn syrup." The writer implies that 'foodmakers' use it because they don't need to say how much is used on the label.

Others have distinguished the differences between the two types of sugar, fructose and glucose and their respective effects on diet. "Why is high-fructose corn syrup showing up in my food?" The reason is that it's not necessarily sweeter but cheaper than table sugar, a fact viewed with distrust by some consumers.

Since the introduction of high-fructose corn syrup in 1966, U.S. consumption has reached about 60 pounds per person per year. That rise has closely paralleled the obesity epidemic — accordingly, some scientists suggest that there might be a link between the two. However, the jury's out on the issue. Fact is that both ingredients contribute plenty of added sugar and calories.

Made from corn starch, high-fructose corn syrup is a thick liquid that contains about equal parts of fructose and glucose — in roughly equal amounts. Sucrose, known as table sugar, is a larger molecule that breaks down into glucose and fructose in the intestine during metabolism to start a cascade of biochemical reactions. Thus high fructose cornstarch has more fructose than glucose. Glucose increases production of insulin by the pancreas, which enables sugar in the blood to be transported into cells where it can be used for energy. Also boosted: leptin, a hormone that helps regulate appetite and fat storage. Glucose halts production of ghrelin, the so-called appetite hormone. When ghrelin levels drop, hunger declines.

Fructose, on the other hand, doesn't stimulate either insulin or leptin production and doesn't suppress ghrelin. It may also promote fat synthesis.

Accordingly, some scientists suggest that eating too much fructose could contribute to weight gain. But others note that studies have examined only pure fructose — not the combination of sugars found in high-fructose corn syrup. New studies show no differences in blood sugar, appetite hormones or hunger and, because of market pressures, there are sure to be more studies.

The present consensus: all added sugar is bad for you and high-fructose corn syrup may not be much worse than any other kind.

Observing the two sides of the ongoing argument about sweeteners, the reactions of both sides are rational. The soft drink maker will use the safe ingredient that fits his production requirements; those who are paid to talk about the product will single out those characteristics which sell it best. Scientists looking for the reasons for the growth in obesity identify high fructose as a possible cause. Marketing forces commission studies to counter any negative scientific findings and we, the consumers, have far too many facts, supported, conflicting and otherwise.

It always seems to come back to the point that staying healthy has to be one of the things in your life that will take its place in the order of priorities when it needs to. If your leg hurts, if you're too fat, if you need a new roof. You have to devise a way to fit them all in; maybe not today, but sometime.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE

Gov. Patrick's budget, expectations, goals

Cohasset Political Forum — The Cohasset Political Forum will meet Wednesday, March 14 at 7 p.m., at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, to discuss the first two months of the Patrick Administration, the meaning of the election and Governor Patrick's first budget.

The format will be a round-table discussion led by Tom Callahan and several local speakers. The discussion will include an examination of the governor's budget and the expectations and goals of his administration.

The Cohasset Political Forum was created last year to provide an opportunity for interested and busy people to discuss and debate political issues of the day. The Forum, sponsored by the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee as a separate, officially non-partisan entity, welcomes and encourages fellow citizens of all political views to join in interesting, spirited discussion.

For background on this topic, read the newspaper and check out the budget when it is posted on line. For information go to www.cohassetdems.org, or call Agnes McCann at 781-383-0222

Peace rally — Low temperatures and biting winds could not keep a dedicated group of Cohasset citizens from meeting once again on the Commons this past Saturday morning to rally for peace. Organized more than two months ago, an enthusiastic group meets every Saturday on the Commons from 9:30 to 10 a.m., to rally for Peace and add their voices to the call for the withdrawal of our troops from Iraq. All interested people are invited to join the group.

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Question of the Week

Regarding the Budget, the town is split between two distinct camps – the town side and the school side. What could you do to encourage better communications and decrease the appearance of distrust and skepticism between the two sides?

SELECTMAN/ Paul Carlson

We do not send our tax dollars to either the "town side" or the "school side". We pay our taxes to the Town of Cohasset. We expect our boards to meet our needs efficiently and effectively so that Cohasset will remain a very desirable and affordable place to live. This year we have a Proposition 2-1/2 compliant budget based on cooperation between our boards without rancor and divisiveness — a major improvement over recent history. I commend both the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee for creating this positive outcome. If I am elected to serve as a selectman, I will work to build on this success.

Our boards have management responsibility for balancing competing interests for the benefit of the town as a whole. While disappointments are inevitable, people will accept adverse decisions when they believe the process is fair, transparent and open. I will seek more communication and information sharing between the various boards and with the public before, during and after budget season. We must all take the time to understand Cohasset's needs, priorities and constraints. We must all also spend more time listening to all issues, not just our own specific issues.

I also believe in the importance of person-to-person discussions as an aid to understanding problems and finding solutions. As a candidate I have been meeting with town officials on all "sides" to listen and learn about their issues. I plan to continue these meetings if I am elected selectman.

Most importantly, we must banish the artificial and divisive "town side" and "school side" terminology. All voters choose all the elected boards. We do not have a system where some voters elect members of one board and other voters elect members of other boards. We are one town, the Town of Cohasset.

SELECTMAN/ Ralph Dormitzer

The Selectmen and the School Committee will report at Town Meeting on March 31 that we are in agreement on the funding of the Cohasset School System for fiscal '08 without an override. The genesis of this agreement is an acknowledgement on the part of the two committees and many townspeople that we share common goals — that the school system be rated among the top 10 in the State and that the town be managed in an efficient and effective manner. The schools have backed up their goal with measurable objectives and a time line for achieving them. The town on its part has established financial goals and objectives with time lines for achieving them.

Is all tension between town and school banished? The answer is no. There is an inherent tension between the limited financial resources of the town and its citizens and the more expansive agenda of the schools. Today, as distinct from a year ago, however, the fact that we agree on common goals moves the debate to a higher plane, one less confrontational and more constructive. All of us prefer it this way.

Regarding the Budget, the town is split between two distinct camps – the town side and the school side. What could you do to encourage better communications and decrease the appearance of distrust and skepticism between the two sides?

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Peter Richardsson

I see more commonality than division from my nascent point of view. A strong school system is a benefit to all property owners regardless of whether or not they utilize it; housing demand is stimulated by the draw of a great district. Conversely, no one can argue that the selectman, the school committee, and the school's administration have a fiduciary duty to ensure that the town's precious resources are spent in an austere, transparent, and goal-oriented manner. Providing a top-tier education and living within a predictable budget should not be mutually exclusive.

The School Committee has recently brought much more sunlight to the budget and its process. I trust that trend will continue as it is bridging the gap between the two camps. Although credibility has been an issue in the past, I am looking forward. Today, the town needs to come together, accept the realities of its finances, and leverage technology, new revenue opportunities, and best practices to make the most out of the educational resources we have. Re-litigating the issues of the past will only serve to preserve the split.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Adrienne MacCarthy

As a School Committee member and in my previous positions on the Building Committee and PSO communication is at the forefront of what one is expected to do. As a general rule, as a liaison from the School Committee, I attend in the neighborhood of 4-5 additional meeting a month in addition to two scheduled monthly meeting of the School Committee. I have been committed to making sure the people of Cohasset have access to me, as a public official, and through that access to the school budget. This commitment has been as beneficial to me as, I hope, it has been to those who have taken the time to share their questions and/or comments with me.

For me, I will continue to commit my time to be available to those who seek to better understand our School budget within the scope of the overall town budget.

Within the scope of this commitment, is the commitment to deliver fact-based information about our schools. This commitment isn't to communicate what is "politically" correct at the time; it is to let people know the facts so that, at the end of the day, they have the information they need to make the best decision for the Town of Cohasset. However, it will take a mutual respect between those in leadership roles to end distrust and skepticism. The School Committee has strived to proactively open dialogue between the different boards; this has work well during this budget season. I believe we can continue to bridge the communication gap if all parties are willing to come to the table and engage in an open discussion concerning the fiscal realities of this town.

NEXT WEEK'S QUESTION

For selectman candidates: *Despite all the concern about affordable housing over the past 10 years – Cohasset's affordable housing stock is still a little more than 2 percent and the town is still vulnerable to 40B projects. How serious is the affordable housing issue and what can be done about it?*

For school committee candidates: *Has MCAS helped or hurt Cohasset? And is there a concern that student high-stakes testing hamstrings teacher creativity – forcing teachers to "teach to the test?"*

Responses should be brief —no more than 300 words — and should be received by 5 p.m., Tuesday. Candidates are asked to be specific and make every word count. Submissions will be cut if they exceed the word limit. (We use the word-count feature on the computer to determine the number of words.)

Candidates may reply by e-mail at mford@cnc.com; by fax at 781-741-2931, or by dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building, 73 South St., Hingham Square. However they choose to deliver their answers, candidates should adhere to the 5 p.m. Tuesday deadline.

We will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited to a few paragraphs (about 150 words), from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers, short position statements and the like.

The Mariner will not accept letters to the editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

If you have questions, or would like to suggest a Question of the Week, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at mford@cnc.com.

BRIEFLY

Correction

A story in last week's Mariner titled "Who's Who in Cohasset land acquisition" should have said Jack Hubbard was one of the three men whose vision was the impetus behind the beginning of the Cohasset Conservation Trust in 1967. John Hartshorne, a longtime member of the Trust, was mistakenly identified as one of the three. The Mariner regrets the error.

Bradley office hours

State Representative Garrett J. Bradley (D – Hingham) will hold district office hours on Friday March 16th, at the Sons of Italy Hall in Hingham, from 6-7pm. Please enter through the Route 3A side entrance of the building into his district office. If you are unable to attend scheduled office hours, but would like to meet with Bradley, please call (617) 722-2396 to schedule an appointment at your convenience.

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DESTINATIONS

Big and bold - that's Texas

Text by Bill Fonda
Photos by Suzi Fonda

It doesn't take long to figure out that Texas is very, very different.

After all, in how many places can you eat at an Italian restaurant on the water — such as the Riverwalk in San Antonio — while being entertained by a mariachi band playing the theme to a British sitcom ("Perhaps, Perhaps, Perhaps" from "Coupling") ... in Spanish?

Yes, when they do something in Texas, they don't do it halfway. The highways are massive, most six lanes minimum, with frontage roads of two or three lanes on either side. Heading west out of Austin toward the two national parks in honor of President Lyndon Baines Johnson (one featuring his boyhood home, the other his ranch) is some of the most wide-open space you'll ever see.

Even the narrator for a film on Texas cities, singer Ray Benson of Asleep at the Wheel, is big, standing 6-feet, 7-inches tall.

The ranch itself is as large as Johnson's personality, so big that it actually comes under the jurisdiction of both the state and federal governments. It's definitely worth the trip and the 90-minute bus tour; you can take pictures of the Texas White House from the bus, but you can't get out, since Lady Bird still visits from time to time.



San Antonio's most-famous landmark, the Alamo.

In Austin, which is home of LBJ's presidential museum and library, the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum tells the story of Texas in great detail — from the days as a Spanish and Mexican colony right through the discovery of OIL! Even the narrator for a film on Texas cities, singer Ray Benson of Asleep at the Wheel, is big, standing 6-feet, 7-inches tall.

The negatives are even writ large; going to the San Juan, Espada, San José and Concepción missions in San Antonio, you'll encounter some of the worst-looking conditions possible, but don't let that stop you. The missions themselves are beautiful, and they are still working Catholic churches today, to the point of not being able to go into the church at San Jose because a funeral was coming inside.

Speaking of churches, although the Alamo is no longer a church, act like you're in one when you go. Set right in the middle of downtown — you'll miss it if you're not paying attention — it's smaller than you may think, at least on the outside.

As might be expected, any place that lives on such a grand scale is bound to be pretty full of itself. The boat guide on the Riverwalk may have been half-kidding when he complained how San Antonio is second at everything: the Tower of the Americas being the second-tallest in the United States, the second hotel being built by stacking the floors Lego style. But if he was kidding, it was only half.

Our guide at the Texas state capitol in Austin made sure to tell us that although Louisiana's capitol may actually be taller, they made sure when they expanded it to make it the largest in terms of size. And when the only suitable helicopter to reinstall the statue on the building was from Mississippi, they made the two pilots honorary Texans for a day, since non-Texans can't work on the capitol.

Over at the University of Texas' Frank Erwin Center (which we dubbed "The Big Rolo" for its resemblance to the candy), everyone stands up for the national anthem at the basketball game ... and then stays standing for the playing of the alma mater, "The Eyes of Texas." Everyone stands respectfully, keeps their hats off, puts their Hook 'Em Horns in the air and sings to the tune of "I've Been Workin' on the Railroad."

All of this may seem off-putting, but it really isn't. To be in a place that unabashedly brash is actually quite charming.



Diners enjoy the pleasant weather along the Riverwalk.



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Strong finish

Sci-Coh swim teams perform at state meets

By Alyssa Rogers
CORRESPONDENT

The Scituate-Cohasset swim teams finished the season on a high note with strong performances at the state sectionals and finals.

At state sectionals held the weekend of Feb. 17 the boys placed seventh overall, while the girls came in 10th place.

Junior Ashley Scott broke team records in the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events. A talented sprinter, Scott has now established herself as a long distance swimmer.

The boys 400-yard relay team of Rob Lilly, Colin Conway, Johnny Drybanski and Brian McGuiness finished third at sectionals (top spot for public schools in the event).

Freshman Betsy Crawford came in third overall in the diving portion of the state sectional meet. Crawford finished only points away from qualifying for state finals.

The following weekend at state finals, 13 Sci-Coh swimmers turned in state qualifying times. The boys placed seventh overall.

McGuiness finished third in the 500-yard freestyle event with a time of 4:57.11.

Senior Colin Conway dislocated his shoulder moments before swimming in the 400-yard freestyle relay. Luckily senior Brent Daly stepped in to round out the team of Lilly, Drybanski and McGuiness. The foursome placed third overall with a time of 3:25.40.

Freshman Megan Little was the only girl to qualify for states in an individual event. Little swam impressively in both the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events with times of 26.36 and 58.99 seconds respectively.

"I'm really proud of our results," coach Jon Fortin said. "Even if the swimmers didn't qualify for states, we set 11 new team records this year. Their hard work has really paid off and I could not be happier for their success."

Many underclassmen were just seconds away from qualifying for state finals.

"I am excited for the success that the team will have in the future," Fortin said. "We are only losing three senior girls this year, so as a whole, our team will be stronger. Swimmers Mimi Mahoney, Torey Hart and Ashley Scott were so close to making states, and I am so glad that I will have more time to work with their abilities."

Team Records

Girls:

*200 Medley Relay: (2007) 2:03.01; Mimi Mahoney, Torey Hart, Caitlin Mahoney, Megan Little

*200 Free: (2007) Ashley Scott, 2:10.97

200 IM: (2007) Megan Little, 2:30.25

50 Free: (2006) Caitlin Little, 25.47

100 Fly: (2006) Caitlin Little, 1:08.72

100 Free: (2006) Caitlin Little, 57.73

*500 Free: (2007) Ashley Scott, 6:02.79

*200 Free Relay: (2007) 1:54.10; Ashley Scott, Caitlin Mahoney, Torey Hart, Sheelah Scott

*100 Back: (2007) Mimi Mahoney, 1:08.56

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STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

Cohasset's Kayla Farren (34) outpaces a pair of Norwell defenders for a lay-up during the teams' February meeting. Next week, the Mariner begins its look back at the CHS winter sports season.

Kissick leads Weymouth Waves at 12-and-under New England championship

Cohasset's Hope Kissick led the way for the Weymouth Waves at the recent New England 12-and-under swimming championships that were hosted by the University of Rhode Island.

The event brought the curtain down on the 2006-07 season for the Waves, who swim out of the Weymouth Club.

The 12-year-old Kissick, who specializes in the breaststroke, accounted for 48 points for the Waves.

Her top finish was in the 50-yard breaststroke, as she took third place and 16 points. She also finished fourth in the 100 breaststroke for another 15 points. She added 11 points to the team total when she finished eighth in the 200 breaststroke. Her final six points came in the 50 free with an 11th-place finish.

"As a coach, I couldn't be happier with the results of our under-12 team. The success of the our kids is a true testament to their commitment of the team's philosophy."
Waves coach Mike Riley

Other point scorers 10-year-old Samuel Rice (Cohasset) and 10-year-old Michaela Morris (Duxbury). Rice amassed 29 points, while Morris amassed 19 points. A freestyler, Rice finished fourth in the 200 free (15 points) and fifth in the 500 (14 points).

In the meantime, Morris accounted for seven each in the 50 and 100 backstroke with a 10th-place finish. Then, in the 50 breaststroke, she took 16th for one point.

In all, the Waves had nine swimmers qualify for the New England Championships.

The other members included eleven-year-old Katie Eagan (Duxbury) who qualified for two events—the 50 and 100 fly, while 12-year-old Danielle Healy (Cohasset) and 10-year-old Michaela Ryan (Hingham) swam in one event each. Healy will compete in the 200 backstroke, while Ryan will swim in the 100 freestyle.

Healy qualified for the New England's at the previous weekend's New England Regional Meet held in Beverly. Healy wasn't the only one,

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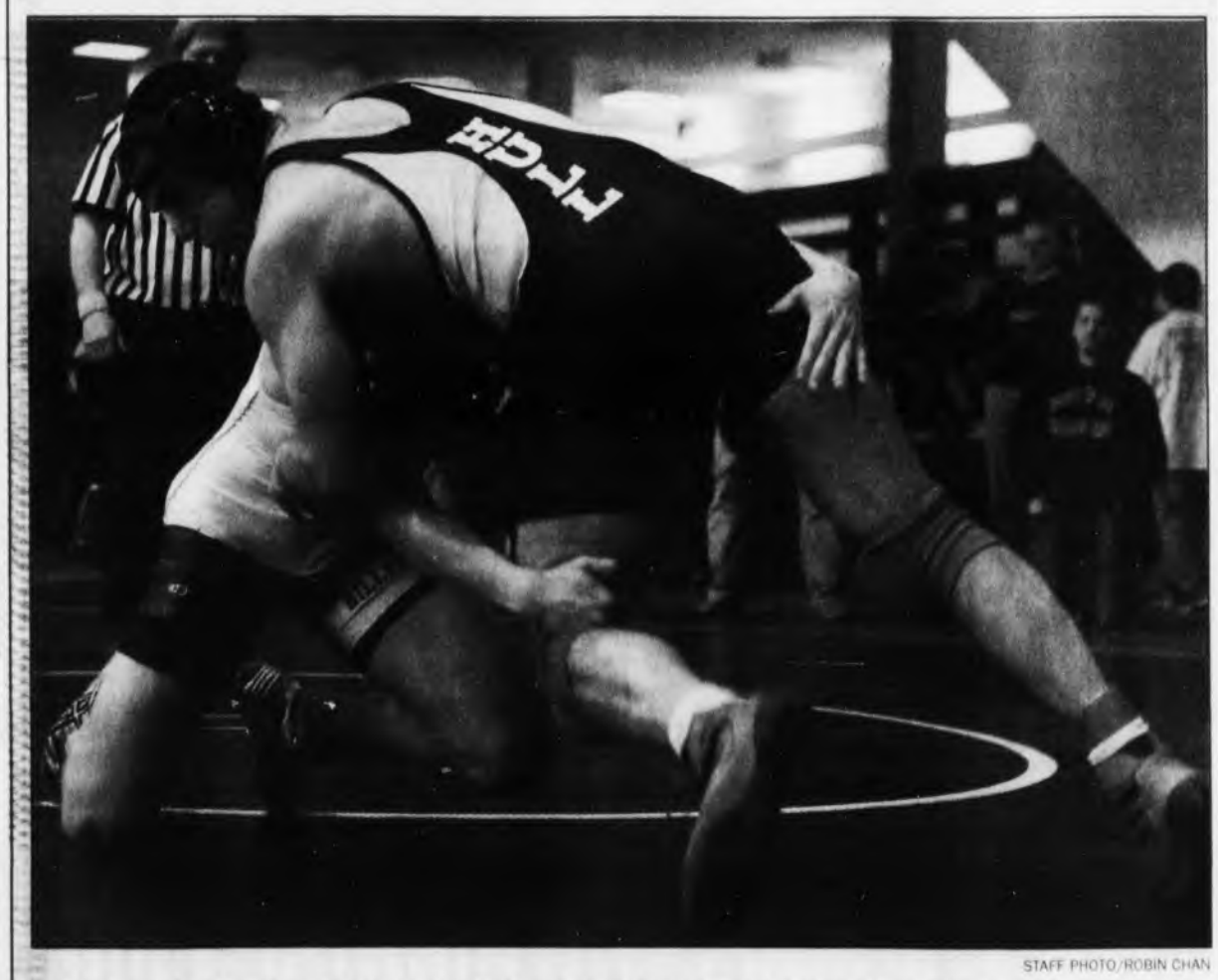
CHS spring sports meeting

There will be a mandatory sign-up meeting on Monday, March 12 for all Cohasset High School spring sports athletes in the high school gym.

At 6:15 p.m., all spring sport captains will report early for a brief meeting. At 6:45, all other student-athletes will arrive at the gym to sign up for spring sports.

Please bring a parent /guardian and your user fee ($250 for first or second sport, or $100 for third sport)

Sports available at CHS this spring are baseball, softball, boys and girls lacrosse, boys and girls tennis, and boys and girls track.



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Cohasset senior Nick Cambi handles a charge from Hopkinton's Marty Recencis during an All-State consolation match. Cambi wrestled in the New England competition last weekend, dropping a pair of close decisions, one to an eventual semifinalist from Londonderry, NH. The Mariner will kick off its winter All-Scholastic season with the wrestling team in the March 23 edition.

5th grade Travel B sets sights on championship

The fifth grade Travel B team upset the No. 1 seed Hanover last Saturday night to earn a trip to the championship game next weekend against a powerful Abington club.

Saturday's match-up was reminiscent of a fast-breaking and very physical Celtics-Lakers game in their heyday. Cohasset was firing on all cylinders as eight out of nine players scored, and every player contributed on both sides of the ball to deny Hanover any chance at leading in this contest.

Jack Stanganelli started the fireworks by ripping off four points in the opening minutes to put Cohasset ahead early. Stanganelli turned in a stellar night with a ferocious game on the boards to post key rebounds for important possessions all game.

Mark Rattenbury was a force down low to deny Hanover from getting any second chances on their shots. His early rebounds set the tone for his team to defend well against a high powered Hanover offense. Clark Indek secured the homeland with great defense to compliment his productive night on offense. Indek broke a 4-4 tie to put Cohasset ahead for good.

Timmy Cavanaro was challenged early and often by the defense – but responded well as he went 3-for-4 at the line. He closed the half with a nice jumper from Zach Coggins to put Cohasset ahead 13-8 at the midpoint.

Hanover went back to their playbook to see how to solve the puzzle presented to them in this first playoff game. The 4-seed was not supposed to befuddle the No. 1 superpower – what to do?

Cohasset answered with more of the same: relentless hustle, good defense, great shooting, clutch free-throws and effective press-breaking. Coggins had the hot hand in the second half to lead his team in scoring. Chris Cohen played terrific from the point guard position to contribute on offense and cause havoc on defense. Cohen set up some nice scoring opportunities all night.

Ryan McKeon delivered big as usual with another great performance with multiple steals, scoring, and great passing to enable the entire team to put up points. He drained a beautiful 8-footer midway through the half to put Cohasset ahead 21-12.

Eric Weinstein kept Hanover at bay with good defensive pressure to deny any chance at a

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Cohasset's Alex Goetz brings the puck up ice during the Skippers' Feb. 7 game against Norwell. Next week, the Mariner will recap the CHS hockey team's season.

STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

Cohasset looking for its Dream Team

Do you want to be a member of the Dream Team?

Cooperstown Dreams Park in Cooperstown, NY sponsors a baseball tournament each year for 96 teams from across the country for boys ages 12 and under. This is an opportunity for baseball players who are either 11 or 12 years old to join this team and enjoy this tournament.

This year, the tournament begins on Saturday, June 30 and will end with closing ceremonies on Thursday, July 5, at which time the boys will be awarded rings for playing in this tournament.

The athletes will stay in barracks inside the Dreamspark for the week. During this time they will have the opportunity to trade pins, which represent each of the teams in the tournament. They will also have meals provided for them three times a day. The security that is provided is excellent to ensure the safety of all the ballplayers. The Park is a beautiful compound of baseball diamonds and the facilities are clean and well-maintained.

This is an experience of a lifetime. It is also a good family vacation, as the surrounding area is beautiful and there is plenty to do. There is also time between games to spend as a family. Also, don't forget that the Baseball Hall of Fame is just minutes away.

A slot is already saved for next year as well, for which we will be shooting for a later date in the summer, so consider that as well when you are making your decision about this year. Those that choose to attend this year, will be provided that opportunity again next year, if that is their choice.

If you and your child are seriously interested in participating in this experience, please respond via e-mail to Mike Maher at maher63@comcast.net by March 16. Your child's entry fee will be approximately $800 to cover the trading pins, insurance, and entrance fee.

Your child will not only receive a commemorative ring and two uniforms but, more importantly, a chance to play baseball on a national stage. If you know of anyone who might be interested in participating, please let them know.

For more information you can check out www.cooperstowndreampark.com to get a flavor of what you can expect.

There are 12 spots on the roster (a few are filled already); Maher is also looking for two assistant coaches. Maher added he would like to keep this an all-Cohasset team.

Kissick leads Weymouth Waves at 12-and-under New England championship

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though, who did an outstanding job last weekend, as the majority of those who swam at the meet for the Waves turned in their best times of the year. In fact, the Waves had 107 top-10 finishers at the Regional.

Ryan's qualifying for the New England's was of particular note as this is her first year with the Waves' competition team.

For the boys, Rice led the way as the 10-year-old from Cohasset was entered in eight events, four of which are freestyle—the 50, 100, 200, and 500. He also competed in the 100 and 200 individual medley, the 100 fly and 100 backstroke.

Both Michael Connolly and Connor Green swam in six events each.

Then 12-year-old Connolly from Duxbury will swim in the 50, 100, and 200 free and three 100-yard events—the backstroke, the fly, and the IM. In the meantime, the 11-year-old Green from Cohasset was entered in the 50, 100 and 200 backstrokes, the 100 free, and the 100 IM.

What made Connolly and Green's accomplishments noteworthy was they just celebrated birthdays in February moving them up to their current age group. For Connolly, he had to achieve the more challenging 12-year-old qualifying times and an 11-year-old, while Green had to meet the 11-year-old time standards as a 10-year-old.

The Waves' final qualifier was 11-year-old Ian Wilson (Duxbury). He was entered in both the 100 and 200 backstrokes, and like Danielle Healy on the girls' team, Wilson qualified for last weekend's meet in Beverly the previous weekend.

The New England Championships culminated an outstanding season for the Waves.

"As a coach, I couldn't be happier with the results of our under-12 team," said Mike Riley, who oversees the entire Waves' program. "The success of the our kids is a true testament to their commitment of the team's philosophy."

5th grade Travel B sets sights on championship

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Cohasset prevailed 27-23 in the end to march on for another chance to tame the Green Wave of Abington.

comeback. Jack Leffel played well at the forward position with great passing and good rebounding. Leffel also drained a nice free throw after getting mugged up the middle.

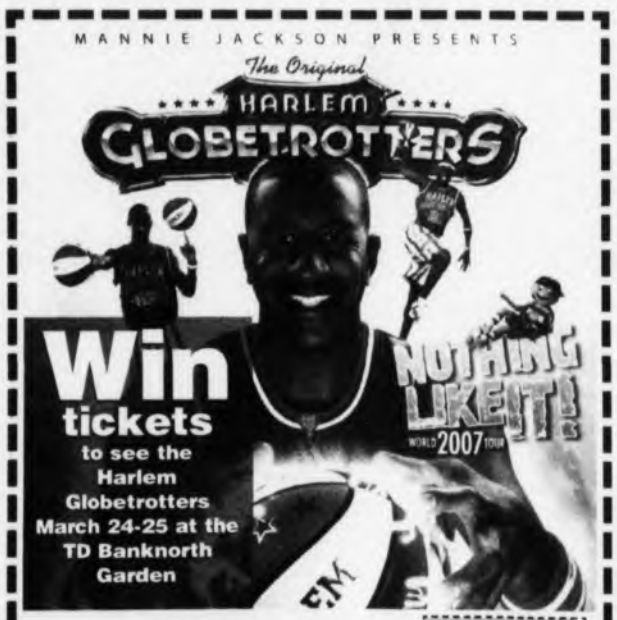
Hanover never gave up and slowly chipped away at the nine point deficit to keep it close. But Cohasset knew better than to let this beast up off the mat. Coggins and Cohen kept up the pressure with timely turnovers and clutch scoring late in the match to pad the lead, including Cohen's solo drive to put Cohasset ahead 27-18 with less than three minutes left.

Hanover put on a last-minute charge to narrow the margin, but couldn't get close enough. Cohasset prevailed 27-23 in the end to march on for another chance to tame the Green Wave of Abington.

One can expect another battle of epic proportions to lay claim to the league championship. Stay tuned.

Send us your sports news

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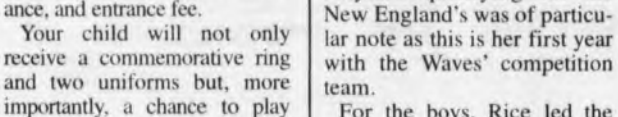
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The Sci-Coh girls 400 freestyle relay prepares for action at the state sectional race.

Strong finish

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100 Breast: (2007) Torey Hart, 1:17.19

400 Free Relay: (2006) 4:04.45; Emily Mulcahy, Alison Costa, Caitlin Little, Ashley Scott

Boys:

*200 Medley Relay: (2007) 1:47.03; Brian McGuiness, Mike Wall, Jonny Drybanski, Rob Lilly

*200 Free: (2007) Brian McGuiness, 1:48.58

*200 IM: (2007) Jonny Drybanski, 2:07.08

50 Free: (2007) Rob Lilly, 23.16

100 Fly: (2006) James Smith, 57.40

100 Free: (2007) Brian McGuiness, 49.86

*500 Free: (2007) Brian McGuiness, 4:54.01

*200 Free Relay: (2007) 1:39.69; Justin Damaso, Colin Conway, Mike Wall, Brent Daly

100 Back: (2006) James Smith, 1:02.04

100 Breast: (2007) Jonny Drybanski, 1:08.50

*400 Free Relay: (2007) 3:25.04; Jonny Drybanski, Brian McGuiness, Brent Daly, Rob Lilly

***New Team Record**



The Sci-Coh boys during the sectionals.

Pan-Mass Challenge

Registration to ride in the 28th annual Pan-Massachusetts Challenge can be done through the PMC Web site, pmc.org. Open to just 4,500 cyclists, the PMC will be held Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 4 and 5.

The ride is the nation's original fundraising bike-a-thon and today raises more money than any other athletic fundraising event in the country. This year's goal is to raise $27 million for the Jimmy Fund, which supports cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. To date, the PMC has raised more than $171 million for the world-renowned cancer research center.

Cyclists can choose from nine routes that pass through 46 Massachusetts cities and towns, over one or two days. Two-day cyclists can ride the original 192-mile Sturbridge to Provincetown route, the180-mile Sturbridge-Bourne-Wellesley route, the 163-mile Wellesley-Bourne-Provincetown route, or the 153-mile Wellesley-Bourne-Wellesley route. One-day cyclists can ride the 111-mile Sturbridge-Bourne route, the 84-mile Wellesley-Bourne route, the 72-mile Sturbridge-Wellesley route, the 68-mile Bourne to Wellesley route, or, new this year, the 50-mile Wellesley to Wellesley route.

Minimum fundraising requirements range from $1,200 to $3,600, depending upon the route chosen. The most popular routes typically fill up within weeks.

The PMC is a family of thousands who return to Massachusetts from around the world, year after year, committed to a common goal: a world without cancer. More than 200 PMC cyclists and volunteers are cancer survivors. Registration is $160, which funds support services, meals, and overnight accommodations, riding jerseys and more.

For more information, or to register, visit www.pmc.org or call 800-WE-CYCLE.

Sports Notes

April vacation baseball clinic

The South Shore Baseball Club will be providing an April Vacation Baseball Clinic, beginning Tuesday, April 17 through Friday, April 20, at Barnes Field Complex.

The clinic runs from noon to 2:30 p.m. The program costs $100 per participant.

For more information, call the Recreation Office at (781)383-4109. Registration forms can be found at the Recreation Office on the first floor of Town Hall.

You may also register with a credit card by calling South Shore Baseball Club at (781)740-4382, or forms are available at the Cohasset Recreation Department at Town Hall.

Rec Dept. offers boot camp fitness program

The Cohasset Recreation Department is offering a bi-weekly Boot Camp Fitness Training Program, to be instructed by Betsy Callanan.

This unique physical training opportunity meets from 6 to 7 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, starting Tuesday, April 3, on Cohasset Common, in front of Town Hall. The fee for this session is $100, with checks payable to the Town of Cohasset.

You may register at any class at 6 a.m. at Town Hall. The first 10-week session will conclude Thursday, June 7. The second session begins Tuesday, June 12.

Callanan will run an interval calisthenics and running fitness program for men and women of all levels of ability. While running and/or walking remains an essential aspect of this cardiovascular training format, included will be various integrated calisthenics such as jump rope, stairs or hills, squat thrusts, lunges, push-ups, skipping/running knees, sit-ups, etc. Callanan has designed this program to improve cardiovascular endurance and strength.

Please dress in layers as weather conditions dictate, bring a water bottle and jump rope to class, and wear running shoes.

Keep in mind, success in this class is based upon your individual personal best, not as a competition with others.

South Shore Arthritis Walk

The Arthritis Foundation is seeking walkers of all ages to form teams for the sixth annual South Shore Arthritis Walk, the Arthritis Foundation's nationwide walk event that raises awareness and crucial funds to fight arthritis, the nation's number one cause of disability.

The walk will take place Sunday, May 6, at Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth and is open to both teams and individuals. This annual event raises funds for critical arthritis research and for community health programs that help people in Massachusetts live better with arthritis until a cure is found.

To register or for information, contact Terri Fedrow at the Arthritis Foundation at 617-219-8220 or visit www.southshore-arthritiswalk.kintera.org.



CAMP, SCHOOL AND ACTIVITIES
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Handling Homesickness BEFORE Camp: New Research Shows How Families Can Help

By Bette S. Bussel, Executive Director, American Camp Association, New England

It should be no secret that feeling homesick is normal and that most homesickness is mild. Separation from family, friends and the familiarity of home can cause feelings of longing for home and frequent thoughts of home, otherwise known as homesickness, in people of all ages. But, where homesickness is concerned, an ounce of prevention is worth far more than a pound of cure. Research now proves it's essential for all campers to know what to expect and what to do if and when homesickness hits! The first report of its kind for pediatricians, family doctors, and parents (published in the journal Pediatrics by Christopher A. Thurber, PhD, Edward Walton, MD and the Council on School Health) encourages new thinking: homesickness is a universal but highly preventable and treatable phenomenon. Campers and the adults who love them need to understand how to talk about it before camp, which is one key to prevention. Research proves that what parents and doctors say to kids before they attend camp has the power to lower the intensity of homesick feelings. Results also showed that a combination of educating children and coaching parents in how to cope reduced the intensity of homesickness for first-time campers by as much as 50%.

PLAN TO:

Bring something from home that's a reminder of home, like a family picture, special blanket, pillow, stuffed animal. This can bring you comfort if homesickness hits.

Talk to your counselor about your feelings of homesickness. Keeping homesickness bottled up can make it worse.

Write letters.

Join in on a fun, distracting activity to take your mind off homesickness.

Pack your positive attitude. Think back to all the things you've looked forward to doing. Read the list of camp activities you are looking forward to. Think about the good side of things (activities, friends) to feel better.

Think about loved ones and remember what they would say to help. Before you leave home write down supportive comments from people in your family. Reading these comments can help you quite a bit.

DON'T:

Rely on a pick up plan to be used if the camper doesn't adjust to camp. These deals set the camper up to fail since it's assumed that the adjustment won't happen. Pick up deals also undermine the child's sense that their parents have confidence in them to be independent and resilient.

Do something bad at camp in order to be sent home.

Try to escape. Such problem solving strategies won't work. Talk honestly about homesick feelings.

Hold your homesick feelings inside.

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Who will be the next Mr. Skipper? The "beauty" contestants strike a pose as they great ready for tonight's Mr. Skipper pageant. From left are: sophomore Ian Porter, senior John Harrington, junior Brian Hill, senior Mike Corey, senior Tim Toomey, senior Tristram Norman, Senior Charles Miller, and senior John McCarthy. The annual event helps raise money to offset the cost of the prom and other senior events.

San Francisco, here I come!

LIFE AT CHS



MICHAEL CORRY

It's official! I know what I'm doing next year. I'll be heading west to the University of San Francisco pursuing an English major. And if all goes according to plan someday I'll have a (successful?) career in writing. I'm getting ahead of myself. On St. Patrick's Day, I'll be seeing the Dropkick Murphys at the Garden courtesy of Mom & Dad. In the very near future however, I have school and work to worry about. By the way, in the future, the deli will be adding pub style pizzas and delicious fried dough to the menu. Now you won't have to wait for Strawberry Fest to get your fix!

Here's what's going on at CHS this week.

- Tuesday after school a joint faculty meeting was held in the library.
- The School council met Wednesday after school.
- The PSO Telethon Rehearsal was Wednesday night.
- Wednesday night the Athletic Council met in the library.
- Mid-term progress reports went home Thursday. Hopefully you got to the mail before your family did. Parents, please don't go overboard if you punish your children for a mid-term report. They have the whole second half of the semester to improve. But when the final grades come in, I'm washing my hands. If you haven't got your act together by then you've made your bed.
- Thursday morning the PSO President's Council met.
- Thursday a Train Safety activity was held during the school day. I'm afraid trainsurfing is out of the question, guys.
- Department Heads met after school on Thursday. Where there bodies were; nobody knows.
- Tonight is Mr. Skipper! Come support the potential winners of this male beauty pageant and raise money for the Senior class of CHS! If you want a taste of what I'll be doing for my talent, find the new Snickers jingle on Youtube. If I don't see you tonight, we'll have another chat — same time next week.

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These screenings will consist of a play group activity as well as opportunities for vision, hearing and posture screening. These screenings are to assist in identifying those students who should be referred for an evaluation to determine eligibility for special education.

If you are interested in having your child participate, contact one of the preschool staff at 781-383-6117 no later than the Wednesday prior to one of the scheduled screenings.

Pilgrim Arena offers scholarships

Applications for ten $5,000 scholarships are available at the Pilgrim Skating Arena, 75 Recreation Park Drive, Hingham.

Interested seniors must pick up and sign for the application *in person* at the arena pro shop. Completed applications must be returned by Sunday (April 15).

Applicants will be judged by members of the Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors at Pilgrim Arena.

For more information, please call Hoby Taylor, 781-749-6660.

Midnight Blue at Teen Center

There will be a dance for Cohasset youngsters, in grades six through eight only, on Friday, March 9, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Cost is $5 per person, and those attending will be required to show student IDs when signing up for the dance.

Students should make sure they are able to gain admittance to the dance before their ride leaves, as once full capacity is reached no further admittance will be allowed. There will be no admittance after 8:30 p.m. for the dance.

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High school to host 'Eat Your Art' exhibit

FROM ART, PAGE 1

spam, cake, frosting, fruits and vegetables have starred in some of the artworks as well. "We've seen spaghetti used for hair and the combination of all sort of interesting ingredients," says Berkowitz.

Sam Burgoon and Alex Laas, both juniors at the high school have already started working on their entry. The bulk of the piece will be a dress "woven" from fruit roll-up. The dress is being created on a mannequin and will also feature life-like "skin" made from frosting.

"Right now my whole room smells like frosting," Burgoon said. This isn't her first entry into the Eat Your Art exhibit. Last year, she and her friends created a giant three-square-foot cube of Rice Krispies' treat. Five bags of Rice Krispies cereal and 10 bags of marshmallows were used to construct the "masterpiece."

A first time entrant in the adult category, teacher Jonathan Nutting, is still brainstorming for his creation. Ideas include a tribute to the late James Brown, the Boston skyline, but he thinks he's settled on something from the Wizard of Oz. He and roommates plan to "walk around the supermarket" this weekend to get the materials for their collaborative entry.

The registration form contains a disclaimer where participants can indicate whether their art is truly "edible" based on the way the ingredients were handled and if the combination of materials would be pleasing to the palate. A list of ingredients is necessary for each entry.

"We've seen spaghetti used for hair and the combination of all sort of interesting ingredients."
— Nina Berkowitz, art teacher

The difficult task of judging the edible masterpieces belongs to three middle/high school teachers: David Ames, a high school science teacher, Cynthia Gordon, a middle school social studies teacher and Bryan Marks, a music teacher.

There will be two categories of judging, original artwork or reproduction of artwork (this included copying famous people/icons). There will be four age brackets (grades K-4, 5-8, 9-12 and adult). Prizes will be given to winners in both categories for each age group. Prizes are donated gift certificates from local businesses. The event is a fundraiser for the Cohasset Arts Boosters and all proceeds will go toward a general fund that supports the drama, art and music programs in the middle and high schools. The Boosters were able to turn last year's event proceeds driven from the $2 entrance fee into a digital printer for the art department, according to Chairman Elaine Breslow.

"This event is really colorful and fun. And kids and adults are only limited by their imagination," says Breslow, "It's a unique and different approach to art and fundraising."

Artists, chefs and everyone in between are encouraged to bring their creations to the middle/high school on March 14. No pre-registration is necessary and there is no registration fee. The event begins at 6p.m in the Cohasset High School. Entrants can register up until the event and are responsible for the set-up of their artwork for viewing. Admission to the party for all non-entrants is $2.

For questions or to register, contact Nina Berkowitz by email nberkowitz@cohassetk12.org or at 781-383-6100 ext. 264.



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Mike Devlin's "Opening Day" edible art exhibit was one of many creations on display at last year's event.

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OBITUARIES

George E. Buckley

CEO and President of Buckley Company

George Edward Buckley, 76, of Cohasset, died Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007 while vacationing in Jamaica.

He lived in Canton and Cohasset all of his life and was a graduate of Cathedral High School. Following high school, he attended the University of New Hampshire and St. Johns Seminary, before his graduation from Boston College in 1956. Mr. Buckley played varsity basketball and lacrosse at UNH and was a member of the College Basketball Association for basketball and basketball officials. He was a long-standing member of both the Cohasset and Hatherly Country clubs.

Mr. Buckley served as Executive Officer of the U.S.S. Red Wing during his service in the US Navy. He was Executive Chairman of the Audit



George E. Buckley

Committee for the Cohasset Savings Bank and President of the D.J. Buckley Company, as well as President of the Old Coach Road Estates. Mr. Buckley worked for Buckley Family Reality Trust as a real estate broker. He also served as CEO of the Buckley Company, which was formerly the Buckley Iron Works.

He leaves his wife of 50 years, Eileen (Donohue) Buckley; his children, Stephen and his wife Beth Ann (Cogill) Buckley, Doreen Buckley and her husband Earl Love, Ann Marie and her husband Joseph Briggs and Christina and her husband James Hassan; his brothers, Joseph, Albert, Paul and Jack, all of Cohasset; a sister, Marie Lucas of Scituate and11 grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Raymond Buckley.

Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset. Interment at Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Donations in his memory may be made to the St. Anthony's Church Building Fund, 10 Summer St., Cohasset, Ma. 02025.

James C. Emmons

Former manager for Service Master

James C. Emmons, 51, of Hanover, died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007, at his home following a long illness.

Born in Boston, he was the son of John G. Emmons of Clearwater, Fla., and the late Marjorie M. (Coughlin) Emmons. He was raised and educated in Cohasset and was a graduate of Dean Junior College in Franklin. Mr. Emmons had lived in Fairhaven for six years before moving to Hanover 12 years ago.

He was formerly employed as a manager for the Service Master Companies.

He leaves one daughter, Jessica Mary Emmons of Hanover; his father; one brother, Jay Emmons of Salem; two sisters, Judith Emmons of Lynnfield and Susan Robba of Duxbury; and his former wife, Maureen (Foley) Emmons of Hanover. He was the brother of the late Liane Dunne.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Mary of the Sacred Heart Church, Hanover. Interment will be at a later date. Arrangements were handled by Sullivan Funeral Home, Hanover.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chairman: William Baird.

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8 a.m. – Circle Ministry (group led by Bill Baird & Kirk Jackisch and meeting 2nd & 4th Sunday mornings.

10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House —"For the Beauty of the Earth" — An Intergenerational Service with Nan Moore, Nathan Wallace, Allan MacDonald, Morgan Fechter, and JoAnn Mirise.

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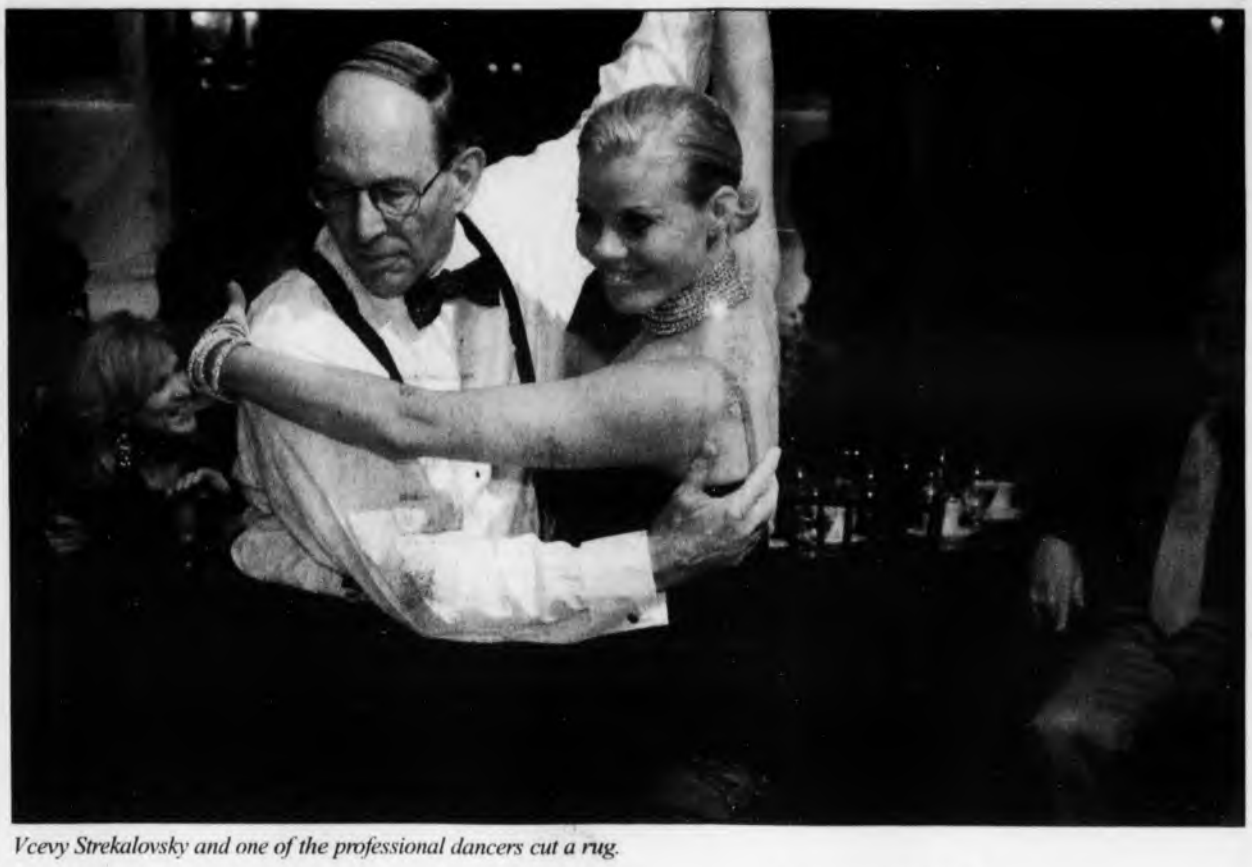
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Peggy and Michael Weymouth put on their dancing shoes at the Steppin' Out event last Saturday.



Vcevy Strekalovsky and one of the professional dancers cut a rug.

Steppin' Out

Dancing night away to support Art Center

Photos by Lynne Layman



Bill Earon is all smiles on the dance floor with a professional dancer. The night included dinner and a dancing exhibition by eXtreme Dancesport and Studio 665.



Carolyn and John Coffey peruse the silent auction items. Items were donated from local businesses. The night also included a live "travel" auction featuring trips to exotic locales. All proceeds support the exhibitions and education programs at the South Shore Art Center.



Billy Costa, KISS 108 personality and celebrity emcee, poses with event coordinator, Sandy Durant, and Glen Kelley, Publisher of Boston Common Magazine.



Frank Neer owns the floor when partnered with one of the professional dancers.

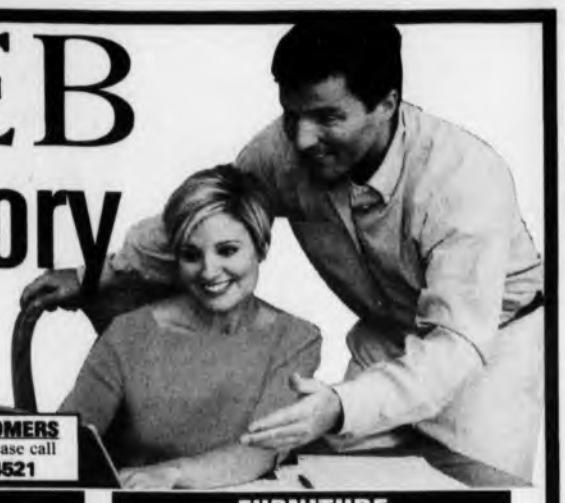


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POLICE/FIRE LOG

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21

12:28 a.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

12:31 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

12:38 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

12:46 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

12:53 p.m. **So. Main St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

1:07 a.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop; vehicle will be parked at this location overnight for deliveries later in the morning.

6:01 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic enforcement.

7:03 a.m. **So. Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:03 a.m. **Jerusalem and Howe roads**, traffic enforcement.

8:45 a.m. **No. Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:09 a.m. **No. Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

10:52 a.m. **Norfolk Road**, caller reports a sick coyote is on her porch and acting very strange. Animal Control Officer reports the animal was sleeping on the front step and ran under the steps.

11:28 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller reports heavy smoke coming from a house in the area; call came into Scituate Police Dept. from a resident looking in the direction of Cohasset harbor.

12:46 p.m. **Park Ave. – Hull**, mutual aid to Hull Fire Dept., transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

1:19 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, disturbance; caller requests an officer regarding her female neighbor who is in her driveway, yelling and swearing at her. Officer reports she has spoken to the calling party and will follow up.

1:25 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, caller reports that a street light has snapped off the pole and is being held up by resting on two wires. Officer reports the light has rotted at the arm and is hanging by just the power cord. National Grid notified and is responding to the scene.

2:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic enforcement.

2:47 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports a female in the store is attempting to steal a lot of products including steaks and DVDs. Female then ran out of the store and into a vehicle. Hull Police Dept. notified. Female located outside of the store and units are off with the female. Units report that the female did not leave the store with any items; no crime committed at this time.

5:12 p.m. **Sohier St. and Ripley Road**, suspicious activity reported. Officers checked the area and could not find the vehicle in question; report filed.

6:12 p.m. **Atlantic Ave. and Margin St.**, Water Dept. notified of a leak in the meter pit by the Roy's house; a plumber will be there in the morning to repair it.

9:26 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:10 p.m. **No. Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

10:17 p.m. **Pond and King streets**, traffic stop; citation issued.

10:20 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:21 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, open door reported; called the primary contact and he stated he was out of town and to secure the back door; services rendered.

11:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop; citation issued.

THURSDAY, FEB. 22

12:28 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

12:29 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

4:52 a.m. **Elm St.**, caller reports two young boys walking slowly down the street with backpacks; parties are headed towards Border St., area search negative.

7:31 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, caller reports heavy smoke in the area; investigated and smoke is coming from a wood stove chimney at the second house on Forest Ave.

8:34 a.m. **Old Pasture Road**, several callers reports a motor vehicle accident at this location; a vehicle has struck a pole and the power has gone out. Fire Captain reports damage to the pole; National Grid notified. Fire Capt. reports the primary has been snapped at this time and they are going house to house to check for outages. Several outages reported at this time.

8:59 a.m. **Beale St. – Quincy**, mutual aid to police regarding a 911 call received from a business in town which stated his mother called crying hysterically and stating that her daughter had locked herself in her bedroom. Unsure of exact situation; Milton and Quincy Police departments notified via radio.

9:18 a.m. **Ripley Road**, fire alarm activation; electrical problem due to partial outage caused by a previous accident; will reset units in service.

9:20 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:08 a.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, caller reports tagging at this location overnight; officer is viewing video with office manager; detective requested.

11:12 a.m. **No. Main St.**, parking ticked issued for hydrant violation.

1:44 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, disturbance; caller reports his neighbor from across the street was over in his driveway yelling swears at him; caller wants it logged for now.

2:48 p.m. **So. Main St. and Country Way, Scituate**, mutual aid to Scituate police at town line regarding a large group that appears to be intoxicated.

4:26 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, caller reports a man wearing a brown hooded jacket was trying to open his car doors in his driveway; when confronted he kept walking. The suspicious male is reported to be walking down Forest Ave., towards North Main St. Hull man summoned for tagging property.

5:22 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in party for a blood pressure check; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

7:01 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, caller reports she can't open the flue to her wood stove and thinks there is a possible back up. Capt. reports this is a chimney fire; all companies tied up. Fire extinguished, area cleaned up and command terminated.

FRIDAY, FEB. 23

12:59 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

1 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

4:36 a.m. **Town roads**, icy conditions reported all over town.

10:18 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:47 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports while traveling by the train tracks a water hole cover was sticking out of the ground and ran over it by accident. The metal cover shot up and broke the transmission pan under the cruiser and fluids have leaked onto the ground from the break. Fire Capt. requests DPW with sand to cover a 200 to 300 foot oil slick.

12:28 p.m. **Elm St.**, be on the lookout announcement announced by Weymouth police. They are looking for Jose Antonio Celestino, D.O.B: Aug. 16, 1964, for rape of a child. Weymouth police have an active WMS warrant. Party is operating a Mass. Registered red Dodge Caravan.

1:29 p.m. **So. Main St.**, officer reports a dog is roaming the square again; dog owner cited. Animal Control Officer notified.

2:55 p.m. **Forest Ave. and No. Main St.**, male party is in custody for providing false information to a police officer; three children in the vehicle are refusing to get out of the vehicle at this time. Units report 14-year-old juvenile in custody for disorderly conduct. Arrest: Robert T. Edmonds, 54, 71 C St., Hull. Charges: Unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, refusal to identify self, not in possession of motor vehicle license and speeding.

4:25 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, walk-in party reports lost Verizon cell phone.

4:30 p.m. **Norfolk Road**, caller reports seeing a mangy fox which used her porch as a bathroom; she requests something be done about the situation. Animal Control Officer notified.

5:16 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, well-being check requested.

6:09 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested for elderly female who fell and hit her head; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

7:29 p.m. **So. Main St.**, traffic stop; citation issued.

9:15 p.m. **Summer and So. Main streets**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

10:13 p.m. **Norman Todd Road**, caller reports a few suspicious motor vehicles in area; spoken to and they will remove vehicles from area.

SATURDAY, FEB. 24

3:58 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

8:31 a.m. **So. Main St.**, Scituate reports erratic operation of a motor vehicle by a female with children in the vehicle; reported to be going from Country Way onto So. Main St.; gone on arrival.

9:50 a.m. **Forest Notch**, caller reports she came home to find her house full of black smoke; investigated and is oil burner problem. Captain requests a detective to bring a camera to the scene. Anderson Fuel notified and is responding.

10:12 a.m. **lower King St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

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Religious education classes for our toddlers and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 AM in the Parish House. Children and youth will join parents in the Meeting House.

Following the morning service, join us for refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall with an extra before some head to Holly Hill Farm for another amazing intergenerational work fest! A lunch of pizza, sandwiches, beverages and cookies will be available for a contribution of $5/person and no more than $20 per family.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village. To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org_to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood.

We now also have prayer services you can listen to online, including a special daily Lenten reading.

- Saturday, March 10: 7 am Bible Fellowship
- Sunday, March 11: Lent 3. Services at 8 am and 10 am; 11:40 am – Eco-taskforce meeting

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan: Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (third Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); Scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination: Christian Science. 781-749-2874. Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker) Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

The Best & The Brightest

Braintree Forum, Cohasset Mariner, Duxbury Reporter, Hanover Mariner, Hingham Journal, Kingston Mariner, Marshfield Mariner, Norwell Mariner, Old Colony Memorial, Pembroke Mariner & Reporter, Plymouth Bulletin, Scituate Mariner, Wareham Courier, Weymouth News

We know there are many bright, talented and caring young adults in our communities, and this year, a special section entitled "The Best & The Brightest" will appear in the COHASSET MARINER to celebrate their accomplishments.

Please help us find these remarkable teens and young adults by filling out the nomination form on this page. You can nominate an individual between the ages of 16 and 21 who, you believe, deserves to be honored, whether it be for academic achievement, volunteerism, athletics, artistic acumen or the pursuit of excellence in another field. Here's your opportunity to get involved.

You can bring the form to the Community Newspaper Company office at 182 Standish Ave., Plymouth, MA 02360 or mail the form to Beth Doyle, or fax the form to 508-591-6601.

All entries will be considered by a selection panel, and successful nominees will be interviewed and photographed. During the week of May 21st, Community Newspaper Company will include "The Best & The Brightest," a special section devoted to sharing as many of the stories and photographs of those nominated as possible.











The Best & The Brightest

Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: _____

Birthdate / Age (16-21): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Names of Parents: _____

Nominee's School: _____

Grade Level: _____

Major Academic Interest: _____

College or Career / Occupation Plans: _____

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Please fill out form & return to Community Newspaper Company

Please direct questions to Beth Doyle at 508-591-6620

Don't put it off... Send us your nomination today.
The deadline for the receipt of nominations is Friday, March 30, 2007.

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What's happening on the South Shore

MARCH 8-16, 2007

Dueling divas ring in new dynasty

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

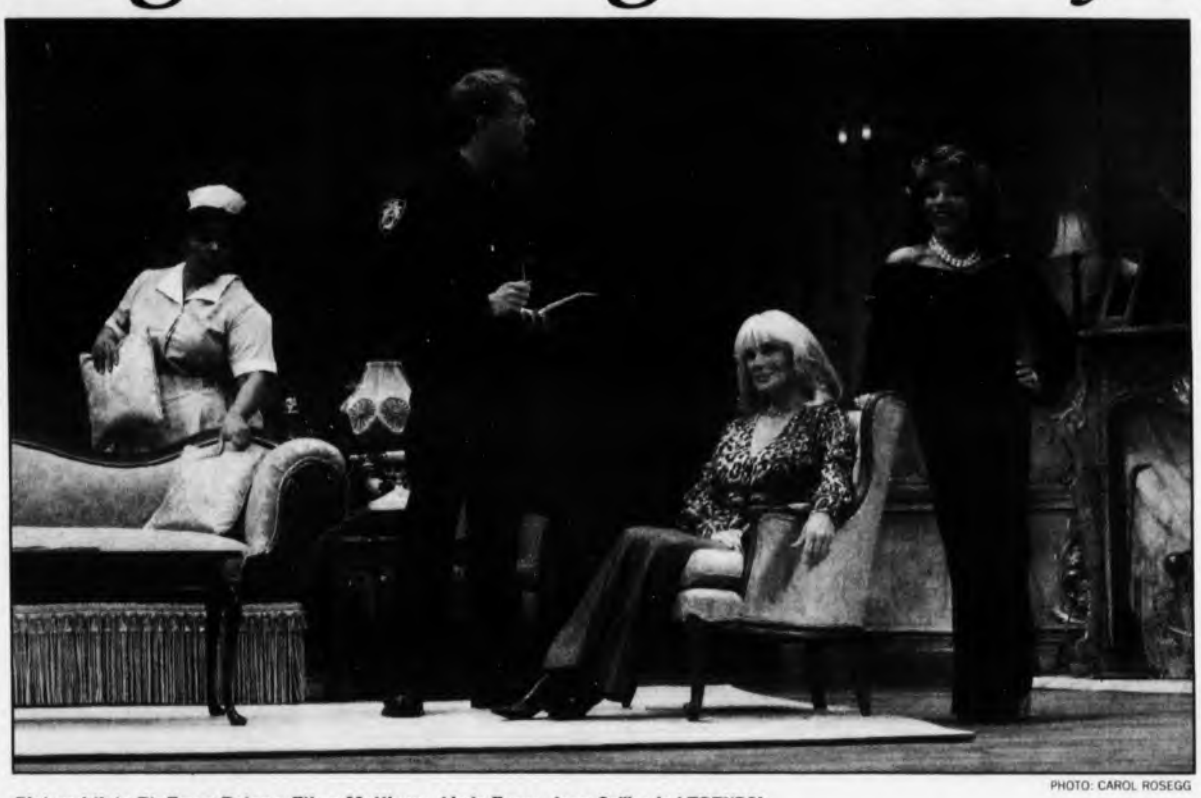


PHOTO: CAROL ROSEGG

Pictured (L to R): Tonye Patano, Ethan Matthews, Linda Evans, Joan Collins in LEGENDS!

As dueling divas Krystle and Alexis on ABC-TV's "Dynasty," Linda Evans and Joan Collins helped take the 1980s primetime soap to the top of the Nielsens with a campy combination of catfights and couture. Almost 20 years since they last sparred over John Forsythe's Blake Carrington on the small screen, the actresses have taken to the stage as fading and feuding movie stars in the comedy "Legends!" which is at Boston's Shubert Theatre, on national tour, through Sunday.

According to Evans, who is making her stage debut, the reunion would never have become a reality were it not for her friend Nolan Miller, who created the shoulder-padded "Dynasty" designs that Evans and Collins turned into a mainstream fashion trend a quarter century ago.

"I certainly wasn't looking for a stage vehicle. Not at all — in fact, I was determined not to do it. Back as far as junior high, I wouldn't even get up to give a book report in school," explained Evans recently by telephone from Chicago. "Everything I had done in my career until now had been on film. My agent knew not to even send me offers for stage work. Nolan Miller asked me to read 'Legends!' as a favor for his friend, John Bowab, who was preparing to direct the play with Joan Collins. The first time I read the script, I laughed so hard I couldn't put it down, and I couldn't say no to doing it."

Written by the late James Kirkwood — a Tony winner for the book for "A Chorus Line" – "Legends!" first toured 20 years ago, ostensibly on its way to Broadway where it never did arrive, with real-life theater legends Mary Martin and Carol Channing in the leads. That production also played Boston's Shubert Theatre, just one stop on a road so rocky that Kirkwood later penned a dishy tell-all entitled "Diary of a Mad Playwright" about the trouble-plagued tour.

Audiences may have looked away from "Legends!" the first time around, but Evans believes they'll like what they see in this new production.

"What's great about this is that it really works for us. We have this built-in nine-year television history as rivals who loathed each other so audiences have no trouble thinking of us as movie stars who don't get along. It is an actor's dream, really. The image is already established. My character, Leatrice Monsee, always played nuns, nurses and saints, while Joan's character, Sylvia Glenn, played hookers, bad girls and prostitutes. Joan and I know how to play these roles."

There is nothing else quite like the intimacy - the dance, if you will - between the actor and the audience. It is a wonderful feeling."
Actress, Linda Evans

And their new characters may even bare their claws and engage in the kind of catfight that made "Dynasty" a hit.

"I can't say too much, because it might give away the story, but we definitely have a fight. Our characters hate each other, so what's wonderful is that they have to get together because they both need the work. One of my lines is, 'Would you please be so kind as to tell me why you took my husband?' We really go after each other. It is terrific stuff to play."

But are Evans and the 73-year-old Collins just acting?

"I couldn't do this show for all these months with someone I didn't get along with," says Evans.

While the Golden Globe winner and Emmy nominee has played similar characters before, acting on stage has taken some getting used to for the 64-year-old, who was signed to a contract with MGM Studios not long after graduating from Hollywood High School.

"It was a shocker at first to do something for two hours at a time, eight shows a week. I had never worked this way before. Everything previously had involved just short takes. I feel like I am only now just starting to understand the process, because the adjustment of moving from film and television to theater has not been easy. I have, however, developed an enormous sense of respect for theater actors," says Evans, who got her first big break when she was cast as Barbara Stanwyck's daughter, Audra Barkley, in the ABC-TV western "The Big Valley," which ran from 1965 to 1969.

"I learned so much from Barbara Stanwyck. She taught me to do my best always, because ultimately you can only do what you can do. Barbara was not a diva. She was a true professional who was very much respected by everyone with whom she worked. It was Barbara Stanwyck who showed me that I am no different from anyone else on the crew."

It was while working with Stanwyck that Evans first met Miller, who is the costumer on her current assignment.

"Nolan Miller designed our clothes on 'The Big Valley,' where he actually hid my shoulders. I love Nolan Miller and I love Nolan Miller's clothes. He has done some really beautiful things for 'Legends!' There is one outfit that, even though I have worn it on stage over 150 times, I would still like to take home with me."

While Evans clearly likes being able to don Miller's costumes once again, she is also enjoying the entirely new experience of working in live theater.

"The audience has been the biggest surprise for me. I've been very pleased by the warmth of their response. They really have an impact on us as actors. There is nothing else quite like the intimacy — the dance, if you will — between the actor and the audience. It is a wonderful feeling."

"Legends!" will be at the Citi Shubert Theatre, 265 Tremont S., through March 11. For tickets and information, call 1-800-447-7400 or visit citicenter.org

Movie review

A chilling sign of the times

Zodiac (A)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC



Reporter Paul Avery (Robert Downey Jr.) and cartoonist Robert Graysmith (Jake Gyllenhaal) perk up when they hear of new clues about the Zodiac killer.

The first, flat-out great film of 2007, David Fincher's spine-tingling "Zodiac," is a 158-minute, decades-spanning movie about one of America's most notorious serial killers. This is the "GoodFellas" of psycho-killer thrillers.

In many ways, it is also Fincher's 1995 breakthrough effort "Se7en" stripped of its exploitation trappings, creepy credit sequence and twist ending and transformed into a great American crime epic.

The story begins July 4, 1969, in Vallejo, Calif. On the evocative, Scorsese-like, period soundtrack, we hear Three Dog Night's lament "Easy to Be Hard." Darlene Ferrin (Ciara Hughes), a pretty young woman, picks up teenage Michael Mageau (Lee Norris) in her car and takes him to a lover's lane. As they talk, another car, one the woman appears to recognize, pulls up behind them, leaves and then returns. The graphic horror of what happens next needs no adornment and will leave you shaken.

The killer, who is played by four actors and whose musical theme is again, very appropriately, Donovan's haunting and incantatory "Hurdy Gurdy Man," taunts and mesmerizes the public by sending bizarre coded missives to Bay Area newspapers.

The writer of these chilling, cryptic letters claims to be collecting souls to serve as his slaves in the afterlife.

Dissipated San Francisco Chronicle columnist Paul Avery (Robert Downey Jr.) begins a public correspondence with the killer. Cartoonist Robert Graysmith (Jake Gyllenhaal), whose exhaustive nonfiction books are the basis of the film's script, becomes similarly obsessed and jeopardizes his marriage.

San Francisco Inspector Dave Toschi (Mark Ruffalo), the real-life inspiration for Steve McQueen's iconic San Francisco cop Bullitt, and partner Bill Armstrong (Anthony Edwards) are assigned to the case, which is going to change their lives forever.

A remarkably accomplished, measured and mature procedural, "Zodiac" is to "Se7en" what the real-life case is to "Dirty Harry," Don Siegel's great, lurid 1971 classic, featuring a Zodiac-like killer played by Andy Robinson.

Films hover weirdly over "Zodiac." Toschi and Graysmith actually see "Dirty Harry" with their wives at the same theater on the same night. The killer may be a fan of "The Most Dangerous Game," a 1932 genre film about a hunter who stalks humans for sport. Some believe the Zodiac also wrote letters labeling "The Exorcist" "a comedy" and excoriating "Badlands," (what a concept, a psycho-killer film critic).

But movies and "real life" are different, as a scene in which the killer attacks a man and a woman with a knife horribly demonstrates. Another scene in which Graysmith finds himself alone in a basement with a strange man is simply terrifying.

Heading a great ensemble cast, Ruffalo projects both determination and frustration. Gyllenhaal's Graysmith is another Donnie Darko, an innocent fascinated and bewitched by depravity. As celebrity attorney Melvin Belli, Brian Cox is a hoot. John Carroll Lynch is scary as the dead-eyed prime suspect.

Fans of "Se7en" and "Fight Club" may be befuddled by this somber, ambiguous work. "Zodiac" unfolds in a creepy, real retro-world, where jurisdictional anomalies and bad record-keeping make life miserable for the good guys. The film is a tale set in an Analog Age when crime detection is the stuff of shoe leather, ink, paper and pastel-blue, rotary dial phones.

The truth is out there, all right, and it will kill you.

Rated R. "Zodiac" contains profanity, sexual situations and extreme violence.

Calendar of events

Thursday, Mar. 8

Local Chapter of Business Networking International bni.com meets weekly Thursday mornings in Pembroke at 7:30. New members are welcome. Call Tricia Lorente at 508-740-3385 for details.

The South Shore Business Roundtable (ssbrt.net) meets every other Thursday March 8, at 7:30 a.m. at Pembroke Town Hall. SSBRT is a networking group whose goal is to enhance member businesses through the exchange of referrals and information and is seeking additional members at $100 for the year. For additional info call Joel Sugarman 617-686-9885.

The Buttonwood Middle School Book Group will meet on March 8, at 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. The selected book is "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" by Arthur Conan Doyle. Fifth Graders are invited to attend. No reservations are necessary. All are welcome. 781-383-2665

The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. March 8, BBC **"Pint Night"** featuring **Flydown** formerly The Alliance.

CALENDAR, see next page



"A Coffee Can of Flowers", an oil by Charles Sovek

The South Street Gallery, the area's premier gallery featuring local, regional and national artists, will open an exhibit featuring the newest works of nationally recognized, renowned artist Charles Sovek on Friday, March 9, 2007. The body of work will include many still life paintings painted in oils, watercolors, gouache and a few in acrylics. The South Street Gallery is located at 149 South St., one minute from the Square in Hingham. Hours are from Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 12 to 5 p.m. 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

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"North River Bridge" pastel by Carol Goleman of Hanover

"Our Point of View" artwork by students of Donna Rossetti- Bailey on display at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell

Thirty- six artists, all students of Donna Rossetti- Bailey have works on display in the show "Our Point of View," in Vine Hall Gallery at the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Come meet the artists at a reception on Thursday, March 15 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The show is on through April 7.

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Free Open Readings: **Hull Performing Arts, Inc.** will have an open reading of two Pulitzer Award winning plays; **Proof by David Auburn** on Thursday, March 8 and **Dinner with Friends** by Donald Margulies on Thursday, March 15. If you are interested in reading or attending this informal gathering, call Lindsay at 781-925-2406. Readings will start at 7:30 p.m. at the Hull Lifesaving Museum. Free.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad Street, **Weymouth.** no cover Satch Romano's "**New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam**, featuring **Gregg Miller Blues Jam** March 8, 9 p.m. show, jam, 21+. Handicap access. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796 nextpagecafe.com

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, will feature Satch Romano's **New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796.

Friday, Mar. 9

The South Street Gallery, will feature the works of artists **Ted Gentry**, **Jack Hobbs** and **Bills Scott**, all residents of Hingham. The show runs from Friday, March 9 to Friday, March 30.The **artists' reception** will take place at the Gallery **March 9, from 6 to 9 p.m.** with refreshments. The public is invited.

The South Street Gallery located at 149 South St., Hingham will open an exhibit featuring the newest works of nationally recognized, renowned artist **Charles Sovek** on March 9. The body of work will include many still life paintings painted in oils, watercolors, gouache and a few in acrylics. Hours are from Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 12 to 5 p.m. 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

New England Singles, March 9, 8p.m. to midnight. Sheraton Braintree, Grand Ballroom, I-93/I-95, Exit 6, Braintree. Music from the 60's to the present. DJ. $12.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, Friday, March 9, with The DJ: Bob Caldeira from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington. Admission: $7 SSS Members, $10 Non-members Doors open 7:15 p.m. Free Dance lesson 7:30 to 8 p.m. by Dave Joubert. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. Free snacks and coffee, cash bar. Dress to impress. 781-331-0021 http://www.southshoresingles.org

The British Beer Company. Washington St. **Pembroke**. March 9, **Cubba Lang**.

Next Page Café, 550 Broad Street, Weymouth, will feature **Blind Billy & The Spectacles** March 9, at 9:15 p.m. No cover. 781-335-9796 nextpagecafe.com

Mount Blue, Main St., (Rt. 123) Norwell presents **J Place Band** on March 9. 781 308 2001 jplace@jplaceband.com

Saturday, Mar. 10

Caribbean Cruise is the theme of the next dance sponsored by South Shore Dancers. It will be held on Sat. March 10 at the Cushing Center on Route 123 in Norwell. A dance lesson will be offered at 7:30 p.m. with general dancing to follow from 8 to 11 pm. Admission is $9 for members and $10 for non-members. Call Tom Osterland for reservations at 781 659-4703 or through our website: SouthShoreDancers.org.

Adrian Morris of Adrian Morris Salon will be hosting the **2nd Annual Fundraising Event** to benefit Live, Learn, Love Breast Cancer Outreach on Saturday, March 10. The event begins with a cut-a-thon at the Adrian Morris Salon, 103 Ripley Rd., Cohasset, 781-383-6663 wherein all haircuts will be only $20 that day. Following this is an extravagant fashion show and cocktail party at the beautiful River Club on Border Street, Cohasset. The fashion show is sponsored by Ports and Co. of Cohasset Village. Hearty hors d' oeurves and dancing along with a Live and Silent Auction will complete the evening event. 100 percent of all proceeds benefit the Live, Learn, Love Breast Cancer Outreach Organization. Tickets are limited and on sale now — Call 781-383-6663 or email adrianmorrissalon@comcast.net

Maple Day at The South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell, March 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Learn how trees are tapped and sap is collected to make maple syrup. include woodland walks and learning how to tap the trees. Dress for outdoor weather. Can you identify real maple syrup? See if you can at the Taste Testing. Kids will make crafts and there will also be maple goodies and treats to buy. Cost is per person is: $5 member/Maximum of $20 for the family and $10 non- members/Maximum of $35 per non-member family and includes admission to the EcoZone too. For a complete schedule of events, check the website at ssnsc.org

Fontbonne Academy's Good Fountain Players will present their spring musical, Disney's ***High School Musical,*** beginning March 10. There will be five performances of the show: Saturday, March 10, at 7 p.m., Sunday, March 11, at 2 p.m., Thursday, March 15, at 7 p.m., Friday, March 16 at 7 p.m., and Saturday, March 17 at 4 p.m. Tickets are $10/person. Performances will be held in the Fontbonne Academy auditorium, Lower Campus, 930 Brook Road Randolph. The auditorium is handicapped accessible. Contact Director Carol Fortier at 617.696.3241 x3049 for tickets or information.

The John Carver Inn and Spa presents **Finnegan's Wake** with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. The beloved Tim Finnegan has passed away and the grieving widow invites you to a real Irish wake with plenty of food, drink and laughter. This interactive, Celtic comedy is filled with tender ballads, rowdy reels and hilarious eulogies. Tickets are $45 per person plus tax and service charge, and includes a buffet dinner. Reservations are suggested by calling 508-746-7100

The One & Only Boston Chocolate Tour will return to satisfy New England's collective sweet tooth every Saturday from January through April. The fully-narrated, **three-hour journey** of decadent desserts and fun facts features tasty visits to Top of the Hub Restaurant, the historic Omni Parker House Hotel and The Langham Hotel Boston, The tour departs from the Trolley Stop Store at the corner of Boylston and South Charles Streets every Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Tickets are $75 per person. Advance reservations are required and may be made by calling 617-269-7010.

Temple Beth Emunah of Brockton will be hosting their fourth annual Comedy Night, Saturday Night March 10, at 7:30pm. featuring the comedy of **Patty Ross.** Tickets are $25 per person in advance or $30 at the door. This includes the Comedy Show, Appetizers, Desserts and a musical opening act. There will be a cash bar. Reservations can be made by mailing your check to Temple Beth Emunah, 479 Torrey St. Brockton, MA 02301 or call 508-583-5810.

The monthly Down East Dancers Country Dance will be held March 10, at the Taunton Elks Lodge, 119 High St., Taunton. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Couples and Line dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight with DJ Paul DeMaria and Dance Instructor, Arlene Verity. Refreshments; cash bar. Admission: $6. 508-680-6736 or 781-925-9066. downeastdancers.com

Next Page Café, 550 Broad Street, Weymouth, presents **Cindy Daley Band** March 10, at 9:15 p.m. No cover. 781-335-9796 nextpagecafe.com

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree March 10, **Disco Night** 9:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. March 10, **Jon Frattasio & Friends.**



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Jamie Connor of Plymouth, Richard Alcott of Rockland and Amanda Wilson of Hanover will be performing in Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center's performance of "Because Their Hearts Were Pure; or, The Secret of the Mine."

Dreamchasers students. Tickets go on sale 30 minutes prior to performance 508-224-4548 or visit dreamchaserstheatre.org

Mark your calendar

THE SOCIETY OF ARTS AND CRAFTS presents CRAFT-BOSTON 2007 March 30 – April 1, at Boston's Seaport World Trade Center. Seaport World Trade Center, 200 Seaport Boulevard, Boston. COST: General Admission: $15, Senior Citizens & SAC Members: $12, Children 12 years and under: Free. Admission tickets valid for readmission throughout the weekend. For information, call 617-266-1810 or visit craft-boston.org

THE 26th ANNUAL DUXBURY SPRING ANTIQUE SHOW will be held on Saturday, March 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, March 18, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Duxbury High School, Duxbury, (Exit 11 off Route 3 to St. George Street) The show features 50 New England antique dealers and benefits the Duxbury High School athletic programs. This year verbal appraisals of art and antiques will be available on Sunday, March 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., $5 per item or $10 for 3 items. Lunch will be served on both For information, contact Deb Bowen at 934-9489.

THE SKATING CLUB OF BOSTON presents its annual show, Ice Chips 2007: 95th Anniversary Celebration, "The Great American Songbook." Ice Chips will be presented March 31 and April 1 at Harvard University's Bright Arena. The show features national and international competitors, including the 2006 Olympic Ladies Silver Medalist and 2006 National Ladies Champion, Sasha Cohen. "The Great American Song Book" is a celebration of America's best music and best figure skaters! Our show also features an ensemble of more than 250 skating members of the Club, their own medal winners from this year's International, National, Junior National, Sectional, and Regional competitions. Your tax-deductible donation ensures preferred seating. Individual tickets $20; Group rates are available upon request. Tickets available at the Harvard Box Office at Call: 617-496-2222 or visit www.icechips.org For information, visit www.icechips.org

THE HISTORIC 1699 WINSLOW HOUSE, 634 Careswell St. Marshfield, will be host to award-winning author Nathaniel Philbrick, author of the acclaimed "Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community and War." On Saturday, April 28 beginning at noon, Philbrick will discuss the history of Plymouth Colony, the story of the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians, and the legends that have accompanied them. Philbrick will discuss the writing of his book and will be available to sign copies of "Mayflower," as well as Philbrick's new book, "The Mayflower Papers." For information, contact the Winslow House at 781-837-5753 or email Winslow House executive director Mark Schmidt at mark.schmidt@winslowhouse.org

THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION is seeking walkers of all ages to form teams for the 6th Annual South Shore Arthritis Walk, the Arthritis Foundation's nationwide walk event. The walk will take place on Sunday, May 6, at Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth and is open to both teams and individuals The Arthritis Walk features a fully accessible one-mile walk and a three-mile walk, followed by a post-walk celebration. To register or for more information, contact Terri Fedrow at the Arthritis Foundation at 617-219-8220 or visit southshorearthritiswalk.kintera.org





Nick Pedro (right) is hugged by a fellow contestant after being eliminated from American Idol on Thursday, March 1.

Nickie comes back from Hollywood

By Rebecca Hyman
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TAUNTON – He had a bad day.

Nick Pedro's "American Idol" journey came to an abrupt end last week when host Ryan Seacrest informed him he was going home.

"Give a round of applause, ladies and gentlemen. Such a terrific guy," Seacrest said.

Pedro, 25, the Silver City crooner who has been making his hometown proud since he landed a slot as a contestant on the blockbuster singing competition, took the news with characteristic graciousness and a gentlemanly smile.

Pedro, one of the top-20 finalists, sang "Fever" in the men's performance round on Tuesday, Feb. 27, when all the contestants were asked to dedicate a song to someone in their lives.

He dedicated "Fever" to his girlfriend.

"I was actually apart from her on Valentine's Day, which is something she was very understanding about. That means a lot to me. This will be the ultimate Valentine, singing her a song in front of 30 million people. How many people can say they got a Valentine like that? Hopefully, it's something special because she means a lot to me," he said before he sang.

The judges greeted his performance warmly but not enthusiastically. They complimented his voice, but judge Paula Abdul said she'd like to see him have more fun on stage, and judge Simon Cowell said he was worried Pedro lacked charisma.

After the results were revealed on Thursday, March 1, Seacrest asked the judges what went wrong for Pedro.

"You've got a good voice, man. All of you should pat yourselves on the back for making it this far. Out of over 100,000 people, you're standing on that stage in the top 20. That is big, so keep on keeping on," judge Randy Jackson said.

Jackson told Pedro: "Keep that whole Sinatra vibe going on."

Cowell, who has notoriously high standards, said: "You're not a bad singer actually. It's about standing out in the crowd."

Then Seacrest handed Pedro the microphone to sing "Fever" again, his final performance on the program.

Pedro rose to the occasion, singing with emotion and composure. As he sang, he walked over to his fellow contestants and high-fived each one. Abdul stood as he sang.

The last line of the song seemed to resonate with the audience and capture the mood: "What a lovely way to burn."

"Thank you everybody. Thank you so much. God bless. Thank you," Pedro said after he finished singing. His fellow contestants surrounded him on stage in a show of support.

This was Pedro's second go-round on "American Idol." Last season, he made it to Hollywood but bowed out when he forgot the words to "Build Me Up Buttercup" in the group round. This season, he sailed through group and made it weeks further into the competition, surviving several elimination rounds.

Abdul, a Pedro fan from the start, gave him words of encouragement: "Last year you opted out when you made it to Hollywood. I'm so glad and everyone's so glad that you opted in this season."

Thursday's episode featured a tribute to the four contestants eliminated that night with a clip of Pedro from earlier in the competition saying he returned this season to redeem himself.

"No matter how far I get, I'm proud of what I've already done," he said.

Sunday, Mar. 11

A free demonstration by **Dianne Panarelli-Miller,** Boston-based plein air painter of color and light, is offered at The Art Complex Museum on Sunday, March 11. The program is presented in conjunction with the museum's new Second SundaySeries. It is scheduled from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Participants may also tour the current exhibitions at the museum; Rotations: American Landscape Paintings; the Duxbury Art Association Annual Winter Juried Show; and The Boston Printmaker's Sixty Years of North American Prints: Creating Public Collections.

Blue Hills Maple Sugar Days – March 10 and 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Make maple syrup in a traditional way at Brookwood Farm. Activities for all ages. Adult $5, children age 3-12 $3, ages 2 and under free. All proceeds to benefit the Trailside Museum. Event parking, take exit 3 off Rte 93 in Milton, follow signs for Maple Sugar Days parking. 617-698-1802 or 617-333-0690.

The Next Page *Blues* Cafe', 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, featuring **Dave Foley** every Sunday night at 8 p.m., 781-335-9796.

Mon. March 12

Quincy Restaurant Week will take place March 12 through 16. Restaurant enthusiasts will enjoy cuisine at some of Quincy's finest restaurants. Special offerings, such as $25 for a dinner for two, $15 for a lunch for two or $20 for a dinner for two and $10 for a lunch for two, will be available at select locations. Special discounts will also be offered at some of Quincy's finest specialty food shops and eateries. For information on the Quincy Restaurant League contact Dean Rizzo *at 617-847-1454 or Mark Carey at 617-847-1454.* For a full listing of restaurants, visit tastequincy.com

Duxbury's Bumpus Gallery, presents An exhibit titled "Light" will feature the **photography of Keitaro Yoshioka** beginning March 1 and continuing until the end of April. A reception to meet the artist will be held at the Gallery on Saturday, March 3, from 2 to 4 p.m. The Helen Bumpus Gallery is located on the main level of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours. For information call 781-934-2721.

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Pat Wictor

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Pat Wictor and Frank Albani perform at the South Shore Folk Music Club on March 16 at the Beal House, Main St. in Kingston. doors open at 7:30 p.m. Handicapped accessible hall, and smoke and alcohol free. Light refreshments are available. SSFMC collects non-perishable food goods at every event and delivers them to the Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless in Kingston. 781-871-1052 or visit ssfmc.org. Admission $5 members, $6 non-members.



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Tuesday, Mar. 13

Sacred Heart High School to sponsor a **blood drive** from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sacred Heart High School, 399 Bishops Highway Kingston. The blood drive is open to all local community members who are at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, are in generally good health and have not donated whole blood within the last 56 days. To make an appointment, call the American Red Cross at 800-GIVE-LIFE (800-448-3543) or log onto www.givelife.org.

Arthritis Foundation hosts free "Let's Talk Ra" Town Hall Meeting *Campaign* sponsored by Bristol-Myers *Squibb, to* help improve communication between rheumatoid arthritis patients and their doctors March 13, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.; registration and refreshments at 5:30 p.m. The Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel 138 St. James Avenue, Boston Parking available at Back Bay Garage and Dartmouth Street Garage. Valet parking also available at hotel. Convenient to Copley Square and Back Bay subway stops

John J. Herrmann, Jr., PhD., Curator of Classical Art, Emeritus, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, will present a lecture for the Dedham Historical Society: **Where Did It Come From: Tracking Classical Marble Sources at the Museum of Fine Arts Boston.** The lecture will take place at the Dedham Historical Society Museum, Tuesday, March 13, 7:30 p.m. The cost for the lecture is $5 to non-members, with no charge for members of the Dedham Historical Society.

The Buttonwood Book Group for Adults will meet on March. 13, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. The selected book is "Leeway Cottage" by Beth Gutcheon. The facilitator is Ms. Sarah Duffield. No reservations are necessary. All are welcome. Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 if you have any questions.

The Art of Dr. Seuss: A Retrospective and National Touring Exhibition at **Newbury Fine Arts,** 29 Newbury St., Boston, March 13 to April 6, In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of The Cat in the Hat (1957-2007), Newbury Fine Arts Presents an exhibition Featuring the Art of Theodor Seuss Geisel, Including Rare Works *Location:* 29 Newbury Street, Boston, *Hours:* Open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m./ Sunday noon to 5 p.m. *Information:* 617-536-0210 or www.newburyfinearts.com *Admission:* Free

The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. March 13, **Free Texas Hold'Em with Northern Poker League.**

Wednesday, Mar. 14

Join Barbara Devine, senior naturalist, for a **stroll through the woodlands** Wednesdays, from 9:30 to 10:45a.m. Enjoy bird calls, curious footprints in the snow and trees that sing in the winter breezes. Dress for the weather. The cost is $30 for members and $35 for nonmembers per three-week session, Additional family members are half-price. Papooses are free. Preregistration and prepayment required, limit 8 children. This program is for children ages 5 years and under, accompanied by a parent. For information, contact the South Shore Natural Science Center at 781-659-2559 or view the Web site at www.ssnsc.org.

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association, the **South Shore Natural Science Center** and the **Mass Audubon South Shore Regional Headquarters** presents another free winter lecture series every Wednesday night at 7 p.m., at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell through March 21. Sponsored in part by Rockland Trust Company. Admission is free. **March 14 Padding the Spirit Bear Wilderness** For information visit nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA at 781-659-8168, Mass Audubon at 781-659-9400 or SSNSC at 781-659-2559.

Abington Citizen Scholarship Foundation will hold its monthly meeting March 14 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall. New members are welcome. Contact Anne Kent 781-982-1395.

The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. March 14, Face Off game show trivia hosted by PJ the DJ from 8 to 11 p.m.

Thursday Mar. 15

Artwork by students of Donna Rossetti-Bailey Feb. 28-April 7. Over the years, many people from the South Shore have studied pastel and drawing with Marshfield artist, Donna Rossetti-Bailey. More than 30 students have works on display in the Vine Hall Gallery, **South Shore Natural Science Center,** 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. This exhibit will highlight both plein-aire and studio work. Artists' Reception on March 15, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. 781-659-2559.

Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center, Norwell will present four performances of **Because Their Hearts Were Pure; or, The Secret of the Mine.** Final dress rehearsal March 15, at 4 p.m. to **which senior citizens are invited free of charge.** All performances are held at Dreamchaser's home, The Norwell Grange, 142 Main St., Norwell. 508-224-4548 or visit dreamchaserstheatre.org

The South Shore Conservatory Preschool & Kindergarten Parents Association will host a Parents' Forum featuring area early childhood education specialists Carol Scheig, Preschool Director for the Conservatory; Eliza Burns, Assistant Vice Principal from South School; Laura Donovan, Kindergarten Teacher from Plymouth River School; and Dr. Michele Austin Heffernan, a psychologist specializing in school psychology.. The event, titled "Ensuring Emotional and Educational Preparedness for Your Child", will take place March 15 at 7 p.m. at the Conservatory (One Conservatory Drive, Hingham) and is free of charge.

British Beer Company, Washington St., Rt. 53, Pembroke. March 15, BBC {Pint Night" featuring **Flydown** formerly "The Alliance".

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday. **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, will feature Satch Romano's **New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam** with **Clay Brown Band** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796.

Friday, Mar. 16

Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center, Norwell will present four performances of **Because Their Hearts Were Pure; or, The Secret of the Mine.** Performances are March 16, at 2 and 7 p.m., March 18, at 2 p.m. All performances are held at Dreamchaser's home, The Norwell Grange, 142 Main St., Norwell. Tickets $10, $8 for senior citizens and students, and $5 for Dreamchasers students. Tickets go on sale 30 minutes prior to performance 508-224-4548 or visit dreamchaserstheatre.org

The Pajama Game is being presented March 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 and 31 at 8 p.m.; March 25 and April 1 at 2 p.m. at the Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave. Cohasset. Tickets are $14, $12 for senior, students and groups of 8 or more and may be purchased in advance at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate or by phone at 617-697-2115. For information contact the **Cohasset Dramatic Club** at 617-697-2115.

Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners Comedy Night March 16, at 9 p.m. Admission: $15. St. Patrick's Day Show featuring: Weymouth's own: Bob Niles. Other comics: Annette Pollack, Tim Dillon, Nikki Flynn, Todd Sharek Brett Groh, Tammy Pooler. Dinner & appetizers available Advance reservations requested by calling 781-848-0300. www.jimbossteakandfin.com or www.myspace.com/annettepollack

The Full Monty will be presented at **The Company Theatre** in Norwell, from March 16 through April 7. The show contains adult situations and some vulgar language. Tickets, priced at $28-$30, are available at the box-office at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companytheatre.com

Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Avenue, Hull presents **Jack Daley An Evening of St. Patrick's Day Laughs** March 16, 7 p.m. $3 members, $5 non-members. For information contact Victoria Stevens, 781-925-5433 or lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net www.lifesavingmuseum.org

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New England Singles dance March 16, from **8p.m. to midnight. VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington, MA. $8.**

Single Executives Club Singles Dance March 16, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at **Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom**, 929 Hingham St., Rockland, exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by award winning DJ Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes and match game prizes. **Free dancing lessons** from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples age 30 and over. Cost before 9 p.m. is $10 Proper business dress recommended; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable. Visit www.se-4u.com or call 781-446-0234 for information.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Friday DJ at 9:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. March 16, **Sister Cheryl.**

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, will feature **Jim Pircio's Track 14** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796.

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Quick Flix

All reviews by James Verniere, unless otherwise noted



Agent Burroughs (Laura Linney) and FBI trainee Eric O'Neill (Ryan Phillippe) pull off a secret late-night meeting in "Breach."

New Releases

"AVENUE MONTAIGNE" (B+)

In the slight but appealing French comedy "Avenue Montaigne," waif-like Cecile de France ("The Russian Dolls") plays Jessica, a starry-eyed young woman who shares a love of soap operas with her beloved grandmere and takes a waitressing job at the show-biz hangout Le Cafe des Theatres. Soon, Jessica is meeting the swells and shuttling between le cafe and le theatre with trays loaded with food and drink. She befriends a stormy-browed pianist (Albert Dupontel), whose beautiful wife-manager (Laura Morante) disapproves of his plan to play only for the poor and infirm. If "Avenue Montaigne," which was co-written by director Daniele Thompson ("Jet Lag") and actor-son Christopher, sounds a bit like a French soap opera and a bit insider-y, it is. That may also describe the state of the French film industry. (PG-13)

"FULL OF IT" (C-)

Molly Ringwald, where are you? It takes such a film as "Full of It," a story about a geek who yearns to hang out with the popular crowd, to feel nostalgic for the good old days. Sam (Ryan Pinkston), a squeaky-clean transfer student, loves math and thinks his parents are swell. On his first day, this born loser befriends bookworm Annie (Kate Mara), is bullied by a tough jock and makes goo-goo eyes at his hot teacher (Teri Polo) and the class floozy, Vicki (Amanda Walsh). Feeling rejected, he checks in with his bitter guidance counselor (Craig Kilborn), who advises him that the key to making friends is lying. He tries it, and it magically seems to work. Overcome with his newfound skills, Sam becomes a varsity basketball stud, brushes off Annie and gets it on with some hot girls. — Chelsea Bain

ONGOING

"BREACH" (B-)

Anyone in the mood for "The Devil Wears Brooks Brothers"? How about for a bleak political fable about a deeply religious, high-ranking government official so delusional he thinks he knows more than anyone else? He's actually betraying his country and responsible for the deaths of others. "Breach" boasts a darkly tormented turn by Chris Cooper as Robert Hanssen, the real-life veteran FBI agent who specialized in computer technology and security and caused the greatest intelligence breach in U.S. history. (Rated PG-13)

"BECAUSE I SAID SO" (B)

This film has a secret weapon — not Jane Fonda, but Diane Keaton, one of our most accomplished comic actors, an artist so adept she can turn much of this film's leaden screenplay into gold. Daphne Wilder (Keaton) is a baker and a meddling, single mother of three grownup daughters. Milly (Mandy Moore), the youngest, is a sad-sack singleton who has terrible luck with men. Daphne decides to use the Internet to meet and "audition" prospective mates for her daughter. She finally finds architect Jason (Tom Everett Scott) and the unattached Johnny (Stephen Collins). You know where this is going, but Keaton makes it all bearable and even fun. (Rated PG-13)

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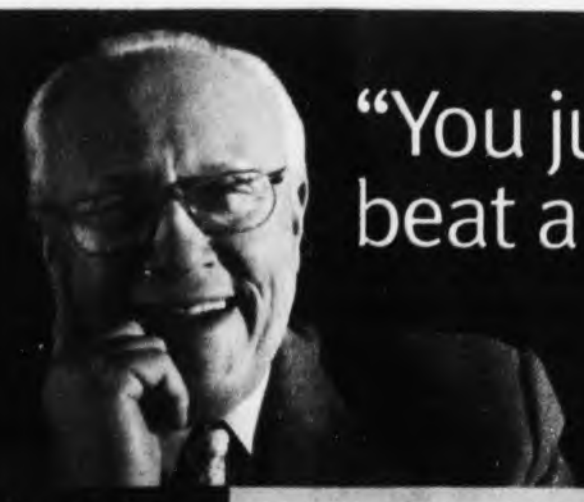


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Sci-Coh swimmers hold banquet



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'Old' Town Hall fix up possible

'Holistic' approach to overhaul backed

By Nancy White
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The old Town Hall could become new again in the near future. On Wednesday night, the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) reviewed David Farrag's application for funds to hire a historic restoration architectural firm to advise the Town on how to best repair the "old" part of Town Hall. The old part of town hall includes the auditorium and some second floor offices. The CPC recommended a $35,000 allocation for the architectural services; the amount will not cover any of the actual work that needs to be done. Town Meeting will have the final say on how CPC money is spent.

"We want to look at the whole town hall holistically, not look at things one by one."
— David Farrag

Farrag applied for the funds as a private, concerned citizen and was joined in his presentation by Susan Jaffe, President of the Cohasset Dramatic Club.

"We want to look at the whole town hall holistically, not look at things one by one," Farrag said. Last year the CPC allocated money to repair the exterior front doors but none of the other problems have been addressed. "We want an architect to look at the whole thing, not just the theatre and not just the business part."

His request is the first step that could become a large overhaul of the Town Hall's old portion. He handed out a one-page listing of items that are currently in disrepair. Major items include window replacement, floor refinishing, new lighting, updated heating and painting. An architect will be able to advise on how to proceed with the restoration, balancing the needs to the community and users with historical accuracy.

Jaffe was present to attest to the needed repairs, as the Cohasset Dramatic Club is the primary user of the auditorium. The organization dates back to 1921. The group currently puts on two performances a year, a comedy or drama in the fall and a musical in the spring. The club is also runs Cohasset

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THANKS, MOM!



PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

John McCarthy, the new Mr. Skipper, presents his mother, Hortense McCarthy, with a bouquet of flowers following his "coronation" last Friday at Mr. Skipper Night. For more, see pages 2 & 21.

Late train stalled

MBTA proposal gets little support

By Mary Ford
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Anyone who knows the Gladys Knight tune "Midnight Train to Georgia" won't be substituting the words "Midnight Train to Cohasset" anytime soon.

Judging from discussion at Monday's Selectmen's meeting any hope for a "late" Greenbush train — sometime after 10 p.m. — has been derailed.

As it turns out, other towns along the line did not warm up to the idea, Town Manager Willam Griffin said.

The issue is an interesting one because the Greenbush trains are expected to roll by later summer. The line was abandoned in 1959 when the Southeast Expressway was built. However, over the decades the highway has become increasingly gridlocked and the need for public transit has come to the forefront.

The issue of a late train has surfaced quite literally at the 11th hour and before town officials along the Greenbush corridor could weigh the effect of regular service on their towns and neighborhoods.

Greenbush liaison Mark Brennan went over the recent "late train" survey that he and fellow liaison Tom Gruber conducted through their weekly column "Making Tracks" in the Cohasset Mariner. While a majority of respondents favored a late train by a ratio of 2 to 1– Brennan noted the survey, which received 108 responses, was not intended to be scientific. He said, while in the minority, those who are opposed, feel very strong about it.

"If we had an applause meter – the folks who are against the late train are vehemently against it," he said.

However, some respondents suggested Selectmen conduct a public hearing on the proposal.

Under the current proposed schedule, the last Greenbush train would arrive in Cohasset at about 10:50 p.m., Brennan said.

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Cohasset Triathlon is picking up speed

First Annual Event set for July 8th

By Nancy White
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Although still about four months away, the first annual Cohasset Triathlon's planning and registration are in full swing. A triathlon includes three legs - a swim, a bike and a run. Incorporating Cohasset's scenic and historic aspects, this three-leg - swim, bike, run - event will donate all net proceeds to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

At press time, Race Director Bill Burnett of Linden Drive, reported that registrations totaled 304 athletes. They are more than halfway to their goal and limit of 500 participants. The athletes will be young and old, ages 11 to 65 years old, with both the youngest and oldest participants hailing from Cohasset. The event will involve athletes from far and wide including California, Illinois, New York, New Jersey, Florida but 20 percent of the current registrants are from Cohasset.

Burnett has put together an enthusiastic team to assist him with the race day coordination. Each piece of the race involves a great amount of logistics, and needs a volunteer force. Swim Coordinator Deb Thomas, Bike Coordinator Scott Bates, Run Coordinator Joe Carrabes, Finish Line Coordinator Bill Good and Registration Coordinator Bill Burnett Sr. will help to manage the event.

There is plenty more opportunity to get involved; volunteers are needed for support at registration, in the transition area, on the course and at the finish line.

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The Best & The Brightest

Are you planning on nominating someone for The Best & The Brightest? This is the last week that the nomination form will appear in the paper. Sponsored by Community Newspaper Company in partnership with Jordan Hospital, The Best & The Brightest is a recognition program designed to celebrate the accomplishments of young people ages 16 to 21.

If you know someone who should be honored for academic achievement, volunteerism, athletic prowess, artistic acumen or the pursuit of excellence in another field, look for the nomination form on Page 28.

A selection committee of local educators, businessmen and community leaders will read each nomination form and choose the area's best and brightest teens and young adults.



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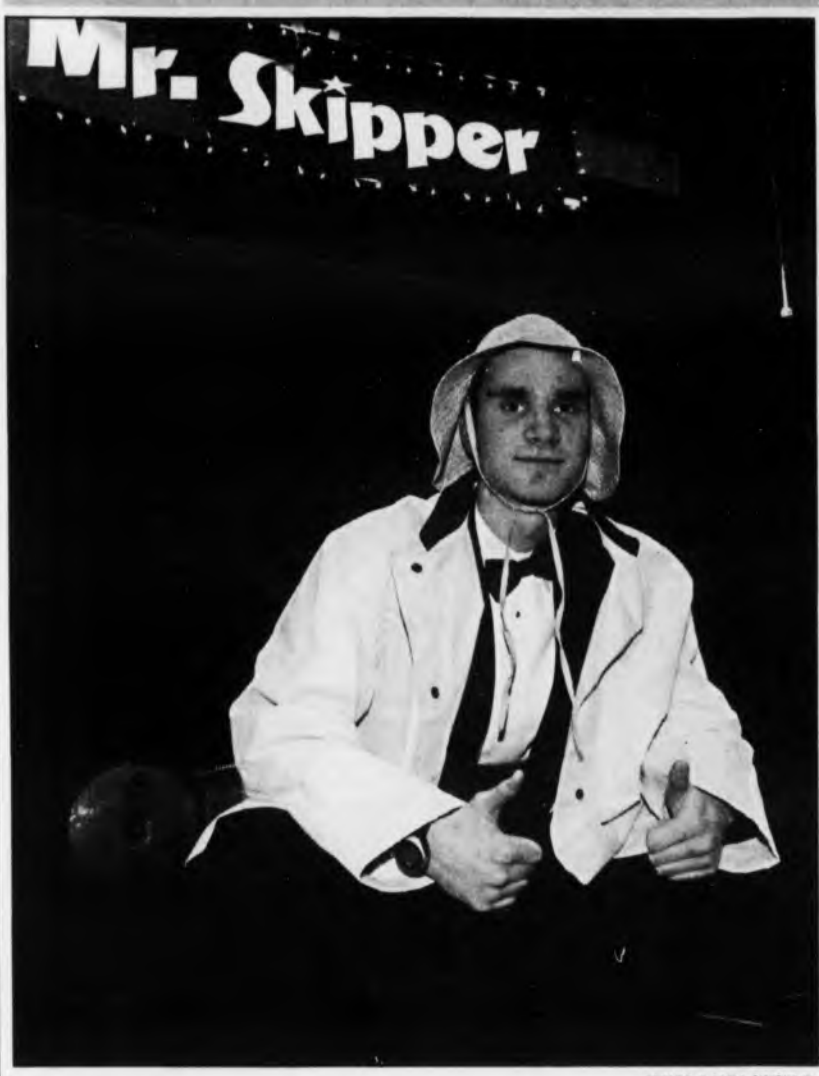
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PICTURE THIS/John McCarthy



PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

John McCarthy dons a raincoat after being crowned "Mr. Skipper" at the annual male pageant last week that raises money to help offset the cost of senior activities, such as the prom. For more photos, see page 21.

Name: John McCarthy

Occupation: Student and "Mr. Skipper."

Best day of your life: Everyday, ha-ha!

Best vacation: French exchange sophomore year.

Favorite season: I enjoy all four seasons equally.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite junk food: Raisins, because they're natures candy.

Best book and magazine: "Band of Brothers," by Stephen Ambrose. "Runners World."

Best movie: "Fight Club."

Best TV show: I do not watch TV regularly.

Pet peeve: People who consistently don't try hard at whatever they do.

Most embarrassing moment: I was speaking French with a French person once and accidentally told them I had a Christmas Ham in my pants.

Goal: To do an Ironman.

Person you'd most like to meet: Geronimo, Apache Chief and warrior, who eluded thousands of US soldiers dispatched to capture him for 10 months by disappearing into the mountains bordering Mexico.

Biggest worry: Failure

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POLICE/FIRE BEAT

Spate of calls reporting erratic drivers

By Mary Ford
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Police say the public is their eyes and ears. Therefore, they appreciate when people call to report that a vehicle is being driving erratically — even if the report turns out to be a false alarm.

Often the caller provides a plate number and description of the vehicle. The report gives police the opportunity to locate the vehicle and determine if the driver was having a medical problem, such as a diabetic reaction or heart attack; was driving under the influence of alcohol; or just became distracted for a few seconds, Chief James Hussey said.

"We encourage people to call us," he said.

Hussey said police will make an evaluation and make sure the person is OK; if he or she is determined to be OK then police will let the operator know that someone called about his or her driving and they are following up on that report.

This past week, there were five reports of erratic drivers in the police log. In one case, an elderly gentleman was driving the car, Hussey said. It turned out that he was fine; police talked to him, explaining he may have crossed the centerline and urged him to be careful. They observed him drive away and he appeared to be OK, he said.

In another incident, a caller reported a sedan being driven erratically southbound on Route 3A. The caller also reported to have seen the operator drinking. As it turned out the driver had been drinking a can of Pepsi. He was given a field sobriety test, which he passed. Police called the caller to explain that there had been follow-up.

Another caller complained about a car swerving all over the road. Police found the vehicle at Mobil Mart and talked to the operator, who said he lived right up the street and had just shot down to the store. Police explained that the plate had been called in because the caller witnessed the vehicle swerving. The operator seemed to be fine, police said.

Police turned another incident over to Scituate after a call about a car that was following too closely and flashing its high beams that was heading into that town. "We did have a plate number and Scituate is making contact with the registered owner," he said. Hussey said Cohasset made a record of the incident.

"We encourage people to call us."
— Police Chief James Hussey

Door cracked

Cohasset police are investigating reports of a damaged door at Cohasset Food Mart. An employee called dispatch at 5:41 a.m. Tuesday (March 6) saying the bottom half of the glass door was cracked. Police Chief James Hussey said there was nothing at the scene, such as a rock, that could have caused the damage and there did not appear to be any other attempt to gain access to the convenience store on King Street. "Everything was secure and undamaged so we are not sure if it was an attempted break-in or an act of vandalism."

Goats let out

A recent walk-in to the police station at 11:24 a.m. on Tuesday (March 6) asked for more police patrols from 9-11 p.m. at night. The individual reported that someone had been opening his gate and letting his goats run free. Chief Hussey said Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy is following up with the goat owner. Hussey said Murphy explained that goats can be very smart and if they know there is food outside, they could open a gate and get out. Hussey said, however, if it turns out that is not the case, then police would put on extra patrols to see if they can find who is responsible for letting the animals out.

Mirrors damaged

Cohasset police detectives are following up on a report from an employee at Shaw's Plaza that the mirrors to his motor vehicle were smashed sometime over night Tuesday (March 6) into Wednesday morning. The detectives will investigate whether there is a potential motive for the breakage, Chief Hussey said.

Window smashed

On Saturday (March 10) at about 8:42 a.m., an Aaron River Road resident reported that the rear window of her car was smashed overnight. A teen at the home had been driving the car the night before but had no knowledge of any damage to the window. Apparently, the family discovered the broken window the next morning. Chief Hussey said there was no rock or other implement in or near the car. Detectives are looking into the matter, he said.

Pump attached

At 2:39 p.m., Tuesday (March 6) a motorist drove off from Leo's Exxon with the nozzle still in the gas tank. There was no gas leak; the nozzle just snapped off, police said. The reporting officer said the party returned and everything turned out OK.

Juvenile arrest

A second juvenile has been arrested in connection with the theft of a stepladder that was allegedly used to climb the water tank several months ago. Teens climbed the water tower and this arrest was the result of an investigation, police said. Juveniles are under 17 years of age and therefore, police do not release their names. The youth is also being charged with trespassing.

Illegal dumping

Last Friday (March 9) at 12:08 p.m., a caller reported that a village business had illegally dumped trash into the dumpster at the Harborview Apartments off Elm Street. The owner of the offending business was contacted to respond. Chief Hussey said police will purse the criminal charge of illegal dumping if the owner requests them to. He said in first-time situations, police usually give the party a warning.

Uninsured MV

Police had a motor vehicle towed and summonsed the operator to court when it was determined that the car being driven was uninsured. Chief Hussey said an officer stopped the car for speeding last Saturday (March 10) at 9:46 a.m. at lower King Street and CJC Highway (3A). The officer used the new mobile data terminal (MDT) to run the vehicle registration, which came back that it had been revoked due to lack of insurance. He explained that even though a plate may have a current sticker — an officer will always run the plate at a traffic stop to get the latest information.

"In cases like this the officer has no discretion," Hussey said. "An officer cannot allow an uninsured motor vehicle to be driven." The operator is being summonsed to face a charge of driving an uninsured motor vehicle.

MV crash

One car was towed following a two-car accident last Saturday (March 10) at 4:13 p.m. at Beechwood Street and Hillside Drive. A 2004 Honda Civic was exiting Hillside Drive and attempted to make a left onto Beechwood when a 1989 Jeep Cherokee traveling south on Beechwood hit it. Police said the operator of the Honda was cited for failure to yield to oncoming traffic. The Honda had to be towed; no one was injured, police said.

Uprooted tree

An uprooted tree was resting on some wires and blocking Fox Run on Tuesday (March 6). The call came into dispatch at about 5:20 a.m. Fire Chief Robert Silvia said the tree was uprooted due to the wind and was hanging on the wires. He said the fire department stood by until National Grid and the DPW were on the scene.

Silvia said National Grid took care of the wires and the DPW removed the tree. The road was completely blocked for a time.

"The wires can present a dangerous situation so we stand by until National Grid is on the scene and can take care of it," he said.

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Crocker pleads guilty to yacht club theft

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Davenport B. "Dave" Crocker, Sr., 70, of Cohasset, has been placed on three years probation for stealing more than $300,000 from the Cohasset Yacht Club, where he served as treasurer for many years.

Crocker pled guilty to one count of larceny over $250 in Norfolk Superior Court last Friday (March 9). He had pled not guilty at his arraignment in January.

Crocker, who has paid back $203,314, must make full restitution to yacht club on a schedule to be determined by the probation department. He still owes $108,686.

Yacht club officials discovered the alleged theft of about $427,000 in late 2005 and subsequently sent a letter out to the 245 members of the 111-year-old facility. However, the District Attorney's office, which researched back as far as the statute of limitations allows, came up with $312,000, said David Traub, spokesman for District Attorney William Keating's Office.

The yacht club agreed not to prosecute Crocker if he would repay the money. However, Cohasset police launched a criminal investigation.

On Dec. 7 a Grand Jury indicted Crocker on one count of larceny over $250 by scheme on diverse dates during that time period. "By scheme" usually means the crime took place over a period of time.

Crocker, who is not a CPA, did not return a message left on his answering machine Tuesday at his Hingham office on Station Street.

According to the yacht club letter sent last year, Crocker repaid $200,000 and agreed to pay an additional $260,000 within 18 months. Commodore F. Wisner Murray stated in the letter sent to the membership that the $260,000 was secured by a second mortgage on Crocker's condominium in Florida.

At last Friday's hearing, Judge Judith Fabricant ordered Crocker to stay away from the yacht club.

In another case, Crocker has repaid the $42,100 he stole from the Hingham-Hull Rotary Club where he served as the club's treasurer; a theft that also came to light in 2005. He was arraigned on the larceny charge on April 14, 2006. The case was continued without a finding for six months following a May 18, 2006 hearing at which the District Attorney's Office reported that Crocker had repaid the Rotary Club in full. On Nov. 17, 2006, the case was dismissed with the condition that Crocker pay court fees that included a $90 victim witness fee and $21 monthly probation fee.

South Shore Tide Chart
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Thurs. 15	8:39	9.0	9:21	8.1	2:18	1.4	3:01	0.4
Sunrise: 6:56a.m.					*Sunset: 6:49 p.m.*			
Fri.16	9:35	9.5	10:12	8.8	3:15	0.8	3:54	-0.1
Sunrise: 6:54 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:50 p.m.*			
Sat. 17	10:29	10.0	11:01	9.5	4:09	0.1	4:43	-0.7
Sunrise: 6:52a.m.					*Sunset: 6:52 p.m.*			
Sun. 18	11:20	0.4	11:47	10.2	5:01	-0.6	5:30	-1.1
Sunrise: 6:51 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:53 p.m.*			
Mon. 19	—	—	12:11	10.6	5:52	-1.2	6:17	-1.3
Sunrise: 6:49 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:54p.m.*			
Tues. 20	12:34	10.7	1:00	10.6	6:42	-1.6	7:03	-1.3
Sunrise: 6:47 a.m.					*Sunset:6:55 p.m.*			
Wed. 21	1:20	10.9	1:51	10.3	7:32	-1.7	7:51	-1.0
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Thurs. 22	2:08	10.9	2:43	9.8	8:23	-1.6	8:40	-0.5
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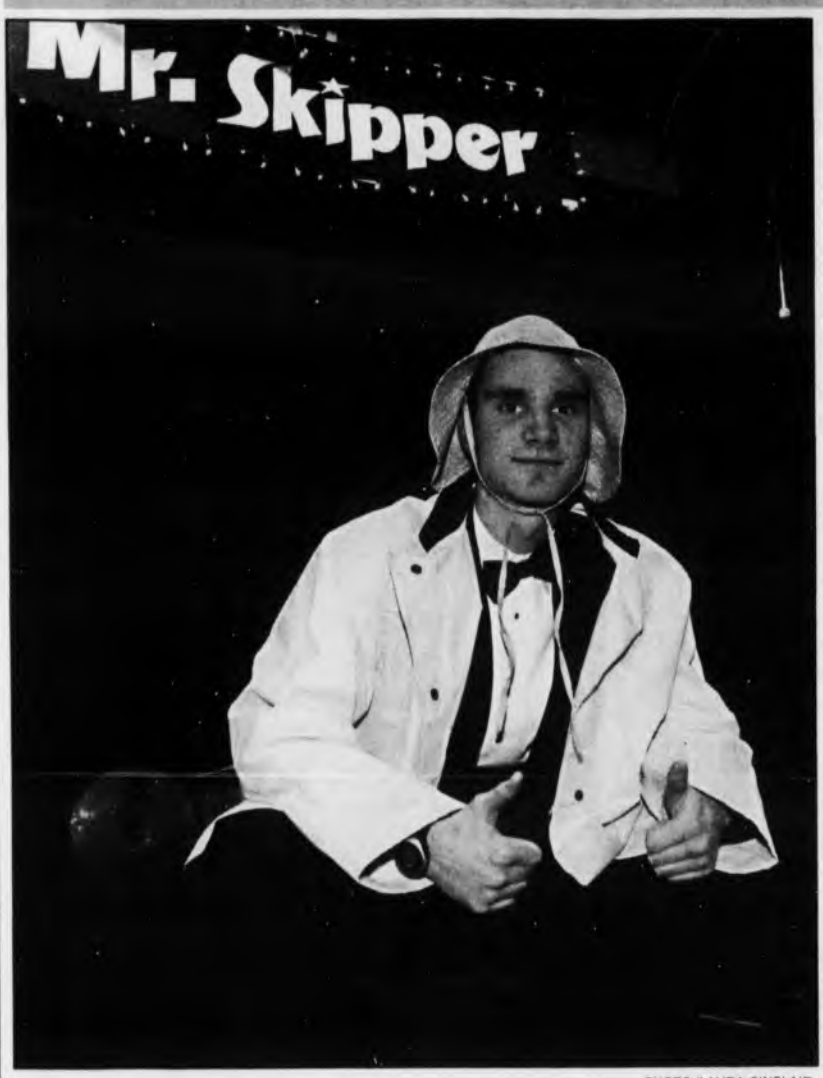
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John McCarthy dons a raincoat after being crowned "Mr. Skipper" at the annual male pageant last week that raises money to help offset the cost of senior activities, such as the prom. For more photos, see page 21.

Name: John McCarthy

Occupation: Student and "Mr. Skipper."

Best day of your life: Everyday, ha-ha!

Best vacation: French exchange sophomore year.

Favorite season: I enjoy all four seasons equally.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite junk food: Raisins, because they're natures candy.

Best book and magazine: "Band of Brothers," by Stephen Ambrose. "Runners World."

Best movie: "Fight Club."

Best TV show: I do not watch TV regularly.

Pet peeve: People who consistently don't try hard at whatever they do.

Most embarrassing moment: I was speaking French with a French person once and accidentally told them I had a Christmas Ham in my pants.

Goal: To do an Ironman.

Person you'd most like to meet: Geronimo, Apache Chief and warrior, who eluded thousands of US soldiers dispatched to capture him for 10 months by disappearing into the mountains bordering Mexico.

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POLICE/FIRE BEAT

Spate of calls reporting erratic drivers

By Mary Ford
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Police say the public is their eyes and ears. Therefore, they appreciate when people call to report that a vehicle is being driving erratically — even if the report turns out to be a false alarm.

Often the caller provides a plate number and description of the vehicle. The report gives police the opportunity to locate the vehicle and determine if the driver was having a medical problem, such as a diabetic reaction or heart attack; was driving under the influence of alcohol; or just became distracted for a few seconds, Chief James Hussey said.

"We encourage people to call us," he said.

Hussey said police will make an evaluation and make sure the person is OK; if he or she is determined to be OK then police will let the operator know that someone called about his or her driving and they are following up on that report.

This past week, there were five reports of erratic drivers in the police log. In one case, an elderly gentleman was driving the car, Hussey said. It turned out that he was fine; police talked to him, explaining he may have crossed the centerline and urged him to be careful. They observed him drive away and he appeared to be OK, he said.

In another incident, a caller reported a sedan being driven erratically southbound on Route 3A. The caller also reported to have seen the operator drinking. As it turned out the driver had been drinking a can of Pepsi. He was given a field sobriety test, which he passed. Police called the caller to explain that there had been follow-up.

Another caller complained about a car swerving all over the road. Police found the vehicle at Mobil Mart and talked to the operator, who said he lived right up the street and had just shot down to the store. Police explained that the plate had been called in because the caller witnessed the vehicle swerving. The operator seemed to be fine, police said.

Police turned another incident over to Scituate after a call about a car that was following too closely and flashing its high beams that was heading into that town. "We did have a plate number and Scituate is making contact with the registered owner," he said. Hussey said Cohasset made a record of the incident.

"We encourage people to call us."
— Police Chief James Hussey

Door cracked

Cohasset police are investigating reports of a damaged door at Cohasset Food Mart. An employee called dispatch at 5:41 a.m. Tuesday (March 6) saying the bottom half of the glass door was cracked. Police Chief James Hussey said there was nothing at the scene, such as a rock, that could have caused the damage and there did not appear to be any other attempt to gain access to the convenience store on King Street. "Everything was secure and undamaged so we are not sure if it was an attempted break-in or an act of vandalism."

Goats let out

A recent walk-in to the police station at 11:24 a.m. on Tuesday (March 6) asked for more police patrols from 9-11 p.m. at night. The individual reported that someone had been opening his gate and letting his goats run free. Chief Hussey said Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy is following up with the goat owner. Hussey said Murphy explained that goats can be very smart and if they know there is food outside, they could open a gate and get out. Hussey said, however, if it turns out that is not the case, then police would put on extra patrols to see if they can find who is responsible for letting the animals out.

Mirrors damaged

Cohasset police detectives are following up on a report from an employee at Shaw's Plaza that the mirrors to his motor vehicle were smashed sometime over night Tuesday (March 6) into Wednesday morning. The detectives will investigate whether there is a potential motive for the breakage, Chief Hussey said.

Window smashed

On Saturday (March 10) at about 8:42 a.m., an Aaron River Road resident reported that the rear window of her car was smashed overnight. A teen at the home had been driving the car the night before but had no knowledge of any damage to the window. Apparently, the family discovered the broken window the next morning. Chief Hussey said there was no rock or other implement in or near the car. Detectives are looking into the matter, he said.

Pump attached

At 2:39 p.m., Tuesday (March 6) a motorist drove off from Leo's Exxon with the nozzle still in the gas tank. There was no gas leak; the nozzle just snapped off, police said. The reporting officer said the party returned and everything turned out OK.

Juvenile arrest

A second juvenile has been arrested in connection with the theft of a stepladder that was allegedly used to climb the water tank several months ago. Teens climbed the water tower and this arrest was the result of an investigation, police said. Juveniles are under 17 years of age and therefore, police do not release their names. The youth is also being charged with trespassing.

Illegal dumping

Last Friday (March 9) at 12:08 p.m., a caller reported that a village business had illegally dumped trash into the dumpster at the Harborview Apartments off Elm Street. The owner of the offending business was contacted to respond. Chief Hussey said police will purse the criminal charge of illegal dumping if the owner requests them to. He said in first-time situations, police usually give the party a warning.

Uninsured MV

Police had a motor vehicle towed and summonsed the operator to court when it was determined that the car being driven was uninsured. Chief Hussey said an officer stopped the car for speeding last Saturday (March 10) at 9:46 a.m. at lower King Street and CJC Highway (3A). The officer used the new mobile data terminal (MDT) to run the vehicle registration, which came back that it had been revoked due to lack of insurance. He explained that even though a plate may have a current sticker — an officer will always run the plate at a traffic stop to get the latest information.

"In cases like this the officer has no discretion," Hussey said. "An officer cannot allow an uninsured motor vehicle to be driven." The operator is being summonsed to face a charge of driving an uninsured motor vehicle.

MV crash

One car was towed following a two-car accident last Saturday (March 10) at 4:13 p.m. at Beechwood Street and Hillside Drive. A 2004 Honda Civic was exiting Hillside Drive and attempted to make a left onto Beechwood when a 1989 Jeep Cherokee traveling south on Beechwood hit it. Police said the operator of the Honda was cited for failure to yield to oncoming traffic. The Honda had to be towed; no one was injured, police said.

Uprooted tree

An uprooted tree was resting on some wires and blocking Fox Run on Tuesday (March 6). The call came into dispatch at about 5:20 a.m. Fire Chief Robert Silvia said the tree was uprooted due to the wind and was hanging on the wires. He said the fire department stood by until National Grid and the DPW were on the scene.

Silvia said National Grid took care of the wires and the DPW removed the tree. The road was completely blocked for a time.

"The wires can present a dangerous situation so we stand by until National Grid is on the scene and can take care of it," he said.

SEE BEAT, PAGE 5

Crocker pleads guilty to yacht club theft

By Mary Ford
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Davenport B. "Dave" Crocker, Sr., 70, of Cohasset, has been placed on three years probation for stealing more than $300,000 from the Cohasset Yacht Club, where he served as treasurer for many years.

Crocker pled guilty to one count of larceny over $250 in Norfolk Superior Court last Friday (March 9). He had pled not guilty at his arraignment in January.

Crocker, who has paid back $203,314, must make full restitution to yacht club on a schedule to be determined by the probation department. He still owes $108,686.

Yacht club officials discovered the alleged theft of about $427,000 in late 2005 and subsequently sent a letter out to the 245 members of the 111-year-old facility. However, the District Attorney's office, which researched back as far as the statute of limitations allows, came up with $312,000, said David Traub, spokesman for District Attorney William Keating's Office.

The yacht club agreed not to prosecute Crocker if he would repay the money. However, Cohasset police launched a criminal investigation.

On Dec. 7 a Grand Jury indicted Crocker on one count of larceny over $250 by scheme on diverse dates during that time period. "By scheme" usually means the crime took place over a period of time.

Crocker, who is not a CPA, did not return a message left on his answering machine Tuesday at his Hingham office on Station Street.

According to the yacht club letter sent last year, Crocker repaid $200,000 and agreed to pay an additional $260,000 within 18 months. Commodore F. Wisner Murray stated in the letter sent to the membership that the $260,000 was secured by a second mortgage on Crocker's condominium in Florida.

At last Friday's hearing, Judge Judith Fabricant ordered Crocker to stay away from the yacht club.

In another case, Crocker has repaid the $42,100 he stole from the Hingham-Hull Rotary Club where he served as the club's treasurer; a theft that also came to light in 2005. He was arraigned on the larceny charge on April 14, 2006. The case was continued without a finding for six months following a May 18, 2006 hearing at which the District Attorney's Office reported that Crocker had repaid the Rotary Club in full. On Nov. 17, 2006, the case was dismissed with the condition that Crocker pay court fees that included a $90 victim witness fee and $21 monthly probation fee.

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Mar.	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 15	8:39	9.0	9:21	8.1	2:18	1.4	3:01	0.4
Sunrise: 6:56a.m.					*Sunset: 6:49 p.m.*			
Fri.16	9:35	9.5	10:12	8.8	3:15	0.8	3:54	-0.1
Sunrise: 6:54 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:50 p.m.*			
Sat. 17	10:29	10.0	11:01	9.5	4:09	0.1	4:43	-0.7
Sunrise: 6:52a.m.					*Sunset: 6:52 p.m.*			
Sun. 18	11:20	0.4	11:47	10.2	5:01	-0.6	5:30	-1.1
Sunrise: 6:51 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:53 p.m.*			
Mon. 19	—	—	12:11	10.6	5:52	-1.2	6:17	-1.3
Sunrise: 6:49 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:54p.m.*			
Tues. 20	12:34	10.7	1:00	10.6	6:42	-1.6	7:03	-1.3
Sunrise: 6:47 a.m.					*Sunset:6:55 p.m.*			
Wed. 21	1:20	10.9	1:51	10.3	7:32	-1.7	7:51	-1.0
Sunrise: 6:45 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:56 p.m.*			
Thurs. 22	2:08	10.9	2:43	9.8	8:23	-1.6	8:40	-0.5
Sunrise: 6:44a.m.					*Sunset: 6:57p.m.*			

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'Old' Town Hall fix up possible

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Recreation's summer drama program.

She said that currently the organization brings in all their electrical equipment and has tried to combat the growing problems including eliminating a mold issue in the dressing rooms.

"We've done what we could and we have resources that we'd be willing to contribute further to this project," said Jaffe, "we want to make it a place that people can be proud of."

Stuart Ivimey, Chairman of the CPC, said that he was for updating the outside of the building and for fixing up the town auditorium. However, he parted ways when restoration became maintenance. He gave the repair of the auditorium bathrooms and rugs in the second floor offices as examples. He, along with committee members, agreed that looking at the old town hall as a whole was the correct way to go and that getting their arms around the issues, with an expert's advice, was wise.

The funding for the project Farrag envisions coming from several different sources, including the Dramatic Club, the CPC and the town's capital budget. The committee made clear that the CPC's monies only went to CPC supported pieces of this project, not building maintenance.

The architectural firm will outline both the specifications for the project and cost estimates. CPC Member Sarah Charron advised that a structural engineer should be hired to look at the building as well. Member Ralph Dormitzer said that further uses of the building should be investigated along the way, mentioning Recreation Director Jack Worley as a first contact.

"If we are going to do it, we should do it right," said member Alfred Moore. The vote was unanimous with all present.



PHOTO/MARY FORD

Town Meeting voters will decide whether to appropriate community preservation money to pay for an historic restoration architectural firm that would come up with specifications to restore the old section of Town Hall.

State match of funding could decrease

The state funding match under the Community Preservation Act (CPA) could change drastically this year. Although a final answer has not been received from the state, Chairman of the Community Preservation Committee, Stuart Ivimey, said that the state could provide as low as a 50 percent match this year.

"The answer I've been given is the match could be anywhere between 50 percent and 75 percent," Ivimey said. Since Cohasset's adoption of CPA the town, along with other participating towns, has enjoyed a 100 percent match from the state. Ivimey thinks it would be unlikely the match would drop from 100 percent to 50 percent in one year, but he drew up numbers for that scenario to "be on the safe side."

The Community Preservation Act's funds are generated from two sources, a town real estate tax surcharge (in Cohasset 1.5 percent) and some level of state match, determined year-to-year. The state funds are derived from a $20 surcharge on all documents filed in the Recorder of Deeds office statewide (e.g. mortgages, deeds, homesteads, etc.).

Currently, the Community Preservation Coalition, a state organization, is proposing legislation that would guarantee towns that have adopted the CPA a 75 percent match from the state.

Ivimey discussed with the committee the pros and cons of the new legislation. The drawbacks to the proposed legislation are that the funds could now come with new strings attached and could become an additional burden on other state organizations. Lastly, the legislation would assure Cohasset that 75 percent of their funds would receive a state match.

"The answer I've been given is the match could be anywhere between 50 percent and 75 percent."
— Stuart Ivimey, CPC chairman

"We want to bring home the most bacon for Cohasset so we want this to occur. We want to be able to guarantee Cohasset 75 percent match," said Ivimey, but he continued, "the legislation is getting away from the purity of the CPC."

Presently, funds from the CPA can be spent in three specific areas: open space, affordable housing, and historic preservation. Each year, the CPC must spend or bank 10 percent of its annual revenue on each of the three specific areas. Aside from minor administrative costs, the CPC does not spend money. The CPC only makes recommendations to the legislative authority in a town or municipality, (in Cohasset's case, Town Meeting).

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SENIOR SCENE

Elder law attorney to conduct workshop

Elder Caretaker Workshop – Elder Law Attorney, Howard Kirkpatrick will present a workshop titled "The Last Resort," on the Enhanced Family Care Program (EAFC), Thursday, March 22, at 6:30 p.m. The EAFC program extends Medicaid benefits to cover additional at-home services for senior citizens. This will be less expensive and will allow many seniors to receive the care they need while remaining in their own homes as long as possible. This workshop is a must for caretakers of elders to attend and will be the only one on the South Shore that Attorney Kirkpatrick will present. A light supper will be provided from 6 to 6:30 p.m. Call 781-383-9112 to sign up. The cost is $3 per person.

Peabody Essex Museum – Take a luxurious Bus Coach, Tuesday, May, 1, to historic Salem for a guided tour of the museum and enjoy a bountiful lunch at Victoria Station on Salem's beautiful waterfront. Menu choices: baked stuffed shrimp, prime rib, chicken and broccoli over fettuccini, or lemon butter swordfish. The cost is $63. Payment is due at registration. The last day to register is Friday April 15.

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Freezing pipes

The cold snap last week apparently caused pipes to burst in a house on S. Main Street and another on Spindrift Lane. The incident on S. Main was reported at 8:30 p.m., Tuesday (March 6). Water from a broken pipe on the third floor had leaked down through the wall and ceiling into some lights. The wiring inspector went to the scene and advised the resident to call an electrician.

A neighbor reported to a Realtor that water was pouring out the back of a house on Spindrift Lane last Friday (March 9) at about 5:15 p.m. The fire department was able to gain entry and shut off the main water valve. It was another frozen pipe situation, Chief Robert Silva said.

Plaza flooding

A water heater that was in the ceiling at Strecker eye care let go last Thursday (March 8) at about 6:45 a.m. affecting that business and the two on either side of it: the hair salon and Buttonwood Books. Fire Chief Robert Silvia said there was quite a bit of water on the floor. Strecker called a cleanup company and took care of the situation, he said. The water and electricity were shut off until a plumber and electrician could make repairs.

Rabies clinic includes Cohasset

On Saturday, April 7, the Town of Hull will be hosting a Rabies Clinic, offering low cost rabies vaccinations to its community pets, and as well, we are offering this clinic to our neighboring pets in Hingham and Cohasset. The Hull Town Clerk's office will be open during this Clinic so that Hull residents can easily license their dogs following their vaccines. Simply bring your rabies certificate into the office.

Dr. Grace Strake, DVM, South Coastal Animal Health, Weymouth, will be assisting the Town of Hull, administering these vaccinations. The Clinic will be held behind the Hull Police Headquarters, 1 School St., from 2 – 4pm. Rabies vaccinations will be $10.

All dogs must be leashed. All unpredictable or aggressive dogs must be leashed. All cats must be crated.

Briefly

TM warrant

Town Manager Bill Griffin told Selectmen this week that the annual Town Meeting warrant has gone to the printer. He also said as soon as it is converted, the warrant would also be posted on the town's web site at: www.townofcohasset.org.

In other Town Meeting news, Griffin noted this year's Town Meeting would start at 9 a.m.

The warrant has fewer articles than is usually the case, so it is possible that voters will wrap things up by mid-afternoon, Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said.

Village RFP

The Request for Proposals for a village "build-out plan" that got the go-ahead at the fall special Town Meeting when voters allocated $15,000 for consulting services is going out, Town Manager Bill Griffin said this week. Proposals are due Friday (March 23).

Dangerous corner

Selectmen will ask Chief James Hussey for an update on accidents at Beechwood Street and Route 3A. The intersection, which is signalized, is still one of the most hazardous in town. Police provided some analysis a few months back when they were looking at whether the left-turn only arrows were working properly. Selectmen also noted that part of the problem involved motorists making left-hand turns into and out of the Exxon station at the corner.

Selectman Fred Koed said there is a company that installs video cameras that pick up motorists, who are violating traffic rules.

But Selectman Gary Vanderweil said those cameras have generated a spate of lawsuits because people object to being "guilty until proven innocent."

Historical tour available on DVD

The Cohasset Planning Board Office has recently reproduced a 1953 film produced by Dan Cotton and Claus Gellotte to present at the 1954 town meeting to encourage acceptance of adopting zoning in Cohasset. With narration by Cotton and filming by Gellotte, the pair set out on a road tour to film the sights and landscape of 1953 Cohasset. Also filmed was Route 53, at that time called Route 3, from Queen Anne's Corner in Norwell to Hanover as a contrasting warning that, without zoning, Route 3A in Cohasset could soon "look like this."

Memorable sights of 1953 Cohasset include Cohasset Common, Jerusalem Road, the Causeway, Stony Beach, Sandy Beach, Cunningham Bridge before it was rebuilt, the Olde Salt House, John Smith Memorial Landing, the "Oakes" Estate, the Old Beechwood Ballpark and Fire Station, the Wheelwright Dairy Farm and Farmstead, Lily Pond, and the Old Nichols House built in the 1700's. The first Zoning Bylaw was adopted one year later.

This 11-minute color film is now available in DVD format for $40. Anyone interested in purchasing a copy should contact Jo-Ann in the Planning Board Office at the Town Hall, 781-383-3517.

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Donations still coming in for Cut for a Cure!

AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

HAPPY ST. PAT'S DAY!

Hello Cohasset. Well, March is certainly here with a bit of ups and downs but that is par for the course I guess. The warm weather that we had a few days ago is being pushed away but keep thinking SPRING! Happy St. Patrick's Day to all tomorrow. Enjoy the weekend celebrating, parades and parties but remember to take care and stay safe on all counts!

CUT FOR A CURE

The Third Annual Cut for a Cure, hosted by the Adrian Morris Salon took place on March 10th. With three stylists in the salon they did 42 haircuts and raised over $2000. Their evening reception hosted 300 people! At this point, we are still receiving donations but have grossed over $30,000! 100 percent of the proceeds will go directly to Live Learn Love Breast Cancer Outreach Organization. The organization was co founded by **Rosie Lonborg** and **Pam Ahl** and provides financial support, outreach and education to women and their families dealing with the devastation of breast cancer. They are local and reach out to women here on the South Shore. This is great news, super job!

NEW ORLEANS UPDATE

There is good news from New Orleans. **Chris Higginson's** soccer team, the Cosmos, was invited to the Southeastern United States Championship, held in Birmingham, Ga. For the second year in a row, they made the finals in the U12 division. **Cadie's** and **Stephanie's** team, the Strike Squad, was invited to compete (with 461 teams) for the U10 division title, and on Sunday, in a penalty kick finale after 3 overtimes, they won 3-2, becoming the Southeastern U.S. champions.

Chris, Cadie and Stephanie send greetings and thanks to all their coaches and teammates in Cohasset, for all the great times they had playing soccer together last fall. They look forward to seeing everyone again when they come back this summer.

ELECTION SUPPER

The Annual Election Supper, a springtime tradition, will be held at the Beechwood Congregational Church on Church St. in Cohasset. Candidates and voters are invited to get together for dinner on Thursday evening, March 22nd at 6:30. Dinner will include chicken breast, dilled carrots, red bliss potatoes, rolls, cake and ice cream as well as beverages. Before dinner, all candidates will be introduced. Tickets are $10 for adults and $4 for children. Reserve your tickets by calling 781-383-1298.

LOCAL ROOTS

Here is some "warming and springlike" news to report. Two Cohasset artists, **Sarah Roche** and **Claire Watts**, will be featured at the New England Spring Flower Show starting this weekend at a special art exhibit called, "If You Can Paint a Leaf, You Can Paint the World." Sarah's watercolor on vellum "Tree Peony Seed Pod" and Claire's watercolor "Apple" will be part of the New England Society of Botanical Artists' exhibit of more than 40 botanical artworks, capturing a plant's natural beauty using scientifically accurate observations and esthetically pleasing compositions. Emphasizing plant diversity and preservation, this year's exhibit demonstrates a broad range of paintings and drawings. Award-winning and internationally recognized artists share the exhibit with novice students of the discipline. The Flower Show opens March 17 and continues through Sunday, March 25 at the Bayside Expo Center . Make sure to check it out and pass on your "warm" congratulations.

SALVE REGINA

Great news about two Cohasset young ladies, **Erin Liddell**, a freshman and **Alicia Sanchez**, a junior who have both been named to the dean's list at Salve Regina University for the fall semester of the 2006-2007 academic year. To qualify for the dean's list, full-time students must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.6 without receiving a grade below a 'B' in that semester. Keep up the work ladies.

COLBY NEWS

Welcome back to **Jessie W. Guild**, a junior at Colby College, who recently returned from spending the fall semester in Spain studying at the University of Salamanca through the Colby in Salamanca program. Jessie, a graduate of Cohasset High, has also been named to the dean's list for her outstanding academice achievement during the fall semester. Jessie, the daughter of **Peter Guild** of Hingham, and **Lindsay Cooney** of Cohasset, is a psychology and Spanish major. Students, whose grade point averages are in the top 30 percent are named to the dean's list.

Another traveler, **Thomas A. Myers**, also a junior, recently returned from spending the fall semester in India studying through the Pitzer College-India program. Thomas, a graduate of Milton Academy, is the son of **Michael and Rhonda Myers** of Cohasset. He is majoring in philosophy.

This is so exciting to learn about and I am sure you have a lot of memories of your semester. Welcome back.

Our last student who has recently returned is **Nicole A. Turgiss**, also a junior at Colby. Nicole has recently returned from spending the fall semester in Australia studying at the James Cook University in Townsville, North Queensland. Nicole, a Cohasset High grad, is the daughter of Robert and Susan Turgiss of Cohasset. She is majoring in biology. Two-thirds of Colby students live and study abroad. Super news.

HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to **Christian K. Hartmann** who has been named to the honor roll at Avon Old Farms School in Avon, Conn. where he is in the 12th grade.

JAMMIE TIME!

Hey Cohasset, get on your coziest jammies, jump in the car with your friends and come to the Cohasset Town Hall. You'll be sleeping right when you sleep in Sleep-Tite Pajamas as The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents The Pajama Game. The Pajama Game is being presented beginning this evening, March 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 and 31 at 8 p.m.; March 25 and April 1 at 2 p.m. at the Cohasset Town Hall , 41 Highland Ave. Tickets are $14, $12 for seniors, students and groups of 8 or more and may be purchased in advance at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate or by phone at 617-697-2115. In recognition of the show's labor verses management theme the Cohasset Dramatic Club is offering all $2 off the adult ticket price when the purchaser shows a union membership card. Management and non-union workers can save as well by donning PJs for the Saturday March 17, March 24 or March 31 shows. All audience members who attend the show Saturday night in PJs will receive $2 off the ticket price

That is the news for now Cohasset. Send in any news, event information, birthday wishes and more no later than Tuesdays by 5:00 pm.

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ENGAGEMENT



Grant Badura and Maureen Murphy

Murphy – Badura

Mr. and Ms. Robert Murphy of Cohasset announce the engagement of their daughter, Maureen Murphy, to Grant Badura, son of Sandra Badura of Irondequoit, N.Y., and the late Robert Badura.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Cohasset High School. She received her bachelor's degree from Babson College in Wellesley and her master's degree in business administration from Fordham University in New York City. She is employed as a marketing specialist by Brooks Brothers in New York City.

Her fiancé is a 1994 graduate of Irondequoit High School. He received his bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Rochester and his master's degree in business administration in quantitative finance from NYU Stern School of Business in New York City. He is employed by Merrill Lynch as a hedge fund analyst in New York City.

A June 2008 wedding is planned.

Write your story

"Writing the Stories of Our Lives" is a 9-week guided autobiography group that offers the opportunity to write about and share your life stories. The group will meet 9:30 – 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday mornings April 10th through June 5th at the Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, 16 Hull St., Hingham. Individuals of all ages are welcome. A program fee of $80 is suggested. The group will be facilitated by Ann Diamond, Ph.D. a licensed psychologist in private practice in Hingham. To register contact Ann Diamond at 781-740-4740.

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Church moves into the 21st Century

Website bringing people together for Lent and beyond

By Nancy White
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St. Stephen's Episcopal Church is moving into the technology age and striving to connect its community in as many ways possible. The "web ministry" found at www.ststephenscohasset.org, was an initiative started last year to provide a forum for the church to reach out to current and potential parishioners, as well as any other interested parties.

Its latest effort is a "Daily Lenten Devotion" which is a daily reading that follows a weekly theme. For Christians, lent is the six-weeks leading up to Holy Week, the week of the Easter holiday.

"It's a time to be more reflective and contemplative," Colette Wood, interim assistant and the second half of the website team.



PHOTO/NANCY WHITE

Colette Wood and David Theodore work on the St. Stephen's "web ministry" that can be found at: www.ststephenscohasset.org.

"We're trying to reconnect people. It doesn't replace community, it enhances it."

— Collette Wood, St. Stephen's

The themes include "African American Spirituals," "Healing," "Traditional Anglican," "Caring for Creation: Environment," "One-ness of Christ" and "Me and Jesus." Parishioners have chosen passages that mean something to them personally and read them for a recording that is then posted on the website. So far the response has been very positive within the parish and beyond. Two area Episcopal parishes, Holy Nativity in Weymouth and St. Andrew's in Ayer, Mass., have linked the program from their own website. Anyone, of any denomination, is welcome to visit the website to view this unique feature.

The Daily Lenten Devotion program is just one feature of Webmaster David Theodore's easy to navigate design He credits the parishioners enthusiasm and involvement with its success. He's designed the website to enhance the community's interaction with each other outside of the church setting.

"A website is only good if people go to it," Theodore says. Many parishioners have volunteered their favorite passage for the weekly theme and read it for the online congregation. It's a way for parishioners to connect, share and help each other through this "anxious world," Wood says.

The web ministry is a multi-media website that contains varied content including a twice-daily prayer, discussion boards, music, art images, audio and video.

Wood says the website allows 24-hour, 7 day-a-week access to "spiritual nourishment." It allows for flexibility in the busy, modern lives of parishioners and a greater community. The website offers inspirational passages and hymns on multiple subjects because it's difficult to read the Bible for just the right words to help through a tough situation. It also provides a community to relate to when a parishioner can't sleep at night because he/she is concerned about a loved one's health, Wood says.

Wood described how an ill parishioner who can't make it to Sunday service is using the web ministry program to remain connected to the parish.

The advent of computers and the use of the internet can lead to a more lonely and individual experience, however, Wood says that this website is bringing people together.

"We're trying to reconnect people. It doesn't replace community, it enhances it," says Wood. Between Sunday services or when going through a difficult time, the web ministry provides a connection for parishioners to the church community.

"Someone can do the dishes or light a candle or take a bath while listening to a reading," explains Wood. The website also has music sung by the church choir and accompanied by the organ. The website is full of sound and music that appeals to the senses, Wood says.

The website has caught on at the church over the last year. Currently, it's receiving about 3000 hits per day.

"We have 80-year-olds buying a computer just so they can get on the website," said Theodore. The website is part of a full circle affect that's happening in churches and religion across the country. People who left their church because of disagreements with their methodology or ideology, often turned to the internet and "blogging" to discuss spiritual ideas. These "spiritual seekers" are now coming back to church communities because churches, like St. Stephen's, are reaching out to them through the internet.

"They realized they can't be their own pastor," Theodore explains, "they need a little guidance." Churches are using the same communication medium (the internet) to get through to those people who are looking for a faith community. Fittingly enough, Theodore, a Scituate resident, was drawn to St. Stephen's by its website.

"As a faith tradition we have a very rich history that comes with very rich traditions. But our Church is moving in the directions that we want everyone to feel welcome," says Wood, "I think this website is a part of that. Everybody's invited."

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church is located in the Cohasset Village at 16 Highland Avenue.

Our World

Storytime Art to start March 27

Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum is behind Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 100 Sohier St., Cohasset. For more information and to register, call 781-383-3194.

Storytime Art – Class led by Miss Jen and Miss Jackie. Each week a story will be shared with a finger play or song and an art project based on the theme. Nature and springtime around the world will be a strong part of the class along with some surprises. Children may also register for Lunchtime Fun and bring a nut-free lunch from home and enjoy lunch with friends. The six-week class is for ages 2 1/2 through 4, and will meet Tuesdays, from 11 a.m. to noon, March 27 through May 8. There will be no class during April vacation week. Fee is $90 per child for non-members, $77 for members.

Lunchtime Fun – Lunch brought from home. This will be offered each week and can be enjoyed on its own, or as an added treat to an 11 m. or 12:30 p.m. class. For ages 2 1/2 through 6. The six-week program meets Tuesdays, from noon to 12:30 p.m., March 27 through May 8. No class during April vacation. Fee is $5 per child for non-members, $3 for members.

Rain Forest Rhythms with Miss Ann Conte – During this art class, children will work on their own rain forest using a variety of mediums. Stories will be read and children will learn while creating and having fun. The six-week class is for ages 4 through 6, and will meet Tuesdays, from 11 a.m. to noon, March 27 through May 8. There will be no class during April vacation week. Fee is $90 per child for non-members, $77 for members.

Spanish Time Fun with Miss Monica – Through singing, interactive story-telling, art and a variety of games that develop speaking and listening skills in Spanish, children are introduced to the language and begin to listen, recognize and produce basic Spanish vocabulary and expressions. The six-week class is for ages 3 1/2 through 6, and will meet Tuesdays, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., March 27 through May 8. There will be no class during April vacation week. Fee is $90 per child for non-members, $77 for members.

Time To Create – Children will enjoy this weekly themed art class with Ann Conte. Using a variety of art materials, stories and more, this afternoon program will have children learning while having fun. Weekly themes will include Bugs, Springtime Fun, Leaves and more. Parents can plan some time for themselves while children are having fun with friends. The six-week class is for ages 6 through 9, and will meet Tuesdays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., March 27 through May 8. There will be no class during April vacation week. Fee is $90 per child for non-members, $77 for members.

Stroller Strides – Stroller Strides is a total fitness program that moms can do with their babies. Each 60-minute class includes an aerobic warm-up and a 45-minute power walk with intervals of body toning using exercises and stretching. Songs and activities are woven throughout the workout in order to provide an entertaining and enriching program for the babies as well. These classes are designed to teach the proper exercise modifications in order to accommodate the pregnant and post-natal mom, grandmas and nannies as well. Stroller Strides is fitness for the grown-ups and fun for baby/toddler. The class takes place indoors through the winter months and outdoors through spring, summer and fall. The class will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., beginning March 20. Fee is non-members, $125 for a 10-visit punch card or $13 per class; members, $106 for a 10-visit punch card or $11 per class.

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A factory helper, played by Matt McCarty, gets a shove from Sid (played by Dan Kirichok). Performances will be held in Cohasset Town Hall at 41 Highland Ave., Friday, March 16 and Saturday, March 17, Friday, March 23 and Saturday, March 24, Friday, March 30 and Saturday, March 31, at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, March 25 and Sunday, April 1, at 2 p.m.

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Pickard's Golf Conditioning Program will take place at Phil's Fitness First, 135 King St., Route 3A, Cohasset. The 60-minute class, held once a week on Tuesday evenings, is open to members and non-members of Phil's Fitness First. The first class will begin March 20 and continue for six weeks. The cost of the six-class session is $80 for members of Phil's Fitness First and $80 for non-members. To register for the six-week class session, call 781-9983 or email philsfitnessfirst@comcast.net. The class is limited to eight participants so call as soon as possible.

Visual journey to the Renaissance

The Cohasset Historical Society will offer the second installment of its Spring Lecture Series on Wednesday evening, March 21st· Harvard University professor, Dr. Ubaldo DiBenedetto, will take us on a visual journey to the Renaissance and talk about "Why Renaissance painting is what it is."

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The presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Pratt Building, 106 South Main St. The Society cordially invites all members, guests and the community to attend this most interesting of programs. There is no charge for the evening and light refreshment will be served.

Guzasky to play

As part of its Concert Series, St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset will present organist G. Fredrick Guzasky in recital on Palm Sunday, April 1, at 3 p.m. Guzasky is an affiliated artist at MIT in Cambridge, a professor at Bridgewater State College and maintains a studio of private students in piano, organ and cello.

He is known for his travels to teach and present concerts in Russia, and has several available compact discs to his credit, as well as numerous choral anthems. On his recital, to be played on the 58-rank Aeolian-Skinner organ at St. Stephen's, he will perform works by Bach, Buxtehude, Frescobaldi, Glazunov, Rheinberger and others.

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Garden Club lecture

Cohasset Garden Club will present its annual Conservation Lecture, given this year by Wesley Ward, vice president of land conservation for The Trustees of Reservations and president of the Massachusetts Land Conservation Trust.

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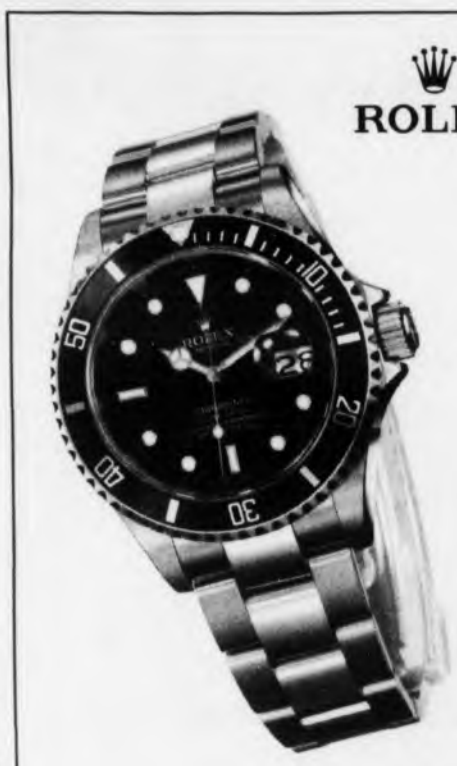
Margaret Hall joined the American Red Cross in 1918. You can read her journals and view her photographs at the historical society.

As we continue to highlight women during the month of March, we chose as our second notable woman, Margaret Hall. Margaret spent her childhood summers on her family's estate near West Corner.

In 1918, she joined the American Red Cross and shipped overseas for service. On arrival, police and customs inspectors failed to ask her if she was carrying a camera, which was not allowed. Using this contraband camera, Margaret Hall captured not only important moments in history, but also the destruction and emotional damage that were a part of World War I.

The Cohasset Historical Society is lucky enough to have in its collection the images that Margaret Hall took of her experiences during World War I. In addition to her photos, the society is in possession of her journals, which chronicle this amazing point in history. Many exceptional women like Margaret gave up their comfortable lifestyle for ascetic conditions on the Western front. These women deserve to be remembered for their service to their country. Visit the Society at 106 South Main St. to read Margaret's journals and view her amazing photographs.





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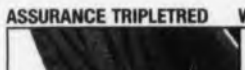
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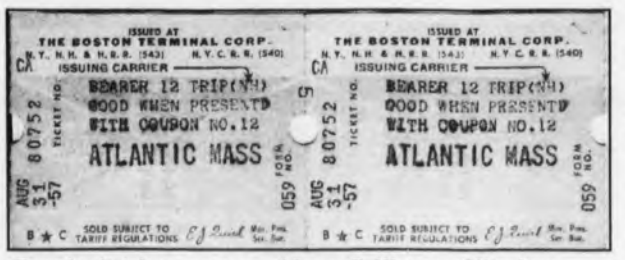
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All Aboard: Cohasset woman took last train to Boston in 1959

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"When the train pulled up I remember Sharon being amazed at this great big train. When you're little, a train is something enormous."
— Betty MacDonald, Church Street

"The sun was shining brightly on June 30, 1959. On that day in history the Old Colony train made its last trip from Cohasset to Boston and back again. Riding the train were Betty MacDonald and her 4 year-old daughter, Sharon. They headed out of Cohasset for a day in the city.

"I didn't think much of it, I just thought it would a fun thing to do," MacDonald said, "I had been riding the train everyday back and forth from Weymouth to Boston for work so it wasn't a novelty for me. I thought it would be something Sharon would remember." The last journey of the Old Colony train was Sharon's first trip.

"She was bug-eyed," MacDonald says emphatically. "Sharon talked about the train for days and days after." The two were driven to the train station in Cohasset by MacDonald's husband, Malcolm, although memories were fuzzy as to where the station actually was. MacDonald remembers they typically took the train from the North Scituate station because it had an overhang feature that protected passengers from snow and rain as they waited for the train. The Cohasset station, as they remember it, was open to the elements and had nothing you could stand under. They left Sharon's younger sister, Joyce, then two, at home with her dad, "she was too young to come along," MacDonald says.

"When the train pulled up I remember Sharon being amazed at this great big train. When you're little, a train is something enormous." MacDonald and her daughter boarded the train and, to their surprise, it wasn't all that crowded. MacDonald credits this to boarding a later train, whereas the bulk of commuters would have taken the earlier train.

"Sharon was looking out all the train windows, she had a lot of fun," they arrived at South Station in about an hour. They walked from South Station to Boston Common and the Swan Boats. They looked at the flowers growing in the Boston Public Gardens. From there they went shopping and MacDonald bought Sharon some new clothes. They got a bite to eat and it was time to head back home – on the last train.

MacDonald grew up in Weymouth and met her husband when she was just 13 years old at a local high school dance. They will celebrate 53 married years together next month, and they've called Cohasset their home for 52 of those years. Together, they have raised six children, 4 boys and 2 girls.

Although both she and her husband are retired, she is looking forward to the train coming back to Cohasset. She said that back when she used to ride the train to work regularly it cost $5 for 10 tickets. "That would get you there and back the whole week, now $5 just might get you there once!"

According to Jacqueline Dormitzer's "History of Cohasset," the new link to Southeast Expressway from Boston to South Hingham opened just one week before the last Greenbush train. Although bus transportation was provided in leiu of train service, the train's disappearance seemed to be the end of an era.

Now, with the Greenbush train on the horizon a new era in transportation in Cohasset and the South Shore is beginning. MacDonald hopes that the train might simplify trips to Boston, "it will make it a lot easier to go shopping." She also mentioned the increased difficulty in navigating the streets of Boston, many of which have changed throughout the Big Dig project.

"I think I'd like to be on the first train when it comes back in September," says MacDonald, "that might be fun."

Cohasset Triathlon is picking up speed

FROM TRIATHLON, PAGE 1

"The Cohasset triathlon is positioned to be a great event. The location is ideal. The athletes are looking forward to it. But, as I told Bill, 'Your event is only as good as the volunteers.' I would expect a first class event on July 8," said Brian Noyes, Event Director of the well-established long running Duxbury Triathlon.

The scenic course begins with a 1/4-mile ocean swim at Sandy Beach. The race is specifically being held in July when the water temperature will average between 62 and 65 degrees. A 12-1/2-mile bike will follow the swim. The course winds through Cohasset and North Scituate and will begin at Sandy Beach, then head down Atlantic Avenue to Jerusalem Road. Riders will continue down Jerusalem Road to Route 228 and turn left (south). The course heads east down Main Street toward the Common and proceeds straight into North Scituate. In North Scituate, the course makes a left on Gannett Road and then a left onto Border Street. The final leg will take riders back onto Atlantic Avenue and finally to the transition area at Sandy Beach.

Once back at the beach, athletes will begin the 3.2-mile run that will loop around Little Harbor. Runners will follow Nichols Road to Jerusalem Road and turn left. The course will take the runners around the Common to Beach Street. Runners will follow Beach Street to Atlantic Avenue with an exciting finish just a short distance from the transition area.

Burnett has worked closely with town departments to get this event off the ground. The Board of Selectmen approved the race back in September. Town Manager Bill Griffin and the Sandy Beach Association have helped immensely making the "Cohasset Tri" possible, says Burnett.

"We have fantastic support from the town with this event."
— Bill Burnett, race director

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The race has attracted "fantastic sponsors," according to Burnett, and include The Red Lion, O Water, BMW of Norwell, Dean & Hamilton, the Fruit Center in Hingham, the Bicyclelink in Weymouth, Atlantic Bagel, 93.7 Mike FM and the South Shore Hospital. Mike FM 93.7 will provide entertainment and music from their mobile truck in the transition area at Sandy Beach to help create a festive backdrop for racers and spectators.

The sponsors are eager to be a part of the first time event because of the race itself and the organization its proceeds will benefit.

"The Cohasset Triathlon is a perfect fit for O Water. We are both young organizations, and we look forward to growing together with the Cohasset Triathlon. We can't wait until race day!" said Jimmy Seaborg of O Beverages, who is donating all the water for the racers at the finish.

[The Fruit Center] is thrilled to be asked to participate and we look forward to supporting the triathlon and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation," said Mike Dwyer, Marketing Director for the Fruit Center. The Fruit Center will provide nourishment to racers at the finish.

The sponsors help to cut down race costs so the greatest amount of money can be donated to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). Registration fees ($60/individual and $95/relay team) will generate approximately $30,000 and the net proceeds will go to JDRF. Athletes are also encouraged to get sponsors to raise additional money for the cause,. The goal is to generate $10,000 from racer sponsorships, and $4,000 has already been raised.

The JDRF is an organization searching for a cure for Type I Diabetes. Type 1 diabetes strikes children suddenly and makes them insulin dependent for life, and carries the constant threat of devastating complications.

Children with Type 1 diabetes no longer produce insulin, but without it, they cannot survive, which means they must take it either through several shots each day or through an insulin pump which is worn 24 hours a day. Blood sugar must also be monitored throughout the day by pricking the finger. The short-term effects of severe low blood sugar can be dangerous, and the long-term complications from high blood sugar can include heart disease, kidney failure, blindness and amputations.

"It's a great event for the town and it's a great event for diabetes," says Burnett, "I hope people are out in their lawn chairs cheering on the athletes the day of the race."

To find out about volunteering or registering for the Cohasset Triathlon, visit www.cohasset-tri.com. For more information on Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, visit www.jdrf.org.

Late train stalled at the station

FROM TRAIN, PAGE 1

"There was a groundswell that wanted more mid-afternoon trains," he said about the survey. Some hospital workers, for example, go to work early and want to come back early between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m.

Selectman Gary Vanderweil said 108 responses was hardly a "tidal wave of interest" and that not a large number were interested in a later train. He said a late train that was not at capacity would consume energy and not be wise environmentally. Vanderweil also said for those who want a mid-afternoon train – there is a 3:30 p.m. commuter boat. The terminal is only a short walk from South Station, he said.

Selectman Fred Koed said the timing is not right for the proposal. He said the issue should be looked at perhaps six months after Greenbush is in service. Selectman Ted Carr also said he preferred to leave things as is and perhaps revisit the issue down the road.

Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said while some people would gain an occasional benefit — such as those attending a late Red Sox game — those living next to the tracks would never get a break and suffer the entire burden. "How to make it fair to everyone, that is the big issue," he said.

Brennan also explained that the MBTA did not indicate how late the train would be only that it would be "later than the last train."

Selectmen reached a consensus that they were not in favor of a late train at the present time.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Midnight train

Over the years, the Mariner has made no secret of the fact that it has supported restoration of the Greenbush Line of the Old Colony Railroad Project.

By late summer or early fall, Greenbush service will resume after 48 years. We think ultimately the train will be good for the South Shore.

But with that being said, we think Selectmen did the right thing by not welcoming a late train without further study. It is not clear at this time if a train that would run "sometime after the last train at 10 p.m." would attract enough riders to make it worthwhile.

In our view Greenbush is supposed to provide convenient service to commuters at peak times. It is not the T – which runs every so-many-minutes throughout weekdays and on weekends.

Surely if residents along the Greenbush corridor want to go in to see a nighttime Red Sox game, they can drive to Braintree and take the T. The trip there and back along Route 3 would be in off-peak times. Therefore, sports fans should be able to reach the T station without too much hassle.

And as Selectman Gary Vanderweil pointed out, the commuter boat provides an alternative for folks who work the early shift in town and want to return earlier in the afternoon rather than wait for the train.

Those living along the tracks, as Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said at Monday's Selectmen's meeting, are going to be shouldering the "burden" of the train more than the rest of us.

Greenbush, in our view, is intended to provide commuter service to Boston and back. Let's keep it that way unless there is a groundswell of support for a late train.

Town web sites

Like it or not, the Internet is increasingly becoming a bigger part of our lives. We think the Web can be a great source of information.

Cohasset's official town Web site: www.townofcohasset.org has been up and running for months.

It is well worth a visit.

Other web sites of town departments include:

- Cohasset police: www.cohassetpolice.com
- Cohasset schools: www.cohassetk12.org
- Paul Pratt Memorial Library: www.cohassetlibrary.org
- Cohasset Water Department: www.cohassetwater.org

Next time you boot up your computer, check them out.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Board of Health, March 21, 7 p.m.
Cable Advisory Committee, March 29, 7:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission, April 5 & 19, 7 p.m.
CMHS School Council, April 4 & May 2, 2:30 p.m. at the high school.
Planning Board, March 21, 7 p.m.
School Committee, March 21, 7 p.m.
Selectmen, March 26, 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, March 31, 8:15 a.m.
Stormwater Committee, March 20, 7 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals, April 3, 7:30 p.m.

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Census forms need to be returned.

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If you are interested in becoming a member of the network, email Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com. She will answer any questions that you may have. The Mariner promises to remove you immediately from the Readers Advisory Network if you request that we do.



I think I like it, but just can't figure out what it is!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rave reviews for 'Dancing with the Stars'

TO THE EDITOR:

The calls and e-mails of congratulations and enthusiasm are still coming in for ***Steppin' Out***, South Shore Art Center's sold-out "Dancing with the Stars" evening on March 3rd at the Red Lion Inn. It was a fabulous evening and a tremendous success made possible not just by the energy of Billy Costa and the talented dancers from eXtreme Danceport and Studio 665 but also by the effort and support of SSAC's enthusiastic staff and volunteers. It was amazing, over the months of planning and preparation, how the project grew almost exponentially and everyone's willingness to assume more and more responsibility matched every new decision. Clearly, it was this untiring enthusiasm for our very own "Dancing with the Stars" evening that made it "a party to be remembered for a long time."

As Chair of the event, I would like to thank the staff and committee members for their support and hard work. It truly was a team effort and they couldn't have been a better team. In particular, I think the most unsung heroes were Diane Kennedy, Assistant Director, who seemed to work on every detail 24/7, even when she was on vacation; Kimberlee Alemian, Graphic Designer, who designed an invitation and marketing materials that conveyed the evening so well that the tickets were selling as soon as the invitation was opened; Jen Willms, President-Elect, whose creative input and productivity were unparalleled; and Sarah Hannon, Executive Director, SSAC's and our unflappable leader.

In addition, I would like to thank Frank Near for bringing us Billy Costa; Michael Nedeau, owner of Party by Design, for designing and supplying the perfect ambience; Pat Cammett for her stunning flower arrangements; and all the committee members who contributed time and energy in acquiring silent auction items, selling tickets, and helping in every possible way before, during and after the event.

Lastly, I would like to thank our sponsors: Abbott Homes, Kitchen Concepts; HSBC Bank; Party by Design; Red Lion Inn; Boston Common Magazine; Boston Symphony Orchestra; HC Design; Home Center/Sotheby's; North American Top Gun; Adrian Morris Salon; and last, but definitely not least, Candace Cramer, SSAC's Director of Development, who worked so closely with all our sponsors.

Sandra Durant
16 Beach St.

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'Determining our own future'

COMMENTARY

JIM HAMILTON

Though Cohasset may not have the same acreage available as Lincoln, Cohasset can learn by Lincoln's example: develop what needs to be developed and conserve what needs to be conserved.

Since 1969 when the Massachusetts legislature enacted the Conservation Restriction Act, the procedures for creating conservation restrictions on land has helped thousands of Massachusetts families protect thousands of acres of open space, farmlands and forests.

A conservation restriction (CR) can be written for different purposes to suit the particular needs of the property owner. The owner may be donating the land to a town, agency or charitable conservation organization such as a local land trust like the Cohasset Conservation Trust (CCT).

The CCT led the conservation movement in Cohasset when it was formed in 1967 and continues to do so today. The CCT owns 14 properties totaling 90 acres, has participated in the purchase of two town properties, the Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary and the Brass Kettle Watershed, and holds the CR for the Barnes property.

Visit the Trust's website www.cohassetconservationtrust.org to learn more about these properties and how there are tax advantages when donating land to a land trust.

Altogether, between the private and public properties, there are 1,032 acres of conservation land in our town or approximately 1/3 of the town's total acreage.

Trustees of the Reservations (TTOR) and Town-owned conservation land are open for public use. Much of the CCT conservation land is also open for public use, but some are small pieces that provide scenic outlooks to Little Harbor and the Atlantic Ocean. Other CCT properties provide habitat for wildlife, are wetlands or have no public access since the acreage was donated to the Trust by abutters who wished to have the land set aside in perpetuity to preserve its original character.

Lately, the Cohasset Land Foundation (CLF) has been formed to acquire parcels of land: tracts large enough so that some of the acreage can be developed into marketable house lots which take the financial burden off the CLF when it comes to paying for the land. With some additional funding from the CCT and possibly the Community Preservation Committee (CPC), financing can be a cooperative venture among like-minded organizations. It's a reasonable concept to provide open space for the Town while meeting the needs of new homebuyers and abutters who prefer living next door to conservation land.

The CLF is based on another Boston suburban town, Lincoln, with many similar characteristics to Cohasset. Lincoln led the way in *conservation-based affordable housing*. Both towns are affluent with a growing proportion of expensive housing and both pride themselves on their colonial historical background and high percentage of open space. Lincoln has been successfully at work on their affordable housing percentage longer than Cohasset that only formed its Cohasset Housing Partnership (CHP) this summer. Both towns recognize that housing should be made affordable for first-home buyers such as young families and town employees as well as seniors.

Both towns also recognize that initiating affordable housing units from within, rather

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Traffic control at RR crossing

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN



Portadam supports prior to installation.



Support system partially installed.

MBTA and North Main Street signs – There have recently been a number of issues concerning traffic control signs in the vicinity of the railroad crossing on North Main Street. Residents have asked some new signage near the homes on the Cohasset side of the tracks. Last week, there was an accident in which a driver apparently spanned the traffic divider island on the Hingham side of the crossing neatly shearing all of the signs from the island. So, now there are no warning signs on the island. CBB quickly responded with some temporary markers to delineate the island. Permanent and replacement signs are on order.

On Tuesday morning one of us met with an MBTA representative, the DEP superintendent and police chief. They agreed to:

- The MBTA will move the 35 MPH speed limit sign from the edge of Woodside Cemetery (when traveling toward Cohasset) and move it to the Cohasset side of the tracks beyond the new N. Main Street entrance to the station. (Note – This road in Hingham going toward Cohasset has a "Thickly Settled" sign, which carries an implicit 30 MPH limit. *Did you remember this?* By moving the 35 MPH sign to the Cohasset side of the tracks we will maintain the 30 MPH limit until Cohasset bound drivers are past the station entrance.)
- A "Caution Children" for Hingham bound traffic will be placed before the home at 488 North Main St. by the Cohasset DPW (This will warn drivers to slow in the vicinity of the residences in this area.)

Forest Ave. Street and Sidewalks – Just to keep you up to date, this past week we will be receiving bids from tree companies for the necessary removal of the trees prior to the Forest Avenue sidewalk construction. Based on questions from the potential bidders we expect that five bids will be received for this work. State law mandates that we award the tree removal to the lowest qualified bidder. This portion of work should actually start around the end of March or early April. So, be on the lookout for construction workers along Forest Avenue during this time frame.

More on the harbor wall reconstruction – Last week we spent quite a bit of our column talking about the Portadam that would be erected along Border Street to facilitate the reconstruction of the seawall. On Wednesday of this week Portadam installation began. The first accompanying photo shows workers staging the Portadam supports in the harbor area prior to installation. As you can see this was done prior to low tide in preparation for the actual installation work during low tide.

The other photo shows a small section of support grids for the waterproof membrane that will form the backbone of the dam during installation. It's difficult to see in this photo, but each support is securely braced to the adjacent supports. This will make the supporting grid strong enough to resist the forces of the tides. The installers tell us that complete installation of the Portadam will take four to five days. So, we should see the contractor working on the wall sometime next week.

Support System partially installed – Another interesting component of the seawall reconstruction project will be the traffic control that will be used along Border Street. Because the work will probably block the Border Street lane adjacent to the harbor, one-way traffic will be necessary. The contractor will be deploying a one-way traffic light system at Border Street. The traffic light system will allow traffic to flow in one direction and then in the opposite direction. There will be a delay between the light cycles to permit the traffic coming from one direction to clear before traffic is permitted to flow in the opposite direction. (You may remember that a similar system was employed on Route 3A while the bridge over the North River in Marshfield was being reconstructed.)

Two other phases of this harbor wall project are currently out for bid. These phases are to restore the harbor wall between Lawrence Wharf and the Veterans Memorial and then to restore the sea wall at the Cohasset Sailing Club. These two projects are no where as complicated as the harbor wall currently under construction. There was a bidder's conference on Wednesday, March 14th. (Bidder's conferences are routinely held so that prospective bidders have a chance to ask questions of the design engineer and to visit the site of the work. This permits the bidder to submit a more accurate bid, sometimes at a lower cost, because they will have fewer unknowns.) When the bids are opened on March 22nd we will know whether we will have sufficient funds remaining to complete one or both of these remaining wall restorations.

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Welcome to the dark (roast) side

TALES FROM THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT



DIANE K. DANIELSON

I don't trust people who don't drink coffee for four reasons: (1) They obviously have some sort of natural edge over me; (2) they hail from that mythical land of nod where they regularly get uninterrupted nights of sleep; (3) they must have some other addiction that I don't know about; or (4) they don't have any addictions at all and therefore barely qualify as human — just like all those people who exercise at 5:30 a.m. in the morning.

I used to be one of those non-coffee drinkers. But, I came over to the dark side the day I enrolled in law school and began reading boring texts; attending 7:30 a.m. classes in ancient, unheated buildings; and waking up repeatedly from night terrors involving not studying for a test, not knowing where or when a test was being given, and not having enough credits to graduate.

It's now well over a decade later, and I've managed to put law school far behind me, although I still occasionally wake up in a cold sweat over a school-related nightmare. These are often followed by a sigh of relief that it's just a nightmare and not early menopause. However, my sleepless nights are more often the result of working late, and a child who every hour on the hour needs a drink of water, a visit to the bathroom, or to climb into bed with Mommy. *(As a single parent since my son's birth, I've never had the luxury of saying those three magic words on which most marriages hinge: "It's your turn.")* On the flip side, at least somebody wants to climb into bed with Mommy these days.

However, coffee is not just about the caffeine. It also serves as an integral social connecter in most people's lives.

I've resorted to bribery for the latter *(meaning paying my child not to climb into bed with me)*, but I've come to accept the fact that not working late actually increases the middle of the night panic attacks where counting the items on my never-ending "to do" list never quite manages to put me back to sleep. Hence, I'm forced into frequent worship at the altars of the patron saints of coffee beans, otherwise known as Dunkin' Donuts and Starbucks.

However, coffee is not just about the caffeine. It also serves as an integral social connecter in most people's lives. Coffee brings people together whether we're conversing with colleagues in the company kitchen *(cursing the coffee cad, who has once again left just enough in the pot to avoid brewing a fresh one; yet never enough for more than a quarter cup of dregs);* visiting the local coffee shop with friends; or, for those of us who work from home, using Starbucks as our official conference room.

Why? Because coffee is the ultimate equalizer. We're all the same in the eyes of the barista and our desperate desire for that decadent cup of dark roast. And while a "double decaf venti latte frappawhatever" from Starbucks may be more expensive than a gallon of gasoline these days, it's still accessible to most everyone (*as opposed to good hair days and that new Dolce & Gabbana suit I've had my eye on).*

Yet, for those of you able to resist the soothing aroma, I congratulate you. And, as I sit here in Starbucks writing this column and relishing my tall coffee of the day, I offer a conciliatory, although somewhat wary, toast to the non-coffee drinkers within our realm. *(Meanwhile, in the back of my mind, a John Williams' theme song is playing, and in a galaxy far, far away, Darth Vader is warning Luke Skywalker to "[never] underestimate the power of the Dark Side.")*

Diane K. Danielson is a Cohasset resident who moved here only after her broker assured her that the town was big enough to have both a Starbucks AND a Dunkin' Donuts. For more of Diane's random musings, check out her blog at www.womensDISH.com.

HEALTH NOTES

Being prepared for a 'Bon Voyage'

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Careful planning for a getaway, short or long will make any vacation better, particularly if your plan covers the unforeseen occurrences which may get in the way of an otherwise enjoyable interlude. If you're thinking about a getaway this spring, it's also a good time to think about some things that may help you stay healthy.

The Center for Disease Control web site: www.cdc.gov/travel.htm has a comprehensive summary of travel health tips. It provides information for the specific destination, giving applicable travel alerts together with necessary vaccinations, a listing of prevalent diseases, tells about mosquito and tick protection, warnings about safe food and water. There's even a green sheet ranking the health and safety of individual cruise ships.

It's suggested that you put together a travel health kit. You should pack your prescribed medications, including an antibiotic to self-treat moderate to severe diarrhea. In addition, bring an over-the-counter medication to prevent diarrhea, sunscreen, insect repellent, and alcohol-based hand gels containing at least 60 percent alcohol to wash your hands if soap and clean water are not readily available. A popular new health accessory is a lozenge taken in water a few days before getting on an airplane, called *Airborne Formula* available from pharmacies. Allegedly, it provides protection against airborne illnesses transmitted in aircraft. Remember to take sunscreen if you're going to a warmer climate. Remember, a health kit is useful only if it is available. It should be carried with the traveler at all times, e.g., in carry-on baggage and on excursions. All medications, especially prescription medications, should be stored in carry-on baggage, in their original containers with clear labels. With heightened airline security, sharp objects will have to remain in checked luggage. Oh, and bring your regular medications if you have any. Be sure to take a list of your prescriptions. Also, they have these pill organizer boxes with columns of compartments for days in the week and rows for times in the day.

Do you have both the required and appropriate vaccinations for the country you are going to?

Check your health insurance for travel restrictions. Some policies restrict coverage in travel situations. Also make sure you know where to get medical care at your travel destination.

Be sure you find out what you can carry on an aircraft before you pack and prepare for your trip. There's a maximum three-ounce restriction about liquids and gels in carry-ons, including toothpaste that one may carry on. At least there was, last time we checked. Oh, and don't forget to remove the guns from your shoes.

Do you have both the required and appropriate vaccinations for the country you are going to?

For your destination, be sure to have the relevant Travel Warnings and Public Announcements concerning civil unrest and other conditions as well as Consular Information Sheets with information about travel requirements such as new or unusual entry or currency requirements.

And when you pack, don't forget handkerchiefs, warm *and* cool clothing, hats, the right shoes, sunglasses, bathing suit, etc.

And for cooking while traveling: Sometimes you may have to cook in unfamiliar places. Don't forget the basics of getting meats above 165 degrees Fahrenheit; keeping dairy products cool, and being very careful about kitchen hygiene.

Finally, don't bring back any unwanted souvenirs, and if you feel the least bit unusual, see a doctor right away to be sure that you're not carrying something contagious. Have a good trip!

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

When I'm glad I'm not Irish

HENSHAW



TOM HENSHAW

As you undoubtedly will be notified many times before this week is done, Saturday is St. Patrick's Day in South Boston and environs all over the South Shore, a day when Irishmen gather to trade stories of the Auld Sod that may or may not be true.

It is also the one day of the year when I'm glad I'm not Irish.

Oh, I have nothing against the good St. Pat. I hear tell he drove the snakes out of Ireland and I guess that's a plus. He also brought civilization to the heathen Irish although there are days when I'm not sure that some of them were not out to lunch at the time.

I don't have to wear one of those silly pins that says, "Kiss me, I'm Irish."

It's their methods of celebrating the day that throws me.

Not being Irish, I don't have to eat corned beef and cabbage on St. Paddy's Day. I don't know what they do to corn beef but I'm sure they don't do it in public. I'd rather have haggis, the Scot's national stomach turner.

I don't have to cry when an Irish tenor sings "Danny Boy," whether he's on key or not. What is it about the Irish that they can turn on the tear ducts at will even before the first notes of even an Irish jig hit the air?

I don't have to wear one of those silly pins that says, "Kiss me, I'm Irish." I'm not bragging when I say I've kissed a couple of girls in my time, some of them Irish, but I never had to wear such an invitation on my lapel.

I don't have to go around greeting friends and acquaintances with "Top o' the morning." I'm not even sure what a top o the morning is. The Irish have a facility for taking good words and turning them into something else, like "Irish coffee."

I don't have to go around explaining to my non-Irish friends why my Irish friend "Knocko" doesn't mind being called that. In fact, he rather enjoys it. I have known Irishmen to run for public office insisting their name be Knocko on the ballot.

I don't have to drink green beer at the local pub. I don't know what they add to perfectly good beer to make it green but whatever it is it can't be good for the stomach. Thankfully, I'm not called upon to drink beer any more, green or otherwise.

I don't have to pretend I'm carrying a shellalegh (I don't have to learn to spell it, either) for protection at St. Patrick's Day celebrations. Why they don't call it by its right name, a walking stick, is beyond me. It would help my spelling, too.

I don't have to wear a green necktie or a shamrock in my lapel. Fact is, I don't own a necktie of any color and what is a shamrock but a four-leaf clover that was grown on the other side of the Irish Sea?

And to all Irishmen who are bigger than me, I'm only kidding, lads.

Water issues on 'Our Town'

As the March 31 annual Town Meeting approaches OUR TOWN, co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with Water Commission Chairman Glenn Pratt for the full hour.

Pratt will field questions from the hosts on the water articles that are on the Warrant.

The water department is seeking authority to sell water to other municipalities. Relating to that issue, Pratt said at a recent Selectmen's meeting, "We are letting opportunity go out to the ocean everyday." However, Selectmen voted 4-1 not to recommend the article to Town Meeting.

A water rate increase is also on the Warrant. That issue received unanimous support from Selectmen.

Tune in and find out what Pratt has to say about these important issues and the goals of the water department.

Our Town airs Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9pm on Comcast Channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Stormwater bylaw should not be watered down

TO THE EDITOR:

Everyone agrees Cohasset has a serious, long-standing stormwater flooding and pollution problem, it's getting worse, and it affects our public health and safety. Everyone agrees we must do something to keep the situation from getting worse and remediate existing conditions.

It would seem a no-brainer. Yet the Stormwater Bylaw is already bogged down in controversy.

The crux of the matter is opponents don't want any infringement on their property rights even if their actions may infringe on their neighbor's property rights, nor do they want another level of bureaucracy.

Proponents advocate a reasonable regulation and permitting process by an independent commission dedicated solely to prevention and remediation of stormwater flooding and pollution will preserve everyone's property rights — and be effective in solving Cohasset's stormwater problem.

Two diametrically opposed positions held by intelligent well-meaning individuals.

In the middle are residents all over Town (Ripley Road, Smith Place, Pleasant Street, Elm Street, Atlantic Avenue, Beach Street, Rattle Snake Run, Deep Run to mention a few) whose yards and basements are regularly flooded and polluted by stormwater. They await and deserve relief.

Stormwater pollutes every water resource in Cohasset and hanging in the balance is the quality of our drinking water (Lily Pond) and recreational waters (i.e., Little Harbor & The Harbor). We, as residents, need to know this is being addressed.

The system we have in place isn't working and we need a new one.

I agree with the Selectmen's decision to postpone the Town Meeting vote on the Stormwater Bylaw — but for a different reason. I resigned from the Stormwater Committee because I couldn't support a watered-down version of the bylaw that would solve little and I was afraid it would pass at Town Meeting and we'd be stuck with it.

Some disagree with me, but based on what I've learned from sitting on the Water Resource Protection Committee, the Harbor Health Committee, the Stormwater Committee, and from talking with many of you who are affected by stormwater flooding, I am convinced we need a comprehensive bylaw and an independent commission.

A comprehensive stormwater bylaw won't prevent you from putting an addition on your house or from building a new house. It won't prevent residential or commercial developments. It won't prevent you from putting on a deck, erecting a shed, or planting a rock garden.

It will make it a little more difficult. Given the stakes, I think it's worth it. I hope you do too.

Karen Quigley
27 Clay Spring Road

Include North Cohasset in town water system

TO THE EDITOR:

Mr. McElroy provided the Mariner with a copy of his letter to Selectmen, the Town Manager and the Water Commission.

I noted with interest the proposal of the water commissioners to sell more water to neighboring towns.

First, I want to congratulate the water commissioners on their very hard work in maintaining and protecting the Cohasset water supply and distribution system. I also believe that they make a good case for selling water that can be safely projected will not be needed and would otherwise "go into the ocean."

However, five plus years ago, I asked the water commissioners to plan for incorporating North Cohasset into the Cohasset system (we currently receive water from Hingham, some of which is sold by Cohasset to Hingham).

I am totally dissatisfied with the Aquarion Water Company because they do not appear to have plan for maintenance of the distribution system pipes (unlike Cohasset, which has been diligent in its maintenance). I am not aware of comparative costs; both sources are expensive. I know that some people in North Cohasset have said that our Aquarion-supplied water has a bad taste to it and sometimes causes discoloration of laundry. I believe those complaints have subsided in recent years.

In any event, the first priority of the Cohasset Water Commissioners should be to extend its service to North Cohasset. The Commissioners have cited technical problems, but "where there is a will there is a way."

Perhaps North Cohasset will not confront serious water shortages for one or two decades, however it is inevitable. Including North Cohasset in the Cohasset system is the best answer to protecting us from future disastrous water shortages.

Joseph R. McElroy
59 Windy Hill Road

A tasty triumph thanks to local businesses

TO THE EDITOR:

The fourth annual Taste! fundraiser to benefit Wellspring and the Hull Lifesaving Museum was a great success. Almost 200 guests gathered at Atlantica Restaurant to sample wines and fabulous fare presented by a number of the areas best restaurants and caterers. The eateries participating brought their distinctive tastes and traditions to the party. From lobster bisque to tiny paper cones of fish and chips, spicy gumbo to jambalaya, artisan goat cheese to seafood stir fry and dozens of desserts – the guests enjoyed the chance to taste everything and then go back for more and more!

Atlantica, Bare Cove Gourmet, The Chef's Table, Maggie's Corner, The Borrowed Butler, Barefoot Bob's Beach Grill, Cherrywoods BBQ, Cohasset Wine and Spirits, DiNero's, French Memories, Jake's Seafood, Port Side Wines, Raffael's, Red Parrot Restaurant, Starbucks Coffee, The Silent Chef, Toast, The Ocean Club, Weinberg's, Vermont Butter & Cheese, and Java Jungle contributed to this tasty triumph.

Many thanks to the businesses, who not only donated scrumptious food, but also gave up an evening to participate; the volunteers who are a critical part of everything that we do; and of course our generous guests who made the evening so much fun! Every contribution matters and guarantees that Wellspring and the Hull Lifesaving Museum will always be here enhancing life on the South Shore.

Vinny Harte
Executive Director
Monica McKenney
Development Director
Wellspring

LIBRARY CORNER

Yoga classes still have openings

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information or to sign up for classes, call 781-383-1348 or visit gwalsh@ocln.org.

Yoga Classes – There still a few spaces left for yoga classes at the library. Instructors from the Cohasset Yoga Center will teach a variety of Hatha Yoga style classes in the library free to the public. Call the library to find out what classes are still available. To sign up for a class, call Gayle Walsh, adult services librarian, at 383-1348.

Knitting Group – The Knitting Group will meet Wednesday, March 21, at 10 a.m., in the Meeting Room. Edna Finegan of the Senior Knitting Group will be the instructor. Free. All knitting levels welcome.

Flower Exhibit – What better way to start the spring season than to see a flower exhibit at the library. The Amateur Garden Club of Cohasset invites the public to view their flower exhibit Thursday, March 22, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, March 23, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, March 24, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Library Book Group – Join the group for coffee and discussion of Jhumpa Lahiri's book "Interpreter of Maladies" on Wednesday, March 28, at 10 a.m. Free. All are welcome.

New Titles – Check out these new titles from the library: "The Secret" by Rhonda Byrne (in print and on CD), "The Jesus Family Tomb" by Simcha Jacobovici, "Grace Eventually: Thoughts on Faith" by Anne Lamott, "The Holiday" DVD starring Jude Law, and the new James Bond film "Casino Royale" starring Daniel Craig. Not on the shelf? Place a hold either online through the Web site at cohassetlibrary.org or call the library.

One Book One Cohasset – Join others on the Cohasset Common on Sunday, April 1, at 1 p.m., to help celebrate the end of the town-wide reading program, One Book One Cohasset. Author David McGillivray will be on hand to cheer everyone on as Cohasset Rotary's Road Race-By-the-Sea gets underway. Enter the race by contacting the Cohasset Rotary or join in the festivities.

Movie Matinee – Enjoy a free day-time showing of a golden oldie film at the Paul Pratt Library on Friday, April 6, at 11 a.m. The feature will be "Arsenic and Old Lace" starring Cary Grant. Free admission and light refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

FOR CHILDREN

The following programs for children are available at Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

MamaSteph is Back – MamaSteph will perform Mondays, at 10:30 a.m., in the Meeting Room through the end of April. Funded by the Friends of Cohasset Library. All ages and communities welcome.

Drop In Story Time – Big book stories, music and movement will be featured on Tuesdays in the Story Room at 10:30 a.m. during the month of March. All ages and communities welcome.

Absentee ballots available for Town Election

Absentee ballots for the annual Town Election on April 7 are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noon on April 6, at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. Residents may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

1. Absence from the town during the hours the polls are open.
2. Physical disability.
3. Religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed and the signature of the applicant.

A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may apply on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter; sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury; and mail or hand-deliver the application to the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter. Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an immediate member of the family to the Town Clerk's office by April 7 to be counted.

The Accu-Vote optical scan system will be used. Instructions to voters are printed on the ballot and any pen or pencil may be used. To vote, completely fill in the oval to the right of one's choice. Secrecy sleeves are available at the check in tables. The ballots can be inserted into the machine face up, face down, etc. and will be read. It is the usual policy to flip the ballot over so the blank side shows as they insert it into the machine. Voters who are uncomfortable with this should use the secrecy sleeve.

Anyone that is permanently physically disabled and cannot cast their vote at the polling place may file a letter from a physician with the Town Clerk, stating that you are permanently unable to cast a vote at the polling place because of physical disability. A completed application for an absentee ballot for you to sign and return will be mailed to you by the Town Clerk at least 28 days before every primary and election.

'Determining our own future'

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than from outside developers pushing 40B, can create more compatible housing in keeping with the town's character. The example that Lincoln has set is called Battle Road Farm, a 40 percent affordable condominium community that was built with a traditional New England farmhouse feeling including plantings typical of 19th century farms. Half the homes were reserved for local residents, town employees and employees of local nonprofit organizations who were selected from a lottery system. The homes are clustered around a town meadow and wetland that minimizes the disruption of the 47-acre natural environment. There is even some mixed use included featuring an office building that helped contribute funds to offset the costs and paid for an access road's reconstruction.

Though Cohasset may not have the same acreage available as Lincoln, Cohasset can learn by Lincoln's example: develop what needs to be developed and conserve what needs to be conserved. The town-owned acreage next to the Peppermint Brook watershed that the Selectmen just voted to put into a conservation restriction is an example of this principle. This parcel has little, if any, developable land, no real access, and doesn't perk. The true value of this land to the Town lies in its ability to protect our drinking water supply and conservation is appropriate.

Another example is the CLF's proposed project on Beechwood Street. Some land is being developed to provide moderately priced housing, the remainder of the land will be held in conservation by the CCT with 5-acres set aside for future use by the Town as recreation fields. The landowner receives a fair price, and the Town gets housing, recreation fields and conservation land — all at no cost to the taxpayer. A win-win situation.

Whether Cohasset can mix affordable housing with open space or not, there are other ways to achieve our goals. Opportunities can be found to rehabilitate existing structures into affordable condo or rental units that improve their neighborhoods as well as allow young families or seniors to live in neighborhoods integrated in the community not segregated in age or income restricted developments.

Whatever course the Town takes, somehow, it just feels right to make these decisions ourselves rather than have outsiders or special interests determining Cohasset's future.

Jim Hamilton lives at 298 King St.

Sustainable Cohasset launches film series

Sustainable Cohasset will commence its documentary film series with the first film to be shown in March. There will be three movies in all dealing with energy issues. Two of the films focus on energy issues in the United States and the third documents how Cuba survived an oil embargo.

The first film, "Who Killed the Electric Car," deals with the successful launch of the EV1 by GM's Saturn division. The leased cars were extremely popular and therefore when the leased vehicles were not renewed to their satisfied users, there ensued a unique campaign to return the vehicle to the California highways. Tom Hanks, Phyllis Diller and Jay Leno make appearances in the film. When the EV1 devotees did not succeed they even held a formal funeral. The film brings a humorous note to a serious study of a unique political and social phenomenon.

The public is welcome to view the film at Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Monday, March 19, at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

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Question of the Week

Despite all the concern about affordable housing over the past 10 years – Cohasset's affordable housing stock is still a little more than 2 percent and the town is still vulnerable to 40B projects. How serious is the affordable housing issue and what can be done about it?

SELECTMAN/ Ralph Dormitzer

The income and asset tests for affordable housing that the State Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) apply to applicants exclude most Cohasset residents. Affordable housing under Massachusetts General Law (MGL) 40B applies income and asset tests as follows: for rental housing, maximum annual income for a family of two $50,000, and assets $50,000; for ownership housing assets of $150,000. These restrictive qualifications mean that few Cohasset people qualify for affordable housing as defined by the State.

The State has set a goal of 10 percent affordable housing for every community and legislated comprehensive permitting for developers to circumvent local zoning ordinances in order to build their projects. Today in order to meet the 10% goal, Cohasset needs to add 228 affordable housing units. Should the Avalon and Cedarmere developments be completed as proposed, Cohasset would very nearly meet the State requirement.

At issue, however, is that 40B developments, and in particular, Avalon is not a response to a local need but an opportunistic response to a State law. Today, only 85 of the 300 employees of the Town of Cohasset live here. A more enlightened "affordable housing" law might have enabled these non-resident employees to live here with higher and more realistic incomes and assets. We continue to press for a new definition of affordability and welcome support for a more enlightened version.

SELECTMAN/ Paul Carlson

State law requires that 10 percent of housing in each town in the commonwealth meet stringent requirements for "affordable" housing. This law has been in effect for about 10 years with little enforcement. With more active enforcement, the state could require Cohasset, which is at approximately 2 percent, to permit development of affordable housing without the usual oversight from town boards, possibly causing more storm water, traffic, public safety and other problems. Our strongest defense is to show both good faith and real progress on this issue.

If the Avalon project goes forward, the 200 new units would bring us to about 9 percent and some additional smaller projects would bring us into compliance. However, we are rightly concerned that a large project such as Avalon will be very costly for the town, particularly the school and public safety departments. We must carefully prepare for these projects to protect Cohasset from being overburdened by the expenses required to fulfill our responsibilities.

The Cohasset Housing Partnership and the Cohasset Housing Authority are key groups working on this issue for the town. They are looking for solutions that will allow us to show progress. In addition, we should also work with our legislators and with other similar towns to find a legislative solution.

One possible solution for Cohasset is to encourage low-income senior housing. We have large cadres of active and concerned volunteers at the Senior Center and at FISH who can provide many services that may be needed.

We must also remember that few Cohasset residents or town employees will qualify for affordable housing under the income and asset tests, but elderly family members of some residents may.

I fully support affordable housing for those who are qualified. I will work to implement this program while maintaining Cohasset's character, services and affordability for our current friends and neighbors.

Has MCAS helped or hurt Cohasset? And is there a concern that student high-stakes testing hamstrings teacher creativity – forcing teachers to "teach to the test?"

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Adrienne MacCarthy

The MCAS tests provide us with an objective gauge of how well our children are learning the current curriculum. When properly used, the MCAS tests results can point out areas in need of improvement, whether these areas pertain to an individual student, teacher or encompass a larger problem with the curriculum. And, if any of you have had the pleasure of watching our Curriculum Coordinator, Nancy Mrzyglod walk the School Committee through the results of the MCAS it is clear that our administrative team clearly knows how to use the information provided from the MCAS tests.

I am a firm believer in the value of a quality public school system and equalizing role it plays in our society. Prior to MCAS, there was no real mechanism in place to insure all of our schools were adequately teaching the state mandated curriculum. The MCAS tests can ensure that every student graduating from a public school has a certain level of knowledge and skill by holding the schools accountable for their students performance. Here in Cohasset, MCAS results are only one of many tools used to measure excellence in our public schools. By the way last year, our 10th graders ranked 10th in the State for Math and 14th in the State for English that is compared to 15th (math) and 16th (English) in 2005. Cohasset Public Schools are continuing the commitment to excellence.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Peter Richardsson

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) was implemented as the Department of Education's response to the Education Reform Law of 1993. The purpose of the testing portion of the law is to identify individual students and school district, which need attention. Also, all students must pass the10th grade level test to earn a diploma. According to a new Department of Education report, a record 89 percent of students in the class of 2008, this year's junior class, have already passed both the English and Math MCAS exams, meeting the state's requirement to earn a high school diploma. Although Cohasset's MCAS scores have slipped lately, from the third rated school in the Commonwealth in 2001 to 16th last year, needing the Commonwealth's attention hardly seems applicable to Cohasset.

The goals for the Cohasset School District are to be rated as a "top ten" school across ten different measures. The testing metrics include the ERBs, the Sanford 10, the SATs, etc. Other metrics include highly competitive college placements, National Merit Scholarship performance, and graduation percentage, where it was recently announced that Cohasset was ranked 3rd last year. In light of Cohasset's lofty expectations, the Commonwealth's imprimatur of the MCAS belies the test's relevance to a district that is competing to be literally the best. The MCAS is not close to the highest hurdle that Cohasset hopes to clear.

Testing is the most important tool used to prepare and evaluate students. Equally important, it helps a district refine and focus its attention and resources. MCAS is a useful tool, but Cohasset should be teaching to the goal, not any test.

NEXT WEEK'S QUESTION

For Selectman and School Committee candidates: *Town boards have a lot of business to attend to. However, it is the public's business. Even as reporters we face challenges grasping all the issues and at times, boards do not relate well to audience members whether present at the meeting or on TV. What can you do to ensure the government's business is more "user friendly" to the citizenry?*

Responses should be brief — no more than 300 words — and should be received by 5 p.m., Tuesday. Candidates are asked to be specific and make every word count. Submissions will be cut if they exceed the word limit. (We use the word-count feature on the computer to determine the number of words.)

Candidates may reply by e-mail at mford@cnc.com; by fax at 781-741-2931, or by dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building, 73 South St., Hingham Square. However they choose to deliver their answers, candidates should adhere to the 5 p.m. Tuesday deadline.

We will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited to a few paragraphs (about 150 words), from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers, short position statements and the like.

The Mariner will not accept letters to the editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

If you have questions, or would like to suggest a Question of the Week, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at mford@cnc.com.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Cox, 736 Jerusalem Road, $75,000, addition and remodel as per plan, re-roof, re-side; Turgiss, 96 Jerusalem Road, $9,250, bathroom renovation; Herzfelder, 133 Beach St., $150,000, kitchen, playroom extension, add bath per plans; Pond St. Dev., 35 Pond St., $25,000, replace existing kitchen cabinets; Noon, 11 No. Main St., 28 squares asphalt roofing tiles.

Global Signal, 149 King St., install three telecommunications antennas, $51,500; Maitch, 15 Linden Drive, install 20 square feet of red cedar side walling, $20,000; Blaze, 35 Rustic Drive, install 14 square feet of shingles, $6,000; Cohasset Golf Club, 175 Lamberts Lane, install 40 square feet of white cedar side walling; $40,000; Hixson, 45 Church St., install replacement windows and one new window, $4,400; King Street Dev., 156 King St., remove one wall and install one wall, $3,000;

Wood, 36 Cedar Acres Lane, install stainless steel flue liner in fireplace, $1,500; Thaxter, 808B Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., install replacement sign, $850; Longo, 22 Bancroft Road, remodel kitchen and porch, $500; Reed, 98 Beechwood St., 12 squares of roofing, $4, 950; Costello, 646 Jerusalem Road, 40 squares of roofing, $33,750; Kupsc, 34 Arrowwood St., remodel bathroom and reconfigure roofline, $8,000; Norman, 26 Atlantic Ave., remodel full bathroom and remodel kitchen, $50,000; Blanken, 196 Fairoaks Lane, remodel family room, replace all windows and exterior doors, reside, replace all exterior trim, $100,000;

Chamberlain, 7 Old Coach Road, remodel existing bathroom, $4,000; Richardson, 126 Border St., remodel existing master bathroom, $25,000; Mullaney, 480 Jerusalem Road, partial removal of existing structure, construct two story addition per plan, $500,000; Rosano, 59 Hull St., demolish four feet of existing garage, $5,000; Schooner Realty, 31 Pond St., new 3,493 square foot family residence, $560,000; Whitley, 46 Wheelwright Farm, remodel bathroom, $10,000; Corriveau, 12 Cedar Acres Farm, 36 square feet of asphalt roofing, $11,900; McGurrin, 100 Pond St.

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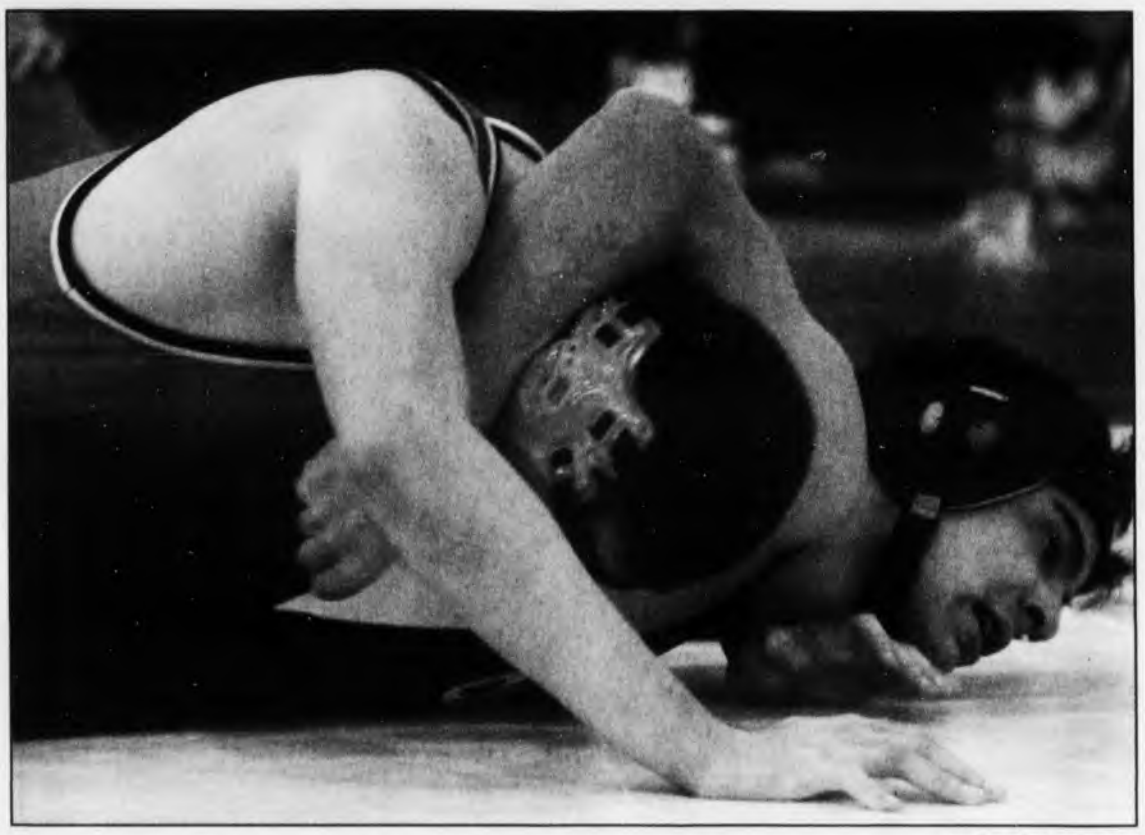
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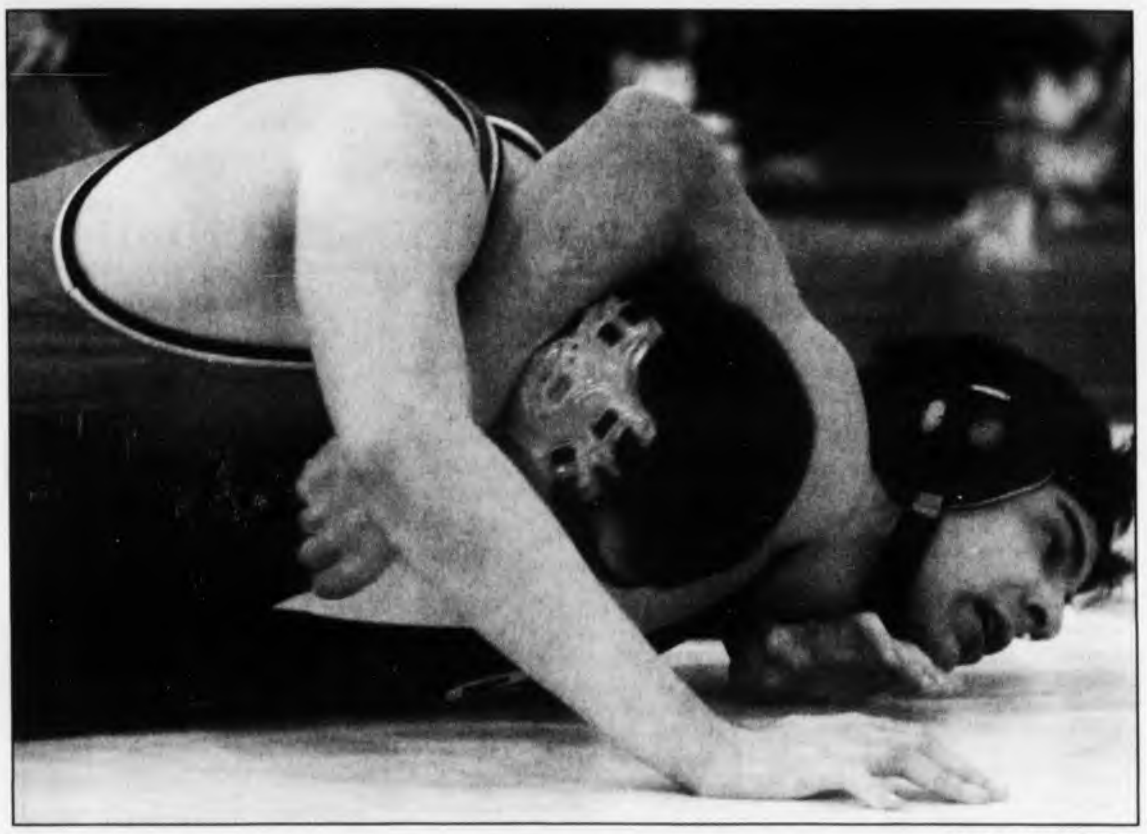
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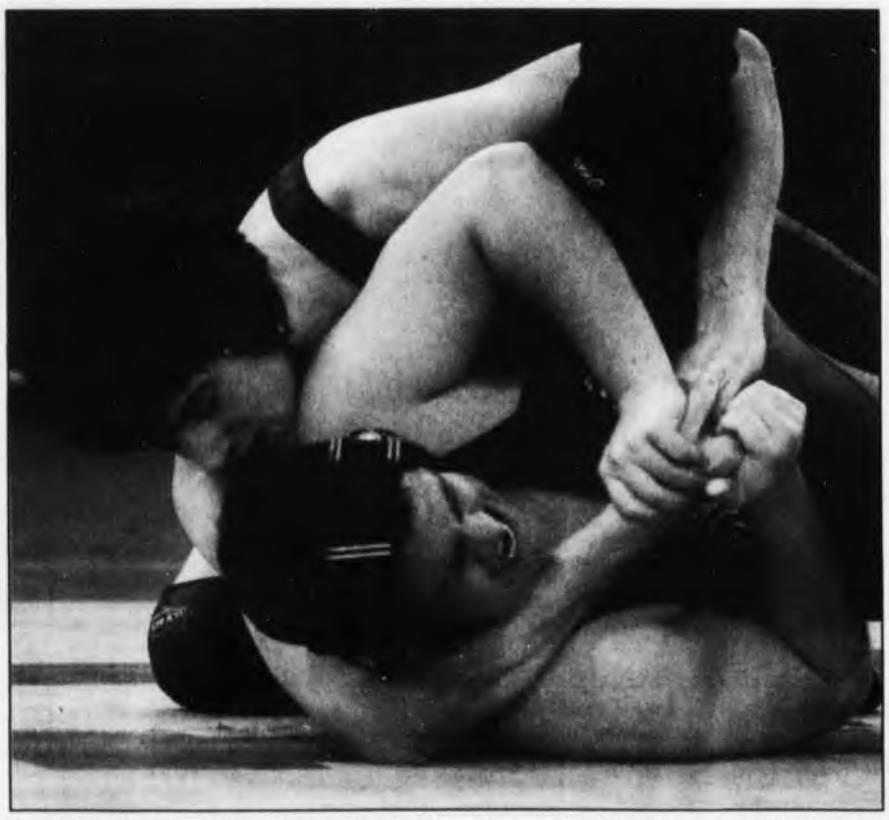
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- 135: Sophomore Andrew Liberty finished the season strong with a win in the sectionals and will only get better.

- 140: Three freshman shared this spot: Jake Wheelwright, Andrew Littauer and Mike Dorion, with Dorion getting most of the varsity work. All three will contend for varsity spots next year; it's a talented group of freshmen.

- 145: Senior Adam Smith, three-year varsity starter. Finished 30-10 while nursing a late-season injury. He got healthy enough to take second in the sectionals and fourth in the state in a very tough weight class. Great finish to a career in which he won 80 matches.

- 152: Senior Gannon Dorion was finally was able to get he own varsity sport after spending two years behind state champs David McKenna and his brother, Shane. He made the most of the opportunity and went 31-15 (eight losses at 160) and third in the sectionals. He won a match at the states. An awesome competitor, he will be missed.

- 160: Senior Tim Toomey, 34-15 (nine losses at 171). He could have placed in the state at 152 but chose to help the team by wrestling at 160/171, and he did it well. Tim is a four-year varsity starter and had a great season. He took fourth in the sectionals and won a match at states, finishing his career with 81 varsity wins.

- 171: Junior Nick Secatore, Weigh-in at a light 160 with Toomey so we could cover the 171 weight. Often Nick had to wrestle the other teams best kid and did it well. This is only his second year wrestling so next year he will turn it on; he's a very hard worker.

- 189: Senior Nick Cambi, a two-time New England qualifier, fourth at All-States. Became Cohasset's 10th state champion. He won the sectional tournament and the Cohasset Tournament, finished third at both the Marshfield Tourney and the North Quincy Tournament.

- 215: Junior Steve Hurlbut took third in the sectionals and second in the Cohasset tourney; also took sixth ay North Quincy. He had a great season and finished 34-17. He was voted the Most Improved Wrestler on the team. He will be the team leader next season!

- 215: Freshman Nick Lieberman came on board later in the season after a football injury healed. It was well worth it. He gained valuable experience and won some matches. He's a good, hard worker that could be a state place winner with hard work.

- Swing man (145/152) Sophomore Mike Froio, 12-6 record. His biggest match came with a win over Carver's Mike Babbon in the league championship match. Froio's win, a 7-5 victory, was the upset we needed to finish off Carver that evening.

- Another swing man, Ross Collins-Wooley, also earned his second varsity letter, working in the line while Smith was injured. Ross is a good competitor and will vie for a varsity spot next season.

- 152: Senior Rob Brady joined the team last season and became a good wrestler but couldn't crack the experienced lineup. His efforts and commitment to the team where much appreciated.

- Rounding out the squad: Freshmen Matt Dooley, Sean McCarthy, David Hurlbut and Christian Brady, and sophomores Zach Troup and Chris O'Grady.



COURTESY PHOTOS

The fifth grade Abington Stars Basketball League finalists.

Cohasset Youth Basketball

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boys a bye during the first round of the playoffs tomorrow. They take the court in the semifinal round on Sunday afternoon in a game that will be played at Hull High School. While playoff game times were not known as this story went to press, locations and game times for the playoffs will be posted on the Patriot League website (www.geocities.com/patriotleague2001).

7th grade boys against Abington - Patriot League

The Grade 7 boys played the talented Abington team this past Saturday at Cohasset High School. Although they were defeated by double digits, the boys played a very solid offensive game against one of the Patriot League leaders.

Abington got off to an early lead, as they worked their inside game to their advantage. The front line of **Robbie Mahoney**, **Chris Murphy** and **Jay Salerno** were undersized, but they played tough enough to keep the game within reach.

The offense was slow to start, but they began to put points on the board, with **Jamie Faber** and Murphy contributing with baskets outside and inside. Faber continued to play very well from the two-guard spot, as he played active defense. He also took what the Abington defense gave him, alternately taking the outside shot and slashing to the basket.

After Abington went on a run to take a comfortable lead, the boys continued to be aggressive offensively. **Pat Kearney** heated up from the outside, hitting two three-pointers in the first half, and **Patrick MacCormack** hit a nice jumper from the lane after he drove in. Mahoney continued to be the force inside and Salerno continued the battle, as well.

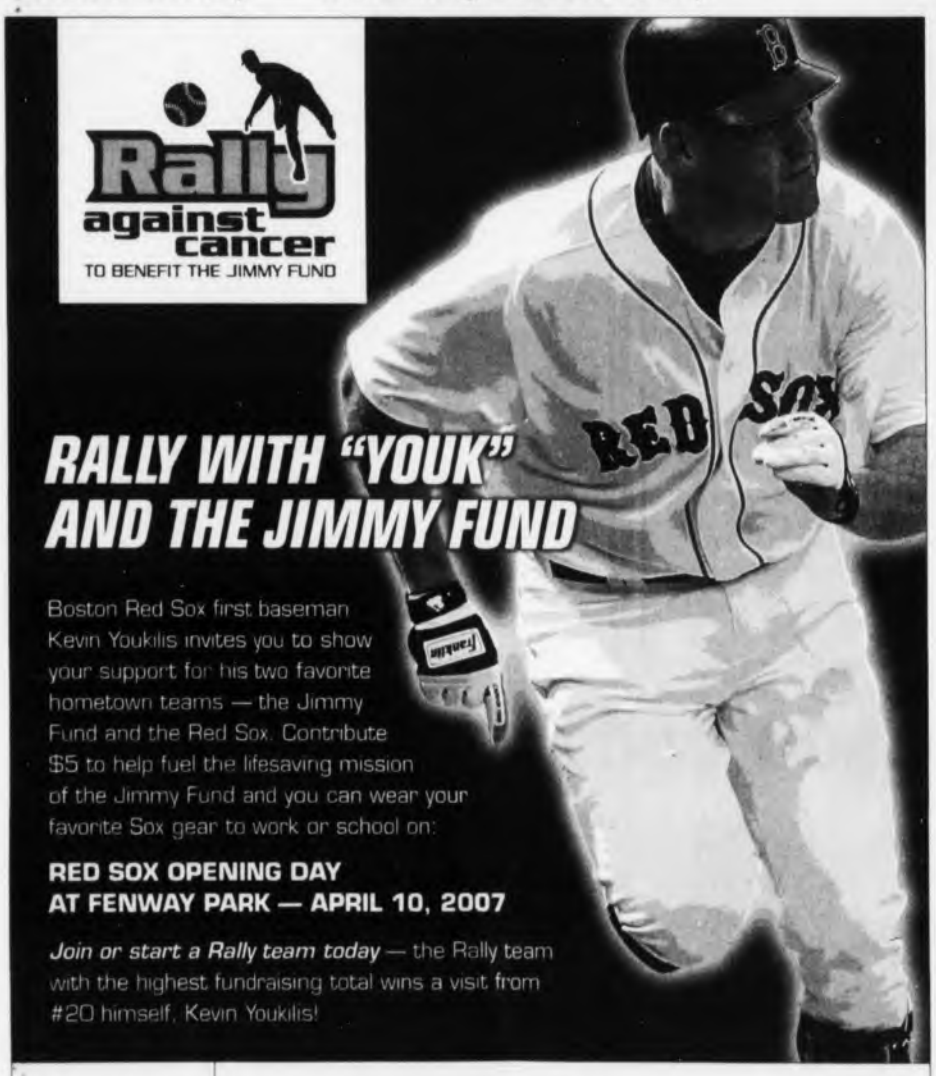
Morgan McCarthy pulled down some tough offensive boards, and he and Chris Lunde kept the passing game flowing. **Kyrel Jaundoo** was persistent on defense, as he continually disrupted passing lanes and slowed the Abington break. He also finished off a nice fast break with a lay-in.

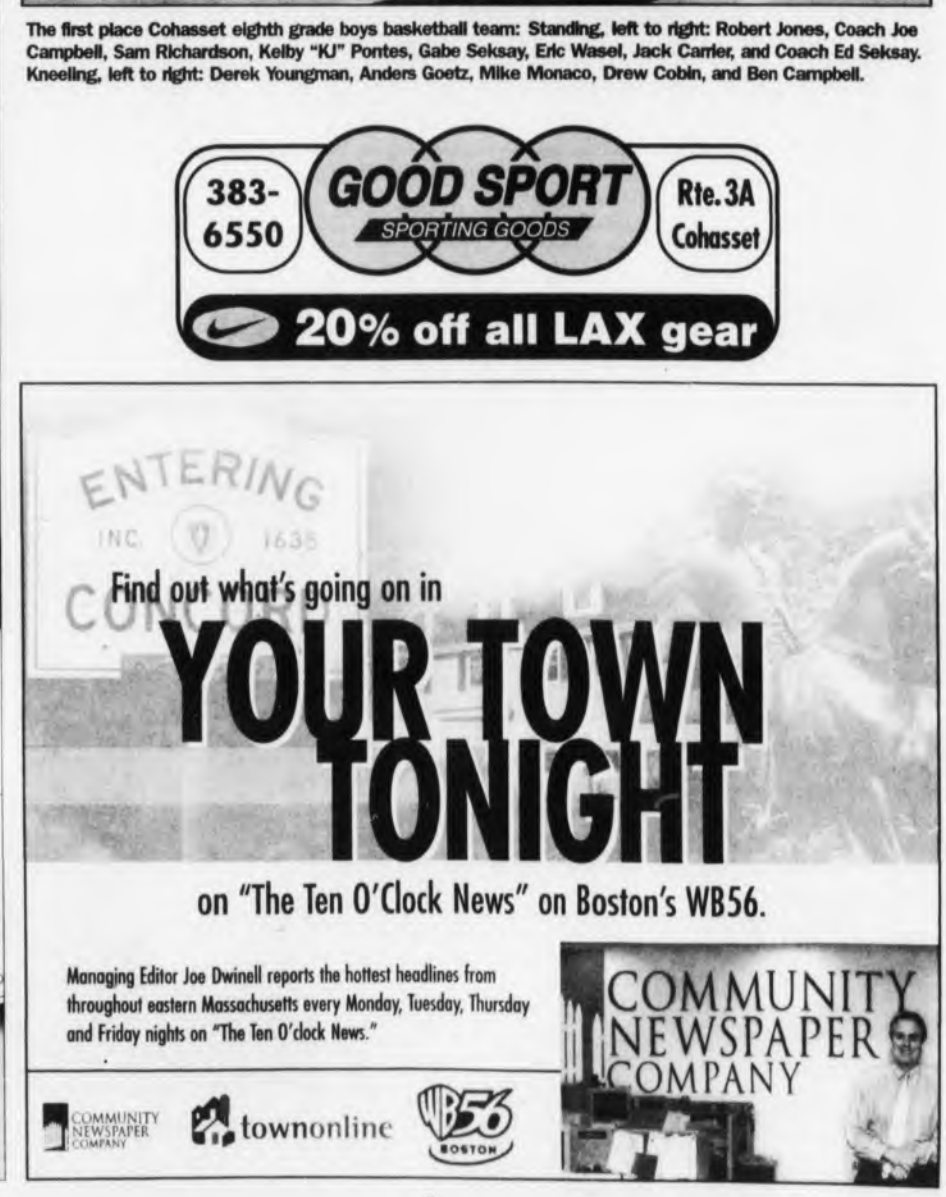
In the second half, Cohasset continued to score consistently. They moved the ball around the perimeter, they caused turnovers leading to the fast break, and they hit some outside shots. Kearney drained another three from the wing, and MacCormack stuck his second jumper from inside the paint.

Faber and MacCormack continued to harass the Abington wings, and Faber ended the game on a high, completing a traditional three as the bell sounded.



The first place Cohasset eighth grade boys basketball team: Standing, left to right: Robert Jones, Coach Joe Campbell, Sam Richardson, Kelby "KJ" Pontes, Gabe Seksay, Eric Wasel, Jack Carrier, and Coach Ed Seksay. Kneeling, left to right: Derek Youngman, Anders Goetz, Mike Monaco, Drew Cobin, and Ben Campbell.





Sports Notes

Cohasset Recreation offers USCGA Boating Safety Course

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and Cohasset Recreation Department will sponsor a two-session Safe Boating Course, offering certification by both the Coast Guard and the commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The course will be offered to both youth and adults; however, certification in this course is mandatory for those 16 years old and younger who wish to operate any horsepower craft. This course is an initial requirement for the process of obtaining a Launch Operators License. USCGA instructors will teach the two-session course, which will take place on two consecutive Saturdays, May 12 and May 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Ripley Road, Cohasset.

To register, call Cohasset Recreation Department at 781-383-4109 as soon as possible, as the class will be limited by size, and participants will be enrolled on a first-call basis. There will be a $45 per person fee for this program, which covers the cost of the textbooks and class materials. The fee will be payable at the first class, and checks will be payable to the Coast Guard director.

While the class is designed for children/youth and adults, it is suggested that children age 12 and younger be accompanied by a participating adult. A segment of this class will be devoted to the new laws regulating personal water craft.

State certification cards will be issued and most insurance companies will offer insurance rate discounts to those completing this course.

April vacation baseball clinic offered

South Shore Baseball Camp will provide an April vacation baseball clinic Tuesday, April 17, through Friday, April 20, at Barnes Field Complex. The clinic will take place from noon to 2:30 p.m., and this week-long program will cost $100 per participant.

For more information, call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109. Registration forms can be found at the Recreation office, first floor, Town Hall. Credit card registration can be made by calling South Shore Baseball club at 781-740-4382. Forms are also are available at Cohasset Recreation Department at Cohasset Town Hall.

Recreation Department offers Boot Camp Fitness Training

Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a bi-weekly Boot Camp Fitness Training Program to be instructed by Betsy Callahan.

This physical training opportunity will meet from 6 to 7 a.m., on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting Tuesday, April 3, on Cohasset Common, in front of Town Hall. The fee for this session is $100, and checks can be made payable to Town of Cohasset. Those interested can register for any class at 6 a.m. at Town Hall. The first 10-week session will conclude Thursday, June 7. The second session will begin Tuesday, June 12.

Callahan will run an interval callisthenic and running fitness program for both men and women for all levels of ability.

EMASS Senior softball

Senior softball registration for players age 55 and over will continue until Tuesday, April 10. Check www.emass-senior-softball.com or call John Stewart at (617) 969-0950.

South Shore Arthritis Walk

The Arthritis Foundation seeks walkers of all ages to form teams for the sixth annual South Shore Arthritis Walk, the Arthritis Foundation's nationwide walk event that raises awareness and crucial funds to fight arthritis, the nation's number one cause of disability.

The walk will take place Sunday, May 6, at Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth and is open to both teams and individuals. This annual event raises funds for critical arthritis research and for community health programs that help people in Massachusetts live better with arthritis until a cure is found.

In Massachusetts alone, 1.5 million adults have arthritis and 3,000 children have juvenile arthritis. The Arthritis Walk features a fully accessible one-mile walk and a three-mile walk, followed by a post-walk celebration.

To register or for information, call Terri Fedrow at the Arthritis Foundation at 617-219-8220 or visit www.southshorearthritiswalk.kintera.org.

Swim and dive team's season ends with a splash

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been broken and re-established during this season. The seniors were presented with senior gifts—a navy fleece blanket with the team logo.

Fortin also presented the 2006-07 MVP (Most Valuable Participant) awards for the season. The boys MVP award was presented to senior captain Justin Damaso for his "invaluable leadership, commitment and contributions to the team."

The girls MVP award was presented to Little, the only member of the girls team to qualify for state final competition in an individual event.

"Megan is an incredibly hard worker and is without a doubt a future leader of this team," Fortin said.

For a touch of humor Fortin presented the MRT (Most Restless Traveler) award to freshman Caitlin Mahoney and senior Brent Daly. The team travels 30 minutes each way to and from the pool for practice.

For his impressive display of sportsmanship during the boys 400 freestyle relay at the Sstate final meet, Daly was re-presented with a bronze medal to replace the medal that he gave up after his race to injured teammate, senior Colin Conway.

"The team knows that if it weren't for the hard work that Colin put in all season, the relay team wouldn't have gotten as far as it did," Daly had explained at the state event.

Conway swam the second leg of that relay in every meet this year, including state sectionals, and it was heartbreaking to him when he dislocated his shoulder swimming the 200-free event 30 minutes before the start of the 440-free relay.

Fortin said he had "never been as impressed as when Brent Daly told me he was giving up his medal. Those boys swam that race for Colin and broke that league record. They ended up with a third place finish at state finals, a new team record and shattered the old league record from the beginning of the season by five seconds. As far as this team is concerned, we have the state's only five-member 400-freestyle relay team."

To wrap up the evening, team captains Damaso, Rob Lilly, Alyssa Campbell and Sheelah Scott made team presentations and individually thanked Fortin for all his hard work, leadership and guidance.



PHOTOS/CRAIG GOEDECKE

Sci-Coh coach Jon Fortin takes a look at his new photo album with team captain Alyssa Campbell. The scrapbook included newspaper articles, photographs and notes and letters from current and past team members.

To honor his efforts for the past two years as head coach, Fortin was presented with a scrapbook that included newspaper articles, photographs and notes and letters from current and past team members.

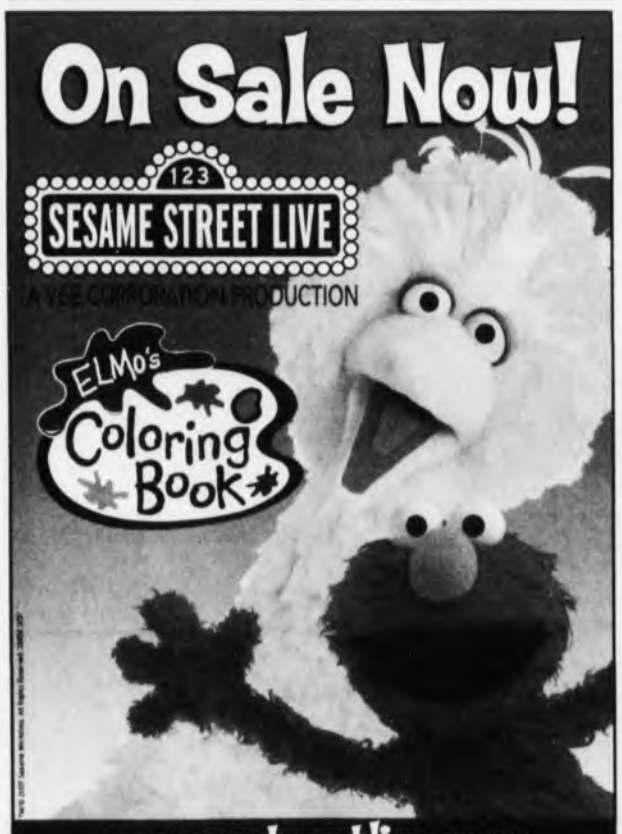
The evening was topped with the surprise presentation of a team banner, made by Eagle Flag, to be used at all meets and team events. The team logo – a lighthouse with waves flowing from both towns – "represents the unbreakable bond that joins this group of student-athletes together. At the end of a stressful week and at the end of a hard season, what always makes me smile is how well this group gets along," said Fortin.

The coach continued to say, "My seniors leave telling me that they will never forget their years as a Sci-Coh and that they have gained 40 best friends. From day one this program has always been more than just winning meets and sending kids to states. It's been about working together to set our goals. It's been about acting as one united force through the support we give each and every member of this team.

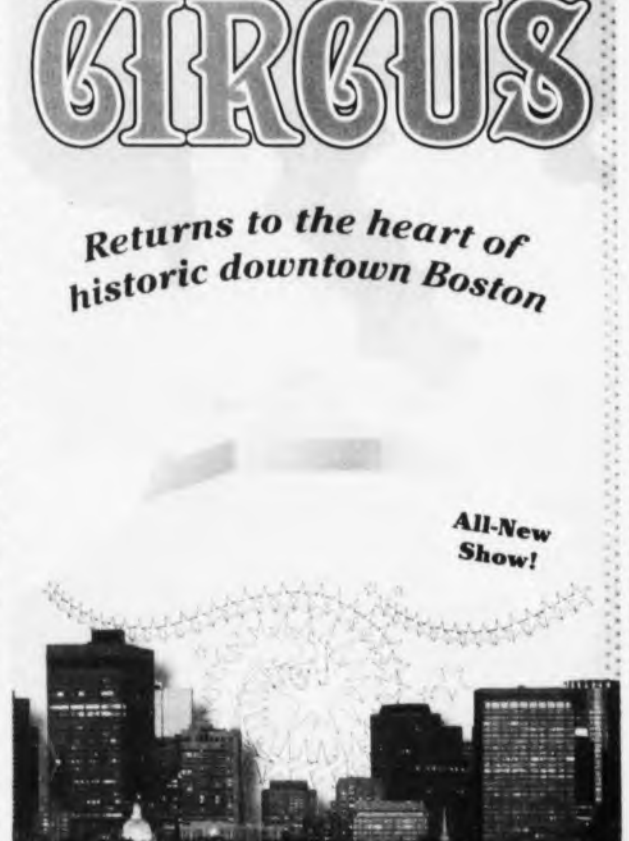
"We all celebrate our successes together, because as one team we can accomplish so much. I think we have all realized tonight that this swim program is a family and I am honored to be the coach."



Megan Little and Justin Damaso with their team MVP awards they received at last week's banquet.







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FRIDAY, MARCH 23
Sliced cheese or pepperoni pizza, or roast beef sub, garden salad, mixed fruit.

Pilgrim Arena offers scholarships

Applications for ten $5,000 scholarships are available at the Pilgrim Skating Arena, 75 Recreation Park Drive, Hingham.

Interested seniors must pick up and sign for the application *in person* at the arena pro shop. Completed applications must be returned by Sunday (April 15).

Applicants will be judged by members of the Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors at Pilgrim Arena.

For more information, please call Hoby Taylor, 781-749-6660.

Informal screenings for children slated

The Osgood Preschool staff in conjunction with the school nurse will hold informal screenings for children on the third Friday of every month from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. The remaining dates are March 16, April 27, and May 18.

These screenings will consist of a play group activity as well as opportunities for vision, hearing and posture screening. These screenings are to assist in identifying those students who should be referred for an evaluation to determine eligibility for special education.

If you are interested in having your child participate, contact one of the preschool staff at 781-383-6117 no later than the Wednesday prior to one of the scheduled screenings.

Advanced driver training for teens

In Control Advanced Driver Training will partner with the not-for-profit Massachusetts Automobile Dealers Charitable Foundation to train nearly 700 South Shore teens in 2007 in SkidSchool, an advanced driver training program emphasizing the art of accident avoidance.

The Charitable Foundation subsidizes $50 of the cost of each teen's registration fee, making ICADT's class, taught at the Naval Air Base in South Weymouth, more affordable to local teens.

The Charitable Foundation's next classes with ICADT will be offered Sunday, March 25, and Saturday, April 7. Classes take place from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1 to 5:30 p.m.

In one four-hour course, certified instructors teach teens how to make panic stops and emergency lane changes, how to avoid tailgating accidents and how to handle a car in dangerous conditions such as ice and snow.

SkidSchool was launched in 2001 by Sandy Stevens of Stevens Advanced Driver Training and the Charitable Foundation, a nonprofit funded by Massachusetts auto dealers committed to giving back to their community. The Foundation now works with In Control Advanced Driver Training to offer classes.

The Charitable Foundation subsidizes a portion of the cost of SkidSchool for each student, and is currently enrolling students in classes across the commonwealth. For more information, call 617-451-1051, visit skidschool.org of email driving@msada.org.

Teen Center Dance

There will be a dance for Cohasset youngsters, grade six only, on Friday, March 30, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Dances are $5 per person and students will be required to show their student ID when they sign in for the dance.

Students should make sure they are able to gain admittance to the dance before their ride leaves as once the Teen Center reaches its capacity no further admittance can be allowed. There will be no admittance, in any case, after 8:30 p.m. for dances.

Snacks and refreshments will be on sale.

This is not a school function.

There will be grade seven and eight only dances during April. Exact date to be announced.

CAMP, SCHOOL AND ACTIVITIES DIRECTORY

HOMESICKNESS PREVENTION TIPS:

1. KNOW whether your child is ready for a separation from home. Discuss this topic with your child. Realize that your child may be ready before you are! If you are unsure, get advice from your child's doctor—but not in front of your child.
2. INVOLVE the child in helping to choose the camp. This provides a sense of control and minimizes any feeling of being sent away.
3. LEARN more about the camp and what to expect. Attend Open Houses or camp gatherings in your area. Read and follow every bit of information the camp sends you about what to expect, what to do to prepare for camp, and what and what not to bring. Read and reread brochures, visit the Web site frequently, watch DVDs more than once. Identify specific activities or traditions the child looks forward to experiencing. Make a list of these and pack the list with other items bound for camp.
4. MEET counselors and other campers if possible. Open Houses and camp gatherings are scheduled to familiarize campers and families with the people who will be at camp and with the camp itself. A familiar face can make all the difference on the first day of camp.
5. TALK about homesickness; make sure the camper knows that these feelings are normal. Research shows that homesickness is a universal experience—everyone experiences some level of it. Plan together to pack much more than clothing and equipment for camp—you can also pack strategies your child can use when homesickness happens.
6. PRACTICE sleeping away from home! Try a three night stay with relatives or friends. Try it without phone calls; instead practice writing a letter or two.
7. NOTE how important notes and letters can be. If your child doesn't write letters regularly, practice now. Use written messages around your home so the child can practice responding to a letter. Write a lunch box note with a question and ask the child to respond in writing. Remember, notes are fine and they are better than nothing; long letters just may not arrive from camp! Have the camper choose some note cards or stationery and have a mailing party to get them pre-addressed and stamped. If you are not in the habit of sending a lot of letters, get going! Write some ahead of time and post them before the camper leaves for camp.
8. EXPRESS optimism, not anxiety or ambivalence about the up-coming camp experience. Children find comments like, "I hope you will be okay." and "What will I do without you?" to be worrisome. Preoccupying the child with worries about home while away could sabotage the experience. Your optimism will be contagious. Focus on why you chose the camp you did and all there is to look forward to doing and experiencing there.
9. HAVE your child mark off each day of the camp session on a calendar. Children like to see how many days they will be away. This helps them to understand how going to camp fits into the summer plan for the family.
10. CONTINUE with medications used throughout the school year. Medicine for attention, behavior or psychological conditions is as important at camp as it is at school. Don't use camp as an excuse to take a "drug holiday." Prepare the camper and the camp's nurse or counselors to know the medication schedule and the importance of sticking to it.
11. CREATE a plan with the camper for what to do if homesickness hits!

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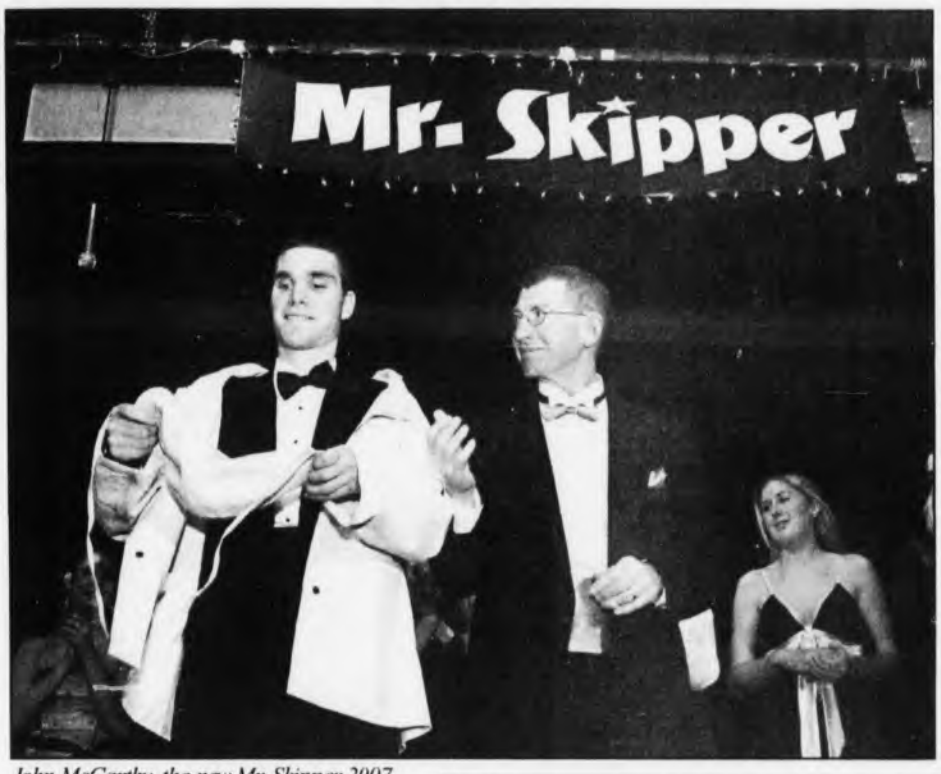
Tessa Leahy escorts a handsome Tim Toomey during the formal wear part of Mr. Skipper, an all-male pageant last Friday.



Mr. Skipper Night judges, Nina Berkowitz, Stephanie Hoskin, Christine Berman, and Lacey Richardson show a range of reactions while judging the contestants.



A dashing John Harrington is escorted by Stephanie Fewsmith during the formal wear segment of the annual all-male pageant that helps raise money to offset the cost of the prom and other senior activities.



John McCarthy, the new Mr. Skipper 2007, dons his rain hat while Ed Leonard looks on.



Charles Miller accompanies Tristram Norman on a computer guitar program during the talent segment.



Tim Toomey, the Hot Dog King, is flanked by Mustard (Kyle Dattola-Harries) and Catsup (John Harrington) as they act out a high-energy skit.



The "mystery" emcee for Mr. Skipper Night is none other than Tony Wolfe, who is dressed as a woodsman with his chainsaw, as he makes his way into the auditorium.

Photos by Laura Sinclair



Mr. Skipper contestant, Kyle Dattola-Harris, performs cowboy rope tricks while moving through the audience during the Signature Wear section of the pageant.



Contestant Brian Hill plays a solo "air" piano during the talent segment of Mr. Skipper Night.



Contestant, Ian Porter, sings a rock song while he strums the guitar during Mr. Skipper Night.



Mr. Skipper contestant, Charles Miller, performs a Star Wars skit with his light saber.



Mike Corry does impressions of Star Wars characters during the talent portion of Mr. Skipper Night. The event helps offset the cost of the prom and other senior activities.

OBITUARIES

Nancy O'Toole

Former administrative assistant to Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray

Nancy O'Toole, 83, of Cohasset died March 12, 2007, at her home.

A 47-year Cohasset resident, Mrs. O'Toole was born in Buffalo, N.Y., and grew up in Illinois and Michigan, and considered herself a Midwesterner. At age 18, she moved to New York City where she began a modeling career. She became fashion model coordinator and assistant advertising director at Dan River Mills and rose to become a member of 7th Avenues "Fashion Group". During World War II, she was an active member of the Red Cross Motor Corp in New York City.

While in Manhattan she met and married her husband, Austin O'Toole, originally from Dorchester. Together they started Greater Boston Builders, developing homes, condominiums and apartments from Boston to Cape Cod. While working with her husband and starting a family, she remained active in her field working as publicity director for Arnold Advertising and Kendal Mills. Mrs. O'Toole was ahead of her time as a working wife and mother balancing career and family. Later she began her own public relations firm that included such clients as Dunkin' Donuts, Viking Chimneys & Stoves and Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray's various political campaigns. She joined Mary Jeanette Murray as her administrative assistant and worked as her right hand for 13 years. In 1987, at the age of 63, she went back to college to complete her bachelor of arts degree at UMass-Boston.

Mrs. O'Toole actively participated in many political campaigns, was an active member of the Cohasset Republican Town Committee, Daughters of the American Revolution and was president of the Massachusetts Chapter of the Eagle Forum. She traveled the world extensively with her husband and enjoyed golfing as a member of Hatherly Country Club where she was Women's Chair for two years. She enjoyed bridge, swimming and gardening and was active at the Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham, where she was a Welcome Greeter.


Nancy O'Toole

She leaves her husband of 57 years, Austin O'Toole; her daughters, Lisa Vivian of Longmeadow, Lynn Durkin of Scituate and Clover Weinstein of Revere; a son Austin Scott O'Toole of Boston; her sons-in-law, Joseph Durkin and Robert Weinstein; and eight grandchildren, Madeline and Alison Vivian, Joseph, Lindsay, Terence, Jake and Megan Durkin and Leeanne Weinstein.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Thursday, March 15, at 11 a.m., in St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. Arrangements are by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull St., Hingham, MA 02043 or St. Anthony Church, 10 Summer St., Cohasset, MA 02025.

Kerstin Frideborg MacNeill

Co-founder of South Shore Art Center

Kerstin (Andersson) Frideborg MacNeill, 94, of Cohasset, died Feb. 12, 2007, at the Queen Anne Nursing Home in Hingham.

Born in Sweden, Jan. 1, 1913, she emigrated to the United States in 1923 with her mother, Alma and sister, Elsa. Her father, Johan, arrived in the United States in 1922.

She attended public schools in North Dartmouth before moving to Medford, later attending a secretarial school and working in Boston. She met Millard E. MacNeill of Cohasset and they were married July 2, 1938. Their marriage lasted 60 years, a rare occurrence these days.

Mrs. MacNeill and her husband were founding members of the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. She was a well-known artist on the South Shore, working in watercolor, chalk, pencil, oil and acrylics. She was equally proficient in pottery. Mrs. MacNeill was a resident of Cohasset for 60 years.

She leaves her sons, John M. MacNeill of Cohasset and Robert W. MacNeill and his wife, Andrea of Hingham; her grandchildren, John W. and his wife Kimberley of Watertown, Jordan C. of Cohasset, Robert N. and his wife Crystal, of Lansing, Kan., as well as Heather and Andrew, both of Hingham; her great-grandchildren, Alexander and Michael of Watertown and Brianna of Lansing, Kan.

She was the sister of the late Elsa M. Sencabaugh and the late Major John W. Anderson, USAF.

A memorial service will be conducted Saturday, March 17, at 11 a.m., at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset. Arrangements were handled by Downing Cottage Funeral Chapel in Hingham.

Donations in her name may be made to the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, MA. 02025, or to the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA. 02025.

A private interment will be held at a later date.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chairman: William Baird.

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Sunday, March 18

10:30 a.m. this Sunday – Annual Union Service at First Parish UU in Norwell, 24 River St. – "Peacemaking" – A service of First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Cohasset, First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Norwell, First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Scituate, First Parish Hingham Old Ship Church, and Second Parish Unitarian Universalist in Hingham. Our five choirs will form the 'Union Choir."

Our offering is dedicated this year to the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office. Checks may be made payable to the "UU-UNO."

Bring your children! There will be religious education programming.

Coffee hour/brunch will feature a conversation on Peacemaking, as our UUA's chosen Congregational Study/Action Issue. It will be led by Rev. Dr. Carlsson-Bull, who chairs the UUA Commission on Social Witness.

March 19 marks the fourth anniversary of the war on Iraq. On Saturday, March 24, come along as Jan and others board the "Peace Train" to the Boston Common to gather at noon with other people of faith and with groups that include United for Justice with Peace and the Stop the Wars Coalition to peacefully demonstrate opposition to further escalation of the war on Iraq and additional funding for this war. Quincy for Peace invites us to join them at 10:30 a.m. at Quincy City Hall Plaza, with opportunities to speak out locally and board as a group the 11:30 "Peace train" into Boston.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village. To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood.

We now also have prayer services you can listen to online, including a special daily Lenten reading.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (third Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); Scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination: Christian Science. 781-749-2874. Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mfont@cnc.com

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Cayman Islands – a grand experience

By Mark Skala
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Another Cayman day ends in a spectacular sunset.

Stingrays have received a bad rap following the death of croc hunter Steve Irwin.

At least that's the view of Capt. Allen Ebanks, who runs a charter boat in Grand Cayman. The charismatic captain reminds passengers that the fish found in Stingray City in the beautiful waters off Grand Cayman aren't what killed Irwin last year.

"They are quite calm and no problem, man," he said in his decidedly Caribbean accent.

And he should know. He's been taking tourists and residents on trips to Stingray City — a popular destination — for many years. As our traveling group soon learned he is well versed in many Cayman subjects.

At first we approached our venture with him with a bit of trepidation. He didn't have the fancy, well-equipped catamaran like many of the more popular tour operators. But he wasn't lacking in expertise or island charm. He and his first mate Bradley — a young Cayman man who came to life the minute he jumped in the water — proved to be the perfect hosts for our snorkeling adventures in Stingray City, the coral reefs and coral gardens.

It should be on the top of the list for every visitor to Grand Cayman. The island is a different experience from the water. You become one with the environment — basking in the sun, savoring the warm ocean breezes, marveling at the azure blue water, and spotting fish a plenty.

And he was right about the stingrays; they show little interest in their human visitors. They swim up to you or around you; you are in their territory after all. If you stand or swim quietly they swim around or with you. They even let you feed them squid, but be prepared: they have a keen sense of smell and keep coming back for more food. First mate Bradley lifted them right out of the water so we got an up-close view of them.

Snorkeling and diving are, of course, key activities in Grand Cayman, as are myriad other water sports (sailing, kayaking, jet skiing). The island, like many in the Caribbean, also has a laid back approach to life. If you choose to do nothing, that's OK too.

It's a perfect location to sit back, read a good book, tune out with an iPod, and for many it's a chance to catch up on all the gossip magazines. One of the most popular spots on the island is Seven-Mile Beach, a long span of white sand and knock-you-out-gorgeous blue water. Paradise does come with a price, though — there are crowds and endless hotels and condos along the stretch of beach.

A true gem amid the high rises is The Villas at the Galleon. The villas are nestled between the ultra-chic and expensive Ritz Grand Cayman and the upscale and pricey Westin Resort and Casuarina. The complex has one-, two- or three-bedroom units that are all well - equipped and offer some stunning views of the water. Many of the units are rentable and, like much of the island, the complex is finally recovering from the ravages of Hurricane Ivan in 2004. Ivan wreaked significant damage on the island and more and more tourists are finally returning after a two-year hiatus.

After a day at the beach, snorkeling or shopping downtown, all focus turns to your rumbling stomach. You won't be at a loss for tempting cuisine. The island boasts numerous eating establishments, from fine dining to outdoor casual restaurants. You'll want to check out Eduardo's, an Italian eatery along the busy Seven-Mile Beach thoroughfare, nestled amid a strip mall. But don't let the outside fool you. Inside, there is a distinct Tuscan feel, with a Caribbean flair. The menu selections are plentiful, the portions generous and the prices reasonable.

Another stop worth the trip is the casual restaurant at the Ritz, called Periwinkle's. The service is impeccable, the ambiance first rate, and considering it's the Ritz, the prices are modest.

When day breaks, it's back to the beach for more swimming, walking and exercise – just in time to work up another appetite. The routine never gets tedious and time goes quickly. You'll be planning next year's trip even before the plane leaves the island tarmac.

Travel tips

- Bring your wallet. Grand Cayman isn't cheap. Paradise does come at a price, but it's worth it. Grand Cayman uses Cayman Island currency (CI), and the exchange rate is about 80 cents U.S. for $1 CI. Most places take U.S. money, but give you CI change.
- Definitely seek out Capt. Allen Ebanks for your snorkeling or Sting Ray City visit. He's a true Cayman character who shows you a side to the island you won't find aboard the chain operations. He's well known among the locals.
- The Villas of the Galleon are a nice change of pace from the pricey hotels and while not cheap, the condos are well appointed and right on the beach where you'll find umbrellas and lounge chairs for your exclusive use. (www.villasofthegalleon.com)
- Driving can be a bit treacherous, since it is a British Island and you drive on the opposite side of the road. Think taxis.

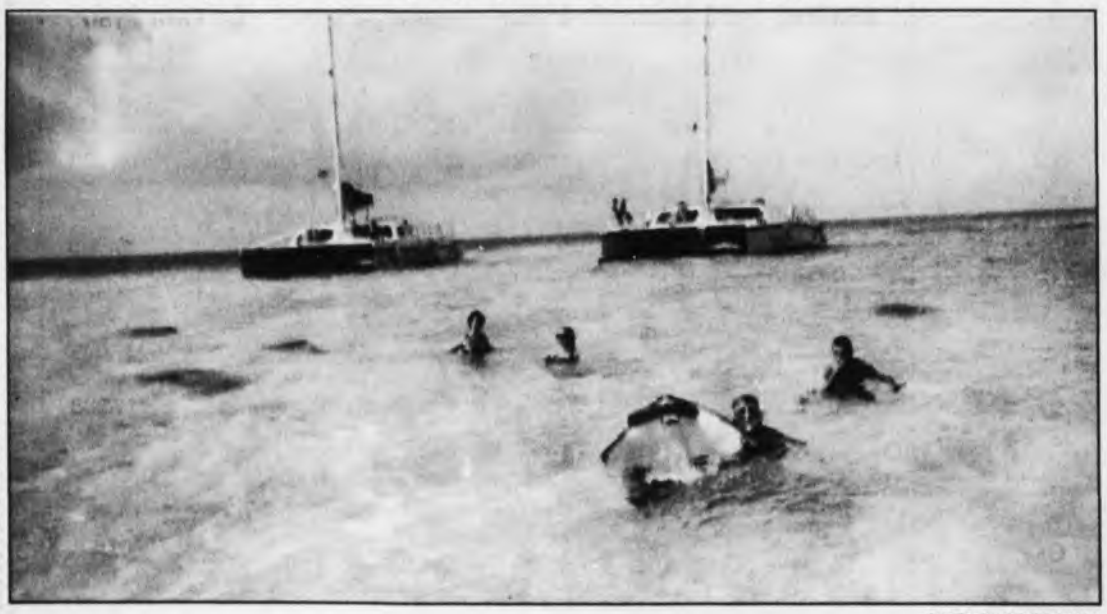


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Despite their bad rap, stingrays are more playful than you might think. Here, first mate Bradley, part of Capt. Allen Ebanks' team, lifts up the fish to show the underbelly where the mouth is located.



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The picturesque beach at The Villas of the Galleon, along Seven-Mile Beach, offers respite from a hectic pace.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, FEB. 24

10:28 a.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

10:33 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, caller reports she has observed deer come into her yard and they go back and forth, crossing the street; she suggests a sign be put up to warn drivers of the deer crossing in order to avoid an accident.

11:08 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

11:24 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

11:43 a.m. **King St.**, caller reports she is a home health aide and when she arrived at this location, the doors were locked and she can see her patient lying on the floor; officer reports the woman seems to be okay other than falling. Patient transported to hospital.

12:29 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid requested for walk-in with cardiac issue; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

1:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

2:06 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

2:27 p.m. **South Main St.**, caller with request for an officer; having problems with son. Peace restored.

6:17 p.m. **Elm St.**, traffic stop; citation issued.

8:57 p.m. **Surry Drive**, caller reports a suspicious vehicle in front of a vacant house in the area, there is a basement light on and no one has lived there for months. Officer in charge reports an open door at this location. Property owner contacted to secure property.

9:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:48 p.m. **No. Main St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

10:06 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:22 p.m. **Sohier St. - Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:22 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:47 p.m. **Black Rock Road**, neighborhood disturbance reported; departmental action taken.

11:33 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, animal complaint; barking dog across the street; has been outside for a long time. Caller called back to report dog has stopped barking and to disregard.

SUNDAY, FEB. 25

5:20 a.m. **King St.**, residential alarm activation; home checked secure.

8:57 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:04 a.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:06 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:07 a.m. **Pond St.**, parking complaint; caller reports a barrier set up for railroad construction is partially blocking driveway and now a truck has arrived and is parked in front of the barrier, blocking her from leaving. She cannot find the owner. Caller called back to report the truck was operated by a worker from the Greenbush line and it has been moved.

10:12 a.m. **Black Rock Road**, caller reports that her husband backed into a parked car and wants to file a report; owner contacted to come pick up car.

12:29 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, cashier reports a drive off; owner of vehicle contacted and will return to resolve issue.

1:35 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, traffic enforcement.

2:38 p.m. **Ripley Road**, caller reports a rough-looking fox in the area. She also reports that it is unusual to see them during the day; gone on arrival.

5:35 p.m. **Border St.**, caller reports a sick seal in area; Animal Control Officer notified.

5:35 p.m. **So. Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

7:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid requested for female having an allergic reaction; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

8:18 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic enforcement.

9:07 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:20 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:21 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

11:p.m. **So. Main St.**, vandalism reported; investigated and report taken.

MONDAY, FEB. 26

1:15 a.m. **King St.**, building checks; officer reports school buildings check OK, all secure.

5:52 a.m. **Town-wide**, icy road conditions; sergeant requests the DPW to start sanding the roads.

10:28 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

10:39 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

10:45 a.m. **Summer St.**, escort.

12:03 p.m. **Red Gate Lane**, medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

1:57 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle crash/injuries.

4:46 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury.

6:40 p.m. **Church St.**, assist other police department. Carver Police Department is requesting Cohasset Police Department serve a no trespass order to resident.

6:52 p.m. **Pond St.**, suspicious activity. Caller reports solicitors in the area. Officer advised that he needs to apply for a permit to solicit.

9:46 p.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:47 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

TUESDAY, FEB. 27

8:58 a.m. **Cedar St.**, suspicious letter.

10:05 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, fire, investigation. Several callers reporting a loud explosion in the area. Power loss at Dispatch Center as well. Fire captain reports a blown fuse at 3A and Mendell Road. Generator running at headquarters. National Grid notified and responding.

10:44 a.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

11:09 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

11:30 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

11:39 a.m. **Atlantic House Ct., Hull**, medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

11:55 a.m. **Elm St.**, assist citizen. Caller reports he has back pain and cannot move.

4 p.m. **Black Horse Lane**, suspicious activity. Caller reported a male and female soliciting for free gas readings. Officers report utility companies working on Summer and they have identification.

6:08 p.m. **Grace Dr. and Hull St.**, assist other police department. Assist Hingham Police Department with kids throwing snowballs at cars.

8:17 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

8:17 p.m. **High School/Pond St.**, building checks.

9:08 p.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:09 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28

12:37 a.m. **High School/Pond St.**, building checks.

12:38 a.m. **Sohier St.**, elementary schools check OK, all secure.

6:43 a.m. **Black Rock Road**, fire, investigation. 911 caller stated there is an electrical smell of smoke in the house. Two-story wood structure smells of smoke in the basement. Wiring inspector notified and responding.

7:42 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, medical aid – heart problem; transported to SSH/ALS.

8:09 a.m. **Cedar St.**, fire, investigation. Caller reports a large gasoline spill at this location. At least 25 gallons of gasoline has spilled. DEP notified to respond. Fire captain requesting manpower from E2 coverage to the scene.

11:13 a.m. **Cedar Acres Dr.**, ACO to this location to assist resident with injured wildlife.

5:46 p.m. **Beechwood and South Main streets**, downed power lines. Scituate reports a passerby stopped one of their officers to report hanging wires at this location. Fire captain reports this is just cable wire wrapped around a pole.

8:43 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

12:10 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, the lights are flashing. State DPW notified.

12:42 a.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning – marked lanes violation.

6:58 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, public service. Several callers reporting the traffic lights are flashing. State DPW is back on scene.

9:50 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, officer reports all school buildings check OK, all secure.

10:31 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:32 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.**, building checks.

11:17 a.m. **Bayberry Lane**, disturbance.

11:34 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid; 911 caller reports a male party feeling very ill. Transported to SSH/ALS.

12:30 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, caller reports his neighbor is screaming at a delivery driver.

1:37 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, suspicious activity. Scituate Police Department reports they are looking for a male party heading on 3A north that has been exposing himself in the area of the high school. He is wearing sweatpants and a black jacket.

1:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Booth Hill**, assist other police department. Officer is out with Scituate units and the male suspect that has been exposing himself in the area. Male party is under arrest.

1:45 p.m. **Norfolk Road**, animal complaint. Callers are reporting a very sick looking fox running in the yards – this has been an ongoing issue.

2:16 p.m. **King St. and Rose Hill Lane**, motor vehicle crash/injuries. Several callers report a three-car accident that appears to be serious.

3:26 p.m. **Grace Dr.**, disturbance. Hingham Police Department reports they are receiving calls from people that there is a group of youth at this location throwing snowballs at vehicles and school buses.

5 p.m. **Forest Ave. and North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

5:53 p.m. **Elm St.**, investigation. Two people summonsed to court.

7:22 p.m. **Elm St.**, investigation. Person summonsed to court.

7:48 p.m. **Elm St.**, investigation. Two more summonses issued.

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AD#11264492
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FRIDAY, MARCH 2

1:37 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.**, building checks.

7:20 a.m. **Pond St.**, caller reports water is flooding his basement.

12:25 p.m. **Margin St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

2:39 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, officer wanted. Caller reports he is a manager at this location and loss prevention is also there. They are watching someone and would like an officer to stage in the parking lot if this person walks out. Officer reports the items in the bag matches the party's receipt.

2:43 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, officer wanted. Caller reports she went to get some things at her boyfriend's home where she previously lived and he has thrown everything out. They are arguing in the driveway. Officer reports this is a verbal argument and nothing physical; argument over property.

4:11 p.m. **James Lane**, fire lieutenant reported they are responding to his location to investigate a CO detector.

4:16 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, public service.

4:46 p.m. **Hull Road**, assist other police department.

7:13 p.m. **South Main St. and Depot Ct.**, parking complaint; tagged vehicle parked in the wrong direction.

7:27 p.m. **Parker Ave.**, medical aid.

9:35 p.m. **Ripley Road**, domestic in progress. Arrested: Brendon S. Anti, 26, 34 Bancroft Road, Cohasset. Charges: Assault and battery; witness intimidation; malicious destruction of property more than $250.

11:40 p.m. **Elm St.**, investigation. Party into headquarters to obtain an emergency restraining order.

11:45 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid; transported to SSH/BLS.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

12:40 a.m. **Elm St.**, 209A service. 209A served in-hand to prisoner in cell 1.

2:02 a.m. **Elm St.**, notification; DSS Hotline notified by sergeant.

5:03 a.m. **High School/Pond St.**, building checks.

7:24 a.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, call came into fire department; caller reports CO2 alarm going off.

10:03 a.m. **Elm St.**, notification. Party picked up belongings taken out of a vehicle.

10:35 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, shoplifting. Manager at this location reports someone has walked out with items and he has a license plate number. Cohasset resident summonsed on shoplifting charge.

12:11 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid; caller requests R3 she is not feeling well. Transported to SSH/BLS.

12:14 p.m. **South Main St.**, animal complaint. Caller reports there is a sick looking fox in the area, and caller believes it is rabid. Officer reports it's in the back of residence and it has mange but it's going on its own.

1:57 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, missing person. Caller reports her brother has run away this morning. She has contacted Norwell Police, where they use to live. Norwell Police Department was given a few locations where this juvenile might be and they will be checking these areas. The reporting party has called back and her brother has been found in Norwell.

3:59 p.m. **Stoneleigh Lane**, assist citizen. Caller stated that she has water in her basement.

5:45 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, abandoned motor vehicle. Sergeant requests wrecker for a vehicle that has rolled out of a parking spot at Starbucks and is now blocking emergency access to Starbucks. Dispatch was unable to get in touch with registered owner. Vehicle was in park, but there must be some type of malfunction, unable to engage the transmission. Towed for safety hazard.

7:12 p.m. **High School/Pond St.**, building checks.

9:21 p.m. **Parking Way**, parking complaint. Vehicle tagged – blocking handicapped spot without permit.

9:30 p.m. **Elm St.**, wellbeing check.

11:29 p.m. **Summer St.**, parking complaint. Two vehicles tagged for blocking sidewalk.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

12:58 a.m. **Forest St**, vandalism report. 911 caller states "someone just did damage to my property," then hung up. Truck pulled into the driveway and hit the mailbox when it pulled out. No description of the motor vehicle. No direction of travel.

1:01 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, assist citizen. Caller states "someone just did damage to her mailbox." She was advised there was an officer on scene.

1:18 a.m. **High School/Pond St.**, building checks.

1:22 a.m. **King St.**, building checks.

1:25 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.**, building checks.

7:20 a.m. **High School/Pond St.**, building checks.

7:36 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier**, motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

11:58 a.m. **School buildings**; buildings checks; Sergeant reports school buildings check secure.

12:44 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid; caller requests the ambulance for resident with vision problems and heart palpitations. Transported to SSH/ALS.

3:21 p.m. **Elm St.**, assist citizen.

5 p.m. **Elm St.**, erratic operation of a motor vehicle. Hull Police Department reports drunk male driver operating this vehicle and resides in town. Units advised to use caution if approaching. Hingham attempting to pull vehicle over. Units are out at West Corner. Hingham Police Department has the male party in custody for OUI.

5:01 p.m. **Cedar Ledge Village and Cedar St.**, erratic operation of a motor vehicle. Caller reports a vehicle traveling all over the road. Units checked the area. No vehicles found. Units clear.

5:05 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious activity. Caller reports he just returned from vacation and his gym was broken into. Officer reports no forced entry. Caller thinks kids have been going in and out of garage. Report taken.

6:16 p.m. **Forest Ave. and Heather Dr.**, traffic enforcement.

6:54 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

7:07 p.m. **Ripley Road**, suspicious activity. Caller reports it appears someone may have attempted to get into one o the mail trucks parked at the Post Office. The hazard lights are flashing.

8:48 p.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.**, building checks.

8:49 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

8:52 p.m. **High School/Pond St.**, building checks.

9:44 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic enforcement.

10:14 p.m. **Ledgewood Dr.**, suspicious activity. Caller reports she believes someone may be upstairs in her house. Caller reports she is hearing noise from the attic. Units have gone through the house with the female resident and everything is in order.

10:40 p.m. **South Main and Brook streets**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

11:08 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, disturbance. Caller reports a green Chevy pick up truck doing doughnuts in the middle of the parking lot. Vehicle left the area before police arrival.

MONDAY, MARCH 5

1:51 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

1:52 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

6:52 a.m. **First Parish Road**, 911 call for medical aid; transferred to Scituate Fire Dept.

7:17 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

8:35 a.m. **Sankey Road**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

9:03 a.m. **Diab Lane**, hazardous conditions investigated by Fire Dept.; report filed.

9:52 a.m. **Beechwood and South Main streets**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

9:58 a.m. **South Main St.**, caller reports heavy smoke in area; Fire Capt. reports generator is being fired up and all is well.

10:24 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, mutual aid rendered to Scituate Fire Dept. with a call for medical aid.

11:49 a.m. no address given; medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

5:05 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:32 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:43 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

12:47 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports both elementary schools checked; buildings secure.

12:48 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

5:27 a.m. **Fox Run**, caller reports a downed tree is blocking the roadway. Officer reports there are power lines in the tree; E3 standing by the scene and National Grid notified. Eighty-foot tree blocking roadway. National Grid on scene.

5:41 a.m. **King St.**, vandalism reported; caller reports when opening up the business, the door was cracked. Investigated and report filed.

6:33 a.m. **Old Pasture Road**, E3 investigating water main break; referred to water dept., will respond.

6:44 a.m. **Old Pasture Road**, E3 reports a strong outside odor of gas in front of number 69; Keyspan notified.

7:21 a.m. **South Main St.**, caller reports neighbor's front door has been open for 10 to 15 minutes; officer reports that condo checks secure and that the open door seems weather-related.

8:50 a.m. **Rocky Lane**, officer reports home checked; secure.

9:20 a.m. **Schools**, officer reports all town schools checked; buildings secure.

11:04 a.m. **St. Anthony's Church**, public service rendered for funeral escort from St. Anthony's to Woodside.

11:24 a.m. **Cedar St.**, suspicious activity; walk-in party requests extra patrols in the area from approximately 9 to 11 p.m., due to someone opening his backyard gate and letting his goats run free.

11:51 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, walk-in party reports his motor vehicle mirrors were smashed overnight while working at this location; advised of civil action.

2:39 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, request for officer regarding a patron who paid for gas, but then drove off with hose and nozzle still attached to the motor vehicle; no leak at location and no fire dept. needed. Officer reports that the party has returned and all is well.

3:18 p.m. **Elm St.**, investigation resulting in the arrest of a juvenile on charges of trespassing and larceny of property over $250.

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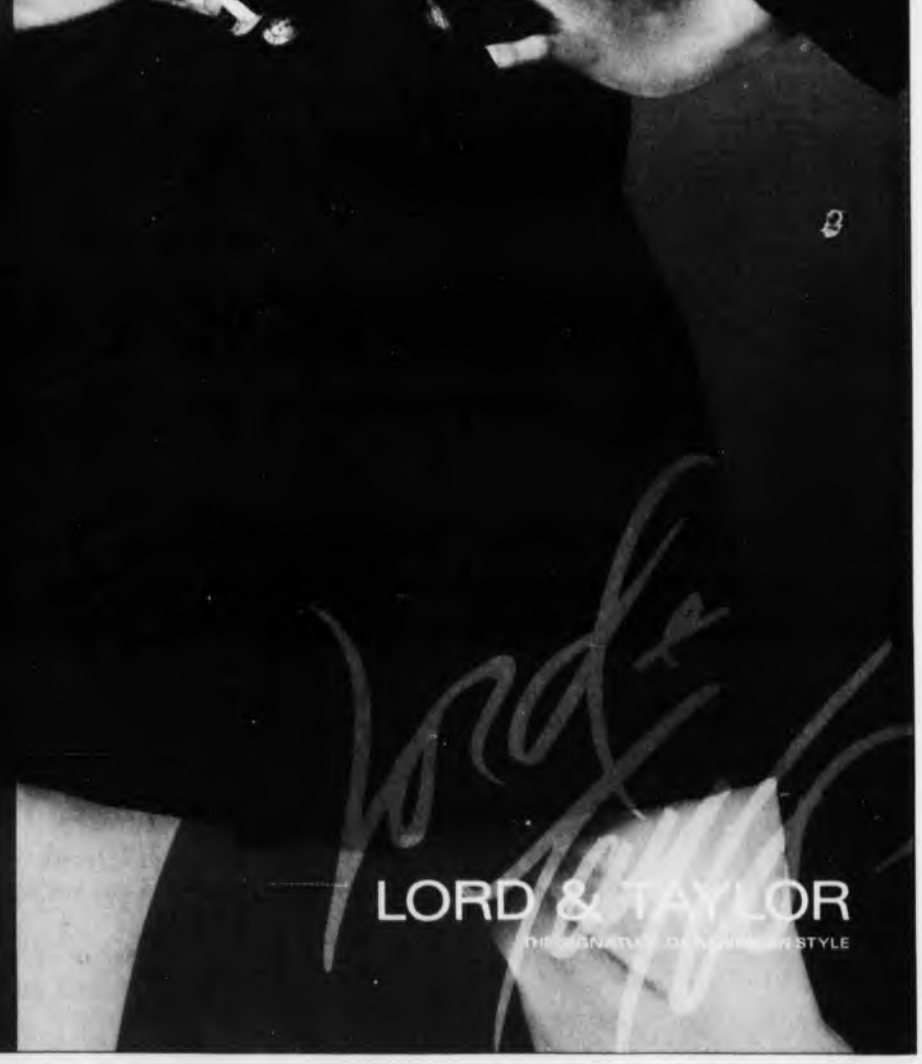
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We know there are many bright, talented and caring young adults in our communities, and this year, a special section entitled "The Best & The Brightest" will appear in the COHASSET MARINER to celebrate their accomplishments.

Please help us find these remarkable teens and young adults by filling out the nomination form on this page. You can nominate an individual between the ages of 16 and 21 who, you believe, deserves to be honored, whether it be for academic achievement, volunteerism, athletics, artistic acumen or the pursuit of excellence in another field. Here's your opportunity to get involved.

You can bring the form to the Community Newspaper Company office at 182 Standish Ave., Plymouth, MA 02360 or mail the form to Beth Doyle, or fax the form to 508-591-6601.

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The Best & The Brightest

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Theater review

'Scoundrels' finds success in Boston

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

When the creative team behind the stage version of "The Full Monty" — composer and lyricist David Yazbek, director Jack O'Brien, and choreographer Jerry Mitchell — decided to re-team on 2005's "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels," they may still have had the overwhelming success of Mel Brooks' musical "The Producers" fresh in their minds. After all, "The Full Monty" had opened to rave reviews in the fall of 2000, but when "The Producers" debuted in the spring of 2001, it became the must-see hit of that season. It also went on to win more Tony Awards than any other musical in Broadway history, beating "The Full Monty" in no fewer than 10 categories in which both shows were nominated.

Like "The Producers," which starred Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick as swindling Broadway producers, "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" also gets most of its laughs from the unlikely pairing of two competing con men who cheat unsuspecting women out of their money. When it opened in New York, the show starred John Lithgow and Norbert Leo Butz as the charlatans who set up shop on the French Riviera. Based on the 1988 feature film of the same name, "Scoundrels" found success as a stage musical, although it met its own Tony Awards nemesis when it went up against a little show called "Spamalot."

While it has since closed in New York, "Scoundrels" is on a national tour now at Boston's Opera House, and even though the production has been downscaled for the road, the show retains its clever humor and charm.



PHOTO BY CAROL ROSEGG

Freddy Benson (D.B. Bonds) and Lawrence Jameson (Tom Hewitt) celebrate after another successful con job.

As Lawrence Jameson, the suave, insincere elder statesman of scam, Tom Hewitt seems to be modeling his performance on the late Jack Cassidy. While Hewitt lacks Lithgow's captivating comedy twinkle, he is nonetheless a dashing ne'er-do-well whose longstanding prowess as a ladies' man is easy to understand. As the younger, rougher-around-the-edges Freddy Benson, D. B. Bonds has some big shoes to fill. Butz won the 2005 Tony Award for Best Actor in a Musical for the role, and he also played the part for the first few months of the current tour. Butz was an unkempt, uncool musical comedy force of nature who stole almost every scene he was in. Bonds wisely crafts his own take on Freddy, complete with manic head bobs and hilarious facial contortions. Northampton native and Boston Conservatory graduate Laura Marie Duncan, who has one of the best voices in the show, is a delight as the supposed soap heiress who becomes the conquest over whom the con men choose to cross swords.



PHOTO BY CHRIS BENNION

Northhampton native and Boston Conservatory graduate Laura Marie Duncan performs in "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" playing at the Opera House in Boston through March 18.

Even with Michael Caine and Steve Martin in the lead roles, the movie version of "Scoundrels" was only so good and the same must be said for its musical progeny. Yazbek has written some catchy, up-tempo numbers - including the sensational "Great Big Stuff" - but too few are truly memorable. O'Brien does his usual first-rate job directing and keeps the action moving even when some of Mitchell's unnecessary dance interludes take things off track. Scenic designer David Rockwell has created an impressive array of sets and scene changes on what appears to have been a tight budget. Gregg Barnes has done less well with costumes. Duncan's outfits are ill-fitting and Hewitt closes the show in an inexplicably shiny suit.

"Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" will be at the Opera House, 539 Washington St., Boston, through March 18. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-931-2787 or log on to broadwayacrossamerica.com.

Movie review



King Leonidas of Sparta (Gerard Butler) fights off members of the attacking Persian army in "300."

War as eye candy

300 (B-)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

The abs are steel, the pecs titanium and the glutes bronze, and if they gave Academy Awards for cutting a fine figure of a near-naked man, Gerard Butler's King Leonidas would win pants-down.

"300," an adaptation of Frank Miller's ("Sin City") critically acclaimed 1999 graphic novel directed by Zack Snyder ("Dawn of the Dead"), is a fanboy beefcake lollapalooza.

A retelling of the Greek story of the 300 Spartans who held off a vast Persian army at a pass in Thermopylae known as the Hot Gates in 480 B.C., the film is remarkably faithful to Miller's visuals and worth seeing for that reason alone.

This is homoerotic eye candy on steroids, complete with a sibyl from Scores who prophesies as she strips. "300" is a much more stylized retelling of this story than the otherwise good, 1962 sword-and-sandal effort "The 300 Spartans."

In the vision of these new filmmakers, Sparta is a total military culture. At age 7, boys are taken from their mothers and sent to gladiatorial school. Every Spartan is a citizen-soldier first and foremost. Athenians, according to one Spartan authority, are a bunch of "philosophers and boy lovers."

Young Leonidas' first test of manhood occurs when he is left in a blizzard with a loincloth and a spear. The boy encounters a giant, famished wolf and lures the creature into a crevasse, where he kills it. It's a lesson worth remembering.

Forty years later, Leonidas (Butler, who brings Miller's graphic vision to startling life) is king of Sparta. The queen (resplendently, unapologetically sexy Lena Headey), his wife, is almost as tough as he is. When a multiply-pierced Persian messenger insults the queen and threatens Leonidas, the die is cast, and so is the messenger, into a bottomless well.

"300" is a complete glorification of combat, and its most exciting scenes depict wholesale slaughter and an ecstasy of killing. Some viewers, however, may find its gung-ho message — the idea this band of brothers must stay the course against hopeless odds — troubling and out of touch with the times.

While the virtual environments are riveting, dialogue and scenes of court intrigue are borderline camp. "Rome," by comparison, is Shakespeare. Even "Gladiator" was higher-brow.

"300" also pits pre-Aryan icons against hordes of dusky, swarthy types from the Middle East and Africa, flagrantly exploiting xenophobic stereotypes. Xerxes (Brazilian actor Rodrigo Santoro, whose voice sounds dubbed), a "King of Kings" on a quest to conquer the world, is a giant drag queen in elaborate bondage gear. The film's most odious traitor is physically deformed. Its heroes are uniformly handsome, even beautiful caucasian men who would happily die for one another.

"300," the Third Reich gives a big thumb's up.

Rated R. "300' contains nudity and extreme, graphic violence.

Calendar of events

Thursday, Mar. 15

Local Chapter of Business Networking International bni.com meets weekly Thursday mornings in Pembroke at 7:30. New members are welcome. Call Tricia Lorente at 508-740-3385 for details.

Artwork by students of Donna Rossetti-Bailey through April 7. Over the years, many people from the South Shore have studied pastel and drawing with Marshfield artist, Donna Rossetti-Bailey. More than 30 students have works on display in the Vine Hall Gallery, **South Shore Natural Science Center,** 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. This exhibit will highlight both plein-aire and studio work. Artists' Reception on March 15, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. 781-659-2559.

Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center, Norwell will present four performances of **Because Their Hearts Were Pure; or, The Secret of the Mine.** Final dress rehearsal March 15, at 4 p.m. to **which senior citizens are invited free of charge.** All performances are held at Dreamchaser's home, The Norwell Grange, 142 Main St., Norwell. 508-224-4548 or visit dreamchaserstheatre.org

The South Shore Conservatory Preschool & Kindergarten Parents Association will host a Parents' Forum featuring area early childhood education specialists Carol Scheig, Preschool Director for the Conservatory; Eliza Burns, Assistant Vice Principal from South School; Laura Donovan, Kindergarten Teacher from Plymouth River School; and Dr. Michele Austin Heffernan, a psychologist specializing in school psychology.. The event, titled "Ensuring Emotional and Educational Preparedness for Your Child", will take place March 15 at 7 p.m. at the Conservatory (One Conservatory Drive, Hingham) and is free of charge.

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Pianist Jessica Choi will perform a concert at Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree on March 18 at 3 p.m. Ms. Choi has been heard across the globe, from Beijing, China to Kiev, Ukraine, and London. She has degrees from Oberlin College and The New England Conservatory. Currently she is completing a Ph.D in Musicology at Brandeis University, where she was awarded the H.M. Rennie Fellowship and the Gershwin Foundation Prize. The concert is free and open to the public. For information call 781-413-1327.

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HSO conductor Jin Kim



"Edge of night" by Margaret McWethy



"Serenity" by Mary Felton

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British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Rt. 53, Pembroke. March 15, BBC Pint Night" featuring **Flydown** formerly "The Alliance".

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., **Weymouth,** will feature Satch Romano's **New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam** with **Clay Brown Band** at 9:15 p.m. No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com

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The Pajama Game is being presented March 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 and 31 at 8 p.m.; March 25 and April 1 at 2 p.m. at the Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave. Cohasset. Tickets are $14, $12 for senior, students and groups of 8 or more and may be purchased in advance at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate or by phone at 617-697-2115. For information contact the **Cohasset Dramatic Club** at 617-697-2115.

Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners **Comedy Night** March 16, at 9 p.m. Admission: $15. St. Patrick's Day Show featuring: Weymouth's own: **Bob Niles.** Other comics: Annette Pollack, **Tim Dillon, Nikki Flynn, Todd Sharek Brett Groh, Tammy Pooler.** Dinner & appetizers available Advance reservations requested by calling 781-848-0300. www.jimbossteakandfin.com or www.myspace.com/annettepollack

The Full Monty will be presented at **The Company Theatre** in Norwell, from March 16 through April 7. The show contains adult situations and some vulgar language. Tickets, priced at $28-$30, are available at the box-office at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companytheatre.com

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Saturday, Mar. 17

The One & Only Boston Chocolate Tour will return to satisfy New England's collective sweet tooth every Saturday from January through April. The fully-narrated, **three-hour journey** of decadent desserts and fun facts features tasty visits to Top of the Hub Restaurant, the historic Omni Parker House Hotel and The Langham Hotel Boston, The tour departs from the Trolley Stop Store at the corner of Boylston and South Charles Streets every Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Tickets are $75 per person. Advance reservations are required and may be made by calling 617-269-7010.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club, March 17, at 1 p.m. Moderate walk some hilly terrain, 3 miles. Walk from the Donovan School to Ponkapoag Trail and return via Madden Raod. Meet at the Donovan School on 123 Reed St., in Randolph. For information visit mass.gov/dcr or call 617-698-1802.

Hingham's Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square presents **Atwater-Donnelly** following a Double Open Mike Session on March 17, at 8 p.m. Come for an experimental half-evening open microphone to give more budding performers a chance to be heard. (Sign-ups begin at 7:30 p.m.)Then the lively duo of Aubrey Atwater and Elwood Donnelly returns. For information, visit water-donnelly.com The Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square is located at the Old Ship Parish House at 107 Main St., Hingham Square, just up from the Loring Hall Theatre. It is on the MBTA's 220 bus line from Quincy Center. Admission is $10 at the door. A variety of coffees, tea, and desserts are available for 50 cents. Net proceeds benefit the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. Volunteers are welcome.For further information, call Jim Watson at 781-749-1767.



Saturdays at the Ventress Library presents Native Irish Music Concert for St. Patrick's Day March 17 at noon in the library program room. Native Irish musicians Eammon Sheehan and Steve Maher return to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on the South Shore! Guitar and fiddle playing will accompany the singing. All ages are invited to attend this free concert. The program includes American/Irish favorites as well as authentic Irish folk tunes. Audience participation is encouraged! Free and open to the public. No tickets are required. Light refreshments are served during and after the show. Handicapped accessible. For further information call librarian Chris Woods at 781-834-5535, e-mail at cwoods@ocln.org and visit ventresslibrary.org

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John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum - Celebrate! - Free performances for children on St. Patrick's Day - March 17, at 10:30 a.m., the library and museum will host Triptych and the Kieran Jordan Dancers for a special Celebrate! performance for children. This lively trio featuring Laura Risk, Paddy League, and Kieran Jordan presents traditional Irish music and dance. Discover the history and folklore of these traditions and enjoy the mesmerizing performance of the Kieran Jordan Dancers, a popular Boston-based Irish step dance company. Practice your best Irish jig and don't forget to wear green. All *Celebrate!* performances are free and open to the public, but reservations are required. For reservations, call (617) 514-1646 or email JFKcelebrate@nara.gov. Space is available on a first come first serve basis and children must be accompanied by an adult. For directions or further information on this or any other Kennedy Library program, visit www.jfklibrary.org.



South Shore Conservatory presents pianist Mark Goodman in concert on Sunday, March 18, 7:30 p.m., the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. Goodman's program includes complete set of Bach Sinfonias, also known as the Three-part Inventions, which is seldom heard in its entirety. Also on the program is one of Schubert's most well-known and beloved works, Wanderer Fantasy, and works by Chopin, including the First Ballade. The concert is free and the public is welcome. For directions, call 781-934-2731, ext. 10 or visit southshoreconservatory.org.

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Congregation Sha'aray Shalom presents classical guitarist. **Aldo Minella** accompanied by his daughter violinist **Anna Minella,** in concert Saturday, March 17, at 8 p.m. This will be their only Boston area appearance. Tickets are $20 in advance by calling 781-749-8103 or $25 at the door. Congregation Sha'aray Shalom is located at 1112 Main St., Hingham.

Maple Sugaring Festival - Mass Audubon's Moose Hill in Sharon. The annual **Maple Sugaring Festival** will take place on March 17 and 18, with tours leaving every 15 minutes from 11 to 11:45 a.m. and 12:30 to 3 p.m. include a guided tour around Moose Hill that takes participants back in time as they learn about Native American and Colonial sugaring techniques from actors portraying characters from our nation's past. This 90 minute outdoor tour concludes in the present day, at Moose Hill's own functional sugarhouse, where sap is turned into authentic maple syrup. Open to all. Registration $7 in advance or $8 on the day of the event. Pre-registration is recommended as it will guarantee a space and save money. Children under the age of 3 free. For information contact Mass Audubon at 781-784-5691.

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The 26th Annual Duxbury Spring Antique Show will be held on Saturday, March 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, March 18, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Duxbury High School, Duxbury, (Exit 11 off Route 3 to St. George Street) The show features 50 New England antique dealers and benefits the Duxbury High School athletic programs. This year verbal appraisals of art and antiques will be available on Sunday, March 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., $5 per item or $10 for 3 items. Lunch will be served on both For information, contact Deb Bowen at 934-9489.

Run O' the Mill, 6 Spring Lane (The Gristmill) Plymouth, Saturday, March 17—**The Roddys** (featuring Irish rebel songs, ballads, and instrumentals)-8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Admission free. No Cover. No minimum.

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Main Street Bar & Grille, 1400 Main St., (Rt. 53) Weymouth**, Lickity Split,** 9 p.m. no cover. 781-337-0801.

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Annette Pollack *Bob Niles*

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Reunions

THE SOUTH SHORE MOTHERS OF TWINS 50th anniversary celebration to be held Sunday March 25, at the Elks Hall, Weymouth. Looking for past members. Also in need of photos of twins (multiples) then and now and any other pictures, memories or anecdotes of past club events. Contact : Lynda Rowland, 25 Carle Rd., Wollaston, MA. 02170 or email @twinclub50th@aol.com for further information and reservations.

THE IMPERIALS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS. Will hold its Fifth annual Spring Fever dance on April 14, at 7:30 pm, at the Abington K. of C. Cost is $15, $10 under 18.This fundraiser has become a mini reunion of sorts and a corps banquet for members.The whole family is invited. Contact John Stark by visiting pathwayproductions.org/imperials.htm

Mark your calendar

THE DANIEL WEBSTER ESTATE AND HERITAGE CENTER presents "Your Historic Home Lecture Series" March 25, "Your Old House 1750-1950 Period Appropriate Paint Colors for Your Historic House" with Sally Zimmerman. April 29, "Decorative Arts to Beautify Your Home." May 20, Your Old Fashioned Garden with Kathi Gariepy, Landscape specialist. Ticket price $15 each lecture; $40 for all three; $12 seniors over 60. Reserve early. By calling 781-837-2403 or 781-837-7579. Space is limited. For info visit DanielWebsterestate.org

THE SOCIETY OF ARTS AND CRAFTS presents CRAFTBOSTON 2007 March 30 – April 1, at Boston's Seaport World Trade Center. Seaport World Trade Center, 200 Seaport Boulevard, Boston. COST: General Admission: $15, Senior Citizens & SAC Members: $12, Children 12 years and under: Free. Admission tickets valid for readmission throughout the weekend. For information, call 617-266-1810 or visit craftboston.org

THE SKATING CLUB OF BOSTON presents its annual show, Ice Chips 2007: 95th Anniversary Celebration, "The Great American Songbook." Ice Chips will be presented March 31 and April 1 at Harvard University's Bright Arena. The show features national and international competitors, including the 2006 Olympic Ladies Silver Medalist and 2006 National Ladies Champion, Sasha Cohen. "The Great American Song Book" is a celebration of America's best music and best figure skaters! Our show also features an ensemble of more than 250 skating members of the Club, their own medal winners from this year's International, National, Junior National, Sectional, and Regional competitions. Your tax-deductible donation ensures preferred seating. Individual tickets $20; Group rates are available upon request. Tickets available at the Harvard Box Office at Call: 617-496-2222 or visit www.icechips.org For information, visit www.icechips.org

THE HISTORIC 1699 WINSLOW HOUSE, 634 Careswell St. Marshfield, will be host to Nathaniel Philbrick, author of the acclaimed "Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community and War." On April 28 beginning at noon, Philbrick will discuss the history of Plymouth Colony, the story of the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians, and the legends that have accompanied them. Philbrick will discuss the writing of his book and will be available to sign copies of "Mayflower," as well as Philbrick's new book, "The Mayflower Papers." For information, contact the Winslow House at 781-837-5753 or email Winslow House executive director Mark Schmidt at mark.schmidt@winslowhouse.org

THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION is seeking walkers of all ages to form teams for the 6th Annual South Shore Arthritis Walk, the Arthritis Foundation's nationwide walk event. The walk will take place on Sunday, May 6, at Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth and is open to both teams and individuals The Arthritis Walk features a fully accessible one-mile walk and a three-mile walk, followed by a post-walk celebration. To register or for more information, contact Terri Fedrow at the Arthritis Foundation at 617-219-8220 or visit southshorearthritiswalk.kintera.org



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Sunday, Mar. 18

Blue Hills Reservation and South Region Sites March 18, at 1 p.m. **Introduction to a Wicked Big Puddle**. Vernal pools or "wicked big puddles" are fragile, temporary wetlands that provide a critical habitat for several species of salamanders, frogs, and toads. Join Ranger Dave at 617-698-1802 x310 for registration and meeting place. All programs are free. Call 617-698-1802 for weather conditions.

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John F. Kennedy Presidential Library & Museum, Columbia Point Boston. **Kennedy Library Forums March 18,** from 1 to 2:30 p.m. **Faith and Politics. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend**, former Lt. Governor of Maryland and eldest daughter of Robert F. Kennedy will discuss her new book **Failing America's Faithful: How Today's Churches are Mixing God with Politics and Losing Their Way** with Harvard Professor **Michael Sandel. John Seigenthaler**, former assistant to Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy and founder of the First Amendment Center will moderate. All forums are free and open to the public. For information visit jfklibrary.org or call 617-514-1643.

The **Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra,** Steven Karidoyanes conducting, presents "Rising Stars Showcase!" a family concert bursting with youthful talent and energy. The concert features the debut performance of the 118-voice **Plymouth Children's Chorus, Kathy McMinn** director, and the 2007 **South Shore Conservatory** concerto competition winner, pianist **Jeremy Wisoff**. The Plymouth Philharmonic's Family concert is on Sunday, March 18 at 3 p.m. with the Instrument Demonstration beginning at 2 p.m., in Plymouth's Memorial Hall. In case of inclement weather, the snow date is Monday, March 19, at 5 p.m. Tickets are going quickly. Call now to purchase tickets. Memorial Hall is fully accessible **Come touch and see a cello.** Glynn Electric sponsors the **Instrument Demonstration** portion of the Family Concert. This hands-on instrument demonstration for children of all ages begins at 2 p.m. and runs until 2:40 p.m. The musicians bring each different instrument onto the floor. Several of the string musicians bring child sized instruments for the children to try. Many of the horn and woodwind musicians bring extra mouthpieces and alcohol wipes so enthusiasts can try out these instruments. The timpanist helps the shorter of the future musicians to reach the various percussion instruments.

The East Bay Grille will host a benefit a **Poker Tournament and Casino Day** for the **Plymouth Independent Film Festival** on March 18. Doors open at noon. Enjoy free hors d'oeurvres, mingle with celebrity guests, and try your luck at the tables. The PIFF '07 benefit Poker Tournament. Tournament begins at 1 p.m. Entry fee is $150. Or, try your hand at Roulette, Black Jack or a non-tournament Poker game. Entry fee for these games is $20. Space is limited. Shuffle the cards. Roll the dice. Let the fun and games begin. Tickets are available at Not Simply Beads in Village Landing or, order your tickets by phone. Call Nicole, 508-747-9222. MC/VISA/DISCOVER accepted. For information contact Lisa at 508-801-2530, lisa@plyfilmfest.org, or call Mike at East Bay Grille, 508-746-9751. Visit PIFF '07 at www.plyfilmfest.org for information about the Plymouth Independent Film Festival, coming your way this summer.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, will feature **Dave Foley, R & R Dr. Solo** every Sunday at 8 p.m. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com

Monday, Mar. 19

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, has helped more than 9,400 South Shore residents start a new life over the past 20 years. They offer a safe place for healing and encouragement as you start a new chapter of your life. **New Beginnings** meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main Street, Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Monday and is highly recommended for newcomers. All are welcome. For information, please call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857.

Tuesday, Mar. 20

The Thayer Public Library will host the **Braintree Anime Society** on Tuesday, March 20, from 6 to 8:45 p.m. This month's feature is **Rurouni Kenshin**. The Anime Society meets on the third Tuesday of each month in the Logan Auditorium on the upper level of the library. These programs are intended for adults and teens aged 13 and older and are not suitable for younger audiences. Call 781-848-0405, ext. 4417 for information.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era performs every third Tuesday at **Striar JCC/Fireman Campus**, 445 Central St,. **Stoughton**, March 20, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $5 per person. All are welcome. Wheelchair-accessible. 781-341-2076. 781-767-3911.

Island Grove Chorus, a women's barbershop group welcomes women to attend their rehearsals on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ on Rt. 18 in Abington. Members include women from 14 South Shore communities. For information call Joanne at 781-843-4355.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road **Pembroke**. March 20, **Free Texas Hold Em with Northern Poker League "face Off" Game Show Trivia** 781-829-6999.

Wednesday, Mar. 21

Black Canyon of Gunnison, the landscapes of **David Burtner**, will be shown in the Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery through April 5. All of the pieces included in the show are ridge views of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison River in West Colorado, as seen in June of 2005. They are taken from different locations on the South Rim at noon, the only time of day during which the sun is able to reach the bottom of the deep narrow gorge, the phenomena for which the Canyon is named. The public is invited to view the Clemens Gallery during Library hours. Additional information can be found at hinghamlibrary.org

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association, the **South Shore Natural Science Center** and the **Mass Audubon South Shore Regional Headquarters** presents another free winter lecture series every Wednesday night at 7 p.m., at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell through March 21. Sponsored in part by Rockland Trust Company. Admission is free. **March 21 Coastal Waterbird Program: Celebrating 20 years of Protection and Stories from the field with Becky Harris, director MassAudubon Coastal Waterbird Program.** For information visit nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA at 781-659-8168, Mass Audubon at 781-659-9400 or SSNSC at 781-659-2559.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road **Pembroke**. March 21, **Hosted by P.J. the D.J.** 8 to 11 p.m. 781-829-6999.

Thursday, Mar. 22

Local Chapter of Business Networking International bni.com meets weekly Thursday mornings in Pembroke at 7:30. New members are welcome. Call Tricia Lorente at 508-740-3385 for details.



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Congregation Sha'aray Shalom is located at 1112 Main St., Hingham.

The South Shore Business Roundtable (ssbrt.net) meets every other Thursday at 7:30 a.m. at Pembroke Town Hall. SSBRT is a networking group whose goal is to enhance member businesses through the exchange of referrals and information and is seeking additional members at $100 for the year. For additional info call Joel Sugarman 617-686-9885.

Starcreations Theater presents **Rumpelstiltskin Is My Name** on Thursdays, March 22 and 29 at 5 p.m. at the Reed Community House, 33A Summer St, Kingston. General Admission $3. For info and reservations, call 508-747-1234 or email info@starcreations.org

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. March 22, BBC **"Pint Night"** featuring **Flydown** formerly The Alliance.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, will feature Satch Romano's **New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796.

Friday, Mar. 23

Our Gang is back and in full swing at the Priscilla Beach Theatre - The Little Rascals plays Fridays and Saturdays, March 23 and 24, 30, and 31 at 7:30 p.m. All tickets $12. The Dramatic School Players of Priscilla Beach Theatre recreate members of the lovable Our Gang including Alfalfa, Spanky, Darla, Butch, Miss Crabtree and others. Our stars of tomorrow include Haley Cobb, Ayala Dayan, William Flederman, Ashley Glennan, Emma Keane; Josephine, Robert and Rocco Meninno, Alexis O'Neil and Skye Swales — under the direction of Andy Nielson and Geronimo Sands. Set design by Joann Matalavage. To make reservations for THE LITTLE RASCALS and/or register for THE MIKADO call Priscilla Beach Theatre at 1-508-224-4888 or see full details online at ThinkTheatre.org.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance March 23, with DJ music from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www.southshoresingles.org

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BEACON HOSPICE seeks volunteers to provide supportive care to hospice patients and their families as they face a life-limiting illness. Volunteers do a variety of activities like provide a friendly visit to a patient, offer respite care for the caregiver, make scrapbooks, collages or other handmade items. Contact Kathy Creedon at 508 747-7222 for information.

CRANBERRY HOSPICE is seeking volunteers for its hospice program. The next volunteer training session will begin on Monday, March 19 and last for eight sessions (weekly on Mondays). You must pre-register and complete the application process before attending the training session. It will be held at Cranberry Hospice, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Hospice volunteers provide companionship, support and understanding to patients with a life-limiting illness and their families. In addition, volunteers offer assistance with day-to-day activities like errands and local transportation. Other opportunities include assistance with clerical tasks in the hospice office and support of fundraising activities. Interested candidates should contact Karen Foster, volunteer coordinator at 508-830-2762.

Quick Flix

All reviews by James Verniere, unless otherwise noted

New Releases

"GRBAVICA: THE LAND OF MY DREAMS" (B+)

When it comes to messy mother-daughter relationships, it's hard to beat Esma and Sara, two unforgettable females struggling for survival in "Grbavica: The Land of My Dreams." Esma (Mirjana Karanovic) works two jobs to support herself and Sara (Luna Mijovic), her troubled 12-year-old daughter. Sara can qualify for a discount for a class trip if she can produce a certificate that says her father was a war martyr, but Esma wants to pay full price.



Hyun-seo (Ko A-sung) searches for a way out of a hideous monster's lair in "The Host."

Sara slowly begins to realize there is more to her mother than meets the eye. Despite the somber cinematography and slow-moving script, this is an elegant and haunting tale. (Not Rated)

— Chelsea Bain

"THE HOST" (A-)

"The Host" is everything a movie monster should be. This mutant tadpole is ugly and ferocious and pops up at the worst times from Seoul's Han River. It snatches people, but it doesn't always devour them. It keeps some alive in a squalid, bone-filled, makeshift prison, the better for late-night snacking. Writer-director Bong Jooh-ho concentrates on a working-class family who come perilously close to being dinner. In a way that echoes "Alien" and great American chase films but never seems imitative, Bong relentlessly charges ahead, using comic relief to emphasize the absurdity of this catastrophe. (Rated R)

— Stephen Schaefer

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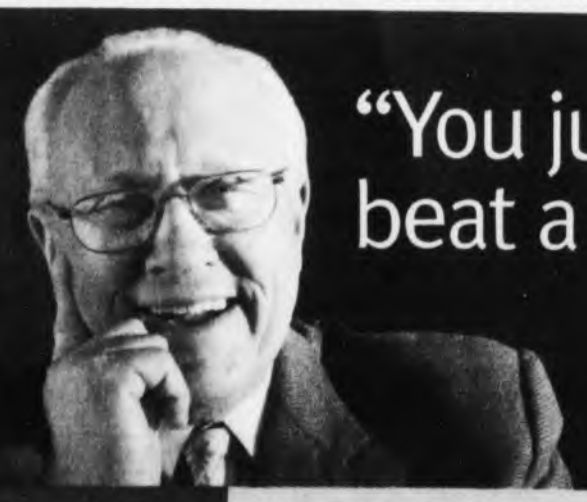
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Principal Gauley to leave Deer Hill

Formal resignation has not been received

By Nancy White
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"In just a short time, he has done a great deal for the community."
— Denise Walsh, Superintendent of Schools

The Deer Hill School Principal Keith Gauley has accepted a position as principal at one of two elementary schools in the Brewster, Mass. school district. The Eddy Elementary School is for grades 3-5, similar to Deer Hill. A formal resignation letter has yet to be received by the Superintendent's office, but that is the next step in the process. The School Committee will then need to accept his resignation and mutually agree with Gauley on an end date.

Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh says that typically the end date is July 1, which allows ample time for a transition period. Once the resignation is accepted, the School Committee will need to set out a plan to fill the principal's position at Deer Hill. It is likely that this will be formally discussed at the April School Committee Meeting.

Gauley will succeed a retiring principal at the relatively new elementary school that opened in 1997. His connection to the town of Brewster goes back a decade. Gauley has worked as the assistant director of programs at Cape Cod Sea Camps located in Brewster for more than 10 years.

"We knew [Cape Cod] was where we wanted to be," he said in an interview with the Cape Codder, which is one of the Cohasset Mariner's sister newspapers. Gauley expects to continue his position at the Cape Cod Sea Camp during summers, in addition to his duties as principal.

"I am going from one great community to another," Gauley said, praising the students, teachers and parents of Deer Hill School and the Cohasset community.

"If Mr. Gauley gives his resignation it would be a tremendous loss to Cohasset schools and the children of Cohasset. In just a short time, he has done a great deal for the community," said Walsh when reached on Tuesday.

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Six CPC projects Seek TM approval

By Nancy White
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Town Meeting voters will face the task of "unpacking" a suitcase article put forward by the Community Preservation Committee for multiple projects over the next year. The article (number 7 on the Town Warrant) includes projects related to two town-owned buildings, a collapsed culvert, Historical Society restoration and proposed park's parking lot,

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) has heard presentations from six applicants over the last few weeks and determined if the project's objectives jive with the goals of the CPC. Each recommended project and proposed allocation amount will be presented by the CPC and interested party at the Town Meeting. The complete list of funding recommendations is not included in the Warrant sent out to households this week, because the recommendations were not completed until after the warrant went to print earlier this month (*see complete listing of recommended projects*).

According to Town Manager Bill Griffin the CPC recommendations will be presented under one article, but each recommendation will be voted on separately. Using that method, each project will receive the opportunity for discussion and some may get approval through town meeting while others may not.

The Community Preservation Act's funds are generated from two sources, a town real estate tax surcharge (in Cohasset 1.5 percent) and some level of state match, determined year-to-year. The state funds are derived from a $20 surcharge on all documents filed in the Recorder of Deeds office statewide (e.g. mortgages, deeds, homesteads, etc.). The CPC funds are independent from the town's budget.

Funds from the Community Preservation Act can be spent in three specific areas: open space, community housing, and historic preservation. Each year, the CPC must spend or bank 10 percent of its annual revenue on each of the three specific areas. Aside from minor administrative costs, the CPC does not spend money. The CPC only

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

A Duduza (comfort) doll peeks out from at basket while sophomore Molly Gilbert works on her doll.

Relay dedicated to Representative Murray

By Nancy White
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"I know she will be up there smiling down on us with those blue eyes of hers; this would mean a lot to her"
— Lillian Curley,
Rep. Murray's daughter

Mary Jeanette Murray loved the Relay for Life. Since Cohasset established its own relay in 1996, Murray attended. This year, she will be there again, but only in spirit. This year's relay has been dedicated in her honor.

Her life's work was to serve the towns and citizens of Cohasset, Hingham and Hull, which she did for 12 consecutive terms as their state representative. She brought a tireless energy to her position and unwavering sense of dedication to her constituents. Murray passed away after a battle with cancer in October 2006, at the age of 81. Like many of the local events she supported, the Relay was an occasion she never missed.

"She was there flipping pancakes on Saturday morning," said Relay Chairman Harry St. Onge, "and she would enlist the National Guard to help set up the Relay's tents. Mary Jeanette was just one of those special people."

Stephanie Landry, a friend and aide to Rep. Murray for eight years, was working with her in the State House when the American Cancer Society approached the Representative about hosting the Relay for Life.

"In the beginning Rep. Murray was the chief sponsor of the relay," Landry says. Murray put together a team and recruited other organizations, like the Hull Fire Department who are still participating, to get involved. Murray's team set up a large "bubble tent" and decorated it with Representative Murray bumper stickers. "The name glowed in the dark so we would be able to find our tent at night," she says with a laugh.

Landry recalls how Rep. Murray would go home in the evening to sleep in her bed and leave her team in the tent,

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Knitting for a cause

Students make 'comfort dolls' for kids in Africa

By Nancy White
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In the modern age of technology, many teens socialize using computers after-school - downloading music, instant messaging, blogging, sharing pictures - it's the new way to communicate. But a new club at the high school, founded by sophomore Molly Gilbert, puts all that aside each Wednesday and gets back to traditional socialization. The group, up to about 20 participants, is the Knitting Club. And they are knitting for a good cause too — the CHABHA (Children Affected by HIV/AIDS) project to benefit kids in Africa..

Gilbert was spurred on to start the club when her mother, Staci Gilbert, brought home a "Duduza" (or comfort) doll from her knitting class at The Creative Stitch a few weeks ago.

"My first thought was 'this is so cute, I want to make one'," says Molly. The dolls are about eight inches high and are designed to fit into a child's hand. They are made with to fit the culture of the ultimate owners, with brown skin and brightly colored clothing. The dolls will embark on a trip to Kigali, Rwanda and end their journey in the hands of a child whose

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PICTURE THIS/Jean Di Giacomandrea and Mark G. Bono



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The Mariner caught up with Jean Di Giacomandrea and Mark Bono on stage at Cohasset Town Hall during a "Pajama Game" rehearsal. "The Pajama Game" continues this weekend and next. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Buttonwood Books, Front Street Books or by phone at 617-697-2115.

Names: Jean Di Giacomandrea and Mark G. Bono

Occupation: Producer of "The Pajama Game" (Jean). Director/musical director (Mark).

Best day of your life: The days my nephews were born (Jean). Oct. 27, 2004 – the day the Red Sox won the World Series (Mark).

Best vacation: When my parents, brother, sister-in-law and 2 young nephews went to Disney World. It was the first time for all of them so I acted as tour guide (Jean). Cape Cod with my folks (Mark).

Favorite season: Fall (Jean). Spring (Mark).

Favorite holiday: Christmas (Jean). Thanksgiving (Mark).

Favorite meal: Lobsters and steamers (Jean). A nice end-cut prime rib (Mark).

Best book: "Jane Eyre," by Charlotte Brontë (Jean). "First Man" - Neil Armstrong's biography. (Mark).

Best movie: "A Night to Remember" (Jean). "All of Me" (Mark).

Best TV show: Jeopardy (Jean). Just about anything on the History or Discovery channels (Mark).

Pet peeve: People talking or snapping gum during a theatrical performance (Jean). Rude, inconsiderate people (Mark).

Most embarrassing moment: Laughing during a serious moment in my first on stage performance. I was a nurse, playing opposite a friend who was playing a doctor. We had to be very serious and stare right into each other's eyes. I just lost it one night and cracked up. (Jean). Falling up the stairs going onto the stage in front of an auditorium full of my junior high classmates (Mark).

Goal: To keep community theater thriving in Cohasset, and for everyone no matter what their skill level to feel accepted and to be able to experience the magic and excitement (Jean). Health, happiness and a long life (Mark).

Person you'd most like to meet: Jerry Lewis (Jean). Beethoven (Mark).

Biggest worry: Not having enough time in my lifetime to do and see all I want (Jean). Not being able to play music (Mark).

Best part of Cohasset: Cohasset Dramatic Club (Jean). The beautiful and scenic landscapes (Mark).

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POLICE/FIRE BEAT

Dirt bikes must follow rules of road

By Mary Ford
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A youth on a dirt bike had to push his bike home following a complaint from a caller on Scofield Road about him racing around the area last week.

Police Chief James Hussey explained that dirt bikes are not considered motor vehicles because their engines are too small. However, there are rules, he said. In order to operate a dirt bike, the individual must have a learner's permit; a special registration sticker; and obey all traffic laws on roadways.

Dirt bikes are not permitted to go more than 25 mph, cannot have passengers, and cannot be operated after dusk, he said.

Hussey said police are following up with the boy's parents to make sure he is aware of the rules.

Storm crashes

There were two motor vehicle crashes during last week's snowstorm. At 3:02 p.m. on Friday (March 16), a 2001 Toyota SUV slid down the hill on Jerusalem Road. The operator could not correct the steering and the vehicle collided with a utility pole. The vehicle was towed and no one was injured.

The second crash occurred at 10:47 p.m. last Friday. A 2000 Chevy Cavalier heading south on 3A started to slide on the wet surface, crossed over into the northbound lane, almost making a 180-degree turn. The rear of the vehicle ended up on top of the guardrail on the northbound side. There were no injuries. A wrecker was called to lift the Cavalier off the guardrail; the car did not have to be towed.

Junior operator

At 1:48 a.m. on Sunday (March 18). A passerby saw a 2002 BMW that had gone into a pole near the area of 40 Atlantic Ave. The airbag was deployed but there was no one in the car. Police said the BMW crossed the solid yellow line hitting pole #17 on the opposite side of the road.

A short time after police arrived the operator returned with a parent, who was the registered owner of the car. Based on the officer's investigation, the teenage girl, who had a junior operator's license, was charged with leaving the scene after causing property damage. She was cited for marked lanes violation and for operating outside the hours permitted for junior operators.

Youth charged

A Cohasset teen faces marijuana and alcohol charges following an investigation at his home. Police said the teen's mother called and asked to see an officer. She was concerned that her son was using alcohol and drugs. She invited officers in and further investigation revealed plastic bags containing about 2 ounces of marijuana.

Police are charging the teen with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute because of evidence that the marijuana was being packaged for sale. The youth also had beer in his possession, police said.

Cars egged

There were two reports in the police log over the past week of cars being egged. The first occurred at 3:43 p.m. Monday (March 12) on Border Street. The victim contacted police and wanted the incident logged just in case there were further incidents. At this time police believe it was an isolated event, Chief Hussey said.

The second incident occurred in the Shaw's parking lot and was reported by a parent who said his son's car was egged while he was at work at the plaza. The report came in at 9:17 p.m. on Sunday (March 18).

A witness provided a plate number of the vehicle involved in the egging and Cohasset police are following up to determine who is responsible, Hussey said. Police will also see if it is related to the other incident.

Shoplifting

Police responded to a report from Joseph's Hardware about the potential shoplifting of a power tool. An employee believed a man put the power toll into his vehicle, left the scene, and headed toward Scituate. Scituate police pulled the vehicle over but were unable to find evidence that anything was stolen and did not recover the tool. The incident occurred at 11:36 a.m. Wednesday (March 14).

The alleged shoplifter was issued an immediate no trespass order not to return to the store, police said.

Loud party

Police responded to a report of a loud party on Highland Avenue last Thursday (March 15) at 2:10 p.m. The anonymous caller reported there was underage drinking going on. Police were invited in and did not see any evidence of drinking and there was no loud music. However, Chief Hussey said police welcome tips and will follow up.

Parking complaint

The 15-minute parking limit in front of Tedeschi's is there for a reason, Chief Hussey said. "It is a convenience store and customers, therefore, need the convenience of being able to park out front," he said.

However, at times in the early evening those going to the Red Lion Inn park in the village rather than the town lot or Red Lion Inn parking lot, taking parking away from the storefront. Police followed up with the Red Lion Inn. The manager said signs would be posted asking customers not to use village street parking.

Car off road

A motorist who had her license for less than a week was heading southbound on North Main Street just past the railroad tracks when she drifted out of her lane and then overcompensated, police said. She turned sharply to get back onto the right side, and then skidded off the road, over the shoulder and into the water. The accident occurred at about 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday (March 20).

She was alone in the car and was cited for failure to stay within marked lanes. No one was injured, police said.

Water problem

Fire Chief Robert Silvia said the water problems reported at 9:45 a.m., on Saturday (March 17) at a building on Chief Justice Cushing Highway were caused by major roof leaks due to the combination of snow and heavy rain. "Water leaked into numerous electrical devices," he said. "The fire department shut down the electricity and called for the wiring inspector to inspect the wiring and electrical equipment."



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Mary Ford, editor of the Cohasset Mariner, receives the paper's Publick Occurrences award from Patrice Foster, the new president of the New England Newspaper Association.

The Cohasset Mariner wins prestigious newspaper award

The Cohasset Mariner was honored with a Publick Occurrences award from the New England Newspaper Association for the paper's in-depth coverage last year of the Cohasset override.

The award, presented last Friday in Boston, is named after the first newspaper published in the American Colonies more than 300 years ago. The royal governor of Boston shut the paper down after only one issue.

The Mariner was the only weekly among 10 papers from New England selected to receive this prestigious award for "superior achievement" in reporting on a particular subject. Some of the other papers honored with the award included the Hartford Courant, the Maine Sunday Telegram, and the Portsmouth Herald.

The judges, all Neiman fellows at Harvard University, said the breadth of coverage of the school budget override impressed them. The judges said the Publick Occurrences award is being given to the Cohasset Mariner for its "solid and thorough coverage of a major tax increase for the people of this community."

The staff, including reporter Samantha Brown, editor Mary Ford, photographers Robin Chan, Craig Goedecke and Laura Sinclair, and cartoonist Jim Hamilton all contributed to the body of work.

"It takes a team of dedicated people to put out a quality paper every week and we are so fortunate to have that on our Mariner staff," said Mark Skala, editor in chief for CNC/South. "We have a very discerning audience in Cohasset who expects the best, and we strive each week to deliver that. This award for our election coverage, in a small but important way, acknowledges that our efforts are well worth it."

This is the second time in two years that the Cohasset Mariner has won this esteemed award. In March 2005, the Cohasset Mariner was recognized with a Publick Occurrences award for its exhaustive series of stories on the abuse of power by a local police chief and town manager.

The awards luncheon was part of the newspaper association's annual convention at the Marriott Long Wharf in Boston.

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The applicant must request an absentee ballot.

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1. Absence from the town during the hours the polls are open.
2. Physical disability.
3. Religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed and the signature of the applicant.

A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may apply on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter; sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury; and mail or hand-deliver the application to the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter. Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an immediate member of the family to the Town Clerk's office by April 7 to be counted.

The Accu-Vote optical scan system will be used. Instructions to voters are printed on the ballot and any pen or pencil may be used. To vote, completely fill in the OVAL to the right of your choice. Secrecy sleeves are available at the check in tables. The ballots can be inserted into the machine face up, face down, etc. and will be read. It is the usual policy to flip the ballot over so the blank side shows as they insert it into the machine. Voters who are uncomfortable with this should use the secrecy sleeve.

If you are permanently physically disabled and cannot cast your vote at the polling place, you may file a letter from your physician with your town clerk, stating that you are permanently unable to cast your vote at the polling place because of physical disability. A completed *application* for an absentee ballot for you to sign and return will be mailed to you by the town clerk at least 28 days before every primary and election.

Setting stage for future of village

Zoning changes to go to Town Meeting

By Nancy White
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The Planning Board is proposing a zoning bylaw change (Article 15) for the downtown/village district that, if passed at Town Meeting, would require a special permit from the Zoning Board for dwellings for more than one family in the district. At least two village businessmen are concerned that this change will hinder, rather than help future development in the Village.

Selectmen reviewed this Article two weeks ago but felt they did not have a clear understanding of the bylaw. Two longtime Cohasset citizens and owners of village property, Jim Watson and Wayne Sawchuk, came before the Selectmen to explain their interpretation of the bylaw and express their concerns.

Watson, owner of the Cohasset Hardware building (40 South Main St.), and Sawchuk, owner of the Samuel Bates house (35-39 South Main St.), agree that the bylaw change is a step backward.

In fact, the bylaw change would take the town back to before a 2003 town meeting article passed changing the bylaw to a "by right use," rather than a by special permit. Currently, apartments are allowed "by right use," which means there needs to be a Zoning Board review, but standard building permits would apply.

The 2003 bylaw allows stores in combination with apartments and condominiums in the village. The bylaw states the units would have to be created in connection with a commercial use on the first floor of the structure. The 2003 bylaw also extended to dwellings the parking requirement exemption for commercial parcels in the village section of the downtown business district provided that a project is within 500 feet of the Town Parking Lot.

But a 40,000-square-foot requirement, adopted as far back as 1978, prohibits adding multi-family dwellings in the downtown business district on lots less than that size.

It's not clear why the 2003 bylaw does not supercede other restrictions such as the 40,000 square foot requirement.

"We shouldn't be changing a bylaw. A special permit will not allow apartments, we'd still be caught by the 40,000 square foot rule," said Watson.

Watson said that he would like to see a zoning law that recognizes pre-existing, non-conforming buildings as they sit on their footprints. Watson's business, Cohasset Hardware, is closing and he ideally would like to turn the building's first floor into two retail spaces and the upstairs into four one-bedroom apartments.

"If the town has control over how the buildings sat then we couldn't do anything crazy," explained Watson, "apartments above the first floor should be an allowed use."

Watson is still unsure when Cohasset Hardware will close its doors forever, but if the shop closes before the zoning issue is resolved, it could leave a vacant building in the center of the village. It also leaves open the possibility that Watson would sell the building to an interested party, one that might different ideas for the building.

Watson's building received town approval for two two-bedroom apartments split between the second and third floors back in 2000. However, timing wasn't right and the plan never came to fruition.

Sawchuk believes that apartments are necessary to keep the downtown area viable because they provide a guaranteed influx of people on a daily basis.

"[The Town] should be encouraging investment, not discouraging it," Sawchuk said. He has created plans for his lot that include an additional building with two floors of apartments, five new storefronts, and an outside patio. He would like to create a walkway to connect the new MBTA parking lot to South Main Street on his property.

"I think it's a value to have people like us involved because we have the best interest of town at heart," said Watson when interviewed recently.

Alfred Moore, Chairman of the Planning Board, agrees that this bylaw will not change anything right now.

The Planning Board is putting forth two articles for zoning bylaw change for the village area. The first article (Article 14) requests the creation of a village business district, separate from the downtown business district that incorporates three other areas of town. This change allows future bylaws to apply just to the Village, without affecting the other three Downtown Business areas, which include portions of the Harbor area, West Corner, and a small area in the Beechwood section.

The establishment of the Village Business District and the requirement of a special permit will "set the stage" for future changes, possibly for the fall Town Meeting, said Moore in a telephone interview. The special permit allows the Town to have greater control over the building of apartments or other changes. But will still not allow apartments in lots under 40,000 square feet.

At the fall Town Meeting, voters allocated a total of $30,000 to hire a consultant to draft a Village master plan, $15,000 was provided by the Town's general fund to look at zoning, retail analysis, parking while the CPC chipped in the balance of $15,000 to look at affordable housing, open space, and historical issues in the village. It was determined that the Planning Board would apply for applicable grant funding to offset and/or supplement the $50,000 price tag.

"Right now, it doesn't make sense to change a bylaw when the study isn't done," Sawchuk said. He expressed concern that if the bylaw passes, it might be difficult to make changes down the line, if the consultant advises that was not the wise course of action.

Moore said zoning changes need to be crafted very carefully.

"We have to make sure there aren't any unintended consequences," he said. According to Moore, these bylaw changes are preliminary in nature but will make additional alterations to the bylaws smoother once the consultant is on board.

"Everyone is so gun shy to have any changes, we need a consultant to come in," said Selectman Fred Koed. He hopes that the consultant will be able to tell the Town what's possible and the implications of those changes in the Village area.

The request for proposal (RFP) is out for a consultant and bids are due today (March 23). The consultant is expected to work with the Town during the late spring and summer. The anticipation is that the Planning Board will have a better direction for the Village area in time for the fall Town Meeting.

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New courses will be offered at the high school

Graduation requirements tweaked

By Nancy White
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The current school year won't conclude until June, but Middle-High School administrators and the School Committee are already looking ahead to next fall's program of studies. New elective courses, the majority for senior English, will be offered in the fall. Middle-High School Principal Joel Antolini was on hand at Wednesday's meeting to present the additions to the 2007-2008 program of studies and a few language changes to graduation requirements.

A total of 14 new courses will be offered in the fall: 10 English, one math, one art, and two social studies. The additions do not make any changes in current course offerings, or alter each department's core requirements. The new courses are meant to add diversity to the program of studies and encourage students to pursue what interests them.

"We hope to better meet the needs of the student body," said Antolini, who began this process with his department heads back in August and September. At that time, hiring is complete and the staff is evaluated to see what specific skills or interests they may have that could translate into an elective course. In December, the teachers complete the development of the course. Department heads and teachers work together to fine-tuned the course to a specific area, gather materials, and determine the expectations and assessment of each student.

The English Department proposed 10 additional electives for seniors with the exception of the new SAT prep course. The topics range from an exploration of global literature from Africa, Asia and Latin America to an in-depth look at Joseph Campbell's writing on myth and its contemporary manifestations in the movies and other media. Other courses follow a theme and how that theme reveals itself in different types of literature.

The mathematics department will offer a math SAT prep course to juniors gearing up for the college entrance exam.

The new courses are meant to add diversity to the program of studies and encourage students to pursue what interests them.

The art department will offer a course in electronic studio art. The technology-based elective will do a series of projects in Adobe Photoshop using the computer to create art. Topics will include an introduction to the Window platform, digital photography, scanning, basic typography, photo retouching, digital collage and art history.

The social studies department put forth two courses, both looking at specific times and themes in history. A course on the holocaust and human behavior will look at the effect of holocaust from a historic, literary and current event perspective. The second will explore conspiracy theories in American history and pop culture.

The additions to the program of studies are a reflection of the teaching staff's hard work, diverse interests and qualifications, Antolini said, "the staff has worked hard to review the course of study."

"I want to caution parents that although these courses are offered, each course needs to have both student interest and get through the scheduling process," explained Antolini.

The School Committee approved the additions to the program of studies unanimously.

Graduation requirements were reviewed and it was found that there was some wording discrepancy and redundancy in the list. He proposed three changes to the current requirements.

First, each student much achieve a passing grade in three courses of social studies accruing 15 credits, of those three courses, each student must pass both courses (sophomore and junior year) in US History. In the previous phrasing it was not clear that both courses in US History needed to have a passing grade leaving open the door that a student could pass just one year of US History and still graduate. That is not the intent of the requirement, said Antolini.

Second, the requirements for physical education and health education were clarified. Each student must achieve a passing grade in two quarters of physical education and two quarters of health education, accruing at least 10 credits.

Third, the separate requirement for health education was deleted. The School Committee unanimously approved the language changes proposed. Member Alfred Slanetz said that he would like to have the Committee review the entire list of graduation requirement at a later point in time.



MARINER FILE PHOTO

Deer Hill Principal Keith Gauley has accepted a position as principal at an elementary school in Brewster, Mass.

Principal Gauley to leave Deer Hill

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The Nauset Regional Schools Superintendent, Michael Gradone, listed the "enthusiasm" the people in Cohasset had for Gauley as one of the reasons he stood out from the other candidates.

"I can focus on what is important to the school. I am someone who wants to listen and become part of the community," explained Gauley to the Cape Codder.

Gauley became the Principal of Deer Hill in August 2003. He was selected from an applicant pool of more than 50 candidates. He came to Cohasset from Abington, where he had served for five years as the principal of Center Elementary School.

"When any administrator or teacher leaves a position, they have to consider what's best for themselves and their families," Walsh said.

Matthew Belson, reporter for the Cape Codder, also contributed to this report.

Tutoring policy under review

The School Committee recently reviewed a first draft of a tutoring policy that will be put in place for teachers and parents in the upcoming school year. Similar guidelines have been put in place throughout the state to prevent conflict of interest issues when a teacher is both a town employee and a private tutor. Rules on building use and associated fees will be laid out in as procedure.

School administration will review the recommended wording changes from the Committee and it will be brought before them at a later date.

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Top local cookie seller wins a four-foot bunny



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Patriot Trail Council Girl Scout representative Stacey Lyens presents Alyssa Lum of Cohasset with a four-foot bunny named Blossom. Alyssa was one of the top three Girl Scout cookies sellers out of the 23,000 members of the council. Alyssa sold 78 boxes of cookies!

AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

THINK SPRING

Hello Cohasset. I hope your first few days of Spring have been fine. It is nice to say goodbye to the snow don't you think? We have a lot of events to talk about in the column, many congratulations so here we go.

WELCOME HOME

A very happy and proud family let me know that **Lieutenant Andrew J. Hamilton** of Cohasset is home from a 7-month tour in Iraq as a United States Marine. Andrews's parents, **Jane and Joe Hamilton**, are so relieved and happy that he is on United States soil once again, after serving our country. Andrew is in California at Camp Pendleton with his wife **Lauryn** and little girl, **Addy**. Andrew would like residents here in Cohasset to know how thankful he was for all the thoughts and prayers as well as the caring gifts that he received while away. Welcome home Andrew and thank you from us all.

COOKIE SELLER!

Hats off to Cohasset's **Alyssa Lum** on being one of three Girl Scouts in the Patriot Trail Council to sell more than 75 boxes of Girl Scout cookies. Scouts have been eagerly selling Girl Scout cookies since Jan. 5. Alyssa, who has sold 78 boxes so far, was surprised at her home with a special gift for her outstanding effort: a four-foot bunny named Blossom.

Congratulations!

IRISH MUSIC

The Relay for Life in Cohasset presents an Evening of Irish Music with the Makem and Spain Brothers on Saturday, April 28th at 7 p.m. at the Cohasset High School Auditorium, 143 Pond St.. With comparisons to the Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem, and the Corries, The Makem and Spain Brothers know their musical history. And with an energy not witnessed in some time, they are ready to take the Irish song tradition to a new generation. Their songwriting contains the timeless qualities of folk classics, songs of the worker, songs of the sea and Irish culture. They tell the tale of Ireland and its people — a culture that has undergone terrible strife, but remains strong.

In the five years that they have been performing together, they have shared the stage with The Wolfe Tones, the Makem Brothers, and the Dublin City Ramblers, as well as countless others. They have performed in hundreds of venues along the eastern seaboard and have recorded a debut CD, "Heroes and Rogues," that is receiving critical acclaim as well as crossover radio play on Bluegrass, Irish, and Folk stations across North America. The Makem and Spain Brothers are driving Irish folk songs into the 21st century internationally. Tickets are $25 and can be purchased at Nobles Camera stores and Scituate Federal Savings Banks. For more information, please call 781.383.9457.

MIDFIELDER

Jake Previte, a sophomore at St. Michael's College Vt., made Honor Roll for the Northeast 10 men's lacrosse conference as a "middie." Jake played attack for many years in his career-especially at CMHS, but his freshman year, his college coach asked him to change to midfield. The NE 10 conference is the second largest Div. II league in the nation. This year, lacrosse's most respected publication "Inside Lacrosse" has chosen the newly formed program at St. Michael's to finish 4th in the pre-season rankings of Div II NE 10. Jake, this was fantastic news to receive, keep up the great work.

ACADEMIC HONORS

The Belmont Hill School recently awarded academic honors and Cohasset resident, **Matthew Terrence O'Connell**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Michael O'Connell** received honors. Super Matthew, I know we will hear more about you in the months to come.

COUNTY FAIR!

The Cohasset ASP Appalachia County Fair is being held on Saturday, April 28 from 6:30-11 pm at St. Anthony's Parish Center. A delightfully entertaining evening designed to celebrate the important work of our Cohasset ASP volunteers and to raise funds for their upcoming return to Appalachia. The famous Redbones Barbecue of Somerville and music are serving dinner; dancing is coming to you from the "Gr8fls" formerly known as the Grateful Dads. You won't be able to resist the urge to shake-it on the floor. There will be live and silent auctions with art from local artists, vacations, event tickets and so much more. Also available will be original crafts from Cohasset volunteers and Appalachia and beer and wine will be available to *those over* 21. Tickets to this wonderful evening of fun are $35 per person and you may buy a table of 8 for you and your family and friends. You may obtain the tickets at local churches and also by calling or emailing **Gary Ritts** at 781-383-0345 or gar@2ndcc.org

ALL ABOUT HERBS

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its monthly general meeting on Tuesday March 27 in Bates Hall at the Second Congregational Church. Coffee will be served at 9 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. In this month's program, "The Joy of Herbs In Your Kitchen and Beyond", **Rita Wollmering**, the founder of the HERB FARMacy will present information about growing, harvesting, and preserving herbs not only for the kitchen but for use throughout the house as well.

GIFT IDEAS!

If you are looking for a perfect Mother's Day, Father's Day or birthday gift, here are some suggestions. Cohasset Elder Affairs is sponsoring two excellent trips this Spring. On Monday, May 1st, they will travel to Historic Salem for a Tour of the Peabody Essex Museum and Lunch at Victoria Station on Salem's beautiful Waterfront. On Wednesday, June 27, a trip to Newport, Rhode Island will happen, where you will board the Vista Jubilee for the Parade of Sails as the Tall Ships return to Newport. Please call 781-383-9112 for more information.

That is it for this week. Send me your news for next week no later than Tuesdays by 5:00 pm.

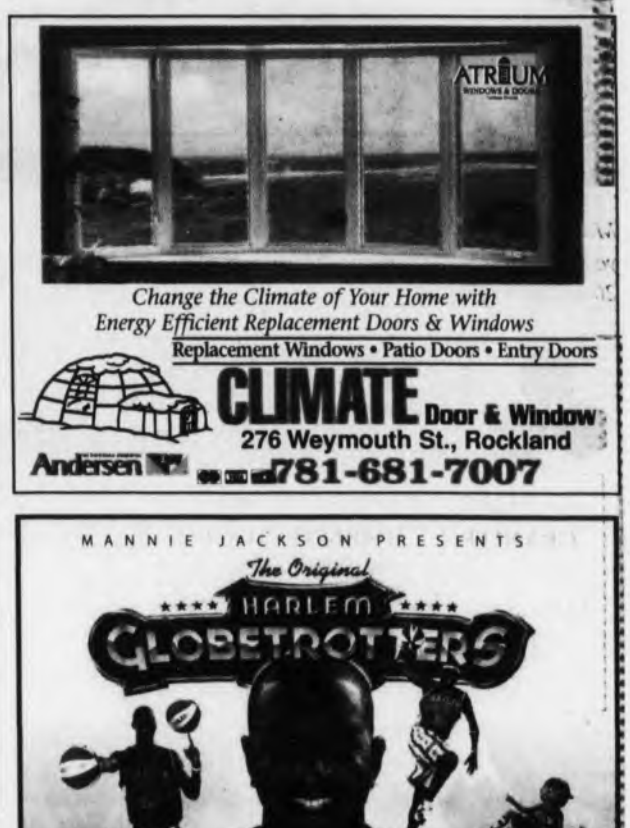
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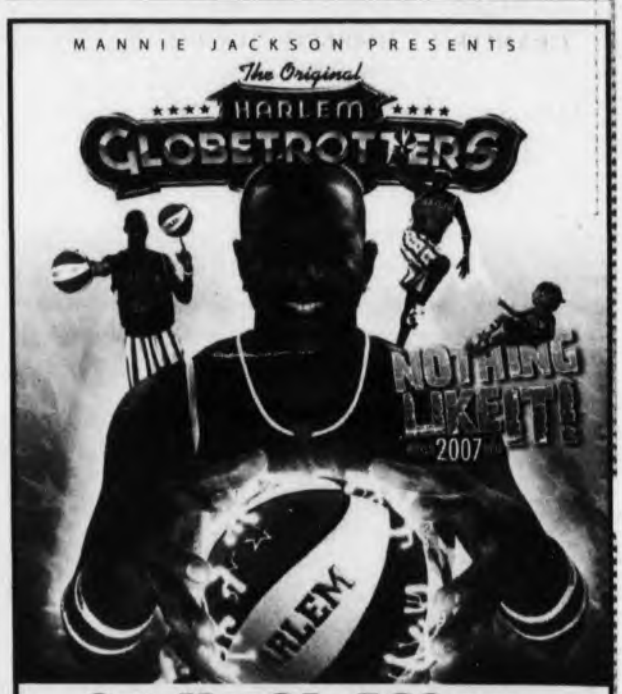
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This year's Relay dedicated to Mary Jeanette Murray

FROM MURRAY, PAGE 1

"But she would sneak back at night and bring us Dunkin' Donuts coffee and she would be in the high school cafeteria at 5a.m. cooking everyone breakfast."

Murray's daughter, Lillian Curley, has formed a team in her mother's honor. The team has yet to be named but she plans to get her family and friends involved. "We're going to raise as much money as we can," said Curley, "We need to find a cure."

Curley says that the relay was one of those events that ranked high on her mother's list of things to do every year. "It was near and dear to her heart, it was an event she liked to do." Although Curley has attended the relay in the past, this is her first year to form a team. Her kids and brothers will be coming along to participate.

"I know she will be up there smiling down on us with those blue eyes of hers; this would mean a lot to her," said Curley.

Jacqui Vitello, luminaria chair and 10-year veteran of the relay, fondly remembers Mary Jeanette's presence at the event. Vitello got involved in the relay when her father was battling cancer nine years ago. Her father had attended the first year of the event and was so moved that he wanted his family to get involved the next year. Unfortunately, Vitello's father passed away two months before the event. But she and her family still walked. She remembers Murray, who had known her father, offering words of support.

"I remember she came over and said 'your father would be so happy that you and your family are doing this.' She was just very encouraging."

Murray's influence and spirit will no doubt be a large part of this year's event that will be held on June 15 and 16. Residents from Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Scituate and beyond will gather at the Cohasset High School track to raise money, walk, and support each other. The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is an overnight benefit event that raises money to find a cure for cancer. This is Cohasset's 11th year hosting the event.

The Cohasset Relay for Life has set a 2007 fundraising goal of $200,000. Last year, they were able to raise $167,000 for the American Cancer Society. More than 40 teams have signed up to participate this year, involving kids, teens and adults from Cohasset and surrounding towns.

"The money we make is how we keep track of the relay's success, but it's so much more than that. There's an energy involved and it's really the experience of the event that is inspirational," says St. Onge. Cohasset's event, in just 10 years, has raised more than $1.1 million for the American Cancer Society. The money raised is then given to major cancer research organizations that are working every day to find the cure for all types of cancer.

The proceeds are driven from teams and individuals' fundraising efforts. Cancer is a non-discriminating disease and it's difficult to find a person or a family that hasn't been affected by it. The Relay for Life is a grassroots endeavor that brings individuals together who share a commitment to making a difference in the fight against cancer, says St. Onge.

The relay will begin at 3p.m on Friday, June 15th and conclude on Saturday, June 16th at 10a.m. Each team is charged with having at least one member of their team walking the track at any given time.

"In our fast-paced society, this event is a way to bring families together. They all stop for a day or two days and put their heart into something we all believe in. Heart and community are key," says volunteer and organizer Jen Piepenbrink. The young and old, teenagers, caregivers, cancer survivors and fighters attend the event.

The Relay's schedule is packed with activities. The opening ceremony begins at 6p.m.with a local cancer survivor addressing participants. That is followed by the survivor's lap, in which cancer survivors; those still struggling with the disease and their caregivers are invited to walk the track in celebration of their strength. Then, each team is introduced. Simultaneously, there will also be a "Taste of the Relay," local restaurants will be donating chowder and desserts.

At 9p.m. the Luminaria Walk, a cornerstone of the Relay for Life, will begin. Luminarias are paper bags filled with sand and a candle that line the inside of the track. Each bag is a dedication to a person who has struggled or is struggling with cancer. Many are decorated tributes to a grandfather, aunt or friend. Last year more than 4000 bags were lit for the ceremony, each with a donation of $5.

"Every luminaria has a story behind it. When you're walking and you come to someone you know, it's very powerful," says Piepenbrink.

This year the Relay is hosting a pre-event concert to raise money. The Makem and Spain Brothers, an Irish band, will entertain what St. Onge hopes will be a sell-out audience. The concert is set for April 28th at the Cohasset High School auditorium. Tickets are $25 and can be bought through Harry St. Onge, 781-383-9465.

If you'd like to get involved with the Relay for Life, it's never too late. Teams and individuals can get registered and involved up to the day of the relay. Visit www.acsevents.org/relay/macohasset to join an established team or start your own. Contact Relay Chairman Harry St. Onge, st.onge@comcast.net for more information.

"We don't look at how much money a team can bring in, you can have a team of five people or it can be 50 people, we just want people to be involved and experience the relay," says St. Onge, "And once they do, I know they'll come back."

Next week, the Mariner will begin a weekly "Relay Corner" with meeting dates, stories on participants, photos, fundraising information and important details on the event itself.



Mary Jeanette Murray at the annual Little League opening day in Cohasset. This year's Relay For Life is being dedicated to Murray, who served 12 terms as state representative.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Mary Jeanette Murray serves up pancakes during breakfast at the 1998 Relay For Life. This year's Relay is being dedicated to Murray, who passed away after a battle with cancer in October 2006. She was 81.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Grounded in half-truths

By Mary Ford
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At the Mariner, we do not "sign" our editorials as a rule. That is because editorials represent the position of the paper and not the personal view of the writer. But I wanted to sign this editorial because it is very personal, and as someone who values my family's privacy, difficult to write.

I have never been to Iraq nor have I served in the military. But I do have some perspective. I have two sons: one of whom served 13 months in Ramadi; and my other son is deploying to Iraq in June. My nephew, a Marine, is currently in Iraq. Over the years from time to time my Scituate home has been full of ROTC and West Point cadets; active duty soldiers; and now war veterans.

As a staff writer for both the Hingham Journal and Cohasset Mariner over the past four years, I have reported on local men and women who have served in Iraq – in some cases I interviewed the soldier, sailor or Marine before he left and again when he returned. I also covered the homecoming of Hingham's 1058th.

I think I am qualified to share my perspective on "The Ground Truth," a film that purports to be a documentary and features interviews with about a dozen veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and some families.

Monday night the movie ran on the Sundance cable-TV channel where I watched it in its entirety. I did not attend the showing of the film last week at the Hingham Public Library (coverage of which is in this week's Mariner, see page 10).

While I appreciate that those on all political sides of the Iraq war issue say they *support* the troops – I think painting our veterans as "victims" of our own military does the exact opposite. I would not have as large a problem with the movie if it provided another perspective: the good things and heroic acts occurring in Iraq on a daily basis, and the advances being made there. But the film focused on veterans who felt they were duped into joining up and then brainwashed into becoming killers.

With that being said, I realize war is horrible and terrible things occur. My husband and I were transferred to Calais, France, in the mid-1970s. The Nazis occupied Calais, which is on the English Channel, during WWII. Thirty years after the war, evidence of the occupation still abounded. Some of the bunkers served as mini-museums housing Nazi posters that gave orders to the residents. But our friend Claude – a Calais resident who loved Americans — had two older brothers, both of whom were severely mentally handicapped because as young boys they were so traumatized by the *allies'* bombings that had destroyed much of the city.

My Dad, a Marine, never talked about his WWII service and my son, James, doesn't talk about Iraq nor do his friends.

But I have a box full of letters that speak to visits to the schools, handing out soccer balls to Iraqi kids, and the challenges of life at "Camp Junction City."

As parents, we found out much later that James led 120 combat patrols in his first four months in Iraq and that he was awarded a Bronze Star. We found out because my husband asked him for a copy of his DD 214 form (Department of Defense separation form) for our family records. Listed on the DD 214 were James' medals. When pressed, James then shared with us his Bronze Star on the condition that me (his mother) did *not* contact the Scituate Mariner for a story. (While proud, he said, the medal belonged to those who did not come back).

The narrative accompanying the Bronze Star states in part, "…During his first week of patrols, 1Lt. Ford led a patrol that came in contact with hostile Iraqis. His patrol was fired upon. 1LT Ford responded by directing overwhelming fires that neutralized the threat quickly without taking any casualties from his platoon. Once the situation was under control, he immediately directed our medic and combat lifesavers to administer first aid to the critically wounded Iraqis…His conduct on the ground radioing in air assets for a medical evacuation was flawless…"

My first experience with the true cost of war came within a year after high school when two of my classmates were killed in Vietnam. During that military-draft era, some war protesters, dubbed "flower children," put flowers into gun barrels and some spat on troops when they returned. Some could not separate their opposition to the war from the troops on the ground.

We are not there yet with the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq but, in my view, we are heading in that direction.

Let's hope as this war story continues to be told that a fuller, fairer picture will be presented – one that treats our troops with honor and gives them the deep respect they deserve.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Art exhibit, good enough to eat

TO THE EDITOR:

They came, they created and then they ate, all while accompanied by musicians Matt Blaze, Conor Michaud, Jonny Drybanski, David Crawford and Colin Dignam, the talented band members that added to the overall party atmosphere. The well attended Cohasset High School sixth annual Eat Your Art exhibit was a resounding success. Over 50 students and community members showcased their artistic talents to create unusual and clever edible art. Cohasset High School Art Department acting chair, Nina Berkowitz, and the Cohasset MHS Arts Boosters would like to thank everyone who participated and the following contributors who generously donated gift certificates or their time to the festivities:

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Check out www.cohassetartsboosters.com for a list of official winners and a sampling of some of the entries.

Thank you for giving the arts a boost!

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Kudos to the Land Foundation

TO THE EDITOR:

As Jim Hamilton pointed out in a column last week, the Cohasset Land Foundation promises to be a significant force in preserving land, complementing the work of the Conservation Trust. The Trust acquires land for public use by gift of real estate or by purchase below market (in essence a partial gift from the owner) with conservation restrictions, using donated funds.

The mission of the Land Foundation is to acquire land for which the owners require market price and thus is not of practical interest to the Conservation Trust. The Land Foundation would develop only that portion needed to recoup costs, so that the remainder is preserved for open space or other public use. This adds something (that otherwise would not be) to our stock of open space, essentially by eliminating the normal profit in land development. Some assistance from donated funds would be welcome, of course. The concept was originated and has been well demonstrated in the town of Lincoln over a period of many years.

Hopefully, the financial structure of some future projects may permit some contribution to Cohasset's much-needed affordable housing. However, that may not often be compatible with the primary mission, and is not envisaged in the Foundation's initial project on Beechwood Street.

Although I have "retired" from the Land Foundation, I treasure my brief association with this group of uniquely experienced, capable and public-spirited individuals. Cohasset is indeed fortunate not only to have them, but also because they are but a sample of the wealth of talent and public-spiritedness that the Town is blessed with. Let us appreciate and support them in their challenging mission.

R. Murray Campbell
217 Jerusalem Road

'I really love good design'

TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE COHASSET

JOANN MIRISE

Lucky for us (meaning we and Mama Earth) the green design market is exploding.

I am absolutely smitten. The object of my affection: the Toto Aquia Dual Flush toilet. On a recent trip to Portland, Maine, I stumbled upon a specialty hardware and decor shop in the charming Old Port neighborhood. Against my better judgment, I went in with my two preschool-aged children despite what looked to be walls of very fragile and expensive things to break.

What I found was a veritable gallery of the all-to-often overlooked objects of everyday life. The things we take for granted like knobs and switches were elevated to a level beyond mere function. Even door hinges were crafted with an artisan sensibility. It was on the second floor that the Toto caught my eye. With its elegant, elongated lines and the telltale sculptured dual button I knew I had happened upon what a number of "best-of" lists have touted as one of the top designs of recent years.

What makes this toilet so appealing, aside from its good looks and reasonable price, is its effortless, interactive way of addressing a really big issue — declining water resources. After your business is done and it is time to flush, you have the option to push one button for liquid (aka number 1) at .9 gallons of water per flush, or the other button for solids (number 2) at 1.6 gallons per flush. This simple choice could save the average household 2,500 to 15,000 gallons of water annually and as much as $50 to $300 a year. And with Massachusetts' water supplies continually being challenged, combined with the fact that 40 percent of indoor water usage is from the toilet, this single action clearly can make a huge impact. An unassuming, consciousness-infused toilet design. Brilliant. The bonus is that we only have to look to our fellow westerners to see that this design works. Dual flush toilets have been popular in the European market for years, and in countries like Australia and

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Brook, Elm streets to be revitalized

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN



Before: workers adjusting dam covering.



After: dam covering in position.

First, Some Great News – You may remember that The Town of Cohasset received a Public Works Economic Development Grant from the Department of Transportation to redo the infrastructure in the village center. This work was done last year and made a general mess of the village while the transformation was underway. Unfortunately, due to escalating costs the grant, which the Town received in 2001, was not quite enough to complete the work on Brook and Elm Streets in 2006. Consequently, the Town applied for additional funds from the Department of Transportation to complete the project. Late last week we received notification from Representative Bradley's office that Cohasset has been awarded an additional $310K to complete the project. So, Brook and Elm Streets will be finished after all. When finished we will all be able to wave goodbye to the bumps on Brook and Elm we have suffered with the past year.

The construction that remains to be done will not be nearly as disruptive as the 2006 work. This is because when we were working last year we were able to get all of the new underground drainage work completed. So all we need to do now is replace the street, sidewalk and curbing. No more deep holes, plates in the streets and drainpipe repositioning. That's all behind us. As we begin discussions with the contractor we'll keep you posted about schedules and the other details.

Forest Avenue paving and sidewalks – We have been talking about the completion of the sidewalks and paving on Forest Avenue for the past year. One of the administrative details that needed to be tended to was holding a Shade Tree Hearing. The State defines a "Shade Tree" as a tree on a public way, or on the boundary of a public way. And, whenever a shade tree is to be removed, a Shade Tree Hearing must be held. You ask, what is a Shade Tree Hearing? After the proper public announcement by newspaper and posted signs on the trees to be removed the Town's Tree Warden must hold a Shade Tree Hearing. This is a public meeting at which residents can voice their support or displeasure with the intended removals. If any written objections are received, by law, the tree removal issue is given over to the Selectmen for a final decision. During the hearing held on Tuesday, March 20th we did receive a written objection. So, the issue is remanded to the Selectmen for a final decision. This means that nothing can be done on the Forest Avenue sidewalk / paving project until a decision is reached by the Selectmen about tree removal.

If you support or object to the Forest Avenue tree removal prior to the paving and sidewalk project we ask that you communicate this to the Board of Selectmen. This subject is on the Agenda for Monday, March 26th at 8:15 p.m..

Harbor Wall Replacement – The work on the Portadam continues along Border Street between Atlantica and Mill River Marine. As we have mention in prior articles, the contractor is erecting a dam so that he can work on the wall without worrying about the tides. As of this past Tuesday, the dam framework had been completed and the waterproof membrane that will form the actual dam surface is in the process of being positioned. By the way, how would you like to be the guy in the wetsuit in the accompanying photo in 40 degree weather?

As of this past Wednesday morning, the covering had been placed on the Portadam framework. The waterside edge is in the process of being dug into the harbor floor. The old harbor wall disassembly is scheduled to start on this Thursday, 3/22. (*Our dead line for this column is Wed PM.*) By the time you read this work on the wall should be well underway.

Because the Border Street construction site is so close to the street, the road will be reduced to a single lane until the project is completed. In order to manage the traffic the contractor has installed a one way traffic light system which we mentioned last week. Since them, the temporary traffic light has been installed and seems to be working well. If you have any comments about the light, think it is too fast, or too slow, please let us know. And, please drive slowly through this area. We've had reports on near misses as some cars pay no attention to the traffic light or come speeding into the area near Atlantica and become surprised by the cars stopped by the light.

Greenbush update – On Thursday (March 22) we were rearranging a fiber optic communication network, owned by Cohasset Schools, which passes over the rail bed at Sohier Street and again at Pleasant Street This network needs to be raised to clear the trains as well as moved to new poles. CBB was going to have the work done by their electrical contractor, but working with the schools, we can get it done much quicker at lower cost. CBB has agreed to reimburse the Schools for the cost.

Some re-grading is being done at the station site on Route 3A. Also, a few finishing touches are being added to the station platform. But, not much is happening elsewhere. We'd sure like to see some construction workers reappear at Pond, Sohier or King streets. The bumps and detours are getting to be pretty "old hat" after the six months to over a year that they have been in existence. So, we wait along, with you, for the crews to return. We hope this will happen when the asphalt plants reopen in April.

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The art of insulting our enemies

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TOM HENSHAW



Even the "Impeach Bush!" crowd will be pleased to learn that our leader, George 43, has discovered a new way to attack our enemies without firing a shot.

Most people called it a movie.

Iran calls it an insult.

Someone seems to have caught up to Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad between splits of the atom long enough to tell him that the new hit flick "300" is "serving the policy of the U. S. leadership."

"Leadership." In case you've forgotten, that's George.

If I remember my history classes with Professor G. Norman Eddy at BU, "300" is the story of King Leonidas and his 300 Spartans who held the pass at Thermopylae for three days against King Xerxes and his Persian host back in 480 BC.

Apparently just talking about it is an insult to the Iranians, the lineal descendants of the Persians, who admittedly emerge from the picture with reputations something less than spotless.

"The film depicts Iranians as demons, without culture, feeling or humanity, who think of nothing except attacking other nations and killing people," groused Ayende-No, Iran's largest newspaper.

Has anyone told the Israelis?

Some film reviewers did note with alarm, said the Associated Press, "the way Persians are depicted as decadent, sexually flamboyant and evil in contrast to the noble Greeks." But that only proves they were soldiers and this was a Hollywood film.

"The U. S., by producing such a movie, reverses historical reality and tries to compensate for its wrongdoings in order to provoke American soldiers" against Iran, said Javad Shamghadri, "cultural adviser" to President Ahmedinejad.

Has anyone told Javad that all this happened 2,487 years ago and 1,972 years before America was even a gleam in Columbus' eye? Besides, fellahs, the Spartans were Greeks, not graduates of Michigan State.

If Javad and the editor of Avende-No had read a little further in their history books they would have found that the Persians not only routed the Spartans and slaughtered them to a man but they won the war and burned Athens before being deployed home.

If the story of King Leonidas and his 300 Spartans could so rouse the passions of Ahmedinejad and his cohorts, why did they give a pass to the flick "Alexander," the story of the Macedonian king who absolutely destroyed the Persian empire a hundred or so years later?

If George 43 pulled that one off and got away with it, I'm speechless with admiration.

Perhaps we have discovered a new method of bloodless assault on our enemies — make a movie that would expose the dark side of their stories to all the world.

But do it first.

Special effects and my Hollywood moment

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

LA Story, Part 3

Although I have many good qualities — my long, silky legs being chief among them — thinking ahead has never been my strong suit. When I was 12 I deliberately threw a snowball at a moving police car from my own yard, figuring the driver wouldn't react any differently than the school bus drivers did. Years later I went out of my way to surround myself with a wife and three children, only to discover I enjoy their company most when they're all asleep. And true to my nature, I spent tens of thousands of my parents' dollars getting a mechanical engineering degree and never worked single a day as an M.E.

Real mechanical engineers are disciplined, professional, enjoy working with partial differential equations, and are responsible for most of the technological marvels of the last century. They are one notch below rocket scientists, whereas I am one notch below a vertebrate. I like tinkering with machines, taking them apart and deciding much later whether to reassemble them, but ask me to calculate the shear stresses at the midpoint of a rotating jet turbine blade and I'll give you my stock answer: sometimes planes crash and there's nothing we can do about it. I'm not the guy you want working for NASCAR, let alone NASA.

But Reel Efx, a special effects company at Raleigh Studios in Los Angeles, was where I belonged in 1988. There was no higher math, no time cards, just a huge honkin' metal shop with enough tools and materials to give the IAEA pause. We made animatronic cows, blew up buildings, launched catapults, flew people on wires, and operated puppets, all during our off hours. The rest of the time they paid us to blow wind on Madonna, rain on Janet Jackson, levitate Linda Blair, and impale Jason Voorhees. We were single men who liked our work, so basically we never left except to deposit our paychecks.

I made two very close friends at Reel Efx: Jim, an energetic 30-something nerd who co-owned the company and was the main force behind it, and Beny, a 19-year-old kid whose voice had yet to change and was such fun to be around that I often forgot what a genius he was. This teenager had already done more in terms of invention and entrepreneurship than most people ever do. He had bought the chassis from an old VW Beetle, built his own dune buggy out of it, and would race it competitively at Pismo Beach whenever he wasn't flying one of his many home-made RC airplanes. Before Reel Efx he financed these and many other hobbies through his three small businesses, installing garage door systems, creating custom retractable swimming-pool covers, and renting out the professional-grade paint sprayer he'd bought to turn his low-rider Nissan truck from black to bright sparkly red.

The paternal half of Beny's extended family was Mexican and his mother's side was native Californian, so Beny could toggle back and forth effortlessly between American English and Mexican Spanish, complete with flawless accents in both cases. For someone like me, whose brain had burned ten million calories over four years trying to learn the most rudimentary French, hanging around Beny in Los Angeles was like having a friend with super powers. L.A. is a city with one foot in Reagan's America and the other in Mexico, so in public spaces a lot of your time is spent listening to unintelligible conversations. But when I was on a bus or in a restaurant with Beny the Babelfish, all was revealed to me.

"That guy's son is in jail for trying to rob El Pollo Loco," he would whisper. "And see that couple over there? They're having a fight over something he said about her sister."

"What's up with those two" I'd ask, discreetly pointing to two young Hispanic women giggling at a nearby table. "Do they like me? They keep glancing over here."

Without turning his head Beny would adjust his x-ray hearing and sit silently for a minute.

"No, your pants have exploded," he'd say.

This is something that actually happened to me. One morning I carried two heavy car batteries from one end of the studio lot to another. They didn't have handles, so as I tried to adjust and hang on to them I must have tilted them this way and that. I got battery acid all over my jeans but was too distracted to notice at the time. Something else I didn't know was the effect battery acid has on denim, but I found out a few hours later as I was showing a group of tourists around a sound stage near our shop. I crouched down to pick up a nail gun and the acid-weakened fabric gave way so unexpectedly and in so many places that it felt like my pants had literally been repelled from my loins.

I believe it capped off a tour they'll never forget.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset. He's not kidding about the pants, but for the record his legs are nothing to write home about.

HEALTH NOTES

Personal hygiene and the Norovirus

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Immune systems may require generations to adapt defenses against ailments to which people are frequently exposed.

If it isn't one thing, it's another. Recently, the media has been filled with articles about Noroviruses, a group of viruses that cause the "stomach flu," or gastroenteritis. The term Norovirus was recently created after the original strain "Norwalk virus," which caused an outbreak of gastroenteritis in a school in Norwalk, Ohio, in 1968. Current variations of the Norovirus strain appear to have more persistence in an open environment, surviving longer on doorknobs, silverware, etc. Certainly the incidence of such illnesses has increased.

The symptoms of Norovirus illness usually include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and some stomach cramping. Sometimes people additionally have a low-grade fever, chills, headache, muscle aches, and a general sense of tiredness. The illness often begins suddenly, and the infected person may feel very sick. In most people the illness is self-limiting with symptoms lasting for about one or two days. During the course of the illness, it's important to get enough liquids, particularly children and the elderly, since there is a risk of dehydration. Viruses are different from bacteria and parasites, some of which can cause illnesses similar to norovirus infection. Like all viral infections, noroviruses are not affected by treatment with antibiotics and cannot grow outside of a person's body.

Unquestionably, gradual growth in pervasiveness of viruses and other types of interpersonal infections has been observed. This, despite increased vigilance in many environments, particularly schools where information on personal hygiene and sanitation is routinely taught and practiced. Increases have been noted where relaxed vigilance might occur, such as cruise ships and nursing homes where, while staff may use effective prevention techniques, temporary visitors to the environment: cruise passengers themselves or outside support staff may not exercise similar vigilance.

The immune system, like everything else that doesn't get used often, becomes rusty; operates at impaired efficiency. Immune systems may require generations to adapt defenses against ailments to which people are frequently exposed. Montezuma, presumably never had Montezuma's revenge. On the other hand his subjects got measles and died in great numbers.

So, we poor people with the weakened immune systems have to do things our forebears never even considered, like washing our hands before dinner or wiping germs off doorknobs, etc. Unfortunately, the increased capabilities of new viruses such as the Norovirus may cause us to think differently about the practices we use to control spread of infectious materials. Perhaps, when following the accepted rules of personal hygiene, we could also benefit by knowing what factors cause viruses to persist outside of the body. I remember an experience in school in which a classmate chided me because I contaminated his glasses by breathing on and wiping with a tissue to clean them. He was to go on in later life to become a doctor, so his classmates would listen intently to his pronouncements. But the concept has merit; persistence of viruses, bacteria and other living pathogens depends on several factors which are only slightly considered in the rules of hygiene: moisture and temperature. Certainly, we heat meat and other food products to 165°F to kill bacteria. We also use alcohol and other germicides in water as a disinfectant, but water itself is one of the factors, which sustain viruses outside the body. Even the gooey stuff we miss while cleaning kitchen cabinets, doorknobs and elevator buttons contains some moisture. So, maybe it would be wise to consider where moisture would play a part in degrading the following standard rules for personal hygiene:

- Frequently wash your hands, especially after toilet visits and changing diapers and before eating or preparing food.
- Carefully wash fruits and vegetables, and steam oysters before eating them.
- Thoroughly clean and disinfect contaminated surfaces immediately after an episode of illness by using a bleach-based household cleaner.
- Immediately remove and wash clothing or linens that may be contaminated with virus after an episode of illness (use hot water and soap).
- Flush toilets and make sure that the surrounding area is kept clean.
- Those with symptoms should not prepare food for three days after they recover. Throw away food that's been handled.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Water issues on 'Our Town'

As the March 31 annual Town Meeting approaches OUR TOWN, co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with Water Commission Chairman Glenn Pratt for the full hour.

Pratt will field questions from the hosts on the water articles that are on the Warrant.

The water department is seeking authority to sell water to other municipalities. Relating to that issue, Pratt said at a recent Selectmen's meeting, "We are letting opportunity go out to the ocean everyday." However, Selectmen voted 4-1 not to recommend the article to Town Meeting.

A water rate increase is also on the Warrant. That issue received unanimous support from Selectmen.

Tune in and find out what Pratt has to say about these important issues and the goals of the water department.

Our Town airs Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9pm on Comcast Channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed!

Movie delivers anti-war message

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"I would go from being a hero to a monster. I felt like one. I was a mess when I came back."
— Veteran featured in 'Ground Truth'

"There is no sanctuary in this war."

Those were the sobering words of one of many veterans, who were interviewed in "The Ground Truth," a critically praised documentary centering on the challenges faced by returning veterans in reuniting with their families and communities.

That statement reflected the soldiers' feelings not only about their time in Iraq but also about returning home, often injured, full of remorse, and feeling like merely shells of their former selves. One veteran in the film summed up his feelings in a couple of brief sentences: "I didn't fit. You don't like yourself anymore because you hate what you just did [in Iraq]."

It was in the spirit of honoring United States soldiers and veterans that Weymouth resident Carlotta Hayes scheduled a showing of the film at the Hingham library March 14. A number of Hingham, Weymouth, Scituate, and Cohasset residents attended. The film is being shown all over the country to raise awareness about the plight of veterans.

"I come from a Quaker family and I am a pacifist," Hayes said. "But I realize that not everyone holds the same viewpoint." Whatever your opinion about the war, she said, "Veterans deserve respect."

Before the film began, Hayes asked any veterans who were in the room to stand and be recognized. Several stood up and were met with heartening applause.

"The Ground Truth" is a graphic, gripping, and moving portrayal of the horrors of war on both sides and the difficult task of re-entering society after returning from combat. "It's absolutely ridiculous to think that we can revert back to being civilians after being told to kill," said one veteran in the film.

The soldiers were frank about their feelings. One called the debriefing experience "a slow descent from hell."

Others found the recruitment process misleading. "Unlike the warning on a package of cigarettes, there's no warning that a soldier might die," one veteran interviewed in the documentary noted. "You are told you will become a man. You're not given the full picture. The information is soft-pedaled."

Veterans also shared the reasons why they joined the armed services. These ranged from needing money for school to wanting to avoid getting into trouble. Another soldier "felt an obligation to give back. It was about love for our country, which is the greatest place in the world," he recalled.

Another soldier in the film rued the fact that while there a number of benefits to military service, "the purpose is to kill, to take life." Others noted that "starting with basic training, they systematically break you down" and that "the training is so effective that the vast majority emerge as warriors" in the struggle to survive.

Members of returning veterans' families shared their experiences. One woman had to care for her seriously injured husband, children, and house all at the same time, never knowing when life would start to get back to normal, if ever. One spouse realized that "a part of my husband died over there."

Another returning veteran's family recalled their son calling himself a killer before committing suicide. "There are emotional scars. They're not a physical thing so no one can see it coming," his mother said.

Other veterans say they will never be the same. One can't get the memory of discovering that he had killed three innocent Iraqis out of his mind.

Another soldier recalled seeing children whipped with antennas and breaking bottles over civilians' heads. "We could all do that given the proper circumstances," he said.

One veteran spoke of "the demons we have to wrestle with now. Another talked about the "ball of adrenalin I still have in my gut after three years of training. You can't just give it up," he said.

Perhaps the most sobering part of the film was descriptions of the killing of innocent civilians, including women and children, and the scars those deeds left on the soldiers. In the words of one veteran in the film: "All the aggression and hatred gets focused on every single Iraqi." Others spoke of "cold-blooded killing," "peer pressure," and the smell of burning flesh.

"My wife was so proud of me – how can I tell her about the dead kid at the side of the road?" one veteran said. "I would go from being a hero to a monster. I felt like one. I was a mess when I came back."

Another said he felt compromised — "You see kids playing football on one block calling, 'America! America!' and on the next block you get shot at."

Another soldier admitted to singing songs about "killing kids in schoolyards or women who are shopping." Another wondered if he was up to the task. "I asked myself, 'Will I be able to kill someone or will I flip out?" he recalled.

Another veteran in the film commented, "We're talking about giving a 19-year-old a rifle and ammunition and putting him behind the wheel of a tank and saying, 'If you want to go home, if you want to go back to your girlfriend, go in and destroy that city."

Images of returning veterans in wheelchairs or with shattered or missing limbs or with a face so severely damaged that it was difficult not to look away in horror combined with ones of injured Iraqis, including children, will likely stay in the minds of those who view the film for a long time.

So will the words of the veterans, in particular those spoken by one soldier who said: "Some days I'm glad to be alive, but other times I wish they would have killed me. I can't run or dance. In a way it's like I'm lost."

Another said, "I took my anger home with me. I didn't turn it in with my duffel bag." Still another said he sleeps with a gun in his bed.

The audience sat in silence as the showing of "The Ground Truth" came to an end. The discussion following the film was respectful, representing both sides of the issue. One thing was apparent — supporters of the United States invasion of Iraq and those who vehemently oppose the continuing occupation have at least a common interest in supporting the American troops.

Veterans in the film were angered by the length of time it takes to collect benefits and the related reams of paperwork and by the lack of attention to psychological issues stemming from their experiences in Iraq.

One veteran in the film encouraged fellow soldiers to speak out about their problems.

A World War II veteran, who attended the Hingham viewing of "The Ground Truth," expressed gratitude for the good care he has received from the Veterans Administration but was disturbed to hear that some Iraq veterans aren't receiving the same. "The news is not getting out. Where's the outrage? Why aren't we protesting [to get better treatment for veterans]?" he asked.

Elizabeth Wilding-Smith of Hingham wondered how anyone could think this is a "good and necessary war" after watching the film.

Keith Jermyn, who returned to Hingham from Iraq 10 months ago, called it "a powerful movie." Then he offered another side of the coin. "Some people are proud to be in Iraq," he said. "I fought to free those oppressed people." He also said that the film failed to show the "$50,000 sewer project and power upgrades we worked on over there."

Jermyn claimed he "didn't see any of what is shown here in Iraq. We were greeted warmly while there," he said. "We are helping people over there, and seeing this makes me proud to serve."

A Scituate mother of two boys expressed concern about the presence of military recruiters in some school cafeterias.

Robert Loring of Weymouth, who was wearing a hat with an "Impeach Bush" logo, said he was pleased to watch the film with "a roomful of peace advocates. There should be 1,000 people here watching this," he said. "It's a war you can't win."

Cohasset resident Rai Cunningham, who comes from a family with a military history harking back to the Battle of Gettysburg, called the movie "horrific." "Something about this war is rotten at the core," she said. "The creeping numbness among Americans is frightening. What's it going to take for our country to wake up and come out of this daze?"

"Bring the draft back!" was the suggestion of a couple of viewers.

Debbie Ludwig of Hingham recalled that "when the war started being framed in such a way that it was considered unpatriotic to dissent, people started being quiet," she said. "This just doesn't feel right."

At Hayes' request, the audience applauded each speaker for having the courage to speak his or her views. As the event drew to a close, she suggested, "Perhaps we could all work together on veterans' benefits and to find our common areas."

Hingham resident Shirley Brown encouraged those who are against the occupation of Iraq to join a peace vigil, write to the President, or "do whatever you can to help get us out of this terrible mess."

Perhaps the speaker who made the biggest impact was Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, who was among those who welcomed Jermyn home last year. Hedlund was the only Republican to support a resolution at the State House calling for the war in Iraq to end immediately. "United States military personnel are in 135 countries," he said. "This interventionist meddling has become institutionalized in our nation's foreign policy."

Although he said as a Republican, he's frustrated – "I feel like a man without a country" — Hedlund went on to say that war "is not a partisan issue. The money we're spending in Iraq could be used to fix this country. I've been biting my tongue for three or four years out of a fear of alienating my supporters, but many of my colleagues who didn't put their name to this resolution are also frustrated, befuddled, and outright disgusted about the direction in which this is going," Hedlund said.

The resolution was filed in response to a message to bring troops home now sent by voters in the 36 representative districts across the state — including Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, and Scituate (Precinct 3) —where it appeared on the Nov. 7 ballot.

One Vietnam veteran in the audience at the library called both wars a "waste of life and integrity. We have to rise up as citizens – we've lost our voice," he said.

For more information about "The Ground Truth," visit www.thegroundtruth.net.

'Peace Among Nations'

A Reflection by Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Cohasset, for a service on Peacemaking at the Annual Union Service of Six South Shore Congregations, March 18.

Keeping hope is as tough as keeping peace. Building hope is as tortuous as building peace.

It was a tough choice — whether to tend to the erudite words and the commanding presence of my professor or to catch a glance through the window at the sun dipping into the Mediterranean waters just a few hundred yards from my classroom. As a student in this year-long seminar on Moral Philosophy, I knew I was privileged to learn through the seasoned lens of Dr. Charles Malik, as schooled in the philosophical particulars of Plato and Nietzsche as he was skilled in the political intricacies of Lebanon and the Middle East. As I sifted through the ideas and exchanges of that classroom and those occasional field seminars that lifted those exchanges into the villages above Beirut, I knew that these were moments not to be missed, however tempting the sunsets. Here was the man who had served as the first President of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its founding in 1945. Dr. Malik would lace his commentary on moral philosophy with stories of notes passed back and forth with Dag Hammarskjöld in their days at the UN. He would tease the political taboos of this Lebanese university with an offhand comment favorable to Israel. I learned a large horizon from that man so committed to peace among nations, so hopeful that it was possible.

My roommate that year was from Baghdad. Laila was in Beirut on a mathematics scholarship from her government. She would return home proud to bring expertise valued by her country in a discipline that still carried a gender barrier for young girls in my own.

Yet unknown to me was another student at the university, a young Palestinian woman who in 1948 with the creation of Israel had been forced to flee with her family first to Jerusalem and then to Beirut. Years later I would meet her at the Unitarian Church of All Souls in New York City, a city she would have long called home. At All Souls, Hanan became chair of the Peace Task Force.

How woven we are. How woven we are in this web that is never static. We know what happened last summer with the devastation of Southern Lebanon, with the raids on both sides of the border. We know that tomorrow marks the fourth anniversary of our country's invasion of Laila's homeland. We know that the institution served so well by Charles Malik and Dag Hammarskjöld still stands, however little faith some vest in it, no matter how many times it has kept us all from the brink of the even more horrific.

Ours is an extended family of nations. There is ready grist for petty quarrels; there is ready venom for brutality and war. Hope is commonly called unrealistic in this unruly family. Sharing does not come easy for this family's most spoiled children. Resentment and rage flair understandably for this family's most fragile members. Keeping the peace is fraught with problems that accrue when human rights are sacrificed on the altars of being right and having more.

Hope is unrealistic only in hearts and minds that hoard the tools of realism. Keeping hope is as tough as keeping peace. Building hope is as tortuous as building peace. Yet we as Unitarian Universalists espouse a goal of "world community with peace, liberty and justice for all." Is this just idle religious chit-chat or are we serious? How faithful are we to this notion of a functional global family? How ready are we as citizens and as people of faith to beat our addiction to goods and resources that come at such an unconscionable price to other family members? How ready are we as a family of faith to wade into the murky waters of peace among nations when we quarrel over money and the kids in our congregations?

How ready are we, I wonder, as my head turns to look out the window and catch the sun dipping once again into those waters off the coast of that jewel city of the Mediterranean, as the wisdom of my professor resonates through the years, and as the silent footsteps of my unknowing friend out there on the campus hold a Palestinian history, a Lebanese present and an American future. How ready are we, I wonder, as we consider once more just how it is our family of nations will be family.

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Question of the Week

*Town boards have a lot of business to attend to. However, it is the **public's** business. Even as reporters we face challenges grasping all the issue and at times, boards do not relate well to audience members whether present at the meeting or on TV. What can you do to ensure the government's business is more "user friendly" to the citizenry?*

SELECTMAN/ Paul Carlson

Town citizens and board members occasionally have difficulty grasping all the issues that come before the boards. The board members clearly cannot be expert in all matters that come before them. Many of the issues discussed at these meetings are complex, some requiring specialized knowledge. In order to be knowledgeable, board members frequently must spend time prior to the meetings studying these issues. The members often rely on the very useful background information provided for the meetings.

We should make that background information broadly available by placing the information packets on our town website and in hard copy form at the Town Manager's office prior to the meetings. Confidential information (I have been told only a few percent of the total) would, of course, need to be kept separate from the public information. Thus, interested citizens could access the information provided the board members. If there is sufficient interest in posting these documents, we need to determine whether there are any logistical problems and decide how to make the information broadly available.

We also have numerous specialized appointed town committees that work very hard on various key issues. Some examples are the Stormwater Committee, the Capital Budget Committee and the Economic Development Committee. Their meetings are posted on the Town Clerk's bulletin board and on the town website. They are open to the public and all who are interested should attend. The committees also report to the Board of Selectmen.

The Mariner reporters have been impressive in discussing many difficult issues for the general reader. The television broadcasting of many board meetings has also brought the deliberations into our homes.

Furthermore, as a selectman, I will be available to citizens who wish to discuss town issues either on the phone or at one of our coffee shops.

SELECTMAN/ Ralph Dornitzer

Every Friday the Selectmen receive a thick packet of information from Town Hall. It contains background materials for the upcoming Selectmen's meeting, important correspondence, legal briefs, personal letters and myriad other documents. In addition, in the months leading up to Town Meeting, warrant articles and pertinent background materials are added to the packet. During the week Bill Griffin keeps us informed with e-mails, often several each day. It is a challenge for the Selectmen to cope intelligently with this volume. I can understand the frustration of anyone watching or attending a Selectmen's meeting.

At our meetings, however, the discussion between Selectmen and with proponents of articles is open. We have the advantage of having seen the article or issue in advance and, perhaps, have been advised by legal counsel. Nevertheless, the discussions are frank and open, and the written materials, excepting confidential legal documents, are available to the public.

Unless you are a regular attendee at a Selectmen's meeting, it may not be obvious how we conduct our meetings. As a starting point, however, you might check out the Town web site, www.townofcohasset.org. On it are posted Selectmen's meetings with dates and the order of business for the next meeting. The web site also contains approved minutes, news, announcements and information from all the Town departments. Selectmen's meetings are also televised. A significant upgrade here would be a better sound system and, from a meeting management point of view, a requirement that all who wish to speak do so before a microphone. In addition would be a white board capability that would allow the viewer access to written materials on the web as the Selectmen discuss them.

Finally, the Mariner is an important resource for those who wish to be informed on Town business. It is reliably comprehensive and accurate. Somehow, the paper seems to get it right.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Adrienne MacCarthy

As I have committed myself over the past three years, I will continue to make sure the citizens of Cohasset have numerous ways to access factual information. The School Committee welcomes questions and/or comments during specific agenda items.

As for me, I attend numerous meetings from the Cohasset Elder Affairs, School Council and up to 4 different PSO meetings all in an effort to be accessible to my constituents. I believe by me going out to the public arena, it makes it possible for some to ask questions that they may have but in a less formal arena and in front of the camera.

Over the next year, I believe the leadership in our town will have to tackle some very difficult financial questions regarding the direction of our town. It will be imperative that one takes the time to retrieve fact-based information.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Peter Richardsson

Last Thursday my wife was honored at a State House ceremony to recognize her department at The Town of Hingham. She is in charge of the town's website and over 40 other cities and towns were recognized on March 15th at a ceremony that took place during Sunshine Week, an annual event created to increase awareness about open government issues.

Each municipality was presented with the 2007 E-Government Award by Common Cause Massachusetts Executive Director, Pam Wilmot. Ms. Wilmot said, "Many communities rose to the challenge and significantly improved their websites over the past year. With the growth of the internet, everyone should be able to obtain important information about their local government with the click of a mouse. Through a grassroots outreach, the Massachusetts Campaign for Open Government will work to enable people to do just that by dramatically increasing the number of communities that post key governance records online. This simple and inexpensive action will open local government to more people and will greatly improve everyone's ability to be a responsible, informed citizen."

All of 41 communities out of 351 in the Commonwealth had to provide key information on their website to its residents. The key information, as determined by the Massachusetts Campaign for Open Government, included the following; agendas, minutes, current fiscal year budgets, bylaws, and town meeting warrant and results. Now that Cohasset has a great website, the heavy lifting has been done.

I like to think that that I am articulate and bright and clean and a nice-looking guy, but the more information that is available to voters in a timely, open, and ubiquitous fashion, the less we all have to rely on idiosyncrasies of interpersonal relations.

NEXT WEEK'S QUESTION

For Selectman candidates: *It looks as though the "state match" for the Community Preservation Fund is going to be greatly reduced. Has the time come to revisit Cohasset's participation in the Community Preservation Act?*

School Committee candidates: *How will you, as a school committee member, ensure that the "best and brightest" teacher workforce is recruited, nurtured, and retained given the town's current fiscal landscape and community demands for excellence?*

Responses should be brief —no more than 300 words — and should be received by 5 p.m., Tuesday. Candidates are asked to be specific and make every word count. Submissions will be cut if they exceed the word limit. (We use the word-count feature on the computer to determine the number of words.)

Candidates may reply by e-mail at mford@cnc.com; by fax at 781-741-2931, or by dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building, 73 South St., Hingham Square. However they choose to deliver their answers, candidates should adhere to the 5 p.m. Tuesday deadline.

We will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited to a few paragraphs (about 150 words), from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers, short position statements and the like.

The Mariner will not accept letters to the editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

If you have questions, or would like to suggest a Question of the Week, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at mford@cnc.com.

'I really love good design'

FROM GOOD DESIGN, PAGE 8

Israel they are now compulsory in all new bathrooms.

I love good design. I mean, really love good design. So imagine the beat at which my heart fluttered when I found this divine device — an object that meets a most fundamental need, functions consistently, is pleasing to the eye and provides me with a very easy, active way to regularly reduce my footprint on the environment. Renewable bliss, for sure!

So what does green design mean, anyway? When most people think of green products they are thinking about the materials that make-up the product. Are they environmentally safe and healthy? An example being organic fibers and non-toxic dyes used in textile design, and bamboo and low-VOC glues in furniture design. But there are less talked about aspects of green design that are equally as important as the product itself. Are sustainable production methods in place such as using renewable energy for manufacturing and transport? Are the conditions of workers in the workplace just and safe? And is there a plan for reusing or recycling the product after its usefulness is tapped? And finally, there are products that may not meet the above criteria but they encourage and support sustainable practices, like my coveted Toto toilet or well-designed SIGG bottles that keep me from buying single-use plastic water bottles.

A really encouraging step is the "Cradle to Cradle" movement, which is working to credibly certify products that meet environmentally intelligent design metrics such as those mentioned above. As a consumer, I can think of nothing better than knowing that I am making the most informed choices for my well-being and the well-being of my family and the environment.

Lucky for us (meaning we and Mama Earth) the green design market is exploding. As of this writing you'd be hard-pressed to not find a green alternative for most common consumer products. Of course there are some difficult-to-redeem items that might be harder to find: snow mobiles and leaf blowers come to mind. But our choices as consumers are brimming with rich options. And even better, green alternatives are now being chosen for their inherent virtues of good design as opposed to just an environmental justice commentary. At last, green values are becoming an integral and indistinguishable part of our product making process.

And really, design that harms the environment is just bad design. Period.

Happy flushing.

JoAnn Mirise lives and writes in Cohasset. The Toto toilet is available locally through Republic Plumbing in Weymouth. SIGG bottles are available through reusablebags.com.



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Six CPC projects to seek Town Meeting approval

FROM CPC PROJECTS, PAGE 1

makes recommendations to the legislative authority in a town or municipality, (in Cohasset's case, Town Meeting). The CPC is required to make yearly recommendations to Town Meeting, even in the event that they feel the money should be saved rather than spent.

If recommendations are approved through town meeting, the allocated funds are transferred to the town account empowering the Town Manager with oversight of the project and the associated funds. Monies that were allotted to a specific project cannot be used for any other purpose. Any remaining amount will go back to the CPC's accounts.

At the conclusion of fiscal year 2007 (June 30), the CPC anticipates $258,000 in the bank. Expected revenue for the FY08 is approximately $495,000.

All CPC projects must receive a two-thirds vote at Town Meeting to move forward.

• **'Old' Town Hall fix-up plan recommended** — David Farrag applied for CPC funds as a private citizen to hire an historic restoration architectural firm to determine the best way to repair the "old" portion of Town Hall. The architect will look at the building as a whole and work with the Town to find the best methods to bring out the historic buildings' character.

The antiquated portion of Town Hall includes the auditorium and some offices on the second floor. The last time it had any significant renovation was in the mid-1920s.

The CPC recommended an allocation of $35,000 to hire the architect and possibly a structural engineer.

On a separate application, put forth by Building Inspector Bob Egan, the CPC recommended $4140 to replace the "Cohasset Town Hall" sign. The current sign is over 20 years old and has peeling letters. The amount will cover the cost of the sign and the labor to install it.

• **Housing Trust Fund still up in the air** — Tom Callahan, Housing Partnership member, requested the CPC's endorsement of the Housing Partnership's Town Meeting article last Wednesday. The article (Article 20 in the Town Meeting Warrant) seeks to establish an affordable housing trust fund in accordance with a recently passed state statute (Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 55C).

In addition, the passing of the article at Town Meeting will form a new town agency — Cohasset Affordable Housing Trust. The current Housing Authority would be dissolved. The trust fund, according to Callahan, will enable the Housing Authority to have the money to pursue housing opportunities within Cohasset. He indicated that it's difficult to deal in the private real estate sector if the funding has to be approved through Town Meeting, which only meets twice a year.

According to Callahan, the article, if passed, will give the Housing Partnership a degree of independence while their function and methods would stay the same.

"The fund will be a tool that will help us do our job better," Callahan said.

The CPC has to bank or spend 10 percent of its funding on community housing. If the Affordable Housing Trust Fund is established at Town Meeting then Callahan requested that CPC transfer that percentage to the Housing Trust.

Chairman Stuart Ivimey agreed that the CPC was not the correct group to deal with affordable housing and the Housing Partnership would have the expertise in that area. However, "we need checks and balances," within town organizations, he said.

Member Ralph Dormitzer, also Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, indicated that the "public process is critical" and an organizational change is "way premature."

The Housing Authority will go before the Selectmen again on March 26. They previously approached the Selectmen on March 5. Selectmen have yet to make their Town Meeting recommendation for this article.

"The CPC is a fund that unites, I don't want us to get into a divisive issue," said CPC member, Al Moore. The Housing Partnership was created last year and has proposed one affordable housing project on Ripley Road. Many of the neighbors of the Ripley Road project attended the meeting to share their frustration with not being included from the very start of the project.

Mindy Evans of 36 Sohier Road suggested that increased citizen participation from the beginning of a project was necessary. She also suggested Callahan and the Housing Partnership look at alternative funding and how other states and towns like Cohasset are meeting the need for affordable housing.

"Somewhere in here is a good idea, but I don't think we're there yet," said Ivimey. No endorsement was given. The CPC may convene before Town Meeting to discuss this issue further, but at press time no meeting has been posted.

• **Collapsed Border Street Culvert needs rebuilding**— The Harbor Health Committee and the Conservation Committee applied jointly for CPC funding to hire an engineer to create designs for the repair of the culvert under Border Street. A culvert, according to the EPA website, is a metal, wooden, plastic, or concrete conduit through which surface water can flow under or across roads. This culvert has collapsed and it is causing environmental problems in both the harbor and the Gulf River Estuary.

The request, presented by Karen Quigley and David Farrag, is part of a larger resource protection, restoration, and pollution mitigation initiative for Cohasset Harbor and the Gulf River Estuary. According to their application, the culvert has collapsed "effectively damming the flow of water into the salt marsh. Without sufficient flow, the marsh is subject to further degradation, and to invasion by phragmites that will eventually crowd out the salt grasses and marine wildlife." Essentially water isn't exchanging and the saltwater is becoming stagnant creating a prime location for bacteria growth that will eventually drive wildlife from the area.

The funds requested will be used for project engineering and permitting. This funding is necessary to leverage grant support from various organizations including Restoring America's Estuaries, Conservation Law Foundation, and NOAA Restoration Partnership.

Additional support for this project will be provided by the Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research, the Department of Public Works and efforts from both the Conservation Commission and the Harbor Health Committee.

"This project will lead to a healthier harbor," said Stuart Ivimey, Chairman of the CPC.

The CPC recommended the proposal and an amount $20,000 with the assurance that the remainder of the funding for the project will be in place by the end of 2008. It will take an estimated $60,000 to complete this project.

• **CMI proposes a return to building's historic purpose** — The Cohasset Maritime Institute (CMI) requested funds to repair and preserve their boathouse to its historic look and purpose. Their effort for building renovation will replace the asphalt roofing with red cedar shingles since a wooden roof is consistent with the building materials used when the building was originally erected. The request also includes air-sealing, new windows and insulating the building for occasional cold weather use, installing electrical lighting and outlets to code, and erecting a sign to identify the building.

The house, which is town-owned, sits at 40 Parker Ave. on Bailey's Creek at Cohasset Harbor. It is being leased for $1 per year from the town. According to the application, the US Lighthouse Shore Station Reservation erected the building in 1855 on Government Island as a boathouse. The boathouse has been used for several purposes over the years but the Cohasset Maritime Institute has restored it to its former use as a boat storage center.

"We want to restore the boathouse and focus on the maritime history of Cohasset lifesaving boats. We've restored one surf boat so far," said Board Member Jack Buckley, "It's a historic mission to keep the spirit alive in the town of Cohasset."

The Maritime Institute would like to expand its current rowing offerings to classes that center on wooden boats restoration and building. Two wooden boats have been built so far with kids. The insulation would allow classes to occur off-season (with the help of portable heating devices), and the lighting will allow classes into the evenings.

CPC member Ralph Dormitzer did not agree completely with the proposed changes.

"I want to restore, not change the building. I am not going to support changes that are not historically accurate," said Dormitzer. He referred to new windows and insulation as some of the anachronisms of the plan.

Member Nathaniel Palmer disagreed, saying he would prefer to have a modern, usable building for historic use than worry about the actual structure being completely historically accurate.

The CPC recommended a $50,000 allotment for the Cohasset Maritime Institute. All were for the motion, with the exception of Dormitzer. Town Meeting will have the final vote on this allocation.

• **Recommended Debt Payoff for Beechwood fields** — At the conclusion of the last meeting on March 13, Ivimey brought up the outstanding short term borrowing for the restoration of the Beechwood playing fields. At the fall special town meeting, $300,000 in borrowing was approved for this project. At a previous Town Meeting, the CPC recommended $300,000 cash allocation toward the restoration of the Beechwood fields with upgrades including a reorientation of the field allowing it to be better utilized by both baseball and soccer teams, an update to the basketball court and "tot lot" playground, an installation of public lavatories and a new drainage system. The project was floated with the promise of paying back the mortgage within 5 years. The CPC recommended that $100,000 go toward the loan's principal. The CPC is scheduled to pay $75,000 toward the principal and interest in fiscal year 2008 as well.

CPC recommended projects at a glance

- Restoration Architect for "old' Town Hall - $35,000
- Purchase of new "Cohasset Town Hall" sign - $4140
- Restoration of Cohasset Maritime Institute Building - $50,000
- Repair of collapsed culvert on Border Street - $20,000
- Debt Service for Beechwood field - $100,000
- Historical Society - $70,125

Continued work on Maritime Museum, Old Paul Pratt Library, Wilson House

Restoration and preservation of textile collection

- Construction of parking lot in conjunction with Cohasset Land Foundation - $40,000

Total amount recommended - $319,265

HAPPENINGS

Drift Away at French Memories

Drift Away, a local musical duo, will perform every Saturday in March from 3 to 5 p.m., at French Memories Café, 125 Main St., in Cohasset. Enjoy an afternoon of rhythm, rhyme and harmony with soul singer and harmonica ace, J Place, together with the South Shore's primo piano man, Joe Micarelli.

For bookings call Place Productions at 781-308-2001.

Volunteer opportunity at Holly Hill Farm

Are you interested in teaching schoolchildren about organic farming and sustainable agriculture at a valuable, local resource? Join the farm teachers and become an informed volunteer Farm Teacher and Docent. The Friends of Holly Hill Farm hosts school groups from the South Shore and Boston from April to June and again from Sep-Nov. We seek adults who have time to help - may it be supporting one session or multiple sessions throughout the year.

Attend a training session with the farm teachers at Holly Hill Farm as we teach about the fields, greenhouses, animals and woods and provide the tools to become a helpful, knowledgeable teacher. Learn what seeds need to grow, the benefits of healthy soil and what a plant needs to produce such a diverse selection of flowers, vegetables and herbs.

Training and luncheon will be offered on two separate occasions: Tuesday (March 27) from 9-1pm or Wednesday, (March 28) from 12-4pm.

Call Jon Belber, Education Director at (781) 383-1455

About The Friends of Holly Hill Farm — The Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc. is a non-profit, 501 (c) (3) organization established in 2002. The Friends' mission is to enable Cohasset and neighboring communities to utilize the educational resources of Holly Hill Farm. The Friends, managed by an eight-person board of directors, retains an education director (Jon Belber), part-time staff and volunteers to conduct its educational programs and services. The Friends offers structured programs and activities, led by trained staff, are made available to schools, organizations and families that expose participants to the natural world of the farm and develop an understanding of organic farming and its value to the natural environment.

The Friends' "classroom," Holly Hill Farm, is 140 acres of farm fields and historic buildings, farm animals, salt marshes, brooks, an ice pond, vernal pools and diversified woods with miles of walking trails. The farm is home to a certified organic farming operation producing vegetables, herbs and flowers.

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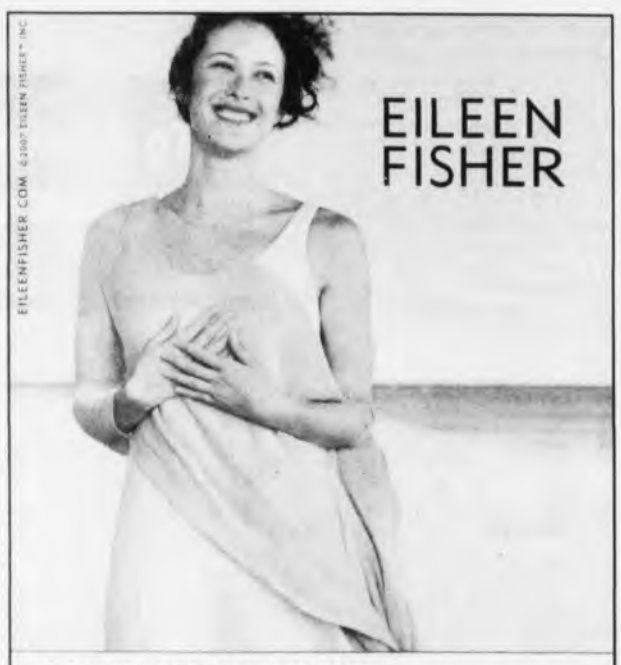
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From the Archives of the Cohasset Historical Society



The Third Black Rock House with its familiar tower.

Miss Sarah Smith was the proprietor of Cohasset's Second Black Rock House, which was torn down in 1903 when it was bought by summer residents on the opposite side of the street and removed to improve their ocean view. In 1904, Miss Smith built the Third Black Rock House, which she owned and operated until her death in 1914. During her ownership, she was responsible for not only enlarging the resort, but for also adding the familiar tower.

It was the largest of the shoreline hotels and at its peak in the early 1900's was a very fashionable place for the elite to stay. Its attractiveness we are sure was due not only to its spectacular location but to its proprietor of whom it was said, she was a great favorite with her guests because of her genuine kindness and solicitude for their welfare.



Sarah Smith, Proprietor of the Second and Third Black Rock Houses.

Some Town Meeting articles at a glance

• **Article 12 – Capital Improvements Bylaw** — The Capital Budget Committee seeks "clarify and crystallize definition of capital items," according to Mark Baker, Chairman of the Committee. The Article also further defines the role of the Capital Budget Committee as an advisory body that is charged to review purchases and/or actions that will "materially alter the enduring value of the town's asset base or capital structure." Baker told the Selectman that this article will "help [the Committee] in forecasting, planning and maintenance of capital items within the Town." The article seeks to broaden the definition of capital assets by including natural resources, such as Cohasset Harbor and Lily Pond.

The Selectmen voted to recommend the article, 5-0.

• **Article 20 – Housing Trust Fund** —Cohasset Housing Authority is seeking to establish its own trust fund in accordance with a recently established state statute (Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 55C). In addition, the passing of the article at Town Meeting will form a new town agency — Cohasset Affordable Housing Trust. The current Housing Authority would be dissolved. The trust fund, according to Housing Authority member Tom Callahan, will enable the Housing Authority to have the money to pursue housing opportunities within Cohasset.

"We need to be able to get other sources of money and be able to react to the marketplace," Callahan said, "right now, the only way to get appropriation from Town Meeting." The Town Meeting schedule does not always adhere to real estate opportunities and the establishment of the trust will give the organization independence and flexibility, Callahan said.

Selectman Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said he felt the establishment of a trust fund took the Housing Authority away from proper political process, giving the Selectmen little authority or control over their actions.

The Housing Authority formed about a year ago and has pursued one possible affordable housing project on Ripley Road.

The Housing Authority will go before the Selectmen again on Monday, March 26.

• **Article 14 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Village Business "VB" District** — This article will add a new zoning district for Village Business. Currently there are four areas defined as a Downtown Business District: Cohasset Village area, a portion of the Harbor area, the West Corner, and a small area in the Beechwood section. Article 14 seeks to create a separate zoning area for the Cohasset Village, which will be known as the Village Business District or "VB". If the article passes at Town Meeting, the Cohasset Village District will adopt the same notations currently under the Downtown Business District, including the same dimensional, use and parking provisions. The separation of the Village District from the other Downtown Business District will allow specific bylaws to be established for the Village District. The Planning Board recommended the article for approval in a 4-0 vote. The Selectmen voted to recommend the article 5-0.

•**Article 13 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment - Senior Multi-Family Residence Overlay District, Over 55 Age Restriction** — The current Senior Multi-Family Residence Overlay District (SMFROD), Over 55 Age Restriction imposes a 14- day limit on visits by persons under the age of 55 years. The amendment would change the restriction so that visitors cannot be present more that six months in a nine-month period. This change allows residents with college-age kids to come home during summers and breaks. The responsibility of enforcement of the by-law will fall on the homeowners association. This bylaw had been "sunseted," or taken from the town's zoning bylaws, in a previous Town Meeting. Cedarmere is the only development constructed under the bylaw. The Selectmen voted to recommend this Article unanimously.

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Students knitting dolls for kids in Africa

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family has been affected by HIV/AIDS.

In Kigali, there is an association of child-headed households called Amahoro (or "peace") was formed by eight young people in their late teens in 2000. The founders had been orphaned by genocide and realized there were more kids, even younger than themselves, were heading households and raising their siblings. Today, there are 412 families and 1500 children participating in the program. The CHABHA funds have enabled many children to return to school. Amahoro is still run by its founders and is an example of how much kids can help each other.

"This will be the only gift a child will receive in his/her lifetime," said Staci Gilbert. The dolls will go to children who have been orphaned by the HIV/AIDS pandemic, specifically to households headed by children.

"I knew the dolls were for kids who don't have anything. And I thought if I can do it, then maybe my friends can do it too."

— Molly Gilbert, sophomore

CHABHA is a non-profit organization founded in 2002, whose mission is to raise awareness in the US about the plight of children in Africa and to support community-based projects in Namibia, South Africa and Rwanda. Last year, they sent 215 duduza dolls and were confronted by over 1000 children who wanted them.

Once Molly, who hadn't knitted in years, realized how simple it was a make one, she wanted to get others involved.

"I knew the dolls were for kids who don't have anything. And I thought if I can do it, then maybe my friends can do it too," she said at the Knitting Club's second meeting last Wednesday, "it's a learning experience too."

She asked her friends if they would be interested in doing something like a knitting club and they seemed enthusiastic. She started the approval process to get a new club off the ground by talking with various administrators. Her favorite teacher English teacher Christine Berman volunteered to be the group's faculty advisor. Molly got the word out further by putting up signs all over the school to let people know about their first meeting.

The majority of the Knitting Club's members have had very little experience with knitting. A few knew the basics from middle school art class when they knit hats for Rosie's Place, a women's homeless shelter in the Boston's South End.

"It's kinda nice to be a part of a club," said sophomore Fiona McBride, "it's fun to knit with other people."

The all female group at last Wednesday's meeting caught on quickly under the instruction of Staci Gilbert who volunteered her knowledge to the club. She also donated colorful (and sparkly) yarn and sets of knitting needles. Kristin Ross, owner of The Creative Stitch, stopped in to show the club some of the dolls that have been knitted and donated.

"It's a learning experience that's fun too," said Molly, "I figured we could start with the dolls because they are simple and maybe start a new project once everyone got the hang of it."

"Knitting the dolls is kinda neat, knitting scarves is kinda boring," said sophomore Jessie Fitts. For experienced knitters the dolls should take about two hours to create. With practice, the high school knitters will get to that point. The result will be a product that they can feel proud of — and know that their handiwork is going toward a good cause. A side benefit is learning a skill that can become a lifelong hobby.

The Knitting Club members have ideas to jazz up their dolls, with cloth flowers for the dolls "hair", patterned yarn and possibly names.

The fact that the dolls the high schoolers are knitting will be going to kids their own age but who are living completely different lives is compelling. The Knitting Club, in the spirit of Amahoro, is a global example of kids helping kids.

The club is likely to start meeting during lunch period due to the beginning of spring sports, but will remain meeting on Wednesdays. Although Molly hasn't set a goal for how many dolls the Knitting Club should make, she hopes that each member will make at least one.

Knitters who would like to participate in this grassroots effort can pick up the pattern at The Creative Stitch on King St. (3A). Already owner Kristin Ross has collected more than 50 duduza dolls. Instructions are also available on the CHABHA website, www.chabha.com.



Christine Berman, faculty advisor to the Knitting Club, shares the same bright smile that the Duduza Doll will hopefully bring to African children who have been orphaned by AIDS.



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Sophomore Torey Hart, left, shows sophomore Jessie Fitts, how to cast on during a meeting of the knitting club at Cohasset Middle High School.

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Skaters looking for more in '08

By Mark Goodman
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If nothing else, the Cohasset High hockey team has been consistent over the last three seasons.

In this particular case, however, that's not necessarily a good thing. It's not bad, either, but the Skippers will be looking to change things up in 2007-08.

For the last three years, the program has hovered around .500 and gone into the last week of the regular season needing points to qualify for the state tournament. The Skippers fell one win short in 2005, and just made it the last two years. Neither time did Cohasset advance past the first round.

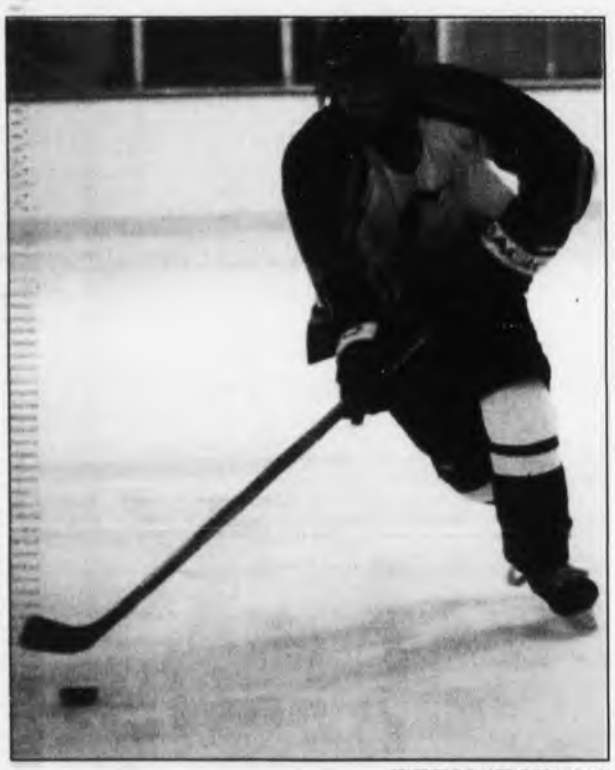
This year saw a preliminary round exit at the hands of Cape Tech/Chatham via a 7-4 score. The loss saw the Skippers' final record drop to 8-9-3 on the year.

What will it take for Cohasset to take the next step? For one, the Skippers will need to find a way to replace some of their veteran defensemen that are graduating this June. Seniors Conor Holway and Zack Murray were the first two blue line options this season, and both brought fast, strong, physical styles to the ice that the team will miss. Fellow senior Ben Massotta also logged some quality minutes when called upon.

Junior defensemen RK Quebec and Frank Wheelwright both saw their share of shifts and showed promise. Both improved as the season went on, and both have established themselves as the prime candidates to take over the top two spots next winter. Sophomore Ian Lyster also figures to be in the picture.

Up front, the emergence of junior Pat Doonan and sopho-

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Andrew Smith was one of Cohasset's leading scorers this season.



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Cohasset's sixth grade boys travel basketball team, with coaches Steve Kuzma, Paul Davis and Bob Tangherlini. The players, left to right: Trevor Schramm, Sam Asnault, Nick Tangherlini, Connor O'Brien, Shane Haggerty, Colin Gideon-Murphy, Christian Davis, Miles Garbarini, Conor Dooley, Thomas Gilliatt and Justin Cobin.

6th Grade boys advance to finals

When the seeds were announced for the Patriot League championship tournament, things did not look promising for the Cohasset sixth grade boys hoop team.

Out of the six teams that qualified for the playoffs, Cohasset was seeded fifth. In order to make it to the championship game they would have to find a way to beat the number four seed, Pembroke, and the number one seed, Abington.

Somehow, they managed to do just that last weekend.

On Saturday the boys played a tremendous game in defeating Pembroke, 32-28. During the regular season the teams split a pair of games, so everyone involved knew this would be a great game. Shane Haggerty played his best game of the season, leading all scorers with nine points, followed by Connor O'Brien with eight and Miles Garbarini with six. This was a true team win with eight players scoring and solid defense leading the way to victory.

On Sunday the boys matched up against the 17-1 Green Wave of Abington. Abington was the number one seed in the tournament and had beaten Cohasset twice during the regular season. If Cohasset had any chance of victory they would need to play near perfect basketball.

Cohasset had difficulties breaking Abington's press and trailed by seven points at half time. The second half saw big men Conor Dooley, Garbarini, Thomas Gilliatt and Haggerty play exceptional defense and pull down countless rebounds on offense to give Cohasset second chance opportunities.

Guard play by Colin Gideon-Murphy, Christian Davis, Trevor Schramm, Nick Tangherlini and O'Brien was tremendous. Sam Asnault and Justin Cobin played solid offense and defense all season long.

In the second half Abington's press became less effective and there were several times when pinpoint passing led to O'Brien splitting the seams of the press for dazzling lay-ups, but Cohasset still trailed by six points with 1:37 left to play. Cohasset would have to rely on its zone press, which was the backbone of their team all season long.

With Cohasset swarming to the ball they were able to get a turnover and Tangherlini drained a long-range 3-pointer to cut Abington's lead in half. With less than 30 seconds left in the game, Tangherlini intercepted a pass at mid-court and hit a streaking Davis for the lay-up to cut the deficit to one.

After an Abington timeout, on the ensuing inbounds pass, the ball was deflected and Haggerty and Tangherlini hit the floor to cause a jump ball. The possession arrow was in Cohasset's favor.

With 12 seconds left in the game, Haggerty inbounded the ball and threw a perfect pass to Davis, who shot a slow motion 3-pointer that was nothing but net giving Cohasset a two-point lead. Abington used its final time out with seven seconds to go to set up its final shot.

Abington quickly got the ball up the court, and Cohasset's sturdy defense bent but it did not break. With Dooley in the shooter's face, Abington put up a last shot that rimmed out and gave Cohasset the victory.

Davis led the scoring with 14 points, followed by O'Brien with nine and Garbarini with eight. Cohasset faces the number two seed, Bridgewater, in the Patriot League's championship game on Saturday at 10 a.m. at Cohasset High School.

All-Scholastic wrestling team



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Cohasset's Nick Cambi went 48-4 in his senior season en route to making the New England tournament for the second straight season.

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

In the end; however, the sports staff at Community Newspaper Company (CNC) had to make some tough decisions and we do feel secure that we chose the top public school wrestlers for this honor.

It should be noted due to the large number of athletes in the CNC region, we split the athletes into two teams for wrestling: North and South. This is the CNC All-Scholastic North wrestling squad comprised of athletes from the following schools: Hanover, Marshfield, Weymouth, Braintree, Norwell, Scituate, Hingham, Abington, Rockland, Silver Lake, Pembroke, Cohasset and Duxbury.

Nick Cambi – Senior
(Captain)
189 – Cohasset

Another sterling season for the Skippers senior, who went 48–4 on the year en route to making New Englands…Finished fourth at All-States, joining prior Cohasset standouts Ryan Freeman and Matt Baroudi as the only Skipper grapplers to place twice at All-States…Won the Division 3 South sectional and state championships…During the regular season, Cambi won the Cohasset tournament, and finished third at both the Marshfield and North Quincy tourneys…Also a solid performer for the Cohasset football team, Cambi will continue is wrestling career at Roger Williams University

Adam Smith – Senior
145 – Cohasset

Battled through injuries to put together a 30-10 season, and saved his best for last by finishing fourth in the Division 3 state championships to qualify for All-States…In that state competition, Smith lost his first match, but then won the next five to get into the third place bout and assure a spot at All-States…Also placed second in the Division 3 South sectionals in one of the state's most difficult weight classes…Won his weight class at the Cohasset tournament in January…Smith also played soccer for Cohasset

Marcus Mulkerrin – Senior
(Captain)
285 – Braintree

Excelled in his first and only year as a full-time starter…Won the Division 1 State championship, pinning Methuen's Dan Caraballo in the final, and followed that with a third-place showing at All-States to qualify for New Englands…Lost just one match in the All-State competition…Mulkerrin started his

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All-Scholastic wrestling team

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season off right with a second place showing in January's Weymouth tournament, and it just got better from there…Voted as a captain by teammates before the season despite a relative lack of varsity experience…Praised by coach Mike Bochman for his combination of strength and agility…Mulkerrin was also a starting lineman for the Braintree football team

Marc Kurzberg – Senior (Captain)
112 – Braintree

This is Kurzberg's second nod to this team after another great season on the mat…Few can argue that, pound for pound, Kurzberg is one of the best in the area…Qualified for New Englands after finishing fifth in All-States…That was just part of Kurzberg's exceptional postseason, as he also won the Division 1 South sectional and took fourth in states…Won the Weymouth tournament in January, and soon thereafter went over the 100-win mark for his high school career

Johnny Heinstadt – Senior
112 pounds – Duxbury

This Patriot League All-star capped his four-year career with a trip to the All-State Championships at 112…Heinstadt qualified after finishing second at the Division 2 State Championships…A week earlier, Heinstadt took fourth at the Division 2 South Sectionals…During the regular season, Heinstadt won the 112-pound title at the Whitman/Hanson Tournament and finished fifth at the Marshfield Holiday Tournament.

John Egan – Senior
125 pounds – Hanover

Egan capped a great wrestling career at Hanover with a trip to the All-State Championships…The four-year grappler won the Division 3 South sectional title at 125 pounds this winter and went onto to take fifth at the Division 3 State championships, advancing to All-States…Egan was a fixture in regular season tournament finals, capturing second at both the Marshfield Holiday Tournament and Whitman/Hanson Tournament… He was one of the best in his weight class in the Patriot League and he earned his third-straight All-Star nomination for his efforts.

Greg Vaughn – Senior
285 pounds – Hingham

This senior finished his career in style with an fourth-place finish at the New England Championships in New Haven, Conn…Vaughn was one of the premier big men on the South Shore this winter, going unbeaten in dual-meet competition at 285 pounds…The senior captain wrestled perhaps his best match of the season at the Division 3 South sectionals, where he outlasted Foxboro's Chris Redd, 3-2, in four overtimes…He was named the Outstanding Wrestler of the Meet…From there, Vaughn took first at the Division 3 State championships and went onto take fifth at the All-States…His performance was instrumental in getting the Harbormen to the Division 3 South team finals, where they were edged by league rivals Rockland…A four-year grappler, Vaughn leaves some big shoes to fill.

Eddie Castillo – Senior
125 pounds – Marshfield

Castillo finished sixth at the All-State Championships this season, advancing to the New England Championships at 125 pounds…One of the most consistent grapplers on the Rams team, Castillo's performance this season was instrumental in Marshfield's run to the Division 2 South team finals…Individually, Castillo took second at the Division 2 South Sectionals and went onto take third at the Division 2 States…"Eddie peaked at the right time," coach Pat Brown said…Castillo pinned his opponent in a showdown with Mansfield in the team semifinals, helping to send the Rams to their first final.

Joe Pronk – Sophomore
112 pounds – Marshfield

This young up-and-comer was arguably the most skilled wrestler on the Rams squad this season…His performance at the 112-pound weight class helped Marshfield finish second in the Atlantic Coast League (5-1, 21-1 overall)…Individually, Pronk finished second at the Division 2 South sectionals and fifth at the Division 2 State championships…The sophomore took fourth at the All-State Championships, sending him to the New Englands in New Haven, Conn…During the season, Pronk took second at the Marshfield Holiday Tournament…A great season after his freshman campaign was cut short due to illness…Just a sophomore, Pronk still has a lot of wrestling to do at Marshfield High School.

Dan Longo – Junior
140 pounds – Pembroke

Making a repeat appearance on these pages, Longo followed up his terrific season a year ago with another fantastic campaign…He won the Division 3 South sectional at 140 pounds, and finished second in the Division 3 state meet…At All-States he earned a fifth place finish that qualified him for the New England meet…During the regular season he helped lift Pembroke to a solid 16-6 record, and earned a spot in the semifinals of the Division 3 South team tournament…He's only a junior and should be a dominant force on the wrestling scene once again next year, and could possibly compete for a state and New England championship next season.

Steve Tressel – Senior
152 pounds – Pembroke

Last season he was the catalyst in the Pembroke sectional championship match, and this year he brought his 'A' game nearly every night to cement his reputation…Tressel finished second at the Division 3 South sectionals this season, while helping the Titans to a strong finish in the Patriot League during the regular season…A standout football player in the fall, he managed to finish third in the Division 3 State tournament, which qualified him for All-States, where he earned a sixth place finish on the brightest stage in Massachusetts wrestling.

Dan Wandell –Senior
160 pounds – Pembroke

Another of the Pembroke standouts that captured a sectional title, Wandell earned his in the 160-pound division for the second straight season…Wandell followed up his South sectional efforts with a second-place finish at the Division 3 State meet…He earned a spot at the All-States meet, but fell short of qualifying for the New England tournament while taking part in a very competitive field…He still had an accomplished career, and was one of the building blocks that helped for the foundation of Pembroke wrestling, that is rapidly becoming one of the dominant local squads, despite only being in existence for three years.

Scott Sayce – Senior
145 pounds – Pembroke

The walls in the new Pembroke gym are somewhat barren, but the way the wrestling team is going they'll fill that up soon…Sayce contributed to the cause this season by capturing his first South sectional title, and for that he earned his first All-Scholastic recognition…He followed up the sectional with an even more prestigious honor, a Division 3 State championship, which he earned over a Southwick wrestler in an 11-4 decision…Sayce fell short in a bid to qualify for the New England tournament, but that state and sectional championship experience is certainly well worth the trade.

John Bellrose – Junior
171 pounds – Rockland

After sharing the Patriot League title with Duxbury and Pembroke last year, the Bulldogs took sole possession of the crown this season and Bellrose was a big reason why…At 171 pounds, the junior was one of the top grapplers in the Patriot League, guiding the Bulldogs to a 17-2 overall record and 8-0 mark in the league…His pin over his Hingham opponent in the Division 3 South team finals helped Rockland come out on top and advance to the state semis…There, he needed just 20 seconds to pin is Southwick-Tolland opponent in the final match of the night…Individually, Bellrose took third at the Division 3 South sectionals and went on to take sixth at the Division 3 State championships, advancing to All-States…Just a junior, Bellrose still has another season to wrestle at Rockland.

Ethan Flood – Sophomore
112 pounds – Scituate

Established himself as the cornerstone for the future of Scituate wrestling with a superlative sophomore season that resulted in qualification for All-States…Took second in the Division 3 state tournament, not allowing his opponents to earn a single point in any match until the championship bout…States performance came on the heels of another dominant showing at the Division 3 South sectional, which Flood won…Also took first in the very competitive Marshfield and Cohasset tournaments during the regular season

Eric Harrison – Freshman
103 pounds – Weymouth

This talented freshman seems ready to take the torch of Weymouth wrestling for the next few years, if he already hasn't…In his first year on the varsity mat Harrison secured the Division 1 South title at 103 pounds…During the regular season he was a consistent winner in helping lead the Wildcats to the Bay State title, and a berth in the Division 1 South final of the team tournament…After winning sectionals Harrison placed fifth at the Division 1 State tournament, and fifth at All-States, which earned him a spot at New Englands…Any way you look at it, this was a wonderful debut season, that leaves many wondering what more can he do.

Jake Harrison – Junior
145 pounds – Weymouth

The older of the Harrison brother duo won over 50 matches this season and managed not to be overshadowed by his brother by simply matching him accomplishment for accomplishment…Harrison won the Division 1 South sectional…He followed that up by finishing third at the Division 1 tournament, and took fifth place in the All-State tournament…Harrison also qualified for New Englands for his postseason efforts…He will return next year, and looks to be one of the top wrestlers in the region, while the Wildcats attempt to take back the sectional title.

Honorable Mentions:

Devin O'Neill – 215 pounds – Braintree
Ryan McLellan – 119 pounds – Cohasset
Mike McKenzie – 189 pounds – Duxbury
Mike McSweeney – 103 pounds – Hanover
Paul Armstrong – 171 pounds – Hanover
Chris Constantine – 189 pounds– Hingham
Malcolm Lahage – 160 pounds– Marshfield
Tom Molloy – 130 pounds – Rockland
Petros Hologitas – 215 pounds– Rockland
Donald Gillespie – 135 pounds– Scituate
Kevin Palmer – 130 pounds – Scituate

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BY BETTE BUSSEL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AMERICAN CAMP ASSOCIATION, NEW ENGLAND

As hard as it is to believe, as you scrape the ice off your windshield this March, the time to enroll your child in summer camp is NOW! Many camps fill up during the winter months…some are even booked up by the end of the last summer session. But, there is hope and there is help.

• Before launching your search, make sure your child is ready for camp! Before attending overnight camp, it's key for the child to have experienced one or more nights away from home and the family. Attending day camp is a great way to prepare for overnight camp. Children are often ready for overnight (resident) camp before their parents are!
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• Start immediately - there are still fine camps with some spaces available. Procrastination is no longer an option!
• Contact the camps you are interested in even if you think they might be filled - they may still have an opening for a camper who is the precise sex, age and grade as your child.
• Some camps–primarily agency-owned and operated camps (YMCA, YWCA, Girl Scouts, 4-H, etc…) do not open their registrations until February/March. That gives you an excellent option if you're just beginning to search now.
• You might need to be more flexible regarding your first choice—perhaps enrolling for a different number of weeks than you originally planned for or for different weeks in the month.
• There is no harm placing your name on a camp waiting list - however, you should not bank on it and must continue your search; ask the camp's director the likelihood of getting in based on where you are on the list. While they can make no guarantees, they can usually make estimates based on previous seasons. Some waiting lists move; that's why camps offer you a chance to put your name on the list.
• If you do not get into your first choice camp—find out from the director when you can apply for the next summer. Then, seriously consider the other camps that were "finalists" in your search for this summer. They may turn out to be a good option.

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CHS sophomore Megan Parnell (second from right) hangs out with tennis teammates (counterclockwise from top) Kate O'Callaghan, Alicia Asnault, Jenny Cahill and Alyssa Mullin before Tuesday's practice. The girls begin their season next Friday (March 30) at home against Westwood.

Skaters looking for more in '08

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more Andrew Smith was a major bonus for Cohasset. Doonan averaged about a goal a game through the team's first several contests before becoming the focal point of opposing defensemen. Smith, one of the team's best skaters, came on strong from the middle of the season on and has to be considered one of the South Shore League's top young wingers.

Senior Corbin Faber finished as the team's fourth-leading scorer, leaving some significant skates to fill on the Skippers' first line. Seniors Chris Davis, Austin Lanzillotti and TJ Kennedy were also effective players on the forward line that will need to be replaced.

Among the top candidates to step up and produce some offensive firepower are juniors Charlie Czerkawski and Alex Goetz. Sophomore Andrew Bell and Brendan Doonan, Pat's younger brother, both also made an impact at times this season and will likely see more shifts next year.



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Pat Doonan (left) emerged as one of the South Shore League's top offensive threats in his junior season.

In net, sophomore Johnny Wade and freshman Andrew McKenna both had the ups-and-downs that can be expected of young goaltenders with limited experience. Wade got almost all the starts and had some moments of brilliance, and will be looking to improve with more consistency next year.

SPORTS NOTES

Lifeguards needed

Cohasset Swim Center is accepting applications for Lifeguards and Water Safety Instructors for the 2007 summer season. All applicants must be at least 16 years of age and hold current Lifeguard/CPR/First Aid certifications.

Letters of interest should be sent to Cohasset Swim Center, P.O. Box 132, Cohasset, MA 02025. Anyone interested in employment and enrolled or planning to enroll in a Lifeguard and/or WSI are encouraged to apply. Employment will depend on successful completion of the course.

Coastal Stars hockey registration

The Coastal Stars' hockey registration is open until March 24 for the 2007-08 season. Register on-ine at www.coastalstars.com.

Cohasset Recreation offers USCGA Boating Safety Course

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and Cohasset Recreation Department will sponsor a two-session Safe Boating Course, offering certification by both the Coast Guard and the commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The course will be offered to both youth and adults; however, certification in this course is mandatory for those 16 years old and younger who wish to operate any horsepower craft. This course is an initial requirement for the process of obtaining a Launch Operators License. USCGA instructors will teach the two-session course, which will take place on two consecutive Saturdays, May 12 and May 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Ripley Road, Cohasset.

To register, call Cohasset Recreation Department at 781-383-4109 as soon as possible, as the class will be limited by size, and participants will be enrolled on a first-call basis. There will be a $45 per person fee for this program, which covers the cost of the textbooks and class materials. The fee will be payable at the first class, and checks will be payable to the Coast Guard director.

While the class is designed for children/youth and adults, it is suggested that children age 12 and younger be accompanied by a participating adult. A segment of this class will be devoted to the new laws regulating personal water craft.

State certification cards will be issued and most insurance companies will offer insurance rate discounts to those completing this course.

April vacation baseball clinic offered

South Shore Baseball Camp will provide an April vacation baseball clinic Tuesday, April 17, through Friday, April 20, at Barnes Field Complex. The clinic will take place from noon to 2:30 p.m., and this week-long program will cost $100 per participant.

For more information, call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109. Registration forms can be found at the Recreation office, first floor, Town Hall. Credit card registration can be made by calling South Shore Baseball club at 781-740-4382. Forms are also are available at Cohasset Recreation Department at Cohasset Town Hall.

Recreation Department offers Boot Camp Fitness Training

Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a bi-weekly Boot Camp Fitness Training Program to be instructed by Betsy Callahan.

This physical training opportunity will meet from 6 to 7 a.m., on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting Tuesday, April 3, on Cohasset Common, in front of Town Hall. The fee for this session is $100, and checks can be made payable to Town of Cohasset. Those interested can register for any class at 6 a.m. at Town Hall. The first 10-week session will conclude Thursday, June 7. The second session will begin Tuesday, June 12.

Callahan will run an interval callisthenic and running fitness program for both men and women for all levels of ability.

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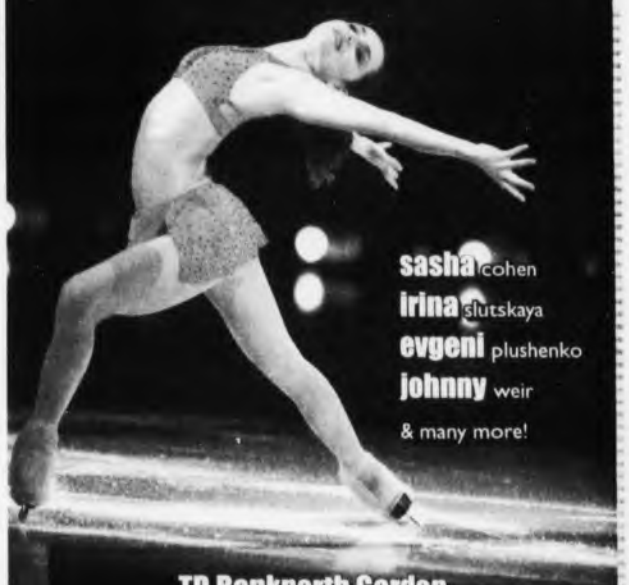
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LOCAL HERO



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At the School Committee meeting Wednesday, Conor Ofsthun, a sophomore, received recognition and a proclamation for his heroic actions. Conor rescued a girl that had fallen through the ice on Lily Pond a few weeks ago. His quick thinking saved the girl's life. Middle-High School Principal Joel Antolini said that Conor and his actions epitomized the school's mission. Conor is pictured with (from left) School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy, Superintendent Denise Walsh and Principal Antolini.

Time to start thinking about ASP

LIFE AT CHS



MICHAEL CORRY

Wednesday was the first day of Spring, so this blustery weather should be dwindling for the next few weeks until we can bust out the windbreakers and even shorts (if you're both bold and daring). With Spring here, immediately thoughts shift to Summer, and the Appalachian Service Project. Cohasset's branch of ASP, founded by Judy and Gary Ritts, is a year-long preparation for a week of hard work, friendship, and memories. Teens and parents meet all year fundraising and learning safety to prepare for the week of service in the summer.

It isn't easy to see the conditions the families are living in, and we do a lot of good work to help improve things for our host families.

Last year, my workgroup did underpinning on our home. Woodrow and Vernie, the elderly couple that lived there, were extremely happy to be involved with ASP, and it was a great experience getting to know the family while we worked on their home. By the end of the week, their middle-aged son Leroy was right there beside us helping get the job done. The insulation we added to the bottom of the trailer would keep the home about ten degrees warmer in the winter.

It's a different way of life down there. It isn't easy to see the conditions the families are living in, and we do a lot of good work to help improve things for our host families. But that is one of two main reasons we travel each year: 1) to make a positive difference in someone's life and 2) to have fun! There are two remarkable satisfactions one gets from participating in ASP: seeing the results of your hard work, and seeing the happy faces of the family you've spent a week with. It's extremely difficult to put that feeling into words.

If you're not traveling with Cohasset ASP this summer, please consider about donating money to this worthy cause, either by purchasing stock from an ASP volunteer or attending an upcoming fundraiser. One share of stock ($25) can paint a room, two ($50) can build an outhouse, four stocks can repair a foundation, six shares will build a new porch, and ten shares will reshingle an entire roof. If you would like to sponsor a teen through stock purchases, forms can be downloaded online.

ASP is a tax-deductible write-off, so go nuts! It's not like we can have too much money, so please consider helping a Cohasset teenager travel down to West Virginia and make a difference. More information can be found online at the Cohasset ASP website, www.cohassetasp.org. I'd be more than happy to talk to you about ASP if you see me on the street, or e-mail me at Spinnaker@cohassetk12.org.

Here is this week's school news!

- Monday-Friday MCAS testing took place. Don't stress over the MCAS, Cohasset's teachers do a phenomenal job preparing their students.
- Spring sports practices started Monday.
- Monday morning the Student Assistance Team met.
- Monday after school the MTA Retirement workshop was held in the library.
- The Athletic Council met Tuesday after school.
- The School Committee meeting was held in the library Wednesday night.
- Yesterday was the annual PSO Telethon! Mr. Rich Ofsthun did an amazing job as host, and we expect no less of him.

The new season of Deadliest Catch on the Discovery Channel starts soon, and you can bet your bottom dollar this reporter will be watching, and wishing to take part in the action. That dream probably won't be realized, at least not anytime soon.

DEER HILL, OSGOOD MENU

MONDAY, MARCH 26
Breakfast for Lunch: Waffles, sausage or ham sandwich, baked Potato Tots, veggie sticks, peaches.

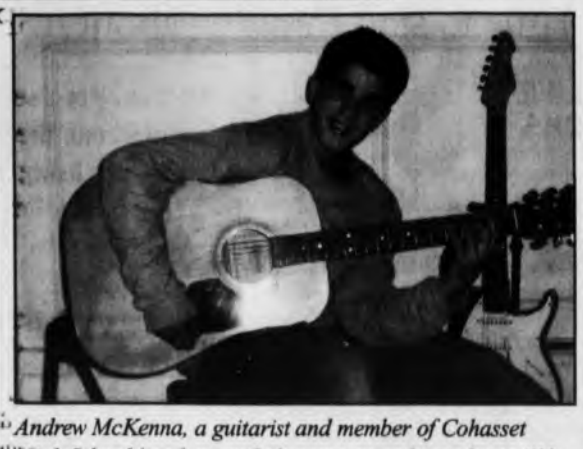
TUESDAY, MARCH 27
Bagel, chicken vegetable soup, or tuna salad sub, sweet peas, applesauce.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28
Pasta with meat sauce and dinner roll, or turkey and cheese sandwich, carrots, raisins.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29
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FRIDAY, MARCH 30
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Andrew McKenna, a guitarist and member of Cohasset High School band, recently became an ambassador to "No Strings Attached."

Old guitars make beautiful music

The No Strings Attached Web site has received requests for guitars needed as far away as a school in northern Iraq.

Is there an unused guitar in the attic or basement? If so, Cohasset's Andy McKenna would like to put it to good use.

McKenna, a guitarist and member of Cohasset High School band, recently became an ambassador to "No Strings Attached," a Medfield-based program started by two high school musicians whose passion for music moved them to collect, restore and donate old guitars to needy youngsters.

No Strings Attached began when Bill and Mike Stanton of Medfield noticed old guitars were too often sitting idle in friends' basements. The two decided to refurbish and donate them to those who wanted to play but couldn't afford an instrument. McKenna learned of the program and offered to do his part to help budding musicians who otherwise couldn't afford to play.

One of the greatest guitarists of all time, according to these charitable musicians, was Jimmy Hendrix, who was self-taught. The boys believe that quite often the only thing that stands between a strong love of music and a future musician is an instrument.

The first local delivery of donated acoustic guitars was made this month to an elementary school in Worcester. The No Strings Attached Web site has received requests for guitars needed as far away as a school in northern Iraq. Last week, the group shipped guitars to a US military officer who will be using the guitars to start music classes for children in an orphanage in Afghanistan.

McKenna will pick up guitars that aren't being used, ensure it is properly refurbished, and, together with No Strings Attached, deliver or ship it to a child in need. The group will follow up with donors to let them know how a young musician or school program benefited from the donation.

To donate a used guitar or for more information, call McKenna at 781-383-8028. More information about the program can also be found at nostringsattached.us.

Gift certificates and other stringed acoustic instruments are also accepted.

Read-a-thon goes the distance

Raises more than $17K for schools



STAFF PHOTO/ELSA ALLEN

Fourth-graders at the Deer Hill School, including top finishers Jack Chamberlain, Harry Seraikas, Charlie Blackington and Patrick Federele (in front), show off the special gel bracelets that were given to students who participated in the school-wide reading marathon.

The third annual Cohasset PSO Read-a-thon, the Dream Big Reading Marathon, has officially come to a close. This year's Read-a-thon ran in tandem with the One Book One Cohasset initiative. The goal of One Book One Cohasset, sponsored by the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, is to foster a love of reading and a sense of community for all ages.

Money raised by the Read-a-thon will support and maintain school enrichment and curriculum programs.

The three participating schools in the 2007 Cohasset PSO Dream Big Reading Marathon raised more than $16,000. The Joseph Osgood School students recorded more than 100,000 minutes of reading and raised $10,000. The Deer Hill School logged an astounding 162,000 minutes and raised $5,000, and the Middle School logged nearly 47,300 minutes reading and raised $2,000.

Students received gel bracelets embossed with "Dream Big" acknowledging their participation, and various other motivational incentives were offered to outstanding participants. Buttonwood Books &Toys has generously donated a gift certificate to each class that read the most minutes for each grade to purchase books for their school libraries.

The town-wide book selection, "The Last Pick," by David J. McGillivray and Linda Glass Fechter, includes messages of goal setting, aiming high and never limiting what is possible. The theme of "striving for your own personal best" is what ties this year's Read-a-thon to the One Book One Cohasset program. The month long Read-a-thon kicked off on Feb. 12 at the Joseph Osgood and Deer Hill schools with McGillivray speaking to the students about how important it is to focus on their strengths, set goals, plan carefully, and work hard.

Osgood and Deer Hill students also celebrated World Book Day on March 1 when guest readers visited their classrooms from the Cohasset community. The students enjoyed listening to favorite books read by local business owners, teachers, police officers and town officials.

"The Read-a-thon fosters an appreciation for books and can only improve reading skills at all levels."

— Janet Sheehan, Osgood principal

Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan said the children truly have developed a sense of pride in keeping track of their reading and receiving recognition for their accomplishments.

"While we appreciate the support of our parents in this fundraising effort, the primary benefit of the Read-a-thon is that it increases opportunities for children to read or to enjoy being read to," she said. "The Read-a-thon fosters an appreciation for books and can only improve reading skills at all levels."

This is the second year that the Middle School has participated in the Read-a-thon. "Competition really drives the Read-a-thon fundraiser at the middle school," said Assistant Principal Beth McCoy. "Students checked the marathon bulletin board daily to see which homeroom's sneaker was in the lead. It is great when we can use a bit of competitive spirit to raise money that will positively and directly affect the education of our students."

Deer Hill participated for the third year in a row and the enthusiasm shown by the students was tremendous, as well as the support of the parents and school, says Principal Keith Gauley.

"This year's Read-a-thon was clearly the best yet. The combination of the One Book One Cohasset theme,,the involvement of Dave McGillivray and Linda Glass Fechter, the coordination of Tracy Thomas and Suzanne Jackisch, and the theme, 'Dream Big Reading Marathon' provided a focus for the students' efforts," he said. "In addition, our guest readers who took part during World Book Day added to the excitement and motivation as students completed their own marathon in school on that day. As a school system, we truly appreciate the time and energy invested by the PSO, by Mr. McGillivray and Mrs. Fechter, by Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Jackisch, and by the parents to make this a tremendous success for the students.'

The students at Deer Hill School who participated in the Dream Big Reading Marathon tallied their minutes for the 26 days of the program (consistent with the 26 miles in a marathon), and the top three classes based upon number of minutes read were: 3rd highest – Ms. Hanson's third-grade class with 15,280 minutes; 2nd highest – Mrs. Corkhum's fourth-grade class with 15,579 minutes; and the most minutes were read by Ms. Jordan's fifth-grade class – with a total of 33,093 minutes." Overall, the schools combined read more than 300,000 minutes.

SCHOOLS

Advanced driver training for teens

In Control Advanced Driver Training will partner with the not-for-profit Massachusetts Automobile Dealers Charitable Foundation to train nearly 700 South Shore teens in 2007 in SkidSchool, an advanced driver training program emphasizing the art of accident avoidance.

The Charitable Foundation subsidizes $50 of the cost of each teen's registration fee, making ICADT's class, taught at the Naval Air Base in South Weymouth, more affordable to local teens.

The Charitable Foundation's next classes with ICADT will be offered Sunday, March 25, and Saturday, April 7. Classes take place from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1 to 5:30 p.m.

In one four-hour course, certified instructors teach teens how to make panic stops and emergency lane changes, how to avoid tailgating accidents and how to handle a car in dangerous conditions such as ice and snow.

SkidSchool was launched in 2001 by Sandy Stevens of Stevens Advanced Driver Training and the Charitable Foundation, a nonprofit funded by Massachusetts auto dealers committed to giving back to their community. The Foundation now works with In Control Advanced Driver Training to offer classes.

The Charitable Foundation subsidizes a portion of the cost of SkidSchool for each student, and is currently enrolling students in classes across the commonwealth. For more information, call 617-451-1051, visit skidschool.org of email driving@msada.org.

Pilgrim Arena offers scholarships

Applications for ten $5,000 scholarships are available at the Pilgrim Skating Arena, 75 Recreation Park Drive, Hingham.

Interested seniors must pick up and sign for the application *in person* at the arena pro shop. Completed applications must be returned by Sunday (April 15).

Applicants will be judged by members of the Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors at Pilgrim Arena.

For more information, please call Hoby Taylor, 781-749-6660.

Dog training classes offered

The first series of Dog Training on the Common with Cohasset Recreation will begin in April. Classes for Beginners, Level 2 dogs and Agility will take place on Monday nights. Classes will take place April through October. Cost is $110 for a five-week class.

For more information, call 781-383-4109, or to speak to the instructor, call 781-878-4343.







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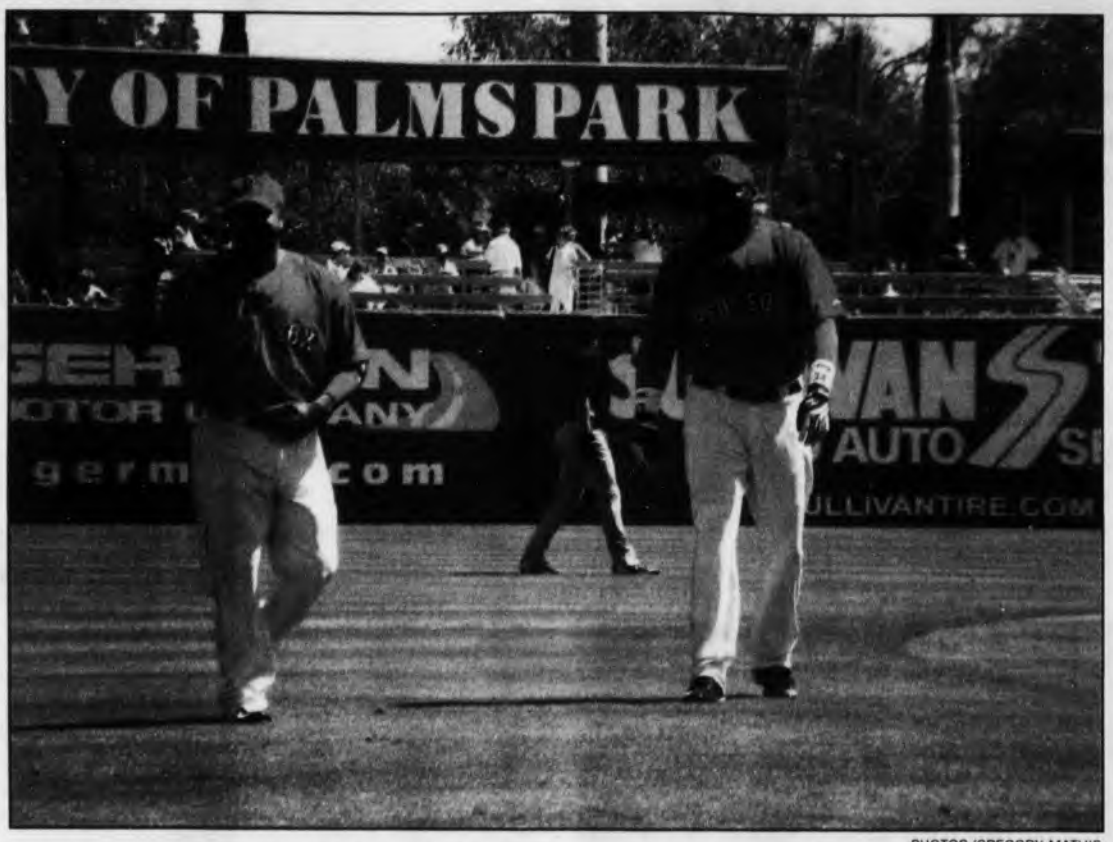
FORT MYERS, Fla. — As is tradition at the start of a ballgame, the public address announcer informed the fans that the temperature at game time was 79 degrees. There was a slight pause in the announcer's voice, then he continued… "it's 24 in Boston… with a chance of snow."

The cheer that went up at City of Palms Park in Fort Myers seemed to be of both relief and joy. For many northerners making the trek south, it was relief that they had escaped the blast of frigid New England weather that had barreled in at the beginning of March. For all, it was the pure joy that comes with basking in the warm sun and taking in a spring training ballgame in southwest Florida.

Surely, spring training games can be hit or miss in terms of on-field entertainment. Split squads and limited action by star players oftentimes leave fans flipping through their program to find out the name of number 87, which of course is not a traditional baseball player's number. It can tend to be a crapshoot in terms of who you'll get to see play this time of year.

It was just our luck that this was the place to be on this gorgeous early March day. Sure Schilling was dueling Santana just a few short miles away in the Minnesota Twins' home ballpark, also in Fort Myers. But they weren't going to go deep enough into that game to make it worth the price of admission.

Our price of admission came early in the day. When we arrived at City of Palms Park shortly after the gates opened 2 1/2 hours before game time (yeah I was a little eager to check things out), players were lined up along the third base line signing autographs and Sox legend Johnny Pesky was posing for photographs with adoring fans and doing what he does best — talking baseball.



PHOTOS/GREGORY MATHIS

Superstars Manny Ramirez and David Ortiz take time to mug for the camera as they go through their pre-game workout, but they didn't have time to sign autographs for eager fans.

A couple of players were tucked away down in the left field corner wearing warm-up shirts that covered their uniform numbers, so it wasn't too clear who they were. But as one of the players worked his way farther down the third base line, it became very apparent who it was. Daisuke Matsuzaka, the Sox' $103-million-dollar man, was patiently and graciously signing autographs and word spread like wildfire that the man known as Dice-K was in the house.

Fortunately my wife had already staked out a prime autograph-seekers spot along the chain-link fence that guaranteed the Dice man's signature on a souvenir ball we purchased at the ballpark upon our arrival at City of Palms Park. The $8 investment was about to pay big dividends. Unfortunately, that prime location also put her directly in harms way as overzealous fans tried to squeeze their way into an already tight area.

When my wife finally emerged from the pile, she had successfully scored Dice-K's signature, as well as a few bruises from being pinned against the fence. But it was a small price to pay (easy for me to say since I was out of harm's way taking pictures) for an autograph that could be worth something if Dice-K lives up to the unbelievable hype (By the way, the online auction site eBay has Dice K autographed balls currently going for well over $100). Even if he doesn't live up to those lofty expectations we have a nice memento for our spring training excursion and a great story to tell family and friends.

That was our first victory of the day. The second came when we saw the starting lineup for the game, which included Big Papi, Manny, Coco Crisp, the newly acquired JD Drew, and a couple of other solid role players, Eric Hinske, Alex Cora and Joe McEwing. All in all, not a bad lineup to throw out there against the Toronto Blue Jays.

Starter Kyle Snyder, who is no Curt Schilling, got rocked for two early solo home runs, but the pitching staff settled down and the Red Sox came back later in the game to tie it at 2-2. While the mood was more relaxed and somewhat subdued at City of Palms Park, it did have a little taste of being at Friendly Fenway, complete with a recording of Neil Diamond singing "Sweet Caroline" in the eighth inning.

The one thing that was missing was the patented Red Sox chant that can be heard echoing through Fenway throughout the summer. So in the bottom of the ninth inning with the score tied and the Sox mounting an attack, I began the "Let's go Red Sox" chant. Soon 7,000 others in the ballpark joined in as the Sox pushed across the winning run for a 3-2 victory.

Sure it was *only* spring training, but it doesn't get much better than this for a Red Sox fan. Especially in early March.

Next week: Sanibel Island, just a short drive from Fort Myers, but miles from ordinary.



The Red Sox' $103-million man, Daisuke Matsuzaka, was the man of the hour as he patiently obliges autograph-seekers before a spring training game at City of Palms Park in Fort Myers in early March.

When in Fort Myers…

Pinchers Crab Shack serves up some tasty local fare, although this time of year it is busy, buzzing with Red Sox fans. With four locations in the area, we headed north to the Fort Myers Waterfront Hotel. Turns out the manager is from Lynn, Mass. and a huge Red Sox fan himself.

The other prime eating spots in the area can be found along Fort Myers Beach.

City of Palms Park

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Right, Fort Myers was crawling with Red Sox fans, as these youngsters get their picture taken at the statue of Ted Williams outside City of Palms Park.

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Paige and Laura Desisto of Cohasset attracted notice with their good looks and unique jewelry. The mother-daughter duo started laurapaige. Their jewelry was for sale at the Social Service League of Cohasset event, "Prom and Beyond Evening Boutique."



(Above) Lindsey Kane, Sarah Corcoran and Christina Zona of Hingham's Andrew Zona Salons were on hand to offer beauty advice and products.

Ladies Night Out

Event benefits Fairy Godmother Project



(Right) Prom-bound Briana Valenti and her mother, Kathleen check out items at the Snapdragon booth. All proceeds from the event went to the Fairy Godmother Project of Massachusetts that helps disadvantaged teens look beautiful for prom night.

(Left) Claire Oswalk joins Social Service League members Linda Malone, Millie Oswald and Patty Smith who organized the "Prom and Beyond Evening Boutique" night. The event was held at the Lightkeeper's Residence.

Photos by
Lynne Layman





Bojangles of Plymouth displayed new designer dresses for the event. Jessica Fabbio of Bojangles holds one of the stylish numbers.



She found the "one" - the perfect prom dress, that is. Rebecca Creighton of Scituate poses with her prom dress.



A luxury basket full of goodies worth $500 was raffled off at the event. Julie Foley upped her odds by buying several.



Elizabeth Thompson representing the Bermuda Shop in Cohasset village displays her one-of-a-kind necklaces and bracelets.



Megan Khayali and Brooke Lovett from the Derby Street Shoppes' Social Graces set up for the event that sponsors the Fairy Godmother Project of Massachusetts, giving financially disadvantaged teens a chance to attend prom in style.

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OBITUARY

Helen E. Gallop

Former commercial artist

Helen E. (James) Gallop, 90, of Cohasset, formerly of Hingham, died March 18, 2007, at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth.

Mrs. Gallop was born in Hingham and was a 1934 graduate of Hingham High School and a graduate of the School of Practical Art in Boston. For many years she was associated with several Boston firms as a commercial artist.

Working primarily in watercolors, Mrs. Gallop participated in many art shows over the years and was well known in the area for her work. She was affiliated with the Cohasset Art Center and was a world traveler. She was also an active member of the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Hingham and St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Scituate.

Wife of the late Rev. John Morton Gallop and the late Edwin Franklin Arnold, she leaves her children, Elizabeth Loughran of Fort Myers, Fla., David Arnold of Hingham and Patricia Delano of Naperville, Ill.; her brother, Everett James of Satellite Beach, Fla.; her sister, Mary McLellan of Hingham; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Richard James.

A funeral service was conducted at the Church of St. John the Evangelist. Interment was private. Arrangements were handled by Downing Cottage Funeral Chapel, Hingham.

Memorial donations may be made to the Church of St. John the Evangelist, 172 Main St., Hingham, MA 02043.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chairman: William Baird.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, March 25

10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House – "Far-off Voices"

Religious education classes for our toddlers, children and youth and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 a.m. in the Parish House.

Following the morning service, join us for refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall.

March 19 marked the fourth anniversary of the war on Iraq. On Saturday, March 24, come along as Jan and others board the "Peace Train" to the Boston Common to gather at noon with other people of faith and with groups that include United for Peace and Justice and the Stop the Wars Coalition to peacefully demonstrate resistance to further escalation and additional funding of the war on Iraq. Quincy for Peace invites us to join them at 10:30 a.m. at Quincy City Hall Plaza, with opportunities to speak out locally and board as a group the 11:30 "Peace train" into Boston.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village. To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood.

We now also have prayer services you can listen to online, including a special daily Lenten reading.

What is going on on at St. Stephen's this week, March 25-April 1

- Sunday, March 25: Lent 5. Regular services at 8 am and 10 am. Godly Play church school and nursery available at 10 service; 11:40 Intercessory Prayer
- Monday, March 26: 7:30 pm Christian Meditation
- Tuesday, March 27: 7:30 pm Book group
- Wednesday, March 28: 9:30 am Eucharist with Healing; 10:30 am Bible Study: "Women in the Bible"
- Thursday, March 29: 6 pm Confirmation class; 7 pm Prayer and Healing group
- Friday, March 30: 9:30 am Yoga; Youth Confirmation Retreat
- Saturday, March 31: 7 am Bible Fellowship
- Sunday, April 1: **Palm Sunday**. Services at 8 am and 10 am; 9 am Youth Service

Readings for March 25th Services

Isaiah 43: 16-21 The prophet ("2nd Isaiah") writes in metrical song verses in this passage, part of the "Consolation of Israel". God, through Cyrus, will return the Israelites from Babylonian captivity in a New Exodus. Jerusalem will be restored in all its beauty.

Philippians 3: 4b-14 Paul instructs his church to listen to and imitate him. What was previously important in religion is now superseded by the glory and resurrection of Christ.

John 12: 1-8 Mary, Martha and Lazarus dine together at Bethany. Mary anoints Jesus' feet with pure nard. Judas questions the value in this. Jesus responds that He will not always be with them. The Jews plot to kill Jesus and Lazarus also.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (third Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); Scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination: Christian Science. 781-749-2874. Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

WORSHIP NEWS

Glastonbury Abbey to host 'A Sermon in Song'

As part of their inter-religious lecture series titled, "Listening to Other Voices: The Fears That Bind Us," Glastonbury Abbey will welcome Cantor Steven Weiss of Sha'aray Shalom in Hingham, Thursday, April 12, at 7:15 p.m. The event will take place in the Glastonbury Conference Center at 16 Hull St. in Hingham.

His presentation titled, "A Sermon in Song: How the Soul is Elevated in Times of Crisis from Sadness to Joy," will dramatize in music, using the Book of Psalms and modern poetry, to show how Jewish traditions use music and text for life cycle events form birth to death.

Cantor Weiss is featured on the recording, "Shabbat Anthology III," recently released by Transcontinental Music.

The lecture is free but donations will be gratefully accepted. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 781-749-2155.

Our World

Time to Create class to start March 27

Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum is behind Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 100 Sohier St., Cohasset. For more information and to register, call 781-383-3194.

Time To Create – Children will enjoy this weekly themed art class with Jen Piepenbrink. Using a variety of art materials, stories and more, this afternoon program will have children learning while having fun. Weekly themes will include Bugs, Springtime Fun, Leaves and more. Parents can plan some time for themselves while children are having fun with friends. The six-week class is for ages 3 through 5, and will meet Tuesdays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., March 27 through May 8. There will be no class during April vacation week. Fee is $90 per child for non-members, $77 for members.

Storytime Art – Class led by Miss Jen and Miss Jackie. Each week a story will be shared with a finger play or song and an art project based on the theme. Nature and springtime around the world will be a strong part of the class along with some surprises. Children may also register for Lunchtime Fun and bring a nut-free lunch from home and enjoy lunch with friends. The six-week class is for ages 2 1/2 through 4, and will meet Tuesdays, from 11 a.m. to noon, March 27 through May 8. There will be no class during April vacation week. Fee is $90 per child for non-members, $77 for members.

Lunchtime Fun – Lunch brought from home. This will be offered each week and can be enjoyed on its own, or as an added treat to an 11 m. or 12:30 p.m. class. For ages 2 1/2 through 6. The six-week program meets Tuesdays, from noon to 12:30 p.m., March 27 through May 8. No class during April vacation. Fee is $5 per child for non-members, $3 for members.

Rain Forest Rhythms with Miss Ann Conte – During this art class, children will work on their own rain forest using a variety of mediums. Stories will be read and children will learn while creating and having fun. The six-week class is for ages 4 through 6, and will meet Tuesdays, from 11 a.m. to noon, March 27 through May 8. There will be no class during April vacation week. Fee is $90 per child for non-members, $77 for members.

Spanish Time Fun with Miss Monica – Through singing, interactive story-telling, art and a variety of games that develop speaking and listening skills in Spanish, children are introduced to the language and begin to listen, recognize and produce basic Spanish vocabulary and expressions. The six-week class is for ages 3 1/2 through 6, and will meet Tuesdays, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., March 27 through May 8. There will be no class during April vacation week. Fee is $90 per child for non-members, $77 for members.



From left: Anna Rose Cerilli of Whitman-Hanson High School, Rebecca Bates-McArthur, Regent of the Col. Thomas Lothrop-Old Colony Chapter DAR, Caren Garber of Cohasset High School and Jenine DiLorenzo of Weymouth High School.

DAR honors good citizens

The DAR Good Citizen Award is given annually to members of the senior class of accredited high schools.

Col. Thomas Lothrop/Old Colony Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met March 11 at the Lighteeper's Residence in Cohasset to honor local recipients of the DAR Good Citizens Award. Sponsored through the local chapter, the winners recognized were Caren Garber of Cohasset High School, Jenine DiLorenzo of Weymouth High School, Anna Rose Cerilli of Whitman-Hanson Regional High School and Rebecca Damon of Rockland High School.

The DAR Good Citizen Award is given annually to members of the senior class of accredited high schools. Three students are selected by the faculty, based on the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. The members of the senior class then vote for the recipient of the award. This program is also recognized by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Caren Garber of Cohasset High School is the daughter of Helene and the late Gary Garber. She is president of the National Honor Society and is involved in chorus and drama at the school, and plays both soccer and lacrosse. She has worked with other students at the Center for Student Coastal Research on a project that studies the pollution in Cohasset Harbor. She has traveled to Trinidad to participate in a research project sponsored by Earthwatch and has gone to Kentucky with the Appalachian Service Project. She has captained four teams at Cohasset's Relay for Life and raised more than $15,000 from her teams. As a member of the Social Awareness Organization and the Environmental Club at school, she has participated in beach clean-ups and a school wide recycling project. Graber works as a nanny and tutor. She will be attending Tufts University in the fall and hopes to study medicine and/or environmental subjects.

Each student was presented with a certificate and wallet card stating they are local Good Citizen recipients. Their families came forward to help pin on the Good Citizen pins and were congratulated for their outstanding young adults. A small gift and a flag were also given to each Good Citizen.

John Durant to be featured on 'Echoes' broadcast

Jon Durant, a guitarist and composer from Cohasset, will be featured in a "living room concert" for the nationally syndicated program "Echoes" later this month. On the program, Durant will play three pieces live, be interviewed before and after each piece. "Echoes" is broadcast over 130 NPR affiliate stations nation wide, as well as on XM satellite radio and on the Internet. Another syndicated show, "Hearts of Space," which is syndicated on 220 NPR affiliates, is playing two tracks from the CD on their "Space Guitars" program.

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Guitarist and composer Jon Durant of Cohasset.

Durant has just released a new CD titled "Flood," which is receiving rave reviews in national guitar and music related publications, and has attracted considerable radio play on new age, jazz fusion and progressive rock radio programs.

"Flood" balances some of the hardest-edged work of Durant's career alongside some beautiful soundscapes. Aided once again by the percussive magic of Vinny Sabatino and bass legend Tony Levin, Durant's guitar work is at an all-time high on "Flood." Stand-out tracks include "When in Doubt, Strain," which features Durant playing slide and taking a solo on his Les Paul, and the jazz-tinged take on Peter Gabriel's "Here Comes the Flood," the first cover song Durant has ever recorded, and is Durant's homage to his guitarist friends Leni Stern and Wayne Krantz.

"I really wanted to go somewhere different this time around," Durant said. "A 12-string was the first step for me. It had been over 30 years since I last had an acoustic guitar, and never have I had a 12-string. That opened up an enormous set of possibilities.

"Add to that the fact that my sons and I have been exploring some new music that has brought back memories of my old metal band Mannakin Hand, and I came upon some new ways of looking at things. The results are immediately obvious, with tracks like 'Thinly Veiled Threat' and 'Invisible Dragons Abound.'"

The lengthy "Untitled (part 1)" was the beginning part of an extended piece Durant had created for a live solo show, and he deconstructed and rearranged it for ensemble.

"The other thing that was fun for me on this record was that I ended up keeping many of my fretless bass parts. I really enjoyed the process of building those parts and they seemed to fit the vibe of the pieces nicely. Tony did his incredible thing on four pieces, and he was just amazing to work with as always. His creative ideas really fueled 'Invisible Dragons Abound.'"

Durant is also the founder and president of Alchemy Records, which also released CDs by Michael Manring, Gary Willis, Michael Whalen, Caryn Lin, Kingsley Durant and many other recording artists. For information, call Alchemy at 781-383-0086, or email at jd@alchemyrecords.com.

Library Corner

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information or to sign up for classes, call 781-383-1348 or visit gwalsh@ocln.org.

FOR CHILDREN

MamaSteph is Back – MamaSteph will perform Mondays, at 10:30 a.m., in the Meeting Room through the end of April. Funded by the Friends of Cohasset Library. All ages and communities welcome.

Drop In Story Time – Big book stories, music and movement will be featured on Tuesdays in the Story Room at 10:30 a.m. during the month of March. All ages and communities welcome.

FOR ADULTS

Flower Exhibit – What better way to start the spring season than to see a flower exhibit at the library. The Amateur Garden Club of Cohasset invites the public to view their flower exhibit Friday, March 23, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, March 24, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Library Book Group – Join the group for coffee and discussion of Jhumpa Lahiri's book "Interpreter of Maladies" Wednesday, March 28, at 10 a.m. Free. All are welcome.

One Book One Cohasset – Join others on the Cohasset Common Sunday, April 1, at 1 p.m., to help celebrate the end of the town-wide reading program, One Book One Cohasset. Author David McGillivray will be on hand to cheer everyone on as Cohasset Rotary's Road Race-By-the-Sea gets underway. Enter the race by contacting the Cohasset Rotary or join in the festivities.

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Legal Notices

SCEERY ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 07P0543EP

In the Estate of PHOEBE E. SCEERY
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death January 5, 2007

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that R. MICHAEL SCEERY of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK and OLIVER F. AMES JR. of DEDHAM in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **APRIL 18, 2007**.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, March 9, 2007.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11267972
Cohasset Mariner 3/23/07

SALVADOR ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 07P0544EP

In the Estate of MANUEL E. SALVADOR
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death June 5, 2006

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that JEAN M. SALVADOR of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

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WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, March 9, 2007.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11265407
Cohasset Mariner 3/23/07

ZBA/264 JERUSALEM RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **April 3rd, at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7.2 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Thomas and Margarita Nelson**, seek to construct a second floor addition within side setback at **264 Jerusalem Road** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-03-12a.

AD#11264492
Cohasset Mariner 3/16, 3/23/07

ZBA/13 PRATT COURT
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **April 3rd, at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Peter J. and Janet Robinson**, seek to construct a two additions at **13 Pratt Court** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-03-12b.

AD#11264501
Cohasset Mariner 3/16, 3/23/07

To Place A Legal Ad Call Mary (781) 433-7902

POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, MARCH 12

12:25 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

1:21 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

8 a.m. **Headquarters**, weather: sunny; wind: light; temp: 34 degrees.

10 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

11:41 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

11:54 a.m. **Smith Place**, medical aid requested for female not feeling well; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

11:58 a.m. **Depot Court**, Cohasset fire reports a motor vehicle blocking roadway; unfounded.

2:58 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

3:43 p.m. **Border St.**, suspicious activity; motor vehicle egged; item logged.

4:12 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports blue Hyundai being driven erraticallly on Route 3A, heading towards Scituate. Motor vehicle drove over the town line in Scituate and headed towards the Minot area. No registration given; Scituate police notified.

4:19 p.m. **Otis Ave.**, walk-in party reports a past disturbance; report filed.

4:49 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller reports feeling faint; Scituate rescue responding for mutual aid. Transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

5:50 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, manager requests an officer regarding suspicious motor vehicle parked in lot.

6:32 p.m. **Schofield Road**, caller reports a party racing around on a dirt bike; states this is an ongoing problem. Officer out with one party at King and Beechwood streets; youth advised and is pushing dirt bike.

8:28 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, Hingham police reports cell caller is following an erratic operator in a gray Saab wagon going southbound on Route 3A; caller kept on the line by Hingham police. Officer stopped vehicle on Beechwood St., near train tracks and reports there was a verbal argument between father and son. Peace restored.

9:18 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:20 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:21 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:43 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

10:57 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

11:15 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, mutual aid-police.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

12:53 a.m. **Town schools**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

6:49 a.m. **North Main St. and Rocky Lane**, traffic enforcement; stationary radar post.

7:11 a.m. **North Main St. and Rocky Lane**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

7:27 a.m. **North Main St. and Depot Court**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

8 a.m. **Headquarters**, weather: sunny; wind: light; temp: 45 degrees.

9:59 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:19 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, caller reports possible illegal burning in the area of Black Rock Beach; E3 reports no problem at this time.

10:22 a.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, animal complaint; caller reports a large raccoon in her yard. Raccoon moved to next yard. Animal control officer notified.

10:45 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:47 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

1:13 p.m. **Cedar St.**, groundskeepers brought two bikes that they found on the golf course into headquarters.

2:14 p.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic stop; citation issued.

2:29 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

3:05 p.m. **Summer St.**, walk-in reports a missing cell phone.

4:08 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

4:34 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, dispatch supervisor Wigmore reports street lights out at Sandy Beach; National Grid notified.

4:58 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

5:25 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

5:36 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:07 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop and tow.

9:11 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid requested by Scituate police for a male prisoner with a lacerated finger; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

9:19 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:25 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:30 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

9:43 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

9:52 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

8:57 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller reports wires down but upon officer's arrival cancelled fire call and noted it was cable wires.

9:53 a.m. **Pond St.**, investigation by engine 3; oil burner inspection.

10:20 a.m. **Elm St.**, investigation; E3 to check on smoke and carbon detector activation.

11:09 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested for woman in respiratory distress; rescue 3 transporting to South Shore Hospital.

11:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports a male put something in his motor vehicle from the store; possibly a power tool and is leaving the scene. Officer reports the employee of the store believes the operator of the motor vehicle stole a drill or a sawzall. Male left the scene in a Mass. registered motor vehicle heading south towards Scituate; Scituate police notified and report to be out with the vehicle and male party.

11:41 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic hazard reported; Cashman notified and will respond. Gate has been put up.

2:50 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

2:53 p.m. **Rustic and Linden drives**, suspicious motor vehicle reported.

4:12 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

5:12 p.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle stop; unfounded.

5:28 p.m. **Elm St.**, notification; services rendered.

6:02 p.m. **Pond St. and Hugh Strain Road**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation for stop sign violation/verbal warning issued.

6:15 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation for stop sign violation/verbal warning issued.

7:04 p.m. **King and Sohier streets**, citation issued for passing in a no passing zone; advised to have light bar changed as it appears red to the eye.

7:19 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

7:26 p.m. **North Main St.**, written warning issued for operating defective equipment.

7:46 p.m. **North Main St.**, written warning issued for speeding.

8:15 p.m. **King and Beechwood streets**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

8:17 p.m. **Pleasant St. and Old Pasture Road**, disabled motor vehicle; services rendered.

8:32 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checked; secure.

8:33 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:10 p.m. **Hull St. and Grace Drive**, motor vehicle stop; written warning issued for speeding.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

12:07 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

12:08 a.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

6:56 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Lower King St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

8:39 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

9:03 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:21 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested for party who fell outside the front door.

11:28 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, erratic motor vehicle operation reported; Scituate police report a light blue minivan is passing vehicles on Route 3A and is entering Cohasset from Scituate. Officer reports nothing found from Sohier St. to the town line.

11:42 a.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in to fire dept. in respiratory distress; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

11:48 a.m. **Pond St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

2:10 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, anonymous caller reports his neighbor is having a loud party and that there is underage drinking; officers did not find alcohol or loud music. No party at this time.

4:09 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in party reports a lost cell phone.

5:03 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

7:26 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

7:36 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

7:37 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checked; secure.

7:51 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking complaint.

8:18 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic enforcement.

10:33 p.m. **Linden Drive**, caller reports cars are speeding at more than 60 mph; area search negative.

10:38 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

11:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop and tow.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

1:28 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

1:29 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools checked; secure.

7:19 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic enforcement.

9:31 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, caller from Good Samaritan Hospital in Brockton states that a male party has walked away from the hosptial still connected to his heart monitor and with an I.V. still in his arm; after a search by dispatch in NCIC it was found that the male party no longer resides in town and has an address in Norwood. Norwood police notified; male party also has an active warrant.

11:13 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, several callers report a motor vehicle accident; tow truck requested for oen vehicle.

2:05 p.m. **Main St. – Hull**, Hull fire requests R3 for person involved in a motor vehicle accident with a possible head injury. R3 cancelled prior to arrival by Hull fire dept.

3:02 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, several callers reports a motor vehicle vs. a telephone pole; 3A towing and National Grid notified. Units are closing off the road due to driving conditions; tow truck has the vehicle, units clear.

5:32 p.m. **Ripley Road and Sohier St.**, BMW call center reports receiving a mayday call from a customer in the area and they are unable to reach the customer. Cruisers have been detailed to the area to locate the vehicle. Officer is out with the vehicle in driveway and reports that the driver hit the emergency button by accident. No problems; all clear.

4:06 p.m. **Jerusalem and Windy Hill roads**, caller reports going off the road and is unsure if there are any injuries. Tow truck requested to remove vehicle; no injuries reportes. Officer is transporting the female to her residence.

5:52 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

7:54 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checked; secure.

8:10 p.m. **Sohier St.**, caller reports a large group of youths are throwing snowballs at vehicles across from the elementary schools; officer spoke to youths in the area and advised them to call 911 if they see anyone throwing snowballs at vehicles. Youths stated that they would leave the area.

10:47 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St.**, caller reports motor vehicle accident; vehicle is on top of a guard rail. Officer reports no injuries at this time but wants to continue fire call and is requesting a tow truck on one vehicle.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

12:33 a.m. **Pond St. and Bancroft Road**, detour sign reported down; referred.

12:41 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

12:41 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

12:52 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, report of traffic lights blinking; referred to state DPW.

6:11 a.m. Summer St., fire dept. called regarding a flooded basement; services rendered.

9:45 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, E3 investigation of water problem. Fire Captain reports a major water issue; water is leaking through all parts of the ceiling; wiring inspector responded and dispatch was able to contact a person from the building and they will respond.

10:40 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid requested for 17-day-old baby in respiratory distress; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

11:13 a.m. **Cedar and North Main streets**, Sergeant reports that she is assisting a motorist with getting to Robbins Garage for problems with their motor vehicle.

11:26 a.m. **Margin St.**, 911 caller reports there is about a foot of water in their basement; investigated.

1:39 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St.**, caller reports a vehicle behind him is flashing his lights and beeping at him; caller called back to state that the has pulled over and it is the owner of the vehicle he is towing; no problems at this time.

2:02 p.m. **Pond St.**, caller reports her sister has fallen but is not injured; lift and assist services rendered.

3:12 p.m. **Jerusalem Road and Linden Drive**, well-being check; caller reports a vehicle parked with a male party inside who looks like he is sleeping. Officer reports the man is delivering papers and he has a flat tire; he is waiting for McBriens.

4:25 p.m. **Black Rock Road**, caller reports her basement is flooded; officer reports that the water is not near anything electrical.

4:57 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

5:42 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in party reports locking herself out of her house; services rendered.

6:49 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop and tow for unregistered vehicle.

8:22 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint; employee reports his customers have to park up the street due to people from the Red Lion Inn taking up the parking spaces in front of the store and his customers are complaining. Officer spoke with Red Lion Inn manager and they will post a parking sign about this problem.

8:29 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

8:45 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint; caller reports her neighbor is having a party and people are parking on her lawn and driveway; she spoke with the neighbor once and they aren't answering the phone at this time. Cruiser detailed to location. Resident is going to have vehicles moved as soon as possible. Peace restored.

8:58 p.m. **Summer and South Main streets**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

9:12 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:14 p.m. **Sohier St.** building checked; secure.

9:25 p.m. **Newport Road – Hull**, mutual aid rendered to Hull police for approximately 35 people that they are bringing in; 884, 886 tied up at Hull police dept., but available for calls if needed.

10:30 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

11:47 p.m. **South Main St.**, 209A violation reported; Sergeant investigated and found that the 209A order was vacated Jan. 1, 2007. No violation took place; report filed.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

12:10 a.m. **Town roads**; driving hazard reported due to icy roads; referred.

12:11 a.m. **Headquarters**, citizen assisted; departmental action taken.

12:39 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, report that highway is getting icy; State DPW notified.

1:37 a.m. **Hull St. and Grace Drive**, Hingham reports roadway flooding; water is coming from Grace Drive. DPW notified and is sanding.

1:47 a.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, medical aid requested.

1:48 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller reports a motor vehicle vs. pole; airbag deployed but no operator is present. Caller is not familiar with roads and gave location as "a side road off Jerusalem Road." He went back to location of accident and determined it was near Beach St. Units advised that the location is Atlantic Ave., near Beach St.; 886 found vehicle at 40 Atlantic Ave. National Grid notified and E3 is responding. Operator located; operator and parent are back to the scene. Teen summoned on charges of leaving the scene of property damage, Junior Operator License hours restriction violation and marked lanes violation.

7:13 a.m. **Deep Run**, caller reports black ice on roadway; DPW notified.

8 a.m. **Headquarters**, weather: sunny; wind: light; temp: 34 degrees.

9:51 a.m. **Jerusalem Lane**, resident reports icy road conditions; DPW notified.

10:33 a.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

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What's happening on the South Shore

MARCH 22-30, 2007

'Respect' for a new role

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Actress and singer Mary Callanan has played everything from nuns to prison matrons, but her new role as writer Dorothy Marcic in "Respect, A Musical Journey" at Boston's Stuart Street Playhouse marks Callanan's debut as a real-life person.

"Except for playing Rosie Clooney in the cabaret show 'Hey There: The Music of Rosemary Clooney,' this is my first time playing a non-fictional character," Callanan explained recently by telephone from her Weymouth home. "I admire Dorothy and the life she has led. She is an incredibly weil-traveled, interesting woman. She's charming and much fun, because she has so many great stories to tell. Last summer, I had the good fortune to meet Dorothy in person, but now that I am playing her I don't know what I would do if she came to the see the show."

A professor at Vanderbilt University and a prolific author, Marcic adapted her book, "Respect: Women and Popular Music," for the musical revue, which takes a high-energy look at the many milestones of women's lives through 20th-century music. Marcic uses stories from her own life, including her grandmother's trials and triumphs and her own Wisconsin upbringing, and sets them to popular music like "Can't Help Lovin' that Man of Mine," "I Am Woman," and "Dedicated to the One I Love."

In Boston, a cast of three — Kareema Castro, Salomi Hoffman, and Quincy's Tianna Checchia — bring a variety of 20th-century women to life, including Coco Chanel, Ida B. Wells, and Rosa Parks. As Marcic, Callanan narrates the piece and occasionally joins the cast in song.

"In reality, you're the bus driver when you play Dorothy. You have to be relaxed with the audience, because there is no fourth wall between them and Dorothy. It is up to me to make sure the audience is having a good time."

Callanan has considerable experience doing just that in sit-down runs of "Nunsense" at the now-defunct Theatre Lobby in Boston's North End and, more recently, in "Menopause: The Musical" which preceded "Respect" at the Stuart Street Playhouse.

In the latter show, Callanan's co-stars included Kathy St. George. The longtime friends, both favorites on the Boston theater scene, were reunited in "Respect" when St. George originated the role of Marcic in the Boston company and Callanan was chosen as her understudy. St. George left "Respect" earlier this month to go into pre-production on a new show about Judy Garland, being produced by former Quincy resident Tony McLean, which is rumored to be going into the Stuart Street Playhouse when "Respect" completes its currently open-ended run.



Mary Callanan

Callanan not only enjoys her new assignment, but she says she also understands what has made the show so popular.

"To work with Kathy is always a treat. I was very sad to see her go," says Callanan, who also understudied the role of Eden. "I liked both of the parts that I understudied in this show, but Dorothy is the bigger acting role so I'm really liking this opportunity."

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"Although the show is about Dorothy's life, it is really about women and our holding up the mirror to Top 40 music and seeing just how far women have come since the start of the 20th century. The question is whether the music changed us or we changed the music. The answer varies depending on the day. What the music does, however, is really build the excitement, especially as the recognition value of the songs increases. Each and every night, people sing along to 'These Boots are Made for Walkin' and 'I Will Survive.' The audience is always a part of the show, which I just love."

While Callanan is clearly enjoying the acting challenge of her new role, she is quick to acknowledge that her background as a singer has been a big help in her adjustment to the part.

"For me to step into the role of Dorothy has been a real challenge. What has made it easier for me, however, is that Dorothy is first and foremost a professor and a lecturer. Fortunately, I have a lot of experience speaking directly to an audience. I do it all the time in my cabaret act."

And, even with a full-time job on a downtown stage, Callanan still finds time for regular cabaret gigs. Indeed, she and longtime accompanist and Hanson native Brian Patton spend each Thursday night — immediately following 'Respect' — doing their act in Boston's Encore Lounge at the Marriott Hotel in the Theater District, and, on April 3, will again present their cabaret act at Norwell's Company Theatre.

("Respect, A Musical Journey" is at the Stuart Street Playhouse, 200 Stuart St., Boston. For tickets and information, call 800-447-7400 or visit www.respectamusicaljourney.com. Mary Callanan and Brian Patton are at the Encore Lounge, 270 Tremont St., Boston, Thursdays from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., with no cover charge. On April 3, Callanan and Patton will present their cabaret act at the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. For tickets and information, call 781-871-2787 or visit www.companytheatre.com.)

Movie review



Ashima (Tabu) prepares to apply traditional Indian makeup, even though she's trying to be a modern American.

Know thy 'Namesake'

The Namesake (A)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

Memo to movie lovers: Your winter of discontent just thawed out.

Based upon the Pulitzer Prize-winning 2003 bestseller by Jhumpa Lahiri, Mira Nair's marvelous family chronicle "The Namesake" is further evidence that the more specific a fictional family is, the more universal its story seems.

Meet the Gangulis. Indians of Bengali descent, they include Ashoke (Irfan Khan), a benevolent patriarch, his beautiful, devoted wife Ashima (former model Tabu), rebellious son Gogol (Kal Penn of "Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle") and similarly untraditional daughter Sonia (Sahira Nair).

Their story begins in 1968 when Ashoke survives a nightmarish train wreck in India as a young man. While onboard the doomed train, Ashoke was reading a collection of stories by the great Russian author Nikolai Gogol and talking to a man who encouraged him to see the world.

Next stop, the United States. Ashoke, a promising, university professor in a strange land, then returns to his Calcutta neighborhood to find a wife. Before you know it, he and Ashima, virtual strangers to one another, are trying to survive a New York City winter in the shadow of the Brooklyn Bridge. (Nair transplanted the action from the novel's Boston.)

The characters in "The Namesake" are on the horns of a dilemma. Do they follow the traditions of the Old World or become assimilated by the new culture they have adopted?

The answer appears to be relative and involve compromise. For example, to raise her children and be a wife to Ashoke, Ashima gives up a budding career back home as a singer-musician.

Western literature is a motif in the tale of the Gangulis. Ashima wins Ashoke's heart by reciting Wordsworth's "I Wandered Lonely As a Cloud." The story charts Gogol's decision to court Maxine (Jacinda Barrett), a blonde, blue-eyed American from an affluent family, a variation on a theme of "Romeo and Juliet." When that doesn't work out, he marries a dusky Bengali beauty (Zuleikha Robinson) he met when they were adolescents.

A central thread in the film is Gogol's classic short story "The Overcoat." To his son, Ashoke repeats the phrase attributed to the great Russian authors who followed Gogol: "We all came out of Gogol's 'Overcoat.' " But how does he mean it?

Perhaps, for Ashoke and his family, the "overcoat" is India itself, its traditions, culture, religion and history, and he means that he and his family have all sprung from them.

Nair ("Salaam Bombay," "Monsoon Wedding") repeatedly cuts to an effigy of a Hindu goddess, a reminder of the power of the feminine, a recurring motif in her work. Of course, the goddess in the Ganguli story is Ashima herself, and Tabu, in her American film debut, makes her unforgettable.

Boasting beautiful polychromatic imagery by cinematographer Frederick Elmes ("Blue Velvet") and a richly polyphonic, decades-spanning soundtrack, the film is a vibrant, deeply humane reminder of why we go to the movies in the first place.

Rated PG-13. "The Namesake" contains sexually suggestive scenes and profanity.

Calendar of events

Thursday, Mar. 22

Masterworks Gala & Encore: Hingham Symphony Orchestra, Jin Kim conducting, performs Beethoven's 9th: Ode to Joy with chorus, plus Barber's Adagio for Strings. Guest soloists include renowned bass Robert Honeysucker Gala:Thursday, **March 22 at 7:30 pm at New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall**, 30 Gainsborough St. Boston. Encore: Saturday, **March 24 at 7:30 pm in Duxbury's new Performing Arts Center**, 130 St. George Street, includes pre-concert talk at 7 pm and post-concert reception. $35/$30 adults, $20 seniors, $10 students. Tickets will be available at the door, or call 781-740-5694 or visit www.hinghamsymphony.org for details.

Local Chapter of Business Networking International bni.com meets weekly Thursday mornings in Pembroke at 7:30. New members are welcome. Call Tricia Lorente at 508-740-3385 for details.

The South Shore Business Roundtable (ssbrt.net) meets every other Thursday at 7:30 a.m. at Pembroke Town Hall. SSBRT is a networking group whose goal is to enhance member businesses through the exchange of referrals and information and is seeking additional members at $100 for the year. For additional info call Joel Sugarman 617-686-9885.

Starcreations Theater presents **Rumpelstiltskin Is My Name** on Thursdays, March 22 and 29, at 5 p.m. at the Reed Community House, 33A Summer St, Kingston. General Admission $3. For info and reservations, call 508-747-1234 or email info@starcreations.org

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. March 22, BBC **"Pint Night"** featuring **Flydown** formerly The Alliance.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, will feature Satch Romano's **New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796.

Friday, Mar. 23

The Braintree High School JV Dance Team is planning **Girls' Night Out!** a fundraiser to benefit the dance team and the Dianne Devanna Center on March 23, from 7-10 p.m. at Braintree High School. The event is appropriate for girls and women and will feature a fashion show with the dance team modeling prom gowns from Cache and outfits from Urban Behavior. Glow Skincare of Braintree and Tigerlily's Hair Salon of Holbrook have donated their services to do the team's hair and makeup for the show. Dance team parents have also lined up over 20 businesses to demonstrate beauty treatments, dispense advice and sell products. The dance team will also perform and will lead dances. Tickets are $10 at the door.

Our Gang is back and in full swing at the Priscilla Beach Theatre - The Little Rascals plays Fridays and Saturdays, March 23 and 24, 30, and 31 at 7:30 p.m. All tickets $12. The Dramatic School Players of Priscilla Beach Theatre recreate members of the lovable Our Gang including Alfalfa, Spanky, Darla, Butch, Miss Crabtree and others. Our stars of tomorrow include Haley Cobb, Ayala Dayan, William Flederman, Ashley Glennan, Emma Keane, Josephine, Robert and Rocco Meninno, Alexis O'Neil and Skye Swales — under the direction of Andy Nielson and Geronimo Sands. Set design by Joann Matalavage. To make reservations for THE LITTLE RASCALS and/or register for THE MIKADO call Priscilla Beach Theatre at 1-508-224-4888 or see full details online at ThinkTheatre.org.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance March 23, with DJ music from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www-southshoresingles.org

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"Moonrise, Race Point" by Mike Sleeper

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New England Singles, March 23, 8 p.m. to midnight Sheraton Braintree, Grand ballroom I-93/I-95, exit 6, Braintree. Ages 40+ Music from the 60's to the present. DJ. $12. singlesdances-newengland.com

Single Executives Club Singles Dance March 23, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at The Lafayette House Ballroom, 109 Washington St, Rt. 1 South, Foxboro Next to End Zone Hotel. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by award winning DJ Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes and match game prizes. For singles and couples age 30 and over. Cost before 9 p.m. is $10, $15 thereafter. Proper business dress recommended; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable. Visit www.se-4u.com or call 781-446-0234 for information.

Saturday, Mar. 24

Daniel Webster Estate, 238 Webster St. Marshfield. Museum guide classes offered March 24 and April 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Attend one or both sessions. Bring brown bag lunch, beverage and dessert. Call Regina Porter at 781-837-9858.

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Harlem Globetrotters will take the court for a Doubleheader on March 24 and 25 against the New York Nationals at the TD Banknorth Garden. Tip-off is at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets start at $16.50 and are available at the Garden box office, by phone at 617-931-2000 or on-line at www.ticketmaster.com

Satucket Lodge AF & AM Ham & Bean Supper, March 24, at 5 p.m. at the Tri Town Masonic Building, Rt. 27 in East Bridgewater Donation $5 for Adults $3 for Children with a $15 maximum for families The supper will be followed by an old time entertainment that goes by the name of a "Pound Auction" Bring something that weighs about a pound, neatly wrapped or bagged just so it is *unidentifiable* by looking at the outside. The auctioneer will do his best to raise the bid price with all proceeds going to Satucket Lodge's charitable efforts.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth's Eighth Annual Warm Hearts, Warm Homes Gala, March 24, 2007 at 7 p.m. at PartyLite, 59 Armstrong Rd., Plymouth 508-866-4188 or visit www.hfhplymouth.org

The Weymouth Elks and Black Rock Concierge of Hingham are co-hosting a dinner, dance and raffle to benefit the Veteran Services of Hingham and Weymouth and "Project Access," which helps homeless children of the area on March 24, at the Holbrook and Perry Halls of the Elks Lodge, 1197 Washington St., Weymouth. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 7:30, p.m. followed by music and dancing, silent auction and raffles. Tickets: $25 per person. For tickets, contact Elaine Kemp at 781-335-3793 or Mal Smith at 781-335-8748 or SpringFling2007@comcast.net.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club, March 24, at 1 p.m. Moderate walk some hilly terrain, 3.5 miles. Walk the green dot loop in the Great Blue Hill section via Wolcott Path. Meet at the Trailside Museum north parking lot on 1904 Canton Ave., in Miltonl.. For information visit mass.gov/dcr or call 617-698-1802.

Thayer Public Library's 4th Annual Scrabble Playoff! Students in grades 5 through 8 are invited to play for the chance to compete at the National School Scrabble Championship on March 24, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Logan Auditorium. This year the National Championship will be in Providence on May 4 and 5. The Playoff will decide the two-person team that will be sent to the Nationals. Refreshments will be served after the playoff. The Thayer Public Library is located at 798 Washington St., Braintree. 781-848-0405 ext. 4407.



Matt McArthur



P.J. Walsh

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All Season's Restaurant, 327 Plymouth St., (Rt. 106), Halifax Comedy Night March 30, 9 p.m. featuring P.J. Walsh along with Annette Pollack, Matt McArthur, Sandy Asal, Phil Doyle and South Shore's own Tommy Dunham. Tickets: $15. Advanced tickets being sold by calling 781-293-4135. For information visit myspace.com/annettepollack

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South Shore Conservatory offers help for reluctant speakers - Adults who find themselves tongue-tied and sweaty-palmed speaking in front of a group of people, can find the tools they need to become more confident speakers with South Shore Conservatory's **Speak Up, Speak Out and Speak For Yourself** March 24, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Conservatory's One Conservatory Drive location in Hingham. This workshop guaranteed to loosen up even the most reluctant of speakers, uses a series of communication games and exercises to put students at ease and give participants the tools they need for making presentations. Conducted by speech specialist **Ellen Kelly,** the workshop can be particularly helpful for adults seeking to perfect their communicating skills. Tuition is $50. Pre-registration is required. For information or to register, call 781-749-7565, ext. 10.

John Carver Inn, Plymouth present **Dinner Theatre** packages. featuring **Murder Speaks Easy** March 24, doors open at 7:30 p.m. For information visit johncarverinn.com or call JCI at 508-746-7100 or 800-724-1620.

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Tuesday, March 20
PASSION FOR PLANTS? ASK THE EXPERTS
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Wednesday, March 21
GREAT GARDENS OF NEW ENGLAND DAY
10 AM - 4 PM

Thursday, March 22
GIRLS NIGHT OUT
5 - 9 PM

Friday, March 23
PLANTAPALOOZA: CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL AND EDUCATORS NIGHT
4:30 - 8 PM

Saturday, March 24
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MASS AUDUBON SOCIETY BLUE HILLS TRAILSIDE MUSEUM TO HOST 10th ANNUAL AUCTION on March 31, at the Lantana in Randolph. Many unique and exciting items will be featured at both the silent and live auctions. Sit-down dinner included. Begin the evening at 6:00 with cocktails (cash bar) and peruse the silent auction items. Tickets are $75 per person. All funds directly benefit the Trailside Museum. Call the museum at 617.333.0690 or visit the web site www.massaudubon.org/blue-hills for information.

THE COMPANY THEATRE FIRST ANNUAL AUCTION AND FUNDRAISER (ARTS) April 28 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel, Hingham St., Rockland. 781-871-2787.

SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY'S PERFORMATHON takes place at Barnes & Noble, 96 Derby St. in Hingham on March 31, from 9 a.m. to 8 pm. Performathon is a performance marathon that offers Conservatory students the opportunity to hone their performing skills as they help raise money for the Conservatory's Scholarship Fund by soliciting pledges from sponsors, Performances will include instrumental pieces (piano, saxophone, flute, trumpet, guitar, oboe, clarinet, percussion, violin, viola), voice and drama. Audience members, parents and friends of the Conservatory are encouraged to lend their support by sponsoring a Performathon participant, and by making purchases at Barnes & Noble with a special benefit weekend coupon designating a percentage of the sales to be donated to South Shore Conservatory. Call Amy Schomp, 781-749-7565, ext.19 for information.

THE SKATING CLUB OF BOSTON presents its annual show, Ice Chips 2007: 95th Anniversary Celebration, "The Great American Songbook." Ice Chips will be presented March 31 and April 1 at Harvard University's Bright Arena. The show features national and international competitors, including the 2006 Olympic Ladies Silver Medalist and 2006 National Ladies Champion, Sasha Cohen. "The Great American Song Book" is a celebration of America's best music and best figure skaters! Our show also features an ensemble of more than 250 skating members of the Club, their own medal winners from this year's International, National, Junior National, Sectional, and Regional competitions. Your tax-deductible donation ensures preferred seating. Individual tickets $20; Group rates are available upon request. Tickets available at the Harvard Box Office at Call: 617-496-2222 or visit www.icechips.org For information, visit www.icechips.org

THE HISTORIC 1699 WINSLOW HOUSE, 634 Careswell St. Marshfield, will be host to Nathaniel Philbrick, author of the acclaimed "Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community and War." On April 28 beginning at noon, Philbrick will discuss the history of Plymouth Colony, the story of the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians, and the legends that have accompanied them. Philbrick will discuss the writing of his book and will be available to sign copies of "Mayflower," as well as Philbrick's new book, "The Mayflower Papers." For information, contact the Winslow House at 781-837-5753 or email Winslow House executive director Mark Schmidt at mark.schmidt@winslowhouse.org

THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION is seeking walkers of all ages to form teams for the 6th Annual South Shore Arthritis Walk, the Arthritis Foundation's nationwide walk event. The walk will take place on Sunday, May 6, at Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth and is open to both teams and individuals The Arthritis Walk features a fully accessible one-mile walk and a three-mile walk, followed by a post-walk celebration. To register or for information, contact Terri Fedrow at the Arthritis Foundation at 617-219-8220 or visit southshorearthritiswalk.kintera.org

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MARCH 22-30, 2007



Jin Kim

Masterworks Gala & Encore: Hingham Symphony Orchestra, Jin Kim conducting, performs Beethoven's 9th: Ode to Joy with chorus, plus Barber's Adagio for Strings. Guest soloists include renowned bass Robert Honeysucker Gala:Thursday, March 22 at 7:30 pm at New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough St. Boston. Encore: Saturday, March 24 at 7:30 pm in Duxbury's new Performing Arts Center, 130 St. George Street, includes pre-concert talk at 7 pm and post-concert reception. $35/$30 adults, $20 seniors, $10 students. Tickets will be available at the door, or call 781-740-5694 or visit www.hinghamsymphony.org for details.

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Hingham Antiques Show & Sale takes place March 24, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and March 25, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hingham Middle School, Rte 228, Main St., Hingham. Goosefare Antiques & Promotions, Saco, Maine. 800-641-6908.email goosefare@gwi.net. Adult admission $5. Sponsored by the Hingham SPED Parent Advisory Council.

Quincy Dinner Theatre Productions presents **Amazing Impersonators Dinner Show**, March 24-25 Braintree Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree. Featured entertainers include **Donna Summer, Stevie Wonder, Tom Jones plus Smokie Robinson Marvin Gaye and the Four Tops.** Four course dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon matinee, dinner at 2 p.m. show at 3:30 p.m. Tickets: $42.50 dinner and show $39.95 for seniors. Plenty of free parking. Handicapped accessible. Call 781-843-5862 for reservations.

Plymouth: Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth, MA- Saturday, March 24, Traditional Irish Seisiun every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hornpipes, with great craic and singalong. Admission is free. No Cover. Come sing, come play, come listen! Call 508-830-1262.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch's Annual 39th Birthday Blues Bash.**

Sunday, Mar. 25

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Blue Hills Reservation and South Region Sites March 25, at 1 p.m. **Wilson Mountain Wander**. Meet at the Wilson Mountain parking lot on Route 135 in Dedham. Join a DCR Park Ranger as you walk through beautiful hemlock stands, over rocky hilltops, and past thickets of rhododendron and mountain laurel. 1.5 hours. All programs are free. Call 617-698-1802 for weather conditions.

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Monday, Mar. 26

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, has helped more than 9,400 South Shore residents start a new life over the past 20 years. They offer a safe place for healing and encouragement as you start a new chapter of your life. New Beginnings meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30P-7:30P, followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30P-7:30P each Monday and is highly recommended for newcomers. All are welcome. For more information, please call Peggy Loud at (781) 659-1857.

Tuesday, Mar. 27

The Scituate Library Foundation "Life on the Coast" Speaker Series presents a narrated slide presentation by award-winning **author Michael Tougias** titled **A Fight for Survival in the Blizzard of 1978** on March 27, at 7 p.m. Based on bestseller **Ten Hours Until Dawn: A True Story of Heroism and Tragedy aboard the Can Do** Free to the public. The presentation will last about one hour. There will be a question and answer period following the presentation. For info call 781-545-8727 or visit scituatetownlibrary.org

Front Street Art Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate, hosts **Dianne Panarelli Miller** a Boston based "Plein Air Painter" of color and light March 27 to April 29. She is a signature member of the New England Plein Air Painters and a "Copley Master" at the Copley Society in Boston. A reception will be held on Sunday, April 1, from 2 to 5 p.m.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road **Pembroke**. March 27, Free Texas Hold'Em with Northern Poker League "face off" Game Show Trivia 781-829-6999.

Wednesday, Mar. 28

The Scituate Special Education Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and the **South Shore Educational Collabora-tive** invite you to "Assistive Technology," an informative presentation about Assistive Technology (AT) and how it can be effectively implemented in a variety of settings on March 28, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Wampatuck Elementary School Library, 266 Tilden Road, Scituate. The workshop will address the following areas: what is Assistive Technology; the continuum of considerations for AT; low-tech and high tech technology options; classroom technology; academic support software; determining the technology needs of students; implementing AT in school settings; MCAS and assistive technology. For information contact Peggy Waters 781-545-2237.

Grub Street South at Buttonwood is a collaboration between Grub Street, Boston's only independent writing center, and **Buttonwood Books & Toys**, Shaw' s Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset. The goal of the program is to get writers writing! On March. 28 at 7 p.m. Literary agent and Grub Street founder, **Eve Bridburg**, will discuss agents and their role in a workshop titled, **One Agents Revels All**. Eve will discuss agents and their role vis-à-vis authors and their books - when to go to an agent, what an agent does, what happens to a manuscript when it is mailed to an agent. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 781-383-2665.



Black Canyon of Gunnison, the landscapes of David Burtner, will be shown in the Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery through April 5. The public is invited to view the Clemens Gallery during Library hours. Additional information can be found at hinghamlibrary.org

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Thursday, Mar. 29

Local Chapter of Business Networking International bni.com meets weekly Thursday mornings in Pembroke at 7:30. New members are welcome. Call Tricia Lorente at 508-740-3385 for details.

The Alzheimer's Partnerships of The South Shore and Neponset Valley presents Caregivers In Our Own Voice March 29, at 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Loring Center in Plymouth, An optional full or half day program addressing the challenges and rewards of caregiving. Listen to caregivers discuss their journey with humor and personal insights. Caregiver Program in the morning and special education and CEU program in the afternoon. Complimentary continental breakfast and lunch. Limited Adult Day Health Care, Respite and Home Assistance available. Call Sue Sheehan at 781-828-7450, ext.307 for questions, CEU information and application form. Meet a variety of professionals available for free consultations!

Artwork by students of Donna Rossetti-Bailey Feb. 28-April 7. Over the years, many people from the South Shore have studied pastel and drawing with Marshfield artist, Donna Rossetti-Bailey. More than 30 students have works on display in the Vine Hall Gallery, **South Shore Natural Science Center,** 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. This exhibit will highlight both plein-aire and studio work 781-659-2559.

The Scituate Library Foundation "Life on the Coast" Speaker Series presents **Raptor Migration at the Kekoldi Hawkwatch, Costa Rica** with **Julie Tilden — Avian Field Biologist March 29, at 7 p.m.** Tilden will share her research and experiences with the South Shore community. Free to the public. The presentation will last about one hour with a question and answer period following the presentation. For info call 781-545-8727 or visit scituatetownlibrary.org

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Friday, Mar. 30

The Society of Arts and Crafts presents **CRAFTBOSTON** 2007 March 30 – April 1, at Boston's Seaport World Trade Center. Seaport World Trade Center, 200 Seaport Boulevard, Boston. General Admission: $15, Senior Citizens & SAC Members: $12, Children 12 years and under: Free. Admission tickets valid for readmission throughout the weekend. For information, call 617-266-1810 or visit craftboston.org

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Keepin' the Grove** at 9:15 p.m., No cover. Nextpagecafe.com 781-335-9796.

The South Shore Conservatory Concert Series announces a performance of *Pictures at an Exhibition* by Modest Mussorgsky on March 30, 7:30 p.m at the Conservatory's Cox Hall in Hingham. Conservatory pianists will perform two piano suites with musical remarks by the Conservatory's President, Kathy Czerny. Piano suites performed by Antonio Benedetto, Gina Benedetto, Alex Buiel, Steve Deitz, Irina Kotlyar-Vulikh, Edwina Li, Margaret Li, Jane Viemeister, and Hui-Min Wang. The South Shore Music Circus and Robert and Dorothy Palmer Galleries will feature South Shore Art Center Gallery Artists Gretchen Moran, Isabelle Shamitz and Nick Johnson. The concert will take place at South Shore Conservatory's Cox Hall in Hingham. A Wine and cheese reception will precede the concert at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are $25 for adults and $20 for seniors/students. To purchase tickets or for information call 781-749-7565 x 10 or 781-934-2731 x 11 or visit www.southshoreconservatory.org/concert_series.htm.

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518.

Meetings

NETWORK 4 SUCCESS - Meets the first Thursday of each month at the Plympton Library, Route 58 in Plympton, from 5 to 6 p.m. and the third Thursday of each month for lunch at the Halifax Country Club Route 58 in Halifax from noon to 1:30 p.m. Lunch extra. Organizer: Laura Joseph 781-422-2294 cell 774-266-3614.

THE ADOPTION & FOSTER CARE SCHOOL AWARENESS PROJECT Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the Lydia Drake Library, 340 High St., Pembroke, at 7:30 pm. ASAP is committed to increasing awareness in the schools and in communities of the special needs of children and families formed through adoption and foster care. All parents, caregivers, educators and interested community members are welcome. For information, contact Charlotte Simpson at 781-293-3341, or visit www. asapmass.org.

THE SOUTH SHORE OCD SUPPORT GROUP holds monthly meetings for adults suffering from OCD, parents of children suffering from OCD or friends and family of adults suffering from OCD. Meetings are at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at the Duxbury Senior Community Center, 10 Mayflower St., Duxbury. (Route 3 to exit 10 east, to Tremont Street, (RT 3A North) to 10 Mayflower). No cost. Wheelchair accessible. Call Barbara Lashley at 508 830-1630 for the date of the next meeting or for information.

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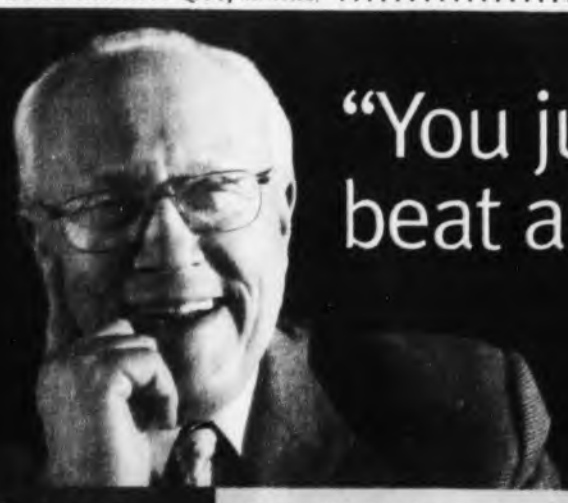


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Fleeing suspect steals Cohasset car

Local officers assist State police in pursuit

By Nancy White
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On Wednesday night, just before 11p.m., Cohasset police were key players in a state police pursuit. The car chase began in Milton after the driver of the vehicle allegedly fired a shot at a state police trooper as he was trying to stop him.

The Boston Herald reported that the suspect stole a PlayStation 3 from the Best Buy in the South Bay Center in Dorchester. State Police were searching for the suspect(s) and spotted their green Chrysler Pacifica in Milton. In the State Police's attempt to stop the suspect's vehicle at least one of the suspects fired shots at the trooper's vehicle.

The pursuit then passed through several communities – Quincy, Weymouth, Hingham and Cohasset. According to Police Chief James Hussey, Cohasset Police made the determination that it was a safe time to use "stop sticks," as the suspect traveled south on 3A from Hingham to Cohasset. Stop sticks are strips that are placed across the road to deflate a vehicle's tires. Officers placed the stop sticks across 3A, just inside the Cohasset border from Hingham.

The stop sticks successfully flattened the tires, however the suspect continued to drive on the rims. The vehicle went into the woods on the north side of 3A, just before Pond Street. The suspect then fled the vehicle.

State, Cohasset, Hingham, Quincy, Scituate and others set up a perimeter where the suspect was last seen. The State Police mobilized its Airwing Unit, K-9 Units, STOP Team and numerous patrols to help with the search.

The suspect eventually stole a 2001 Lincoln LS from a Pleasant Street resident. According to Chief Hussey, the

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Pact on parking

MBTA, town reach accord

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A two-year MBTA dispute over village parking spots is nearing a resolution thanks to cooperation between local and state government. State Rep. Garrett Bradley attended Monday's Board of Selectmen meeting to confirm — that in addition to a $110,000 dispute settlement from the MBTA — $310,000 additional funds has been awarded to Cohasset's Public Works Economic Development (PWED) grant to improve the Village area. Together, the funds will cover the more than $200,000 estimated cost to add additional parking spaces as well as improve the aesthetics and landscaping of the village parking lot.

The settlement of $110,000 is under review by Town Counsel, but will likely be signed by the Selectmen in the next week or so.

The town previously received a $1.5 million PWED grant to revitalize the downtown village area, which was completed last year with new sidewalks, paved streets, trees, and enhanced pocket parks.

If the town and the MBTA were unable to reach a resolution, the next step would be litigation, which Bradley said would likely cost both sides more than the cost of the project.

"This is an example of local and state government working together. We all

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Match made in heaven

Rev. Gary Ritts celebrates 20 years

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A match made in heaven.

That is how Reverend Gary Ritts of the Second Congregation Church at 43 Highland Ave. sums up his 20 years in Cohasset. In 1986, he was "called" to the service of the Cohasset church because both he and the congregation thought the match felt right. Twenty years later, he describes his ministry as fulfilling and, if all goes well, he could become Second Congregation Church's longest serving minister before he retires.

Ritts came to Cohasset from an associate minister position in Fairfield, Conn. where he was in charge of the youth program for over four years. From his youth ministry experience in Connecticut he became involved in the Appalachia Service Project (ASP). The ecumenical volunteer effort involves teenagers in a home building and repair ministry in central Appalachia.

Ritts was named the Mariner's Citizen of the Year in 1996 for being a positive force for good through his work with the ASP. He has grown the program to involve the majority of Cohasset high school students in this town-wide, year-long effort. Teens sign up in the fall and work the remainder of the year to raise money, learn basic construction, and get a sense of the culture and people who live in Appalachia. The trip typically occurs at the end of June.

His Cohasset service initiative had humble but well-intentioned beginnings. He and his wife, Judy, traveled

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PHOTO/NANCY WHITE

The Rev. Gary Ritts has been pastor of the Second Congregational Church for 20 years.

Single session Town Meeting could be a slam-dunk

But water articles could create waves

By Nancy White
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Make sure to have coffee in hand when heading over to Cohasset High School for Town Meeting this Saturday, as it is set to promptly start at 9a.m., a full hour earlier than past years. Staying "well hydrated" may prove difficult, as the Water Commission's six articles, which include proposed water rate increases and selling water, may be hard for some citizens to swallow.

At the fall special Town Meeting, voters approved an article giving the Board of Selectmen authority to begin the Annual Town Meeting at their discretion. Board of Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said that the reasoning behind the extra hour is to hopefully finish Town Meeting on Saturday.

At this earlier hour, voters will be asked their collective opinion on a total of 26 articles, or items of business, covering a wide range of topics and town issues.

A quorum of 100 registered voters is required before Town Meeting can be called to session. Once a quorum is determined at the start of the meeting, it is assumed a quorum is present unless challenged. If challenged the number of voters will be counted, and if a quorum does not exist, the meeting will be adjourned.

Town Manager Bill Griffin does not foresee a problem with a quorum to start, "but it might be a challenge to get one after lunch if it is a nice day."

If a quorum is sustained, Griffin said that he believes voters could get through all the articles in one day.

The Post-Prom Committee will be selling concessions during Town Meeting, including coffee, bagels, water and even meatball subs and hot dogs for lunch.

The 26 articles presented in the Warrant, or Town Meeting agenda, will be tackled in the order they appear, unless otherwise directed by Moderator Daniel Evans or Town Meeting. Warrants were mailed out to households last week and extras will be available on Saturday. Four of the articles printed in the warrant may be indefinitely postponed and will not require a town meeting vote (*see sidebar*).

Griffin and Dormitzer agreed that the Water Commission's articles, particularly the increase in rates (article 4) and the sale of water (articles 17 and 18) to other towns, might cause the most waves. The Selectmen recommended the water rate increase unanimously, while the water sale articles received a 4-1 vote of disapproval. The Advisory Committee recommended approval of all three articles.

People say we will be giving away our precious resource, well, now it is going out to sea."
— Glenn Pratt, Water Commission

Water Commission Chairman Glenn Pratt is aware that the water articles will spark much discussion but says the rate increase is necessary to continue implementing a master plan of improving and updating the water system. He sees the rate increase and the authority to sell water as going hand in hand.

"We want to sell more [water], it will bring us more revenue. People say we will be giving away our precious resource, well, now it is going out to sea," Pratt said, "[more revenue] helps to keep the cost to the Cohasset customers down."

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This week, the Mariner caught up with top local Girl Scout cookie sellers Victoria Ross (230 boxes), Catherine Gilman (257 boxes), and Olivia Brash (139 boxes).

Names: Victoria Ross, Catherine Gilman, and Olivia Brash.

Occupation: Brownie (Victoria and Olivia). Junior Girl Scout (Catherine).

Best day of your life: The day my cousin Leo was born (Victoria). When we went to the haunted ship (Catherine). When the Mad Scientist came to our Brownie meeting (Olivia).

Best vacation: Disney World (Catherine and Victoria). Hawaii (Olivia).

Favorite season: Winter (Victoria). Summer (Catherine and Olivia).

Favorite holiday: Christmas (Victoria, Catherine and Olivia).

Favorite junk food: Cheetos (Victoria). Mac and cheese (Catherine). Chocolate ice cream (Olivia).

Best book: "Pippi Longstocking" (Victoria). Books by E. D. Baker and mythology (Catherine). "Dear Bear" (Olivia).

Best movie: "Bridge to Terabithia" (Victoria). "High School Musical" (Catherine). "Scooby Doo" (Olivia).

Best TV show: "Suite Life of Zack & Cody" (Victoria and Olivia). "Zoey 101" (Catherine).

Pet peeve: People asking questions during tests (Victoria). My sister taking my things without asking (Catherine). Getting up early for school (Olivia).

Dumbest thing I've ever done: "Telling my password" (Victoria). "Getting into a fight with my friends" (Catherine). "Leaving my toy behind" (Olivia).

Goal: Climbing the rope to be a gym helper (Victoria). To be successful (Catherine). Learn dances in gym (Olivia).

Person you'd most like to meet: Vanessa Hudgens (Victoria and Catherine). Hannah Montana (Olivia).

Biggest worry: Not being able to climb the rope in gym (Victoria). A big earthquake (Catherine). That my kittens will get hurt (Olivia).

Best part of Cohasset: Osgood School (Victoria). The beach and my friends (Catherine). The library and the library playground (Olivia).

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POLICE BEAT

Leaving scene after parking mishaps

By Mary Ford
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At 4:10 p.m., on Monday (March 19), the owner of a 1995 Ford Mustang reported damage to the rear, driver's side quarter panel apparently caused by a car that had tried to park in the next space.

Chief Hussey said a witness at the Stop & Shop parking lot provided a plate number for the 1996 Buick Roadmaster, which was registered to a Scituate resident. Scituate police made contact with owner who said he had no idea that he his car had struck another vehicle. He then returned to the parking lot and exchanged papers with the Mustang's owner.

Hit and run

Police are looking for the motorist responsible for hitting a 2003 BMW that was parked at St. Stephen's Church on Tuesday morning (March 20), There was some damage to the rear driver's side door. There were some reddish-colored paint chips that may have some from the other car. There were no witnesses. Anyone with information, should contact the police.

Erratic operation

Last Wednesday (March 21) at about 9:46 p.m., Norwell police but out a BOLO (Be On the Look Out) for a black 1999 Lincoln Town Car that a cell caller reported was being driven all over Route 123.

The vehicle was registered to a South Main Street resident, Cohasset police said. Cohasset police saw the car at 3A and Beechwood and made observations as the Lincoln went down Beechwood Street. Police said the Lincoln was speeding as it went toward South Main Street and was crossing over the centerlines. Police pulled the car over and spoke to the operator who appeared to be under the influence. The 33-year-old operator failed field sobriety tests and was subsequently placed under arrest. Further investigation revealed some drugs on his person and in the vehicle. The man was charged with operating under the influence of drugs, negligent operation of a MV, and possession of Class C (valium) and Class E (Subutex), which are both narcotics.

Pit bull

A Highland Court resident reported that her dogs were lunged at by a pit bull last Thursday (March 22) at about 2:17 p.m. The caller said a female was walking by the house with a pit bull off its leash. Police officers talked to the resident who had not seen the female or the pit bull before. Chief Hussey said Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy will try to locate the dog's owner and give her a warning.

Gift card

Although no crime was committed, a man who tried to cash a gift card that was apparently stolen is not welcome back at Stop & Shop, police said.

The incident occurred last Thursday (March 22) at about 5:15 p.m. A man presented a gift card to a cashier but the card had not been programmed with any amount. As it turned out, the customer had a receipt. But further investigation revealed the receipt was for a different $50 gift card. Gift cards each have their own unique code. Police believe the man may have stolen the second gift card and was then trying to pass it off as the one he had purchased by saying the clerk had forgotten to run it through.

OUI arrest

A Quincy woman has been charged with drunk driving following a traffic stop last Friday (March 23) on Route 3A at about 9:11 p.m.. A Cohasset officer was on patrol when he observed the female operator slam on her brakes at the red light, sliding into the intersection. When the light turned green, she took off at a high rate of speed. The officer followed the vehicle, clocking it on radar as going 60 mph. He pulled the car over near Jonathan Livingston Seagull Plaza on King Street. The officer could smell alcohol when speaking to the operator. She subsequently failed field sobriety tests and was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol. She was also cited for failure to use care when starting and stopping.

Pole hit

A 1998 Mercedes backed into a utility pole on Hull Street after the operator had an apparent confrontation with several youths last Saturday (March 24) at about 4:47 p.m. A witness called police to report seeing the operator get out of the car and chase the kids. However, the caller had not seen what may have transpired to cause the situation.

The operator of the Mercedes did not put the car in park when he exited the vehicle and it rolled backwards and hit the pole. He then got back into the car and left, heading toward Hull. Police ran the plate, which came back to a Cohasset resident and arrived at his house about the same time he did. The operator said he had planned to notify police about the accident that caused some damage to his car. He explained that the kids had shouted at him when he rolled down his window and he had thought they were going to throw something at him, so he jumped out of the car to scare them.

Police explained that when there is property damage in an accident, the motorist should call police and remain at the scene until they arrive.

Warrant

Police arrested a Weymouth man on an outstanding warrant for larceny following a traffic stop last Sunday (March 25) at about 11 a.m. on CJC Hwy. The officer observed a white Ford with its front windshield cracked and front plate missing. The officer ran the plate and the report came back that the registered owner was wanted on a warrant. He pulled the car over and confirmed the identity of the driver as the man with the warrant, police said

Protecting pets against rabies

Hull offering low cost rabies shots, April 7th

By Nancy White
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Rabies is a continuing threat to animals — both wild and domestic. In the past 15 years, more than 5,000 of them have tested positive for rabies. In the past year, 200 household pets have been reportedly exposed to the rabies virus in Massachusetts.

April is the Massachusetts Rabies Awareness Month, which strives to promote rabies knowledge and prevention through encouraging pet owners to get their pets vaccinated.

"We have a superb program of rabies vaccination in the US," says Cohasset's Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy. Other countries, such as Brazil and China, are far behind and hundreds of people die each year from rabies. In Massachusetts, 90 percent of domestic animals are vaccinated, according to Murphy. But vaccinations must be kept up to date every three years.

Rabies is a personality altering infection that is, without immediate medical care, fatal in all mammals, according to Board of Health agent, Dr. Joseph Godzik. The viral infection affects the central nervous system.

It typically transferred by an animal bite. The virus can also be transmitted through saliva, if the animal or human has an open cut on the skin.

Domestic animals are typically the bridge between wild animals and humans. Human exposure to rabies can occur while feeding and petting wild animals, breaking up fights between pets and wild animals, handling stray animals or cleaning wounds on pets exposed to wild animals.

The telltale symptom is a foaming at the mouth is because rabies makes it very painful to swallow so saliva builds up in the mouth. Murphy explained that just because a wild animal, like a raccoon, is out in the daytime, does not mean the animal is rabid. However, he suggests that the animal be monitored and if it is staggering, walking in circles, coughing, foaming at the mouth, sneezing or extremely lethargic — it's time to call Animal Control or police dispatch.

He says in recent years Cohasset has had about one instance of rabies in a wild animal per year.

Another infection, raccoon distemper, can have similar symptoms to rabies. But citizens should always use proper precautions by monitoring the animal, keeping pets inside, staying away from the animal and calling the proper authorities if needed.

Rabies can take on two forms, says Godzik, "furious" or "dumb."

Animals with the furious type will try to bite everything and become aggressive and/or disoriented. The dumb form is where the animal will become anti-social.

"Sometimes dogs will lean their head against the wall in an attempt to dull the pain," said Godzik, the virus causes an inflammation of the brain, although the animals can't tell us, is likely very painful.

Rabies is a newcomer to the New England area, there were no cases reported previous to the early 1980s, says Murphy.

"We thought we were protected by the natural boundaries of the Hudson River and the Atlantic Ocean," he said.

Rabies was rampant in the Carolinas, Virginia and West Virginia during that time. It turns out the virus was introduced to New England through interstate trash disposal, Murphy explained. Raccoons infected with rabies were inadvertently transported in trash receptacles to New Hampshire. The virus then traveled southward into Massachusetts.

The most important thing a pet owner can do to protect their dog or cat (even indoor cats) from rabies is to get him/her immunized on a regular basis.

According to the Massachusetts Rabies Control Plan, vaccination of pets is required by six months of age or within 30 days of acquisition if the animal is older than 6 months and still unvaccinated. Regardless of the age at initial vaccination, a second vaccination must be given 9-12 months later. After that, vaccinations can be given using a USDA approved three-year vaccine every three years.

The Town of Hull is hosting a tri-town — Cohasset, Hingham and Hull — rabies clinic on Saturday, April 7th, 2 to 4p.m. behind the Hull Police headquarters on 1 School St. A vaccination will cost $10. All dogs must be leashed, all unpredictable or aggressive dogs must be muzzled, and all cats must be crated. Veterinarian Dr. Grace Strake will administer the vaccinations.

Contact Deni Michele Goldman, Hull Animal Control at 781-925-4718 if you need more information. For more information on the Massachusetts Rabies Control Plan visit http://www.mass.gov/agr/animalhealth/rabies/

Junior operator's law changes take effect

Junior operators — meaning those between the ages of 16-1/2 and 18— are going to face stiffer penalties for speeding. And junior operators who have had their licenses for less than six months will face tougher penalties for driving with other kids in the car.

Starting Saturday (March 31), a junior operator could lose his license for up to 90 days for speeding (first offense). After 90 days, the teen would have to pay a $500 reinstatement fee to get his license back. If the teen gets another speeding ticket before he turns 18, he would automatically lose his license for a year and must pay the $500 reinstatement

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Fleeing suspect steals Cohasset car

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car was left unlocked and the keys were left in the car. At about 1:45a.m, police attempted to stop the vehicle but it failed to yield. The vehicle was pursued, by way of North Main and Route 228, into Hull where it collided with police cruisers and became disabled on Nantasket Avenue. Neither the suspect nor police personnel were injured. Cohasset cruisers were not damaged in the incident, police said.

The operator, Rico Perry, 19, of Boston was taken into custody and transported to the State Police Barracks in Norwell. On Thursday morning, he was arraigned in Quincy District Court on multiple charges, including failure to stop for a police officer, unlicensed operation of a vehicle, larceny of a motor vehicle, assault with a dangerous (2 counts).

The stop sticks successfully flattened the tires, however the suspect continued to drive on the rims.

Jen Piepenbrink, 622 Chief Justice Highway, witnessed part of the pursuit right outside her windows. She heard sirens and saw two helicopters.

"We watched out the window as police cars continued to drive by," she said, "I've never seen so many police cruisers in my life."

Piepenbrink was concerned and even called the Cohasset Police Department. She was told to brief details that the police were looking for a suspect and to stay inside.

"It was very sketchy as to what was going on," she said, "But the police seemed to handle the situation well."

Many residents were awakened from a message from Cohasset's reverse 911 message system, dubbed Connect CTY, used to alert residents of a situation that the police feel the town should be aware. Last night's message, according to Piepenbrink, told residents brief details of the situation and to only call the police department if they notice suspicious activity.

Police said the message was only sent to the sector of Cohasset where the suspect was located.

Parking lot settlement to be a blast

FROM PARKING, PAGE 1

sat down at a table and cooler heads prevailed," said Rep. Bradley at Monday's meeting. Bradley, along with state Senator Robert Hedlund, has mitigated the dispute between the MBTA and the Town of Cohasset.

"This is an example of local and state government working together. We all sat down at a table and cooler heads prevailed."

— State Rep. Garrett Bradley

"The settlement resolves the issue and avoids litigation," says Chairman Ralph Dormitzer and thanked the legislators for their efforts to bring the dispute to a resolution.

The original mitigation agreement between the town and the MBTA stipulated that 182 parking spaces were to be provided. Thus far, the MBTA has installed 161, which is 21 spaces short of the contract.

The problem first arose when Cohasset bylaws necessitated that parking spaces had to be larger than the statewide MBTA standard parking space. The increased size of individual spaces changed the total amount of parking spots allowed in the lot behind the village.

The MBTA, which is building the Greenbush Line through town, claimed that a letter from the then Town Manager Mark Haddad indicated that parking along the former ABB Optical building, now James Brook Crossing shops, could be used to make up the spaces.

Haddad's letter was apparently sent without the selectmen's knowledge or approval.

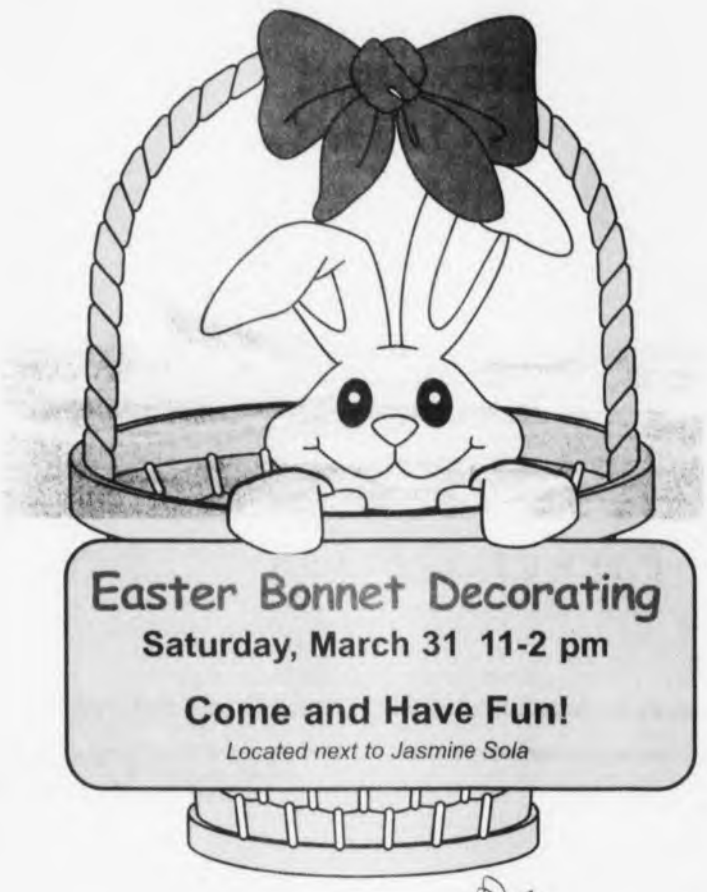
A plan, which will come to fruition with the resolution, was put forth to create additional parking on a town-owned acre of land behind the Red Lion Inn. The parking spaces will be adjacent to the current town lot. The project will require blasting ledge, a costly endeavor, and the entire project could cost between $200,000 and $300,000, according to Town Manager Bill Griffin. The $110,000 settlement will go toward the creation of the additional spaces while the PWED grant will subsidize the remaining costs.

Adequate parking is seen as a critical component to the continued vitality of Cohasset Village.

Dormitzer envisions the remainder of the PWED grant to pay for aesthetic enhancements to the parking lot. The original parking lot drawings showed trees, sidewalks, islands and other amenities. Most of those elements were not installed upon completion of the project.

If used in this way, the PWED grant money will keep in with its initial purpose of village revitalization, says Dormitzer, when reached on Tuesday.

"We really appreciate all you have done, it makes a huge difference," said Dormitzer said to both Bradley and Hedlund on Monday.



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Sewer expansion on TM agenda

By Nancy White
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The Sewer Commission wants to be on the safe side. In article 22, they are requesting an additional $2 million in funding for the Little Harbor/Atlantic Avenue and Jerusalem Road sewer expansion project. The project was approved for $13.2 million at the 2005 Annual Town Meeting, which took into account a 3.5 percent inflation rate and a 15 percent contingency monies.

Since that estimate, the Sewer Commission says there have been two unanticipated costs that have significantly driven up the project total. First, there has been an across-the-board increase in energy costs, particularly oil, resulting in a 7.5 increase in the construction cost of the project.

Second, the EPA has recently established greater regulations on the amount of nitrogen in the treated sewage. These new, increased guidelines have resulted in the need for doubling the number of filtering membranes in the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The original estimate of $880,000 only accounted for a 50 percent increase of filtering membranes due to the added volume — the new estimate is $2.1 million.

In short, the contingency and inflation anticipated has already been accounted for in actual cost. The requested two million will reestablish the inflation and contingency percentages in the project budget.

The sewer expansion project will add 485 homes in the Little Harbor district to the town sewer system. The project's cost does not burden the town taxpayers or all sewer users; instead it will be allocated to the new users in the Little Harbor district over a period of 20 years. The cost to the new users will be assessed on those users' sewer bill as a "new user betterment cost."

The requested increase, if passed at Town Meeting, will not be spent if it is not needed. If the contingency $2 million is used then households will pay $1,567 per year for the next 20 years, a $206 per year increase. A total of $31,340 will be paid after 20 years with this increased authorization.

The project is set to begin by the end of June. A state permit is still in process and as soon as the Sewer Commission receives it, they will begin the bidding process. The bidding process allows for a four-week window in which firms can submit their bids, says Sewer Commission Chairman Sean Cunning. He estimates that the project will be completed in early 2009.

If the additional funds are not authorized at Town Meeting and the bids come in over the currently allocated amount ($13.2 million) the project will either be scaled down or (more likely) hold back on paving some streets, says Cunning.

Article 26 ties into the sewer expansion project. It proposes that drainage improvements be installed during this sewer expansion project since the roads will already be torn up. The article additionally requests a $1 million appropriation.

Junior operator's law changes take effect

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fee. He would also have to complete the State Courts Against Road Rage Course and have to retake his driving test.

Also effective this Saturday, if a junior operator violates the passenger restriction, he would lose his license for 60 days and for the second offense, 180 days. Junior operators are not allowed to have passengers under 18, unless accompanied by another licensed driver 21 or older, who is occupying front passenger seat and has one year or more driving experience. The passenger restriction is not applicable to junior operator's immediate family members (siblings). The license reinstatement fee of $500 would also be required at the end of the penalty period.

Junior operators are not allowed to have under-age passengers because of the distraction. Police Chief James Hussey noted that teens who have just obtained a driver's license often cannot wait to drive their friends around. The law is intended to give teens more experience before introducing other youths into the car.

Hussey said strengthening the law is a good idea. "In today's world there are many more cars on the road," he said. "And a high percentage of 16-18 year-olds are involved in an accident during their first year to year-and-a-half of driving.

"Hopefully these changes will go a long way toward reducing the number of accidents and potential for injuries and death," he said.

Taking effect Sept. 1 are new Driver's Education regulations. Twelve hours of on-road driving (up from six hours under previous regulations) will be required. Also parental participation in two hours of classroom instruction with their son or daughter will also be required.

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AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

ROAD RULES

Hey Cohasset. Springtime is really starting to show its colors as I have seen flowers in town starting to pop up. It is exciting but still pretty cool at times. Come on warm, we are ready! As we get warmer with the longer days, more and more kids and adults alike are out riding bikes, walking and running galore. Please make sure to remember all the road rules on both sides, as the drivers and the pedestrians and bike riders. We want all to stay safe. Also remember to slow down when going over the train crossings and all. They can do quite a number on us all, especially the bike riders.

WHALER NEEDED

OK, Cohasset. Here is a request that is being made to the community with fingers crossed. The Cohasset Sailing Club is in need of a 17-ft. Whaler to use as a launch for free sailing, kids and racing programs. The existing one is so old no one can remember when the club acquired it, which is surprising given all of the Old Salts around. It's pretty tired and ready for replacing. The club would greatly appreciate a new or ship-shape used one and a 50-hp motor. With this gift members can help keep the club strong and the "Best Value in Cohasset." The Sailing Club is truly grateful for all donations. Interested contributors can call **Rich Ofsthun** at 781-383-9396. Anyone out there who can help a great club?

EXETER HONORS

Jared Dick, a 12th-grader at Phillips Exeter Academy, earned honors for fall term. Jared is in his third year at the independent secondary school in Exeter, NH. Keep up the great work Jared.

HIGH HONORS

Congratulations to **Daniel Sullivan**, postgraduate student at New Hampton School in New Hampton, N.H., who has been placed on the high honor roll for the winter term. Daniel, who played hockey this winter and will be on the New Hampton golf team, is the son of **Michael and Mary Sullivan** of Cohasset.

TABOR NEWS

Gina Giuggio, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Giuggio**, is on the commended list at Tabor Academy for Semester One. Students earn commendation by achieving an overall average of 80 or above, with no grade below 75 and no more than one grade between 75 and 80. Super news Gina, keep it up.

TOP ASU STUDENT

Congratulations go out to **Casey Coleman** from his family and friends as he recently became recognized as a member of Sigma Alpha Lambda, National Leadership and Honors Organization at the Arizona State University. Casey is a sophomore at ASU majoring in Aeronautics Management at the Polytech Campus where he received a 4.0 fall semester with a cum 3.6 generating this recognition. Coleman also just obtained his private pilot's license as part of the flight-training program and is now studying towards his commercial license. Coleman, this is fantastic news to write about and report to the community. Super work.

DEAN'S LIST

Here are some more hard working students. **Kelsey Bell** and **Joseph Rosano**, both of Cohasset, have been named to the dean's list at Tufts University for the fall semester. Deans' list status at Tufts requires a semester grade point average of 3.4 or better.

This news is great to hear. **Brenna O'Donnell** of Cohasset has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at the University of Vermont. Brenna is junior and an English major in the College of Education and Social Services.



PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Characters gather in Babe's kitchen for a scene from the Cohasset Dramatic Club's production of "The Pajama Game" which continues this weekend at Town Hall. Babe, second from right, is played by Anne Thornton. The popular musical features songs such as "Steam Heat" and "Hernando's Hideaway."

DIALOG NEEDED

The Social Service League of Cohasset invites all parents Tuesday, April 10th at 7 pm to the video presentation "Choices" to educate parents and high school students about important life lessons learned by the Steverman family after the death of their son, P.J. in an alcohol-related tragedy. **Lynda Steverman** will make a separate presentation to seniors on April 11th. Please attend so that you can start a dialogue with your family about how one bad choice can change lives forever.

JAMMIE TIME!

Hey Cohasset, get on your coziest jammies, jump in the car with your friends and come to the Cohasset Town Hall. You'll be sleeping right when you sleep in Sleep-Tite Pajamas as The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents "The Pajama Game". The Pajama Game continues beginning this weekend, March 30 and 31 at 8 p.m., and April 1 at 2 p.m. at the Cohasset Town Hall , 41 Highland Ave. Tickets are $14, $12 for seniors, students and groups of 8 or more and may be purchased at the door or in advance at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate or by phone at 617-697-2115. In recognition of the show's labor verses management theme the Cohasset Dramatic Club is offering all $2 off the adult ticket price when the purchaser shows a union membership card. Management and non-union workers can save as well by donning PJs for the Saturday March 31 show. All audience members who attend the show Saturday night in PJs will receive $2 off the ticket price

That is all the news for this week Cohasset. Send it all in each week no later than Tuesdays by 5:00 pm.

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SENIOR SCENE

Pancake breakfast is 9 a.m. Sunday

The following events are happening at the Council on Elder Affairs, 3 N. Main St. Call 781-383-9112 for more information.

April schedule of events:

Monday, April 2, at 9 a.m. – Golden Care Pancake Breakfast.

Monday, April 9, noon to 2 p.m. – Chair Massage/Reflexology with Nantasket Therapeutic Massage.

Wednesday, April 11, at 11 a.m. – Derby Academy Chorus. The chorus will perform at the Senior Center Wednesday, April 11, 11 a.m. to noon. Join others for the performance and a lunch provided by the Angel Food Project.

Wednesday, April 11 – "Reverse Mortgage Is It For Me?" A light supper will be served at 6 p.m., and the program will take place from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The presentation will be by Harbor Mortgage Solutions. Call 781-383-9112 to register.

Thursday, April 12 – Foot Clinic at 9 a.m. at 60 Elm St.; Health Clinic at 11:30 a.m. with Judy Fitzsimmons at the Senior Center.

SPRING TRIPS

Cohasset Elder Affairs is sponsoring two trips this spring

Monday, May 1 – Participants will travel to historic Salem for a tour of the Peabody Essex Museum and lunch at Victoria Station on Salem's waterfront.

Wednesday, June 27 – Participants will head to Newport, R.I., board the Vista Jubilee for the Parade of Sails as the Tall Ships return to Newport. Call 781-383-9112 for more information

Beach grass

Volunteers are needed to help with beach grass planting Saturday, March 31. Meet at the intersection of A Street and Beach Avenue in Hull to take part in this annual event. Two groups will go out to plant; the first from 9 to 11:30 a.m., the second from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, call Rhoda Kanet at 781-925-4560 or visit pepstein@elclaw.com.

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RELAY CORNER

Evening of Irish Music is April 28

The Relay For Life in Cohasset, which includes Hingham, Scituate and Hull, is taking place on June 15 and 16 at Alumni Field at the Cohasset Middle/High School. Organizers have created this "Relay Corner" for all teams and heads of committees to announce meetings, events and fundraisers as well as talk about and share stories and tidbits from the people involved. This week, some of the Planning Committee members' reasons for Relaying are included as well as news about a fundraiser that is sure to be a wonderful night for all. To submit information for this corner, please send it by email to aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com with "Relay Corner" in the subject line. To check out the website go to:

www.acsevents.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent

The Relay for Life in Cohasset presents an Evening of Irish Music with the Makem and Spain Brothers on Saturday, April 28th at 7 p.m. at the Cohasset High School Auditorium. With comparisons to the Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem, and the Corries, The Makem and Spain Brothers know their musical history. And with an energy not witnessed in some time, they are ready to take the Irish song tradition to a new generation. Their songwriting contains the timeless qualities of folk classics, songs of the worker, songs of the sea and Irish culture. They tell the tale of Ireland and its people – a culture that has undergone terrible strife, but remains strong. In the five years that they have been performing together, they have shared the stage with The Wolfe Tones, the Makem Brothers, and the Dublin City Ramblers, as well as countless others. They have performed in hundreds of venues along the eastern seaboard and have recorded a debut CD, "Heroes and Rogues," that is receiving critical acclaim as well as crossover radio play on Bluegrass, Irish, and Folk stations across North America. The Makem and Spain Brothers are driving Irish folk songs into the 21st century internationally. Tickets are $25 and can be purchased at Nobles Camera stores and Scituate Federal Savings Banks. For more information, please call 781.383.9457

"Maybe with the money we raise, we can find help find a cure for this terrible disease."
— Betsy Pinkus, Relay For Life

Why do you Relay?

"I joined the Relay For Life Committee in Cohasset nine years ago. My grandfather Owen Fryling, God bless him, chose to fight the battle after being diagnosed. He survived for more than a decade and those years were the best in our relationship. He had the courage to fight and all of those around him benefited. I believe this battle with cancer can be won and will continue to support the cause until it has." **— Craig G. Bleicken**

"When my children were very young I was diagnosed with breast cancer. A year after a lumpectomy and radiation treatments, the cancer returned. I then went through a mastectomy and chemotherapy. While I was undergoing treatment, one of my friends died from breast cancer. She was the mother of friends of my children. She never told anyone she had found a lump in her breast and was afraid to go to the doctor. By the time she finally saw a doctor, her cancer was stage 4 and she died a short time later. My children were very aware I had the same disease that had taken her life. When my oldest son was 5 he asked me if I was going to die. My youngest son held my hand during chemo treatments. My daughter always took care of me. I was focused and determined to beat cancer. I didn't think about how my illness affected my children.

"As my daughter got older, she got very involved in the Relay For Life. She walked with a purpose — she walked for her mother. I also joined a team and walked for my niece, diagnosed with leukemia at age 11, and my friends — another one dying a few years after I finished treatment. However, I couldn't bring myself to enter the Survivor's Tent and register. I knew I had won the battle with cancer, but I didn't want to go back and relive the journey. I wanted to forget what I had been through and what my family had been through and get on with my life.

"The first time I entered the Survivor's Tent to register, I learned that my daughter had already completed the registration form. That's when I realized how deeply my children were affected by my illness and how fearful they must have been that I would die — something a 3, 5, and 7 year old should never have to think about or experience. My daughter, Danielle, had convinced me that by letting others know what I had been through, I might be able to help someone else. Maybe there was someone else that was afraid what a doctor might say and not realize the sooner you see that doctor, the better your chances for survival. Maybe other children would not have to worry about their mother being sick. Maybe one less mother might die. Maybe my children will never have to worry about being diagnosed with cancer. Maybe with the money we raise, we can find help find a cure for this terrible disease." — **Betsy Pinkus**

"I started to Relay because my parents died of cancer, I had a friend with cancer and I wanted to make a difference. I got more involved because I became a cancer survivor and I didn't want my children or grand children to have to go through what I did. I am still involved because of the enormous dedication, enthusiasm and support all Relayers bring to the event. I am now just part of a larger group that together is making a significant difference by raising money, creating awareness and offering support to all involved." — **Harry St.Onge**

Stormwater issue not going down drain

Committee hopes to move forward with grant match article

By Nancy White
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Stormwater management is not a washed away issue, although the Stormwater Committee will not be calling for a vote on their bylaw at Saturday's town meeting session. After receiving a Board of Selectmen majority vote to indefinitely postpone "article 24" outlining their stormwater management bylaw, the committee collectively decided that additional time spent honing the bylaw would be worthwhile.

"We're taking this as a positive," says Stormwater Chairman Martin Nee, "we plan to use the next few months to draft regulations and get more great input from the public."

The bylaw would create a new Stormwater Management Commission, set up a stormwater permit program and establish a stormwater capital improvement plan. Currently, there is no established group charged with addressing stormwater and flooding issues. The bylaw will establish regulations that coincide with the federal Clean Water Act. According to Nee, an amended bylaw will be put forth at the fall special town meeting.

"We plan to use the next few months to draft regulations and get more great input from the public."
— Martin Nee, Stormwater Committee

"We have a great bylaw that's come a long way in a short time," says Nee, but he would like to take the additional time to make sure the public fully understands the bylaw. Many substantial changes were made leading up to the printing of the warrant, and many people who were involved in the first public hearing in February weren't able to review the changes made.

In addition to ensuring that citizens have a thorough understanding of the lengthy bylaw, the Committee hopes to draft stormwater regulations, which are currently absent from the bylaw.

The Stormwater Committee plans to hold a second public hearing to gather additional public feedback during the coming months.

"It is a good thing for Cohasset," he said.

Despite the bylaw being put temporarily on hold, the Stormwater Committee hopes to still move forward with requesting a town match of a state stormwater grant, says Nee. Article 23 requests a town match of approximately $100,000 to a Section 319 grant, either by monies or an "in kind" match that would allow town resources to be utilized. The grant allows the town to study stormwater issues in Cohasset and implement "state of the art" solutions, according to Nee.

Nee said that there are projects that the town is already planning on doing that could fall under this town/state grant match. The state funds could help to subsidize the associated costs. The Stormwater Committee is providing additional information to the Board of Selectmen, Nee said when interviewed on Wednesday. On Monday evening the Selectmen recommended an indefinite postponement of this article.

DEMOCRATIC TOWN MEETING

Immigration subject of political forum

US immigration policy — Cohasset Democratic Town Committee will host a session of the Cohasset Political Forum Saturday, April 7, 10 a.m., at Paul Pratt Memorial Library in Cohasset to discuss the complexities surrounding U.S. immigration policy and reform. Topics may include: What the immigration policy should be; what should be done with undocumented workers already here; and what are the reform proposals pending in Congress. Also to be discussed is the role, if any, of state and municipal governments in making or enforcing immigration policy.

The Forum is sponsored by the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee as a separate, officially non-partisan entity and welcomes and encourages fellow citizens of all political views to join in interesting, spirited discussion. For more information, visit the Web site at cohassetdems.org or call Agnes McCann at 383-0222.

Yard sale — Spring is here, and it's time to check the basement, garage or attic to find something to donate to the annual yard sale hosted by the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee to benefit the Joseph F. Walsh III Memorial Scholarship Fund. This year, the yard sale will take place May 5. The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee has awarded the Joseph F. Walsh III Memorial Scholarship to graduating Cohasset seniors since 1978.

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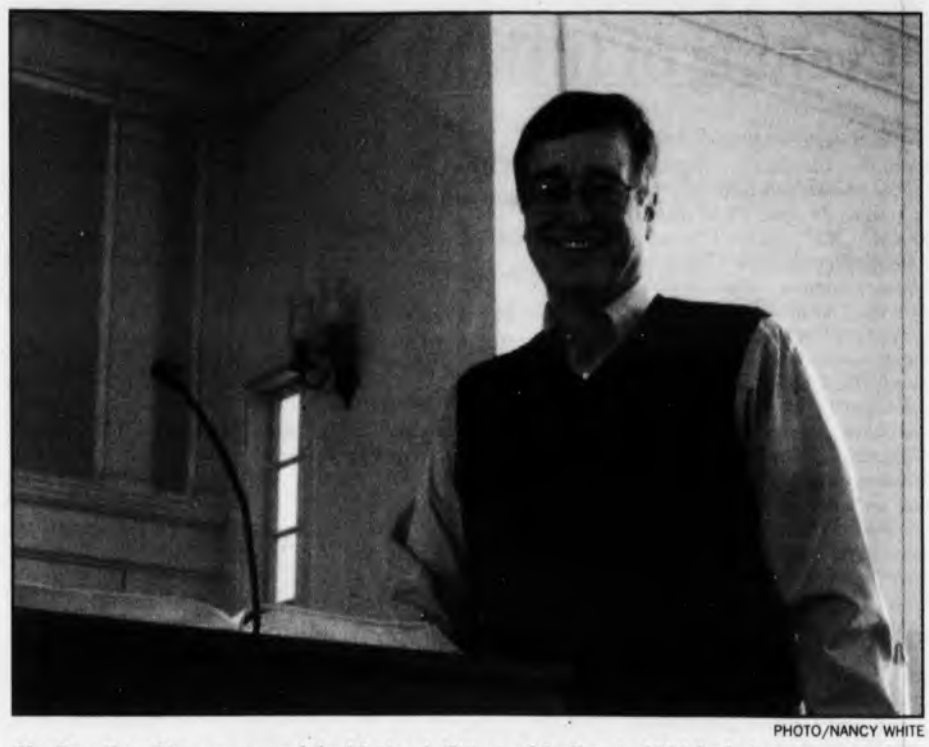


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The Rev. Gary Ritts was named the Mariner's Citizen of the Year in 1996 for being a positive force for good through his work with the ASP.

Ritts celebrates 20 years at Second Congregational Church

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to Presque Isle, on the northern tip of Maine, with seven teenagers to work with a group of Native Americans.

The annual service trip has grown beyond the church walls and this year he will lead 130 high school students and 60 adults to West Virginia. His delegation will break into 27 groups and will likely work on 27 homes and affect the lives of 27 families.

"The goal is to leave the families with warmer, safer and drier homes," Ritts says is the main objective of each crew. The teens and adults repair and/or add small additions to the homes.

Although he's hesitant to say bringing ASP and growing the project is his "greatest accomplishment," he does say it has touched the most people — from the more than 500 volunteers to the families in Appalachia.

He may have touched the most people through his involvement with the ASP, but the people who have been touched the most is likely his congregation.

"We are a church that's like a family. We work together and we play together. We've had our challenges over the years, but we've always overcome them," said Ritts. He says one of the most trying times was meeting the financial need to construct an addition to the church in 1989.

"I see myself as an enabler. The congregation runs its own programs. We set goals and all work together."

He fondly remembers an event the church has put on three or four times over the years called "Congo Capers" – an amateur talent show with dancing and singing.

"We would get on stage and just let her rip," he says of the performance, "the program was designed to have fun and create a community. We wanted to work together and entertain folks."

He said that type of program helps him get to know the parishioners (and vice versa) in a different light. It forges a bond that goes beyond Sunday mornings, he says.

Through the years he has seen many changes in Cohasset, but the most striking of them all he says is the lives have gotten busier.

"Free time and family time are a sacrifice of busier lives," he said, "in some ways it's a good thing – Cohasset is an active town. I just hope people are able to find time to be together."

He and other religious leaders got together with the recreation department and sports program coordinators to see if a time could be set aside during the week for families. The result was games and programs were not scheduled for Sunday mornings. He says, with disappointment, that it was impossible to get a whole day.

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Ritts himself will be taking some time off to relax from his busy life and "recharge the batteries" this summer.

"It helps me get a sense of where I am in my ministry, what areas I would like to grow in and it's something that I can bring back to the congregation."

He will embark on a three-month, bi-continental trip that will take him to New Mexico and England. Each sabbatical journey (one every seven years) has a theme, designed in part by the minister. Ritts' theme is "kindling for the spiritual flame." He will attend workshops and gain perspective on his spiritual goals.

"Ministering is not a physically draining job but it is an emotionally and spiritually draining job," he sees the sabbatical as his church's answer to "who ministers to the minister?"

His other "match made in heaven", his wife of over 30 years will accompany him on his trip.

Ritts hopes the Second Congregational Church will allow him to continue serving them until he is able to retire.

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What Women are Doing.

Dr. Anna Warren, of Emporia, Kansas, has a practice of $5000 a year.

Mrs. L. G. Coburn, a lady of San Antonio, Texas, has 40,000 silk worms at work in her yard.

Miss Lula Marsh is Secretary of an exchange for woman's work, recently established in Detroit, which has met with decided success.

Miss Lizzie Sargent, the younger daughter to the Minister to Germany, intends to pursue her medical studies at a German university. She is already a qualified physician, having graduated at the Pacific Medical College.

Mr. W. E. Kolbeck, of Madison, Wis., has four daughters. The two oldest are well-educated physicians with large practice; the third is a successful and popular minister of a church in a Chicago suburb; the fourth is a successful dentist at Chicago.

Several ladies are employed on the staff of computers in the astronomical observatory of Harvard College. We believe that women have shown themselves specially competent in the ordinary reductions of observations in more than one European observatory.

Mrs. H. F. Crocker and Mrs. H. A. Johns were appointed April 17, as Police Matrons to look after women prisoners in police stations and courts through the action of the First Brooklyn Woman's Christian Temperance Union, which furnishes the money for the purpose.

Judge Brady has written opinion in support [illegible] which holds legal possession, holding that a wife not a right to sue her husband for damages from assault and battery. The cases of wife beating and wife murder has become intolerably long and offensive—Christian Union.

It is worthy of notice that [illegible] which admit women to practice courts of law, was passed without a word of debate. Some voted for and voted against suffrage. Will some of these explain why it is not unseemly" to vote than to practice the law—[Maine Observer.

The Connecticut State law has been amended by the House of Representatives that women as well may vote on the election of trustees of Methodist churches. Meetings for elections are to be held in June instead of September hereafter. The reason alleged is the insufficient number of male voters.

Five women graduates in medicine of several reputable medical colleges recently, to be admitted to membership in the Philadelphia County Medical society, and were black balled although the society had previously voted that women should be admitted to membership on the same terms

For the final week of Women's History month, we have chosen to highlight the column from the "Cohasset Cottager" to show what women were doing in 1882. From going to medical school to practicing law to working with the earliest "computers", women's roles in society were expanding and they were finding themselves with more opportunities — and perhaps more opposition.

Whatever paths have been chosen, we honor these women of history, not only during the month of March, but all year long.

More information about the Cohasset Historical Society call 781-383-1434 or stop by the Pratt Building, 106 S. Main St.

Save the date for CEF Spring Benefit

On May 19 the Cohasset Education Foundation will host a Spring Benefit at the Cohasset Golf Club. The evening will include dinner, dancing, and a live and silent auction emceed by Jim Wells. Some notable items on the auction block include a round of golf for three at Eastward Ho in Chatham, car detailing, and a ride to school in a fire truck. Tickets are $75 and proceeds from the evening will go towards both the Project and Endowment Funds for the Cohasset Education Foundation. The CEF is dedicated to promoting educational excellence in Cohasset, and this year has already funded the Osgood Computer Lab, the Safari Montage Video-on-Demand System for grades K – 12, and a Promethean White Board for the Deer Hill School. Additional grants are currently being accepted from staff and faculty of the Cohasset Public Schools.

The CEF welcomes donations of goods, services or volunteer contributions. For more information please contact Catherine O'Callaghan at781-383-6868 or Pam Wilson at 781-383-3076. See you there!

Dog training classes offered

The first series of Dog Training on the Common with Cohasset Recreation will begin in April. Classes for Beginners, Level 2 dogs and Agility will take place on Monday nights. Classes will take place April through October. Cost is $110 for a five-week class.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Cookie matters

Girl Scout cookie sales are a big deal. Here at the Mariner, there are a lot of former Girl Scouts, including the Cohasset editor. Knowing the effort that goes into it, we are always impressed with the number of boxes that so many enthusiastic scouts sell.

Therefore, we were excited at the prospect of being part of a surprise for Cohasset scout Alyssa Lum who won a four-foot bunny – a reward for being a top seller.

Since plans included surprising Alyssa at her house with the bunny, we had to coordinate with the Patriots Trail Council. The initial date of the surprise was changed, which meant reorganizing with our photographer and keeping the secret. Amid all the excitement, we neglected to go back to the original press release and read it carefully.

Here is what the Patriots Trail Council press release stated: Girl Scouts can be awarded prizes based on the number of boxes of cookies they sell. This year one of the prizes that only three Girl Scouts in the council could receive was a four-foot bunny named Blossom. Girls, who sold more than 75 boxes in their initial order, were entered into a drawing held recently by the Council.

Last week we wrote that Alyssa was one of only 3 girls in the Council to sell more than 75 boxes. Alyssa still very much deserves our congratulations for being among the top sellers both locally and in the 23,000-member Council and for winning the bunny in the drawing! (According to the Scouts, Alyssa ended up selling well over 100 boxes!).

We are proud to have honored her in last week's issue and only wish that we had paid more attention to detail and gotten all our facts right. (Editor Mary Ford composed last week's write-up and added it to Jen Piepenbrink's Around Town column).

Our hats go off to Alyssa and all Girl Scouts, who did a great job selling cookies.

In this week's "Picture This" feature on page 2, we highlight Olivia Brash, Catherine Gilman and Victoria Ross, who tallied the biggest cookie sales this year.

Junior operators

Starting Saturday, teens holding a Junior Operator's License will face stiffer penalties for speeding and for violating the passenger restriction (*see story, page 3*).

The change in the Junior Operator Law is an effort to try and make teenagers safer on the road.

According to the Registry of Motor Vehicles, three of every 10 16-year-old drivers, almost one out of every five 17-year-old drivers, and more than one of every 10 18-year-old drivers will be in a serious crash.

There is a lot of information on the RMV website: www.mass.gov/rmv. If you have a child that is about to get his or her learner's permit or driver's license, we suggest you sit down together and go over the rules of the road and why they are important.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Board of Health, April 2, 7 p.m.
Cohasset Elder Affaris, April 9, 9 a.m., 3 N. Main St.
Conservation Commission, April 5 & 19, 7 p.m.
CMHS School Council, April 4 & May 2, 2:30 p.m. at the high school.
Harbor Health Committee, April 10, 7:30 p.m.
Planning Board, March 31, 8 a.m., Sullivan gymnasium
Recreation Commission, April 11, 6 p.m.
Selectmen, April 2, 6p.m.
Sewer Commission, March 31, 8:15 a.m., Sullivan gymnasium
Zoning Board of Appeals, April 3, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Census forms need to be returned.

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$50K for boathouse over the top

COMMENTARY

RUSS BONETTI



FILE PHOTO

The CMI boathouse on the former Hagerty Property off Parker Avenue.

At Saturday's Town Meeting the Community Preservation Committee is proposing to spend CPC funds on the boathouse at Mariner's Park at the end of Parker Ave.

The CPC has approved giving the Cohasset Maritime Institute $50,000 to rehab the boathouse. The Board of Selectmen approved the recommendation by a 3 – 1 vote at their meeting Monday.

The Cohasset Maritime Institute is a private rowing club that rents the Town-owned boathouse for $1 a year. As part of its proposal to rent the boathouse CMI agreed to fix-up the property at its expense. CMI was awarded a lease on the property based on that agreement as well as some other stipulations. CMI is closely affiliated with the Center for Student Coastal Research, which uses what was the Hagerty furniture company office. The lease for that building had the same provision regarding repairs to the property, including the construction of a handicap accessible public bathroom.

At the 2003 Town Meeting the CPC gave $36,000 to CSCR for "historic preservation" including the construction of handicapped access to the building, public bathrooms, replacement of exterior windows, and bringing the HVAC system up to code. At the same time, the Selectmen voted to take $25,000 from funds voted by a previous Town Meeting to go to developing the park at the property. This money was also to be used for the public restroom at the property. Both sums of money have been disbursed in their entirety.

It is now four years later, and the bathrooms themselves have been finished and according to the Building Inspector are "substantially compliant". There is a slight ramp at the entrance to the bathrooms. There is absolutely *no* handicapped accessible path to that ramp however. Only a stone dust path that has grown over with grass or eroded which would be impossible for a person dependent on a wheelchair to navigate. Even if they could get to the ramp, there is a 2-plus-inch rise from the gravel path to the ramp, which would be difficult to negotiate. I have brought this to the attention of the Town twice over the last two years and these conditions still exist. There is also no handicapped parking space for the building.

It is obvious that there was little or no oversight exercised by either the Town or the CPC.

The proposed $50,000 is to be used to replace the windows, and put a cedar shake roof on the building. The roof on the building, as well as the windows was replaced within the last 4 to 5 years, and should still be fine. The rest of the money will be used to make the building airtight, as well as installing electrical service, and insulation. There will also be "historically appropriate" siding (I would think the existing cedar shingles would fit that bill).

$50,000 – that's a lot of money for such a small building.

Spending another $50,000 to renovate the boathouse brings the combined total of both Town & CPC money to $111,000 for repairs that were to have been borne by the lessee of the property.

The Lighthouse Keepers building, the Sailing Center, and the Legion are also in Town-owned buildings. The maintenance and repairs to these properties were done without the use of Town funds. In the case of the Lighthouse Keepers, the individual members signed personal notes for the renovation of the building. They also pay a fee in lieu of taxes to the town each year, as I assume does the Legion, due to its having a liquor license. Town funds aren't used on those properties, and shouldn't be used to renovate a building for a private group.

Should this article prevail at Town Meeting, it is incumbent on both the Town *and* the CPC to exercise judicious oversight on the bids, renovations, and disbursement of CPC funds.

I am urging people to vote *NO* on this article.

Regardless of your view on this matter, I hope people will attend Town Meeting on Saturday; far too few people participate in this basic form of Democracy, and don't forget – Town Meeting starts at 9 a.m. this time around.

Russell Bonetti lives at 20 Parker Ave.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dangerous myth

TO THE EDITOR:

I know nothing about the new Senate President Therese Murray but there was a remark attributed to her, last week, that I would like to correct because it contained some dangerous misinformation.

For the first time in years I read, and she unearthed, the hoary old canard that I thought was safely dead and buried – the apocryphal "senior citizen who had to choose between buying prescription drugs or food."

National and regional newspapers, heads of world renown hospitals and clinics, manufacturers associations and nationally elected public officials all attest that seniors, or anyone else for that matter, whose resources have been overburdened can, through their physician, secure their medication from the pharmaceutical manufacturer at no cost.

I wish there were some way to drive a stake through the heart of this dangerous myth but, at least, the readers of this will be disabused of its error.

Robert C. Ernst Sr.
60 Elm St. #21

Complete Forest Ave. sidewalk

TO THE EDITOR:

I have heard today that a protest has been lodged against the construction of the sidewalk along Forest Avenue. That is very disappointing news, since my family moved to Cohasset in 1988, I have been alternately excited and discouraged over the prospect of a sidewalk for our street and so I guess I shouldn't be surprised. But the question is, "Why this time?" I understand that the money is available, the contractors are lined up, the engineers are ready to go and now we have to have a design review? Enough is enough!

I urge anyone living on Forest Avenue in favor of making this sidewalk a reality to contact the Selectmen and attend the public meeting at town hall on Monday, April 2. Get this project completed before the train station opens, before someone gets hit on the speedway known as Forest Avenue. Smart growth here means a sidewalk to the train station, let's complete it now!

Jim Kinch
77 Forest Ave.

'Ground Truth' editorial praised

TO THE EDITOR:

Bravo for your incisive editorial countering the "Ground Truth" propaganda film. The prattling about "supporting our troops but not the war" reminds me of Lenin's comment about the contribution of the "useful idiots" to his plans. Admittedly, the innocents who hold candles at peace rallies while concentrating on looking solemn and noble are well-meaning, but haven't done serious thinking about the long term interests of the nation and of its citizens, current and future. That the war may have been initiated by distorted intelligence, simplistic thinking, and ideologically-inspired wrong-headedness, and its prosecution badly managed, is far less important than the consequences of leaving the area in festering disarray rather than establishing order and balance.

Hermits may feel noble but aren't an influence in making a society just or in fostering justice and order in the societies whose behavior impinges on us. Neither does isolationism, and its cousin defeatism when the going gets tough. Our future security is sabotaged by not maintaining strong influence on the stability and lawfulness on the otherwise dangerous regimes (or ruins of regimes).

The servicemen who allowed their anguish to be appropriated in this foolish film are unlikely to be much respected by the many thousands of service personnel serving now or in earlier wars. Most realize that they are instruments of a nation that intends to be a constructive force in world affairs, and accept the disadvantages of serving their country..

Not only do we owe than our respect, we owe them mature and informed understanding of the reasons they must be in harm's way. We owe them more than sympathy and dewy-eyed sentimentality; we owe them awareness of the complex issues that our leaders must confront, sometimes with demonstrations of military forcefulness.

Murray Campbell
217 Jerusalem Road

Turning off water faucet for a while

COMMENTARY

RICHARD BROOKS

The Warrant proposals concerning our municipal water system, including quite large price increases — up to 40 percent — merit much discussion at Town Meeting, particularly in view of the very large price increases just 2 years ago.

Our Water Commissioners are perhaps the most active, dedicated Commission in Town, with obviously many, many hours of personal time spent on the water quality improvement and protection projects, such as land purchases and the like. However, Rome was not built in a day and my sense is that the Commission is moving faster than the ability of our residents to foot the bills.

I feel we need a hiatus, for a year or two, on some of these well intentioned endeavors, especially given the rapidly increasing debt level, well over $20 million, the interest on which is overwhelming the Commission's budget and forcing price increases that many residents, especially seniors and families with lots of children, simply cannot afford.

Current and proposed water rate price increases discriminate substantially against

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Curbing Forest Ave. sidewalk?

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

As most residents of Forest Avenue know, this paving project has been talked about for more years than anyone can count.

Critical Notice – Forest Avenue Paving – In last week's article we mentioned the Tree Hearing that was required to be held before the Town could remove trees in preparation for adding sidewalks to and paving Forest Avenue. Since there was a written objection to the tree removal, the Tree Hearing was continued at the Board of Selectmen's meeting this past Monday, as required in the Massachusetts statutes. At that meeting, the Selectmen had the option of approving the tree removal or of taking some other action. The objector presented his case, which really dealt with the overall design of the sidewalk rather than the trees. After listening to the design objection, the Selectmen decided that it would be wise to hold a Public Meeting on the sidewalk design. This meeting will be held Monday, April 2 in the Selectmen's room at Town Hall. (*If the Town Meeting overflows to Monday evening, this meeting will be postponed. Check with the Town Manager's office at 781-383-4105.*)

As most residents of the Forest Avenue know, this paving project has been talked about for more years than anyone can count. The engineering is complete and the project construction is ready to get under way, but faces a possible reset to ground zero. The current design is for a sidewalk separated from the street by either granite curbing, or where space permits, an asphalt curb and a grass strip. As we understand the opponent's position, he would prefer a wider roadway with a white line along the edge of the roadway separating the pedestrian/biker/jogger pathway from the traffic. We don't think that a white line is an adequate safety separation for strollers or children on tricycles or bikes. But, that's up to you to decide at Monday's meeting.

The Norfolk County Engineers provided the engineering at no cost to the Town. Norfolk County Engineering will not support the proposed new design. So there will be a cost for a new design. And, we will need to go out to bid for the engineering design services. This can only be done after the Town finds a way to pay for the redesign. Given the Town's current financial situation, it may cause a 1 to 2 year delay before Forest Avenue can be paved. In the meantime we will need to pour more money into temporary short-lived patches.

Rocky Lane residents surprised – This past Monday morning the MBTA's contractor installed the long awaited guardrail on the new portion of Rocky Lane on both sides of the bridge. The appearance was not what the residents generally expected. We are all used to the bright shiny galvanized steel guardrail that we see everywhere. Instead, we were treated to a very spotty, rusted guardrail. As installed, it looked like the reject from another job.

Well, like all things we seem to get involved with there is always a story behind the story. Here's what's up. Quite a few years ago, the Greenbush project went through a hearing process with the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) dealing with Section 106. We have mentioned Section 106 before. It deals with the protection of historic resources. The basic idea is that any major project like the Greenbush should be designed to minimize the visual and aesthetic impact on historic settings. To do this, all of the areas with historic structures or settings were identified. In these specific areas the MBTA was directed to use dark colored fence or other fixtures so that they would not visually detract from the historic setting. (Note, "historic" is not necessarily confined to buildings constructed in the 1700's or 1800's. A neighborhood of similar early or even mid-1900's homes could also be deemed to be of historic significance and important to the area's developmental history.) The homes on the Main Street side of the new bridge were deemed to be just such an area.

So, bright shiny guardrail could not be used in this area. In its place the ACOE permitted the MBTA to use a very special material called Corten steel. Corten was developed about 40 years ago and is a very special expensive steel. It develops a rust patina that darkens to a relatively uniform dark brown color as it ages. When Corten is first installed is appearance is really ugly and blotchy. However, in time after exposure to the elements the color will even out. The dark brown coating, unlike other steels, forms a protective coating and prevents the steel from further oxidation.

Corten has been used for bridges, outdoor works of sculpture, and buildings. It blends in particularly well in outdoor settings and never needs painting. So, that's the story behind the story. We tried to take photos of the new guardrail but the present shades of color are lost when we convert from a color photo to black & white. You will just have to drive by and see what we are talking about.



Contractors are disassembling the old harbor wall.

Harbor wall construction – This week construction began in earnest on the harbor wall. The contractor's instructions are to disassemble the old wall, pour a new concrete footer, and rebuild the wall with mortared joints on the new footer. Drainage will be placed behind the wall so that water will not build up behind the wall.

Sure as shooting, the first section that the contractor took down was an exception to their plans. Ledge was found at the base of the wall so that it was impossible to excavate and pour a new concrete footer. The engineer for the job came up with a suitable design alternative. Clearly, the ledge would be as good as a concrete footer in providing a stable base for the new wall. So, the lower layers of wall granite blocks were pinned to the ledge with heavy steel rods. Then cement was poured between the blocks and behind the granite blocks, locking the entire mass together and anchoring it to the ledge. A neat solution!

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Supersizing in a downsizing trend

TALES FROM THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT



DIANE K. DANIELSON

... as families get smaller, houses get larger. Although, how else would we fit our 50-inch screen TVs into our living rooms?

Recently my son and I watched "Miracle," the Disney movie about the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team's victory over the Russians. That game was a defining moment of my youth: the ultimate David and Goliath story where America took on the big, bad bully and won. While my son enjoyed it, what struck me was that he couldn't comprehend the "miracle." Why? Because he's only ever lived in a supersized America where the US portrays itself as the biggest, baddest and sometimes, yes, the bully on the block.

Since 1980, whether it's literal — like serving portions, cars, and McMansions — or philosophical, we've supersized ourselves into believing that size matters. Twenty-five years ago, 7-Eleven introduced the Big Gulp at a whopping 32 ounces of soda. That's since been dwarfed by drink sizes measuring 44, 52, and 64 ounces. Popcorn buckets at movies could now feed an entire third-world country. Even the coffee cups from our grandmother's china set are enjoying a second life — as espresso cups in a Venti Grande world.

In the 1980s, I navigated my Honda Civic hatchback around a snowy, upstate New York college campus (with the help of sandbags in the back and the occasional push from a hockey player). Today, despite global warming trends, the students all drive Jeep Grand Cherokees, Escalades, and, yes, I even saw a handful of Hummers on my last visit.

But sometimes our "supersizing" conflicts with "downsizing" trends. Companies grow globally, yet trim workforces locally. Nanotechnology develops tinier components, yet we put them in bigger appliances. And, as families get smaller, houses get larger. Although, how else would we fit our 50-inch screen TVs into our living rooms?

Then there are clothing sizes. On a recent trip to LA, I discovered that they had basically downsized the clothing racks to carry only four sizes: 0, 00, bulimic and anorexic. All made for women with minimal or no body fat. Yet, with breast implants up 37 percent since the year 2000, clearly we want certain things bigger.

This juxtaposition is having some funny results over in Paris, where the centuries-old couture houses are in conniptions because their standard pattern no longer fits the American undersized/supersized physique. Sacre bleu! This is costing them countless valuable man-hours retrofitting garments that were never designed to be worn on a size-00, double-D body.

I hadn't realized how greatly American women differed from the rest of the world in this area, until a visit to a St. Tropez beach club. To my surprise, I was often mistaken for a local, not due to my fluency with the French language (which is minimal at best), but due to my, apparently, un-American physique. The fact that Pamela Anderson was getting married on a yacht just off-shore probably skewed their reference point a bit. But, as my European friends helped me play "pick out the Americans," at the bar, I had to admit it became quite obvious which nationality felt that size really did matter.

So when does the supersizing stop? Probably not in the near future. With China and India cutting us down to size demographically and technologically, we'll likely feel the need to puff out our chests (literally in some cases), just to make sure the world knows we're still a supersized nation.

In the meantime, I'll leave the supersizing to others, and introduce my son to another favorite Disney movie about the Olympics: "Cool Runnings." Perhaps the Jamaican bobsled team will help him understand that it's not always about winning, being the best or even the biggest, but sometimes it's a supersized achievement simply to finish a race that you started.

Speaking of races, Diane K. Danielson is a Cohasset resident who participated in the One Book, One Cohasset reading event. She applauds Dave McGillivary for showing us that even "The Last Pick" can have a huge impact on a supersized world. For more of Diane's random musings, visit her blog at www.womensDISH.com.

HEALTH NOTES

Med-D is good but not perfect

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

...there is some evidence that the system is having growing pains.

Understanding our relationships with those responsible for our health care is as important as the advice and care given. One thing one needs to consider in dealing with health care providers is the status of the entire industry with respect to its clientele. Take, for example, the Medicare part D prescription drug program that became effective in 2006. According to the publication "Medical Affairs," 10 organizations captured 72 percent of Part D enrollment, primarily in low-premium plans and those with name recognition. More than 12 million Part D enrollees without low-income subsidies enrolled in plans with limited or no gap coverage in 2006. The plan has just begun and the complete picture of its success or failure is yet to appear. Nevertheless there is some evidence that the system is having growing pains.

According to a Kaiser Foundation survey, an overwhelming majority of pharmacists (81 percent) report that their patients have had problems getting prescriptions filled under Part D, with nearly one-fifth reporting that *most* of their patients have had problems filling their prescriptions. Nevertheless, despite the roadblocks reported by pharmacists and doctors, the survey found that many believe that Part D is doing well in lowering beneficiaries' out-of-pocket costs and providing access to prescription drugs. About 80 percent of pharmacists and about 50 percent of doctors agree that Part D is helpful or somewhat helpful. However, many beneficiaries are just now reaching the so-called donut hole, or gap in coverage, in which they must pay the full cost for the drugs. Given the gap in coverage and the ability of plans to change drug pricing, it is not yet possible to know if a beneficiary has saved money.

There have been numerous communications with the Board of Health and also Elder Affairs at the Community Center about Med-D and the consensus is that it's going well, but not without incident. For example, one recipient talked to me complaining that she had been offered the opportunity to have Social Security pay for the premiums of her Med-D benefits. She filed the appropriate forms and the monthly record showed that the first premium was deducted. Subsequently, she received a letter telling her that Social Security would no longer pay the $16 monthly premium. She then also received notice that she was seven months in arrears on her Med-D premiums, in spite of the fact that she hadn't been sent a bill. The advice given was taken from Dr. Groopman's book "Second Opinions: Don't just *do* something; stand there." In other words, wait and see what happens.

In the case cited above, Social Security cannot process a request for automatic premium deduction for new plans until the premium deduction for the previous plan is stopped. It's necessary for you to get the provider to contact Medicare to find out why the new action won't take effect. There's time, so writing will be less aggravating than sitting on the telephone for hours listening to a recording. Remember, there are 12 million applications to be processed, and some large fraction of them will have problems.

After you contact your plan, verify what your record shows about your method of payment. If you want Social Security to withhold premiums, you may need to pay the first few months of your premium directly to your plan. Ask your plan to withhold premiums for the future. If there is any question about whether your premium is being withheld, your plan can check with Medicare. Remember, it generally takes two months after you enroll and choose a payment option for the premium withhold to take effect.

In both dealing with the medical community and dealing with your own use of its facilities and capabilities, it's always a good idea to think a situation over, take some time to collect all the data, study it and then decide what to do. If it's an administrative problem such as the one described above, it's best to wait until you've cooled down, reset the angst valve, and then planned what to do. If it's a medical problem, frequently where pain is involved quick action may be necessary. However, there is seldom a case where immediate action cannot be preceded by some rational deliberation. Nevertheless, some symptoms, such as those for stroke require immediate action and 911 is always there for Cohasset residents.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Politics on the Internet

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TOM HENSHAW



The story is told in the hills of North Carolina of the man who ran for county sheriff while his wife was active on stage in the community theater.

"Aha, did you know that his wife is a practicing thespian?" said the opposition (wink, wink).

He lost.

Perhaps we can expect the same thing, only on a wider scale, in the 2008 presidential election, now that the Internet is here to spread the word, whether it be true, half-true, or outright false, from coast to coast on the cheap.

We got our first taste of it the other day when "Hilary 1984," showing Bill's wife as George Orwell's Big Sister addressing her zonked-out constituents, appeared on YouTube, then the Drudge Report, then for anybody with a television channel.

It cost practically nothing and its creator was unknown until the Huffington Post, another Internet blog, outed Phil DeVellis, who formerly worked for a consulting firm that worked for Barack Obama, Hilary's nemesis.

Of course, negative campaigning is nothing new. It's the method of delivery.

Obama's campaign kept denying it was involved, but it is axiomatic that the denial or the explanation never catches up with the original. Ask a sheriff in the hills of North Carolina who kept defining the word "thespian" about that.

Indeed, as Micah Sifry of Techpresident.com told the Boston Herald: "The Internet is word of mouth on steroids."

Whaddya bet there aren't several hundred out-of-work advertising men and women at the drawing board right now devising videos for YouTube, MySpace or TMZ.com that pillory Rudy Giuliani or Mitt Romney?

Let one of them make a slip of the tongue, like George Allen did when he described a supporter of his opponent in the Virginia senate race as a 'macaca," and the blogosphere will keep repeating it, in and out of context, until it costs him the election.

"When everybody can set up their own editing studio, you're going to have people stealing footage and reshaping it to affect the race," said Evan Tracey of Campaign Media Analysis Group.

Of course, negative campaigning is nothing new. It's the method of delivery. But where such advertising in the press, radio and television has been brought under a certain amount of control, the Internet is a throwback to the old days of political campaigning.

Who knows, with the Internet on board, the 2008 campaign may yet equal that of 1884 for organized negativism.

The Republican candidate, James Blaine of Maine, who was popularly believed to have profited from railroad interests while a Congressman, was castigated as: "Blaine! Blaine! James G. Blaine! Continental liar from the state of Maine!"

The Democratic candidate, Grove Cleveland, who admitted to fathering a child out of wedlock, was greeted with the chant: "Ma! Ma! Where's my Pa? Gone to the White House, Ha, Ha, Ha!"

But the cry that tipped the scales was the declaration by the Rev. Scott D. Burchard that "We are Republicans and don't propose to leave our party and identify ourselves with the party whose antecedents have been Rum, Romanism and Rebellion."

The Irish Catholic vote in New York City alone didn't need the Internet to spread that around, and Blaine lost by 37 electoral votes.

Mr. Skipper on 'Our Town'

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Single session Town Meeting could be a slam-dunk

FROM MEETING, PAGE 1

As far as the budget is concerned, Dormitzer is optimistic that voters will be satisfied with the numbers.

"Everything balances, there's no override. Voters don't want to complain about that kind of budget," Dormitzer said in a recent interview.

Each article will be taken up one at a time, a motion will be made, and votes will typically be taken on a voice basis. **Article 1** requests Town Meeting to accept the reports of the Town Officers that are printed in the Annual Town Report for calendar year 2006. Copies are available in the Town Clerk's office and the Office of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 2 is an opportunity for town boards and committees to present a report directly to the voters at Town Meeting. As of the printing of the Town Warrant, the Board of Selectmen did not request any specific reports. Any recommended reports will take place at the Annual Town Meeting.

The Town Budget will be reviewed in **Article 3.** A tax levy of $25,472,131 is projected for fiscal year 2008, or an increase of 4.38 percent. Of special note is that this is a no override budget. This is the first proposed budget with no override of Proposition 2-1/2 since 2002. The percent increase for an average tax bill (based on a property value of $825,000) will be 2.29 percent, or a $198 dollar increase. Griffin will propose an operating budget of $35,340,212, a 6.32 percent increase over fiscal 2007 while the estimated revenue is 36,804,899, a 1.48 percent increase.

Articles 4 and article 5 are two of the Water Commission's six articles. **Article 4** proposed a rate increase that will directly impact the households served by Cohasset Water. The reasoning behind the increase is two-fold. First, the rate increase will build in the $150,000 hydrant rental fee. Currently, this cost is coming directly from the Town's budget; however, in recent years the Water Department has not received the full amount. Important to note is the fiscal year 2008 budget (Article 3) does not include a line item for $150,000 hydrant fee. Second, the rates will generate additional revenue for needed water system improvements including updates to the aging Lily Pond Treatment facility, replacement of undersized water mains, and installation of an improved water pretreatment system. A typical annual water bill will be $624, if this article passes.

Article 5 addresses the term of contract for water operations. The Water Commission is requesting authority to contract the operation and maintenance of the Water Department for terms longer than three years. An affirmative vote will allow the Water Commission to continue contract operations without having to rebid every three years.

The Board of Selectmen, advised by the Capital Budget Committee, will request funding on **Article 6** for various capital projects and equipment across all town departments. Specific recommendations had not been voted on at the printing of the Warrant and will be outlined at Town Meeting. On Monday night's meeting of the Board of Selectmen, the Capital Budget Committee presented a priority list of projects. Town Manager Bill Griffin has set aside recommended $150,000 of Free Cash to be devoted to capital projects. The Capital Budget Committee has recommended allocation for four capital investments, $54,000 for the High School library windows and flashing for repairs; $5000 for Middle-High School track repair; $66,000 to replace a DPW dump truck; and $30,000 for a construction and demolition scale.

Article 7 sets forth this year's recommendations for Community Preservation Committee projects. The CPC has recommended allocating $49,500 each to the historical resources sub-account, the open space sub-account and the community housing sub-account. It has also recommended allocating a total to $319,265 to six projects. Each will be voted on separately: $4,120 for the purchase and installation of a new "Cohasset Town Hall" sign; $20,000 for a feasibility study, engineering work, permitting and other related costs associated with the restoration of the culvert running between the Gulf River and Cohasset Harbor; $70,125 for Cohasset Historical Society's continuing work on the Maritime Museum and archival restoration; $40,000 for the purchase of a lot on Beechwood Street in conjunction with the Cohasset Land Foundation; $50,000 for the rehabilitation and renovation of the Cohasset Maritime Institute; $35,000 for hiring a historical preservation architect and other engineers to prepare drawings and plans for the "old' portion of Town Hall; and lastly, $100,000 to retire a portion of the Town's debt incurred in the rehabilitation of the Beechwood playing fields.

Supplemental appropriations for fiscal 2007 are requested in **Article 9**. This article requests Town Meeting to provide additional funding to various departmental budgets. This year there is only request, an additional $60,000 for the Legal Services budget.

Article 11 proposes that one, the Board of Assessors increase all property tax exemptions by 100 percent and two, to further assist seniors, allow an increase of 100 percent to applicants who qualify under Clause 41C (Seniors).

The Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Capital Budget Committee put forth an amended capital improvements bylaw in **Article 12**. The purpose is to further clarify the role of the Capital Budget Committee and define what constitutes a capital project or equipment request.

The next four articles request changes to the zoning bylaws. **Article 13**, if approved, will amend the senior multi-family residence overlay district (SMFROD) over 55 age restriction. The current bylaw imposes a 14-day limit on visits by persons under the age of 55 years. The amendment would change the restriction so that visitors cannot visit more that six months in a nine-month period. The responsibility of enforcement of the by-law will fall on the homeowners association and will not put excessive demands on municipal services (i.e. visiting children cannot attend Cohasset schools).

Article 14 requested by the Planning Board will create a new zoning district – the Village Business "VB" district. Currently, this proposed district falls under the Downtown Business district, which includes four areas of town – the Cohasset Village area, a portion of the harbor area, the West Corner, and a small area in the Beechwood section. This new district will still carry all the same dimensional, use and parking provisions currently imposed under the Downtown business district. If approved by Town Meeting voters, the creation of a separate zoning district for the village area will allow future bylaws to be crafted specifically for the village area.

A second article concerning the village area is proposed, **Article 15** will allow dwellings for more than one family in combination with stores by special permit. Presently, dwellings are allowed "by right use," which precludes a zoning board review. With or without the change to special permit, the bylaw will still have the 40,000 square foot lot size zoning restriction limiting where apartments could be built.

According to Al Moore, Chairman of the Planning Board, both village zoning changes will "set the stage" for future bylaw changes for the village area. The request for proposal (RFP) for a village consultant who will take a close look at zoning, retail, parking, affordable housing, open space, and historical issues was due last Friday.

The next zoning bylaw amendment is requested by the Water Commissioners. **Article 16** updates the Water Resource District Zoning Bylaw (established in 1986) to the most current regulatory language required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Currently, there are two specific deficiencies identified by the DEP as to the storage of deicing chemicals and animal manure. The Water Commission is likely to make a motion amending the article to include only the language addressing deicing chemicals. Town Counsel will further review the second part regarding animal manure.

Article 17 and article 18 both address the sale of water. **Article 17** changes the Water Commissioner's legislation and **Article 18** changes the General Bylaws of the Town. Both must be approved to enable the Water Commission to seek outside buyers. The Water Department's existing legislation allows for the sale of water to private parties, the proposed legislation/bylaw will allow the sale of water to other cities, towns and water companies. Contracts would be up to 20 years and the sum of the contracts would not be greater than 50 percent of Water Department's safe yield, which is 4.06 million gallons per day. Through the sale of roughly an additional million gallons of water per day, the Water Commission will be able to subsidize water costs, lessening the burden on the water users.

Article 19 rounds out the Water Commissioners six warrant articles. The Water Commission seeks authorization from Town Meeting to purchase a parcel of land in the Lily Pond watershed. No additional funds need to be appropriated by Town Meeting. The lots, identified on the assessors plan number 56-58, abuts land recently acquired by the Water Commission.

Article 21 requests the sum of approximately $45,000 to undertake environmental monitoring of the closed and capped Cedar Street Landfill as required by DEP regulations.

Article 22, if passed, will authorize $2 million in additional contingency funds for the previously approved sewer expansion projects. Higher than anticipated inflation over the last few years in petroleum based products and other construction materials has necessitated this request. Work is expected to begin in June 2007. The appropriation, if utilized, would have not impact on tax rates.

Article 23, put forth on behalf of the Stormwater Committee, requests Town Meeting to appropriate funds to serve as a town match for a $100,000 grant to undertake stormwater management related projects. The match could come as funds and/or "in kind" services provided by the town.

"The sense of the committee is we are hoping to move forward with this motion at Town Meeting," said Stormwater Chairman Martin Nee when reached on Wednesday, "we are working with the Selectmen to provide more information to them." The Selectmen voted to indefinitely postpone this article on Monday night.

Article 25 authorizes the Board of Selectmen to grant temporary and permanent easements to the Massachusetts Highway Department to allow the state to proceed with the West Corner Replacement project, a joint project of Cohasset, Hull and Hingham.

The last article, **article 26**, to be addressed at the 2007 Town Meeting requests one million in funding for drainage improvements to coincide with the paving of several streets during the sewer expansion project. Specifically, the appropriation will provide funding for drainage improvements from Deep Run, through Haystack and down Jerusalem Road; along Jerusalem Road between Nichols Road and Richardson's Brook and various cross culvert upgrades along Beach Street.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held tomorrow, Saturday, March 31 at 9a.m. in the Cohasset High School Sullivan Gymnasium. Warrants have been mailed to every household, and extras will be available at the meeting.

Indefinitely postponed

These articles will likely not come to a vote on Saturday. A recommendation of indefinite postponement could mean either the article requires no action by Town Meeting (in the cases of articles 8 and 10) or that the Selectmen and/or the submitting Committee has decided the article is not ready for a Town Meeting vote.

- **Article 8** – Calls for the payment of unpaid bills from previous years. No outstanding bills at the printing of the warrant.
- **Article 10** – The annual town meeting in 2006 voted to set an interest rate of 4 percent for deferred property taxes for eligible seniors. It is recommended that the rate remain at 4 percent, requiring no further town meeting action.
- **Article 20** — The Housing Partnership Committee has withdrawn its article seeking to establish its own trust fund in accordance with a recently established state statute (Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 55C).
- **Article 24** — The Stormwater Committee has decided to not challenge the Selectmen's vote of indefinite postponement. The Committee will use the time from now until the fall special town meeting to strengthen the bylaw and incorporate additional public feedback (*see related story*).

ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- Article 1: **Annual Town Meeting**: No action required.
- Article 2: **Reports of Committees**: No action required.
- Article 3: **Operating Budget:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval by vote of 7-2.
- Article 4: **Water Rate Increase & Restructuring:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval by vote of 6-0. The Advisory Committee's recommendation is limited to supporting the purpose and direction of the Water Departments proposed maintenance and improvement of the Water Treatment Plant, water distribution system and overall quality of the Town's drinking water.

Special Comment: Re: Town Enterprise Funds / Sewer Department & Water Department

Town Enterprise Funds were adopted, in part, to insulate specific departments from the "rob Peter to pay Paul" demands of municipal budgeting. By virtue of this separate accounting practice their income and expenses exist outside of the Town's normal taxing and budgeting process.

With this special status comes a responsibility to rate payers. Once utilizing these department's services, the rate payer does not have a choice of alternative source for service. There is no free and open market. While technically speaking, rates are not a tax, they should be viewed as such by the Departments with all decisions respecting rates and spending being made in an open and transparent environment.

Accordingly, The Advisory Committee has adopted (March 3, 2007) the following position with respect to both the Water Department and Sewer Department:

The Water Department and Sewer Department should advertise public hearings prior to making any decision on rate increases. It would be expected that a full justification of the necessity for a rate increase would be made available to the rate payers at such public hearing.

- Article 5: **Contract for Water Operation**: The Advisory Committee recommends approval by a vote of 6-0. The Advisory Committee believes the proposed awarding of a contract for a period of more than 3 years allows the Water Department the flexibility to enter into contracts under more advantageous terms while still preserving the necessity of periodically testing contracts to market conditions.
- Article 6: **Capital Improvements Budget**: The Advisory Committee recommends approval of Part (A) - Facilities Management by a vote of 9-0; and Part (B) - Public Works by a vote of 7-1 with 1 abstaining.
- Article 7: **Community Preservation Committee**: The Advisory Committee recommends approval (all subsections) by a vote of 6-0. The Advisory Committee believes the proposed uses and appropriations of funds by the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) are in keeping with the provisions of the Act and of benefit to the community at large.
- Article 8: **Unpaid Bills from Previous Years**: No action required.

Comment:

The Advisory Committee commends the Town Manager for reversing the trend of recent years of carrying forward unpaid bills from the prior fiscal year as standard operating procedure. The Advisory Committee recognizes that in the future it may be necessary from time to time to fund unpaid bills incurred for unforeseen or emergency purposes.

- Article 9: **Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal 2007**: The Advisory Committee recommends approval by a vote of 6-0. The Advisory Committee notes that the Legal Services budget was anticipated to require an additional appropriation beyond the amount approved at last year's annual Town Meeting. The Advisory Committee notes that the TM and Selectman have implemented a process over that last year of tracking and identifying departments' use of legal services with the intent of better understanding and controlling future legal service expenses.
- Article 10: **Rate of Interest for Tax Deferrals:** The Advisory Committee recommends indefinite postponement by a vote of 6-0.
- Article 11: **Tax Exemptions**: The Advisory Committee recommends approval by a vote of 7-0. The Advisory Committee supports the practice of exempting qualified seniors from payment of real estate taxes.
- Article 12: **Capital Improvements Bylaw**: The Advisory Committee recommends approval by a vote of 9-0. The Advisory Committee supports the joint efforts of the Town Manager and Capital Budget Committee to better define the purpose and scope of the Capital Budget Committee's duties and recommendations.
- Article 13: Zoning Bylaw amendment – **Senior Multi-Family Residential Overlay District Over 55 Age Restriction**: The Advisory Committee recommends approval by a vote of 6-0. The Advisory Committee supports the proposed modification of the visitation provisions to a more reasonable time period while balancing the concern of the Town to avoid any abuse of the age restriction provisions the SMROD.
- Article 14: Zoning Bylaw Amendment – **Village Business "VB" District**: The Advisory Committee recommends approval by a vote of 6-0. The Advisory Committee supports the creation of a separate zoning district entitled the "Village Business District" with the same provisions of the current "Downtown Business District". The Advisory Committee notes this is a change in name only. This change will facilitate the Town's consideration of future bylaws intended to impact only that portion of the Town defined as the Village Business District.
- Article 15:Zoning Bylaw Amendment – **DB and VB District Dwellings for more than One Family Allowed by Special Permit:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval by a vote of 3-2 with 1 abstaining. A majority of the Advisory Committee supports the proposed Bylaw amendment.
- Article 16: Zoning Bylaw – **Amend Water Resource District Bylaw**: The Advisory Committee recommends indefinite postponement by a vote of 5-0.
- Article 17: **Special Legislation for Sale of Water:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval by a vote of 6-0. The Advisory Committee supports the Water Departments proposed expansion of its authority to sell water on a wholesale basis to another town or water company. The Water Department has agreed to impose a limitation on the amount of water (as a percentage of capacity) available for sale, thereby addressing the Advisory Committee's concern that the town's most valuable resource always be available to the Town and not otherwise become overly encumbered.

Article 18: **Bylaw Amendment for Sale of Water**: The Advisory Committee recommends approval by a vote of 6-0. The Advisory Committee supports the Water Departments proposed expansion of its authority to sell water on a wholesale basis to another town or water company. The Water Department has agreed to impose a limitation on the amount of water (as a percentage of capacity) available for sale, thereby addressing the Advisory Committee's concern that the town's most valuable resource always be available to the Town and not otherwise become overly encumbered.

- Article 19: **Land Acquisition by Water Department**: The Advisory Committee recommends approval by a vote of 6-0. The Advisory Committee supports the Water Departments continued efforts, in conformity with prior Town Meeting approvals, to acquire parcels of property within or abutting the Lily Pond watershed to protect the Town's drinking water.
- Article 20: **Affordable Housing Trust Fund**. The Advisory Committee recommends indefinite postponement by a vote of 6-0.
- Article 21: **Landfill Monitoring Services**. The Advisory Committee recommends approval by a vote of 6-0. The Advisory Committees supports the proposed appropriation of funds for environmental monitoring of the capped and closed Cedar Street Landfill. The Advisory Committee recognizes that the Town is required to conduct said monitoring in accordance with DEP regulations.

Article 22: **Supplemental Funding for Sewer Expansion Projects**. The Advisory Committee recommends approval by a vote of 9-0. The Advisory Committee recognizes this appropriation as reasonable and necessary to the implementation of the sewer expansion project that was authorized by the 2006 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 23: **Funding for Storm-water Management Grant Match**: Action deferred until Town Meeting. The Advisory believes this Article will be subject to a motion for indefinite postponement.

Article 24: **Storm-water Management Bylaw:** The Advisory Committee recommends indefinite postponement by vote of 9-0.

Article 25: **Easements for West Corner Culvert Replacement Project:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval by vote of 6-0. The Advisory Committee is satisfied that the proposed grants of temporary and/or permanent easements are limited to those which are reasonable and necessary for the completion and future maintenance of the project.

Article 26: **Funding for Drainage Improvements**: Action deferred until Town Meeting. The Advisory Committee has been advised that this Article may be subject to modification at Town Meeting.

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Question of the week

It looks as though the "state match" for the Community Preservation Fund is going to be greatly reduced. Has the time come to revisit Cohasset's participation in the Community Preservation Act?

SELECTMAN/ Ralph Dornitzer

In 2001 Cohasset adopted the Community Preservation Act (CPA) and authorized an annual property tax surcharge of 1-1/2 percent. Every year since, the State has matched dollar for dollar the local appropriation. In fiscal '07, the current year, State and local contributions amounted to $600,000. Under the Act, uses for the money are: the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space; the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources; the acquisition, creation and preservation of land for recreational use; and for the rehabilitation or restoration of open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created as provided in the act.

For Cohasset, the dollar for dollar State match has been a significant incentive to fund the CPA with a local surtax. Moreover, the purposes for which the CPA funds are authorized have been and continue to be worthwhile. There are two risks to continued local support for a CPA surtax, however. First, the State match is projected to decline to between 50 and 75 percent of the local appropriation in fiscal '08 and there is uncertainty of the match in future years. At some percentage below 50 percent the incentive vanishes. Second, and more importantly, the authorized uses defined in the Act arrayed against and prioritized with other important Town needs are no longer as compelling as they were in 2001. For example, having just participated in a review of both the capital and the CPA spending for the Town for fiscal '08 one has to ask whether, if given a choice, one would under fund the capital projects at $150,000 (15 percent of requests) but 100 percent fund all the CPA projects at $433,000? We are not, in my view, ready for the debate today but should the Town need overrides to fund basic services the appropriateness of a stand-alone CPA surtax will be up for consideration.

Watch bullets

SELECTMAN/ Paul Carlson

Cohasset's Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is funded outside the town budget. About $330,000 comes from local sources, the balance from the state. Since the Community Preservation Act was enacted, the state has made a 100 percent match of local source revenues. The new state administration is contemplating reducing the match to 50 percent to 75 percent for all towns. At a 50 percent match, the total CPC budget for 2008 will be about $500,000.

The committee must fund projects covering open space, community housing and historic preservation — all areas that need attention to maintain Cohasset's quality of life. In the past the CPC has funded many valuable projects including:

- re-siding the 60 Elm Street complex,
- acquiring the Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary, protecting it from future development,
- assisting the restoration of the downtown museums, and
- buying acreage in the Lily Pond watershed area to protect the town water supply.

While spending a small amount of money, the CPC has had a very positive impact on the town without impacting the tax base. Their projects have been completed on time and under budget. This year the Annual Town Meeting will address proposals to create a plan to fix-up the old Town Hall, fund the Housing Trust Fund, repair the Border Street Culvert and other town projects. CPC projects can only proceed after being approved at one of the two town meetings — a real citizen managed effort.

The question of whether to continue our participation must revolve around the performance of the CPC as well as the benefits the town has received and will continue to receive. The committee's performance has been excellent and there is no reason to forego the state funding. We have a good deal here, let's keep it.

How will you, as a school committee member, ensure that the "best and brightest" teacher workforce is recruited, nurtured, and retained given the town's current fiscal landscape, teacher contract negotiations, and community demands for excellence?

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Adrienne MacCarthy

With any good team, the recruiting, nurturing and retaining of your team starts in the "front office" with the management team. Fortunately, Cohasset Public Schools have one of the finest management teams. Prior to my arrival on the School Committee, past members of the School Committee hired our current Superintendent, Dr. Denise Walsh. Our district has benefited greatly from this initial recruitment. Dr. Walsh has brought our district the sense of professionalism it was in need of.

Recruitment of teachers, begins with the Principals of each school. The Principal recruits the number of certified teachers needed to fulfill the specific needs of their school. Each of our Principals has created a culture within their schools and they know who will be the right fit for their school.

Nurturing begins at the individual school level and is supported by our district wide Curriculum Coordinator, Nancy Mrzyglod. During the past three years, I have observed significant changes in how our district handles the nurturing and/or professional development of our staff and the positive impact that has made in the classroom.

Retaining of our staff is done by support mechanisms throughout the system. From mentoring and professional development opportunities to PSO appreciation lunches; our staff needs to feel valued. This, coupled with a new teachers contract where compensation for professional status is competitive with surrounding districts, will help ensure we retain the "best and brightest".

Carrying out our business of ensuring public educational opportunities for ALL of our children and "preparing the youth of the community to take their places as educated and responsible citizens" will require our community to acknowledge that we want excellence in our schools; then, as a community, we will need to be willing to make the financial commitment which will be needed to "continue the commitment to excellence."

CANDIDATE PROFILES NEXT WEEK

This was the final week for Question of the Week.

Candidate profiles for Selectmen and School Committee candidates will appear next week.

Be sure to attend Town Meeting at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Sullivan Gymnasium at the middle-high school!

Turning off water faucet for a while

FROM BROOKS, PAGE 10

families with children and against senior citizens who still reside, perhaps alone, in larger homes but use much less water than the size of their water meter used to provide!

My life's experiences also tell me that expanding the water operation to vastly increase outside, third party sales, such as the Linden Ponds contract already in place, look attractive on paper(or does it?) but not the direction Cohasset should move. The reality may very well be that such sales will not, for many, many years to come, subsidize the cost of water to Cohasset residents. In fact, the prices being paid by residents will, in my financial experience, be subsidizing the very low prices obtainable from such sales. There certainly cannot be 27 percent-40 percent increases in the contractual prices for water to Linden Ponds, which is already, by market necessity, well below the cost charged to Cohasset residents. Also, if we are not very careful and alert, much of any such future sales may only be viable by tanker trucks! Unintended consequences and costs for the Town and residents.

Surface water, which is the plentiful source of Cohasset's raw water, is at the bottom of the ranking in terms of desirable municipal water sources. The best source of water, if available, is well water. We should continually assess if we are using well water for our municipal needs as much as we could be — both the Town and perhaps individuals. Bottled water sales at Shaw's and Stop& Shop are huge!! Good quality well water generally needs no "treatment", such as chlorination, dissolved organics removal and particulates filtration. Marshfield, which is about 3 times the population of Cohasset, uses 100 percent well water for the Town's needs and the cost to residents is low and fairly stable for such excellent tasting water — chlorine free.

I feel we need a hiatus, for a year or two, on some of these well intentioned endeavors, especially given the rapidly increasing debt level...

Chlorination of water with high dissolved organics, such as surface water, is, unfortunately, the source of the toxic byproducts that the EPA mandates must be reduced to the low PPB levels. Hence the new, $5 million plant treatment addition.

I do not know to what extent we have evaluated this well water source, if only as supplemental. I have heard we have some wells that are idle. Perhaps the fact that we have an existing, older treatment plant that has much more basic capacity than Cohasset will ever need is a mental barrier to exploring the well water topic further.

In summary, I sense a real, economic-driven need to slow down or take a breather on the continuing large capital expenditures and resulting large increases in water prices to residents. We all appreciate the energy and dedication of our well-known Water Commissioners but we need a break— the water prices are too high, increasing too fast, with no end in sight as yet. The rates also need some examination relative too the apparent water meter size and other cost/price allocation biases.

Richard E. T. Brooks, PhD, PE, lives at 68 Nichols Road.



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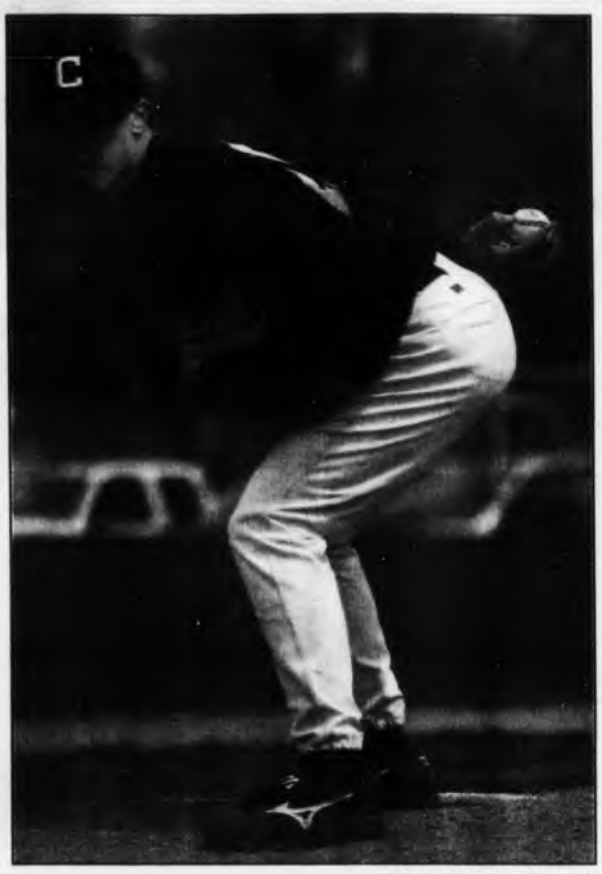
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Brian Hill



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Sam DeGiacomo

A trio of aces

Hill, DeGiacomo, Snowdale aim to lead CHS baseball to postseason

By Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

A fastball, a changeup and a curveball are the three pitches Cohasset High baseball coach Al Gallotta will hope to see a lot of this year.

They are the three "out" pitches of the three juniors heading the Skippers' rotation: Brian Hill, Sam DeGiacomo and Dave Snowdale.

All three will bring something to the table this year as Cohasset looks to go far with this talented rotation. For the first time in Gallotta's five-year tenure as coach of the varsity baseball team at Cohasset, he will have no seniors to begin the year in his starting rotation.

Hill will be entering his third year on varsity after being called up within the first week of his freshman year, when Gallota saw something special in him. With his blazing fastball, Hill loves to throw hitters off with his changeup, which can be very effective after hitters see the heat.

Hill brings lots of experience, not only as a pitcher, but as a varsity player. Other than also starting on varsity football for Cohasset, Hill plays AAU baseball in the off-season, giving him experience against elite players with a rigorous schedule of 70-80 games per year, if not more.

With all of this playing time comes great confidence that won't allow for Hill to be fazed by any team in the South Shore League. As a freshman, Hill led the team in wins with four as a number-three starter and relief pitcher behind Cohasset great Teddy Straughn.

"This could potentially be the best pitching staff, depth-wise, since I've been here."
Cohasset baseball coach Al Gallotta

As a number-two starter last year, Hill had both his ups and downs as he finished with a 2-4 record. This year it appears Hill will be the number-one or two starter and is prepared for the responsibility that comes with it.

"I look forward to the challenge of being a number one," Hill said. "I'd like to be a lot more consistent."

DeGiacomo is going to be entering his second year on varsity after being the number-three starting pitcher for the Skippers last year. With a magnificently strong arm, DeGiacomo loves to throw his fastball to get batters out. With some AAU experience under his belt and a year on varsity, he too brings experience to the team as a very strong and gifted athlete.

The thing about DeGiacomo that stands out to Gallotta the most, though, is when he isn't pitching, but rather playing the outfield.

"I very much enjoy watching him in the outfield because he has a great arm, and watching him try and peg runners out on the base paths is fun," Gallotta said.

Unlike Hill, who doesn't play very often on his off days, DeGiacomo plays the outfield when he is not pitching and covers ground quickly and flawlessly. His time as a starter on the varsity football team has also helped him to become a stronger thrower, both in the field and on the mound.

Like Hill, DeGiacomo has big goals for both himself and the team.

"I'd just like to continue where I left off last year because I felt I ended the season good last year," said DeGiacomo. "And our main goal is to go to the state tournament; it's been a while since we got there."

Like the other two, Snowdale is also coming to the table with experience as a varsity player. Although it will be his first true season as a starting pitcher on the varsity level, Snowdale pitched a lot of relief last year, mixing up hitters with his hard breaking ball that he has come to perfect over the past few years. This curveball is what Snowdale will have to rely on in order to get the job done.

Gallotta said Snowdale, as a

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Runners report to the starting line

31st annual Road Race by the Sea in Cohasset takes place Sunday

By Mark Goodman
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Fun Walk
Start time: 10 a.m.

Road Race by the Sea
Start time: 1 p.m.

One thousand. That's how many registered runners race director Brad Goodwin is hoping to see for Sunday's 31st annual Road Race by the Sea in Cohasset. Last year 977 athletes registered for the race. Goodwin said Wednesday that this year's pre-registration numbers are ahead of last year's pace. Goodwin said that in the 12 years of official race records currently available, the 1,000-runner mark has not been topped.

"I think we have a good chance of doing it this year," Goodwin said. "I would guess it would probably be the first time that has happened in this race in over 20 years."

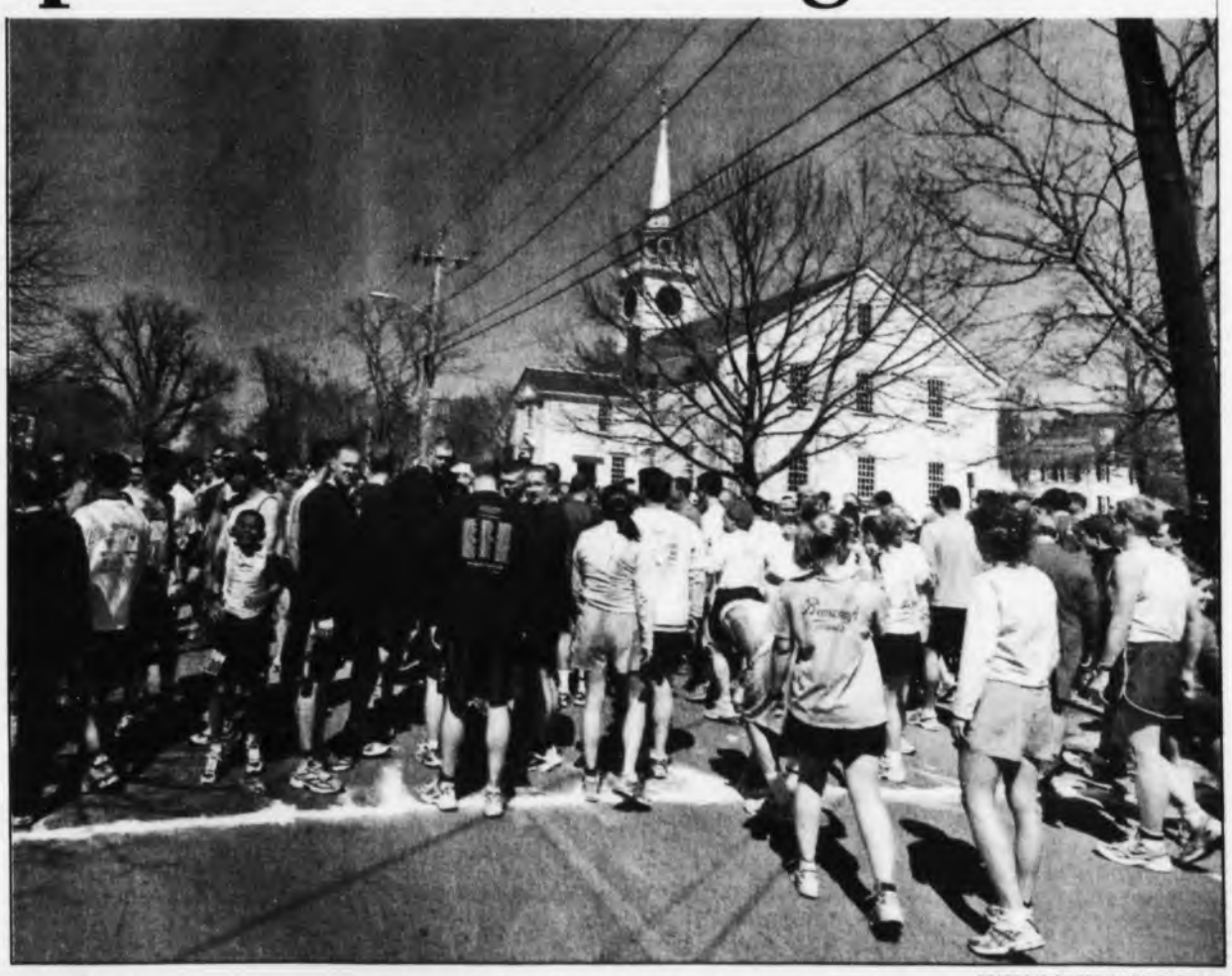
While many of the pre-registered runners are from Massachusetts, Goodwin said there have been others from every state in New England (except Vermont), New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Ohio and California. There are even a couple runners from Costa Rica signed up.

One of the runners this year is David McGillivray, race director for the Boston Marathon. McGillivray and Cohasset resident Linda Glass Fechter cowrote "The Last Pick," which is part of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library's "One Book, One Cohasset" program designed to foster and encourage a love of reading among all generations and bring the community together with a common goal.

"We're very excited to have people of Dave McGillivray's caliber, including members of the Greater Boston Track Club," Goodwin said. "We have some pretty big-name people showing up, and that's pretty exciting."

Goodwin added that one likely reason for the increased interest is that USA Track and Field, the nation's governing body for the sport, recently certified the race's 10K course. The race begins and ends at Cohasset Common, and along the way traverses Atlantic

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STAFF FILE PHOTO/MARK GARDNER
Runners report to the start of last year's 30th annual Road Race by the Sea in Cohasset. Last year 977 athletes registered for the race.

Hoping to carry over success from last year

A look inside the boys and girls Skipper varsity lacrosse teams



STAFF FILE PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Junior Mike Grimm scores a goal during Cohasset's semifinal victory over Scituate last year. Grimm, whose 2006 playing time was limited to the state tournament due to knee surgery, is back at full strength and will move from midfield to attack.



STAFF FILE PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

Senior Lindsay Durkin congratulates Kara Wilcox after she scored against Nantucket in the tournament last season. Durkin, an All-American candidate, has the potential to graduate as the school's all-time leading scorer, and could be the first girl to approach the 200-career goal mark. Wilcox scored 25 points after moving to the front line a year ago.

BOYS

The Skippers, under head coach Stew Curran, are the defending 2006 Division 3 state champions. The 2007 squad is looking to improve on last year's 17-3 record and repeat as state champions. Gene Binda (former Boston College High School standout, who played at Avon Old Farms and Salve Regina College) will coach the junior varsity team and provide help with the varsity defensive schemes.

Although the boys lost some key players to graduation, including Cohasset's all-time leading scorer, Aidan Buick, the team should be very strong again. The squad will be led by its defense, which is big, strong, tough and very deep. Senior co-captain and Pilgrim Conference All-Star Jeff Brown is a legitimate high school All-American candidate and an excellent coverage and take-away defender who should dominate the opposing attack again. Brown (who will play at Division I University of Denver next year) literally took over last year's state championship game and never let the Dover- Sherborn offense get untracked. Brown will have plenty of defensive support from senior co-captain Ryan Kucinski, who will also see time at long stick middie; seniors Conor Holway, Anthony DiPaulo and Bobby Meikelham and the "big man," junior Jake Cuneo. Opposing offenses will find it very difficult to get good shooting opportunities through this formidable group. Given Cohasset's size and aggressive defensive style, staying out of the penalty box will be key.

Junior Nate Porter will take over in goal in 2007 and look to continue his outstanding play in the limited action he saw last year. Porter positions himself well in the goal and is very smart with his passing in the clearing game.

Senior co-captain Dan Trendowicz, and senior Chris Davis will lead the midfield. Trendowicz has outstanding shooting skills and defensively will put the clamps on the opponent's top offensive midfielder. Davis should provide still more scoring punch and quickness with his strong slashes to the goal without the ball. Juniors P.J. McCaw, Peter Ernst, Charles Czerkawski and Greg Gallagher will carry a substantial load at midfield. With Czerkawski taking most of the faceoffs, Cohasset should have the ball often.

Coach Curran's attack trio of senior co-captain Mike Bunstein and juniors Mark Flibotte and Mike Grimm should be among the best on the South Shore. Bunstein was exceptional behind the cage last year finding the open man and with his unselfish play led the team in assists. Flibotte, a Pilgrim Conference All-Star, led the 2006 squad in scoring with over 100 points and should put up big numbers again this year. Grimm, whose 2006 playing time was limited to the state tournament due to knee surgery, is back at full strength and will move from midfield to attack. Grimm can break down defenses with his dodging and quickness and will be expected to fill the substantial scoring void left by Buick's graduation. Junior attackers Chris Mills and Matt Burgess should earn some playing time as well.

The boys open the regular season Wednesday, April 4, at St. Sebastians in Needham. The Skippers first home game is Saturday, April 7, against Hamilton-Wenham. The schedule is a tough one with games against several very strong programs including Duxbury, Hingham, Marshfield, Tabor Academy and archrival Scituate.

GIRLS

It wasn't just the state champion boys lacrosse team that posted its best season ever in 2006. The girls squad ended the season with a 14-3-1 record, compiling more wins than any team in school history and earning the top seed in the MIAA Division 2 South tournament. While the team got upset by Walpole in the quarterfinals, there is good reason to hope for even better results in 2007, as second-year head coach Chuck Jaffe returns the nucleus of a team that knows his system and that has a short learning curve to take their game to the "next level." Jennifer Palmer, Jaffe's longtime assistant coach in the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse program, joins Jaffe at the high school, assisting with varsity and coaching the girls junior varsity team.

One storyline throughout the season will be pre-season All-American candidate senior Lindsay Durkin, who tied for the team lead in scoring in 2006 with 78 points. Durkin, who earned All-League, Patriot-Ledger All-Scholastic and Eastern Mass Coaches All-Star recognition a year ago, has the potential to graduate as the school's all-time leading scorer, and could be the first girl to approach the 200-career goal mark.

Joining Durkin at attack will be co-captains Kara Wilcox and Tessa Leahy. Wilcox scored 25 points after moving to the front line a year ago, and Leahy is coming forward after playing most of her career at defense. Rounding out the attack is a trio of promising sophomores in Caitlin Mahoney, Kayla Farren or Katie Gaumer, who led the junior varsity team in scoring a year ago.

At midfield, Cohasset suffered major losses - including last year's freshman sensation Gabriella Flibotte, who moved to private school - but returns a talented line-up. Expect seniors Caren Garber to increase her point-a-game output from last year, Emily Coggins to spearhead the transition game, and Lara Novak to become the midfield's shutdown defender. Juniors Jen Silvia and Grace Steele and sophomores Madeline Leahy, Katelyn Ryan and Grace Clougherty all have the potential to play major roles. Isabelle Franklin – the only player besides Flibotte to surpass 100 points during her youth career – and Amy Meikleham lead a deep, talented freshman class.

On defense, sophomore Lindsay Hill started every game a year ago and is expected to be one of the top defenders in the league, and complements the steady play of three-year letter winner senior Colleen Richardson, junior Sara Brown and senior Haley Haracz - back from a year spent playing basketball - to provide an experienced defense. Expect junior Amanda Hurd and freshman Mimi Mahoney to help protect goalie Aisling Guinee, who saw crucial minutes as a reserve last year, and who stopped more than 60 percent of the shots she faced.

The girls open their season at Cape Cod Academy Wednesday, April 4, and start their home season Saturday, April 7, against Weston.

Submitted by Cohasset Lacrosse Boosters.

Sports Notes

Cohasset Recreation offers USCGA Boating Safety Course

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and Cohasset Recreation Department will sponsor a two-session Safe Boating Course, offering certification by both the Coast Guard and the commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The course will be offered to both youth and adults; however, certification in this course is mandatory for those 16 years old and younger who wish to operate any horsepower craft. This course is an initial requirement for the process of obtaining a Launch Operators License. USCGA instructors will teach the two-session course, which will take place on two consecutive Saturdays, May 12 and May 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Ripley Road, Cohasset.

To register, call Cohasset Recreation Department at 781-383-4109 as soon as possible, as the class will be limited by size, and participants will be enrolled on a first-call basis. There will be a $45 per person fee for this program, which covers the cost of the textbooks and class materials. The fee will be payable at the first class, and checks will be payable to the Coast Guard director.

While the class is designed for children/youth and adults, it is suggested that children age 12 and younger be accompanied by a participating adult. A segment of this class will be devoted to the new laws regulating personal water craft.

State certification cards will be issued and most insurance companies will offer insurance rate discounts to those completing this course.

April vacation baseball clinic offered

South Shore Baseball Camp will provide an April vacation baseball clinic Tuesday, April 17, through Friday, April 20, at Barnes Field Complex. The clinic will take place from noon to 2:30 p.m., and this week-long program will cost $100 per participant.

For information, call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109. Registration forms can be found at the Recreation office, first floor, Town Hall. Call the South Shore Baseball club at 781-740-4382 to register with a credit card. Forms are also are available at Cohasset Recreation Department at Cohasset Town Hall.

Program Offered at the Cohasset Swim Center

Summer is almost here and membership and swim lesson registration is starting now. The Swim Center is offering Early Bird membership rates for registrations postmarked by May 1. The mail-in deadline for membership and swim lesson registration is May 24. Please be sure to mail in your membership and swim lesson registration forms together.

Information and registration forms can be found on the new Cohasset Swim Center Web site, www.cohassetswimcenter.com.

The Center will not be mailing out a brochure this year; however, additional registration forms will be available at Cohasset Town Hall and The Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Swim Lessons will be offered in four two-week sessions: Session I: June 25 - July 6; Session II: July 9 - July 20; Session III: July 23 - August 3; Session IV: August 6 - August 17.

If you have any questions, please send an email to cohassetswimcenter@comcast.net

Recreation Department offers Boot Camp Fitness Training

Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a bi-weekly Boot Camp Fitness Training Program to be instructed by Betsy Callahan.

This physical training opportunity will meet from 6 to 7 a.m., on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting Tuesday, April 3, on Cohasset Common, in front of Town Hall. The fee for this session is $100, and checks can be made payable to Town of Cohasset. Those interested can register for any class at 6 a.m. at Town Hall. The first 10-week session will conclude Thursday, June 7. The second session will begin Tuesday, June 12.

Callahan will run an interval callisthenic and running fitness program for both men and women for all levels of ability.

American Red Cross Learn-To-Swim Lifeguards needed

Cohasset Swim Center is accepting applications for Lifeguards and Water Safety Instructors for the 2007 summer season. All applicants must be at least 16 years of age and hold current Lifeguard/CPR/First Aid certifications.

Letters of interest should be sent to Cohasset Swim Center, P.O. Box 132, Cohasset, MA 02025. Anyone interested in employment and enrolled or planning to enroll in a Lifeguard and/or WSI are encouraged to apply. Employment will depend on successful completion of the course.

Stars C4 team wins playoff finals at Hobomock

The Coastal Stars C4 team played its final playoff game of the season against the Pembroke Pythons at the Hobomock Arena. Billy Fitzgerald made some great saves in the first period. Cole Gangi along with Brendan Bertone took fantastic shots on net. Shane Rose and Andrew Julian's defense was like a wall the Pythons could not penetrate.

The Pythons jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the second period. The Stars have not been a team to give up this year and their play picked up a notch with help from Matt Gorman, Haley Mullen, Alexa Henriksen and Kathy Moore. All four turned in very strong performances today.

Duncan Latta made the defensive play of the day, using his speed to break up two Pembroke players. Kyle Donahue made a nice breakaway showing his new moves, but the Python goalie came up with a huge save as he did on Bertone's rebound shot.

Henry Decoste put the Stars on the board with an amazing goal from an assist from Jacob Latta, placing the puck above the goalies right shoulder. The Pythons took a 2-1 lead into the third period.

Patrick Sullivan showed off his magnificent stick handling in the third frame moving the puck up the ice while playing great defense. Daniel Tobin along with Marshall Feeney kept the play in the Python's zone with a lot of hustle and determination.

The coaches decided to pull goalie Billy Fitzgerald with one minute remaining in the game. Quick thinking Billy; however, sees the other team approaching and decides to stay in the net. In doing so, he made a tremendous save, which kept the Stars in the game. Pat Sullivan, Marshall Feeney and Andrew Julian Play turned up the pressure deep in the Python's zone.

The Pythons get called for a penalty after a Pembroke player takes down Jacob Latta while breaking for the net. With the fans and the bench nervously waiting to see how the game would end; Feeney with some help from Tobin got the puck out of the corner and passed it out front to Henry Decoste. Decoste put it in the net with two seconds left to send the game to overtime tied at 2-2.

Overtime starts with 5-on-5, eliminating one player every minute until someone scores. The line of Marshall Feeney, Pat Sullivan, Daniel Tobin, Henry Decoste and Jacob Latta start overtime in what can only be described as the most exciting game of the season for both the players and their fans.

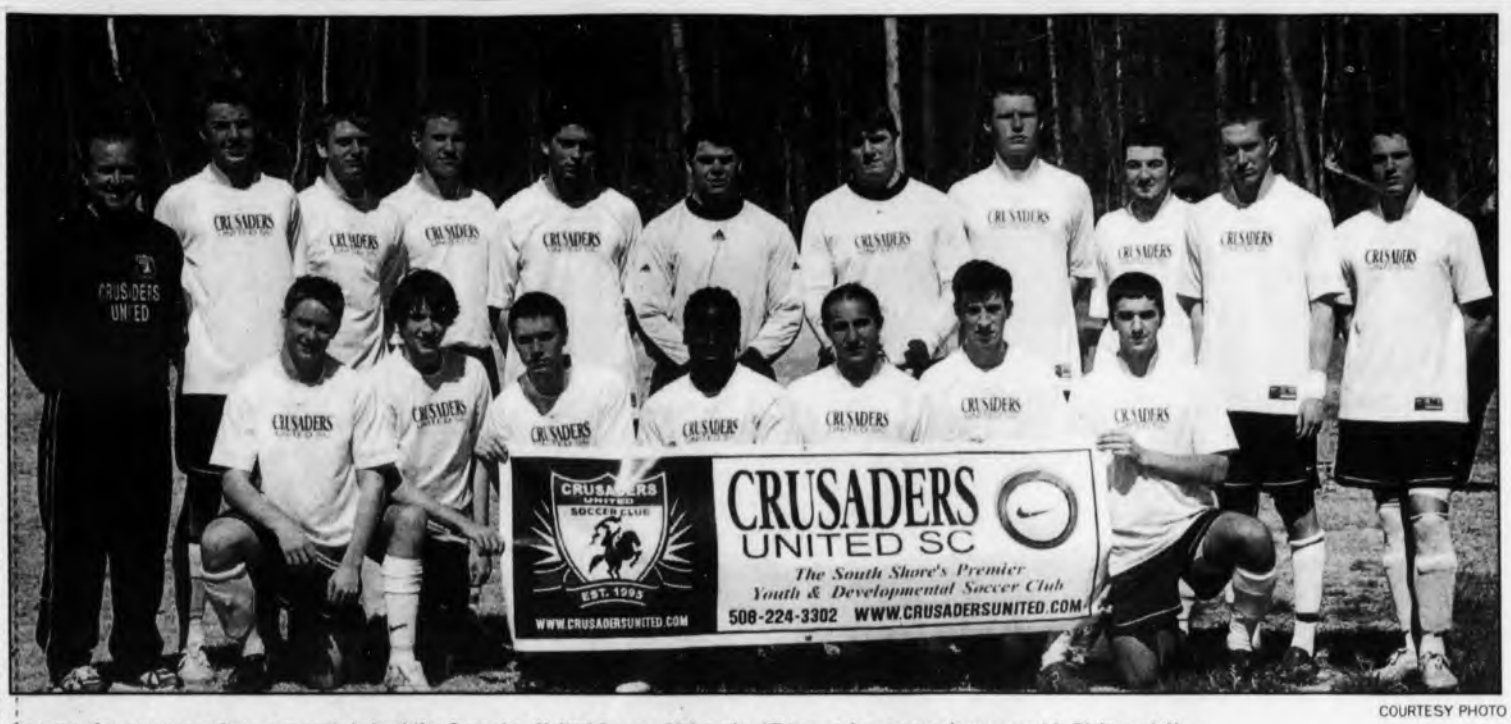
After three overtimes neither team can score the winning goal, thus forcing a fourth overtime with each team only sending two players on the ice. Henry Decoste and Jacob Latta got the call for the Stars. Play went back and forth before Billy Fitzgerald (goalie), Henry Decoste and Jacob Latta's hard work paid off with one minute remaining in the overtime. Decoste passed it to Latta, who put the puck in the net to win the game, causing the crowd to erupt with joy.



The team came along way this season and all the players should be very proud of themselves, it's turned out to be a picture-perfect way to end the season. Each player improved dramatically and consistently all season.

Without the help of volunteers Carol Mullen and Billy Fitzgerald each week along with coaches Mike Mullen and Steve Feeney the Stars would not have had such a great season filled with fun and laughter. Thank you.

Story provided by Mike Latta.



COURTESY PHOTO

A group of area soccer players recently helped the Crusaders United Soccer Club under-17 team win a soccer tournament in Richmond, Va.

Crusaders come home champions

Under-17 squad takes tournament in Virginia

"They were steady, consistent, and organized defensively, and played an attractive style of soccer offensively. They were fun to coach and fun to watch."

Jason Tassinari (head coach)

PLYMOUTH - The Crusaders United Soccer Club's Boys Under-17 team won the championship at the Chesterfield Ice-Breaker Outdoor Soccer Tournament the weekend of March 11th in Richmond, Va. The Crusaders Boys 17 team was one of eight teams from the club that competed at the tournament.

The Boys 17 team won its two round-robin games (2-0 over Chesterfield Elite, and 1-0 over the Richmond Strikers), won its semifinal game by a score of 4-1 over the Elmont (NY) Rascals, and once again defeated the Richmond Strikers in the finals 1-0.

Head Coach Jason Tassinari of Plymouth, who is also the Head Women's Coach at Emerson College, has coached this team since they were Under-9, several of the current players are still on the team.

"I am very proud of the team," Tassinari said. "They set a goal for themselves early on that they wanted to win the tournament, and they were able to realize that goal by displaying a solid work-rate and true character. They were steady, consistent, and organized defensively, and played an attractive style of soccer offensively. They were fun to coach and fun to watch.

"They represented themselves, their teammates, their families, the coaching staff, and, most of all, the Crusaders United Soccer Club with class and pride," he said. "It will hopefully lead to bigger and better things going forward."

The team was led by leading goal scorers Tucker Fairbanks of Plympton (Silver Lake Regional High School) and Robbie Smith-MacDonald of Mansfield (Mansfield High School). Smith-MacDonald and Matt Bruninghaus (Plymouth) split time in the goal and combined to give up only one goal in four games. Matt Bruninghaus was the goalkeeper in the finals and posted a shutout playing in all 80 minutes of the game.

The team will competing in the Massachusetts Premier League Boys Under 17 Division 2 starting Sunday, April 1.

The team's coaching staff and administration includes Jason Tassinari (head coach), Matt Dion (assistant coach), Marie Fairbanks (team manager) and club president Tim Dunn.

Players for the team are Stephen Johnson (Middleboro), Cam MacFarlane (Marshfield), Cory Hendrickson (Duxbury), Robbie Canning (Marshfield), Robbie MacDonald (Mansfield), Matt Bruninghaus (Plymouth), Jeff Taylor (Edgar Town), Kevin Gomes (Halifax), Ryan Chambers (Mansfield), Alex Bukoski (Sandwich), Justin Pugliese (Pembroke), Tyler Creedan (Middleboro), Brian Empoliti (Pembroke), Kereith Pinnock (Carver), Alex Hartley (Sandwich), Sam Roth (Cohasset) and Fairbanks.

Starting line

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Avenue and Jerusalem Road.

After the race, there will be an awards ceremony, emceed by Anthony Everett, a Cohasset resident and anchor for WCVB Channel 5's news magazine, "Chronicle." Awards will be given for the top male and female finisher from Cohasset, as well as for top-three finishes in the various age categories.

"We're very excited to have people of Dave McGillivray's caliber."

Brad Goodwin, director

While the pre-registration period is over, anyone interested in running the Road Race by the Sea may still do so by signing up at the South Shore Community Center on South Main Street - Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon or the day of the race from 9 a.m. until it begins at 1 p.m. Registration costs $20, $10 for those over the age of 60 or under 14.

There will also be a Fun Walk, beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday. Cost is $15 ($10 for those over 60 or younger than 14). Proceeds from the road race, sponsored by the Cohasset Rotary Club, will go to various local and international causes supported by the club. Last year, those causes included digging water wells in the Philippines, supporting a dentist who works at a children's hospital in Cambodia, and beginning a scholarship program in Foneducar, Colombia.

A trio of aces

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sophomore, was, "skinny and not big enough to throw hard." This year Snowdale comes back bulked up and ready to show his stuff, with a lot of that owing to the fact that he got a chance to show his skills on the football field this past fall when he was named the starting quarterback midway through the season.

"Last year was more of a transition year for me from the JV level to the varsity level," Snowdale said. "But now I have the experience and a lot more confidence in myself."

Snowdale also hopes the team can make it to the tournament this year, but his main goal is, "to have a winning record as a pitcher." Snowdale is also the lone player on the baseball team that starts for three varsity teams: football, basketball and baseball.

One huge similarity between the three pitchers is the fact that all three start on the varsity football team at Cohasset High School. All three are used to the pressure and spotlight of playing at the varsity level and all three respond to the pressure very well. Head football coach Pete Afanasiw, who also serves as the junior varsity baseball coach, spoke highly of all three as both football players and also baseball players.

"They are all overall good athletes that shine on the field, are very competitive, and bring intensity," Afanasiw said. "They're good kids that enjoy the competition but also enjoy themselves on the field."

Afanasiw also mentioned all of three athletes are very humble and know when they make a mistake, saying, "They know when they mess up. We don't have to yell at them for it, and they all have the internal drive to correct it."

Gallotta is looking forward to this new experience with all junior pitchers, especially the fact they all already have prior varsity experience. This, along with the fact they will all be back again next year as seniors, makes for a double bonus.

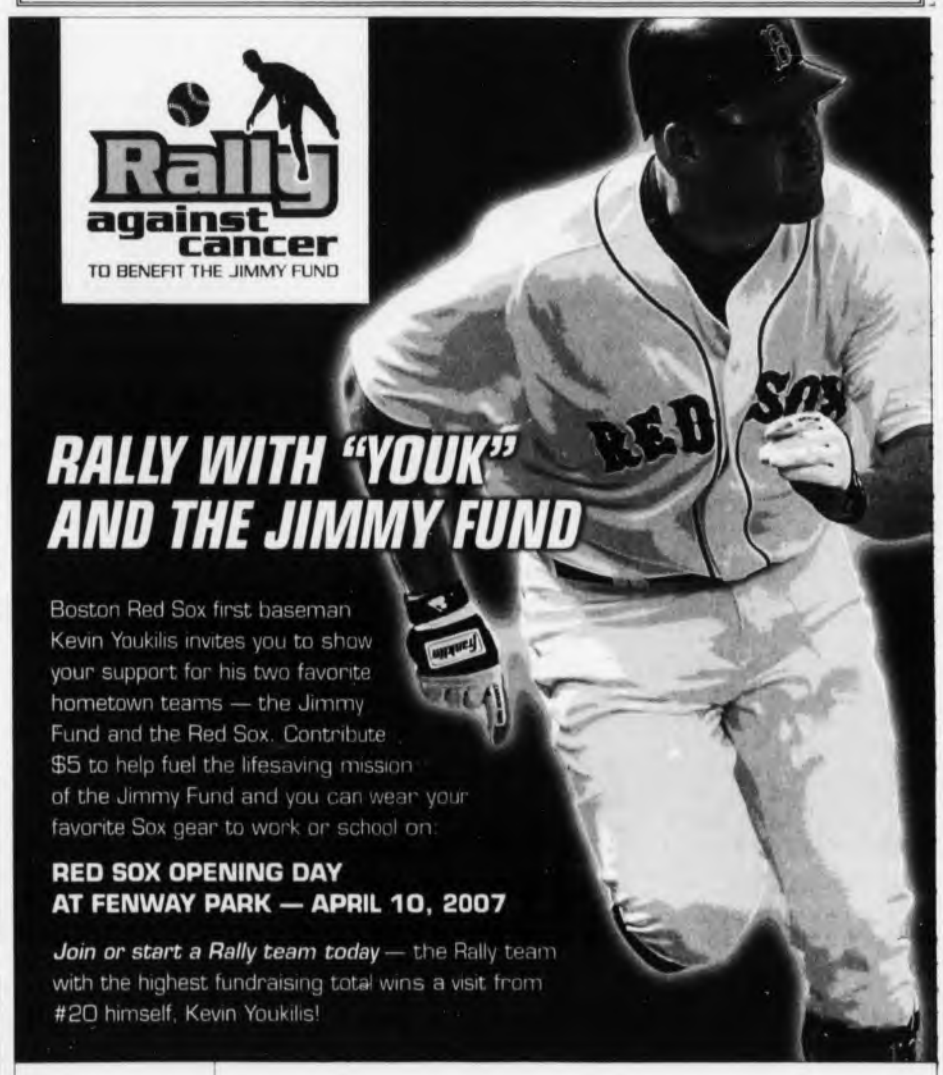
"This could potentially be the best pitching staff, depth-wise, since I've been here," Gallotta said.

Gallotta has high hopes for Hill, DeGiacomo and Snowdale, and hopes for a successful season. Gallotta also knows, though, that while the success of a baseball team lies in its pitching staff, the success of the pitchers depends on the defense behind them. Gallotta hopes that his defense, which was shaky at times last season, can make plays to back up his pitchers in what he thinks is the most competitive sport in the South Shore League.

"It has the most balance and is very competitive; all the teams are very strong," Gallotta said of the league.

All three will be able to show their true pitching potential and why they are the starters. For this year and next, they will be the motor that runs this Cohasset ship. Hill, DeGiacomo and Snowdale will need to perform at their highest level to steer these Skippers to success and their ultimate goal: the state tournament.

Coaches! Email your writeups to mgoodman@cnc.com







Cohasset's Pinewood Derby goes hi-tech

Cohasset Cub Scout Pack #38 held their annual Pinewood Derby at Deer Hill School on Monday, March 12. Cohasset Boy Scout Troop #28, over the past two years, has purchased a track with an automatic start and a computer program to record the times and speed of each car. Sixty Cub Scouts from grades one through five participated in the races. As each car sped down the track, their time was recorded to the one-ten thousandth of a second and speed calculated, as in true drag car racing style. The times were then displayed on a scoreboard for everyone to see.

The boys received their blocks of wood in December and over the past three months, the boys and their families carved them into race cars. The cars varied in style from stock cars, Formula One cars, and a corkscrew car. The decorations included identifiable NASCAR racers, Patriots logo, fancy decals and detailing, Legos, a cheese car and a Cohasset Police cruiser. With race director Cub Master Jeff Forsdick, coordinator Brian Pratt, Troop #28 adult, and track stager, Merle Brown, Troop #28 committee member, and Scouts Graham Sinclaire and Robbie Hillman, each car ran four races at their respective Cub level. The winners and their composite score by Cub level were:

Tiger Cubs – grade one:

First place: Joshua Liberty, 10.1709 seconds, 194.4 mph.

Second place: Alexander Arnold, 10.2057 seconds, 193.7 mph.

Third place: Thomas Coffey, 10.2351 seconds, 193.2 mph.

Wolves – grade two:

First place: Charles Slanetz, 10.0972 seconds, 195.8 mph.

Second place: Zachery Herman, 10.1422 seconds, 195.0 mph.

Third place: Matthew Doyle, 10.1791 seconds, 194.2 mph.

Bears – grade three:

First place: Dylan Marat, 9.9476 seconds, 198.8 mph – track record.

Second place: Reagan Butler, 10.3597 seconds, 190.9 mph.

Third place: Levente Haber, 10.3663 seconds, 190.7 mph.

Webelos – grade five:

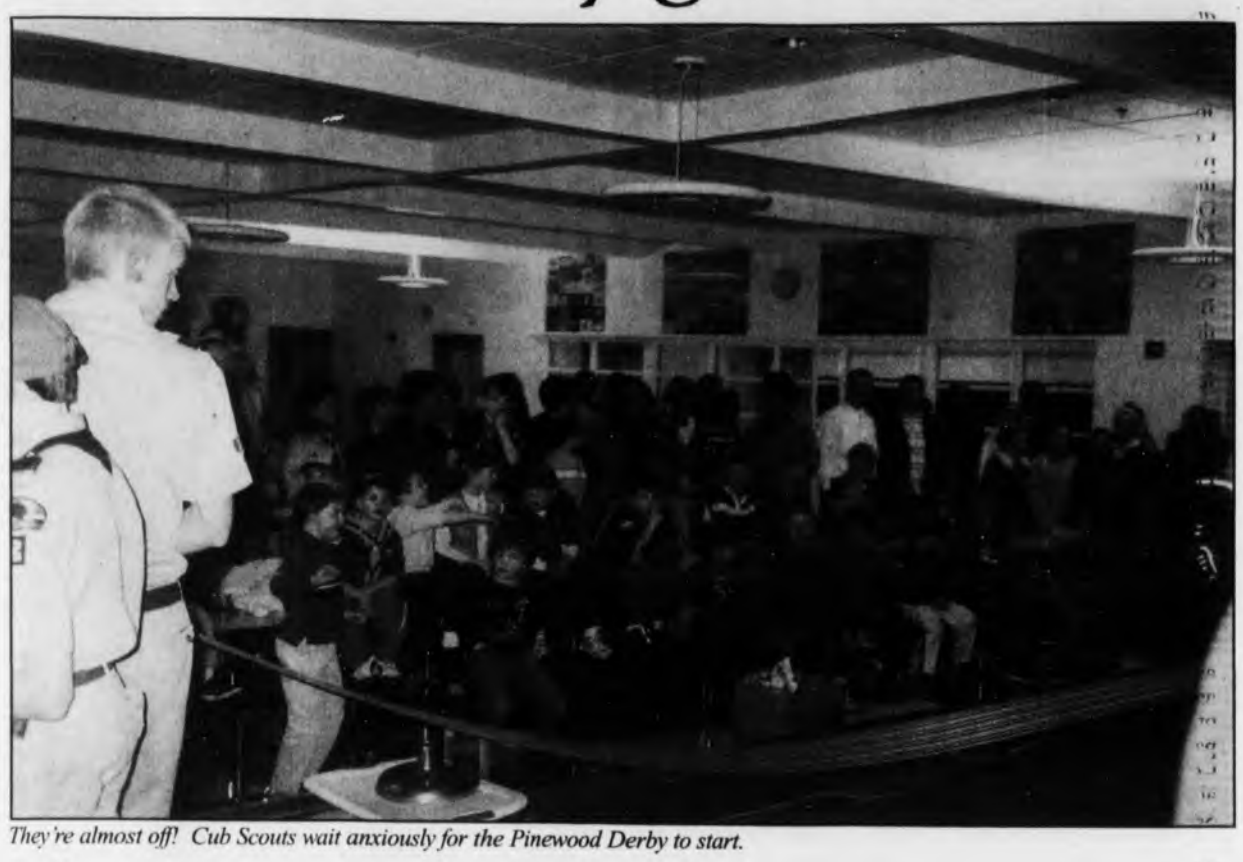
First place: Derek Benson, 10.1614 seconds, 194.6 mph.

Second place: Jake Masci, 10.2660 seconds, 192.6 mph.

Third place: Clark Indek, 10.5729 seconds, 187.0 mph.

In a final race between the first place winners of each level, the overall winner was Dylan Marat with a time of 10.0260 seconds.

All of the boys that entered cars received a participation ribbon. The top three winners in each level were awarded a trophy and their cars will go on to competition at the District Level in Plymouth April 7. Congratulations to everyone.



They're almost off! Cub Scouts wait anxiously for the Pinewood Derby to start.



Wow! What a trophy. Joshua Liberty proudly displays his first-place award with his dad, Paige.



Levente Haber and his dad, Carston, are all smiles at the event. Levente won a third-place ribbon!



Reed Park's car was a totally awesome miniature Cohasset police cruiser.



Cub master Jeff Forsdick mans the controls.



Track stager Merle Brown sets the cars up for the race.

Rockin' for Wellspring at Sea Note

The band is in peak form, and working on their sound for their Sea Note debut.

A season-opener at the Sea Note will be the scene of the raffle drawing for Wellspring's dream vacation cruise to Alaska presented by Princess Cruises and Cohasset Travel. On Sunday, May 6, from 4 to 7 p.m., the GR8tfls – the artists formerly know as the Grateful Dads – will be playing at the Sea Note in Hull. The band is in peak form, and working on their sound for their Sea Note debut. The only change-up in the action will be the additional excitement of the spinning drum as a winning ticket for the all-expense-paid cruise to Alaska is drawn.

Thanks to Princess Cruises and the GR8tfls, guests can take a chance on a vacation for two, party at the Sea Note and support Wellspring for only $50. Buy a raffle ticket, party at the Sea Note and support a great cause – Wellspring's educational programs and services.

Admission to Sunday at the Sea Note is free for everyone who has bought a raffle ticket. Raffle tickets are still available for $50, and includes two tickets to the Sea Note, and may be purchased by visiting wellspringhull.org monica@wellspringhull.org or calling781-925-3211.

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Library Corner

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One Book One Cohasset – Join others on the Cohasset Common on Sunday, April 1, at 1 p.m., to help celebrate the end of the town-wide reading program, One Book One Cohasset. Author David McGillivray will be on hand to cheer everyone on as Cohasset Rotary's Road Race-By-the-Sea gets underway. Enter the race by contacting the Cohasset Rotary or join in the festivities.

Movie Matinee – The April 6 Movie Matinee has been canceled in observance of Good Friday. Next film will be shown on Friday, May 6, at 11 a.m. The feature will be "Top Hat" starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. Free admission and light refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the film "The Great Match" Thursday, April 12, at 6 p.m. Free admission and free refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

New Titled – Check out these new titles at the library: "Obsession" by Jonathan Kellerman; "Alibi Man" by Tami Hoag; and "The Double Blind" by Chris Bohjalian. Also, check out the new DVDs: "Children of Men" starring Clive Owen; and "The Holiday" starring Cameron Diaz and Kate Winslet. Place a hold on these items by calling the library or through the Web site.

FOR CHILDREN

The following programs for children are available at Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

MamaSteph is Back – MamaSteph will perform Mondays, at 10:30 a.m., in the Meeting Room through the end of April. Funded by the Friends of Cohasset Library. All ages and communities welcome.

Drop In Story Time – Big book stories, music and movement will be featured on Tuesdays in the Story Room at 10:30 a.m. during the month of March. All ages and communities welcome.

Support One Book One Cohasset project

Friends of the Cohasset Library and the One Book Committee are encouraging all participants of the One Book initiative to be part of the One Book One Cohasset Finale at the 31st annual Cohasset Road Race by the Sea on Sunday, April 1.

Those who are planning on walking or running can visit roadracebythesea.com or stop by the library for a registration form. Volunteers are also needed.

Residents are encouraged to stand along the road race route to cheer on the walkers and runners. There are also some key locations along the route where extra support is necessary to guide walkers in the right direction.

Volunteers will receive a One Book One Cohasset T-shirt and anyone who already has One Book One Cohasset 02025 T-shirt is also strongly encouraged to line the road race route and inspire the participants.

For more information on how to show support for One Book One Cohasset can email Linda Fechter at mlfechter@comcast.net.

Cohasset artist's work on view at James Library

"Surf and Turf" land and seascape paintings by Diana Rousseau of Cohasset will be on view and sale at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, from April 6 through April 30. An opening reception for the public will take place April 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. The exhibit may be viewed Tuesday through Friday, from 1 to 5 p.m., and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information, visit the Web site at jameslibrary.org.

"Color and light are the favored elements for me as an artist. The beauty of the natural world around me and my emotional response to it are what I seek to express through my painting. I will often do a scene several times, trying to capture different light effects, seasonal color or mood. I especially love the light and mood of the early morning or late afternoon, or the light when there is a storm coming or just passing. I paint with pastels and acrylics and have been painting about 10 years," said Rousseau.

It's Happening

Barack Obama to speak at BU April 20

Joe Stanganelli of Cohasset, a law school classmate of Barack Obama's, encourages anyone in Cohasset who is interested in learning more about Sen. Obama or supporting his campaign in any way to contact him. Stranganelli is part of the Host Committee for an event Friday, April 20, at 6 p.m., at Boston University's Agganis Arena.

Obama will speak to a crowd of students, supporters and individuals interested in finding out what all the buzz is about. Anyone interested in tickets or more information can contact Stanganelli at jstanganelli@swsllp.com.

CMI seeks coaches

Cohasset Maritime Institute is putting out a call for coaches and coxes. Do you have a background in rowing? Cohasset Maritime Institute needs you. As the Cohasset Maritime Institute community rowing program is growing they are anticipating a need for additional coaches and coxes for the spring and summer seasons. If you have experience in rowing and would like to join our efforts to introduce and coach children and adults alike to the joy of rowing contact Jack Buckley, President, CMI at jbuckley@cohassetk12.org.

Flower sale at St. Anthony

There will be a flower sale Sunday, April 1, at St. Anthony's Parish. The flower sale is a fundraiser for a youth mission trip to New Orleans this summer.

Come by and buy an Easter lily and help support this worthy cause. The youth will be helping to rebuild homes of those who were displaced by Hurricane Katrina nearly two years ago.

Teen Center Dance

There will be a dance for Cohasset youngsters, grade six only, on Friday, March 30, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Dances are $5 per person and students will be required to show their student ID when they sign in for the dance.

Students should make sure they are able to gain admittance to the dance before their ride leaves as once the Teen Center reaches its capacity no further admittance can be allowed. There will be no admittance, in any case, after 8:30 p.m. for dances.

Snacks and refreshments will be on sale.

This is not a school function.

There will be grade seven and eight only dances during April. Exact date to be announced.

Write your life story starting April 10

"Writing the Stories of Our Lives" is a 9-week guided autobiography group that offers the opportunity to write about and share your life stories. The group will meet 9:30 – 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday mornings April 10th through June 5th at the Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, 16 Hull St., Hingham. Individuals of all ages are welcome. A program fee of $80 is suggested. The group will be facilitated by Ann Diamond, Ph.D. a licensed psychologist in private practice in Hingham. To register contact Ann Diamond at 781-740-4740.

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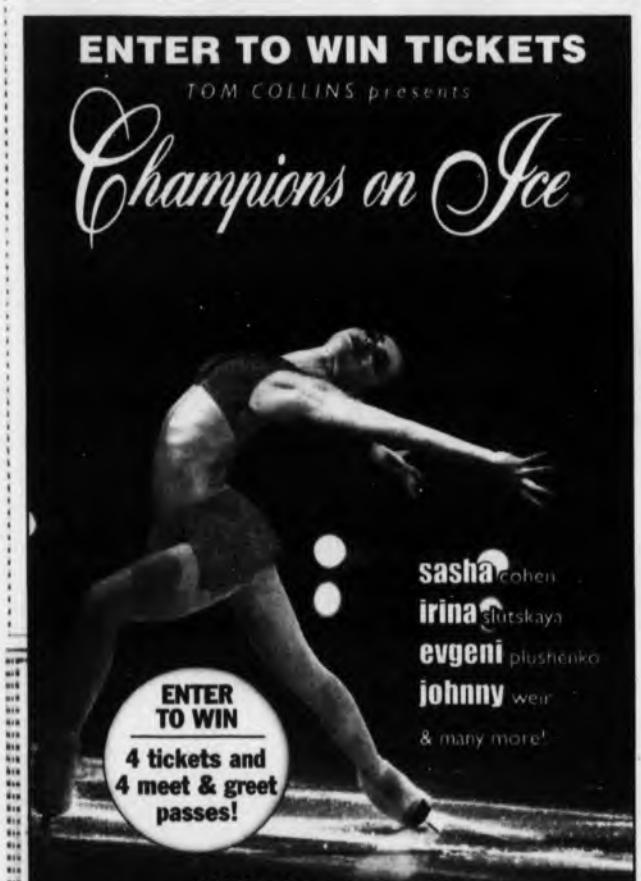
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DESTINATIONS

In search of the Sanibel sunset

A travel diary

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The sunrise paints the skies over Sanibel Island in hues of pink and orange.

They talk a lot about the sunsets on Sanibel Island. Any number of boat charter companies invite visitors to drink in the scenery by taking a sunset cruise. And you can do so literally by imbibing a Sanibel Sunset — the name given to a delightfully fruity tropical rum concoction I thoroughly enjoyed.

In reading up on this island gem off the coast of southwest Florida in the Gulf of Mexico, I discovered that in addition to its vast array of colorful seashells, Sanibel is renowned for its spectacular sunsets. As our brief trip involved a two-day stop in Fort Myers to catch the Red Sox in spring training prior to our island stay, I had a limited amount of time to chase down and enjoy sunsets on Sanibel.

On the first night I discovered that our charming resort, Song of the Sea, was situated on an east-facing beach. When looking out over the cool, white expanse of sand and the vast blue gulf in front of me, I couldn't help notice the sun was setting behind me — just over my right shoulder.

But on that night, I was content to sit on the porch of our gulf-view suite, sip my merlot and watch the sky to the west turn shades of orange and pink.

'We'll catch the sunset cruise tomorrow night,' I told my husband, who seemed relieved we didn't have to rush off to Captiva — Sanibel's sister island just over the causeway — or anywhere else to catch a boat. This part of the trip was supposed to be relaxing for him. He savored the chance to sit by the pool or lounge in a beach chair and doze off to the sound of lapping waves or me reading off the menu selections at a variety of island eateries. Trying to balance his need for R & R and my need to explore Sanibel and get the most out of our time there, proved challenging — but I think we accomplished it.

We enjoyed dining out at Red Fish, Blu Fish, an artsy, tapas or small-plate café where we laughed when we saw the minuscule portion of crème brulee I told the waitress we'd share. The food was delicious if diminutive but we were grateful for the extra basket of bread. After dinner we grooved to live jazz music — I requested the band play one of our wedding songs — at Ellington's restaurant and jazz bar located at the Sanibel Inn.



Sanibel Lighthouse has been a familiar beacon for mariners since 1884.

A lover of lighthouses, I took advantage of the complementary bikes our resort offered and armed with a crude map and my camera we pedaled out the two miles to Sanibel Lighthouse the next morning. The large brown structure standing on four spindly metal legs at the tip of the island stood in stark contrast to the beauty that surrounded it — the tranquil gulf waters, the swaying palms and mangroves, and hibiscus growing wild.

When it came to the J.N. 'Ding' Darling Wildlife Refuge at the center of Sanibel, we opted to drive rather than pedal our way there.

The sanctuary, we found, is for the birds.

For a $5 charge you can drive, (it's $1 on a bike) along the paved roadway cutting through the refuge, which is full of scenic overlooks where you can bird watch to your heart's delight. Osprey, great blue heron, pelicans and many other sea birds I cannot begin to identify, enjoy feeding on fish in the shallow waters, oblivious to the tourists snapping their pictures or gazing at them through high-powered binoculars. You can stop wherever you like along the way to enjoy the views, museum exhibits and other attractions —we saw several local anglers vying with the birds for the estuaries' bounty.

Our appetite for nature sated, we decided to feed our mid-afternoon hunger at Captiva's famous Bubble Room. It was a short, but breathtaking drive to Captiva along the coast where beautifully landscaped, pastel-colored mansions rise above the palms and overlook the gulf. We stepped back in time inside the Bubble Room, a quirky café cluttered with a vast collection of antique toys, photographs and gimcracks of all varieties. A life-sized Betty Boop greets those entering the ladies room and a selection of delicious homemade desserts is a sweet compliment to a dizzying array of pop culture artifacts on display throughout the restaurant.

After a quick shopping spree through Perwinkle Place, a charming outdoor mall, to pick up the required souvenir T-shirts and other "tshatshkes" for family members, it was time to kick back and enjoy the beach. My husband stretched out on a beach chair and I lathered up with SPF 55 sunscreen and took the warm gulf water, wading waist deep, in search of the perfect, unbroken, conch shell.

In the end, it eluded me. My theory is the staff of Sanibel's shell museum gets to all the best shells before the tourists. Of course there are plenty of shell shops that sell the treasure you've sought in vain, but where's the sport in that?

We never made it for a sunset cruise and the earliest dinner reservation we could get for a table with a view at Sunset Grille was 8:45 — well past sun down. So we opted for Doc Ford's Sanibel Rum Bar & Grille and had what was the best meal of the vacation. I went with banana leaf snapper, he had a steak and of course that meant surf and turf all around. The key lime pie was a triumph, and yes that's where I drank a Sanibel Sunset.

Faced with the prospect of springing forward for an early daylight savings time switch, we retired early. Nervous about oversleeping despite setting several alarms, I slept little and light. When the cell phone alarm went off I shot out of bed and decided to head out to the beach to gather up some of the beautiful white sand to take home in a bottle. As I stepped out of our room onto the dew covered lawn I was thrilled to see the sky streaked with orange and pink to the east. The moon was still up and I grabbed my camera to, well shoot the moon, which from my perspective appeared to dangle between two large palm trees.

Then I headed to the beach and found I was not alone at this early hour. There were people out walking their dogs, and joggers, a group of girls collecting shells, and lots of early birds — seagulls, ospreys and others enjoying breakfast by the sea.

But I was focused on the sunrise — the most beautiful I'd ever seen. I took dozens of photos capturing its majestic ascent, its orange dappled reflection dancing on the gulf's gentle waves. I may not have caught the sunset, but my reward was seeing it climb into the clear sky on another perfect day on Sanibel Island.

Running out of battery power, my camera's memory card nearly full, I turned away from the sun to head back to the hotel and pack up for our trip home, when I heard a voice from behind me. It was an older gentleman out for his morning stroll along the beach. He had seen me trying to capture with my camera the breathtaking sunrise scene.

"That was neat, wasn't it," he said with a smile as he walked by.

Yes, it was.



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Adrian Morris Salon hosts annual benefit

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Lisa Lynch, owner of Ports and Company, was one of the many sponsors of the event hosted by Adrian Morris Salon in Cohasset. Earlier that day the salon hosted a cut-a-thon that also benefited the Live, Learn, Love, Breast Cancer Outreach Organization.



Theresa Breen, Rosie Lonborg, Pam Ahl (who started the Live, Learn, Love Breast Cancer Outreach Organization), Amy Webber, Adrian Morris and Karen Oronte pose for a group picture at the March 10th event at the River Club in Scituate.



Alexandra Smith, Matthew Keefe, and Ben and Nora Keefe are all smiles at the event whose proceeds benefit breast cancer outreach.



Rosie Lonborg, who helped emcee, chats with Gary Barrows at Cut for a Cure reception at the River Club on March 10.



Elizabeth and Mark Kissick of Cohasset attended the event. Elizabeth of EK Designs donated items to the Live Auction.



Ann Seales models an outfit from Ports and Company during the fashion show at Cut for a Cure. The event also included a live auction, raffle and dancing.



Pauline Murano, Brian Blais, and his sister Pat Blais enjoy the Cut for a Cure reception. All the proceeds from the event and cut-a-thon at the Adrian Morris salon – more than $30,000 so far – will go to the Live, Learn, Love, Breast Cancer Outreach Organization.



Clair Wankum and Pam Ahl visit with Jim Lonborg at Cut for a Cure. The event, which was hosted by Adrian Morris Salon, raised more than $30,000 for the Live, Learn, Love Breast Cancer Outreach Organization.



Jeannine Pavlik and Kathy Scollins check out the silent auction table at Cut for a Cure reception held at the River Club.



Ports and Company models walk the runway one more time during the Cut for a Cure reception March 10 at the River Club.

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Cohasset tops Scituate in Academic Bowl

Search engine crackdown at CHS

LIFE AT CHS

MICHAEL CORRY



March has come and gone, and if the old adage "April showers..." is true then you might want to keep a raincoat handy for the next 30 days or so. In phonetically related news, Cohasset reigned supreme over Scituate in an Academic Bowl recently.

The Gestapo of CHS is scouring the building for rule-breakers! We can no longer use search engines for images due to the Nonsens — whoops, Websense. If the school really wants to police the computers; how about using those individual student ID numbers for logins and creating randomly generated passwords to instead of student1 student1 or teacher1 teacher1 as the username/password combo?

Honestly, why do we have computers if we can't even use them for legitimate school projects without BIG BROTHER constantly peeking into our monitor, or preventing us from visiting websites like Google Images? It's understandable the administration doesn't want us playing games (god forbid), but now menial tasks like getting pictures for the Spinnaker has become open-heart surgery.

Every grade has the same sentiment as they leave; the state of affairs is currently on a downward slope at CHS. Let's look at some of the perks our alumni won't find at their alma mater: Open Campus during lunch, Pep Rallies and Senior skits, Camp Marist — what's next, Spirit Week, The Spinnaker? The scales are extremely unbalanced at the moment — but at least the citizens of Cohasset can sleep at night knowing the students of CHS aren't accessing "inappropriate" websites.

Here's what's happening this week.

• The following CHS students were published in Teen Ink magazine! Congratulations to: Amanda Thompson, Virginia Spofford, Austin Breslow, Jeremy Simms, Corbin Faber, Kevin Barber, Emily Coggins.

• Cohasset's 12th-grade AP English students smoked Scituate in The Academic Bowl, burning the competition with their knowledge. Scituate's Academic Team were incinerated by Mrs. Berman's AP English kids, who showed no mercy.

• During the Annual Town Meeting tomorrow, the 2007 Post Prom Party Committee will be hosting the concession stand at the high school from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Come and get some vittles like: coffee, bagels, water, Vitamin Water, hotdogs, meatball subs, and baked goods. This assortment of eats will be on sale both during the meeting and the lunch break. Dinner plates of spaghetti and meatballs made to-go will also be available. Advance orders for these dinners will be taken during the day or by calling **383-1680** in advance. Volunteers are needed to work 1 or 2 hour shifts during the day. Seniors are encouraged to volunteer—the proceeds from the day will go to the 2007 Post Prom Party! To volunteer please call Susan Spofford (383-1680) or e-mail her at spofford6@comcast.net.

Honestly, why do we have computers if we can't even use them for legitimate school projects without BIG BROTHER constantly peeking into our monitor, or preventing us from visiting websites like Google Images?

• Tuesday night a Sustainable Cohasset Meeting took place in the Library.

• Thursday Middle School Team Leaders met.

• Thursday night the All-School Instrumental Concert was held in the gym.

• Tonight the middle school is having a dance from 7-9 p.m. in the cafeteria.

• This Sunday the CHS Concert Band will travel to Lexington for The MICCA, a state-wide music competition. Best of luck to the Bando Commandos and their fearless squad leader, General Hoskin!

Next week the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office is promoting the dramatic presentation "Consent." There is a very close link between teen alcohol and dangerous, unwelcome sexual behavior. This school-wide assembly and presentation of the play will help educate young people about the age of consent, statutory rape, and how alcohol can affect consent.

Seniors have started to get antsy; the tension from this restless buildup only mounts as we approach our final day of school. Tough luck underclassmen—*maybe* Seniors will still get out early by the time you graduate. Just kidding, upperclassmen have been tormenting younger grades with that rumor for years.

Kindergarten registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2007-2008 school year has begun. Registration will take place at Osgood School daily from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Parents will be asked to indicated interest in full-day kindergarten or half-time kindergarten at the time of registration. Parents are also encouraged to register early to facilitate planning for programs.

Children who turn 5 on or before Sept. 1, 2007, are eligible to attend kindergarten. A birth certificate and proof of residency are required in order to register.

Call the Osgood School at 781-383-6117 for more information.

Buttonwood Middle School Book Group

The Buttonwood Middle School Book Group will meet Thursday, April 12, at 7 p.m., at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset.

The selected book is "Heat" by Mike Lupica. The facilitator will be Barb Mullin, Deer Hill School Librarian. Fifth Graders are invited to attend. No reservations are necessary.

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Sending a child to day camp so that a parent can work qualifies as a dependent-care expense. The size of the tax benefit allowable by law varies depending on the parent's income; and Bussel recommends that parents consult an accountant or tax advisor about how to claim this benefit. If a parent makes more than $43,000, he/she can claim a credit of 20% of the cost of summer day camp or up to $600 for one child. This savings only applies to day camps, not to overnight camps.

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Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chairman: William Baird.

Sunday, April 1: 10 a.m. - Worship in the Meeting House A Service of Our Senior High Youth

Religious education classes for toddlers and children through 2nd grade and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 a.m. in the Parish House. Children from 3rd grade up are invited to join your parents for worship in the Meeting House.

Refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall will follow the morning service and RE classes.

Soul Work: Conversations across Congregations (with parallel programming for children) - First Parish UU in Cohasset - Noon to 2:30 p.m. This first Sunday series of conversations on anti-racism work as spiritual practice, as soul work, will continue, with lunch served at noon, and adult conversations led by Eva Marx from Old Ship and Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, running from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.. We offer parallel programming for primary age children. This series is based on the book, Soul Work: anti-racist theologies in dialogue. You may purchase a copy at First Parish UU for $18. This series is dedicated to the late Rev. Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley, co-editor of Soul Work.

Candlelight Peace Vigil on Cohasset Common Join us for this first Sunday of the month witness for peace. While we have have candles available, we invite you to bring your own if you can.

Easter Week will be celebrated with

Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:30 p.m., April 5 in the Meeting House

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service on Sandy Beach, Cohasset - 6 a.m.

Easter Worship in the Meeting House - 10 a.m.

Religious education classes for toddlers and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 a.m. in the Parish House.

Children and youth are invited to join your parents for Easter Worship in the Meeting House.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village. To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood.

- Saturday, March 31: 7 am Bible Fellowship
- Sunday, April 1: **Palm Sunday**. Services at 8 am and 10 am; 9 am Youth Service

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Holy Week services:

- Palm Sunday, April 1, at 11 a.m.
- Holy Thursday, April 5, at 7 p.m.
- Good Friday, April 6, at 3 p.m. Silence will be observed from noon to 3 p.m. The Temple is open for silent prayer, meditation and spiritual reading.
- Easter Sunday, April 8, at 11 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

Obituaries

Dominic O'Donnell

Former director of programs at Pine Street Inn

Dominic O'Donnell, 59, of Stirlingshire, Scotland, formerly of Scituate and Boston, died March 4, 2007, in Scotland.

Mr O'Donnell was born in County Donegal, Ireland, and was a graduate of St. Bernardine's School, England; University of London with a bachelor of arts degree in theology; University of Kent with a master of arts degree in psychology; and Boston University with a master of arts degree in psychology and counselling.

He moved to Boston in 1977, and later lived in Scituate for a number of years. He was formerly director of programs for Pine Street Inn, Boston, and worshipped at Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham. He moved from Scituate to Scotland in 1995, and from that time enjoyed many summers at the home of his father-in-law, Tom Healy of Cohasset.

He leaves his wife, Kathy (Healy) O'Donnell, whom he married in 1983; and two sons, Francis O'Donnell of St. Andrews, Scotland, and Dominic O'Donnell of Stirlingshire, Scotland.

A funeral service was conducted in Scotland.

Memorial donations may be made to Glastonbury Abbey Retreat Program, 16 Hull Street, Hingham, MA 02043 or St Anthony's Shrine, Bread for the Poor Program, 100 Arch St., Boston, MA 02110.

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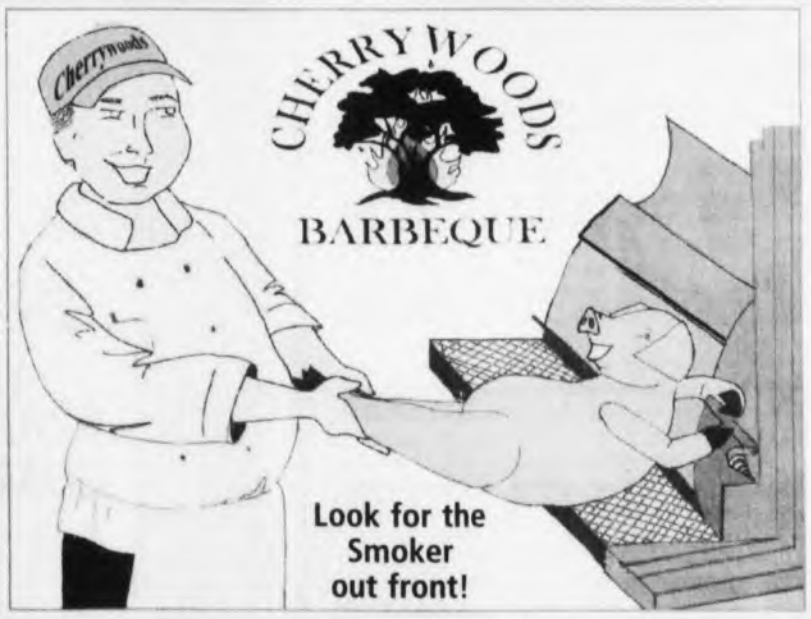
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11:47 a.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in party requests a no trespass order for a place of business.

12:19 p.m. **Nichols Road**, icy road conditions reported; DPW notified.

12:54 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, request for officer. Arrest: Christopher T. Riihimaki, 130 Atlantic Ave., Cohasset. Charges: Possession of a class D substance with intent to distribute, possession of a class D substance and person under 21 with possession of alcohol.

3:19 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, citizen transported.

9:17 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports her son's car was egged at Shaw's Plaza; son home at time of report.

11:11 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

11:17 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checked; secure.

11:18 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

MONDAY, MARCH 19

1:16 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

1:17 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:43 a.m. **Aaron River Road**, walk-in party reports she lost her cell phone.

11:03 a.m. **Building checks**, officer reports school buildings checked; secure.

12:06 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested; transported to Quincy Medical Center/ALS.

12:12 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, well-being check; caller reports a female party is walking in the middle of the street with a broom in her hand, forcing motor vehicles to go around her to get by.

2:40 p.m. **Beach St.**, caller reports his house is shaking.

4:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle hit and run; caller reports someone hit his car in the parking lot and left: Scituate has been notified to be on the lookout for the vehicle. If the vehicle comes back into Scituate, it is wanted for the hit and run with property damage; vehicle was last seen heading south on Route 3A.

4:51 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, caller requests medical aid for elderly male with low blood sugar; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

5:09 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:22 p.m. **Bancroft Way**, caller reports an abandoned vehicle which has been on her property for a few months; the vehicle is an Isuzu fence truck with no plates and an expired sticker.

11:44 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

12:53 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

8:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, animal complaint; caller reports a wild turkey that won't leave from the front of the stores.

9:22 a.m. **Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic enforcement.

10:37 a.m. **Schofield Road and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

10:55 a.m. **Sestito Lane**, detail officer states a passerby reported a large white truck blocking traffic. Investigated and found to be a cement truck backing into driveway; will be moved momentarily.

11:28 a.m. **Highland Ave.**, motor vehicle hit and run; caller reports someone hit her car and left.

11:53 a.m. **Tilden Road, Scituate** - medical aid; Scituate requests R3 for a cardiac disorder; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

12:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

12:54 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

1:30 p.m. **Hanover Police Dept.**, be on the lookout announcement issued by Hanover police, who are looking for a white female.

2:23 p.m. **Elm St.**, possible electrical fire in the dispatch center; wiring inspector notified.

2:46 p.m. **Elm Court**, well-being check; caller reports being on the phone with a customer when the phone went quiet. He thinks the person he was talking to may have fallen. Fire dept. reports they have gained access to the house and no one is home.

4:25 p.m. **Pond and King streets**, traffic enforcement.

4:24 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, traffic enforcement.

4:36 p.m. **King St. and Lily Pond Lane**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

4:53 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

5:08 p.m. **Beechwood St. and Hillside Drive**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

5:21 p.m. **Beechwood St. and Ox Pasture Lane**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

5:39 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:52 p.m. **North Main St.**, several callers report a motor vehicle went off the road, hit a tree and in the water; Sergeant reports this will be a hard tow; 3A Towing notified. Sergeant on scene reports they are shutting down North Main St. Fire Captain reports R3 is still evaluating the driver. E3 is going to be tied up at the scene for a while until they remove the vehicle from the swamp.

7:50 p.m. **Hull St.**, Hull police report a group of youths are throwing snow balls at vehicles.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

1 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

7:15 a.m. **Reservoir Road**, medical aid requested.

7:35 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, animal complaint; dead raccoon.

8:30 a.m. **Beaver Damn Road, Scituate** – Scituate Fire Dept. requests a mutual aid engine for a structure fire.

9:22 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

9:41 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:42 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

10:15 a.m. **Bancroft Road**, walk-in party would like to speak with an officer.

11:48 a.m. **Deep Run**, request for officer.

1:32 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, identity theft/fraud reported.

2:19 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, disturbance; caller reports party is blocking off the street and causing a problem.

3:35 p.m. **Ripley Road**, suspicious activity reported; caller reports solicitors came into his barber shop.

4:30 p.m. **Beechwood and Doane streets**, traffic enforcement.

5:24 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:12 p.m. **Elm St.**, threats; walk-in party reports she would like to speak to an officer regarding her daughter.

6:19 p.m. **North Main St.**, larceny reported.

7:24 p.m. **Pond St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports something is in the roadway in the northbound lane of Route 3A; officer reports a large piece of ice was in the roadway and has been removed.

9:46 p.m. **Beechwood and South Main streets**, Norwell police reports erratic operation on Route 123 heading towards Scituate. Notified Norwell police that the vehicle has been pulled over in Cohasset and they advised they do not have the contact information on the original caller; operation was a marked lanes violation. Arrest: Scot M. Connell, 33, 430 South Main St., Cohasset. Charges: Operating under the influence of drugs, marked lanes violation, possession of a class C substance and possession of a class E substance.

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What's happening on the South Shore

MARCH 29-APRIL 6, 2007

Local comedian ready for home stand

'Laughter' brings funny business to Memorial Hall

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Don Gavin grew up in West Roxbury, taught high school in Weymouth, and now makes his home in Nahant, but the longtime stand-up comic really lives on the road and at sea.



Dan Boulger

"I'm on tour playing comedy clubs about 10 weeks a year, and I play cruise ships another 25 weeks a year," explained Gavin by telephone last week from Las Vegas where he was headlining at the Comedy Stop in the Tropicana Hotel and Casino. Gavin will be home in Massachusetts this Saturday, however, for "Laughter on the Rock," a night of comedy at Plymouth Memorial Hall. He'll share the bill with fellow comics Patty Ross, Dave Russo, Dan Boulger and Christine Hurley. Gavin promises some local humor for his hometown audience.

"I'll definitely be talking about the Big Dig and Boston drivers," says Gavin. "I'm an everyman. Whatever I do wrong, you have, too — I just see humor where other people don't. The things that aggravate me make it into my act. I write all my own material, sometimes on napkins or even matchbooks. I never buy jokes from other writers."

And he doesn't see the humor that some of his fellow comics do in the news coming out of Washington, D.C.

"Politics are something I never touch. There has never been any mention of politics or politicians in my act and there never will be. I don't find politics humorous at all."

And he likes to laugh.

"A lot of comedians are not funny people at all. Their comedy comes from them being loners and never even having a date, but that's not me at all," says the 57-year-old Gavin, whose early influences included George Carlin, Richard Pryor, Jonathan Winters, and another comic with a similar career trajectory. "I really like Robert Klein and he was originally a school teacher, too."



Don Gavin



Patty Ross

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Gavin taught English and was also a coach at Weymouth North High School's Vocational Technical School for 12 years, before deciding to trade the classroom for a comedy club stage.

"The last couple of years that I taught, I was playing clubs at night. It was difficult to do both things at the same time. I wouldn't get home until 1:30 in the morning and then I'd have to be up again at 6 a.m. I had to decide between one and the other and so I chose comedy. The hours are better. I can sleep until noon."

He may have left his high school classroom behind, but Gavin continues to mentor and teach young comics — including Jimmy Dunn, Kevin Flynn, and Wendy Liebman — and has long been known as "The Godfather of Boston Comedy." Gavin founded Nick's Comedy Stop in Boston and was also a founding member of the Ding Ho, a now-defunct Cambridge comedy club where Lenny Clarke, Jimmy Tingle, and Steven Wright got their starts.

"I like to encourage young comics and give them advice about small changes they can make to their acts including their timing and delivery."



Christine Hurley

Gavin's own ability to deliver the laughs has also earned him roles in feature films like "Shallow Hal" and "Fever Pitch," as well as frequent guest shots on "The Late Show with David Letterman," but the comic still prefers live work to films and television.



Dave Russo

"I enjoy traveling very much. I get to stay in some beautiful hotels and on some very luxurious cruise ships," the latter because of an act that has mass appeal. "I work clean which a lot of people who book comics really appreciate. On a cruise ship, I do material that appeals to everyone from grandparents to grandchildren. That's just the way I like it."

Don Gavin will be toplining "Laughter of the Rock" at Plymouth Memorial Hall on Saturday, March 31, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Leukemia Society. For tickets and information, call 508-747-1340 of visit www.ticketweb.com. Tickets may also be purchased at all Strawberries locations.

Movie review



Agent Memphis (Michael Pena) and Marine Bob Lee Swagger (Mark Wahlberg) have revenge on their minds.

'Shooter' hits the marky mark

Shooter (B)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

Jason Bourne gets "Rambo"-ized in "Shooter," a surprisingly entertaining, if dumb and gratuitously brutal action film.

Based on a novel by Washington Post film critic Stephen Hunter, the film marks Mark Wahlberg's bid to be the Stallone-Schwarzenegger action hero of his generation.

Bob Lee Swagger, if you can believe it, is the name of the hard-assed, hawk-eyed Marine Gunnery sergeant Wahlberg plays in the film. In opening scenes in Ethiopia, Bob Lee, a super-sniper capable of hitting a target a mile away, is blasting the brains out of "unfriendlies" to provide cover for a Delta Force-like "peacekeeping" team operating covertly.

Next thing you know, Bob Lee's spotter is dead, and he has been left behind to die by his superiors. Bad idea, boys.

Before you can say "First Blood," he's secretly wiped out his betrayers and is holed up in the Wyoming mountains with his dog, an animal smart enough to serve and enjoy a cold Bud.

Enter Col. Isaac Johnson (Danny Glover sporting some sort of dental device). Johnson wants Bob Lee to help stop an attempt on the life of the president, one Bob Lee deduces will take place in Philadelphia.

"Shooter," not to be confused with the four other films with this title, is one of those movies in which everything is so obvious, the only person who doesn't know Bob Lee is being set up is Bob Lee. No one said a hero had to be smart, especially if his name is Bob Lee Swagger.

Wahlberg, fresh off his Academy Award nomination for "The Departed," has a faint goatee and in early scenes a Rambo-like ponytail. In what I predict will be the film's signature line, justifying the trail of blood he leaves behind, Bob Lee reminds someone that, "These boys killed my dog."

'Nuf said.

The plot is mildly ludicrous, but the gunplay and explosions are well-orchestrated, and the film's anarchic cynicism regarding the government will appeal equally to liberals and card-carrying NRA true believers.

In scenes reminiscent of the far superior John Frankenheimer film "Ronin," Sarah (Kate Mara), the gorgeous widow of Bob Lee's spotter, operates on Bob Lee's gunshot wounds after he knocks himself out by inhaling the aerosol contents of several cans of whipped cream. I kid you not. It's "MacGyver: E.R." Don't try this at home, kids.

Every rising star in Hollywood capable of delivering a credible screen punch gets to play a role like this one, and Wahlberg, as we all know, has the fisticuffs down cold.

In the supporting cast, Michael Pena as a disillusioned FBI agent, Elias Koteas as a bad guy and the aforementioned Mara and Glover do their jobs well. As a Dick Cheney-esque Senator from Montana, veteran Ned Beatty is a hoot.

Director Antoine Fuqua ("Tears of the Sun," "King Arthur") finally pulls the action-film ingredients together coherently. "Shooter" may not be the brightest boy in class, but he's tough and he's got heart. I smell a sequel.

Rated R. "Shooter" contains gore, extreme violence and sexually suggestive scenes.

Calendar of events

Thursday, Mar. 29

The Musica Eclectica Concert Series at Eastern Nazarene College presents: **Peter H. Bloom**, flute, alto flute, and bass flute **Mark Leighton**, guitar Thursday, March 29, at 7 p.m. Eastern Nazarene College, Edith F. Cove Fine Arts Center Wendell Street, off of East Elm St., Quincy, MA Red Line, Wollaston T Stop Free admission. 617-745-3715

The Alzheimer's Partnerships of The South Shore and Neponset Valley presents Caregivers In Our Own Voice March 29, at 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Loring Center in Plymouth, An optional full or half day program addressing the challenges and rewards of caregiving. Listen to caregivers discuss their journey with humor and personal insights. Caregiver Program in the morning and special education and CEU program in the afternoon. Complimentary continental breakfast and lunch. Limited Adult Day Health Care, Respite and Home Assistance available. Call Sue Sheehan at 781-828-7450, ext.307 for questions, CEU information and application form. Meet a variety of professionals available for free consultations!

Local Chapter of Business Networking International bni.com meets weekly Thursday mornings in Pembroke at 7:30. New members are welcome. Call Tricia Lorente at 508-740-3385 for details.

Artwork by students of Donna Rossetti-Bailey Feb. 28-April 7. Over the years, many people from the South Shore have studied pastel and drawing with Marshfield artist, Donna Rossetti-Bailey. More than 30 students have works on display in the Vine Hall Gallery, **South Shore Natural Science Center,** 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. This exhibit will highlight both plein-aire and studio work 781-659-2559.

The Scituate Library Foundation "Life on the Coast" Speaker Series presents Raptor Migration at the Kekoldi Hawkwatch, Costa Rica with Julie Tilden — Avian Field Biologist March 29, at 7 p.m. Tilden will share her research and experiences with the South Shore community. Free to the public. The presentation will last about one hour with a question and answer period following the presentation. For info call 781-545-8727 or visit scituatetownlibrary.org

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, Satch Romano's **New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam** with **The Bankok Blues Society** featuring **Mark Michaels, Butch Hirtle Joe Bellomo and Bruce McGrath** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796.

Friday, Mar. 30

The South Shore Conservatory Concert Series announces a performance of *Pictures at an Exhibition* by Modest Mussorgsky on March 30, 7:30 p.m. at the Conservatory's Cox Hall in Hingham. Conservatory pianists will perform two piano suites with musical remarks by the Conservatory's President, Kathy Czerny. Piano suites performed by **Antonio Benedetto, Gina Benedetto, Alex Buiel, Steve Deitz, Irina Kotlyar-Vulikh, Edwina Li, Margaret Li, Jane Viemeister**, and **Hui-Min Wang**. The South Shore Music Circus and Robert and Dorothy Palmer Galleries will feature South Shore Art Center Gallery Artists **Gretchen Moran, Isabelle Shamitz** and **Nick Johnson.** A wine and cheese reception will precede the concert at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are $25 for adults and $20 for seniors/students. To purchase tickets or for information call 781-749-7565 x 10 or 781-934-2731 x 11 or visit www.southshoreconservatory.org/concert_series.htm

The Society of Arts and Crafts presents **CRAFTBOSTON** 2007 March 30 to April 1, at Boston's Seaport World Trade Center. Seaport World Trade Center, 200 Seaport Boulevard, Boston. General Admission: $15, Senior Citizens & SAC Members: $12, Children 12 years and under: Free. Admission tickets valid for readmission throughout the weekend. For information, call 617-266-1810 or visit craftboston.org

Las Vegas Night, March 30, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the American Legion Post, 215 Waverly Oakes Road, Waltham. $15 per person. Proceeds benefit Order of the Eastern Star charity. 781-582-4334.

CALENDAR, see next page



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"Surf and Turf" Land and Seascape painting by Diana Rousseau of Cohasset will be on view and sale at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, from April 6 to 30 An opening reception for the public will be held on April 6, from 7-9 p.m. The exhibit may be viewed Tuesday - Friday 1-5 p.m. and Saturday 10-1p.m. Visit our website at www.jameslibrary.org.

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A high speed strobe photo of a paper clip shattering a lit light bulb by Chris Bernstein

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The North River Arts Society is pleased to present Festival Of The Arts Award Winners - Best In Show: Photography at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Square, Marshfield. Featured in this exhibit are works by the award-winning photographers: Chris Bernstein, John Droege, Viola Kaumien, Lance Keimig, Mike Sleeper, Michael Sullivan, Susan White, Paul Weiner, Robert Weiss, Ronald Wilson. This show runs April 1 - June 1. The public is invited to a free opening reception at the Library on April 2, from 7 to 9 p.m. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster St., Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m. ,Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com

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All Season's Restaurant, 327 Plymouth St., (Rt. 106), Halifax Comedy Night March 30, 9 p.m. featuring **P.J. Walsh** along with **Annette Pollack, Matt McArthur, Sandy Asai, Phil Doyle** and South Shore's own **Tommy Dunham.** Tickets: $15. Advanced tickets being sold by calling 781-293-4135. For information visit myspace.com/annettepollack

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road **Pembroke**. March 30, **Chain Drive** 8 to 11 p.m. 781-829-6999.

Run of the Mill Tavern, 6 Spring St., Plymouth. **The Hot Sauce Band** will perform 9 p.m. to closing.

The Vine European Style Wine Bar, 18 Main St. Ext. lower level (under Café Stréga) Plymouth. Open Tuesday through Sunday at 4 p.m. Wine tastings 6 to 8 p.m. Every Wednesday - $15 includes appetizers Visit thevineplymouth.com information. 508-830-1942.

The Run of the Mill Pub, 6 Spring St., Plymouth March 30, from 8:40 p.m. to closing **The Hot Sauce Band** featuring Mike "Mad Dog" Landers, Ned Frye and Paul Foley. Free admission.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, will feature **Keepin' the Gruve featuring Satch Romano** at 9:15 p.m. No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796.

Our Gang is back and in full swing at the Priscilla Beach Theatre - The Little Rascals plays Fridays and Saturdays, March 23 and 24, 30, and 31 at 7:30 p.m. All tickets $12. The Dramatic School Players of Priscilla Beach Theatre recreate members of the lovable Our Gang including Alfalfa, Spanky, Darla, Butch, Miss Crabtree and others. Our stars of tomorrow include **Haley Cobb, Ayala Dayan, William Flederman, Ashley Glennan, Emma Keane; Josephine, Robert and Rocco Meninno, Alexis O'Neil** and **Skye Swales** — under the direction of Andy Nielson and Geronimo Sands. Set design by Joann Matalavage. To make reservations for THE LITTLE RASCALS and/or register for THE MIKADO call Priscilla Beach Theatre at 1-508-224-4888 or see full details online at ThinkTheatre.org.

Saturday, Mar. 31

The crafters of St. Ann by the Sea Parish of Ocean Bluff are making preparations for an **Easter Fest** on March 31, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 1, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church hall, Rt. 139 Marshfield. Homemade baked goods, Easter baskets, spring decorations knit goods and more. 781-834-4953.

The Jenney Grist Mill in Plymouth will open for the season with a "**Dressing of the Mill Stones**" exhibit. The event will begin with the dismantling of the grinding stones at 11 a.m. today. At 1 p.m. Sunday, April 1, the runner stone will be put back in place to begin the grinding of the corn. Leo Martin, a miller, will demonstrate the dressing of the stones and give a historic presentation about the history of the mill, the story of the Pilgrims' journey to America and the importance of the original mill to the Pilgrims. Fresh ground cornmeal will be available for purchase at the mill. Call Nancy Martin at 508-747-4544 or visit www.jenneygristmill.org for details. The cost for non-members is $6 adults, $4 children 5-17, free for children 4 and under. The cost for members is $5 adult, $3 children 5-17, free for children 4 and under.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth informational meeting March 31, 2 p.m. at the Plymouth Library. Call 508-866-4188 or visit hfhplymouth.org for information

Mass Audubon Society Blue Hills Trailside Museum Trailside Museum To Host 10th Annual Auction March 31, at the Lantana in Randolph. Many unique and exciting items will be featured at both the silent and live auctions. Sit-down dinner included. Begin the evening at 6:00 with cocktails (cash bar) and peruse the silent auction items. Tickets are $75 per person. All funds directly benefit the Trailside Museum. Call the museum at 617-333-0690 or visit the web site massaudubon.org/bluehills for information.

South Shore Conservatory's Performathon takes place at Barnes & Noble, 96 Derby St. in Hingham on March 31, from 9 a.m. to 8 pm. Performathon is a performance marathon that offers Conservatory students the opportunity to hone their performing skills as they help raise money for the Conservatory's Scholarship Fund by soliciting pledges from sponsors, Performances will include instrumental pieces (piano, saxophone, flute, trumpet, guitar, oboe, clarinet, percussion, violin, viola), voice and drama. Audience members, parents and friends of the Conservatory are encouraged to lend their support by sponsoring a Performathon participant, and by making purchases at Barnes & Noble with a special benefit weekend coupon designating a percentage of the sales to be donated to South Shore Conservatory. Call Amy Schomp, 781-749-7565, ext.19 for information.

The Skating Club of Boston presents its annual show, Ice Chips 2007: 95th Anniversary Celebration, "The Great American Songbook". Ice Chips will be presented March 31 and April 1 at Harvard University's Bright Arena. The show features national and international competitors, including the 2006 Olympic Ladies Silver Medalist and 2006 National Ladies Champion, Sasha Cohen. Our show also features an ensemble of more than 250 skating members of the Club, their own medal winners from this year's International, National, Junior National, Sectional, and Regional competitions. Your tax-deductible donation ensures preferred seating. Individual tickets $20; Group rates are available upon request. Tickets available at the Harvard Box Office at Call: 617-496-2222 or visit www.icechips.org For information, visit www.icechips.org

Elanor West, fifth-grader, fundraising for her World Leadership Forum trip to Washington D.C. **Spring Bulb Fundraiser** featuring Bulbs in Pots from Clifford's Flowers. A variety of tulips, narcissus, hyacinth and muscari 4.5 inches and 6-inch pots, and 4 by 6 inch planters Just in time for Easter giving. March 31, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Or while supplies last. Shaw's plaza, Rte. 3A, Cohassset. For information call Beth Meyers at 781-534-2496.

The North River Arts Society presents **The Maine Event** at the Dolphin Gallery located at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham featuring paintings depicting the beauty of the Maine landscape. The following well-known local artists will be showing work in this show: **Joreen Benbenek, Donna Rossetti-Bailey, Sally Dean, Liz Haywood-Sullivan, Becky Haletky,** and **Patricia Gray**. This exhibit will run from March 31 - May 24. Meet the artists at a free opening reception on Monday, April 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. The library gallery is open Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 1-5 p.m. Call the library to confirm current hours: 781.741.1405. For information, contact the NRAS Office at 781.837.8091.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club, March 31, at 1 p.m. Moderate/difficult walk, some hills, 3+ miles Bugbee Path to Buck Hill. Return by Doe Hollow and the Massachuseuk trail. Meet at the Houghton's Pond main lot on 840 Hillside St., Milton For information visit mass.gov/dcr or call 617-698-1802.



Mychal Gendron, guitar, and Susan Thomas, flute.

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The South Shore Conservatory Concert Series announces a performance of Distinguished Guest Artists on April 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Conservatory's Cox Hall in Hingham. Guest Artists Susan Thomas, flute and Mychal Gendron, guitar, will perform selections from the chamber repertoire. Conservatory faculty pianist, Hui Min Wang will also accompany Thomas and Gendron The concert will take place at South Shore Conservatory's Cox Hall in Hingham. A Wine and cheese reception will precede the concert at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are $25 for adults and $20 for seniors/students. To purchase tickets or for more information contact 781-749-7565 x 10 or 781-934-2731 x 11 or visit southshoreconservatory.org/concert For information contact Amy Schomp, 781-749-7565 ext. 19 or amyschomp@southshoreconservatory.org

John Carver Inn, Plymouth present **Dinner Theatre** packages. featuring **We're in the Mood** March 31, doors open at 7:30 p.m. For information visit johncarverinn.com or call JCI at 508-746-7100 or 800-724-1620.

The Pajama Game is being presented by the **Cohasset Dramatic Club** March 30 and 31 at 8 p.m.; March 25 and April 1 at 2 p.m. at the Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave. Cohasset. Tickets are $14, $12 for senior, students and groups of 8 or more in advance at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate or by phone at 617-697-2115. For information contact the **Cohasset Dramatic Club** at 617-697-2115.

New England Singles, March 30, 8 p.m. to midnight Mosely on the Charles, 50 Bridge St,. Dedham $8. Ages 40+ Dance music from the 60's to the present $12. singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth, Traditional Irish Seisiun every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hornpipes, with great craic and singalong. Admission is free. No Cover. Come sing, come play, come listen! Call 508-830-1262.

The Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor, 180 Water St., Plymouth, **Leah Souza** will sing jazz standards and songs from *The Great American Songbook*, at from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Accompanying her with vocals and playing trumpet will be her father, **Johnny Souza**. **Matthew Quinn** will play the piano with them. No cover charge. Check www.LeahSouza.com or www.radissonplymouth.com for details.

Black Raspberry Pub, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth. **Jah Spirit Reggae**.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke. **Emergency Broadcast System** will perform. 781-829-6999.

China Pilgrim Restaurant, 204 South Meadow Road, Plymouth March 31, from 8 p.m. to closing join Mike Landers for a Karaoke party. Free admission.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, will feature **The Hivewhackers** at 8 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796.

Sunday, Apr. 1

The crafters of St. Ann by the Sea Parish of Ocean Bluff are making preparations for an **Easter Fest** on March 31, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 1, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church hall, Rt. 139 Marshfield. Homemade baked goods, Easter baskets, spring decorations knit goods and more. 781-834-4953.

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The North River Arts Society presents the Inside Event at the Dolphin Gallery located at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham featuring paintings depicting the beauty of the Native landscape. The following well-known local artists will be showing work in this show: Jorgen Benbenek, Donna Rossetti-Bailey, Sally Dean, Liz Haywood-Sullivan, Becky Haletky, and Patricia Gray. This exhibit will run from March 31 - May 24. Meet the artists at a free opening reception on Monday, April 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. The library gallery is open Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 1-5 p.m. Call the library to confirm current hours: 781.741.1405. For information, contact the NRAS Office at 781.837.8091.

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The Marshfield Lions Club – Pancake Breakfast April 1, from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Marshfield Elks Lodge, 1321 Ocean St,. Rt. 139. Breakfast consists of pancakes, eggs, sausages, hash browns, toast tea coffee and juice. Adults $4 and children $3. All proceeds benefit scholarships and other charities.

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month **Allan Chambers** will exhibit his paintings for the month of April at the tuft's Library, 46 Borad St., Weymouth 781-337-8134.

Quincy Symphony Orchestra presents its Spring concert **A Young Artist Performs** featuring **cellist Bobby Chen**, ninth grade student at Phillips Academy April 1, at 2:30 p.m. at North Quincy High School, Performing arts center, Hancock and East Squantum sts, across from the North Quincy MBTA station. Tickets $17 Adults, $12 seniors and students and $5 children under 12 accompanied by an adult. 800-579-1618.

Cohasset Dramatic Club presents **The Pajama Game** April 1 at 2 p.m. at the Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave. Cohasset. Tickets are $14, $12 for senior, students and groups of 8 or more; purchase in advance at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate or by phone at 617-697-2115. For information call 617-697-2115.

Blue Hills Reservation and South Region Sites April 1, at 1 p.m. **The Civilian Conservation Corps in the Blue Hills.** Call for registration and meeting place. Carpool and hike to the former CCC site. Two hours. All programs are free. Call 617-698-1802 for weather conditions.

John F. Kennedy Presidential Library & Museum, Columbia Point Boston. **Kennedy Library Forums PEN Hemingway Awards** – Edward P. Jones will deliver the keynote address at the awards ceremony April 1, from 3 to 4 p.m. Free and open to the public. For information visit www.jfklibrary.org or call 617-514-1643.

Front Street Art Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate, hosts **Dianne Panarelli Miller** a Boston based "Plein Air Painter" of color and light through April 29. She is a signature member of the New England Plein Air Painters and a "Copley Master" at the Copley Society in Boston. A reception will be held on Sunday, April 1, from 2 to 5 p.m.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, will feature **Dave Foley, R & R Dr. Solo** at 8 p.m., for No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796.

Monday, Apr. 2

The Braintree Art Association Annual Member Exhibit April 2 through 27, at the Thayer Academy Gallery, 745 Washington St., Braintree. Gallery hours 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. 781-335-4675

The North River Arts Society presents Festival Of The Arts Award Winners - *Best in Show: Photography* at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Square, Marshfield. Featured in this exhibit are works by the following award-winning photographers: Chris Bernstein, John Droege, Viola Kaumlen, Lance Keimig, Mike Sleeper, Michael Sullivan, Susan White, Paul Weiner, Robert Weiss, Ronald Wilson. This show runs April 1 - June 1. **The public is invited to a free opening reception at the Library on April 2, from 7 to 9 p.m**. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster St., Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m. ,Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, has helped more than 9,400 South Shore residents start a new life over the past 20 years. They offer a safe place for healing and encouragement as you start a new chapter of your life. New Beginnings meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Monday and is highly recommended for newcomers. All are welcome. For information, call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857 .

John F. Kennedy Presidential Library & Museum, Columbia Point Boston. **Kennedy Library Forums The True Gen** The close friendship between Ernest Hemingway and Gary Cooper is the focus of a new documentary directed by John Mulholland. April 2, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Free and open to the public. For information visit www.jfklibrary.org or call 617-514-1643.

Tuesday, Apr. 3

ASAP - The Adoption & Foster Care **S**chool **A**wareness **P**roject will hold it's next meeting on April 3. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the Lydia Drake Library, 340 High Street, Pembroke, at 7:30 p.m. Special guests will be **Alice Kearney**, Mental Health Counselor and Page Sandborn, Child Life Specialist from The Pumpkin Patch. They will share their dynamic and fun approach to helping children deal with "Transitions and Anxiety" ASAP is committed to increasing awareness in the schools and in our communities of the special needs families formed through adoption and foster care. All Parents, caregivers, educators and interested community members are welcome. For info Charlotte Simpson at 781 293-3341 or visit our website at www. asapmass.org

SINGLES DINING OUT Reggio's Ristorante, Rte. 18, 1037 Main St., Weymouth. Tuesday evening, April 3, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For single professionals 40-55 years old. Cost is $45, reservations required by calling 781-283-5900. Seating limited to 20 men and 20 women. Cost includes a complete four-course dinner, tax, and tip. Cash bar cocktails, 6:30 to 7 p.m.. Each guest changes seats after every course to insure personally meeting each person of the opposite sex. 20 'slow' dates, one fun night. Each attendee receives two VIP Guest Passes to weekly dances worth $30. Everyone encouraged to swap business cards. Two dinners scheduled for May in Braintree and Andover. Co-sponsored by the singles book club, www.thebookcellar.com. (781)-283-5900 www.se-4u.com

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road **Pembroke**. April 3, Free Texas Hold'Em with Northern Poker League "face off" Game Show Trivia 781-829-6999.

Wednesday, Apr. 4

Friendship Home 2007 - Fashion With Our Friends, Spring Fashion Show, April 4, at the Lantana, Randolph. Doors open at 6 p.m. dinner served at 7:15 p.m. Door prize and auction. Admission $50 Call Rod at 781-293-8358 or Beth Ann at 781-834-1012 Fashions by Dress Barn, Pembroke; Natale's, Hanover; Milton's, Braintree; and via Vanessa, Hanover.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road **Pembroke** April 4, PJ the DJ 8 to 11 p.m. 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, will feature **Dave Baker's Jazz Band** at 9:15 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796.

Thursday, Apr. 5

Jacqueline Crowell of One Communications in Quincy, will be the featured speaker at the weekly breakfast meeting of **The President's Club Chapter of Business Network International** (BNI), April 4 at 7 a.m. Crowell will talk about the importance of telecommunications in building a successful business. The President's Club Chapter of BNI is comprised of leading business people from Quincy, Holbrook, Braintree, Weymouth, Hingham, Stoughton, Canton, Hull, Randolph, Hanover, Brockton, Milton and Dorchester, but welcomes anyone who works or lives in southeastern Massachusetts. The group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at Emerald Hall, 120 Bay State Drive, Braintree. Visitors are welcome. For information, contact Club President Norm Abrahamson at 781-828-2270 or by email at ngalaw@cantonlaw.net

Local Chapter of Business Networking International bni.com meets weekly Thursday mornings in Pembroke at 7:30. New members are welcome. Call Tricia Lorente at 508-740-3385 for details.

The South Shore Business Roundtable (ssbrt.net) meets every other Thursday at 7:30 a.m. at Pembroke Town Hall. SSBRT is a networking group whose goal is to enhance member businesses through the exchange of referrals and information and is seeking additional members at $100 for the year. For additional info call Joel Sugarman 617-686-9885.

A **concert** featuring **Bridgewater State College** students will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Boyden Hall's Horace Mann Auditorium. The program will include piano, flute and vocal performances. After the concert, student performers will be presented awards by Dr. Lee Torda, director of undergraduate research at BSC. The following students are scheduled to perform: **Jeremy Benchiere, Joel Edwards, Shen He, Gabrielle Heath, Adam Isbitsky, Tracy Nadolny and Kent Pigeon.** The performance is free and open to the public. For information, call 508-531-1377.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. April 6, BBC **"Pint Night"** featuring **Flydown** formerly The Alliance.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, Satch Romano's **New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam** featuring **Slo-Burn** featuring **Mr. Pete** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796.

Friday, Apr. 6

"Surf and Turf" Land and Seascape painting by Diana Rousseau of Cohasset will be on view and sale at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, from April 6 to 30 An opening reception for the public will be held on April 6, from 7-9 p.m. The exhibit may be viewed Tuesday - Friday 1-5 p.m. and Saturday 10-1p.m. Visit our website at www.jameslibrary.org.

The South Shore Conservatory Concert Series announces a performance of Distinguished Guest Artists on April 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Conservatory's Cox Hall in Hingham. Guest Artists **Susan Thomas**, flute and **Mychal Gendron,** guitar, will perform selections from the chamber repertoire. Conservatory faculty pianist, Hui Min Wang will also accompany Thomas and Gendron The concert will take place at South Shore Conservatory's Cox Hall in Hingham. A Wine and cheese reception will precede the concert at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are $25 for adults and $20 for seniors/students. To purchase tickets or for more information contact 781-749-7565 x 10 or 781-934-2731 x 11 or visit southshoreconservatory.org/concert For information contact Amy Schomp, 781-749-7565 ext. 19 or amyschomp @southshoreconservatory.org

Tenebrae at High Street UMC - will be offering a service of remembrance commonly referred to as a "service of shadows" or "Tenebrae." This contemporary service of reflection will take place on Good Friday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m., at the High Street United Methodist Church, 298 High St. Duxbury. All are welcome. For information call 781-585-9863, or by email at highstreetchurch@comcast.net

Theater review



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Lisa Kron (L) and Mary Pat Gleason star in the Huntington Theatre Company's production of the Kron-penned comedy, "Well" running through April 8 at the Huntington's mainstage, the Boston University Theatre.

'Well' done

Playwright and actress Lisa Kron — whose wonderfully affecting 2006 Tony Award-nominated play "Well" is currently being presented by Boston's Huntington Theatre — makes a valiant stab at stating the intent of her work before the show even begins. Kron steps center stage and asserts, "This play is not about my mother and me. We are in my parent's house and that is my mother there sleeping in that La-Z-Boy recliner — which is where she spends most of her time because she doesn't feel well enough to get up and do other things — but this is not about her, or about me and her."

That said, Kron — who reprises her Tony Award-nominated role in Boston — has clearly written an autobiographical piece about sickness, how family dynamics affect how we feel, and just what it takes to make us feel well. The play tracks Kron's own journey away from, and then back to, her family home in suburban Michigan. Kron's skills as a writer and actress have resulted — whether she will acknowledge it as her intent or not — in a warm, funny, highly relatable story of a mother and daughter relationship, with sidebars on sickness, health, and social activism.

"My mother is a fantastically energetic person trapped in an utterly exhausted body," Kron explains in the play. "It's very confusing. Her energy level has two settings: all or nothing. Most of the time it's nothing, but when she has a burst of energy it is awe-inspiring. For instance, when we were very young she decided she wanted me and my brother to be raised in a racially integrated neighborhood — and then she about creating one."

With the help of a very talented, versatile cast — including John McAdams, Colman Domingo, Donetta Lavinia Grays, Barbara Pitts, and the inimitable Mary Pat Gleason as the inimitable Ann Kron — Lisa Kron recreates her life to recall everything from the bully who haunted her in elementary school to kooky neighborhood gatherings planned by her mother to college-age time spent in a residential medical facility for the treatment of allergies. As Kron demonstrates, that period not only cured her and made her well, it also set her on a clear path to independence.

This path eventually leads her back to the Midwest and an adult relationship with her mother who may not want to be in a play, but is clearly the inspiration for her daughter's work.

The story is Lisa Kron's, but the stage often belongs to the actress playing her mother, a mildly meddling yet always well-meaning woman whose innate kindness extends to an entire theater audience whom she offers something to drink. Mary Pat Gleason is near perfect with flawless comedy timing and priceless expressions. Kron is Gleason's very capable acting partner and together the pair wend their way through the frustrations, misunderstandings and love that are so often found in the mother-daughter relationship.

Director Leigh Silverman, who has directed every production of "Well" from its world premiere at New York's Public Theatre to Broadway and beyond, once again masterfully moves his first-rate cast from the comfort of Mrs. Kron's Lansing living room through the myriad of places that Lisa visits in her life. Special kudos, too, to the legendary Tony Walton for his bright, clever and spot-on scenic design work. Where else would a Michigander like Mrs. Kron shop for groceries but Meijer?

The Huntington Theatre Company will present "Well" at the Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Avenue, Boston, through April 8. For tickets and information, visit the box office or call 617-266-0800, or go online at *www.huntingtontheatre.org*.

— R. Scott Reedy



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Owner of Hobby Acres, Schneider Troop Landscape presents Water Gardening: Welcome to Homebrew April 4, at the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. John Droig as he explains all about this newest hobby. Learn the proper design, selection of aquatic plants and fish which minimize maintenance to start you own water garden. Pre-register and payment is requested. The Science Center is hosting a series of Wednesday Horticultural workshops throughout the month of April. Meet fellow gardeners and learn gardening tips from local experts. Cost per workshop is $5 members, $8 non members and $10 for a family of four. Register for all four horticultural workshops and receive a $1 off per workshop. Other workshops include Fascinating Herbs on April 11, Family Gardening for Beginners on April 18 and Greenhouse Gardening on April 25. To register or for information contact the South Shore Natural Science Center at 781-659-2559 or view the website at ssnsc.org

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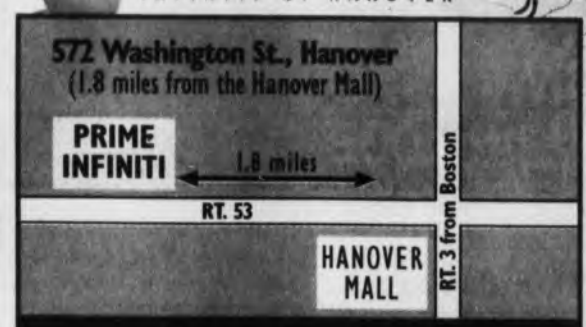
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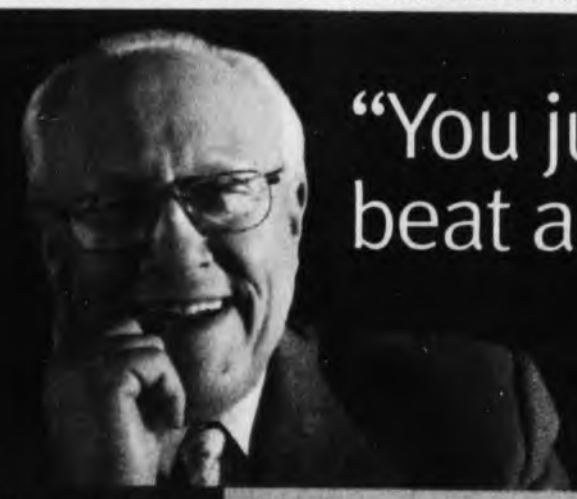
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When it's hip to be square

Freshmen build cube to raise global warming awareness

By Nancy White
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Global warming is a serious, worldwide problem. Cohasset High School students are working to create a visual statement that highlights the enormity of the problem — and how each person plays a role in the problem and, if willing, can be part of the solution.

Under the direction of ninth-grade physical science teacher, David Ames, a group of students are constructing a 27-square-foot cube. The cube will represent the volume of one metric ton of carbon dioxide. When complete the cube will stand 27 feet high — taller than the middle-high school — and represent one ton of carbon dioxide. This one ton in turn represents the amount of carbon dioxide one American emits into the atmosphere every two days. On average Americans are responsible for emitting 196 "cubes" or tons of carbon dioxide every year.

"The global warming issue is big and we're in complete denial," says freshman James Earle, "the point of this gigantic cube is it is so big but [it represents] just a small portion of the problem."

From statistics compiled by Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1994-2004, the U.S. was responsible for 23 percent of the carbon dioxide emissions globally. The study concluded that 94 percent of the U.S. CO2 emissions were due to fuel combustion in 2004.

Natural carbon dioxide absorption

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Election Saturday

Turnout could be historic low

By Nancy White
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The polls will open at 8a.m. tomorrow, Saturday (April 7) and the candidates are ready to get your vote. Although this year is a stark contrast to previous years' campaign seasons, the town issues and the importance of each elected position have not diminished.

This election could be one of the lowest turnouts in history. It's the first election without any contests in 12 years. In 1995 a write-in campaign for a Board of Health seat helped bring in 18 percent of Cohasset voters. In 1993, there was a sole race for the Board of Library Trustees — that election brought out just 11 percent of voters.

Regardless of voter turnout, the candidates will be serving Cohasset residents for the next three years. The Mariner caught up with each of the candidates to discuss their "campaigns" and their perspectives on the issues they will need to grapple with in the next three years.

"It's been brutal, you wouldn't believe the amount of signs I've needed to put up!" kids Selectman Ralph Dormitzer when asked about his campaign. Dormitzer is up for re-election. He is in a two-way race with Paul Carlson of Old Coach Road for two seats. Selectman Rob Spofford is not seeking reelection.

Peter Richardsson of N. Main Street and School Committee Chairman Adrienne McCarthy, who is seeking a second term, are running for two seats. Member Jamie Williams is not seeking reelection.

Dormitzer will be at the polls shaking hands and kissing babies, so to speak,

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Sewer costs are going up

Hearing on rates April 23

By Nancy White
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The underground workings of the town need some serious work. Beneath the pristine streets and historic homes water and sewer both have extensive piping and infrastructure that is on the job 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Both water and sewer systems and treatment plants need upgrades. In that spirit the Water Commission got Town Meeting vote to increase water rates last Saturday. Now, the Sewer Commission is proposing a 12 to 14 percent increase in sewer rates.

A public hearing to explain the need for an increase and answer any resident questions will be held on April 23, 7p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium.

The Sewer Commission, like the Water Commission, is an enterprise fund. An enterprise fund has a separate accounting mechanism that allows income and expenses to exist outside of the Town's normal taxing and budgeting process. Although the Water Commission decided to go in front of Town Meeting for approval of a rate increase, enterprise funds are not required to do so.

The Sewer system is divided into two sections — Central and North. Central

The new rates will likely take effect for the beginning of the third quarter on July 1st. The last increase in sewer rates was two years ago in 2005.

Cohasset's sewage is directed to the Waste Water Treatment Plant in Cohasset, approximately 1100 residences and businesses are in this area. North Cohasset, about 300 users, is directed to the treatment plant in Hull.

For Central district, the Sewer Commission is proposing an increase of 14 percent, from $7.70 to $8.80 per 100 cubic feet. An average user will see a quarterly bill increase of $25.

The North district is posed for an 11.6 percent increase from $7.70 to $8.60 per 100 cubic feet. The increase will translate to less than $25 quarterly for the average user.

The slightly higher increase for the Central district, according to Sewer

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Voters hold their orange cards high as a hand count was taken for the water rate increase. Seven residents challenged the voice vote and a hand count was taken. The vote was very close with the motion narrowly passing 83-57.

Some ripples over water rate hike

But TM voters give the go-ahead

By Nancy White
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The Water Commission articles, beginning with the water rate increase and restructuring, got conversation flowing last Saturday morning. After the fiscal year 2008 budget was certified, citizens didn't skip a beat jumping head first into a heated debate that ended up raising water rated 15 to 40 percent (depending on the water use).

Vice Chairman of the Water

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PICTURE THIS/Pat Waters



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The Mariner caught up with Pat Waters at the annual Town Meeting on Saturday. Pat is a member of the Advisory Committee.

Name: Patrick Waters.

Occupation: Advisory Board/ Attorney.

Best day of your life: The day I married Suzanne (really).

Worst vacation: Seven straight days of rain in Wellfleet (with the *whole* family).

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite holiday: Easter.

Favorite meal: Hot dogs & Italian sausage (w/ hot peppers).

Best book: "The Last Lion" by William Manchester.

Best movie: "Chinatown" (followed closely by "The Godfather").

Best TV show: "Twilight Zone" or "Monty Python's Flying Circus."

Most memorable moment: Chicago White Sox 2005 World Series Champions!

Pet peeve: "Carbon credits" & so many others…

Goal: Raising three good kids.

Person you'd most like to meet: Winston S. Churchill.

Biggest worry: Screwing-up raising three good kids.

Best part of Cohasset: Sandy Beach & Aaron River Reservoir (keep it a secret).

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POLICE BEAT

Arrests, motor vehicle stops, accident dominate week

By Mary Ford
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A 50-year-old Cohasset man has been charged with operating under the influence of alcohol and possession of a small quantity of cocaine following a motor vehicle stop at about 10:21 p.m. on Monday (March 26). An officer in a marked cruiser was on patrol on 3A near Sohier Street when a black Mercedes exited the Stop & Shop lot at a high rate of speed and turned right onto 3A, Chief James Hussey said. The officer observed the car cross over the centerlines into the southbound lanes and travel on that side of the highway for about 30 feet. The Mercedes then made a quick turn onto Sohier Street.

The officer turned around to follow the vehicle, which then went up Sohier and turned into Fair Oaks Lane where it did a U-Turn and started to head back toward 3A turning into the Mobil station. The officer pulled in behind the vehicle and called for backup, Hussey said.

The officer went up to the vehicle and could smell alcohol on the operator's breath. Based on observations at the scene and observations of the driver's operation of the motor vehicle, the officer placed the driver under arrest for operating under the influence of alcohol. Further investigation uncovered a small quantity of cocaine. The operator was also charged with possession of a Class B substance (cocaine) and negligent operator of a motor vehicle.

OUI alcohol

A 41-year-old Cohasset woman was charged with operating under the influence of alcohol (second offense), following a traffic stop at 8:45 p.m. Tuesday (March 27). An officer in a marked cruiser traveling northbound on 3A observed a blue VW traveling in front of him near the 500 block of Chief Justice Cushing Highway. The officer saw the vehicle swerve from side to side, over to the fog line and back over the centerline on three occasions, Chief Hussey said.

After the vehicle made a left turn onto Sohier Street, the officer observed the VW crossing the fog line and nearly hitting a telephone pole. The officer activated the lights and pulled the car over near Fair Oaks Lane. While asking for the operator's license and registration, the officer could smell the odor of an alcoholic beverage; the woman's eyes were somewhat glassy and she had trouble speaking, Hussey said. Based on the officer's interaction with the operator and prior observations of her driving, the woman was placed under arrest. She was also charged with negligent operation and marked lanes violation.

Forged license

Police arrested a 24-year-old Abington man following a traffic stop at about 9:15 p.m. Thursday (March 29). The officer, who was on Route 3A, observed a brown Toyota that was heading northbound without a working rear license plate light. The officer got behind the vehicle, read the plate, and ran a registry check through the cruiser's mobile date terminal. The registry reported that the owner of the vehicle did not have a valid license. The officer pulled the vehicle over; the operator produced a Brazilian license that upon inspection was determined to have been altered. Based on that, the operator was placed in custody and arrested for forging the license. He was also charged with defective equipment (license plate light). The registered owner of the vehicle, who, as it turned out, was not the operator, is being summonsed to court for allowing an unlicensed person to operate his motor vehicle, Chief Hussey said.

MV crash

At 2:52 p.m., on Monday (March 26), dispatch received multiple 911 calls about an accident at Route 3A and Crocker Lane. Police said a 2002 Infiniti QX4 was traveling southbound on 3A toward Crocker Lane when a 2002 Subaru Legacy that was traveling in the opposite direction went into the path of the Infiniti as the Subaru tried to take a left into Crocker Lane. No one was transported but both vehicles had to be towed from the scene. The investigating officer, who completed a written report on the accident, gave the driver of the Subaru a verbal warning for failure to yield.

Marijuana arrest

Police stopped a car for speeding and further investigation revealed that the operator had a quantity of marijuana in a backpack in the car. The stop occurred at 8:18 p.m. Friday (March 30) after an officer had clocked a black Nissan as traveling 45 mph by the town common, which is a posted 25 mph zone. There were other occupants in the car and the officer had seen movement within the car before he approached it. He turned on his flashlight and when he looked inside he could smell what appeared to be marijuana; he saw the backpack that also smelled of marijuana. Based on these observations, the officer took custody of the backpack that was determined to contain several small plastic bags of marijuana. The operator was charged with possession of a Class D substance (marijuana) and with speeding.

Underage drinking

Police are investigating where a 16-year-old Cohasset resident may have been provided alcohol – enough that his mother sought medical attention. The mother initially called police about 1:13 a.m. on Sunday (April 1) because her son had not come home and she was worried about him. A short time later, she called to cancel because her son had come home but police responded to make sure everything was OK. Then at 3 a.m., the mother called police to have her son checked out; she said he had been drinking earlier and could not fall asleep. The ambulance went to the scene and evaluated the teen. The mother had heard reports that there was an underage party on Cedar Street but was unable to determine the location. Police will be talking to people in the area to see if they can determine which house and who may have been home when the teen consumed the alcohol.

Sidewalk gets green light

By Mary Ford
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Although they realize the plans are not perfect, a majority of Selectmen reached a consensus Monday that the Forest Avenue sidewalk/roadway project should proceed as designed.

The hearing on the subject drew a standing-room-only crowd in the Selectmen's office. Residents filled about 20 seats, stood along the back of the room, and jammed into the area near the door in an effort to hear a report from the "Greenbush guys" and what Selectmen had to say about the project.

The issue is seen as critical because Forest Avenue, which is not unlike a rollercoaster in terms of its topography, is seen as one of the most dangerous streets in town for pedestrians and cyclists. Many motorists also use Forest Avenue as a way to cut through town to Hull.

(The "Greenbush guys" – Mark Brennan and Tom Gruber – also help the town with non-train projects, such as the Forest Avenue sidewalk and the rebuilding of the harbor wall on Border Street.)

The entire cost of the project is estimated at $500,000, of which $200,000 is for the sidewalk portion. All funding is coming from Chapter 90 (state aid program for road improvements). The town has been accumulating the money for several years for this project, Town Manager Bill Griffin said.

The project involves improvements to the entire road, rebuilding the drainage structures, and extending the sidewalk from about 260 Forest Ave. to North Main Street. About 44 trees (including eight stumps) would have to be taken in the process.

Dick Avery of 22 Surry Drive, who had asked that the sidewalk plans be reexamined, praised selectmen for holding what he believed was the first hearing to get public input on how to make Forest Avenue safer for pedestrians, motorists and cyclists.

> **"Get us our sidewalk, let us be a community and be able to take our kids and dogs for a walk."**
> Ann Pompeo,
> 130 Forest Ave.

Avery raised similar objections to what he described as an "ill conceived and executed" design concept before the sections of the sidewalk coming up from the ocean toward Surrey Drive were installed several years ago.

Avery suggested the most practical, cheapest and ultimately the safest way to make the road safer would be to simply grade and pave the shoulders to a distance of four to six feet beyond the fog lines. Granite curbing should not even be considered, he said.

But members of the audience who spoke Monday were anxious to see the roadway improved and sidewalks with the granite curb installed. They said the granite curbing could act as a traffic calming measure by keeping motorists on the main thoroughfare.

That point was also raised in a letter to Selectmen from the Norfolk County Engineering Department. The letter stated: "raised curbing no matter how small has a calming effect on the motorist, thus reducing speed, while pavement widening has the reverse effect…"

Police Chief James Hussey stated in his letter to Selectmen on the subject, that sidewalk curbing gives a level of protection to the pedestrian/youth bicyclist when a vehicle may stray off the roadway. He also said sidewalk delineation helps keep pedestrians from straying out into the roadway. "We actually had an accident this past fall where a youth walking on Forest Avenue swayed into the roadway and was struck by a passing vehicle's mirror," he stated.

Ann Pompeo, 130 Forest Ave., said she has lived in town 60 years and this issue has been gone over time and time again. "We have discussed it, discussed it and discussed it," she said. "…Get us our sidewalk, let us be a community and be able to take our kids and dogs for a walk."

Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer agreed with Avery that the design of the sidewalk is not ideal. "If we could start from scratch, we would not do it this way," he said. "The first accident with a bike and we are going to regret this. We should not have a hard-edge curb in my view." Dormitzer said the town is solving one problem and creating another.

However, selectmen Ted Carr, Gary Vanderweil and Fred Koed said the project should get the green light.

Susan Spofford of Heather Drive, suggested "entry points" (mini ramps) be created at certain distances along the sidewalk so that cyclists or people with strollers could get on or off easily. Her idea was enthusiastically received.

Selectmen agreed traffic-calming measures along Forest Avenue need to be examined.

Ben Faulkner of 19 Heather Drive pointed out that motorists are going 40, 45 or 50 mph. "Only one in 10 goes 30," he said. (The speed limit on Forest Avenue is 30 mph).

Fire Chief Robert Silvia, who lives at 65 Forest Ave. and who was speaking as a resident, said he takes his life in his hands when he mows the edge of his lawn. He floated the idea of adding stop signs at Old Coach Road and Heather Drive.

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Small crowd approves $3 million for sewer, drainage

By Nancy White
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The Little Harbor, Atlantic Avenue and Jerusalem Road sewer expansion and drainage improvement projects was awarded a total additional (and hefty) $3 million by Town Meeting on Saturday.

The joint project between the Sewer and Water Commissions will put 485 homes on to town sewer and install drainage improvements during the paving portion. Due to the large amount of money at stake both articles were discussed in great detail.

Sewer Commissioner John Beck presented the case for an additional $2 million in funds. The project was approved for $13.2 million at the 2005 Annual Town Meeting, which took into account a 3.5 percent inflation rate and a 15 percent contingency monies.

Since that estimate, Beck said that energy costs, particularly oil, and an increased federal regulation on nitrogen in effluent requiring increased flow capability and filtering necessitate the additional allocation.

"If we don't have to spend it, we won't," said Beck. The $2 million will be used as contingency money if more unforeseen circumstances arise. At a previous town meeting voters declined a townwide 50/50 sharing of project's cost, so the entire cost of the project will be borne by the users.

Leonora Jenkins of Jerusalem Road, a prospective user, questioned the second reason behind the increase — the need for additional filtering mechanisms in the plant.

"I don't think our one area should be paying for all of the town to comply with the new regulation," she said.

Beck explained that he didn't know any other way to reassess the money at this time so all sewer users would share the burden.

Selectman Rob Spofford brought up concerns that this new $2 million in contingency money may still not be enough to finish the project. He said that the DEP permit required to move ahead with this project was not yet issued.

"I'm concerned that the DEP will come back and changes will need to be made to the project. The drawings are not 100 percent complete," he said, "I think you should make it three or four million dollars."

Beck disagreed with Spofford's suggestion, citing that if construction bids came back higher than expected that the Sewer Commission would re-evaluate the scope of the project. He indicated that the Sewer Commission has been in communication with the DEP and expect the permit to be issued shortly.

Several residents brought up concerns that the Sewer Treatment plant may not be ready to take on more users. They cited the infamous Mother's Day Storm when water levels were so high that sewage flowed into Jacob's Meadow.

Beck assured Town Meeting that a plant modification has since been implemented increasing the margin between average water flow and peak water flow. If there is a peak flow the modifications will send overflow into the harbor, not Jacob's Meadow and the overflow will be treated to be 100 percent compliant with the permit, said Dan Coughlin, project engineer.

Rick Swanborg of 48 Nichols Road impelled Town Meeting to vote for the article, whether or not they were going to be affected by new sewer hook-ups.

"There are environmental effects if we don't get hooked up to sewer and the fines will be paid by the taxpayer," he said, also noting that the cost to install a septic system would be even greater than the cost proposed per home by the Sewer Commission.

A vote was called and the motion was adopted by a two-thirds majority vote.

Article 26 - Drainage Improvements

Water Commission Chairman Glenn Pratt presented the merits of allocating $1 million to the Water Commission to improve drainage in the Little Harbor district. The project is one that is undefined in scope; the monies will be used as problems are uncovered during the massive Little Harbor sewer expansion project. Neither this fact nor the exclusion of other areas of town with drainage and flooding issues sat well with some citizens.

"In a very unique and unusual situation we have the opportunity to update water mains, repair culverts, and stormwater drainage. We have the ability to have [these items] fixed as we come across them. This is the last piece so we can do the job completely, thoroughly and at one time," he said.

Pratt indicated that by having the money available would keep the project moving and on time.

Karen Quigley of Clay Spring Road voiced concerns that this article was "the horse before the cart." She wanted assurance that these improvements would be low impact or zero impact techniques would be used.

"If we value, as a town, a salt water habitat we have to consider now not putting stormwater and fresh water into the harbor," she said, speaking as Chairman of the Harbor Health Committee. Dan Coughlin assured her that the project would fully comply with Massachusetts Stormwater regulations.

Ronnie McMorris of Doane Street was the first to propose an amendment to the article. She requested that language be added to the article to convey that the monies be equally allocated to address drainage and flooding issues in sewered and non-sewered areas of town.

Shortly after, Pam Miles of Linden Drive, who spoke in opposition of the appropriation, requested a quorum count. She indicated that the town debated an override of almost this amount last year and there should be the same amount of weight given to it.

The count came back to be 104 voters, 4 more than the required 100, and the meeting continued.

Tom Gruber of Pratt Court and Rick Flynn of Summer Street spoke against the amendment, pointing out that by dividing the money, the town loses the intent of efficiency by addressing both sewer and water problems at one time.

Selectmen Gary Vanderweil proposed to amend the amendment by limiting the allocation to $100,000 (instead of 50 percent) and changing the language to "other areas" instead of "non-sewered."

"I think we should look at flooding throughout town and this would still leave $900,000 for hard construction in Little Harbor," he said. McMorris agreed with Vanderweil's amendments and withdrew her own.

"I only wanted to draw attention that there are other areas of town with flooding issues," McMorris said.

Martha Gjesteby of Old Pasture Road thought she was asking a "dumb question," by her own admission, but in fact after review by Town Counsel she pointed out that the amendments to the articles were not within the scope of the article itself. The language of the article limits the scope to the Little Harbor district.

"We do not have the power to take the article out of that area of town," said Moderator Dan Evans and he ruled the amendment out of order. The article was now back to the drawing board.

Two other minor amendments were made to the article in the next few minutes. Selectman Ralph Dormitzer moved to strike wording that was not intended and Pratt indicated that streets were referred to incorrectly.

Tom Callahan of Hillside Drive brought up a concern that the whole town was responsible for these improvements while the outcome will only benefit one area.

Selectman Fred Koed said that drainage was a townwide issue and should be burdened by all.

Miles, before the vote was taken, urged the crowd to vote against the article.

"All of you who have had enough, I'd like to see that you've had enough," she said.

The motion was adopted after receiving the required two-thirds vote.

Plant upgrades are driving sewer rate hike

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Commission Chairman Sean Cunning, is because the North district is not responsible for maintenance and upgrades to the Cohasset wastewater treatment plant. Cohasset Sewer pays a set rate to the Hull Sewer plant to treat North Cohasset's sewage.

The new rates will likely take effect for the beginning of the third quarter on July 1st. The last increase in sewer rates was two years ago in 2005.

The need for the increase is to subsidize plant upgrades. Sewer Commission Chairman Sean Cunning said that there is very little in depreciation funds in the sewer budget. This reserve fund is used for maintenance issues and necessary upgrades for the treatment plant. Currently, the Cohasset sewer treatment plant is just about breaking even, says Cunning.

He said that the age of the treatment plant coupled with the increased cost of utilities and operations have left the Sewer Department with little revenue to spare. More than $10,000 is spent in electricity alone every month. Not only is this depreciation fund used for maintenance, it is also used to respond in the event of an emergency.

"The longer we wait to increase depreciation funds, the harder it will be to build the amount back up," he said in an interview.

"We have to weigh financial responsibility not only to the ratepayers, but also to the non-user taxpayers who end up subsidizing the system if we don't charge enough," said Sewer Commissioner Ray Kasperowicz in an email.

"We have to make sure the plant is paying for itself," said Cunning.

Sewage billing is based off the water meter using the thought process of what goes in, must go out. However, if homes that have a large irrigation system Cunning suggests installing a second water meter.

"That water isn't going back into the sewer system" and residents may be able to save some money on their sewer bill, he said.

Residents are encouraged to bring their questions and concerns to the public hearing on April 23.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

McGurrin, 100 Pond St. U-12, construction of 13 by 8 foot platform and 13 by 8 foot three-season sunroom, $18,000; Bryant, 24 Hobart Lane, 18 replacement windows, $13, 398; Rankin, 74 Aaron River Road, expand master bedroom and remodel master bath, $49,500; Centerpoint Prop. LLC., 8 Depot Court, move partition in U-4, change electrical and add air conditioning, $6,000; Pottenger, 38 Rustic Drive, 33 squares of asphalt roofing, $14,075; Turgiss, 96 Jerusalem Road, interior remodel of family room and update electric, $12,000;

Berube, 3 Windy Hill Road, remove existing rear screen room, demolish and remodel basement family room, $26,320; Milanoski, 171 So. Main St., general repair and renovation, insulation, siding, replacement windows and cabinets, $40,000; Brown, 40 Fairoaks Lane, 24 replacement windows-no structural changes, $29,900; Fahey, 270 So. Main St., reinforce, replace, demolish section of existing fieldstone foundation and concrete basement floor due to ruptured oil tank and spill remediation, $30,000 and Healy, 394 Atlantic Ave., remodel existing second floor bathroom, $15,000.

Devlin, 2 Woodland Dr., $3,000, convert garage into family room; Murphy, 136 Atlantic Ave., $600,000, major renovation of existing home including small addition; Tedeschi Realty, 790 CJC Highway, $48,000, construct 98 square foot office within original store footprint; Anton, 85 Jerusalem Road, $65,000, remodel existing kitchen, add window, add trim in butler's pantry and dining room; Berube, 3 Windy Hill, $10,840, remove existing balcony, build new 4'6" by 19' balcony; Sturdy, 224 So. Main St., $25,000, construct new two-car garage;

Sturdy, 224 So. Main St., construct "L" shape addition, add new porch; Prairie, 22 Little Harbor, $15,000, new decks as per plans submitted via permit 06-399; Hixson, 45 Church St., $15,000, kitchen cabinets, floors, counters, bathroom remodel; Lappen, 18 Deep Run, $170,00, new kitchen addition per plans submitted; Brown, 22 Depot Ct., $6,000, demolish building destroyed by fire; Crawford, 64 Old Pasture, $40,000

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Sarah Gruber shines in American Girl fashion show

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HAPPY EASTER

I want to wish everyone who celebrates Easter a wonderful holiday weekend and hope that time spent with family and friends is enjoyed by all. Reflect on all that is important to your daily lives and value every minute and the little, small things that happen each day along with the bigger ones. Life can change so quickly as we all know so taking the time to reflect.

OH BOY!

Oh my gosh, some fantastic news about a BIG and bouncing baby boy who has joined a wonderful family here in town. **Shane Arthur** (after Hap Pompeo) **Mulcahy** arrived on March 29, 2007 at 6:03pm and weighed in at a whopping 10 pounds and 6 ounces (oh my)! Shane joins his proud and happy big brother **Bernie**, who is 4 years old, and his mom, **Kim,** and Dad, **Craig Mulcahy**. Shane's proud grandparents are **Todd and Joan Williams** of Scituate and very proud grandmother, **Terry Carraher** of Cohasset. Congratulations to all of you on your wonderful addition to the family.



Bernie Mulcahy is holding his brand-new baby brother, Shane.

AMERICAN GIRL

Congratulations to **Sarah Gruber**, a fourth grader at Deer Hill School. She was chosen from more than 600 girls to model in the first-ever American Girl Fashion Show and Tea held at the Imperial ballroom at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel this past weekend. Sarah portrayed Kirsten and participated in five shows on Saturday and Sunday. The event was a fundraiser for Boston's Freedom Trail Foundation and all five shows were completely sold out. She did a fantastic job!

TENNIS BENEFIT

Here is a very worthwhile event for all who are interested for this summer. Save the date for the annual Cohasset Tennis Tournament, a mixed-doubles tennis tradition that began in the 1950's and continues today to benefit Children's Hospital. This year's event kicks off on Friday, July 13th with the annual dinner auction at the Lightkeepers residence. The popular tennis tournament, which takes place on private courts throughout Cohasset, is set for the weekend of July 14th and 15th. This charity tennis tournament was originally started by Jesse Cox and her neighbors in the 1950's. It has since grown to include hundreds of players, from life-long Cohasset residents to newcomers. The tournament also brings together a wide array of tennis abilities, from those who dust off their rackets once a year to those who are passionate about the sport. In the past eight years alone, about $100,000 has been raised for Children's Hospital.

For more information about the tournament or to be added to the e-mail distribution list, please contact Corey Axelson at gallella63@hotmail.com.

DEAN'S LIST

Congratulations go to **Zach Etkind**, a freshman who was named to the dean's list at Tufts University for the fall semester. Zach, this is great news to hear and I know for a fact that your family is so proud of all your accomplishments. Keep up the hard work and I know we will hear more about your success.

'SEA' YOU THERE!

The Cohasset Maritime Institute has embarked upon a major fundraising campaign, with a goal of doubling the size of the sliding seat four fleet, to a total of four vessels. Please plan to join the festivities on Friday May 4th at 7pm at the Black Rock Golf Club in Hingham where a Wine Tasting and Dinner will be held, complete with Live Entertainment and some fabulous auction items. Tickets are $75 per person and can be purchased at Buttonwood Books, or by contacting **Catherine Davis** (781.383.2570), **Lisa Hewitt Dick** (781.383.0204) or **Susan Galligan** (781.383.0765). Hope to "sea" you there! CMI is getting ready for the rowing season and information about sign ups can be found on the website at www.rowcmi.com.

TOP ROOKIE

Congratulations go out to University of Massachusetts Boston men's lacrosse player **Peter Kovach** from Cohasset who has been named Little East Conference Rookie of the Week for the week of March 25 to April 1. Peter tallied 3.0 points per game with nine points on six goals and three assists in three games, while adding two ground balls. Peter began his Beacons' career with seven points, including four goals and three assists to go with a ground ball in a 17-0 victory at Emerson College on March 26. The attackman netted a pair of goals in UMass Boston's 8-7 win at Curry College on March 29 as well. The Cohasset High School product currently ranks second for the Beacons with six goals, while standing third in both points (nine) and assists (three). The rookie has connected on 50 percent of his shots, scoring on half of his 12 attempts in three contests. UMass Boston is currently 2-1 on the season and will be in action again on Tuesday, April 3 when it travels to North Dartmouth, MA to take on University of Massachusetts Dartmouth to open the conference slate at 4 p.m.

SWIM, DIVE TEAM

The Cohasset Swim and Dive Team 2007 season sign-up for returning swimmers and divers will be held on Saturday April 28th from 8 a.m.-noon at Town Hall..

CYBSA UPDATE

The CYBSA is holding the player drafts for the 2007 American (9-11 yr. olds) and National League (6-8 yr. olds) Baseball and Farm League (5-6 yr. olds) teams on Wednesday, April 11th at 7pm at CMHS Cafeteria. All interested baseball coaches and assistant coaches are asked to attend. At this meeting, coaches will be assigned teams and players will be placed on teams. In addition, divisional schedules, Little League and local CYBSA rules and other helpful coaching material will be distributed. If you unable to attend the draft or have any questions regarding the League draft, please contact **Suzie Montgomery** at (781) 383-1249.

The CYBSA is holding a mandatory baseball coaches clinic on Saturday, April 7th from 8am to 10am in the Cohasset Middle High School gym. We require that at least one coach from each team attend this clinic.

The CYBSA is holding a softball coaching and instruction clinic on Wednesday, April 11th at CMHS Gym from 7:00 to 9:30 PM. The clinic is open to all coaches and any parent and will include instruction in the proper techniques for throwing, fielding and hitting. If you have any questions regarding the baseball & softball coaches' clinics, please contact Mark Chase (781) 383-9122.

For more information about the draft and clinics, please see announcement in Sport section.

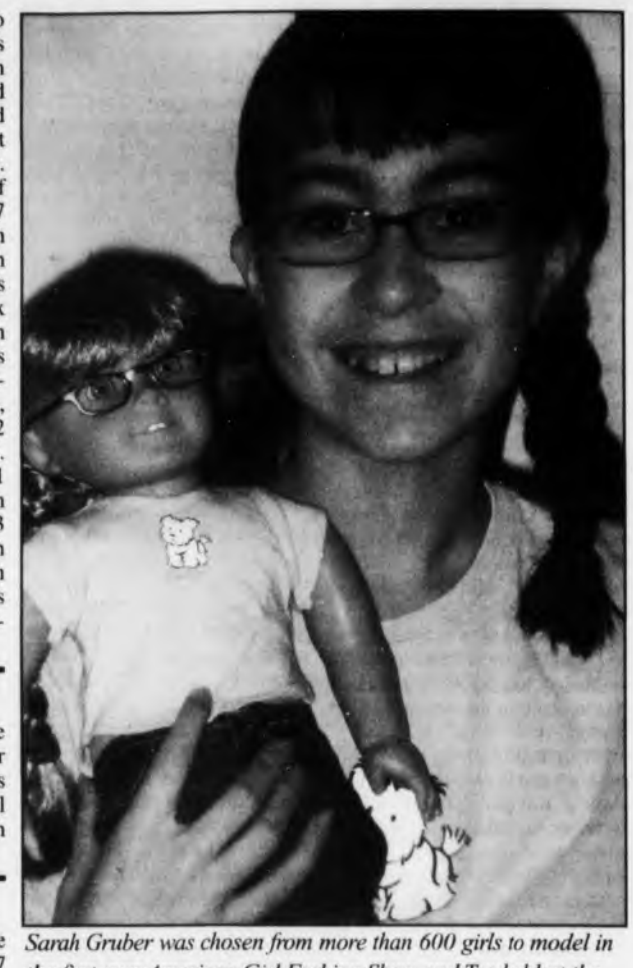
CHOICES

The Social Service League of Cohasset invites all parents Tuesday, April 10th at 7 pm to the video presentation "Choices" to educate parents and high school students about important life lessons learned by the Steverman family after the death of their son, P.J. in an alcohol-related tragedy. **Lynda Steverman** will make a separate presentation to seniors on April 11th. Please attend so that you can start a dialogue with your family about how one bad choice can change lives forever.

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THE KIDS SPEAK: WHY CAMP?

By Bette S. Bussel - Executive Director, American Camp Association, New England

In major research on the impact of the camp experience on child development, confirmed camp's life-changing influence:

Can you think of things you learned and did at camp last summer that helped you in school this year?

- I was more confident, wanted to know everything, was excited to be in school and good grades in 7th grade (12 year old female).
- I learned mostly about how to get along with my peers but, also I learned to take on more responsibilities (13 year old male).
- My experience helped me look at challenging situations differently and instead of giving up, finding a way around them (14 year old female).
- Last summer I learned a lot about how to control my anger (13 year old female).
- I learned better sportsmanship and listening skills that helped me bring up my grades in behavior (11 year old male).
- I learned how to be on my own without someone with me all the time (12 year old male).
- I learned to have more patience and to appreciate the things I have (10 year old female)
- I feel that I am better at interacting with friends and family. The people skills learned at camp affected me dramatically when I went home (15 year old male).
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Freshmen build cube to raise global warming awareness

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through photosynthesis can't keep up with this emissions rate. The amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is rapidly increasing and this will have climate consequences for the entire world.

Ames got the idea from his involvement with the organization Sustainable Cohasset. The group meets monthly to promote awareness of the global warming problem. At one of the meetings member Jim Shipsky said, "a ton of carbon dioxide is the size of a 27 foot cube." And the idea was born.

"No one knows what a ton of CO2 looks like, and I thought that if people could see it them it might help visualize the issue," says Ames, who then started mentioning it to his students back in December.

"The kids got excited, they were already aware of the warning signs [of global warming]," warning signs, according to stopglobalwarming.org, include warmer temperatures worldwide and extreme weather events. Ames initially got a group together to make a scaled down version of the "cube" using straws. The structure was four square feet.

The group started thinking bigger and began to brainstorm about the best materials and method to build a 27-square-foot structure.

PVC piping was initially thought of as the ideal material to construct the sides of the cube. But the group found out that PVC is a part of the global warming problem — it is toxic to manufacture and to dispose.

Shipsky, architect consultant, introduced "sonotube" to Ames. The hard but lightweight cardboard tubing comes in lengths 12 feet long and approximately eight inches in diameter. The tubes are designed to nest into each other for more cost effective shipping, three in one tube. This industry trick also benefited the project because three pieces of tubing need to be used to create the 27-foot sides. The sonotubes,, along with the other materials used, are recyclable.

The group began construction of the cube on March 4. They will need to create 12 sides for the cube, eight horizontal and four vertical, each 27-feet long. One side needs three pieces of sonotube and they are bolted together. Inch wide pieces of wood are nailed to the tube to ensure a snug fit and prevent wobbling of the structure.

The cube will represent the volume of one metric ton of carbon dioxide.

Four bases were constructed from wood in the high school wood shop. Each piece of the cube has been specially designed using the students' scientific knowledge and a bit of trial and error.

The cube will have a sophisticated series of eight pulley systems to raise the top horizontal sides into place — 27 feet above the ground. A "wooden cap" placed on top of each of the vertical sides will have a snug fit for the sonotube to prevent those pieces from swaying in the wind, Ames says.

Tension cables will criss-cross from the wooden cap to the opposite side's base to will stabilize the structure. The end look will have an "X" on each open side of the cube.

The group was able to raise one side of the cube two weeks ago.

"It was so big!" they said.

The students stood on the bleachers and attest that the structure was taller than the school. The dedicated group has met once or twice a week for the last month to put this project together. They are aiming to have it complete for an unveiling on Earth Day, April 22.

"It's brought to our attention the enormity of the problem," says freshman Betsy Crawford. The enthusiastic group is having t-shirts made up with the name "The CO2 Cube Crew."

Once the structure is complete, they plan to develop instructions on how to make a cube, so other schools can make the same statement. They said that if they could get 195 other schools to create a CO2 cube like theirs it would represent the amount of carbon dioxide emitted by one American in one year.

In the short term, Ames plans to loan out the structure (which can be transported in two pick-up truck and assembled by 8 volunteers) to towns or organizations that have events to raise awareness of global warming or environmental issues.

"It's going to make quite a statement," he says.

To help with the material costs of the project, the CO2 Cube Crew is seeking sponsors at $10 per linear foot. There are 324 feet available. Every sponsor will be acknowledged wherever the cube is displayed.

Students involved in the cube project are Tori Lehr, Megan Richardson, Betsy Crawford, Allie Leger, James Earle, Thomson Jaffe, Kelsea Hindley, Melissa Campedelli, Maddy Altholtz, Abby Perkinson, Terry MacCormack, and Charlotte Malone.

Contact David Ames to sponsor, volunteer or just to find out more information on this project, dames@cohassetk12.org or call the High School at 781-383-6100.



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The CO2 Cube Crew, as they have appropriately named themselves, poses in a hall at the high school. Front row (from left), Megan Richardson, Betsy Crawford, Thomson Jaffe. Second row (l-r), Melissa Campedelli, Maddy Altholtz, Kelsea Hindley and James Earle. Back row (from left), Allie Leger, Abby Perkinson, Tori Lehr and David Ames.

Ways Cohasset can help fight global warming

These ideas were brainstormed by the high school students.

- Buy compact florescent lights (Lowers light bill and lasts up to seven years)
- Recycle paper, plastic, cardboard, glass, metal etc. at Transfer Station
- Walk or bike, instead of driving (If you have to drive, don't leave car idling)
- Buy renewable clean energy from National Grid
- Buy a fuel efficient vehicle, or better yet, a hybrid
- Invest in alternative energy sources, ex.solar, wind
- Watch the film, "An Inconvenient Truth"
- Influence politicians to make the environment a priority

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Town Moderator Dan Evans presides over the day's events. The annual Town Meeting was held in the Sullivan Gymnasium at Cohasset Middle-High School on Saturday.

No-override budget still creates some waves

School 'miracle' challenged and addressed

"$1.8 million in offsets — that's the miracle, it's not through the public funding process."
— Adrienne MacCarthy, School Committee

By Nancy White
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Despite a balanced budget, with no override, put forth by Town Manager, there was ample discussion and some dissatisfaction with the numbers at Saturday's Town Meeting. The town's operating budget was presented as $35,340,212 and almost 39 percent of the budget was for schools ($13,686,400).

Town Manager Bill Griffin presented the budget along with a PowerPoint slides that highlighted important budget points and positive fiscal improvements.

State aid will be $2,858,776, an increase of $146,697 over last year. The budget is currently under review by the House, Senate and Conference Committee. Griffin said after the budget is finalized he "hopes it will be a better [number]." New growth in the town will bring in close to $500,000 more tax revenue and there was only a slight increase in excluded debt service.

The level services budget, Griffin said, is "building upon some of the advances we've made over the last few years." His announcement of reduced use of reserves to balance budget got applause from voters.

He continued that a state allotment for the new school buildings would subsidize the budget by $110,000. He listed grants for the seawall re-construction; village revitalization and the transit-oriented district (TOD) will give Cohasset new assets without direct cost to taxpayers.

The Selectmen and the Advisory Committee had majority votes to recommend this budget.

"There are no frills in this budget," said Advisory Committee Chairman Merle Brown.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Denise Walsh and School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy spoke next, stressing that the level services budget included all improvements made in fiscal year 2007. However, Walsh said that $13.6 million budget was "not the total we need to run district."

Almost $2 million will come from offsets driven from fees, grants, booster clubs, full-day kindergarten tuition and other sources, which both said was of concern. The offset budget has increased 8 percent in just two years, Walsh said.

"But this budget will allow us to move forward, albeit at a slower place," said Walsh.

An Advisory Committee minority report (the majority vote was 7-2) from Tucker Glavin raised questions as to whether this level-services budget was striving for excellence or maintaining average services. Glavin argued that this budget failed to prioritize town needs and departments.

"When we discuss priority budgeting we are speaking about deciding as a town if we are spending enough or too much on the big ticket departments," Glavin said.

He said that the maintenance fund, the Excellence of Schools program and the capital depreciation fund were not getting the funding they need.

"You as a town deserve much better than this," Glavin concluded.

Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer firmly said that much of what Glavin said was inaccurate and that the budget put forth was "an extraordinary thing."

The discussion was then opened up to Town Meeting floor where two citizens brought up their concerns, particularly concerning the school budget.

Rich Perkingson of King Street said "a miracle has happened," citing last year's override proposal that argued the desperate need for additional schools funding and now this year's level-services budget. He expressed disappointment in the school department, in regards to the proposed budget and the services.

"I want to see some action, maybe we need more citizen involvement," he said offering to participate, "I'm extremely interested in priority budgeting. I think it's time to get serious about what we do and how we do it."

Roy Fitzsimmons of Doane Street asked about state reimbursement of the METCO program and said the schools have excessive school administration. School business manager Dave DeGennaro explained that the town receives $2500 per METCO student and the school pays for two teacher salaries with the funds. That amount is far below the amount it takes to educate the student, he said.

MacCarthy, the School Committee chairman, spoke passionately in response to the citizens' questions, agreeing with Fitzsimmons sentiment that the state and federal government should be paying for more of the budget. She said that the "miracle" is a result of imposed fees on the parents of children who attend Cohasset Public Schools. She listed off bus fees, athletic fees, pre-school and full-day kindergarten tuition, AP exams and books as just a few of the new fees that make up the offset funding.

"Parents are shouldering the burden. It's taking the public out of Cohasset Public Schools, and placing it on the parents," she said, "$1.8 million in offsets — that's the miracle, it's not through the public funding process."

No amendments to the budget were proposed. The budget was approved by the required two-thirds vote.

Saturday's quorum challenged twice

By Nancy White
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Two hundred and three — that was the total amount of voters checked in at Town Meeting last Saturday. That paltry number is actually generous one because Town Meeting did not see that number at the single vote hand-count or either of the two quorum challenges.

The steadfast group of dedicated citizens debated and decided on the town's business ranging from water rate increases to zoning bylaws. The 26 articles were tackled all in one day, in less than six hours time. The meeting was called to order at 9:30a.m. and adjourned at 3:20p.m.

The only hand count of the day was requested by at least seven voters at the rear of the gym after Town Moderator Dan Evans declared that the motion to increase water rates had been adopted by majority vote. The four counters mobilized and took the for-and-against votes for the article. After the votes had been tallied the water rate increase was approved in an 83-57 vote in favor.

Twice a quorum challenge was brought to the floor when it seemed that the crowd looked thin and a citizen felt that maybe the issue at hand was too important to be decided by any less voters than 100.

Evans clarified after the first quorum challenge that Town Meeting could conduct business unless a quorum is challenged. If challenged a count must be taken and if the number of voters are less than 100, the meeting must be immediately adjourned. However, if a quorum goes unquestioned, even if there are less than 100, the meeting can continue and all business is legal.

Martha Gjesteby of Old Pasture Road called for a quorum count shortly before 1p.m., as the discussion on article 14 that proposed the creation of a new zoning district was getting started. Zoning bylaw changes require a two-thirds vote.

"I think these zoning changes are too important to pass without a quorum," Gjesteby said as her explanation for the quorum challenge. Evans requested that voters who were sitting outside the gymnasium or getting something to each from the snack bar come in to be properly accounted for as voters. Voters were asked to raise their orange vote cards as the volunteer counters totaled up the participant. Evans announced the count as 109 and the meeting could be resumed.

Town Meeting continued plodding along, Evans only allowed for a short five-minute break, tackling more 12 articles. The discussion was well under way on article 26 (the last Town Meeting article) that requested a $1 million appropriation for drainage improvements that were to be done while the road is torn up during the Little Harbor, Atlantic Avenue, and Jerusalem Road sewer expansion project. Pam Miles of Linden Drive challenged the quorum at 2:45p.m.

The count was now 104 voters, just enough to keep the meeting in session. After another half hour of debate and several amendments, the article with two amendments passed with the requisite two-thirds votes.



STAFF PHOTO/ELSA ALLEN

The Board of Selectmen listen intently to citizen concerns on water rate increases. From left are: Fred Koed, Gary Vanderweil, Ralph Dormitzer, Ted Carr and Rob Spofford. (For story on the water articles see pages 1 and 14.)

Boathouse project stays afloat

Private use of CPC funds questioned

By Nancy White
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Opinions abounded on whether to allocate $50,000 of Community Preservation funds to renovate the Cohasset Maritime Institute boathouse. The discussion was the longest of any of the Community Preservation Committee's recommendations by a long shot, the other eight CPC recommendations passed unanimously with minimal discussion.

The contention was driven by one side's view that the organization that occupies the historic boathouse (owned by the town) is a private one and CPC monies should not be going toward the benefit of a private organization. The other side of the coin was the renovation would allow the structure to continue and expand its use, returning to its historical purpose.

The proposal included a historical architect, a new roof, new windows, installation of insulation and an update to the electrical system.

Selectmen and CPC member Ralph Dormitzer was the sole vote on both boards opposing this project.

"It was not a vote against the historic restoration of the building," he said. At a previous meeting he indicated that he supported the electrical and roof work, but not the insulation of the building. "It's changing or improving the function of a private organization."

"We are a relatively new organization that promotes a historic mission."
— Jack Buckley, Cohasset Maritime Institute

Russell Bonetti of Parker Ave. was the most outspoken voice against the CPC project, citing that town funds were allocated to restore the Hagerty property four or five years ago and contended that the funds were not used appropriately. He specifically mentioned as one of his major concerns the poor handicap accessibility. He also believes the life of the roof and windows have not yet reached their full life.

Jack Buckley, a CMI board member, argued the merits of the project.

"We are a relatively new organization that promotes a historic mission," the boathouse was built in 1855 as a maritime life saving outpost. The organization hopes to build small boats in the building during the off-season. He has built two dories with high school students already.

Karen Quigley of Clay Spring Road, a member of the Harbor Health Committee, spoke as a private citizen.

"The rowing club is a viable club. But, as a private citizen, I question whether we need to [renovate] the building to the extent that is proposed," she said. "It is a private club and it may be open to the public but, in my experience, they are not welcoming to the public."

Jack Creighton of Cushing Road seconded Quigley's remarks, "using public money on private endeavors is a very slippery slope. The percentage of people that are benefiting from this project is very small."

At the close of discussion, a voice vote was taken with the required two-thirds majority voting in favor of CPC project.

CPC Chairman Stuart Ivimey said that there would be "significant oversight to project" with the bids for each piece being submitted for review by the CPC and Town Manager.

Other CPC Projects get green light

- Sub account distribution (10 percent each)

Historical Resources Sub Account, $49,500

Open Space Sub Account, $49,500

Community Housing Sub Account, $49,500

- Town Hall sign, $4120
- Design plans for Border St. culvert repair, $20,000
- Historical Society archival restoration and rehab of Maritime Museum, $70,125
- Purchase of land and parking lot on Beechwood St., $40,000
- Historical architect for "old" Town Hall rehabilitation, $35,000
- Beechwood ballpark borrowing, $150,000
- Debt service on previously approved projects/borrowing, $114,510

TOWN MEETING RUNDOWN

- Article 1 – Annual Town Report: **adopted unanimously**.
- Article 2 – Reports of Committees: **adopted unanimously.**
- Article 3 – Fiscal 2008 Operating Budget: **adopted by required 2/3 vote.**
- Article 4 – Water Rate Increase and restructuring: **adopted by a majority vote. A hand count was taken: 83 in favor, 57 against.**
- Article 5 – Water Operations Contract: **adopted unanimously.**
- Article 6 – Capital Improvements Budget: **adopted unanimously.**
- Article 7 – Community Preservation Committee:

Recommendation A — $49,500 to each of the CPC sub accounts: **adopted unanimously.**

Recommendation B — $4,120 for new Town Hall sign: **adopted unanimously.**

Recommendation C – $20,000 for design for repair of Border St. culvert: **adopted unanimously.**

Recommendation D — $70,125 for Historical Society: **adopted unanimously.**

Recommendation E — **$40,000** for acquisition and parking lot on Beechwood St. parcel: **adopted unanimously.**

Recommendation F — $50,000 for restoration of Cohasset Maritime Institute boathouse: **adopted by required 2/3 vote.**

Recommendation G — $35,000 for architectural services to prepare plans for restoration of old portion of Town Hall: adopted unanimously.

Recommendation H — $150,000 to pay back Beechwood Ballpark borrowing: adopted unanimously.

Recommendation I — $114,510 for debt service on two previously approved projects: adopted unanimously.

- Article 8 – Unpaid Bills from previous years: **moved to indefinitely postpone.**
- Article 9 – Supplemental Appropriation for FY07: **adopted unanimously.**
- Article 10 – Rate of Interest for Tax Deferrals: **unanimous vote to indefinitely postpone.**
- Article 11 – Tax Exemptions: **adopted unanimously.**
- Article 12 – Capital Improvements Bylaw: **adopted unanimously.**
- Article 13 – Senior Multi-Family Residence Overlay District Bylaw Amendment: **adopted unanimously.**
- Article 14 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment, Village District: **adopted by required 2/3 vote.**
- Article 15 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment, Downtown and village districts dwellings for more than one family allowed by special permit: **adopted by required 2/3 vote.**
- Article 16 – Zoning Bylaw, Amend Water Resource District Bylaw: **moved to indefinitely postpone.**
- Article 17 and 18 – **These articles were taken up as a package. Amended to allow the sale of water to other towns or water companies provided the proposal is approved by Town Meeting. Article was adopted by majority vote as amended.**
- Article 19 – Water Commission Land Acquisition: **adopted by required 2/3 vote.**
- Article 20 – Affordable Housing Trust Fund: **voted to indefinitely postpone.**
- Article 21 – Landfill Monitoring Services: **adopted unanimously.**
- Article 22 – Supplement Funding Sewer Expansion for Little Harbor district: **adopted by required 2/3 vote**
- Article 23 – Funding for Stormwater Management Grant Match: **moved to indefinitely postpone.**
- Article 24 – Stormwater Management Bylaw: **moved to indefinitely postpone.**
- Article 25 – Easements for West Corner Culvert Replacement Project: **adopted unanimously.**
- Article 26 – Funding for Drainage improvements: **adopted by required 2/3 vote.**

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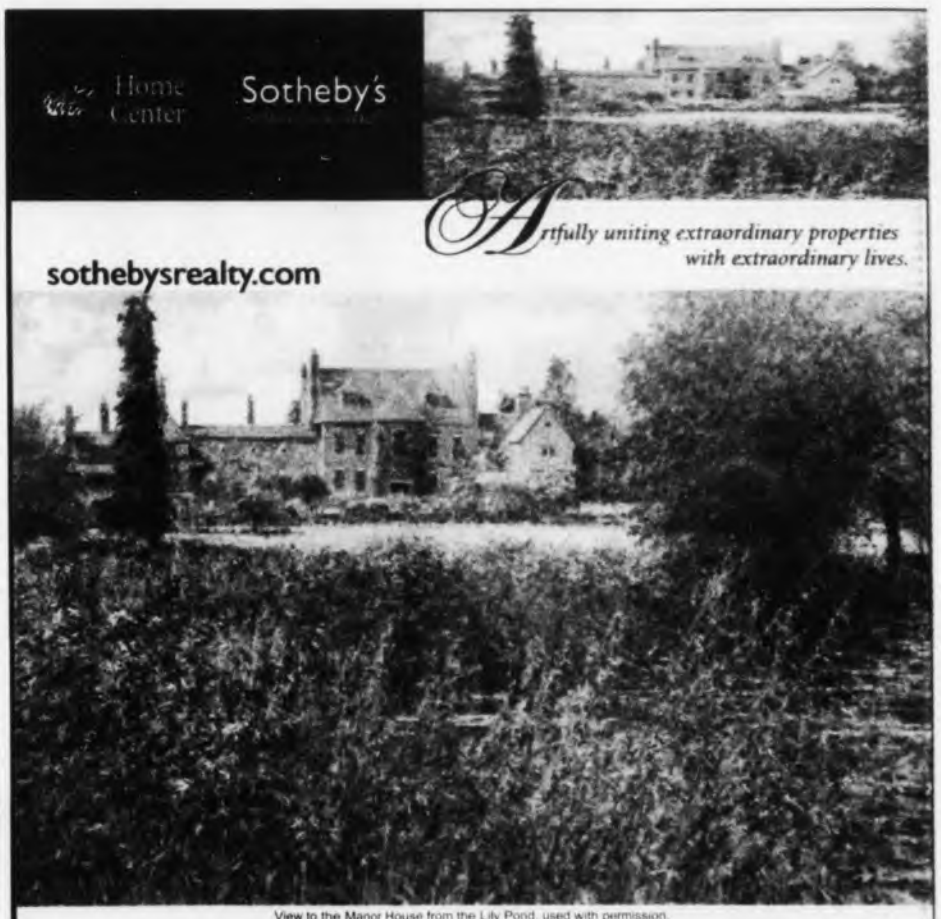
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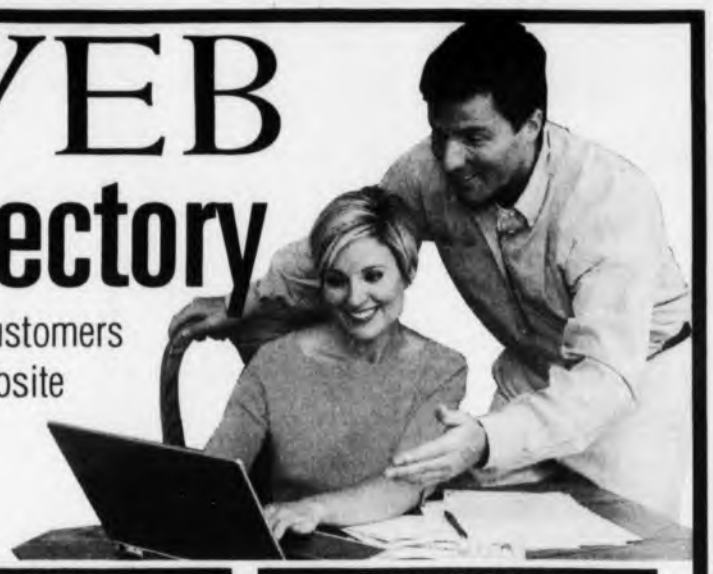
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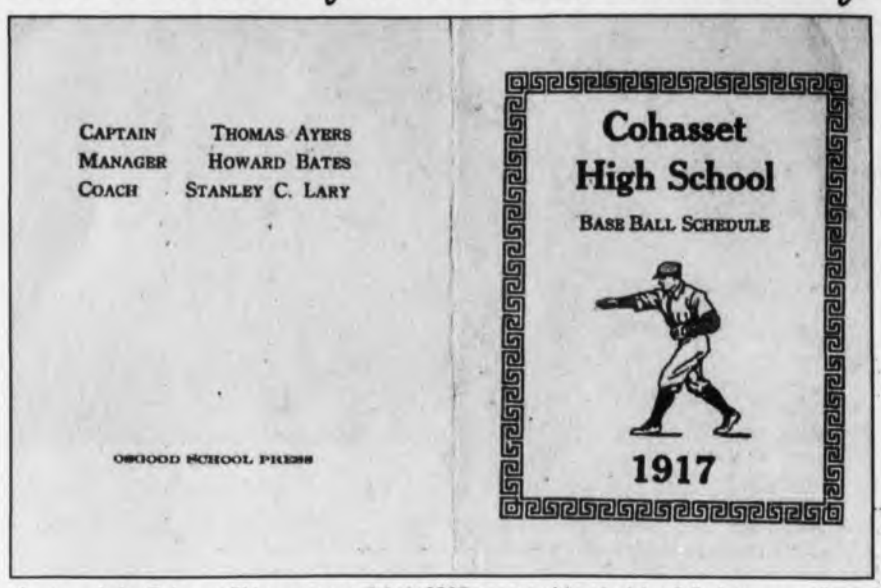
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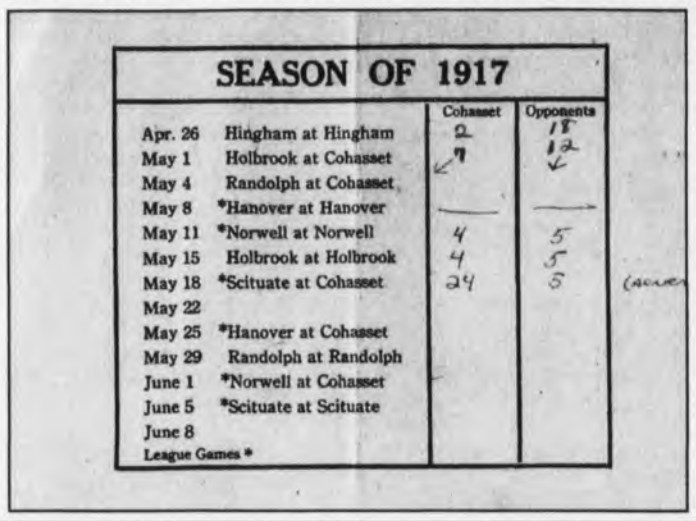
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Last week the Cohasset Skippers opened their 2007 season with a decisive 8-0 victory over Sacred Heart in Kingston. Local baseballs fans hope this is only the beginning of a campaign that will result in Cohasset's first invitation to the postseason tournament in many years.

Things were not looking so bright 90 years ago when the Skippers' 1917 baseball team got off to a bit of a rocky start. The 1917 Cohasset baseball schedule is just one example of the thousands of documents, photographs and artifacts owned by the Cohasset Historical Society that bring Cohasset's history to life.



SEASON OF 1917

		Cohasset	Opponents
Apr. 26	Hingham at Hingham	2	18
May 1	Holbrook at Cohasset	7	12
May 4	Randolph at Cohasset		
May 8	*Hanover at Hanover		
May 11	*Norwell at Norwell	4	5
May 15	Holbrook at Holbrook	4	5
May 18	*Scituate at Cohasset	24	5
May 22			
May 25	*Hanover at Cohasset		
May 29	Randolph at Randolph		
June 1	*Norwell at Cohasset		
June 5	*Scituate at Scituate		
June 8			

League Games *

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Bradley office hours

State Representative Garrett J. Bradley, D – Hingham, will hold district office hours Wednesday April 11, from 8 to 9 a.m., at the Sons of Italy Hall in Hingham. Enter through the Route 3A side entrance of the building into his district office.

Those unable to attend scheduled office hours who wish to meet with Rep. Bradley, can call 617-722-2396 to schedule an appointment at their convenience.

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ASP JOURNAL

'This week has been really amazing'

Journal Entry June 29, 2006: *"Tonight is the last night. We are on Aerobeds talking about crazy stuff; 17 of us all around the beds talking and laughing. It's for times like these that we come on ASP. Everybody is laughing. I have a feeling that I'll remember these happy moments for my whole life. This week has been really amazing. I've done a lot of thinking, and I'm sure that this experience will change me forever. At night we socialize and make lasting bonds, and during the day we make a huge difference in people's lives." —* ***A student volunteer.***



Early on the first leg of the trip down: clean, fresh and full of life.



Later that day, it's lights out.

For years Cohasset has been sending almost 200 of its children and adult volunteers to Appalachia as a part of the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project, but many of us have never really known what goes on there besides some home repair. What you just read is a glimpse into life on the trip, and the transformation that takes place in just a week's time. Each day the kids contribute to a journal to record their thoughts, on events, on the people they're helping, the tasks and themselves. Over the next few weeks you'll be able to travel along as we reprint some of those journal entries and interview some volunteers.

"ASP" is a faith-based home repair ministry, open to all people, that fosters human development. That's the stated mission. The effect is the personal transformation that occurs from the first night to the last.

On that first night, which ends a very long day of bus travel with a pre-dawn beginning, all the volunteers sit in a circle and individually state why they took part in ASP and what they hope to accomplish. The reasons for joining are usually pretty simple and straightforward: "I wanted to do something good for the poor people of Appalachia." And among 45 people the same reason can be heard multiple times. On the last night, after eight days of sweat, cold showers, sleeping in a school room with 20 others and very emotional encounters, the same questions are asked and the answers can take 10 minutes and bring all who are listening to tears.

The net result: good kids who are made even better. As the student said above, "I'm sure that this experience will change me forever."

Look for the ASP Journal each week for the next few weeks.. And make plans now to spend Saturday night, April 28 at the Appalachia County Fair at the St. Anthony Parish Center. Dinner by Redbones BBQ. Music and Dancing by The Gr8fls, Silent and Live Auction. Tickets are available through Cohasset churches, or by contacting Rev. Gary Ritts, 718 383 0345, gar@2ndcc.org

Earth Day Sustainable Living Festival

The fourth annual Earth Day Sustainable Living Festival, sponsored by Sustainable South Shore, will take place inside, at Mary Jeanette Murray Bathhouse, Nantasket Beach, Hull, on Saturday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SSSh currently has members from Plymouth to Quincy and is a Chapter of the Massachusetts Climate Action Network, massclimateaction. org, a network of more than 20 Massachusetts community organizations.

A few table spaces are left for sustainable living related businesses. Call festival coordinator Nancy Kramer at 781-925-9066 or visit the Web site at SustainableSS.org for more information.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Time for sidewalks

Improvements to Forest Avenue, one of the most beautiful streets in town, are long overdue.

While opinions differ as to whether granite-curbed sidewalks are the answer in terms of safety and aesthetics — they are clearly the best answer at this time considering timing and finances.

In other words, the residents of Forest Avenue – who cannot enjoy their street as pedestrians – have waited long enough.

At Monday's Selectmen's meeting on the issue, one mother said she could not allow her son to ride his bicycle to a neighbor's house just a few doors down. Others talked about wanting to achieve a "sense of community" on the street, something that is difficult when neighbors cannot walk along their road without fear.

Widening the road to allow for substantial distance between the fog lines and shoulder could involve land takings, an expensive and possibly litigious process. No one wants to wait more years to see Forest Avenue become a safer place for walkers, joggers and youth-bicyclists.

There was some debate Monday about the pros and cons of using the hardedge granite curbing for the sidewalk. Experts say that type of curbing serves as a traffic calming measure. And if you think about it, would you try to skirt around a vehicle in front of you that is waiting to make a left-hand turn if there was a granite curb on your right? Probably not.

How many times on the two-lane portions of 3A have you pulled over to the shoulder to go around a car or truck that is making a left-hand turn? Probably often. We know we have.

During Monday's hearing, concerns were also raised about speeding along Forest Avenue. Some suggested modified, permanent speed bumps that would be brightly painted. Others talked about stop signs, other signage and more enforcement.

As the road is improved, now is the time to look into ways to get traffic to slow down. That is clearly an issue that everyone can agree on.

Town election

While this election lacks excitement because there are no "races" between candidates and no override vote – it is refreshing in a way. Cohasset elections can be hard-fought, contentious affairs and taking a year off, in essence, allows everyone more time to regroup and reflect.

We do hope you will make the trek to the polls Saturday to vote. In addition to doing your civic duty you might also see an old friend or run into a neighbor that you have not connected with for a while. We expect the candidates will also be at the polls at some points during the day. It might be a good chance to let them know about your concerns, wish them luck, or praise them for a job well done.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Beechwood Ballpark Committee, April 14, 9 a.m. at the ballfield.

Capital Budget Committee, May 7, 7 p.m.

Cohasset Elder Affairs, April 9, 9 a.m., 3 N. Main St.

Conservation Commission, April 19, 7 p.m.

CMHS School Council, May 2, 2:30 p.m. at the high school.

Deer Hill School Council, April 12, 2:45 p.m., at Deer Hill.

Harbor Health Committee, April 10, 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board, April 18, 7 p.m., public hearings 7:30 & 8:30 p.m.

Recreation Commission, April 11, 6 p.m.

Selectmen, April 9, April 23 and May 7, 7p.m.;

Sewer Commission, April23, 6 p.m. regular meeting, 7 p.m. public hearing on rates

Stormwater Committee, April 17, 7 p.m.

Water Commission, April 12, 6 p.m., King Street plant.

Zoning Board of Appeals, May 8 and June 6, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

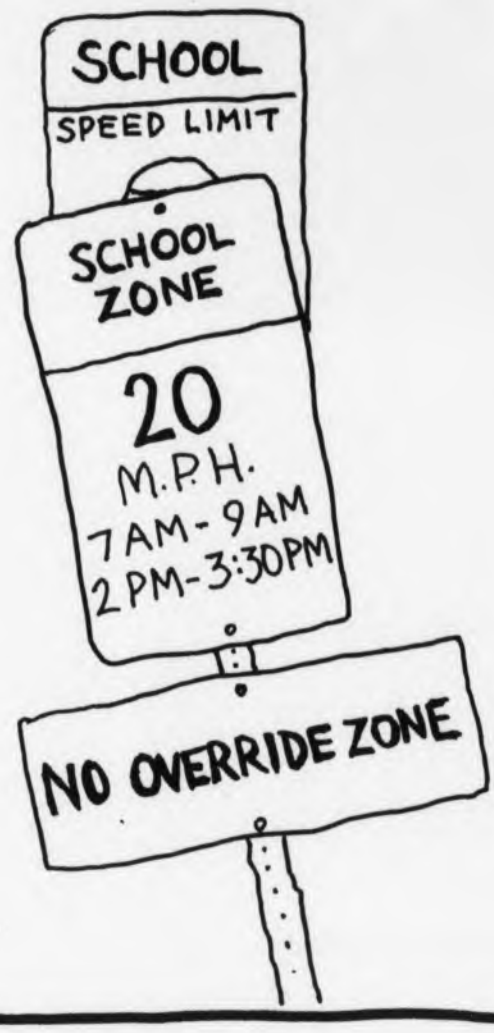
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Cohasset Political Forum to meet April 7

Cohasset Political Forum will host its next session Saturday, April 7, at 10 a.m., at Paul Pratt Library in Cohasset. The topic is: "US Immigration Policy & Reform," a discussion of what current US immigration policy is, its pros and cons, what immigration policy should be, what should be done with undocumented aliens already here and of the reform proposals pending in Congress. Also to be discussed is the role, if any, of state and municipal governments in enforcing immigration policy.

Guest speaker will be Gerald Rovner, a Boston immigration attorney. Other speakers may be added. After a short presentation, there will be opportunity for questions, discussion and debate. The pubic is invited to attend.

Signs of the times



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Last Pick' turned out to be a winner

TO THE EDITOR:

I wish to affirm what a glorious Sunday afternoon we had on April 1 to celebrate the finale of the Cohasset Library's two month long outreach program – "One Book/One Cohasset." The Friends of the Library chose "The Last Pick" as a town-wide read. Our hopes were that a town-wide reading of the same book and related activities for all our townsfolk would generate new friendships, new contacts, new ideas and bridge generation gaps. We certainly accomplished all that and much more. The themes of the book were to inspire – but many look at the book as the story of Dave McGillivray's journey – as a marathon runner and now director of the Boston Marathon. It was a good choice to end our town-wide reading endeavor with the Cohasset Road Race – everything pulled together on Sunday, including the weather.

We were so fortunate to have Dave McGillivray here on Sunday – not only to run the Cohasset Road Race course three times – but to inspire, encourage us to dream big, to set goals, make plans to achieve those goals, achieve them and then give back – and also to thank us for choosing his book for our first ever town-wide reading endeavor.

As is always the case with such huge and fun endeavors there are many people to thank for the project's success. Dave has quoted Bette Midler who apparently said "the worst part of success is trying to find someone who is happy for you." Dave's suggestion is to accept your success personally and inwardly – don't try to flaunt it – and move on to the next goal. And so, in that light, those who worked so happily and so diligently and so successfully know who you are – be happy – but a quick list must include Mary Ford, Ron and Brad, Gayle and Sharon, Betsey and Sarah et al, Sarah and Bet, Linda E. Marji M, the Yoga Ladies, all the Rotarians and The Friends' Board.

The biggest kudos must be out loud however to Linda Fechter – wife, mother, author, marathon runner, workaholic, organizer – her hundreds of hours behind the scenes have hardly gone unnoticed. Splendid job from a grateful community!

This year's book was "The Last Pick." I expect that our next pick will reach out to as many folks as this year, and hopefully more! Thank you all for participating and enjoying such a good read together!

Gail Flynn, President
Friends of the Cohasset Library

CSCR handicap accessibility

TO THE EDITOR:

Town Meeting included discussion of the Center for Student Coastal Research (CSCR) that was, at best, hard to follow, and at worst, misleading.

CSCR is a handicap accessible facility as are the public bathrooms. Accessibility was accomplished as part of our original CPC funding along with donations and debt. The CSCR lab and computer room is accessed via a handicap lift that is operative and accessible.

Our primary concern is that *anyone* requiring accessibility be aware that the CSCR facility and public bathrooms accommodate that need.

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CSCR Board Members
Steve Daly and Jack Buckley

Property theft (again)

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing this letter shortly after finding that four of our kayaks have been stolen from our back yard. A year and a half ago, a $1500 Mosquito Magnet was stolen from a spot footsteps away.

Sure, I feel extremely frustrated and violated about losing our valuable possessions. I feel worse realizing that Cohasset is not the safe and secure hamlet that it used to be.

Please take the necessary precautions to protect yourself, your loved ones and your property. At the same time, if you discover our three orange kayaks and a yellow one, please give us a call. We'll be sure to provide a reward — and a bonus if you find our Mosquito Magnet.

An extremely frustrated and disappointed,
Douglas Eymer
31 Bow St.

Race support greatly appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

The members of the Cohasset Rotary Club would like to thank all the wonderful people of the town of Cohasset for their overwhelming support of the **31st Cohasset Road Race by the Sea** and the **third annual Fran Coffey Memorial Fun Walk** held this past weekend. We had more than 1200 runners and walkers participate in these events, and the support and help by members of the community was amazing.

From the hundreds of onlookers who cheered the runners on, the Appalachia Service Project members who handled the water stops, the Cohasset Police, the South Shore Community Center, numerous business sponsors, the "One Book One Cohasset" project members, the understanding residents who put up with the traffic disruptions, the residents along the route who played music, waved signs and offered encouragement, to one of the best groups of volunteers in the history of the race...we thank you all for your help and support.

Again this year we heard so many wonderful compliments about the Cohasset community and the exceptional volunteers, from the runners and walkers who traveled here from thru out the northeast and beyond to enjoy this beautiful area we are so blessed to live in.

The dedicated members of the Cohasset Rotary Club who strive to follow the Rotary International motto of *"Service Above Self" would* never be able to provide so much assistance to all our worthwhile projects, both locally and worldwide without the assistance of so many wonderful people and businesses in the community.

Thank you again for helping us to have such a successful day.

Brad Goodwin
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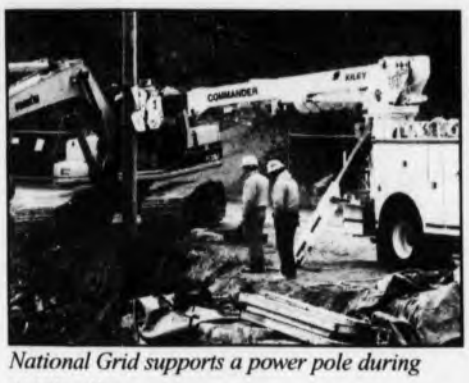
Hearing doesn't curb sidewalks

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Forest Avenue Project Update – This past Monday, the Selectmen held a continuation of the Tree Hearing for the Forest Avenue project. We heard about a lot more than trees. It was really a positive meeting with lots of ideas and thoughts being exchanged. To cut to the chase, it was the consensus of the Forest Avenue neighborhood residents to proceed with the project as designed. The Selectmen supported this. But, a number of ideas that can form the basis of small changes that might make the project better and safer were discussed. As a follow up, we plan to have a meeting between the Police Chief, the Fire Chief, DPW Director and the Town Manager to review the ideas that were brought to the floor. We have also reviewed these safety enhancements with Norfolk County Engineering. As usual, they are very open to working with the Town to find effective solutions. One of the main concerns from the neighbors was speeding on Forest Avenue. Several possible ways were discussed to slow the traffic. So, we'll let you know what comes from this follow up.

Another very interesting topic came up at the meeting. Remember, technically this was a continuation of a Shade Tree Hearing. Usually, hearings like this generate complaints about taking down too many trees. Not this meeting. Several attendees wanted to know why more trees were not being taken down. We explained that we had surveyed the area alongside Forest Avenue where the sidewalk will be placed, with a bias toward removing as few trees as possible. Although we are quite certain about our tree counts, circumstances may arise where a few more trees may need to be removed. We have planned for this contingency in our financial planning. But, after all is said and done, there



National Grid supports a power pole during construction.

may be other trees that residents may want to have removed from their land. In this case, we suggest that you contract the tree removal company, Hansen Tree Service (phone: 781-871-4111). They will be glad to give anyone a price for removal of any other trees on your property. We suspect, but can't guarantee, that their prices will be good because they will already be mobilized in your area.

Greenbush – Work has begun at Spring and Pond streets once again. Workers have left their winter hibernation and are once more on the job moving dirt and grading the road in preparation for paving. We are trying to get schedule information to pass on, but we have nothing so far. As soon as we have more information we'll pass it on to you.

We met with the CBB superintendent this week who is responsible for the crossing construction at Sohier Street. CBB will be cold planning Sohier Street at the crossing in preparation for paving. To do this they will need to close the street. We do not have a fix as to when or how long the closure will take. But, we want to let you know what's in the planning stages.

Harbor Wall Project – The Harbor Wall Project continues at a good pace. The contractor has been very cooperative, especially with the needs of the Lightkeepers and the Cohasset Sailing Club, since he is using space on Government Island as a staging area. Recently we had a complaint from a neighbor about the pumps on Border Street that run 24/7. First, let's explain why the pumps are there. The Portadam wall that keeps the seawater from the work area cannot keep 100 percent of the seawater out. Water seeps through the foundation of the Mill River Marina building and from under the parking lot of Atlantica. So the pumps are necessary to keep the seepage in check. They are a bit noisy, especially in the quiet of the night. One of the pumps already has a sound deadening treatment. But the other does not. So, the contractor has ordered a sound reduction kit for the other pump and will have it installed as soon as possible. That should quiet things a bit.

The photo shows another interesting aspect of this project. There is a line of power poles along Border Street adjacent to the seawall. These poles support all of the power and communication lines in this area. When the contractor does the digging necessary to replace the sea wall, the poles will become completely destabilized. As Martha Stewart might say, "That is not a good thing." So, to avoid loosing all power and communications and keep the area safe, the contractor has National Grid come with a truck just to hold and stabilize the poles during excavation. If you look carefully at the photo you can see an arm from the white truck gripping and holding the pole while all of the dirt is removed from around the pole. This truck will be there until the pole can stand by itself.

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Listening to the cries of the earth

TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE COHASSET

JOANN MIRISE

What a good day it was in Cohasset last Sunday. I spent the morning admiring our town while on the Fran Coffey Memorial Walk. The light reflecting from the ocean and ledge created a warm glow along the coast. The crocuses and daffodils were peeking out from thawed ground. The Village was lively and vibrant with people coming from church service, picking up their baguettes from French Memories and getting ready for the Road Race By the Sea. A day of nature and community. I felt such gratitude for my life here.

If only all of our days could be as joyful. I was 15at the time a friend in my hometown was diagnosed with a rare cancer —another victim of a suspected cluster case of cancers linked to toxic waste from a local utility. I was 26 at the time I first saw a landfill. I was stunned by the mountains of trash piled as far as the eye could see — the vomit of our over-consumption. I am now in my 30s at a time that ill-informed policy and questionable leadership on a local, national and global level threaten our societal well-being. Take Article 15 from the town warrant, for example. The smart growth movement that encourages people to move back into town centers for a better quality of daily life and less dependence on cars is being adopted worldwide. Yet in our town, some leaders are trying to create new hurdles against this progress towards sustainability. At best, on the days that I let it all get to me, I am snippity and judgmental ("What are these people thinking? Have they been living under a rock?"). At worst, I am checked-out, unable to face the painful reminders that we are continually and irrevocably destroying our earth.

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When a student asked the Vietnamese Zen poet, Thich Nhat Hanh. "What do we need to do to save our world?" the student was expecting to get an answer, which addressed some strategies for social and environmental action. Thich Nhat Hanh however answered" "What we need to do is hear within us the sound of the earth crying."

With our lightening fast pace of life, we can barely hear our personal cries let alone those of our world. It seems as if when we do open up to the possibility of listening to our hearts, we reach for a pacifier of some sort because what we hear is oftentimes too painful to bear. But have you ever thought what could be lying on the other side of that pain?

Recently, I took a yoga/meditation workshop. I do yoga and have for years. But I don't do meditation. I have tried many times, but have always given up after a few minutes. I was just too fidgety, too twitchy and my foot always fell asleep no matter which position I tried. Signing up for a three-hour workshop was against my better judgment, but since I really liked the teacher, I decided to give it a go. The first meditation was 10 minutes. As predicated, I fidgeted and my foot fell asleep. The yoga practice that followed was a relief. But then the dreaded part two of the meditation came around and the instructor asked us to sit for 20 minutes this time. He urged us to work through any discomforts that came up and to be impeccably still. And then he looked straight at me and said (slightly indignant for a teacher of meditation, I thought) "I've never heard of anyone dying from a foot that fell asleep." Yikes. The pressure was on. I had to stay still. Of course, my foot fell asleep about five minutes in and by seven minutes I was in agony. This time, however, I really tried to do what my teacher said — let the pain and thoughts come and go without judgment. And wouldn't you know it, 20 minutes had passed and I hadn't moved a bit! I had come out of the pain more comfortable, clear, and connected. And I proved to myself that I could pass through the excuses, denial and judgments because they are really just figments of thought, based nowhere in reality.

In my quest to do my part, I am finding that it is a combination of the gratitude from the good and the pain from the bad that keeps my senses heightened enough to hear what the earth needs. This task is made a little easier since the earth is screaming to us with her warnings: rivers drying up, species ceasing to exist, epidemics killing, and weather patterns becoming more intense and erratic. But between the screams she is giving us the answers to repair and prevent further damage. We just have to listen. And act.

JoAnn Mirise lives and writes in Cohasset.

Owning pets can be healthy

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Health Notes has decided that rather than describe a litany of diseases, their effect on the populace, remedies and possible complications, maybe you deserve something else. Like what really helps you to feel better. How about owning pets? Other things do it, but dogs can really raise the plateau of life for some. Even the snarley ones. If you think about it, there are people like that. But with a dog in a bad temper, you immediately ascribe it to something someone's done to him. In other words, it's probably not his fault. Would that we could be that indulgent with our neighbors and those we see in line at the supermarket.

According to a study reported in the BBC, children who have pet animals at home have stronger immune systems and are less likely to take days off school sick. The study suggests that having a cat or dog exposed children to more infections early in life. The report says that in children aged between five and eight years, exposure boosted their immune systems in the medium term and meant these children attended school more often, on average, than pupils who did not have pets.

Tests of 138 children for the antibody immunoglobulin A (IgA), an indicator of immune system strength, showed that antibody levels among pet owning children were significantly more stable, indicating that they had robust immune systems. They were found to have an extra nine days at school over the course of the year compared to those without animals. Nothing about the animals and homework.

According to the researchers, the findings appear to support the so-called "dirty hypothesis": too much cleanliness early in life can leave the immune system weakened later on, a hypothesis that has been linked to soaring rates of childhood asthma in recent years.

However, the authors warned that pets can also pose health risks to children. A big risk for dogs not well cared for is roundworm, Toxicara canis, which

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infects dogs and can cause anything from stomach ache to eye damage. Moreover Warwick University in the UK found that despite these dangers three out of 10 children admitted sharing food with their pets while 21 percent let their pets lick their fingers.

But wait. A team of asthma and allergy experts America looked at more than 200 children's immune response to cat and mite allergens and found that children who live with cats can develop an immune response that prevents them developing asthma. Apparently, some children developed a tolerance protecting them against cat allergies, because of a particular type of antibody they developed. But the finding does not apply to everyone.

Professor Thomas Platts-Mills, who led the research carried out at the University of Virginia Asthma and Allergic Disease Center, has said that children were just as likely to have immunity to cats as to be allergic to them. And he said this particular type of immunity developed when children had a significant amount of exposure to cats. "If the child goes away to college and has less exposure, they may become allergic again. "We think children are more likely to become allergic if everyone else has got cats and they have not." He said children who were allergic to cats are more likely to develop asthma, while those who had this particular immune response were not.

A spokesperson for the Cats Protection League welcomed the research, and said; "Many people give up their cats or feel they can't have a cat because of their children's asthma."

The moral is contained in Arthur Guiterman's modified 1871 poem:

The Antiseptic Baby and the Prophylactic Pup
The antiseptic baby and the prophylactic pup
Were playing in the garden when the kitten gamboled up
They looked upon this creature with loathing undisguised
He wasn't disinfected and he wasn't sterilized

They said he was a microbe and a hotbed of disease
They steamed him in a vapor of a thousand odd degrees
They froze him in a freezer as cold as banished hope
And washed him in permanganate with carbolated soap

Into sulphurated hydrogen they steeped his tiny ears
And trimmed his frisky whiskers with a pair of hardboiled shears
Then they donned their rubber mittens and took him by the hand
And elected him a member of the fumigated band

There's not a micrococcus in the garden where they play
And they bathe in pure iodoform a dozen times a day
And each imbibes his rations from a hygienic cup
The kitten and the baby and the prophylactic pup.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Fans pick the winner

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Fifty years ago, when baseball fans were given unfettered access to the All-Star ballot box, fans of the Cincinnati Reds voted so early and often that seven of eight members of their team were chosen to start the game.

That was too much for then-Commissioner Ford Frick, who took it upon himself to replace the immortal Gus Bell and Wally Post with Willie Mays and Hank Aaron. It also ended fan participation in the All-Star voting for another 13 years.

The thought occurred to me last week that the Fox Channel is facing a similar situation in dealing with young Sanjaya Malakar.

Sanjaya, in case you're one of the dozen or so Americans who haven't been following the big story of 2007, is the 17-year-old "singer" from Seattle who has turned the erstwhile talent show "American Idol" into a popularity contest.

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Now I'm not much of a singer myself, although I used to do a mean version of "Drunken Bill" at closing time, so I disqualify myself as a judge, but friends who can tell a high C from a blood-curdling scream tell me that Sanjaya can't sing a lick.

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Last week, for instance, Sanjaya appeared in what someone described as a "fauxhawk," that is, a Mohawk hairdo with a half dozen ponytails sticking up. The week before, he had to go down into the audience to comfort a crying 12-year-old fan.

Oh, yes. He sang, too. I think.

To make matters worse, Sanjaya's fans are being egged on by Howard Stern, once the bad boy of broadcast radio and now the bad boy of satellite radio, and the kid even has a Web site, www.votefortheworst.com, behind him.

"Sanjaya winning would be the end of the world as we know it," says Joe Jackson of Atlanta, obviously a fan of the show, but not Sanjaya. "Some things are just too important and dear to our hearts to be desecrated like that."

Catherine Schloss of Folsom, Calif., told USA Today that she feels a Sanjaya victory "will ruin the show. If he wins, I really don't think 'American Idol' will be back."

"Sanjaya has an X-factor that has nothing to do with his singing," says Mahesh Grossman of Soquel, Calif. "You can help but love the way he glows."

"I have a 13-year-old daughter who after the show races to the safety of the closet to vote for 'he's soooo cute' after every horrid performance," says Dan Lyda of Wichita, Kansas.

"Cell phones are to blame — and to slow, fat parents like myself who can't seem to stop the downfall of a once-enjoyable show."

And so far, no Ford Frick is in sight to replace Wally Post with Hank Aaron.

Mr. Skipper on 'Our Town'

This week on OUR TOWN Roving Reporter Rich Ofsthun goes behind the scenes at the most recent Mr. Skipper contest for one full hour to get to know the contestants and see what they each bring to this highly entertaining Cohasset High School competition of personality, style and talent.

Our Town airs Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9pm on Comcast Channel 10.

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Some ripples over water rate hike

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Commission Nathaniel Palmer provided a brief overview of the rate increase and the reasoning behind it. He told voters that typical household water bills would increase from about $30 per quarter, averaging about $9-$10 per month. Higher water users, those buildings that use more than 2,000 cubic feet of water per quarter, would increase more than 40 percent — from an average bill of $738 to $1032. Large buildings like Stop & Shop and the schools would fall into this category.

The water rate increase includes the $150,000 hydrant fees that were previously in the Town's budget. However, in recent years, the full amount has not been fully paid to the Water Commission.

"This is not a spending article or an article that justifies new spending," Palmer explained that this increase is to pay for previous Town Meeting approved articles and will bring a better treatment system to Cohasset water users.

"We don't like charging more any more than you like paying it," he said noting that increased federal regulation on the drinking water quality has necessitated the improvements to the Lily Pond plant and water mains.

Several residents spoke up against the transfer of the hydrant fees to the water users. All of Cohasset is not on Cohasset Water, Hingham-based Aquarion Water serves North Cohasset and many households are on well water. However, all of the hydrants that serve municipal buildings are.

"I'm in support of the water department and what they're trying to do, I support water rate increase but not the transfer of hydrant fees from tax payer to rate payer," said Ron Goodwin of Sohier Street, a former water commissioner.

Water quality

The debate then switched to a discussion of the poor quality drinking water and how many Cohasset residents won't drink the water, instead buying bottled water.

"If we all drank our water instead of buying it, we might make up the increase in water rates," said Mike Doherty of Ash Street. Another resident said that in addition to saving money, the plastic bottles create trash and encouraged the Water Commission to strive to make tastier water.

Palmer indicated that the spending would fix the current problems in the treatment process and improve both water quality and pressure.

"You will begin to see real improvement in quality of water in the next two years, between 2007 and 2009," said Palmer.

Tom Gruber of Pratt Court raised the point that in "one fell swoop" the town authorized $21 million of borrowing for the Water Commission back in 2004, "by giving them the right to spend, we will now have to pay for it."

Selectman Gary Vanderweil seconded Gruber's sentiment, "to turn down rate increases would not be a good idea, and the increases are validated because the costs were already approved."

He suggested that the Water Commission could change the future by stretching out land acquisition and infrastructure improvements for the remaining half of the $21 million. He said that approximately 60 percent of the water will go toward bonds and nothing can be done about money that's already been bonded.

Selectman Rob Spofford told Town Meeting that if these rate increases were voted down the budget that was just approved would then be thrown off balance "and we will be back in front of you in the fall asking for a rate increase."

Palmer indicated that the key to stave off future water increases would tie into the ability for the Water Commission to sell the surplus of water.

The motion came to a vote and Moderator Dan Evans ruled that the majority adopted the motion. However, at least seven people in the back of the room contested that ruling and called for a hand count.

The vote was 83-57 in favor of the motion.

Other Water Commission Articles

- **Article 5, Water Contract Operations** – adopted unanimously to allow the Water Commission to continue contract operations without having to re-bid every three years.
- **Article 16, Amend Water Resource District Bylaw** – indefinitely postponed
- **Article 17 & 18, Sale of Water** – adopted with an amendment that allows the Water Commission to begin contract negotiations with other cities, towns or water departments but the proposed contract must be approved at Town Meeting.
- **Article 19, Land Acquisition** – adopted by required 2/3 vote to allow the Water Commission to purchase a parcel of land in the Lily Pond watershed for approximately $75,000.

Despite no contests, candidates poised for action

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for at least part of the day. He's ordered a banner that he will put on his car with the phrase "Thank you for your support, Ralph Dormitzer, Selectman."

Adrienne MacCarthy intends to answer questions, discuss concerns and be available to voters at the polls. This year, she decided from the time she pulled papers that she would not run a fundraising driven campaign.

"If people wanted to donate funds to my campaign, I told them to write a check for the PSO or Cohasset Education Foundation. That way the funds will live on and affect the schools," she said in an interview on Monday.

"I think [residents] have seen my consistent behavior on the School Committee. So, if people want me to continue to serve them, then they will give me their vote."

Both Dormitzer and MacCarthy say that the biggest part of their campaign has been to continue their respective position's duties.

Both incumbent candidates are ready to tackle the next three years of issues and continue to work toward specific goals.

Dormitzer names the repairing of the town's infrastructure — and how to pay for it — as one of the key matters that will need to be addressed in the coming years. Roads, culverts, buildings are deteriorating and will need to replaced or fixed. With a strapped budget paying for these projects will prove to be a challenge.

Another priority is to work with members of the School Committee to achieve their goals. The likelihood of getting by another year without an override or significant budget changes is remote.

"It will be more difficult next year than it was this year to get by without an override. This issue will be discussed fairly extensively in the preparation of fiscal year 2009 budget," said Dormitzer.

Dormitzer also supports the financial goals advocated by Town Manager Bill Griffin in the areas of debt service and use of free cash, "it's dull stuff but it's at the core of keeping the town in good fiscal stature."

Lastly, Dormitzer hopes that the trend of harmony within and among the town boards will continue.

MacCarthy, current Chairman of the School Committee, has a host of goals that she would like to accomplish; chief among them is finding a way to properly fund the schools. MacCarthy says that she'd like to see town leaders recognize that the school budget requires a six to seven percent increase every year, "that is cast in stone."

"We need to plan – as a town that values education – how we are going to accomplish it," she says, "we need town support to do it."

MacCarthy cites the gradual decrease in state and federal funding has left the burden of public schools on the property taxpayers. She will join other suburban school that have experienced drops in state funding at "Stand for Children" rally on Boston Common April 25.

The maintenance of schools and all town facilities also tops her agenda. She'd like to see a policy put in place to recognize, plan and pay for the upkeep of our schools in the coming years.

Newcomers to the Cohasset political scene, Paul Carlson and Peter Richardsson, will bring new perspective and knowledge to the two boards.

"I hope to be a moderating voice," said Carlson, who also plans to utilize his professional and education background to steer the town in the right direction.

Carlson worked in the investment management field for over 30 years and then for 10 years he worked with the former Soviet Union states to establish a viable economy and financial system. He's now fully retired and feels he has the time needed to be a selectman.

Over the next three years he thinks that the big issues will center on affordable housing, outstanding debt, sewers, school budget and unanticipated issues with train.

"I'd like to see the town on solid financial footing, get taxes under control and establish affordable housing options so our longtime neighbors can remain in town," he said in an interview this week.

Richardsson has two young sons, one of which has begun the integrated pre-school program at Osgood. He said his satisfaction with the program propelled him to want to get involved with the School Committee.

"We've become committed to the public school system," he said, "I'm prepared to hit the ground running."

Richardsson, who had a member of the Economic Development Committee since 2005, hopes to help the schools achieve their "lofty goal" of a top 10 school district in the state. He plans to bring a "sense of unity" to the committee.

"They have charted an ambitious course with so many great ideas," he said, "we'll have to get our oars in the water and rowing hard toward the goal."

He said all five members of the board, and the support of the town, will be needed to achieve the goals of School Committee.

Both Richardsson and Carlson will also be at the polls on Saturday to answer voter questions and address their concerns of the next three years. Carlson hopes that there will be a substantial turnout at the polls.

"It's a civic responsibility. We're fortunate to have the right to vote," says Carlson, who plans to contact his supporters to ensure they make their way to the Town Hall.

"It will reflect well on town if a good amount of citizens turn out to vote."

Here are the other unopposed candidates who were not mentioned above: James Richardson, Lillian Curley, and Daniel J. Martin (Recreation Commission, 3 seats); Stacey Weaver, Sarah Pease and Barbara Power (Board of Library Trustees, 3 seats); Elsa Miller (Board of Assessors); Ralph Perroncello (Housing Authority); Steve Bobo (Board of Health); Al Moore (Planning Board); and Sean Cunning (Sewer Commission).

Polls will be open from 8a.m. to 6p.m. at the Town Hall Auditorium.

New Handicapped Voting Machine

The state has provided a new machine designed to aid the visually or hearing impaired or those that have a disability. The AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminal is used to mark the ballot selections. A voter can mark the ballot by using the touch screen or the Braille keypad. Audio volume can be increased or decreased as desired, and the screen can be turned on and off for privacy. Voters can use the audio system to listen to ballot choices and instructions. Audio keys on the keypad control audio sound and headphones are also available. A zoom mode feature enlarges text on the screen, and a high contrast mode gives contrast to the screen resolution for those who are visually impaired. Voters desiring to use this machine will still need to check-in and check-out at the precinct tables. Any voter is welcome to use this machine.

BRIEFLY

Town officials honored

Town Meeting voted to honor four town officials with proclamations for their dedication and service to the Town and its citizens. All commendations were adopted unanimously by Town Meeting.

Former Fire Chief Roger Lincoln, who served on the Cohasset Fire Department for more than 30 years, retired in October 2006.

Selectman Rob Spofford who will complete his three-year term this week was given a proclamation for both his work as Selectman and the School Building Committee. He has served the town in some capacity for the past nine years.

Advisory Committee member, Donna McGee, was recognized by Town Meeting for her service to the Town. She completes two terms as an Advisory Committee member next week, the maximum allowed.

Lastly, the Town acknowledged School Committee member Jamie Williams for her three years sitting on the School Committee. She helped to implement the school's five-year plan and served one year as Chairman.

Before town meeting business began, a moment of silence was requested by Moderator Dan Evans to remember those who have served the town and passed away the previous year.

Spofford thanked with a poem

At the start of last week's Board of Selectmen meeting (March 26), Selectman Rob Spofford announced that it would be his last Selectmen's meeting. Spofford decided not to seek re-election after one three-year term. Chairman Ralph Dormitzer wrote a poem in the exiting selectmen's honor. With his permission, we have reprinted it here.

Elected selectman in a competitive race/Pleased he was to be in first place/His three year term saw great tumult/Yet concluded with proud result/Among us he is quite outspoken/With lengthy dissertations unbroken/Whether in the minority or majority/He was always faithful to his priority/Of the school facilities he was most proud/On time, on budget he allowed/For our meetings he did his homework/Never from controversy did he shirk/His cogent comments we will miss/And good memories of his term will long persist

The poem received a round of applause and heartfelt thanks from Spofford.

Jamie Williams thanked for her service

School Committee member Jamie Williams attended her last meeting as a sitting board member on Wednesday night. The committee and Superintendent jointly thanked Williams for her hard work the last three years. Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy read the proclamation recognizing her service that was accepted at Town Meeting.

"I hope everyone who voted for me three years ago is happy with my performance. I wish the board luck to continue on the march," she said.

Rick Flynn attested that Williams leaves the Committee a better board and the district a better school system.

During her three-year term Williams wore many hats, including serving as School Committee Chairman, and helped implement a five-year plan.

Out-of-district transportation agreement

The School Committee has tentatively entered into an agreement with a new network that will provide transportation to out of district special education students – and potential transportation savings. The Southeast Transportation Network is a designated program of the North River Collaborative. The Network will serve participating school district and transport students to their out of district schools. By regionalizing transportation, the Network will have cost sharing and lead to cost savings in each district.

Currently, the Network is posed to transport to 10 specialized schools, none of which Cohasset student presently attend. Superintendent Walsh said that this could change in the coming year and indicated that if there was a student or if the network expanded, there could be significant cost savings.

Member Alfred Slanetz asked what would be an estimate of the cost savings and if there was a downside to the program. School business manager Dave DeGennaro said that the downside could be the length of time a student is on the bus. He said that the Network plans to keep the transit time less than one hour. There is also an opt out, if the district determined a better way to transport a specific child to school.

A yearly start-up assessment equal to 10 percent of the projected annual transportation cost will be billed to each district in July and will be offset against the fourth quarter invoice.

"We're in a good place right now because we don't have any students so we can see how [the Network] works," said DeGennaro.

The School Committee voted to join the Network if it was possible just to sign a contract for one year, the contract as written is binding for three years. The School Committee would like to reassess the Network after a year. Dr. Walsh will investigate this possibility and report back at the next School Committee meeting, April 25.













Meet the Candidates

Selectmen/Vote for two



Paul Carlson

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YEARS IN TOWN; 34
EDUCATION: BA Lehigh University, MBA Columbia University Graduate School of Business
OCCUPATION: Investments, Developmental Consulting
CIVIC/MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE: Coaching for the Recreation Commission programs, Rear Commodore Fleet for the Sailing Club, Technology Action Planning Committee, Cable Advisory Committee.
WHAT IS THE QUALITY YOU MOST ADMIRE IN OTHERS: Integrity.
WHAT CAN YOU LAUGH AT MOST ABOUT YOURSELF: My deep and abiding interest in food.
WHAT HAVE VOTERS TOLD YOU IS THEIR BIGGEST CONCERN: Fiscal responsibility.

REASON FOR SEEKING OFFICE: My overriding goal is to improve our quality of life here in Cohasset while keeping the town affordable for all our friends and neighbors. That is a formidable challenge for any community and challenges energize me. I am eager to work for the benefit of the town as so many other people have done over the years. Specifically, I believe we need to

- practice fiscal responsibility by controlling expenditure growth and avoiding divisive override elections,
- reduce our large debt load – highest per capita in the commonwealth, and
- provide quality town services effectively and efficiently.

The skills developed during my career such as gathering information efficiently and diplomatically, asking the tough questions, defining problems and seeking solutions and opportunities enabled me to quickly gain the trust and confidence of my new colleagues when I worked in developing countries. These skills are also directly applicable to the work of the selectmen. My experiences working with Recreation Commission programs, the Sailing Club, the schools Technology Action Planning Committee and the Cable Advisory Committee as well as what I have learned during 34 years living in Cohasset will also support and inform my service on the Board of Selectman.



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YEARS IN TOWN: 40
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OCCUPATION: Retired – former high tech executive
CIVIC/MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE: St. Anthony's Christian Education Program, Cohasset School Committee, Cohasset School Facilities Committee, Logan Airport Community Advisory Committee.

School Committee/Vote for two



Adrienne M. MacCarthy

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EDUCATION: Milton High School; Aquinas Jr. College; Wentworth Institute of Technology
OCCUPATION: Domestic Engineer
CIVIC/MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE: 3 years School Committee, 8 yrs on the Building/ Facilities Committee, Past President of the Cohasset PSO, Founder and Fundraiser of the Friends Of the Cohasset Public School Playgrounds which built both the Osgood and Deer Hill Playgrounds
WHAT IS THE QUALITY YOU MOST ADMIRE IN OTHERS: Honesty
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REASON FOR SEEKING OFFICE: My husband and I moved to Cohasset in 1994, not for the beauty of our Historic Town Common, beaches or harbor; we chose Cohasset for the proven commitment by the town to have an outstanding public school system. The Common, beaches, and harbor were all icing on the cake. I would like to see a renewed commitment in our public schools. We have, as a town, committed to the renewal of the facilities and our students benefit from this commitment everyday; I thank you for this commitment. As I look to the next year, I see us at a pivotal point; how are we, as a town, Are going to fund our public school operating budget? Is "excellence" from our public schools a priority? How are we going to properly maintain our facilities? These are just a few of the tough questions that must be address as we start preparing for next years budget and I would like to be involved in those discussions.



Peter Richardsson

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FAMILY: Wife, Kate. Two children, Henri 4 and Ted almost 2
YEARS IN TOWN: 3 years
EDUCATION: BS: Economics/Marketing, University of Maine; Master of Wine, Boston University
OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner
CIVIC/MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE: The Town of Wilton, Downtown Revitalization Committee, 1987-1990; The Deck House School, Member of the Board of Trustees, 1986-2002; The Deck House School, President of the Alumni Association, 1982-2002; The Town of Cohasset, Economic Development Committee, 2005-2007; The Hull Yacht Club, Secretary, 2002-Pres. Sail Nantasket, Development Committee Chairman, 2004-Pres.; Wellspring Volunteer; King's Academy, Madaba-Manja, Jordan, Honorary Alumnus
WHAT IS THE QUALITY YOU MOST ADMIRE IN OTHERS: Intelligence, creativity, and humor.
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A SCENIC VIEW

Runners in Sunday's Cohasset Road Race by the Sea take the first hill on Forest Avenue. Over 1,200 runners participated in the 31st annual race. For more photos and results, see page 20.

Stars bring back the gold from Montreal

Every hockey purist knows the genesis of the sport began in the province of Quebec.

The Coastal Stars Squirt "Dream Team" – led by a hockey legend known in these circles as "Coach Joe" and guided by the Stars Ambassador Gary "Maple Leaf" Scullion, Coach Paul, Coach Rob, Coach Bill and John the bus driver – boarded the bus on a grey Thursday afternoon and took off for a tournament in Montreal.

The opening tilt pitted the Stars against a feisty Westchester, NY squad. This contest proved to be a barn-burner as the score ping-ponged throughout the contest with the Stars prevailing, 4–3, powered by two goals from Brian Bowman, one by JoJo Carbone and a game-winner by Brendan Evitts.

Game two was a cakewalk where everyone padded their stats against an overwhelmed Schenectady, NY squad – the final was 12–0 and Hugh Healy notched another shutout, his 14th of the season.

Game three required reinforcements - arriving on the Air Canada red-eye was Kal Maier to round out the defensive core. Down early (2-0) to undefeated Brossard Dynamo's from Quebec, the Stars dug deep and did a gut check – then potted two shorthanded goals by Carbone and Zack Sullivan within 30 seconds (a new tournament record) to knot the score.

Matt Doyle then put the Stars up by one with a rocket to the top corner. A relentless Quebec squad roofed one with 1:20 to go to earn the tie. When the buzzer sounded the contest was knotted at 3 – and the stage was set for the 2007 version of the Canadian Cup.

As the team entered the arena with the Canadian National anthem reverberating in the forum halls, the Stars countered with a heartfelt chant of "USA, USA" and the table was set for a "Battle Royale."

The fans were not even in their seats when the Stars found themselves down 1–0, and the hole got deeper as the first period ended with the Stars down 2–0. This woke up the sleeping giant, as the boys hankered back to a pregame speech from the legend Giles Gilbert – hold onto your pomme frittes, the Stars were out for revenge!

Joey "Hammertime" Redfearn lit the lamp early in the second and the momentum shifted. After a feeding frenzy in front of the Habs' net, Carbone scored to tie the game, but the Habs would not go away quietly and responded with the go-ahead goal within minutes.

With the tension mounting, the Stars responded with the tenacious fore-checking of Paul Parker, Mats Nelson and Michael Lund. Parker, Nelson and Lund played textbook two way hockey for the entire tournament.

It was the back-checking efforts of Matthew Scullion (look up "back checking" in the dictionary and you'll see a picture of Matt Scullion) that set up the third goal on a laser from Sullivan, and at the end of the second, the score was deadlocked at –3.

Doyle then took matters into his own hands, burying two back-to-back goals to give the Stars a two goal cushion, but the Habs pulled their goaltender and buried one with 34 seconds left to narrow the margin to one, 5–4. With Redfearn in the sin bin, his leadership was omnipresent as his teammates stifled the Habs and the cup cleared customs on the way back to the USA

Skippers to sail with experience

By Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset High baseball team opened its season last Friday with a dominating 8-0 victory in Kingston over Sacred Heart.

Although a non-league game, Cohasset showed that it is ready to compete in the challenging South Shore League.

The Skippers came out swinging in their first game of the season, as they piled up 10 hits. Starting for the Skippers was junior ace Brian Hill. Hill went five shutout innings, stacking up nine strikeouts, giving up only two hits and a walk.

Closing out the game in the final two innings was fellow junior Dave Snowdale, who had no walks, gave up only one hit, and struck out four of the six batters he faced.

"It was pleasing to see Snowdale throw as well as he did," said head coach Al Gallotta, "He threw a lot harder than he did last year."

With a total of 13 combined strikeouts for Hill and Snowdale, Cohasset's defense had little to worry about in the field. That helped the team play error-free baseball, something Gallotta will hope to see more of.

"The fact that we played errorless was encouraging," he said. "[Defense] was our one true weak spot last year."

Not only did Cohasset's pitching and defense play spectacular, but Cohasset's offense really put the game away early. In the first inning, Cohasset scored two runs and added another six in the second, to account for all the scoring for the game.

The leading hitter was junior Kenny Muir, who was the only player to get two hits. Muir also drove in three runs for the Skippers. Senior Corbin Faber had a hit and an RBI. Alex Goetz, another junior, also had an RBI on a sacrifice fly, but also had the only extra base hit in the game with an early double.

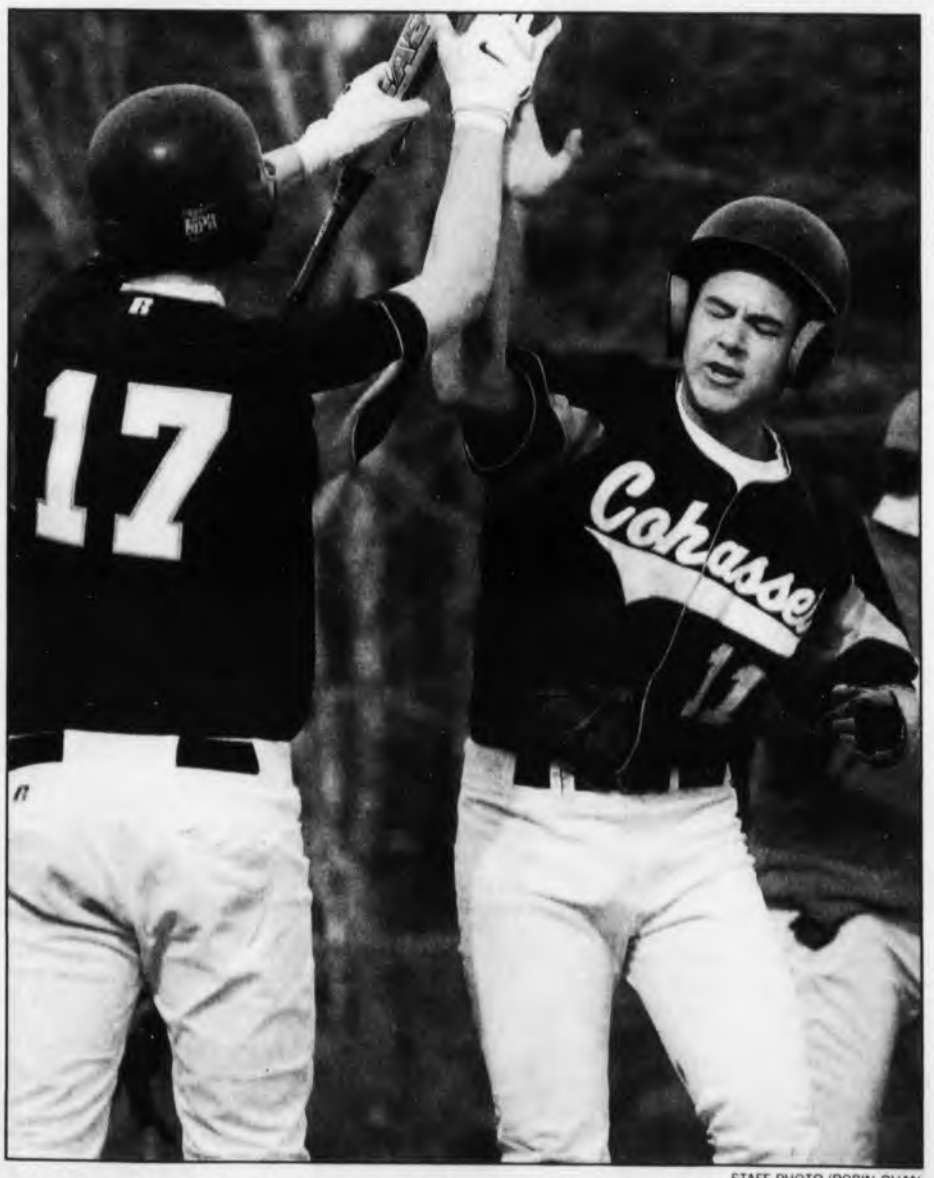
The Skippers will need to take this win and run with it as they look to improve on last season.

"I hope to improve on last year with a good chunk of our core returning," said Gallotta.

He will have 10 returning varsity players from last year, including four seniors: Fletcher Smalzel, Faber, John Harrington and Nick Zappolo. Gallotta also has four players from junior varsity last year. Senior Austin Lanzillotti will be prevented from playing for the team this year due to a back injury.

The hardest job this year for Gallota will be dealing with the amount of depth he has and trying to get everyone playing

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Nick Zappolo (11) gets a high five from teammate Kenny Muir (17) after scoring on a passed ball in the first inning of last Friday's season opener against Sacred Heart. Zappolo's run would be the first in Cohasset's 8-0 win.

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A SCENIC VIEW

Runners in Sunday's Cohasset Road Race by the Sea take the first hill on Forest Avenue. Over 1,200 runners participated in the 31st annual race. For more photos and results, see page 20.

Stars bring back the gold from Montreal

Every hockey purist knows the genesis of the sport began in the province of Quebec.

The Coastal Stars Squirt "Dream Team" – led by a hockey legend known in these circles as "Coach Joe" and guided by the Stars Ambassador Gary "Maple Leaf" Scullion, Coach Paul, Coach Rob, Coach Bill and John the bus driver – boarded the bus on a grey Thursday afternoon and took off for a tournament in Montreal.

The opening tilt pitted the Stars against a feisty Westchester, NY squad. This contest proved to be a barn-burner as the score ping-ponged throughout the contest with the Stars prevailing, 4–3, powered by two goals from Brian Bowman, one by JoJo Carbone and a game-winner by Brendan Evitts.

Game two was a cakewalk where everyone padded their stats against an overwhelmed Schenectady, NY squad – the final was 12–0 and Hugh Healy notched another shutout, his 14th of the season.

Game three required reinforcements - arriving on the Air Canada red-eye was Kal Maier to round out the defensive core. Down early (2-0) to undefeated Brossard Dynamo's from Quebec, the Stars dug deep and did a gut check – then potted two shorthanded goals by Carbone and Zack Sullivan within 30 seconds (a new tournament record) to knot the score.

Matt Doyle then put the Stars up by one with a rocket to the top corner. A relentless Quebec squad roofed one with 1:20 to go to earn the tie. When the buzzer sounded the contest was knotted at 3 – and the stage was set for the 2007 version of the Canadian Cup.

As the team entered the arena with the Canadian National anthem reverberating in the forum halls, the Stars countered with a heartfelt chant of "USA, USA" and the table was set for a "Battle Royale."

The fans were not even in their seats when the Stars found themselves down 1–0, and the hole got deeper as the first period ended with the Stars down 2–0. This woke up the sleeping giant, as the boys hankered back to a pregame speech from the legend Giles Gilbert – hold onto your pomme frittes, the Stars were out for revenge!

Joey "Hammertime" Redfearn lit the lamp early in the second and the momentum shifted. After a feeding frenzy in front of the Habs' net, Carbone scored to tie the game, but the Habs would not go away quietly and responded with the go-ahead goal within minutes.

With the tension mounting, the Stars responded with the tenacious fore-checking of Paul Parker, Mats Nelson and Michael Lund. Parker, Nelson and Lund played textbook two way hockey for the entire tournament.

It was the back-checking efforts of Matthew Scullion (look up "back checking" in the dictionary and you'll see a picture of Matt Scullion) that set up the third goal on a laser from Sullivan, and at the end of the second, the score was deadlocked at –3.

Doyle then took matters into his own hands, burying two back-to-back goals to give the Stars a two goal cushion, but the Habs pulled their goaltender and buried one with 34 seconds left to narrow the margin to one, 5–4. With Redfearn in the sin bin, his leadership was omnipresent as his teammates stifled the Habs and the cup cleared customs on the way back to the USA

Skippers to sail with experience

By Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset High baseball team opened its season last Friday with a dominating 8-0 victory in Kingston over Sacred Heart.

Although a non-league game, Cohasset showed that it is ready to compete in the challenging South Shore League.

The Skippers came out swinging in their first game of the season, as they piled up 10 hits. Starting for the Skippers was junior ace Brian Hill. Hill went five shutout innings, stacking up nine strikeouts, giving up only two hits and a walk.

Closing out the game in the final two innings was fellow junior Dave Snowdale, who had no walks, gave up only one hit, and struck out four of the six batters he faced.

"It was pleasing to see Snowdale throw as well as he did," said head coach Al Gallotta, "He threw a lot harder than he did last year."

With a total of 13 combined strikeouts for Hill and Snowdale, Cohasset's defense had little to worry about in the field. That helped the team play error-free baseball, something Gallotta will hope to see more of.

"The fact that we played errorless was encouraging," he said. "[Defense] was our one true weak spot last year."

Not only did Cohasset's pitching and defense play spectacular, but Cohasset's offense really put the game away early. In the first inning, Cohasset scored two runs and added another six in the second, to account for all the scoring for the game.

The leading hitter was junior Kenny Muir, who was the only player to get two hits. Muir also drove in three runs for the Skippers. Senior Corbin Faber had a hit and an RBI. Alex Goetz, another junior, also had an RBI on a sacrifice fly, but also had the only extra base hit in the game with an early double.

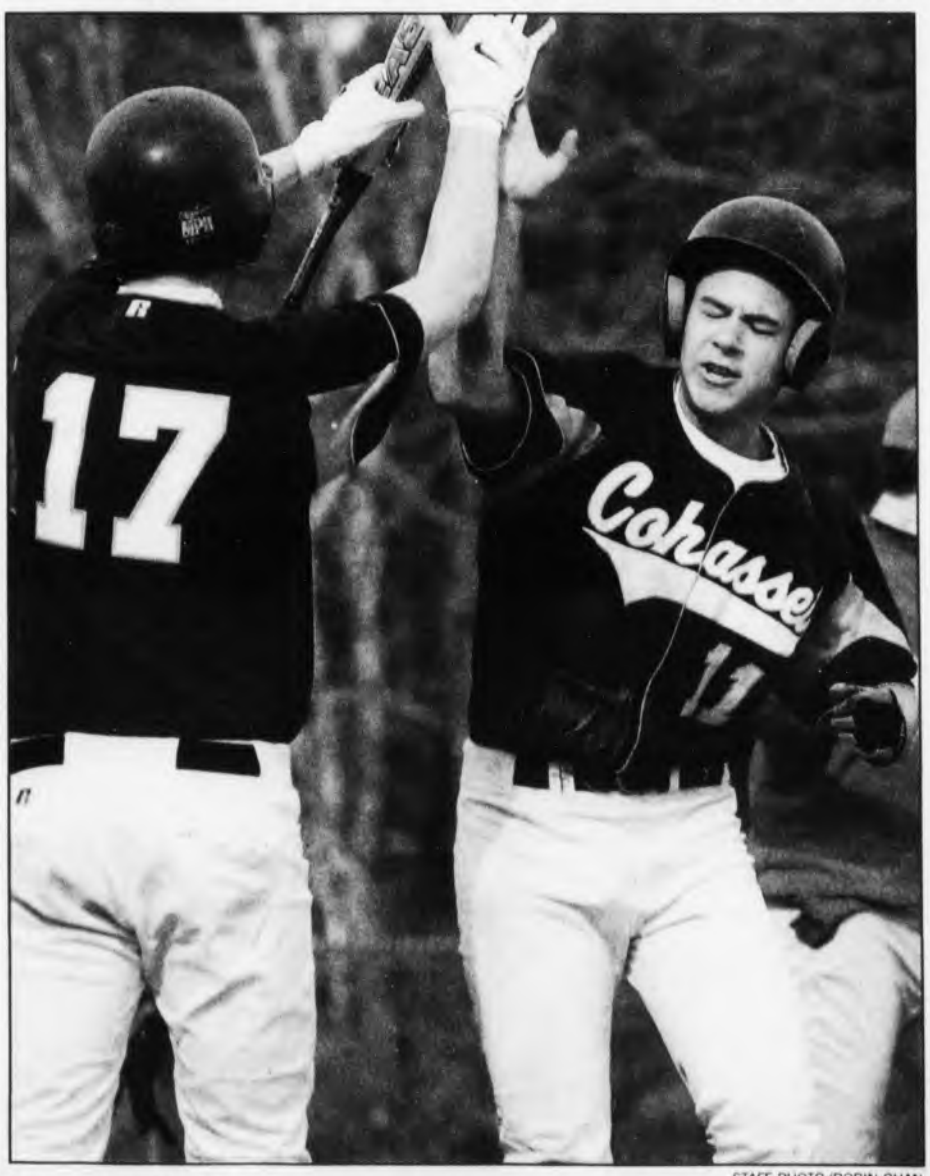
The Skippers will need to take this win and run with it as they look to improve on last season.

"I hope to improve on last year with a good chunk of our core returning," said Gallotta.

He will have 10 returning varsity players from last year, including four seniors: Fletcher Smalzel, Faber, John Harrington and Nick Zappolo. Gallotta also has four players from junior varsity last year. Senior Austin Lanzillotti will be prevented from playing for the team this year due to a back injury.

The hardest job this year for Gallota will be dealing with the amount of depth he has and trying to get everyone playing

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Nick Zappolo (11) gets a high five from teammate Kenny Muir (17) after scoring on a passed ball in the first inning of last Friday's season opener against Sacred Heart. Zappolo's run would be the first in Cohasset's 8-0 win.

All-Scholastic girls basketball team

Cohasset's Sam Lehr among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Unlike individual league all-star teams, we did not choose our team in deference to event considerations. Instead the only criteria we considered was overall value these athletes had to their respective teams.

In the end; however, the sports staff at Community Newspaper Company (CNC) had to make some tough decisions and we do feel secure that we chose the top public school girls basketball players for this honor.

It should be noted due to the large number of athletes in the CNC region, we split the athletes into two teams for girls basketball: North and South. This is the CNC All-Scholastic North girls basketball squad comprised of athletes from the following schools: Hanover, Marshfield, Weymouth, Braintree, Norwell, Scituate, Hingham, Abington, Rockland, Silver Lake, Pembroke, Cohasset and Duxbury.

Next week: boys basketball.

Sam Lehr – Sophomore
Center – Cohasset

From her center position, the 6-foot Lehr was the anchor of an exceptionally young Skippers team that won 11 games, including a preliminary round dismissal of Bristol-Plymouth in the Div. 4 South sectional…Finished with a double-double in that game, and followed it with a game-high 12 points in Cohasset's first round loss to eventual sectional champion Sacred Heart…Scored 23 points in season opener against Holbrook and didn't look back…Also a sound defensive presence, Lehr was far and away Cohasset's leading rebounder and shot-blocker…Praised by Cohasset head coach John Levangie for her leadership down the stretch…Lehr also plays soccer for CHS

Treasa O'Neil –
Senior (Captain)
Guard – Abington

The heart and soul of a young ball club O'Neil was a player that needed to be accounted for at all times because she was capable of going off in any game. Just ask Hull, where she went off for 40 points in a thrilling four overtime victory. O'Neil helped lead the Green Wave back to the tournament this season while averaging 13.1 points per game and a little over six rebounds a game. She was a South Shore League all-star this season. Her scoring totals would have been higher had she not moved to the point guard position early in the year. Her production will be hard to replace for the Green Wave next year. In the spring she is also the starting catcher for the softball team.

Jess DeGraan – Senior
(Captain)
Guard – Braintree

As the only returning starter from Braintree's 2006 state championship team, DeGraan stepped up this year to lead the Wamps to a 15-win season…Counted on to improve her scoring totals this year, DeGraan delivered, consistently putting up double-digit numbers in the points column…Ran the team efficiently from the point and was also the catalyst for a defense that was the team's strength all year…Led the Wamps in points, assists and steals…Scored a team-high 14 points in Braintree's first round state tournament win over Fontbonne…Also a superb soccer player for the two-time defending state champions in that sport, where she was a three-time All-Scholastic

Tricia Gaine – Senior
(Captain)
Center – Braintree

With all three frontcourt starters graduating from last year's state champions, the 5-foot-11 Gaine capably did her part to fill those shoes with a strong senior campaign…The Wamps' go-to player in the paint, Gaine was a regular double-figure point scorer throughout the season…Scored nine points in Braintree's first round state tournament win over Fontbonne, seven of them coming late in the second half to help seal the victory…Scored a team-high 14 in the Wamps' second round loss to New Bedford…Finished as one of the team's leading rebounders…Gaine also played softball for BHS

Sara Schwanke –
Senior (Captain)
Guard – Duxbury

This athletic player was a big reason why Duxbury was so good at playing the spoiler this season…Far better than their 7-13 record would indicate, Schwanke and the Green Dragons went toe-to-toe with the Patriot League's best, knocking off Hingham (52-46) and falling in close games to each division's champions, Scituate (58-56) and Rockland (73-69)…Schwanke led the Duxbury squad in scoring with an average 12 points per game, putting her third in the Keenan Div. ranks…Quickness was among her greatest attributes on the court as she proved effective both in the lane and from 3-point land…Put up 16 points against Rockland…The Patriot League All-star has been called the MVP of the team by her coach.

Brittany Sutton –
Senior (Captain)
Center – Hanover

This Patriot League All-star had a breakout season for the Lady Indians (15-6, 8-4) under the rim, averaging 14 points per game to lead the squad…Third among Fisher Div. scorers, Sutton's presence in the paint was undeniable…In a league loaded with size under the rim, Sutton went toe-to-toe with all of them…The senior played some of her best basketball in the biggest games, putting up 17 points and playing great defense on fellow AS Jackie Bohenek in a tough 52-47 setback…Also a great rebounder, Sutton averaged nine boards per game for Hanover, which was second to Rockland in the final league standings…A year round hoop player, Sutton hopes to continue her basketball career in college next winter.

Abby Harris –
Senior (Captain)
Forward – Hingham

A four-year starter in the paint for the Harborwomen, Harris often made it look effortless on the court this winter…Second on her the Hingham team in scoring with an average 13 points per game, Harris' played tough under the rim, sizing up with what was a very solid Patriot League…Her consistency at the post helped the Harborwomen (15-6) surge through the postseason Div. 2 South tourney, where they reached the semifinals for the first time…In the tourney opener against Quincy, Harris netted nine points and she added another six in a quarterfinal win over Holliston…Harris is a two-time Patriot League All-star and is making her first appearance on the All-Scholastic squad…The senior plays year round and hopes to continue her hoop career in college.

Jillian Watts –
Senior (Captain)
Forward – Hingham

One word best describes this talented forward: Workhorse…Watts seemingly never gave up on a play and that resulted in another fine season for the two-year starter…The senior led the Harborwomen (15-6) in scoring for the second-straight year with an average 14 points per game, putting her second on the Keenan Div. list behind only Scituate's Corey Cuddihy…A big-game player throughout her career, Watts turned in perhaps her best performance of the season in a thrilling 52-48 win over Scituate, netting a double-double with 21 points, 10 rebounds in the victory that put Hingham in a position to share the title…A loss to Duxbury would pit them second (8-3)…Watts had some key performances in Hingham's run to the Div. 2 South semifinals, scoring 11 in the opener against Quincy and led with 17 against Holliston in the quarterfinals.

Elizabeth Dow – Senior
Forward – Marshfield

Simply put, there's very little Dow didn't do for the Lady Rams this season…Stepping out of the shadow of a pair of graduated primetime players, Dow was the catalyst on the 11-12 Marshfield squad this winter…Dow led her team in scoring with an average 18 points per game and trailed only fellow All-Scholastic Emily Trapp in the Atlantic Coast League ranks…An ACL All-star this season, Dow scored 20 or more points in eight games this winter and was an essential part in a pair of four-game win streaks during the season…Great athletic ability and speed were her best attributes on the court…Dow also did a great job of getting to the line…Also a talented runner, Dow will compete on the outdoor track team this spring at MHS.

Katelyn Stravinsky – Senior
(Capt.)
Forward – Norwell

Fully recovered from a broken wrist that derailed her junior season to lead Norwell in scoring and rebounding for the fourth straight winter…Stravinsky averaged over 17 points per game this season to top the South Shore League for the third straight year…Had one of her best games in Jan. 16 win at Cohasset, scoring 20 of her game-high 24 points in the second half of a 51-43 Clippers victory…Hit the game-winning three in Jan. 30 win over Abington, highlighting the 5-foot-8 forward's ability to score from anywhere on the court…Stravinsky, a four-year starter, finished her impressive high school career with over 1,300 career points

Jackie Bohenek –
Junior (Captain)
Forward – Rockland

Few have been able to keep up with this rising star…A two-year starter and Patriot League All-star, Bohenek led her Rockland (19-3, 12-1) team and the Fisher Div. in scoring again this winter, averaging 19 points per game…Also a great rebounder, Bohenek put up double-doubles in virtually every game this season…An extremely athletic gal, Bohenek was lethal on a fast break, aggressive under the rim, and a great free throw shooter…The junior was also a great decision maker on the court and a very unselfish player…Put up 23 points in a comeback win over Duxbury (72-60) and scored 26 in a 54-40 victory over a strong Whitman/Hanson team…Scored a combined 38 points in two games to make the All-Tourney team at Massasoit, where Rockland split games with Braintree (56-51 loss) and Scituate (52-47 win)…A standout cross country and track runner, Bohenek will run this spring at RHS.



STAFF FILE PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Sam Lehr (52) averaged a double-double this season for the Skippers.

Stephanie Crawford –
Junior (Captain)
Guard – Rockland

An extremely smart and confident player at the point, Crawford's decision making ability and vision of the court has made her one of the most feared point-guards in the Patriot League…The two-time PL All-star not only contributes heavily to the offense with her great passing ability, stellar 3-point shooting, and slick drives in the lane, but she's also a leader on defense…Crawford has a great read on the ball and plays a big part in the Lady Bulldogs' very effective transition game…Racked up several steals this season while also leading the squad in assists for the second straight year…A consistent shooter in the field and at the stripe, Crawford averaged 14 points a game for the Fisher Div. champions (12-1) and was fourth among the league ranks…A year round player, Crawford will return to captain the squad again next winter.

Corey Cuddihy – Senior
(Captain)
Guard – Scituate

Emerged as Scituate's go-to scorer this season, averaging over 14 points per game to lead the Patriot League Keenan division in scoring…Cuddihy is at her best behind the three-point line, but can also put it on the floor and find an open teammate with a good pass…Scored 15 points in Sailors' key Jan. 26 win over Hanover, including a pair of three-pointers down the stretch to put the Indians away…Also scored 15 to help Scituate beat Marshfield in the championship game of the Lapels Holiday Classic over the Christmas break…Will be joining her brother, Tom (SHS Class of '04), at Bridgewater State College, where she will continue her basketball career

Heidi Sheehan – Senior
(Captain)
Guard – Scituate

If you want to show an aspiring high school basketball player how to play point guard, watching Sheehan in action would be a good place to start…An exceptionally smart player who always has her head up looking for an open teammate…A versatile player, Sheehan led the Sailors in assists and steals, in addition to being a good rebounder for a guard…Could also take over games down the stretch with her scoring, possessing a good jump shot and shooting almost 90 percent from the free throw line…Sheehan also played field hockey and softball for SHS

Samantha Ford – Junior
Guard – Silver Lake

After several season on the outside looking in when it came to tournament time, Ford as well as fellow All-Scholastic Amanda Graham have led a junior class that has paved the way for the lady Lakers to make tournament appearances at the end of the last two seasons…Ford was a Patriot League All-Star again this year, helping direct Silver Lake to an regular season record of 11-9 and a 13th seed in the Division 2 South bracket…The lady Lakers stay in the tournament would be short thanks to a 45-41 loss at the hands of Quincy High…Ford was the catalyst of the Silver Lake offense, equally adept at dishing the ball off to a teammate or taking the rock to the basket herself. She scored a team-high 17 points in a win over Duxbury that qualified Silver Lake for the tournament.

Amanda Graham – Junior
Forward – Silver Lake

The lanky junior forward showed that she could score from in close and even nail the outside jumper when she had the open shot…One of the premier players in the Patriot League, Graham helped the lady Lakers to an 11-9 mark this season as well as a second consecutive trip to the tournament. They were sent home by Quincy High, 45-41, in a preliminary round battle…A Patriot League All-Star, Graham was a big part of the lady Lakers winning eight of their final 10 games heading into the tourney. . . Graham also was a major part of the success of the Silver Lake volleyball team that made the tournament last fall.

Honorable Mentions:

Katie Lynch – Sr. (Captain) – Forward – Braintree
Emily Seery – Sr. (Captain) – Center – Duxbury
Lesley Guenard – Jr. – Guard – Hanover
Kaitlyn Smith – Fr. – Guard – Hingham
Taryn Asta – Jr. – Guard – Marshfield
Ally Stoyle –Sr. –Forward – Pembroke
Courtney Burns – Soph. – Center – Rockland
Maegan O'Rourke – Jr. – Forward – Scituate
Sarah Collins – Soph. – Forward – Weymouth

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time. Only three positions have what appears to be a designated player for that spot. At catcher will be junior Kyle Pinkus, who had limited playing time last year behind the plate. In left field will be Goetz, who excelled while playing there last year on varsity. Last will be Zappolo, a captain, at shortstop. Due to a broken leg last April, Zappolo's season was cut short, which was a detrimental loss to the team.

Both center and right field will depend on who is pitching that day. When not pitching, Snowdale will be in center, and when junior Sam DeGiacomo is not pitching he will be in right. When either of those two is on the mound, it will most likely be Harrington or the team's lone sophomore, John Sturino, filling in.

Against Sacred Heart, Faber started at second base, but that will most likely be a rotation between Faber and second year varsity player, junior Pat Doonan. At third, Smalzel started against Sacred Heart but that too will be open to others like Faber.

Muir, who got the start at first base last Friday, will have stiff competition with fellow junior Ian Cundall, as they are both similar players. Junior Chris Rose, a versatile player, will also be competing for playing time at first, but can also play right field, second base, and third for Gallotta.

With so many players to go around and so few spots, Gallotta will have to do his best to fit the right player to his position.

"Whoever has got the hot bat will play," said the coach.

Gallotta is very happy with the squad he has and believes that they can have a successful season, saying, "They're all hard workers and truly love baseball, which makes it enjoyable for me."

Gallotta does not like to assume or put any high expectations for his teams because it only sets them up for failure.

"We need to take it one day, one game, one inning at a time," he said. "We're only as good as our last game."

In that case, this Cohasset team is outstanding after their first game of the season.

South Shore Tennis Association to hold open registrations

This summer will be the 15th season for the South Shore Tennis Association, which welcomes players from all over the South Shore. Open registrations will be held Tuesday, April 10, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., at the Pembroke Library at 142 Center St. The deadline for adult mail in registration for new players is Saturday, May 5.

Adult tennis leagues, doubles and mixed, will run for 12 weeks beginning the week of June 4 through Aug. 25; Singles Leagues will run for 16 weeks beginning May 20 through Sept. 9.

Adult singles players play in a leveled group with a flexible schedule of matches. The doubles leagues play at the Learning Lane courts at the Pembroke High School. Men's doubles play Mondays from 6 p.m. until dark. Women's doubles play Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 6 a.m. until dark. Mixed doubles play Saturdays and Mondays from 9 to 10:30 am.

For information, visit the SSTA Web site at network.usta.com and scroll to New England, then click on South Shore Tennis or send e-mail to southshoretennis@yahoo.com or contact Gail Johnson at (781)789-8930.

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Boys

The **U15 Blue** squad's opening match on Scituate's turf field was played in mid-season form. Cohasset fielded a team of half their numbers and jumped out to a strong 3–0 first quarter start. The second quarter was non-stop action ending in a half-time score with Cohasset up 5–3.

Just when it looked as if the game was in Cohasset's control, Scituate broke out in the third quarter with five unanswered goals. The Blues outscored them in the final quarter, but the game ended 9–7 in Scituate favor.

Cohasset's players put in a tremendous effort. In particular, **Willy Brown** who posted a dozen saves in net through three quarters, and **Chase Murphy**, who took the net in the fourth quarter with four big saves himself.

Derek Youngman had three goals and one assist in attack. **Morgan Grasz** posted two goals and three assists from the middy position. **Alex Kinnealey** ripped a pair of goals and **Jake Kissick** had an assist after a full field clear from the defensive position. Everyone else contributed to the effort through solid ball control, heads up passing, and effective checking.

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The **U-15 White** team saw its first action this year at home against Norwell where they put on an impressive team effort in all categories of the game.

Norwell scored 10 seconds into the game, which seemed to spur White into action. Cohasset immediately got very aggressive on offense, attacking ground balls and keeping the action in the offensive end, striking for seven tallies in the first frame. **Pete McKenna** (one goal), **Thomas Flibotte** (three goals, one assist) and **Charlie Neaves** (goal) were relentless in snagging dozens of ground balls throughout the game, creating many transitional sets for White.

The team had nine different scorers – for 15 goals – but most importantly, with eight assists and some very unselfish play. The defense was rock solid, as **Kyle Healy** only faced three shots while having **Sam Leahy**, **Geoff Swain** and **Dean McNary** (three goals, assist) as his "Ministers of Defense." Jack Carrier (two goals), **John Collins** (two goals, two assists), **Danny Czerkawksi** (goal, assist), **Mitch McNary** (goal, assist) and **Brennan Bukowksi** (assist) were all over the Norwell goalie.

Strong field support and pressure were added by **Sam Richardson** (goal, two assists), **James McElvey**, **Grayden Foley**, and **John McGoldrick**, as their efforts led to a number of the Cohasset opportunities. Many players transitioned to different positions throughout the game showing a very versatile, athletic and supportive group that looks to have a great season ahead of them.

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Cohasset **U13 Blue** opened its 2007 season on the road in Scituate. Despite some early season rustiness and the loss of some players due to playoff hockey commitments, the boys played a committed and energetic game. Playing on the Scituate High School stadium field, the boys got the experience of a high school environment.

The team saw solid performances from all players. Despite falling behind by two goals, the squad stayed focus and battled back to trail 2-1 at the half. Cohasset's score came from **Will Golden** on a feed from **Charley Michalowski**. Strong goaltending from **Mats Nelson** kept Cohasset in the game. Also noteworthy defensive play from **Zach Strecker**, **Ryan McGovern** and **Blake Erler** marked the first half play.

The second half was all Cohasset, as the team buckled down and held Scituate scoreless and netted five unanswered goals. Cohasset tied the score at the end of the third quarter on an unassisted goal from Golden, his second of the day.

The fourth quarter saw Cohasset's experience take hold as solid two-way play lead to four goals. **Andrew Fontaine** and **Blair McGowan** notched their first of the season, both unassisted; and Golden netted his third and fourth of the season. Overall, a good solid effort from the boys. Next up for the squad is a home game against Bridgewater after the Easter break on April 15.

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The Cohasset **White U13** squad started off the season the same way the weather did, with a great showing and a solid victory over a developing Scituate team.

With only a single practice under their belt, the boys showed that there wasn't too much rust on their sticks from the winter, as they took the opening face-off into a fast break and notched the first tally of the game less then a minute in. The hometown team stayed focus and worked the possession well on transitions and by half-time had established a pretty big lead that held throughout the rest of the contest.

Scituate made a game of it late in the second half, but the team stepped up to the challenge and finished off with an 8–4 win. **John Mills** and **Mark Brown** shared the goaltending duties, with Mills sometimes forgetting he was a goalie by coming out and stuffing several players up by the box while Brown fashioned himself a hockey goalie, making numerous kick saves to keep the Scituate scoring in check throughout the game. Both also shored up the defensive and midfield corps as well.

The strong defensive effort led by **Nick Tangherlini** (who also played middy and dominated face-offs), **Connor Green, Chandler Skolnick** and **Derek Benson**. **Jimmy (Cole) Maher** led the middy corps with **Zach Coggins, Liam Burke** and **Jack O'Brien**. **Alex Kent** had a standout game with several goals. Solid offensive performances were turned in by **Joey Sestito, Axel Seppala** and **Dan Tangherlini**, doing double duty at attack and midfield showing off some of the family speed and quickness.

One of the highlights of the game was an end-to-end break by Tangherlini, who stripped the ball on defense and took it all the way down around the Scituate net and found **Liam Burke**, who turned and put the "rock in the sack" for a defining goal in the second half.

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The **U13 Black** team met a large and physical team in Bridgewater.

The Red and Blue capitalized on ground balls and dropped in two goals early in the first quarter. Cohasset's defense, led by **Jimmy Lydon** in the cage, fought the heavy offense and blocked several shots except one just before halftime. Facing a 3-0 deficit, Cohasset's middies and attack rallied in the second half.

Colin Whelan who made many feeding passes to his teammates, scored to open the game for Cohasset Black. Talent was on Cohasset's side but time had run its course. Congrats to the boys for great sportsmanship.

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The season opener at Scituate turned out to be a tough match-up for the Cohasset **U11** boys. Less than half of this years' team are returning players. A handful of the fourth graders are new to lacrosse.

What the Cohasset laxers lacked in skill, they made up in hustle and desire. The boys were up 3-0 after the first quarter, ended the half at 4-3 and won the game 8-4.

At the U11 level it is common to start the season with most goals coming from fast break opportunities, and **Jeff Powers**, **Cameron Steele** and **Ben Buckley** all posted fast breaking goals. Newcomers including **Michael Lund**, Buckley and **Matt Froio** also posted goals.

Fans saw great defensive play in middies **Sam Murphy**, **Ross Erler** and defenseman **Harry Seraikas**. **Curtis Golden** had one goal and also played an exceptional second half as goalie. What was equally impressive was the hustle and enthusiasm from some of the newer players including Wyatt, **Brian Counihan** and **Evan Canney**. In all, the squad learned a lot, had fun and played a great game as a team.

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The **White U11** team started off its season with a dominating 12-6 victory over a talented Scituate team on Sunday. Both teams showed skill and ability, but it was clear from the beginning that Cohasset was in charge.

It took a mere 16 seconds for Cohasset to win the face-off and put the ball in the cage. **Patrick Holway** raced down the field and made the first of his five goals for the day. **Max Fitzgerald**, **Dan Axelson** (goal, assist), **Martin Buckley**, **Ryan McElhinney** (goal), **Connor Hayden** (goal, assist), and **Owen Kefallinos** took control from the start and never looked back.

The midfielders won over 80 percent of the game face-offs and put Scituate on the defensive all game long. Holway and Axelson were also strong on ground balls, scooping up everything they could reach, keeping Cohasset White with the ball.

The defense was led by the courageous play of **Connor Naughton** in the cage. Naughton made eight saves, deflected several other shots, and cleared the ball all afternoon long. In front of him was an aggressive defense that included **Mike Yerardi, Nick Lydon, Justin Fein, Luke O'Brien, Jack Donohue** and **Ian Kennedy**.

Scituate found it difficult to penetrate against the Cohasset "D" most of the day, and this unit will only get better as the season progresses and gain more experience.

The offensive side of the field also showed strength as the attack put numbers on the board as well. **A.J. Kucinski** notched three goals in his debut and with the help of **Sean Mavilia, Cole Morrison, Levante Haber, Cal Robbins, Chris Lydon** and **Adam Beson**, the two lines of attack kept the ball on the offensive side of the field. Feeding off of the midfield play, the attack was able to find open space and keep the heat on the Scituate defense.

Were it not for the exceptional play of the other team's goalie, the score would have been a good deal higher as Morrison, Mavilia and Haber made some very good shots on goal. All in all, it was a good start with a tough schedule ahead, and a lot of work to get done in preparation for it.

Tennis tournament to benefit Children's Hosptial

Save the date for the annual Cohasset Tennis Tournament, a mixed-doubles tennis tradition that began in the 1950's and continues today to benefit Children's Hospital.

This year's event kicks off on Friday, July 13 with the annual dinner auction at the Lightkeepers residence. The popular tennis tournament, which takes place on private courts throughout Cohasset, is set for the weekend of July 14 and 15.

This charity tennis tournament was originally started by Jesse Cox and her neighbors in the 1950's. It has since grown to include hundreds of players, from life-long Cohasset residents to newcomers.

The tournament also brings together a wide array of tennis abilities, from those who dust off their rackets once a year to those who are passionate about the sport. In the past eight years alone, about $100,000 has been raised for Children's Hospital.

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Runners take off from the starting line of the 2007 Cohasset Road Race by the Sea on Sunday.

Cohasset Road Race by the Sea

Sunday was a near-perfect day for the 31st annual Cohasset Road Race by the Sea, and it was enjoyed by many, as over 1,200 runners signed up for the event.

Cambridge's Henry Scollard was the first to cross the finish line at Cohasset Common, completing the 10K course in 33:18. Mansfield's Kit Wells (33:24) and Cambridge's Chad Carr (33:29) were right behind.

The top Cohasset finisher was David Dugan, who finished fifth out of the 843 runners that finished with a time of 35:29. J. Patrick Kennedy was next among Cohasset residents, finishing 30th overall with a 39:54 time.

Others who finished among the top-100 from Cohasset were Brian Simone, Dale Haver, John Montgomery, Doug Yeager, Gregory Wipf, Kelly Joslin, Edward Hamilton and Barbara Wipf.

Caitlin Shea-Kenney of Brockton was the top female finisher, coming in at a time of 36:13. Weymouth's Candy Angle, last year's winner in the women's division, came in second this time in 38:52.

Joslin (44:14) and Barbara Wipf (44:48) were the top female runners from Cohasset. Among the other top Cohasset runners in the women's division were Shelly Mahoney, Carolyn Coffey, Kelly Grech, Barbara Buckley and Cathy Witkos.

For more information about the race and a complete list of results, log on the race's web site, www.roadracebythesea.com.

- Mark Goodman



Henry Scollard of Cambridge crosses the finish line in first place with a time of 33:18.



Brockton's Caitlin Shea-Kenney was the first female finisher – and eighth overall – in 36:13.

Sports Notes

CYBSA drafts

The CYBSA is holding the player drafts for the 2007 American (9-11 yr. olds) and National League (6-8 yr. olds) Baseball and Farm League (5-6 yr. olds) teams on Wednesday, April 11th at 7 p.m. at CMHS Cafeteria. All interested baseball coaches and assistant coaches are asked to attend.

At this meeting, coaches will be assigned teams and players will be placed on teams. In addition, divisional schedules, Little League and local CYBSA rules and other helpful coaching material will be distributed.

The CYBSA is also holding a mandatory baseball coaches clinic on Saturday, April 7 from 8 to 10 a.m. in the Cohasset Middle High School gym. The CYBSA requires that at least one coach from each team attend this clinic.

The CYBSA is fortunate to have Lou Rettman, minor league scout and local baseball instructor, and Al Gallotta, CHS varsity baseball coach, conduct the session. Parents who are interested in learning appropriate baseball techniques are also welcome to attend this clinic.

Little League now requires background checks on all league volunteers to ensure the safety of the children entrusted to our care. Should you be interested in coaching and have not already done so, please bring a photocopy of your license to the player draft where you will be asked to fill out the necessary forms.

Individuals, however well intentioned, not complying will not be allowed to coach. Questions regarding this requirement may be confidentially directed to Liam O'Connell at (781) 383-9538.

If you are unable to attend the draft or have any questions regarding the League draft, please contact Suzie Montgomery at (781)383-1249. If you have any questions regarding the coaches' clinics, please contact Mark Chase at (781)383-9122.

The CYBSA is always looking for coaches. If you are interested in being a part of the 2007 season, please attend the players draft on April 11.

CYBSA Softball Coaching Clinic

The Cohasset Youth Baseball Softball Association (CYBSA) announces that it will be holding a softball coaching and instruction clinic on Wednesday, April 11 at the Cohasset Middle-High School Gymnasium from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

The clinic is open to all coaches and any parent that wants to gain a better understanding of teaching the proper fundamentals of the game. It will include instruction in the proper techniques for throwing, fielding and hitting. Angela Vecchione will be the main instructor and will be joined by other college coaches that she has worked with over her career.

Vecchione has been coaching and teaching hitting since she graduated from Bridgewater State in 2001. While at Bridgewater, Angela helped lead the Bears to two college world series berths and four NCAA postseason berths. She currently holds the Division 3 record for career triples at 41. Her .428 career batting average puts her second all-time at BSC.

In 1999, Angela earned Division III All American status, also earning ECAC Player of the Year. She also earned MASCAC Player of the Year in 1999 and 2001.

Since graduation Angela has been teaching hitting and proper fielding techniques to all level of players from college to youth. Last season she coached at Wheaton College and is currently part of the South Shore Stealer organization, where she is coaching a tournament softball team.

For more information, please contact Rob Spofford at (781) 383-1680.

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LIBRARY CORNER

See 'Great Match' April 12

Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road.. For information, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Movie Matinee – The April 6 Movie Matinee has been canceled in observance of Good Friday. Next film will be shown on Friday, May 6, at 11 a.m. The feature will be "Top Hat" starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. Free admission and light refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the film "The Great Match" Thursday, April 12, at 6 p.m. Free admission and free refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

New Titles – Place holds now for these titles: "I Heard That Song Before" by Mary Higgins Clark, "Heart Stopper" by Joy Fielding, and "Carpentry" from the editors of Fine Homebuilding. There are also a variety of new travel books to help plan vacations.

Stay on Top of the News – The Newsbank database is now offering a special report focusing on the African Health Crisis. Timely information of world events is featured in the special reports section. Use this site to become better informed about this situation and to support discussions on these issues and related events. To access the Newsbank database, go to the Cohasset Library Web site and click on Research, then Search our Databases, then Newsbank. The databases are available 24/7 from home computers or on library Internet stations during library hours.

Holiday Closing – The library will be closed Easter Sunday, April 8, and Monday, April 16 for Patriots Day.

Downloadable Videos – Cohasset Library cardholders may now view a selection of videos on their home PCs by logging onto MyLibrarydv, a new service provided through the library. For a limited time, library patrons can watch old movies, documentaries, cooking and travel shows and a variety of how-to shows on home computers. Simply go to the library's Web site, cohassetlibrary.org, and click on MyLibrarydv. Enter the library barcode and select up to 10 videos to download. Each download is checked out for seven days. Pick up an information flyer at the library or direct questions to the reference librarian.

FOR CHILDREN

The following programs for children are available at Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Meet the Scientists – Students of Mrs. Horigan's sixth grade class will portray famous scientists on Tuesday, April 10, from 2:30 to4 p.m. in the Meeting Room. The students will be in costume and ready to answer every question.

Shapes Poetry Contest – To celebrate National Poetry Month, the Children's Room is having a Shapes Poetry Contest. Write an original shapes poem. Words can be in a shape or form or part of a drawing. Samples are available in the Children's Room on the back of the poetry contest flyer. Write name, age and telephone number of the back of the poem and put it in the basket on Mrs. Moody's desk. All ages are encouraged to participate. Contest ends April 30.

Monday Music – MamaSteph will perform Mondays, at 10:30 a.m., in the Meeting Room through the end of April. Funded by the Friends of Cohasset Library. All ages and communities welcome.

Drop In Story Time – Big book stories, music and movement will be featured on Tuesdays in the Story Room at 10:30 a.m. through April. All ages and communities welcome.

Yard sale to benefit scholarship fund

Spring is here, and it's time to check the basement, garage or attic to find something to donate to the annual yard sale hosted by the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee to benefit the Joseph F. Walsh III Memorial Scholarship Fund. This year, the yard sale will take place May 5. The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee has awarded the Joseph F. Walsh III Memorial Scholarship to graduating Cohasset seniors since 1978.

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Anyone with items to donate should call Donna McGee at 383-9114, Agnes McCann at 383-0222, or Susan Kent at 383-2490 for delivery or pick-up information.

TALL ORDER



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Megan Richarson, right, tries to set the base of the wall down while teacher David Ames and students Thomson Jaffee, James Earle and Betsy Crawford help raise the 27-foot pole. Freshmen are building cube to raise global warming awareness. For story and more photos, see pages one and seven.

IT'S HAPPENING

Master gardener to speak April 11

Second Congregational Church will host the return of master gardener C.L. Fornari on Wednesday, April 11, at 7 p.m., in Bates Hall. Fornari, a speaker, writer and host of WXTK's "Garden Line," will discuss everything from planting to pruning – to dirt and design.

Fornari is a humorous and informative speaker whose presentation includes a colorful and instructional slide show. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served.

Historical Society dinner is April 22

Cohasset Historical Society will host its annual Spring Dinner Sunday, April 22, at Cohasset Harbor Resort, 124 Elm St. Guest speaker Linda K. Palmer will present a program titled "Where Did the Puritans Go." The character she portrays is a Puritan woman who sailed on the Arbella, the ship that brought the first Puritans and the Charter from King Charles I to America. She will speak of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, life in America and the reasons for coming to America in 1630, as well as the cessation of migration in 1640. Palmer has a master of arts degree and a background in teaching both high school and university students.

The menu offers a choice of chicken parmesan with pasta or roast baby cod with rice pilaf. Cost is $31 for Historical Society members and $36 for non-members. Both members and guests are welcome. The event will begin with a cash bar at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner. Make reservations by calling the Historical Society at 781-393-1434 or by sending a check, made payable to Cohasset Historical Society, and dinner selections to Cohasset Historical Society, PO Box 627, Cohasset, MA 02025.

CMI to host dinner

Cohasset Maritime Institute will host a Wine Tasting and Dinner in Black Rock Country Club at 19 Clubhouse Drive, Friday, May 4, at 7 p.m., with live entertainment and an auction.

Tickets are $75 per person and are available at Buttonwood Books or from Catherine Davis at 781-383-2570, Lisa Hewitt Dick at 781-383-0204or Susan Galligan at 781-383-0765.

Proceeds benefit the 2007 Double the Fleet Campaign to increase the boat fleet from two to four boats. Featured will be live entertainment and unique auction items.

In addition, CMI is getting ready for the rowing season. Information about sign ups can be found by visiting www.rowcmi.com.

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Rockin' for Wellspring at Sea Note

A season-opener at the Sea Note will be the scene of the raffle drawing for Wellspring's dream vacation cruise to Alaska presented by Princess Cruises and Cohasset Travel. On Sunday, May 6, from 4 to 7 p.m., the GR8tfls – the artists formerly know as the Grateful Dads – will be playing at the Sea Note in Hull. The band is in peak form, and working on their sound for their Sea Note debut. The only change-up in the action will be the additional excitement of the spinning drum as a winning ticket for the all-expense-paid cruise to Alaska is drawn.

Thanks to Princess Cruises and the GR8tfls, guests can take a chance on a vacation for two, party at the Sea Note and support Wellspring for only $50. Buy a raffle ticket, party at the Sea Note and support a great cause – Wellspring's educational programs and services.

Admission to Sunday at the Sea Note is free for everyone who has bought a raffle ticket. Raffle tickets are still available for $50, and includes two tickets to the Sea Note, and may be purchased by visiting wellspringhull.org or monica@wellspringhull.org or calling781-925-3211.

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SCHOOLS

Senioritis reaches epidemic proportions

LIFE AT CHS



MICHAEL CORRY

Rather than combating our complacency, students carry on with the motions of a regular school day. This sickness is perilous, and highly contagious.

It seems like this grey weather is infectious, spreading a dour mood to the students of CHS — who are already grumpy enough, most of the time. Let's not talk about the forecast, lest the weekend share these unfavorable heavens. Once you go on weather.com and build your hopes up, Mother Nature goes to work…with a sledgehammer. Vacation's scent is in the air, and that may be the only vaccine for our plague. Even if your wayward children seem hell-bent on ruining somebody's else's day right now, never fear, fellow Cohassetonians, or Cohaitians, if you prefer; once vacation (our inoculation) hits, we'll spring back to our normal selves.

Something, anything, please swoop in and save the graduating class of 2007 from their *other* epidemic—Senioritis. Perhaps it's the countdown of the last 30 days or so up on the wall…whatever the reason, it's much too easy letting apathy take hold. Overall, the majority of '07 is doing time. Rather than combating our complacency, students carry on with the motions of a regular school day. This sickness is perilous, and highly contagious.

Underclassmen: be wary, falling prey to Senioritis as a member of the Junior, Sophomore, or Freshman class is one of the worst things you can do for your high school career.

Here is this week's school news.

• Monday after school the Professional Development Committee met.

• Tuesday after school the Middle School Faculty met in the Library.

• Wednesday the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office performed the dramatic presentation "Consent." This school-wide assembly and presentation of the play was aimed to help educate young people about the age of consent, statutory rape, and how alcohol can affect consent.

• Wednesday after school the School Council met.

• Wednesday night the School Committee met.

• Mr. Buckley's Community Service class is going to start "Car Pool" days on Wednesdays after April Vacation. Students are encouraged to car pool to and from school in an effort to conserve fuel and help the environment.

• Next Wednesday the Social Service League of Cohasset will address Seniors with the video "Choices." The video was created by the Stverman family to educate graduating seniors about the lessons learned after the death of their son and brother, P.J., in an alcohol-related tragedy 11 years ago. All parents are invited to this free presentation next Tuesday, April 10th at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

Well, that wraps up the school news. As always, any and all feedback or information is greatly appreciated, and can be sent (along with information you'd like printed) to Spinnaker@cohassetk12.org. Thanks for reading, and enjoy the weekend!

Earth Day scholarship contest

The Aquarion Water Company of Mass., which supplies water to Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Oxford and Millbury, will hold its fourth annual Earth Day essay contest for high school seniors from their service town who will graduate in June 2007.

The theme is: "What can we do today to protect our water supply for tomorrow?" One essay from each town will be chosen to win a scholarship that will be paid directly to the college the student will attend. The contest deadline is Monday, April 30.

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Essays should be no more than 500 words, typed and double-spaced. Entries will be judged on clarity, punctuation, accuracy, creativity and adherence to topic. At least two sources should be cited.

All entries must have a cover page with the title of the essay and the writer's name, telephone number, school and home addresses, as well as teacher and grade level.

Essays should be submitted to the Aquarion Water Company, Aquarion Water Company, P.O. Box 336, Accord, MA. 02018-0336; Attention: Martin Cohn.

For information, call Martin Cohn at 617-962-3136.

CMHS launches peer training program

During the months of January and February, 34 Cohasset High School students were trained by the Anti-Defamation League's A World Of Difference Institute to facilitate workshops on diversity-related issues to their peers and in doing so, to promote a more inclusive, respectful school community. The Peer Training Program at Cohasset Middle-High School has been made possible by the generous support of the Cohasset Diversity Committee.

"What is different about the peer training program is that it works on two levels to address bias-motivated behaviors such as name calling, bullying and harassment," states Phil Fogelman, Education Director of the Anti-Defamation League New England Region. "On one level, the program empowers young people to recognize the prejudices in themselves and others. On another level, it provides participants with the knowledge and skills to facilitate greater inter-group dialogue, understanding and respect."

The peer leaders completed their initial 18 hours of anti-bias training and meet biweekly with their program advisors, Beth McCoy and Stephanie Wooley, to review the curriculum and co-facilitate activities in preparation for the workshops that they will deliver to their younger middle school peers. Students who participate in these workshops gain a fuller appreciation of racial, ethnic, cultural, and other individual differences.

The peer leaders facilitated their first workshop with middle school students on March 30. Two peer leaders have been assigned to each middle school homeroom, and over the next several weeks the high school students will present seven workshops, beginning with an introduction to the program and each other, and then progressing through the discussion of topics such as bullying, ostracism and racial humor.



Jenny Cahill and Mark Flibotte practice facilitating a workshop on bullying before presenting it to their middle school peers.

A goal of the program is to not only expand each student's understanding and appreciation of diversity, but to form long-lasting advisor-advisee relationships between the middle school students and their older peers.

Cohasset Middle-High School Peer Leaders include: Meg Anderson, Andrew Bell, Danny Brady, Lennart Brown, Jennifer Cahill, Melissa Castro, Sarah Coggins, Jessie Fitts, Mark Flibotte, Mike Froio, Molly Gilbert, Alex Goetz, Lindsay Hill, Tyler Kelly, Olivia Kimla, Owen Landon, Eric MacCarthy, Caitlin Mahoney, Stephanie Malveira, Amanda Masotta, May McCarthy, Maggie McGoldrick, Rachel McMorris, Sally Meehan, Alyssa Mullin, Georgia Murley, Conor Ofsthun, Erika Orner, Megan Parnell, Anna Roberts, Amanda Simpson and Jean Thomae.

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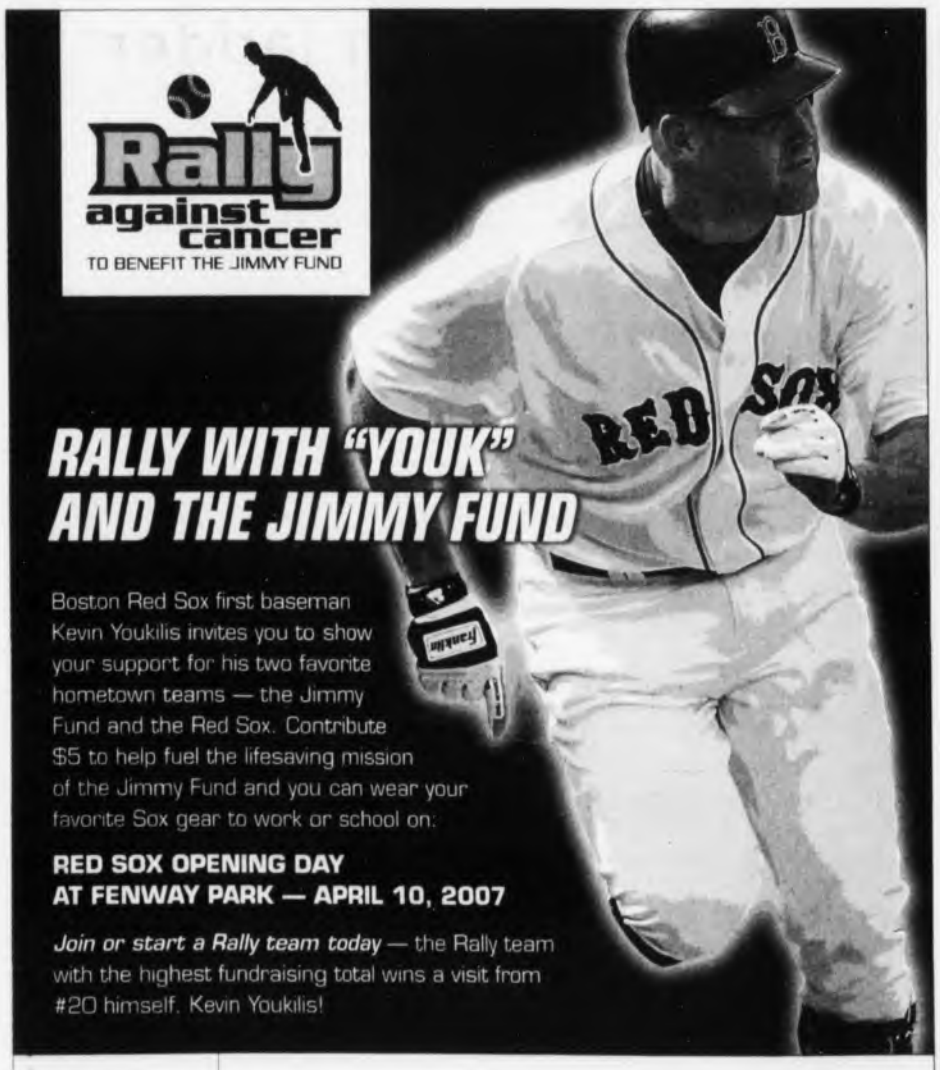
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When it comes to the working world, there are myths and there are realities. Attaining a promotion by simply showing up on time and doing your job proficiently is the stuff of folklore. These days, employees have to really prove their worth to gain advancement, as many employers are asking employees to do more with fewer resources, find hidden efficiencies and keep operating costs low.

Peter Harris, chief executive officer of Snelling Staffing Services, offers the following tips to help employees make the most of the career opportunities that present themselves each day:

1. Keep up with industry trends and technology

Employers are all looking for top-caliber performers that possess very specific skills and know-how. In order to prove that you're the right fit for that management position you've been eyeing, you have to stay up on industry trends and the latest technologies being used in your field. The easiest way to "wow" your boss is to demonstrate the extent and timeliness of your acumen and expertise.

2. Stay marketable

Attend classes and seminars, especially if the company is willing to pay for the entry fees. Also, volunteer for projects that will enhance your abilities. Being involved shows initiative, an attribute your boss will respect. And, always keep an up-to-date resume on hand; you never know when a promotion will open up for applicants.

3. Be proactive

Sometimes, it's just about sitting down with your supervisor and asking, "What do I have to do to be on track toward a promotion?" Request specific feedback if there are areas in which your employer would like you to improve, and chart a timeline with specific productivity and/or quality goals.

4. Adopt a mentor

One of the best things you can to do to develop your own career is to learn more about the career of a superior or someone in leadership. Choose a person in your office or a peer within a trade association whom you respect and ask him or her to sit down with you on a regular basis to discuss your career and provide counsel. Finding a great mentor can boost your confidence, provide valuable insight and help you set attainable goals.

5. Cultivate a relationship with your supervisor

Especially in the staffing services' world, candidates seeking full-time employment should get to know the supervisor at their assignment better. If a supervisor likes you, is impressed by your work ethic and skill set, a temporary assignment could very easily turn into a more permanent position.

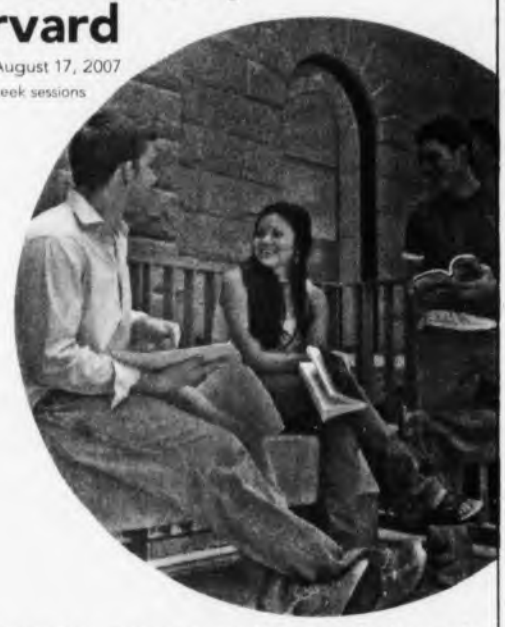
It's easy to get caught up and let another year slip by, but there are things you can do to breathe new life into your career. By pairing even just a few of these suggestions with a positive attitude and accountability, you'll be able to become a standout among your peers.

For more information, visit www.snelling.com.

Peter H. Harris is the CEO of Snelling Staffing Services. Headquartered in Dallas, Texas, Snelling was founded in 1951 and has more than 200 offices across the United States. Snelling delivers temporary, career and professional staffing solutions to companies in every region of the country.

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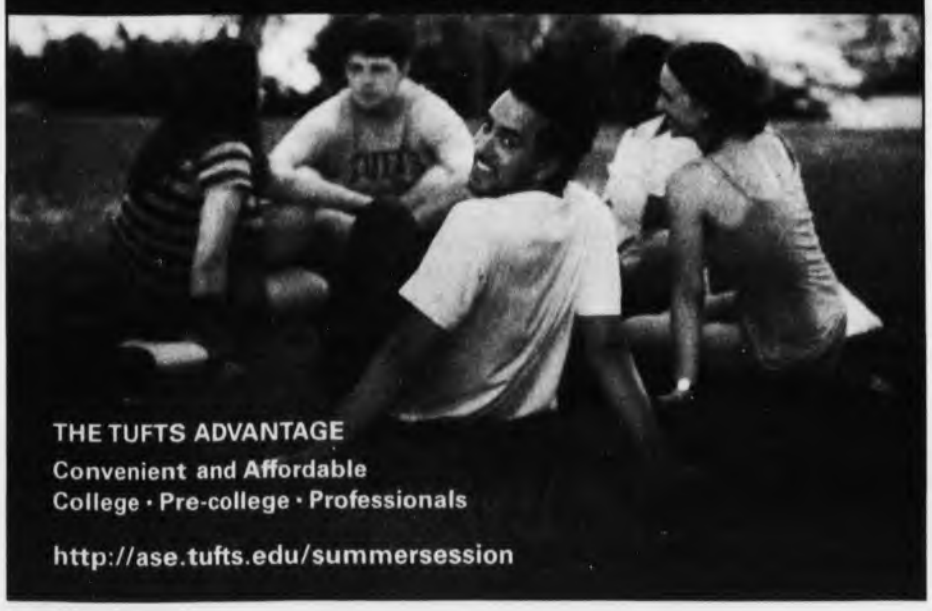
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Regina Asmutis-Silvia of the Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society shows students a piece of baleen, which is used by some whales as "teeth" that act as a sieve to let food in. The students were sitting in a 1:1 scale model of a North Atlantic Right Whale.



Sophie Wolfe, 9, a third-grader at Deer Hill, visits with a ferret brought to the event by Crazy Paws, a local animal clinic.

World of discovery

Math and Science Night celebrated at Osgood School



Ford Murphy, 9, left, and other boys agree that science is electric while checking out Bernsee's Plasma Ball. Math and Science Night included a wealth of interactive exhibits.



Ellis Arnold, 5, looks at the moon through a telescope during Math and Science Night on March 29.

Staff photos by Robin Chan



Daniel Praetorius, left, and Francis O'Rourke, standing, teach Tanmay Khattar, 8, second form left, and Caitlin Conrad, right, how to control the robot from WPI's First Robotics Team.



Jack Vater, 6, left, reacts as the ball he threw to the robot gets sucked in during a demonstration by WPI's First Robotics Team. Elizabeth Coletta, 7, second from left, and Kristi McNary, 8, right wait for their turn.

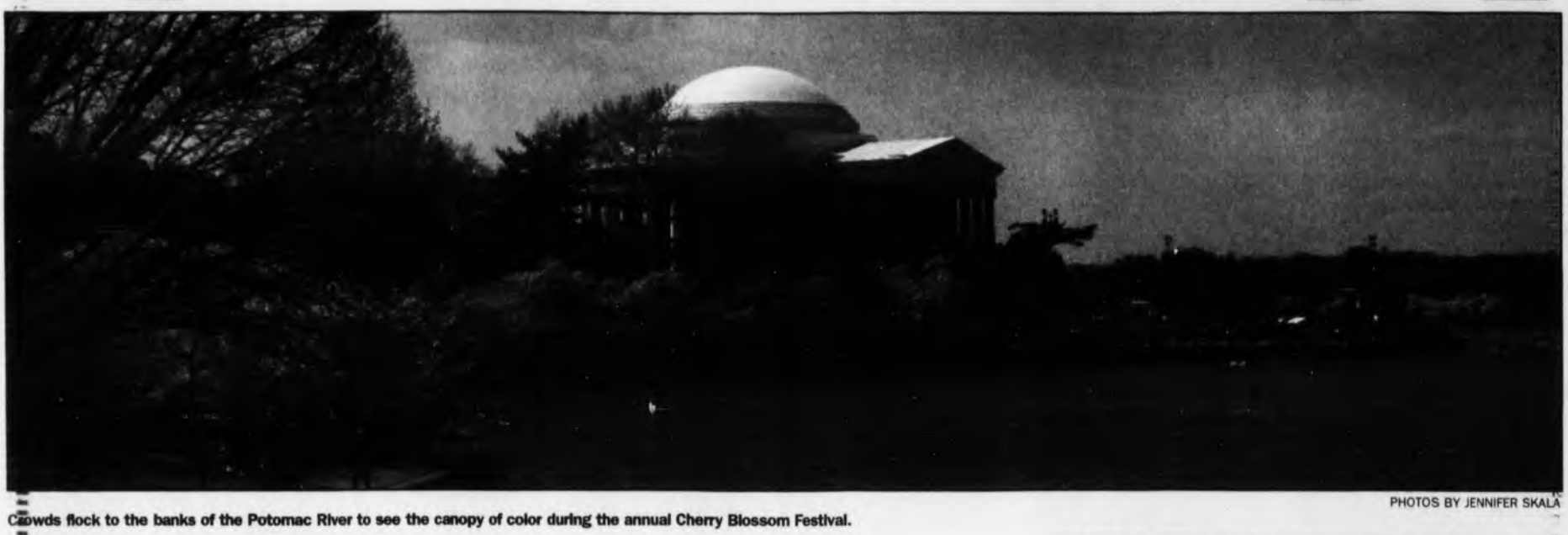


Margo Robbins, 8, tries to catch foam balls shot by the "Plastic Fantastic," a robot made by WPI's First Robotics Team.



Sydney Lagenhagen, 5, takes a look inside a scale-sized model of a North Atlantic Right Whale during Math and Science Night at the Osgood School last Thursday.

DESTINATIONS



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Crowds flock to the banks of the Potomac River to see the canopy of color during the annual Cherry Blossom Festival.

Pretty in pink

D.C. awash in color during Cherry Blossom Festival

By Jennifer Skala

Imagine a place where the air is lightly scented with a sweet aroma, the wind carries a dusting of soft petals, and beautiful pink flowers stretch as far as the eye can see. While this scene may seem like something out of a fairy tale, it's actually found in our nation's capital — a breathtaking oasis in the middle of one of the country's busiest cities.

The National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, DC is truly a magnificent sight. Occurring for approximately two weeks every spring, the festival celebrates the original gift of 3,000 cherry trees to the people of the Washington, DC in 1912 by the city of Tokyo. The gift symbolized the growing friendship between the United States and Japan. The first two of these trees were planted along the bank of the Tidal Basin.

Since 1912, additional cherry blossom trees and tree clippings have been planted in this area — within the heart of DC's monuments. Most notably, nearly 4,000 trees were accepted by First Lady Lady Bird Johnson in 1965. Today, the cherry blossoms appear to envelope this area of the city during the brief period they're in bloom.

This year, the official National Cherry Blossom Festival takes place through April 15. Though the peak blooming period is anticipated to be the first week in April, any visitor to DC during the festival will be sure to see some of the signature pink and white blossoms that have become a tradition in the capital. Horticulturalists from the National Park Service closely monitor the cherry blossom trees when they begin to bud in late February to pinpoint the exact dates of when the most perfect blooms will occur.

The cherry blossoms in DC are a must-see.

With bright pink flowers surrounding some of major monuments in our nation's capital, the cherry blossoms add something spectacular to these already stunning scenes. The cherry blossoms create an enchanting pink canopy above the walking paths found along the Tidal Basin and envelope the Thomas Jefferson Memorial and Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial. The trees can also be found scattered throughout the city, on the National Mall, and along the Potomac River in DC.

The cherry blossoms may be a gardener's dream, but they're not just a sight for those with a green thumb. The National Cherry Blossom Festival offers daily events and entertainment celebrating the blooms, including the Parade of the National Cherry Blossom Festival, and the Sakura Matsuri — Japanese Street Festival. Dance troupes, musicians, and local children's groups also perform on the outdoor stage found at the base of the Jefferson Memorial.

More than 700,000 people visit Washington, DC each year to see these beautiful blooms. Many tourists travel from across the globe to take in this sight. The cherry blossom trees in our nation's capital truly exemplify the ideal of "America the Beautiful."

The writer hails from Massachusetts and is currently working in the capital at the National Zoo.



Our nation's capital is a popular tourist attraction year-round, but it is even more of a destination at cherry blossom time.

Travel tips

- The Cherry Blossom Festival runs until April 15.
- For more information about the festival, log on to www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.com, where you will find a complete calendar of events and useful information.
- When visiting, take the Metrorail or Metrobus to the National Cherry Blossom Festival and elsewhere in the Washington metro area.
- The festival organizers recommend biking or walking to take in the full view of the blossoms.

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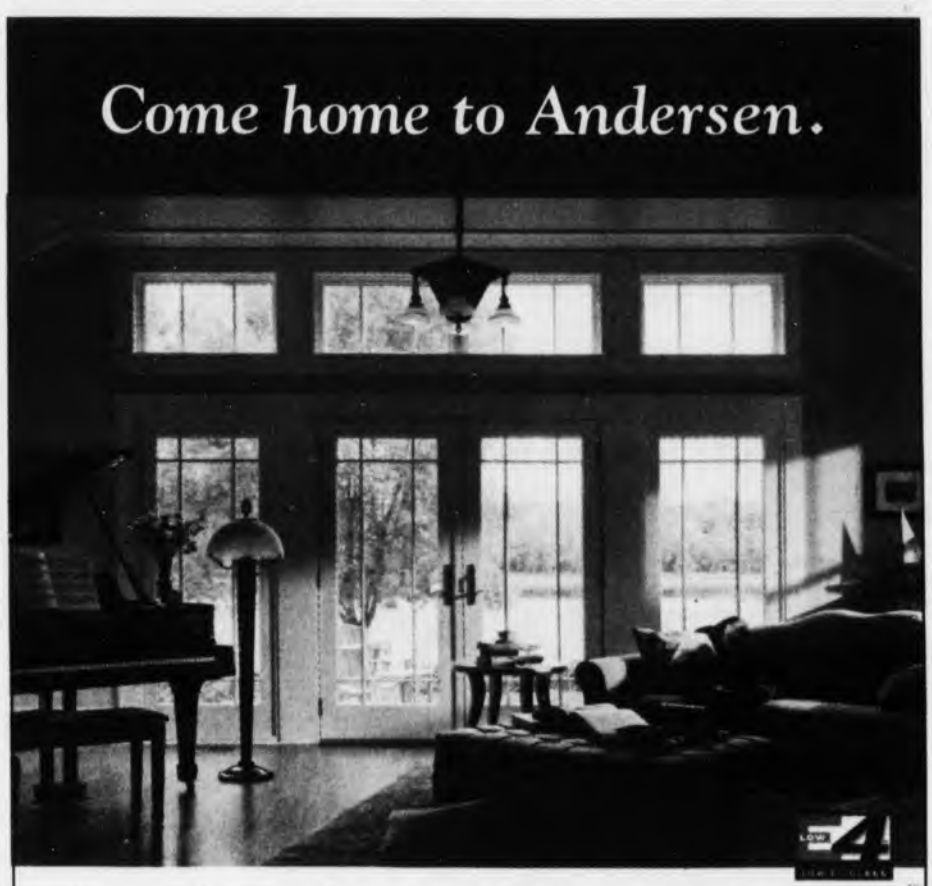
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Michael J. Chicos

Longtime South Shore ARC employee

Michael J. Chicos, 84, of Cohasset, died April 4, 2007, at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth.

He was born in Medford. Mr. Chicos was disabled and lived with his friends in a group home. He enjoyed movies, loved to sing and was a longtime employee of South Shore ARC. He will be remembered as a very kind and gentle man.

He leaves his long-term roommates.

He was the brother of the late Louise Constantine, Aphrodite Loolos, Peter Chicos, George Chicos and Ochi Chicos.

A service celebrating his life will be held at the Pyne Keohane Funeral Home, 21 Emerald St., in Hingham, Monday, April 9, at 8:45 a.m., followed by a Funeral service at 10 a.m., in the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church in Cohasset. Interment in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Donations in his memory may be made to the ARC of MA., 217 South St., Waltham, MA., 02453.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chairman: William Baird.

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10 a.m. — Easter Worship in the Meeting House

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Refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall will follow the morning service and RE classes.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

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- Easter Sunday, April 8, at 11 a.m.

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WHERE:Hingham Town Hall
Central South Meeting Room, 2nd Floor
210 Central Street
Hingham, MA 02043

WHEN: Thursday, April 19, 2007 @ 7:00 PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed project. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: This project includes the replacement of the existing West Corner Culvert (Bridge No. C-17-004), along with the sluice gates, located at the Hull/Hingham/Cohasset Town Lines. The project will also provide ecological benefits to Straits Pond and reduce flooding potential. The project also includes: roadway reconstruction, retaining walls, installation of sidewalks, granite curbing and driveways, drainage system upgrades, waterline replacement, sanitary sewer line replacement, installation of guardrail, traffic signs, and pavement markings. The approach roadway to the bridge will meet the existing grading. The horizontal alignment will remain essentially the same. The total length of the roadway reconstruction is approximately 870 feet. The bridge will be closed during construction and a temporary detour will be established.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The town is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassHighway's policy concerning land acquisitions will be discussed at this hearing.

Written views received by MassHighway subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing shall be displayed for public inspection and copying at the time and date listed above. Plans will be on display one-half hour before the hearing begins, with an engineer in attendance to answer questions regarding this project. A project handout is available on the MassHighway website listed below.

Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the Public Hearing regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to David Anderson, P.E., Acting Chief Engineer, Massachusetts Highway Department, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116. Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing. The final date of receipt of these statements and exhibits for inclusion in the public hearing transcript will be ten (10) days after this Public Hearing.

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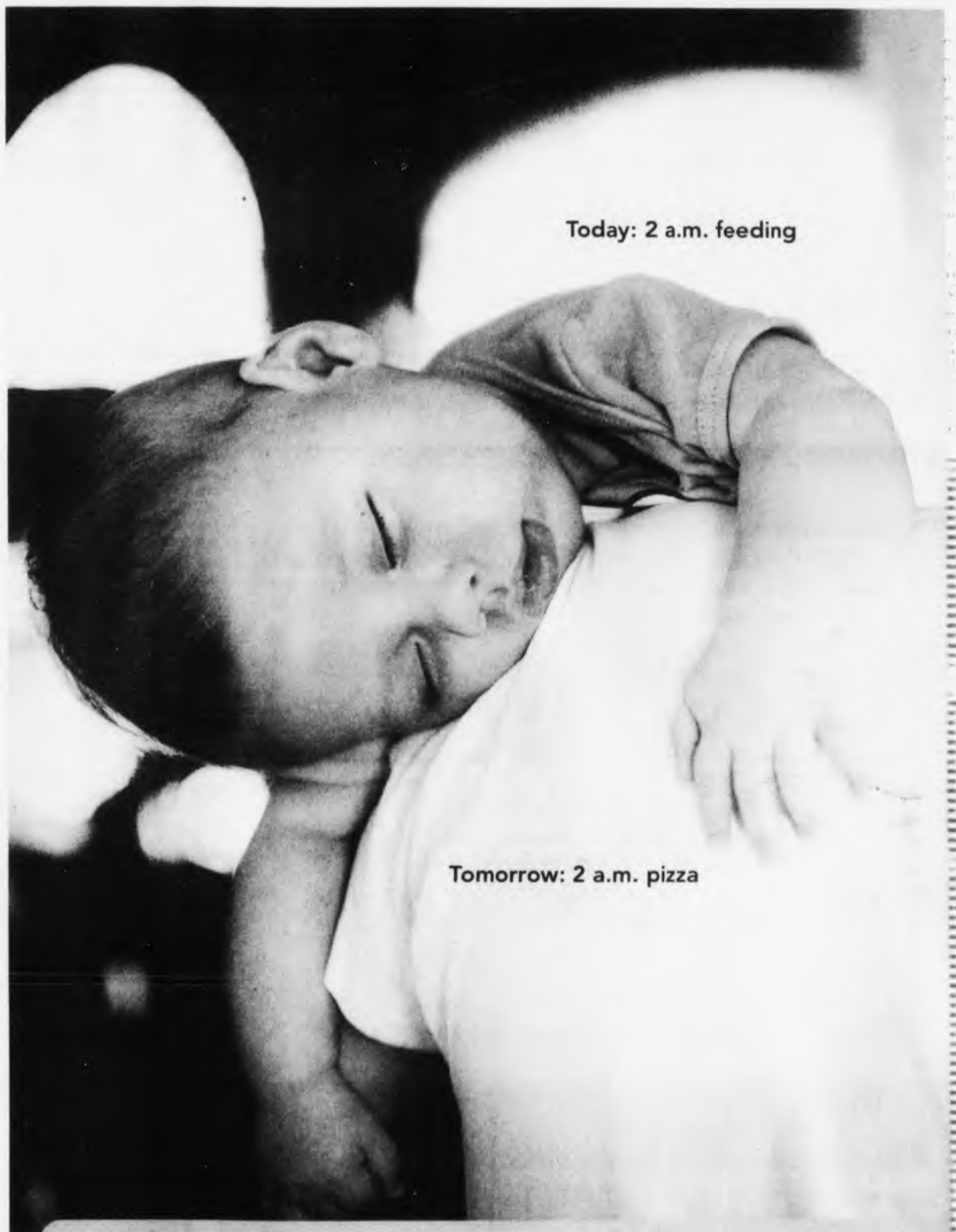
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THURSDAY, MARCH 22

12:30 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

12:30 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

7:13 a.m. **South Main St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued; illegally parked.

7:25 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

8:22 a.m. **Elm St.**, prisoner transport; prosecutor is transporting one prisoner to Quincy District Court.

10:07 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, building checks; officer reports home is secure.

10:38 a.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious activity reported; caller requests to speak with an officer regarding a possible past break from earlier this week.

11:18 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, building check; officer reports house checks okay.

12 p.m. medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

1:04 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested for resident with a bloody nose; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

1:30 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, building checks; officer reports house checks okay.

2;05 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in medical to Fire dept. headquarters.

2:17 p.m. **Highland Court**, animal complaint; caller reports a female was walking a large Pit Bull off of it's leash and as they passed the caller's residence the Pit Bull lunged at the caller's two dogs but it missed.

4:35 p.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

4:46 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

4:48 p.m. **King St.**, larceny; caller reports a gas drive-off.

5:15 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller requests an officer for a problem she is having with a customer regarding a gift card.

5:42 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, multiple callers reports a fire alarm activation; Hingham engine 2 also responding to the line box. E3 reports investigating a light in a room in the North Wing.

7:28 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

7:30 p.m. **Hull St.**, runaway; mother reports her daughter left yesterday at 4:30 p.m. and has not come home yet; message sent out over LEAPS. Juvenile arrest made of 16-year-old on warrant charges of child in need of services.

7:59 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, caller reports his tire is flat and the car will be left overnight to be towed away in the morning.

8:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, erratic motor vehicle operation; a caller reports an erratic driver who is driving mostly on the wrong side of the road. The caller also reports that it is a woman driving and she has pulled into Shaw's Plaza. She then parked in front of Walgreens and entered the store. The caller is on the phone to wait to point the female party out to the responding officer. Officer spoke with the caller and the operator of the motor vehicle, who was just distracted before making a stop at the drug store; driver is not impaired.

9:36 p.m. **North Main St.**, caller reports her dog has been missing all day.

10:12 p.m. **School St.**, be on the look out announcement issued by Hull police.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

1:23 a.m. **Ash St.**, medical aid requested.

1:43 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

7:05 a.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:08 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

7:19 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic enforcement.

7:24 a.m. **South Main and Spring streets**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

12:38 p.m. **Elm St.**, warrant services; female juvenile runaway is in Scituate police custody and en route to Cohasset police.

1:27 p.m. **Elm St.**, transport prisoner; prosecutor is transporting prisoner to Quincy Court.

2:22 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, caller reports female party is parked directly in the middle of the road and is standing outside her vehicle, opening the door whenever a vehicle passes by.

2:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, erratic motor vehicle operation reported.

4:43 p.m. **Hull St.**, mutual aid rendered; assist Hingham police with 911 call.

4:52 p.m. **King and Pond streets**, traffic enforcement.

5:12 p.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:53 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:06 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:14 p.m. **North Main St.**, request for officer.

6:42 p.m. **Nichols and Jerusalem roads**, suspicious motor vehicle reported.

6:57 p.m. **South Main and Elm streets**, suspicious motor vehicle reported.

8:56 p.m. **Hull St. and Grace Drive**, parking complaint; parking ticket issued.

8:57 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

9:11 p.m. **King St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Anne F. Lawlor, 45, 67 Sonoma Road, Quincy. Charges: Operating under the influence of alcohol, speeding in violation of a special regulation and failure to use care starting/stopping on a state highway.

9:13 p.m. **North Main St. and Rocky Lane**, suspicious person; field interrogation report.

10:52 p.m. **Black Horse Lane and Summer St.**, parking violation.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

1:02 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

1:03 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

7:20 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic enforcement.

10:22 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid; 911 caller stated that a 60-year-old female fell down and is unconscious but breathing.

12:56 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic enforcement.

3:47 p.m. **King St.**, animal complaint; caller with report of a raccoon running around during the day; left a message with the animal control officer as well.

4:22 p.m. **Beechwood St. and Bound Brook Lane**, caller reports kids riding dirt bikes and quads on the street.

4:47 p.m. **Hull St.**, callers reports a black Mercedes hit a pole than the operator had a altercation with two other individuals outside of the vehicle; the vehicle has left this location heading towards Hull. Hull police notified; officer reports the driver of the vehicle got out and chased two kids before going back in his vehicle and leaving.

5:13 p.m. **Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop.

6:57 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

7:03 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid requested; caller reports a male party having a seizure inside the grocery store. Transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

7:55 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking enforcement; six vehicles tagged.

9:02 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:03 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:04 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports buildings checked; secure.

10:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, suspicious activity reported; several shoppers at Stop & Shop with complaint of teens hanging out in front of the liquor store and yelling, making the customers fell uncomfortable.

11:20 p.m. **Spring St.**, caller reports she can hear an animal in distress; no dog in the area.

11:55 p.m. **Elm St.** – headquarters, walk-in party states they "need to file a complaint against someone."

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

12:01 a.m. **All over town**, icy road conditions.

12:32 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:33 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

1:19 a.m. **Elm St.** – headquarters, caller requests more information about a previous problem.

8:32 a.m. **Church St.**, assist citizen; caller states that when she was out walking her dog in Wampatuck Park, she saw some barefoot tracks on the boardwalk at the reservoir at the Doane St. entrance. Officer followed footprint tracks into the woods but was unable to determine the origin.

10:23 a.m. **Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop and tow. Arrest: Thomas E. Martin Jr., 54, 1125 Commercial St., Weymouth. Charges: WMS warrant, miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violations and number plate violation.

11:20 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, gas drive-off; motor vehicle owner returned with payment.

11:27 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, assist citizen with motor vehicle lock out.

12:44 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid; on-duty firefighter transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

3:13 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

3:46 p.m. **Ripley Road and North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:46 p.m. **Bancroft Road**, 911 caller states she is trying to dial information and sounds confused.

7:41 p.m. **King St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic enforcement.

8:37 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

11:27 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

MONDAY, MARCH 26

1:12 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

1:15 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:30 a.m. **Elm St.**, BOLO announcement. Bapern advises South District Radio Test.

11:45 a.m. **Schofield Road**, medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

12:29 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

1:26 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.** suspicious activity. Caller reports four suspicious males in yellow or orange rental truck in parking lot placing boxes in cars. Officer reports phone company transferring books. No problem.

2:52 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Crocker Lane**, motor vehicle crash/injuries. Multiple 911 callers report motor vehicle accident; transported other/BLS.

5:05 p.m. **Gammons Road**, threats; investigated.

5:50 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, larceny. Exxon reported a drive-off. Officer spoke with attendant and party is coming back to straighten out the situation. Exxon called back to inform police that the party did come back and pay for the gas.

10:21 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, arrest. Arrested: Robert A. Jones, 49, 163 Sohier St., Cohasset. Charges: OUI liquor; negligent operation of a motor vehicle; marked lanes violation; possession of Class B drug.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

12:27 a.m. **Sohier St.**, transport citizen.

1:26 a.m. **High School/Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:26 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

7:15 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic enforcement.

8:40 a.m. **Tilden Road**, Scituate, medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

9:38 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

9:42 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted.

10:13 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted. Party in lobby requesting to speak to police officer regarding a domestic situation.

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Theater review

Grin and bare it

'The Full Monty' exposed at Company Theatre

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Someone should alert Chippendales to start scouting locations south of Boston, because if a recent audience for the musical "The Full Monty" at Norwell's Company Theatre is any indication, South Shore women will turn out in force even at the hint of a male strip show. The line for the ladies' room during intermission stretched through the lobby, making two clear points: the performance was sold out and most husbands and boyfriends had been left at home.

When the time came for the much-ballyhooed strip scene that closes the show, women of all ages were sitting ramrod straight and ready to give their full attention to the show's most-discussed moment. Anticipation wasn't the only thing that got the audience's energy up, however — they were also enjoying a funny, sweet, and entertaining musical based on the 1997 feature film of the same name. While the movie was set in working class England, the Broadway musical adaptation of "The Full Monty" transplanted the six out-of-work laborers-turned-male strippers to Buffalo, N.Y. When the bills begin to mount, the laid-off steel workers realize that they may make more money by taking their clothes off at a local nightclub than by taking jobs as security guards.

With a book by Terrence McNally ("Kiss of the Spiderwoman," "Master Class") and music and lyrics by David Yazbek ("Dirty Rotten Scoundrels"), "The Full Monty" opened to very favorable reviews on Broadway in October 2000, but when a little show called "The Producers" came along the following April, it immediately became the must-see hit of that season. The Mel Brooks musical went on to beat "The Full Monty" in no fewer than 10 Tony Award categories in which both shows were nominated Even with a two year run in New York and a respectable national tour that played Boston's Colonial Theatre in June 2002, "Monty" — like its hapless heroes, turned would-be Golden Banana aspirants, who decide to bare it all in the name of love and money — never seemed to achieve the success it deserved.

And, at just under three hours, with intermission, "Monty" risks seeming too full, but the show makes up for it with a fun and bouncy score and many memorable moments played with winning energy by a solid Company cast.

Directors Zoe Bradford and Jordie Saucerman keep the energy high without sacrificing any of the show's softer, more affecting moments.

The talented Michael J. Foley is convincing as Jerry Lukowski, the ex-foreman who is also an ex-husband desperate to find a way to pay the child support necessary to maintain a relationship with his young son. As Lukowski's longtime friend, Dave Bukatinsky, James Tallach offers up a perfect blend of humor and pathos as a gentle soul whose unemployment has damaged his self-esteem and driven a wedge between him and his wife and friends. Dave's mid-section is more two liter bottle than six-pack, but Jerry still wants his friend at his side in his new venture.

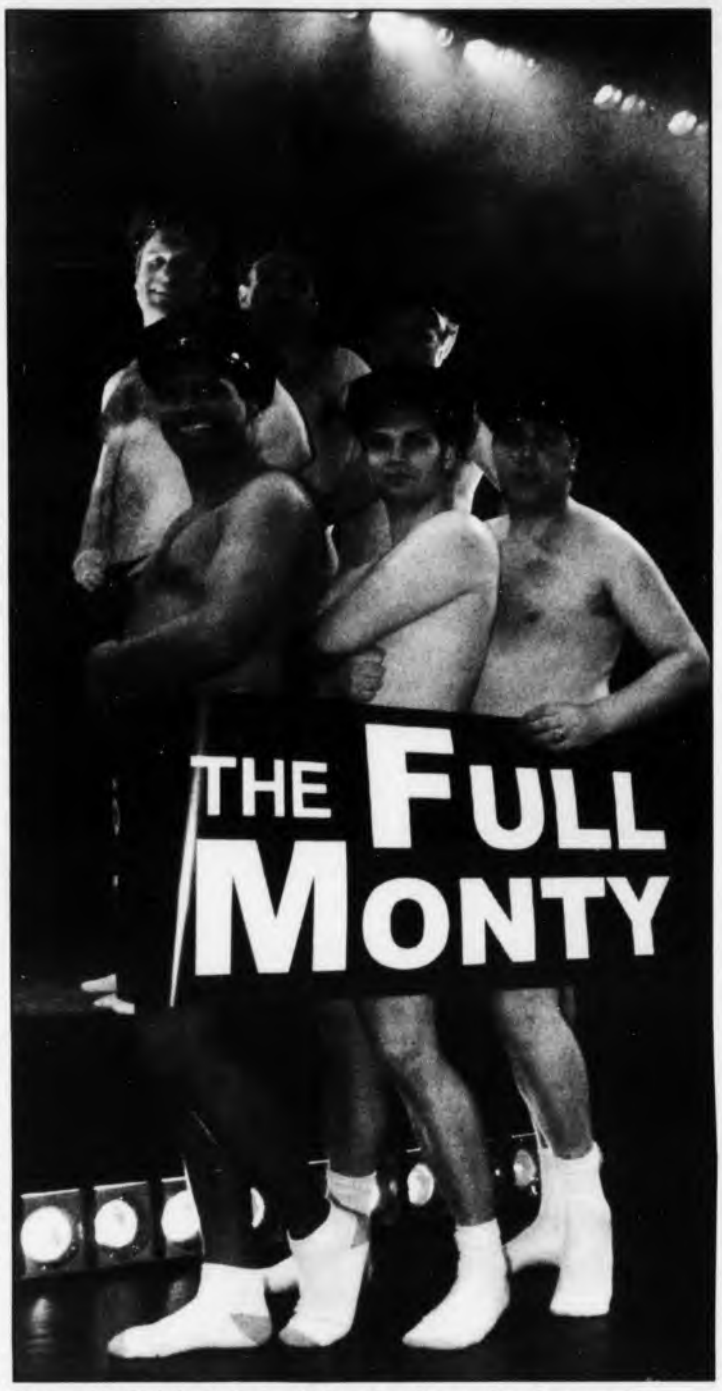
Also recruited by Jerry for the six-man dance troupe are two fellow ex-steel workers who turn out to be gay, an older African-American who lost his job at McDonald's for giving some of his customers a less than happy meal, and even his former boss at the mill who decides he better dance if he ever hopes to pay off the debts that have resulted in the repossession of just about everything he has except his loving wife.

Christopher R. D. Landis and Christian T. Potts bring warmth to their roles as Malcolm MacGregor and Ethan Girard, the newly out-of-the-closet pair. Steven M. Key's Noah "Horse" Simmons may have a world-weary walk, but he has all the right moves on the dance floor in the spirited "Big Black Man" number, and David F. Fougere is well cast as Harold Nichols, the numbers cruncher whose stalled management career makes him the logical coach for the unlikely team.

The men in the cast receive enthusiastic support not only from the females in the audience, but also from those with whom they share the stage. On Broadway, the timeworn pianist was played to perfection by the late Kathleen Freeman. In Norwell, Juliana Dennis makes her own distinct impression on the hard-bitten role, especially with her wonderful act two opener, "Jeanette's Showbiz Number." Melissa Prusinski, Christine Joyce, and the always dependable Paula Markowicz are strong in supporting roles and highly effective in musical numbers, too, including the act one anthem, "It's a Woman's World."

Musical Director Michael Joseph ably leads a wonderful pit band of local musicians who never miss a beat. Directors Zoe Bradford and Jordie Saucerman keep the energy high without sacrificing any of the show's softer, more affecting moments. Bradford has also done a wonderful job with the set that includes a very realistic men's room and a car that proves size isn't everything.

("The Full Monty" will be the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell, through April 7. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 781-871-2787 or go online at www.companytheatre.com.)



Top row L-R; Christian Potts from Quincy, Dave Fougere from Swampscott, Christopher Landis from Weymouth.
Bottom row L-R; Steven Key from Rosplindale, Mike Foley from Quincy, James Tallach from Malden.

Movie review

You'll fall for this 'Hoax'

The Hoax (A-)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

The American psyche reserves a place of honor for frauds, charlatans, imposters, phonies, hucksters, grifters, con men and scammers of all shapes and sizes.

Of course, Hollywood also loves these characters and their stories because Southern California is their Mecca.

"The Hoax," a fact-based film about one of the boldest scam artists in modern history, tells the story of the wobbly rise and shameful fall of Clifford Irving (Richard Gere in a career-capping performance), a mid-level author who stumbles upon a seemingly foolproof scheme to make himself a bundle.

If the whole world is obsessed with a "lunatic hermit" — a heard but unseen Howard Hughes — who wears tissue-box slippers and never speaks or appears publicly, why not claim to be his confidante and write his exclusive autobiography? This was the Faustian bargain Irving made with himself as he conned famed publishing house McGraw-Hill in the Vietnam War-plagued 1970s.

Together with friend and researcher Dick Susskind (Alfred Molina channeling Bert Lahr's Cowardly Lion), Irving bluffs his two-faced, Manhattan literary agent Andrea Tate (Hope Davis), blusters his way past skeptical McGraw-Hill executive Shelton Fisher (a dark-browed Stanley Tucci) and even



The ever-lying Clifford Irving (Richard Gere) tries to smooth-talk his way through a press conference.

charms the corporate eminence grise Harold McGraw himself (John Carter).

Meanwhile, back home in semi-rural Croton Falls, N.Y., Irving's Swiss-German artist wife Edith Sommer (Marcia Gay Harden) assures her discouraged husband he's better than all the "potato people" with whom he must deal.

Is it any wonder Irving's previous book was "Fake!," a portrait of the notorious modern art forger Elmyr de Hory?

His gray hair dyed dark brown, Gere captures the dizzying anxiety of a person whose status as a "great man" threatens to explode at any moment into utter calumny and shame. As Irving gets deeper into his scheme — and deeper into what might well have been a well-researched, unauthorized biography — he begins to turn into Hughes, impersonating first his voice on tape and then co-opting his appearance and clothes.

"The Hoax" has much in common with Steven Spielberg's "Catch Me If You Can," another celebration of a scam artist, but is more satisfying. The film convincingly argues that the Watergate break-in was the result of President Nixon's fear of revelations about his relationship with Hughes in Irving's book.

Director Lasse Hallstrom ("Casanova"), who was born in Stockholm, presents Irving as a talented fabulist, whose lies are artful rearrangements of myth, truth and legend, suggesting that Irving was a novelist who lost his way.

"The Hoax" also hints the war in Vietnam and the Nixon presidency, and by association other wars and presidencies, are nothing more than cruel frauds perpetrated upon our citizens.

In the supporting cast, Eli Wallach and Julie Delpy (as Irving's mistress Nina van Pallandt) are terrific.

While the third act drags notably, "The Hoax" is a timely and engrossing cautionary tale and a more honest portrait of Hughes than Martin Scorsese's entirely Hollywood-ized 2004 biopic "The Aviator." That film was the real hoax.

Rated R. "The Hoax" contains sexual situations, brief nudity and profanity.

Calendar of events

Thursday, April 5

Animal Tails with Karen Kurkoski, naturalist, will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell. This program is for children aged 3 1/2 to 5 years old. After the tale each week enjoy a game, song or craft – lots of exciting activities, and learning, too. The group may go outside for a hike, so dress for the weather. The cost is $42 for members and $54 for nonmembers per three-week session. Preregistration and prepayment required. Limit eight children.

The Alzheimer's Care Partners Group will meet on Thursday, April 5, 10:30 a.m. at The John Curtis Free Library, 534 Hanover St. (Route 139) Hanover. The group participates in the care of someone with Alzheimer's Disease. New members welcome free of charge. This is a grassroots organization seeking solutions to the problems of living with Alzheimer's disease. They meet the first Thursday of every month. For information, contact Penny Peterson, LCSW at 781-659-2691.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, Satch Romano's **New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam** with **The Bankok Blues Society** featuring **Slo Burn** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796.

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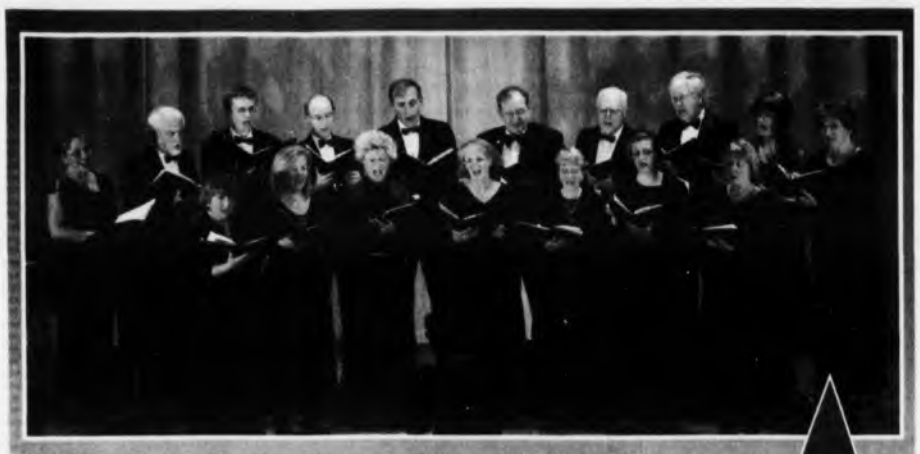
THE COMPANY THEATRE in Norwell, will be holding its first annual Silent Auction & Raffle on Saturday, April 28, from 7 to 11p.m. at the Radisson Hotel in Rockland. Tickets to attend the event are $25, and are available at the Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787. For information visit www.companytheatre.com

THE HISTORIC 1699 WINSLOW HOUSE, 634 Careswell St. Marshfield, will be host to Nathaniel Philbrick, author of the acclaimed "Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community and War." On April 28 beginning at noon, Philbrick will discuss the history of Plymouth Colony, the story of the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians, and the legends that have accompanied them. Philbrick will discuss the writing of his book and will be available to sign copies of "Mayflower," as well as Philbrick's new book, "The Mayflower Papers." For information, contact the Winslow House at 781-837-5753 or email Winslow House executive director Mark Schmidt at mark.schmidt@winslow-house.org

THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION is seeking walkers of all ages to form teams for the 6th Annual South Shore Arthritis Walk, the Arthritis Foundation's nationwide walk event. The walk will take place on Sunday, May 6, at Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth and is open to both teams and individuals The Arthritis Walk features a fully accessible one-mile walk and a three-mile walk, followed by a post-walk celebration. To register or for information, contact Terri Fedrow at the Arthritis Foundation at 617-219-8220 or visit southshorearthritiswalk.kintera.org

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The Unicom Singers will perform two very exciting and challenging works in their upcoming April 13 and 15 concerts. Francis Poulenc's magnificent "Gloria" and Handel's 'Italianate' masterpiece "Dixit Dominus" Director Margo Euler will highlight 12 of the ensemble's 24 voices in solo or solo quartet roles for this event. Singing major solos are: Carol Cybulska of Kingston, Anne Briggs of Duxbury, Amy Martin of Scituate, Dawn MacGarvey of Duxbury, and Denise Rachel of Norwell. The ensemble draws dedicated and experienced singers from Hingham, Cohasset, Weymouth, and Hanover, as well as those towns already mentioned. The concert will be performed at House of Prayer, 916 Main St. in Hingham, on Friday, April 13, at 8, and Sunday, April 15 at 4 p.m. Tickets are $15 at Noble's in Hingham Square or at the door.

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Jacqueline Crowell of One Communications in Quincy, will be the featured speaker at the weekly breakfast meeting of **The President's Club Chapter of Business Network International** (BNI), April 4 at 7 a.m. Crowell will talk about the importance of telecommunications in building a successful business. The President's Club Chapter of BNI is comprised of leading business people from Quincy, Holbrook, Braintree, Weymouth, Hingham, Stoughton, Canton, Hull, Randolph, Hanover, Brockton, Milton and Dorchester, but welcomes anyone who works or lives in southeastern Massachusetts. The group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at Emerald Hall, 120 Bay State Drive, Braintree. Visitors are welcome. For information, contact Club President Norm Abrahamson at 781-828-2270 or by email at ngalaw@cantonlaw.net

Local Chapter of Business Networking International bni.com meets weekly Thursday mornings in Pembroke at 7:30. New members are welcome. Call Tricia Lorente at 508-740-3385 for details.

The South Shore Business Roundtable (ssbrt.net) meets every other Thursday at 7:30 a.m. at Pembroke Town Hall. SSBRT is a networking group whose goal is to enhance member businesses through the exchange of referrals and information and is seeking additional members at $100 for the year. For additional info call Joel Sugarman 617-686-9885.

A **concert** featuring **Bridgewater State College** students will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Boyden Hall's Horace Mann Auditorium. The program will include piano, flute and vocal performances. After the concert, student performers will be presented awards by Dr. Lee Torda, director of undergraduate research at BSC. The following students are scheduled to perform: **Jeremy Benchiere, Joel Edwards, Shen He, Gabrielle Heath, Adam Isbitsky, Tracy Nadolny and Kent Pigeon.** The performance is free and open to the public. For information, call 508-531-1377.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. April 6, BBC **"Pint Night"** featuring **Flydown** formerly The Alliance.

Friday, April 6

Surf and Turf Land and Seascape painting by **Diana Rousseau** of Cohasset will be on view and sale at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, from April 6 to 30 An opening reception for the public will be held on April 6, from 7-9 p.m. The exhibit may be viewed Tuesday - Friday 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visit our website at www.jameslibrary.org.

The South Shore Conservatory Concert Series announces a performance of Distinguished Guest Artists on April 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Conservatory's Cox Hall in Hingham. Guest Artists **Susan Thomas**, flute and **Mychal Gendron,** guitar, will perform selections from the chamber repertoire. Conservatory faculty pianist, Hui Min Wang will also accompany Thomas and Gendron The concert will take place at South Shore Conservatory's Cox Hall in Hingham. A Wine and cheese reception will precede the concert at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are $25 for adults and $20 for seniors/students. To purchase tickets or for more information contact 781-749-7565 x 10 or 781-934-2731 x 11 or visit southshoreconservatory.org/concert For information contact Amy Schomp, 781-749-7565 ext. 19 or amyschomp@southshoreconservatory.org

Artwork by students of Donna Rossetti-Bailey through April 7. Over the years, many people from the South Shore have studied pastel and drawing with Marshfield artist, Donna Rossetti-Bailey. More than 30 students have works on display in the Vine Hall Gallery, **South Shore Natural Science Center,** 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. This exhibit will highlight both plein-aire and studio work 781-659-2559.

Tenebrae at High Street UMC - will be offering a service of remembrance commonly referred to as a "service of shadows" or "Tenebrae." This contemporary service of reflection will take place on Good Friday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m., at the High Street United Methodist Church, 298 High St. Duxbury. All are welcome. For information call 781-585-9863, or by email at highstreetchurch@comcast.net

New England Singles, April 6, 8 p.m. to midnight Abington VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington. Ages 40+ Dance music including Top 40's DJ. $8 singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road **Pembroke**. April 5 **Clubba Lang** 781-829-6999.

The Vine European Style Wine Bar, 18 Main St. Ext. lower level (under Café Stréga) Plymouth. Open Tuesday through Sunday at 4 p.m. Wine tastings 6 to 8 p.m. Every Wednesday - $15 includes appetizers Visit thevineplymouth.com information. 508-830-1942.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance March April 6, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at **Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom**, 929 Hingham St., Rockland, exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by award winning DJ Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes and match game prizes. **Free dancing lessons** from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples age 30 and over. Cost before 9 p.m. is $10 Proper business dress recommended; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable. Visit www.se-4u.com or call 781-446-0234 for information.

The South Shore Folk Music Club presents **Greg Greenway,** April 6, the Beal House, Main St. in Kingston. doors open at 7:30 p.m. Handicapped accessible hall, and smoke and alcohol free. Light refreshments are available. SSFMC collects non-perishable food goods at every event and delivers them to the Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless in Kingston. Admission $13 members, $15 non-members. 781-871-1052 or visit ssfmc.org.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, will feature **Scratch My Back** 9:15 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796.

Mt. Blue, 707 Main St., Norwell, April 6, **Jah Spirit Reggae**.

Saturday, April 7

Saturdays at the Ventress Library programs continue on April 7 at 2 p.m. with "Travel Planning 101: What to Check Out Before Checking In." Come hear Nancy Kelly, librarian, Boston hotel concierge and travel planning student at Massasoit detail how to get the insider information before planning your trip. Beginning and experienced travelers are welcome, and questions are encouraged. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served to all and door prizes awarded to a few lucky participants. For information contact Nancy Kelly at 781-834-5535, nkelly@ocln.org or visit ventresslibrary.org. The library is located at 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. Handicapped accessible.

Daniel Webster Estate, 238 Webster St. Marshfield. Museum guide class April 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Attend one or both sessions. Bring brown bag lunch, beverage and dessert. Call Regina Porter at 781-837-9858.

The Hingham Land Conservation Trust has organized a walk led by **Steve Ivas** in the **Black Pond Nature Preserve,** in Norwell. The walk will begin at 10 a.m. on April 7. The public is invited to attend. For directions and more information about the Black Pond Nature Preserve visit hinghamlandtrust.org/bog

ASAP (Adoption & Foster Care School Awareness Project) and the Pembroke and Kingston Public Libraries will be celebrating the "Grand Opening" of their newly enhanced parenting collections featuring current titles on adoption and foster care donated by ASAP and up-to-date resources on special education and children with differing abilities. Join Agusta Lynch, Children's Librarian for Morning Coffee from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Kingston Public Library, 6 Green St., Kingston and Jennifer Hartshorn, Youth Services Librarian, for Afternoon Tea from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Pembroke Public Library, 142 Center St. Pembroke. For information visit www.asapmass.org or call 781 293-3341.

The USS Salem's annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place April 7 from noon until 3 p.m. aboard the U.S. Navy ship moored at the former Fore River Shipyard located at 739 Washington St., Quincy. Admission is $5 per person. 617-479-7900.

South Shore Hospital presents its first **"Dare to C.A.R.E"** community program on **cardiovascular disease**. Join South Shore Hospital's cardiovascular experts as they explain what you can do to minimize your risk of having a heart attack, stroke and other health complications April 7, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Sheraton Hotel in Braintree. Preregistration is encouraged, and a complimentary breakfast and lunch will be provided. Find out if you or a loved one has risk factors that lead to cardiovascular disease by logging on to www.southshorehospital.org and taking the quiz on cardiovascular disease. For information or to register for the Dare to C.A.R.E. program, call 781-340-8272.

Doctors **Carol DeFranca** and **Scott Chapman** of Norwell Spine and Sports Rehabilitation in Norwell, will present a **Healthy Woman Lecture Series** at Body To Soul Fitness, located at 33 Riverside Drive in Pembroke. **Healthy Bones, Strong Bones**, the final lecture in the Healthy Woman Lecture Series advises women about natural ways to prevent osteoporosis and will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. DeFranca and Chapman will impart practical ways that women can healthfully enhance their lifestyles. The cost for this informative workshop is $29. Space is limited. To register for Healthy Bones, Strong Bones, contact 781-829-2002.

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Blue Hills Adult Walking Club, April 7 at 1 p.m. Meet at the Shea Rink parking lot at 651 Willard St., Quincy. Celebrate the start of spring on an easy stroll. 1.5 hours. For information visit mass.gov/dcr or call 617-698-1802.

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset Author/Illustrator **Tad Hills**, to Buttonwood, on April 7, at 10 a.m. Hills, a former Norwell resident, will read from his new book, **Duck, Duck, Goose**, a follow-up to his New York Times bestseller, **Duck & Goose**. Free and open to the public. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a signed copy call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com

Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth, April 7, Traditional Irish Seisiun every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hornpipes, with great craic and singalong. Admission is free. 508-830-1262.

Sweet Fordy's, 290 Center St., Pembroke **Wine & Pastry Tasting**, the first Saturday of each month from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. 781-294-8550.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road **Pembroke**. April 7 **Jon Frattasio & Friends** 781-829-6999.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke April 7 **Jim Sylvia** 781-294-4700.

Chilihead BBQ, 320 West Centre St., (Rt. 106), West Bridgewater April 7, **Alan Qualtieri of Bag full of Blues Solo** 508-941-0707.

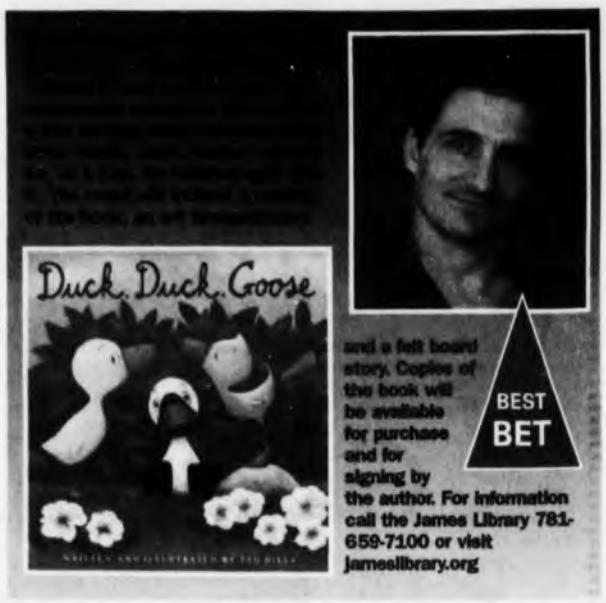
The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, will feature **Beale Street Band at** 8 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796.

Sunday, April 8

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month **Allan Chambers** will exhibit his paintings for the month of April at the Tuft's Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth 781-337-8134.

Front Street Art Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate, hosts **Dianne Panarelli Miller** a Boston based "Plein Air Painter" of color and light through April 29. She is a signature member of the New England Plein Air Painters and a "Copley Master" at the Copley Society in Boston. A reception will be held on Sunday, April 1, from 2 to 5 p.m.

CALENDAR, see next page



Reunions

THE SOUTH SHORE CHAPTER 33 OF PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS, a non-profit all volunteer support organization for single, divorced or widowed men and women with children is celebrating its 45th Anniversary. They will celebrate with an anniversary dinner dance on Friday April 20, at the DAV Club #29, 788 Liberty St., Braintree. Cocktails will be served from 7 to 7:30 p.m. A full-catered family style roast beef dinner will be served beginning at 7:30 p.m. All former officers, members and public are invited to attend. Cost for the dinner and dance is $25 per person. All are welcome to come and dance to DJ Jim McCarthy for $5 from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. There will be a 50/50 raffle. For dinner information and reservations contact Bob Quilici at 781-982-0604 as soon as possible.

THE IMPERIALS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS. Will hold its Fifth annual Spring Fever dance on April 14, at 7:30 pm, at the Abington K. of C. Cost is $15, $10 under 18. This fundraiser has become a mini reunion of sorts and a corps banquet for members. The whole family is invited. Contact John Stark by visiting pathwayproductions.org/imperials.htm

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1952 will hold its 55th reunion on June 12 at the Neighborhood Club in Quincy. For tickets at $30 apiece and information, call Claire DeLorey Whitten at 508-540-5738. Also call with information on missing classmates Alta Thayer, Pauline Zoebisch, Pauline Canale Fry, Warren Church, Arthur Haskins, Ellen Sullivan, Beverly Parks Grasso, David Mitchelson, and Patricia Egan.

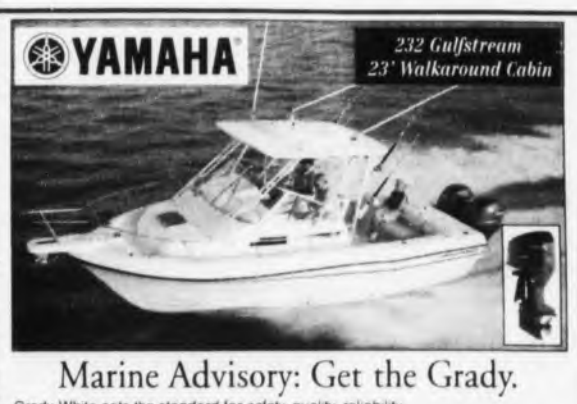
THE USS NITRO AE-2 & AE-23 Association will hold their annual reunion from 21-24 June 2007 in Washington, DC. For information, contact the Nitro's website at http://ussnitro.org or me at ebb23@aol.com

THE DEFENDERS DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS of Rockland. The organization will hold a reunion Saturday, July 7, at the Knights of Columbus at 254 Hancock St., in Abington. The reunion committee is trying to locate more than 100 former members, supporters and staff. For information go to www.defendersalumni.org or contact Dale Powers at defendersreunion@verizon.net.

MEETING HOUSE HILL REUNION 2007 Do you remember the good old days at St. Peters, Ronan Park, Bowdoin St. The C.Y.O, Communion Breakfasts, Little League Parades, Eddies Giants, The Buviewers. This reunion will be held Oct. 13, at 7 p.m. at The Marriott Hotel Quincy, The evening will include a hot and cold buffet-open bar and live entertainment. Tickets are $60 and must be purchased in advance. For information visit meetinghousehillreunion.info/

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1972 is holding it's 35th Class Reunion on Friday, Nov. 23, at 6:30 p.m. Help them find missing classmates. Visit nightsea.com/HHS72reunion35.htm www.nightsea.com/HHS72reunion35.htm (You must enter website exactly as shown.) For information contact Ellen Cadigan Mazel 781-275-7875 or mazels@mindspring.com


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The South Shore Folk Music Club presents Greg Greenway, April 6, the Beal House, Main St. in Kingston. doors open at 7:30 p.m. Handicapped accessible hall, and smoke and alcohol free. Light refreshments are available. SSFMC collects non-perishable food goods at every event and delivers them to the Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless in Kingston. Admission $13 members, $15 non-members. 781-871-1052 or visit ssfmc.org.


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The North River Arts Society present Festival of The Arts Award Winners - Best in Show: Photography at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Square, Marshfield. Featured in this exhibit are works by the following award-winning photographers: **Chris Bernstein, John Droege, Viola Kaumlen, Lance Keimig, Mike Sleeper, Michael Sullivan, Susan White, Paul Weiner, Robert Weiss, Ronald Wilson**. This show runs April 1 - June 1. The public is invited to a free opening reception at the Library on April 2, from 7 to 9 p.m. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster St., Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com

Blue Hills Reservation and South Region Sites April 8, at 1 p.m. Moderate walk, some hilly terrain, 4 miles. Wall from St. Moritz Pond to Sawcut Notch, return on Indian Camp Path. Meet at the Shea Rink lot on 351 Willard St., Quincy. Programs are free. 617-698-1802.

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Monday, April 9

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The North River Arts Society presents **The Maine Event** at the Dolphin Gallery located at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham featuring paintings depicting the beauty of the Maine landscape. The following well-known local artists will be showing work in this show: **Joreen Benbenek, Donna Rossetti-Bailey, Sally Dean, Liz Haywood-Sullivan, Becky Haletky**, and **Patricia Gray**. This exhibit will run through May 24. Meet the artists at a free **opening reception on April 9**, from 7 to 9 p.m. The library gallery is open Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 1-5 p.m. Call the library to confirm current hours: 781.741.1405. For information, contact the NRAS Office at 781-837-8091.

The Braintree Art Association Annual Member Exhibit April 2 through 27, at the Thayer Academy Gallery, 745 Washington St., Braintree. Gallery hours 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. 781-335-4675

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New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, has helped more than 9,400 South Shore residents start a new life over the past 20 years. They offer a safe place for healing and encouragement as you start a new chapter of your life. New Beginnings meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Monday and is highly recommended for newcomers. All are welcome. For information, call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857.

Tuesday, April 10

ASAP - The Adoption & Foster Care School Awareness Project Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the Lydia Drake Library, 340 High St., Pembroke, at 7:30 p.m. ASAP is committed to increasing awareness in the schools and in our communities of the special needs families formed through adoption and foster care. All Parents, care-givers, educators and interested community members are welcome. For info Charlotte Simpson at 781 293-3341 or visit our website at www.asapmass.org

DiCensos Drum Shop and **South Shore Music** presents world-renown performing and recording artist **Steve Gadd** at Quincy High School Auditorium at 52 Coddington St., in Quincy, April 10. Doors open at 7 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. clinic. Tickets are available for $18 in advance and $25 at the door. For information or to buy tickets go todicensos.com call 617-479-1280. or visit drstevegadd.com

James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St. Norwell, presents Children's book author/illustrator and Norwell native **Tad Hills** will give a free reading of his newest picture book **Duck, Duck, Goose** on April 10, at 1 p.m. for children ages 3 to 6. The event will include a reading of the book, an art demonstration and a felt board story. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and for signing by the author. For information call the James Library 781-659-7100 or visit jameslibrary.org

The Buttonwood Book Group for Adults will meet on April 10, at 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. The selected bookis **The Measure of A Man: A Spiritual Autobiography** by Sidney Poitier. The facilitator is Ms. Sarah Duffield. No reservations are necessary. All are welcome. 781-383-2665.

The Bar Association of Norfolk County will sponsor a **Free Evening Legal Clinic,** Quincy District Court, on April 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. For further information call Adrienne Clark at 617-471-9693.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road **Pembroke**. April 10, Free Texas Hold'Em with Northern Poker League "face off" Game Show Trivia 781-829-6999.

Wednesday, April 11

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The South Shore OCD Support Group holds monthly meetings for adults suffering from OCD, parents of children suffering from OCD or friends and family of adults suffering from OCD. Meetings are at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at the Duxbury Senior Community Center, 10 Mayflower St., Duxbury. (Route 3 to exit 10 east, to Tremont Street, (RT 3A North) to 10 Mayflower). The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11, at 7 p.m. No cost. Wheelchair accessible. Call Barbara Lashley at 508 830-1630 for more information.

For the third year in Massachusetts, local photographers have volunteered their time to create the **Heart Gallery,** a striking collection of photographs of children in the Massachusetts foster care system. The **Heart Gallery 2007 opening reception takes place April 11 from 4 to 8 p.m.** The public is invited to see the exhibit and learn about foster care/adoption issues. (15-minute speaking presentations at 5 and 7 p.m.) North River Community Church, 334 Old Oak Street in Pembroke **For information or to RSVP:** Contact Mare at 617-54-ADOPT (617-542-3678) or visit www.mareinc.org

The Historical Society of Old Abington will hold its next meeting on April 11· at 7:30 p.m. at the Dyer Memorial Library, 28 Centre Avenue, in Abington. The program is titled "The 200th Anniversary of the Whitman Congregational Church." The public is welcome to attend. For information call 781-878-8480.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road **Pembroke** April 11 **Face Off Game show trivia hosted by , PJ the DJ** 8 to 11 p.m. 781-829-6999.

Thursday, April 12

Spring into Fashion, a show **to benefit Cranberry Hospice**, will take place at Indian Pond Country Club, 60 Country Club Way, Kingston, with cocktails and silent auction 6:30 to 7 p.m., dinner and show starting at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $40. Cash bar. Fashions provided by Ellen Johnson of Daisy Riley Extraordinary Clothing of Plymouth. To purchase a ticket, call Patti Ryan at 508-830-2465 or e-mail pryan@jhsi.org or send check payable to Cranberry Hospice, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Suite 326, Plymouth, MA 02360. Only tables of eight, nine or 10 can be reserved.

The Buttonwood Middle School Book Group will meet on April 12, at 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. The selected book is **Heat** by Mike Lupica . The facilitator is Ms. Barb Mullin, Deer Hill School Librarian. Fifth Graders are invited to attend. No reservations are necessary. All are welcome. 781-383-2665.

Congregation Shirat Hayam will observe YOM HASHOAH, the Holocaust remembrance on Thursday evening, April 12. This is an interfaith service and the entire community is invited. The service will take place at the United Methodist Church at 185 Plain St., Marshfield at 7:30 p.m. To make arrangements for large groups or for information call 781-582-2700 or e-mail info@shirathayam.net.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road **Pembroke**. April 12 **BBC Pint Night with Flydown** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, Satch Romano's **New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam** with **Wolf & The Jam Daddies** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Friday, April 13

Bridgewater State College: Then and Now, a one-day symposium focusing on the history of Bridgewater State College, will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room of the Maxwell Library. The day will conclude with a historic walking tour of the campus from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. The symposium was developed, as a result of the Presidential Fellowship, to share and showcase BSC's critical historical legacy, from its founding as one of the first normal schools in the United States to its development as one of the largest state colleges today. This event, which features several panel discussions and lunch, is free and open to the public. Participants are welcome to attend all or any portion of the event. The symposium is sponsored by the Presidential Fellowship, the Office of Academic Affairs, the dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and the History department. For more information or to register, call 508-531-2406.



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The Arc of the South Shore The 55th Annual Dinner Dance, Spring Soiree This 'friend'raiser will feature dinner, dancing and a 50/50 raffle. April 13, 6 to 11 p.m. **The Lantana 43 Scanlon Road, Randolph,** For information, call Claudia Cuscianna at 781-413-2230 or email her at: ccuscianna@arcsouthshore.org.

The Unicorn Singers will perform two very exciting and challenging works in their upcoming April 13 and 15 concerts. Francis Poulenc's magnificent "**Gloria"** and Handel's 'Italianate' masterpiece "**Dixit Dominus"** Director **Margo Euler** will highlight 12 of the ensemble's 24 voices in solo or solo quartet roles for this event. Singing major solos are: **Carol Cybulska** of Kingston, **Anne Briggs** of Duxbury, **Amy Martin** of Scituate, **Dawn MacGarvey** of Duxbury, and **Denise Rachel** of Norwell. The ensemble draws dedicated and experienced singers from Hingham, Cohasset, Weymouth, and Hanover, as well as those towns already mentioned. The concert will be performed at House of Prayer, 916 Main St. in Hingham, on Friday, April 13, at 8, and Sunday, April 15 at 4 p.m. Tickets are $15 at Noble's in Hingham Square or at the door.

TechArt III, in conjunction with the **Boston Cyberarts Festival**, opens at the **South Shore Art Center** in Cohasset. An opening reception will be held on Friday, April 13 from 6-8 pm. New York based artist Carl Fudge juried the national show and selected Gene Greger of Troy, NY as with first prizewinner. Among the participants in **TechArt III** from the Boston area are: Steve Gildea of Natick, Erica Adams of Mashpee, John Axon of Arlington, , Martha Jane Bradford of Brookline, Andrea Kemler of Newton, Charles Lanphear of North Easton, Joshua Pablo Rosenstock of Roslindale, Leigh Brodie and Andy Winther of Jamaica Plain.

St. Paul's Cathedral pianist and organist Ed Broms continues his series of performances playing the complete works of jazz legend John Coltrane. Broms will be joined in this performance by fellow organists **Vanessa Rodriguez** and **Ken Clarke** as well as **Timo Shanko** on saxophone, **Rich Kelley** on trumpet and some special guests on drums and bass at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 13, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, (138 Tremont St., Boston, MA, 617 482 5800 x. 1103). Tickets are $10 at the door.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke. **The Gobshites** will perform at the British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke. 781-829-6999.

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or, email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518.



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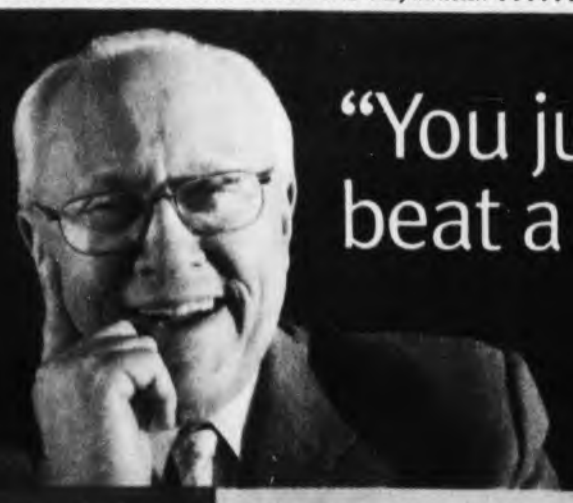
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Write-in candidates cause a stir

'Dull' election ends with races

By Nancy White
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When the dust settled at the election on Saturday incumbent Adrienne MacCarthy and write-in candidate Lucia Flibotte had been elected to two seats on the School Committee. An election that was reported as an "election with no races" and that could have had a historic low turnout in last Friday's Mariner changed literally overnight.

"I think we elected two people who are very supportive of the schools."
— Ronnie McMorris, Doane Street

On Saturday morning there were two write-in candidates vying for votes — Leonora Jenkins of 198 Jerusalem Road and Lucia Flibotte of 27 Summer St.

Both campaigns were under the radar in the community until the day before the polls opened. The battle for write-in votes was likely the reason 1240 registered voters – or about 24 percent

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School Committee incumbent candidate, Adrienne MacCarthy, talks with voters on their way to the polls on Saturday afternoon. MacCarthy tallied the most votes in what turned out to be a four-way race for two seats on the School Committee.

Jenkins blasted in town-wide phone message

Voters told she would 'damage the schools'

By Nancy White
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In Cohasset on Saturday morning there was a chorus of ringing phones, as each household received a recorded message featuring the voices of then Selectman Rob Spofford and former Selectmen Ronnie McMorris.

The well-known names in town, Spofford in the waning hours of his selectman's term and McMorris a three-term selectman, expressed their joint opinion that write-in candidate Leonora Jenkins would cause "serious long term damage" to Cohasset schools. They asked listeners to "vote for Adrienne MacCarthy and write-in Lucia Flibotte."

Incumbent School Committee member Adrienne MacCarthy said that she had "nothing to do with the call itself or its content." However, she said in an email "this in kind donation benefited my campaign, it will report according to [Massachusetts General Law] under campaign finance within the 30 days of the election."

Candidates are required by law to report campaign expenditures eight days before the election, within 30 days after the election and, if funds remain, at the end of the year. As of press time, MacCarthy had yet to file.

When McMorris was reached for comment, she said the primary reason behind the phone message was to "inform people that this was a contested election." Spofford did not return repeated phone messages

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Shoe Market Kids sale is all laced up

Shop to change hands May 1st

By Nancy White
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Friendly faces, quality shoes and a perfect fit are the trademarks of Shoe Market Kids located on Route 3A. When May 1st comes around those elements won't change, but the business owner will.

Mary Sease, owner of Shoe Market Kids, will hand over the shoestrings to longtime floor manager Kathi Yeager. Sease has decided to move out of retail and focus on a non-profit effort.

"I want my customers to know I'm leaving their feet in good hands," says Sease, who credits her loyal customers with making her business a success.

Her base customers are from the South Shore area, but stretch from New Hampshire to Cape Cod. Her online store (www.shoemarketkids.com) receives orders from all across the country, ranging from Southern states to California.

"Some customers come to the area every summer for vacation and we're one of their first stops," Sease says.

The colorful store has hundreds of shoe choices for all types of occasions and price ranges, from the popular Merrell slip-on shoe to the latest colors of girls' flats, Shoe Market Kids has a broad selection. The ship carries top brands like Stride Rite, Primigi, New Balance, Ugg and Timberland.

As Sease closes the shoebox on this part of her life she is confident that her business will flourish under Yeager.

"Her commitment is the same as mine — know the children, size them properly and create relationships," Sease says that she offered the store to Yeager because she had been with her for 10 years.

Sease's brother Greg Lagrotteria owns the Shoe Market, a shoe store formerly at Cohasset Plaza and now at

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Kathi Yeager, left, the new owner of Shoe Market Kids, helps get Sophie D'Alessandro, two years old, of Milton the perfect shoe and fit.

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PICTURE THIS/Paul Carlson



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The Mariner caught up with newly elected Selectman Paul Carlson outside Town Hall this week.

Name: Paul Carlson.

Occupation: Retired investment manager and development consultant.

Best day: Day I married Tana.

Best vacation: A week in St. Lucia with sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren to celebrate our 40th anniversary.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite meal: My wife's linguini with clam sauce.

Best book: "Atlas Shrugged," by Ayn Rand.

Best movie: "Chinatown" with Jack Nicholson.

Best TV show: "The Cosby Show."

Most embarrassing moment: Stalling out my sailboat (nautical term: going into irons) right in front of the Sailing Club dock so that my "friends" could comment and offer unwelcome advice.

Pet peeve: People who think they are above the rules.

Goal: To keep busy and productive.

Person most like to meet: Ronald Reagan.

Best part of Cohasset: Having a cup of coffee at the park in the harbor on a quiet warm morning.

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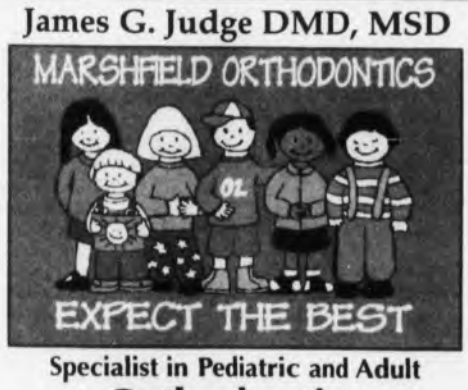
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Police/Fire Beat

Road rage results in assault on woman

By Mary Ford
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A male subject hit her in the face with a pocketbook and a female subject kicked her, police said.

A Hull woman was allegedly hit in the face and kicked following an apparent road rage incident that occurred in Cohasset last week.

Police said the woman who had three female passengers in the car went to Hull police. Hull called Cohasset police, who then escorted the women back to Cohasset where the report was filed.

Chief James Hussey said last Thursday at about 9:15 p.m., the women were driving along Route 3A in Cohasset when the jeep behind them kept flashing its high beams. At one point, someone in the jeep threw an object at the car with the four women. The female driver pulled over in the vicinity of Sohier Street to check for damage. The Jeep also stopped and two males and two females exited the vehicle, and threw the Hull woman to the ground. A male subject hit her in the face with a pocketbook and a female subject kicked her, police said.

The victim told Cohasset police that one of the males looked familiar to her but she could not identify him. However, the women were able to provide the Jeep's license plate number and the matter is currently under investigation by Cohasset detectives.

The woman, who had been checked out by Hull paramedics, sustained bruises to her face.

Accident

The driver of a 1999 Chevrolet pickup was charged with failure to yield to the right-of-way in an intersection after making a left-hand turn from Beechwood Street onto South Main Street last Friday (April 6) at about 11:27 a.m.

The pickup was coming out of Beechwood to make a left toward the village when it collided with a 2003 Chevy Trail Blazer traveling northbound on South Main Street. The pickup did not yield to the Trail Blazer and the accident occurred. There were no injuries and the vehicles were not towed, Chief Hussey said.

Barking dogs

Last week an anonymous caller wanted to speak to the Animal Control Officer about dogs that were barking all hours of the day and night in his Pleasant Street neighborhood. Chief Hussey said the caller's concerns were passed on to ACO Paul Murphy who will meet with the neighbor and talk with the dog owner. He explained that if barking dogs are waking up the neighborhood then that can be considered a nuisance and fall under "disturbing the peace." "We will use the information provided by the Animal Control Officer to make that determination," he said.

Dead body

A man who went to visit his friend last week called police to report that he thought his friend was dead. Chief Hussey said the man, who was in his 50s and was found slumped in a chair, had apparently died suddenly. There was no sign of injury and foul play is not suspected.

He explained the District Attorney's Office will have an autopsy conducted to determine the cause of death. "The death is not suspicious at this time," Hussey said.

Near miss

A caller reported last week that she was almost run down while using one of the crosswalks in the village. She described the car as being a red sports car. Police immediately put out at BOLO (Be On the Look Out) but could not find the car.

Chief Hussey said the town is looking into signage and other ways to make the crosswalks more visible.

Drunk driving

A 22-year-old Hingham woman was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol at just before 2 a.m. on Sunday (April 8). Chief Hussey said an officer, who was at Route 3A and lower King Street, observed a silver-colored car pass by at a high rate of speed, estimated at 70 mph. The car was heading northbound. The officer pulled out behind the vehicle, observed it slow and swerve, and pulled it over on 3A.

While identifying the operator, the officer could smell alcohol and observed that her eyes were somewhat red and bloodshot. Investigation at the scene determined the woman was operating under the influence of alcohol and she was arrested and charged, Chief Hussey said. She was also cited for speeding.

Gas leak

The construction crew working on the Sohier Street grade crossing struck the gas main opposite 107 Sohier St. at about 10:30 a.m. on Friday (April 6). The fire department evacuated the area, checked the adjacent homes and stood by until Keyspan arrived and repaired the leak, Fire Chief Robert Silvia said.

Briefly

Village will stand on its own

A new zoning district, setting apart the village area, got Town Meeting approval March 30. Article 14 outlined a proposal to establish the village as a district separate from the downtown district. The purpose of the article, according to Planning Board member Mike Westcott, is to call out the village as a separate group so future bylaws or bylaw changed can only apply to the village area.

Peter Brown of the Economic Development Committee spoke in favor of this article indicating that it anticipates changes to village bylaw in the future.

Martha Gjesteby of Old Pasture Road, noting the importance of zoning bylaw changes, challenged the quorum shortly before 1p.m. The count came back at 109 voters. Every zoning bylaw change requires a two-thirds majority to pass. Article 14 received the required two-thirds vote in favor.

With the village standing on its own, the downtown district includes three parts of town: a portion of the harbor area, the West Corner, and a small area in the Beechwood section.

Apartments by special permit

Shortly after the village district was established the first of, what some residents hope, are many changes was applied to the Village district. Town Meeting voters changed the bylaw that allows dwellings for more than one family (essentially, apartments) from a by right use to requiring a special permit.

Al Moore, Chairman of the Planning Board, explained that the change is almost a "moot point" because of the 40,000 square foot requirement for lot size. He said that by instituting a special permit requirement, each instance could be looked at on an individual basis.

(The Downtown Business District requires that in order to have a dwelling for more than one family, it must be on a 40,000-square-foot lot or larger).

Wayne Sawchuk, owner of 35-39 South Main St., made it clear that this change does not help current business owners or building owners.

"Honestly, I think we're going backwards. It made economic sense to have by right use," Sawchuk said.

A few residents, including Rick Flynn 30 Summer St., inquired what the bigger plan was for the village area concerned that the delay has put some village business owners are currently "in limbo."

"If it is not broken, don't fix it, but we don't know if its broken yet," answered Moore, saying that the village consultant would be able to examine the effect of apartments, "the bylaw is okay by right use but we would have to take a hard look at proposals."

According to Planning Board member Michael Westcott the village consultant has not yet been contracted but is in process, "we should have enough information to make decisions at the fall Town Meeting."

Capital Budget discussed in two articles

Town Meeting approved allocations for $155,000 in capital projects (Article 6). The Capital Budget Committee reviewed more than $1 million in requests, according to Town Manager Bill Griffin. The small amount of recommended projects is a part of a greater plan to get the town in better financial standing by limiting the amount of free cash expended.

The Middle-High School will receive two sums to address facility maintenance. The library will get repairs to window flashing that has caused leaks over the past two years. The total cost is estimated at $54,000. Repairs and maintenance of the track will be addressed with a $5000 allocation.

The DPW was authorized to buy at new diesel dump truck ($66,000) and a new construction and demolition scale ($30,000). Both items are expected to pay for themselves during their lifetime.

The Capital Budget Committee (CBC) also proposed the establishment of their own bylaw in article 12. Mark Baker, Chairman of the CBC, said the bylaw defines the role of the CBC and the projects that would fall under its purview. He said the CBC hopes to establish a more effective long range plan and be a larger part of the primary budget process.

Selectmen reorganize

When the five Selectmen met for their first meeting post-election on Monday, their first order of business was to nominate a new Chairman and Vice Chairman. Town Manager Bill Griffin requested nominations from the board.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer nominated Gary Vanderweil to assume the position of Chairman. No other nominations were put forth and Vanderweil was unanimously voted to act as Chairman for the coming year.

Dormitzer then nominated Selectman Ted Carr as Vice Chair. The vote was unanimous.

Town Meeting and Election Results

The last two weeks have been packed with town business — from the 26 articles discussed and voted on at Town Meeting to the townwide election. If citizens feel they need to catch up on what has been decided, Town Manager Bill Griffin says all Town Meeting vote results and election results have been conveniently posted online.

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The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Crawford, 64 Old Pasture, $40,000, kitchen renovation as per plans submitted; Martini, 336 Forest Ave., $15,975, 40 squares asphalt roofing tiles; Graham, 698C Jerusalem Road, $125,000, second floor addition; Rossi, 56 Oak St., $60,000, new master bed/bath over existing; Allard, 143 Atlantic Ave., $46,000, add bath to large room, wainscoting to walls in hallways, stairways, change kitchen floor to wood, bead-board some ceilings; Kupsc, 72 Jerusalem Road, $2,000, replace existing columns, repair deck and handrails; Jaffe, 10 Wood Way, $8,700, 29 squares asphalt roofing; Avery, 22 Surrey Dr., $7,900, 16 squares asphalt roofing; Martin, 169 Linden Dr., $1,700, construct exterior 14' by 20' deck;

Winn, 25 Border St., $180,000, replace enclosed porch, doors, windows, trim, re-shingle and sidewall; Graham, 698C Jerusalem Road, $125,000, construct second-floor addition as per plans; 100 Pond St. Condo Trust, 100 Pond St., $43,300, install asphalt roofing on units 30, 32, 34, 36, 38; Weeks, 71 Wheelwright Farm, $2,000, remove fixed window and install new double-hung; Keefe, 3 Stanton Road, $1,000, convert to accessory dwelling unit; Crawford, 64 Old Pasture, $40,000, build 19' by 4' platform and sunroom.

Obtain certified copy of deed

Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell would like to inform the public of an ongoing direct mail offer that is being sent to local homeowners. "Our office has received many inquiries from property owners who had received in the mail an offer from 'National Deed Service Inc.' to provide them with a certified copy of their deed for $59.50. The company, based in Washington, DC, according to their letterhead, states it will obtain a certified copy of your deed from the county office and forward it to you."

In an effort to prevent any homeowner from paying such an exorbitant fee for a service that is readily available locally, O'Donnell wants all residents of Norfolk County to know that a certified copy of their deed may be obtained from the Registry of Deeds, 649 High St., Dedham, from Monday through Friday during regular business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at a cost of $1 per page. If you can't come to the office you can send a request by mail to the Norfolk Registry of Deeds. P.O. Box 69, Dedham, MA 02026. The cost by mail is $2 per deed.

People who would like to view their deed can go online to the Registry Web site at norfolkdeeds.org and look at their deed in the research section. More information is available at the Registry by calling the customer service center at 781-461-6101.

Remove winter wreaths

Carl A. Sestito, Superintendent of the Cohasset DPW has announced winter wreaths and baskets must be removed from all town owned cemeteries by Sunday, April 15.

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Architect named to Historical Commission

Can Tiryaki of 17 Pleasant St., has been appointed to the Historical Commission to serve as the architect representative. Tiryaki came before Selectmen to discuss both his qualifications and interest in serving on the Historical Commission.

Tiryaki is a Massachusetts registered architect, with both a Masters degree in Architecture from Yale University. He currently works for Elkus/Manfredi Architecture in Boston and teaches a course in digital design studio at Northeastern University.

"Cohasset is a unique place historically, architecturally and culturally," he said. Tiryaki has lived in Cohasset for four years. His wife is originally from Cohasset.

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Incumbent Ralph Dormitzer stretches his legs while campaigning outside Town Hall on Saturday afternoon for his uncontested selectman's seat. Dormitzer and Paul Carlson were in a two-way race for two seats.

Town Election was Easy Street for selectmen, other candidates

By Nancy White
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For candidates outside of the School Committee race, this year's election was a walk on easy street — at least by Cohasset's standards. A resident filled each open seat without much campaigning or money spent.

A drive through Cohasset's neighborhoods in late March and early April there are usually signs galore supporting candidates for all town boards. This year, there were no colorful signs around here, in fact, passersby would not know that election day was fast approaching.

Yet, with the polls closed at 6p.m. on Saturday night Cohasset voters elected new configurations for town boards that will take on the challenge of running the town. Incumbent Ralph Dormitzer was re-elected to his Selectman's seat, while political newcomer Paul Carlson filled the other seat on the Board of Selectmen.

"The nicest part of all was not having to run an extensive campaign."
— Selectman Ralph Dormitzer

"The nicest part of all was not having to run an extensive campaign," said Dormitzer of his reelection. He indicated that he hoped the reason for no competition for a selectmen seat this year was citizens were reasonably satisfied with the effectiveness of the Board of Selectmen.

"As a selectmen you are very much identified with the decisions you make," he said, drawing comparisons to state level representative and national representatives where he felt the representatives are less personally recognized for their decisions and votes.

"You are very close to people's hopes and desires because they're your friends," he said.

Carlson is new to the board and to town politics and said he is glad to have the opportunity to serve.

"It's a great feeling [to win]. I've always been interested in doing something like this."

When he heard about the write-in campaigns for School Committee, he admits he was worried too. "Every candidate has to be worried," he said.

But both Dormitzer and Carlson ended up winners and attended Monday night's meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Once the results were tallied, three candidates received more than 900 votes. Paul Pratt Memorial Library Trustee candidate Sarah Pease captured the most votes out any candidate with 914 votes. Stephen Bobo, longtime Board of Health member who was running for re-election, was close behind, receiving 912 votes. Another Library Trustee candidate Barbara Power garnered 911 votes.

The election drew 1240 voters to the polls; many of the ballots had write-in votes that had to be calculated separately. The tedious process took about an hour and half with Town Clerk Marion Douglas announcing the results to a crowd of about 20 interested citizens shortly before 7:30p.m.

Dormitzer and Carlson were present and were immediately sworn into office. School Committee incumbent Adrienne MacCarthy was on hand to be sworn in as well.

Selectmen undecided on cable franchising

Selectmen have been approached by a Comcast representative asking the Board to oppose state legislation that would allow Verizon to enter communities without going before the local government. The legislation proposes that the State grant Verizon a single state issued franchise agreement.

Town Manager Bill Griffin said that he recently attended a state conference where this issue was discussed and the overall feeling was this legislation would not be an advantage to municipalities. He indicated that the primary gain from this legislation would less delay in the process.

The legislation proposes that the State grant Verizon a single state issued franchise agreement.

Selectman Fred Koed said that there was a level playing field now and this legislation seems to tip in favor of Verizon. He indicated that he would be against the legislation.

Vice Chairman Ted Carr said he would contact a colleague and selectman in Waltham, whose Board has taken a position on the proposed legislation. Carr would also try to get a copy of the legislation for review in time for the next meeting.

The Board of Selectmen will further discuss this issue, and possibly take a position, at the next meeting.

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AROUND TOWN



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VACATION!

April vacation week is here for many of us and we all have a variety of plans at hand. Please make sure to take safe, happy and enjoyable trips and make sure to take the time to enjoy the small things as they happen as well as all the big ones. Send me your fun-filled news and photos along with any stories or mini-adventure notes to tell me all about your trips and vacations. I myself will be gone for next week's copy,(April 20th) so make sure to send in all of your news for Around Town for next week only to **Mary Ford** at mford@cnc.com.

SPRING CLEANUP

Spring Make-A-Difference Day is Saturday, April 28! Please join a hearty group at the Osgood School from 12-2 p.m. as they prepare the Osgood nature trails for spring programs. The group will be picking up trash, trimming underbrush and making repairs. They need at least one volunteer with a chain saw to cut up several trees which came down during the winter and are blocking the paths. Please contact **Lisa Rosen** with any questions at 781-383-6491.

TURNING 21

Here is a special Happy Birthday wish going out to **Jaime Litchfield**, son of **Peg** and grandson of **Harold Litchfield**. Jaime is celebrating his 21st B-day on April 15th and all of us who have known Jaime and loved him for so long want to wish him a safe and awesome 21st B-Day! Everyone who knows you Jaime loves you a lot. Enjoy your special day.



Floral Arranger Barbara Power (left) and Assistant Arranger Mary Hartshorne will represent the Cohasset Garden Club for Art in Bloom 2007 at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

SPECIAL DAY

I have a wonderful birthday happening the following week and I want to make sure that our daughter, **Callie Nicole** knows how much we love her and wish her a very special, 13th birthday on April 23rd! Callie, you are growing up into a wonderful(gulp!) teenager and Daddy, myself, Daniel and Cody, along with all of your family and friends want to say, "HAPPY BIRTHDAY COCONUTS!" Enjoy.

FLOWER SHOW

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will present "Cohasset, Our Town", a Standard Flower Show on Wednesday, May 9, and Thursday, May 10, at the Paul Pratt Library on Ripley Road. Any Federated Garden Club member is welcome to participate in this show and in addition, any amateur gardener in Cohasset or surrounding communities is welcome to submit horticulture entries.

Mary Eisenhaure, the Commmunity Garden Club's President, will host a Flower Show Exhibitor's Meeting in Cohasset on Tuesday, April 17th at 2 p.m where participants will be provided with information and guidelines regarding their entries. For more information about this meeting or if you cannot attend but would like to submit an entry, please call **Annette Sechan** at (781) 383-9442.

SWIM, DIVE TEAM

The Cohasset Swim and Dive Team 2007 season sign-up for returning swimmers and divers will be held on Saturday April 28th from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Cohasset Town Hall. In addition, The Cohasset Swim Team is also seeking a highly motivated, responsible individual to assist the coaching staff in swim practices, swim meets and the general organization of the swim team. Interested individuals should send qualifications to PO Box 651, Cohasset,MA 02025.

ART IN BLOOM

Floral Arranger **Barbara Power** and Assistant Arranger **Mary Hartshorne** will represent the Cohasset Garden Club of Hingham for Art in Bloom 2007 at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

They will create a flower design that interprets a work of art, one of 66 designs to be done by New England garden clubs in this spectacular springtime tradition that showcases flower arranging as an art form. This four-day festival of flowers takes place from Saturday, April 21, through Tuesday, April 24.

This year's Art in Bloom begins Saturday with Family Day, which will feature special activities for children, followed by a gala Opening Celebration in the evening. Sunday through Tuesday will include Demonstrations, lectures and master classes by some of the world's most sought-after floral professionals and free guided tours will take place Sunday, April 22 through Tuesday, April 24, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

A free open house for the public will take place Monday, April 23.

Throughout the festival, perennial favorites will pop up, including elegant afternoon tea, The Garden Gallery boutique, the Flower Cart, Art in Bloom at Home and the Give the Arts a Chance drawing, with prizes ranging from fantastic jewelry to box seat tickets for the Red Sox.

Art in Bloom is free with museum admission. Reservations are required for the opening celebration and the floral demonstrations and master classes. Tickets may be obtained on the MFA web site at mfa.org or by calling 617-369-3395.

'SEA' YOU THERE

The Cohasset Maritime Institute has embarked upon a major fundraising campaign, with a goal of doubling the size of the sliding seat four fleet, to a total of four vessels. Please plan to join the festivities on Friday May 4th at 7pm at the Black Rock Golf Club in Hingham where a Wine Tasting and Dinner will be held, complete with Live Entertainment and some fabulous auction items. Tickets are $75 per person and can be purchased at Buttonwood Books, or by contacting **Catherine Davis** (781.383.2570), **Lisa Hewitt Dick** (781.383.0204) or **Susan Galligan** (781.383.0765). Hope to "sea" you there! CMI is getting ready for the rowing season and information about sign ups can be found on the website at www.rowcmi.com

REC PROGRAMS

The Cohasset Recreation Department and other programs associated with them have released spring and some summertime information. To find out more about these programs, call 781-383-4109 or go onto www.townofcohasset.org and press the Recreation Department link. Also, take the time to view the rest of the site as it is very informative and getting better each week.

30 YEARS AND COUNTING

Huge congratulations is going out to **Debby Ryan**, owner of the Cohasset Pizza House, who is celebrating30 years in business! Deb, her brother **Jimmy**, and the rest of the Pizza House gang work so hard at what they do and it shows. Deb's daughters, **Leah** and **Sarah** are doing so well at college and I know that they are just as proud of Debby as everyone who knows her is. Great job Deb, the community of Cohasset and surrounding towns are so lucky that you are here. Here's to another 30 years...

*Remember to send your news for next week only to **Mary Ford** at mford@cnc.com*

I will be back in town and in action the following week (April 27) and would love all kinds of news on vacations, birthdays and upcoming Springtime and graduation events.

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The bride graduated from Cohasset High School and Syracuse University. She is currently employed as a teacher in Hanover and a real estate salesperson at Century 21 in Marshfield.

The groom graduated from Cohasset High School and Bridgewater State College and received a master's degree from Framingham State College. He is currently a teacher in Hingham and employed by Bob's Clambakes in Cohasset.

A reception followed at the Sheraton in Braintree.

After a wedding trip to Aruba the couple are residing in Marshfield.

RELAY CORNER

Don't miss Evening of Irish Music

The Relay For Life in Cohasset, which includes Hingham, Scituate and Hull event is taking place on June 15 and 16 at Alumni Field at the Cohasset Middle/High School. "Relay Corner "provides a venue for all teams and heads of committees to announce meetings, events and fundraisers as well as talk about and share stories and tidbits from the people involved. Each week, personal stories will be shared as well as announcements. To submit information, send it by email to aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com with "Relay Corner" in the subject line.

Irish music — The Relay for Life in Cohasset presents an Evening of Irish Music with the Makem and Spain Brothers on Saturday, April 28th at 7 p.m. at the Cohasset High School Auditorium, 143 Pond St. With comparisons to the Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem, and the Corries, The Makem and Spain Brothers know their musical history. And with an energy not witnessed in some time, they are ready to take the Irish song tradition to a new generation. Tickets are $25 and can be purchased at Noble's and Scituate Federal Savings Banks. For more information, call 781.383.9457



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Carol Martin of Cohasset signs the Wall of Hope during last year's Relay For Life. This year's event takes place on June 15 &16 at Alumni Field.

Relay For Life

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"On the way out of Hull, I turned into the parking lot at the end of the beach. It was a bright sunny day, I drove slowly, letting him take it all in, we both commented how beautiful the beach was that day. I'm glad to have shared that sight with my father that day. He never saw it again. I used to take that for granted, seeing it every day. Ever since that day, I cherish that sight every time. Since I have been involved in the Relay, my mother has battled and won twice against cancer. That is why I Relay, to help with the loss of a loved one, and to help with the life of another." — *Jim Stanley*

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Current owner of Shoe Market Kids, Mary Sease, right, will be selling the business to Kathi Yeager, left, who has been working at the store for the past five years. Bob Combs, center, will help out in the transistion having owned his own children's shoe store, Combs Shoes in Scituate for almost 40 years.

Shoe Market Kids sale is all laced up

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Derby Street Shoppes in Hingham. Both Sease and Yeager worked for five years at the Shoe Market before Sease decided to open Shoe Market Kids. Yeager followed her to the new store.

"Out of all the [employees] here, she has the relationship with the customers. She takes that extra minute with the customer," Sease, who also describes Yeager as someone who loves kids.

"When the girls walk in she's like the mother to them all," Sease says.

Sease approached her about buying the store about a year ago. They began discussing details seriously in the winter months.

"I said 'yes' right off the bat," Yeager says she is ready to plunge into the challenge of small business ownership. And this isn't her first time owning a small business; she was a young video rental store entrepreneur.

She ran a store in Pennsylvania until the big chains came in and she decided to get out of her lease.

Yeager will have the support of the current eight employees in her new endeavor, including master fitter Bob Combs. Combs was the proprietor of Combs Shoes in Scituate Harbor. He owned the children's shoe store for almost 40 years. Yeager says that the kids that Combs fit as kids are now bringing in their children.

"I want my customers to know I'm leaving their feet in good hands."
— Mary Sease, Shoe Market Kids

"I'm the flunky, that's me," Combs jokingly says of his four-day a week job at Shoe Market Kids, but Sease says that his reputation and personality have brought in a good portion of her customers.

"Grandmothers come in and they ask just for him," she says, Combs told Yeager she will be working eight days a week once May 1st rolls around.

In addition to having the support of the employees at Shoe Market Kids, Yeager also has the support of her family. Her sons, ages 12, 15 and 17, and husband will help with odd jobs. Her oldest son has already agreed to help with the trash and website.

Both the new and the old owners seem happy with the change. Yeager says she is excited at the challenge before her and Sease is looking forward to pursuing other interests.

"There's been too many good parts, it's a fun place to come and spend your day," Sease says.

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Hull Lifesaving Museum will open an exhibit titled "Keeping a Weather Eye: Shipwrecks and Lifesaving in Boston Harbor" Friday, April 13. Exploring stories of shipwrecks and lifesaving in Boston Harbor, from the early days of the Massachusetts Humane Society to the present day Coast Guard, the Lifesaving Museum's new exhibit focuses on the daring exploits of Joshua James and the famous Surfmen at Hull's Point Allerton U.S. Life Saving Station. The exhibit includes rare photographs and newspaper accounts, first-hand descriptions of shipwrecks in the words of the victims and lifesavers themselves, and 19th century film footage.

An opening reception will take place Friday, April 13, at 7 p.m., at Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Catering will be provided by Jakes Seafood. Reception tickets are $10 for members, $15 for non-members. For information, call 781-925-5433.

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The Cohasset Historical Society was delighted to receive this new addition to our archives. After seeing last week's column, Ann and Al Rose gave the Society this picture of the 1929 Cohasset High School baseball team seated on the front steps of the old Osgood School, which was located where the police and fire stations are today. We have been able to identify coach William Ripley, Jr., at the upper right and Harry Rose, second from the right in the front row. If you can identify any of the other players, please give us a call (781-383-1434) or stop by the Historical Society's headquarters at 106 South Main St.

If you have any photos from Cohasset's past please consider donating them to the Cohasset Historical Society. If you can't bear to part with your photos we would be happy to have them scanned so that a copy can be enjoyed by all. The Cohasset Historical Society is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m..

Historical Society to host virtual tour

Cohasset Historical Society invites its members, guests and the community to join in the fun of a virtual tour of the "Architecture of Cohasset" on Wednesday, April 18. Historian David Wadsworth will conduct the tour from the comfort of the Pratt Building at 106 South Main St.

Wadsworth has added to his collection of slides especially for this presentation. Starting with the two oldest houses in Cohasset, and traveling to the present day, he will point out the style of home that was representative of different eras in the town's history. Cohasset is blessed with a wide variety of architectural styles including Georgian, Federal, Greek Revival, Second Empire, Victorian and modern. With his knowledge of the town and its history, Wadsworth will bring the past and present alive as attendees take this gentle armchair stroll down the streets of town viewing the various architectural styles.

The program will begin at 7:30 p.m., there is no charge and light refreshment will be served.

Historical Society dinner is April 22

Cohasset Historical Society will host its annual Spring Dinner Sunday, April 22, at Cohasset Harbor Resort, 124 Elm St. Guest speaker Linda K. Palmer will present a program titled "Where Did the Puritans Go." The character she portrays is a Puritan woman who sailed on the Arbella, the ship that brought the first Puritans and the Charter from King Charles I to America. She will speak of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, life in America and the reasons for coming to America in 1630, as well as the cessation of migration in 1640. Palmer has a master of arts degree and a background in teaching both high school and university students.

The menu offers a choice of chicken parmesan with pasta or roast baby cod with rice pilaf. Cost is $31 for Historical Society members and $36 for non-members. Both members and guests are welcome. The event will begin with a cash bar at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner. Make reservations by calling the Historical Society at 781-393-1434 or by sending a check, made payable to Cohasset Historical Society, and dinner selections to Cohasset Historical Society, PO Box 627, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Digital Camera workshops

The South Shore Art Center at 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset will host the following digital camera workshops. Workshop fees range from $50 to $75. Young adults are welcome. To register or for information call 781-383-2787 or visit ssac.org.

Beyond the Basics – This advanced digital camera workshop with Cindy Vallino will be held Sunday, April 29, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Traveling with Your Camera – Rain Rodolph will offer this class Saturday, April 21, from 3 to 5 p.m., that will show students the best and most efficient way to create travel photos that they will be proud to show their friends and family. Participants are encouraged to bring their cameras and sample photos.

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Standing in front of a van whose windows are painted with "Vote to Save our Schools," Sarah McMorris, 21, left, and Ronnie McMorris, hold signs supporting Adrienne MacCarthy and write-in candidate Lucia Flibotte. Candidate and School Committee incumbent, MacCarthy, right, waves to a passerby on Highland Ave.

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Jenkins blasted in phone message

FROM JENKINS, PAGE 1

or an email.

"People would be very concerned about [Leonora Jenkins] being on the School Committee," McMorris said, "[Jenkins] waited for people to go away for the long weekend" to announce her write-in candidacy as a political tactic to take advantage of the expected low turnout election, she said.

McMorris explained that it was within Jenkins' right to do so, but it was also within someone else's right to do so as well. She also said that people were concerned about someone who didn't attend meetings or go out and meet voters, referring to balloted School Committee candidate Peter Richardsson.

"They were uneasy about a candidate and were looking for a familiar face," she said. Lucia Flibotte is that familiar face to McMorris and, seemingly, to the more than 600 voters that wrote in her name.

The "blast" phone message is a campaign tool used in elections on every political level — from a presidential campaign to a town election. The tool is used to distribute a campaign message to a determined group of households.

According to Selectman Ted Carr, Ronnie McMorris called him on Friday evening to ask about the service he used in last year's election. He said he referred them to a Leesburg, Virginia-based telephone technology firm, The Next Big Thing.

In a telephone interview, however, McMorris said she did not know the service that was used to distribute the message.

Mark Sump, a principal at The Next Big Thing did confirm that his company was used to distribute the message this weekend. He said the process is "pretty simple" to get a message out — an 800 number is dialed, the message is recorded and the candidate or organization needs to provide a list of households for message distribution. He said the process could take as little as five minutes.

"It's a very efficient communication tool, but it can be misused," Sump said, citing recent hotly contested congressional and senate races. Sump said that The Next Big Thing has distributed campaign messages for national and state campaigns from Maine to Hawaii. The charge is per household and although he would not discuss specifics, he said the service is "pretty inexpensive."

On Carr's campaign finance report filed with the Town Clerk last year, he listed a $225 in-kind contribution from The Next Big Thing.

The townwide phone alert systems were not utilized to distribute this message (*see sidebar*).

Transcript of town-wide message

Spofford: Good afternoon, this is Selectman Rob Spofford, the father of four school-age children.

McMorris: And former Selectman Ronnie McMorris, mother of three Cohasset graduates and one high school sophomore, calling with an urgent message about today, Saturday's election for school committee.

Spofford: Mrs. Jenkins, a longtime and outspoken opponent of the Cohasset schools, is running a write-in campaign for School Committee against Adrienne MacCarthy. Mrs. Jenkins' candidacy has been soundly rejected by Cohasset voters in the previous two elections and we both feel if elected she would cause serious, long-term damage to our school system. In a low, turnout election anything can happen. It is essential that you please vote in today's election in support of our schools.

McMorris: Vote for Adienne MacCarthy and write-in Lucia Flibotte of 27 Summer St. Voting is until 6p.m. at Town Hall. Your vote is always important but never more so than today.

Town reaction

When the phone message was delivered to Cohasset homes on Saturday, there were mixed reactions. Many wonder how this type of campaigning – a write-in effort that bypasses typical election procedures – may become a trend for Cohasset politics, other were disturbed by the negative tone of the message, and still others were propelled to vote upon receipt of the message.

"I wonder how it's going to change the face of traditional campaigning," said Pat Martin, former School Committee member and the mother of three children in Cohasset schools. She said the methods were "obviously very effective" and had little cost – monetarily or physically. Where typical campaigns involve public appearances, debates and cost, the write-in candidates did not need to go through that, she said.

Martin received the telephone message during lunchtime on Saturday.

"It let me know that [Flibotte] was a write-in candidate," she said and propelled her to vote for her. Her husband had gone to the polls in the early morning and had told her about Jenkins efforts as a write-in.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said that the write-in campaigns raise the question of why we can't have a dialogue out in the open. He felt that the

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Jenkins blasted in message

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message was "wholly negative" – indicating who not to vote for rather than who to vote for.

He is concerned that this will affect the relationship the School Committee and Selectmen have built over the past year and the goals they have agreed to set their sights on, in particular the aggressive goal of making Cohasset Public Schools one of the top 10 schools in the state.

"I think we lost something in this election," he said.

School Committee member Steve Fusco said he "would prefer that people go through the normal process to get elected."

"I hope write-ins aren't a future trend, because I think the process is necessary and important," he said, but he is happy with the end results and looks forward to working with both MacCarthy and Flibotte.

Ronnie McMorris said the primary reason behind the phone message was to "inform people that this was a contested election."

The methods used to achieve the victory of MacCarthy and Flibotte did not sit well with Vice Chairman of the School Committee, Alfred Slanetz.

"These actions corrupted the democratic process and effectively disenfranchised the majority of voters," he stated in an op-ed piece he submitted this week, "the alleged 'pro-school crowd' has slashed opened and expanded old wounds which all of us on Town Boards have worked hard to heal over the last 12 months."

However residents feel about the write-in campaigns and blast message, it is clear that the effects of this election will be long felt by Cohasset.



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Tasha peeks out from under an election booth while her owner, Ricki Carfagno, votes at the Town Hall last Saturday. The turnout which was expected to hover around 10 percent was closer to 24 percent due to last-minute write-in efforts.

Town calling systems not used, officials say

When residents began receiving the blast phone message, many residents thought that it may have been accomplished using the newly installed townwide reverse 911 messaging systems. Both Town Manager Bill Griffin and Superintendent Denise Walsh firmly said that neither the town nor the school's systems were utilized.

Connect-CTY is a internet-based town-to-resident communication service that enables town officials to schedule, send and track personalized voice messages to thousands of residents, businesses and local officials in just minutes, ensuring they all receive the same message quickly. The system can be used to communicate any timely and pressing matter, such as severe weather conditions, notification of a missing child, a water main break, or other unforeseen events or emergencies.

Griffin said that only a select few town officials have the ability to send a message with the system, and it requires an access code. The selectmen have not been trained to use the system, only the police chief, fire chief, emergency management, Water Commission and town manager.

When the system is used, it automatically generates a report for the town manager detailing the number of calls made, how many were live answered, how many went to voicemail, etc, Griffin explained. He said that no report was generated over the past weekend.

The Connect-ED system has been used for school announcements, emergency information, and parent reminders, like upcoming MCAS testing, Walsh said. The Superintendent, Technology Director and principals have access to the system. The messages are transmitted to all student and staff households.

School Committee member Adrienne MacCarthy, who the blast message benefited, says that "as an elected official, I would never have put my town or schools in jeopardy using publicly funded resources," like the Connect-CTY and Connect-ED systems.

CMI seeks coaches

Cohasset Maritime Institute is putting out a call for coaches and coxes. Do you have a background in rowing? Cohasset Maritime Institute needs you. As the Cohasset Maritime Institute community rowing program is growing they are anticipating a need for additional coaches and coxes for the spring and summer seasons. If you have experience in rowing and would like to join our efforts to introduce and coach children and adults alike to the joy of rowing contact Jack Buckley, President, CMI at jbuckley@cohassetk12.org.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Dirty pool

Saturday's election will go down in the history books for all the wrong reasons.

For one thing, there is a new position in town: Former Selectman.

Former Selectman Ronnie McMorris thinks it is perfectly OK to use that title when delivering a hateful town-wide telephone message whose purpose was to scare people into voting against a fellow citizen.

But when questioned about the message, she either "doesn't know" or says she is a "private citizen" and that we need to quiz the candidate.

Then outgoing Selectman Rob Spofford, who — with little more than 24 hours left in office — was readily available on a holiday weekend to lend his voice to the "urgent" message, is now unavailable to the press. Repeated phone calls to his office and one to his home went unreturned and we started Monday morning.

We can only guess that Spofford, who was so forthcoming over his many years of public service, is now a "private citizen" and yes, a "Former Selectman."

We can only hope that Lucia Flibotte, who benefited most from the 11th-hour effort and was out of the country, did not endorse the phone call. We can only hope that her intent in seeking a spot on the School Committee is to serve the entire town while doing what is best for Cohasset kids given all the challenges. We hope she will be fair and open. We want to be optimistic the School Committee will become more transparent in conducting its business with her on board. Flibotte needs to rise to the occasion and try to bridge the raging divide created during last year's override campaign that was ripped back open on Saturday.

However, with stealth write-in campaigns being conducted in a parallel fashion that were so secret that neither camp knew about the other, we can only think the worst. The Libotte and Lee Jenkins camps are at philosophical, polar opposites. Yet both decided to win-at-all-costs by capitalizing on a low-turnout election. They shared an ends-justifies-the-means strategy that disenfranchised the electorate.

Neither candidate had to address the issues, debate or be held accountable. Jenkins' views are more widely known because she has run twice before in recent years. Nevertheless, how can depriving voters of the election process be a positive thing?

One of the "emergency" emails sent around town stated that Flibotte had an "epiphany" at Town Meeting – an internal calling if you will, to serve. Too bad that revelation did not occur in January when nomination papers were available.

Literally pushed aside and trampled upon was candidate Peter Richardsson, who got an unfortunate lesson in the worst of Cohasset politics. He was suddenly labeled as "anti-school." Will someone define that for us, please?

We are disappointed that Adrienne MacCarthy, who clearly benefited from the Flibotte effort, has not condemned the hush-hush nature of both the Jenkins and Flibotte campaigns and disavowed the phone message. In an email to the Mariner she stated the message sent out was done so through "private citizens" but that she would report it because it helped her campaign.

In the interest of full disclosure and transparency, we would ask MacCarthy and Flibotte to immediately publish who paid for the message, how much it cost, and whether a PAC (political action committee) was formed on their behalf.

The actions of Spofford and McMorris denigrated the office of selectman. The phone call was undignified, especially coming from two people with such long legacies of public service.

We can only hope that Flibotte apologizes to Jenkins and Richardsson, on behalf of her negative campaign. We can only hope that MacCarthy would join her.

After Saturday's debacle, what the future holds for Cohasset elections and open government is anyone's guess.

We can only hope the Cohasset School Committee has not indeed become a club in which anyone who does not fit the profile, need not apply.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gracious in defeat

TO THE EDITOR:

I just wanted to thank everyone who supported my recent campaign for the school committee. This was a wonderful experience, and I cannot imagine a better way for someone fairly new to town to meet so many of their neighbors. Cohasset is lucky to have so many residents of great passion, talent, and ideas. My family and I are blessed to live here.

My only concern is how in the world I am going to explain to my mother, who has run several successful campaigns, that I lost an uncontested election to a candidate who wasn't even in the country at the time. My only regret is that somehow people formed the impression that I was "anti-school."

Peter Richardsson
498 N. Main St.

MacCarthy grateful for support

TO THE EDITOR:

As I take a deep breath and ponder on the events of this past weekend, I still have a hard time believing, I have been reelected to the Cohasset School Committee. Although, I believed, I would return to the school committee due to an uncontested race, at 6pm, Friday evening all that changed!

As I have done many times before, I called upon a strong group of school proponents for their show of support and like many times before, they truly rose to the occasion. The mobilization of some of our finest Cohasset Public School proponents was nothing short of amazing! Our schools are fortunate to have such caring, concerned and conscientious supporters.

As I stood by my car, it was refreshing to see some old friends roll into the polls and it was twice as refreshing to see and meet many new faces, along with their little ones, come out and vote.

The democratic process is amazing and it was great to see so many value their vote this past Saturday. I thank each of you who took the time to cast a vote for me so that I might continue my work on the school committee. I look forward to serving our community through our Cohasset Public Schools.

Adrienne MacCarthy
85 Doane St.

Thanks to Cohasset Fire Department

The following is a copy of a letter sent March 29, 2007, to Chief Robert Silvia expressing thanks for the response from the Fire Department to a call for help in the early morning hours of March 17:

Dear Chief Silvia,

I am late in sending you this letter, but I just want to acknowledge the professionalism that was shown on Saturday, March 17, at 5:30 a.m. I had a problem in my house and was hard pressed to fix it. I figured I couldn't call my plumber at that time. So I called your department. Lieutenant Randy Rosano and Firefighter, Jay Fiori arrived at my house within five minutes of my call.

I think it is a huge benefit to Cohasset that we have people that are so capable and understanding. They are there when we need them. We don't realize how lucky we are until we have a problem. This is the second time your department has helped me. And I thank you for that.

Peter J. Wood
77 Summer St.

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MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:
Assessors, April 13 and Paril 20, 8:30 a.m.
Beechwood Ballpark Committee, April 14, 9 a.m. at the ballfield.
Capital Budget Committee, May 1, 7:30 p.m.
Cohasset Housing Partnership, April 19, 7 p.m.,
CMHS School Council, May 2, 2:30 p.m. at the high school.
Conservation Commission, April 19, 7 p.m.
Council on Elder Affairs, April 17, 9 a.m. at 3 N. Main St.
Deer Hill School Council, April 12, 2:45 p.m., at Deer Hill.
Harbor Health Committee, April 10, 7:30 p.m.
Planning Board, April 18, 7 p.m., public hearings 7:30 & 8:30 p.m.
Recreation Commission, April 11, 6 p.m.
School Committee, April 27, 7 p.m., at the high school.
Selectmen, April 9, April 23 and May 7, 7p.m.;
Sewer Commission, April23, 6 p.m. regular meeting, 7 p.m. public hearing on rates
Stormwater Committee, April 17, 7 p.m.
Water Commission, April 14, 10 p.m., King Street plant.
Zoning Board of Appeals, May 8 and June 6, 7:30 p.m.
Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Cohasset citizens urged to 'Step It Up!'

COMMENTARY

EVAN DEUTSCH

I am writing to urge the citizens of Cohasset to take part in the "Step It Up 2007 National Day of Climate Action" taking place this Saturday, April 14th.

Step It Up 2007 is the most extensive organized climate change event in history. Groups from all 50 states will partake in this call out against global warming to bring awareness to this very real and urgent issue.

From a gathering on the summit glaciers of Mt. Rainer, Wash. to a scuba diving action in Key West, people from all walks are taking part in this grassroots movement. There are currently 1305 organized events across the country.

While the planned actions are incredibly diverse, they are all attempting to achieve a common goal of convincing Congress to push the United States to cut carbon emissions 80 percent by 2050. As pointed out by the event website, stepitup07.org, this is less than a 2 percent reduction per year, making this a very feasible goal.

One of the most appealing aspects of this National Day of Climate Action is the accessibility of the events. With 115 actions in Massachusetts alone, this event will be difficult to miss.

In fact, our Town of Cohasset, in conjunction with Hull, Scituate, and Hingham, will host the "Windmill to Windmill Step It Up 2007" event. Citizens from all four towns will walk and bicycle to Hull Wind Two (Hull's second wind turbine) to kick off the event. Then, the group will continue on to Hull Wind One for a picnic and a free screening of Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth" at Hull High School. At the conclusion of this event, volunteer drivers will offer to transport participants back to their homes.

For those looking for other local event opportunities, both Quincy and Milton will hold events, while Boston and Cambridge are both hosting several organized actions. The opportunities are widespread, so I encourage Cohasset citizens to find an event that most appeals to them.

This occasion presents a tremendous opportunity for our town to take part in this groundbreaking day of action. As a community, we hold a responsibility to make a stand against climate change and to take immediate action to save our planet.

Evan Deutsch lives at 100 Elm St.

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Democratic process undermined

COMMENTARY

ALFRED SLANETZ

The behavior of these individuals and others on Election Day demonstrates a shameful lack of integrity, ethics, character and sense of fair play.

As parents we teach our children about the importance of integrity, grace, fairness and good sportsmanship. Our School reinforces these values and a strong educational system is critical to the success of democracy as an educated citizenry can disseminate truth from falsehoods. Unfortunately, in last Saturday's election for the School Committee, our democratic process was so corrupted by secret, last-minute write ins and negative character assassinating campaigns, that 80 percent of our voters were disenfranchised and a legitimate candidate was falsely discredited.

Last January, Adrienne McCarthy and Peter Richardson announced their intention to run for School Committee. They got their 70 signatures, wrote answers to questions every week in the Mariner, and went to meetings with different constituencies to communicate their positions on different issues to the voting public. Other people including Mrs. Flibotte were asked at that time if they wanted to run but they declined. However, at some point approximately a month before the election (Mrs. Flibotte) and approximately a week before the election (Mrs. Jenkins), two candidates decided to run as write ins but to keep their intentions secret until election day to avoid public scrutiny and capitalize upon a projected low voter turnout.

Peter Richardsson moved with his wife and family three years ago with two young children, one of whom will be starting Kindergarten at Osgood next year. As I understand from his wife, he decided to run for School Committee so that he could assure great schools for his children and the children of Cohasset. Even though the race was uncontested, he answered the questions in the Mariner and went to the various campaign functions. Additionally, he helped out on the PSO telethon to raise money for the Cohasset Schools.

However, on Election Day a vicious negative campaign of phone calls and emails began to make sure that "Pro- school people" would know that there was an "emergency" and they had to vote. To quote an e mail by Terry and Donna Green: "two anti-school candidates" were running and people should go down to Town hall and vote for Adrienne McCarthy and Lucia Flibotte if they "cared about our schools". This campaign included the active support of Lucia Flibotte as a write in candidate by one of the two candidates on the ballot (sitting School Committee Chairman, Adrienne McCarthy), a phone call from a sitting selectman and former selectman (Rob Spofford and Ronnie McMorris) and email messages from multiple members of the PSO, the very organization for which Peter Richardsson raised money.

These actions corrupted the democratic process and effectively disenfranchised the majority of voters. Voters either didn't know that there was a contest on election day (80 percent of the people) or were sent provocative and misleading information about certain candidates without any time to verify (the other 20 percent). Furthermore, this misinformation was spread without giving a candidate, who had played by the book, the chance to set the record straight. While all citizens should exercise their democratic right to vote, how can a democracy work when the information that an election is a contest is only disclosed to subgroups and the true positions of all candidates on each issue are not publicly disclosed to all voters before the election?

The behavior of these individuals and others on Election Day demonstrates a shameful lack of integrity, ethics, character and sense of fair play. Their behavior is disgraceful; an embarrassment to our Town and an attack on democracy. I hope that people realize that whenever someone says that another is "pro" or "anti" anything it is probably a distortion of the truth unless it is verified by the person who is being accused. However, in this case the voting public was denied the time and the information to come to a well informed decision.

The alleged "pro-school crowd" has slashed opened and expanded old wounds which all of us on Town Boards have worked hard to heal over the last 12 months. Furthermore, as a sitting member of the School Committee, I would like Mrs. Flibotte to support her post election comment in the Patriot Ledger, that the current School Committee, under the chairmanship of Adrienne McCarthy, is not dedicated enough to our schools. Let my record speak for itself. For someone who did not run a campaign for election it is apparently easy for Mrs. Flibotte to hide behind rhetoric.

Last Saturday sets a dangerous precedent for future elections and raises still one more barrier to recruiting candidates to run for public office. Ironically, by being divisive those who have labeled themselves "Pro-school" are likely to have reduced the probability that the School will garner the resources that it needs in future elections. What kind of town do you want: one where we calmly and respectfully debate the issues and work together or one where hatred/shameful acts of divisiveness prevail?

A hallmark of character and an educated person is ethical behavior and a sense of fair play. An educated public enabled with the intellectual skills and information to make well informed choices is a pillar of democracy. At the very least, I believe that the candidates and the disenfranchised voters deserve an apology.

Alfred Slanetz is vice chairman of the Cohasset School Committee.

Life under the Big Top

TALES FROM THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT



DIANE K. DANIELSON

Thinking that my brief moment of insanity might be misinterpreted by authorities, I opted for a different approach.

Last week marked my son's and my annual pilgrimage to the Big Apple Circus. Now, I'm really not sure why he needs to see the real thing when everyday at home he's got ringside seats to watch Mommy star as juggler, tightrope walker, roadie, ringmaster and yes, even chief clown. But, it's become a family tradition. This is somewhat surprising, as our first venture to the big top was anything but enjoyable.

Four years ago, I had been working around the clock on the final manuscript for my first book. However, I promised my son to make it up to him one Friday with tickets to the circus. At 5:45 p.m. that evening, as I'm bolting out the door to get him from daycare *(late, of course)*, I glance at the tickets I've had for three weeks now and suddenly realize that they were for a show earlier in the day.

By the time I arrive to pick him up, I'm in complete Mommy meltdown mode, wracked with guilt over breaking a promise to my little guy, and distraught over having my carefully laid plans derailed. His reaction? "That's o.k., Mommy, accidents happen." *(Who is this child? I could certainly not have given birth to someone who didn't understand the extent of this utter disaster and my total failure as a mother.)*.

I did manage, however, to come up with a new set of tickets for the very last show of the tour. When that Sunday came, I was determined for it to be the best circus day ever. I tried to ignore the fact that he fell asleep in the car five minutes before we arrived, our seats were obstructed view, he hurt himself climbing on the collapsible chairs, *and* he had a tummy ache from eating too much junk food. So, when my son announced just before intermission that he was ready to go home now, it was all I could do to keep from screaming, "Over my dead body! I worked hard for these tickets and you're going to stay and enjoy yourself even if you're miserable!"

Thinking that my brief moment of insanity might be misinterpreted by authorities, I opted for a different approach. Hoping he would change his mind before we left the circus grounds, I suggested we make a pit stop at the port-a-potties next to the tent. Little did I realize that the concept of an outdoor potty that doesn't flush is absolutely fascinating to a three-year-old boy. Needless to say, we had to personally check out each and every one of the 15 port-a-potties before we could leave. *(Now I was the one feeling nauseous and wanting to go home.)*

Did my son enjoy our day at the circus? According to daycare the next day, he raved about it. Of course there were no funny clown stories or tales of daring trapeze artists, but he did tell them in extensive detail about the non-flushing potties.

Now, whenever we go to the circus we joke about whether we should just skip the show entirely and hang out by the bathrooms. Yet, I can't help but be reminded how easy it is to get so wrapped up in managing the three ring circuses we live in that we forget to stop and smell the roses … or in my son's case … the port-a-potties.

Diane K. Danielson is a Cohasset resident who has actually never dreamed of running away to join the circus, but she has been known to sport a clown nose on occasion. For more of Diane's random musings visit her blog at www.womensDISH.com.

Earth Day could be the best ever

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Cohasset must develop a collective conscience about litter.

Last week, two members of Cohasset's Girl Scout troop, Jennifer Curley and Megan Richardson appeared before the Board of Health to tell us about their plans for Cohasset's annual Earth Day 2007 cleanup. The entire Troop would provide support. Plans include a poster campaign, recruitment of parents, signs around town – the works! For Cohasset, Earth Day has become a well organized happening.

All agreed that the best day for the event will be Sunday April 29th with a rain date of May 20th .

Last year, the town amassed more than 60 people from several organizations; whole streets provided volunteers as did the Center for Student Coastal Research, the Cohasset Maritime Institute, and many individual volunteers. More than 10 truckloads of trash were brought to the Recycling Transfer Station, sorted and taken away.

As the amount of roadside trash from thoughtless people continues to grow, so does the recognition that, as a town, Cohasset must develop a collective conscience about litter. Public, private and volunteer groups can only do so much to stem the tide. Surely some of the trash comes from out-of-town contractors heedlessly tossing stuff and, if found, these will be dealt with harshly, but much is of our own making.

Pet problems — For example, dog droppings: The Town has issued licenses to 574 dogs. However according to Animal Control, there are *many* more. It's very comforting for those who walk in Town to see folks walking dogs with a MutMitt and plastic bag in their hand; sort of a badge of honor. The Board of Health maintains MuttMitts in at least five places in Town with the Trustees of Reservations maintaining them at Wheelwright Park and Turkey Hill. Other places where they can be found are Town Hall, Parker Avenue, Government Island, and at the Aaron River Reservoir. The MuttMitt station at Sandy Beach alone has to be refilled about every six days. The Board of Health pays for MuttMitts and the Animal Control Officer provides regular replacement.

Recycling — The National psyche seems to be for people to throw away perfectly workable, usable stuff; none of this 'Use it up; wear it out' thinking. More like 'Gee, it's turned a little gray; replace and then throw it away'. In areas of plenty it's natural to do so, but until the lines of supply adapt to an ever more massive, precise and selective recycling economy, there will be places where discarded trash builds up; where there's not much oversight and the pile seemingly grows spontaneously.

The Plan — With the Scouts and BoH support, it's the buildup places that will receive the most emphasis in this year's campaign. Primary focus for the cleanup will be near and around schools, Government Island, Black Rock Beach, the dune side of Sandy Beach, the Ball fields along North Main Street, Ellms Meadow near Cushing Road and James Lane, the Jerusalem Road/Bow Street area. If you organize your own group, it will be provided with trash pickup service. Bring all trash to a central place and inform the organizers of the location. The DPW will identify it for pickup.

Primary Staging — Primary staging area will be at the Town Hall parking lot at 12:30 p.m. for assignments to coordinate and establish trash pickup sites and give ground rules. Cleanup duration should be until about 4 p.m..

The Board of Health will provide a limited number of attractive Free T shirts on a first come, first served basis.

Come to the Town Hall parking lot at 12:30 on Sunday April 22 and help us make this the best Earth day in Town history.

DOG NUISANCE

Oh yes, provisions of the current BoH Dog nuisance abatement regulation, whose purpose is to abate the potential health danger in public places of fecal material from dogs, are as follows:

•Any person who owns, possess, cares for or controls a dog shall take every precaution to not permit his or her dog to defecate on any sidewalk, street, parking lot or any other public place. Further, the above pertains to private property not owned by the above person.

• It is the responsibility of any person cited above to promptly remove any fecal matter deposited on a public place or on private property not owned by that person and properly disposed of.

Fines for Violation: For a first offense, $25; for a second, $35; and for a third and subsequent: $50.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health. Health Notes appears weekly in the Cohasset Mariner.

No lobsters? Say it ain't so!

HENSHAW



TOM HENSHAW

I'm afraid I have bad news for the gourmets among you.

Lobster may be off the menu this summer at your favorite seafood restaurant. That or you'll have to take out a small loan to pay the tab, be it fra Diablo, newberg or just plain broiled live. There just aren't that many lobsters in New England waters.

The men and women who brave the elements to bring the tasty crustaceans to your table say the wholesale price of lobsters off the boat has soared to nine or eleven dollars a pound, which is about what they used to charge retail at Haddad's.

"It's the highest I've ever seen it," said Dave McMahan of Thomaston, Maine, who has dropped his pots in the water for 36 years. "It's a funny year."

Then the tourists discovered the delights of donning a bib and cracking a claw and, of course, the price went up…

But it's anything but funny to the guys who run the seafood restaurants.

"I hate to say it but we've added a surcharge on the lobsters," said Bill Coyne of Boston's Union Oyster House, which already has been forced to raise the price of lobster three times in 10 days.

"The problem now is you can't get them. I actually had to place all my orders on Thursday to get me through Monday because they have to go out and search for them."

The craving for lobster is a comparatively new phenomenon.

Maine is the best known producer of lobsters in the nation but prior to 1880 only six towns in Maine had lobster fisheries and the census that year showed that only 200 men were engaged fulltime in pulling lobster traps.

Then the tourists discovered the delights of donning a bib and cracking a claw and, of course, the price went up and fishermen noticed how little it cost for a small lobster boat and traps and an industry was born.

Strangely enough, the earliest settlers of these parts regarded the lobster, not as a tasty seafood to be served only at such events weddings and witch-burnings but as a trash fish fit only to slop to hogs. They only got in the way of real fish, like cod and mackerel.

Three years after the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth, Governor William Bradford was complaining that he had only lobsters to serve to his visitors "without bread or anything else but a cup of fine spring water."

Thomas Morton, he who made merry at Merrymount, wrote in his memoirs, "New English Canaan":

"Lobsters are there infinite in store in all parts of the land and very excellent. The most use that I made of them in five years after I came there was but to bait my hook for to catch bass."

Later on, Morton found a better use for his lobsters.

"The country doth afford such plenty of lobsters and other delicate shellfish; and Venus (the goddess of love and fertility) is said to be born of the sea."

In modern English, he learned to view lobster as an aphrodisiac. Feed them to those Indian maidens while they danced around the maypole and WOW! His were the days before Viagra, of course.

Learn more about ASP!

Want to learn more about Cohasset's Appalachia Service Project? Tune in starting Monday for a special one-hour segment of Our Town when co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with ASP Director, Rev Gary Ritts, of the Second Congregational Church.

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Joining Gary will be several CHS students who have made the trip to Appalachia and are eager to share their experiences with others.

Watch this inspiring telecast starting Monday at 9pm on Comcast channel 10. Our Town airs Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9pm on Comcast Channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed!

MacCarthy, Flibotte elected to School Committee

FROM MACCARTHY, PAGE 1

— came to Town Hall last Saturday. Due to the lack to races for any elected board, the voter turnout was predicted to hover around 10 percent.

In Town Clerk Marion Douglas' tenure, since 1987, she does not recall a write-in candidate ever overcoming a balloted candidate, which is exactly what Lucia Flibotte did to candidate Peter Richardsson. What makes this scenario even more interesting is that the community-at-large was not aware of the winning write-in candidate until the day of the election. Jenkins intent for a write-in campaign was announced to the public on Friday when a short article was placed on the Mariner website around noon.

Both write-in campaigns took advantage of a holiday weekend (when many families were away) and an expected low turnout election.

The strategic, which at times pushed the limits, campaign at the 11th hour by a group of private citizens supporting Adrienne MacCarthy and Flibotte seems to have propelled them both to victory. Posters were placed throughout the town in the morning – at Stop & Shop and at the Bancroft soccer field.

The sign at Bancroft soccer field, according to Douglas, should not have been there. The field and parking lot is town property. Campaign signs are allowed on town property only if a supporter is holding the sign. This sign, with the slogan "save our schools!" was nailed to a sawhorse and red, white and blue balloons were tied to the fence. The sign indicated to "re-elect Adrienne MacCarthy" and "write-in Lucia Flibotte, 27 Summer St." At 6:45p.m. the sign was still at Bancroft field, with no supporter in sight. It is unknown whether a supporter had been there earlier in the day, but the sign was not removed when, if ever, supporter(s) left the soccer field.

When a concerned citizen brought this to the attention of the Town Clerk and police on duty around 7:30p.m., they said that since the polls were closed and the ballots counted there was nothing that could be done. If the presence of the sign had been brought to their attention earlier, they said it would have been removed.

Signs placed around town in well-trafficked areas were only part of the campaign. Flyers were placed on the windshields of vehicles at Stop & Shop and soccer fields. MacCarthy acknowledged this piece of the campaign and a townwide "blast" phone message at the polls on Saturday (*see related story*).

"It was done by citizens that are concerned about the schools. It just goes to show how passionate they are. They know what we need for the schools and it's not Mrs. Jenkins," she said. She indicated that she felt Jenkins write-in campaign was an attempt to unseat her from the School Committee.

She arrived at the polls at 7:15a.m. in order to get the "best spot," the parking space closest to the polls and Town Hall. She stood out next to her vehicle all day, answering questions and conversing with voters. In addition to requesting a vote for her, signs on her car appealed for a write-in vote for Lucia Flibotte. A table with cookies and candy has stickers and flyers for the MacCarthy/Flibotte campaign.

Jenkins, who has recently undergone eye surgery, was at the polls on and off on Saturday. She said in an interview last week that she "definitely would have run for School Committee" has it not been for her health issue.

"My intention was to send a message to School Committee leadership," Jenkins said post-election. She says that under MacCarthy's leadership (as chair and as a member) she believes money is not being appropriately spent and the kids are missing out on opportunities.

"It is important to give our students the opportunity to participate in programs such as Robotics, Model UN, High School science fair, pilot engineering curriculums and core courses that are readily available to our students' peers in surrounding districts," she said in a statement to the Mariner along with thanking her supporters.

The Jenkins camp set up on the Town Common across the street from MacCarthy's car. Jenkins was asked several times not to campaign within 150 feet of the doorway. A sign also had to be adjusted because it was free-standing on town property, the group corrected the problem once recognized.

However, at the end of the day it was MacCarthy and Flibotte that were announced the winners at approximately 7:30p.m. MacCarthy received 885 votes while Flibotte garnered 630 votes. Peter Richardsson was third with 384 votes and Jenkins brought up the rear with 289 votes.

Lucia Flibotte was in Italy on family business in the days leading up to the election. Her husband, Mark Flibotte, said that she felt "very honored" at both the voter turnout and the amount of votes she received.

"She wasn't surprised that a school opponent, for lack of a better word, decided to run," he said, "but she's excited."

Lucia Flibotte has been involved with the PSO for many years, she has been a room mother for her children's classrooms and helped out with Christmas concerts, Mark Flibotte said. He talked about a project that she completed along with MacCarthy to have a playground built for the Osgood School from private funds.

Mark Flibotte said she walked away from Town Meeting with many concerns, particularly "anti-school sentiment" she felt from people around her. The idea was bounced around in the coming week and when she left on the Wednesday before the election, she was expecting a low-level write-in campaign effort.

"I think I can best describe her approach as as grassroots as you can get," he said of her mindset when she left, indicating she and her supporters planned to offer an alternative to Richardsson, "but that took a dramatic turn on Friday."

Ronnie McMorris of 89 Doane St. is satisfied with the outcome, calling Flibotte a "familiar face" for the schools.

"I think we elected two people who are very supportive of the schools," she said on Tuesday.

"Mrs. Flibotte is a parent of five kids…she's been actively involved in the schools, never missed a town meeting," she said, explaining that she was disappointed that Richardsson did not attend Town Meeting on March 31st or any previous School Committee meetings.

"It's too important, too critical a time to let someone on the board who doesn't have the same zeal, the same zest for schools," MacCarthy said, "it's all about the kids, if we [the town] let it go then it will take years to rebuild."

Richardsson who has two young boys under the age of five pulled papers back in January and describes himself as "a committed parent." He has been a member of the Economic Development Committee since 2005. He appeared on the PSO Telethon recently playing the guitar to the tune of the pre-school staple "Wheels on the bus" with his son's class. He said in an interview previous to the election that he hoped to bring a "sense of unity" to the committee.

Richardsson said that he attempted to attend a School Committee meeting back in March, but the meeting failed to draw a quorum and could not be called to order. The School Committee meets twice a month and Richardsson's schedule did not allow him to attend the other meetings.

"I don't think the town is particularly well served by re-litigating a past election," he said this week in a phone interview, "My campaign was about looking forward, and I hope to have the opportunity to serve the town in the future."

MacCarthy and Flibotte will take their seats at the next meeting of the School Committee on April 25.

Cohasset election results

SELECTMEN (2)

	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Ralph S. Dormitzer	451	352	803
Paul E. Carlson	461	371	832
Write-Ins/Scattering	24	20	44
Blanks	430	371	801
Total	1366	1114	2480

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (2)

	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Adrienne M. McCarthy	474	411	885
Peter Richardson	239	145	384
Leonora Jenkins (Write-In)	160	127	289
Lucia Flibotte (Write-In)	343	286	630
Blanks	157	164	321
Total	1373	1133	2509

TRUSTEES PAUL PRATT LIBRARY (3)

	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Sarah R. Pease	507	407	914
Barbara M. Power	511	400	911
Stacey V. Weaver	484	385	869
Write-Ins/Scattering	2	2	4
Blanks	545	477	1022
Total	2049	1671	3720

ASSESSOR (1)

	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Elsa J. Miller	468	379	847
Write-Ins/Scattering	1	2	3
Blanks	214	176	390
Total	683	557	1240

BOARD OF HEALTH (1)

	PR1	PR2	TOTAL
Stephen N. Bobo	504	408	912
Write-ins/Scattering	1	0	1
Blanks	178	149	327
Total	683	557	1240

COHASSET HOUSING AUTHORITY (1)

	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Ralph Perroncello	462	386	848
Write-Ins/Scattering	1	2	3
Blanks	220	169	389
Total	683	557	1240

PLANNING BOARD (1)

	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Alfred S. Moore Jr.	466	381	847
Write-Ins/Scattering	2	3	5
Blanks	215	173	388
Total	683	557	1240

RECREATION COMMISSION (3)

	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Lillian M. Curley	477	402	879
James H. Richardson	455	374	829
Daniel J. Martin Sr.	454	357	811
Write-Ins/Scattering	4	2	6
Blanks	659	536	1195
Total	2049	1671	3720

SEWER COMMISSION (1)

	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Sean C. Cunning	477	384	861
Write-Ins/Scattering	1	3	4
Blanks	205	170	375
Total	683	557	1240

WATER COMMISSION (1)

	PR1	PR2	TOTAL
Nathaniel G. Palmer	469	378	847
Write-Ins/Scattering	3	0	3
Blanks	211	179	390
Total	683	557	1240

Write-in candidacy procedure

In Cohasset, ballots with write-in votes must be counted separately. The corresponding ballot oval, next to "write-in" must be filled in and the name of the write-in must be a legitimate resident. Accurate spelling and street address are needed, however, the Town Clerk and registrars will determine to the best of their ability the intent of the voter. Town Clerk Marion Douglas said that write-ins such as "Mickey Mouse" would not be counted as legitimate.

Stickers may be placed on the ballot instead of writing out a name, but the corresponding ballot oval must be filled in as well. Write-in votes are counted for the office where the name is written or sticker placed, so voters must be careful to place the name in the appropriate section.

As far as campaign finances are concerned, a write-in candidate must adhere to the same regulations as a balloted candidate. According to Town Clerk Marion Douglas, if a candidate spends less than $500 of their own money, then they are not required to file with the Town Clerk. But, if more than $500 of their own money and/or receive campaign finances from another person or outside source, they are required to file with the Town Clerk eight days before the elections, within 30 days after the election day and, if all monies are not utilized, at the close of the year.

The only candidate to file a pre-election report with the Town Clerk was Selectman candidate and winner, Paul Carlson.

Political Action Committee

According to Massachusetts Office of Campaign Finance website, Political Action Committees (PACs) need to be created when are two or more citizens or an established group raises or spends money to support or oppose one or more candidates, based upon stated principles or interests. PACs concerned with candidates in a specific city or town file with Town Clerk.

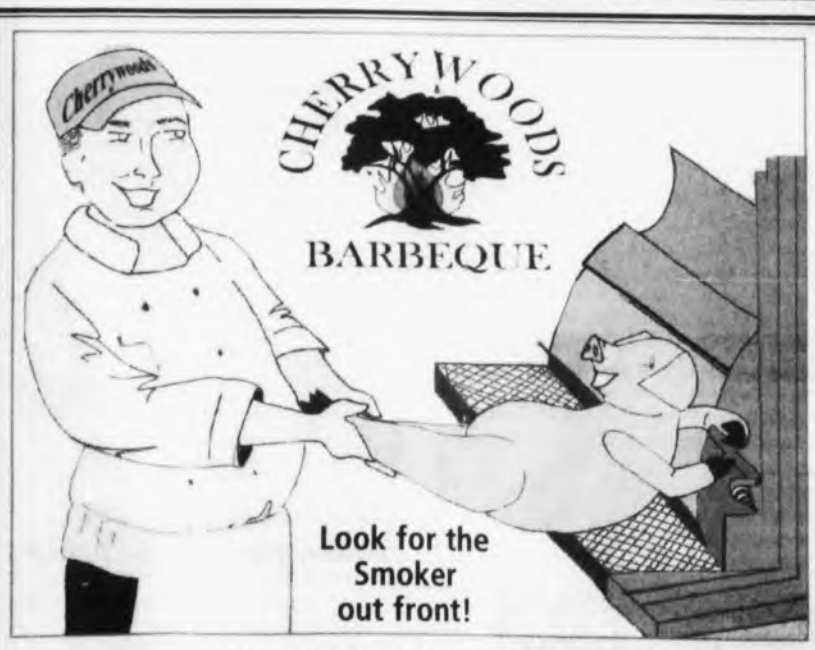
Dennis Kennedy of the Office of Campaign Finance said that ideally this filing should be done before action or expenditure is taken. The process to form a PAC is a single sheet form. The establishment of PACs allows the source of funds for a campaign to be transparent and available to the public.

As of press time, no PAC for this year's election has been filed at the Town Clerk's office.



PHOTOS/NANCY WHITE

The sun was setting on the election and still this campaign poster at Bancroft soccer field stood tall. According to election law, campaign signs are prohitied from town property unless a supporter is holding it. Town Clerk Marion Douglas said had she been aware of the poster before the polls closed she would have had it removed.



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COMMENTARY

DEBBIE COOK

I just returned several weeks ago from the Atacama Desert in Chile, where every single day, I felt like I was witnessing the proverbial canary in the cave relating to global warming.

Wow! I don't know why I was reading about the new super-fast, powerful 35-foot sport fishing boat in a large daily newspaper, but something in the headline extolling its performance intrigued me. I'm not a fisherman or a powerboater, but I guess I was taken by the three-275 horsepower engines that could get you to the Vineyard and back all in a day. I read how the boat was such a hit at the Miami International Boat Show that 11 models were sold in the first four days of the five day show. What a fine show of American ingenuity, know-how and engineering.

But wait, as I read on, there seemed to me to be a darker side to this story. One sentence said the boat had a cruising range of 450 miles — well, okay, that would definitely get me to the Vineyard and back and then some. But another sentence later in the article said the fuel capacity was 400 gallons. So I put my high-level math skills to work, and realized with a start that the much-ballyhooed boat actually got little more than ONE MILE PER GALLON.

Now I don't mind that the owner of the boat will have to spend $1200 more or less to fill the boat for his 450 mile jaunt, but I guess what gets me is the pure waste of it all. To me it's the moral questions. Is it right to have our young sons and daughters dying in Iraq, ostensibly fighting terrorists, but realistically trying to stabilize the region so gas continues to flow? And what about the environmental impacts? All that gas has to be combusted. It has to be burned to power those three 275 horsepower engine. There are by-products created when gas is burned. Some people call them greenhouse gases.

I, for one, am very concerned about those greenhouse gases. I just returned several weeks ago from the Atacama Desert in Chile, where every single day, I felt like I was witnessing the proverbial canary in the cave relating to global warming. We took a tour to see the famed Chilean flamingoes, who have lived in salt-water ponds for 11,000 years. Our guide told us they wouldn't be there in 10 years with the unprecedented evaporation of the lakes. We took a tour to the high planes lakes at 13,000 feet at the base of the Andes. These lakes are home to the indigenous Andean Coot. Our guide, (not the same one) said the lakes were evaporating so rapidly that they would be gone in 10 years. She said, " You're lucky you came now, because the Andean Coots who nest in the lakes near the shore, but away from the foxes and coyotes are dying." The reason - their nests are no longer surrounded by water, and the foxes can pick them off with no problem.

We stayed in a little town, San Pedro de Atacama. The owner of the quaint hotel where we stayed told us the town, which had ruins of human habitation dating back 5,000 years, wouldn't be there in 10 years. The reason — no water. Apparently the water was disappearing from the Andes, due to the melting glaciers, so San Pedro's water supply wasn't being recharged by the normal seasonal flow.

San Pedro de Atacama has more tour operators per capita than any other place on earth to show the hordes of tourists the sights and sounds of life in the desert. Could be their days are numbered. Climate change could be putting them out of work, because all the attractions people flock to see will be gone. So I have a thought — perhaps we can bring the tour guides over here and put them to work leading fishing expeditions on a 35-foot boat powered by the equivalent of 825 horses.

Debbie Cook lives at 281 King St.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Road race, supporters shined

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the organizers of the Road Race By the Sea. I started trying to get ready for the race about 12 weeks ago. I didn't think I could do it. I am about 60 pounds overweight and had never run before. I live in Virginia, but my father lives in Cohasset. So my goal was to be able to complete the run. I did it. My time wasn't great, 1:19:47, but I never quit.

Thank you to all that helped and cheered everyone on. Thank you Brad for listening to me on Sunday night when I was still so pumped up that I could not shut up. Thank you Danny for jumping in and giving me the encouragement and company that I needed to finish. To whoever was playing the "Rocky" theme on Forest Avenue – thank you! I was ready to start walking, and then I heard it and knew that I would make it! And to my Dad, out of all the runners on Sunday, I finished ninth from the end, but you made me feel like I had won the gold medal at the Olympics.

To some people I feel certain that my accomplishment will seem trivial, however, to me, I now know that every day as I put one foot in front of the other I will reach new goals. I hope that as I continue to run in different events, they will all give me the feeling of accomplishment and pride that the Cohasset Road Race did.

Heather Compton
Pounding Mill, Va.

Wind turbine for Cohasset

TO THE EDITOR:

I can think of nothing better than installing a wind turbine on town property. Although the total cost of installation and the machine itself will not be cheap, in the long run, the savings will be substantial.

Our next-door neighbors in Hull, after installing their first turbine, have reduced the high school's electric bills in their town by 28 percent, saving the town over $21,000.

Also, the particular turbines that Hull purchased have a "life expectancy of 20 years." If the turbine does last 20 years and saves the high school $21,000 every year, then throughout the turbine's life, the town will save almost half a million dollars. For Cohasset, these savings could support many town activities; they could possibly reinstate middle school sports or go toward high school sports.

Because a turbine does not have the possibility of being discreet, a perfect place is to install it would be next to the water tower in the woods. Moving towards natural energy defines our town as one that cares for the environment and one that is are finally using the resources around us to our advantage. Using wind to provide energy for our town is a great idea that we, as citizens, need to insist upon and not give up until we have a turbine here in Cohasset.

Alex Shipp
22 Norfolk Lane

Donate to Dana Farber

TO THE EDITOR:

April is that month. Crocus around here are nearly done, daffodils and forsythia have been handed the baton. Kids in school are counting down again, not just to April vacation, but many just can't wait for their last day of HS ever. Shorts were pulled out a while ago, then just as quickly, the winter coat pulled out again, hopefully the last hurrah of this cold windy winter.

April though has much more meaning than the weather, the blooms, and even plans for summer vacation. Last April was when we all lost something very precious to us. The hockey team lost a player, a fan, a friend for life. CHS found itself with an empty student's desk and chair and one less smile and a great laugh. The old neighborhood was short one street hockey player. And the computer where he sat, had no one to turn it on any longer, and just seemed so lost without him. Only the new memorial garden gained, a dubious honor.

This April, please donate to the Dana-Farber and their innovative cancer research program. Checks made out to DFMC can be sent to 42 8th Street, Unit 5411, Charlestown, MA 02129. On-line donations can be managed by visiting www.dfmarathon.kintera.org and selecting 'support a runner'.

Your generosity is appreciated, your kindness overwhelming.

Ken Gritzan

Thanks from the Cohasset Maritime Institute

TO THE EDITOR:

Cohasset Maritime Institute would like to thank Town Meeting voters, the Community Preservation Commission, the Board of Selectmen, the Historical Commission and the Advisory Board for their support and approval of the request for CPC funding for improvements to the CMI/Mariner's Park Boathouse.

The CPC funding supplements the volunteer donations of time and material made to CMI over the past 12 years in the preservation of a town asset. The funding provides for professional, preservation-quality improvements to the facility, CMI/Mariner's Park Boathouse, at a standard well above the work that students and volunteers have done up to this point. The improvements are to the structure and serve to protect a town and historical resource. The CPC funding does not provide assistance to CMI's programs, membership and/or function.

CMI is a non-profit community-based rowing and maritime education program. Our mission and programs are open to the Cohasset community and any family or individual that cares to share the rowing experience. CMI exists for and because of the community. New members are always welcome and we invite you to join us. Sunday, April 28 is sign up day at the boathouse.

Our web site, at www.rowcmi.com, also has all the sign up forms and information that you need. If you have any questions, feel free to call any of the board members listed below. And if you have any suggestions or comments as to how CMI can better serve the community, please let us know.

Thank you again for your support. We look forward to rowing with you.

CMI Board Members
George Baumgarten, Jack Buckley, Mary Ellen Coggins, Rai Cunningham, Steve Daly, Catherine Davis, Lisa Hewitt Dick, Michael Dick, Susan Galligan, Paul Gratta, John Liffmann, Mike Pecca, Don Trisler

Principal Gauley resignation accepted

Deer Hill Principal Keith Gauley resignation was officially accepted with "gratitude and sadness" by the School Committee last week. His last day at Deer Hill will be June 30. Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh has already outlined an "aggressive" time line to find a replacement. She said that it would be ideal to have a new principal in place by the close of the school year.

Gauley has accepted a position of elementary Principal at Eddy Elementary School in Brewster, MA. His letter indicated that he "did not anticipate leaving Cohasset after four years" but extended sincere thanks to the Superintendent, parents, community and Deer Hill students.

The School Committee thanked Gauley for the "key role" he has played in the development of the Deer Hill School and wished him the best of luck in his new position.

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Strikeouts doom CHS baseball against Abington

By Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset High baseball team had their home opener Monday against defending South Shore League champion Abington, a team that returned seven varsity starters.

With a bad day at the plate, Cohasset struck out a combined 17 times which led to its 11-8 loss.

In a very ugly start to the game, the Skippers committed two errors, hit a batter, allowed two walks, and gave up four runs on just one hit; all this coming in the first inning of work from junior pitcher Brian Hill. With another run in the third, Abington went ahead 5-0 and things were not looking good for Cohasset.

Hill, who has been known for past first inning struggles, was eventually able to settle down for the next three innings.

"He pitched reasonably well, but he has to learn to overcome first inning struggles as a pitcher," offered Cohasset head coach Al Gallotta.

Despite giving up nine hits, four walks, and hitting two batters, Hill was still only charged with five earned runs.

Gallotta said that one positive he can take out of the game is the fact that his team never quit. Cohasset was able to battle back over the next three innings as Hill pitched shutout ball. Once again led by junior first baseman Kenny Muir, who had a single, a double, and three runs batted in, the Skippers were able to overcome the early deficit and take a 7-5 lead after five innings.

Not only did Hill pitch well over those three innings, he also helped himself out by driving in a run and getting two hits.

Unfortunately, Cohasset would be unable to keep their lead as Abington scored five runs in the top of the sixth to take an 11-7 lead, a dagger to the Skippers. Cohasset did have an opportunity to get out of the inning unharmed when a tailor-made double play ball was hit with one out and a man on first.

If played right, Cohasset would have got out of the inning still with the lead, but the ball was misplayed and bobbled; eventually leading to Cohasset's collapse.

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Dave Snowdale earns a "Web Gem" for tracking down this fly ball in deep center field during the Skippers' season opener against Sacred Heart.

Lady laxers look for answers

By Mark Goodman
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After a strong performance to start the season, the Cohasset High girls lacrosse team has hit a speed bump in its last two games.

The Skippers' top goal this season was to match the record of last year's 14-win campaign, and they got off to a good start with a 12-6 win over Cape Cod Academy last Wednesday.

But subsequent losses to Weston (12-6 on Saturday) and Hanover (11-5 on Tuesday) have left Chuck Jaffe's team with a 1-2 mark going into the April vacation break.

"It's not panic time," Jaffe said Thursday. "We just need to re-adjust our expectations, figure our where our problems are and go from there."

There were few problems in the CCA game, a contest that wasn't as close as the score would indicate. Senior Lindsay Durkin scored the first five goals of the afternoon, and a solid effort from senior goalie Aisling Guinee was more than enough to make that good start stand.

Jaffe said Guinee has been a bright spot so far this season.

"She's been a very pleasant surprise to start the season," said the second-year coach. "But we need to get her more support."

That support was needed in the loss to Weston, particularly in the second half. After falling behind early, Cohasset managed to pull within one before the halftime whistle. From there, however, Weston – a Div. 2 North finalist last season – took advantage of some subpar play from the Skippers to dominate the second frame.

At the team's next practice, the players were required to run nine sprints the length of the practice field and back, per Jaffe's "checklist" philosophy. The team has a checklist of

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STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

Skippers goalie Nate Porter (9) comes out to make a save against Hanover. Porter made 12 stops in Cohasset's 12-5 win over the Indians.

Laxers get on track

CHS boys rebound from season opening loss to record 2 straight wins

Editor's note: This report was provided by the Cohasset lacrosse boosters. Coaches or parents of any team are welcome to share information with the Mariner by emailing sports editor Mark Goodman at mgoodman@cnc.com.

The Cohasset High boys lacrosse team improved its record to 2-1 defeating Hanover 12-5 at home on Tuesday afternoon.

Cohasset exploded out of the gate with an 8-1 first quarter and never looked back. The Skippers were led again on offense by the junior attack duo of Mark Flibotte and Mike Grimm – aka "The Summer Street Connection" - both of whom had hat tricks before the first period ended.

Flibotte finished the game with five goals and two assists, while Grimm had three goals and four assists. Senior attackman Chris Davis (thre goals) added his second hat trick in as many games.

Head coach Stew Curran was pleased with his team's effort, saying, "The boys got it for the better part of the game today. It was as strong a first quarter of lacrosse as I have seen the CHS kids play. We had a strong attack, good ball movement, backside cuts, unselfish looks and some excellent face-off work. The defense kept the penalties down. Our clears and goalie play were again very good."

Davis started the Cohasset onslaught with a wrap-around goal dodging from behind. Grimm scored the second goal on a nice feed from Flibotte. After a Hanover score, senior co-captain Dan Trendowicz, returning to action after missing the first two games, scored on a laser to the bottom corner after a feed from Grimm with the man advantage.

Flibotte scored after a scramble in front and then PJ McCaw found Grimm alone on the crease. Flibotte and Grimm connected again twice with each assisting another goal by the other. Flibotte ended the first quarter scoring unassisted on a roll dodge from behind.

Hanover came out in the second quarter determined to slow down the pace of the game. Hanover went to a deliberate ball control offense and at times a zone defense. The strategy worked as the teams played the final three quarters even, trading goals the rest of the way.

In the second period, Flibotte scoring unassisted and Davis buried a shot after cutting from behind on a quick feed from Jeff Brown. Grimm found Flibotte again on a backside cut in the third period and also assisted on the final Cohasset goal scored by Davis in the fourth. Nate Porter was immense in the goal for Cohasset.

Porter had 12 saves, including a number of showstoppers. Time and time again, Porter turned away the Hanover attack including, two point-blank shots at the start of the third period and three at the beginning of the fourth.

Curran liked what he saw at midfield with the return of

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A WORTHY SALUTE



PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Army specialist Ray Regan salutes the American flag during the national anthem before the start of the Cohasset Road Race by the Sea April 1. Regan served in Iraq from 2003 to 2005.
For this week's installment of photos from the race, see page 18.



Runners in the April 1 Cohasset Road Race by the Sea go along Atlantic Avenue before turning on to Forest Avenue.



Newton's Jon Meshel ties his 'racing chip' to his sneaker before the start of the race. The chip is used to track each runner's time.

Another look at the Road Race by the Sea



Cohasset Police Chief Jim Hussey took part in the 31st annual Cohasset Road Race by the Sea.



Dave McGillivray (left), race director for the Boston Marathon, and Road Race President David Farrag get ready to ring the bell to start the race.

Photos by Laura Sinclair

Lady laxers look for answers

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nine areas of the game in which they are expected to perform equal to or better than their opponent, with one of those sprints waiting for them at the next practice if they don't make expectations.

That message didn't seem to stick, however, as Hanover's Colleen Mulligan scored eight goals to lead her team to victory on Tuesday.

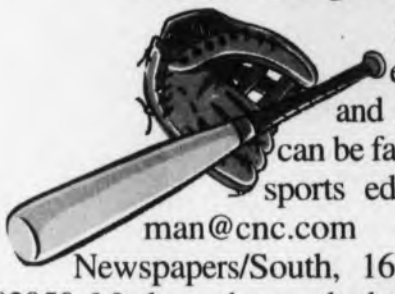
"We played better in some aspects," Jaffe said about the Hanover game, "but we had a significant case of the dropsies. We could not string more than two or three passes together."

The Skippers have some time to figure things out, as their next game is not until the 24th in Abington. Thursday's (April 12) game with Hingham has been postponed until May 9.

One positive Jaffe did stress is the performance of his top seniors, Durkin, Guinee, Caren Garber, Lara Novak and Kara Wilcox. That quintet ranks as Cohasset's top-5 so far in ground balls.

Durkin (12 goals, one assist, 13 points) and Wilcox (3-4-7) rank as the team's top scorers so far.

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Cohasset's PJ McCaw battles for a face-off late in Tuesday's win over Hanover.

Laxers get on track

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Trendowicz.

"Trendo, PJ McCaw and Chuck Czerkawski played very well today, particularly in the defensive zone," he said. "Andrew Smith and Andrew DiPaolo showed they can play excellent midfield defense and were a big part of the team's success. All of our middies played strong, tough positional defense and pushed Hanover outside the shooting zones."

Czerkawski and McCaw also dominated the face-offs, winning the ball 16 out of 21 times. Curran also singled out the continued stellar play of his goalie.

"Nate Porter stood on his head out there for us today and commanded excellent clears," said the coach.

Cohasset now breaks for school vacation week, but the boys will continue to work hard at practice on needed improvements. They return to game action against the always-tough opponent, Marshfield, at their facility on Friday, April 20.

Cohasset 14, Hamilton-Wenham 3

Cohasset got its passing and transition offense into high gear on Saturday morning at Alumni Field with a dominating 14-3 victory over Hamilton-Wenham. The Skippers were led by Flibotte (five goals, two assists) and Mike Grimm (four goals, two assists). Davis added three goals in the victory.

Flibotte took over the first quarter, scoring the first two goals of the game on nifty dodges from behind. After an H-W goal, McCaw found Flibotte cutting from the backside again. Flibotte scored his fourth goal of the game before the first quarter ended on a nice feed from Grimm.

It was then Grimm's turn to take over in the second period. Defenseman Bobby Meikleham started a textbook fast break with a pass to Peter Ernst, who quickly found senior co-captain Mike Bunstein who in turn found a streaking Grimm for the goal.

Grimm scored the next goal on a jump shot from the left slot into the upper deck of the cage. Sophomore midfielder Andrew DiPaolo found Grimm open in front of the goal on another fast break. Grimm buried the shot low after faking high on the H-W goalie. A minute later, Grimm found Flibotte again alone on the crease with the man advantage and Cohasset led 8-1 at halftime.

Davis kept the Cohasset offense flying high into the second half scoring after picking up a rebound in mid-air from his own shot. A hard-cutting Davis scored again after a precise feed through traffic from Flibotte. After two H-W goals, sophomore midfielder Andrew Smith scored his first goal of the year assisted by Flibotte. Grimm quickly followed with his fourth tally of the game unassisted after a whirling dervish dodge from the top through the H-W defense.

After an aggressive ride, sophomore Conor Murphy scored his first varsity goal on a scramble in front of the cage. Davis netted his hat trick after a fast break run and beautiful pass from senior co-captain Ryan Kucinski to end the Cohasset scoring.

The Cohasset defense was as dominant as its attack.

"Meikleham, Kucinski and Brown were excellent on clears and in the transition game, particularly after defensive takeaways," Curran said. "Our defense never let H-W get untracked and they got the ball to our attack quickly after forcing turnovers."

Nate Porter had another solid game in goal with 12 saves even though much of the game was played in Cohasset's offensive zone. Freshman Jack Murphy saw his first varsity action in goal during the fourth quarter and made four saves.

Curran said he saw some of the improvements in his team that he was looking for after its 7-6 season-opening loss to St. Sebastian's, and was able to get some significant playing time for his bench and even varsity minutes for some JV players.

"Our passing game was much improved today and we made the most of our possessions," Curran said. "Flibotte and Grimm have been playing together in the backyards of Summer Street since they were seven years old. Each has a good sense of the other on the field and they are a tough offensive duo along with the leading playmaker and the very fast, Mike Bunstein, it creates many options for opposing defenses to consider.

"We will continue to work hard to get better on both sides of the ball."

St. Sebastian's 7, Cohasset 6

In a disappointing start to their season last Wednesday, the Skippers dropped theri season opener 7-6 to St. Sebastian's (ISL Prep League) on a muddy field in Needham. The game was marred by the field conditions and penalties, including two illegal stick calls (one on each team). Cohasset never got its passing offense untracked and play seemed sloppy throughout.

Cohasset jumped out to an early lead when the St. Sebastian goalie (who played a terrific game) had a clearing pass roll of his stick into his own goal after a save. Brown, playing at long stick middie, made it 2-0 Skippers with a nice dodge and shot to the upper corner.

St. Sebastian's stormed back with three unanswered goals, including two on back door cuts with the man advantage. Bunstein scored unassisted on a strong drive to goal to tie the score. Grimm then gave Cohasset the lead with a beautiful roll dodge by his defender and a left-handed shot into the lower corner. St. Seb's answered to tie the score at halftime.

St. Sebastian's took it to Cohasset in the third period with two quick goals at the start including a man-down goal after the St. Seb's attackman beat a Cohasset double team. Cohasset continued to play hard and Brown scored again unassisted at the end of the period to bring the Skippers within range.

The Summer Street connection cashed in on a man-up advantage early in the fourth period to tie the score. Grimm found Flibotte on the side of the crease with a quick pass and Flibotte buried the shot. But it was not to be – St. Sebastian's scored the game-winner midway through the fourth quarter and held off a determined Cohasset effort to the final buzzer.

Curran found much room for improvement in his team's performance.

"We did not possess and protect the ball and were very impatient in our offense. Our passing needs to be crisper and we need more movement of the ball," said the coach. "Our man down defense needs to stay in position, not over-commit and prevent that back door option. On the man-up, we did not get the scoring opportunities we should have and went too quickly to goal."

Still, there were a few bright spots. Porter was outstanding in goal with 14 saves, including two spectacular stops at point-blank range in the first half.

"Porter played terrific and really kept us in the game," Curran said. "He was smart in the clearing game and very confident in the cage."

The defense also showed signs of better things to come with Brown, Jake Cuneo, Conor Holway and Kucinski aggressively stripping the ball from the St. Sebastian attack on many occasions. Curran was also pleased with the way his attack and midfielders rode hard in the clearing game, particularly in the first half.

"This team can be a very good team, but we showed too little patience on the offensive end against a solid, disciplined St. Sebastian team that shows how important ball-control can be," said the Skippers coach.

Brown (two goals, one assist) and Grimm (goal, assist) led the Cohasset scoring.

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For more information, contact general manager Scott Arnold at (781)545-1896 or head coach Bill Signorelli (781)545-6009.

Scituate/Cohasset youth football, cheerleading registration

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading will hold spring registration for the 2007 fall season on Saturday, April 28, from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Scituate High School auditorium entrance.

Rosters must be submitted to the league by May 1.

Minimum age: must be 8 years old by Sept. 1, 2007. Maximum age: Cannot turn 15 years old in 2007.

Online registration can be accessed at the Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading website, www.scicohfootball.com. Applicants are encouraged to utilize this method of registration. If you are unable to make the registration or you cannot register online before April 28, please call: (781)556-0215 (for football), or (781)556-0216 (for cheerleading).

Registration fees: football, $200; cheerleading, $125. A $25 late fee will apply for applications received after April 28.

Refund policy: If a player removes his/her application prior to June 15, all fees will be refunded less a $50 processing fee. After June 15, there will be no fee refunds.

Birth certificate:
First-year players and players that did not play last year must bring a copy (originals will not be accepted) of their birth certificate that the league will keep on file.

American Red Cross Learn-To-Swim Program Offered at the Cohasset Swim Center

Summer is almost here and membership and swim lesson registration is starting now. The Swim Center is offering Early Bird membership rates for registrations postmarked by May 1. The mail-in deadline for membership and swim lesson registration is May 24. Please be sure to mail in your membership and swim lesson registration forms together.

Information and registration forms can be found on the new Cohasset Swim Center Web site, www.cohassetswimcenter.com.

The Center will not be mailing out a brochure this year; however, additional registration forms will be available at Cohasset Town Hall and The Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Swim Lessons will be offered in four two-week sessions: Session I: June 25 - July 6; Session II: July 9 - July 20; Session III: July 23 - August 3; Session IV: August 6 - August 17.

If you have any questions, please send an email to cohassetswimcenter@comcast.net

Lifeguards needed

Cohasset Swim Center is accepting applications for Lifeguards and Water Safety Instructors for the 2007 summer season. All applicants must be at least 16 years of age and hold current Lifeguard/CPR/First Aid certifications.

Letters of interest should be sent to Cohasset Swim Center, P.O. Box 132, Cohasset, MA 02025. Anyone interested in employment and enrolled or planning to enroll in a Lifeguard and/or WSI are encouraged to apply. Employment will depend on successful completion of the course.

Cohasset Recreation offers USCGA Boating Safety Course

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and Cohasset Recreation Department will sponsor a two-session Safe Boating Course, offering certification by both the Coast Guard and the commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The course will be offered to both youth and adults; however, certification in this course is mandatory for those 16 years old and younger who wish to operate any horsepower craft. This course is an initial requirement for the process of obtaining a Launch Operators License. USCGA instructors will teach the two-session course, which will take place on two consecutive Saturdays, May 12 and May 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Ripley Road, Cohasset.

To register, call Cohasset Recreation Department at 781-383-4109 as soon as possible, as the class will be limited by size, and participants will be enrolled on a first-call basis. There will be a $45 per person fee for this program, which covers the cost of the textbooks and class materials. The fee will be payable at the first class, and checks will be payable to the Coast Guard director.

While the class is designed for children/youth and adults, it is suggested that children age 12 and younger be accompanied by a participating adult. A segment of this class will be devoted to the new laws regulating personal water craft.

State certification cards will be issued and most insurance companies will offer insurance rate discounts to those completing this course.

Strikeouts doom CHS baseball against Abington

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This was still not Cohasset's biggest issue throughout the game. At the plate, Cohasset struck out 17 times, meaning Abington only had to make four outs on their own. Thirteen walks given up by Abington pitching was what kept Cohasset in the game for so long.

"It was just a poor day, offensively" said Gallotta of his team's performance.

Cohasset will be faced with bigger challenges this year, though, as they will continue to battle for that tournament bid.

"If they thought those three Abington pitchers were strong, well, there's a lot better pitching in this league," said Gallotta.

Therefore, these Skippers are going to have to step it up if they hope to make in to the tournament. Their next challenge will be away at Carver, another tough opponent.



Kenny Muir as been a standout at the plate for Cohasset through the first two games.

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Girls youth teams open strong against Duxbury

A few blocks away from the Cohasset Road Race on April 1, the town's young women were running the fields of Deer Hill in six home games against teams from Duxbury and Norwell, and coming away winners in five out of six contests.

The Cohasset Blue 15-and-Under team (grades 7 and 8) started the day against Duxbury 8a and got into a hole early. **Whitney Jaffe** answered Duxbury's first goal, but the visitors scored the next two and had the momentum as the opening period reached its midway point.

Jaffe blasted one home to close the gap, and **Kelsey Erler** finished a feed from **Alison Whelan** to knot things at three. After Duxbury regained the lead, Erler scored again – this time on a set-up from **Caroline Fein** – and when Duxbury captured the lead for the fourth time in the half, **Anna Michalowski** scored her first goal of the season to send the team to the break tied at 5.

Cohasset dominated the start of the second half. Jaffe finished her hat trick, Michalowski scored her second, and set up Erler's third goal of the day. Fein – an 8th grader playing in her first-ever game – then took advantage of her speed and a Duxbury mistake to score her first goal and make the count 9-5 for the home team.

Two Duxbury goals made it look like the seesaw was about to tip again, but Fein fed Whelan for her first score of the season, and Michalowski answered two late Duxbury scores by becoming the third Cohasset girl to complete a hat trick on the day. **Ellie Tedeschi** came up big in the net down the stretch, stopping two point-blank shots in the final two minutes to preserve the 11-9 win.

Next on the field, with was Cohasset White 15-U against a much weaker Duxbury 7 team. **Sage Stebbins** opened the scoring, and **Kaci Kucinski** and **Lindsay MacNaught** made it a 3-0 game before Duxbury had taken its first shot. **Olivia Murphy** used a quick-stick to slam home a looping feed from **Christina Healy** to make the score 4-1, and Kucinski expanded the cushion just before the halftime break.

The second-half was a back-and-forth affair. Stebbins opened the second-half scoring, with her second goal of the day equaling her entire output from the 2006 season. MacNaught finished a Kucinski feed to restore the cushion after two Duxbury goals, and a late score from **Allie Farren** closed out the home team's scoring, more than enough for goaltender **Stephanie Brierly** to close out an 8-4 Cohasset win. Brierly made 7 saves on the day, several down the home stretch where it looked like Duxbury might get back into the game.

At the 13-U level (grades 5/6), the White team had six different girls score goals to start strong with a 6-3 win over Duxbury 5. Six different girls tickled the twine for Cohasset: **Kristen Alexander, Maddie Curley, Lexa Grasz, Hope Kissick, Katie McCabe** and **Suzanne Reichardt**. **Maggie Ernst** just missed her first-ever goal when she blasted a shot off the goalie's helmet.

Cohasset controlled the action for most of the game with **Eliza Murphy** and **Molly Fitzgerald** scooping several ground balls each and making pinpoint passes to move the ball into the Duxbury end. Alexander was outstanding on defense in the first half before moving to a midfield position, and **Caitlin Mavilia** twice thwarted Duxbury scoring opportunities by playing solid defense in the critical scoring area in front of the cage.

Goaltending duties were split by Curley and Grasz, with each making several saves to keep Duxbury at bay.

The Blue 13-U team thought it was an April Fool's prank when the girls learned they'd be facing Duxbury 6, an all-sixth-grade squad, for their opening game. South Shore Lacrosse League rules discourage dividing teams in any uneven fashion, but the visitors made no bones about putting all of their older players on one squad, and that showed over the course of the game.

After falling behind early, Cohasset rallied to tie the score at 3 at the half. A strong defensive performance from **Isabella Flibotte** helped to key the team's offensive chances, leading to goals from **Isabelle Dunne, Lexa Grasz** and **Katie McKenna**.

Maggie Littlejohn, playing her first game in goal against perhaps the best team Cohasset Blue will face all year, posted several tough saves and cleared the ball effectively.

In the second half, Duxbury's offense poured it on. **Molly Fitzgerald** (borrowed from the White squad) did a great job in goal, stemming the Duxbury onslaught. Unfortunately, she was matched by a strong performance from Duxbury's goalie, and the visiting team was able to amass a lot more shots.

Mariel Teague and **Maria Buckley** scored Cohasset's two goals in the second half.

Cohasset's middie lines played hard and well throughout the game led by **Kate Bodner**, Flibotte, and Teague. Other middies who put in strong performances were **Kylie Coffman, Christina Tedeschi, Katie McKenna**, Dunne, **Kathryn Dunn**, Grasz and **Gabby Weissman**.

Three brand-new lacrosse players – all playing in their first-ever game – contributed throughout; **Kelsey McCunney, Abby Carrier** and **Abby Slanetz** all flashed signs of solid potential futures in the game.

It wasn't enough to stop Duxbury 6 from taking home a 10-5 victory, but the girls can expect improvement and better results from here.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse's girls team return to the field on April 15 in games against Hingham.

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ASP Journal



Many hands, many hammers make light work.

'I had the greatest first year'

...make plans for Saturday night, April 28 at the Appalachia County Fair at the St. Anthony Parish Center.

ASP is the Cohasset Appalachian Service Project Group, about 200 volunteers who, every summer, return to Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia to repair homes and to grow as individuals. These are the on-site stories of our Cohasset high school volunteers. After the long trip down,

The Real Work Begins — "Things are going well workwise. So far we've 'wrapped the house' putting up T1-11, added a trim, and insulated the inside walls. The girls have been working inside while Tris and Chris are great 'Siders' and Jeremy does a great job caulking. Eddie supervises. And the best part is our family. Kids everywhere – we're having a lot of fun with them. — *Student Volunteer*

"We did lots of stuff today. We cut wood to size to make into different things later. We took the wood we cut and made railings for the porch below and the scaffolding above. It looked fantastic. The spindles had to be cut square. We used the Chop Saw. It took a while to learn the tool but it was worth it. We accomplished a lot to day. As we were driving off, the family's father sat on his new porch and smiled at us." — *Student Volunteer*

"Barret, T-Bone and I were out back re-enacting the trench digging as previously seen in the First World War, deepening our holes from yesterday to 24 inches, below the frost line." — *Student Volunteer*

"Jon went to clutch a bag of cement and a big puff of cement blew up in his face. The look on his face was priceless. 'Ugh.' was all he said. I must have laughed for 10 minutes." — *Student Volunteer*

"Lara, May, Michalicious, Jack and Mary worked on shingling the roof. John and I made some serious progress on our bathroom ventilation hole with our big boy toys and bulging muscles." — *Student Volunteer*

The Good, The Bad and The Smelly— "Trying to set concrete piers while under a house on one's stomach is painful. However, the puppies make everything better, they're adorable and follow us everywhere: Feisty (mother), Buddy/Little Feisty, Twix, Milky Way, Cinnamon and Hershey." — *Student Volunteer*

"Today I went under the house with Greg and dug a hole. Other than that it was hot out but under the house it was nice and cool." — *Student Volunteer*

"Today I had to go under the spider covered foundation to dig an enormous hole with my hoe-matic. Things were going well until we were getting high off the fumes of 356 puppies that live and pee under the house. But we managed to dig 24 inches and nothing went wrong so it was good." — *The aforementioned Greg, Adult Group Leader*

It's All Worth It — "Today was our last day working and being with the family. Meaghan, Oby and I painted the house the whole day. It was fun painting the house – and my pants and boots. We said our good-byes to the family and it was really sad. The mother wrote the sweetest note to us. I almost cried. I had the greatest first year and can't wait for next year. — *Student Volunteer*

Look for the ASP Journal each week for the next few weeks, and make plans for Saturday night, April 28 at the Appalachia County Fair at the St. Anthony Parish Center. Dinner by Redbones BBQ, Music and Dancing by The Gr8fls, Silent and Live Auction. Tickets are available through Cohasset churches, or by contacting Rev. Gary Ritts, 718 383 0345, gar@2ndcc.org

Deer Hill School to host Gala Art Opening

Deer Hill School will host a Gala Art Opening Wednesday, April 25, at 7 p.m. This art show titled "Favorites 2007," represents the artwork of all Deer Hill students. Each student has chosen his/her favorite artwork of the year to be included in this exhibit. There will be refreshments and music. All are invited to attend. Admission is free.

In addition to the art show, Deer Hill will be celebrating the grand unveiling of a permanent clay installation created by Deer Hill fifth grade students and special "guests." The school will also be celebrating the hanging of the newest courtyard mosaic, weather permitting, honoring the Red Sox.

For more information on this event, call Ann Berman, Deer Hill School art teacher, at 781-383-6115.

Schools

Hurray! April vacation is here!

LIFE AT CHS

MICHAEL CORRY



Your sons and daughters are probably showing signs of burnout, and some time off might be just what they need to recuperate.

The Third Term is over, and April Vacation is here! Maybe a week off will curb the student body's appetite for sun and fun until the summer break. Your sons and daughters are probably showing signs of burnout, and some time off might be just what they need to recuperate. On the other hand, a taste of summer could do them in. Let's hope for Door No. 1.

The blossom that is next year's plans is in full bloom for most of the class of 2007, while the incoming seniors of '08 have started perusing the wide selection of bulbs to choose from. Sure enough, this time next year they will have seen some of their seeds flower, while others never sprouted.

Enough verbose symbolism, let's move on from flora to features. Here is the news for this week.

• Kudos to Kevin Barber, the 12th-grade winner of the 2007 Will McDonough Writing Contest! This contest is open to students across New England. Mrs. Berman has all of her students enter this contest. Kevin and a guest have been invited to an Award Ceremony at the Garden to receive $100, a free tour of the Boston Sports Museum, dinner in the Premium Club, and finally tickets to a Celtics game.

The following students were published in the most recent issue of Teen Ink Magazine: **Chris Ackley, Haley Haracz, Rob Brady,** and **Laura Campedelli**. Congratulations to these writers for being published in this prestigious nation-wide magazine!

The Spinnaker came out today, so be sure to get your hands on a copy! What's the latest gossip in the Scuttlebutt? Who are the Athletes of the Season and Team MVP's? Find out in the Spring Issue of the Award-Winning Spinnaker!

• Monday Mr. Welch and Mr. Willis took their History classes to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

• The Swim Team Boosters met in the Library Monday night.

• Tuesday morning the Superintendent's Administration Council met.

• The Relay For Life Committee met Tuesday night.

• Mr. Willis and his AP European History Class left for Russia on Wednesday.

• A new knitting group in the Middle School had their first meeting Wednesday after school. Mrs. Cisneros will be advising the students, and anyone who has an interest in knitting should talk to her to find out when the next meeting is!

• Wednesday the Social Service League of Cohasset presented Seniors the video "Choices" to the Senior Class. The video was created by the Steverman family to educate graduating seniors about the lessons learned after the death of their son and brother, P.J., in an alcohol-related tragedy 11 years ago. Also, a presentation for Parents was held Tuesday night.

• Jazz Night was held in the Upper Lobby Wednesday night, featuring the George Farrell group and the CHS Jazz Ensembles.

• Thursday morning the PSO President's Council met.

• Department Heads met Thursday after school.

• The Diversity Committee met this morning in the Library.

Well, it looks like the next week will give both students and teachers some time apart. Parents: don't get too down; we'll be back in school in a week. Sorry, teach'—we'll be back in school in a week.

And I'll see you in two. Get all that built up tension out, and enjoy the break. Cheers.

Social Service League scholarship

Social Service League of Cohasset is accepting applications for the Margaret F. Loud RN Scholarship. Applicants must be seniors in high school or residents of the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Norwell or Scituate who intend to begin or further studies in the fields of nursing, social work or allied health fields. One scholarship for $2,000 or two scholarships in the amount of $1,000 each will be awarded for the 2007-2008 academic year. The scholarship is merit based.

Applications are available at the League Office in Cohasset between 9 a.m. and noon, or in each high school guidance office. All applications must be submitted by mail to Social Service League of Cohasset, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025 no later than April 27. For more information, call 781-383-0771.

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LIBRARY

Library closed on Patriot's Day

Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Movie Matinee – The feature film for Friday, May 4, at 11 a.m., will be "Top Hat" starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. Free admission and light refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

Holiday Closing – The library will be closed Monday, April 16 for Patriots Day.

Library Book Group – Join the Library Book Group for coffee and a discussion of Anita Shreve's "Light on Snow," Wednesday, April 25, at 10 a.m., in the Meeting Room. All are welcome.

Knitting Group – The knitting group will meet two Wednesdays each month. The April meetings will be held April 11 and 18, at 10 a.m., in the Meeting Room. Edna Finegan of the Senior Knitting Group will be the instructor. All knitting levels welcome. Free admission.

Morningstar Online – Cohasset residents can now access Morningstar mutual funds online at the library. Research your investments using Morningstar's database during library hours. Just ask for librarian assistance to log on.

Art Exhibit – The South Shore Art Center and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library present a display of artist Irma Cerese's contemporary landscapes at the library through Saturday, April 28. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. Free admission.

FOR CHILDREN

The following programs for children are available at Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Shapes Poetry Contest – To celebrate National Poetry Month, the Children's Room is having a Shapes Poetry Contest. Write an original shapes poem. Words can be in a shape or form or part of a drawing. Samples are available in the Children's Room on the back of the poetry contest flyer. Write name, age and telephone number of the back of the poem and put it in the basket on Mrs. Moody's desk. All ages are encouraged to participate. Contest ends April 30.

Monday Music – MamaSteph will perform Mondays, at 10:30 a.m., in the Meeting Room through the end of April. Funded by the Friends of Cohasset Library. All ages and communities welcome.

Drop In Story Time – Big book stories, music and movement will be featured on Tuesdays in the Story Room at 10:30 a.m. through April. All ages and communities welcome.

CMI to host dinner

Cohasset Maritime Institute will host a Wine Tasting and Dinner in Black Rock Country Club at 19 Clubhouse Drive, Friday, May 4, at 7 p.m., with live entertainment and an auction.

Tickets are $75 per person and are available at Buttonwood Books or from Catherine Davis at 781-383-2570, Lisa Hewitt Dick at 781-383-0204or Susan Galligan at 781-383-0765.

Proceeds benefit the 2007 Double the Fleet Campaign to increase the boat fleet from two to four boats. Featured will be live entertainment and unique auction items.

In addition, CMI is getting ready for the rowing season. Information about sign ups can be found by visiting www.rowcmi.com.

Earth Day Sustainable Living Festival

The fourth annual Earth Day Sustainable Living Festival, sponsored by Sustainable South Shore, will take place inside, at Mary Jeanette Murray Bathhouse, Nantasket Beach, Hull, on Saturday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A few table spaces are left for sustainable living related businesses. Call festival coordinator Nancy Kramer at 781-925-9066 or visit the Web site at SustainableSS.org for more information.

Tennis tournament for Children's Hospital

Save the date for the annual Cohasset Tennis Tournament, a mixed-doubles tennis tradition that began in the 1950s and continues today to benefit Children's Hospital. This year's event kicks off on Friday, July 13, with the annual dinner auction at the Lightkeepers residence. The tennis tournament, which takes place on private courts throughout Cohasset, is set for the weekend of July 14 and 15.

This charity tennis tournament was originally started by Jesse Cox and her neighbors in the 1950s. It has since grown to include hundreds of players, from lifelong Cohasset residents to newcomers. The tournament also brings together a wide array of tennis abilities, from those who dust off their rackets once a year to those who are passionate about the sport. In the past eight years alone, about $100,000 has been raised for Children's Hospital.

For more information about the tournament or to be added to the email distribution list, contact Corey Axelson at gallella63@hotmail.com.

Unicorn Singers to perform

Unicorn Singers will perform two challenging works in their upcoming April 13 and 15 concerts. Both of these pieces are rarely performed, and promise the audience a hour-plus of wonderful music.

Francis Poulenc's "Gloria" features contrasts between joy and introspection, with solo soprano moments and a bravura piano accompaniment.

Director Margo Euler is pleased to be highlighting 12 of the ensemble's 24 voices in solo or solo quartet roles for this event. Singing major solos are: Carol Cybulska of Kingston, Anne Briggs of Duxbury, Amy Martin of Scituate, Dawn MacGarvey of Duxbury, and Denise Rachel of Norwell. The ensemble draws dedicated and experienced singers from Hingham, Cohasset, Weymouth, and Hanover, as well as those towns already mentioned.

The concert will be performed at House of Prayer, 916 Main St., in Hingham, on Friday, April 13, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, April 15, at 4 p.m. Tickets are $15 at Noble's in Hingham Square or at the door.

PSO hosts annual telethon



Students in Mrs. Shabo's class in the preschool program at Osgood sing the "Wheels on the Bus" with accompaniment by Peter Richardsson during the fourth annual PSO Telethon and Talent Show held last month in the high school auditorium.



The Cohasset PSO Telethon is a live event which runs for more than two hours with a star-studded talent show that simultaneously entertains, informs and raises the much needed funding to enrich the public school curriculum. The telethon was broadcast on local Comcast TV channel 22.

Photos by Craig Goedecke



Cailey Hart, 10, entertains the audience with her Irish Step Dance during the talent portion of this year's telethon. The event was televised live with callers phoning in their tax deductible contributions.



Chris O'Grady, 16, waits for his cue to perform during the annual PSO Telethon last month. The event is the flagship fundraiser for the Cohasset Parent School Organization.



Madeline Curry, 11, sings and plays the guitar during the annual PSO Telethon.

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Police Chief James Hussey gets motiviated for running the Cohasset Road Race by the Sea by reading "The Last Pick, by Boston Marathon Race Director, Dave McGillivray and co-authored by Cohasset resident, Linda Fechter.

Road Race by the Sea: final chapter in town-wide read

Race director Brad Goodwin and his brother, Ron Goodwin of Goodwin Graphics, are both enjoying their copies of "The Last Pick."

Cohasset and the Boston Marathon have a common bond this year. For eight weeks, residents were encouraged to read "The Last Pick," by Boston Marathon Race Director, Dave McGillivray and co-authored by Cohasset resident, Linda Fechter. The grand finale of "One Book One Cohasset" was held Sunday, April 1, at the 31st Annual Cohasset Road Race-by-the-Sea, 10K and Fran Coffey Memorial Fun Walk, sponsored by the Cohasset Rotary Club.

Cohasset Race Director Brad Goodwin and the Rotary were an integral part of One Book's success. Themes of the book were folded into the walk and run. Road race T-shirts complemented the One Book logo and quotes from the book were made poster size and placed along the route to inspire participants. Police Chief Hussey showed his spirit by running, as did McGillivray, who actually ran the loop 3 times in preparation for the race he'll direct and run on Patriot's day. Cohasset resident and Channel 5 anchor, Anthony Everett ran and also emceed the post race award ceremony, at which McGillivray told the crowd that he'd like to "come back as a Cohasset resident."

For eight weeks, free events like McGillivray's book signing and motivational talk filled the library with capacity crowds. In addition, Linda Fechter was an invited speaker at local book club meetings. Gayle Walsh, Reference Librarian, scheduled events to complement the themes of Be Your Best and Dream Big! The Cohasset Yoga Center; Life Coach, Joan Collins; and Lisa Hebert, licensed esthetician, were among those who donated their time.

The Chocolate Chip Cookie Challenge, a baking contest, was won by eight-year-old Maggie Ernst. Children's Librarian Sharon Moody coordinated efforts with schools and developed children's programming like the "slumber" party in which kids wore pajamas and brought sleeping bags to the library for an hour of quiet reading.

One Book was made possible by the Friends of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, a non-profit organization formed to enrich the library by funding projects beyond the scope of the library's appropriated budget. Led by the Friend's President, Gail Flynn, the volunteer group sought a fresh, exciting program that would spark a love of reading and highlight the existing community outreach program. Library Director Jackie Rafferty suggested a town-wide reading program.

"It has been an incredible experience to have an entire town embrace the book."
— Dave McGillivray, "The Last Pick"

"With no budget and big ideas we had to be creative to make this happen," says Gail Flynn. "The Friend's funded the books, and the generosity of local business people like Ronnie Goodwin at Goodwin Graphics helped put the program on the Cohasset map."

Goodwin Graphics created and produced marketing materials, which included Euro stickers, water bottles, posters, pins and the One Book "02025" logo that adorned T-shirts. One Book partner, Buttonwood Books & Toys, gives a shirt to anyone who purchases "The Last Pick."

"It has been an incredible experience to have an entire town embrace the book," says McGillivray.

"The intent was to inspire others to set goals and reach for their dreams, yet this town is filled with countless people who have inspired me, from the youngest residents to the oldest."

Friends, Trustees and staff of the library; representatives of Cohasset's schools; parent/student organization representatives; clergy, town officials; the Council on Elder Affairs and local businesses including Buttonwood Books & Toys, Goodwin Graphics, the Cohasset Yoga Center, The Good Sport, the Cohasset Rotary Club and the Cohasset Mariner newspaper all worked together for this inaugural event. Pilgrim Co-operative Bank purchased "The Last Pick" for each of its employees. The Rotary Club purchased copies for Bishop Rocco House, a charity that they annually support.

"The Last Pick" intimately recounts the mental and physical obstacles that McGillivray faced along life's road and over the past few months has inspired many Cohasset residents to complete their own life's "marathon," whatever it may be.

One Book One Cohasset 2007 is only the first chapter in a wonderful story of how one library, in one town, set out to foster a love of reading and discussion of books among all of its residents.

Rockin' for Wellspring at Sea Note

A season-opener at the Sea Note will be the scene of the raffle drawing for Wellspring's dream vacation cruise to Alaska presented by Princess Cruises and Cohasset Travel. On Sunday, May 6, from 4 to 7 p.m., the GR8tfls – the artists formerly know as the Grateful Dads – will be playing at the Sea Note in Hull. The band is in peak form, and working on their sound for their Sea Note debut. The only change-up in the action will be the additional excitement of the spinning drum as a winning ticket for the all-expense-paid cruise to Alaska is drawn.

Thanks to Princess Cruises and the GR8tfls, guests can take a chance on a vacation for two, party at the Sea Note and support Wellspring for only $50.

Thanks to Princess Cruises and the GR8tfls, guests can take a chance on a vacation for two, party at the Sea Note and support Wellspring for only $50. Buy a raffle ticket, party at the Sea Note and support a great cause – Wellspring's educational programs and services.

Admission to Sunday at the Sea Note is free for everyone who has bought a raffle ticket. Raffle tickets are still available for $50, and includes two tickets to the Sea Note, and may be purchased by visiting wellspringhull.org or monica@wellspringhull.org or calling781-925-3211.

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Sports lover scores with a sweet retreat

By Nick French
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The NCAA men's basketball Final Four is as exciting event as there is in American sports today.

It's right up there with the Super Bowl as an event to attend regardless of whether your favorite team is involved.

But it's also one of the toughest tickets in all of sports to get, and should you be lucky enough to procure one, the seats are often in another county from where the actual court is in the expansive domes that host the NCAA's premier event.

If you still want to see some exciting college basketball action, and make a weekend out of it, I offer up an alternative — the regionals.

The first two rounds feature six games over two days, and the opportunity to potentially see an amazing upset. But there are often more blowouts than buzzer beaters and quite a few overmatched teams from small conferences.

But the regionals, which includes two Sweet 16 games, and the Elite 8 game that determines one Final Four entrant often turns out the most exciting games of the tournament.

For three months I had attempted to secure seats for the East regionals in New Jersey, but ticket prices were almost as expensive as the Final Four.

The city of San Antonio is perfect for an event like this, and it will actually host the Final Four next April.

I had given up hope by March and resigned myself to a tournament at home, until a chance phone call with a friend stationed at Fort Hood in Texas the Sunday night after the opening weekend. With the South regionals in San Antonio, a three-hour ride from the base, an idea had sprung to life, and the two of us started working out last-minute logistics.

Because of the uncertainty of the tournament, it's difficult to follow your favorite team all the way through at each site, because you can't simply book a trip to a regional site, purchase tickets and expect your team to be there. As a result a last-minute trip can turn out to be a huge expense, but here are a couple tips for hoops fans who want to see the action up close.

See if it's possible to fly into a city nearby the host city. Flights into San Antonio for that weekend were no cheaper than $700, however I managed to fly into Austin at a much more manageable rate, and it was just a short hour-long drive to San Antonio.

Find out how big the venue is. In New Jersey the East regionals were held in a basketball arena that seats around 18,000. It was understandable that tickets had gone so fast. In San Antonio the Alamodome is a huge venue that still had plenty of good seats when I called the box office on Tuesday afternoon, and ultimately ended up with second-row balcony seats. If seats are sold out to the regional you want to go to find out whether scalping is legal in that particular state. There is always ebay as well, especially closer to the event as sellers try to unload tickets and make their original investment back.



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The outside of the Alamodome, site of the 2007 NCAA South Regionals, just prior to game time. If you come to the city without tickets it won't be hard to find someone selling extra tickets, but be prepared to pay a little extra.



The writer was more than thankful for the exodus of Aggie fans which allowed him to move up for the second game of the night. Ohio State overcame a 20-point halftime deficit in this game to win in the final seconds.

Find out which hotel is hosting your school. It may be a little more expensive, but a weekend in a finer establishment surrounded by fans of your school is certainly worthwhile, and often leaves you within walking distance of all the points of interest, and the arena of the host city.

The games themselves were tremendous as the two semifinals Thursday night came down to the final shot, and eventual champion Ohio State had to come back from 20 down at the half. Walking into an arena and seeing thousands of fans clad in their school garb, one corner of the arena in red, one blue, and one orange. But the most jarring was seeing the entire upper deck and behind both baskets in maroon as thousands of Texas A&M fans came to cheer on their school making its first Sweet 16 appearance in 27 years.

The city of San Antonio is perfect for an event like this, and it will actually host the Final Four next April. Fans from all four schools marched around the city in their school's colors singing fight songs and high-fiving anyone they saw wearing their colors. It is truly a unique experience.

San Antonio is a perfect walking city with the Alamodome within distance of downtown, and the picturesque Riverwalk. On the Riverwalk you can stroll into any bar or restaurant and chat hoops with fans over a nice meal or a drink.

Austin is just a short drive away, and after the tournament was over Saturday, I went up to the capital city to check out the University of Texas.

The football stadium was under construction, so tours were not available but both the baseball and softball teams had home games. Being a child who grew up around softball, I chose to attend the Red River shootout on the softball diamond, as rival Oklahoma, then the No. 3 team in the country was in town to take on the seventh ranked Longhorns. College athletics, even a non-revenue sport like softball is so different from anything that takes place here it's hard to even describe. But it took two weeks for me to fully remove the tune to the "Eyes of Texas" out of my head. The enthusiasm students and alumni have for their Texas programs rivals anything we have here for our professional teams.

Overall it was an exciting sports-filled weekend, in a fun city that I would recommend to any sports lover out there.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

1:24 p.m. **King St.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

1:58 p.m. **Old Pasture Road,** parking complaint; caller states car next to no parking sign.

2:23 p.m. **Howes Lane,** illegal dumping; four bags of garbage – notify DPW. DPW contacted and will pick up in the morning.

4:35 p.m. **Hull St.,** traffic enforcement.

4:38 p.m. **Doane St.,** neighbor dispute.

4:53 p.m. **Hull St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

5:08 p.m. **Hull St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

5:24 p.m. **Sohier St.,** traffic enforcement.

5:29 p.m. **Beechwood and Doane streets,** traffic enforcement.

5:38 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

5:53 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

7:07 p.m. **Elm St.,** suspicious activity. Walk-in reports receiving suspicious calls at his home.

8:45 p.m. **Sohier St.,** motor vehicle stop; arrest. Arrested: Mary L. Carlson, 41, 150 North Main St., Cohasset. Charges: OUI liquor, second offense; negligent operation of a motor vehicle; marked lanes violation.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

12:46 a.m. **School buildings,** building checks.

6:55 a.m. **Forest Ave.,** traffic enforcement.

7:14 a.m. **Forest Ave. and Forest Cir.,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

7:24 a.m. **Wheelwright Park,** suspicious activity. Caller reports a large group of youth walking away from the school and going into the woods at Wheelwright Park. Officer reports this is a class from the high school with teacher present doing a project. No problems.

8:03 a.m. **King St.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

9:10 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and lower King St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

11:29 a.m. **Sohier St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

12:31 p.m. **Mohawk Way,** lost property.

1:21 p.m. **Doane St.,** suspicious activity.

2:28 p.m. **Smith Pl.** Caller reports they found a license plate to this party's vehicle and will hold on to it. Officer is attempting to raise the owner at his residence.

2:41 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.** Officer to this location to retrieve a found license plate. Report to follow.

3:06 p.m. **Mill Lane,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

5:21 p.m. **Margin Ct.** Caller reports he is painting the condos at this location and there has been some kind of alarm going off for about a half hour.

5:56 p.m. **South Main and Spring streets,** traffic enforcement.

6:07 p.m. **Spring and South Main streets,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

6:59 p.m. **Hull St. and Grace Dr.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

7:07 p.m. **South Main St.,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

7:42 p.m. **Howe Road,** warrant services. Subject not home at this time.

9:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.** Caller would like to speak to an officer about a few police-related questions.

10:35 p.m. **North Main St.,** well being check. Caller reports she was on the phone with her friend at the above location and would like a well being check on him. Officer spoke with the above party and everything is fine.

10:55 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** pursuit/vehicle; arrest.

10:55 p.m. – Units advised that Quincy, Weymouth, Hingham and State Police are in pursuit of a vehicle that fired a shot at a police officer. Pursuit is southbound on Route 3A coming toward Cohasset. 886 and 884 at the Cohasset/Hingham line with road spikes. 822 at Sohier and Route 3A. Area police departments notified that Cohasset would be deploying spikes on Route 3A. All units should stay on the left side of road. Spikes will be used on the southbound lane.

10:57 p.m. – 866 reports tires are now blown out on the suspect vehicle. All units going southbound. Suspect has flat tires from the spikes.

10:57 p.m. 882 and 884 report that the suspect car went off the road – Route 3A just north of Pond St. Suspect should be considered armed and dangerous.

11:08 p.m. Weymouth K-9 officer on scene.

11:11 p.m. Weymouth K-9 starting a track.

11:27 p.m. 866 requests fire unit for lights, Norwell, Scituate, Weymouth, Quincy and Hingham police departments for mutual aid. Route 3A between Pond and Sohier closed to all traffic.

11:36 p.m. 866 reports that the perimeter is Route 3A, Pond Street, Clay Spring Road and Sohier Street. State Police Troopers detailed to Cohasset Imports in case suspect attempts to steal a vehicle.

12:40 a.m. 866 advises that State Police stop team will be entering the perimeter. All units stand-fast. All Cohasset units stay out on the road. Stop team will be going yard-to-yard.

1:49 a.m. Units reporting that a Lincoln was just stolen from a driveway on Pleasant Street.

1:55 a.m. 866 wants 844 and 888 to respond to home on Pleasant Street where vehicle was just stolen from, and check on the residents.

1:56 a.m. Stolen vehicle now heading 228 north toward Hull. All units advised.

2 a.m. Suspect vehicle is ramming State police cruisers in Hull. Suspect vehicle has been disabled by police on "J" Street in Hull. Suspect in custody.

11:27 p.m. **Bayberry Lane,** suspicious activity. Caller reports that there is evidence from the pursuit in her yard. Advised that police would recover it as soon as possible.

11:33 p.m. **Arrowwood Road,** suspicious activity. Caller reports evidence from pursuit in their yard. Advised to leave it alone. Police officers will recover as soon as possible.

11:37 p.m. **Bayberry Lane,** prowler. 911 caller reports someone is banging on her cellar door.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

1:11 a.m. **Hammond Ave.,** prowler. Caller reports hearing noises in yard.

1:49 a.m. **Pleasant St.,** motor vehicle theft; arrest.

1:57 a.m. **Pond St.,** suspicious activity. Caller reports she is hearing noises in her basement and is home alone with her kids. She is unsure whether the basement door is locked. Officers on scene at this time.

2 a.m. **North Main St. and Rocky Lane,** pursuit/vehicle. State units in pursuit of stolen vehicle. Cohasset Delta Units assisting. Suspect in custody in town of Hull.

8:24 a.m. **Short St.,** suspicious vehicle; 911 caller reports a suspicious motor vehicle parked at this location with a male operator and New York plates.

9:11 a.m. **Pleasant St.,** investigation.

9:15 a.m. **Pleasant St.,** lock-out/lock-in. Sergeant reports this resident is locked out of her residence.

10:46 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop.

11:14 a.m. **South Main St.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:21 a.m. **Town search,** investigation.

12:19 p.m. **Elm St.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

12:56 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** assist other police department. Salem Police called requesting we go to this location and use caution. They request we notify the resident to call them as soon as possible as he just threatened to shoot the meter maids in Salem..

2:52 p.m. **Pleasant St.,** disturbance. Caller reports the elderly female across the street is standing in his driveway looking in the windows.

4:15 p.m. **Pleasant St.,** lost property. Lost cell phone. He thinks it fell from his car when he was carrying packages.

5:07 p.m. **Howe Road,** warrant services. Arrest: Laurie L. Torres, 36, 106 Howe Road, Cohasset. Charge: Warrant.

8:14 p.m. **South St.,** parking complaint. Officer spoke with manager.

8:30 p.m. **Elm St.,** officer wanted. Party wanted to speak with an officer.

9:09 p.m. **Lily Pond Lane,** investigation; follow up on earlier incident.

9:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle stop, arrest. Arrested: Edson Antonio Pires Ramos, 24, 260 North Ave., Abington Charges: Motor vehicle lights violation; unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle; forge/misuse of RMV document. Also, another Abington resident summonsed on charge of allowing improper operation of motor vehicle.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

12:35 a.m. **King St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

1:11 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

1:12 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

12:13 p.m. **King St.,** larceny report.

3:13 p.m. **Tad Lane,** suspicious vehicle.

3:28 p.m. **Tad Lane,** well being check.

3:47 p.m. **High School/Pond St.,** officer wanted.

4:17 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** animal bite. Party was bitten by a dog coming out of Wompatuck and wants to see an officer. Dog is from this resident and is up to date.

7:09 p.m. **Pleasant St.** Party states that she received a suspicious phone call and would like to speak with an officer.

7:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** larceny report.

7:33 p.m. **South Main St.,** property damage. Walk-in party wanted to speak with an officer. Party would like extra patrols.

8:15 p.m. **North Main St.,** animal complaint. Caller reported a deer had run across the tracks and possibly caught its leg and may not be able to walk. Officer states that there are a few deer in the area and that none appear injured.

8:18 p.m. **North Main St.,** motor vehicle stop, arrest. Arrested: Thomas Bilodeau, 23, 75 Doane St., Cohasset. Charge: Possession of Class D drug.

8:55 p.m. **Hull St.,** parking complaint. Several vehicles moved, five tagged.

10:36 p.m. **Marion Way,** neighborhood disturbance. Caller stated that there was a verbal fight going on at this location. Party called back and said they had left in their car.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

12:40 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks secure.

12:41 a.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

12:51 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

7:20 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

12:36 p.m. **Forest Ave.,** brush fire. Caller reports possible illegal burning. Fire units responding. Fire lieutenant reports there is an illegal fire going at this location. E3 will be tied up.

1:15 p.m. **Edgar Road,** Scituate, medical aid.

1:35 p.m. **Pleasant St.,** disturbance. Caller reports her elderly female neighbor is throwing a fit in the street, yelling and swearing at the caller and her kids. Female has returned back to the scene to speak to officer. Officer reports there is another neighbor now on scene and there is now a verbal argument going on in the middle of the street involving the elderly female and another female. Elderly female was advised that if this does occur again she will be charged accordingly. Elderly female being summonsed on charge of disturbing the peace.

2:58 p.m. **Pleasant St.,** disturbance. Caller reports elderly female is across the street yelling and swearing at him and his young children.

4:05 p.m. **Lamberts Lane,** medical aid; transported to SSH/BLS.

5:03 p.m. **North Main St.** Caller reports there is an alarm going off at his neighbor's house and it's been going off for 15 minutes now.

5:42 p.m. **Highland Ave.,** medical aid.

11:30 p.m. **Pleasant St.,** notification. Caller would like it logged that teenagers walk by her house late at night and kick the cone that sits in front of her house. This happened tonight, and when she yelled at the kids through the bathroom window, one of them told her it was an accident, "I'm sorry, I'll pick it up and put it back." Caller reports they are out to get her.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

12:36 a.m. **Beechwood St.,** suspicious activity. Caller stated that he thought he heard a gunshot coming from the end of his driveway at this location.

1:09 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

1:13 a.m. **Black Horse Lane,** missing child. Caller reports that her son has not come home yet and can not get a hold of him. Child has been located by mother and is at home now. Mother refused medical attention for son and will consider pressing charges against the host of the party in the morning.

1:25 a.m. **King St.,** animal complaint. Caller reports he hit a deer and has some front end damage. The deer ran into the woods.

2:12 a.m. **Parker Ave.** Caller reported a car in a dangerous spot in the road. Officer stated there are no cars on the road.

2:58 a.m. **Black Horse Lane,** medical aid. 911 caller states that her son needs medical attention. He was drinking earlier and cannot fall asleep.

4:25 a.m. **Elm St.,** officer wanted. Walk-in stated he wanted to speak to the sergeant on duty.

10:09 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation issued.

10:43 a.m. **Forest Ave.** Caller stated that there was an animal on the road by Wheelwright Park. Contacted the Animal Control Officer and left a message.

2:17 p.m. **Hull St.** Caller stated that he was out of town and received a message from his son that stated that he lost/hurt his arm. He believes it is an April Fools joke, but he cannot get a hold of him.

2:28 p.m. **Hanover Road.** Hanover put out a BOLO stating that a 23-year-old male, 6'3", wearing a gray sweatshirt and sweatpants is carrying a knife and a.45. He is threatening to harm his girlfriend who works at Cohasset Country Club.

2:28 p.m. **Elm St.** Party turned in a found cell phone.

2:28 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.,** erratic operation of a motor vehicle. Scituate Police Department reports a green Pontiac Sunbird operating erratically, passing vehicles northbound on Route 3A. 884 reports vehicle never came by him on Route 3A.

3:25 p.m. **King and Sohier streets;** motor vehicle stop. Written warning for marked lane violation.

3:41 p.m. **Ripley Road,** traffic complaint.

6:15 p.m. **Mendel Road and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

6:33 pm. **Nantasket Ave.,** structure fire.

7:59 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation issued.

8:20 p.m. **High School/Pond St.,** open door/window. No evidence of break, door apparently left open.

9:26 p.m. **Highland Ave.,** medical aid.

9:36 p.m. **Sohier St.** Building check Deer Hill/Osgood schools.

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MONDAY, APRIL 2

8:41 a.m. **Pleasant St.,** medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

10:19 a.m. **King St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning issued for unregistered vehicle. You can not have a vehicle registered in another state if you work or live in Mass. for more than 30 days out of the year.

11:24 a.m. **Aaron River Road,** caller reports smelling smoke in her basement and there is thick black smoke coming from her chimney. Officer reports the odor smells like a delayed ignition. Fire Captain reports there is a malfunctioning heating system. Homeowner notified oil company.

12:05 p.m. **Border St.,** notification that the hydrant at the beginning of the street will be out of service until it is replaced Wednesday. Active hydrants are on either side of the bridge.

2:21 p.m. **Highland Ave.,** medical aid requested for uncontrollable nosebleed; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

2:27 p.m. **Sheldon Road,** walk-in party reports receiving a suspicious solicitation letter in the mail.

3:24 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** caller reports two suspicious motor vehicles pulled in to road; one is a red van and

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POLICE/FIRE TERMS

ACO —Animal Control Officer (also referred to as 889)

ALS — Transport, Ambulance Transporting - Advanced Life Support (High level of care with paramedics administering drugs)

BLS Transport — Ambulance Transporting, Basic Life Support (Usually not life threatening)

BOLO — Be On the Look Out

BT — Breath Test (having to do with liquor offenses)

C20 — Cohasset Fire Chief Roger Lincoln

Capt. — Fire Captain (supervisor)

CID — Criminal Investigation Division (Cohasset Detectives)

CPAC — State Police Troopers Assigned to the District Attorneys Office

D1 — Delta One (Sergeant CID Commander)

D2 — Delta Two (Cohasset Detectives call sign)

D/K — Drunk

E1 - E4 — Cohasset Fire Engines

GOA— Gone on Arrival

HQ — Headquarters

Juvenile —Person under the age of 17

L1 — Cohasset Fire Ladder Truck

LEAPS/NCIC — Police Computer System (National)

ME — Medical Examiner

M/V — Motor Vehicle

OIC — Officer in Charge

OUI — Operating under the influence (liquor or drugs)

P81 through P84 — Fire Captains' Radio Call Signs

PC — Protective Custody (Persons who are too intoxicated to care for themselves are taken into protective custody — not a criminal charge)

PI — Personal Injury

Principle Party —Person who called

PT — Patient

QMC — Quincy Medical Center

R3 — Abbreviation for Cohasset Ambulance / Rescue 3. May also be R1 (Hingham Fire Ambulance), or R2 (Hull Fire Ambulance)

RMV —Registry of Motor Vehicles

RO — Restraining Order

RP — Reporting Party

S1 — Squad 1 — Cohasset Fire Squad (Forest Fire Truck)

SDI — Smoke Detector Investigation

Sgt. — Police Sergeant (supervisor)

S/P — Suspicious Person

SSH — South Shore Hospital

WMS — Warrant Management System (Name for Massachusetts computer system that holds arrest warrants)

881 — Cohasset Police Chief James Hussey

882 -888 — Cohasset PD Cruiser Numbers

886 or 888 — Cohasset PD Sergeants Car (Shift Commanders)

Police/Fire Log

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not sure of the other.

5:14 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, follow up investigation; services rendered.

7:55 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in party reports losing her cell phone.

8:04 p.m. **Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic enforcement.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

12:06 a.m. **Summer St.**, caller states "a dog has been barking for four hours."

1 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

1:01 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

6:55 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:31 a.m. **Town lot**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

7:44 a.m. **Cushing Road and Pleasant St.**, traffic enforcement.

12:14 p.m. **Nichols Road**, caller reports a cleaner's truck went by, knocked the mirror off his motor vehicle, and kept going.

1:53 p.m. **Norman Todd Road**, caller reports having a verbal argument with another male party in front of his home and the party may have a weapon in his hand. Officers report this was a verbal argument only; both parties spoken to and no weapons involved.

2:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid requested for person with chest pain; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

3:13 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, caller wants to remain anonymous at this time, but would like the animal control officer to speak to their neighbor regarding letting their dogs bark at all hours of the day and night for at least 45 minutes before bringing them inside.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

12:26 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

12:27 a.m. **Pond St.** - High School, officer reports building checked; secure.

4:38 a.m. **Pond St.** - High School, officer reports building checked; secure.

4:44 a.m. **Sohier St.** – Deer Hill School, officer reports school checked; building secure.

4:46 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

6:45 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:50 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement; all traffic within acceptable limits.

8:42 a.m. **Border St.**, caller from the Water Dept. reports receiving several calls regarding the water being brown. E3 reports they have been using the hydrant at this location for the construction, but will find an alternative at this time. They should not use the hydrants.

9:42 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

10:10 a.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in party requests to speak with an officer regarding her male neighbor, who is acting very strange lately; she is concerned for her young child's safety.

4:21 p.m. **Pond St. and Bailey Road**, public service, other.

4:29 p.m. **Clay Spring Road and Bayberry Lane**, a disabled motor vehicle is creating a road hazard and has not been moved by the owner; tried to contact owner and was unable to reach anyone.

4:46 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, calling party reports that he went to visit his friend and he thinks his friend is dead; Medical Examiner's office notified. Medical Examiner on scene.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

12:20 a.m. **Headquarters**, caller requests to speak with an officer regarding a tenant.

12:23 a.m. **Headquarters**, caller requests to speak with an officer.

12:50 a.m. **Headquarters**, female caller has called twice more; advised to contact an officer after 8 a.m.

12:53 a.m. **Pond St.** - High School, officer reports building checked; secure.

12:53 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

4:10 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in party reports she locked herself out of her car; services rendered.

4:34 p.m. **Grace Drive**, motor vehicle operator reports his vehicle was hit by paint balls; youths responsible later located at a party on Hull St.

8:36 p.m. **North Main St.**, caller reports a stray dog has made himself at home on the porch; dog owner called and will pick up the dog.

8:53 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious activity reported; caller reports she and her daughter heard five loud blasts in the past couple of minutes. The noise stopped and area search is negative; officer will return to check later.

9:23 p.m. **School St.**, past assault and battery reported; Hull Police Dept. reports a Hull resident was assaulted in Cohasset. Officers are en route back to Cohasset Police Department with one of the parties following. Officers checked for witnesses at the Mobile Mart.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

12:45 a.m. **Pond St.** - High School, officer reports building checked; secure.

12:46 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports elementary schools checked; secure.

7:36 a.m. **Atlantic Ave. and Margin St.**, icy road conditions reported; DPW notified.

8:09 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports a patient just walked in and is having an allergic reaction.

9:13 a.m. **Beechwood and South Main St.**, State Police transfer call reports a motor vehicle accident with possible injuries.

9:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle accident; no injuries reported.

10:34 a.m. **Sohier St. and Ripley Road**, caller reports the construction crew hit a large gas line; Fire Capt. reports the line has ruptured.

10:44 a.m. **Black Horse Lane**, 911 caller reports heavy smoke in the area; unsure if it is a brush fire. Fire Capt. reports this is a permit fire with the smoke drifting over; will speak to resident.

10:51 a.m. **Black Horse Lane**, officer reports responding to a call noticed an open door at the residence with nobody home.

12:47 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, 209A violation. Caller reports her ex-husband is at the residence within 100 feet of the house and is trying to start an argument with her. The female has fled the scene and male party is under arrest.

2:30 p.m. **Beach St. and Atlantic Ave.**, caller reports a brush fire; Fire Capt. reports it is a permit fire.

2:44 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested for resident with congestive heart failure; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

4:44 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, 911 caller hung up when the phone was answered. On a call back, she stated she meant to dial 411 and didn't want a cruiser to come by; officer to confirm accidental.

5:59 p.m. **Jerusalem Road and Linden Drive**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

8:23 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller reports a car is parked on the wrong way on the street just after Sandy Beach and it could get hit. Owner moved the vehicle.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

1:48 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports buildings checked; secure.

1:55 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports buildings checked; secure.

1:59 a.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop.

6:37 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, officer reports buildings checked; secure.

6:46 a.m. **Highland Ave.**, officer requested for election coverage.

9:44 a.m. **All schools**, officer reports buildings checked; secure.

10:26 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

10:56 a.m. **Pond St.** - High School, officer reports school checked; building secure.

11:11 a.m. **Sohier St.** – Deer Hill School, officer reports school checked; building secure.

11:27 a.m. **Elm and South Main streets**, motor vehicle violations; caller reports being almost run down in the crosswalk by a woman in a red sports car with dark hair who was talking on the phone.

1:19 p.m. **Jerusalem Road and Linden Drive**, caller reports someone is burning brush and the flames are about 10 to 12 feet high; E3 reports they will make another sweep of the neighborhood.

3:22 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, caller with request for officer.

4:06 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports a vehicle is swerving over marked lanes.

4:56 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

5:17 p.m. **Doane St.**, Sergeant reports a brush fire that should have been extinguished by 4 p.m.; fire to be extinguished by resident.

6:22 p.m. **King St.**, trespassing reported; there is a new lock on fence. Damage and holes noticed; officer reports buildings check secure and area search negative.

8:10 p.m. **Sohier St.** – Deer Hill School, officer reports school checked; building secure.

8:11 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

8:11 p.m. **Pond St.** - High School, officer reports building checked; secure.

8:18 p.m. **South Main St.**, caller reports a group of youths in another vehicle were harassing her by tailgating and flashing their lights at her. Sergeant spoke with the owner of the vehicle and she stated that her son was driving the car and it will be taken care of.

8:33 p.m. **King St.**, caller reports a motor vehicle cut her off and is being driven erratically.

8:37 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking complaint; two vehicle tagged.

10:29 p.m. **Spring St.**, animal complaint.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

12:38 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, officer reports buildings checked; secure.

12:43 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; verbal warning issued.

1:32 a.m. **Pond St.** - High School, officer reports building checked; secure.

1:55 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; arrest: Zoe R. Stoner, 22, 222 Wompatuck St., Hingham. Charges: Operating motor vehicle under the influence and speeding.

2:30 a.m. **Sohier St.** – Deer Hill School, officer reports school checked; building secure.

8:52 a.m. **Indian Trail** – Scituate, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

9:54 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports a gas drive off in the amount of $33; vehicle with New Jersey plates is headed toward Scituate. Scituate Police Dept. notified.

11:11 a.m. **Short St.**, noise complaint; caller from Norfolk Road reports someone on Short St. is riding around in a Bob Cat machine on their own property. She complains it is noisy and its Easter.

3:25 p.m. **Hull St.**, caller reports she spoke with her son and would like a well-being check due to issues in the past month; officer reports party is with a friend and all is well.

3:54 p.m. **Pond St.** - High School, officer reports building checked; secure.

5:10 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

5:14 p.m. **Short St.**, caller reports his neighbor is running his bulldozer and has been repeatedly asked to stop.

7:56 p.m. **Sohier St.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

8:04 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports buildings checked; secure.

8:08 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports buildings checked; secure.

11:27 p.m. **Elm St.**, Hull Police issued a be on the lookout announcement for a person involved in a hit and run accident; described as a maroon Toyota sedan with front-end damage. Direction of travel unknown.

Police/Fire Status Report

CFD responds to 147 incidents

During the month of February the Fire Department responded to 147 incidents. The summary of Fire Department responses during the month: six building fires; four hazardous materials responses; three illegal burning; nine motor vehicle crashes; 53 medical emergencies; 22 inspections; 15 investigations; two natural gas investigations, three lock outs/lock ins; 15 automatic fire alarm activations; three medical alarm activations; two mutual aid fire responses to other communities; one downed power line and eight miscellaneous responses. 46 emergency incidents were reported by 911 telephone: 30 medical emergencies; three building fires; five investigations; four motor vehicle crashes; one automatic fire alarm investigation and three assists.

"The ambulance transported 35 patients to South Shore Hospital," Fire Chief Robert Silva said in his monthly status report. "Eighteen of the 35 were advanced life support transports. Mutual aid ambulances transported nine patients to South Shore Hospital. Four of the nine mutual aid ambulance transports were advanced life support. There was one motor vehicle crash that required victims to be transported to the hospital."

"Automatic fire alarm activation responses totaled 15 for the month. Accidental activation of the alarm system accounted for six responses and alarm malfunction was the cause of nine responses," Silva said.

There were six responses classed as building fires for the month, three were for malfunctioning heating equipment; one was for a chimney fire; one was for malfunctioning electrical equipment and one was for improper disposal of smoking materials that caused a fire in a trash can inside a commercial building.

There were four responses to hazardous materials incidents during the month. One was for approximately 75 gallons of heating oil that leaked from a ruptured tank in the basement of a home. One was for approximately 50 gallons of gasoline that spilled due to improper fueling of a motor vehicle. One was for approximately 25 gallons of gasoline spilled by the company that fills the Town's vehicle fueling facility. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection was notified for all of these incidents. The last response was for fluids that had leaked from a damaged motor vehicle. The Department handled this response with the assistance of the Cohasset DPW.

"The Emergency Medical/Ambulance Management hardware/software has been placed into service and the electronic transfer of billing information to Comstar began during February," Silva said.

All members of the Department received Incident Command training during the month. The 16-hour class was provided by the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy.

Police issued 101 motor vehicle citations

In Chief James Hussey's monthly status report, he said police made four arrests in February: one for Operating Under the Influence of Drugs; one for Minor in Possession of Liquor; one for Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle; and finally, one for Disorderly Conduct, Police Chief James Hussey said.

In February, the police department investigated 10 motor vehicle accidents, one of which resulted in personal injury. There were 101 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $1,785 in fines. Additionally, there were 34 parking tickets issued totaling $900 in fines, Hussey said.

Also in February the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 704 calls for police services, and of those 104 were Emergency 911 calls, Hussey said.

There were no reports of breaking and entering. Also in February there were 10 Criminal Complaints issued for the month, Hussey said.

Open burning season ends May 1

The season ends May 1. The Cohasset Fire Department is changing the procedure for obtaining a burning permit. Permits are not being issued over the phone as in past years. Anyone wishing to obtain a permit must apply at Fire Headquarters, 44 Elm St.

What are the limits on open burning in Massachusetts? —The Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) and the Cohasset Fire Department limit open burning for public health and safety reasons. Open burning pollutes the air and can make it difficult for people with respiratory problems to breathe. When the air is stagnant, open burning can pose smoke and odor nuisances — and health risks — to nearby residents, particularly in densely populated areas. Open burning can also pose a safety risk when it is not adequately controlled. The limits on open burning do not apply to outdoor cooking.

What can be burned, when, and under what conditions? — You may burn, with limits: brush, cane, driftwood, forestry debris, tree prunings, dead raspberry stalks, blueberry patches and infected beehives. You may not legally burn grass, hay, leaves, stumps or tires.

In most of the state's towns and cities, homeowners are allowed to burn brush, cane, driftwood and forestry debris - not including grass, hay, leaves or stumps - between Jan. 15 and May 1, so long as the open burning takes place:

- with the permission of the local fire department;
- between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.;
- when the air is circulating well but winds are light;
- no less than 75 feet away from all dwellings; and
- on your own property and as close as possible to the source of material(s) to be burned.

What types of open burning are not allowed? — There are no circumstances under which it is legal to burn grass, hay, leaves, stumps or tires. They simply do not burn as "cleanly" as those materials that may legally be burned. All of them produce acrid smoke that causes nuisance conditions and threatens people's health. When tires are burned, they produce noxious gases and petroleum residue, both of which can be harmful to people and the environment.

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OBITUARIES

Henry A. Lantz Jr.

Member Tennessee Sheriff's Association

Henry A. Lantz Jr., 67, of Tennessee, formerly of Cohasset, died March 27, 2007, at home.

Born in Marshfield, he was the son of the late Henry Lantz Sr. and Dorothy (Neagle) Lantz. Mr. Lantz grew up in Cohasset. He served in the U.S. Navy and later owned and operated a commercial refrigeration company.

Mr. Lantz moved to Tennessee and became a police officer and member of the Tennessee Sheriff's Association. He was fondly known by friends and family as Sonny or Hank.

He leaves four children, Edward Lantz, James Collis, Michael Lantz and Adrienne (Lantz) Huntington; three sisters, Joyce Curran of Panama, Phyllis Wadliegh of Hingham and Joan Burden of Maine and two grandchildren, Michael and Austin Lantz-Huntington.

Donations in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK., 73123-1718 or by visiting cancer.org.

Charles R. Rose

Lifelong Cohasset resident

Charles R.. Rose, of Cohasset, 56, died April 4, 2007, at home.

Born in Boston, he was the son of the late Charles W. Rose and Velma Rose of Cohasset. A lifelong resident of Cohasset, he graduated from Cohasset High School. Mr. Rose worked locally as a skilled carpenter and builder. He was an avid fisherman who had a great love for Cohasset harbor. He also enjoyed gardening and horse racing and was an active member of the Sons of the American Legion.



Charles R. Rose

He leaves his daughters, Carleyann Rose-Golden and her husband, Mike of Cohasset and Andrea Rose Regan and her husband, Matt of Kingston; his sisters, Dorene L. Petrosky of Dover, Del., Velma A. Begley, Nadine A. Ronan and Karla A. Watts, all of Cohasset; his grandson, Nicholas C. Golden of Cohasset and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

A memorial Service was held April 10, in the Second Congregational Church, in Cohasset. Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset. Interment is private.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Scholarship Fund of the George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118, 98 Summer St., Cohasset, MA., 02025.

Ada B. Falconiero

WWII U.S. Army Nurse Corps Veteran

Ada B. (Howard) Falconiero, 89, of Cohasset, died March 28, 2007, at home.

She was born in Georgetown, S.C., and raised at the Connie Maxwell Children's Home in Greenwood, S.C. She went on to graduate from the South Carolina Baptist School of Nursing, serving as a Registered Nurse during World War II in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps.

After serving in the Army, Mrs. Falconiero worked for the American Red Cross and the Visiting Nurse Association. In 2001, she moved to Cohasset to live with her daughter, Linda Maria.

Wife of the late Ralph V. Falconiero, she leaves two daughters, Linda Maria Falconiero of Cohasset and Judith L. Schaefer of Finksburg, Md.; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A service celebrating her life will be held Saturday, April 14, at 11 a.m., in the United Church of Christ at 460 Main St., Route 123, in Norwell. Arrangements were handled by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset.

Donations in her memory can made to the Ada B. Falconiero Scholarship Fund, Connie Maxwell Children's Home, P. O. Box 1178, Greenwood, S.C. 29648-9989.

BRIEFLY

Italian organist in concert at St. Stephen's

As part of its Concert Series, St. Stephen's Church is pleased to present organist Giorgio Parolini of Milan, Italy, in recital on Wednesday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. . Mr. Parolini had been organist of the Musical Chapel of the Monza Cathedral, and is currently organist at the Basilica of S. Eufemia in Milano. He will perform works by Italian composers, as well as compositions by Bach and Krebs, on the magnificent 58-rank Aeolian-Skinner organ of St. Stephen's, known for its tonal colors and registrational diversity.

The church is located at 16 Highland Avenue, is handicap accessible, and plenty of parking is available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information, please call 781.383.1083.

Remove winter wreaths

Carl A. Sestito, Superintendent of the Cohasset DPW has announced winter wreaths and baskets must be removed from all town owned cemeteries by Sunday, April 15.

For information call 781-383-4125.

Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chairman: William Baird.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, April 15: 10 a.m. - Worship in the Meeting House

Sermon: "Standing in the need of prayer—Who, us?"

Religious education classes for our toddlers, childcare for our youngest, and a One Room Schoolhouse, "Creative Arts: A Workshop with Marsha Klein," for our children and youth begin at 10 a.m. in the Parish House.

Refreshments and fellowship follow the service.

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – New to First Parish? Welcome to You and Unitarian Universalism and to First Parish UU – An Overview, Discussion & Brunch for New & Prospective Members – Minister's Study – Child care provided as needed (duplicate session on May 20)

If you're new and curious and considering membership, come discover who we are and what we're about—as Unitarian Universalists and as First Parish UU in and beyond Cohasset. Our minister, Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, will be joined by representatives of our Membership Committee, leading us in conversation and story as we meet and learn. Please register by calling Sandy Bailey at the church (781-383-1100). Be sure to let her know if you'll need child care.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village. To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood.

We now also have prayer services you can listen to online, including a special daily Lenten reading.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (third Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); Scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination: Christian Science. 781-749-2874. Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

Legal Notices

WEST CORNER CULVERT
LEGAL NOTICE
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassHighway to discuss the proposed West Corner Culvert replacement (Route 228 over Straits Channel) in Hull, Cohasset and Hingham, Massachusetts.

WHERE: Hingham Town Hall
Central South Meeting Room, 2nd Floor
210 Central Street
Hingham, MA 02043

WHEN: Thursday, April 19, 2007 @ 7:00 PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed project. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: This project includes the replacement of the existing West Corner Culvert (Bridge No. C-17-004), along with the sluice gates, located at the Hull/Hingham/Cohasset Town Lines. The project will also provide ecological benefits to Straits Pond and reduce flooding potential. The project also includes: roadway reconstruction, retaining walls, installation of sidewalks, granite curbing and driveways, drainage system upgrades, waterline replacement, sanitary sewer line replacement, installation of guardrail, traffic signs, and pavement markings. The approach roadway to the bridge will meet the existing grading. The horizontal alignment will remain essentially the same. The total length of the roadway reconstruction is approximately 870 feet. The bridge will be closed during construction and a temporary detour will be established.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The town is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassHighway's policy concerning land acquisitions will be discussed at this hearing.

Written views received by MassHighway subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing shall be displayed for public inspection and copying at the time and date listed above. Plans will be on display one-half hour before the hearing begins, with an engineer in attendance to answer questions regarding this project. A project handout is available on the MassHighway website listed below.

Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the Public Hearing regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to David Anderson, P.E., Acting Chief Engineer, Massachusetts Highway Department, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116. Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing. The final date of receipt of these statements and exhibits for inclusion in the public hearing transcript will be ten (10) days after this Public Hearing.

The community has declared that this facility is accessible to all in compliance with the ADA / Title II. However, persons in need of ADA / Title II accommodations should contact Angela Rudikoff by phone at (617) 973-7005 or e m a i l angela.rudikoff@eot.state.ma.us. Requests must be made at least 10 days prior to the date of the public hearing.

In case of inclement weather, hearing cancellation announcements will be posted on the MassHighway website **http:www.mass.gov/mhd**.

LUISA PAIEWONSKY
COMMISSIONER
DAVID ANDERSON, P.E.
ACTING CHIEF ENGINEER

Boston, Massachusetts

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LEGAL NOTICE
Board of Selectmen
Public Hearing Notice
Pole Hearings

The Cohasset Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 23, 2007 at 7:15PM in the Selectmen's Office, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, to consider the joint petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Verizon New England to relocate pole #120 on Chief Justice Cushing Highway approximately 5 feet north of its current location due to road widening to accommodate the new MBTA station parking lot. The public is invited to offer public input on this proposal in writing in advance of the public hearing or in person at the hearing.

Board of Selectmen

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LEGAL NOTICE
Board of Selectmen
Public Hearing Notice
Pole Hearings

The Cohasset Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 23, 2007 at 7:20PM in the Selectmen's Office, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, to consider the petition of Massachusetts Electric to locate 3 poles on North Main Street for lighting associated with the new MBTA station. The public is invited to offer public input on this proposal in writing in advance of the public hearing or in person at the hearing.

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What's happening on the South Shore

APRIL 12-20, 2007

Music Circus pitches opening day

Tickets go on sale Saturday for summer season

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

The South Shore Music Circus doesn't just open for the season, it throws a party for the season's first-in-line customers.

That's the idea behind the annual Music Circus opening day celebration, when Cohasset's tent-theatre, summer concert venue opens for its regular season ticket sales, adding an afternoon of live music, Boston radio street team promotion and general party atmosphere. This year's third annual event happens this Saturday, April 14, with the box office open at noon while the music and radio van broadcasting kicks off at 11 a.m. to entertain the earliest customers for tickets to this season's shows at both the Music Circus and its cousin venue, The Cape Cod Melody Tent, in Hyannis.

As in the past couple of years, opening day has an overall country music flavor. Radio station Country 102.5/WKLB (recently relocated to 102.5 from 99.5 on the FM dial) will once again be on site with their street team from about 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The team will simulcast from a station vehicle and offer station promotional items to folks in line to purchase tickets.

Also from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and back for the third straight year, musical guests the Dave Foley Band will serve up their unique blend of country, rockabilly and blues. Singer/guitarist Foley, of Hull, is known as the South Shore Troubadour, and will be performing with the other two-thirds of his regular trio — Rich Holbrook, of Wareham, on bass, and Mal Shaw, of Pembroke, on drums.

"We get a lot of customers on our opening day, and they stand in line for tickets for a long time, so we like to keep them entertained," said Paula Gates, director of marketing and public relations for both the Music Circus and Melody Tent.

"Some people who come down bring beach and lawn chairs, and the whole event becomes a real party atmosphere," she said.

Gates added that the opening day festivities usually draw some 1,500 customers and patrons coming and going throughout the day, including many Cape Cod residents buying tickets for Melody Tent events as the box office there doesn't open until Memorial Day weekend.



Dave Foley

"It's always an honor to play at the opening."
Singer/guitarist Dave Foley

New for this year's opening, the Music Circus will be offering prizes every half hour through a random drawing. Patrons fill out an entry form and deposit it in the enter-to-win box. Some of the prizes include restaurant gift certificates, and gift certificates from the Hanover Mall and Independence Mall. The grand prize is a $100 gift certificate to Atlantica Restaurant on Cohasset Harbor.

Additionally, the Music Circus and Melody Tent venue sponsor, Eastern Bank, will have staffers on site offering promotional items.

The country theme of opening day is perhaps appropriate, as the Music Circus schedule has featured more country or country-based acts in recent years. Country artists coming to Cohasset this year include The Charlie Daniels Band (June 24), Trisha Yearwood (July 14), Gretchen Wilson (Aug. 23), LeAnn Rimes (Aug. 25) and, a new show just added, Trace Adkins.

A handful of exciting first-time Music Circus artists also highlight the summer schedule, including the Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin (July 7), fast-rising jazz trumpet musician Chris Botti (Aug. 18), and alternative folk-rockers The Indigo Girls (Aug. 24).

Foley, who has played at the Music Circus in the past opening for such acts as the Doobie Brothers, Brian Setzer and Jodi Messina, is happy once again to be part of the venue's season.

"It's always an honor to play at the opening," said Foley. "The Music Circus could pretty much get anyone they want to do this, but they call me back each year. We (the Dave Foley Band) usually play a sort of low-key set for this date, and while the customers are waiting in line, they've got something to listen to."

Foley can also be heard performing solo each Sunday evening at the Next Page Café in Weymouth. The weekly dates are a feature of New Blue Productions, run by Bob "Satch" Romano, of Braintree.

For a complete listing of all concerts and events at South Shore Music Circus and the Cape Cod Melody Tent visit themusiccircus.org or melodytent.org

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Fresh from the Big Apple

Circus will take you back in time

For its 29th season, the Big Apple Circus — now at Boston's City Hall Plaza — is stepping back in time for "Step Right Up!," a visit to a classic boardwalk-style amusement resort by the sea which comes to life under the Big Top. Like any vintage boardwalk scene there are rollicking rides and awesome arcades, boisterous barkers and surprising sideshows, bathing beauties and beachcombers, and circus carousels of electrifying splendor! And like any classic circus, there are jugglers, acrobats, equestrians, aerialists, horses, dogs, and jesters. And since this is the Big Apple, Grandma the Clown is also on hand to transport audiences, through laughter, to a bygone world, where everyone wins and memories are golden.

As in past years, the Big Apple Circus boasts an international company which includes performers from Russia, England, England, Germany, China, Australia, France, Cuba, and, of course, the United States. Known as New York's original one-ring circus, the not-for-profit Big Apple Circus has long been dedicated to bringing the magic of the circus to diverse audiences through a range of outreach programs.



PHOTOS BY BERTRAND GUAY/BIG APPLE CIRCUS

From the good old USA, Johnny Peers's capering canines, the Muttville Comix, create razzle-dazzle Midway mayhem!

Last week, for example, hundreds of children with sensory impairments gathered beneath the Big Apple Circus's Big Top tent at City Hall Plaza to experience the magic and joy of the circus at "Circus of the Senses." The free performance was attended by students from some 30 schools in Massachusetts and New Hampshire including Randolph's Learning Center for Deaf Children, and the New England Village in Pembroke.

This free performance was accomplished by providing headsets to children with vision impairments to hear a lively, running description of the action in the ring by Ringmaster Paul Binder and his Big Apple Circus co-creator Michael Christensen. Spotlighted American Sign Language interpreters narrate the show to the hearing-impaired. Following the performance, a group of sight-impaired children will be invited into the circus ring for a "touch session." They were able to feel the sawdust, touch the fabric of the elegant costumes and meet some of the performers — both the two-legged and the four-legged ones.



Star Icon of the Big Apple Circus and International Clown Hall of Fame Inductee Barry (Grandma) Lubin.

"Step Right Up!" *continues its run under the Big Top at City Hall Plaza through May 6. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at (617) 931-2787, ticketmaster.com and at all Ticketmaster outlets. Tickets may also be purchased in person at BOSTIX (two locations, Faneuil Hall Marketplace and Copley Square) or at The Big Apple Circus box office in front of the Big Top in Government Center. For additional information call the Ticket Info Line at (800)-922-3772.*

— R. Scott Reedy

Calendar of events

Thursday, April 12

Spring into Fashion, a show to benefit **Cranberry Hospice,** takes place April 12 at Indian Pond Country Club, 60 Country Club Way, Kingston, with cocktails and silent auction 6:30 to 7 p.m., dinner and show starting at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $40. Cash bar. Fashions provided by Ellen Johnson of Daisy Riley Extraordinary Clothing of Plymouth. To purchase a ticket, call Patti Ryan at 508-830-2465 or e-mail pryan@jhsi.org or send check payable to Cranberry Hospice, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Suite 326, Plymouth, MA 02360. Only tables of eight, nine or 10 can be reserved.

Holocaust Remembrance Service - April 12, Congregation Shirat Hayam will observe YOM HASHOAH, the Holocaust remembrance. This is an interfaith service and the entire community is invited. The service will take place at the United Methodist Church at 185 Plain St., Marshfield at 7:30 p.m. This is a moving service in which actual testimony will be made to the atrocities by Steve Ross, a Holocaust survivor. Also giving witness will be Mr. Lenny Morse, a member of the US Army's famed Devil's Brigade. Members of the community are invited to attend this interfaith educational experience. Youth groups and parents are specifically encouraged to attend. To make arrangements for large groups or for information call 781-582-2700 or e-mail info@shirathayam.net.

The Buttonwood Middle School Book Group will meet on April 12, at 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. The selected book is **Heat** by Mike Lupica. The facilitator is Ms. Barb Mullin, Deer Hill School Librarian. Fifth Graders are invited to attend. No reservations are necessary. All are welcome. 781-383-2665.

Congregation Shirat Hayam will observe YOM HASHOAH, the Holocaust remembrance on Thursday evening, April 12. This is an interfaith service and the entire community is invited. The service will take place at the United Methodist Church at 185 Plain St., Marshfield at 7:30 p.m. To make arrangements for large groups or for information call 781-582-2700 or e-mail info@shirathayam.net.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road **Pembroke**. April 12, **BBC Pint Night with Flydown** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam with Wolf & The Jam Daddies** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Scituate Library Foundation "Life on the Coast" Speaker Series at the Scituate Town Library, 85 Branch St., Scituate. On April 12, at 7 p.m. **Capt. Wayne Frieden - Teaching Youth about the Coastal & Marine Environment** Captain Frieden will give a presentation on teaching youth about the coastal and marine environment. Learn about teaching youth about the coastal and marine environment. Topics covered include: Knot Tying and Tackle Rigging, Tackle Repair and Maintenance, Bait Collection and Rigging, The Coastal Environment, Tides and Currents, Lobsters and Lobstering, Boating Safety, Basic Navigation, Fly Casting and Fly Tying, Fishing Etiquette. Free to the public. 781-545-8727 www.scituatetownlibrary.org

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"Potpourri" by William Bartlett

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As part of the ongoing series of "Meet the Artist," the Scituate Public Library and the Scituate Arts Association present an evening with William Bartlett. Scituate Arts Association April 19, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Scituate Public Library, Lower Level Free and open to the public, but your donation would well be appreciated to help defray the expense of this and the many other civic activities presented by the Scituate Arts Association. scituateart.com

Call for artists

THE SCITUATE ARTS ASSOCIATION invites professional artists and craftspeople with studios in Scituate, Cohasset, Norwell, Marshfield Hills and North Marshfield to participate in our *"Arts Alive!"* Open Studio Tour. Participating artists will open their studios on Sunday, June 24, from noon to 6 p.m. and are asked to adhere to the guidelines featured in the application available at our website - www.scituateart.com.

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North and South Rivers Watershed Association Kayak Expo, April 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Norwell Middle School, Rt.123, Norwell. In its fifth season, the Expo will be more expansive in concept and the products on display. New dealers, a full schedule of lectures, and some fascinating kayaks will be available. Slideshow Presentations: Kayak Fishing by Jerry Spark 11:30 a.m.; Have An Adventure In Maine by Roger Crawford 1 p.m.; Trip Planning-Paddling Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket by Mark Stephens 2:30 p.m. Get instruction for all ages, skill levels as well as kayak rentals and paddling trips. Admission is $5 for Adults/$3 age 12 and under. Visit nsrwa.org for information or email paula@nsrwa.org mailto:paula@nsrwa.org or call 781-659-8168.

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Friday, April 13

The Cafe Bella Coffeehouse, at North River Community Church, 334 Old Oak Street, Pembroke (handicap accessible and located less than one mile off Route 3 at Exit 12) The Headliner is Ingrid Michaelson with Allie Moss. Ingrid's music is classified as "indie folk pop" and has been heard on Grey's Anatomy, One Tree Hill, The Real World, Bad Girls Club, among others. www.ingridmichaelson.com_This is appropriate for all ages, cost is $ 10 which includes a Starbucks Coffee Bar, and hors D'oeuvres. **Fifty** percent of proceeds will go to help Africans orphaned by Aids in Zimbabwe! www.forgottenvoices.org

The **Hull Lifesaving Museum** will open **Keeping a Weather Eye**. Exploring dramatic stories of shipwrecks and lifesaving in Boston Harbor, from the early days of the MA Humane Society to the present day Coast Guard, the Lifesaving Museum's new exhibit focuses on the daring exploits of Joshua James and the famous Surfmen at Hull's Point Allerton U.S. Life Saving Station. The exhibit includes rare photographs and newspaper accounts, first-hand descriptions of shipwrecks in the words of the victims and lifesavers themselves, and remarkable 19th century film footage. Opening reception April 13, at 7 p.m. at the Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Avenue, Hull. Catering provided by Jakes Seafood. Reception tickets: $10 members, $15 nonmembers. For information, call 781-925-5433.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance April 13, with The **DJ: Bob Caldeira** from 7:30 p.m. to midnight at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission: $7 SSS members, $10 non-members Doors open 7:15 p.m. Free East Coast Swing dance lesson 7:30 to 8 p.m. by Dave Joubert. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. Free snacks & coffee, cash bar. Dress to impress. Info: 781-331-0021or visit southshoresingles.org

The Hat Trick Theatre of Plymouth will perform Neil Simon's play, **The Prisoner of Second Avenue**, at Kendall Hall in the First Parish Church, Town Square, Plymouth, April 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21 at 8 p.m. at April 15 and 22 at 7 p.m. Tickets are $15. Call 508-747-6856 for reservations.

The North River Arts Society presents ***FOCUS ON FIGURES 2007 – the*** 9th annual non-juried exhibit of art works based on the human figure. The exhibit opens with a gala reception on April 13 from 7 to 10 p.m. Free admission. Enjoy appetizers and a cash bar. The show runs from April 14 through 22 at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., in Marshfield Hills. Gallery hours: M-F, 9 a.m. to noon; Saturday and Sunday noon to 3 p.m. For further details, call the NRAS office at 781.837.8091, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to noon or email: info@northriverarts.org.

The Arc of the South Shore The 55th Annual Dinner Dance, Spring Soiree This 'friend'raiser will feature dinner, dancing and a 50/50 raffle. April 13, 6 to 11 p.m. **The Lantana 43 Scanlon Road, Randolph,** For information, call Claudia Cuscianna at 781-413-2230 or email her at: ccuscianna@arcsouthshore.org.

The Unicorn Singers will perform two very exciting and challenging works in their upcoming April 13 and 15 concerts. Francis Poulenc's magnificent "**Gloria"** and Handel's 'Italianate' masterpiece "**Dixit Dominus".** The concert will be performed at House of Prayer, 916 Main St. in Hingham, on Friday, April 13, at 8, and Sunday, April 15 at 4 p.m. Tickets are $15 at Noble's in Hingham Square or at the door.

TechArt III, in conjunction with the **Boston Cyberarts Festival**, opens at the **South Shore Art Center** in Cohasset. An opening reception will be held on Friday, April 13 from 6-8 pm. New York based artist Carl Fudge juried the national show and selected Gene Greger of Troy, NY as with first prizewinner.

St. Paul's Cathedral pianist and organist Ed Broms continues his series of performances playing the complete works of jazz legend John Coltrane. Broms will be joined in this performance by fellow organists **Vanessa Rodriguez** and **Ken Clarke** as well as **Timo Shanko** on saxophone, **Rich Kelley** on trumpet and some special guests on drums and bass at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 13, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, (138 Tremont St., Boston, MA, 617 482 5800 x. 1103). Tickets are $10 at the door.

New England Singles, April 13, 8 p.m. to midnight Sheraton Braintree Grand Ballroom, Routes 3/I-93 at Exit 6, Braintree Ages 40+ Dance music from the 60's to the present $12. singles-dances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke. **The Gobshites** will perform at the British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke. 781-829-6999.

The Tommy Glen Band featuring **Deana Jonak** will perform at the **Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor**. No cover. Call 508-747-4900 for details. For information, call 781-829-6999.

Helen's Café, 16 Commercial St., Braintree. April 13, **Bag Full of Blues** 781-356-4311.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree **Deep Water Blues** 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, Satch Romano's **New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam** featuring **Chris Fitz Band** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Run of the Mill, 6 Spring Lane, Plymouth. **The Hot Sauce Band** 9 p.m. to closing. 508-830-1262.

Saturday, April 14

The Bay State Post Card Collectors' Club's 58th Annual Postcard Show and Sale is set for Saturday, April 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Armenian Educational and Cultural Center, 47 Nichols Ave., Watertown. Admission $2. Free parking. Snack bar available. Call John Vierra, 207-657-4399 or Kathy Alpert at 617-924-3520 for info.

Healing Tree Yoga and Wellness Center on 605 Hancock Street Quincy will be hosting a live comedy show on Saturday evening April 14th (7:30pm-9:00pm) headlined by nationally renowned comic Paul D'Angelo. Tickets are $20 in advance or $25 at the door. Light refreshments will be available. Portion of the proceeds will go to benefit Father Bill's Place. For information or to purchase tickets call (617)770-4800 or visit healingtreeyoga.com

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The Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery presents the works by ***George Thompson: An American Master*** held in the collection of a South Shore resident. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours from April 7 through May 3. Visit hinghamlibrary.org for information.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club, April 14 at 1 p.m. Moderate hike, 3 miles. Walk the summit road to the top of Great Blue and loop around eliot Circle. Return via the red dot and green dot trails. Meet at the Trailside Museum north parking lot on 1904 Canton Ave. For information visit mass.gov/dcr or call 617-698-1802.

MT Hope Coffee House- The Mt Hope Improvement Society will once again become the Mt Hope Coffee House on April 14. It will be hosted by the blues band, **BearBones**. Other performers include **Somethin'Else, Burning Moth, Kathie Lee, Bob Garvin, David Smith, Greg and Nancy Zappolo, Ilene Springer, Larry Swain Jillian James and Donna Harrington**. Mt Hope is located at the corner of Clapp and Cedar St in Scituate. Doors open at 7 p.m. music 7:30 to 11pm. $5 at door. Proceeds to benefit Mt Hope Improvement Society Scholarship Fund. Open to the public. Contact Walter or Chris for more info 781-544-3122.

Miss Kitty's Saloon is the theme for the **South Shore Dancers** upcoming dance. It will be held on April 14, at the Cushing Center on Route 123 in Norwell. Put on your western attire. Dave Joubert will give a dance lesson at 7:30. General dancing will follow from 8-11 pm. Admission is $9 for members and $10 for non-members. Call Tom Osterland for reservations at 781 659-4703 or through the website: www.SouthShore Dancers.org.

The monthly Down East Dancers Country Dance will be held at the Taunton Elks Lodge, 119 High St., Taunton. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Couples and line dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight with DJ and Dance Instructor, Joe Steele. Potluck snacks, cash bar. The cost is $6. For more information call 508-680-6736 or 781-925-9066 or visit the site downeastdancers.com.

Fantastic Spring Singles Dance and Show featuring **DJ Brian Milligan** (also plays for Executive Singles) 8 p.m. to midnight at the Elks Club, 2855 Cranberry Highway, (Route 28), Wareham. Dress to impress. Admission: $15 per person. Cash bar, complimentary hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, prizes, plenty of dancing with a wonderful floor show. Open to the public.

Monponsett Inn's famous comedy show and **buffet dinner with Boston's best comics** will be at 7 p.m. April 14 at the Monponsett Inn, 550 Monponsett St., Halifax. Tickets are $30. For information, call 781-293-2116 or visit the site monponsettinn.com.

Recycled Percussion at **Memorial Hall,** 83 Court St., Plymouth. April 14 at 7:30 p.m. Recycled Percussion has emerged from an underground live show sensation to one of the most powerful touring shows in the U.S. The band has single-handedly brought the terms "power-percussion" and "junk rock" into mainstream music. Hard rock drumming led by the world's "fastest extreme drummer," Justin Spencer, and intoxicating hip-hop funk grooves spun by "DJ Pharaoh." Portion of proceeds to benefit Plymouth Music Department. Tickets: $25-$35. For tickets by phone, call TicketWeb toll-free, 866-468-7619. In person or phone: Plymouth Memorial Hall box office, 508-747-1340.

Joe's American Bar & Grill, 2087 Washington St., Hanover April 14, **Jah Spirit Reggae.**

Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth, April 14, Traditional Irish Seisiun every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hornpipes, with great craic and singalong. Admission is free. 508-830-1262.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road **Pembroke**. April 14, **3rd Left** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, will feature **Ryan Fardy & Shades of Blue at** 8 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796.

Sunday, April 15

The Hull Knights of Columbus is having a **Blood Drive** Sunday April 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Memorial School 81 Central Ave, Hull, Ma. Positive ID required. Call 1-800-GIVE LIFE (1-800-448-3543 OR VISIT www.givelife.org and make an appointment. Walk ins are welcome. Enjoy a hot cooked breakfast.

The South Shore Writers Group hosts **Margret Kingrey**, author of **Alaska Stories: A Memoir**, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on April 14 at the Abington Public Library. Kingrey's book, "a travelogue of romance, adventure and a spiritual quest," recounts her decision to move to Anchorage in her mid-40s after a divorce, her struggles with romance, work as an occupational therapist, and the thrill of kayaking in Alaska. All are welcome to attend. The library is located at 600 Gliniewicz Way off of Route 18.

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Carlo Kawa, Jeffrey M. Bender, Christopher Oden and Hannah Cabell

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The Acting Company proudly presents "Jane Eyre" adapted by Polly Teale from the novel of Charlotte Bronte and directed by Davis McCallum. This mesmerizing production of Jane Eyre will be at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center on Friday April 20th 2007 at 7:30 pm. It will be the Acting Company's only Massachusetts appearance in 2007. Tickets prices for General Admission seats are: Adults $25/, Seniors $15,/Students $10. For more information and to reserve tickets, Please call the Duxbury Performing Arts Center box Office at 781-934-7612. Buy tickets on-line: duxbury.k12.ma.us/pac More information: theactingcompany.org



Ron Pomykala as Oscar Madison, and PK Egersheim as Felix Unger.

BEST BET

The "Odd Couple" by Neil Simon, a hilarious production of the class by Hingham Civic Music Theatre opening Friday, April 20, at 8 p.m. at Sanborn Auditorium, Hingham Town Hall, 210 Central St., Hingham. Tickets are $12 for adults and $10 for students and seniors. Ticket hotline is 781-837-1499. Also available at Noble's on Hingham Square and Buttonwood Books on Route 3A, Cohasset. See website, HCMT.org.

Reunions

THE SOUTH SHORE CHAPTER 33 OF PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS, a non-profit all volunteer support organization for single, divorced or widowed men and women with children is celebrating its 45th Anniversary. They will celebrate with an anniversary dinner dance on Friday April 20, at the DAV Club #29, 788 Liberty St., Braintree. Cocktails will be served from 7 to 7:30 p.m. A full-catered family style roast beef dinner will be served beginning at 7:30 p.m. All former members and public are invited to attend. Cost for the dinner and dance is $25 per person. All are welcome to come and dance to DJ Jim McCarthy for $5 from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. There will be a 50/50 raffle. For dinner information and reservations contact Bob Quilici at 781-982-0604 as soon as possible.

THE IMPERIALS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS. Will hold its Fifth annual Spring Fever dance on April 14, at 7:30 pm, at the Abington K. of C. Cost is $15, $10 under 18. This fundraiser has become a mini reunion of sorts and a corps banquet for members. The whole family is invited. Contact John Stark by visiting pathwayproductions.org/imperials.htm

NEW BEGINNINGS, NORWELL, a non-profit support organization for single, separated, divorced or widowed men and women is now celebrating its 20th year. Always non-sectarian, New Beginnings has helped over 9,400 adults during this 20 year period. Now they are celebrating with a 20-year Reunion/Anniversary Event. On April 28, with a cocktail party from 7 to 8 p.m. followed by dinner and dancing until midnight. $36 per person. All former members and officers are invited to attend. For information or tickets, Michael Bennett at 617 462 5453.

Mark your calendar

POETRY IN MUSIC program presents singer-songwriter Dillon Bustin and pianist Jacqueline Schwab, best known for her music on the PBS *Civil War* Series, will perform *Poems for Singing* on Sunday, April 22 at 3 p.m. at the James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St. in Norwell. Poetry by Thoreau, Emily Dickinson, Walt Whitman, Emerson and other New England writers are recast through contemporary songwriting. Tickets are $10 and are available by calling (781) - 659-7100. www.jameslibrary.org.

SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY'S MAESTRO CHAMBER PLAYERS perform Beethoven, Schubert and Schumann at The Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George Street, Duxbury, Sunday, April 22, 4 p.m. Tickets at $25 for adults and $20 for students and seniors may be purchased online at southshoreconservatory.org, by phone at 781-934-2731, ext. 10 (Duxbury) or 781-749-7565, ext. 10 (Hingham), or in person at the Conservatory offices in Duxbury and Hingham. A reception with the performers follows the performance

QUINCY DINNER THEATRE PRODUCTIONS presents "Let The Good Times Roll" April 21-22 at Braintree Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree. New musical starring Rob Bezubka and his solid gold gang of singers, dancers and comics. Saturday dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m. Sunday matinee dinnerat 2 p.m. show at 23:30 p.m. Plenty of parking and handicapped accessible. Tickets $42.50 for dinner and show. Show $39.95 for seniors. Reserve by calling 781-843-5862.

THE COMPANY THEATRE in Norwell, will be holding its first annual Silent Auction & Raffle on Saturday, April 28, from 7 to 11p.m. at the Radisson Hotel in Rockland. Tickets to attend the event are $25, and are available at the Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787. For information visit companytheatre.com

THE HISTORIC 1699 WINSLOW HOUSE, 634 Careswell St. Marshfield, will be host to Nathaniel Philbrick, author of the acclaimed "Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community and War." On April 28 beginning at noon, Philbrick will discuss the history of Plymouth Colony, the story of the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians, and the legends that have accompanied them. Philbrick will discuss the writing of his book and will be available to sign copies of "Mayflower," as well as Philbrick's new book, "The Mayflower Papers." For information, contact the Winslow House at 781-837-5753 or email Winslow House executive director Mark Schmidt at mark.schmidt@winslowhouse.org



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Frame Center located at 152 Rockland St., Hanover, presents "Full Circle", the fifth annual showing of artwork from the faculty and students from the Hanover Public School Art Department K-12. Gallery hours Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 781-826-6500.

Artwork by Caitlin Jenkins

Continued from previous page

Front Street Art Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate, hosts **Dianne Panarelli Miller** a Boston based "Plein Air Painter" of color and light through April 29. She is a signature member of the New England Plein Air Painters and a "Copley Master" at the Copley Society in Boston. A reception will be held on Sunday, April 1, from 2 to 5 p.m.

A two-mile walk to raise oral cancer awareness and to fund the **Oral Cancer Foundation**. The walk kicks off Oral Cancer Awareness Week, April 16-22. Sponsored by: Massachusetts Dental Hygienists Association and the National Dental Hygienists Association. Registration begins at 9 a.m. at Nelson Park, Plymouth. Walk begins at 11 a.m. Rain or Shine. For pledge sheets and walk information call Laureen at 508-353-8238 or go to www.massdha.org/news-events.

The Candlelight Concert series at Hingham's Old Ship Church concludes its 34th year on Sunday, April 15, with a free performance by **Beacon Brass Quintet** at 4 p.m. in the meetinghouse. Directions are available from the church office during business hours at 781-749-1679, or online at oldshipchurch.org.

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month **Allan Chambers** will exhibit his paintings for the month of April at the Tuft's Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth 781-337-8134.

The Hat Trick Theatre of Plymouth will perform Neil Simon's play, **The Prisoner of Second Avenue,** at Kendall Hall in the First Parish Church, Town Square, Plymouth, April 15 at 7 p.m. Tickets are $15. Call 508-747-6856 for reservations.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, will feature **Dave Foley, R & R Dr. Solo** at 8 p.m., for No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796.

Monday, April 16

The North River Arts Society presents **The Maine Event** at the Dolphin Gallery located at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham featuring paintings depicting the beauty of the Maine landscape. The following well-known local artists will be showing work in this show: **Joreen Benbenek**, **Donna Rossetti-Bailey**, **Sally Dean, Liz Haywood-Sullivan, Becky Haletky**, and **Patricia Gray**. This exhibit will run through May 24. The library gallery is open Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 1-5 p.m. Call the library to confirm current hours: 781.741.1405. For information, contact the NRAS Office at 781-837-8091.

The Braintree Art Association Annual Member Exhibit through April 27, at the Thayer Academy Gallery, 745 Washington St., Braintree. Gallery hours 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. 781-335-4675

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Monday and is highly recommended for newcomers. All are welcome. For information, call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857.

Tuesday, April 17

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Women of the South Shore! If you love to sing come to the open rehearsals of **The Island Grove Chorus**- a women's acapella singing group. Meet at the United Church of Christ Route 18 in Abington, on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. Call Joanne 781-843-4355 or Judy 781-848-5843.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road **Pembroke**. April 17, Free Texas Hold'Em with Northern Poker League "face off" Game Show Trivia 781-829-6999.

Wednesday, April 18

Family Gardening for Beginners, Bring the kids to the workshop "Family Gardening for Beginners" on Wednesday, April 18, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the **South Shore Natural Science Center**, Norwell. Get your hands in the dirt to learn some gardening basics to use in your own family garden. Join Cindy Prentice of Hingham, a Landscape Designer, Volunteer and Board of Trustees of Holly Hill Farm, Cohasset as she talks about organic gardening. She'll bring a worm bin for the kids to see and touch and learn how to recycle your kitchen scraps to create your own worm bin. Joining her will be Jon Belber, Education Director, Holly Hill Farm. Learn how to get started, what plants work best and recycling of materials and sustainable practices. Cost per workshop is $5 members/$8 non members and a family of four cost $10. Pre-registration and prepayment is requested. To register, call 781-659-2559 or visit the Science Center Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or visit ssnsc.org

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road **Pembroke** April 18 **Face Off Game show trivia hosted by PJ the DJ** 8 to 11 p.m. 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, will feature Adam Douglass Trio, to 11 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796.

Thursday, April 19

Scituate Arts Association presents **An Evening With William Bartlett** April 19, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Scituate Public Library, Lower Level As part of the ongoing series of "Meet the Artist," the Scituate Public Library and the Scituate Arts Association present an evening with William Bartlett. Free and open to the public, but your donation would well be appreciated to help defray the expense of this and the many other civic activities presented by the Scituate Arts Association. scituateart.com

The Hingham Library and Buttonwood Books & Toys welcome author **Jacqueline Davies** on April 19, 1:30 p.m. at the Hingham Library, 66 Leavitt St. Hingham. Ms. Davies will discuss her new book, "The Lemonade War". This is a free event. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a personalized and/or signed copy, call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com



Recycled Percussion at Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth. April 14 at 7:30 p.m. Recycled Percussion has emerged from an underground live show sensation to one of the most powerful touring shows in the U.S. The band has single-handedly brought the terms "power-percussion" and "junk rock" into mainstream music. Hard rock drumming led by the world's "fastest extreme drummer," Justin Spencer, and intoxicating hip-hop funk grooves spun by "DJ Pharaoh." Portion of proceeds to benefit Plymouth Music Department. Tickets: $25-$35. For tickets by phone, call TicketWeb toll-free, 866-468-7619. In person or phone: Plymouth Memorial Hall box office, 508-747-1340.

Animal Tails with Karen Kurkoski, naturalist, will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell. This program is for children aged 3 1/2 to 5 years old. After the tale each week enjoy a game, song or craft – lots of exciting activities, and learning, too. The group may go outside for a hike, so dress for the weather. The cost is $42 for members and $54 for nonmembers per three-week session. Preregistration and prepayment required. Limit eight children.

Local Chapter of Business Networking International bni.com meets weekly Thursday mornings in Pembroke at 7:30. New members are welcome. Call Tricia Lorente at 508-740-3385 for details.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. April 19, BBC **"Pint Night"** featuring **Flydown** formerly The Alliance.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, Satch Romano's **New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam** featuring **Jim Pircio's Track 44** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796.

Friday, April 20

The John Carver Inn, 25 Summer St., Plymouth, presents **Dave Kane's Misgivings,** a night of belly laughs, blessings, blarney and bingo, stories and one-liners about growing up Catholic, April 20. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Cost is $45 per person plus tax and service charge. Includes buffet dinner. Reservations are suggested. 508-746-7100.

JM Productions Dinner Theatre shows are held at Nantasket Beach, The Clarion Hotel hosed by Raffael's Restaurant in Hull. **The cast of Connie Brenda Patsy & Me** presents **Guys by Dolls**...the music of the male crooners, country singers, rock and roll rockers and boy bands. Tickets $30 for show only and $50 for dinner and show. Special hotel rates to stay at the Clarion. Call 617-786 SHOW (7469) or visit jmproductionspresents.com

South Shore Folk Music Club presents Coffeehouse, with **Karen Woodhall, Tall Richard** and open mic, at 8 p.m. at the Beal House, Route 106, Kingston.. $5 members, $6 non-members. Please take a food donation for the food pantry. 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

Comedy night at **Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant** Braintree 5 corners, April 20, 9 p.m. The hilarious, sarcastic and sports **Comedy of Mike Donovan**. Just back from China. Other comics **Annette Pollack, Pat Mcloud, Phil Doyle, James Duffy.** Your host, **Hugo Maienza**. Dinner and appetizers available. Admission $17. Advance reservations requested 781-848-0300 Visit jimbossteakandfin.com or myspace.com/annettepollack

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, begins its 14th season with the **Fat City Band**, playing blues/rhythm and blues/rock. Cover $10. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518.

Movie review



Harrison (Bruce Willis) thinks he's getting to know Rowena (Halle Berry), but she's getting ready to turn the tables.

'Perfect' reason to stay home

Perfect Stranger (C-)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

Making an effort not to say "Perfect Stranger" is perfectly awful, I merely state that it is a typical April release, an unremarkable, programmatic effort with a title so generic it got more than 14 hits on imdb.com.

Academy Award-winner Halle Berry, who has not had much luck picking second-tier projects ("Catwoman" or "Gothika" anyone?), is the heroine of this seedy neo-film noir.

She is Rowena Price, an undercover reporter for the New York Post-like New York Courier. Ro and her slightly weird, obsessive techno-nerd partner Miles Haley (Giovanni Ribisi) have busted the upstanding, right-wing Senator Sacks, who heads a "Family First" campaign while hitting on interns.

When their expose, cleverly headlined as "Extramarital Sacks," is quashed by their superiors, Ro, who has flashbacks to a traumatic childhood event ("Marnie" alert), resigns.

The viewer might want to take this opportunity to cash out as well. Before you know it, Ro meets a slut-like girlfriend Grace (Nicki Aycox), who tells her of incriminating e-mails she received from a powerful, middle-aged advertising mogul, Harrison Hill (Bruce Willis), whom she met in a chat room. The mogul is married to a woman whose wealth underwrites his ambitions.

That chat room and those scandalous e-mail references are tip-offs that we will be gazing upon a lot of computer screens while sitting through this sordid, unsavory tale, something I can get enough of at work, thank you very much.

Before you can say, "Is this also an ad for Victoria's Secret?" Harrison Hill is toasting a pregnant Heidi Klum and putting the moves on underdressed undercover Ro.

Feel free to sort out the rest of this film's murky, uninteresting plot on your own. I was taking the time to mentally go through my to-do lists.

Directed by James Foley ("The Corruptor") and written by Todd Komarnicki and Jon Bokenkamp ("Taking Lives"), "Perfect Stranger" is an unflattering showcase for Berry, who founders when she is not well directed. Gary Dourdan of "CSI: Crime Scene Investiga-tion," normally a strong screen presence, is hardly in this film as Ro's on-again, off-again boyfriend. Ribisi's role is thankless. New York City does not leave much of a stamp as the setting.

In fact, "Perfect Stranger" is a film that leaves so little impression, I have already forgotten it.

Rated R "Perfect Stranger" contains nudity, violence and profanity.



Ingrid Michaelson

The Cafe Bella Coffeehouse, at North River Community Church, 334 Old Oak Street, Pembroke (handicap accessible and located less than one mile off Route 3 at Exit 12) The Headliner is Ingrid Michaelson with Allie Moss. Ingrid's music is classified as "indie folk pop" and has been heard on Grey's Anatomy, One Tree Hill, The Real World, Bad Girls Club, among others. www.ingridmichaelson.com This is appropriate for all ages, cost is $ 10 which includes a Starbucks Coffee Bar, and hors D'oeuvres. Fifty percent of proceeds will go to help Africans orphaned by Aids in Zimbabwe! www.forgottenvoices.org



Allie Moss

Auditions

KING RICHARD'S FAIRE, THE NEW ENGLAND RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL based in Carver, is holding open auditions to find fresh new talent for the upcoming fall season. King Richard's Faire will run on weekends from Sept. 1 to Oct. 21. Needed for this season: musicians, singers, dancers, acrobats, actors, actresses, jugglers, stilt walkers, specialty acts, musical comedy performers, street performers, technical staff, costumers, entertainment staff and office staff. Auditions will be held in Providence, R.I., at the Perishable Theatre, 95 Empire St., Saturday, April 14. Auditions will be held in Boston, at the Boston Center for the Arts, 527 Tremont St., Sunday, April 15. For appointments and more information call 952-238-9915 or e-mail bobbie@kingrichardsfaire.net.

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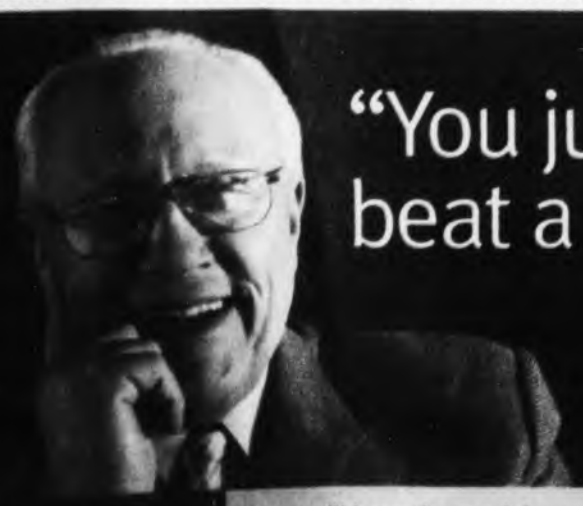
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Improved Web site debuts

To Our Readers:

In an effort to bring you the most up-to-date and relevant local news, we need to continuously improve both in print and online. We have recently made some changes to www.cohassetmariner.com that will allow you to follow Cohasset news seven days a week in an easier-to-read and easier-to-navigate format.

Over the next several months, you'll continue to see improvements to the site: the addition of newspaper archives as well as plenty of opportunities to get involved and be a part of the news and the community you care about through blogs, forums and video. We'll also continue to build the "Spotted" feature we introduced several months ago that allows you to share and view photos from other local users as well as photos from our staff photographers.

The Cohasset Mariner is committed to providing you the most local and relevant news. Enjoy what we have today, and stay tuned -- there is more to come!

Roger Whitley honored at Citizen of Year reception



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Wet weather at root of sewer plant overflows

Stormwater, not wastewater, at fault

By Nancy White
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Last weekend's storm brought more than a lot of wind and rain — it caused serious issues for the Sewer Treatment Plant. The plant began overflowing early on Monday morning.

Sewer Commission Chairman Sean Cunning said the unusually high water flows caused by the storm resulted in an abnormal amount of water getting into the system. A combination of faulty infrastructure (cracked pipes, and infiltration and inflow issues primarily in the Central District) and the high flow of stormwater left the plant unable to handle the hydraulic flow. The plant typically treats about 300,000 gallons of wastewater each day.

When the plant can no longer handle the flow of water in the typical process through the plant, the overflow goes into an anoxic tank. That tank is designed to disinfect the overflow with chlorine tablets then the overflow spills right into the James Meadow. He stressed that this was a controlled overflow.

The chlorine has a gradual dissolve rate so, Cunning said, it should have little impact on the wildlife in the area but will leave the water significantly disinfected.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Wastewater spills over the anoxic tank at the Wastewater Treatment Plant on Elm St. on Monday around noon. The heavy rains of the storm caused an increased influx of stormwater into the sewer plant. The high volume of water left the plant unable to process all the water and led to the subsequent overflow. According to the Sewer Commission, the wastewater was partially treated with chlorine before spilling out into James Meadow.



COURTESY PHOTO

Noelle Leonard, who is shown here with her Chihuahua, Martini, was recently diagnosed with MS. She has put together "Team Noellie" that has raised more than $2500 for the Cohasset MS Walk. Team Noellie will join hundreds of others in the MS Lifelines five-mile walk through town on Saturday, April 28.

Step by step to find a cure

24-year-old joins Multiple Sclerosis walk

By Nancy White
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Noelle Leonard never thought that she would be diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS) at the age of 24, but that's just what happened last October.

"I always thought it was a older persons disease," she says. MS is thought to be an autoimmune disease that affects the central nervous system — the brain, spinal cord, and optic nerves.

On Saturday morning (April 28) she and a team of her friends and family will take to the sidewalks of Cohasset in support of finding a cure for multiple sclerosis. They will join more than 40 teams for the MS Lifelines Walk of Cohasset, a five-mile walk that begins at the South Shore Community Center across from the Town Common.

After her diagnosis in October, Leonard felt the need to find a way to

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Issue taken by storm

Stormwater Committee discusses future

By Nancy White
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The stormwater problem is not going away. This fact came in to focus this week with the heavy rains that caused flooding in several parts of town, a multitude of runoff issues and the Waste Water Treatment Plant to overflow.

The Stormwater Committee met on Tuesday night with a renewed energy to solve the town's abundant stormwater issues. Committee members will go in front of the Board of Selectmen on Monday to discuss their ideas and progress and to hear the selectmen's concerns.

The Stormwater Committee had been working for close to a year to establish a bylaw and committee to deal with the stormwater and flooding issues in town. They had anticipated getting a bylaw on the books at the Annual Town Meeting on March 31, but the Stormwater bylaw received a vote to indefinitely postpone.

"I believe we have done the hard work on the bylaw," said Chairman Marty Nee of the many months they have spent working on the bylaw, which was one of the major charges of the committee. Stormwater consultant Mark Bartlett agreed that the bylaw is 80 percent complete.

The bylaw will seek to establish an entity in town to deal solely with

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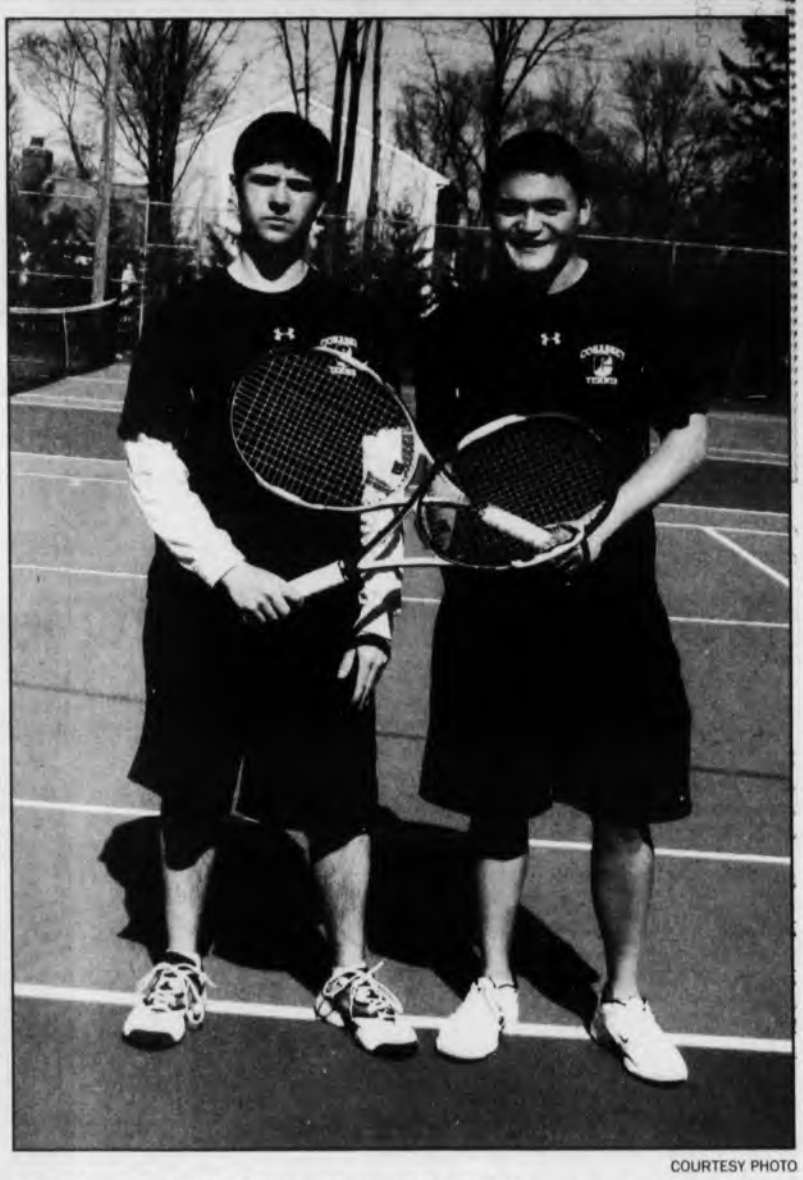
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PICTURE THIS/Chris Donze and Blain Morin



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Chris Donze and Blain Morin are captains of the CHS tennis team, which is off to a hot start. For story and more photos, see page 17.

Names: Chris Donze and Blain Morin.

Occupation: Captains of the CHS tennis team and seniors at Cohasset High School.

Best day of your life: Three feet of fresh powder at Jay Peak, Vt. (Chris). The day I finished my college applications (Blain).

Best vacation: Vermont (Chris). Traveling to Hong Kong, Mainland China, and Japan (Blain).

Favorite season: Summer (Chris). Winter (Blain)

Favorite holiday: Christmas (Chris and Blain).

Favorite meal: Buffalo chicken calzone (Chris). Mom's Hawaiian chicken wings (Blain).

Best book or magazine: Mountain Bike magazine (Chris). "Shogun," by James Clavell (Blain).

Best actor: Morgan Freeman (Chris). Peter Sellers (Blain).

Best TV show: "Seinfeld" (Chris). "Colbert Report" and "South Park" (Blain).

Most Memorable Moment: Being named soccer captain and tennis captain (Chris). Eiffel Tower day on French exchange trip (Blain).

Pet peeve: Rainy days (Chris). Computer freezing (Blain).

Goal: To start as a freshman on the Castleton State soccer team (Chris). To be successful in college (Blain).

Person you'd most like to meet: Squanto (Chris). Jesus (Blain).

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An SUV has to navigate some flooding on Margin Street during the high tide Monday that created headaches in several areas along the Cohasset coast.

Nor'easter hits Cohasset

By Nancy White
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Lars and Rolf Gjesteby use a cell phone camera to try and capture the waves at Sandy Beach on Monday morning.

April showers to bring May flowers — that's what the old adage says, but this week's nor'easter was no rain "shower."

The powerful nor'easter hit the East Coast will gale force winds, widespread and damaging river and stream flooding, wave battery and tidal flooding, says Mariner weather observer Bob Skilling. Locally, there were many trees and branches down as east winds blew through town at speeds as high as 60mph.

Fire Chief Robert Silvia said that there was flooding in the typical pockets on Forest Avenue, Atlantic Avenue, Margin Street, Bow Street and Border Street. that were exacerbated by the extra high tides. The tides were as high as 12 feet, and with the storm surge and weather they got as high as 13 or 14 feet, he said.

"We had to close parts of area streets at the time of the high tide," Silvia said, which occurred in the early morning hours this week between 12 midnight and 2a.m., "It was combination of the tides and storm."

Rainfall totals for the three-day storm, April 15 through 17, were more than three inches.

The Border Street harbor seawall repair got hit hard in the storm. The temporary dam was not tall enough to hold back the high tide and storm surge waters and was breeched at each high tide. The dam was overtopped for the first time on Monday around noon according to the Silvia.

"We had to close parts of area streets at the time of the high tide."
— Fire Chief Robert Silvia

On Monday evening the tidal waters had washed away some earth protecting water and sewer mains. In coordination with the Water Commission, Chief Silvia said shut-off valves on either side of the exposed area were installed as a precaution. After each high tide a group of fire safety officials, the Greenbush Team and construction crew inspected and evaluated the damage.

"My main concern was to make sure emergency vehicles could pass," said Chief Silvia. Border Street along with other flood control areas were examined to ensure emergency vehicles could pass and any debris (rocks, sand, branches etc.) was removed from the road. The Fire Department had a back up plan in place to make sure these flooded areas would not delay a response to an emergency.

POLICE/FIRE BEAT

Kayak thefts under investigation

By Mary Ford
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In a continuing rash of kayak thefts that span at four towns, police are investigating another Cohasset incident. At about 1:42 p.m., on Tuesday (April 10), a homeowner on Aaron River Road walked into the police station on Elm Street to report the theft of two kayaks. Chief James Hussey said one of the kayaks was valued at $500 and the other at $300. The kayaks were being stored at the rear of the house under the deck, Hussey said.

"We are working in conjunction with other towns that have seen similar kayak thefts," he said. This was the second kayak theft in a couple of weeks in Cohasset; the previous theft was on Bow Street.

Hussey said police ask that homeowners try to secure their kayaks in some fashion so they are covered and not visible. He explained that as part of the investigation police are going to shops that sell used kayaks and they are also looking on eBay.

Det. Sgt. Greg Lennon said the kayak thefts are an active case. He said Hingham, Norwell and Duxbury have also reported kayak thefts.

"We are hopeful working with other towns that we will be able to solve this case," Lennon said. "It is more helpful when we can work with other towns and compare notes.

Uninvited guests

About five youths tried to crash a gathering at another teen's house on Jerusalem Road on Sunday (April 15) and when they were turned away, they allegedly threw a couple of rocks and shattered two windows, police said.

Police are talking to witnesses and are following up on potential charges of property damage, Chief James Hussey said.

The uninvited guests initially took off and then came back again, Hussey said.

Wine stolen

Police say a thief or thieves stole $300 worth of wine from the garage to a home on Mohawk Way. The theft was reported at about 10:22 a.m. on Monday (April 9). Chief James Hussey said access was gained to the garage through a window. Fifteen bottles of wine were taken. Family members discovered the theft when they returned from a weekend away.

The incident is under investigation.

Lost wallet

Last week Sohier Street woman reported to police that she lost her wallet and that whoever found it had tried to use one of her credit cards for an internet purchase. Police urge residents to report missing or stolen credit cards to the credit card companies right away.

Joking around

Police spoke to the parents of some youths who reported that there was a fight involving about 12 teens at Cohasset Plaza on Tuesday night (April 10). Chief Hussey said it appears the kids, who called, were "just joking around" and the call was unfounded. The teens involved were all juveniles, meaning they are under 17. "We in fact identified the boys and got the parents involved," he said. "They spoke to the teens about the importance of not doing things like that (making a false call)." Apparently the boys had been at Papa Gino's earlier but there was no disturbance.

No license

A Brazilian man is being summonsed to court on the charge that he was driving without a license. An officer stopped the white Chevy pickup the man was driving in the vicinity of Border Street because the rear plate was hanging off. A computer check revealed the registered owner did not have a license.

In talking with the operator, who also was the owner of the pickup, police determined he had never had a Massachusetts license. The car was towed but police drove the man to work. Chief Hussey said the man should be able to get his paperwork squared away before his court date.

Mirror hit

Police said a large tow truck hit the side mirror of a car traveling in the opposite direction last Friday (April 13) at about 3:51 p.m. The operator of the truck apparently did not immediately realize the mishap occurred and continued along Beechwood Street. However, the matter was later resolved and the two parties exchanged papers, Chief Hussey said.

Woman fell

A caller reported that a woman fell after being hit by a vehicle in Cohasset Plaza outside Feng Shui at about 4:51 p.m. last Friday (April 13). As it turned out the woman had slipped and fell and was not knocked over. Chief Hussey said the woman was treated at the scene and she was fine.

Shotgun

A caller reported a man wearing a red jacket and hat was walking around outside with a shotgun on Summer Street at the harbor last Friday (April 13). As it turned out, after police talked to the parties involved and listened to their version of events, another man had given the man — that the caller had seen — the shotgun and he was walking across the street to put it in his truck.

However, the man who now had possession of the gun, had an expired FID (firearms identification card). He is being summonsed to court for carrying a firearm without a license and for improper storage of the firearm, which had not properly been secured in his truck, police said.

Crosswalk

One of a group of three kids riding bikes along Ripley Road coming down from the library came so close to people in the crosswalk that the man in the pedestrian group put his hand out and his hand made contact with the boy, who fell off his bicycle, Chief Hussey said.

A parent called police at about 10:50 a.m. on Saturday (April 14) saying an older man in his 40s had assaulted his son about 45 minutes earlier.

Chief Hussey said police gathered the parties together and they were able to speak amongst themselves and determine that this had been an accident.

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24-year-old joins Multiple Sclerosis Lifelines Walk

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contribute to the cause. She began looking for fundraisers on the MS New England website and was surprised to see a MS Walk right in the place she calls home, Cohasset.

"I felt like the only thing I could do after I was diagnosed was to give back," she says and she began putting together a team in the beginning of this year, "there is no cure right now and there are so many questions."

When Leonard was diagnosed, she says that she, surprisingly, felt relieved.

"It was a year long process of test after test," she says of the dozens of doctors visits, "then they finally knew what I had and I could start medication and try something to get better." Her optimistic attitude during the whole process never failed, she is always looking forward.

Leonard has named her team "Team Noellie," after a nickname given to her at her workplace, Road to Recovery in Hingham. She is expecting about 20 people to walk with her — family members from her native New Jersey, friends and co-workers will join her and her Chihuahua, Martini, on the five-mile trek. She hopes that through involving as many people in this effort will help to raise awareness for MS.

"This disease is so much about education, people don't know the details," she says, "the disease can be so different for each person."

Leonard deals with a set of daily symptoms but has learned over the last few months of the best ways for her to cope with them. There are four different types of MS, the most common is called Relapsing-Remitting, which is what Leonard was diagnosed with last year. This type has defined flare-ups or episodes of acute worsening of neurological function. They are followed by partial or complete recovery periods, or remissions.

"You wake up every morning and you don't know what the day is going to hold for you," says Leonard of the disease.

The MS Lifelines Walk is a series of walks throughout the country that raise money to end the devastating effects of multiple sclerosis (MS). There are 17 walks in New Hampshire and Massachusetts this spring and 700 across the United States. Last year 60 teams participated in the Cohasset MS Walk, event coordinators are expecting over 400 people to participate this year.

The Central New England chapter of MS Walk goal is to raise $2 million and have 14,000 walkers, one for each person with MS in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

According to their website, www.msnewengland.org, 85 cents of every dollar raised in the MS Lifelines Walk will go toward achieving their mission. Roughly half is spent locally to help people with MS while the remainder funds leading MS research projects around the country. More that $10 million in National Multiple Sclerosis Society funds are spent in New Hampshire and Massachusetts medical research facilities.

Research has come a long way in the last few years "understanding of the disease is better, treatments for people with MS are better and hope for finding a cure is stronger than ever," says the MS New England website. Ten years ago there were no approved drugs for the treatment of MS, now there are six.

Approximately 400,000 Americans have MS, and that number is only growing, every week about 200 people are diagnosed. World-wide, MS affects about 2.5 million people. Because the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention does not require U.S. physicians to report new cases, and because symptoms can be completely invisible, the numbers can only be estimated.

The MS Walk of Cohasset has currently raised more than $20,000 for its cause — with still one week to go. The dedication of the participants in evident in the amount of money they raise and the hundreds of people involved. It's never too late to "join the movement," as their tagline says. Participants can register up to the day of the walk, Saturday, April 28. Teams are considered four or more people. Registration begins at 9a.m.

The walk will begin at 10a.m. at the South Shore Community Center on North Main St., across from the Common. The course travels through the village, down Elm Street to Sandy Beach (first checkpoint), continuing on Atlantic Avenue and Jerusalem Avenue, up Forest Avenue to (second checkpoint) Robin's Garage, back to North Main Street ending at the South Shore Community Center. The checkpoints will have water and snacks for the walkers.

The walk will conclude with a party at the Community Center for all participants with lunch, a DJ and a special guest clown.

For more information about multiple sclerosis, the MS Lifelines Walk or to donate to the cause, visit www.msnewengland.org or call 1-800-493-WALK (9255).

South Shore Art Center to offer scholarship for adults

The South Shore Art Center announces its annual scholarship for adults who are returning to their artwork following an extended interruption. The scholarship is named for artist Margaret Dillon, the first executive director of the Art Center.

The Margaret Dillon Memorial Fund was established to assist individuals who wish to return to the field of art after their artistic aspirations have been interrupted by other demands of life. Scholarship awards are based on potential, not experience, and are juried each spring. The first scholarship was awarded at the opening night of Margaret Dillon's retrospective art exhibition in June1989. This year's award will be presented at the 52nd South Shore Art Center Arts Festival to take place, Friday, June 15.

With funding for the arts reduced in so many ways, the Margaret Dillon Scholarship provides an excellent opportunity for an artist eager to return to creating art.

With funding for the arts reduced in so many ways, the Margaret Dillon Scholarship provides an excellent opportunity for an artist eager to return to creating art. Applicants may or may not have previously studied art, but need to have at some point explored visual art and have work to show. Scholarship funds may be used to defray tuition at the South Shore Art Center or any other school for the arts. Applications and art work must be submitted to the SSAC, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset by Wednesday, April 25. Artwork should include 8 original works and 20 slides. For information and an application call 781-383-2787 or visit ssac.org.

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Quigley wants to know your stormwater problems

By Karen Quigley
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

...Cohasset has a serious, recurrent and chronic stormwater crisis that threatens public health, the environment and the use and enjoyment of property.

In the justifiable shock and outrage over the WWTP overflow it's easy to overlook the cause – stormwater – and the fact that bacterial pollution from stormwater is equally harmful to our public health and safety.

However horrific, a WWTP overflow affects a limited and specific area; stormwater floods yards and basements in a majority of our neighborhoods and impairs and pollutes our water resources including Lily Pond, Straits Pond, Treats Pond, Little Harbor and the Big Harbor.

The data and information I have garnered as a member of the Harbor Health Committee and a former member of the Stormwater Committee leads me to the unshakable conclusion that Cohasset has a serious, recurrent and chronic stormwater crisis that threatens public health, the environment and the use and enjoyment of property. It must be dealt with now and in a comprehensive manner.

I intend to argue for just that, but I need your help. Only overwhelming input from residents will prove to Town Hall that we care, we want relief now, and we support an effective stormwater bylaw.

At the risk of sounding arrogant, I know I'm right, and although 'they' agree about the seriousness of the issue, 'they' won't listen to just me. I need your voices. If you, a friend, a neighbor, or a family member has been affected by stormwater flooding in Cohasset, please contact me.

Many voices raised together will be heard.

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Stormwater Committee discusses future

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stormwater issues, creating accountability and allow for problems to be addressed. The shape that committee will take on in town is to be determined in the coming months.

"I think form should follow function," said Hull resident and citizen-at-large member Lawrie Reid, "let's define what we want to accomplish then figure out what we have to have to solve the problems."

Initially, the committee floated establishing a full-blown commission that would be a permitting authority. This "Stormwater Commission" would generate fees and draft regulations. This idea was met with reluctance last month and in previous meetings leading up to Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen was hesitant to add another committee and an additional layer of bureaucracy to the town's bylaws.

"After receiving input from the Selectmen and public, we determined that we could function and be effective without being a full-blown commission," said Nee.

A structure that would establish the Stormwater Committee as an advisory committee to the other boards in town was floated. The "Stormwater Advisory Committee" would be able to feed up to other boards and focus on coming up with solutions to stormwater problems.

The committee floated the idea that if this form was taken, the stormwater permitting jurisdiction would fall under the Planning Board's auspices, who already issue building and other permits.

Member Sarah Charron, representative from the Conservation Commission, said there could be some value lost in structuring the committee in an advisory role.

"In a perfect world we would have one board" to deal with all stormwater issues from permitting to grant seeking she said. She felt that if the committee took on a more advisory role they would still be able to seek out grant money and create accountability for the problem.

"The town gains a sounding board for existing problems, right now there is no where to go with stormwater issues," said member Jim Kinch. "We can get a lot more done this way."

There was some discussion on which boards will need to be involved in the future committee.

"All town committees need to play a role in trying to solve the problem," Nee said, "we need to get to an arena where we can say we think this is the problem and we think this is the solution. Let's get the issues in front of the public, I'm a big believer in the public process."

The Stormwater Committee was designed to compose of one member of each of the following boards: Conservation Commission, Water Commission, Board of Health, Harbor Health Committee, Water Resources Protection Committee, Planning Board and two citizens-at-large. Member Jim Drysdale stressed that he would like to see a representative from the Sewer Commission on the board as well.

Committee members outlined goals for the next few months including fine-tuning the bylaw, holding public hearings and making sure they are ready to go in front to Fall Town Meeting. The committee, with the help of Bartlett, is applying for a Section 319 federal grant that, if awarded, would be used in conjunction with the Little Harbor sewer expansion and drainage improvement project.

Stormwater Committee representatives will meet with the Board of Selectmen on Monday, April 23; the meeting will begin at 7p.m.

Tennis tournament for Children's Hospital

Save the date for the annual Cohasset Tennis Tournament, a mixed-doubles tennis tradition that began in the 1950s and continues today to benefit Children's Hospital. This year's event kicks off on Friday, July 13, with the annual dinner auction at the Lightkeepers residence. The tennis tournament, which takes place on private courts throughout Cohasset, is set for the weekend of July 14 and 15.

This charity tennis tournament was originally started by Jesse Cox and her neighbors in the 1950s. It has since grown to include hundreds of players, from lifelong Cohasset residents to newcomers. The tournament also brings together a wide array of tennis abilities, from those who dust off their rackets once a year to those who are passionate about the sport. In the past eight years alone, about $100,000 has been raised for Children's Hospital.

For more information about the tournament or to be added to the email distribution list, contact Corey Axelson at gallella63@hotmail.com.

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DEAN'S LIST

We are feeling very proud that **Katie DeWaal**, a freshman at Savannah College of Art and Design has been named to the dean's list for the winter semester.

Katie reports that spring is in full bloom in Savannah and she does not miss the New England weather!

Katie's proud parents are **Julia and John DeWaal**.

EXETER HONORS

Jared H. Dick of Cohasset, a 12th-grader at Phillips Exeter Academy, has earned honors for the winter term. Jared is the son of **Michael Dick and Lisa Hewitt Dick** of Cohasset. Keep up the good work, Jared!

NU DEAN'S LIST

Jennifer Buckley of Cohasset, who is majoring in nursing, was recently named to the dean's list at Northeastern University. To have achieved this honor, Jennifer had to have a quality point average of at least 3.25 or greater out of a possible. 4.0.

Congratulations, Jennifer!

COLLEGE HONORS

Cohasset students are making the town proud at Connecticut College. Our hats go off to **Sarah Noble**, a member of the Class of 2008, for achieving "dean's high honors" for the fall semester, recognition for students having earning a grade point average of 3.7-4.0.

Tom Anderson and **Scott Faber**, both members of the Class of 2007, have been named to the "dean's honors" list, a recognition for students who have earned a grade point average of at least 3.3.

SIMMONS COLLEGE

Vanessa Plante of Cohasset was named to the dean's list at Simmons College in Boston for the fall semester. Vanessa is a freshman at Simmons, with an undeclared major. To qualify for the dean's list, Vandessa must have obtained a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Well done, Vanessa!

ITHACA HONORS

Congratulations to **Catherine O'Driscoll**, who is the daughter of **Dennis and Barbara O'Driscoll** of Cohasset, was named to the dean's list at Ithaca College's Roy H. Park School of Communications. Catherine had to attain a minimum grade point average of 3.7 to achieve this honor.

EMMANUEL COLLEGE

Laura A. Marks of Cohasset continues to soar at Emmanuel College. Laura, who has earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, has been awarded dean's list distinction!

CURRY STANDOUTS

Alexis C. Devine, Samuel M. Kusek, Helen Pitts, and **Leigh-Anne Walsh** are all doing well at Curry College. The four Cohasset residents earned placement on the dean's list for the fall 2006 term. To qualify for this distinction, the students had to earn a 3.30 GPA or better.

Well done!

PROVIDENCE C.

Jenna Fegreus, a member of the Class of 2007 at Providence College, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2006 semester. To qualify, Jenna had to earn a 3.55 grade point average or better. Congratulations, Jenna.

WITH HONORS

Robert Hickey, who is graduating from Widener University in Pennsylvania with honors, will be attending UPENN for his PHD in chemistry! He was accepted on a full tuition scholarship. Robert, who graduated from Cohasset High School in 2003, will start school in September. Congratulations, Robert on all your hard work. You are making all of Cohasset proud!



Tom Anderson of Cohasset is co-captain of the Connecticut College men's lacrosse team.

LACROSSE CAPTAIN

Tom Anderson, a 2003 graduate of Cohasset High School is serving as co-captain of the Connecticut College men's lacrosse team.

A dean's list student majoring in history, Tom has corralled 57 ground balls over the past three seasons for the Camels. At Cohasset High School, Tom served as captain of the football, hockey and lacrosse squads. Head coach Dave Cornell has been impressed with the performance of his captain.

"Tom has been awesome," Cornell stated. "You couldn't ask for a better guy. He is giving everything he has to make us better as a team. He is equally productive in the classroom, setting a great example for many of our younger players."

The Camel women's lacrosse program also has a Cohasset representative. junior **Ashley Faber** (Cohasset HS) has chipped in with two scores in five games played.

TOP DOC

News has come our way about local resident, **Geoffrey Hart, MD** who has joined UMass Memorial Medical Center as director of obstetric anesthesiology. Prior to joining the Medical Center, he served as an attending anesthesiologist at Tobey Hospital in Wareham. Board certified in emergency medicine, Dr. Hart received his medical degree from the Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia in 1981. After completing a general surgery, orthopedics residency at Emory University in Atlanta in 1988, he served as a teaching faculty member and director of procedural lab curriculum at Temple University. In 1999, he began his residency in anesthesia at New England Medical Center in Boston and finished the program in 2002. He also completed a fellowship in obstetric anesthesia at Harvard University and became an attending anesthesiologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. Funded by the National Institutes of Health, Dr. Hart is an avid researcher who is focused on the development of a pediatric sedation device. He also has strong interests in regional anesthesia and postoperative pain management and plans to further develop the Medical Center's practice in these areas.

SPRING CLEANUP

Spring Make-A-Difference Day is Saturday, April 28! Please join a hearty group at the Osgood School from 12-2 p.m. as they prepare the Osgood nature trails for spring programs. The group will be picking up trash, trimming underbrush and making repairs. They need at least one volunteer with a chain saw to cut up several trees which came down during the winter and are blocking the paths. Please contact **Lisa Rosen** with any questions at 781-383-6491.

DEAN'S LIST

The University of Hartford recently announced its dean's lList for Fall 2006 and Cohasset student **Thomas E. Morgan** was named to this list. Nice work Thomas.

SWIM, DIVE TEAM

The Cohasset Swim and Dive Team 2007 season sign-up for returning swimmers and divers will be held on Saturday April 28th from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Cohasset Town Hall. In addition, The Cohasset Swim Team is also seeking a highly motivated, responsible individual to assist the coaching staff in swim practices, swim meets and the general organization of the swim team. Interested individuals should send qualifications to PO Box 651, Cohasset,MA 02025.

REC PROGRAMS

The Cohasset Recreation Department and other programs associated with them have released spring and some summertime information. To find out more about these programs, call 781-383-4109 or go onto www.townofcohasset.org and press the Recreation Department link. Also, take the time to view the rest of the site as it is very informative and getting better each week.

GET CREATIVE

The South Shore Art Center announces its spring schedule of courses and workshops, including "The Creative Page" – a multi-media course taught by Katherine Morrison of Hingham, a collage class with Erica Adams, who is an instructor at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, and two workshops with Nick Lonborg in woodcarving and 23k gold leaf. Classes begin the week of April 23rd. Children's classes include new offerings "At the Zoo" for grades 1-5; "Fabulous Fiber" for grades 4-7, and "The Creative Page," for grades 6-8. The Art Center has designed a number of courses, specially tailored for teens, including Drawing & Painting for Teens which meets on Thursday afternoons; Drawing & Sketching II which meets on Friday afternoons; and Painting Studio, for grades 10-12. Financial assistance is available for children through the Lois Weltman Memorial Fund for Children, requiring that a student be recommended by an art teacher. Register online at www.ssac.org or call 781-383-2787.That is all for this week! Send in all of your news to me no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm.

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Band 'Gr8fl' to still be rockin'

Local group no longer only Dads

By Nancy White
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The Grateful Dads are still grateful to be able to play at local music hot spots, they're still grateful that they get to rock out to the likes of the Beatles and the Rolling Stones, they're still grateful that they can get a room up on its collective feet, but with recent changes, they are no longer all Dads.

The band that has become locally renowned for playing fundraisers, private parties and other local events has changed its name to Gr8fls.

"To this day the band dislikes the name, it's too cute, not edgy enough," Shea said of the former band title "Grateful Dads." The name was an obvious play off of the Grateful Dead and it seemed to fit since all members are fathers. But they didn't come to that conclusion easy either.

"The original name was The Fossils," Shea said, "but that sounded too old."

"Next they threw around the name "Second Wind," but that didn't quite fit. At the time there was a teenage band in Cohasset called "Fun in the Kitchen," so the band started brainstorming a name with "in the garage," because that was where they got there start. They ended up with "Dads in the Garage," but that didn't stick either. Shea said that they ultimately ended up The Grateful Dads.

Flash forward 15 years and dozens of gigs later, the band decided to change the name to Gr8fls — more out of necessity than an attempt at a rebirth.

Anne Czerkowski joined the band as a lead vocalist recently and the band felt that kicked it over the edge — it was time for something new.

The slight change in name to Gr8fls seems to open up new avenues and bring the band to a more current state of mind.

"It's a little Avril Lavigne, 'Sk8er Boi' reference," Shea says with a laugh, referring to the replacement of "ate" with the numeral "8" found not only in Lavigne's hit single but common in text and instant messaging.

The Gr8fls premiered their new name at the Cohasset Hockey Boosters fundraiser at the Red Lion Inn back in February. The band, along with its name, has evolved over the years branching out to new sounds and integrating new people.

Within the last year Vinny O'Brien, who sings and plays the harmonica, and Rich Oftsun, a Cohasset resident and singer, joined the Gr8fls along with Czerkowski,. The new sounds and configuration have created a shift in the band from a Beatles-type arrangement to more of a Rolling Stones flair, says Shea.



COURTESY PHOTOS

The slight change in name to Gr8fls (formerly the Grateful Dads) seems to open up new avenues and bring the band to a more current state of mind. Here the band is rockin' at the Cohasset Hockey Boosters fundraiser at the Red Lion Inn.



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The Gr8fls rely on rock and roll staples from the 60s and 70s, but Shea says they try to learn a few new current songs along the way. Rolling Stones, the Beatles, Steely Dan tunes are at the core of their set lists. However, with a new female voice, Shea says they're incorporating Sheryl Crow, KT Tunstall and Fleetwood Mac into their performances.

"Czerkowski is the only 'Idol' among us," Shea said, praising her vocal ability, "Most of us are encouraged by [current 'American Idol' contestant] Sanjaya because we're not great vocalists."

The band follows what Shea says is the "American Bandstand" rule when it comes to picking new music to play.

"It has to have a good beat and you can dance to it," he says that getting people off their seat and on the dance floor is their primary objective. Shea uses his commuting time, an hour each way to Cambridge, as his chance to check out new material.

The artists formerly known as the Grateful Dads played their first gig back in 1992 at a friend's 40th birthday party. Everything was set to go smoothly until then lead singer Peter Dupre attended a Bruins game two nights before the scheduled performance. A combination of the cold and the cheering did Dupre in and still, two nights later, he didn't have much of a voice.

"I had to mostly cover for [Dupre]," said Shea, "the band noticed but nobody else really noticed."

The band got its start in the early 90s. Shea moved to Cohasset in 1988 and within a year he met Victor Lanzillotti. They realized they both shared a love of music and guitar. Shea was a bass guitar musician after switching in college from lead guitar. Lanzillotti played lead guitar. The match was made and they started jamming together off and on in a garage.

They found a drummer from Scituate, Jonathan Leet. Both Lanzillotti and Leet were in software sales so, Shea says, they had a lot in common.

Then came Peter Dupre — a keyboard player and a strong vocalist — and the band was complete.

The band typically doesn't practice regularly, only when they know they have a gig lined up. A few of the members travel frequently for their jobs, so Shea says they were never able to nail down one day of the week that everyone could meet to rehearse.

The Gr8fls have two performances coming up in the next month. On Saturday, April 28 they will perform at St. Anthony's Parish Center to raise funds for the Appalachia Service Project. Then on Sunday, May 6 they will take the stage at the South Shore legendary live music locale, Sea Note, for a Wellspring fundraiser from 4p.m. to 7p.m.

"After we play at the Sea Note, the only place left to play [on the South Shore] is the Music Circus," says Shea.

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Anna Abbruzzese and Claire O'Brien work behind the scenes during the recent St. Patrick's Day luncheon sponsored by the Council on Elder Affairs. The event was held at St. Anthony's Parish Center.

A big, old thank you

Volunteers appreciated in weeklong event at Senior Center

By Nancy White
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Next week the Cohasset Elder Affairs will join senior centers across the country in thanking their volunteer force. The last week in April has been dubbed National Volunteer Appreciation week and the Cohasset Elder Affairs has a week of special events slated to show appreciation to their dedicated volunteers.

"In this small town our volunteers exemplify the work that others are doing across the country," says Director of Elder Affairs, Linda Elworthy, "our nearly 140 volunteers prepare, serve meals and wash dishes, pots and pans by the hundreds; they drive vans, escort people shopping and carry in the bundles, they visit seniors who are homebound and go food shopping for others."

The volunteers of all ages and share their time and talents to the make the lives of Cohasset seniors better. In just the past year alone, the volunteers have given more than 5000 hours of their time to help the town organization complete its mission.

Elworthy said that if the town had to pay for the work done by volunteers, it would equal five full time positions.

"We could not function without volunteer force," she said, "the generosity of people in this community is incredible."

Volunteers are as old as four years old and as young as 80, who don't think they are senior citizens, Elworthy says.

The schedule is packed with events Monday through Thursday to celebrate and thank volunteers for the work they do all year long. Elworthy hopes that each volunteer will be able to attend at least one of the events during the week (*see sidebar*).

Brad Goodwin has been volunteering as a van driver for the past four or five years. He picks up seniors from their home and brings them to the weekly senior luncheons; occasionally he will bring seniors on shopping trips or around town.

"It's great fun, it's been very enjoyable. All the seniors are so appreciative," he says, "I get more out of it than the seniors do."

Goodwin made the decision a few years ago to make more time to do volunteer work, so he carved out the time in his schedule. He encourages his busy friends to do the same.

With funding short, the help from volunteers allows the Senior Center to put on more programs and provide better services to the seniors in the community, Goodwin said. With the help of the volunteers, Cohasset Elder Affairs is able to run luncheons every week and bring in speakers and programs on subjects relevant to Cohasset's senior population.

One of Goodwin's more memorable volunteer moments was when he picked up a senior citizen from her home and made a unique connection — she had graduated high school with his father.

"I think she is about 92 years old and she always remembers

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A big, old thank you

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every time I pick her up," he said.

Patty Johnson was the founder of the Angel Food Project that prepares meals for seniors every Wednesday. She got involved when the Senior Center reached out to her mother when she moved in with Johnson's family about two years ago. She was so touched by their efforts that she wanted to get involved as well.

"We could not function without volunteer force, the generosity of people in this community is incredible."

— Linda Elworthy, Director of Elder Affairs



PHOTO/LYNNE LAYMAN

Martha Horsefield, who is volunteer coordinator for the Council on Elder Affairs, enjoys the recent CEA St. Patrick's Day lunch.

The Wednesday lunch has grown from a nine-person attendance to almost 40 regulars, Johnson said. Some of the ladies have made Wednesday dress up day — so the seniors get decked out in their finest to come dine at the Community Center.

"It's not about seniors having food to eat, it's about getting them out of the house and socializing," Johnson said, "a few minutes of time to listen to someone, or to give them a hug means so much to them."

She remembers a meal that was so good that all the seniors gave it (and her) a standing ovation when she walked into the room.

"We're supposed to take care of each other," Johnson says that the seniors are the ones that have made Cohasset a wonderful place to live, "I think it's very important to give to the community — and you get back so much more than you give."

The Cohasset Elder Affairs mission is to offer outstanding programs and services that provide for the physical, social and emotional needs of our older adults by assisting them to lead independent, stimulating and self-reliant lives as members of the community. Currently, Elder Affairs provides services to more than 1700 seniors.

"I just hope these great volunteers are around when I'm a senior citizen," Goodwin said with a laugh.

Volunteer opportunities are always available at Cohasset Elder Affairs. Call 781-383-9112 to find out more information on how to get involved.

Volunteer Appreciation Week

• Monday, April 23, 12 noon, Volunteer Appreciation Lunch at George Mealy American Legion Hall catered by Arthur Roebuck

• Tuesday, April 24, 11a.m., John Laukkanen presents "Chasing Blondes, Brunettes and Redheads after 65" – a doll show – at the Senior Center followed by a special lunch.

• Wednesday, April 25, 11:30a.m., Angel Food Luncheon and entertainment by Lynda Chuckran of Allerton House

• Thursday, April 24, 12 noon, lunch and entertainment provided by Lucille Sorrentino of Weymouth Heathcare Center

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The Whitley family includes daughters Allison Whitley and Sarah Ferguson (far left and second from right, respectively), Roger and Kitty (center) and son-in-law Steve Ferguson (far right).



Visiting with Police Chief James Hussey at the Citizen of the Year reception at Atlantica are, from left, Sarah Pease, Pat Chase and Grace Tuckerman.

Family, friends honor Roger Whitley

Citizen of Year reception held at Atlantica

Photos by Lynne Layman



Roger Whitley chats with the Rev. Jan Carlsson-Bull, pastor of First Parish Cohasset. Whitley has served on myriad church committees at First Parish over the years.



Roger Whitley, who was honored for his service to the town and the planet, visits with an old friend. Whitley and his wife, Kitty, served in the Peace Corps and worked with Habitat for Humanity in Guatemala.



Jackie Dormitzer and Lou Eaton enjoy the Citizen of the Year reception at Atlantica.



The Cohasset Mariner recognizes the Citizen of the Year annually. Here some former citizens and Whitley gather for a photo. From left are: Sallyann Chatterton (for her late husband, Clark); the Rev. Gary Ritts, Anna Abbruzzese, John Coe, Roger Whitley, Mary Keating (for her late brother Gerard Keating), Marjorie Murphy, Katherine Stanton and Arthur Lehr.



Kitty Whitley, (far right) whose husband Roger is the Citizen of the Year, chats with (from left) June Hubbard, Lib Holt and Kay Lincoln.



Arnie and Martha Gjesteby visit with Roger Whitley (center) at Sunday's Citizen of the Year reception. Whitley is the 14th annual Citizen of the Year.



Selectman Ted Carr congratulates Citizen of the Year Roger Whitley. Carr presented Whitley with a proclamation on behalf of the selectmen.



Cohasset Mariner editor Mary Ford presents Roger Whitley with a framed front page honoring him as Citizen of the Year. Whitley was honored for his many years of service to the town including his work as a library trustee and help on the library building project.



The Rev. Gary Ritts, Sallyann Chatterton and Arthur Lehr enjoy the reception at Atlantica. Ritts, Lehr, and Chatterton's late husband, Clark, are former Cohasset Mariner Citizens of the Year.



Lisa Tompson chats with state Senator Robert Hedlund, left, and state Rep. Garrett Bradley during Sunday's event.

OPINION

EDITORIAL

Water, water, everywhere

Officials say the reason behind the overflows at the Sewer Treatment Plant is stormwater, not too much wastewater.

Sewer Commission Chairman Sean Cunning explains that a combination of faulty infrastructure (cracked pipes, and infiltration and inflow issues primarily in the Central District) and the high flow of stormwater left the plant unable to handle the hydraulic flow.

However, regardless of the root cause, the problem needs to be fully addressed as quickly as possible.

Let's face it – "drainage" – is one of the critical issues of our time. With continuing new development, the opportunity for water to be absorbed into the ground rather than running over the surface into drains, down roadways, and ending up in our water bodies – is becoming more and more limited.

When the editor started covering Cohasset 15 years ago, she recalls the Conservation Commission asking the then Board of Selectmen about the Drainage Committee. There was such a committee on the books, but it hadn't met in ages. The commission explained that a committee that zeroed in on drainage issues was needed and could provide useful input. We are not sure the Conservation Commission's request to reestablish the drainage committee was ever addressed.

We hope the current Board of Selectmen will fully back the need to form a permanent Stormwater Committee that would be able to apply for grants and fully focus on this critical issue.

We realize that some may feel another town committee is unnecessary and only adds to government. However, all the other boards that could deal with this issue – the Harbor Health Committee, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals – have full plates. A committee whose total focus is dealing with stormwater runoff and drainage could be of benefit.

The issue of handling stormwater, which can present a health risk, is now affecting the quality of life for many Cohasset residents. Ask yourselves if your basement is flooding on a regular basis? Have you noticed certain roadways and areas of town are flooding more often? Are the puddles on your lawn taking longer to be absorbed?

The Sewer Commission is planning to meet with abutters to the treatment plant at 4 p.m. on Monday. The Sewer Commission is also conducting a public hearing Monday on its sewer rate hikes. Once that hearing is complete and if time permits, we hope the commission will join the ad hoc Stormwater Committee at Monday's Selectmen's meeting to talk about this past week's rain event.

Cohasset's spectacular beauty is a double-edged sword. Its ledge and rocky coastline do not lend themselves to good drainage.

The town really needs to get its arms around this problem and quickly. Those who live along Elm Street are being subjected to the worst of it. They have a right to be very upset and concerned.

We applaud Karen Quigley of Clay Spring Road for seeking feedback from residents about their stormwater issues. Please contact her with your story at: Karen Quigley, 27 Clay Spring Road, telephone:

781.383.6368 or via email: kmquigley@comcast.net

Ms. Quigley says, "The data and information I have garnered as a member of the Harbor Health Committee and a former member of the Stormwater Committee leads me to the unshakable conclusion that Cohasset has a serious, recurrent and chronic stormwater crisis that threatens public health, the environment and the use and enjoyment of property. It must be dealt with now and in a comprehensive manner."



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Agrees with Alfred Slanetz

TO THE EDITOR:

Mr. Alfred Slanetz's op-ed article (April 13 Mariner) was a breath of fresh air, badly needed. I agree wholeheartedly with every word.

Leonora Jenkins, instead of "causing long term damage to our schools" (Town wide message, April 13 Mariner) should be thanked for her thoughtful comments which, if adopted, would benefit the schools and the beleaguered taxpayers.

Divisive messages like that sent by Ms. McMorris and Mr. Spofford have no place in Cohasset.

Rita Morton
263 Forest Ave.

Heartfelt thanks to Rev. Ritts

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the entire Rose family, I would like to express our deepest gratitude to Gary Ritts for his gracious support during our time of great loss. My Uncle Chuckie died suddenly on April 4th. We were extremely shocked and saddened and found it quite difficult to come to terms with his death and our grief.

Through Gary's support and kind words, we were able to have more peace of mind. Hearing his strong, consoling voice brought us great comfort and strength. The Memorial Service which Gary conducted was beautiful. As we left the Church we felt the sense of peace we had longed for, knowing Chuckie was in a better place and not far from us. We are so lucky to have someone as loving, compassionate and caring as Gary Ritts in our community.

Jamey Kupsc
Arrowood Street

Children's School Funding Rally

TO THE EDITOR:

Please join me on Wednesday, April 25, on Boston Common, near the Park Street T stop, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., rain or shine, at the Stand for Children's School Funding Rally. Stand together to demand that state lawmakers make our school children a top priority in 2007! We are asking leaders on Beacon Hill to commit to delivering immediate financial relief to all school districts and to initiate funding reforms to ensure that all children have the opportunity to succeed.

Stand for Children is chartering buses to pick up rally attendees in communities around the state. Contact Stand for Children at www.stand.org/ma or call 617-547-3800 to reserve a seat on a bus to the State House.

Sarah Murphy
41 Aaron River Road

Inspiration for us all

TO THE EDITOR:

Wow, thank you for publishing such great photos of the 31st Cohasset Road Race by the Sea. Laura Sinclair did a wonderful job of capturing the beauty of the course, and the many different participants of the events held that day. Thank you, Laura.

And the Letter to the Editor from Heather in Virginia, really hit on the essence of this year's "One Book One Cohasset" selection on the "The Last Pick" to help "inspire others to set goals and reach for their dreams". Thank you Heather for sharing your story with everyone, and we hope you know that we are all proud of your accomplishment and we hope you will return to run in Cohasset again soon. Thank you for helping to inspire us all.

Brad Goodwin
15 Virginia Lane

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Assessors, April 20, 8:30 a.m.
Capital Budget Committee, May 1, 7:30 p.m.
CMHS School Council, May 2, 2:30 p.m. at the high school.
Harbor Health Committee, May 5, 7:30p.m.
Library Trustees, May 9, 7 p.m. at the library.
Planning Board, April 25, 7 p.m., public hearing 7 p.m. on Cook Estate project.
School Committee, April 25, 7 p.m., at the high school.
Selectmen, April 23 and May 7, 7p.m.;
Sewer Commission, April23, 4 p.m.(meeting with plant abutters), 6 p.m. (regular meeting), 7 p.m. public hearing on rates
Stormwater Committee, April 23, 7:30 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals, May 8 and June 6, 7:30 p.m.

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Census forms need to be returned.

Slanetz's election view 'all wrong'

COMMENTARY

PAT WATERS

...your characterization of the write-in campaign as "negative" and dealing in "character assassination" is also wrong-headed.

Editor's note: Pat Waters provided the Mariner with a copy for publication of his response to Alfred Slanetz's commentary that ran last week.

Dear Al,

I have just finished reading your commentary in the Cohasset Mariner and feel compelled to advise you that you could not be more wrong.

First, there was no "corruption" of the democratic process. A write-in campaign on behalf of any eligible person is fair, legal and ethical. While you may personally prefer a more orderly and genteel process you have no basis to make such a charge. Rousing action from complacency should be praised, not attacked.

Second, your characterization of the write-in campaign as "negative" and dealing in "character assassination" is also wrong-headed. It was quite clear to me that I was suddenly presented with four choices for two school committee seats. It was also clear to me that two candidates had consistently positioned themselves, by act and deed, to support increased funding for the schools; one candidate had consistently opposed more funding for the schools; and one candidate was new to the issue, but had written articles and campaigned (perhaps on the belief that the race was uncontested) that the schools could better allocate the resources they had. This put the candidates into two very distinct groups: (1) those that support increased funding and (2) those that do not. A distinction that is very relevant and fair to point out.

Third, the phone and e-mail messages were not "vicious". The use by any campaign of the term "pro-school" or "anti-school" is so vague and amorphous that it carries no meaning. It certainly isn't vicious. As a case in point, on the eve of the election, the Cohasset

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Week of tides, train and trees

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Last week half of the Greenbush Team took a small vacation trip to warmer climes, the net result — the other half of the team was up to his eyeballs in stuff going on here in Cohasset. Thus, there was no article last week. Now we are back up to speed and we'll bring you up-to-date with what's happening.

Forest Avenue – By the time you read this, tree clearing should have started late this week on Forest Avenue. Work was delayed as a result of emergency tree work that the contractor had to complete before he could start on our project. Now, the trees are comin' down.

The Border Street Harbor Wall Repair — Just as in the Forest Avenue project, the nor'easter this week created a bag full of problems for the harbor wall project, as well. The ultra high tides coupled with a storm surge caused the Portadam to be overtopped for several tide cycles. The only thing the contractor could do was to stabilize the area and minimize the water damage to the exposed roadway. The contractor, T Ford, was extremely cooperative and provided personnel on site during all high tides so that corrective action could be taken whenever necessary. We really appreciate the contractor's cooperation and diligence.

The accompanying photo shows the sea wall area just after the Portadam had been overtopped during one of the high tides. This construction area is exposed directly to the ocean through the harbor entrance, but fortunately there was little wave action, which could have been disastrous.

Numerous meetings were held after high tide events with safety forces as well as the Town's utility operations. There was some evidence of Border Street being undermined and we carefully examined the roadway to assure that it was safe after each tide cycle. Another concern also arose on this past Monday evening. The tides that overflowed the Portadam also exposed a small section of the water main that serves Government Island and the properties on the Scituate side of the Border Street Bridge. The sea wall contractor backfilled the area around the pipe to cover and stabilize it from any further exposure. After careful deliberation, the Cohasset Water Department decided to take some emergency preventative measures in the event that there is damage to the water main. They installed shut-off valves on either side of the work area on Border Street so that, on the chance that a catastrophic leak occurs, the area can be isolated. Further, they are running temporary pipe from one side of the work area so that water service can be maintained even if the main is shut off.



The photo shows the seawall area just after the Portadam had been overtopped during one of the high tides.



This photo, taken, looking down the Pond Street Hill shows the new section of Pond Street curving to the right toward the tracks.

Greenbush Stuff – As we mentioned in our last article, CBB is hard at work in several areas. The photo, taken looking from Lantern Lane down the Pond Street Hill shows the new section of Pond Street curving to the right toward the tracks. The remains of the large rock are just to the left of center. If you look carefully, you will be able to see the area in the center of the roadway near the railroad tracks where the traffic separating islands will be placed. Spring Street can barely be seen as it comes in from the left side of the photo. Also, this photo shows the newly laid asphalt base coat.

While work is going on at Pond Street, Sohier Street is also under construction where it is being widened. Moving further South, to Beechwood Street, CBB is working on a drainage problem in this area. A large section of the asphalt has been removed on the Main Street side of the tracks. This portion of the street paving needs to be redone to correct drainage problems that have existed since the paving was originally installed. Let's hope this time the fix helps the local drainage.

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A chief critiques a talk show

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



You wanted to see me, chief?

Yes, Harold. Sit down. I wanted to talk to you about your talk show. We've been monitoring it for some time now and, frankly, the choice of words by you and some of your guests is beginning to cause us some concern.

I'll admit I've pushed the envelope on occasion, but I've tried to stay within the bounds of good taste. What words are those that bother you?

Our monitor reports that you had a guest that not only used the word "ho," but used it three times on one broadcast. What do you say to that?

I don't recall it. When did it happen?

It says right here, last Dec. 24.

Oh, that! That was the interview with Santa Claus. He's been saying "Ho, ho, ho" ever since his workshop was discovered at the North Pole.

For crying out loud, keep your voice down. They may have the office bugged.

Who?

The FCC, or the NAACP, or the ACLU, or the CIA, for all I know. Just don't let it happen again. Next time have him say "tee hee" or something that won't get us in trouble. We just were lucky this time that Al Sharpton wasn't listening.

Have Santa say "tee hee," right. Anything else?

Yes. Our monitor says you spent a whole hour once discussing that Valerie Plame thing and several times the word "Niger" came up.

Sure, it's the country in Africa that her husband visited in search of uranium yellow cake. It would have been hard to ignore it. Anyway, it's pronounced "neye-jah."

I know it is, but somebody might mispronounce it on one of our programs, and under the worst possible scenario Jesse Jackson may be tuned in. We just can't take that chance.

But what shall we call it if it comes back into the news?

Call it anything you want. Nobody pays attention to those African countries, anyway.

Careful.

What?

The bug. Jesse Jackson may have planted it.

Oh, God, do you think so?

No, but is there anything else?

Yes. There is. I see by your schedule here that you have a woman coming on to discuss the effect of nursery rhymes and stories on preschool children.

I do.

I suppose the stories include "The Three Little Pigs?"

They do.

They have to go. Statistics show that 1.7 percent of our listening audience is Muslim. Muslims don't eat pork. Do I have to draw you a picture?

Jews don't eat pork, either, and I've never heard that the Three Little Pigs ever bothered them.

Careful.

What?

The bug. It may be B'nai B'rith.

Oh, no, do you think so?

Who's tougher: men or women?

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

I noticed an impressive bruise on my wife's arm the other day.

"Wow," I said. "How'd you get that?"

She looked at it, puzzled.

"I don't know."

"When did it happen?"

"No idea."

This sort of thing drives men crazy. "How can you not know how you got a welt like that?! You didn't steal a PlayStation 3 recently did you?"

"I just don't complain about little bumps. Some of us are hardier than others," she said, knowing full well I would now be forced to defend my honor by slandering her in the newspaper.

I'm normally not one to generalize. People who generalize are lazy thinkers whose ideas should be used for entertainment purposes only and do not reflect the views of the Mariner or her parent company, AOL/Time Warner DaimlerChrysler Frito-Lay. That said, I think all spammers should be summarily executed. I also think women bruise more easily than men. At least the women in my life seem to. I can bang my shin against the open dishwasher door as I did just this morning, hard enough to cause a hairline fracture and 10 full minutes of profanity, and I won't have a single mark to show for it. I get zero credit. Meanwhile all it takes is a hard stare to turn my sister black and blue, and my daughter Mary is a certified wimp with marks on her thighs that suggest she's jousting in her free time.

This bruisability discrepancy leads to a lot of arguments over whether men or women are physically tougher. The argument always ends the same way, too. Guys can talk all day about things they voluntarily endure — war, rugby, clothes shopping, you name it — but inevitably the subject of childbirth is brought up, the women in the room cross their arms and smile triumphantly, and the men have to think of a totally different conversation they can dominate.

This seemed like a fair contest to us, the mostly drunken crowd egging them on. The two of them were about the same weight and height.

I want to be clear that I have every sympathy for women over the whole childbirth thing. I'm easily the biggest fan of epidurals that I know. It should be illegal to perform a bikini waxing without first offering an epidural. I would change my name to Mister Epidural if I didn't think it would give my wife another excuse to claim we're unrelated. But there ought to be some way to resolve the "who's tougher" question without resorting to apple-and-orange comparisons.

A college dorm mate of mine thought he had the solution. He bet his girlfriend that if they ran at each other and crashed head-on, repeatedly, that she would complain before he did. This seemed like a fair contest to us, the mostly drunken crowd egging them on. The two of them were about the same weight and height. Neither one played any contact sports. So with great fanfare they separated by 15 yards, faced each other, and we all yelled, "Go!" They ran toward one another at a speed that surprised even the sober among us and at just the last instant she raised her left knee — she later claimed it was an involuntary reflex — and nailed him right in the groin. They bounced off one another, she spun around and stayed on her feet, and he crawled very slowly to the emergency room while we tried to raise her on our shoulders but mostly fell over and went to sleep in the courtyard.

This argument may have higher stakes for me than it does for most men. I'm married to a second-generation immigrant of farming stock who doesn't believe in injury timeouts, naps, or relaxation of any kind for that matter. Both she and her mother have one goal in life and that is to keep moving. If you have nothing pressing to do at the moment you should go milk a cow. If you have no cow handy I'm quite sure there's something you can shovel — just keep busy. Entertainment, breaks, terminal illnesses — these are indulgences to be scorned. They're really a lot of fun, these two. Unfortunately I have the biorhythms of a large cat. I like to sleep in, work intensely hard for about 30 minutes, then snooze till dinner and spend the night hunting for funny clips on YouTube. It's all very primal, and obviously it clashes with my wife's agrarian nature, but so far we've managed to work things out by yelling a lot.

I'm sure the relative pain threshold issue will never be resolved between my wife and me, let alone between the sexes. But I will say that if tomorrow the responsibility for giving birth were somehow shifted from women to men it's not true that we'd be doomed as a species. We would, however, be real sticklers for due dates.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset, unaware that his wife has recently begun leaving her keys in his car and parking it just a little bit closer to the street every night.

School race leaves unanswered questions

COMMENTARY

PAUL SCHUBERT

The recent Cohasset School Committee race certainly enjoys a place in town lore. Two candidates appeared out of the mist hours before the race, with one able to defeat an announced candidate. It was quite a contest. Also interesting is the manner in which the editorial views of the Mariner have colored the landscape of the town viewpoints. In the editorials of the past week, both on line and in hard copy, the Mariner editorial desk has not given a particularly even-handed approach to the opinion extant in the town. Parthian blows are not helpful when volatile opinions are expressed.

I believe proponents employ their abilities and opinions to buttress the cause they support. I believe that invective criticism does not constitute support. Constructive criticism is always welcome, but not at the expense of undermining support that the Cohasset School system and administration deserves. If the editorial position of the Mariner is to instigate and inflame the situation then that certainly will help circulation. I look at the editorial view as one that allows for civil discourse regarding topics. This is a wonderful opportunity for the Mariner to investigate the causes of why a school committee race would be so important as to generate underground candidates and create strong emotions regarding the outcome of the race.

Perhaps a disproportionate rise in income has led to a waning in the sense of collective responsibility for education. Has the Mariner editorial board considered such a discussion?

Cohasset has fine schools, a superbly educated population, and enjoys one of the highest per capita incomes in the area. Why then, is such energy expended on the schools and a local school committee race? It is because it is vitally important to the students who pass through the schools, to the homeowners who have a stake in how real estate values appreciate, and to those who feel public education is a social responsibility. Regardless of whether your children are out of the school system due to age, personal preference for private or religious education, or perhaps no children at all, the support is necessary. Should you own a house in town, the current market decline will be insulated if the school system is superior to others in the area. Since proposition 2-1/2 passed, the tax on homes and the vehicle excise tax is limited. The revenue for any given town in the Commonwealth is strategically dependent upon state aid and the homeowner.

The Mariner has a wonderful opportunity to look into the root causes and history of this race. How has the town approached the funding of all services (including but not solely focused on the schools) after 25 years into the Proposition 2-1/2 vote? Have the demographics in town changed so dramatically as to have a larger number of students seeking private education? Perhaps a disproportionate rise in income has led to a waning in the sense of collective responsibility for education. Has the Mariner editorial board considered such a discussion? What would it take to entice those children in private school to return to public school? It could be quite constructive to consider a journalistic piece that envisions a cooperative approach to problems, as opposed to an editorial written by one with no stake in the outcome, aside from the sale of papers. Please, as a measure of civility, try this. It could be productive.

Paul Schubert lives at 155 Sohier St.

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Want to learn more about Cohasset's Appalachia Service Project? Tune in our town starting Monday for a special one-hour segment of Our Town when co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with ASP Director, Rev Gary Ritts, of the Second Congregational Church.

Joining Gary will be several CHS students who have made the trip to Appalachia and are eager to share their experiences with others.

Watch this inspiring telecast Monday at 9pm on Comcast channel 10. Our Town airs Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9pm on Comcast Channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed!

Brush chipping, paint day

Brush chipping – Residential brush will be accepted at the DPW parking area on the last Saturday of each month from May through October, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Trees more than 3 inches will not be accepted. No contractors.

Paint Day – Paints that are not latex-based will be accepted at the Recycling Transfer Station on the last Saturday of every month from May through October, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Latex paint can be air dried or absorbed with cat litter, sand or paint hardener and disposed of with household trash. Dispose empty paint cans in the tin can container.

Wet weather at root of sewer plant overflows

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"This incident reinforces the need to do something about stormwater in town," said Cunning in a phone interview, indicating that stormwater as far back as Forest Avenue is draining to James Meadow. "There's a lot of run off and contamination," he said, adding it's not all due to the Sewer Treatment Plant.

Karen Quigley, Chairman of the Harbor Health Committee, agrees that stormwater issue is primary to fixing the problem with the Sewer Treatment Plant.

"Stormwater is a very serious problem that needs attention now," Quigley said in a phone interview. She stressed that stormwater pollution is a regular occurrence with every rainstorm.

"There is no discounting the bacterial pollution from wastewater overflows, but these occur maybe once or twice a year. The bacteria is coming through the stormwater in all rain events," she said, "people should be just as concerned with the health risk posed by stormwater pollution."

Cunning said the biggest complaint he received during the storm was the lack of early notification, a complaint that surfaced last year following the Mother's Day storm.

"This incident reinforces the need to do something about stormwater in town."

— Sean Cunning, Sewer Commission

Police Chief James Hussey sent out a town-wide Connect-CTY message around 2p.m. on Monday. The message, initially intended to be sent just to abutters, warned residents to keep their children, pets and themselves away from water contact with the James Brook and meadow area for the following five days. That period of time, two or three high tides, allows the meadow to flush itself out to the harbor, Cunning explained.

Cunning said the delay was due to the Patriots Day holiday and town offices were closed. The Commission plans to work with the Town to prevent a delay from happening again in the event of the holiday or weekend.

A second message was issued due to the volume of calls the police and fire stations were receiving from confused residents asking whether the drinking water was safe. The message assured residents town-wide that the drinking water was indeed safe.

At least one resident reported to the Mariner that she was confused by the initial message that while indicating to stay away from the flood control area around Elm Street and James River did not specify that the drinking water was safe. The fact that message was sent beyond the immediate area of James' Meadow likely lead to the additional confusion.

Cunning said that in the future the Sewer Treatment plant would do a better job of notifying the abutters when there is an overflow. The Standard Operating Procedure for an overflow involves, among other things, taking samples from the overflow every hour and notifying the abutters. Cunning said there has been a substitute plant operator for the last few weeks who was not aware of all the protocol with an overflow event and "was just trying to control the spill."

Kathy Crosby of 75 Elm St. is a downstream abutter to the Sewer Treatment Plant. With every storm over the last few years, Crosby has experienced increasingly worse conditions following large rain events. Her home, which has historically never had a wet basement, now floods with inches of rainwater.



On the side of the plant the wastewater falls into the Meadow. Neighbors are concerned that the sewage has ended up untreated in their flooded backyards. High levels of bacteria, enterocci and fecal coliform, are expected following a storm, officials say. Residents town-wide were warned via a Connect-CTY call to avoid contact with the water in the James Brook, Elm St. flood zone for five days beginning Monday.

Last year in the infamous Mother's Day storm the Waste Water Treatment Plant had a similar overflow, Crosby wasn't aware of the sewage overflow. An avid gardener, Crosby continued her regular routines.

"I was horrified, I can't believe I was out there picking weeds in that," said Crosby in a phone interview. She developed a rash that she thought was allergies and ended up with a massive infection in her eye. She now believes the rash was due to the presence of sewage and other pollutants in her backyard.

Besides the sewage that has ended up in her backyard, she has suffered serious flooding on her property—especially in the last two years. The flooding has caused a house that was built in 1860 to have new settlement issues — the foundation is shifting and walls have began separating from the ceiling. She believes that these problems are due to the new Greenbush construction in the wetlands and the replacement of a 57-inch pipe with a larger culvert.

The combination of an influx of stormwater and the plant overflow contribute to her ongoing problems, she said.

"Stormwater and sewer for those of us downstream from Waste Water Treatment Plant are one in the same," said Crosby, "one exacerbates the other."

Crosby went to check out the Treatment Plant around 11a.m. last Monday to see if there was an overflow due to the rainstorm.

"It was like Niagara Falls, the water was coming over the tops of the tanks," said Crosby, who took pictures and then samples of what was flowing out of the tanks. One was taken directly from the overflow coming out of the tank and the other from a standing puddle as it was draining into the meadow. She also took samples from her basement and her backyard to see what the levels of fecal coliform and enterococci were.

Jim Drysdale of Cedar Acres Lane, a retired medical school professor and medical researcher, performed the tests using procedures used by the state. He says the sample taken from the effluent at the sewer treatment plant had the "highest figure of fecal coliform he has ever recorded." The results were about 540,000 cfu/100mL; cfu stands for colony forming units. The state swimming standard for fecal coliform is 200 cfu/100mL.

Preliminary tests for enterococcus came out to be greater than 100,000 cfu/100mL, high above the state swimming limit of 104 cfu/100mL.

The sample taken from the surrounding water in Jacobs' Meadow, in Crosby's flooded backyard, exceeded 10,000 cfu/100mL for fecal coliform and 13,000 cfu/100mL for enterococci. These measurements are only indicators of the presences of bacterium, they are not necessarily pathogens or harmful. However, with the greater concentration of the bacteria, there is an increased likelihood that some are pathogens, Drysdale said.

"These analyses show a potentially serious health hazard for our community," said Drysdale. At press time the lab results from the Sewer Commission samples have not been received according to Cunning.



Brown sewage floats in a shallow puddle inside the Wastewater Treatment Plant shortly before noontime on Monday. Sewer Commissioner Sean Cunning said the plant upgrades scheduled to be done in conjunction with the Little Harbor sewer expansion project will result in a more controlled release from the plant in the event of a large rain event like the one this week. The large amount of stormwater was a main factor in the sewer plant overflow.

Health department not surprised by high counts

By Nancy White
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The high levels of bacteria does not surprise the Board of Health which regularly takes water quality measurements all other town. Both Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik and Board of Health member Steve Bobo agreed that the five-day waiting period to steer clear of the flood area near the Sewer Treatment Plant is a fair warning to residents.

"Five days is probably a conservative amount of time," said Godzik, who indicated that when there are high counts of bacteria at beaches there is typically a 48-hour waiting period.

"We certainly don't want to have these high numbers coming from the area around the Sewer Plant, but until the town puts in mitigation measures, we're going to see these high numbers when there is a storm," said Godzik.

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— Dr., Joseph Godzik, Health Agent

Godzik also said that it is impossible to determine how much pollution sewer contributed and how much was due to stormwater. The stormwater can be contaminated by any number of pollutants, including animal feces and fertilizer, on its way to James Brook.

"Certainly any [sewer] overflow is going to contribute to the overall pollution of the stream and harbor," he said. Godzik also said that the tests performs by resident Jim Drysdale, or any lab results, only test for indicators of the bacterium, not pathogens, "indicators don't necessarily cause disease."

Bobo, who is involved with taking water quality measurement on a weekly basis, knows that the rain causes an increased amount of bacteria in stormdrains throughout the town, but he said that once the stormdrains flush out, the readings are lower.

The survival of bacteria in temperatures below 40 degrees Fahrenheit is remote, Bobo said.

"The bacteria dies off outside fairly readily," he said, "most of the bacteria will dissipate after a night of cold weather, below 40 degrees."

Bobo stressed that proper hand washing is the first line of defense against any virus or bacteria.

Can sewer plant upgrade cope with more tie-ins?

By Nancy White
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The Sewer Commission recently got a $2 million increase in its Little Harbor district sewer expansion project at Town Meeting. The total allotment for the project is more than $15 million. The commission is scheduled to begin the project by the end of June, but have yet to receive a final permit from the state.

Concerns have been raised following this recent storm that ask whether the Waste Water Treatment Plant will be able to handle the additional 150,000 gallons of wastewater each day.

Sewer Commission Chairman Sean Cunning said that the solution to this problem is the plant upgrades that are tied into the Little Harbor project. With the upgrade, Cunning says there will be a controlled release from the plant and UV lights will disinfect the effluent, in addition to chlorine.

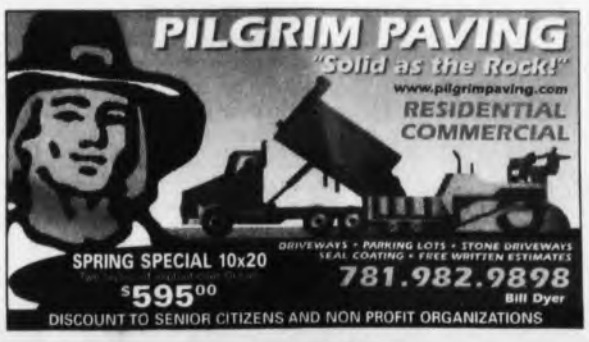
"We can't handle the flow now, but with the upgrade the margin is going to be dramatically increased," Cunning said. About $1 million will be invested in the plant over the next few years. Additional membranes will be added to increase the capacity of the plant.

But Kathy Crosby of 75 Elm St., who is a downstream abutter to the Sewer Treatment Plant, is unsure that the upgrade and the expansion is the answer to her problems. While she understands the need for Little Harbor homes to be connected to the town sewer system, she doesn't want to bear the consequences.

"Given what I know happens during each rain event, it seems only reasonable to ban any further connections to the Waste Water Treatment Plant until the flooding and overflow problems have been corrected and mitigated, then consider what to do next," Crosby said.

"If they [sewer expansion homes] are going to flush their toilets and it's going to end up in my backyard, then I don't agree with it," she said, "while their property value will skyrocket once they are on sewer, my property value is at just about zero right now."

On Monday, April 23 at 4p.m. the Sewer Commission will hold a meeting at the Town Hall to walk through what happens in the event of an overflow and discuss overflow concerns with the abutters and any other interested citizens. Later that evening, the Sewer Commission will hold a public hearing on a proposed rate increase at 7p.m. at the Town Hall auditorium.











From the Archives of the Cohasset Historical Society



A recent acquisition to the Cohasset Historical Society archives is this postcard showing a large estate in North Cohasset. Handwritten on the postcard is "The Appletrees", but we do not know what this means or how it relates to the house. We have not been able to identify the estate and have no additional information. Does it look familiar to anyone? If so, please give us a call at 781-383-1434.

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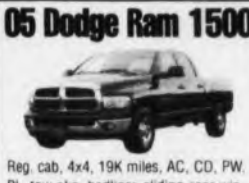
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HEALTH NOTES

Storm boosts need for spring-cleaning

Tick season is also upon us

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Hopefully, the worst is over, and we'll soon have weather we'd like to go outside in. So far, this spring, there hasn't been much. But, since Earth Day is next Sunday, (see my column in the April 22 Mariner) we'll be out collecting trash for the Town's biggest and perhaps most needed cleanup. Good timing! After the recent storm, we'll need the Earth Day Cleanup more than ever. It's already begun in the Jerusalem Road, Bow Street and other sites. The DPW has been busy in some of the worst places.

Learn about the ways you can help put the Town back together after the storm. — Come to the Town Hall parking lot on Sunday April 29th at 12:30 p.m. for assignments to coordinate and establish trash pickup sites and give ground rules. Cleanup duration should be until about 4 p.m.. The Board of Health will provide a limited number of attractive free T-shirts to commemorate Earth Day on a first come first served basis.

But be careful! — While you're out rooting about, look out for ticks. Before the big storm news, this article was to be about the critters. The season of greatest tick infestation is mid April through August, the time when deer tick nymphs attach themselves to hosts: dogs, cats and us.

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The two principal ticks found in Cohasset are the deer tick (Lyme disease carrier), and the American dog tick. The dog tick has not been associated with Lyme disease, but is a vector for tularemia and Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

The typical deer tick habitat is just where we'll be looking for cans and debris. Deer ticks are smaller than dog ticks, and in nymph stage feed on small mammals like a field mouse from which they can transfer to humans passing by. So, if you're going out to collect trash if you're in the woods, or in high grass, better take the precaution of covering up completely.

Many of the best places to find trash are also good places to find ticks: Government Island, Black Rock Beach, the dune side of Sandy Beach, the ball fields along North Main Street, Ellms Meadow near Cushing Road and James Lane. Tuck your trousers into your socks, and perhaps get out the deet insect repellent and give your legs a spray. Remember, light colored clothing shows off ticks, which may be along for the ride. When you come home, put your clothing in a hot drier for a few minutes. Ticks must have been living aboard for at least 24 hours to infect humans, so it's highly probable that a careful inspection will reveal them before they've done harm. They will not infest pets with suitable protective collars.

If you find a tick, don't use gasoline, nail polish remover, or other salves or unguents; dislodge it with tweezers. Pull straight our without twisting. If the tick has been attached for some time, it's necessary to see a doctor or a health nurse for advice about symptoms. Mark the date on the calendar and if possible, save the tick for identification.

So, come to Town Hall parking lot at 12:30 on Sunday April 29th and help us make this the **best** Earth Day in Town history. But don't forget the other harbingers of spring: ticks, mosquitoes, and poison ivy along with the winter's collection of cans, bottles, and other trash in our public places.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Slanetz's election view 'all wrong'

FROM SLANETZ, PAGE 12

COMMENTARY

PAT WATERS

Mariner printed an on-line article calling write-in candidate Leonora Jenkins a "long time school supporter". By your tortured logic, the Mariner was supporting a "vicious" write-in campaign. Worse, since I disagree with Ms. Jenkins I was being labeled as "anti-school". Rhetorical excess may not be the highest form of political discourse but it isn't vicious. [totally separate is the issue of whether the Mariner should editorialize in its news stories]

Fourth, your suggestion that anyone was "disenfranchised" of their vote is so absurd and absent of any factual support that it is difficult to fathom what you were thinking. Did someone tell 80 percent (your figure) of the voters not to vote? Did someone stop them from voting? The fact of the matter is that a significant number of people where galvanized to vote for something they believe in. They were energized to become part of the process. There is nothing more democratic than that.

Fifth, you called out individuals by name and charged them with a "shameful lack of integrity, ethics, character and sense of fair play." You apparently either fail to understand the gravity of your charges or fail to understand that when you charge these individuals you charge all like-minded persons – including myself. I hold no personal animus against any individual candidate. I did, however, vigorously campaign for the two candidates who best reflected my views. I certainly am not ashamed. Your similarly outrageous commentary with regard to new board member Lucia Flibotte does more to open old wounds and undermine your Board's future effectiveness than any campaign slogans.

Lastly, more troubling than the utter lack of factual support for your commentary (as noted above) is the smug tone of moral superiority throughout. I might have respectfully disagreed with you on subjective matters like, the "tone" of local elections or how we discuss the relationship between town and schools had you not laid waste to so many good people with your sweeping declarations of ethical misconduct, educational inferiority and moral depravity.

I have known you to be an intelligent and thoughtful person. I can only believe that you wrote your commentary in haste and without consideration of all facts or the unintended consequences of your actions. Accordingly, I call upon you to make amends and publicly apologize for your inaccurate and personally damning charges.

Patrick Waters lives at 91 Aaron River Road.

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Co-captain Chris Donze follows through on a shot in a match this season.



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The Cohasset High School boys tennis team poses before a recent match. Front row: seniors Chris Ackley, left, Blain Morin, Chris Donze and Owen Stevenson. Back row: coach Paul Carroll, left, Marc D'Antonio, Ryan Crough, Ivan Sceery, Victor Hartmann, Luke Brewer, Mike Filbey and coach Brian Hill, Sr.

Solid start for Skippers

Boys are 4-1 overall, 2-0 in South Shore League

By Brian A. Hill, Sr.
SPECIAL TO MARINER

The Cohasset High School boys tennis team is off to a flying start this year jumping out to a 4-1 record overall and 2-0 in the South Shore League. The Skippers lone loss came Thursday, April 5, at the hands of 23-man strong Duxbury. The Dragons defeated Cohasset, 5-0.

Led by captains Chris Donze and Blain Morin, the team has demonstrated it has depth from first singles through second doubles.

At the start of the season, the battle for the number one position was divided between senior captain Morin, hard-hitting sophomore Victor Hartmann, and the steady, athletic junior Ryan Crough.

After the dust settled Hartmann won the top spot, Morin settled in at two, and Crough has proven to be very tough in the third position.

Donze and lanky, hard serving sophomore Ivan Sceery have developed into a potent first doubles duo.

Second doubles is an interesting combination of power, brains and finesse with the cannon serving Chris Ackley, kick servicing Owen Stevenson, and the steady freshman Mike Filbey. Filbey has posted a 3-1 record for the team.

Also making very big contributions at second doubles are undefeated Luke Brewer and Marc A'Antonio.

The highlights of the season thus far have included Chris Donze and Ivan Sceery's 4-6, 6-6, 4-6 loss to a very talented first doubles team of Duxbury's Stefan Seman and Ted Goldmacher. Hartmann also played well in defeat Duxbury. He lost at first singles 3-6, 5-7 to Sean Buike. Ryan Crough has posted the best overall record of 4-1 at third singles.

The most exciting match of the year came last week at Carver. Expecting a cakewalk, Hartmann sat the bench and Morin moved to the top spot with Crough playing second singles and captain's pick Owen Stevenson at third singles. Ackley and Filbey teamed together for the first time at first doubles, while the Brewer and D'Antonio team played at second doubles.

SEE TENNIS, PAGE 19

Rain, rain go away

Athletic director, coaches and players hope for brighter rest of spring

By Jarrod LeBlanc
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"They've been very creative with the ways they've been conducting practices indoors, especially given the amount of time we've been inside."
Cohasset High athletic director Ron Ford

The crack of the bat, the sound of a backhand, the contact of a face off, and the clickety-clack of spikes down a straightaway. Ah, the sights and sounds of spring. Not in New England though. Lately as a result of Mother Nature the only thing sports teams have been hearing is the echoing of their voices in gyms.

With the recent string of rain and wind Cohasset High School and practically all of the other high schools in New England have been forced to cancel games and head indoors for practice.

"I have to give the coaches a lot credit," seventh-year Cohasset High athletic director Ron Ford said Wednesday. "They've been very creative with the ways they've been conducting practices indoors, especially given the amount of time we've been inside."

For almost a week now Cohasset High School's eight teams – baseball, boys and girls lacrosse, softball, boys and girls tennis, and boys and girls track – have been splitting time in the gym and school conducting practices.

"We're very lucky that we have a big gym," Ford said. "Each team's been able to get about an hour of practice time in a day over the vacation. They're starting to go stir crazy though."

Luckily for the Skipper athletes Ford's been at this for a quite a while now otherwise things could have been a lot worse. As a result of Ford's pro-active thinking only five Cohasset games needed to be rescheduled due to the weather.

"Last Wednesday (April 11) when I saw that things were about to turn ugly, I moved as many of our games as possible to Wednesday rather than risking them being cancelled Thursday," Ford said. "It also helped that this past week was vacation, if it had been a normal week we would have anywhere up to 30 to 40 games to reschedule."

With the forecast calling for 60-degree, partly cloudy days for the next week it appears the Skippers should be able to take the fields and tracks once again.

The boys lacrosse team is scheduled to be the first team back in action as it heads to Marshfield today (Friday, April 20) for a 1 p.m. game against the Rams. Tuesday, April 24, the team hosts Abington at 4 p.m. before Friday's 4 p.m. game at Duxbury, which has won three straight Division 1 state titles and four of the last five.

The beginning of next week will be a busy one for the softball team. Monday, April 23, the girls travel to Hull for a 3:30 p.m. game. Tuesday they return home to host Harwich at 4 p.m. Then Wednesday the squad is on the road again this time at Hanover for a 3:30 p.m.game.

It will also be a busy time for the baseball team early on next week as it too is scheduled to play three games in three days starting Monday. First up for Cohasset is a 3:30 p.m. away game with East Bridgewater. Tuesday the boys travel over the to face Harwich at 4 p.m. Wednesday the team returns home to face Hull at 3:30 p.m.

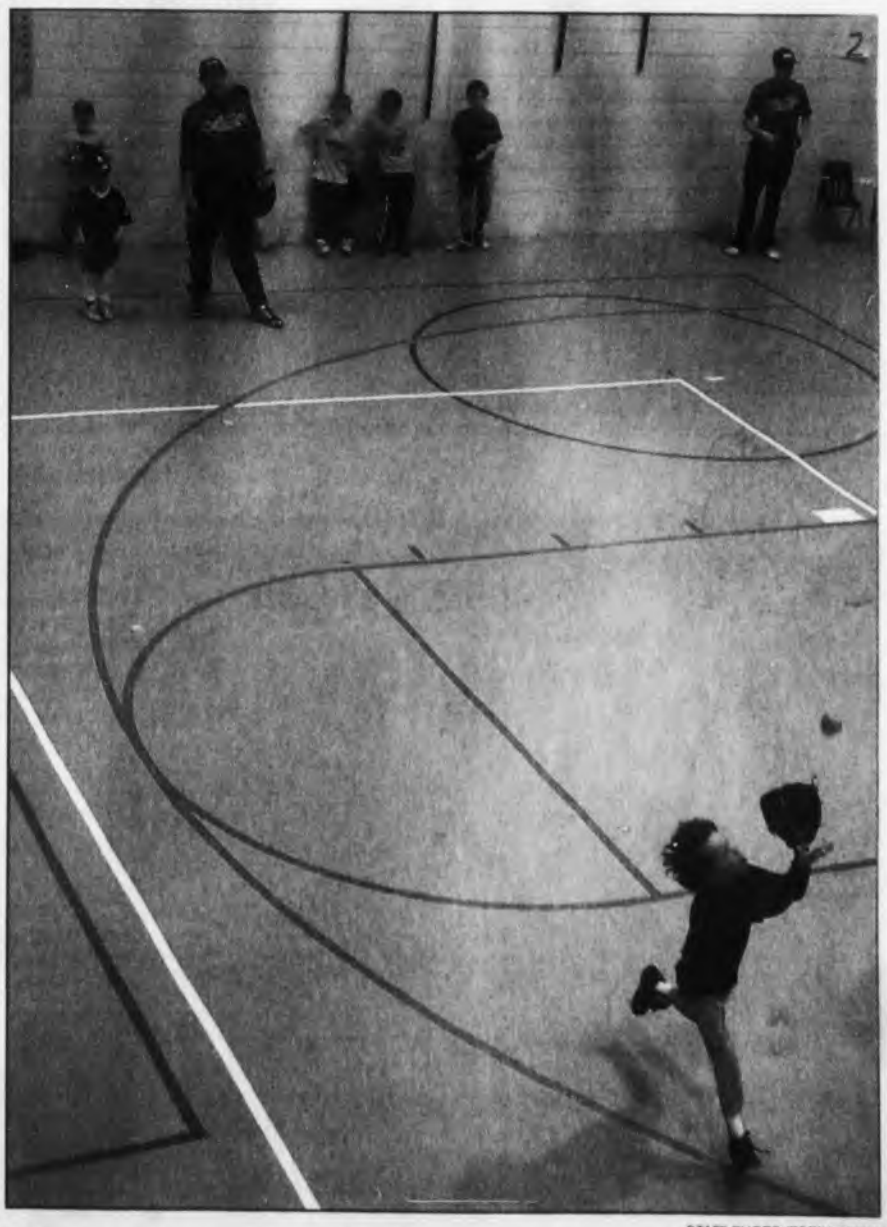
The boys tennis team is on the road for both of its matches next week. Monday and Tuesday the squad heads over bridge to face Cape Cod Academy and Harwich. Both matches are at 4 p.m.

On the girls side of the net Cohasset will host Harwich at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

The girls lacrosse team will travel to Abington for a 4 p.m. game Tuesday. Thursday the squad hosts Duxbury at 3:30 p.m.

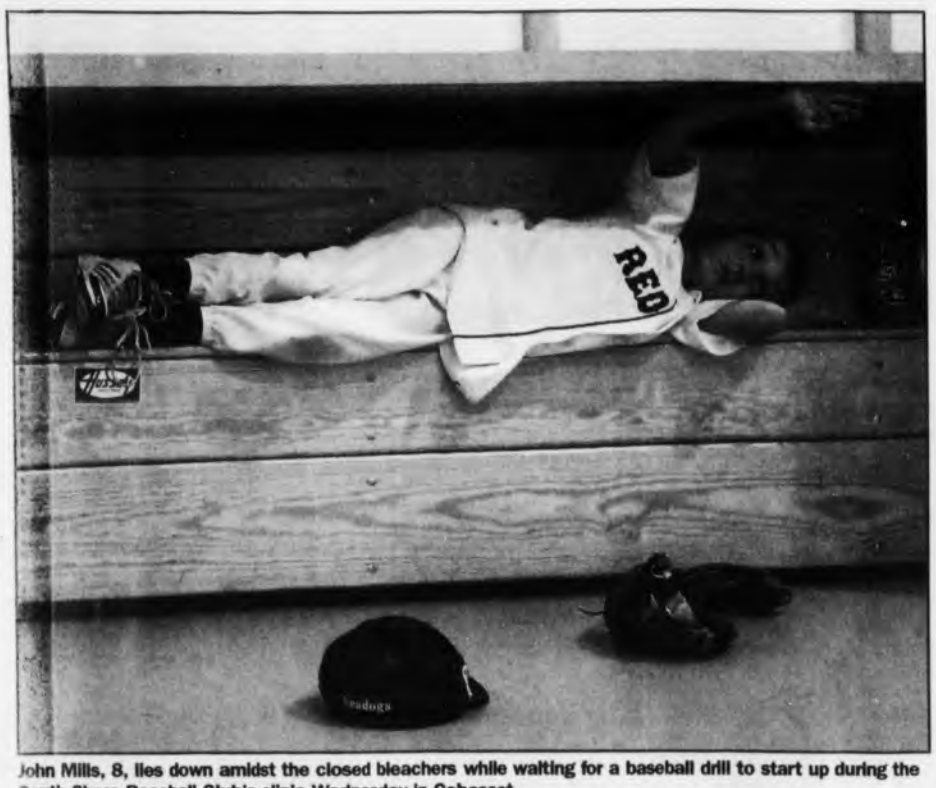
Both the boys and girls track teams will compete Thursday at East Bridgewater. Events are scheduled to get underway at 4 p.m.

SPRING TRAINING



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Eight-year old Jack Ward tracks down a fly ball Wednesday during a competition at the baseball clinic run by the South Shore Baseball Club at Osgood School in Cohasset. The clinic was held indoors because of the inclement weather.



John Mills, 8, lies down amidst the closed bleachers while waiting for a baseball drill to start up during the South Shore Baseball Club's clinic Wednesday in Cohasset.



Cohasset's Luke Norton, 8, lines up a hit while playing a game of Wiffle Ball during the baseball clinic Wednesday.

Play Ball!



Kyle Medici, 9, secures the grounder during a drill Wednesday.



Ethan Pelissier, 12, throws the ball to the instructor, while warming up in a baseball drill Wednesday.



Harry Wheeler, 8, looks up to one of the instructors from the South Shore Baseball Club, while they divide the kids into groups for various baseball drills.



Eleven-year olds Tim Cavanaro, right of Cohasset, and John Claudebrassard, second from right, watch the end of a Wiffle Ball game.

Staff photos by Robin Chan

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Stars Squirt B's win cup at championship game

The Coastal Stars Squirt B team made this winter a little less chilling and a lot more thrilling! A season that started Friday, Aug. 25 and ended Thursday, April 12, has come to an end – a perfect end that is.

A 40 win season!

It all started when coach Dan Rice selected 15 players - not on talent - but on character and desire. He then selected a dream team coaching staff that fit his mode.

"Develop hockey players and if all goes well we'll win a few games along the way," Rice said at the beginning of the season. That was the understatement of the year.

After receiving a generous sponsorship from Maria Lahey this team was good to go. With 20 wins at the All-Star break, coach Paul McHugh hosted a Broom Ball tournament at the McHugh Forum. This revealed the competitive spirit of the player's parents: Sophie Rice: 16 goals and four assists.

Cheryl Lund received 39 penalty minutes and a game misconduct. Maria Lahey picked up the Best Soup award. Donna McKenzie took home the Hoby Baker award. But the player of the night was goalie Sue McHugh as she recoreded a .024 goals against average. This lightened the mood for the start of the second half of the season.

The second half of the season mirrored the first half - 17 wins with three playoff games to go. The Stars were sitting on top of their division entering the playoff stretch.

"You've got to skate with some swagger but you can't be too confident," coach Golden said about the Stars playoff chances.

"At the beginning of the year, we were almost too cocky and we started to believe all our press clippings - at which point the coaching staff had to pull in the reins," coach Lahey said about the Stars postseason chances.

The first game of the playoffs matched the Stars with a feisty team from Pembroke. This proved to be a lopsided event. Michael Lund, Curtis Golden, Adam Benson, Gunner McKenzie and Sam Rice all scored in this one. Brandon Winn, James Hussey, Rice and Teddy Craven all picked up assists. For the man behind the mask (goalie Liam McHugh) it was just another day at the office. McHugh rejected 22 shots and posted his 12th shut out of the season.

Next up, Duxbury, a worthy challenger. The Duxbury team was playing solid playoff hockey, but it couldn't resuscitate from the Stars suffocating *C.P.R. Line*: Calapa (Domenic), Prendergast (Tommy) and Russell (Santos). These three forwards played awe-inspiring two-way hockey for three full periods. Lund, Derek Benson and Golden all scored. The Duxbury squad was held to one goal - thanks again to an outstanding goalie performance from McHugh.

In the semifinal game, the Stars were pitted against an aggressive team from Braintree - playing with a lighting hot goaltender and a big front line. The Stars countered with the best defensive core in the league: The *Department of Defense* may not get the press clippings - however, they get results. James Hussey, Adam Benson, Declan Leahy, Jack Conlon and Gunner McKenzie were enormous all season long and today it was no different.

The Stars scored seven goals - in order: Curtis Golden, Russell Santos, Adam Benson, Golden (two), Michael Lund, Santos (two) and Sam Rice.

The stage was set for a Stanley Cup contest between the Stars and their rivals - the very talented Sea Hawks!

From the opening face-off, the Sea Hawks caught the Stars sleeping and scored the first goal 11 seconds into the contest. It's marked the first time the division champion Stars were behind in the playoffs. This deficit would last throughout the first period.

Overcoming a slow offensive start and then finding that special gear that only the great teams possess the Stars ran off a 5-0 spurt.

Sam Rice ignited the Stars offense by scoring off a textbook pass from Brandon Winn. After tying the score, the Stars settled down and went to work with tenacious back checking efforts from McKenzie, Leahy and Hussey. This combined with the leagues best offensive firepower - the Stars closed out the season with goals from, Adam Benson, Derek Benson, Lund and Teddy Craven.

Liam McHugh started the team's victory lap with the Stanley Cup raised above his head - to a chorus chant - MVP, MVP, MVP!

For the next 40 years - this combination of 15 boys will recant the greatest season ever - 40 wins!



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The Stars Squirt B hockey team poses with their trophies after winning the championship game. The squad finished the season a perfect 40-0. Bottom row: Liam McHugh. Second row: Russell Santos, Brandon Winn, James Hussey, Gunner McKenzie and Michael Lund. Third row: Domenic Calapa, Sam Rice, Tommy Pendergast, Teddy Craven and Declan Leahy. Fourth row: Derek Benson and Adam Benson. Top row: coaches Dan Rice, Paul McHugh and Tim Leahy. Missing from photo: Curtis Golden and Jack Conlon.

Solid start for Skippers

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Things went downhill fast. Stevenson fell at third singles to the athletic Joe Kaminske 6-2, 6-2. Crough had to fight hard to win his match against scrappy Tom Piepiora at second singles. Morin looked in control at first singles, but could not shut down Ed Hoey in straight sets and split 6-1, 4-6. Ackley and Filbey survived inconsistent play to tie the score 2-2.

Things looked very grim when Brewer and D'Antonio lost the first set 2-6. Brewer served consistently and made some great shots to win the second set, 6-4. D'Antonio took a little off his serve in the third set to come from behind and eke out a 6-4 victory over Smith and Barney thus giving Cohasset a 3-2 victory over the Crusaders.

Things will get much tougher for Cohasset after April vacation as it meets Cape Cod Academy, Harwich, Norwell and Mashpee. Monday, April 23, the boys travel over the bridge for a 4 p.m. match against Cape Cod Academy. The squad stays on the same road Tuesday, April 24, when it heads to Harwich for a 4 p.m. match. The boys get a break after the Harwich match as they are not scheduled to play again until Monday, April 30, when they host Norwell at Milliken Tennis Courts. The match is at 3:30 p.m.

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Sports Notes

Legion baseball tryouts

The Cohasset-Scituate American Legion baseball team is scheduled to hold tryouts on Saturday, April 21, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Scituate High School. In the event of weather-related postponement, tryouts will be held Sunday, April 22, same time and location.

For information, contact general manager Scott Arnold at 781-545-1896 or head coach Bill Signorelli at 781-545-6009.

Scituate/Cohasset youth football, cheerleading registration

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading will hold spring registration for the 2007 fall season Saturday, April 28, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Scituate High School auditorium entrance.

Rosters must be submitted to the league by May 1.

Minimum age: must be 8 years old by Sept. 1, 2007. Maximum age: Cannot turn 15 years old in 2007.

Online registration can be accessed at the Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading Web site, www.scicohfootball.com. Applicants are encouraged to utilize this method of registration. If you are unable to make the registration or you cannot register online before April 28, call: 781-556-0215 (for football), or 781 556-0216 (for cheerleading).

Registration fees: football, $200; cheerleading, $125. A $25 late fee will apply for applications received after April 28.

Refund policy: If a player removes his/her application prior to June 15, all fees will be refunded less a $50 processing fee. After June 15, there will be no fee refunds.

Birth certificate: First-year players and players that did not play last year must bring a copy (originals will not be accepted) of their birth certificate that the league will keep on file.

Registration open for the 2007 Bay State Summer Games

The Mass. Amateur Sports Foundation announces that registration for the 2007 Bay State Summer Games is underway. The annual Olympic-style amateur sports festival features 25 individual, team and festival sports. Opportunities to compete in the Games are available for a wide range of ages and athletic abilities. Competitions are offered in archery, badminton, baseball, basketball, baton twirling, diving, fencing, field hockey, gymnastics, ice hockey, judo, juniors basketball, lacrosse, shooting, soccer, softball, swimming, synchronized swimming, table tennis, tennis, track and field, volleyball, wrestling, 6 v 6 field hockey and 7 v 7 soccer.

The Bay State Games feature T-shirts for all participants, medals and award jackets to top finishers, an Opening Ceremony for all athletes, affordable participation fees and providing athletes in some sports with exposure to college scouts. The Bay State Summer Games, which started as an event with 300 participants in four sports, has since grown to include almost 7,000 athletes in 25 sports. Age requirements for athletes differ by sport, as does divisions offered and registration deadlines. The 2007 Bay State Summer Games are scheduled for July 9 to 22. The Metro Boston area is home to the first weekend of finals from July 9 to 15, while central Mass. hosts events from July 17 to 22.

Regional qualifiers, as well as tryouts for team sports, will take place throughout June. Bay State Games events are held at quality venues including Bentley College, MIT, Mass Premier Courts, New England Sports Center and Umass-Boston.

High school students who are in grade 11 during the 2006-07 academic year and tryout for the 2007 Summer Games are also eligible for the Verizon Future Leaders Scholarship Program. The Scholarship Program, which awards six $2,000 college scholarships to Bay State Games participants each summer, aims to identify young men and women who will be tomorrow's leaders.

Registration forms and sport-specific information can be found in Hot Shots, a publication of the Boston Herald distributed to high schools, with your local high school athletic director, or at the Bay State Games' web site. For updated information about tryout dates, sport specific information, scholarship forms, volunteer information, and registration deadlines, visit baystategames.org/summer or call the Bay State Games office at 781-932-6555.

American Red Cross Learn-To-Swim Program offered at the Cohasset Swim Center

Summer is almost here and membership and swim lesson registration is starting now. The Swim Center is offering Early Bird membership rates for registrations postmarked by May 1. The mail-in deadline for membership and swim lesson registration is May 24. Please be sure to mail in your membership and swim lesson registration forms together.

Information and registration forms can be found on the new Cohasset Swim Center Web site, www.cohassetswimcenter.com.

The Center will not be mailing out a brochure this year; however, additional registration forms will be available at Cohasset Town Hall and The Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Swim Lessons will be offered in four two-week sessions: Session I: June 25 - July 6; Session II: July 9 - July 20; Session III: July 23 - August 3; Session IV: August 6 - August 17.

If you have any questions, please send an email to cohassetswimcenter@comcast.net

Lifeguards needed

Cohasset Swim Center is accepting applications for Lifeguards and Water Safety Instructors for the 2007 summer season. All applicants must be at least 16 years of age and hold current Lifeguard/CPR/First Aid certifications.

Letters of interest should be sent to Cohasset Swim Center, P.O. Box 132, Cohasset, MA 02025. Anyone interested in employment and enrolled or planning to enroll in a Lifeguard and/or WSI are encouraged to apply. Employment will depend on successful completion of the course.

Cohasset Recreation offers USCGA Boating Safety Course

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and Cohasset Recreation Department will sponsor a two-session Safe Boating Course, offering certification by both the Coast Guard and the commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The course will be offered to both youth and adults; however, certification in this course is mandatory for those 16 years old and younger who wish to operate any horsepower craft. This course is an initial requirement for the process of obtaining a Launch Operators License. USCGA instructors will teach the two-session course, which will take place on two consecutive Saturdays, May 12 and May 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Ripley Road, Cohasset.

To register, call Cohasset Recreation Department at 781-383-4109 as soon as possible, as the class will be limited by size, and participants will be enrolled on a first-call basis. There will be a $45 per person fee for this program, which covers the cost of the textbooks and class materials. The fee will be payable at the first class, and checks will be payable to the Coast Guard director.

While the class is designed for children/youth and adults, it is suggested that children age 12 and younger be accompanied by a participating adult. A segment of this class will be devoted to the new laws regulating personal water craft.

State certification cards will be issued and most insurance companies will offer insurance rate discounts to those completing this course.

Cohasset rowing sign ups to be held

Come down to the Cohasset Maritime Institutes' Boathouse, behind 40 Parker Avenue, Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. until noon to sign up for the 2007 Rowing Season. Information in now available on CMI's Web site, www.rowcmi.com. Any questions, contact Lisa Hewitt Dick at 781-383-0204) or Susan Galligan at 781-383-0765).

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ASP JOURNAL

'Hope, friendship and warm memories'

This is the third in a series. ASP is the Cohasset Appalachian Service Project Group, about 200 adult and high school student volunteers who, every summer, return to Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia to repair homes.

The more than twenty work crews consist of about seven to eight people: two adults and five or six students. They spend a lot of time together, and with the families they are helping. These are the on-site journal entries of our Cohasset volunteers. (Note: To protect the privacy of the families neither real names nor photos can be used.)



COURTESY PHOTO

This team spent all week together during last year's ASP and did not want to say goodbye.

Bonding

"Thirteen hours on a bus and now eight in a van…the van ride is definitely more fun." — *Student Volunteer*

"Wow, what a fun week. Being my first year on ASP, I'm really glad I had such a great time. After a long bus ride our van quickly bonded, naming ourselves the 'VEGAS VAN'. The rest of the week was all smiles and laughs and I have to thank my crew and the center for that." — *Student Volunteer*

"Day Two: Left the center with "All Night Long" blasting — all of us chain dancing as we rolled away ready for another awesome day. I'm still in awe of the crew — Erin is superwoman with that drill — you go girl. Vanessa — watch out with that measuring tape, you are unreal! Mike was youth leader for the day and was quite good at telling Frank and I what to do. Left the site feeling hot, tired, dirty and very satisfied." — *Student Volunteer*

"We're the coolest crew around. John almost died from choking on a Whopper. May whacked Meesh in the head with her chair in attempts to recline. The girls are still in charge of the roof. We've invited the whole street to the cookout [Center and Families Mid-Week Picnic]! Amazing!" — *Student Volunteer*

"Jon is a funny son of a gun who adds to our day. Matt is such a special kid, always willing to help. Olivia, Michelle, Nikki define teamwork. Great crew." — *Adult Leader*

We brought hope, friendship, new knowledge and warm memories.
Student Volunteer

"Despite all of the hardships, our crew pulled together and became friends with each other. The friendships made with the crew and the daughter of the family, were definitely the best parts of the trip." — *Student Volunteer*

Hard Work, Hope and Friendship

"Yesterday was our last evening service. As I sat there I thought of our family and all the ways we touched them. We brought hope, friendship, new knowledge and warm memories. We also brought our hard work and left behind an almost-finished bathroom. These people had next to nothing and I believe they, to an extent, were happier than most of us." — *Student Volunteer*

"OMG! Today was the last day at the work site. Tina [family member] and I were bawling. She and I became really close. Along with the rest of the crew. I love all of those guys. I let myself get really attached and now I have so many new friends and people I will never ever forget! 143 Smith family, I love you all! ASP Crew for life

"All of us have fallen in love with the family and especially Lannie's 4-month old baby, David. He is the sweetest baby in the world and never fusses. He seems to cry only when he wants food or is teething. Sarah, the momma of the house is awesome and has a very open heart. She is an amazing person, consistently happy and good-spirited." — *Student Volunteer*

Making Connections and Memories

"Some things I'll never forget are our morning stops at Bulan Gas Station to get food and play the Kentucky Lottery, the goat in the yard, lunches at the most colorful graveyard I've ever seen, bathroom trips to Grandmas, the hornets and wasps. There's so much, but one thing that I'll always remember is the last day we left work site, when Rita (who I felt we didn't make a strong connection with) came out crying. Scott [her husband] handed us a card saying "Friends 4-Ever." ASP gave me friends and memories I can never forget." — *Student Volunteer*

Look for the ASP Journal next week for the ride home and the final reflections of our volunteers. And make plans for ***Saturday Night, April 28*** *at the* ***Appalachia County Fair*** *at the St. Anthony Parish Center. Dinner by Redbones BBQ. Music and Dancing by The Gr8fls, Silent and Live Auction. Tickets are available through Cohasset churches, or by contacting Rev. Gary Ritts, 718 383 0345, gar@2ndcc.org*

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REC NOTES

Teen Center dance is April 27 at the Garage

The following activities are sponsored by the Cohasset Recreation Commission. For information or to register call 781-383-4109.

Teen Center — A dance will be held for Cohasset youth in grades 6 to 8 only, Friday, April 27, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Garage. The cost is $5 per person and student identification is required to sign in for the dance.

It is important to be sure you are able to gain admittance to the dance before your ride leaves. Once the Teen Center gets to full capacity no further admittance will be allowed. There will be no one admitted after 8:30 p.m. for the dance. Snacks and refreshments will be for sale. This is not a school function.

Dog obedience classes — The Cohasset Recreation Department will again offer dog obedience classes taught by Happy Dog Training School (happydogtraining.com).

Beginner classes will be held Monday evenings on the Town Common starting Monday, April 30. There will be a 6 p.m. class for Level II – Obedience with Dog Agility and a 7 p.m. class for beginners. The fee is $110 for the five classes, which will be held one hour per week. Dog owners are required to have their dog's shots up to date.

To register, call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109. Classes are limited in size and participants will be accepted on a first-call, first-enrolled basis.

Dance with Caroline — The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a dance workshop, directed by Caroline Carr, from Monday, June 18 through Thursday, June 21, at the Town Hall Auditorium.

The program will run from 3 to 4:30 p.m., for boys and girls ages 7 and up. Basic jazz and hip hop dance technique will be included. Emphasis will be placed upon developing a healthy, active lifestyle and building strength, flexibility and endurance, as well as feeling good and having fun.

Participants are encouraged to come in comfortable attire. Bring a bottle of water, a snack and an open mind. The price is $80 per person. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the Town Hall or by calling the Recreation Department at 781-383-4109.

Boot Camp — The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a bi-weekly adult Boot Camp Fitness Training Program with instructor, Betsy Callanan.

This unique physical training opportunity will meet from 6 to 7 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays starting Tuesday, June 12 through Thursday, Aug. 16, on the Common in front of Town Hall. The fee is $100 and checks can be made payable to the Town of Cohasset. You may register by calling the Recreation Dept. at 781-383-4109.

Betsy will run an interval calisthenic and running fitness program for both men and women of all levels of ability. While running and/or walking remains an essential aspect of this cardiovascular training format, inclusive will be various integrated calisthenics such as jump roping, stairs or hills, squat thrusts, lunges, push-ups, skipping/running knees, sit-ups and more. Betsy has designed this program to improve cardiovascular endurance and strength.

It is recommended that participants dress in layers as weather conditions dictate, bring a water bottle and jump rope and wear running shoes. Success in this class will be based on participant's individual personal best, not as a competition with others.

Social Service League of Cohasset offering scholarship

Social Service League of Cohasset is accepting applications for the Margaret F. Loud R.N. Scholarship. Applicants must be seniors in high school or residents of the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Norwell or Scituate who intend to begin or further studies in the field of nursing, social work or allied health fields. One scholarship for $2,000 or two scholarships in the amount of $1,000 each will be awarded for the 2007-2008 academic year. The scholarship is merit based.

Applications are available at the League office in Cohasset between 9 a.m. and noon or in each high school guidance office. All applications must be submitted by mail to the Social Service League of Cohasset, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025 no later than April 27. For more information, call 781-383-0771.



Bob Pattison of Parker Avenue captured Minot Ledge Light on Monday as it was being battered by the surf during the nor'easter.

Weathering the storm



Russ Bonetti, also of Parker Avenue, caught the high tide on Monday as it breeched the Border Street wall restoration project.

'End of Suburbia' to be shown April 23

Sustainable Cohasset will show the second film in its three part series at 7 p.m., on Monday, April 23, in the Community Room at Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Refreshments will be served.

The film titled "The End of Suburbia" addresses the emerging peak oil crisis. Peak oil can be defined as the last gush of easily accessible oil. The remaining and dwindling oil supplies will be eked out of the earth's core at a much higher cost to all involved. The film makes the viewer aware of the average American's assumption of an endless supply of cheap oil that literally fueled the growth of suburbia in the '50s. The post World War II American Dream was defined by a flight to a totally auto and oil dependent suburban life style. The film uses interesting retro '50s footage to illustrate the final seduction and entrapment in suburban America.

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James Howard Kunstler, author of "The Long Emergency," who spoke at Bridgewater State College recently, is featured in the film. Kunstler's thesis is that oil production peaked in the 1970s in the U.S. and that worldwide oil production is peaking in this year of 2007.

Although the cancerous effects of greenhouse gases on the planet may not fully manifest themselves until the end of the century, the problem of a society severed from cheap oil will impact society in as short a time frame as 15, blink-your-eyes, years. Ironically, even as awareness, consensus and solidarity about global warming emerge in America, people stand to be tragically blind-sided as a society as another equally serious crisis looms on the horizon.

4th Annual Earth Day Sustainable Living Festival

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come to the 4th Annual Earth Day Sustainable Living Festival, sponsored by Sustainable South Shore (SSSh), at the Mary Jeanette Murray Bathhouse and learn about sustainable energy, global warming and how you can help to slow down climate change.

Sustainable South Shore, a Chapter of Mass Climate Action that has over 40 communities as Chapters www.MassClimateAction.org . Literature and business cards from each Festival Sponsor will be available for visitors at the Sponsor table at the festival.

There will be several new companies, this year: Solar hot water system company (Solar Systems) company, Solar attic fan company (Solar Fan Wizard), Advanced Energy Systems, Alternate Energy, Green Roof Technology (Earth Our Only Home) and Biofuel vehicle (Green Grease Monkey Biofuels).. A final list has been posted on the SSSh web site, www.SustainableSS.org. Vario us sustainable related non-profit groups, Sustainable Architect, Jim Shipsky and others that have attended in the previous years have also reserved spaces again.

Story hour at noon for children and art projects at the New Song Art Center Table along with various displays by students on panels are included along with recorded music by DJ Sam Kopper.

Local businesses have donated raffle items or gift certificates: Nantasket Paint and Hardware, Nantasket Kayaks, Simply Irresistible, Szabo Fitness and Acupuncture, Bodyworks Day Spa, Weinberg's Bakery, Port Side Wines and lululemon athletica (Hingham). Each item or gift certificate has a separate container to place purchased raffle tickets. Plus, each specific business information or cards are placed next to each item so that when people buy a raffle, or look at the items, they can also take literature that is of interest to them.

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If you would like more information about the Sustainable Living Festival, Sustainable South Shore organization membership, call Nancy Kramer at 781-925-9066 or e-mail climateinfofest@hotmail.com .

Summer camps offered at the Community Center

South Shore Community Center is at 3 N. Main St., Cohasset. For information or to register for a class, call 781-383-0088 or stop by the office. MasterCard, Visa and Discover cards are accepted. Discounts for members are offered.

Coastal Exploration Camp – The following sessions will be offered for children ages 4 to 6, and 7 to 10: **Session I**: July 2 and 3, and July 9 to 12. The cost is $252.; **Session II**: July 16 to 19 and July 23 to 26. The cost is $336; **Session III**: July 30 through Aug. 2, and Aug. 6 to 9. The cost is $336. There is a $200 non-refundable cancellation fee.

Summer gymnastics, sports and more – For boys and girls ages 4 to 11. **Session I**: meets Monday, Aug.13, 14, 15 and16, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. **Session II**: meets Aug. 20, 21, 22 and 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost is $135 for members and $145 for non-members. There is a $75 non-refundable cancellation fee. Siblings are discounted $10.

Summer sports – Boys and girls **ages 4 to 6** meet Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., from July 17 to Aug. 2. Boys and girls **ages 5 to 9** meet Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., from July 17 to Aug. 21. The fee for this six-week program is $66 for members and $72 for non-members.

Summer gymnastics – Boys and girls ages 4 to 6 meet Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., from July 18 to Aug. 22. Enjoy rotation on the vault, bars, beam, floor and conditioning. Children will be grouped by age. The fee for this six-week program is $66 for members and $72 for non-members.

Girls summer gymnastics – For **girls in beginner and intermediate** levels ages 7 to12. Meets Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., from July 19 to Aug. 23. Enjoy rotation on the vault, bars, beam, floor and conditioning. Children will be grouped by age. The fee for this six-week program is $66 for members and $72 for non-members.

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LIBRARY CORNER

Join library book group for discussion on 'Light on Snow'

Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Movie Matinee – The feature film for 11 a.m., Friday, May 4, will be "Top Hat" starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. Free admission and light refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

Library Book Group – Join the Library Book Group for coffee and a discussion of Anita Shreve's "Light on Snow," at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, April 25, in the Meeting Room. All are welcome.

Book List – Browsing for a good book but don't have a lot of time? Take a glance through the fiction section and spot the books with the blue and white library sticker on the spine. These stickers indicated award-winning, well-written books. It's a terrific way to grab and go and be assured of a good read. If a patron has more time, browse through the Adult Reading Lists notebook on the New Books counter. Reading lists of award winners, summer reads and top tens will be available.

New Titles – New books on CD are in. Check out these latest titles: "Nineteen Minutes" by Jodi Picoult; "Hunter's Moon" by Randy White; "Cooked" by Jeff Henderson; "Daddy's Girl" by Lisa Scottoline; "God of Animals" by Aryn Kyle; "The Last Empress" by Anchee Min; and "The Refuge" by Sue Henry. To place a hold on any of these titles, visit the library or reserve a book through the library catalog online at cohassetlibrary.org.

Reference Service – Need help with answering a question? Can't find the fact needed for that report? Unable to find a book in the OCLN system of libraries? These are all things reference library Gayle Walsh can help patrons with. Reference hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday, from 5 to 8 p.m. Call or visit anytime.

FOR CHILDREN

The following programs for children are available at Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Shapes Poetry Contest – To celebrate National Poetry Month, the Children's Room is having a Shapes Poetry Contest. Write an original shapes poem. Words can be in a shape or form or part of a drawing. Samples are available in the Children's Room on the back of the poetry contest flyer. Write name, age and telephone number of the back of the poem and put it in the basket on Mrs. Moody's desk. All ages are encouraged to participate. Contest ends April 30.

Monday Music – MamaSteph will perform Mondays, at 10:30 a.m., in the Meeting Room through the end of April. Funded by the Friends of Cohasset Library. All ages and communities welcome.

Drop In Story Time – Big book stories, music and movement will be featured on Tuesdays in the Story Room at 10:30 a.m. through April. All ages and communities welcome.

BRIEFLY

'Weather Eye' exhibit opens at Hull Lifesaving Museum

Hull Lifesaving Museum has opened an exhibit titled "Keeping a Weather Eye: Shipwrecks and Lifesaving in Boston Harbor." Exploring stories of shipwrecks and lifesaving in Boston Harbor, from the early days of the Massachusetts Humane Society to the present day Coast Guard, the Lifesaving Museum's new exhibit focuses on the daring exploits of Joshua James and the famous Surfmen at Hull's Point Allerton U.S. Life Saving Station. The exhibit includes rare photographs and newspaper accounts, first-hand descriptions of shipwrecks in the words of the victims and lifesavers themselves, and 19th century film footage.

The Hull Lifesaving Museum is located at 1117 Nantasket Ave. For information, call 781-925-5433.

Excerpt from the Point Allerton U.S. Lifesaving Station Log April 8, 1894:

"The wind and sea increasing, thinking it probable the vessel would drag and part chains, sent a man with horses for our Beach Apparatus. Launched boat, taking two volunteers with us, and tried to reach her. The sea rushed in with such velocity, [we were] unable to reach her and [were] driven back to the beach where we took two more MHS crew and started anew. When nearly out to her, she commenced striking bottom, swinging around broadside, breaking the schooner some, so that we were able to get near enough for one man to jump into [the] boat. On getting nearer the second time, the remainder of the crew, five in number, jumped all at once for the boat, one man falling overboard. We were fortunate and got him. Started for shore and made a good landing.

The crew were taken to the Station and provided with dry clothing – also with food. Less than two hours after taking off this crew, the vessel went to pieces and is strewn along the beach. This schooner was the Mary A. Hood from Philadelphia for Bath, Maine, with iron pipe." – Joshua James, Keeper.

CMI to host dinner

Cohasset Maritime Institute will host a Wine Tasting and Dinner in Black Rock Country Club at 19 Clubhouse Drive, Friday, May 4, at 7 p.m., with live entertainment and an auction.

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In addition, CMI is getting ready for the rowing season. Information about sign ups can be found by visiting www.rowcmi.com.

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Benefit to celebrate Cohasset schools

Cohasset Education Foundation will host a Spring Benefit at Cohasset Golf Club. On May 19. The evening will include dinner and dancing, and live and silent auctions emceed by Jim Wells. Some items on the auction block include a behind-the-scenes tour of the Channel 5 newsroom, a $500 shopping spree at E.A. Davis in Wellesley and a ride to school in the fire truck. Tickets are $75 and proceeds from the evening will go toward both the Project and Endowment funds for CEF.

CEF welcomes donations of goods, services or volunteer contributions. For more information, call Catherine O'Callaghan at 781-383-6868 or Pam Wilson at 781-383-3076.

County fair

Make plans to party on Saturday Night, April 28 at the Appalachia County Fair at the St. Anthony Parish Center. Dinner by Redbones BBQ, Music and Dancing by The Gr8fls, Silent and Live Auction. Tickets are available through Cohasset churches, or by contacting Rev. Gary Ritts, 718 383 0345, gar@2ndcc.org. All proceeds to benefit Cohasset ASP Group.

Kentucky Derby Night for Community Center

A Night At The Races—Kentucky Derby Night fundraiser to benefit the South Shore Community Center will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 5 at the Community Center. 3 N. Main St.. The event will feature food, drinks, horse races, silent and live auctions and more. Please come for an evening of fun and show support for the Community Center. Please call 781-383-0088 to purchase tickets, or they can be purchased in person at the Community Center. $65 per person

By Kids 4 Kids Cabaret to hold benefit

The By Kids 4 Kids Cabaret will have its second annual variety show Friday, April 27, at 4 p.m., at the Second Congregational Church on the Common, next to Town Hall on Highland Ave., in Cohasset. Last year's debut performance by this group, which features entertainers from ages 9 to 18, raised more than $900 in donations for the benefit of the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

This year, By Kids 4 Kids organizer, Thomson Jaffe is hoping that the benefit performance will raise more than $1,100. Donations received at the event will go to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the Children Affected By AIDS Foundation.

The free one-time performance will feature singers, musicians, bands and dancers who will showcase their talents in a wide range of styles and disciplines. For the second year in a row, the highlight of the event will be a performance by the award-winning Cohasset High School Jazz Band, led by Stephanie Hoskin.

Thomson, a freshman at Cohasset High School, is organizing the event, which will include a raffle of items donated by area businesses. As the performance day nears, she remains interested in hearing from individuals and businesses who wish to get involved with the event or to support the research groups. She can be reached at 781-383-9858.

Admission to the By Kids 4 Kids Cabaret is free, but attendees will be asked to make donations to support the two research groups, which help children around the world. Doors open at 3:40 p.m. and the show will run about 90 minutes.

Italian organist in concert at St. Stephen's

As part of its Concert Series, St. Stephen's Church is pleased to present organist Giorgio Parolini of Milan, Italy, in recital on Wednesday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. . Mr. Parolini had been organist of the Musical Chapel of the Monza Cathedral, and is currently organist at the Basilica of S. Eufemia in Milano. He will perform works by Italian composers, as well as compositions by Bach and Krebs, on the magnificent 58-rank Aeolian-Skinner organ of St. Stephen's, known for its tonal colors and registrational diversity.

The church is located at 16 Highland Avenue, is handicap accessible, and plenty of parking is available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information, please call 781.383.1083.

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Historical Society dinner is April 22

Cohasset Historical Society will host its annual Spring Dinner Sunday, April 22, at Cohasset Harbor Resort, 124 Elm St. Guest speaker Linda K. Palmer will present a program titled "Where Did the Puritans Go." The character she portrays is a Puritan woman who sailed on the Arbella, the ship that brought the first Puritans and the Charter from King Charles I to America. She will speak of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, life in America and the reasons for coming to America in 1630, as well as the cessation of migration in 1640. Palmer has a master of arts degree and a background in teaching both high school and university students.

The menu offers a choice of chicken parmesan with pasta or roast baby cod with rice pilaf. Cost is $31 for Historical Society members and $36 for non-members. Both members and guests are welcome. The event will begin with a cash bar at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner. Make reservations by calling the Historical Society at 781-393-1434 or by sending a check, made payable to Cohasset Historical Society, and dinner selections to Cohasset Historical Society, PO Box 627, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Cohasset rowing sign up scheduled

Come down to the Cohasset Maritime Institute Boathouse, behind 40 Parker Ave., from 10 a.m. to noon, on Saturday, April 28, to sign up for the 2007 rowing season. Information in now available on the CMI Web site, rowcmi.com, so take a look and then join others on the water for the upcoming rowing season.

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DESTINATIONS

Bath: A city for the ages

By Donna Tunney

BATH, England – One million people visit the ruins of the Roman baths in this city each year, but that isn't the destination's only draw. For literary buffs, the Jane Austen Centre is a major attraction, and the city's stunning Georgian architecture inspires professionals and laymen alike.

The Roman ruins, however, are why most people come here. The therapeutic use of the waters in the Bath region of southwestern England dates to pre-Roman times, but it was the Romans who cultivated the springs and built an impressive bathing complex. As the Roman Tacitus put it in 80 A.D.: "It's one of those luxuries that stimulate to vice."

He was right. In the social culture of the 1970s, those who frequented the baths became, for lack of a better word in a family newspaper, unruly, and Britain's National Health Service officially shut them down in 1978. Today, visitors can only tour the ruins by buying a ticket to the Roman Bath Museum, a truly fascinating facility, even though one must steer clear of the water.



PHOTOS BY DONNA TUNNEY

The Crescent, dating from the late 18th century, is a magnet for tourists.



Visitors can tour the ancient Roman baths. A modern spa complex is located nearby.

Now, however, there's a new spa in town. In the mid-1990s, the city began planning to tap the hot springs that fed the Roman baths and build a modern spa. It took a decade to develop, and last summer the Thermae Bath Spa finally opened. It has indoor and outdoor thermal spa bathing; steam rooms; massage and treatment rooms; a restaurant; and an interpretation center. The warm mineral waters are pumped from springs below the city into all of the baths, making even the open-air rooftop pool usable year round in chilly England.

Just over an hour from London by train, Bath is easily accessible and tourist friendly, with the major attractions all within walking distance of one another.

The arts

Bath has long been the inspiration for many artists and writers, including the city's most famous resident, Jane Austen. To celebrate this and to encourage further creativity, 2007 is shaping up to be a bumper year for arts festivals in Bath, including Bath Literature Festival March 3 to 11; the International Music Festival May 18 to June 3; Taste of Bath June 28 to July 1, and the Jane Austen Festival Sept. 21 to 30.

The Jane Austen Centre is a permanent exhibition housed in a Georgian townhouse that tells the story of Austen's Bath experience and the effect that living here had on her and her writing.

Her knowledge of the city is best reflected in two of her novels, "Northanger Abbey" and "Persuasion," both of which are largely set in Bath.

The city is still very much as Austen knew it, as city planners, thankfully, have done little to alter its Victorian charm.

Look up

The city is renowned for its Georgian architecture, which is best seen in the Crescent, an extraordinary building that takes its name from its shape —a half-moon. It was built in the early 1770s, and part of it now is under the supervision of the Bath Preservation Trust. Some sections still serve as residences, and there's at least one very upscale hotel operating in it – The Royal Crescent. Be prepared to pay several hundred dollars per night there.

For those on a tighter budget, a wide range of lodgings are available in the city. A stay at the Queensberry proved convenient for touring and is home to one of the top restaurants in the city, the Olive Tree.

Located on Russel Street, a short walk from the Roman Bath Museum and the downtown shopping district, the hotel has 22 rooms that rent for about $250 per night – about an average rate for a three-star hotel in this town.

It occupies three Regency-era townhouses. Guest rooms are located on the second and third floors. (Those who want to avoid stairs should request second-floor rooms because the hotel elevator only goes that far.)

Better views of the city and surrounding hills, however, are seen from third-floor rooms. In good weather, guests have access to a private outdoor terrace accessible through the bar lounge. It also has a cozy sitting room with a fireplace and smaller sitting rooms off the lounge.

Rates include breakfast. Reservations can be made by calling (800) 323-5463 or by visiting its website at www.thequeensberry.co.uk.

For more general information about Bath tourism, go online to www.visitbath.co.uk.



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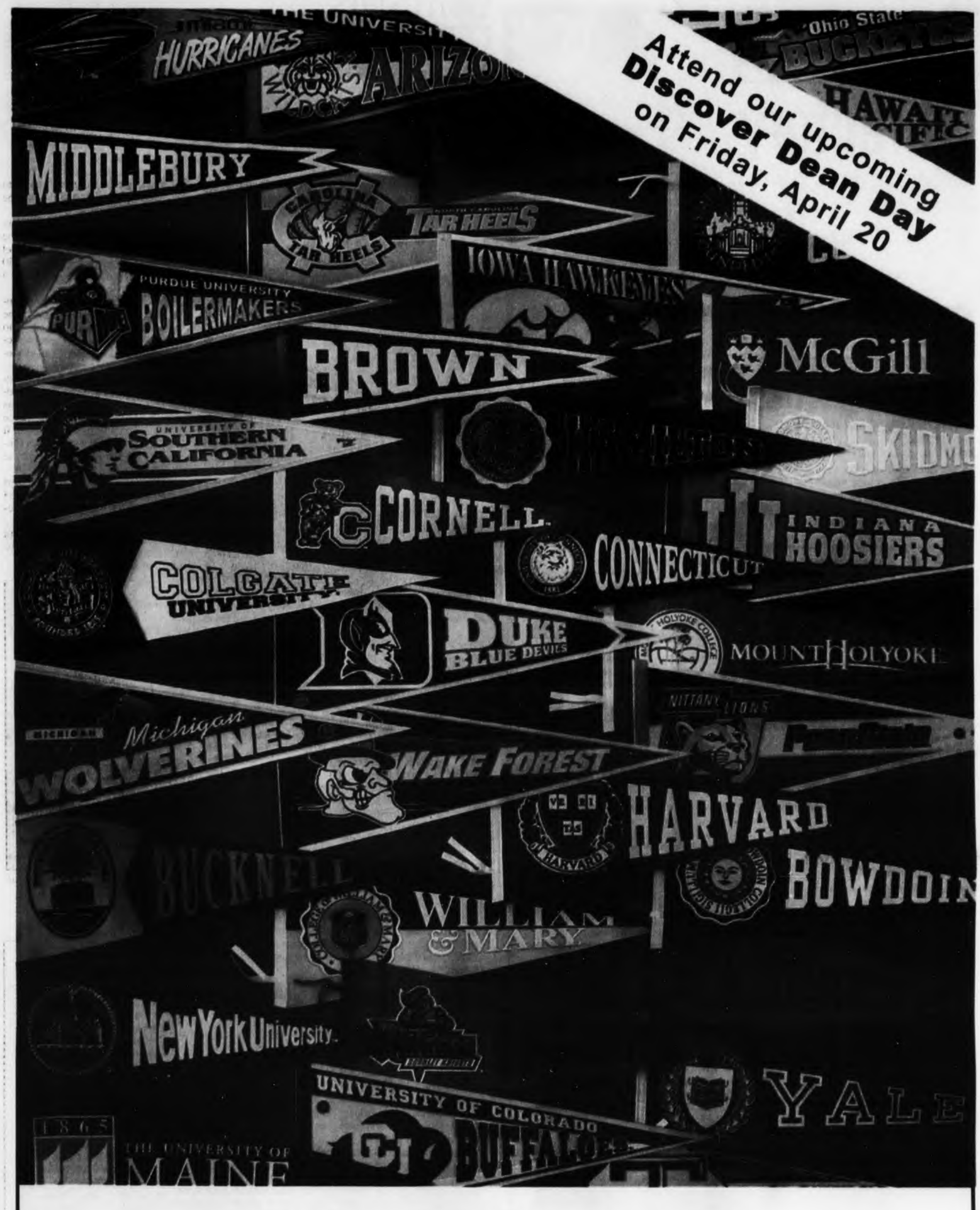


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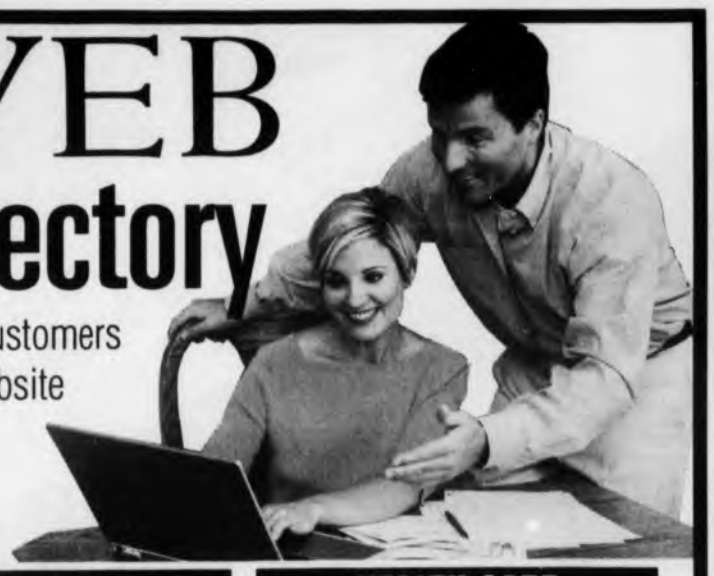
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Delia DiBenedetto

Grade two teacher at Osgood School

Delia DiBenedetto, 77, of Cohasset, died suddenly April 9, 2007.

A Cohasset resident for more than 50 years, Mrs. DiBenedetto taught second grade at the old Osgood School for 37 years, during which time she served as an inspiration to successive generations of Cohasset children.

She enjoyed many interests. She was a voracious reader, a passionate tennis player and an expert bridge player. She was a longtime member of Cohasset Tennis Club and was made a Life Master Bridge Player in 1995.

Mrs. DiBenedetto traveled extensively with her husband, Ubaldo, and had visited virtually every major art museum in the world. She will be remembered as a person who enjoyed a zest for life and possessed boundless energy.

A service to celebrated her life will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 21, at St. Anthony Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Anthony Parish.

Carlene A. Laney

Longtime employee of Stop & Shop

Carlene A. (Russell) Laney, 61, of Scituate, died suddenly April 13, 2007, at her home.

Born in Lynn and raised in Saugus, she was the daughter of Paul Russell of Florida and the late Ruth (Hynes) Russell. Mrs. Laney attended Saugus schools and graduated from Saugus High School. In 1962, Mrs. Laney and her family moved to Cohasset, and in 1980 the family moved to Scituate.

Mrs. Laney was a longtime employee of Stop & Shop in Cohasset where she was a grocery clerk. She enjoyed cooking and gardening.

She leaves her husband, Thomas W. Laney; her father; her sons, Benjamin, Samuel and Schuyler, all of Scituate; her brothers, Michael Russell and Robert Russell, both of Cohasset; her sister, Leslie Fahn of Hopkinton; and many nieces and nephews.

A service was held at Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home, Scituate.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chairman: William Baird.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, April 22, 2007

10 a.m. — Worship in the Meeting House

Sermon: "Sacred Spaces: Our Buildings as Tools for Sustaining Earth, Spirit and Justice"

On this Earth Day Sunday, come hear guest preacher Elizabeth Ann Terry, Senior Project Manager of Partners for Sacred Places. Ms. Terry will reflect on our historic houses of worship and their role in helping our congregations become more valued community partners.

10 a.m. in the Parish House — Religious education classes for toddlers, childcare for our youngest, and a One Room Schoolhouse, "Children with Different Abilities: A Workshop with Liz Sandblom," for our children and youth.

Refreshments and fellowship follow the service.

11:30 a.m. – Adult Education - Elizabeth Ann Terry - "Sacred Spaces: A Continuing Conversation" - Atkinson Room

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village. To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood.

We now also have prayer services you can listen to online, including a special daily Lenten reading.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (third Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); Scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination: Christian Science. 781-749-2874. Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.comk

Native American culture is topic in Abbey series

Glastonbury Abbey Inter-Religious Lecture Series, "Listening to Other Voices: the Fears that Bind Us," will present a talk by Joyce Rain Anderson titled "Story-Telling: A Way to Your True Self – For Native Americans and Others." The lecture will take place at 7:15 p.m., on Thursday, May 3, at Glastonbury Abbeys Conference Center.

What's it like to try to preserve the Native American culture in a society that may think about it only on Thanksgiving, if at all? Anderson will talk about how one survives, fights to keep an identity and spirituality and strives to keep fears for the future of her culture at bay.

Poet/teacher/speaker Anderson, a specialist in the American Indian, has a doctorate degree in English and is a Wampanoag tribe member. She will describe how the art of storytelling inspires confidence and integrity and defies ignorance. She's taught American Indian rhetoric, English as a Second Language, Native American studies and Northeast Native American studies. She's composed, edited and taught in a variety of forms and formats.

The lecture is free, but donations are welcome. Reservations are recommended. For reservations and more information, call 781-749-2155.

New pastor off to running start

Was Assistant Rector at St. Stephen's

By Matt Dunning
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If the Boston Red Sox think they're in a pressure cooker this season, they ought to try taking the reins of a parish at the cusp of one of the busiest times in the Christian year.

Ten weeks ago, St Andrew's Episcopal Church in Hanover welcomed its newest priest, Reverend Elizabeth Wheatley Dyson, just days before entering into the Lent season.

During an interview on Good Friday (April 6), Dyson – who is the former Assistant Rector of St. Stephen's in Cohasset — said she's enjoyed her first few weeks at St. Andrew's, however hectic they may have been.

"It's typically a very busy time in the church year, because in addition to all the Lent programs, you have all the Confirmation preparations, and we were doing our Ecumenical discussion series at the time, so it was walking into one of the busiest times of the year," Dyson said.

What's made it worth the work, she said, has been the people — all of them, young and old — she's encountered in her first two months as St. Andrew's new pastor.

"The people here have been really supportive, and really very friendly and welcoming," Dyson said. "It's been great, really busy, but great."

A Fairhaven native and Hanson resident, Dyson is a relative newcomer to the clergy. A mere six years ago, she was working as an assistant principal at Abington High School. She had formerly been a high school language teacher, leading not sermons, but lessons in French, Spanish and German. During her third year in the assistant's principal's position, Dyson said she began to feel what she described as not necessarily discontent with her station in life, but rather a certain feeling that there was something else she ought to be doing.

"I loved working with the kids, and with all the staff at the high school, but I was starting to feel restless," Dyson said. "I ended up taking this class at All Saints [Episcopal Church] in Whitman called 'God-sized tasks,' and we were asked to meditate on what our own God-sized task could be. All the sudden being a priest just popped into my head."

Dyson said when she sought the advice of her own pastor, she was given the affirmation she had been looking for.

"When I asked him about it, he told me he'd been waiting three years for me to talk to him about becoming a priest," Dyson said. "It was all very providential."

Now that she's settling in to her new surroundings, Dyson said she's focused on the future of St. Andrew's, and what it will mean to the communities the church services. Drawing its parishioners from Hanover, Norwell and Pembroke, Dyson said she hopes to see the church expand its community outreach programs in the coming months and years.

"I really want to work on the outreach aspect of the church, not only globally, but balancing that with helping this surrounding area," Dyson said. "Really, we want to try to be more visible in the community, and seek out the needs of the community and see where we can help. Simple things like a vintage clothing sale and a chili cook-off, simple things like that that can be fun and engage the community, and at the same time help some of the people in these towns."

By a strange coincidence, Dyson is not the only priest in her family. In fact, she isn't even the only Reverend Elizabeth Dyson in her family. Dyson's cousin, Elizabeth Wheatley Jones, is an Episcopal priest in Bay St. Louis, Miss. In June, Dyson plans to lead a group of young volunteers — mostly ninth and 10th graders from Hanover High School — to her cousin's parish to help in the ongoing Hurricane Katrina relief efforts in the Mississippi delta.

"It's kind of an odd story," Dyson said. "Her first day down there was the day after Katrina hit."

Jones, Dyson explained, had been a finalist to be the rector of a church in Bay St. Louis, and finally got the position the day after Katrina leveled most of southern Louisiana and Mississippi. The church she had been trying so hard to be assigned to was completely demolished in the hurricane, and ever since, Jones has been heading up the Mission on the Bay reclamation project, a youth volunteer organization dedicated to eventually rebuilding the church.

"We're going to go down there in late June," Dyson said. "As for what exactly the kids will be doing, I'm not really sure yet. I've been told it's going to be anything from light carpentry, to debris work, to painting. Their estimating its going to take them about 10 years to rebuild the town, so every little bit we can do to help, we're glad to do it."



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

The Rev. Elizabeth Wheatley Dyson, the new pastor at St. Andrew's Episcopal in Hanover, lays out footprints in the church for children to follow while proceeding through the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. Wheatley-Dyson was Assistant Rector at St. Stephen's in Cohasset.

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Reverend Elizabeth Wheatley Dyson

POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, APRIL 9

12:24 a.m. **Elm St.**, complaint; caller reports the people upstairs are being loud again. Everyone has left.

6:47 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement; all traffic is within acceptable limits.

8 a.m. **Cushing Road and Pleasant St.**, traffic enforcement.

11:45 a.m. **Jerusalem and Little Harbor roads**, caller reports large trucks that are doing construction on neighboring houses are parking in the middle of the streets; officer reports the workers will move the trucks.

2:50 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

4:50 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

5:01 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious activity; State Police transfer call reports a group of males in a white Kia using drugs.

5:06 p.m. **South Main St.**, caller reports erratic motor vehicle operation in the area. The vehicle just pulled into two parking spots in the square. Vehicle was operated by an elderly person and is no longer in area. Units clear.

6:44 p.m. **Elm St.**, well-being check; services rendered.

6:57 p.m. **Howe Road**, mutual aid-police; Hingham Police are attempting to locate a male party for an outstanding warrant. Cohasset unit will accompany them as the female party at this location also has an open warrant. Hingham Police Dept. has the male in custody on their warrant and the female party has a warrant recall in her possession.

8:22 p.m. **Mohawk Way**, past break and entry; caller reports returning from a weekend trip to find the garage window open and items missing.

9:25 p.m. **Pond St.** - High School, officer reports building checked; secure.

10:41 p.m. **Sohier St.** – Deer Hill School, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:42 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

11:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

11:56 p.m. **Elm St.**, caller reports his lady friend was at his house and she is not welcome there. She left in her motor vehicle and he will call back if she returns.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

12:09 a.m. **Elm St.**, public service rendered to caller from 11:56 p.m. Monday, April 9; female party is sitting in a blue motor vehicle in front of residence.

12:34 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools checked; secure.

12:35 a.m. **Pond St.** - High School, officer reports building checked; secure.

6:08 a.m. **King and Sohier streets**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

7:20 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

8:43 a.m. **Ripley Road**, squad 1 investigation.

8:46 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

10:48 a.m. **King St.**, accidental 911 call; caller sounded like they were trying to dial a different number.

11:32 a.m. **Rocky Lane**, parking complaint; MBTA Police request an officer regarding an oil truck that cannot get through because of parked cars.

1:42 p.m. **Aaron River Road**, larceny; walk-in party with report of two stolen kayaks.

2 p.m. **Pleasant St. and Cushing Road**, traffic enforcement.

2:12 p.m. **Pond St.**, animal complaint; caller reports he was walking home from school and saw a fox, which looked like it was possibly sick, in the area of the water tower.

5:22 p.m. **Gannett Road**, medical aid requested by Scituate Police Dept.; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

6:35 p.m. **Sohier St.**, lost property; walk-in party states her wallet was stolen.

6:52 p.m. **Grace Drive and Hull St.**, parking complaint; five vehicles tagged.

7:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, disturbance; 911 caller reports approximately 12 teens are causing a disturbance. Officer on scene reports there is no fight. Spoke with management; no disturbance, it is a usual Tuesday night. Calling party called back and will speak with an officer.

11:29 p.m. **King St.**, accidental 911 call; caller was trying to call someone else.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

1:26 a.m. **Pond St.** - High School, officer reports building checked; secure.

1:27 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools checked; secure.

7:16 a.m. **Border St.**, motor vehicle stop and tow; Quincy man summonsed for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

9:31 a.m. **Smith Place**, disturbance reported.

10:52 a.m. **North Main St.**, drug overdose; unknown what type of drugs the male took at this time. All units tied up. Units report this is not a drug overdose. The male party is having withdrawal symptoms and he has not used drugs since last night; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

12:37 p.m. **Sohier St.**, medical aid requested; caller reports a young child has fallen off the swings and has a back injury, the boy is still laying on the ground; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS. Hull rescue is responding and Hull R2 to hospital with the mother on board.

1:16 p.m. **Jerusalem and Little Harbor roads**, road hazard; caller reports large trucks parked on the curve at this location.

1:24 p.m. **South Main St.**, mutual aid-police; the constable requests police assistance while serving a civil arrest warrant to a male party who has threatened to kill a police officer in the past. Papers served without incident.

3:12 p.m. **Elm St.**, lost property; missing cell phone.

4:24 p.m. **King St.**, animal complaint; callers report a turkey has been hit by a car and is suffering on the side of the road. Officer reports the animal has expired.

6:08 p.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

Legal Notices

CARTER ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 07P0808EP

In the Estate of HELEN B. CARTER
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death March 6, 2007

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that ROBERT E. CARTER JR. of SCARBOROUGH in the State of MAINE and WILLIAM B. CARTER of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **MAY 16, 2007**.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, April 6, 2007.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11284838
Cohasset Mariner 4/20/07

SIDEMAN ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Norfolk Division
Docket No. 01P3223EP
Notice of Fiduciary's Account

To the persons interested in the estate of Carolyn Sideman late of Cohasset, in the county of Norfolk.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the 5th and final account(s) of Jeffrey M. Sankey as executor (the fiduciary) of said estate has been presented to this Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Canton on or before the **15TH day of May, 2007** the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account (s). If you desire to object to any item of said account (s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, FIRST JUSTICE of said Court at Canton this 5th day of April, 2007.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11285323
Cohasset Mariner 4/20/07

ZBA/40 SOUTH MAIN ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tuesday May 8th at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §4.2 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **40 South Main Street Nominee Trust, Inc.**, seeks to expand the existing building and add four apartments at **40 South Main Street (Cohasset Hardware)**, according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-04-16.

AD#11288635
Cohasset Mariner 4/20, 4/27/07

ZBA/20-22 LAMBERTS LANE
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **May 8th, at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7.2 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Angeline and Kimberly Luker,** seek to demolish an existing home, and construct a new home within the side setbacks at **20-22 Lamberts Lane** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-04-10.

AD#11288628
Cohasset Mariner 4/20, 4/27/07

RATE INCREASE
LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws; Chapter 83, Section 16 and Chapter 65of the Acts of 1962; the Cohasset Sewer Commission will hold a public hearing at the Cohasset Town Hall auditorium on Monday, April 23, 2007 @ 7:00 pm. The hearing will include information about the proposed rate increase for use of the municipal sewer.

AD#11288681
Cohasset Mariner 4/20/07

To Place A Legal Ad Call Mary (781) 433-7902

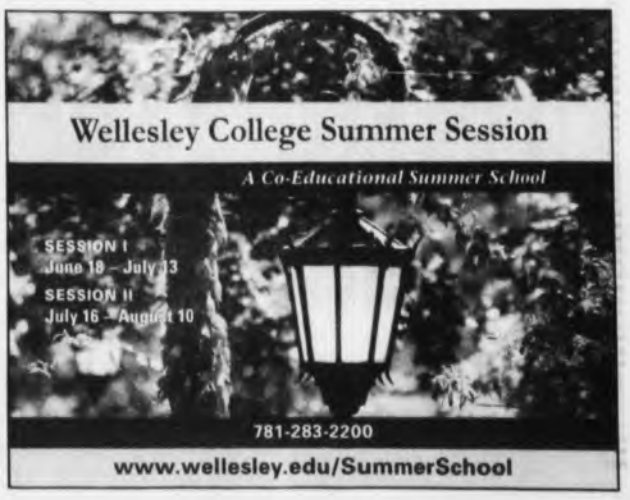
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What's happening on the South Shore

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Band's rock and roll here to stay

Sha Na Na performs at Company Theatre

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



Sha Na Na

There were many college students among the half-million people at Woodstock in the summer of 1969, but, as the drummer for Sha Na Na, John "Jocko" Marcellino - then a freshman at New York's Columbia University - was among the very few who actually performed at the now legendary music festival.

"At 18 years old, I was the youngest person to play Woodstock," recalled Marcellino by telephone last week from his home in La Jolla, California. "Janis Joplin, The Who, Joan Baez, Bob Dylan, The Grateful Dead and Jimi Hendrix were just a few of the amazing people who gathered at Max Yasgur's farm that August. After the assassinations of John and Bobby Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, the ongoing Vietnam War, and the trouble at the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, Woodstock marked the end of a very volatile decade."



John "Jocko" Marcellino

And the beginning of a very long, lucrative music and acting career for the Quincy-born Marcellino who was president of the Class of 1968 and a star football player at Archbishop Williams High School in Braintree. Marcellino and his classmates-turned-bandmates from Columbia first performed under the name The Kingsmen, before donning leather jackets and greasing back their hair to form Sha Na Na. Marcellino — who will be front and center when Sha Na Na plays Norwell's Company Theatre May 12-13 — recalls that it was some early club dates which led the doo wop-style band to be invited to perform at the seminal rock concert of the 1960s counter-culture movement.

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John "Jocko" Marcellino

"In those very early days, we played a club in Hell's Kitchen called Steve Paul's Scene. It was a real hangout for rock and rollers like Joplin and Hendrix. We were playing the club's closing night when we were approached about Woodstock. We were the only act without a recording contract, and probably the only real unknowns, invited to perform. We kept getting bumped, but finally they put us on just before Jimi Hendrix who closed the show."

A documentary film of the event titled "Woodstock: Three Days of Peace and Music," directed by Michael Wadleigh and edited by Academy Award winners Martin Scorcese and Thelma Schoonmaker, was released in 1970 and went on to win an Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature. While the film focused on the best-known performers, it also included footage of Sha Na Na singing "At the Hop." The group soon had a recording contract and a permanent place in the annals of American pop music.

"We had a sense of history even then. We knew we were playing the culmination of Woodstock Nation and as young as we were, we knew how momentous that was."

It was just the first in a series of career-defining moments for Sha Na Na. The group's catchy moniker also became the name for their highly successful television variety series which ran in syndication from 1977 to 1981. It was during the run of the show that the band was cast to play the fictional rock group Johnny Casino and the Gamblers in the 1978 feature film version of "Grease," starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John.

"It was funny when we landed the film, because we had turned down the show when it was first being developed off-Broadway in the early 1970s. We ended up with more songs on the 'Grease' soundtrack — including 'Rock & Roll is Here to Stay,' 'Blue Moon,' 'Tears on My Pillow' and 'Sandy,' co-written for Travolta by our own Screamin' Scott Simon — than any other group."

Almost 40 years after Woodstock, and 30 years since they shared a soundstage with Travolta, Sha Na Na — complete with original members Marcellino and Donny York, plus Simon, who joined shortly after the band was formed, and five other members, each with more than 20 years service — is still going strong with no plans to slow down.

"Part of what keeps us going is that multi-generations of the same family share a love for what we do. There are also people all over the world who enjoy our kind of music," explains Marcellino. "What we play aren't oldies, they are just great songs being played now.

Sha Na Na will be at the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell, on May 12-13. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 781-871-2787, or go online at www.companytheatre.com.

Movie review



Pam (Rose McGowan) takes a moment to admire the mysterious Stuntman Mike's (Kurt Russell) paint job.

Three-hour 'Grind'

Grindhouse (C+)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

Flesh-eating zombies, secret government experiments, "Werewolves of the SS," Detroit muscle, a psycho killer behind the wheel of a death machine, sexy stuntwomen and terminal-stage STDs.

Welcome to "Grindhouse," where it's a blast 25 percent of the time. The rest of the time, it's just a grind.

A three-hour-plus tribute to the double-bill sleaze-athons of the 1970s, "Grindhouse" reunites "Sin City" directors Robert Rodriguez and Quentin Tarantino in a celebration of movies so bad they were good. The results are a decidedly mixed good/bad bag with Rodriguez faithfully, if without inspiration, resurrecting the gorehound extravaganzas of zombie-master George Romero ("Night of the Living Dead"), while Tarantino channels such need-for-speed grindhouse classics as "Vanishing Point" (1971).

"Planet Terror," Rodriguez's installment, is an occasionally amusing, if disappointingly literal revival of the kind of dreck you were likely to see at a 42nd Street grindhouse.

Rose McGowan (TV's "Charmed") plays go-go dancer Cherry Darling, who loses a leg to zombies and replaces it with an automatic rifle.

Jokes aside, I couldn't help but wonder how she fired the thing. But McGowan is certainly game and unquestionably looks the part. The role calls for bad acting, and she delivers.

Tarantino's second installment, "Death Proof," is better, although it's a 30-minute muscle of bulging, bad-movie love encased in 55 minutes of Tarantino (who also acts) trash-talking fat.

Featuring a bevy of beauties, the film celebrates Tarantino's legendary foot fetish and gives us the most inspired creation of "Grindhouse," a psycho killer by the name of Stuntman Mike.

As played by the former Snake Plissken of John Carpenter's 1981 grindhouse classic "Escape From New York," Stuntman Mike is the most hilarious serial killer in recent memory, and he does a fine impression of John Wayne. "Death Proof" also delivers a terrific non-CGI car chase, although I believe George Miller's "Road Warrior" (1981) is still tops.

Viewers will also spot Michael Parks (TV's "Then Came Bronson"), Nic Cage in a cameo as Fu Manchu, and makeup expert and actor Tom Savini. Among the standouts are Freddy Rodriguez ("Bobby") as a zombie-killing truck driver, Barbara Crampton look-alike Marley Shelton and Zoe Bell, Uma Thurman's "Kill Bill" stuntwoman, as one of Tarantino's avenging goddesses.

Other pleasures of "Grindhouse" include the gruesome death of a character played by Tarantino in "Planet Terror" and "prevues" of such films as "Machete," a revenge drama featuring an illegal Mexican worker turned hit man (Danny Trejo), and the aforementioned "Werewolves of the SS."

It's a howl, Mein Fuhrer.

Rated R. "Grindhouse" contains extreme violence, nudity and profanity.

Calendar of events

Thursday, April 19

Scituate Arts Association presents **An Evening With William Bartlett** April 19, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Scituate Public Library, Lower Level As part of the ongoing series of "Meet the Artist," the Scituate Public Library and the Scituate Arts Association present an evening with William Bartlett. Free and open to the public, but your donation would well be appreciated to help defray the expense of this and the many other civic activities presented by the Scituate Arts Association. scituateart.com

The Hingham Library and Buttonwood Books & Toys welcome author **Jacqueline Davies** on April 19, 1:30 p.m. at the Hingham Library, 66 Leavitt St. Hingham. Ms. Davies will discuss her new book, "The Lemonade War". This is a free event. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a personalized and/or signed copy, call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com

Animal Tails with Karen Kurkoski, naturalist, will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell. This program is for children aged 3 1/2 to 5 years old. After the tale each week enjoy a game, song or craft – lots of exciting activities, and learning, too. The group may go outside for a hike, so dress for the weather. The cost is $42 for members and $54 for nonmembers per three-week session. Preregistration and prepayment required. Limit eight children.

The Hat Trick Theatre of Plymouth will perform Neil Simon's play, **The Prisoner of Second Avenue**, at Kendall Hall in the First Parish Church, Town Square, Plymouth, April 19, 20 and 21 at 8 p.m. at April 15 and 22 at 7 p.m. Tickets are $15. Call 508-747-6856 for reservations.

Local Chapter of Business Networking International bni.com meets weekly Thursday mornings in Pembroke at 7:30. New members are welcome. Call Tricia Lorente at 508-740-3385 for details.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. April 19, BBC **"Pint Night"** featuring **Flydown** formerly The Alliance.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., **Weymouth,** Satch Romano's **New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam** featuring **Jim Pircio's Track 44** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796.

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Jacqueline Schwab



Dillon Bustin

Singer-songwriter Dillon Bustin and pianist Jacqueline Schwab, best known for her music on the PBS Civil War Series, will perform Poems for Singing at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 22 at 3 p.m. at the James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St. in Norwell. Poetry by Thoreau, Emily Dickinson, Walt Whitman, Emerson and other New England writers are recast through contemporary songwriting. Tickets are $10 and are available by calling 781-659-7100. www.jameslibrary.org

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"A Farm Evening", oil on canvas, 12"x24"

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"Seen and Unseen" the works of John McConnell to open April 27, at the South Street Gallery, 149 South St. in Hingham. opening exhibit will take place at the South Street Gallery on Friday, April 27, from 6 to 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and visitors will have a chance to meet the artist at that time.

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Friday, April 20

The Acting Company proudly presents **Jane Eyre** adapted by Polly Teale from the novel of Charlotte Bronte and directed by Davis McCallum. This mesmerizing production of *Jane Eyre* will be at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center on Friday April 20th 2007 at 7:30 pm. It will be the Acting Company's only Massachusetts appearance in 2007. Tickets prices for General Admission seats are: Adults $25/, Seniors $15, / Students $10. For information and to reserve tickets, Please call the Duxbury Performing Arts Center box Office at 781-934-7612. Buy tickets on-line: duxbury.k12.ma.us/pac More information: theactingcompany.org

The Odd Couple **by Neil Simon,** a hilarious production of the class by **Hingham Civic Music Theatre** opening April 20, at 8 p.m. at Sanborn Auditoriium, Hingham Town Hall, 210 Central St., Hingham. Tickets are $12 for adults and $10 for students and seniors. Ticket hotline is 781-837-1499. Also available at Noble's on Hingham Square and Buttonwood Books on Route 3A, Cohasset. See website, HCMT.org.

The John Carver Inn, 25 Summer St., Plymouth, presents **Dave Kane's Misgivings,** a night of belly laughs, blessings, blarney and bingo, stories and one-liners about growing up Catholic, April 20. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Cost is $45 per person plus tax and service charge. Includes buffet dinner. Reservations are suggested. 508-746-7100.

The South Shore Chapter 33 of Parents without Partners, a non-profit all volunteer support organization for single, divorced or widowed men and women with children is **celebrating its 45th Anniversary.** They will celebrate with an anniversary dinner dance on Friday April 20, at the DAV Club #29, 788 Liberty St., Braintree. Cocktails will be served from 7 to 7:30 p.m. A full-catered family style roast beef dinner will be served beginning at 7:30 p.m. All former officers, members and public are invited to attend. Cost for the dinner and dance is $25 per person. All are welcome to come and dance to DJ Jim McCarthy for $5 from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. There will be a 50/50 raffle. For dinner information and reservations contact Bob Quilici at 781-982-0604 as soon as possible.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents Coffeehouse, with **Karen Woodhall, Tall Richard** and open mic, at 8 p.m. at the Beal House, Route 106, Kingston.. $5 members, $6 non-members. Food donation for the food pantry. Are welcome. For information: call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

Comedy night at **Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant** Braintree 5 corners, April 20, 9 p.m. The hilarious, sarcastic and sports **Comedy of Mike Donovan**. Just back from China. Other comics **Annette Pollack, Pat Mcloud, Phil Doyle, James Duffy.** Your host, **Hugo Maienza**. Dinner and appetizers available. Admission $17. Advance reservations requested 781-848-0300 Visit jimbossteakandfin.com or myspace.com/annettepollack

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Surf and Turf Land and Seascape painting by **Diana Rousseau** of Cohasset will be on view and sale at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, through April 30 The exhibit may be viewed Tuesday - Friday 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visit our website at www.jameslibrary.org.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance March April 20, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at **Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom**, 929 Hingham St., Rockland, exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by award winning DJ Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes and match game prizes. **Free dancing lessons** from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples age 30 and over. Cost before 9 p.m. is $10 Proper business dress recommended; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable. Visit www.se-4u.com or call 781-446-0234 for information.

New England Singles, April 20, 8 p.m. to midnight Abington VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington. Ages 40+ Dance music including Top 40's DJ. $8 singlesdancesnewengland.com 617-325-4900.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road **Pembroke**. April 20 **Double Take** 781-829-6999.

The Vine European Style Wine Bar, 18 Main St. Ext. lower level (under Café Stréga) Plymouth. Open Tuesday through Sunday at 4 p.m. Wine tastings 6 to 8 p.m. Every Wednesday - $15 includes appetizers Visit thevineplymouth.com information. 508-830-1942.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree Infractions 781-849-7007.

Run of the Mill, 6 Spring Lane, Plymouth, **Trax Trio** 9 p.m. to closing. 508-830-1262.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, will feature **J. Place Band** 9:15 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, begins its 14th season with the **Fat City Band**, playing blues/rhythm and blues/rock. Cover $10. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Saturday, April 21

The South Shore Chapter of Massachusetts Citizens for Life will be holding a yard sale at St. Jerome Church Hall, 632 Bridge St., Weymouth, on Saturday, April 21, from 8 a.m. to noon. Donations may be dropped off on Friday, April 20 from 3 to 7 p.m. No clothing, curtains, or large items. For information call 781-337-3035.

Ballroom Dance, at Trinity Episcopal Church Hall, 241 Broad Street, Weymouth April 21, from 7:30 to 11 p.m. DJ Music by DanceSport of Boston. Refreshments, door prizes. Tickets $10 advance /$12 door. 617-325-1562.

Exactly 66 years later to the day, New England folklorist and historical fire researcher **John Horrigan** will present a slide show and lecture that will bring you back to Monday, April 21, 1941, when a firestorm driven by unseasonably high winds, engulfed 446 homes, 96 garages, 12 stores, two hotels, a casino, a post office and a church in Brant Rock. At the conclusion of the presentation, you are invited to share any memories that you may have of the event and enjoy refreshments. The lecture takes place April 21, at 2 p.m. in the Historical Room at the Ventress Memorial Library, located at 15 Library Plaza in Marshfield. Free and open to the public. Contact librarian Chris Woods at 781-834-5535, e-mail cwoods@ocln.org or visit www.ventresslibrary.org.

Hingham's Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square features **David Ogden**, and the **Late Bloomers** April 21, at 8 p.m. **Late Bloomers Rand Browning** and **Brett Kinney** play a mix of new and traditional folk, blues, jazz, and ragtime music, featuring instrumentals and songs, fresh approaches to old favorites, and innovative and sometimes whimsical originals. Preceding the Late Bloomers is Scituate-born David Ogden, with his acoustic music that will take you on a picturesque walk through New England. The Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square is located at the Old Ship Parish House at 107 Main St., Hingham Square, just up from the Loring Hall Theatre. It is on the MBTA's 220 bus line from Quincy Center. Admission is $10 at the door. There is no open mike for this concert. Volunteers are welcome! For further information, call Jim Watson at 781-749-1767.

Quincy Dinner Theatre Productions presents **Let The Good Times Roll** April 21-22 at Braintree Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree. New musical starring Rob Bezubka and his solid gold gang of singers, dancers and comics. Saturday dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m. Sunday matinee dinnerat 2 p.m. show at 23:30 p.m. Plenty of parking and handicapped accessible. Tickets $42.50 for dinner and show. Show $39.95 for seniors. Reserve by calling 781-843-5862.

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The Friends of the Norwell Public Library are accepting donations of used books at the South St. library location. No textbooks or computer books. Books must be in reasonably good condition and free of mold.

The Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery presents the works by ***George Thompson: An American Master*** held in the collection of a South Shore resident. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours through May 3. Visit hinghamlibrary.org for information.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club, April 21 at 1 p.m. Easy walk, some hilly terrain 2.5 miles Walk around Tucker Hill on the green dot path. Meet at Houghton's Pond main parking lot on 840 Hillside St., Milton. For information visit mass.gov/dcr or call 617-698-1802.

Blues Hills South Region April 21, **Friends of Hemlock Gorge Spring Clean-Up** Call 617-333-7404 for registration and meeting place in Newton. It's time for spring cleaning. Help beautify this 23 acre woodland nestled along the banks of the Charles River. Two hours.

Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth, April 21, Traditional Irish Seisiun every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hornpipes, with great craic and singalong. Admission is free. 508-830-1262.

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Sunday, April 22

Blue Hills Reservation – Hike and Happenings April 22, **Canines and Coffee** Meet at Elm Bank in Wellesley on Rt. 16. Follow the one=way road to the Horticultural Education Center parking lot next to the map board. Call 617-333-7404 for information. Join a DCR Ranger and other dogs and dog owners for coffee with a short stroll to get to know one another. 1.5 hours.

Prize winning students of Margarita Gurevich will perform in recital in Logan Auditorium of **The Thayer Public Library**, 798 Washington Street, Braintree, on Sunday, April 22 at 3 p.m. Free and open to the public. For information call 781-413-1327.

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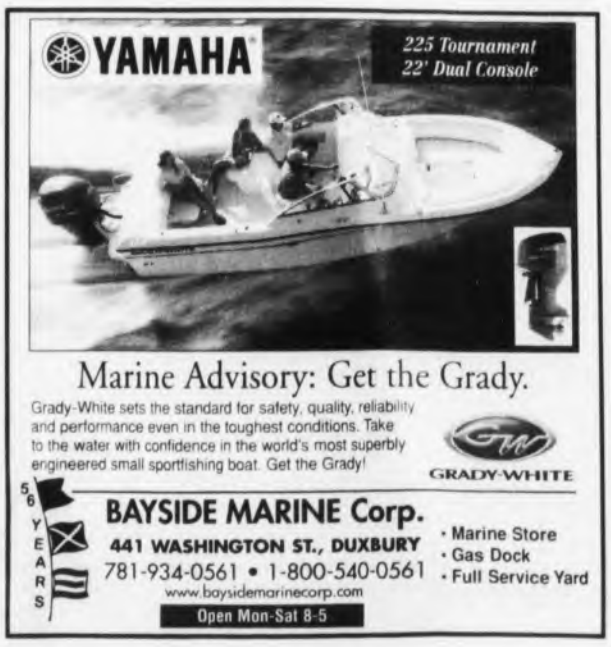
Mark your calendar

THE COMPANY THEATRE in Norwell, will be holding its first annual Silent Auction & Raffle on Saturday, April 28, from 7 to 11p.m. at the Radisson Hotel in Rockland. Tickets to attend the event are $25, and are available at the Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787. For information visit companytheatre.com

THE HISTORIC 1699 WINSLOW HOUSE, 634 Careswell St. Marshfield, will be host to Nathaniel Philbrick, author of the acclaimed "Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community and War." On April 28 beginning at noon, Philbrick will discuss the history of Plymouth Colony, the story of the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians, and the legends that have accompanied them. Philbrick will discuss the writing of his book and will be available to sign copies of "Mayflower," as well as Philbrick's new book, "The Mayflower Papers." For information, contact the Winslow House at 781-837-5753 or email Winslow House executive director Mark Schmidt at mark.schmidt@winslowhouse.org

PINK VOYD, New England's ultimate live Pink Floyd trip, will be bringing the mesmerizing sights & sounds of Pink Floyd to the Chapman Middle School Auditorium in Weymouth, Friday, May 4 at 8 p.m. Tickets for PINK VOYD are now on sale at $30 for Gold Circle Seating and $20 for General Admission, with proceeds to benefit the Weymouth Band Parents Association. Tickets can be purchased online at www.ticketweb.com, and by calling 866-468-7619. For information on PINK VOYD, log on to www.pinkvoyd.com

THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION is seeking walkers of all ages to form teams for the 6th Annual South Shore Arthritis Walk, the Arthritis Foundation's nationwide walk event. The walk will take place on Sunday, May 6, at Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth and is open to both teams and individuals The Arthritis Walk features a fully accessible one-mile walk and a three-mile walk, followed by a post-walk celebration. To register or for information, contact Terri Fedrow at the Arthritis Foundation at 617-219-8220 or visit southshorearthritiswalk.kintera.org







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Eugene Kaminsky, piano, Schubert's Auf der Strom with Beth Canterbury, soprano, Megan Riccio, French horn and Eugene Kaminsky, piano, and a Schumann Trio, Opus 63 Zach Ebin, violin, Matthew Pierce, cello, and Eugene Kaminsky, piano. Tickets at $25 for adults and $20 for students and seniors may be purchased online at www.southshoreconservatory.org, by phone at 781-934-2731, ext. 10 (Duxbury) or 781-749-7565, ext. 10 (Hingham), or in person at the Conservatory offices in Duxbury and Hingham. A reception with the performers follows the performance.

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Singer-songwriter **Dillon Bustin** and pianist **Jacqueline Schwab**, best known for her music on the PBS *Civil War* Series, will perform "Poems for Singin" *at* 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 22, at 3 p.m. at the James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St. in Norwell. Poetry by Thoreau, Emily Dickinson, Walt Whitman, Emerson and other New England writers are recast through contemporary songwriting. Tickets are $10 and are available by calling 781-659-7100. www.jameslibrary.org

South Shore Conservatory's Maestro Chamber Players perform Beethoven, Schubert and Schumann at The Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George St., Duxbury, 4 p.m. April 22. The program features the Beethoven Trio, Opus 11, with Zach Ebin, violin, Matthew Pierce, cello and Eugene Kaminsky, piano, Schubert's Auf der Strom with Beth Canterbury, soprano, Megan Riccio, French horn and Eugene Kaminsky, piano, and a Schumann Trio, Opus 63 Zach Ebin, violin, Matthew Pierce, cello, and Eugene Kaminsky, piano. Tickets at $25 for adults and $20 for students and seniors may be purchased online at www.southshoreconservatory.org by phone at 781-934-2731, ext. 10 (Duxbury) or 781-749-7565, ext. 10 (Hingham), or in person at the Conservatory offices in Duxbury and Hingham. A reception with the performers follows the performance.

South Shore Conservatory Concert Series presents **Maestro Chamber Players** Sunday, April 22, 7:30 p.m., at The Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George St., Duxbury. **(Originally scheduled for March 2.)** Artistic director Eugene Kaminsky has announced an all-French program including piano and cello sonatas by Claude Debussy and César Franck and other works from the French chamber repertoire. Tickets are $25 for adults and $20 for students and seniors. Tickets may be purchased online at southshoreconservatory.org, by phone at 781-934-2731, ext. 10 (Duxbury), or 781-749-7565, ext. 10 (Hingham), or in person at the Conservatory offices in Duxbury and Hingham. A reception precedes the performance at 6:45 pm.

Quincy Dinner Theatre Productions presents **Let The Good Times Roll** April 21-22 at Braintree Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree. New musical starring Rob Bezubka and his solid gold gang of singers, dancers and comics. Saturday dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m. Sunday matinee dinnerat 2 p.m. show at 23:30 p.m. Plenty of parking and handicapped accessible. Tickets $42.50 for dinner and show. Show $39.95 for seniors. Reserve by calling 781-843-5862.

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month **Allan Chambers** will exhibit his paintings for the month of April at the Tuft's Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth 781-337-8134.

The North River Arts Society present Festival of The Arts Award Winners - *Best in Show: Photography* at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Square, Marshfield. Featured in this exhibit are works by the following award-winning photographers: **Chris Bernstein, John Droege, Viola Kaumlen, Lance Keimig, Mike Sleeper, Michael Sullivan, Susan White, Paul Weiner, Robert Weiss, Ronald Wilson**. This show runs through June 1. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster St., Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com

Front Street Art Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate, hosts **Dianne Panarelli Miller** a Boston based "Plein Air Painter" of color and light through April 29. She is a signature member of the New England Plein Air Painters and a "Copley Master" at the Copley Society in Boston. A reception will be held on Sunday, April 1, from 2 to 5 p.m.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, will feature **Dave Foley, R & R Dr. Solo** at 8 p.m., for No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796.

Monday, April 23

The North River Arts Society presents **The Maine Event** at the Dolphin Gallery located at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham featuring paintings depicting the beauty of the Maine landscape. The following well-known local artists will be showing work in this show: **Joreen Benbenek, Donna Rossetti-Bailey, Sally Dean, Liz Haywood-Sullivan, Becky Haletky**, and **Patricia Gray**. This exhibit runs through May 24. The library gallery is open Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 1-5 p.m. Call the library to confirm current hours: 781.741.1405. For information, contact the NRAS Office at 781-837-8091.

The Braintree Art Association Annual Member Exhibit through April 27, at the Thayer Academy Gallery, 745 Wash-ington St., Braintree. Gallery hours 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. 781-335-4675

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Monday and is highly recommended for newcomers. All are welcome. For information, call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857 .

Tuesday, April 24

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its yearly **President's Day Brunch** at the Walton Rodgers Hall in St. Stephen's Church on Tuesday, April 24 at 9:30 a.m. Once a year, the CGCC president and Community Garden Club members look forward to inviting the Garden Club presidents of the South Shore District to Cohasset. This year, there will be an excellent program titled, "Bouquets Just For You" during which floral designer, Priscilla Styer, will demonstrate the making of a variety of bouquets while speaking about their history. St. Stephen's Church is handicapped accessible.

Grub Street South at Buttonwood is a collaboration between Grub Street, Boston's only independent writing center, and Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset. The goal of the program is to get writers writing! At 7 p.m. on April 24, Catherine Goldhammer will present a workshop on the importance of poetry to writers. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

Women of the South Shore! If you love to sing come to the open rehearsals of **The Island Grove Chorus**- a women's acapella singing group. Meet at the United Church of Christ Route 18 in Abington, on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. Call Joanne 781-843-4355 or Judy 781-848-5843.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road **Pembroke**. April 24, Free Texas Hold'Em with Northern Poker League "face off" Game Show Trivia 781-829-6999.

Wednesday, April 25

Botanist and Naturalist at the Science Center, **Dot MacFarlane** presents an informative workshop on **Greenhouse Gardening** on April 25 Learn what plants thrive in a greenhouse environment and next winter enjoy your own greenhouse. All workshops are each Wednesday in April from 7-8 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell. Cost per workshop is $5 members/ $8 non members and a family of 4 cost $10. Sign-up for all 4 workshops and receive a $1 off per workshop. Pre-registration and prepayment is required. To register, call the Science Center at 781-659-2559 and payment may be taken by credit card or visit the Science Center Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Additional information available on the website at www.ssnsc.org.



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Cast of "Let the Good Times Roll"

The Hingham Library and Buttonwood Books & Toys welcome **Chet Raymo** on April. 25, 7 p.m. at the Hingham Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. Raymo will be discussing his new book, **Valentine: A Love Story** Chet Raymo, Professor Emeritus at Stonehill College, is a winner of the prestigious Lannan Literary Award. His many books include "Climbing Brandon, The Path, and "An Intimate Look at the Night Sky". This is a free event. Books, provided by Buttonwood Books & Toys, will be available for purchase at the event. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a personalized and/or signed copy, call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

Life on the Coast speaker series at the Scituate Town Library, 85 Branch St., Scituate. at 7 p.m. on April 25, **Avian Flu: How do birds figure in the equation? Trevor Lloyd-Evans** Conservation Biologist and Director of the bird-banding program at The Manomet, Center For Conservation Sciences will delve into the facts and myths associated with the avian flu. Free and open to the public. Question and answer period following presentation. Call or e-mail for information Scituate Library Foundation, 781-545-8727, www.scituatetownlibrary.org — http://www.scituatelibraryfoundation.org Web Site: http://www.manomet.org

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road **Pembroke** April 25 **Face Off Game show trivia hosted by PJ the DJ** 8 to 11 p.m. 781-829-6999.

Thursday, April 26

TechArt III, in conjunction with the **Boston Cyberarts Festival**, opens at the **South Shore Art Center** in Cohasset. New York based artist Carl Fudge juried the national show and selected Gene Greger of Troy, NY as with first prizewinner.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road **Pembroke**. April 26, **BBC Pint Night with Flydown** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, Satch Romano's **New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam** with The Mighty HouseRockers at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Friday, April 27

Bay Players announce four performances of ***Later Life*** by A.R. Gurney directed by Bern Budd/Produced by Theresa Chiasson Friday, April 27, at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at 8 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Kingston Intermediate School, 65 Second Brook Road, Kingston. **Two-for-one tickets at Sunday matinee.** For reservations, call 1-800-290-6825 and leave a message. Your tickets will be held at the box office. Tickets are $12 for seniors and students, and $15 for general admission. Group discounts available. Two-for-one at Sunday matinee.

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. ***Deadline is Friday at noon.***

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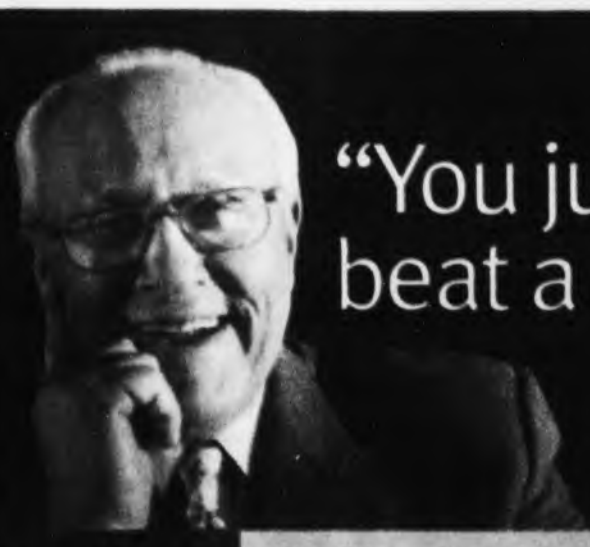
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Commission promises better communication

Meets with plant abutters about overflow events

By Nancy White
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The Sewer Commission held a meeting at 4 p.m. Monday to air concerns over the recent Waste Water Treatment Plant overflow. About 15 neighbors and concerned citizens attended. The at times emotionally charged discussion centered on increased communication, needed plant upgrades, and the Little Harbor project.

"I'm hoping to keep this meeting as positive as possible," said Chairman Sean Cunning to open the dialogue. "We're all on the same side here."

On Patriots Day, April 16, the Waste Water Treatment Plant on Elm Street began overflowing around 2a.m. The high rate of water flow, which reportedly peaked at 1,000 gallon per minute, left the plant unable to systematically process all the water. The overflow amount, about 80,000 gallons, went into the anoxic tank where it was partially decontaminated by chlorine tablets.

Sewer Commission John Beck said this year's overflow was a significant improvement over what happened last year in the Mother's Day flood. Following that incident a standard operating procedure was put in place for an overflow event. The Sewer Commission and consultant engineer Dan Coughlin reported that the procedure was followed internally, but the portion outlining notification of the neighbors was not followed. A Connect-CTY call was placed townwide on Monday afternoon.

The plant is manned 24-hours-a-day, employees were aware that significant

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Eagle Scout John Keniley awaits a customer at the Cohasset High School concession stand. Keniley built the stand from the ground up for his Eagle Scout project. He was awarded the Boy Scouts highest rank earlier this month.

Eagle Scout makes a concession

Builds refreshment stand for alumni field

By Nancy White
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For many years booster club members, students and other dedicated souls have braved the wind, rain and freezing temperatures to sell concessions at high school sporting events in an effort to raise money for their causes. Now, thanks to Eagle Scout John Keniley they will sell their water and snacks in a spacious, protected and fully wired concession stand.

Keniley was awarded the Eagle Scout rank on April 4 in a Court of Honor ceremony, receiving the Eagle Scout rank is the highest honor a Boy Scout can attain. It is a performance-based achievement that requires qualifying for 21 merit badges and undertaking a project of over more than hours that will to benefit the community. In addition to those requirements, the Boy Scout needs to be a "good person," says Keniley.

"Luckily, Boy Scouts teaches you to be a good person," says Keniley. He was inspired to build a concession stand by his parents who were two of those booster club parents who stood out in all weather conditions selling refreshments to fans at football games.

The wheels began turning on the project in the fall of 2005 when he started talking with school administration and the School Committee about the project. They gave him

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It's good for Go-Blue to go-green on Sunday

Cohasset honors Earth Day with cleanup

By Nancy White
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"The environment needs to be a unifying issue and that speaks to the way the problem will be solved."
— Kathryn Earle, Sustainable Cohasset

Earth Day will be observed in Cohasset a week late this year on Sunday, April 29. In addition to a town-wide clean-up effort organized by a local Girl Scout troop, the CO2 Cube constructed by Cohasset High School students will have its very first public display on the town common. The awareness raised during this annual day is reinforced locally all year long by a group called Sustainable Cohasset.

Thirty-seven years ago on April 20, 1970 the United States celebrated the very first Earth Day — now it is celebrated annually around the world. It was established to raise awareness of the growing environmental problems in the country — polluted rivers caught fire, cities were covered in smog and unsafe pesticides were widely used.

"Today, we see America shifting to a 'green culture,' where all 300 million citizens are embracing the fact that environmental responsibility is everyone's responsibility," said EPA Administrator Steve Johnson. With growing concern over global warming and the longevity of the environment, Sustainable Cohasset is promoting and educating the town's residents of the big and small ways.

Sustainable Cohasset was started in October 2006 and in just a few short months it has involved more than 40 residents. The group is a part of a greater South Shore coalition, Sustainable South Shore, and that group is chapter of the Mass Climate Action Network, which involves over 25 community

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Favorite snack: Samosa.

Best book: "On the Road," by Jack Kerouac.

Best actor: Johnny Depp.

Best TV show: "Deadliest Catch."

Pet peeve: Impatience.

Dumbest thing you've ever done: Thinking anything is impossible, and I still do it!

Goal: Travel around India.

Person you'd most like to meet: Mom's Dad.

Biggest worry: Global Warming creates one long unchanging season.

Best part of Cohasset: The summer sea breeze.



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The Mariner caught up with Peter Kovach, a UMass-Boston sophomore and men's lacrosse player, who has been named Rookie of the Week for the third time so far this season (see this week's Around Town, page 6). Peter, shown here holding a blueberry and strawberry tart, works part-time at French Memories.

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Schools have safety plans in place

Have protocols for 10 different situations

By Nancy White
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Safety is paramount at the Cohasset Public Schools.

In response to the Virginia Tech tragedy last week, the nation is all a little more aware of how important it is to have resources and protocols established in the event any type of threat is made on a school — and to have channels available to prevent a devastating incident.

"I can guarantee we have a comprehensive plan in place," says Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh. Administrators and teachers put a 22-page document together in 2002 outlining the schools' safety plan including emergency management, crisis intervention and a resource guide.

The guide outlines what duties administrators, or the "crisis response team," and teachers are responsible for performing in possible scenarios where the school, or its students, may be threatened. Roles are designated to specific people and defined in detail. These roles vary from first-aid responders to sweep team coordinators to media coordinators. Each of the three schools has its own crisis response team.

"I'm most proud that our own teachers and staff put this plan together," said Walsh. The plan is updated on an annual basis; it was reviewed most recently in October 2006. The team did extensive research on what other schools and towns had for an emergency response plan and adapted those ideas to fit the Cohasset Public Schools.

The School Safety Plan includes protocols for 10 different situations, each posing a different type of danger to the school. Immediate threats such as a bomb threat received by phone or a suspicious device is located would likely involve evacuation of the building. Steps are delineated for the administrator-in-charge involving calling 911, activating the crisis response team, turning off the bell and PA systems. In the event of a bomb threat the fire alarm would not be used to evacuate the building, the crisis response team would go to each classroom in a set order to inform the staff of immediate evacuation.

Other procedures involve a lockdown, where students and teachers would be sequestered in their classrooms and await crisis response team instructions.

Procedures are also outlined for the event of a bus accident, kidnapping or a missing student, the death of a student or staff member, disruptive student, hostage or armed intruder situation, natural/environmental disasters, nuclear, biological, chemical incidents (inside or outside of the school), student with a gun, suicide (attempted or actual), and trespasser. Each situation has a general procedure outlined as well as specific instructions for the administrator-in-charge and teachers/staff to follow.

"These procedures are followed on a regular basis," says Walsh. The schools have different mock simulations of what would happen if there was an actual threat on the school to familiarize the students and staff with the procedure(s), Walsh said.

A framework is also outlined as to how the school staff and students can cultivate a better school environment. School staff is advised to "support school curricula that provides students with the knowledge and skills that promote personal, interpersonal, and community safety." The guidelines (a list of 12) also advises to create safe ways for students to express feelings and share concerns and have a system in place to identify "at-risk" students and initiate an appropriate intervention plan.

Students are encouraged to "end the conspiracy of silence" that can allow guns and weapons into the school as well as reporting situations that could endanger the schools, its students or staff.

In addition to the handbook on school safety, each school also has an extensive surveillance system. There are security cameras for the perimeters of each school building and there are some cameras inside the schools, says Walsh. The schools have also instituted a buzzer system so every visitor must be buzzed into the school by the front office. All visitors are required to sign-in at the front office of the school after being buzzed into the building.

Walsh says all the video is recorded digitally and can be viewed by herself, principals and the facilities manager. The police currently do not have access to the video feed, but Walsh reported that that link was in the works.

"The video is used as necessary. The information is used by the police department as well as the school," in the event of an incident, says Walsh.

The surveillance systems were upgraded as one of the last acts of the School Buildings Committee, they authorized increased security systems for the schools before disbanding, says Walsh. The latest of the enhancements, a $65,000 security system was installed at the Osgood School last summer.

Walsh said that school safety is a coordination of effort within the school and with other town departments, including police and fire officials.

POLICE BEAT

Suspicious man robs woman of wallet

By Mary Ford
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Police are looking for a suspect who apparently took the wallet out of the purse that was in a woman's shopping cart at Stop and Shop.

A 66-year-old Scituate woman told police that she was pushing her carriage when a white man described as being in his late 60s or early 70s and wearing a scully cap bumped into her. He made some small talk, said "excuse me," and then both he and she went on their way.

When she went through the checkout line, she discovered that her wallet was missing. The incident occurred at about 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday (April 18), police said.

She put her order aside, went out to check her car, and then remembered that a man had bumped into her. Her pocketbook was in her carriage at the time.

Police detectives are reviewing the surveillance video at Stop & Shop in the hope that they come up with a suspect.

Warrant arrest

A Bourne man was held overnight at the station before being transported to Quincy District Court on a warrant for breaking and entering in the nighttime, police said.

On Wednesday (April 18) at about 7:45 p.m., Scituate police reported a red Dodge Durango was being operated erratically northbound on Route 3A. Cohasset police stopped the vehicle by Cohasset Plaza. The operator checked out OK and was not impaired. However, a computer check revealed the man was wanted on a felony warrant and he was arrested.

Impeded operation

A Cohasset woman notified police on her cell phone at about 4:53 p.m. on Monday (April 16) that she was behind a Ford Taurus that was swerving and weaving on Route 3A in the vicinity of 3A and Pond Street. The caller was able to provide police with a description of the car and plate number.

Police caught up with the car near Shaw's Plaza. After talking with the operator of the Taurus, police determined that he had just been distracted while on his cell phone. He was given a verbal warning about impeded operation due a cell phone. It is not illegal to talk on a cell phone while driving unless it impedes operation, police said.

Revoked registration

Parking a vehicle with revoked registration on a public way is not allowed, police said.

A 48-year-old Scituate man is being summonsed to court because he had parked his pickup truck on Summer Street, which is a public way, police said. A computer check run by the officer revealed the plates to the 1996 red Ford pickup had been revoked because the vehicle was not insured. The incident occurred at about 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday (April 17).

The officer contacted the owner who was also the operator and who reported that the matter was an misunderstanding with the registry. However police are summonsing the man to Quincy District Court for allowing a vehicle with revoked registration and without insurance on a public way. Police have seized the plates until the individual can get things squared away with the registry.

Mini-bike

Police are still holding an unregistered mini-bike that was confiscated from a teenager who was racing it along Highland Avenue last Friday (April 20). A mini-bike is also called a pocket bike and has a small motor.

The officer responded to the scene and observed the activity and saw that the 17-year-old did not have a helmet. The bike also had no registration sticker as required. The officer took the bike; the teen is required to pay a $35 fine for having an unregistered mini-bike and a $25 fine for wearing no helmet. He has 21 days to pay the fines or appeal them to court.

Unruly son

A Cohasset parent called police after his son, who had been arrested in Scituate, became unruly, police said. The call came in about 6:45 p.m., Thursday (April 19). The father of the boy wanted to see an officer, who went to the home and that was enough to calm things down, police said. The father was advised if there were further problems to call the police again.

Unwanted calls

Two residents reported either prank or threatening phone calls last week. Verizon security has procedures through which customers can trap the telephone numbers of annoying callers by triggering an audit. Police can then work with Verizon to determine where the calls came from and summons the perpetrator(s) to court, police said.

Hang-up 9-1-1 calls

If you dial 9-1-1 by mistake, you can still expect a visit from a police officer. Often "hang-up" and "accidental" 9-1-1 calls appear in the weekly police log. Chief James Hussey said police have a standing practice to respond to all 9-1-1 calls. He explained that if the call is a "hang-up" they may heighten their response because it could represent a potential domestic situation. However, police also respond to "accidental" 9-1-1 calls when the caller claims to have misdialed intending to reach information at "4-1-1."

"The dispatcher will try to call right back," Hussey said about hang-ups and accidental calls. "But even if the caller says everything is OK, we respond and want to see that for ourselves.

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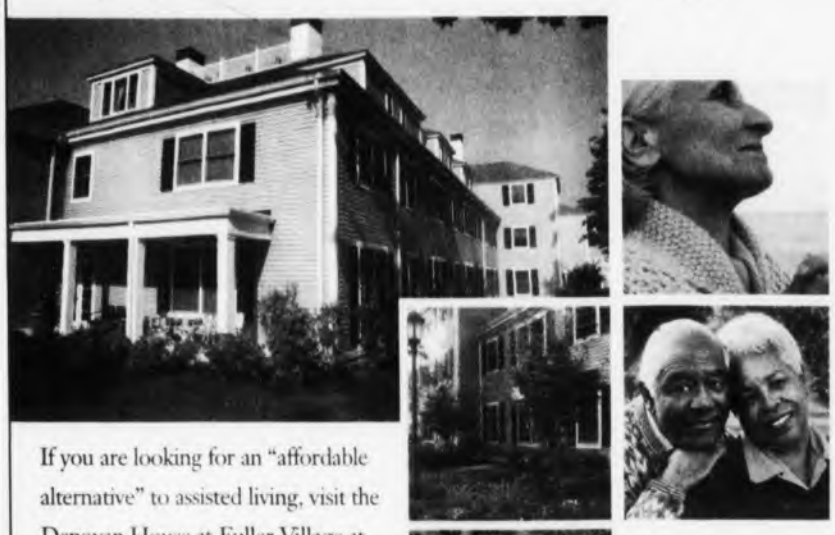

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Slanetz commentary ruffles feathers

Resident requests apology

By Nancy White
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Sparks flew in the early part of the School Committee meeting on Wednesday night as a commentary that member Alfred Slanetz wrote in the April 13 Mariner was discussed. A member from the audience requested an apology from Slanetz for his comments directed specifically towards two residents.

Following the election on April 7, Slanetz submitted an opinion piece to the Mariner. ("Democratic process undermined" appeared on the op-ed page April 13). The commentary contained his views on the turmoil surrounding the recent School Committee election, the write-in candidates and the campaigns.

"My commentary for the Mariner was written as a private citizen," Slanetz said to clear the air, "It was a not a committee article — it was my observations on the election."

A few minutes later, Chairman Rick Flynn addressed the commentary as well by proposing an informal agreement among members of the School Committee. He requested that any type of letter or commentary that's going to be put in a public arena that may "smell like it came from the School Committee" be run by other members of the committee for proofreading and input.

He said that Slanetz's commentary in the Mariner was not the first time in his tenure on the School Committee that there has been some confusion between one member's views versus a collective committee's view following publication.

> **"It was a not a committee article — it was my observations on the election."**
> — Alfred Slanetz, School Committee

"We've worked incredibly hard to move forward over the last year," Flynn said. Flynn's proposal generated no discussion among committee members.

When Flynn opened up the floor to comments from the audience, Joe Stanganelli of 96 Aaron River Road, expressed his views on Slanetz's commentary as well. He requested that Slanetz apologize to Terry and Dorothy Green, who were described in his commentary as residents who sent out an e-mail in which write-in candidate Lee Jenkins and balloted candidate Peter Richardsson were described as "anti-school."

Stanganelli seemed to take most offense to Slanetz's description of the Greens' actions as "a shameful lack of integrity, ethics, character and sense of fair play." He said fact and assumptions used in Slanetz's opinion piece were completely false. He indicated that the apology should come in just as public a way as his original commentary.

Stanganelli's feelings had been addressed previously with Slanetz personally in a phone call on the day following the publication. When Stanganelli did not receive the desired response from Slanetz, he e-mailed the committee members as a body to make them aware of his appeal and desire to speak at the meeting.

"Respectfully, before you as a committee can expect to go on in a positive way, an apology is needed," Stanganelli said. Then, in "an effort of full disclosure," told the committee that Greens were close friends of his. Flynn attempted to move the meeting along by asking Stanganelli, who was clearly upset, to end his remarks so the committee could continue its business.

But before the School Committee could address their next item of business, another member of the audience requested to respond to Stanganelli's comments.

Kevin Odonnell of 248 King St. said that this was "free speech issue" and if someone takes exception to what is said then they have as much right as another to write a letter to the newspaper.

Stanganelli said it was not his desire to get into a letter writing contest in the public eye; he simply wanted an apology.

After an attempt by Flynn to close the subject, Odonnell gave Stanganelli his phone number and asked him to give him a call.

"This School Committee, as a body, had nothing to do with the election or letters," Flynn said as he tried to bring the meeting back to order, "people have to solve issues on their own."

Village Consultant to be hired

> **The consultant will devise a "build-out plan" that will determine, among other things, the role of apartments in the village.**

Town Manager Bill Griffin reported that the town has received two responses to the village planning request for proposals. Griffin has requested that a representative from the Planning Board, Community Preservation Committee and Economic Development Committee review the proposals, meet with the firms and offer him a recommendation. Both firms will be interviewed in the coming week by and a contract will be awarded shortly after.

The consultant will devise a "build-out plan" that will determine, among other things, the role of apartments in the village. Two zoning articles passed at the recent Annual Town Meeting to set the stage for future planning — the village business district was established and a bylaw reinstituting a special permit requirement for apartments.

At the fall Town Meeting, voters allocated a total of $30,000 to hire a consultant to draft a Village master plan, $15,000 was provided by the Town's general fund to look at zoning, retail analysis, parking while the CPC chipped in the balance of $15,000 to look at affordable housing, open space, and historical issues in the village.

Rick Flynn is new school board chairman

The first order of business on the School Committee's agenda was to nominate and appoint a new chairman, vice chairman and secretary. The reorganization was formally opened for nominations under the instructions of school business manager Dave DeGennaro.

Alfred Slanetz nominated Rick Flynn for Chairman, Adrienne MacCarthy seconded the motion and he was unanimously appointed Chairman. This will be Flynn's third time serving as Chairman during his tenure on the School Committee.

Next, Adrienne MacCarthy nominated Steve Fusco for Vice Chairman; the motion was seconded by Lucia Flibotte and approved by the committee 5-0.

Lastly, re-elected member Adrienne MacCarthy was nominated to the position of secretary.

Sub-committee appointments will be discussed at the next School Committee meeting.

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Affordable housing in the pipeline

By Nancy White
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The search for affordable housing opportunities is ongoing. Members of the Housing Partnership Committee appeared at the Board of Selectmen meeting on Monday night to show that they have not lost sight of their charge. The Housing Partnership has been exploring options in town since the group was re-instated in early 2006.

Selectmen gave the committee the go ahead to take the next step to secure an existing house on Jerusalem Road.

"40B is still a problem out there," said Housing Partnership Chairman Tom Callahan stating that there are currently only 76 affordable units in town, roughly 3 percent. The town would need more than 300 units to not be susceptible to 40B projects. 40B is the state affordable housing law which sets threshold of towns having 10 percent of their housing stock deemed affordable.

Under 40B, a developer can apply directly to the ZBA for a comprehensive permit and doesn't have to obtain permits from other boards. Cohasset is vulnerable to 40B projects that often include a higher density than zoning bylaws allow because there is so little affordable housing in town.

Callahan described the Housing Partnership Committee philosophy as finding existing homes to do smaller projects that would be spread about the town. He asked Selectmen for feedback on the Housing Partnership in the coming months.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer described the group's philosophy as "opportunistic," which he felt was okay, but he was concerned that there was a "lack of criteria" in choosing projects.

"It doesn't feel like a plan," he said. He urged Callahan to look at the broader question and determine where the best geographical location for affordable housing is.

"I don't know if a single large project is the way the town needs to go," said Callahan, who, like many residents, is fearful of an Avalon-type project and what it would do to change the character of Cohasset. (Avalon, a 40-B project, plans to build a 200-unit apartment complex off Route 3A).

Callahan requested that the Selectmen give their stamp of approval on sending a letter to the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to determine if the proposed two or three affordable units in the house at 821 Jerusalem Road could qualify under the Town's inventory of affordable housing.

"It is opportunistic but it's an ideal situation," said Callahan, "there are no immediate neighbors impacted."

The piece of property at 821 Jerusalem Road is currently owned by the Town and could be scheduled for auction. The town foreclosed on the property in May 2005 due to non-payment of property taxes. The two-family house is on a 0.135 acre parcel of land. It is bordered by a single-family condo, a Greek Orthodox Church and Straits Pond. The building is currently occupied by one tenant who is paying rent to the town, and the other unit if vacant.



PHOTO/MARY FORD

The house at 821 Jerusalem Road near West Corner is being eyed for affordable housing.

"It is opportunistic but it's an ideal situation, there are no immediate neighbors impacted."
— Tom Callahan, Housing Partnership

Callahan requested the Selectmen to hold off on putting the house out to auction to allow the Partnership to pursue the affordable housing angle.

The Partnership's tentative and primary plan, assuming approval from the DHCD, is to have a request for proposal (RFP) go out to prospective developers. The RFP will contain preferences, guidelines and requirements for the developer. Preferences would include maximizing the property to three units and include a "family unit" or a two-bedroom apartment. Callahan said that family units are looked on favorably by the DHCD and may help in getting all units to qualify under the state affordable housing requirements.

If the DHCD does not give the project approval, the Partnership said the town could then put the house out to auction, or do whatever it sees fit.

Callahan indicated this is an ideal opportunity because the acquisition cost is low, a developer would take ownership of the land and incur the major costs of (possibly) adding a third unit and future maintenance costs. The plan also leaves the home on the tax rolls so the town would continue to benefit from the property taxes.

"Two maybe three units will not change the world" but it is a step in the right direction, Callahan said.

Town Manager Bill Griffin mentioned that the daughter of the previous owner of the house has contacted the town to convey her interest in regaining the property. The former owners had the right within one year of foreclosure to petition the Board of Selectmen or Land Court to vacate the final judgment. No petition was received in a year's time. He reminded the Selectmen that their decision on pursuing the Housing Partnership's proposal is foreclosing the option for the daughter of the previous owner.

Dormitzer expressed to the Housing Partnership the need for public process to be at the forefront of this project.

Callahan said that when the Partnerhip knows more details and the project is firmer, there would be a public hearing. He did not foresee public opposition because there would be little change to the house — it is currently a two-family house and it is going to stay a two-family house.

The Board of Selectmen voted 4-0 to endorse the Housing Partnership's request to send a letter to DHCD requesting the units at 821 Jerusalem Road to count toward Cohasset's affordable housing stock.

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Kovach named Rookie of the Week for third time

AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

SUMMER'S COMING

Hey Cohasset. How was vacation for everyone? If you had a great experience, a story or photos to share or just want to let us know how your week was, send it all in. It sure goes fast but summer will be here soon!

BIRTHDAY WISHES

I heard from several little birdies here in town that on the same day we were celebrating my daughter Callie's 13th birthday, this past Monday, April 23, another person here in town who we all know was also celebrating birthday number 50! Fire Chief **Robert Silvia** turned 50 years old on April 23rd and so many family and friends want to make sure he knows how special he is and that everyone was thinking of him on that special day. You are a fantastic guy and everyone wishes you a very special year. Happy Birthday Chief!

TOP ROOKIE

UMass-Boston men's lacrosse player **Peter Kovach** of Cohasset has been named Little East Conference Rookie of the Week for the week of April 16 to 22, as was announced by the conference. This marks the third time this season and the second straight week that Peter has earned the award.

The sophomore tallied five points on two goals and three assists in two contests, while scooping up three ground balls. The attack man owned a .500 shooting percentage and also netted a man-down goal during the week. Peter registered an assist April 19 at the Wentworth Institute of Technology and added a ground ball. The Cohasset High School product led the Beacons April 21 with four points on two goals, including one in a man-down situation and a pair of assists at Western Connecticut State University and also added two ground balls.

Peter has seen action in all 10 games for UMass Boston, while starting every match. He has been the team's top playmaker with 19 assists for an average of 1.9 per game, which ranks fifth in the Little East Conference. He is also among the league's top point-scorers with 32 points to place sixth in the LEC and second on the team with 3.2 points per game mark.

His total of 13 goals is the third-highest figure on the squad. The sophomore also ranks fourth for the Beacons with 28 ground balls and leads the team, among players with 10 or more shots, with a .433 shooting percentage.

UMass Boston is currently 5-5 on the season, including a 3-2 mark in LEC play, which is good for third in the conference standings. UMB will see action again Tuesday, April 24 when it hosts Salve Regina University at the Clark Athletic Center field at 3 p.m.



COURTESY PHOTO

Jane Henderson, shown here holding the $5.5 million check representing the total raised by some 6,900 walkers in 2006, is planning to participate in the 2007 Jimmy Fund Walk as part of the team, "Rosie's Walk."

SPEAKER AT CHS

Calling all parents of Senior High Schoolers! **Jeff Wolfsberg**, an internationally known speaker on adolescent issues will present "College-Bound: Successful Transition from High School to College." The hour presentation to parents will be held Friday, May 4th at 11:30am in the Cohasset High School Auditorium. The Social Service League of Cohasset proudly sponsors this free program.

CLEAN-UP

This coming Sunday, April 29th from 1-4, the Girl Scouts in town along with the Board of Health are sponsoring a town-wide cleanup. If you would like to join in, gather the family and friends and meet in the town hall parking lot where you will be given a location to go to. If you have any questions or would like to help, call the Board of Health office at Cohasset Town Hall.

MARATHON EFFORT

Wow, we had some amazing runners from here in town who ran the Boston Marathon for a wonderful cause. **Mel Barret** wanted to make sure to thank **Judy Stavis, Cindy Swartwood** and **John Montgomery** who all ran the Boston Marathon and raised funds for NF. Not only did they brave horrible weather conditions and post amazing times (3:38, 4:22 and 3:44 respectively), but they raised more than $20,000 for NF!

Much of the money raised was contributed by members of our great community here in Cohasset, and Mel, son, **Gaeby**, and family to send a great big thank you to Judy, Cindy and John, as well as to all of those who were kind enough to support them and us with their generosity. Great job to all and to Gaeb, here's to a wonderful year to come.

Neurofibromatosis (NF) is a genetic disorder of the nervous system that causes tumors to form on the nerves anywhere in the body at any time. This progressive disorder affects all races, all ethnic groups and both sexes equally. NF is one of the most common genetic disorders in the United States (one in every 3,000 to 4,000 births).

DEAN'S LIST

Caitlin Sanchez was named to the dean's list for the fall semester (2006-2007) and her mom and dad are so proud. Caitlin is a freshman at UMass Dartmouth and is a graphic design major. Caitlin graduated from CHS in 2006. This was great news to hear Caitlin, keep up the great work.

JIMMY FUND WALK

Our hats go off to Cohasset's **Jane Henderson**, who was among the more than 1900 people recognized for their extraordinary results in collecting pledges for the 2006 Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk at the Extra Mile Reception for Pacesetters. Membership in the Pacesetter Club is reserved for those walkers who generated $750 or more in pledges. Members of the Pacesetter Club represent only 27 percent of total walkers in the event, yet their collective work generated more than 67 percent of the event's total of more than 5.5 million raised for cancer research and care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Jane, who has registered for the 2007 Walk, is on the team "Rosie's Walk." Last year she raised more than $5,000. If you would like to make a donation toward Jane's effort, visit: www.jimmyfundwalk.org, click on "support a walker" and enter Jane's name.

ART LOVERS

Calling all art lovers. The 52nd annual Arts Festival for the South Shore Art Center is coming on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 15, 16 & 17. Make your plans now to volunteer a few hours and be a part of a proud Cohasset tradition. Please call Volunteer Coordinator, **Diane Shipp**, 781-383-9198 soon to secure your preferred day and time.

LITTLE LEAGUE PARADE

Once again, the Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association is having its annual Little League Parade. Come on out Saturday morning, April 28th at 8:15 and cheer on the over 500 baseball and softball players marching from the Cohasset Common to Barnes Field via North Main Street. The 2006 championship major league baseball and softball teams will be proudly riding fire trucks to celebrate last year's victories. Opening day ceremonies will follow at Barnes Field. Hope to see you!

LOCAL ARTIST

Cohasset's **Elizabeth Durant** is one of several area painters contributing to an exhibit at the Vine Hall Gallery at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell through May 19. In addition to Elizabeth, the "True Value" painters including Ann Johnson, Marguerite Moore and Joanne Papandrea, all of Scituate, have painted together for several years. They have all studied with nationally known painter Charles Sovek of Chatham and gleaned their name from one of his teaching methods. During the summer on Wednesday nights, these ladies can be seen capturing the afternoon light at Scituate Lighthouse. All are very active when not painting and they enjoy kayaking and biking. For more information on the exhibit, all 781-659-2559.

TOP HONORS

Courtney Culhane is a freshman at Notre Dame Academy and made the Presidents List this semester, the highest honor roll at the school. Congratulations Courtney, your family and friends are so proud of you!

OSGOOD CLEANUP

Spring Make-A-Difference Day is Saturday, April 28! Please join us at the Osgood School from 12-2 as volunteers prepare the Osgood nature trails for spring programs. We will be picking up trash, trimming underbrush and making repairs. We need at least one volunteer with a chain saw to cut up several trees which came down during the winter and are blocking the paths. Please contact **Lisa Rosen** with any questions at 781-383-6491.

That is it for this week. Send me all of your news no later than Tuesdays by noon.

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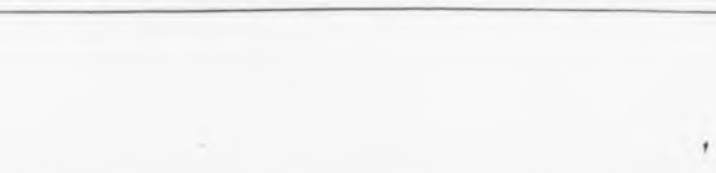
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Courtney Phyllis Goff and Derek Vincent Heald

Goff – Heald

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The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Cohasset High School and a 2001 graduate of Assumption College. She is a client service analyst at Lehman Brothers in Boston.

Her fiancé is a 1996 graduate of Tewksbury Memorial High School. He went to the University of New Hampshire where he received his bachelor's degree in 2000 and his master's degree in health administration in 2001. He is employed by B Braun as a medical device sales representative.

A June 2008 wedding in Boston is planned.

Visualize a metric ton of CO2 Saturday

Marie Caristi-MacDonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Is your head in a cloud of CO2 or in a cube? If you would like to visualize the volume of a metric ton of CO2, join Sustainable Cohasset and other volunteers at Cohasset's Earth Day event this Sunday, April 29. David Ames, a science teacher at Cohasset High School and his class have constructed a 27-foot by 27-foot by 27-foot cube to illustrate the volume of a ton of CO2. You and your whole family can step inside the cube for a unique family photo opportunity.

CO2 is that mischievous heat trapping gas that is considered the biggest culprit in our global warming predicament. Using EPA statistics, every Mr.Ames' class calculated that the average American generates almost six billion metric tons of carbon annually or viewed from another perspective, every two other days each American is generating one metric ton of CO2.

In America, we would need 19 acres of land per person to sequester all the carbon dioxide we are generating from the burning of fossil fuels, primarily the oil, coal and gas being generated by power plants, automobiles and industrial facilities.

Other nations have assumed aggressive tactics, including EnglandEngland, which recently introduced a carbon tax levied on each individual in a household.

All of our politicians' heads are swimming in clouds of CO2 as they devise strategies and political platforms that would reduce CO2 emissions. California has banned the incandescent light bulb and Connecticut is also considering adopting the same law. Despite the current political gridlock on reductions, most people agree that emissions need to be reduced by 80 percent by 2050.

Other nations have assumed aggressive tactics, including EnglandEngland, which recently introduced a carbon tax levied on each individual in a household. In Japan, where the Kyoto protocol originated, theypeople bring their own chopsticks to food events to reduce emissions.

The enormity of the problem is real no matter where we live and can be viewed on beautiful Cohasset Common this Sunday.

The CO2 Cube Project seeks sponsors. David Bigley of All The Best, a natural and organic health food storeYour Neighborhood Natural Foods Store, located at Pleasant St., Cohasset has been our first generous corporate donor, purchasing a full leg, which is 27 feet, of the cube for $270. Individual donors can purchase a linear foot for $10. Checks can be made payable to Sustainable Cohasset, c/o of Kathryn Earle, 36 Ash St., Cohasset, MA. 02025.

There is still more than 2973000 linear feet available. The cube was built to generate awareness and to educate the public about the problem of global warming. Sustainable Cohasset plans to reimburse

Mr. Ames and his class for the cost of the cube and any residual monies will be used to support global warming educational programs.

Requests from other environmental groups to use the CO2 cubeUBEUBECUBE at public rallies have already begun, so we should applaud and thank Mr. Ames and his Cohasset students for the awareness they have generated in just a brief time span. It deserves everyone's support.

In addition, adult volunteers are needed to help construct the cube from 10:45 a.m., to noon and to deconstruct the cube at 2:30 p.m.

Visit the new web site at sustainablecohasset.org.

Marie Caristi-MacDonald is a member of Sustainable Cohasset.

Evening of Irish Music to benefit Relay For Life

The Relay For Life in Cohasset presents an Evening of Irish Music with the Makem and Spain Brothers on Saturday, April 28th at 7 p.m. at the Cohasset High School Auditorium. Their songwriting contains the timeless qualities of folk classics, songs of the worker, songs of the sea and Irish culture. They tell the tale of Ireland and its people – a culture that has undergone terrible strife, but remains strong.

They have performed in hundreds of venues along the eastern seaboard and have recorded a debut CD, "Heroes and Rogues," that is receiving critical acclaim as well as crossover radio play on Bluegrass, Irish, and Folk stations across North America. The Makem and Spain Brothers are driving Irish folk songs into the 21st century internationally. Tickets are $25 and can be purchased at Nobles Camera stores and Scituate Federal Savings Banks. For more information, please call 781.383.9457

Library Corner

Movie site license offered to local groups

Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Movie Site License – The Friends of the Library and the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee have generously donated funds to provide the library with a movie site license. The license allows the library and any local group to show a copyrighted entertainment film at the library. Interested groups should contact Gayle Walsh, Reference Librarian at 781-383-1348 for details.

Movie Matinee – The feature film for 11 a.m., Friday, May 4, will be "Top Hat" starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. Free admission and light refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library. The Friends of the Library and the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee generously sponsored the movie site license.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film "Madeinusa" on Thursday, May 17th at 6 p.m., in the Meeting Room. Free admission and refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

Downloadable Audiobooks – Now that it is getting warmer outdoors, more people are spending time in their garden or going for walks. It's the perfect time to download an audio book on to your MP3 player using the library's Overdrive Audio book service. This free service allows you to download up to 2 audio books at any one time. Many titles can be transferred to a listening device or burned onto a CD. Go to the library web site at cohassetlibrary.org and click on the Audiobooks Available via Overdrive button.

FOR CHILDREN

Sign-Up Time – Registrations are underway for Story & Craft. Sign up for either the 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. session or the 1 to 2 p.m. session. Story & Craft will be held Thursdays, May 3, through May 24.

Sign up via the web site at cohassetlibrary.org by clicking on the link for the calendar and then clicking on 4/27/07. Complete either the A.M. form or the P.M. form or by calling 781-383-1348, ext. 3.

Drop In Story Time – Held Tuesday, May 1, 8, 15, and 22, at 10:30 a.m., in the Story Room. Includes literature, music and movement. All ages and communities welcome.

Story and Craft – Held Thursdays, May 3, 10, 17 and 24, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m. Story & Craft is a four-week commitment for Cohasset residents age three to six. Each week a new theme is explored through literature, songs, and crafts. Pre-registration required.

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Eagle Scout builds concession stand

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their approval and he moved ahead to obtaining building permits for the structure. The concession stand is located right outside the entrance gate to the football stadium.

Keniley designed the stand by himself, with professional advice from Cohasset architect Jim Shipsky. A professional framing crew came to help him get the structure properly situated and he had lots of help from his Boy Scout Troop 28, his parents and other residents.

"I definitely couldn't have done it without them," he said.

The concession stand was first used during the high school lacrosse season last spring.

The structure is fully wired with electricity increasing the opportunity for groups to have different types of concessions to be sold. Keniley is proud that the structure is completely up to code.

Some of the unique features of the building are two windows in the rear of the structure that look out onto the football field, so workers will never miss a part of the action. There are two cutouts in the front of the building so customers can place their orders with workers inside. Those windows are protected by pieces of wood on hinges. Keniley installed a pulley system on each window so they can easily be lifted. Each window is protected with a lock.

He spent more than 100 hours completing the project. To complete the project he and his troop did fundraising, got donations (like the back windows), and some of the expense was out of his pocket, he said. The concession stand was first used during the high school lacrosse season last spring.

Keniley's project is one that will continue to give back to the Cohasset community. He has created a safe, comfortable and operational space for volunteers to raise funds for the schools in the years to come.

Keniley, who moved to Cohasset from Philadelphia in eighth grade, started getting involved with Boy Scouts when he was 11 years old.

"I love the outdoors," which is the main reason he has stuck with Boy Scouts, he says.

Keniley graduated from Cohasset High School in 2006. He took this year off from school but is looking forward to attending UMASS Amherst in the fall. He plans to major in communications. Not one to rest on his laurels, Keniley is currently running his own painting crew this spring and summer.



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From the Archives is a weekly feature provided by the Cohasset Historical Society.

Many Cohasset residents may have dusted off their bicycles this past week and cycled along Jerusalem Road enjoying the sunshine and wonderful views. Perhaps these four dashing men were doing the same. Does anyone recognize the type of cycle or any of the men? If so, please give us a call at 781-383-1434.

Thank you to Maureen Thayer for identifying last week's picture as 756 Jerusalem Road and for giving us a bit of history about the building. If anyone has any artifact that they would like to share with the Society we are happy to accept donations!

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Field of Honor Veterans flag display

A total of 380 American flags will fly on the Field of Honor in Cohasset Saturday, May 20 to Wednesday, May 30, which will include Memorial Day weekend. The Sons of the American Legion Squadron 118 and area businesses are sponsoring this patriotic community event. The dramatic display of eight-foot tall poles and three by five foot American flags placed in perfect rows and columns will honor all Veterans currently serving, those who have served and those men and woman that have made the supreme sacrifice for security and freedom.

Volunteers with the host committee registered the event with the National Colonial Flag Foundation, administrators of the Healing Field and Field of Honor non-profit community program/fundraisers and have been working on the planning and fundraising process for several months.

The Operation Salute truck will deliver flags and display components to 98 Summer St., Saturday, May 12. Mike's Guardian Angel Foundation will provide the freight service

The Operation Salute truck will deliver flags and display components to 98 Summer St., Saturday, May 12. Mike's Guardian Angel Foundation will provide the freight service. The truck and trailer are adorned with patriotic murals, sayings, and words of support for our nation and its heroes. There will also be a dedication and wreath laying ceremony Saturday, May 26, at 2 p.m.

Individuals can own a flag from the event for a $20 donation. Sponsor it, own it, take it home and continue the tribute. This event will benefit the local squadrons Veterans projects. The Field of Honor is open to the public and will be located at the intersection of Summer and Border streets.

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Cohasset MS LifeLines walk set for April 28

Hundreds of Cohasset and South Shore residents are rallying at the South Shore Community Center on Saturday, April 28 for the MS LifeLines MS Walk to create a world free of multiple sclerosis. A spring tradition for nearly 20 years, walkers follow a 5-mile path starting at 10 a.m. from the center. Check in starts at 8:30 a.m. Each walker is encouraged to raise a minimum of $100, but most collect more than $200. Organized by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Central New England Chapter, more than 200,000 walkers participate nationwide in the MS Walk each year at more than 700 sites, and raise more than $30 million. Family and corporate walk teams and volunteers can register online at msnewengland.org, or by calling 800-493-WALK (9255), and in person the day of the event.

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Beechwood Ballpark hits green home run

By Karen Quigley
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The redesign of the Beechwood Ballpark just took a quantum leap forward in becoming the showcase of Cohasset's playing fields. In addition to its newly engineered field, the Beechwood Ballpark is the first of Cohasset's athletic fields to have an organic turf design and management program.

When approached last fall by the Water Resource Protection Committee, the Beechwood Ballpark Committee enthusiastically embraced the concept of organic turf management. "We realize the importance of having our playing fields be a healthy environment for our young athletes and for the public." said Merle Brown.

In January, Merle and Glenn Pratt, co-chairs of the Beechwood Ballpark Committee, Andy Swanson of the DPW and Jim Kinch, chair of the Water Resource Protection Committee met with BSC Engineers, the ballpark engineers, and Chip Osborne, a nationally recognized expert in organic turf management.

"We saw this as an opportunity to demonstrate that organic turf management does provide an aesthetically pleasing playing field that holds up under repeated use, and is financially feasible for the town," Kinch said.

At the conclusion of the meeting, everyone was on-board. Swanson, who is in charge of the DPW's fertilizer and pesticide program commented, "This not only provides a safer environment for the kids, but also for the workers at the DPW."

Due to time limitations, building an all-natural turf field isn't possible, therefore a commercial sod, Sportsgrass, will be used to provide a base for the playing surfaces. This ensures the field will be available for use in the summer of 2007.

Maintenance costs, while initially higher for organic turf, decrease as soil thickens and deepens; in three years natural organic methods become cheaper annually than conventional chemical treatment. Irrigation costs decrease as well as the lawn root structure retains moisture longer to resist drought conditions.

Since the Beechwood Ballpark is in the watershed, the Water Commission offered to underwrite the initial additional cost of organic sod and the five-year maintenance program.

"Protecting the quality of our drinking water is always our highest priority," said Pratt, who is also a water commissioner. "This ties in nicely with our existing plans to build Rain Gardens to reduce the nutrient loading in the watershed."

Organic turf management is endorsed by Town Hall. "I believe it very important that town government itself embrace organic turf management practices to set an example for everyone in town." said Town Manager, Bill Griffin. "Beechwood Ballpark is a perfect opportunity to do just that."

Peggy Chapman, chair of the Board of Health said, "For years, Steve Bobo has been our public voice through his articles in The Mariner about healthy lawn practices and ways to reduce exposure to pesticides. We are very excited to learn the new ball field at Beechwood will be organically managed. This is especially important due to its proximity to the watershed for our drinking water. We hope that all public and private lawns in our town will eventually adopt such practices."

That day is one field closer to reality.

Cohasset celebrates Earth Day on Sunday

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organizations. Sustainable Cohasset purpose is to educate and inspire others to make incremental or large lifestyle changes.

"Whatever people are willing to do, we're going to be affirming," said Chairman of Sustainable Cohasset, Kathryn Earle. She said they encourage a "smorgasbord of options" for residents to become greener, from recycling, to changing to compact fluorescent lights or buying a hybrid car.

Earle says there is opportunity for all types of viewpoints in the group and multiple ways to get involved depending on interest. There are six working groups tackling different tasks throughout the town from working the schools and town boards to showing movies at the library with discussions.

"The environment needs to be a unifying issue and that speaks to the way the problem will be solved," Earle says every person needs to change in some way to alleviate the problem.

The CO2 Cube project is a part of the Sustainable Cohasset community and school outreach. High School physical science teacher David Ames, who got the idea from a Sustainable Cohasset meeting, has led a group of environmentally conscious students to construct a 27-square-foot cube.

The meaning behind the monstrous construction is to show people just how much carbon dioxide they are responsible for putting into the atmosphere. This cube represents the amount of carbon dioxide one American emits into the atmosphere every two days. On average Americans are responsible for emitting 196 "cubes" or tons of carbon dioxide every year. The cube has been constructed in an ecologically friendly manner — all material, including the "sonotubes," which is the primary material used, is recyclable.

To represent the one to two ratio of carbon atoms and oxygen atoms in one molecule of carbon dioxide, the cube has been painted black and red — the colors typically associated with those elements in chemistry diagrams. The four vertical pieces of the cube have been painted black (carbon), while the eight horizontals red (oxygen).

The CO2 Cube is finally ready for its unveiling. Weather permitting, the cube is poised to make a (literally) big statement on Sunday.

"No one knows what a ton of CO2 looks like, and I thought that if people could see it then it might help visualize the issue," said Ames. The "CO2 Cube Crew," as they have aptly named themselves, will begin to assemble the cube on Sunday beginning at 11a.m.

"Assembly is very fun and interesting to watch, so I encourage interested parties to come early," says Ames.

The group is also looking for sponsors to help defray the cost of materials for the cube. A $10 donation to "Sustainable Cohasset" will sponsor a foot of sonotubing. There are 324 linear feet of sonotube.

The Earth Day clean-up effort will commence at 12:30p.m on Sunday. The event was organized by a joint effort of Girl Scout Troop 4784, ninth-grade cadettes and the Board of Health. Other Girl Scouts troops will be participating and residents are encouraged to join. The staging area will be in the Town Hall parking lot, assignments will be given and supplies handed out between 12:30p.m. and 1:30p.m. Organizers expect the clean up to run until about 4p.m.

The plan is to target highly trafficked areas of town that are prone to litter. The following areas have been marked for clean-up, if there are ample volunteers: near the schools, Government Island, Black Rock beach, the dune side of Sandy Beach, the ball fields along N. Main Street, Elms Meadow near Cushing Road and James Lane and the Jerusalem Road/Bow Street.

If you would like more information on sponsoring the cube, e-mail David Ames, dames@cohassetk12. org. Sustainable Cohasset meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7p.m. at the High School library. For more information e-mail welcome@sustainablecohasset.org.

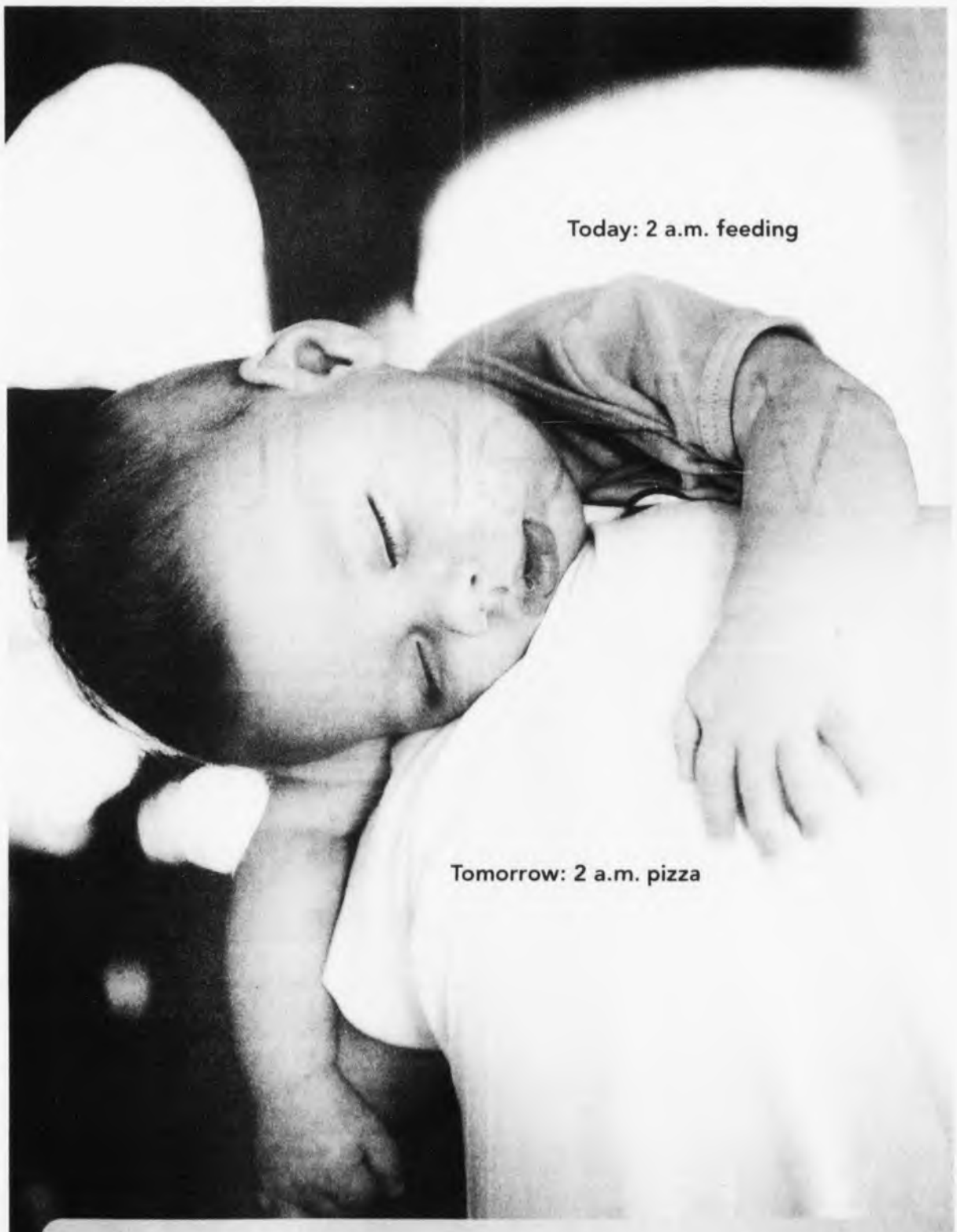
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Our own backyard

Eliminating the use of plastic bags is one way that we can make a difference right away.

As JoAnn Mirise says in her column "Towards a Sustainable Cohasset" this week (*see page 14*) — plastic bags are a big source of pollution and they do not "biodegrade."

In fact, we lost confidence in claims of "biodegradability" years ago when we watched a documentary on the subject. Those featured in the documentary pulled out from landfills virtually pristine "biodegradable" newspapers and cardboard that had not biodegraded at all after 30-plus years!

We will admit to being a supermarket customer who asks for "paper and plastic." JoAnn has now motivated us to change our ways and start bringing along canvas shopping bags.

It seems like a small step but if we all do it – what a difference it could make!

Cutting back on the use of plastic bags would also help stop visual pollution. When you look around the South Shore, it is easy to conclude that we have lost our civic pride. Litter is everywhere! And plastic bags are a big contributor.

Many motorists are apparently tossing plastic bags and other items out of their cars and the rest of us are allowing the litter to remain there, hoping that someone else will collect it.

In our neighborhood, a large "to-go" plastic dinner container (one with a black divided base and a clear plastic top) has been in the same spot for three weeks. We have walked by it nearly every day and wonder why no one else has picked it up.

Further along our walk by a wooded area, the shoulder of the road is littered with myriad items including squashed Coke and Pepsi cans and bottles, beer cans, plastic cups and cardboard containers as well as plastic bags.

It is time for a "shipshape" day in every neighborhood in every South Shore town.

The good news is as Cohasset gears up for Earth Day and the unveiling of the Cube on the Town Common – we are sensing a groundswell out there that includes people of all ages. Steps are being taken to change behavior and increase awareness.

We can no longer wait for "someone else" to take care of the environment in our own backyard. We also have to start putting pressure on those who abuse it.

Years ago, smoking was accepted and even considered "sexy" judging from old movies. Now – thanks to awareness about the health effects of smoking and pressure from the public — smokers are not welcome to engage in their habit in public places. Smoking is no longer "cool."

By working together, as will be the case in Cohasset this weekend with the town-wide Earth Day cleanup, the tide could change. In our homes we need to talk more about pollution, littering, and how to save energy. It could be as simple as combining a few car trips and taking canvas bags to the grocery store.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Capital Budget Committee, May 1, 7:30 p.m.
CMHS School Council, May 2, 2:30 p.m. at the high school.
Conservation Commission, May 3 & 17 at 7 p.m.
Elder Affairs, May 14, 9a .m. at 3 N. Main St.
Harbor Health Committee, May 5, 7:30p.m.
Historical Commission, May 9, 7:30 p.m.
Housing Authority, May 2, 6 p.m., at 60 Elm St.
Library Trustees, May 9, 7 p.m. at the library.
Selectmen, May 7, 7p.m.
Selectmen and Planning Board, joint meeting, April 28 at 10 a.m.
Stormwater Committee, May 7 & 21, 7:30 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals, May 8 and June 6, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions. Census forms need to be returned.

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If you are interested in becoming a member of the network, email Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com. She will answer any questions that you may have. The Mariner promises to remove you immediately from the Readers Advisory Network if you request that we do.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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TO THE EDITOR:

To the voters of Cohasset:

It sounds like I missed a very exciting election. As an 18-year resident of Cohasset, I cannot recall a more action packed 24-hour period leading up to election day — I am sorry I missed it (not really — Italy is beautiful in the Spring). Although I am an ocean away, I am deeply moved by the support and confidence the town's voters have placed in me. I also want to extend my gratitude to all the people who jumped into action on such short notice and were so effective in getting out the voters. I know there are many of you who should be singled out but I fear if I start naming names, I may omit someone, so please accept my sincerest thanks to all of you. I think your efforts and the election results speak volumes about the level of concern many of us have about the schools. I hope the energy, dedication, and support demonstrated by the organizers and reinforced by the election results on Election Day will be maintained over the next three years.

I can only promise that I will work tirelessly on behalf of our schools over the next three years. As a town, we are fortunate to have a dedicated Superintendent and a great administration in place. I look forward to working with Dr. Walsh and her administration to move our schools forward. I believe this can only be accomplished by working within the schools and with other boards throughout the town. As a community, we should all strive to make the Cohasset Public School System one of the best in state. A strong school system benefits everyone.

Lucia Flibotte
27 Summer St.

Generosity appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

To the residents and business owners of Cohasset:

Recently, the Cohasset Police Association conducted a fundraiser via bulk mailing. Due to your overwhelming generosity, we will be able to support numerous local causes and sponsorships this year. Already we have been able to donate to such worthwhile endeavors as the Deer Hill Band, Special Olympics, Toys for Tots, American Cancer Society and the Sons of the American Legion Flag Memorial.

On behalf of the men and women of the Association, we thank you for your continued support, and encourage you to look for future events sponsored by us.

Jeffrey R. Treanor
Secretary/Treasurer
Cohasset Police Association

Calling for an end to 'robocalls'

COMMENTARY

TOM CALLAHAN

Our schools are equally at risk whether the School Committee is filled with anti-tax, anti-school negativists or with yes-men.

I hope people were able to read an article in the April 25 NY Times discussing nationwide moves to ban automatic "robocalls" during election campaigns, and the following quote of the day in the on-line version. Quote: "Get rid of them. When they first started, this wasn't much of a nuisance. But it's epidemic-level now." Stan Jordan, state rep. from Jacksonville, Fla.

Shrill cries of "freedom of speech" aside, I would certainly support a ban on robocalls thru bylaw, if necessary, but it would be nice if everyone could just agree to scale it back voluntarily.

Yes, the write-ins had the absolute right to run as they did, but having the right does not necessarily make it right. In particular, the stealth nature of it by both "sides" certainly did not pass the smell test. Of course, the Mariner unfortunately failed to mention that it announced one candidate's campaign only in the on-line version of the paper the day before the election, and that both sides, as was rumored, used robocalls in this election (even if only one side did, however, as I am now told, the existence of the rumor says something itself, and certainly robocalls have been used in the past by various candidates).

Indeed, correct me if I am wrong, but I believe the recent trend in using these in local elections, and in grossly escalating the cost of contested campaigns for office in Cohasset, started a few years ago with what I guess we'll call the "anti-school" camp.

Whether used by both sides or not, also not right was the tone of the one side's call that I did receive, becoming too common in school-related elections and discussions. Both sides should be ashamed of themselves in their self-serving perpetuation of divisions in this town, and their persistent name-calling and scare-tactic approaches. Right out of the Bush-Cheney-Rove playbook.

Our schools are equally at risk whether the School Committee is filled with anti-tax, anti-school negativists or with yes-men. Of course, efforts to actually improve the quality of our high school, a dire need in my view, get drowned out in the adversity, and so nothing is either "saved" or "reformed".

The prospect for any leadership on that issue remains dim in such a climate, no matter which of the two write-ins got elected. So much for the *TogetherCohasset (What's Possible?)* forums begun last spring of which I was an eager part. I had feared then that the participation of some was mere hypocritical lip service, and I may have been proven right. Ever the optimist, however, I will make one last call to revive *TogetherCohasset* if anyone believes the name has any meaning anymore.

Tom Callahan lives on Hillside Drive.

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Sidewalks to have 'safety escapes'

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN



Construction continues on the Harbor Wall. Note the trench box being used as protection to prevent the dirt from caving into the work area.



Granite curbing near the Spring/Pond streets grade crossing.

What a difference a week makes. The weather has gone from abysmal to super. Workers have come out of the woodwork and are everywhere, the Greenbush, the harbor sea wall and other projects. Busy, busy, busy…

Forest Avenue Paving and Sidewalks – First, a bit about Forest Avenue... Several weeks ago, we reported on a meeting that the Board of Selectmen held to review the plans for Forest Avenue. The area residents overwhelmingly requested that the project move forward as quickly as feasible with the present design. They indicated that this project had been only a gleam in the Town's eye too long. It is time to bring it to fruition. However, some residents expressed concern about the safety aspects of bicyclists using the street where hard curbs had been installed. The issue is that Forest Avenue is rather narrow and by placing hard granite curb at the edge of the road it is very difficult for bikes to "escape" to safe haven off of the roadway.

However, not all of the roadway will be edged by hard granite curb. Some portions will be edged by Cape Cod berms. (Cape Cod berms are shallow sloping curbs of asphalt.) Bike escape is easier with Cape Cod berms since they can ride over them safely.

We feel that the residents made a very important safety point. We do really listen to resident comments and concerns and try to incorporate them into the design whenever possible. As a result of this input, we approached the Norfolk County Engineer with this problem. Bingo, within two days they had a solution! The engineers modified the drawings to create special "safety escapes" from the street.

For areas with granite curbing there will be safety escapes about every 200 feet. These bike escapes will be created by utilizing driveway aprons that are already a part of the job, or by adding new curb cuts and with a compacted stone dust pathway to the sidewalk. Where the curbing is a Cape Cod berm, only the compacted stone dust area will be created to access the sidewalk. As an additional safety feature, on the side of Forest Avenue opposite the sidewalk, whenever the adjacent land is reasonably level, we will create a "safe haven" area of compacted stone dust alongside the road.

By now your eyes are probably glazing over from all of this detail. In summary, we are able to create periodic ways for bikes to safely get off the road. We realize that this solution is not perfect, but it will create a substantially safer road for bicyclists.

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Greenbush goings on – Pond and Spring streets have seen the curbing installed this week around the new crossing. The new dividing islands on Pond Street are very visible now. The MBTA contractor tells us that paving will be done shortly, although we think it may still be a week or two.

Meanwhile, the paving has started on Sohier Street. For technical reasons, they will be paving it at two separate times. We are not very happy that the MBTA has installed sloped Cape Cod berm alongside the new sidewalk beside the library. We believe that where the sidewalks directly abut the street, vertical separation must be included for pedestrian safety. This is especially true when the sidewalk will be used as a main route to get to two of our schools and the library. We have asked the MBTA to make this change and are awaiting their answer.

The paving at Beechwood Street should be fixed shortly, hopefully by the end of this week. Part of the paving was removed and will be replaced at new grades to improve the drainage. After the paving was removed, until they get it replaced, the road is a bit bumpy. So, take care of your car and drive slowly in this area.

Work continues at the Cohasset Station. A major portion of the drainage has been placed underground. We do have some issues with a recent change that the MBTA has made in the drainage system and are awaiting for new information from them about their drainage system design. CBB has laid a new water line through the whole parking lot from 3A to North Main Street at the request of the Cohasset Water Department. This will enable the Cohasset Water Department to "loop" the water main and improve the pressure on North Main Street.

Harbor wall project — The harbor wall construction photo shows masons for the project laying the stonework for the new seawall. They are using a trench box (the two steel walls visible in the photo) as protection to prevent the dirt from caving into the area where they are working. With the great weather this week work is progressing at a good clip.

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I'd like to do it again

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Some things I did when I was young and ice covered most of the earth and I'd like to do them again now that the globe is warming.

Hitchhike down Quincy Avenue to Quincy on a Saturday afternoon to plunk down 10 cents for a balcony seat at the State Theater to watch a double feature along with Movietone News, a cartoon and Chapter 10 of a Buck Jones serial.

Catch a train for Boston at the Weymouth Landing station with Bob Knudsen and run across town to the Garden and pay 50 cents to sit in the balcony to watch Eddie Shore and the rest of the Bruins whip the hapless New York Americans.

Pick green beans for 10 cents an hour from 7 to 12 in the morning at Arnold's farm, where East Junior High School in Braintree stands today, and hoping Old Man Arnold would pick me to work the 1 to 6 o'clock afternoon shift so I could make a whole dollar for the day.

Spend a lazy summer Sunday afternoon at Humarock Beach in Scituate, looking forward to the inevitable stop for ice cream at the Dutchland Farms store on Route 3A...

Attend a Red Sox game in Fenway Park with the paper boys from Louis Vallas' newsstand in the Landing and catch a foul ball off the bat of Julius "Moose" Solters. Well, maybe not catch. The ball hit the façade of the upper deck and landed on the seat beside me.

Spend a lazy summer Sunday afternoon at Humarock Beach in Scituate, looking forward to the inevitable stop for ice cream at the Dutchland Farms store on Route 3A where P. J.'s Country House is today.

Have a drink out of coffee cups with Red Dennehy at 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning in Cohen's Diner after closing our Skeeball, Greyhound and Pokerino concessions in Paragon Park for the night.

Dive and swim from Red Pier, a rickety wharf with a house on the end that jutted out into the Fore River, where the Metropolitan Yacht Club sprawls today. For the daring among us, it was the starting point for swimming the river to Idlewell on the other side.

Drive by the local Hooverville, where the homeless and the jobless lived during the Depression on the current site of Boston College High School, and thank whoever that my father was gainfully employed, even though hamburger often was Sunday dinner in our house.

Watch my first television program, the heavyweight championship bout between Joe Louis and Jersey Joe Walcott, on the 10-inch screen at Fat Key's house on West Street in an upscale section of Braintree.

Skip school and travel to New York City with Gordon Stovall and Holly Black in Gordie's Blue Bomber to catch a Brooklyn Dodger's game at Ebbetts Field. I am told we hit 100 miles an hour on the Merritt Parkway in Connecticut but my eyes were closed and I was praying at the time.

Join Ruth Clark's seventh grade class at the Thomas A. Watson School in the auditorium to the heavily accented Walter Damrosch's "Music Appreciation Hour," the school's only recognition of the arts.

Cell phones do not make good bath toys

TALES FROM THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT



DIANE K. DANIELSON

The other day, I caught myself explaining the difference between "waterproof" and "water-resistant" to my son. This conversation took place only seconds after I stopped him from climbing into the bath wearing nothing but my favorite watch and a smile. *(But Mom, how else will I know how long I can hold my breath underwater?)* Fortunately, I managed to remove my watch before splashdown. However, I'm sad to report that during a recent rainstorm, I proved that cell phones are neither waterproof nor water-resistant.

I can't even blame my son for this one. I'm the one who left my brand new cell phone in my gym bag on the side of the soccer field while my fellow weekend warriors and I continued to play in a complete downpour. As I frantically tried cell phone CPR after the game *(i.e., randomly pressing buttons with varied amounts of pressure in an attempt to bring my waterlogged phone back to life)*, I panicked — what would I do now? Not knowing where else to turn, I went directly from the field, still wearing my soaking wet and mud-splattered uniform, to the Verizon Wireless store, which was already jam-packed with other distraught, cellularly-challenged customers.

Could it be that I've enjoyed my last couple of days without a constant barrage of phone interruptions?

Fortunately, I had insurance, and one call and $50 later, a new phone was on its way. The only bad news? It would take two whole days for the phone to actually arrive. The good news? The new phone would be quite a bit fancier than my old one. *(The insurance company didn't have the equivalent so I was upgraded. Now why doesn't this happen with cars? "Sorry Ma'am, we no longer have '99 VW Passats, but would it be o.k. if we sent you a newer model?")* So here I am with this fancy new phone with all these fabulous functions and no flipping idea how to use them. But it really doesn't matter right now, because the phone's not even activated. I just can't seem to get around to it.

Could it be that I've enjoyed my last couple of days without a constant barrage of phone interruptions? I can still check messages by using my land-line, but that's something I do at my convenience. And it's rather nice not having my phone ring just when I get to the front of the Starbucks' line or while I'm negotiating my way through traffic. And while it took me a few days, I'm no longer frantically searching my purse every time there's a ring in the vicinity. *(Note to self: There will never be a need to check if it's a telephonic version of a bad disco song.)* Of course, I was a bit unnerved the first couple of times I walked out of the house with just my wallet and keys. But, I can't remember when I've ever felt so light and free.

I know I need to activate the new phone soon. But once activated, then I'm actually going to have to read the manual and figure out how to use it. And then after that, I'd have to program in all those numbers that I couldn't live without. Maybe this time I'll put in last names, because I have no idea who at least half of the people were in my old phone. But, perhaps I shouldn't rush into things. After all, it's almost beach season, and I really wouldn't want to chance having my son try to make underwater phone calls. *(Note to remind son: People — unlike cell phones — may be water-resistant, but neither people nor cell phones are waterproof.)*

Diane K. Danielson is the CEO of DowntownWomensClub.com and a Cohasset resident who, even before her cell phone disaster, had pretty much gotten used to the fact that it didn't work much in Cohasset anyhow. For more of Diane's random musings, visit her blog at www.womensDISH.com.

Low marks for last week's commentaries

COMMENTARY

LEE JENKINS

After reading the commentaries in last week's Mariner written by a lawyer and a doctor my first impression was that they were auditioning to be Rosie O'Donnell's sidekicks on "The View."

They definitely had their talking points in line insinuating that the Mariner articles and editorials about the election were specifically written to be either "supportive of vicious campaigns" or divisive and to sell papers. Gentlemen, I would advise you to discover the facts before you attempt to disparage someone.

Let me set the record straight – reporter Nancy White did not editorialize in her online article identifying me a "Longtime school proponent". This explanatory statement was a result of her interview. To end any confusion and be unambiguously illustrative, I propose from this day forward we should describe those like myself as being "advocates for the children" and use "buttresses for the administration" for those who disagree with open debate and profess blind faith in the administration Those terms definitely gives a clear (A) and (B) choice.

The advocates for the children were there but the buttresses for the administration were in low numbers and proved to be antagonistic and negative.

Mr. Waters' conclusion that the terms used by his side are "so vague and amorphous that it carries no meaning" is way off base. It is specifically meant to instill fear and intimidation in those who do not march as mind numbed robots in lock step with the administration. Discounting the retaliations against me and my family after being labeled "anti-school", what about what happened to Peter Richardsson?

Here is a newcomer to Cohasset, who immediately served on the Economic Development Committee in an attempt to help the town. He ran an open campaign appearing on Our Town, operating a website, writing press releases and answering questions in the Mariner, meeting people, actively volunteering and raising money at the PSO Telethon. Instead of being given a chance this man was vilified because he said the schools could possibly better allocate the resources they had. Huh?

I suppose that examining the budget and attempting to discover funds that could be best used in the classrooms is code to the buttresses for the administration that the person may actually not accept everything said as Gospel. That would pose a real problem. It might mean that the administration and school committee would have to become accountable and disclose facts and figures.

Last summer I had hopes for the Together Cohasset project and was disappointed in the lack of results. The advocates for the children were there but the buttresses for the administration were in low numbers and proved to be antagonistic and negative.

It's not as though we haven't tried over the years to create an informed populace and bring up the standards for our schools. What have we gotten for our efforts? A disregard for open dialogue and innovative ideas and a divided, distrustful community.

Leonora "Lee" Jenkins lives at 198 Jerusalem Road.

Learn more about ASP!

Want to learn more about Cohasset's Appalachia Service Project? Tune in Monday for a special one-hour segment of Our Town when co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with ASP Director, Rev Gary Ritts, of the Second Congregational Church.

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Joining Gary will be several CHS students who have made the trip to Appalachia and are eager to share their experiences with others.

Watch this inspiring telecast Monday at 9pm on Comcast channel 10. Our Town airs Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9pm on Comcast Channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed!

HEALTH NOTES

Cube helps paint picture of problem

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

...the cube represents the volume of one ton of carbon dioxide each American is responsible in some way for creating every two days to increase global warming.

It's a Town characteristic to arrive late at a party. True to form, Sunday is Cohasset's Earth Day and many of us will be driving our cars by the Common. There, at about noon, we will observe an interesting artifact. The product of Cohasset High School students in one of their science classes, the brainchild of David Ames, science teacher and 13 freshmen. An improbable construction, bound to be noticed, it's a 27-foot high cube made of a building material called Sonotube, a paper derivative material used to create foundations and columns in construction.

Sonotubes, are the perfect product to represent Earth Day, made of recycled paper products. Proposed by Jim Shipsky, Cohasset environmentalist architect, who helped with the design, they are a marvel of construction efficiency. The 12- foot-long round tubes selected for the cube are nested in threes to reduce shipping cost; one tube slightly larger, one slightly smaller and one spot on 8-in. diameter. When building the 27-foot posts for the cube, the smaller tubes would act as sleeves to strengthen several tube sections until they reached the 27-foot design length. David and the kids, the designers, then created special corner fittings made out of plywood to hold the assembly together and a system of erection pulleys to lift the horizontal upper tubes in place. A system of guys and supports was created to give the assembled cube rigidity and support. Final painting gave the cube its incredible Earth Day image. The students are scheduled to have the cube erected by 12:30 on the Common.

The cube design will be available for anyone to reproduce and plans are already afoot to have Earth Day CO2 cubes displayed at important events country wide. Contact DAmes@cohassetk12.org for information.

In a handout the kids prepared, you will learn that the cube represents the volume of one ton of carbon dioxide each American is responsible in some way for creating every two days to increase global warming. Tell yourself or anyone else that global warming doesn't exist! Tell those who call the Board of Health asking whether their cellar full of water has bacteria. It does! — a thousand times higher than safe for swimming or wading during cleanup. Tell those who've been driven out of their houses by the second "hundred year storm" in 10 months. Tell those who stoke the fires of the incinerators which burn our enormous piles of trash. Those cars we drive by the common, as well as the trash we throw away, are part of our contribution to creating the gas that the cube represents – the carbon dioxide which has changed our planet.

It's no longer a threat, it's here. According to the builders of the cube in their handout, we in America contribute a quarter of the carbon dioxide being created worldwide. If this is true; we are no longer part of the problem; we are the problem. We have eschewed some of the very practices which could have saved us from this inevitability, such as nuclear energy, public transportation, walking. At the end of the Vietnam-era, the comic-strip character, Pogo, spoke words as applicable now, as they were then, "We have met the enemy and he is us." And, since the forces that are changing our planet are already in place, they can be expected to increase at a rate that will rapidly make our planet a vastly different place to live. Within the lifetime of most of those reading this paper, the changes we will observe will eliminate more habitable land mass as it's already done in places like Louisiana, Florida, Chatham, Scituate, Marshfield and Plymouth. The changes will alter the way we will need to protect ourselves from disease, such as the use of more frequent and effective disinfectant practices. We'll need to make changes in how we handle emergencies which will be arriving ever more frequently. There will be more and stronger winds, storms, extremes of heat and periods of cold, higher tides. And can anyone really feel safe about not having a pandemic?

There's really no longer time. It would take a miracle to change our habits; can we do more than observe, prepare and try to cope? Perhaps the CO2 cube can be a part of that miracle. Come to the Common early; watch the cube being assembled and sign up for the Earth Day Cleanup at the Town Hall parking lot.

We have made the picture; now it's time to see what develops.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Let's stop using plastic bags

TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE COHASSET

JoAnn Mirise

The answer is to stop using plastic bags and start using reusable bags for all of our shopping trips to the grocery, hardware store, clothing boutiques, and even the dry cleaners...

The first time I saw the ocean I was 16 years old. My husband, whose earliest memories are of sailing with his dad, finds this piece of my history to be utterly astounding.

I grew up in a family whose vacations mainly consisted of car trips to Detroit to visit my relatives. Not exactly the breathtaking adventures that I daydreamed about. It wasn't until I was in high school that my best friend invited me to join her family on their yearly excursion to Assateague Island near Ocean City, Maryland.

Not only was it a beach trip, but a camping trip as well. I had never slept in nature before. This was big. When we pulled into the parking lot of the beach I could hear the waves and smell the sweet, salty air. I approached the dunes slowly. My body tingled and it felt like my feet were barely touching the ground. My heart started beating faster, and my breath shortened as I crested the dunes. There it was, the most ridiculously beautiful thing I have ever seen. I held back my tears so as to not call attention to my naïveté. I was clearly changed forever. And I realized that what my parents lacked in adventure, they made up for in the empathy they instilled in me. For the response that I had upon my first meeting of the sea would be my foundation for a lifelong pursuit of protecting an environment that inspires such wonderment and awe.

A few days ago I was reading an article on how the city of San Francisco banned the use of plastic bags last month. I have known that plastic bags are a menace. They are made from petroleum-based polyethylene, derived from the same oil that has us in a war and threatens our independence. They do not biodegrade which means they never go away— they only break down into smaller and smaller pieces and make their way as particulate into our food and drinking supply. (Yum. What a delightful addition to my sesame-encrusted salmon.) And, they are killing hundreds of thousands of sea creatures a year. When wildlife eats, gets trapped or is muzzled by the bags they starve, suffocate and die from blocked intestines or airways.

But what I didn't know is that in the Pacific Ocean there is an area the approximate size of Texas that is a nearly solid mass — an island — of plastic bag debris. I tried to visualize this. It seemed so absurd that I started to doubt the facts of the article. I did my own research and found out that, sadly, this is all true. In fact there is an organization, the Algalita Marine Research Foundation, whose work has shown that this plastic island has 1,000,000 times more toxins than surrounding seawaters, and six times as much plastic per weight of water than zooplankton. And their most recent expedition uncovered that the acreage of this area is expanding rapidly.

If San Francisco, a population of 700,000 plus people can, from a grassroots movement, make the change to get rid of such a destructive hazard, surely Cohasset, a town of approximately 7,000 people can follow suit.

How do we accomplish this locally? The answer is to stop using plastic bags and start using reusable bags for all of our shopping trips to the grocery, hardware store, clothing boutiques, and even the dry cleaners (take garment bags that can be reused.) And, no, paper bags don't count as they have their own litany of unsustainable features.

The key to success is being unequivocally unwavering in your decision to make this change. This means holding strong and trying to stuff your handbag or pockets, or voiding the purchase altogether, when you forget your bags at home. After a few of these incidents, your memory will improve, I guarantee. This also means accepting that you will annoy people when you hold up the line at the check-out because at the question "Paper or plastic?" you'll realize that you'll have to run out to get the canvas bags that you left in the car (For me, having to drag two little kids adds a whole other dimension of inconvenience to this task!). But more often than not you will motivate others who will be inspired by your resolve to make a difference. If you are lucky, you will witness the person in line behind you purchase reusable bags for the first time because of your actions.

And hopefully, in 5, 25, or 50 years we'll be able to look out from Sandy Beach at the Atlantic and think it is still the most ridiculously beautiful thing we have ever seen.

JoAnn Mirise lives in Cohasset and hopes to see a big turnout at the town-wide clean up this weekend — meeting at Town Hall on Sunday, April 29th at 12:30pm.

~ Consider purchasing carbon offsets ~

COMMENTARY

Mimi White

I received a gentle nudge from a member of the Cohasset Alternative Energy Committee when he passed a note to me at our April meeting, mentioning that I had participated in a lot of carbon emissions with my recent airline trip to Vietnam. Although he was teasing me, I realized that this was a subject that I had not given any thought to. A single trans-Atlantic flight, in my case we flew over the North Pole, can emit as much greenhouse gas per passenger as a year of driving.

I believe that I, and all of us, need to be determined to minimize the ecological "footprint" of our lifestyles. I realized this is more than changing light bulbs, buying energy saving appliances, and driving a hybrid car, though those things are important. It is the way we approach all aspects of our lives, which includes understanding how a vacation can have a significant impact on the earth. Does this mean I have to give up flying?

With my adult children all over the country it would greatly interfere with my ability to keep track of my many grandkids! And give up my dream of revisiting India? I wanted to find a way to continue my travels but limit my negative impact on the earth.

I wanted to find a way to continue my travels but limit my negative impact on the earth.

As so often happens, I received a mailing about the same subject when COOP AMERICA had a lead article entitled "Carbon Offsets Demystified" in its flyer REALMONEY (March -April 2007). The article was on purchasing carbon offsets. What are Carbon Offsets? They are a way to fund projects that will prevent additional Green House Gases (GHGs) from being produced. I can purchase offsets equal to the number of tons of C02 my flight produced. Carbon offset providers sell the greenhouse gas reductions associated with projects like wind farms and methane-capture facilities to customers who want to offset the emissions they caused by flying, driving or using electricity. Carbon offsetting is one of many economic actions we can take to address climate change.

The first step is to do the "Math." I needed to find out how many tons of Green House gases (GHGs) were emitted over the course of my trip. I went to www.nativeenergy.com/coop and clicked on Travel Calculator. After I entered the data, I found that my share of the emissions was 8 Tons of GHGs. When I recovered from the shock, I decided to find out what "offsetting" is possible

I was informed that I can purchase Renewable Energy Certificates called RECs. I was given options for the type of projects I wanted to support:

- Sustainable Development Projects in developing countries.
- Farm and Landfill Methane Projects: this potent greenhouse gas is generated by livestock, or landfills, and it can be captured and converted.
- Wind projects

Putting more renewable energy into the electric grid will, over time, reduce the global warming emissions.

CO-OP AMERICA has recommended: The Climate Trust, NativeEnergy, Sustainable Travel International program through MYClimat and TerraPass as organizations that will put my offset purchase to work quickly. With all the concern about Global Warming, this is another way to address our personal footprint. With a check for $96 to NativeEnergy I am moving into a new way of helping to fund the installation of alternative energy.

Mimi White lives on Sheldon Road.

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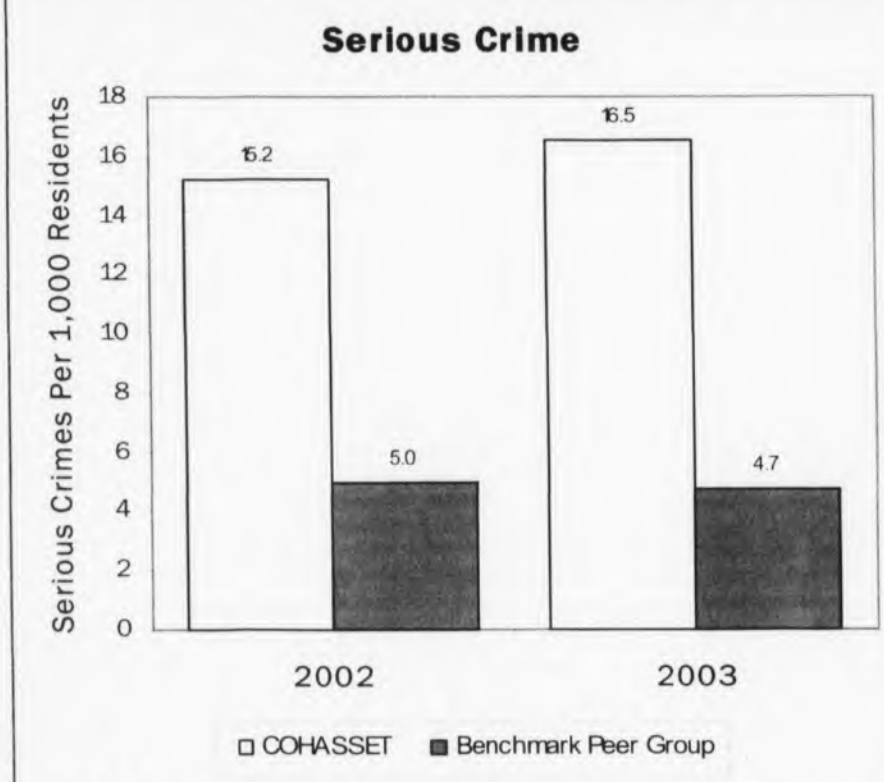
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How does Cohasset measure up?

Municipal Benchmarking: Cohasset-at-a-Glance



Source: Municipal Benchmarking (www.municipalbenchmarking.com). Serious Crimes include murder, manslaughter, rape, aggravated assault, robbery, larceny, burglary, theft and arson.

This chart shows the incidence of serious crimes committed in Cohasset in 2002 and 2003 per 1,000 residents. This index provides a way to gauge crime in Cohasset. The chart also shows the same information for the median of Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group.

Municipal Benchmarking determined Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group by analyzing 15 demographic traits to find the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Cohasset's peer group includes Boxborough, Carlisle, Dover, Duxbury, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lynnfield, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Marblehead, Medfield, Norwell, Sherborn, Southborough, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wayland, Wenham, West Newbury, Westwood and Winchester. Municipal Benchmarking uses information collected from municipal and school district filings, state and federal agencies, associations, surveys, and information requests under the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

Municipal Benchmarking *(www.municipalbenchmarking.com)* provides municipal officials, education administrators, citizens, labor leaders, realtors and other interested parties with unbiased data and analysis to help make more informed decisions.

Judging a community by its peer group

The Cohasset Mariner is publishing a new feature: Cohasset At-A-Glance. Cohasset At-a-Glance is a series of charts, which compare Cohasset to its Benchmark Peer Group, the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Each week the chart will look at a different area of interest in Cohasset's municipal government, such as taxes, police spending, fire staffing, municipal salaries, education spending, debt and land use.

The At-a-Glance charts were prepared by Municipal Benchmarking, LLC, a Waltham-based company that provides data and analysis to help municipal decision-makers, education officials, taxpayers, union members, such as teachers, and others make more informed decisions.

Community Newspaper Company, publisher of the Cohasset Mariner, entered into an agreement with Municipal Benchmarking this year to present this data to readers in a series on weekly charts.

Cohasset paid Municipal Benchmarking LLC roughly $7,500 for the full report which is available at Town Hall.

For more information about Municipal Benchmarking go to municipalbenchmarking.com

Editor's note: Benchmarks is an ongoing series that is run when space is available.

New Transportation Network voted

The School Committee voted unanimously to accept a three-year contract with the Southeast Transportation Network. The new network will provide transportation to out of district special education students — and yield potential transportation savings.

The Southeast Transportation Network is a designated program of the North River Collaborative. The Network will serve participating school districts and transport students to their out of district schools. By regionalizing transportation, the Network will have cost sharing and lead to cost savings in each district.

At the last meeting of the School Committee on April 5, there was some hesitation to enter into a three-year commitment. The Committee requested that business manager Dave DeGennaro ask the Network if they could enter a one-year contract. The Network responded by saying they are looking for a three-year commitment, citing liability and capital purchase and that other districts have entered into three-year agreements making it unfair if Cohasset signed a one-year agreement.

The Network will serve participating school districts and transport students to their out of district schools.

However, the email indicated that "if [the Network] cannot save Cohasset money, there is no obligation." School Committee member Alfred Slanetz requested that this language be included in the contract as an addendum.

A yearly start-up assessment equal to 10 percent of the projected annual transportation cost will be billed to each district in July and will be offset against the fourth quarter invoice.

Currently, the Network is posed to transport to ten specialized schools, none of which Cohasset student presently attend. DeGennaro reported that if Cohasset gets a student who can use the network savings could average between 10 and 15 percent.

Democratic Town Committee

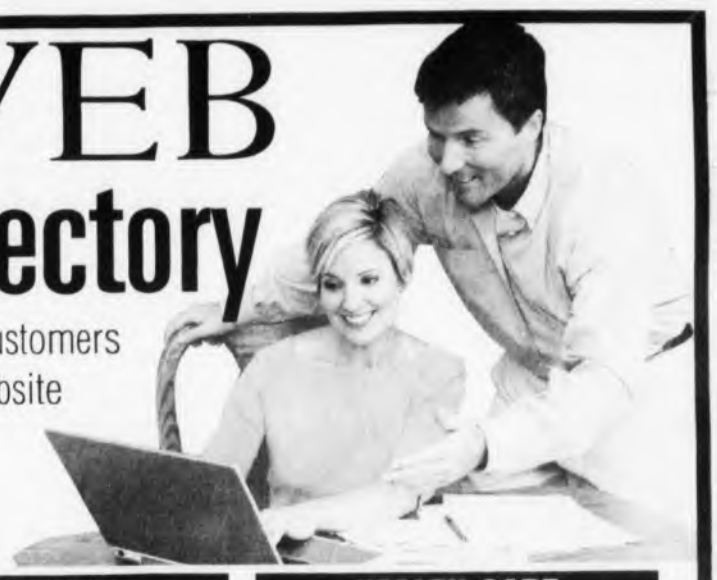
Clean Out Your Garage For A Good Cause – The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee calls out to Cohasset and asks for the donation of salable items for its annual yard sale to benefit the Joseph F. Walsh III Memorial Scholarship Fund. The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee has awarded the scholarship to graduating Cohasset seniors since 1978. The yard sale will be held from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 5, at 27 Hill St.

For delivery or pick-up information call Donna McGee at 383-9114, Agnes McCann at 383-0222, or Susan Kent at 383-2490.

Cohasset Rallies For Peace – Beautiful weather and busy schedules did not keep a dedicated group of Cohasset citizens from meeting once again on the Commons Saturday morning to rally for peace. Organized more than three months ago, an enthusiastic group meets from 9:30 to 10 a.m., every Saturday morning on the Commons to rally for Peace and to add their voices to the call for the withdrawal of our troops from Iraq. All interested people are invited to join the group Saturday mornings.

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Stormwater Committee set to sail

To draft regulations by June

"It's going to take ten years to solve the problems, I think a committee like yours would be invaluable in the effort."
— Gary Vanderweil, Board of Selectmen

By Nancy White
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When a heavy rain falls in Cohasset, the stormwater goes into the town's drainage system picking up contaminants along the way and, for the most part, ending up polluting the town's bodies of water. Taking the leadership role in this pervasive problem is the Stormwater Committee, a temporary committee established last summer.

To keep the lines of communication open as they investigate the issues and determine the best solutions to the problem from a political and a physical standpoint, two representatives from the Stormwater Committee met with the Selectmen on Monday night.

Stormwater Chairman Martin Nee and Steve Bobo conversed with the Selectmen over what the function of the committee and what they need to accomplish in the coming months. Several interested citizens also sat in to hear the presentation.

Chairman Gary Vanderweil began with a summary of where he felt the Selectmen and the Stormwater Committee was after their last meeting in March. He said there was objection to an additional layer of bureaucracy and that stormwater best management practices may be monitored without the establishment of a new full-fledged commission.

"In order to have effective management of the stormwater issue, we need to have some form of committee," said Chairman Marty Nee, although what form that committee will eventually take in the town bylaws is still up for discussion.

"If there is somebody named stormwater, they'll probably come to us," said Stormwater Committee and Board of Health member Steve Bobo. Currently, besides this temporary committee, there is no one group responsible to hearing and addressing the citizen concerns over stormwater and flooding.

Nee named four conclusions that the Committee had reached in regards to the future and to solving the problem in Cohasset. First, the town needs to comply with the Clean Water Act, he said that within a year's time regulations that align with the federal guidelines will need to be in the town's bylaws. Second, an independent body that seeks and administers grant funds is a needed. Currently, the Stormwater Committee is pursuing a Section 319 federal grant that would defray the cost of the Little Harbor sewer expansion and drainage project.

Third, a stormwater committee would be responsible for developing, drafting and updating regulations. The group would take on an advisory role, working closely with existing committees and advise them on stormwater related matters. Lastly, Nee said he would like to see the committee facilitate the public process, identifying problems, proposing solutions and analyzing the impacts of those solutions.

Vanderweil said that a Town Meeting article is currently being drafted to request funds to hire an engineer to design a "conceptual phase master plan" for the town. He said that he envisioned the Stormwater Committee overseeing that engineer.

"It's going to take 10 years to solve the problems," Vanderweil said and could cost between $6 million to $10 million to implement the plan, "I think a committee like yours would be invaluable in the effort."

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer felt that guidelines and parameters would need to be set up for the Committee outlining its authority and if more regulations would need to be instituted in Cohasset beyond what the EPA will require in the Clean Water Act.

To that end, the Selectmen charged the Committee to draft specific regulations and bring those back to the Board of Selectmen for review by the end of June.

The Selectmen and the Stormwater representatives agreed that this problem is not going to be solved overnight or even in a matter of years. Drafting the bylaw that was indefinitely postponed at the Annual Town Meeting and drafting regulations have been and will be time consuming processes and delay implementation of actual solutions to the stormwater problems, Nee said.

"We will need real community support" to solve the problems, because many of the solutions will involve capital requests, said Nee, "We need an open and transparent process where everyone has a stake in the game."

The Stormwater Committee plans to hold another public hearing in the coming months for all interested citizens.

Bobo asked the Board of Selectmen about the future of the Stormwater Committee's term of service. The committee was given one year to fulfill their charge, that time period will be up this summer.

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Parker St. speed bump

Last summer, the Board of Selectmen authorized the placement of portable speed bumps on Parker Avenue for the summer season on a trial basis. This summer, the Selectmen have authorized their placement again. Town Manager Bill Griffin verified with the Police, Fire and DPW that there was no opposition to the speed bumps during the summer months. The Office of the Board of Selectmen did not receive any complaints last summer in regards to the speed bumps. The Selectmen voted 4-0 to re-install the speed bumps for this heavily trafficked street during summer months.

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Commission promises better communication

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rainfall was expected and the internal procedure went by the book, according to Coughlin.

The Sewer Commission insisted that scheduled upgrades to the plant in conjunction with the Little Harbor project will alleviate the overflow problem. More than $1 million will be spent to upgrade the plant to be able to serve the additional 450 homes in the Little Harbor district and address the recurring overflow issues.

The upgrades to the plant will be put at a higher priority for the Little Harbor project. Originally it was expected to happen later in the project timetable. Coughlin estimated that the upgrades will take about four months to complete, and it would be more than a year before any homes in Little Harbor would tie-in to the town sewer system.

A resident and abutter to the plant expressed doubt that the upgrade would solve the problem and wanted to see proof of it working properly before taxing the plant with more users.

"I don't want to patch up something that's going to affect my property and my yard," she said, "I'm not convinced that the plant upgrades are going to prevent overflow. There's an unknown here, stormwater, which is totally out of control."

The resident suggested that the Commission allow a year trial run following the upgrades to the plant to ensure that the system works properly and will prevent overflow into the meadow before adding additional users.

Coughlin said that essentially there would be a year trial run, if the plant upgrade is moved to the forefront of the project. Sewer infrastructure in the Little Harbor is not scheduled to be complete until mid-2009 essentially allowing a yearlong trial before any new users are added, Coughlin said.

The upgrade is multi-faceted. It will include the installation of 14 state-of-the-art membranes to more quickly process the incoming flow and deal with the additional 150,000 daily gallons that will be driven from the new hook-ups in Little Harbor. There will also be an extra step added to the treatment process; UV light will disinfect all effluent leaving the plant. The upgrade will increase the margin between normal wastewater flow (currently at 300,000 gallons per day), and excess capacity.

The crux of the upgrade for the abutters is the installation of an "extreme flow pipe" that will extend from the anoxic tank to the UV light chamber. The anoxic tank will decontaminate the overflow with chlorine tabs and then the UV light will disinfect the effluent further. The wastewater from the anoxic tank will mix with the fully treated wastewater in the UV chamber and travel to the harbor for discharge. The installation of the extreme flow pipe will reduce the likelihood of sewage overflow into the Jacobs Meadow like what happened last week. In the event of a large rain event, like the one last week, all overflow wastewater will be piped to the harbor as partially disinfected water.

The Sewer Commission is obligated by the Department of Environmental Protection to keep a schedule intact for the Little Harbor project. The discharge permit allowing them to discharge into the harbor is in its final stages and is expected to be in place by the coming week. Once the final permit is in hand, the project will go out to bid for four weeks. If this timetable is kept, the project will likely be awarded to a contractor by the end of May and is set to begin construction by the end of June.

As far as health issues are concerned, the Sewer Commission knows that the fecal coliform and enterococci levels in the overflow were "bad."

"We can sample to the cows come home but we know that it's going to be bad," said Sewer Commissioner John Beck. The tests done by resident Jim Drysdale were thousands of times over the state safety limit for both fecal coliform and enterococci.

"Until we do the upgrade, that's going to be the norm [in the event of an plant overflow]," explained Cunning.

The Sewer Commission reported that it has yet to receive their results from the samples taken from the overflow last Monday night. When a neighbor asked why the results have taken so long Cunning said that multiple tests on the sample caused the extended period of time for return.

Two major contributors to the overflow last week were discussed — stormwater and inflow and infiltration (I and I), both town-wide issues exacerbate the problems at the plant during a large rain event. Drains as far back as Forest Avenue end up in James Brook. "I and I" is the term used to describe the ways groundwater and stormwater enter a sewer system. Inflow is water that is dumped into the sewer system through improper connections, such as downspouts and groundwater sump pumps. Infiltration is groundwater that enters the sewer system through leaks in the pipe.

Sewer Commissioner Ray Kasperowicz said that hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent on trying to address "I and I" issues and whenever there are able to fix problems in one area, "they pop up in another part of town."

Much of the "I and I" problems are suspected to be due to old, cracked clay pipes in the downtown area. Illegal sump pumps also contribute to the issue. Coughlin says they are working to determine the root causes of I and I, but stressed that it takes time.

Both neighbors and the Sewer Commission agree, stormwater is at the core of the overflow problem.

The stormwater is the real problem, said an Elm Street abutter, "[The Wastewater Treatment Plant] is just adding icing to the water."

The Sewer Commission will work with the abutters on increased notification and more open communication. The plant operators now have a list of emergency contacts. Cunning will notify Kathy Crosby of 75 Elm St., no matter what the hour, in the event of an overflow. An email will be sent out and the Connect-CTY call will be placed immediately to abutters in the future. The neighbors additionally requested information on the progress on the Little Harbor project and plant upgrades.

Sewer board votes new rate hike

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The "average" sewer user is going to see an increase of about 9 percent or about $27 in their quarterly bill ($108 for a year).

The Sewer Commission voted Monday to raise the rate from $7.60 to $8.60 per 100 gallons of wastewater per quarter. That means the "average" household which was defined as one using 220 gallons of water per day would see a quarterly bill of $258 (including the increase), Sewer Commissioner Ray Kasperowicz said. (Sewer bills are based on water meter readings.)

About a dozen residents of the North Cohasset and Central Sewer Districts attended Monday's public hearing on the rate increase. Donna McGee of the Advisory Committee was in attendance and praised the commission for conducting the hearing and seeking public input.

"Our sense is that you are running a very tight ship," she said. "Conducting a public hearing is a very good way to go about the town's business. It is good public policy every time you consider a rate increase."

The Sewer Department operates through an enterprise fund meaning that it is self-sustaining through user fees and does not use money from the town's general fund.

There are two sewer districts in Cohasset: North Cohasset that is connected to the Hull Treatment Plant and serves about 330 homes; and Central Cohasset, which is connected to the wastewater plant off Elm Street, and serves about 800 homes. About 48 percent of the town is sewered.

The sewer department pays Hull for the wastewater sent to its plant but handles problems with grinder pumps and pumping stations in the North district. Costs in the Central District include electricity, major maintenance issues, and the services of Veoila, the contractor that runs the plant. Sewer rates also cover debt service. The department also uses the services of consulting engineer, Dan Coughlin, of Coughlin Environmental Services.

The sewer commission was authorized at last fall's Special Town Meeting to borrow $1 million to deal with the problem of infiltration and inflow (leakage) that is partly responsible for overwhelming the plant during major storm events.

"Conducting a public hearing is a very good way to go about the town's business. It is good public policy every time you consider a rate increase."
— Donna McGee, Advisory Committee

Sewer Commission members say the rate increase will allow them to put money into the depreciation fund that would be used for emergencies and to replace equipment when it breaks down.

Kasperowicz explained that the estimated 450 new users in Little Harbor and along Atlantic Avenue that would be added to the Central district when the plant is upgraded would be footing the bill for that project, including the connection from the foundation of the home to the stub in the street, and their share of the cost of the collection system and pipes in the ground. The estimated 27 new users along Rust Way and Deep Run will also pay for connecting to the North Cohasset District.

"There will be no additional burden on the general taxpayer other than being guarantor of the debt," he said.

Kasperowicz also noted that the addition of new users would spread fixed costs over more users, which could have the effect reducing the rate of future rate increases.

Several members of the audience asked questions about the grinder pumps installed in the North district, which have a 10-year warranty that is drawing to a close. The Sewer Commission explained that after the 10 years are up, the homeowner is responsible for repair or replacement. However, the commission is conducting research to find the best pumps that could be purchased through the commission.

The commission also suggested that homeowners with irrigation systems install a second water meter, so the water they use for their lawns is not including in the sewer cost calculation.

Commission members also explained the contract with Hull has about 20 more years to run. Currently the town sends about 60,000 gallons of the 80,000 allowed to Hull. Under the agreement, Hull assesses Cohasset at the same rate that it does its own users, Kasperowicz said.

The new rates, the first in two years, will take effect in May and show up in the August bill, the commission said.

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At 5-0, the Cohasset High girls tennis is off to a typically strong start.

What isn't so typical, however, is the number of players that have contributed to the team's early success.

With three out of seven regular starters graduating from last year's team, head coach Gigi Meehan has called on nearly everyone on her 16-girl roster to play at least one match so far this season. It's hard to argue with the results, as after a hard-earned 3-2 win over a good Westwood team to start the season, Cohasset has won its last four matches by a score of 5-0.

This year's team is built on the foundation of four players: senior captains Elizabeth and Charlotte Landon, and juniors Meg Anderson and Sally Meehan.

Anderson and Meehan have dominated in first and second singles, respectively, so far this season. The two combined to lose just three games in the Westwood match and haven't looked back. Gigi Meehan (Sally's mother) said she and assistant coaches Kathy Prevett and Leah Ridpath had some difficulty deciding which of those two players would compete in the top spot in the lineup.

"That was our biggest dilemma, having two juniors with very equal ability," said coach Meehan. "We've never had a situation where our two best players are in the same grade. Before, seniority always counted, but that's obviously not a factor in this case."

The Landon sisters, meanwhile, have been perfect captains, said their coach.

"They've really stepped up to the plate. It's a lot like having two more coaches out there," Meehan said. "They lead by example on and off the court. They're wonderful at training doubles players; the young girls really look to them for guidance and coaching."

Elizabeth Landon teamed up with freshman Maddy Altholtz

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A shot of Amsterdam ArenA just minutes after the gates opened prior to Ajax's April 13 match against NAC Breda. The over 51,000-seat stadium was filled to capacity by kickoff.

Enjoying a taste of the Dutch game

A DISPATCH FROM AMSTERDAM



MARK GOODMAN

It was about two weeks before my trip to Amsterdam that I received an interesting bit of news.

The football match between local power Ajax Amsterdam and Dutch league opponent NAC Breda had been rescheduled from Sunday, April 15 to Friday, April 13, at 8:30 p.m. local time.

My flight to Amsterdam – including a stopover in Frankfurt, Germany, all adding up to an 11-hour journey – was set to land that Friday morning at 9 a.m. Combine all of this with the fact that I'm simply incapable of sleeping on an airplane, and this was set to be an excruciatingly long day.

At about 3 p.m. Amsterdam time (9 a.m. in Boston), after getting off the plane, getting my luggage and doing a little exploring to acclimate myself to the city, I managed a 90-minute nap – my first rest in over 24 hours. Upon awakening, it was off to Amsterdam ArenA to take in some of the pregame atmosphere.

Still in a rather groggy, disjointed state when I got off the Metro stop just outside the stadium, I could be forgiven for thinking I had just stumbled upon a spaceship. Amsterdam ArenA opened in 1996, and it is certainly the most modernistic stadium I can recall being in, between the escalators enclosed in glass portals, the retractable roof, and the seats inside a dashing rainbow of red, orange, blue and green.

The culinary fare on the concourse outside the gate left a little to be desired. Aside from the endless row of hot dog stands sitting along the street, there was a fast food stand from which most of the locals appeared to be ordering one of two things: french fries with mayonnaise (a Belgian delicacy, I've learned), or some gooey concoction (it looked like relish

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A giant team logo greets fans entering and exiting Amsterdam ArenA.

Softballers on the mend

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After a rough 0-4 start, the Cohasset High softball team has gotten back on the right path with two wins in three games this week.

Following a 21-3 demolition of Hull on Monday and a 3-2 defeat of Harwich the following day, the Skippers took a lead into the bottom of the seventh against perennial power Hanover before an error and a passed ball gave the Indians a 9-8 victory.

The Skippers committed six errors against Hanover, something head coach Deb Bostwick will hope to have corrected as her team enters a critical stretch for its hope of again qualifying for the Div. 3 state tournament.

"We beat ourselves against Hanover. It was disappointing," Bostwick said. "But I was so proud of them for holding their own against a top-notch team like Hanover."

The highlight for Cohasset was a four-run third inning, led by a double from Carly Salerno and singles from Carly Zappolo, Christina Pinkus and Sammi Lehr. All four players crossed the plate in the inning.

After Hanover came back to take a 7-5 lead, Cohasset tied it with a pair of runs in the top of the fifth. Virginia Spofford led off the frame with a walk and came around on an RBI triple by Pinkus. Meredith Kelly hit a ground ball to knock in Pinkus.

Anna Haggerty had what could have been the game-winning hit in the top of the seventh with an RBI single to plate Spofford, who had walked, advanced to second on a passed ball and stolen third. It wasn't to be, however, as those miscues in bottom of the seventh cost Cohasset the upset.

In the midst of the defensive struggles, however, was an

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Local 9 in need of a spark



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Corbin Faber and his Skippers teammates hope to get their bats going to make a push for postseason play.

Bats go silent in 3-game losing streak

By Eric MacCarthy
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The Cohasset High baseball team got off to a reasonable 2-1 start in its hope to make it to the state tournament. Those hopes have taken a hit, however, after three straight losses.

Cohasset played a tough game against Cardinal Spellman until Spellman's bats went on a rampage, scoring six runs in the top of the sixth to take the lead and win the game 9-4.

Starting for Cohasset was junior ace Brian Hill who, for the first time, struggled with his control. Hill gave up five walks in 5 1/3 innings pitched. And although he gave up six runs, only three of them were earned after two errors.

All three of Cohasset's starting pitchers appeared in the game as junior Dave Snowdale gave up three unearned runs in two-thirds of an inning. Fellow junior Sam DeGiacomo pitched a scoreless seventh inning for Cohasset.

Snowdale contributed with a huge triple that drove in two runs.

Spellman also saw a very different Skippers starting lineup

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Lacrosse continues to grow in region, country

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Over the last couple of years the game of lacrosse has grown in many aspects.

It has grown in participation, number of teams, sponsoring, organizations and popularity around the country. A lot of this is due to the media and the attention that the sport is getting. Over the last decade the growth in participation across the country has been doubling almost every year.

The same holds true for the South Shore area. For a while lacrosse has been common for a lot of towns in the area. In others, it was rarely played, but now almost every town in the South Shore has a youth and high school program for both boys and girls.

The growth in lacrosse is inevitable and there are no signs of a stop in its popularity in this area. Lacrosse really has no limits in its growth in all of its areas.

Regionally towns that are at different points in developing the sport, but all are heading in the same direction, and that is up. There are towns that have a strong prestige for lacrosse and there are some who have only had a youth program for a couple of years and have just started a varsity squad in lacrosse. There are teams like the Duxbury boys and Norwell girls team that are two-time state champions, and there are schools like Pembroke, Hull, Silver Lake and Abington who have a varsity team for the first time this spring.

"The growth in lacrosse is booming in the South Shore because it is a spring sport in which a multitude of players can be used during a game."

Mike Blanchard, South Shore Girls Lacrosse League president

During the spring season Abington is known for a strong girls softball organization. Their high school team is always one of the best teams in the South Shore year in and year out. The growth of lacrosse might not affect the softball team's success right away, but it has created some problems for other towns that have a lacrosse program in the spring.

Green Wave head coach Meg Doherty has seen the growth in girls lacrosse over the past three years as a junior varsity team.

"The growth in girls lacrosse is happening because of how easy it is to pick up and that is so much fun to play," Doherty said. "Other sports like softball and track are more individual and lacrosse is more playing together as a team."

Comparing the lacrosse program to the softball program, Doherty said, "In terms of numbers we have more girls playing lacrosse, but in terms of success it will take a while to develop our program to be as successful as them and someday we hope to be as good."

In Hull, the program is young and upcoming. Right now the town has three youth boys and

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girls teams. The high school team is in its second year with a junior varsity program. Even though Hull's lacrosse program is not as developed as some neighboring towns, it has been growing extremely fast in the past couple of years.

A part of this growth is due to the work of Mike Blanchard for the Hull youth programs and the South Shore Girls Lacrosse League, of which he is president.

"The growth in lacrosse is booming in the South Shore because it is a spring sport in which a multitude of players can be used during a game and it is exciting and fun," Blanchard said. "On the girls side of the game it is extremely fast compared to other girls sports, and on the boys it involves a lot of contact that baseball doesn't contain.

"The only sport I remember that has had the same growth was soccer back in the mid-80's and compares to lacrosse in what is going through right now."

The game's origin

Lacrosse is one of the oldest sports in North America. The game's roots can be traced back to the Native Americans. The sport was first "discovered" by European settlers in the early 1800s on the Great Plains. It was originally named "baggataway" by the Indians and later was changed to lacrosse by the French, which denotes the stick or "crosse" with which the game is played with.

By the 19th century, lacrosse evolved to be less violent and became a shorter game in length. It became more of a sport than the way the Native Americans first played the game since its start back in the 15th century. As it began to be developed by the French the rules were changed drastically.

At the beginning of the 20th century high schools, colleges and universities began to play the game. Lacrosse became a nationally accredited sport and began to get recognition, as it was a medal game in the 1904 and 1908 Summer Olympics.

In the '30s a new spin was put on the game of lacrosse, as a 6-on-6 indoor version was created in Canada called box lacrosse. It quickly became, and remains, the dominant sport in Canada. Box lacrosse is not that common in America, but it is fastly growing across the country.

Lacrosse got its start in the New England area when Philips Andover Academy and Philips Exeter Academy were the nation's first high school teams in 1882.

The sport is growing not only in the number of players, but in the regions that it is played in. Lacrosse has primarily been popular along the east coast. However, its popularity has started to spread west to Colorado, California, Texas, and the Midwest, spurred by the sport's increasing visibility in the media.

As the growth over the past few decades has shown, lacrosse, "the fastest game on two feet" is a promising sport for all ages, nationwide and in the South Shore.

In the last two decades lacrosse has been growing exponentially to where it might eventually surpass baseball in terms of participation. Lacrosse has been growing so fast around this area that if it keeps up it may surpass baseball not only in player participation but also in the number of organizations.

Little League Baseball is the largest youth organization in the world with around 2.5 million kids, aged 5-16. This number is surprisingly large, but the US Lacrosse program is a ways behind right now, as it plans to reach 500,000 participants this year. The way that lacrosse has been extrapolating in the past decade shows that the number will continue grow.

According to the National Federation of State High School Associations, in the last 15 years there has been a 255 percent participation boost in boys high school lacrosse.

This is a very exciting time for lacrosse as it is broadening its borders. The growth of lacrosse has no limits, and that is evident in the development of high school programs. Many towns are expanding to have junior varsity and freshman teams, which is great for player development.

Where player development all starts is in youth programs. In Massachusetts there are many programs for kids, none bigger than the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League (MBYLL), which is home to all of the towns in Massachusetts for field lacrosse. This is the first youth lacrosse league developed in the state. This league is split up into five different regions and three different age groups (U11, U13, U15) where towns compete against other towns.

Then there are leagues outside of town programs, such as AAU lacrosse or New England Select Lacrosse League (NESLL), which are select teams that are more competitive and intense. There are also indoor leagues such as Top Gun Lacrosse and Max Lax in which players compete during the off-season.

In the South Shore area lacrosse has been around for a while. Some towns have had a lacrosse program for many years and some are just starting to get their feet wet. The Hingham Youth Lacrosse program has set a new attendance record this year with 293 boys registered and 41 coaches. The program also has 12 travel teams and 16 intramural teams.

"We are extremely pleased to see the tremendous growth in Hingham Youth Lacrosse," says program director Neal George. "This reflects the growth of lacrosse nationwide."

There is no argument that lacrosse is the fastest growing and most up-and-coming sport not only in this area but in all of the country.

As the growth over the past few decades has shown, lacrosse, "the fastest game on two feet" is a promising sport for all ages, nationwide and in the South Shore. Lacrosse programs are currently sprouting up rapidly in a lot of different places and this diversity can only lead to further enrichment of the sport.



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Students at last week's South Shore Baseball Club clinic in Cohasset tune in to the instruction of Tim Daley, who is holding up a baseball during a lesson on flyball-catching technique.

CHS laxers sting Rams

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Cohasset came through with a 10-4 victory over Marshfield last Friday afternoon, but the score doesn't tell the real story.

This was a hard fought battle from start to finish. Neither team showed any signs of giving up. They played intense, physical lacrosse from the face-off to the final horn.

"Marshfield always plays hard against us every year and always brings their A-game when they face us," said Cohasset head coach Stew Curran.

The game started off as a defensive battle in the first quarter. Marshfield possessed the ball on offense and worked it around the perimeter as they got some open looks with some off ball cuts.

Zach Triner put the Rams ahead early in the first quarter, ripping a shot past Skippers junior goalie Nate Porter (13 saves). Marshfield's defense was great in the beginning as they slowed down the skilled Cohasset attack-men with their zone-defense, allowing shots from the outside.

It wasn't just the defense that held out the vaunted attack of the Skippers; it was Rams junior goalie Matt Bak (17 saves) who came up big early. Besides his great stopping ability he was an excellent ball handler and passer, which helped the clear as they set up the offense.

"Matt stepped up and played a great game for us and kept us in the game in the first half and gave us a chance to win with a multitude of great saves," said Marshfield head coach Rick Peterson. "He has played great so far in the early part of the season with solid performances in every game this season and has a 4-2 record to show for it, and we hope that he can continue the great success that he has had already."

At the start of the second half Marshfield came out firing. They peppered the goalie with shots as Porter came up with some big saves. After making one of those saves Porter turned the ball over as the Rams capitalized on their hard ride as they went up 2-0 with a goal from Andrew Brown.

Cohasset started to commit penalties as they became frustrated and gave Marshfield an opportunity to go up by three. On that man-up they did make them pay, Triner netted another goal.

"We can't get penalties and give good teams such as Marshfield opportunities to score," said Curran "6-on-6 we can play with anyone; it just hurts us when we go down a man."

Cohasset came back with a goal from junior Mark Flibotte to get some momentum back on its side. But this did not phase Marshfield at all, as the Rams came back with a nice goal that was set-up by Anthony Centeio with a nice find to Chris Walker, who finished it off as they went up 4-1.

This seesaw battle continued as the Skippers came back with two nice goals of their own right before the half. This swung the momentum back to their side.

At the half the Rams had the lead but Cohasset looked to be coming on strong.

"I am happy how or team played in the first half we looked really good, especially with a team that was missing a lot of starters and seasoned varsity athletes away on vacation," said Peterson. "Half of our team today was made up of JV players and they played a great game and I am proud of them and how they stepped up."

On the other side at half time Curran said, "We need to work on ball possession and finishing our opportunities when they come. We hit a lot of pipes and their goalie played great. The opportunities were there, we just had to finish them off and put them home."

At the beginning of the second half the Rams played the opposite of the way they did in the first. They looked flat and Cohasset looked like a new team. The Skippers came out and put two quick goals passed Bak.

Marshfield came back strong and looked to get the equalizer. They moved the ball well on offense, but the Rams' midfielders could not drive from the top on Cohasset defenseman Jeff Brown. Brown and his fellow defensemen Jack Cuneo, Conor Holway and Ryan Kucinski shutout the potent offense of the Rams throughout the whole second half.

"Jeff is a special defenseman, he works hard, is a smart player and cannot only contribute on defense but in the offensive game too," said Curran.

As the game wore on the Rams, who were short-handed with players, grew tired as the Skippers wore them down. This is where they capitalized in the final quarter to take control of the game.

Scoring goals in bunches Cohasset's offense took over the game, led by their stud attack men Mike Grimm (one goal and three assists) and Flibotte (four goals, one assist). What made this fourth quarter run possible was great face-off wins by Chuck Czerkawski as they maintained ball control throughout all most all of the second half.

The final score was 10-4, but the final result does not tell the real story.

"We were without our starting defense and other key players from vacation, and it would have been tough even if we had them against a great ball possession team like Cohasset, but I am happy with the performances of all my players today," Peterson said.

The boys topped Abington 15-1 on Tuesday, led by Grimm's six-goal performance.

That game served as a tune-up for a challenging group of games, starting yesterday (April 26) against Duxbury in a contest played after the Mariner went to press.

The boys host Martha's Vineyard Saturday at 1 p.m., followed by a Tuesday night matchup with a much-improved Norwell team at 7 under the lights at CHS. On Thursday, the Skippers travel to take on archrival Scituate at 6 p.m. at SHS.

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Boys

Cohasset **U-15 Blue** bested Lakeville, a first year program, by a score of 10-2 last Sunday.

On a perfect day for lacrosse, the real story was of sportsmanship and maturity. Cohasset was far more skilled in executing the fundamentals of ground balls, clearing and riding, face-offs, and setting up in the 1-3-2 offense; and did so with quiet confidence. In a game with few penalties, Cohasset's Blue squad executed on their game plan with precision.

Gus Helbock netted a goal on a nice feed from **Charlie Coffman**. **Alex Kinnealey** had two goals and one assist. **Chase Murphy** had one goal and one assist. **Morgan Grasz** had a nice assist and two goals. And **Derek Youngman** buried four goals.

During the fourth quarter many players showed their team spirit by switching to positions they don't normally practice. This ensured that everyone, including our visitors, had the fullest lacrosse experience. Nicely done, Blue squad.

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The Boys **U-15 White** team faced an aggressive squad from an emerging Bridgewater lacrosse system on Sunday at Milliken. White gave its second consecutive strong performance out of the gate - with another high scoring, well rounded and rock solid defensive effort, ending in an 11-1 win for Cohasset.

The Whites dominated the offensive end, scoring five times in the first half, all by **Thomas Flibotte** (who finished with six goals). And when the ball didn't find the net, **John Collins** (1G), **Pete McKenna** and **Brennan Bukowski** (2A) were there to grab the loose balls and feed the attack game some more.

Charlie Neaves (1G) and **Mitch McNary** (1G) all found the net on impressive give-and-goes from the attack line. **Danny Czerkawski** (1G) and Sam Leahy (1G) had tremendous success in "back-to-back" long pole rushes from their defensive positions for strikes later in the game.

A strong performance by **Jack Carrier** in transitional play was the key to many White strikes all game. **Sam Richardson** (2A), Bukowski and **John McGoldrick** (1A) all had excellent feeds in creating team offense with **Graydon Foley** getting in on the action as well. A big story on the day was the "Ministers of Defense" - Leahy (1G), **Dean McNary** and **Geoff Swain** all fronting **Kyle Healy** (11 saves) and quashing any effort Bridgewater attempted all day.

Although White had three strong long pole rushes from defense (Czerkowski/McNary /Leahy), Healy made the Bridgewater record books - by scoring on himself - late in the third period on a "round the world" clear, which was the Bridgewater team's first ever goal in a lacrosse game.

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On a perfect Sunday afternoon at Milliken Fields the Cohasset **U-15 "Black Plague"** triumphed in convincing fashion over a well-stocked Hingham team.

This was the first test of the Cohasset squad, which won the opening face-off and never looked back. The final score of 6-2 rewarded the smart play of a team with only two substitutes against a Hingham roster four lines deep. Patient passes, solid clears and select fast breaks characterized a match that required more thinking than running by the short staffed team.

A stellar performance was delivered through four full quarters by goalkeeper **Eric Wasel**. He aggressively challenged the few Redmen who managed to penetrate the solid defense of **Brendan Horigan**, **Patrick Dunn** and **Matthew Swanborg**. His crisp and confident clears sparked offensive fireworks including full field charges by his relatively rested D-men.

Attack pressure cycled through X-man **Chase Baldwin** with a rotating cast of characters from the winded midfielder ranks including strong support from **Alex Evans** and **Andrew Whitney**. The offense smartly spread their efforts over the full width of the field, which helped open up the slot for clean cutters and open shots. While Cohasset's stamina was impressive, their keen anticipation and solid position play were more important factors in putting this one in the win column.

The first two goals came quickly in a combination of smoking bounce shots by **Luke Ernst**, assisted by **Mark Dick**. Baldwin fed **Chris Lundy** for a sweet tally early in the second period. The first half scoring concluded with an unassisted rhino charge to the crease by Horigan.

The second half found Ernst again stretching the back of the net, as did **David Hill** off a Lunde feed. Ernst sacrificed several shots for excellent passes off his fast breaks, including three to **Adrian Dunne,** whose shots were thwarted by Hingham defenders.

Cohasset Black, with their selfless style of play, exceptional goaltending and upbeat attitude, were impressive in their opening foray. Continued performance at this level should ensure a successful and entertaining season for players and fans alike.

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The Cohasset **U13 Blue** squad hosted Lakeville this past Sunday at Milliken. Playing at home for the first time this season, the team got off to a slow start against the new and athletic Lakeville squad.

Lakeville led after the first quarter 3-2, with both Cohasset's scores coming unassisted from **Will Golden**. Lakeville extended its lead to 8-3 at the half, with Cohasset's score coming from **Henry Brown** on a feed from Golden. The gap could have been greater if not for the aggressive defensive play of **Blake Erler, Colin Bell, Nate Morse** and **Zach Strecker** in the cage.

The second half saw a revived Cohasset team emerge to score five unanswered goals in the third quarter to leave the game tied 8-8 after three quarters. Credit goes to the Cohasset midfielders who controlled the ball on both sides of the midfield line, specifically **Ryan McGovern, Blair McGowan, Cole Kissick, Ryan McKeon** and **Chris Lund**. Cohasset's scores came from McGowan with an assist to Kissick, Golden from McGowan, and unassisted tallies from Erler, **Chris Sylvia** and **Charley Michalowski**.

Cohasset continued its fine ball control in the fourth quarter, as its attack of **Matt Arnold**, Golden, **Tommy Powers**, Michalowski and Sylvia demonstrated patient offensive control. Cohasset scores from McGowan and Sylvia put the game out of reach and Brown held the visitors to one second half score, leading to a final 10-9 Cohasset victory.

Next up for the squad is a road game against Bridgewater this weekend.

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The Boys **White U13** team traveled to Whitman-Hanson this past weekend to pick up after the vacation break for some warm weather lacrosse action. Unfortunately, several of the troops were still away and while it was a great day for the spectators, a diminished squad with few subs quickly began to feel the heat out on the field as they took on a very strong and surprisingly talented WH team that had plenty of fresh legs coming in throughout the contest.

While it wasn't much of a match on the scoreboard, with the hosts dominating most of the play from end to end, just the sheer determination of the Cohasset kids to stay and play in the moment made them all winners just the same as the Popsicles seemed to even out the double-digit loss. Regardless of the score, Cohasset did have some great highlights.

Axel Seppala had a strong showing on the attack and chalked up his first goal of the season with a double combo fake through the middle. **Alex Kent** seemed to waltz through every defender on his way to burying the rock in the opening quarter and **Mark Brown** finished the day with a nifty left handed inside roll to lift up everyone's spirits and to give the crowd something to cheer for.

Fans also saw the true definition of "utility players" as everyone played everywhere to help out. Several players jumped into new spots with **Joey Sestito** and **John Leahy** picking up long poles to help shore up the defense with **Brendan Queenan** and **Connor Green**. **Derek Benson** and Brown seemed to play everywhere - including splitting the goalie duties.

Jimmy Maher carried the midfield corps for the entire game with help from **John Mills, Jack O'Brien, Chandleer Skolnick**, and anyone else on the sidelines. The team looks to be back to full strength next weekend and to get back onto the winning track with a homestand.

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For the **U13 Black** team, the offensive pressure was bearing down on them from the face-off. Goalie **Jimmy Lydon** made 11 saves in the first half. The hustling defensive unit of **Teddy Patsos, Jack Stanganelli, Hamish Redfield** and **Jack Leffel** were under constant pressure but never stopped pushing back.

With only two middie lines, **Hunter Forrer, Devin Kennedy, Will Lucas, Drew Nahill, Joe Silvia** and **Anthony Nahill** ran longer and harder than any college player could last. On the attack, **Matt MacCormick, Jack Conti** and **Max Montgomery** made the best runs against a tall and imposing defense.

At the half, **Jack Conti** took over at goalie, as Lydon jumped into an aggressive defense role, Montgomery flew into middie and Stanganelli stepped in to attack. With these adjustments, Cohasset U13 Black out shot its opponent 6-5.

Montgomery led the charge with an unassisted goal and followed up with a second. The entire team found the momentum, but the clock was on Hingham's side. The best teams in lax play hard, play fair and never give up. That is the game the Cohasset boys played on the first great day of spring.

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The **Blue U11** squad won a hard-fought game against Hingham, 7-5.

At the first whistle, **Ben Buckley** won the face-off and ran straight for the crease for the first goal of the day. He followed with another fast break and second goal. The next four goals were also from fast breaks, showing a strong midfield effort against a weak Hingham defense. It is common for the profile of the game to evolve with the new U11 players, so expect to see more feeding to the attackmen as the season progresses.

Jeff Powers was a force on Sunday scoring four goals. The Hingham team played a rough game but Cohasset held them off, supported by strong midfield performances by **Graham Blackburn, Liam McHugh, Graham Schwandt** and **Jack Coffman**.

In the second half, Cohasset worked as team and scored three more goals. The attack began to look for open space and began to receive passing feeds from the middies. The Cohasset defense, lead by goalies **Curtis Golden** and Powers, was hard to penetrate. Both **Harry Serakis** and **Matt Froio** were powerful at defense during the game. Great saves by both players limited Hingham's score. **Tim Hayes, Hayes Keniley** and newcomer **Owen Burnsee** all contributed with strong, competitive action.

The game was won in the second half due to the focus, hustle and good field sense and the team is well on track for a great season.

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The **U11 White** team went to war on Sunday and emerged victorious. The young laxers met a Whitman-Hanson team which came to play lacrosse.

After a very close first quarter with goals by **Adam Benson** and **A.J. Kucinski**, Whitman-Hanson took off on a rampage and went into halftime with a very comfortable 8-4 lead. The game had become very aggressive by half and the White team knew it would have to battle back with both physical determination and skill if it was going to come away with a W.

Justin Fein had been a stalwart on defense, making a number of big plays and keeping the game in reach, but it was going to take a complete defensive effort the rest of the game. The third period started with WH getting a quick goal and it looked as though the wheels were coming off. Whitman-Hanson had a five-goal lead and a lot of confidence.

The next face-off would be crucial and Cohasset needed the ball. That's when **Patrick Holway** went to work. During the next minute and a half, Patrick won three face-offs and transitioned for three breakaway goals leading the way for Cohasset to close to within two. On the next face-off the midfield of **Nick Lydon, Owen Kafallinos**, and **Cole Morrison** got the ball behind to Benson who made a great feed from behind the cage to Kucinski who, with a quick stick, put the ball over the goalie's right shoulder and closed the score to within one.

Benson's feed was pinpoint accurate and set the tone for the rest of the game. With the defense playing solid all around with **Luke O'Brien, Michael Yerardi** and **Jake Burchill** holding off the frustrated WH team and **Ian Kennedy** playing an outstanding game in his debut as team goalie, there was no denying this Cohasset band of warriors. The aggressiveness continued to grow as Fein kept making huge plays on defense with **Chris Lydon** playing hard defensive middy, and **Max Fitzgerald** throwing his body and stick at the WH middies, who were slowing down and getting weary as the first hot game of the year was taking its toll.

In the fourth quarter, Holway notched a fifth goal for the day and **Connor Hayden** tallied on a nice feed from Morrison. **Sean Mavilia** and **Levante Haber** got into several scraps for the ball, and **Owen Burchill** and **Cal Robbins** provided some much needed ball possession as Cohasset pulled out to a slight lead with just a few minutes left.

With two minutes left, Cohasset called a timeout with an 11-10 lead. Ball possession was called for to preserve the win and ball possession was delivered.Final score Cohasset 11, Whitman-Hanson 10. Congrats to both teams for a hard fought and well played game.

Softballers on the mend

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amazing catch in right field by Lehr in the first, one that resulted in a double play as the Hanover baserunner had taken off from second, assuming the ball would go over Lehr's head. Bostwick said the catch saved what likely would have been a triple.

The Skippers (2-5 overall, 2-2 South Shore League) are off until Monday, when they travel to Norwell to take on the Clippers at 3:30 p.m. That kicks off a stretch of four games in four days, as Cohasset will then host Mashpee on Tuesday (4 p.m. start), Carver on Wednesday (3:30 p.m.) and East Bridgewater on Thursday (also 3:30) in a rematch of a season-opening 7-3 loss.

Skippers 21, Hull 3

Pinkus went seven strong innings for the complete game victory, striking out seven and scattering six hits. The senior lefty also helped her cause at the plate, going 2-for-3 with two RBI and two walks.

Salerno and Christine Coner each had three hits, with Salerno knocking in four runs and Coner two. Lauren Mack came off the bench to hit a bases loaded double.

Salerno, the shortstop, and catcher Kristin Monaco both played well defensively for the Skippers.

Skippers 3, Harwich 2

It was Spofford's turn to excel on the mound against the Rough Riders, going 6 1/3 innings and allowing just five hits while striking out five. Pinkus came on in a jam in the seventh and recorded a pair of K's to get the save.

Kelly, Haggerty and Salerno all knocked in runs for Cohasset, while Pinkus went 2-for-3 with a pair of doubles.



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Cohasset lax girls split Sunday games with Scituate

After a week off for Easter and another for rain, Cohasset's youth girls lacrosse program celebrated the sun on April 22 with four games in Scituate and two at home at Deer Hill School.

On the turf in Scituate, the 15-and-Under girls (grades 7 and 8) opened the day with two back-and-forth tight contests.

Cohasset's **15-U Blue** team saw **Kelsey Erler** open the scoring just seconds into the game, only to be answered by Scituate's Sarah Ciolfi. **Paige DeSisto** gave Cohasset the lead back, only to see Ciolfi score again to tie it at 2 less than three minutes into the game. From there, Scituate went on a bit of a run, scoring three of the next four goals, with the spree broken only by a **Whitney Jaffe** score on a dash from behind the goal.

Trailing 5-3 and with all the momentum seemingly with the home team, Cohasset came back in style, scoring the next five goals. First it was Erler netting a feed from **Anna Michalowski**, then Jaffe nothched her second, before feeding **Caroline Fein** to give Cohasset the lead. **Lindsay MacNaught** netted an **Eliza Kinneleay** feed, and then DeSisto scored with time running out before the break to make the score 8-5 Cohasset.

Fein opened the second half with her second goal of the day, but Scituate scored four of the game's next five goals to draw to 10-9. Erler's third goal of the day was all that kept the home team from knotting things up. Late-arriving **Kaci Kucinski** then scored on her first shift, finishing a give-and-go with Jaffe, to make the score 11-9.

After Ciolfi – who scored half of Scituate's goals scored again, Kucinski won the draw, Jaffe scooped the loose ball and fed a wide-open Erler. Down the stretch Cohasset attacker **Bridget Cahill** came up with three key loose balls to lengthen Cohasset possessions, with the last of those scoops allowing MacNaught to close out the day's scoring with a warp-around from behind the cage.

Sarah Evans played her first game of the season in net for Cohasset, and picked up 9 saves, most in the second half allowing Cohasset to overcome the early deficit and stave off Scituate comeback attempts. After a shaky start, **Taylor Kennedy, Lauren Hayes, Eloise Lucas** and **Emily Toomey** did a good job clamping down on Scituate's offense.

Several girls playing with Blue normally play for the White team, and many of the Blue team members stuck around to return the favor as the **White 15-U** squad faced off against Scituate's Blue team.

The second game started in a very similar fashion to the first, with Erler scoring a quick goal, Scituate going on a run and Cohasset answering with scores from DeSisto and Jaffe. This time, however, it was Scituate that took charge, turning a 3-3- tie into a 6-3 lead. Kathleen Kelly tightened things up; after Scituate answered, Kucinski scored twice – once on a feed from Jaffe – to make it 7-6 Scituate at the halftime break.

Scituate stretched its lead to 10-7 early in the second half – with Sarah Ciolfi again victimizing Cohasset for two of those goals – before Erler netted a Michalowski pass and then adding a solo score. Jaffe's second of the game brought the deficit to one, and after a Scituate goal it was Kucinski and MacNaught who tied things up for Cohasset with just under 5 mintues remaining in the game.

From there, however, Cohasset suffered two costly turnovers in its offensive end, leading to two Scituate possessions and scores. Michalowski scored on a penalty shot with 30-seconds left in the game, and Cohasset called a time-out to set up a final play; after Scituate won the draw, Kucinski tracked down the ball carrier, stripped her of the ball and headed upfield, but her pass into the attack zone was off the mark and the game ended with Cohasset players scrambling for the loose ball in front of the net, and with Scituate holding a 13-12 lead.

Stephanie Brierly made 6 saves in the game, including two one-one-one stuffs down the stretch that went a long way to keeping the Cohasset comeback alive. **Alex Weissman** and **Charlotte O'Callaghan** both played well defensively and in transition, helping to key some of Cohasset's offensive bursts.

Next on the turf in Scituate, it was the Cohasset **13-U White** team (grades 5 and 6), which lost a back-and-forth tussle against Scituate, 12-10.

Kristen Alexander and **Hope Kissick** led the offensive charge, each racking up three goals and one assist. Both of them scored some highlight reel goals, including a left handed blast from Kissick. **Lexa Grasz** notched two scores and **Eliza Murphy** and **Isabella Flibotte** both had one each. **Peyton MacNaught** had an assist and made several other excellent passes to help push the offense.

Cohasset struggled at the defensive end of the field, with the notable exceptions of **Maria Buckley** and **Shannon McGowan**, both of whom made several outstanding plays. Buckley also added an assist after clearing the ball the length of the field. **Maddie Curley** played the first half in goal and made several saves before being relieved by **Molly Fitzgerald** who finished the game and had a particularly good save on one Scituate high shot down the stretch, helping to hold Cohasset in the contest.

The 13-U White team is now 1-1 on the season.

The **11-and-Under** teams (grades 3 and 4) played against Scituate at the Deer Hill School on April 22, and it was obvious that vacation was over for the Cohasset White team, as it dismantled Scituate, 10-3, raising its record to 2-0.

For most of the first half, the White team was able to hold on to the ball, but defenders **Alexa Bleiken, Rebecca Brown, Megan Fitzgerald** and **Christine Guinee** did a great job keeping Scituate off of goaltender **Caroline Prescott**, which allowed the home team to hold the visitors off.

The defense also keyed an effective transition game, with **Kyle Burke** keying one of the game's transitions with a lengthy run. Sisters **Callahan** and **Madigan O'Neill** shined in the second half as they took turns being the ball taxi, driving the ball from the defensive zone into the attack end of the field.

At the offensive end, midfielder **Jackie Driscoll** scored three goals, **Charlotte Allard** scored twice and center **Dagmar Seppala** added a goal and two assists. **Colleen McGowan** and **Isabel McCarthy** had single goals. McCarthy, along with **Micaela Braun, Sophie Wolfe** and **Bennett Tierney** helped the team retain possession of the ball and set up several of the goals with crisp passes that got the Scituate defense off balance.

The **Blue 11-U** team followed the White squad onto the field at Deer Hill, and also was able to raise its record to 2-0. Because of the school vacation week, several of the girls played in both games on the day, with the crossover making sure that both teams could complete their games.

Prescott was a big story in the 5-3 Cohasset win, making four saves to keep Scituate at bay throughout the afternoon.

Driscoll picked up three more goals in this game, with Seppala accounting for the other two. **Alexandra Leahy** added an assist on the day.

Defensively, the squad was led by **Cassandra Lieberman** and **Caty Gilman**, who each thwarted a Scituate attack by making key interceptions to disrupt the Sailors' offensive thrusts. Others contributing to a fine overall team performance included **Madeline Tesauro**, Colleen McGowan, **Holly Maher, Lanie Schwartz, Corey Golden, Allie O'Callaghan, Samantha Mushin, Meredith Corry**, Tierney, Wolfe and Burke.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse's girls teams will return to the field on Sunday April 29 with a slate of six games at the Deer Hill School. For schedule details, visit www.cohassetlacrosse.com.

Sports Notes

Learn to sail

Registration Days at the Sailing Club on Government Island: Saturday, May 19 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 20 noon to 2 p.m.

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For more information, contact Sandy Crough at (781)383-1117 or via email, 4sands@comcast.net

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Cohasset Swim Center is accepting applications for Lifeguards and Water Safety Instructors for the 2007 summer season. All applicants must be at least 16 years of age and hold current Lifeguard/CPR/First Aid certifications.

Letters of interest should be sent to Cohasset Swim Center, P.O. Box 132, Cohasset, MA 02025. Anyone interested in employment and enrolled or planning to enroll in a Lifeguard and/or WSI are encouraged to apply. Employment will depend on successful completion of the course.

Cohasset Swim Center offers early bird membership rates

Summer is almost here and membership and swim lesson registration is starting now. American Red Cross Learn-To-Swim Program is offered at the Cohasset Swim Center. The Swim Center is offering Early Bird membership rates for registrations postmarked by May 1.

The mail-in deadline for membership and swim lesson registration is May 24. Be sure to mail in your membership and swim lesson registration forms together.

Information and registration forms can be found on the new Cohasset Swim Center Web site www.cohassetswimcenter.com.

We will not be mailing out a brochure this year, however additional registration forms will be available at Cohasset Town Hall and The Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Swim Lessons will be offered in four two-week sessions:
Session I: June 25 - July 6
Session II: July 9 - July 20
Session III: July 23 - August 3
Session IV: August 6 - August 17

If you have any questions, send an email to cohassetswimcenter@comcast.net.

Scituate/Cohasset youth football, cheerleading registration

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading will hold spring registration for the 2007 fall season Saturday, April 28, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Scituate High School auditorium entrance.

Rosters must be submitted to the league by May 1.

Minimum age: must be 8 years old by Sept. 1, 2007. Maximum age: Cannot turn 15 years old in 2007.

Online registration can be accessed at the Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading Web site, www.scicohfootball.com. Applicants are encouraged to utilize this method of registration. If you are unable to make the registration or you cannot register online before April 28, call: 781-556-0215 (for football), or 781 556-0216 (for cheerleading).

Registration fees: football, $200; cheerleading, $125. A $25 late fee will apply for applications received after April 28.

Refund policy: If a player removes his/her application prior to June 15, all fees will be refunded less a $50 processing fee. After June 15, there will be no fee refunds.

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Just one of the copious hot dog stands that could be found outside Amsterdam ArenA.



A view of the action from section 123 during the second half of Ajax's match against NAC Breda. With the ball just inside the penalty area is Ajax forward Ryan Babel, who minutes later scored a goal to give the home team a 2-0 lead.

Enjoying a taste of the Dutch game

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and mayo mixed together) breaded and in the shape of a corn dog.

OK, enough about the food. Entering the grounds as soon as the gates opened and taking my seat in section 123, about 20 rows from the pitch, the empty, quiet (for now) stadium is a wondrous spectacle to behold. While lacking the pure, jaw-dropping nostalgia of Camp Nou in Barcelona, Amsterdam ArenA is an aesthetic beauty, between the 51,000-plus seats of different colors and the open roof (similar to the Dallas Cowboys' Texas Stadium, only with the roof clear to let in the still shining sun).

A Grolsch at Amsterdam ArenA goes for 3.25 Euro, which after converting to American dollars is about $2.50 cheaper than the $7 one pays at Fenway Park for a Coors Light. A better beer for less than two-thirds the cost, imagine!

After a couple Grolsches, it's game time. Almost immediately, the first-time viewer of Dutch football becomes enchanted with the style of play. While lacking the pure technical quality, mostly in the attacking third, of the big clubs in Spain, England and Italy, the passing I saw in this match was among the best I have seen.

The ball is always moving, and moving with a purpose. It is always going forward, but not in the sense too often seen in the English Premiership, with the ball being heaved forward mindlessly in hopes of landing at a forward player's feet.

No, it was going forward intricately, neat little diagonal balls that set up the next two passes en route to the opposing penalty area. Even the boys from Breda, clearly overmatched from the beginning, looked dangerous and moved the ball well on the rare occasions they possessed it.

But this was a night for Ajax (pronounced 'eye-ax' for those who don't know) in a 2-0 win for the locals. Kenneth Perez and Ryan Babel scored either side of halftime, with the former's goal coming on a well-placed penalty in the 18th minute after a Breda handball in the area.

For me, though, the performance of two players – one old and one new – stand out in my mind. One being Edgar Davids; yes, that Edgar Davids, the midfield engine with the infamous dreadlocks and goggles, the former world-class star for Juventus, who has since returned home to Holland after brief spells with Barcelona, Internazionale and Tottenham.

This was my second time seeing Davids live, the first being a mesmerizing performance while still in the black and white shirt of Juventus against Barcelona in a July 2003 exhibition at Gillette Stadium. For the first 20 minutes of the match against Breda, the 34-year old Davids looked a shell of his former self, slow to react defensively and all too willing to give up possession offensively.

But, for the final 70 minutes, it was vintage Davids. Dropping back to almost become a third central defender, Davids was always in position to snuff out Breda attacks, and get things going the other way. Davids was not to be denied with the ball, either, daring Breda midfielders to challenge him and leaving them grasping at turf as he snuck one silky forward pass after another past them.

Playing at left back for Ajax was a Davids look-alike (minus the goggles), 20-year old Amsterdam native Urby Emanuelson. Remember that name, soccer fans, because he will certainly be a star on the European and worldwide stage before too long.

While his defense was sound, it was what Emanuelson did with ball that truly stood out. The quick dribbling that left Breda defenders standing still, and the passing…oh, the passing. Time and again, with a perfect through ball to a striker making a run or a 40-yard cross that hit center forward Klaas-Jan Huntelaar on a dime, Emanuelson's passing was nothing short of immaculate.

After the final whistle, Emanuelson was announced as the man of the match, a fitting reward for a rousing performance.

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On Wednesday, April 18, my last night in Amsterdam, Ajax hosted RKC Waalwijk in the semifinal of the Dutch Cup. I was lucky enough to attend this match as well, having purchased a ticket the day before at the box office for a measly 10 Euros.

Ajax won 3-1, on some shoddy goalkeeping and a 40-yard cracker of a free kick by midfielder Wesley Sneijder. The match will not be what I remember as much as the Metro ride back to the city's center afterward.

As I took my seat, just a few feet away were a group of about 15 young Dutch men and women, jumping and chanting at the top of their lungs.

"Oooohhhhhhhh e ooooohhhhhh, Aaaaaaaaajax Amsterdam…"

Another young Dutchman in front of me began banging the train window as hard as he could with both hands, doing so for the duration of the 20-minute ride back to downtown Amsterdam, his hands becoming red and callous in the process. That banging only persuaded his brethren to sing and chant louder and louder.

Now, a week later, that singing and chanting still remains vivid in my mind, as it did in the din of that night in Holland.

"Oooohhhhhhhh e ooooohhhhhh, Aaaaaaaaajax Amsterdam…"

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Local 9 in need of a spark

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with head coach Al Gallotta trying out three new starters. Making his first varsity appearance was John Sturino, the lone sophomore on the team. He reached base twice, once on a walk, and the other on an RBI single. Junior Chris Rose also got his first varsity start and recorded a hit. Fellow junior Ian Cundall also made his first start on varsity.

In the next two games the Skippers were not very lucky and had to face the number-one pitchers on both East Bridgewater and Harwich.

"The luck of the draw was not on our side," said Gallotta, as his team struggled against these two aces, racking up a total of only five hits in two games.

DeGiacomo was the starter for Cohasset against EB and pitched reasonably well to keep his team in the game. In a complete game, he allowed only two earned runs, six hits, and struck out six batters. Unfortunately, this was not enough to overcome the strong pitching of EB, and Cohasset was shut out for the first time this season, losing 5-0. Junior Kenny Muir's hit was one of only three for the Skippers.

Against Harwich, Cohasset was once again shutout, 8-0. For a second time the starting pitcher, Snowdale, was not to blame. With a hit from Hill and a hit from senior captain Nick Zappolo being the only two hits of the game for Cohasset, they had no chance to win the game. Despite a good overall pitching performance from Snowdale, said Gallotta, it was still impossible to win the game do to the lack of bats in the lineup.

Of the two shutout losses, Gallotta said, "No hitting; our pitchers did well, and our defense played strong as well."

The biggest problem from these games was the lack of hitting, especially from a veteran team. If Cohasset wants to make it to the tournament this year they will have to be a much better team at the plate, which they showed they can be in the first three games of the season.

The Skippers looked to stop their three game slide in a big game against their South Shore League rival, the Hull Pirates, on Wednesday and then continue on a winning path toward the state tournament.

Evan's Run set for May 20

As in years past, there will be live music and free food and drinks at the race grounds.

The 7th annual Evan's Run in Norwell is scheduled for Sunday, May 20.

The event, which features races for kids and adults alike, is named after Evan Henry, a Norwell native who passed away in July of 2000 at the age of 11.

Evan was autistic, and the Henry family decided soon after his passing to set up a foundation that raises funds for organizations that help autistic children like Evan. Thus, the Evan Henry Foundation was born. Proceeds from the event will go toward the foundation. To date, the race has raised over $185,000 for autistic children and their families.

Those interesting in participating can register online at www.evansrun.com, or at the pre-registration event the day before the race, May 19, from noon to 5 p.m. at Norwell High School. Runners can still register the morning of the race, but are strongly encouraged to do so beforehand. The cost to register is $10 for kids races, $20 for the main races.

Runners will also be able to pick up their bib number and timing chip on the 19th.

The children's races run from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. There is a 200-meter event for kids 5-and-under at no charge. There will be a quarter-mile race for kids ages 6-8, and separate one-mile runs for kids ages 9 and 10, 11 and 12, and 13-15.

The main events start at 10:30 a.m., featuring 5K and 10K runs, as well as a 5K walk. The first 600 runners that sign up for these events will receive a free t-shirt.

Limited parking is available at Norwell High School, which serves as the starting and finishing point for all events. Runners can also park at the Hanover Mall, where there will be a shuttle to take you to the race.

As in years past, there will be live music and free food and drinks at the race grounds. There will also be a post-race party at McGreal's Tavern in Norwell Center, also included in the registration cost.

For more information about the race and the Evan Henry Foundation, log on to www.evansrun.com or call the race hotline at (617)347-2068.

Entire roster contributes to CHS girls tennis' 5-0 start

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at first doubles to earn the winning point against Westwood. Altholtz has played third singles in all four matches since, and has handily defeated her opponent all four times.

Altholtz is one of three freshmen on this year's team that have made – and will continue to make – an impact. Another freshman, Jenny Magruder, combined with Charlotte Landon in second doubles April 11 against Carver for a 6-2, 6-1 win. Freshman Margaux Donze, meanwhile, paired up with sophomore Jenny Cahill for a three-set second doubles win against Abington.

Cahill's sister, Jackie, a junior, teamed with classmate Sondra Hart in second doubles against East Bridgewater April 5 and won 6-2, 6-2. In Cohasset's most recent match, Tuesday against Harwich, there was yet another successful second doubles pairing, sophomores Lauren Allen and Jean Thomae, who won 6-3, 6-2. Allen played third singles against Westwood and played well in a 3-6, 4-6 loss.

Sophomore Maggie McGoldrick, a standout on the soccer pitch, brings her athleticism to the tennis court this spring and has earned three wins thus far. Giving Sally Meehan a rest at second singles against Abington, McGoldrick won 6-4, 6-3, and has since played with each of the Landon twins at first doubles for wins over Carver and Harwich.

Junior Katina Martone made her season debut at first doubles with Elizabeth Landon against Abington, and the duo came away with a 6-3, 6-0 decision. Rounding out the roster are two more good athletes in Chloe Koines and Maura Regan.

Cohasset will get another big test Monday afternoon at 3:30 when they travel to take on South Shore League archrival Norwell. The following day, the Skippers host a doubleheader with Duxbury and Mashpee.

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Teacher David Ames looks up as the top horizontal of the CO2 cube is raised into place. The students anaAmes designed a pulley system to raise the "sonotube" 27 feet off the ground. The cube represents on ton of carbon dioxide, which is equivalent to the volume of CO2 emitted by one American over two days.



Parent volunteer Gerry Earle of Cohasset helps push the 27' tall sonotube into the base while putting together the carbon dioxide cube.



The cube is meant to make a visual statement about how each American contributes to the global warming problem.

CO2 cube sends clear message

Student project installed for Earth Day celebration

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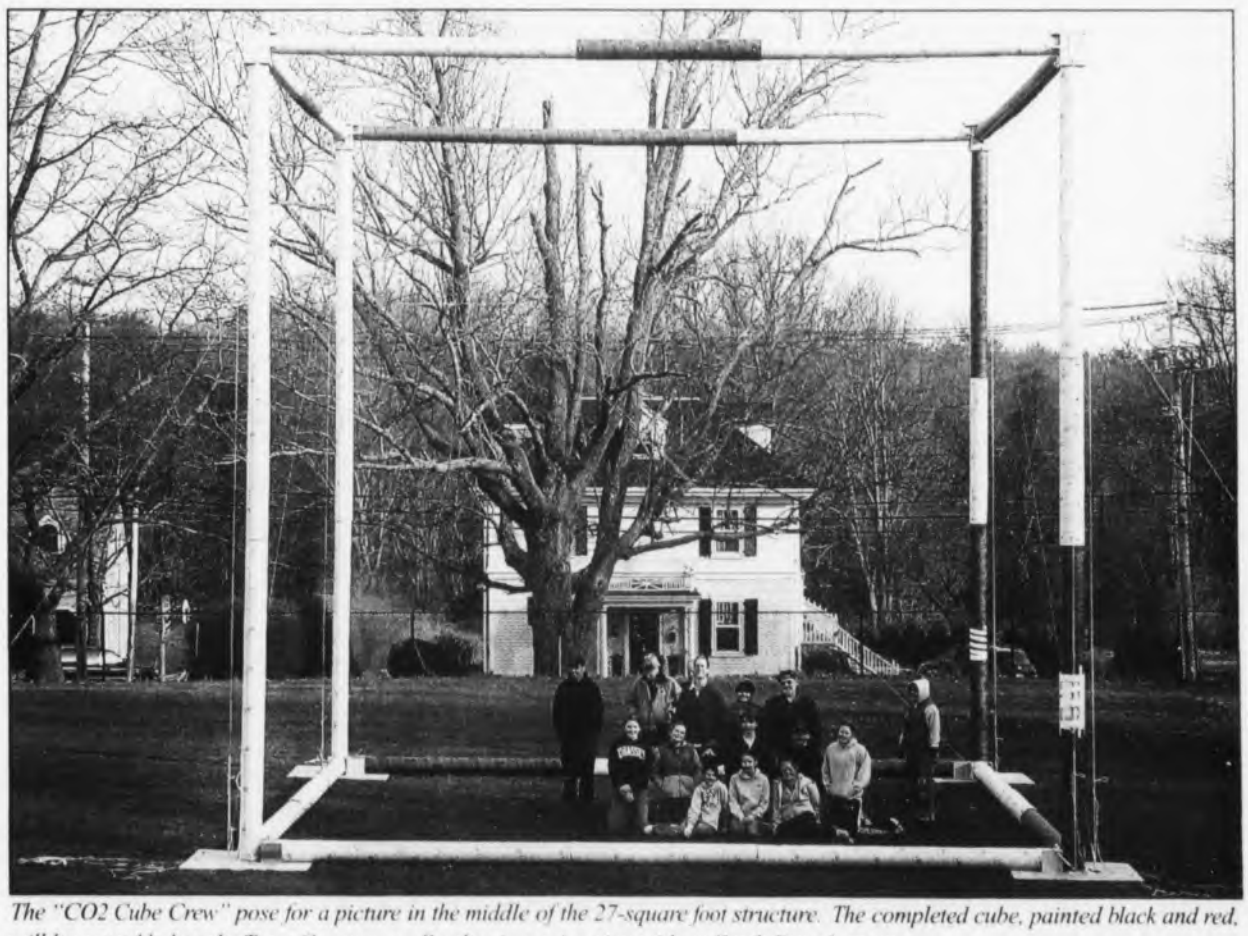
Freshman James Earle, front, and Jim Shipsky, back, of Cohasset put the finishing touches during a test run of the cube two weeks ago. Shipsky is a co-facilitator for Sustainable Cohasset and helped with the design of the cube.



Freshman Betsy Crawford raises her hands in celebration of the completion of the cube. Students led by science teacher David Ames have been working on constructing the CO2 Cube for almost two months.



Kelsea Hindley, a high school freshman, secures one of the 27-foot towers. The CO2 Cube will be officially unveiled for public viewing on Sunday in the Town Common. Assembly will begin around 11a.m.



The "CO2 Cube Crew" pose for a picture in the middle of the 27-square foot structure. The completed cube, painted black and red, will be assembled on the Town Common on Sunday, in conjunction with an Earth Day clean up.

DESTINATIONS

Its people power New Orleans revival

By Julie Ann Nevero
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Everything looked essentially the same, until I tried to take a ride on the St. Charles streetcar.

You see, back in May of 2003, riding this trolley was my favorite thing about my visit to the city of New Orleans. Sure the streetcar's stiff wooden seats didn't exactly provide the most comfort, but the views seen from its glassless windows allowed its passengers to take in the full scope and beauty that is the Garden District.

Revisiting New Orleans this past March, I could see hints of the devastation Hurricane Katrina caused in the French Quarter, but I didn't truly see the effects it had on tourism until my fellow travelers and I tried to take a ride on this popular mode of transport.

We were informed the streetcar wasn't running this particular route because the electrical lines that power the trolley still needed to be replaced. As a result, this left us forced to try to peer out at the posh mansions along St. Charles Street from an overcrowded, stuffy bus with half-opened sliding windows. I could feel my heart sink as the bus rode alongside the streetcar's barely visible, dirt-covered tracks.

Traveling with four girls who had never been to the Big Easy before, it was disappointing for all of us.

That said, I actually found it pretty hard to feel bad for ourselves considering what the natives had endured since Katrina left their city in ruins. But if it affected them, they weren't showing it. Sure everyone we spoke to had a story to tell about Katrina, but no matter how tragic his/her tale it was clear the spirit of the people had never been broken. The locals were just as kind-hearted and welcoming as they had been to me nearly four years prior, long before the hurricane.

Take Gaynell, for example. This 60-something-year-old waitress at the Coffee Pot Restaurant in the French Quarter was among the first people we met and ended up being one of our favorites. Her pleasant attitude and great sense of humor had us back at her table three times during the week.



PHOTOS/JULIEANN NEVERO

Here, we pose with Gaynell at the Coffee Pot Restaurant in the French Quarter. She was one of our favorite people that we met during our four-day trip to New Orleans. From left are: Danielle, me, Nicole, Gaynell, Meri, and Nadalee.



Jazz in Jackson Square is a great New Orleans tradition. Primarily on weekends, street performers set up shop in the square and perform for passersby. Everyone we saw was immensely talented.

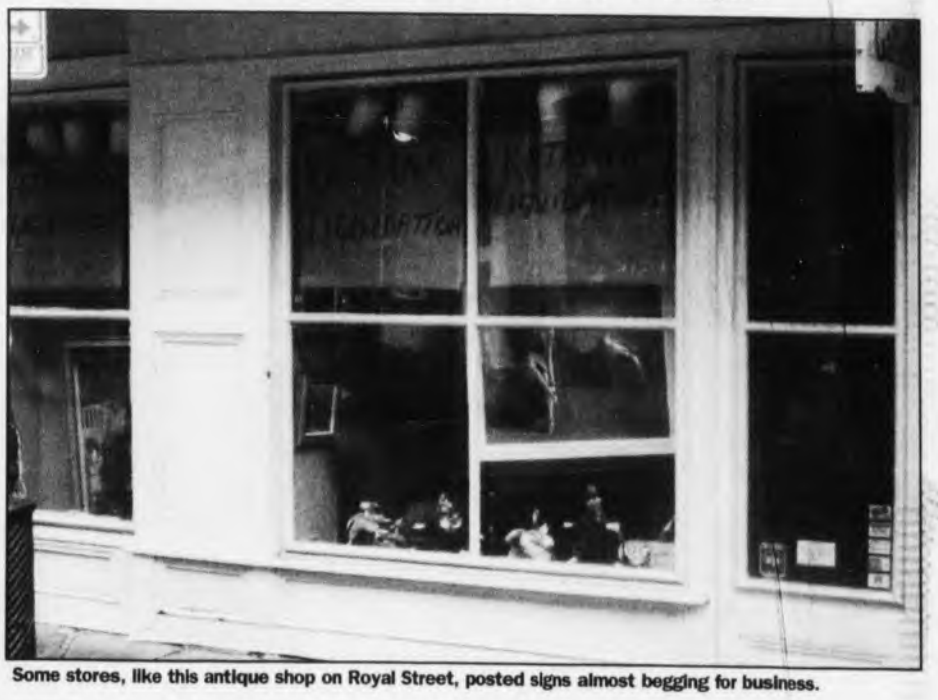
Gaynell told us how her establishment had been closed for months and how tough it was for the grandmother of four to make ends meet. But before we could even frown, she offered: "But we weren't worried, honey. We knew ya'll would come back."

Then there was Steve. A waiter at NOLA - one of three of Emeril Lagasse's famed eateries - for six years, his outgoing and charming personality made our last night in the city one of the most entertaining. Calling us his "Boston girls," Steve refused to let any of us leave the table without him as an escort, recommended a top-notch bottle of wine, and joked about the Red Sox/Yankees rivalry with us.

And how about Shayna? The 27-year-old bartender at the Hard Rock Café told us she visited New Orleans in the months leading up to the hurricane and felt empty the minute she returned back home to Texas. So she boldly packed up her belongings and relocated to the Big Easy, simply because the city - and its people - had "captured her heart" and she "couldn't stand to be away from it."

I guess what I'm trying to say is I was prepared to see some devastation and to hear some sad tales. But I never could have anticipated the resolve of the people of New Orleans. They are a strong, close-knit, and truly resilient group. If you hadn't seen evidence of the hurricane plastered all over the networks you never would have known it had hit. The locals simply don't like to think of their city that way. It's forever a part of them, but not who they are.

Visit New Orleans for its non-stop party atmosphere, great culture, and music, but do it mostly for the people. You won't regret it.



Some stores, like this antique shop on Royal Street, posted signs almost begging for business.



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Students learn they can make a difference

By Ryan Ingram
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER



COURTESY PHOTO
Teachers Jack Buckley and David Magnussen have led the charge to get students involved in making a difference in the environment.

Cohasset High School teacher Mr. David Magnussen constantly emphasizes, "Science is a verb." Now, thanks to Mr. Magnussen and fellow teacher Mr. John Buckley, students of Environmental Research have the opportunity to immerse themselves in local issues and to perform useful scientific studies that make a real difference to the community. An extension of Mr. Buckley's Center for Student Coastal Research, founded in 2002, Environmental Research will bring students into the field to study the pollution of Cohasset's watershed, specifically the James Brook area. This class will also introduce students to respected guest speakers, including officials from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. Ultimately, the program aims to train students to monitor the conditions in the wetlands with such accuracy that students can produce scientific data acceptable to professionals.

Already, Environmental Research students have explored the geography of Cohasset's watershed by building their own topographical models from foam core and plaster. Next, the students used acrylic paint to delineate Cohasset's marshes, beaches, and bodies of water and to differentiate between freshwater, saltwater and brackish areas. Understanding the town's drainage patterns is vital to the students' ability to track sources of pollution because they must judge where to conduct their water quality tests in order to infer the locations from which pollutants are emitted.

Also, the class has taken a field trip to the CSCR building on Parker Avenue to begin learning the science and lab procedures of water quality testing. There, the students received a tutorial from three MassDEP scientists: Chris Duerring, Joan Beskenis and Richard Chase. Through hands-on practice, students learned about various laboratory protocols including safety precautions, the avoidance of sample contamination and proper documentation techniques.

Training students to address imminent community issues, such as Cohasset's current flooding and pollution concerns, will serve to prepare youth to deal with far broader issues. As Mr. Buckley points out, "Local issues have parallels to global problems." Environmental Research will allow students to learn community lessons firsthand and to explore how the same issues can be monitored at the state and federal levels. By the course's conclusion, students will have a better understanding of their own personal obligations to the protection and maintenance of the watershed, as well as the governmental responsibilities on all levels for storm water regulation.

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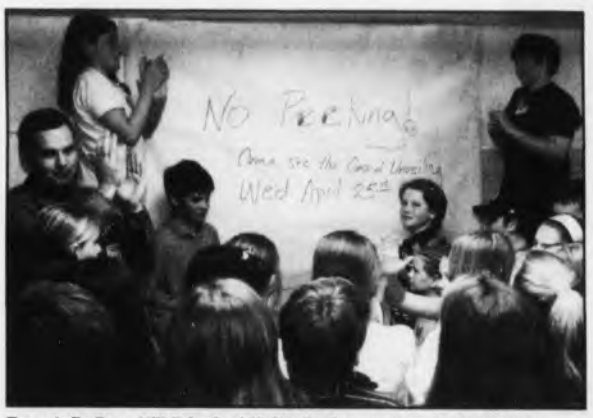
Environmental Research, 20 years in the making, brings science to life for Cohasset students. Now, scientific research is a community service, a link between public school students and the surrounding town. Thanks to the dedication and innovation of Mr. Magnussen and Mr. Buckley, students realize that their research can be highly valued and respected outside the classroom. At last, student work really matters. It has meaning.



Ann Berman's fifth-grade art class students and volunteer helpers for the "Favorites 2007" art show pose for a picture in the Deer Hill art room on Wednesday evening. From top left, Molly Fitzgerald, teacher Ann Berman, Derek "Bob" Benson, Tricia Litchfield, and Antje White; (from bottom left), Abby Slanetz, Sofia Deligiannidis, and Sara Whiton.

Works of art

Deer Hill hosts 'Favorites 2007'



From left, Deer Hill Principal Keith Gauley, and students Maggie Littlejohn, and Eric Weinstein help the crowd countdown to the grand unveiling – a permanent clay installation created by Deer Hill fifth grade students and special "guests," that will join others lining the school hallway. According to Mr. Gauley, Deer Hill alumni who visit the school look for their piece of the installation.



Students volunteer to sell "Favorites" buttons to benefit the Deer Hill School Art Enrichment Program. Each button is an original work of student art. Manning the button table are, from left, Abby Slanetz, Sarah Whiton, Antje White, Tricia Litchfield, Sofia Deligiannidis, Lily Smith, Riley Mahoney, and Corey Golden.



Joe Buckley shows off a carving he made of a volcano as his "Favorite" artwork. Students pick their favorite work for the annual exhibit. Each student chose his/her favorite artwork of the year to be included in this exhibit.



From left, Larua Ritz and Laura Indek are impressed by the student artwork in the "Favorites 2007" exhibit. The Gala Art Opening was held Wednesday night.



Brianne Crough shows her "favorite" during the Gala Art Opening on Wednesday night at Deer Hill School. In addition to the art show, the school also celebrated the hanging of the newest courtyard mosaic, honoring the Red Sox.

Photos by Kim Gately

Osgood Book Fair

The Joseph Osgood School Parent School Organization, PSO, will host a Scholastic Book Fair Fundraiser at the Osgood School from 2-7 p.m., Wednesday, May 9.

The Book Fair will offer specially priced books and educational products, including new releases, award-winning titles, children's classics, interactive software, adult books, and current bestsellers from more than 150 publishers.

Attendees can help the school build classroom libraries and the school library by purchasing books for teachers through the Classroom Wish List.

The PSO is a non-profit organization. The role of the PSO is to act as an advocate for public education. It is the official link between parents and schools. The PSO voices parental responses to school issues, and provides forums for administrators, teachers, and students to present their programs and policies to the public. Through fundraising efforts, like the upcoming Book Fair, the PSO provides programs and activities that enrich the school experience for students, teachers, and parents. Families, teachers, and all members of the community are invited to attend the Fair, which will feature a special theme: Book Fair Beach.

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Debbie Shadd's and Gitte Shea's work crew is muddy but happy.



Leaders of one of the work crews, Gitte Shea and Debbie Shadd.

Parting Reflections: special bond that will last forever

This is the fourth in a series.

ASP is the Cohasset Appalachian Service Project Group, 60 adult volunteer advisors and 130 high school student volunteers who, every summer, return to Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia to bring physical warmth, comfort and security to families in need by fixing their homes.

Months of preparation and fundraising culminates in a nine-day trip in late June. It's an arduous and emotional journey. The poverty is often overwhelming, the work hot and muscle-pounding, and often augmented by wasps and other critters. Days in buses and vans lead to nights on Aerobeds on school classroom floors.

The results are more than worth the enormous effort. The families are better off and so are Cohasset's youth. Recent studies have pointed to an increase in narcissistic kids. Not these kids. And the adult advisors are also beneficiaries – it is truly a rewarding experience for all. These are their final reflections:

"We accomplished our mission."

"We started the week as a crew of seven assigned ASP volunteers with a job to do. We accomplished our mission: underpin a trailer that an elderly couple lived in. Along the way we made a difference in two people's lives in Kentucky and we become seven friends that shared an experience together and have a special bond that will last forever." — *Adult Advisor*

"Whew! What a week. A week of ups and downs....but that is what ASP is about. The Initial disappointment of worse-than-imagined-1957-substandard living accommodations was forgotten soon when we completed our project to the family's complete satisfaction and joy. The look on their faces could not be described. Ya had to be there." —*Adult Advisor*

"I have gained a new appreciation of the human spirit and what a small sacrifice can do to help change and improve someone's life."
— Student Volunteer

Narcissistic Youth? Not Here.

"Wow, what a trip! I feel lucky to have been in a center [there are four, each in a different location] with such amazing people. Our work crew was especially impressive. At different times during this past week, I found myself noticing hard work, kindness, and generosity from each member. ASP sends me home with many thoughts. I love that the week was filled with connections and new friendships. I hate that it must occur amidst such poverty. I guess the trip's effect is twofold: it reaffirms the positive aspects of life, but reminds us of all what needs to be done in the world." — *Student Volunteer*

"ASP '06 was one of the most memorable and valuable weeks of my life. I have gained a new appreciation of the human spirit and what a small sacrifice can do to help change and improve someone's life." — *Student Volunteer*

"I'm so grateful to have been a part of this wonderful journey! I think we succeeded in bringing some light into the lives of the ASP family. I hope the generous spirit among all of us will carry forward into the community as we return home." — *Student Volunteer*

Mixed Emotions

"Today is the last leg of the trip home. While I'm excited to sleep in my own bed, shower in my own shower, and eat a fresh meal, I'm still really sad to leave this year." — *Student Volunteer*

"This week was so much fun. The feeling that I will have for the rest of the year is indescribable. ASP '06 has been such an amazing experience and I can't wait to come back next year. The funny van rides, hard work, and making new friends all made this experience so great. Thank you!" —*Student Volunteer*

ASP Needs More Adult Advisors

There are spots open for adult advisors – we need you. Call Gary Ritz: 718 383 0345.

Happenings

GOP Committee to host Spring Dinner

Cohasset Republican Town Committee will host a Spring Dinner at 6:30 p.m., on May 9, at Second Congregational Church in Cohasset. Speakers will be Republican officer holders. Requested contribution of $15 includes dinner and speakers.

Call Julie Guild at 781-383-6443 or Edith Ford at 781-383-1648 for reservations and more information.

Kentucky Derby Night for Community Center

A Night At The Races—Kentucky Derby Night fundraiser to benefit the South Shore Community Center will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 5 at the Community Center. 3 N. Main St.. The event will feature food, drinks, horse races, silent and live auctions and more. Please come for an evening of fun and show support for the Community Center. Please call 781-383-0088 to purchase tickets, or they can be purchased in person at the Community Center. $65 per personDebbie

Benefit to celebrate Cohasset schools

Cohasset Education Foundation will host a Spring Benefit at Cohasset Golf Club on May 19. The evening will include dinner and dancing, and live and silent auctions emceed by Jim Wells. Some items on the auction block include a behind-the-scenes tour of the Channel 5 newsroom, a $500 shopping spree at E.A. Davis in Wellesley and a ride to school in the fire truck. Tickets are $75 and proceeds from the evening will go toward both the Project and Endowment funds for CEF.

CEF welcomes donations of goods, services or volunteer contributions. For more information, call Catherine O'Callaghan at 781-383-6868 or Pam Wilson at 781-383-3076.

Make A Difference Day

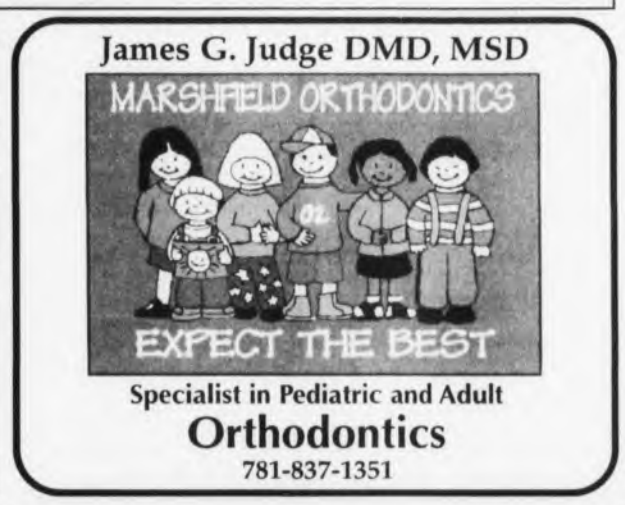
Spring Make A Difference Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 28, from noon to 2 p.m. Join other participants at the Osgood school as they prepare the Osgood nature trails for spring programs by picking up trash, trimming underbrush and making repairs. In addition, they need at least one volunteer with a chain saw to cut up several trees which came down during the winter and are blocking the paths. Contact Lisa Rosen with any questions at 781-383-6491.

Rockin' for Wellspring at Sea Note

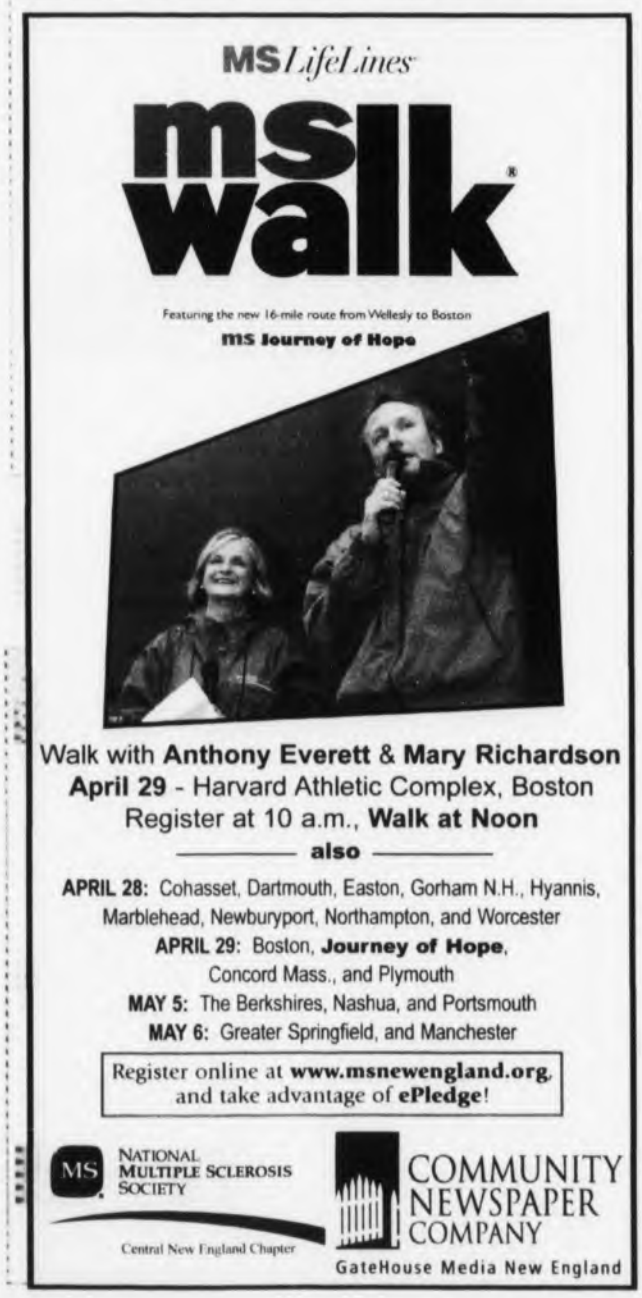
A season-opener at the Sea Note will be the scene of the raffle drawing for Wellspring's dream vacation cruise to Alaska presented by Princess Cruises and Cohasset Travel. On Sunday, May 6, from 4 to 7 p.m., the GR8tfls – the artists formerly know as the Grateful Dads – will be playing at the Sea Note in Hull. The band is in peak form, and working on their sound for their Sea Note debut. The only change-up in the action will be the additional excitement of the spinning drum as a winning ticket for the all-expense-paid cruise to Alaska is drawn.

Admission to Sunday at the Sea Note is free for everyone who has bought a raffle ticket. Raffle tickets are still available for $50, and includes two tickets to the Sea Note, and may be purchased by visiting wellspringhull.org or monica@wellspringhull.org or calling781-925-3211.

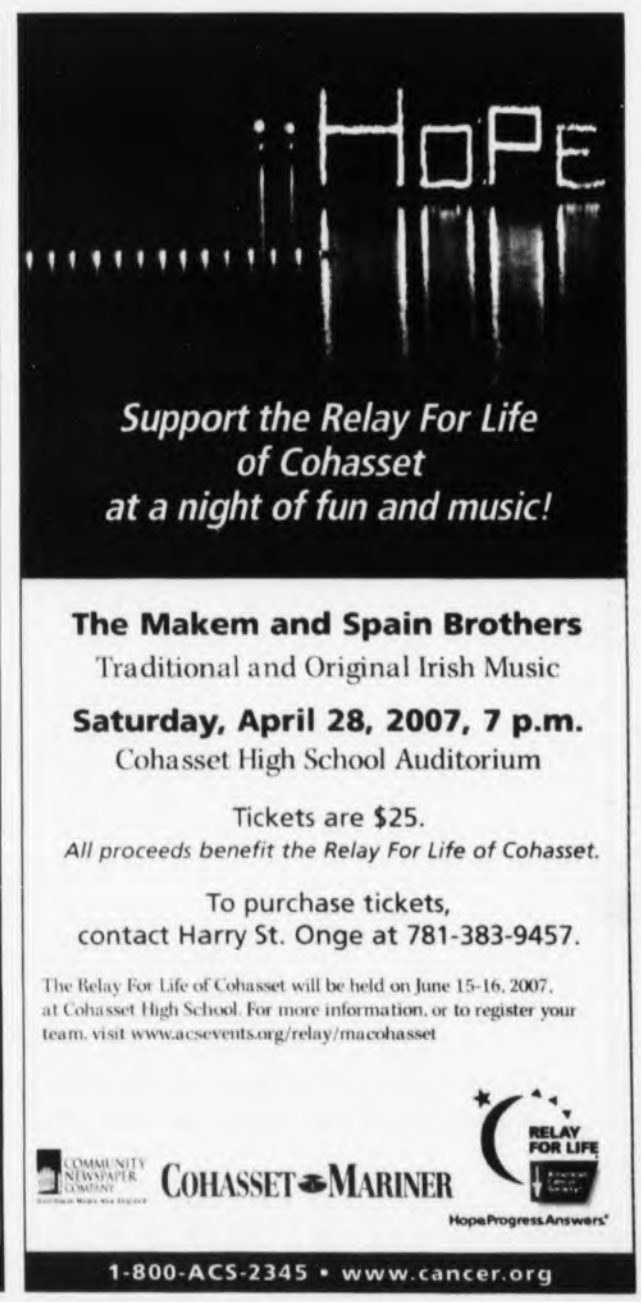












Following the Paper Trail: Researching the Crew of the *Portland*

Walter Hickey, Archives Specialist at the National Archives Northeast Region in Waltham, has followed a paper trail of archival materials, including the deceased seaman's papers filed by the victims' families, to carefully identify the crew of the *Portland*. Join the Hull Lifesaving Museum at 1117 Nantasket Ave., in Hull, at 7 p.m., Thursday, May 3, to hear how dedicated research has helped to solve one of the steamer's many mysteries



The Portland, which was lost in the Portland Gale of 1989.

The devastating "Portland Gale" that struck New England Nov. 27, 1898, bears the name of the steamship *Portland*, which was wrecked as she attempted to make the return trip from Boston Harbor to Portland, Maine.



The Portland Gale devastated the Hull coast.

With all 192 passengers and crew tragically lost with the ship, the *Portland* is one of the worst disasters in New England maritime history. The location of the wreck had long been one of the great mysteries of Massachusetts Bay, until recent underwater archaeology efforts at the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary revealed the wreck site. Sadly, much of the *Portland's* documentation went down with the ship, making the crew and passenger lists something of a mystery as well.

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HSO Pops season finale to unveil orchestra's new name

Hingham Symphony Orchestra wraps up the 2006-2007 season with a celebration Pops Concert at 8 p.m., on Saturday, April 28, at F1 Boston, 290 Wood Road, Braintree. During the evening, the audience will toast Jin Kim's 10th season as music director and conductor, and the board of directors will unveil the orchestra's new name. After a year-long process of research and discussion among audience, supporters and musicians, the board has chosen a name that reflects the orchestra's identity as a professional orchestra that serves the entire region with symphonic music.

The program will include selections from Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Sound of Music," waltzes, polkas and marches by Strauss, Brahms, Mascagni, and Anderson, and Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance."

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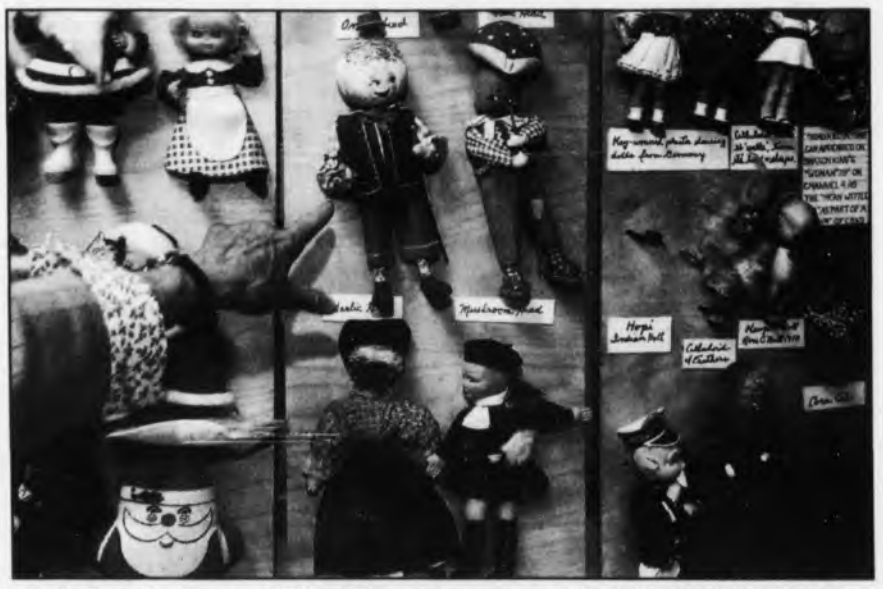
Doors open at 7 p.m. for a pre-concert party with light food and a cash bar. Table seating completes the festive atmosphere. Groups of four to 10 may be seated together. To order in advance, call 781-740-5694 or visit hinghamsymphony.org. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. Ticket prices are $35 for adults, $25 for seniors and $10 youth through age 18.



STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

John Laukkanen of Quincy brought his extensive collection of dolls to the Senior Center on Tuesday. His traveling show, "Chasing Blondes, Brunettes and Redheads after 65," is way to keep the memory of his wife, who built the doll collection, alive.

Volunteer Appreciation Week



Linda Elworthy, director of Elder Affairs, points to some of the doll with odd heads. After John Laukkanen gave a presentation, the audience was allowed to get a closer look at the large collection of unique dolls from all over the world. The show was a part of week-long events held for Volunteer Appreciation Week.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

8:46 p.m. **Stoneleigh Lane**, caller reports people taking items from the construction site and putting them into their vehicles; officers reports they are the owners of the house at the site.

9 p.m. **Cedar St.**, traffic stop; citation issued.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

12:48 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools checked; secure.

12:48 a.m. **Pond St.** - High School, officer reports building checked; secure.

6:33 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

7:24 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:37 a.m. **Mill Lane**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

11:18 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

12:23 p.m. **King St.**, brush fire; caller reports he has a permit fire going and it went up into the trees. Fire Capt. reports the fire has been knocked down and companies are picking up.

2:45 p.m. **School buildings**; officer reports buildings checked; secure.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

12:08 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools checked; secure.

12:14 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

1:26 a.m. **Pond St.** - High School, officer reports building checked; secure.

1:30 a.m. **Sohier St.** – Deer Hill School, officer reports school checked; building secure.

8:25 a.m. **Forest Ave. and Old Coach Road**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

8:38 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic stop; citation issued.

8:55 a.m. **Lower King St.**, motor vehicle stop and tow for expired registration.

9:15 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, Hull, citizen transport due to motor vehicle stop and tow.

9:38 a.m. **Forest Ave. and Old Coach Road**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

9:43 a.m. **Hull St.**, animal complaint; caller reports a large raccoon in garage and it doesn't look well. Animal Control Officer will transport the raccoon to the Wildlife Center.

10:21 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, erratic motor vehicle operation. Caller reports a white Jaguar is speeding and passing other vehicles, including an 18-wheeler, on Route 3A.

10:58 a.m. **Woodland Drive**, medical aid requested; transported to Quincy Medical Center/BLS.

11:02 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

11:29 a.m. **King St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

12:55 a.m. **Hull St.**, harassment; caller requests information logged regarding an ongoing dispute with his neighbor; when the neighbor's daughter drove by him, she 'flipped him off.' He states he has a witness and he wants the incident on record.

1:20 p.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, accidental 911 call; open-ended 911 call. A child can be heard on the other end talking, as well as an adult. A second 911 call came in and an officer reports a child is playing with the phone.

1:37 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

1:52 p.m. **Wheelwright Farm**; medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

1:59 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

2:30 p.m. **North Main St.**, animal complaint; caller reports a raccoon has been present all day and is sitting in the driveway; the animal seems to be injured. Animal Control Officer notified; services rendered.

2:39 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

3:51 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle accident; no injuries reported. Caller reports being hit by a 3A tow truck and the drive is attempting to leave the scene; verbal argument ensuing. Peace restored.

4:18 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in party requests to speak to an officer regarding obtaining an immediate restraining order; restraining order granted by the judge on call.

4:51 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid requested by caller regarding a female who was hit by a motor vehicle and knocked down. Officer reports he is speaking with the female in question and she states she did not get hit by the vehicle and that she slipped and fell. Patient treated at the scene.

5:16 p.m. **Summer St.**, suspicious activity; caller reports a male party in a red jacket and a red hat walking around outside with a shot gun. Man summonsed on charges of carrying an unloaded rifle/shotgun on a public way, improper storage of a firearm and carrying a firearm without a license.

6:02 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

9 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

9:07 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

9:09 p.m. **Sohier St. and Ripley Road**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

9:20 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

9:29 p.m. **Forest Ave. and Black Rock Road**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

9:43 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking complaint; ticket issued.

9:44 p.m. **Forest Ave. and Black Rock Road**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

10:11 p.m. **King and Pond streets**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

10:23 p.m. **Sohier and Green streets**, erratic motor vehicle operation; caller reports a black SUV is traveling back and forth at a high rate of speed.

10:23 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, erratic motor vehicle operation; Scituate Police Dept. reports erratic operation traveling into town via 3A north.

10:48 p.m. **Sohier St.**, suspicious motor vehicle reported; officer reports vehicle is parked in the area but unable to locate youths at this time.

11:28 p.m. **Border St.**, suspicious activity reported; officer reports being stopped by a passerby who stated there is a female laying in the middle of the street crying.

11:36 p.m. **Border St.**, officer reports he is transporting a female from the Scituate line to her residence.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

1:31 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

7:51 a.m. **Elm St.**, missing person; walk-in party reports her daughter never came home last night. Daughter found.

9:28 a.m. **North Main St. and Rocky Lane**, parking complaint; caller reports a black BMW is blocking the entrance to the Rocky Lane bridge. Officer reports the vehicle is out of gas and is transporting one female party to the Mobile station.

10:16 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

10:29 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

10:37 a.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

10:52 a.m. **Hull St.**, past assault and battery; caller reports his 14-year-old son was assaulted about 45 minutes ago by an older man in his 40's. Officer reports the victim describes the male as about 47 years old, about 5 foot, 8 inches, bald on top with longer hair in the back and described as 'wild looking.'

11:49 a.m. **Doane St.**, medical aid requested for diabetic person inside Wompatuck State Park; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

12:46 p.m. **Black Rock Road**, caller reports traffic cones are in part of the street, bringing travel down to one lane; he reports that it is hard to get by and that he thinks one of his neighbors may have put them out.

12:58 p.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious activity reported.

2:50 p.m. **Sohier St.** – Deer Hill School, officer reports school checked; building secure.

2:50 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

2:54 p.m. **Pond St.** - High School, officer reports building checked; secure.

4:27 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

4:53 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, larceny; caller reports a gas drive off. Party spoken to and states he used his speed pass and will return to pay.

5:08 p.m. **Lower King St.**, traffic stop; citation issued.

5:18 p.m. **King St.**, outside fire; resident advised to extinguish his permit fire. Fire should have been put out at 5 p.m.

9:06 p.m. **Elm St.**, animal complaint; missing Golden Retriever reported.

9:19 p.m. **Pond St.** - High School, officer reports building checked; secure.

11:28 p.m. **Cushing Road**, caller reports someone is banging on the door at the upstairs apartment; caller called again to state that it sounds like someone is rolling around and banging upstairs. Investigated and found to be two brothers wrestling and mother is present.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

1:04 a.m. **Pond St.** - High School, officer reports building checked; secure.

1:31 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, public service; 882 and key holder checked at the inside of the business, secure.

7:18 a.m. **Border St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

8 a.m. **Headquarters**, weather: cloudy; wind: light; temperature: 38 degrees.

8:56 a.m. **Doane St.**, walk-in party reports being threatened by his neighbor.

12:54 p.m. **Kendall Village**, suspicious activity; walk-in party seeking advice regarding e-mails received.

STATUS REPORTS

Police arrested 10 in March

Police made 10 arrests last month: one for Assault and Battery, two for Possession of Class "D" Substance, one for Operating Under the Influence of Drugs, three for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, two for Outstanding Warrants, and finally, one for Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Chief James Hussey said.

During the month of March, the police department investigated 15 motor vehicle accidents, two of which resulted in personal injury. There were 110 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $550 in fines. Additionally, there were 51 parking tickets issued totaling $1,450 in fines, Hussey said.

Also in the month of March the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 806 calls for police services, and of those 156 were Emergency 911 calls, he said.

In the month of March there were no reports of Breaking and Entering. Also in March, there were nine Criminal Complaints issued for the month, he said.

Fire responded to 178 incidents

During the month of March the Fire Department responded to 178 incidents, including: three building fires, one hazardous materials response, two illegal burnings, 12 motor vehicle crashes, 65 medical emergencies, 37 inspections, 26 investigations, one natural gas investigation, two lock outs/lock ins, 17 automatic fire alarm activations, two mutual aid fire responses to other communities, three downed power lines, three assistance services and four miscellaneous responses.

"A total of 53 emergency incidents were reported by 911 telephone: 44 medical emergencies, one building fire, one investigation, six motor vehicle crashes and one assist," Chief Robert Silvia said.

"The Fire Department ambulance transported thirty five patients to South Shore Hospital and two patients to Quincy City Hospital. Thirty-four of the 47 were advanced life support transports. Mutual aid ambulances transported five patients to South Shore Hospital. Three of the five mutual aid ambulance transports were advanced life support. There were two motor vehicle crashes that required victims to be transported to the hospital," he added.

"Automatic fire alarm activation responses totaled seventeen for the month. Accidental activation of the alarm system accounted for eight responses and alarm malfunction was the cause of nine responses," Silvia said.

There were three responses classed as building fires for the month, one was for a chimney fire and two were for malfunctioning electrical equipment. There was one response to a hazardous materials incident during the month. The response was for gasoline leaking from a motor vehicle.

"Five members of the Department received Incident Command training (ICS 300) during the month. The class was provided by MEMA and was hosted by the Town of Braintree LEPC. The three-day class is required for all members with supervisory duties. The costs for the class are being covered by a MEMA Grant," Silvia said.

Legal Notices

WRIGHT GUARDIANSHIP
LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 07P0798GI

In the Matter Of ISABELLE D. WRIGHT
Of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN

To ISABELLE D. WRIGHT of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK, her spouse, and heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said ISABELLE D. WRIGHT of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK is a mentally ill person and praying that ROBERT E. WRIGHT of HANOVER in the County of PLYMOUTH and JOAN L. EWING of BRAINTREE in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed guardian, to serve with personal surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **MAY 16, 2007**.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, April 5, 2007.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11289863
Cohasset Mariner 4/27/07

ZBA/20-22 LAMBERTS LANE
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **May 8th, at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7.2 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Angeline and Kimberly Luker,** seek to demolish an existing home, and construct a new home within the side setbacks at **20-22 Lamberts Lane** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-04-10.

AD#11288628
Cohasset Mariner 4/20, 4/27/07

ZBA/40 SOUTH MAIN ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tuesday May 8th at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §4.2 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **40 South Main Street Nominee Trust, Inc.**, seeks to expand the existing building and add four apartments at **40 South Main Street (Cohasset Hardware)**, according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-04-16.

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Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chairman: William Baird.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, April 29.

10 a.m. — Worship in the Meeting House

Sermon: "Legacy"

10 a.m. in the Parish House — Religious education classes for toddlers, children and youth and childcare for our youngest.

Refreshments and fellowship follow the service.

11:30 a.m. – Annual Meeting

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood. Appointments to speak to the staff can be made by calling or emailing. Office hours are daily from 8:30 am until 2:00 pm.

Going on at St. Stephen's this week, April 29 through May 6:

•April 29th:. Regular services at 8 am and 10 am. Godly Play church school and nursery available at 100 service; 9 am. Youth Worship; 11:30 am: Environmental committee meeting; 11:40 am: Intercessory Prayer group; 7 pm: ASP project meeting

• Monday, April 30th:_7:30 pm Christian Meditation

• Wednesday, May 2nd: 9:30 Eucharist with Healing;

10:30 am Bible Study

• Thursday, May 3rd: 10 am Quincy Crisis Center meal preparation for the homeless

• Friday, May 4th: 9:30 am Yoga

• Saturday, May 5th: 7:00 am Bible Fellowship

• Sunday, May 6th: Services at 8 am and 10 am, special guest preacher and parish presentation from Massachusetts Interfaith Power and Light to look at topics of creating green congregations.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (third Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); Scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination: Christian Science. 781-749-2874. Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

'Teach us to number our days'

By Martha A. R. Bewick
SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

On April 12, Steven Weiss, Cantor of Hingham's Congregation Shar'aray Shalom, lifted his voice, and the hearts and souls of those attending Glastonbury Abbey's second-to-last lecture in the series "Listening to Other Voices." In the wake of the human tragedy at Virginia Tech that has brought heartbreak to the nation, Cantor Weiss's message "How the Soul is Elevated in Times of Crisis from Sadness to Joy" deepens understanding of how the spirit can move beyond mourning and grief through music.



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Cantor Steven Weiss, accompanied by Eugene Kaminsky of the South Shore Conservatory, sings at Glastonbury Abbey during "A Sermon in Song: How the Soul is Elevated in Times of Crisis from Sadness to Joy."

Cantor Weiss was introduced by committee member Avis Goldstein, who said that one of the reasons she married her husband Hal was that he knew the melodies and prayers of their shared Jewish tradition. She felt a sense of comfort and security hearing him sing, which, she said, was "something more than just the memory of a childhood." Her introduction led us into the deep and rich prayer tradition of the Hebrew Psalms.

Accompanied by pianist Eugene Kaminsky of the South Shore Conservatory, Cantor Weiss set the audience within the spirit and inspiration in the sung Hebrew Psalms, in both ancient and contemporary melodic settings. "Psalms, and some of the music which stems from the time of Moses, work in many ways," he said; and added, "Illness, suffering and loss can mute us, and leave us unable to speak. Whenever we feel speechless, and feel that words fall flat, Psalms can give good ways of communicating."

As he sang, he noted that some of the Psalms ask forgiveness of God and some offer thanksgiving for divine intervention. Some ask for help. "Psalms express whatever is in our hearts," he said. "Each Psalm is a chapter," he observed, "where we can find answers for our days. They tell us how the saints of their day found their way through times when they were discouraged, or defeated or elated."

Cantor Weiss explained that the Psalms are threaded throughout Jewish liturgy and worship, and also sung during great festivals, such as Passover, Hanukkah and New Moon days. He described other ways that Psalms are used customarily. These include special prayers and events, such as for the health and safety of Israel, or for birthdays. There is a custom, he said, as you are looking forward to a birthday, of praying the Psalm for that birthday each day.

"I feel very touched by the feeling of oneness in the Hebrew prayer we have heard this evening."
— Father Timothy Joyce

He pointed out that a musical response to illness can be more natural than speech, and that music is the vehicle for expression "in calling out to God." The Cantor pointed out that two Psalms were named for their special healing of body and spirit, but that each of us must find our individual way into each psalm. He mentioned Psalm 90, "Teach us to number our days," and Psalm 69, which asks for God's kindness and deliverance for the one drowning and overcome with despair.

The singing of Psalms can bring visual personal pictures through words and melodies, said the Cantor, "so that each one of us can create a picture of loved ones, being lifted to a better place of complete healing." He mentioned Psalm 121, "I lift my eyes to the mountains, and see that help is coming," and added "Psalms sanctify our individual yearning."

As he sang Psalm 23, the most well-known of all Psalms, Cantor Weiss described the picture as "not only of a return to a pastoral state, but of a person cared for by God in a comforting setting." Everyone recited Psalm 23 and he sang the Psalm in Hebrew in his great baritone voice. The Cantor ended by describing the Psalms of praise, where we celebrate with joy. He said, as he concluded, "every single being is infused with God's soulfulness," and asked those attending to think of what connects each of us with that soulfulness.

Thanking him for his inspiration in word and song, Father Timothy Joyce, co-chairman of the lecture series at Glastonbury Abbey observed: "Psalms are the warp and woof of monastic life. To hear Psalms sung in Hebrew, the original language, was very moving. Psalms are our prayer, sung also by the early monks. Jesus prayed the Psalms – the Hillel Psalm. When Psalms become too common, and you don't hear the message, we are reminded that we are that people too. I feel very touched by the feeling of oneness in the Hebrew prayer we have heard this evening."

Cantor Weiss has been recorded on CDs, and is working on future recordings.

Now in its eighth year, "Listening to Other Voices" has brought speakers from the region and the country to Hingham. This year's lectures, designed around the theme, "The Fears that Bind Us," have featured participants from prison, AIDS and Roxbury ministries, as well as families affected by 9/11. The evening ended with some of Glastonbury Abbey's famous brownies, and an invitation to the final lecture.

The last lecture of the series will take place on May 3. Joyce Rain Anderson, a Wampanoag tribe member, poet, teacher and speaker, will talk about the importance of storytelling to the Native American and others.

Native American culture is topic in Abbey series

Glastonbury Abbey Inter-Religious Lecture Series, "Listening to Other Voices: the Fears that Bind Us," will present a talk by Joyce Rain Anderson titled "Story-Telling: A Way to Your True Self – For Native Americans and Others." The lecture will take place at 7:15 p.m., on Thursday, May 3, at Glastonbury Abbeys Conference Center.

What's it like to try to preserve the Native American culture in a society that may think about it only on Thanksgiving, if at all? Anderson will talk about how one survives, fights to keep an identity and spirituality and strives to keep fears for the future of her culture at bay.

Anderson, a Wampanoag tribe member, poet, teacher and speaker, will talk about the importance of story telling to the Native American and others.

Poet/teacher/ speaker Anderson, a specialist in the American Indian, has a doctorate degree in English and is a Wampanoag tribe member

The lecture is free, but donations are welcome. Reservations are recommended. For reservations and more information, call 781-749-2155.

Obituaries

Lawrence Cook Jr.

Retired from AA Will Construction Corp.

Lawrence "Buddy" Cook Jr., 80, of Hingham, died April 20, 2007, at his home surrounded by his family.

Mr. Cook was born in Cohasset, the son of the late Lawrence and Mary (Flanagan) Cook. He was a veteran of World War II, having been stationed in Okinawa with the U.S. Navy Seabees.

Mr. Cook was a member of the IUOE Local 4, the Operating Engineer's Union. He worked for the AA Will Construction Corp. as an operator engineer until his retirement in 1990.



Lawrence Cook Jr

He was a member of Hingham VFW and enjoyed his trips to Foxwoods.

He leaves his wife, Joan M. (Spinzola) Cook; his children, Cheryl Wilkinson and Laura Musseman, both of Pembroke, and Lawrence Cook III of Hanson; his sisters, Ann Keating of West Boylston and Marie Sealey of Marlboro; and five grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Gloria Pizzelli, Dorothy Garceau, Rita Hayes and John Cook.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Ann Church in Hull. Interment in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset. Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Bay State Dr., Braintree, MA 02185.

Ruth G. Quinlan

Former member of South Shore Bowling League

Ruth G. (Friesen) Quinlan, 82, of Stuart, Fla., formerly of Cohasset, died April 21, 2007, in Florida.

She was born and raised in Weatherford, Okla. While living in Cohasset, Mrs. Quinlan was a member of the South Shore Bowling League.

Wife of the late Richard J. Quinlan; she leaves her son, Michael E. Quinlan and his wife, Kristen of Fort Pierce, Fla.; her sister, Evelyn McSpadden of Dallas, Ore.; and two grandchildren.

A graveside Service was held April 26, 2007, at Fairmount Cemetery in Weymouth.

Donations in her memory may be made to the March of Dimes, Attn: DRFR, 1275 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, N.Y.10605.

Pauline M. Perry

Talented artist, gardener

Pauline M. (Bujnowski) Perry, 66, of Scituate, died April 20, 2007, at home.

Born in Lowell, she was the daughter of Stanley and Delia Bujnowski. After graduating from Chelmsford High School, she attended the Mass. College of Art and Cranbrook Academy of Art, receiving her master's degree in printmaking. She lived in Boston before moving to Scituate and was a lifelong artist. Mrs. Perry was also well known for her gardening skills.

She leaves her husband of 43 years, Arthur E. Perry; her sons, Christopher and his wife Debbie Perry of Groton, Patrick and his wife Mary Perry of Rockland and Richard and his wife Linda Perry of Weymouth; a daughter, Caroline and her husband Chris Wilson of Cohasset; a brother, Richard Bujnowski of Chelmsford and eight grandchildren.

Visiting hours will take place Thursday, April 26, from 4 to 8 p.m. , at Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home, 382 First Parish Road in Scituate. A memorial service will be held Friday, April 27, at 11 a.m., at the Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home in Scituate. Interment to be private.

Donations in her memory may be made to Cranberry Hospice, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth, MA. 02360.

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What's happening on the South Shore

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'The Dancer's Life' a family affair

By R. Scottt Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

When Chita Rivera needed a dance captain for the national tour of "Chita Rivera: The Dancer's Life" - opening at Boston's Colonial Theatre next week - the Broadway legend looked no further than her own daughter, Lisa Mordente.

"This is a very different experience for me. I am usually the ingénue or the lead," explained the 49-year-old Mordente by telephone from a Palm Beach tour stop last week. "I wouldn't take this job on any other show, but I am enjoying this whole experience very much. My mother and I are incredibly close and this gives us a chance to spend quality time together."

And the opportunity for Mordente to make sure her 74-year-old mother is well taken care of on stage and off.

"It is my job to take care of the company, including my mother. I make sure everybody is in the right place. We're playing so many cities and there are always adjustments to be made to the specifics of each different theater. This is a musical piece, of course, and heavy on dancing, so I give notes as necessary and mention if something looks funny. If I see that one of the dancers is not on his or her mark, then we talk about it and straighten out the problem. I work closely with both of our stage managers to make sure that everything on stage is just right."



Chita Rivera on stage.



Lisa Mordente with her mother, Chita Rivera

With a Broadway career that includes nine Tony nominations and two wins as Best Actress in a Musical for "The Rink" and "Kiss of the Spiderwoman," Rivera has known what was right since her performance as Anita in the original Broadway production of "West Side Story" first made her a star in 1957. It was while appearing in the legendary Leonard Bernstein musical that Rivera met and married Mordente's father, Tony Mordente, a dancer and choreographer. The pair divorced in 1966, but remain committed to their daughter.

"Both my parents have the old-fashioned work ethic. You are a straight-through professional at all times. They both taught me that and also everything there is to know about discipline, manners and respect. You learn something from each and every experience you have in life. I've been watching my mother on stage and backstage since I was in a baby carriage. I learned from her, very early, that you have to have a life and not just a career.

Mom was always at home to cook the meals and check my homework, but when call time rolled around at 7:30 p.m., she was at the theater ready to go on. She has always been a kind of wonder woman and never a diva even for a minute. Mama taught me never to take myself too seriously and to always try to enjoy what I am doing."

For Mordente, the enjoyment of her own career in theater came early. When she was only 12, she earned her Equity card during nine months on the road with her mother in "Zorba." She also toured with Angela Lansbury in "Gypsy." She subsequently earned a Tony nomination for Best Actress in a Musical for "Marlowe," a musical set in 1593 that ran for just 40 performances.

In 1993, Mordente served as assistant to choreographer Wayne Cilento on the hit Broadway production of "The Who's Tommy." On television, Mordente was seen as Carmen Epstein on the 1970s sitcom "Welcome Back Kotter." Rivera's experiences include starring roles in a dozen Broadway musicals, many of which are chronicled in "The Dancer's Life," which features a book by four-time Tony Award winner Terrence McNally and choreography and direction by Graciela Daniele. Originally presented at San Diego's Old Globe Theatre, the musical celebration of Rivera's career ran on Broadway from December 2005 to February 2006.

"My mom is one of the last of the great, great legends of the Broadway stage. I have never seen another person just like her. In this show, she is living the experience of her life every night on stage, and it is my life, too, which makes it great for me," says Mordente, who is also a swing with the show, going on when one of the female dancers has to miss a performance. Her mother, of course, does not have an understudy.

"I have gone on with as little as one hour's notice. The whole company has been very supportive, because it is one thing to know the show as dance captain. It is another thing altogether to actually dance it. We have a good time, though, and we laugh hysterically even when things don't go exactly as they should. What makes it exciting is that Mama is so incredibly fabulous. She is amazing to work with. This is an experience that I would have been a fool to pass up."

("Chita Rivera: The Dancer's Life" will be at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston St., Boston, May 1 through 6. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-931-2787 or go online at broadwayacrossamerica .com)

Calendar of events

Thursday, April 26

The next meeting for the **Greater Plymouth Lupus Group** will be held on Thursday, April 26 at the Kingston Public Library from 7 to 9 pm. No registration required. For further information contact: Nicole Peterson at 781- 582-8770.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road **Pembroke**. April 26, **BBC Pint Night with Flydown** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, Satch Romano's **New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam** with The Mighty HouseRockers at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Friday, April 27

The By Kids 4 Kids Cabaret will have its second annual variety show on Friday, April 27, at 4 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church, Highland Ave, Cohasset. Donations received at the event will go to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the Children Affected By AIDS Foundation. The free performance will feature singers, musicians, bands and dancers showcasing their talents in a wide range of styles and disciplines along with the Cohasset High School Jazz Band, led by Stephanie Hoskin. Admission is free, but attendees will be asked to make donations to support the two research groups. Doors will open at 3:40 p.m., and the show will run about 90 minutes.

New England Singles, April 27, 8 p.m. to midnight Mosley on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, DJ $12. singles dances-newengland .com 617-325-4900.

Bay Players announce four performances of ***Later Life*** by A.R. Gurney directed by Bern Budd/Produced by Theresa Chiasson Friday, April 27, at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at 8 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Kingston Intermediate School, 65 Second Brook Road, Kingston. **Two-for-one tickets at Sunday matinee.** For reservations, call 1-800-290-6825 and leave a message. Your tickets will be held at the box office. Tickets are $12 for seniors and students, and $15 for general admission. Group discounts available. Two-for-one at Sunday matinee.

The Toe Jam Puppet Band will be performing a fun family concert at the North Pembroke Elementary School April 27, from 7 to 8 p.m. featuring their unique combination of songs, story telling and dancing. Ideal for children ages 2-10 years. Tickets are $5 per family if you purchase them ahead, $10 per family at the door. A limited number of tickets are available. Purchase tickets at the North Pembroke School Office.

Seen and Unseen the works of **John McConnell** to open April 27, at the **South Street Gallery,** 149 South St. in Hingham. opening exhibit will take place at the South Street Gallery on Friday, April 27, from 6 to 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and visitors will have a chance to meet the artist at that time.

Blues Nite at The Eagles 1338 Washington St., (Rt. 53) E. Weymouth near the Hingham line maximum rhythm and blues 7 to 9 p.m. April 27. featuring **'Satch' Romano &The Houserockers** Admission $5 781-258-5232 or email: newbluesrevue@yahoo .com Handicap access. Casual dress.

The monthly Down East Dancers Country Dance will be held at the Taunton Elks Lodge, 119 High St., Taunton. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. April 27. Couples and line dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight with DJ and Dance Instructor, Joe Steele. Potluck snacks, cash bar. The cost is $6. For information call 508-680-6736 or 781-925-9066 or visit the site downeastdancers.com.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance April 27, with The **DJ: Dee Dee Rose** from 7:30 p.m. to midnight at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission: $7 SSS members, $10 non-members Doors open 7:15 p.m. Free East Coast Swing dance lesson 7:30 to 8 p.m. by Dave Joubert. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. Free snacks & coffee, cash bar. Dress to impress. Info: 781-331-0021or visit southshoresingles.org

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke. **Radio for the Blind** will perform at the British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke. 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, **Cheryl Aruda & Dirty Blonde** 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Run of the Mill, 6 Spring Lane, Plymouth. **Tex and Mad Dog** 9 p.m. to closing. 508-830-1262.



The Hull Artists Studio Connection and the Hull Garden Club present their Annual Fine Arts & Flower Show at the MJM Bathhouse at Nantasket Beach in Hull April 28 and Sunday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring paintings, drawings, photography, jewelry, crafts and other fine art. Student work exhibited. Artists demonstrations throughout Flower arrangements raffled off on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Free admission and parking. Handicapped accessible. 781-925-3637 or visit hullartists.com

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The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, April 27, **Mission of Blues** Cover $6. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Animal Tails with Karen Kurkoski, naturalist, will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell. This program is for children aged 3 1/2 to 5 years old. After the tale each week enjoy a game, song or craft – lots of exciting activities, and learning, too. The group may go outside for a hike, so dress for the weather. The cost is $42 for members and $54 for nonmembers per three-week session. Preregistration and prepayment required. Limit eight children.

Mount Blue Restaurant 707 Main St., Norwell **April 27,** The Joe Leary Band 781-659-0050. **Reservations accepted for dinner tables near the band**



Steven Karidoyanes and the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra

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Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra conductor Steven Karidoyanes and the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra perform music by two musical titans for the Season Finale Concert of their 91st Season at Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth, Saturday, April 28. A pre-concert talk with Steven Karidoyanesstarts at 7 p.m. with the concert beginning at 8 p.m. The program features Mahler's majestic Symphony No. 1, the Titan Symphony. International prize-winning pianist Hye-Jin Kim also joins the Phil in Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 1. Individual ticket prices: $45, $40, $30, $20. Senior, youth and group discounts offered. $5 student "rush" tickets sold at the door one hour before performance, as available 508-746-8008 www.plymouthphil.org Memorial Hall is fully accessible.



Hye-Jin Kim

Saturday, April 28

The sixth graders at Dennett Elementary, 80 Crescent St., Plympton are hosting a **yard sale** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 28. Proceeds benefit their upcoming trip to the Cape Cod National Seashore in May. Rain date, Sunday, April 29.

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Baroni Designs a designer of sterling silver jewelry for women and girls ages 1 through 12 are having an Outlet Sale April 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and April 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the South Elementary School 831 Main St. Hingham. Baronidesigns.com 800-559-8942.

Mark your calendar

AN EVENING WITH FRAN, a live concert performance by Fran Botelho-Hoeg of Kingston, will take place on Friday evening, May 11 at the Silver Lake Regional Middle School Auditorium (Route 27, Kingston) to benefit Kingston's Jones River Village Historical Society. The concert takes place during Mother's Day weekend. Tickets are $20 per person and should be purchased in advance to ensure seating. available at Kingston Public Library and at the town clerk's office at the Kingston Town House, checks payable to JRVHS. Further information on the concert and tickets can also be obtained by contacting Gerry Buckley of the JRVHS at 781-585-3321. Doors open at 7 p.m. concert at 7:30 p.m.

MINDING MANNERS 101: SOCIAL ETIQUETTE FOR CHILDREN Children ages 4-7 and 8-12 will learn the how to's of proper introductions, appropriate table setting and manners, party invitations/thank you note writing, polite conversation. and much more. A portion of all proceeds benefits the Boys and Girls Club of Plymouth. Call CMR at 508-224-4044 or cmreid@CreatingMarketingResults.com for information on this four week session. Dates are May 12, 19, June 2 and 9; Ages 4-7 are 8:30 am-10 am, ages 8-12 are 10:30 am-12 pm.

PINK VOYD, New England's ultimate live Pink Floyd trip, will be bringing the mesmerizing sights & sounds of Pink Floyd to the Chapman Middle School Auditorium in Weymouth, Friday, May 4 at 8 p.m. Tickets for PINK VOYD are now on sale at $30 for Gold Circle Seating and $20 for General Admission, with proceeds to benefit the Weymouth Band Parents Association. Tickets can be purchased online at www.ticketweb.com, and by calling 866-468-7619. For information on PINK VOYD, log on to www.pinkvoyd.com

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Earth Day Celebration, Sunday at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Learn more about the environment and its animals at the Earth Day Celebration, April 29, noon to 4 p.m. at South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Explore inside Rainforest Reptile Shows mobile trailer with over 50 varieties of reptiles, amphibians, and bugs to see! Other activities include environmental exhibitors, kids crafts and games, animal presentations, guided nature walks, musical entertainment and food. Event held rain or shine- if rain, activities will be under cover. Cost: $5 adults/ $3 children, ages 2-15, maximum fee of $20 per family. For information call the South Shore Natural Science Center at 781-659-2559 or view the website at ssnsc.org

Explore the Rainforest Reptile Shows mobile trailer and see over 50 varieties of reptiles, amphibians, and bugs from all over the world.

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Faces and Voices of Autism, a unique photo exhibition featuring individual photographs of children and adolescents with autism with personal stories told by special people in their lives, will debut at the Massachusetts State House on April 30 through May 4, in honor of Autism Awareness month. The personal stories, or "voices," do not focus specifically on the child's diagnosis, but on what makes him or her special. It will also be on display at the Prudential Center in Boston from May 12-18. The exhibit is free and open to the public. For information about locations and times, call 800-778-7601 or visit mayinstitute.org.

The Hull Knights of Columbus is having a pasta dinner dance Saturday April 28 at the K of C Hall starting at 7 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. Music for dancing will be provided by DJ Bob Caldera. The cost is $15 per person. For reservations call 781-925-1712.

Norwell Chamber of Commerce Business Expo Saturday, April 28, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Norwell Business Expo will be held at the Norwell Middle School, 328 Main St. Exhibits by 30 local businesses. Networking and business information. Free admission and door prizes. Visit norwellchamberofcommerce.com for information.

The Hingham Symphony Orchestra will wrap up its 2006/07 season with a grand celebration Pops concert on April 28, at 8 p.m., toasting Jin Kim's 10th season as conductor and unveiling the orchestra's new name. Doors open at 7 p.m. for a pre-concert party with light food and a cash bar. Table seating completes the festive atmosphere. At F1 Boston, 290 Wood Road, Braintree. $35 adults, $25 seniors and $10 youth through age 18. Call 781-740-5694 or www.hinghamsymphony.org

The Felice Pomeranz Jazz Quartet performs at the James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St. (off Rt. 123) in Norwell on Saturday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. The Boston ensemble featuring jazz harp, plays American standards and coolLatin jazz. Tickets ($20adult/$18 senior/$10 student) are available in advance at the James Library & Center for the Arts, 781-659-7100 and at the door. Visit jameslibrary.org for information.

The Historic 1699 Winslow House, 634 Careswell St. Marshfield, will be host to **Nathaniel Philbrick**, author of the acclaimed "Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community and War." On April 28, beginning at noon, Philbrick will discuss the history of Plymouth Colony, the story of the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians, and the legends that have accompanied them. Philbrick will discuss the writing of his book and will be available to sign copies of "Mayflower," as well as Philbrick's new book, "The Mayflower Papers." For information, contact the Winslow House at 781-837-5753 or email Winslow House executive director Mark Schmidt at mark.schmidt@winslowhouse.org

MS LIFELINES WALK Hundreds of Cohasset and South Shore residents are rallying at the South Shore Community Center, Saturday, April 28 for the MS LifeLines MS Walk to create a world free of multiple sclerosis. A spring tradition for nearly 20 years, walkers follow a five-mile path starting at 10 a.m. from the Center. Check in starts at 8:30 a.m. Each walker is encouraged to raise a minimum of $100, but most collect over $200. Organized by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Central New England Chapter, more than 200,000 walkers participate nationwide in the MS Walk each year at more than 700 sites, and raise over $30 million. Family and corporate Walk teams and volunteers can register online, www.msnewengland.org, or by calling 1-800-493-WALK [9255], and in-person the day of the event. MSnewengland.org

The **Appalachia County Fair** at the St. Anthony Parish Center takes place Saturday Night, April 28. Dinner by Redbones BBQ. Music and Dancing by The Gr8fls, silent and live auction. Tickets are available through Cohasset churches, or by contacting Rev. Gary Ritts, 718 383 0345, gar@2ndcc.org. All proceeds to benefit Cohasset ASP Group.

The 34th Annual New England Adoption Conference, "Celebrating 40 Years of Adoption Education" will be held April 28, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Milford High School in Milford. It is the largest single day adoption conference in the country. Nationally known speakers will present over 100 workshops designed for all those touched by adoption. There will be workshops about international adoption, U.S. newborn and waiting children, birth parents, adoptees, transracial adoption, gay couples adopting, adoptive grandparents, pre-adoptive singles, parenting preschoolers, school-age children and teens, health issues and more. Extended and birth families are welcome. Sponsored by Adoption Community of New England, Inc. Known for over 30 years as Open Door Society of MA 508.366.6812 or visit AdoptionCommunityofNE.org

The Academy of The Company Theatre presents **MULAN,** the engaging Disney musical about a young girl who doesn't quite fit in to her traditional surroundings. The show is Saturday, April 28 at 4pm. Tickets priced at $12 are available at The Company Theatre box-office at 30 Accord Park in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companytheatre.com

The Friends of the Norwell Public Library will gratefully be accepting donations of used books at the South St. library location on April 28. No textbooks or computer books. Books must be in reasonably good condition and free of mold.

The Trustees of Reservations will hold its Spring Celebration at **Weir River Farm in Hingham** on April 28, from noon to3 p.m. at Weir River Farm, spring has traditionally been a time to come together to plow the soil, plant the crops, and shear the sheep. Join the community as they prepare for another exciting year. Meet the veterinarian, blacksmith, sheep shearer, and all the livestock at the farm. Games and crafts for children. Parking on Turkey Hill Lane. Trustees of Reservations members free. Non-members $3. Call 781-740-7233 for information or visit www.thetrustees.org

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The Company Theatre in Norwell, will be holding its first annual **Silent Auction & Raffle** on Saturday, April 28, from 7 to 11p.m. at the Radisson Hotel in Rockland. This gala event will be used to help The Company Theatre grow and continue its mission of providing quality entertainment at affordable prices. Food, a full cash bar, and entertainment from Company Theatre performers. as well as the chance to win some great prizes. Tickets to attend the event are $25, and are available at the Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787. For information visit www.companytheatre.com

The Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery presents the works by ***George Thompson: An American Master*** held in the collection of a South Shore resident. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours through May 3. Visit hinghamlibrary.org for information.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club, April 28 at 1 p.m. Moderate walk, some hills 4 miles Loop around Ponkapoag Pond on the green dot trail. Meet at the Ponkapoag Golf Course parking lot on 2173 Washington St. in Canton.. For information visit mass.gov/dcr or call 617-698-1802.

Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth, April 28, Traditional Irish Seisiun every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hornpipes, with great craic and singalong. Admission is free. 508-830-1262.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road **Pembroke**. April 28, Johnny Vance Band 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, will feature **Walk That Walk** at 8 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796.



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The Academy of The Company Theatre presents "MULAN," the engaging Disney musical about a young girl who doesn't quite fit in to her tradition-al surroundings. The show is Saturday, April 28 at 4pm. Tickets priced at $12 are available at The Company Theatre box-office at 30 Accord Park in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companytheatre.com

Mount Blue Restaurant 707 Main St., Norwell **April 28,** The Joe Leary Band 781-659-0050. Reservations accepted for dinner tables near the band

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke April 28 **Jim Sylvia** 781-294-4700.

Joe's American Bar & Grill, 2087 Washington St., Hanover **Shay's Rebellion** 781-878-1234.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, April 28, **Jeff Pitchell & Texas Flood** Cover $10. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sunday, April 29

Greater Boston NSAKids Meeting A support group for kids who stutter (ages 5 to 12) and their parents will meet April 29 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at 1st Church Unitarian, 670 High St., Dedham. sponsored by the National Stuttering Association

The Dickinson Art Gallery, the region's newest art gallery, will feature the work of four artists in their next show titled "The Fabulous Four." The work will be unveiled at an Opening Reception with the artists, scheduled for 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 29. Works of **Kathy Ferrara** (watercolors), **Steve Boczanowski** (acrylics), **Dominic Farrell** (watercolors) and **Charyl Weissbach** (Encaustic and Oil) will be displayed at the gallery through June 9. Dickinson Art Gallery on 1132 Main St. (Route 18) in Weymouth. For information call 781-331-3384 or 800-979-2300.

The North River Arts Society present Festival of The Arts Award Winners - *Best in Show: Photography* at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Square, Marshfield through June 1. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster St., Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, will feature **Dave Foley, R & R Dr. Solo** at 8 p.m., for No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796.

The **Fine Arts Chorale** will return to Duxbury's Performing Arts Center for an encore performance of famous operatic choruses and arias. At 5 p.m. on April 29. This current program will include excerpts from Donizetti's *Lucia di Lammermoor,* Bizet's *Carmen,* Borodin's *Prince Igor,* Verdi's *Don Carlo* and Mussorgsky's *Boris Godunov.* In addition to the 55 member chorale, this year's line up includes a symphony orchestra and soloists **Valerie Arboit,** mezzo soprano, **John William Gomez,** tenor, **Molly Jo Rivellli,** soprano, **Stephen Chambers,** tenor, **Stephen Mumbert,** baritone and **Will Roberts,** baritone. **Dr. Libor Dudas,** will conduct the performance. Tickets are priced at $20 or $15 for seniors and students. For tickets or additional information, call 800-230-7555 or email FineArtsChorale@aol.com.

Earth Day Celebration, Sunday at the **South Shore Natural Science Center**, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Learn more about the environment and its animals at the Earth Day Celebration, April 29, noon to 4 p.m. at South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Explore inside Rainforest Reptile Shows mobile trailer with over 50 varieties of reptiles, amphibians, and bugs to see! Other activities include environmental exhibitors, kids crafts and games, animal presentations, guided nature walks, musical entertainment and food. Event held rain or shine- if rain, activities will be under cover. Cost: $5 adults/ $3 children, ages 2-15, maximum fee of $20 per family. For information call the South Shore Natural Science Center at 781-659-2559 or view the website at ssnsc.org

Blue Hills Reservation – Hike and Happenings April 29, Blue Hills Skyline Hike. Rugged 8-mile trek along the Skyline Trail. Five to 6 hours. Must be an experienced hiker. Sturdy hiking boots required. Bring lunch and a water bottle. Call 617-333-7404 for information.

CALENDAR, see next page

Golf tournaments

THE 11TH ANNUAL CAMPUS SCHOOL CLASSIC takes place Friday, May 4, at Widow's Walk Golf Course in Scituate. Shotgun start 1 p.m. Scramble style. Following the tournament, nearby Scituate Country Club will host dinner and the annual Awards Ceremony beginning at 6 p.m. Included in the festivities are a silent auction, raffle, prize giveaways and a new addition – a live auction. The registration fee is $150 per player, includes greens fees, cart and dinner. Players may register online at bc.edu/csvbc. Dinner only $30.

THE HUSKY ATHLETICS CLUB GOLF CLASSIC is the flagship fundraising event for Northeastern Athletics. Played at Pinehills Golf Club in Plymouth, May 16, registration is from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Shotgun start 11:30 a.m., Cocktail hour 5 to 6 p.m. Reception, Awards, Live auction 6 p.m. All proceeds from this event support Husky Athletics. $375.

PLYMPTON'S TERCENTENNIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT to be held at the Halifax Country Club on May 21. Shotgun start 1:30 p.m. Modified scramble followed by dinner at the Country Club. $135/golfer. Register at http://town.plympton.ma.us

THE SCITUATE ANIMAL SHELTER will hold its 4th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, June 1, at Widow's Walk Golf Course in Scituate. The tournament will feature numerous prizes, raffles, and Par 3 Poker. The $125 fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, and dinner at the historic Barker Tavern. The shelter is also seeking corporate sponsorships and donations to raffle. Tournament registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis; reserve All proceeds go to the Shelter, serving the town of Scituate and the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, and Norwell on an as-needed basis. Registration forms are available at the Shelter or by logging onto our website at www.town.scituate.ma.us/animalshelter/ For information, call 781-545-8325.

PLAYING FORE THE KIDS! May 7, 9:30 a.m. At Indian Pond Country Club, Kingston. Golfers can compete in contests such as putting, closest to the pin, and longest drive. The $165 per golfer or $660 per foursome golf package includes greens fees, cart, snacks, dinner, prizes, and more! Corporate foursomes are available at $950 and includes prominent advertising and tee signs. Tee signs will also be available at $300. Dress Code: Proper golf attire required. Shirts must have collar and shorts must have Bermuda length. Tank tops, T-shirts and denim are not permitted. Business casual for dinner. Spikeless Policy: Metal spikes are not permitted. Sponsorships available: Call KYSO Fundraising Co-Chairs Andy Davis at 781-585-1928 or Paul Maloney at 781-962-6705 for information on how your company can get involved.

Visit wickedlocalgolf.com for Southeastern Massachusetts golf news and tournament listings.



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The Daniel Webster Estate and Heritage Center presents "Your Historic Home Lecture Series" April 29, from 2 to 4 p.m. "Decorative Arts to Beautify Your Home." Meet the Artists who will discuss Stenciling, Murals, Trompe l'oeil, Faux Finishes, etc. using the work found in the Webster Mansion as their backdrop and discuss how these methods may be used to enhance your home. **Chris Smith** – Chris was the artist who stenciled the walls of the Daniel Webster Study, to create the look of antique leather books embossed in gold trim using the initials DW. **Kate Sowdon** – Interior Expressions Artist. Kate specializes in Murals, Trompe l'oeil, Furniture and Children's Rooms and will exhibit the "Window Series" that she created for the Designer Show House. **Nancy Martin** – Duxbury artist will show her delightful Nursery using French Chinoiserie style as well a number of other projects she is working on such as handpainted handbags and floor coverings. A Tour of the Mansion - Refreshments will be served. Ticket price $15 each lecture; $12 seniors over 60. Reserve early. By calling 781-837-2403 or 781-837-7579. Space is limited. For info visit DanielWebsterestate.org

Monday, April 30

The North River Arts Society presents **The Maine Event** at the Dolphin Gallery located at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham featuring paintings depicting the beauty of the Maine landscape through May 24. The library gallery is open Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 1-5 p.m. Call the library to confirm current hours: 781.741.1405. For information, contact the NRAS Office at 781-837-8091.

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. For information, call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857.

Tuesday, May 1

Duxbury Newcomers' Club annual Spring House Tour May 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year's theme is **Artistry & Innovation: American Home Craftmanship through the Centuries**. The tour will include six unique homes, representing different periods and styles. All proceeds go to the charity of each homeowner's choice. This year's charities include The Alden House, The Duxbury Rural and Historical Society, and Juvenile Diabetes. Tickets go on sale April 7 and can be purchased at Mermaids of Duxbury, The Studio in Duxbury, Westwinds Bookshop and Dovetales in Plymouth Center. Tickets are $25 each. Tickets may also be purchased on the day of the tour at the Nathaniel Winsor Jr. House in Duxbury. For information, call Christine Cass at 781-585-4737.

Women of the South Shore If you love to sing come to the open rehearsals of **The Island Grove Chorus**- a women's acapella singing group. Meet at the United Church of Christ Route 18 in Abington, on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. Call Joanne 781-843-4355 or Judy 781-848-5843.

Wednesday, May 2

Halifax Garden Club Meeting-held at Halifax Holmes Public Library Community Room 6:30 pm. Discuss soil preparation, spring planting tips and Future events. Everyone welcome. For information call Judy Damon, 781-293-2277.

The Broad Cove Chorale, and its new **handbell choir The ChoralBelles,** will present two performances of **The Belles are Ringing** May 2 and May 9, both Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. at First Parish (24 River St.) in Norwell on May 2, or at House of Prayer (916 Main St.) in Hingham on May 9. (Info: 781-749-6561. The concert is free, but donations will be accepted.

Champions Cup Boston - brings spectacular tennis to the Agganis Arena at Boston University. Tickets start at $15 and are available now at 617-931-2000 or Toll-Free at 866-448-7849 and championsseriestennis.com.

As part of its Concert Series, St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset presents organist **Giorgio Parolini** of Milan, Italy, in recital on Wednesday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. He will perform works by Italian composers, as well as compositions by Bach and Krebs, on the magnificent 58-rank Aeolian-Skinner organ of St. Stephen's, known for its tonal colors and registrational diversity. The church is located at 16 Highland Avenue in Cohasset, is handicap accessible, and plenty of parking is available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information, call 781.383.1083.



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Professional Production of Peter Pan to be staged May 4, 5, and 6, at Inly Scituate, with the help of Broadway's veteran stage flying company Flying by Foy, and a cast of professional adult actors and students. The musical production is a fundraiser for the school. All shows are open to the public. The performances will take place in the Meehan Family Artsbarn on the Inly School campus 46 Watch Hill Drive, off Rte. 123 in Scituate at the Friday, May 4 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, May 5 at 2 and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, May 6 at 2 p.m. Tickets in the main seating area are $25; for information on special front-row seats, plus the opening reception, visit inlyschool.org/news/. To purchase tickets, call 781-741-5533. All shows are expected to sell out, be sure to call in advance.

Thursday, May 3

The Alzheimer's Care Partners Group will meet on Thursday, May 3, 10:30 a.m. at The John Curtis Free Library, 534 Hanover Street (Route 139) Hanover. Contact Penny Peterson, LCSW, at 781.659.2691.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**. Satch Romano's **New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam** with The Mighty HouseRockers at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Friday, May 4

South Shore Conservatory invites you to **Opera By The Bay's fifth Birthday Bash** at the opera troupe's annual Spring Fling concert in Cox Hall, South Shore Conservatory, Hingham, on Friday, May 4, and at the Ellison Center for the Arts, Duxbury, on Saturday, May 5. Both concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. with a wine and cheese reception preceding the performances at 6:45 p.m. The cast will perform pieces from all the major operas they have presented, including party scenes from *Die Fledermaus, Cosi fan tutte, La Traviata* and *Carmen*. Artistic Directors Beth MacLeod, mezzo-soprano, and Beth Canterbury, soprano, both professional singers, will join the cast of professional and amateur opera singers and collaborative pianist Eugene Kaminsky. Proceeds from the Conservatory Concert Series. Tickets Adult $25 student $20. For information contact Amy Schomp, 781-749-7565 x19 or amyschomp@southshoreconservatory.org.

Comedy Night - All Season's Restaurant, 327 Plymouth St. Rt. 106 Halifax, May 4, 9 p.m., featuring: **Harrison Stebbins** Other Comics: **Annette Pollack, Rob Brown Scott Darby, Jason Margaca** and your host: **Joe List (Tours w/ Nick DiPaolo)** Admission Only: $15. Advance tickets being sold. Call 781-293-4135. Produced by Annette's Comedy Asylum visit Myspace.Com/Annettepollack 781-843-4833.



The Hingham Symphony Orchestra with Jin Kim

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The Hingham Symphony Orchestra will wrap up its 2006/07 season with a grand celebration Pops concert on April 28, at 8 p.m., toasting Jin Kim's 10th season as conductor and unveiling the orchestra's new name. Lively music includes selections from Sound of Music, waltzes, polkas and marches by Strauss, Brahms, Mascagni and Elgar, and Sousa's rousing Stars & Stripes Forever. Doors open at 7 p.m. for a pre-concert party with light food and a cash bar. Table seating completes the festive atmosphere. At F1 Boston, 290 Wood Road, Braintree. $35 adults, $25 seniors and $10 youth through age 18. Call 781-740-5694 or www.hinghamsymphony.org

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Red Obi will host its **Second Annual Trunk Show** on May 4, from 6 to 9 p.m. Guests will be able to meet local jewelry designers, view and purchase pieces from their latest collections. Tarot Card Readings will be available from medium Terry Porter. Come and enjoy wine & cheese, music and 10 percent off everything in the store. Red Obi is a gallery/gift shop specializing in unique hand-crafted items, gifts, artwork and greeting cards, located at 903 Broad St., Jackson Square, Weymouth. 781-335-3325.

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. ***Deadline is Friday at noon.***



The ChoralBelles

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The Broad Cove Chorale, and its new handbell choir The ChoralBelles, will present two performances of "The Belles are Ringing" May 2 and May 9, both Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Seniors (and all others able to attend) will be treated to an hour of classical, close harmony, Broadway, barbershop and rousing spirituals—both sung and rung! at First Parish (24 River St.) in Norwell on May 2, or at House of Prayer (916 Main St.) in Hingham on May 9. (Info: 781-749-6561. The concert is free, but donations will be accepted.

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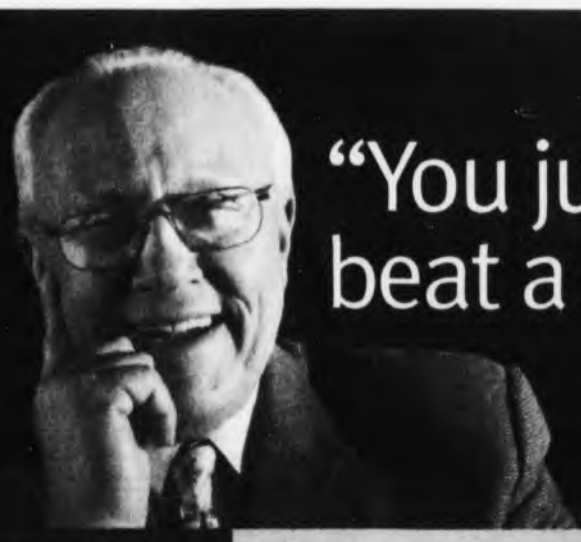
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Planning Board to tackle Cook Estate

Hearings on proposed 'cluster' development begin next week

By Nancy White
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The Planning Board is slated to meet with the developers of the Cook Estate in the coming weeks to discuss the details of their application for a residential cluster development district. Developers from Abbott Real Estate and Development purchased the property, located off Sohier Street, and at their preliminary hearing back in January unveiled plans for a 27 home community.

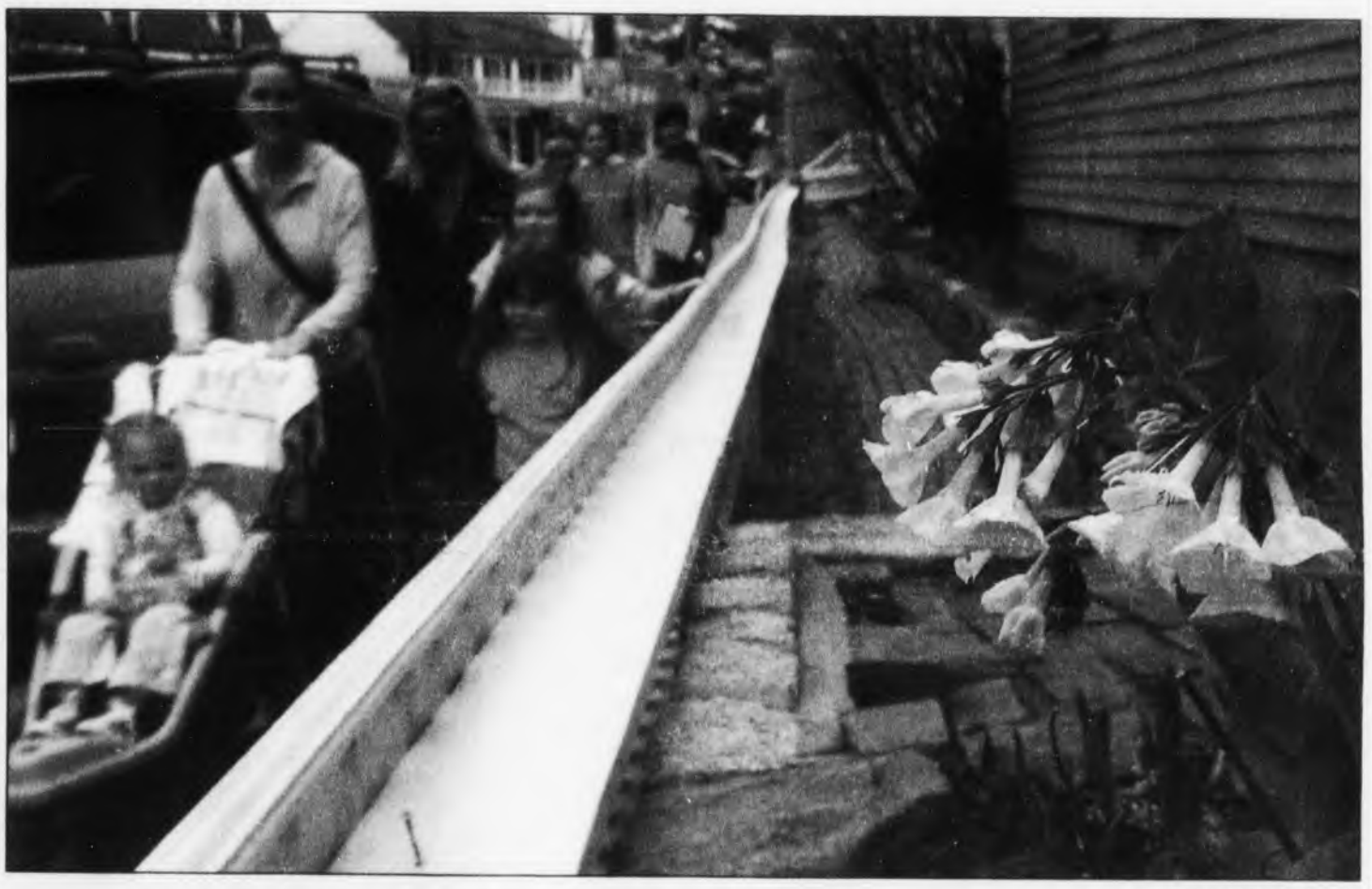
The hearing, which was opened at the April 18 meeting, has been continued the last three weeks. Chairman Al Moore explained that the special permit the Abbott developers have applied for needs to have a "super majority," or four out of five members agreeing, according to town bylaws in order to be approved.

"We need a full board to hear testimony," Moore said in a phone interview.

Planning Board member Peter Pratt gave his resignation from his position last Friday. According to state law, a waiting period of one week is required after a resignation before appointing a new member. The Planning Board will attend Monday's Board of Selectmen's meeting to vote on the appointment. Moore indicated they intend to appoint former Planning Board member Bill Good, a real estate broker, to fill Pratt's seat until the next election. If there are

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WALKING FOR A CURE



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Participants in the five-mile MS Lifelines Walk pass by flowers blooming in front of the Cohasset Historical Society's Maritime Museum on Saturday morning. Walkers raised money that will be used for research and to help local people with MS. For more photos, see page 27.

'He knew everyone in town'

Remembering Richard 'Dickie' Barrows

By Nancy White
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Richard "Dickie" Barrows was a "townie" in the best sense of the word. A lifelong resident of Cohasset, a 40-year veteran on the police force, and a 33-year member of the Recreation Commission, Barrows spent his life literally living and breathing Cohasset.

"He always looked out for the best interests of residents, he was unwavering in that," says Recreation Director Jack Worley. Thirty-two of Barrows 33 years on the Recreation Commission were spent as Chairman. He is one of the town's longest serving elected officials.

At the age of 81, Barrows passed away last Thursday (April 26). However, his legacy in the town will live on for years to come.

When Worley first got his job in 1976, he was given the ticket booth off the auditorium in the old part of Town Hall as his office. The tiny space had no furniture and no heat. Barrows, who Worley describes as "very resourceful," headed down to the dump to get Worley something he could write on.

"That furniture lasted us for 12 years," Worley says with a laugh.

Worley worked closely with Barrows for decades as they strived to bring Cohasset and its children recreational programs. An avid outdoorsman himself, Barrows wanted to make sure town lands were utilized for recreational purposes, says Worley.

"He was a good political buffer. He knew everyone in town," says Worley. One of Barrow's priorities as a Recreation Commissioner was to ensure that the programs were affordably priced so all could attend. Worley says he pushed for scholarships for kids so even struggling families could have the

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FILE PHOTO

Richard "Dickie" Barrows passed away last week at 81.



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Peer leaders, Megan Parnell, left, and Maggie McGoldrick, lead a workshop on diversity-related issues at the middle school.

Teaching tolerance

By Nancy White
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The Anti-Defamation League's "A World of Difference" Institute trained 32 high school students in the early part of the year. The 18-hour training over three days gave the students the know-how and confidence to discuss diversity-related issues with middle school students. The idea is to promote an inclusive, respectful community.

The program involves a group of high school students who facilitate discussions in the middle school classrooms. The combination of the establishing a mentor-mentee relationship between middle school and high school students and the creating

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CHS science teacher David Ames, left, lays out the plan for construction of the CO2 Cube to the "Cube Crew" on the Town Common on Sunday.

Name: David Ames

Occupation: High school science teacher.

Best day of your life: My wedding day.

Best vacation: A 10-day trip exploring the Galapagos Islands.

Favorite season: Fall.

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving.

Favorite junk food: Salt and vinegar potato chips.

Best book: "Tuesdays with Morrie," by Mitch Albom.

Best movie: "An Inconvenient Truth" (Everyone should see this movie to understand the science supporting our impact on Global Warming). Second favorite: "Braveheart."

Best TV show: "Everyone Loves Raymond."

Most memorable moment: Marrying my wife Tanya

Pet peeve: People letting their cars idle for long periods of time. Please turn your cars off.

Goal: Leave the world a better place.

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Best part of Cohasset: The students at the high school.



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POLICE/FIRE BEAT

Suspicious man at Sandy Beach sent on his way

By Mary Ford
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Police sent a suspicious man, who, as it turned out, has a criminal record, on his way after they received reports he had been in the Sandy Beach parking lot for hours last week.

The caller reported a white male in his 50s with long gray hair and who was in a maroon truck had been at the beach since 3 p.m. The concerned citizen made the call to police at 7:30 p.m. The caller also said the man may have yelled "hey kids" to some children.

"We checked on him and determined that he has a criminal record and told him to leave the area," Chief James Hussey said. The subject was from the western part of the state. "We have a log sheet on him, and the make and type of vehicle" should he turn up again, Hussey said.

Hussey said he was somewhat confrontational with police when approached.

Near accident

A Dorchester man is being summonsed to court to face charges of operating an uninsured and an unregistered motor vehicle following a "near accident" at the Beechwood/Route 3A intersection last week.

The Dorchester man was driving a black Mitsubishi on 3A when the operator of a green Ford traveling on Beechwood ran the red light nearly causing an accident.

Chief James Hussey said a police officer was monitoring traffic at that location at about 6:40 a.m. on Monday (April 23) and saw the near accident.

He said both cars pulled over. The driver of the Mitsubishi was able to produce a license but it turned out the car was not registered and was also uninsured, Hussey said.

The Mitsubishi was towed because it was unregistered and uninsured, and police gave the operator a ride to work.

The operator of the green Ford was cited for failure to stop for a red light.

Kayaks stolen

Police detectives are continuing to investigate a rash of stolen kayaks in Cohasset. They are working with other towns that have experienced similar thefts. Last week, police received two more reports. In both cases, residents were returning from vacation and discovered kayaks had been taken from their yards. One report came from Windy Hill Road and the other from Jerusalem Road.

"We checked on him and determined that he has a criminal record and told him to leave the area."
— Chief James Hussey

Police urge kayak owners to try to conceal the kayaks and secure them in some way.

Industrial accident

A worker operating an excavator was not seriously injured when the machine tipped over onto its side at a building site on Gammons Road last week. The incident occurred on Saturday (April 21), but was not reported until Monday (April 23).

Fire and police both responded to the scene. Fire Captain Paul Bilodeau said there was a small oil spill. He explained that it is standard operating procedure to call the Department of Environmental Protection in these situations.

Police Chief Hussey said the builder had booms around the site to protect against such an occurrence.

"The operator was able to fee himself and another worker drove him to the hospital to be checked out," Hussey said.

OSHA was also notified and came down to check things out, he said.

Credit report

An Ash Street resident reported to police last week that he noticed a $10 charge on his credit card bill that he was not responsible for. The charge was to obtain his credit report on line. Further investigation revealed the subject has a lot of the resident's personal information. Cohasset detectives are investigating the incident. Chief Hussey explained that identity thieves try to obtain credit reports to determine how much they can charge without causing alarm.

Boat mishap

Reports of flashlights shining and a truck doing donuts on Sandy Beach turned out to be a group of friends helping a boater whose boat was taking on water. Chief Hussey said the individual headed out from the ramp at Parker Avenue and boated over to Sandy Beach when he called friends after his boat started taking on water. "They brought a rope and pulled the boat out," he said. Hussey said the truck wheels may have been spinning in the sand and thus prompted the phone call from a concerned resident. The incident occurred after 9 p.m. on Monday (April 23).

Credit cards taken

A Cohasset mother contacted police last week after her son took her credit cards out of her pocketbook. Within a short time, police found the subject in the village and will be summonsing him to court on larceny charges, police said.

$400 stolen

A suspect is being summonsed to court to face charges of larceny over $250 after stealing $400 from a Cohasset resident. The suspect used the person's debit card. Police were able to identify the suspect with the help of the bank, Chief Hussey said.

Suspicious offer

Last week a concerned citizen contacted police after two males in a rusted, brown van pulled up and asked him if he wanted to buy a home entertainment system for $3,000. The caller did not get a good look at the driver but described the passenger as a Hispanic male with black hair and a round face. The call came in at about 4 p.m. on Tuesday (April 24). The caller said the incident occurred at Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Avenue and that the van took off toward Sandy Beach.

Police located the van that was parked illegally on Elm Street in the village. The officer approached the man behind the wheel who was not Hispanic. The officer questioned the driver and a computer check on him, there were no warrants being sought for him but he did have a criminal history, Chief Hussey said. Police did not come across the passenger who was no longer in the van. Police also looked through the vehicle and did not find any video equipment.

"We encourage people when they see a suspicious act to call us and give us as much information as they can," Hussey said.

Unlicensed

Police became suspicious of a car idling in the town parking lot for a period of time. The officer ran the plate through the computer, which revealed the owner had an expired license. The officer was also able to pull up a photo that matched the driver. The licensed had been expired for upwards of eight months, Chief Hussey said. The car was towed and the operator is being summonsed to court for unlicensed operation.

Bike switch

Police are investigating a report from a resident whose son's bicycle was stolen and replaced with another bike. Chief Hussey said the stolen bike is valued at about $70 and the one left in its place is worth about $50. "The one left was not a junk bike," he said. The incident was reported on Saturday (April 28). Police have spoken to the neighbors and searched the area and nothing has been found.

Stolen identity

A Rose Hill Lane resident told police he had received phone calls from a store stating someone was trying to set up an on-line gift account using his credit card and another call from Dell computer saying someone was attempting to use his credit card with Dell. Both the store and Dell turned the caller down.

The victim then determined that about $16,000 in fraudulent charges had been made to his account. The resident has torn up the credit card a while ago but had not closed the account. He had no idea who obtained his personal information and Social Security number.

Chief Hussey said credit card fraud and identity theft are fast-growing crimes. He said people should protect their Social Security numbers, bank account and credit card information, and shred receipts.

He explained today with online and telephone shopping no one has to match up a photograph or signature in order to accept a purchase.

Scituate fire

Cohasset provided mutual aid to a working fire on Garden Road in Scituate last week (Tuesday, April 24). Lt. Eric Winslow and firefighter Jay Fiori took Engine One to the fire. Hingham fire sent an engine to cover the Cohasset station, Capt. Paul Bilodeau said.

Electrical fire

A fire reported to be inside the walls to a home on White Head Road last Friday (April 27) turned out to be in the wires outside the house. Fire Capt. Paul Bilodeau said there was no damage. He said the fire department turned off the power inside the house. National Grid came to the scene and shut off the outside power until the repairs were made.

Turkey shoot

A motorist who wanted to shoot wild turkeys with his camera ended up stuck in the mud. The individual had permission to go up to the Graham Waste property off Route 3A to photograph the turkeys. As he was driving around, the tires got into a damp area. The property owner was able to pull the vehicle out, police said. The truck was not leaking and fuel and did not cause any environmental problems.

South Shore Tide Chart
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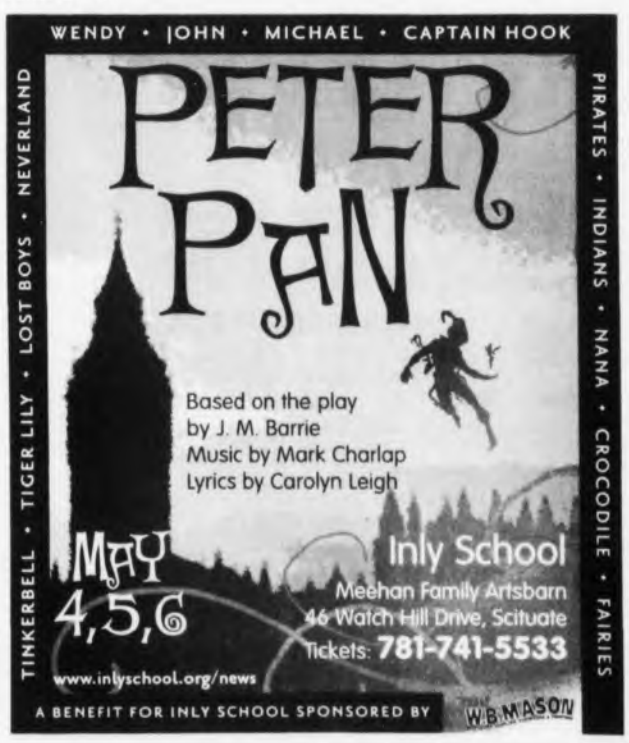
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Sunrise: 5:35 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:46 p.m.*			
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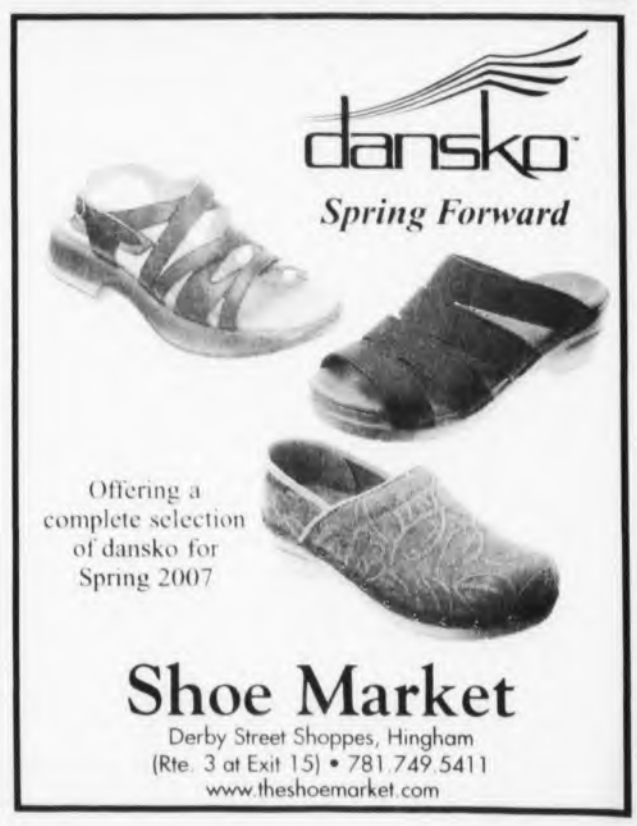












Hearings on proposed 'cluster' development begin next week

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other candidates, they will be able to address both boards at the public meeting on Monday night.

"He's an experienced hand at this whole thing," says Moore. With a fifth member the Planning Board will be a full board and not be crippled if one member misses a hearing.

"We have some tough hearings breathing down," says Moore, indicating that Good's knowledge would be valuable addition to the board. In addition to the Cook Estate application, the Board is expecting another development application for the TOD (Transit-Oriented Development Overlay District) off Route 3A, near the MBTA train station.

At the preliminary hearing in January developers from Abbott discussed their initial plans for the 19-acre property, formerly owned by the late Jane Bancroft Cook. Their intent is to transform the property, which now has one single family home, into a 27-home community under the town's residential cluster development bylaw.

The residential cluster development district allows for homes to be built closer together with open space on the edges. Despite the "cluster" of homes, there will be no more units built than would be allowed under normal subdivision, says Moore.

Abbott Development has been in business for more than 11 years and has built more than 1,000 homes both for rent and for sale, including the recent Seton Highlands development at the Pinehills in Plymouth.

The Abbott developers proposed 27 single family, two-bedroom houses on the property. The houses will all be between 2,200 and 2,400 square feet and from the outside, their designs will be compatible. If all goes well with the permit, it is likely that they could begin construction as early as this summer.

Prices for the new units will be discussed with the Planning Board at the hearing; however, the units will not be deemed affordable by the state. Abbott will also provide detailed plans for the development to be analyzed by both the board and its consultant.

Abbott Development has been in business for more than 11 years and has built more than 1,000 homes both for rent and for sale, including the recent Seton Highlands development at the Pinehills in Plymouth. The active adult, 55-plus duplex-style condominium development has over 100 units.

Last fall, the Cook Estate development was proposed to be a 55-plus community as well. However, that restriction has since been shelved and the development will be open to all interested buyers. In addition, the development will feature detached homes, rather than duplex style.

This isn't the first time development was proposed on the Cook Estate property. The land was formerly under the auspices of the Town. At the November 2003 fall Special Town Meeting, voters authorized the town to spend $4.5 million for the purchase of the Cook property with the intention of combining the Cook land with adjacent town-owned land, and making a profit when the town sold both pieces to a developer. The town planned to have a developer build affordable senior housing on the combined property.

Wastewater issues first forced a reduction in scope for the project (originally proposed at 95 units), and then forced the project to fall through after several plans by four different developers. The land was returned to the heirs of the Cook estate and they hired Abbott Developers last summer.

The town land on Sohier Street adjacent to the Cook Estate that was intended to be used to develop senior affordable housing, roughly nine acres, is now under a conservation restriction imposed by the Board of Selectman in February.

The Planning Board will begin hearing testimony from the Abbott Developers on their plans for the Cook Estate this Wednesday night, May 9. The Planning Board will meet on consecutive weeks and the hearing will likely last several meetings.

For more information or meeting dates, please contact the Planning Board office at Town Hall at (781) 383-3517.

Sandy Beach sustains significant damage

The April Nor'easter caused downed power lines, higher than normal tides, high surf and closed roads. This storm left a path of destruction throughout town. No place is this destruction more obvious than at Sandy Beach. During the highest tides of that storm the surf broke over the rock wall barrier and into the parking lot leaving behind a parking lot and beach full of rocks, sea weedseaweed and garbage. The door to the bath housebathhouse was destroyed and the winter fencing was swept away.



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Sandy Beach Association President Robin Lawrence states ""This storm caused more than normal winter damage to the beach and will require a larger and more expensive clean up than in years past," says. Sandy Beach Association President Robin Lawrence. " Until this clean-up occurs, the Association, recommends that you use extreme caution with your family and pets as there is dangerous flotsam and jetsam on the beach"".

Sandy Beach is managed by the Sandy Beach Association, a group of eight trustees who oversee the beach operations and staffing. The Association has scheduled Spring cleanup the second week of June and will be open for the season June 16, 2007.

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Land Foundation maps future

Meets with abutters to discuss plans for 40 acres

By Nancy White
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"I am encouraged by members of the Cohasset Land Foundation, they are some of the finest representatives from the town."
— Osborne Ingram

The Cohasset Land Foundation met with residents to discuss future plans for close to 40 acres of land off Norman Todd Road. About 20 residents attended the meeting at the library to air their concerns and hear what the Cohasset Land Foundation (CLF) has in store for development and conservation.

To set the tone of the evening CLF Chairman Rick Swanborg made clear that the meeting was to be informal and encouraged the attendees to interrupt him with questions or concerns.

The CLF has negotiated a price tag of $1.25 million to purchase the 37.5 acres of land, a combination of wetlands, ledge and forest. The purchase and sale agreement is between CLF and current property owner Osborne "Ozzie" Ingram.

The land's designation as forestland places it under a Chapter 61 statute that granted the Town the right of first refusal. The Board of Selectmen waived that right at its March 5 meeting.

Swanborg began with an explanation of the CLF, its origin and purpose. The CLF was formed after the creation of the master plan. The master plan, as Swanborg explained, is a long-range forecast for the town. Cohasset's standing master plan was created in 1965, he said.

The master plan included a build-out analysis that looked at how many more houses could be built in the town under current bylaws. However, he said that the percentage could and would change over time due to 40B projects or new water treatment technology.

The CLF was created as a non-profit group that would look out for the environment and community development for the town. The foundation seeks out opportunities, purchase the land and "convert it into something they believe the town would like," Swanborg said.

The purchase of the Ingram property will be the CLF's first since its establishment in February 2004. It is modeled after a similar private organization in Lincoln, Mass. that has been able to make their state-mandated 40B quota, as well as save farms and wildlife areas, Swanborg said.

The bulk of questions and comments from the neighbors were driven by residents wanting assurance that a large development, like nearby Cedarmere, would not be allowed.

Wayne Sawchuk, member of the CLF, made a presentation that explained the group's plans for the property. He explained that the Ingram land was both a beautiful property and served as a sanctuary for wildlife, many of which have been displaced from the Cedarmere development off Beechwood Street.

The 37.5 acres of property will be subdivided. The majority of the property will be wildlife, or conservation land. It is the intent of the CLF to hand that portion, roughly 22 acres, over to another private organization Cohasset Conservation Trust. Part of the purchase and sale agreement stipulates that 50 percent of the land remains undeveloped and be a park named in Ingram's father's honor.

The Conservation Trust will hold the fee title and conservation restrictions to the land. That portion of the property will remain under Chapter 61, forest management plan as well.

Ingram Park will have trails and a small, gravel parking lot. The parking lot will be town-owned paid for through a $40,000 CPC allocation passed at the recent Town Meeting. The parking lot, at most four spaces, will be available for park access and winter ice skating at Meely's Pond.

"Our goal is to have a nature preserve that you can walk through," said Swanborg.

A small 5.5-acre portion of the property will remain under CLF's auspices to be used in the future for recreational, non-housing use yet to be determined. In the meantime, the CLF may use the property as collateral to fund another project in town.

The Vedanta Center will purchase 6.25 acres of the tract as a "buffer" to their current property. The spiritual center has been in Cohasset since 1929 and is welcoming to all beliefs. From the CLF's discussions with the Vedanta Center, members of the CLF have concluded that Vedanta has no intention of changing the landscape either by building a parking lot or a new structure.

There are three developable lots, averaging about 2.25 acres each, that the CLF will need to sell in order to fund the land purchase.

"We're not-for-profit, we want to preserve land and open space," said Frank Neer, a member of the CLF, "we're not developing the whole property, just enough to offset the cost of conservation."

In other words, by building on six acres the organization is preserving over 30 acres for open space.

Sawchuk discussed the three lots at length, going over the common driveway, the permit process, the septic system, fire access and hydrants.

There will be three public hearing in the coming months, Sawchuk said, one for septic system, one for the common driveway with the Planning Board and one with the Conservation Commission. The CLF will get the permits and put a package together to be sent to developers.

The purchase and sale agreement to the developer will contain a restriction for the building of three houses or less, Sawchuk said. It is the CLF's plan to apply for septic permits that will only allow for four bedrooms in each house. They plan to seek one developer who will build on all three lots.

"We'll have a little more control if one person is doing it," as opposed to three developers, one for each house Sawchuk said.

The purchase and sale agreement will be finalized in July.

"I am encouraged by members of the Cohasset Land Foundation," said Ingram, who sat in the audience, "they are some of the finest representatives from the town."

Planning Board vacancy to be filled

The appointment will need to be approved with a vote of the Board of Selectmen and the remaining members of the Planning Board.

The Planning Board is looking for a new member. Planning Board member Peter Pratt has resigned from his position due to personal and health reasons. The vacancy was posted on the town website this week and resumes from interested citizens will be accepted until today, Friday, May 4 at 1p.m.

The state statute requires a one-week notice from the time of resignation to appointing a new member. The appointment will need to be approved with a vote of the Board of Selectmen and the remaining members of the Planning Board. The appointee will serve on the Board until the 2008 town election. Then voters would elect a candidate to fill the remaining three years of Pratt's term, until 2011. The Boards will meet and decide the appointment on Monday, May 7 at 7:15p.m.





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MOTHER'S DAY WALK

Please join a group of your Cohasset friends and neighbors this Mother's Day, May 13th on the 11thAnnual Mothers' Walk for Peace. The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, an organization supported by the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset, sponsors this uplifting 3-1/2 mile walk through the neighborhoods of Dorchester. Participating in this walk makes a powerful statement of personal commitment to combating inner city youth violence and supporting the survivors of Boston 's homicide victims. A carpool will leave Cohasset Town Hall at 7 a.m. and return at 11 a.m. For more information or to sign up for the walk please contact **Connie Afshar** at 781 383 6006.

OH BOY!

Cohasset has a new baby boy in its midst. Congratulations to **Donny and Katie Larsen**, along with big sister **Helena** as they welcome **Sam Francis Larsen**. Sam was born on April 12, 2007 and weighed in at 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 inches long. His grandparents are **Don and Nancy Larsen** of Plymouth and **Rich and Anne Oliminski** of Springfield, Mass. Enjoy this wonderful new addition to your family.

PROJECT KIDS

Here is some inspiring news about a young man from Cohasset. **Scott Faber**, a senior at Connecticut Colleg , is a volunteer for Project Kids, Books, Athletics (KBA). Scott volunteers through the Office of Volunteers for Community Service (OVCS) at Connecticut College . OVCS plays a key role in teaching students about community engagement and the best practices of participation . Scott, a 2003 graduate of Cohasset Middle-High School , is the son of **Stephen and Lesley Faber.** Project KBA promotes reading and physical fitness in the children of New London. Students complete a training program, work in teams with other Connecticut College students and travel to schools and community after school programs. They lead a series of structured physical fitness activities and read multicultural stories with local preschool, elementary and middle school age youth.

SWIM COACHES

The Cohasset Swim and Dive Team is seeking a highly motivated, responsible, individual to assist the coaching staff in swim practices, swim meets and general organization of the swim team. Additionally, the Cohasset Dive Team is seeking qualified candidates for a Dive Coach and Assistant Dive Coach. Interested individuals should send qualifications to PO Box 651, Cohasset, MA 02025.

FAIRFIELD U

Charlotte Sida was named to the dean's list for the fall semester. Charlotte is a freshman at Fairfield University in Connecticut and is an International Relations major, with two minors in Environmental Studies and Economics. Her family is really proud and can't wait to see her next week! Nice work Charlotte.

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FLOWER SHOW

On Wednesday, May 9, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Community Garden Club of Cohasset will present a Standard Flower Show at the Paul Pratt Library, 35 Ripley Road.. The theme of this year's show is "Our Town". The show is open to the public and admission is free. A Standard Flower Show is the official title of a flower show conforming to the standards established by the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and must meet all the requirements of the NGC. There will be three divisions in the show: Special exhibits, Horticulture and Design. There will be five special exhibits relating to Cohasset, five horticulture classifications all open to amateur gardeners as well garden club members and six design classifications which are only open to members and affiliates of the National Garden Clubs. The exhibits and designs will be judged and ribbons will be awarded by a panel of NGC accredited judges using the Standard System of Awarding. In preparation for the show, many Community Garden Club members have attended monthly flower design workshops and have also submitted entries in mini-flower shows. All members, under the direction of Club President, **Mary Eisenhaure,** and Flower Show Chairman, **Annette Sechan,** look forward to this opportunity to share their expertise and artistry with the community. Please come and enjoy "Our Town".

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Erin Fontaine of Cohasset continues to tear up the courts for her school, Notre Dame Academy. Erin and her partner Inara Sipols of Norwell won in first doubles, 6-0, 2-6, 6-1, in an exciting three-set match against Our Lady of Nazareth in a recent Catholic Conference League match in Wakefield. NDA beat Our Lady 5-0!

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That is all for now. Send all the news and photos in no later than Tuesdays by 5:00 pm.

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WEDDING



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Dooley – Nappi

Lauren N. Dooley, daughter of Dennis and Diane Dooley of Cohasset, married Michael D. Nappi, son of Toby and Anne Nappi of Westbrook, Maine, July 22, 2006, at St. Stephen's Church in Boston.

Maid of Honor was Shelley Dupont, a college friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Kristen Dooley, Patti Gianone, Jenna Nappi and Kelly Tufts.

Joseph Foley, a childhood friend of the groom, served as Best Man. Groomsmen were Michael Dooley, Michael Fullerton, Nick Langella, Kevin Murphy and Michael Troiano.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Cohasset High School and a 2002 graduate of Bryant College, where she earned her bachelor's degree in Business Administration. She is currently employed at CB Richard Ellis, a commercial real estate firm in Boston.

Her husband is a 1996 graduate of Deering High School in Portland, Maine and a 2000 graduate of Fairfield University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in Mathematics. He currently works for Eaton Vance, a wealth management firm in Boston.

A reception was held at the State Room in Boston.

After a wedding trip to Paradise Island in the Bahamas, the couple currently resides in Boston's North End.

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Video maven

Cohasset woman directs music videos

By Nancy White
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The making of music videos was typically confined to sound stages in Los Angeles or the like but that may be changing. Music video production has made its way into cities and suburbs across the country — including Cohasset.

Contests that seek out amateur video directors to produce a music video have become more and more popular.

"It's a new phenomenon in rock bands," says Cohasset resident Derry Schwantner, who says a couple of country music artists have done it as well, "it's really a marketing ploy to get fans involved in the band."

But Schwantner isn't complaining. She has filmed three music videos for contests put on by internationally known bands. She was a finalist in two of those contests and the third has yet to announce a winner. Schwantner won a trip to LA and then to London for her entries — and got to meet some of the biggest names in rock music today.

Schwantner, a self-proclaimed huge rock music fan, made her first video in January to the band Incubus's song "Dig." While many of the entries has storylines centered on boyfriend and girlfriend characters, her video was about friendship.

She recruited her 13-year-old daughter and her friends to appear in the video. Enthusiastic actresses, a scenic location at Egypt Beach in Scituate and a unique take on the song propelled her to be one of the five finalists out of more than 100 entries.

She got the call that she was a finalist in the middle of February; she had just finished the video at the end of January. She was flown to LA for three days where she met the members of Incubus and "did lunch" with their manager, Steve Rennie. The video was shown on MTV as fans were asked to vote which video they liked best.

After that she had "the bug" as it goes in show business and wanted another opportunity to try her hand at music video direction. As fate would have it, "completely by accident" she says she stumbled upon another contest. The band Buckcherry, her "absolute favorite band in the world," announced that they too were having a fan video contest for their latest single, "Everything."

Schwantner concocted a storyline about an obsessive Buckcherry fan who is on a quest to get a back tattoo that mirrors the one on lead singer Josh Todd's back. The video stars Cohasset residents Caitlin Sanchez and Chip Bolster and features the Teen Center and train tracks. She filmed and edited the video the first weekend in March. By the middle of that same month she was notified that she was the winner of the contest. Within two days she was flown to London where she saw Buckcherry in concert and met them backstage.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Derry Schwantner poses with Brandon Boyd, the lead singer of Incubus, for a post-concert picture in LA. Schwantner directed a music video for Incubus's song "Dig" and entered it into their video contest. As one of five finalists in the competition, she was flown to LA to meet the band.

"I did it for the challenge, but meeting the bands was a huge perk," Schwantner says with a smile.

Most recently she directed a video for the Red Hot Chili Peppers and their song "Charlie." Much of the music video was filmed on the Town Common and involved more than 40 Cohasset residents.

"The town is so great, so many people want to be a part of it," she says. She recruited several sets of Cohasset identical twins, including a pair of pugs, to be in the video.

Schwantner explained this video proved to be more of a challenge because she found it difficult to connect with the song. A member of the band indicated in an interview that the song was about imagination. Schwantner ran with that idea. The main character, "Charles," played by Charles Miller, lives a ho-hum life but in his dreams he transforms into famous Charlies: Charlie Brown, Charlie (of the Chocolate Factory) and Charlie Chaplin, to name a few.

This contest has garnered more than 400 entries, some from professional videographers. The large prize seems to have driven the high number of entries and attracted more professionals, Schwantner says. The prize is $5000 cash; a trip to Paris to meet the band and the winner's video will be the band's official video for the song.

"It's by far the biggest prize I've seen," Schwantner says. The winner has yet to be announced.

Schwantner got interested in making videos through her oldest son — "he's been making videos since the third grade." Now 19 years old, he attends film school and serves as her "long distance consultant" during music video production.

"I try not to take too much time out of my life," explains Schwantner who also is the technology teacher at the Osgood School. She sets aside one weekend to do both the filming and editing of the video, "because it could take over your life."

The editing process can be tedious and each minute of the end product is a result of hours of labor at the computer, she says. She uses her Mac and the program Final Cut Pro to edit the videos — the same program used by shows like "24."

"I like to come up with the idea and do the editing," she explains that being behind the camera isn't her favorite part of the process. However, she enjoys being able to take a project from conception to completion.

On the side, she has created other videos for weddings, anniversaries and local organizations. Annually she creates a "video yearbook" for Osgood that features the kids and different events throughout the year.

"My growth [in learning video production] has been based on what people needed," and asked her to do. She has learned different techniques and programs over the years to enhance the videos.

She doesn't know what will be her next project, but she's sure there will be another.

"Nothing beats making a music video," says Schwantner, "it's been the most creatively fulfilling experience."

All three of Schwantner's music videos can be viewed on You Tube. visit http://www.youtube.com/tekkteech



On the set of her latest music video, Derry Schwantner describes how she directed her cast during the filming of the video. Her video for the Red Hot Chili Peppers' song "Charlie" included over 40 Cohasset residents and featured the Town Common throughout.



Derry Schwantner reviews the last take of her music video. She filmed her latest video largely on the Town Common. Actor Charles Miller takes his place before the next shot.

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This show is a terrific collaboration between Inly students, faculty, parents, and alumni as well as local professional actors, directors, costume designers, and production people. Inly students in grades 3 through 8 will play the parts of John, Michael, Lost Boys, Indians, and Nana/Crocodile. Professional adult actors, as well as Inly parents, staff, and alumni, will fill in the main cast.

The Meehan Family Artsbarn will be transformed into Neverland midway through the play and then back again to the Darling bedroom in four magical shows. The Flying By Foy company from Broadway will fly Peter, Wendy, John, and Michael through the air, and pirates will duel from the deck of a huge pirate ship. The seating will be arranged so the action will be in, around, and through the audience.

Tinkerbell wings, eye-patches and goodies galore Theatergoers are encouraged to join in the fun and come to the performances in theme-related costume. During intermission, small costume pieces, along with general concession items, will be available for sale.

The performances will take place in the Meehan Family Artsbarn on the Inly School campus (46 Watch Hill Drive, off Rte. 123 in Scituate) at the following times: Friday, May 4 at 7p.m.; Saturday, May 5 at 2and 7p.m.; and Sunday, May 6 at 2p.m. Tickets in the main seating area are $25; for information on special front-row seats, plus the opening reception, please see www.inlyschool.org/news/ . To purchase tickets, call 781-741-5533. All shows are expected to sell out, so be sure to call in advance.



Cohasset residents in Peter Pan rehearse to get ready for the shows. Front: "Lost Boys" Adam Game, Lucy Knox, Tucker Meehan, and Max Marsden. Back: Phoebe Knox (Indian), John Lengyel (Pirate), Sally Meehan (Wendy), and Rob Bishop (Smee). Missing: Pirate dads David Game, Sam Knox, and Paul Antico. Behind the scenes: Liz Knox and Paul Park work the ropes and rigging with Broadway's "Flying By Foy" stage company to fly Wendy, Peter and friends through the air. Sally Meehan, Inly alum ('04) and currently a Junior at Cohasset High School, stars as Wendy in the upcoming production of Peter Pan at Inly School.

Field of Honor Veterans flag display

The Operation Salute truck will deliver flags and display components to 98 Summer St., Saturday, May 12. Mike's Guardian Angel Foundation will provide the freight service

A total of 380 American flags will fly on the Field of Honor in Cohasset Saturday, May 20 to Wednesday, May 30, which will include Memorial Day weekend. The Sons of the American Legion Squadron 118 and area businesses are sponsoring this patriotic community event. The dramatic display of eight-foot tall poles and three by five foot American flags placed in perfect rows and columns will honor all Veterans currently serving, those who have served and those men and woman that have made the supreme sacrifice for security and freedom.

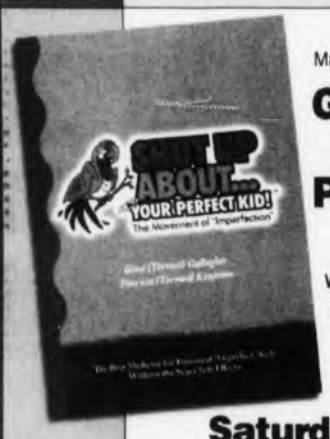
Volunteers with the host committee registered the event with the National Colonial Flag Foundation, administrators of the Healing Field and Field of Honor non-profit community program/fundraisers and have been working on the planning and fundraising process for several months.

The Operation Salute truck will deliver flags and display components to 98 Summer St., Saturday, May 12. Mike's Guardian Angel Foundation will provide the freight service. The truck and trailer are adorned with patriotic murals, sayings, and words of support for our nation and its heroes. There will also be a dedication and wreath laying ceremony Saturday, May 26, at 2 p.m.

Individuals can own a flag from the event for a $20 donation. Sponsor it, own it, take it home and continue the tribute. This event will benefit the local squadrons Veterans projects. The Field of Honor is open to the public and will be located at the intersection of Summer and Border streets.

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Smart comedy

Dave Ingber keeps audiences laughing

Starts 'Stand Up' club at Harvard

By Nancy White
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Harvard students are smart, that's an indisputable fact — but are they funny enough to make an entire room full of people laugh at a single time?

David Ingber says yes. The Cohasset resident and Harvard senior is co-founder of the Harvard Comics Stand-Up Society (HCSUCS), a group of students who put on regular shows of various stand-up routines. This weekend in Cambridge, the Stand-Up Comics Society will take part in one of the nation's largest student performing arts festival — Arts First.

"We recently started gaining some notoriety on campus this year," Ingber says with a laugh. His group has been doing informal shows in dorms around campus for the last two years. In January, they completed the process of becoming an official Harvard club. With that esteemed title the group earned a slot in the Arts First festival along with the ability to reserve performance space and advertise to incoming freshman.

"Performing at Arts First is one of the great benefits of becoming an official club," says Ingber, although this will not be his first time appearing at Arts First. In previous years as a member of the all male a cappella group, the Din and Tonics, he sang in the festival.

Arts First was initiated by Harvard grad and actor John Lithgow in 1991. Last year, the festival featured over 200 concerts, theatricals, dance productions, and exhibitions of visual, multi-media and public art. All displays are by Harvard students and faculty — from classical music to video arts.

"It's really amazing how many performances and art installations there are," says Ingber, "it's unbelievable."

Together with Harvard junior, Harrison Greenbaum, Ingber started the club because there was no outlet on campus for this specific skill and talent. Their idea has caught on and other Boston area schools, like Tufts University, are starting their own clubs.

Right now, HCSUCS has about 10 stand-up comics who regularly perform, and four or five of the most experienced performers will tote out their best five minutes of material for the Arts First performance. The stand-up comics will deliver their comedy routines "rapid fire" to optimize their 20-minute time slot. HCSUCS is slated to begin their performance at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 5 at Cambridge Queen's Head.

"It's going to be a completely new crowd for us," explains Ingber who is used to making his peers at Harvard laugh. Now, he has to appeal to a slightly older audience removed from a campus lifestyle. He says many alumni and area residents come out to the event. Organizers are expecting around 15,000 people to attend the festival, which began yesterday, May 3 and continues until Sunday, May 6.



Cohasset resident David Ingber offers his material to a Tufts University audience recently. The Harvard Comics Stand-Up Society has gained notoriety on the Harvard campus and off in the last few months.

"Plenty of our material is Harvard-centric; the first rule of comedy is to make sure you know your audience," he says, "but that doesn't mean we aren't thrilled about performing for people with a totally different frame of reference."

Ingber says much of his inspiration comes from the silliness in everyday life. Ingber has material that points out the absurdity of the annual Harvard versus Yale football game.

"It's like determining the playmate of the year with a philosophy test," he jokes.

The club holds workshops where the comics can preview their material to see if it will fly in front of an audience. They determine if a joke works, but just needs a little tweaking or if it just falls flat.

"I look back on the last few years and I'm happy with the way it turned out," says Ingber, who only wished he had begun the Stand-Up group earlier in his collegiate years.

"Hopefully it will be a good legacy to leave behind."

The 2003 Cohasset High School graduate is aiming to take New York — and show business — by storm this summer when he heads to the Big Apple to try to his talents out in comedy, acting and writing.

"Hopefully a billionaire will show up at Arts First weekend and say 'hey David, you are very funny, here's several million dollars so that you can pursue a career in this without having to worry about paying bills.' This type of thing is very rare. It has only happened to me twice."

Of course, he's kidding.

Ingber is an English concentrator who has been involved in performing throughout his Harvard career. In addition to the Din and Tonics, he has acted in the annual Hasty Pudding Show and performed in various campus plays and musicals.

He's looking forward to coming home to Cohasset after graduation and spending part of the summer in his hometown — before "starting his adult life," he says.

For a complete schedule of Arts First events, visit www.fas.harvard.edu/arts or call 617.495.8676. Most events are open to the public and free.



David Ingber, far right, performs with the Harvard all male a cappella group the Din and Tonics. A performer by nature, Ingber co-founded the Harvard Comics Stand-Up Society to hone his comedic skills. He, along with other Harvard comics, will perform this weekend at the Arts First festival in Cambridge.

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'He knew everyone in town'

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benefit of the recreation programs.

"Every summer cookout, every Easter egg hunt he was there volunteering his time," says Recreation Commission member Ted Carroll.

Both Worley and Carroll recall Barrows' meetings as informal enough to encourage discussion but strictly by the book. They both say that he had "Robert's Rules of Order," the book of guidelines on how to run a meeting, memorized.

"He always fought in the best interests of residents and the kids, he never had a personal agenda," says Carroll. "Thirty-three years on the Recreation board constitutes legend status."

A lover of town politics, Barrows was also a member of the Hagerty Committee and the Government Island Committee during this lifetime.

Before ever running for Recreation Commission, Barrows was sergeant on the Cohasset Police and a veteran of World War II.

Barrows joined the Navy after graduating from Cohasset High School and was sent to the Pacific ring for duty during World War II. He was stationed on the USS Missouri when the Japanese surrendered. When he returned from the war, he became a police officer in Cohasset.



FILE PHOTO

A clown brings balloons to then Sgt. Richard Barrows at the police department. The occasion was Barrows' 60th birthday.

"He was always proud of his military service," says Former Police Chief Brian Noonan who worked with Barrows for 16 years on the Cohasset Police force. When Noonan first started he and Barrows patrolled during the midnight shift.

"He had already done half his career by the time I got on there," says Noonan. Barrows and Noonan were sergeants in the Police Department until Barrows retired in 1990 after 40 years.

"He was an honest but tough cop. He never swayed from doing the right thing," Noonan attests. He explained Barrows had an affinity for kids and at every chance he got he tried to point them in the right direction. He would give kids the benefit of the doubt, often giving them first and sometimes second chances, Noonan says.

Noonan remembers a story told to him years after it happened, but he says it speaks to the kind of man Barrows was.

When Barrows was still a young cop, he came to the aid of a Cohasset resident that had been accidentally shot while hunting in Maine. Bill Mason, a banker, found himself in a Maine hospital in serious condition and not receiving the kind of medical care he could get at a Boston hospital.

Barrows and another officer drove up to Maine in an ambulance and brought Mason back to better care — and proximity to his family and hometown.

"They picked him up on his own time," says Noonan, "he was an honorable man."

Barrows leaves his four children and nine grandchildren, all of whom live in Cohasset.

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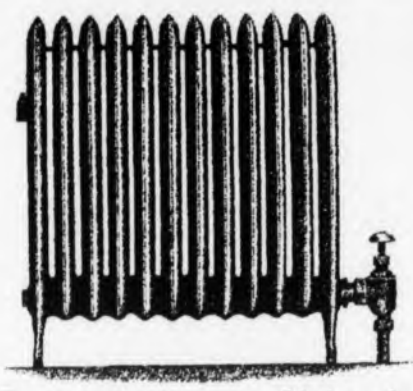
Dickie was an avid outdoorsman, veteran of World War II, father, and eventually grandfather. Dick was Chairman of the Recreation Commission for 32 years and a Cohasset Police Officer for well over 40 years. Dick knew as much about Cohasset and the good people of Cohasset than anyone else I have ever known. Dick has given to Cohasset and the Recreation Commission up until his final days.

It is with out deepest sympathy to his family and all of Cohasset that the passing of Chairman Richard P. Barrow must be noted.

As your advocate, your best interests came first and foremost with Dick. He served his country and community with unbounded energy and integrity throughout his adult life.

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Glastonbury Abbey to host plant sale

A plant sale will take place 8:30 a.m. to noon, on Saturday, May 12, at Glastonbury Abbey. A large selection of plants will be available for sale on the grounds of the Abbey, 16 Hull St., Route 228, Hingham. Perennials, herbs, groundcover, ornamental grasses, small bushes, fruit and vegetable plants will be for sale.

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- Any Attorneys and/or Financial Advisors in attendance will be charged a fee of $1,000.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Beware of identity theft

Anyone of any age or income can be the target of identity thieves.

A senior citizen on Social Security and a bank vice president are both just as attractive to hungry hi-tech con artists.

Today's scammers are shrewd, using stolen credit card information, the Internet, and computer technology to cheat their victims.

"You need to be stingy about giving your personal financial information," South Shore Cooperative Bank Vice-President Susan Setterland told a recent gathering.

Identity theft is filching someone's personal information, such as a Social Security number or credit card number, to steal the person's money.

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In fact, on average one or two Cohasset residents report some kind of identity theft that results in credit card fraud to the police every week.

An identity thief in Florida got hold of Setterland's Mastercard number two years ago and charged several hundred dollars worth of goods.

An identity thief operating out of Minnesota took the editor's Mastercard number and charged $1400 worth of items over a 48-hour period.

Police said just this past week a Cohasset resident believes $16,000 in fraudulent charges were made to his credit card account. Another resident discovered someone had tried to obtain a copy of his credit report.

According to the FTC, skilled identity thieves may use a variety of methods to get hold of your information, including:

Dumpster Diving. They rummage through trash looking for bills or other paper with your personal information on it.

Skimming. They steal credit/debit card numbers by using a special storage device when processing your card.

Phishing. They pretend to be financial institutions or companies and send spam or pop-up messages to get you to reveal your personal information.

Changing Your Address. They divert your billing statements to another location by completing a change of address form.

Old-Fashioned Stealing. They steal wallets and purses; mail, including bank and credit card statements; pre-approved credit offers; and new checks or tax information. They steal personnel records, or bribe employees who have access.

Pretexting. They use false pretenses to obtain your personal information from financial institutions, telephone companies, and other sources.

People should regularly review their financial records and report discrepancies to their bank or credit card company.

For more about identity theft and what you can do about it, visit www.ftc.gov

Stay 'tooned

Cartoonist Jim Hamilton will be back next week.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Board of Health, May 23, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, May 17 at 7 p.m.

Elder Affairs, May 14, 9a .m. at 3 N. Main St.

Harbor Committee, May 8, 7 p.m.

Harbor Health Committee, May 8, 7:30p.m.

Historical Commission, May 9, 7:30 p.m.

Library Trustees, May 9, 7 p.m. at the library.

Osgood School Council, May 7, 3:30 p.m. at Osgood.

Planning Board, May 7, 7 p.m. at Selectmen's meeting; May 9, 7p.m.

School Committee, May 7, 6:30 p.m. at the high school.

Selectmen, May 7, 7p.m.

Sewer Commission, May 21 6 p.m.

Stormwater Committee, May 7 & 21, 7 p.m.

Water Commission, May10 and May 15, 6 p.m., King St. plant.

Zoning Board of Appeals, May 8 and June 6, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Census forms need to be returned.

Spring into a healthy lawn

COMMENTARY

SANDRA DURANT

It seems that everywhere we turn, we are reminded that our environment is at a critical juncture. The question is how we can easily incorporate ecologically responsible living into our lifestyle. One simple answer is in choosing organic fertilizers over synthetic ones. Think about this: the natural gas used to create about 200 bags of synthetic fertilizer could heat the average home for a year. When we consider the fact that the aggregate American lawn is approximately 30 million acres of homeowner turf, we realize what an enormous impact the simple switch to organic fertilizers would have on the environment. Another fact: a gasoline-powered lawnmower can produce, in one hour, as much pollution as a car driven for 350 miles. Simply following the good healthy lawn practice of setting your mower blade to cut at 3 inches saves gasoline by reducing the need to mow as often.

So for those of us who are ready to take a few more simple but important steps, here is an updated reprint of last fall's popular healthy lawn article with new sources for fertilizers, soil additives, and weed control. Please remember to call ahead for availability of products listed in the resource section below. The best and most popular products can disappear quickly. Now that landscapers have discovered them, these products are purchased by the pallet load.

Top dressing — Most importantly, create a healthy environment and bring back the life: test your soil, balance its acidity, and add nutrient rich topsoil by top dressing and raking in an inch of balanced, nutritious compost each spring and fall. Use organic, slow-release, water-insoluble fertilizers that can be broken down and naturally fed to grass plants. Reintroduce Nematodes, microscopic worm-like animals that cause disease in insects, particularly white grubs, sod webworms, and chinch bugs. In cool weather, spring and fall, add grass seed mixes that naturally crowd out unwanted weeds and don't need endless watering. To speed up the soil building process, you may want to add microbial inoculants or additives, "good" bacteria and fungi that support beneficial microbes and earthworms.

Mowing — When you mow, set your blade height at 3 inches as taller grass will crowd out weeds, shade its own roots and better withstand drought conditions. Leave the lawn clippings as they return nutrients to the soil. Clippings do not create thatch buildup unless you over-water causing clippings to rot instead of breaking down naturally. In the fall, mowing leaves with mulching blades and leaving the chopped leaves on the lawn will cut fertilizer need by 50 percent.

Watering —You can water less if you water more deeply and in the early morning. Depending on rainfall, healthy lawns need 1 to 1 1/2 inches, collected water under the sprinkler, of overhead watering once a week if there has not been an inch of rain within the past seven days.

Fertilizer — If you want to give your lawn an extra boost of fertilizer in the spring and fall, choose a low nitrogen organic fertilizer with an NPK (nitrogen-phosphorous-potassium) ratio of approximately 3-1-2. Never use more than one pound per 1,000 square feet.

Grass plants — For a truly carefree lawn, plant a superior variety of hard fescue (Festuca longifolia) such as Nordic, Discovery or Oxford, which are bred from grass plants that survive without pampering. It is recommended that you mix fescues with perennial rye grass (avoid annual rye grass) and Dutch white clover and some bluegrass seeds for superior vigor, as well as insect and drought resistance. These mixtures are readily available. For the first few years, re-seed annually. Cost? Seeds of premium species and cultivars are worth the extra cost as bargain seed mixes are often adulterated with weed seed.

Weeding — Digging out weeds is best, but remember to fill the hole you have created with some compost (if the area is large) and grass seed. Keep moist until grass sprouts. Weeds will return only if their seeds are the only ones available to fill empty areas. For spot weed control, use vinegar or a citrus-oil-based herbicide and for larger areas use an organic corn-gluten product that prevents weed seeds from germinating.

Compost caution — Now, a few words of caution. Compost is turning into a big and, as yet, unregulated business. Unfortunately, there are companies processing waste into compost without regard for what pathogens, microelements and major elements might be carried into the material. Such compost can be full of the pathogen e.coli, contain too much nitrogen that helps pathogens increase rapidly or have high levels of microelements like lead and cadmium. It is best to know where the compost came from and what's in it if at all possible.

Lead zone — And remember, here in New England there is a lead zone around all older homes and buildings. Small pieces of paint containing lead land in the soil from deterioration and when old paint is scraped away. Never plant edible food within the 10 to 15 foot "lead zone" of a building. If you live in an older home and want herbs beside your doorstep, plant them in containers.

Now for some excellent resources:

Web sites:

• North and South River Watershed Association, NSRWA at Greenscapes.org. Their Greenscapes program has excellent information on creating beautiful low-maintenance lawns that protect our environment while saving time and money. They also offer a free workshop series for citizens of Cohasset. For information, call 781-659-8168.

• Grass Roots Healthy Lawn Program at ghlp.org. This is an excellent Web site that covers everything you need to know concisely and easily. It also has a great deal of information on children and pets, and their environmental exposure to chemicals. A must for parents.

• American Public Information on the Environment (American PIE) at americanpie .com. This site is a good educational resource on toxins in the environment and alternative solutions. They also have an environmental help line delivered in a neighbor-to-neighbor style. Call 800-320-2743 for information.

Books:

• "Soil Biology Primer" by Elaine R. Ingham, et al. This book offers a good introduction with close-up photographs of fungi, amoebas, tiger beetles and other inhabitants of the soil. Cost is $13 plus $5 shipping, at swcs.org or 800-843-7645, ext. 10.

• The Organic Lawn Care Manual by Paul Tukey, This book provides sound advice with more than 150 photographs and nearly 300 pages. It is an extensive guide to natural lawn care. Cost is $19.95 plus $5.00 shipping. Visit safelawns.org for information.

Compost:

• Greenleaf Composting 179 Boylston St., Jamaica Plain MA 02130, 617-522-4477. They will deliver or you can bring a bucket.

• The Vermont Composting Co., in Montpelier, makes organic compost from cow, horse and hen manure, as well as from leaves, straw, dairy waste and other sources. Though primarily wholesale, it also sells to individuals at slightly higher prices. Web site: vermont-compost.com or call 802-223-6049.

• Kennebunk Blend Ultra-light Compost produced by Coast of Maine is a dry, finely textured compost with the look of dark brown coffee grounds. It weighs half as much as regular (moist) compost. Made from composted hen manure, it's easy to apply lawn and garden top-dressing. Available at The Bloomin' Place in Scituate. Web site at coastofmaine.com.

Soil Test:

• UMass-Amherst Extension site has downloadable forms to submit your sample. Request the test that includes organic matter content at $13 per sample. It will tell you exactly what your soil needs – and doesn't need – to support a healthy lawn. Web site at umass.edu/plsoils/soiltest.

• The Woods End Research Laboratory in Mount Vernon, Maine, offers Solvita Soil Life Test Kit for gardeners interested in monitoring the microbial activity in their mulch, compost or soil. It is $75 for the 12-test kit; a trial kit with two tests is $15. Web site at woodsend.org or call 207-293-2457.

Nematodes:

• Gardens Alive! sells nematodes for $17.95 for a package of 5 million. Web site at gardensalive.com or call 513-354-1482. Nematodes go after borers, grubs, cutworms, flea larvae and other pests in the soil. Gardens Alive has an extensive selection of organic insect, weed and disease control products.

Soil additives:

• Alive! Soil Activator is a combination of beneficial microbes and naturally derived nutrients ideal for re-establishing soil biodiversity and jump-starting poor soil. $9.95 per lb. (covers 300 sq. ft.), 3+ @$7.95 each. Web site at gardensalive.com.

• Coast of Maine's Mohegan Blend Black Earth is an exceptionally rich blend of naturally composted barks and fine sand. The result is a light, easy-to-use, all-purpose organic soil that is ideal for top dressing lawns or as a general-purpose soil amendment. Available at The Bloomin' Place in Scituate. Web site at coastofmaine.com.

Fertilizers/Mulches:

Johnny's Selected Seeds, in Winslow, Maine, offers fertilizers made of fish emulsion and seaweed. Seacom-PGR is concentrated seaweed that provides micro-nutrients and hormones that stimulate growth and improve disease resistance. Visit the Web site at johnnyseeds .com or call 800-879-2258.

Gardens Alive! Has an excellent range of all-natural and environmentally benign fertilizers that contain quick-release nutrients that promote a greener lawn within 10 to 14 days as well as ingredients that release nutrients gradually throughout the season. Visit the Web site at gardensalive.com.

Coast of Maine produces an excellent range of organically certified fertilizers as well as enriching, composting and naturally dark mulches. These are very reasonably priced products. Most of their products can be found at The Bloomin' Place in Scituate. You can also find them at Kennedy's Country Gardens in Scituate and Village Greenery in Cohasset. Web site at coastofmaine.com.

Fitts Mill and Family Pet and Garden in Hanover carry Safe & Simple, and Cockadoodle Doo.

Other labels to look for: California Organic Fertilizers, Earth-Gro, and North Country Organics

Weed Control:

Pre-emergent suppressors prevent new weeds from sprouting. Try Cockadoodle Doo's Organic Weed Control. A by-product of milled corn, it's safe for children and pets and won't harm insects, soil organisms or aquatic life. Available at most garden supply centers.

Certified by the EPA, Nature's Avenger weed controller spray is a fast-acting organic, citrus-oil-based herbicide that strips away the plant's waxy cuticle, causing dehydration, which then destroys the weed. Visit naturesavenger.com for information.

Grass Seed:

A very good Fescue blend ("Cape Cod Mix" manufactured by the Massachusetts Nursery and Landscape Association)) with which to over-seed is available at First Parish Nursery Center (Scituate) and Kennedy's Country Gardens (Scituate).

Fitts Mill, also in Scituate, is a good local source for the seed discussed in this article. In addition, their pasture mix will produce excellent results and is a less complicated solution. The nice thing about Fitts Mill is that you can scoop just what you need from a bucket rather than buying a bag. If you tell them how much area you want to cover, they will tell you how much to buy.

Other sources:

North Country Organics manufactures and distributes natural fertilizers, soil amendments, grass seed mixes and environmentally compatible pest controls. Visit norganics.com for information on products and where they are sold locally.

Northeast Organic Farming Association sponsors a bulk order of organic materials and supplies every January. Members order in sizes from 5 to 50 pounds. Regional pickup centers receive goods and participating members can pick up their orders on a pre-arranged date in mid-March. This is a great, easy one-stop way to save money and get exactly what you need. Join NOFA/Mass. to take advantage of this benefit next year. Call 978-355-2853 to join or visit nofamass.org for more information.

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Paving to start once poles moved

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Spring and Pond Street happenings – Early this week the MBTA's contractor, CBB, approached us to say that they needed to close the Spring Street crossing at the skating pond for two days this week. Apparently, the tracks have not been set at the proper height and must be raised. If you were around when CBB originally adjusted the rail position, you may remember the gigantic machine that lifted the rails and tamped new ballast stone under the rails to adjust them. That machine was to have been available to CBB only for a limited time.

However, as it turned out, after preliminary arrangements for closure had been made with the safety forces and the school buses, CBB found that the machine availability had a larger window and this work could wait until Pond Street reopens. So that's why you may have seen alerting message boards at the skating pond this week but no activity.

Speaking about Pond Street, the work there continues and the site is nearly ready for final paving. One of the impediments to the final finishing of Pond Street is the presence of two utility poles that are now smack-dab in the street. Even though we became accustomed to a pole in the street at Itchy's Corner in Scituate, we guess that's not too cool here. As soon as the utility companies tend to these poles paving should get started.

Sohier Street – CBB continues to work like busy beavers at Sohier Street. We had some concerns about the width of the sidewalk being installed. But, all is well that ends well and they will be the required 4-1/2 foot minimum width.

Lower King Street – More CBB busy bees are doing lots of work here. The supports for a new traffic light at King St./N. Main St./Forest Ave. are being constructed. The accompanying photo shows a truck-mounted auger drilling a hole for the base that will support one of the new traffic lights to be installed. Shortly, the posts will be erected and the traffic lights installed. The current raised median on King Street at this intersection will be replaced by a painted median. This is so the large trucks removing material from the transfer station can navigate around the corner.



Poles are smack-dab in the roadway on Pond Street. As soon as the utility companies tend to these poles paving should get started.



A truck-mounted auger drills a hole for the base that will support one of the new traffic lights to be installed. Shortly, the posts will be erected and the traffic lights installed.

Granite edged medians will be installed at the railroad crossing as will be a sidewalk from N. Main Street to Laugelle Lane, including a new pedestrian crossing at the tracks. This sidewalk will connect with the new sidewalk, which will be constructed by the Town this fall to the Cohasset Station. The cost for this new sidewalk to the station will be paid for from our recently awarded Transportation Oriented Development grant. The new sidewalk construction project must be coordinated with several other projects along Route 3A. So the exact construction timing is not yet finalized.

Fence Design Change — For the past 2-1/2 years the towns of Cohasset and Hingham have expressed concern to the MBTA that the fencing that they intended to provide in the village area was not as robust nor as historically accurate as it needed to be. The MBTA had provided pictures of the fence they intended to install to the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE). (The reason they went to the ACOE is that they are the responsible organization to assure the design and construction integrity of the Greenbush as it passes through our historic Towns.) However, the pictures were not of good quality, and there was no description of the fence construction. It turned out that the MBTA intended to provide a commercial grade of hollow tubular steel fence with plastic caps.

Well, at the insistence of the ACOE, the MBTA this week has agreed to instruct CBB to provide solid all-steel welded fence in our village area. We believe that this material will stand the test of time substantially better that a hollow steel fence and will be a bit more historically correct.

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Apologizing for past sins

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Exactly one half of my ancestors, according to the family Bible, came from Scandinavia, which makes me a member of a society that is becoming less and less exclusive.

It's made up of people who have something to apologize for.

Now you may not think of a race of people who turn out those gorgeous blondes or whose strongest expression is "yumpin' yiminy," could do something so heinous as to require apology, and that stumped me for a while, too.

Then I stumbled on the History Channel while searching for a Shannon Tweed flick on Cinemax and learned how the Vikings, ancestors of all Scandinavians, looted and destroyed the monastery at Lindisfarne in the year 793 A.D.

Of course, after 1,214 years, it's difficult to determine who to apologize to, since the old monastery at Lindisfarne is probably a Holiday Inn or a Burger King by now. Maybe the monks at Glastonbury Abbey will accept my apology.

I bring this up because I note that the House and Senate of Alabama have just now gotten around to apologizing for slavery, joining Virginia, North Carolina, and Maryland in acknowledging that what was called the "peculiar institution" 150 years ago was wrong.

"An apology goes a long way," said Sen. Hank Sanders, who sponsored the Alabama resolution. As long as there are no preparations to go along with it.

Indeed, 2007 is becoming known as the Year of the Apology, what with the serial-apologizer Don Imus telling everyone he meets, including Al Sharpton, how sorry he is to have called the Rutgers women's basketball team "nappy-headed hos."

Sharpton himself can still become a member of the apologists club by saying he's sorry for the Tawana Brawley affair, and his fellow clergyman, Jesse Jackson, to my knowledge, has never apologized for calling New York "Hymietown."

Shinzo Abe, the prime minister of Japan, can't visit Washington without some Congressman demanding that Japan apologize for the "comfort women," the Chinese and Korean women who were forced to staff brothels for Japanese soldiers during World War II.

Congressman Mike Honda of California, who filed the resolution, has already been the recipient of a Congressional apology himself. As a boy, he was one of the Japanese-Americans who were interned in the early stages of World War II.

I was first sensitized to the coming apology boom a few years ago when I learned that the comedian Eddie Murphy felt called upon to apologize for a remark about AIDS made 15 years before when the disease had no name but was known only as "a rare pneumonia in five gay men."

"I was 21 years old and just a kid," he said. "I mentioned the possibility of AIDS being transmitted through kissing. I deeply regret any pain all this has caused."

I was so impressed by Murphy's courageous apology that I issued one of my own.

I was present in 1965 in the Men's Press Club in Toronto when someone told a Newfie joke.

Like how many Newfies does it take to screw in a light bulb?

I can't believe I allowed someone to slander a Newfoundlander like that in my presence without giving him a sound thrashing.

For that I apologized.

Sharing some motorcycle memories

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

Last weekend someone apparently came to our door wondering whether the motorcycle in the driveway was for sale. I say "apparently" because I was in the basement at the time, gluing together one of the 28 heirlooms my six-year-old had already managed to break that morning, and only heard about it from my wife later. I don't know what was more surprising, the idea that my ratty-looking '82 Honda could actually attract a prospective buyer or the fact that my wife hadn't accepted his first offer and handed him the key on the spot.

Although she spent hundreds of hours on that motorcycle during the first phase of our relationship she refused to ride once we had children, for the same reason you never put the President and the Vice President on the same motorcycle, even for the White House Christmas card. On top of that she just doesn't form sentimental attachments to things. Beloved toys, books, and pets routinely disappear from our house, triggering paranoia whenever something goes out of sight for more than a minute.

"Mom, did you throw out my math book?!"

"Of course not. It's probably on your chair under your coat."

"Oh yeah... Wait a minute. Where has my chair gone?!"

"It's behind the kitchen table, silly."

"Right, right. Sorry. I guess I haven't gotten over the time you tried to throw out the doll Grampa gave me."

"Yes, well I've been meaning to tell you, honey, Grampa hadn't worked in years and he was getting really dusty—"

"Mom!?"

As vehicles go, motorcycles have never been the safest option, but these days they look practically suicidal compared to cars and trucks jammed with enough air bags to survive a reentry from orbit. They're not as deadly as they look, but the fact is that no male under the age of 25 should go near a motorcycle. Until your testosterone levels fall into a measurable range and you've spent a good eight years witnessing the truly insane things people do on the road, you'd be wise to drive an Abrams Tank. Even simple bad luck with a motorcycle can turn a close call into a disaster. Late one night years ago I drove my car at 65 mph right over the separated tread from a huge truck tire. It whooshed under the car before I had time to even flinch, and I couldn't help thinking that had I been on two wheels instead of four, things would have gone very badly.

In my mid-20s I knew I couldn't wait any longer though. I had lusted after my cousin's minibike when I was 10 and the cravings had only gotten worse over time. So I paid $150 for an old motorcycle that wasn't even running, and pushed it for several miles to my rented cabin. I'd never had a proper appreciation for the gasoline engine until I pushed that 500-lb. motorcycle a quarter mile up an inclined dirt road, leaving a visible trail of sweat. But by the time I set it on its stand in front of my cabin I had bonded with that thing. A month later I had brought it back from the dead and the two of us were inseparable.

Why do some people love machines while others feel ambivalent toward them? I'm not sure, but I have a theory that some people need to be in love with something at all times, whether it has a heartbeat or not. I had recently been placed on permanent involuntary leave from a close human relationship when I met my first motorcycle, so it's no surprise that the act of fixing and maintaining this machine took on extra meaning. It was as much fun to ride as I had always dreamed, too — like flying a small airplane at three feet of altitude — and I learned for the first time what a joy just driving around for hours could be. A motorcycle even makes the daily commute something you look forward to, especially in California where it's legal to zip between the lanes of stalled traffic like a hot knife through butter.

A motorcycle sips gas while accelerating from zero to 60 in four seconds, making it the perfect ride for really cheap thrill-seekers like me. I miss my favorite passenger, though. Early one Saturday morning long ago we drove from San Francisco to Death Valley, touched the parched ground with our feet, and drove all the way back in time to get her to work Sunday evening. It was bliss, flying three feet above the road with her arms tight around me — a 900-mile hug. I want that weekend back some day. So for now I faithfully change the oil, keep the tires firm, lovingly tune the engine, and break the occasional heart with my "Not For Sale" sign.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset. Every morning he whispers "Zoom Zoom" to his wife, but for 12 years now all it's gotten him is nookie.

HEALTH NOTES

Earth Day and thoughts on volunteerism

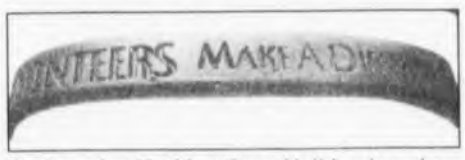
By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

For better or not, Earth day is over. The improbable 28 foot CO2 cube has disappeared from the Common and those who were inclined, picked up whatever trash they happened to see. It wasn't the event we saw last year. And, perhaps that's OK. Neatness and order can sometimes be a minor consideration amidst the chaos, which is manifest in our complicated world.

And, to some extent, cleanup is different from conservation and recycling — which is definitely a health matter — on both a large scale and small. A system of disposal, organizing and useful purpose for our discarded goods is at once a health matter and one of global concern. Somehow the use of an edible product, corn, to create an industry to help fuel our SUV's with ethanol when millions worldwide are facing starvation seems to be incongruous. Surely, to burn products in incinerators because their paint has lost its gloss, when those products could be gladly utilized in a less affluent society seems like a waste. Even more egregious and definitely a health matter is the improper disposal of dangerous substances such as mercury from fluorescent light bulbs and rechargeable batteries into our landfills and incinerators. The former is clearly a matter of economics, which seems to have a way of sorting things out. The latter is heedless and harmful tampering with the lives of future generations, which will have to find ways to lessen the effects of carelessly disposed toxics in our environment.

But perhaps, the most important element of the Earth Day story is what it says about volunteering. There weren't many people gathered about for the erection of the cube. It was *who* they were. Certainly the group at the Common last Sunday represented the backbone of those in Cohasset who facilitate and coordinate our large, widespread and efficient volunteer organizations, both formal and informal. In addition to the kids in their hard hats erecting the cube, there were maybe 30 people who gathered to observe, swap experiences and discuss their projects with others of like minds. There were teachers, nurses, administrators, board members of practically every volunteer group in town. It's hard to quantify the number of volunteers in Cohasset. One valued coordinator of volunteers recently moved into town, comparing her experience with that of the city she left, said she's had more volunteers at single meetings in Cohasset than the entire list of volunteers in the city she came from.

The Corporation for National and Community Service report, "*Volunteering in America: 2007 State Trends and Rankings in Civic Life*," www.nationalservice.gov provides a national, regional and state analysis of volunteering trends. The report, based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Current Population Survey, gives a detailed breakdown of America's volunteering demographics, habits and patterns by state and region. From this report we find that about a two-fifths of the population does some volunteer work. Massachusetts is near the middle of the ranking. Also, 89 percent of households give an average annual contribution for charities and other voluntary giving of $1,620. Forty-four percent of adults or 83.9 million American adults volunteer, representing the equivalent of over 9 million full-time employees at a value of $239 billion. About a quarter of Massachusetts college students volunteer as compared to Utah, the highest, with 55 percent. Massachusetts seems to have about average volunteer giving and civic responsibility (voting, attending public meetings, etc.)



The Board of Health at Town Hall has bracelets for volunteers.

About 10major volunteer organizations exist in Cohasset exclusive of churches, of which we have nine. Each organization has lists of volunteers. There is surely overlap and many volunteers are on several coordinators' lists. But Cohasset's 2600 odd households, with an average of slightly less than an three people each, probably supply 1,000 volunteers and about 150 public servants (those elected or appointed without pay). This number slightly exceeds the national average, but it seems to me that more than half of the people I meet are contributing their time to some endeavor for the Town. And the Town shows it; it's a pretty good place – thanks to its volunteers. So, if you're a volunteer, come by the BoH and pick up a bracelet.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Flibotte, Slanetz discuss School Committee

Join Our Town this week when the show focuses on the recent School Committee election, its new team and what lies ahead for the committee and Cohasset schools.

Newly elected School Committee member Lucia Flibotte sits down with co-hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin in the first segment to discuss her goals for her new term in office.

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Lt. Gov. Tim Murray gives the keynote address at Law Day while Judge Patrick Hurley looks on. Murray said American citizens do not do enough to be proud of their justice system.

Law Day focuses on juvenile justice

By Mary Ford
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The juvenile justice system could not have had better critics this year: kids themselves.

For Law Day — which is on May 1st — eighth graders from participating schools wrote essays on a 40-year-old case that wended its way to the Supreme Court. This year's theme for Law Day, which is celebrated in courthouses across the country, was "Liberty Under Law: Empowering Youth, Assuring Democracy."

The students who submitted essays to the Law Day contest researched the Gerald Francis Gault case that helped ensure that juveniles have rights when they find themselves facing criminal proceedings.

The issue, while complex, was ably tackled by eighth-graders from St. Paul School in Hingham and the Holy Family School in Rockland. The winners read their essays at Hingham District Court Tuesday before a courtroom audience packed with family, friends and a host of officials including, Lt. Gov. Tim Murray, and several judges.

The event would be enough to rattle the most confident speaker. But the first-, second- and third-place essay winners were prepared and read their well-researched papers with tremendous poise.

"Forty years have passed since the birth of American's modern youth justice system and as we reflect on this, the 'In Re Gault' case from 1967 serves as an example of choices and the history that resulted from them," read Emily Vitali of Rockland, whose essay won first place.

Emily explained that Gerald Gault, then 15, and his friend made "bad choices when they made prank phone calls to a woman."

The woman reported the calls to the police and Gerald found himself in a reform school. His parents were not notified of his arrest. The prosecution violated Gerald's other rights and ultimately the Supreme Court ruled that juveniles were entitled to due process.

Second-place winner, Andrew White, who is also a student at Holy Family, stated in his essay, "what was more horrifying was that until the Supreme Court overturned the decision, juveniles were denied due process."

In her essay, third-place winner Kate French of St. Paul School, stated "Gault was given a punishment worse than that which an adult would have been given."

And Ciara McManus, who tied for third place with classmate Kate, wrote, "I hope that this paper will influence others' opinions on crime and punishment in our state. Law Day is a great way for us to speak about the justice system's strengths and ways we can improve it.

"Hopefully we can make a difference in our country because of this."

Fifth-graders from participating schools entered the poster contest whose theme was to select a challenge facing young people and create a poster depicting this challenge.

First-place winner Caitlin Sugrue of the Esten School in Rockland, chose bullying for her poster.

"Big kids are bullying small kids, white kids are bullying African-American kids, African-American kids are bullying white kids.

"Kids usually bully those who are smaller, weaker and defenseless," Caitlin said when presenting her poster.

She illustrated the problem, the crossover to the solution, and the new beginnings where "everyone is giving each other compliments and getting along with one another."

Winners each received US Savings Bonds ranging from $50 to $500.

This year's Law Day was co-chaired by attorneys Heather Bradley and Scott Peterson. They took over the reins from Mary Amhrein, now a judge, who served as the chairman for 12 years. Amhrein, a Hingham resident, received the Liberty Bell Award during this year's celebration in recognition of her efforts.

"We are very grateful to Judge Amhrein for her guidance this year as we have tried to carry on this tradition," Bradley said. "As you can see it takes two of us to do what she did alone."

Lt. Gov. Murray told a story about when he was a student at St. John's High School and his government teacher asked the class where they had seen the words "Obedience to law is liberty." No one could answer.

As it turned out the words were etched in granite above the courthouse columns – the same courthouse the students passed every day on their way to school. "We talked about what those words mean," he recalled.

Murray said no other justice system in the world is like America's. He said the justice system tries to find non-violent solutions to difficult problems.

"We are a nation of laws, a commonwealth of laws," the said. "And we don't do enough to be proud of it."

Hingham Middle School student Kalli Jermyn sang the National Anthem and America the Beautiful for the Law Day celebration. Hans Dietterich of the Hingham Militia read President Bush's Law Day Proclamation.



Kate French of Cohasset reads her essay in front of a standing-room only crowd at Hingham District Court.



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Eighth-grader and Cohasset resident Kate French of St. Paul School chats with Chief Justice Lynda M. Connolly following Tuesday's Law Day ceremony. Kate was awarded a $100 Savings Bond for placing third in the annual essay contest.

Justice is our collective responsibility

By Kate French

Editor's note: For the Law Day essay contest students were asked to research the United States Supreme Court case of In Re Gault and discuss one of the following: (1) Should the juvenile justice system focus on rehabilitation or punishment? (2) Should juveniles be prosecuted as adults?; or (3) Do you believe that conditions placed on juveniles by the court regarding school, work, home life are reasonable and appropriate? Kate tackled "prosecution for juveniles" in her essay.

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When 15-year-old Arizonan Gerald Gault was sentenced to six years in the state industrial school for making several inappropriate phone calls, his family protested. Gault had been denied his due rights because he was a juvenile, and yet he was given a punishment worse than that which an adult would have been given. Though youth today no longer have this problem, thanks to Gault, other complications have arisen from the ashes of the original case.

Although juveniles have been granted the same constitutional rights as adults in a court of law, many people think that youth must also be prosecuted as adults. This controversy has raged since the Supreme Court's first decision, and continues on today. Some agree, some disagree, and all maintain the belief that theirs is the right ruling. However, it really is all contingent upon the circumstances of the crime.

There are several factors that must be taken into consideration before the court makes the decision on whether or not to try a minor as an adult. First of all, the delinquent's age must also be factored in. If the juvenile is still a child, then they must be tried as a juvenile, for they could not have comprehended their crime nor the gravity of it. Second, the crime and its seriousness must be reviewed. Should the offense be minor, then it is only fair that the defendant be tried as a juvenile. If, however, the crime is a heinous act, then there are still more aspects to be viewed. The person's mental state and health must be taken into question, or else the crime may not be the complete fault of the offender.

For instance, if a person were to be mentally handicapped, they could not understand the implications and consequences of their actions, and must be judged with that in mind. Again, if the defendant had a mental sickness, then they might not have been thinking clearly at the time of the offense. Although these circumstances may not provide immunity to punishment, they can certainly allow for the youth to be granted a lighter sentence and should be taken into deliberation.

On the other hand, should an adolescent commit an atrocity with complete knowledge of their act and with total malice and contempt of law and conduct, then it would be best if that youth were prosecuted as an adult. Contrary as this may be, this decision has sound logic behind it and certain conditions as well. The offender would have to have been aware of their crime and still acted on it, despite knowing that it was against the law. Also, the defendant would have to have been lucid at the time, and not affected by the delirium of insanity, mental disability, shellshock, etc.

Obviously, there can be no real conclusion to this ongoing battle, as both sides could easily be maintained from any viewpoint. These guidelines do help ensure that the most fair and reasonable trial possible is given. The ultimate decision, however, is in the hands of the court.

The juvenile justice system itself is sound, but there are, of course, a few minor adjustments that could be made. Although the law gives minors adequate protection and rights, it is not always carried out because of prejudice, grudges, and other personal feelings. Another problem is a lack of information. Sometimes a youth is mistreated, and nothing is done simply because the victim is not aware of their rights. Even in a court of law, a youth's right can be ignored, and the accused could not object or demand their rights through sheer ignorance.

This is a dilemma that begs to be corrected.

We can rectify the situation by educating students and teaching them their rights, but the responsibility does not solely belong to the school and government systems; it is also the charge of the individual to learn about their rights and demand the fall protection of their rights. Youth can then manipulate the full extent of their constitutional rights in order to obtain justice and vindication. All in all, if our judicial system is going to perform to the highest level, it is the responsibility of both citizens and officials to see that justice is carried out.

Kate French, an eighth-grader at St. Paul School in Hingham and a Cohasset resident, won third place at Law Day at Hingham District Court on Tuesay for her essay.



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(Above) Science teacher David Ames moves one of the four support poles into place with the help of some of his students.

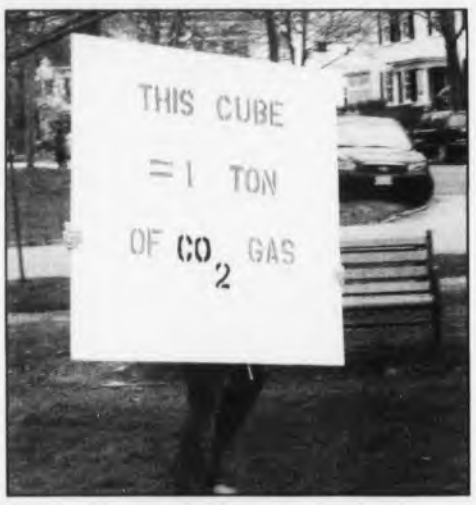
(Left) Thomson Jaffee, foreground, and Melissa Campedelli, back, carry one of the recycled tubes to be used to build the CO2 cube on Sunday.



(Above) Betsy Crawford helps carry one end of one of the support and rigging poles to the construction site.

(Right) CHS student Abby Perkinson carries a sign across the common that explains what the cube will demonstrate. The cube represents one ton of carbon dioxide, which is equivalent to the volume of CO2 emitted by one American over two days.

(Below) Bill Hayward assists Cohasset High students in unloading the school bus filled with recycled products used to build the CO2 cube that was installed on the Town Common for Earth Day on Sunday.







Yellow hardhats lay on a table in the foreground as the CO2 cube construction crew builds the structure. The cube represents one ton of carbon dioxide, which is equivalent to the volume of CO2 emitted by one American over two days.

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LIBRARY CORNER

Meet the Artist Reception is Sunday

Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information, call 781-383-1348 or visit the Web site at cohassetlibrary.org.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film "Madeinusa" at 6 p.m., on Thursday, May 17, in the Meeting Room. Free admission and refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

New Titles – Great new titles keep coming in. Try Elizabeth Berg's new book "Dream When You're Feeling Blue" or Earlene Fowler's mystery "Tumbling Blocks." Those looking for political non-fiction can try Bay Buchanan's new book "Extreme Makeover of Hilary (Rodham) Clinton." The award-winning movie "Dreamgirls" is available to check out at the library. Place a hold on these titles either through the Web site, by calling the library or stopping in.

Library Book Group – Join the group for coffee and discussion of Mary Lawson's award-winning novel "Crow Lake" at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, May 30, in the Meeting Room. All are welcome.

Artist's Reception – Artist Lenore Schneider will show her latest abstract expressionistic landscape paintings at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library from through June 30 in the Meeting Room. Meet the artist at her opening reception from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., on Sunday, May 6. Gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Wednesdays and Fridays; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Saturdays; and 2 to 5 p.m., on Sundays, through May 20.

FOR CHILDREN

May programs for children at Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Drop In Story Time – Meets at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, May 8, in the Story Room. Literature, music and movement will be featured. All ages and communities are welcome.

Story & Craft – Meets from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m., on Thursday, May 10. Story & Craft is a four-week commitment for Cohasset residents ages 3 through 6. Each week a new theme is explored through literature, songs and crafts. All sessions are full.

Drop In Story Time – Meets at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, May 15, in the Story Room. Literature, music and movement will be featured. All ages and communities are welcome.

Story & Craft – Meets from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m., on Thursday, May 17. Story & Craft is a four-week commitment for Cohasset residents ages 3 through 6. Each week a new theme is explored through literature, songs and crafts. All sessions are full.

Drop In Story Time – Meets at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, May 22, in the Story Room. Literature, music and movement will be featured. All ages and communities are welcome.

Story & Craft – Meets from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m., on Thursday, May 24. Story & Craft is a four-week commitment for Cohasset residents ages 3 through 6. Each week a new theme is explored through literature, songs and crafts. All sessions are full.

Holiday Closing – The library will be closed Monday, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day.

DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE

Clean Out Your Garage For A Good Cause – The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee calls out to Cohasset and asks for the donation of salable items for its annual yard sale to benefit the Joseph F. Walsh III Memorial Scholarship Fund. The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee has awarded the scholarship to graduating Cohasset seniors since 1978. The yard sale will be held from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 5, at 27 Hill St.

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Peer leaders help confront diversity issues

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of an open forum for diversity issues are the strengths of the program.

"By working with and interacting with their older peers, we are optimistic that the middle school students will hear important messages relative to these topics and be inspired to model the proactive behaviors demonstrated by their high school counterparts," says Middle School Assistant Principal Beth McCoy. McCoy, along with teacher Stephanie Wooley, are the program advisors.

The use of games and skits to kick off discussions keeps the kids interested and involved. Already in more than 65 middle and high schools in the New England area, the workshop based program that expands both the facilitators and students' awareness of racial, ethnic, cultural and other individual differences is off to a strong start in Cohasset.

Interested high school students had to go through an application and interview process to be a part of the program; more than 60 students applied and only 32 were accepted. Each middle school homeroom has been assigned two peer leaders who will meet with those students a total of seven times this spring. The discussions progress from getting to know each other to bullying and prejudice.

"We paired them as much as possible based on strengths and weaknesses," says McCoy, "we tried to get it so it would be a good dynamic in the classroom."

High School students and Peer Leaders Anna Roberts and Alex Goetz were placed together in an eighth-grade homeroom. They both said the training was rigorous, but a learning experience.

"It was a preview of everything we're going to do," said Roberts, "it was educational."

Trainers of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) came to the school to teach the high school students how to be a peer leader. The first two days of the training gave the students a chance to be a part of the workshop and participate in discussions and games. During the third training installment each student got a chance to present one part of the workshop — his or her first taste of being a peer leader.

"It's been getting better as we go along," said Goetz before heading off for his next meeting with the students, "once you get to know the kids it gets easier."

Forming a relationship and getting to know the middle schoolers is one of the primary goals of the program. The younger students look up to the older high school students for guidance and knowledge. Having a peer group go talk about bullying or showing them how to be more respectful of each other may resonate more because it's coming from a peer.

Goetz said one of the most memorable moments in the classroom was on the first session he and Roberts went around the classroom and asked the student to describe their experience that day in one word.

"They were all positive words," he said giving 'inspirational' as an example.

"The students have really gotten involved and got enthusiastic about it," Roberts said.

Last week's Peer Leadership session discussed biased humor and how everyone can be affected by it. The Mariner attended a classroom of eighth graders led by two sophomores: Megan Parnell and Maggie McGoldrick. The subject was introduced through a game called "Have you ever." Students were asked to stand if they had ever experienced the given question and then they switched seats with another student who was standing.

The peer leaders started with questions like "have you ever been out of the country" or "have you fallen asleep during a test." Then the questions turned to the topic of the day — biased humor. Have you ever hear a joke about people with Asian heritage? Have you ever heard a joke about blondes? Almost everyone stood up for each question that listed different heritages and social stereotypes.

The exercise, as the leaders went on to discuss with the class, show that there are jokes about all types of groups, some of which the students may belong to. Examples of biased humor on television and commercials were called out from the class, "everyone is affected by bias," Parnell said.

The game got the 20 students in the class interacting with the facilitators and each other. It opened the door for a discussion that may otherwise be awkward to work into the curriculum or normal conversation between friends.

Next, three students from the class were asked to participate in a skit. The skit depicted a girl being hurt by jokes another student was telling about her ethnicity, but she was hesitant to say something to him.

"People should try to say something, it's better to say something than let someone get hurt," said one of the students.

"Every person is different so you don't know if someone is going to be offended by a joke," said McGoldrick. The leaders explained that they need to have an awareness when they say something like a biased joke, even if they mean to be funny, it may have hurtful consequences to their listeners—even if they are just walking behind you.

The students and facilitators discussed the best ways to stand up to someone who was telling a biased joke. McGoldrick and Parnell encouraged the students to keep their comments simple and direct or to speak with the person when outside of the group. They said that your friends shouldn't be mad at you or stop being your friend over it.

"Don't stop being friends with someone just because your friends say you shouldn't—it's your relationship," added an eighth grader.

"Try not to say biased jokes and try to keep your friends from telling them," the leaders concluded from the exercise.

This session was just one in a series that will address a number of diversity-related issues.

"We are attempting to educate and open the minds of the younger students to important issues such as bullying, racism, and ostracism that often are overlooked when addressed by adults," says McCoy.

The program is in its first year at the Middle-High School and is supported through funding by the Cohasset Diversity Committee.



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Clockwise from top left, Jessie Fitts, Sally Meehan and Meg Anderson work on their agenda for a peer leadership session on the effects of biased humor.

"Every person is different so you don't know if someone is going to be offended by a joke."

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Maggie McGoldrick, left, goes over an ethnic humor skit with Kelsey Erler, Mark Dick and PJ Pergola. This was part of a peer leadership workshop at CMHS.

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Girls tennis on a tear

By Mark Goodman
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The Cohasset High girls tennis team has cleared its most significant hurdle en route to once again claiming the South Shore League title.

In Monday's highly anticipated match at league rival Norwell, the Skippers pulled out a 3-2 victory. Cohasset followed that the next day with a doubleheader sweep of Duxbury (3-2) and Mashpee (4-1) to improve to 8-0 on the season.

Against the Clippers, the match was tied at 2-all with the second singles match left to decide it. Cohasset junior Sally Meehan had cruised through the first set, 6-1, and was up 5-0 in the second when Norwell's Katherine Kelley staged an impressive comeback to force a second set tiebreaker. Kelley won it to force a third and final set.

Meehan settled back down, however, and won several close games to take the third set, 6-1.

"She loves the pressure and having a lot of people watching," said Skippers head coach Gigi Meehan. "That was a big win for her and for the team."

Cohasset's other two points came from third singles and first doubles. Freshman Maddy Altholtz dominated at third singles, winning all 12 games of her match and continuing to impress her coach in the process.

"I knew she had the physical ability to play, but what I didn't know until now was how mentally ready she is to play," Meehan said.

Senior Elizabeth Landon and sophomore Maggie McGoldrick teamed up at first doubles to win convincingly, 6-4, 6-1. After a lot of experimentation with her doubles lineup, Meehan said she has settled on Landon and

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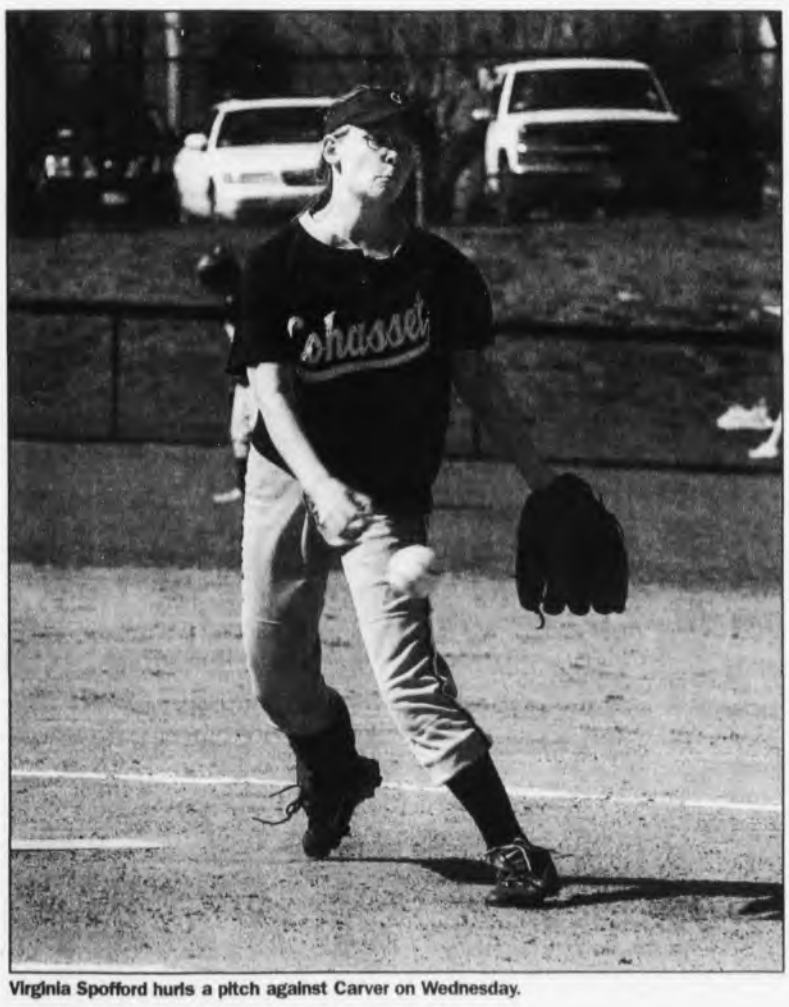


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Twelve-year olds Nick Brown (left) and Andrew Barrett watch the Little League ceremonies from the outfield fence during Saturday's Opening Day festivities. For more photos from the event, see page 23.



Cohasset's Meredith Kelly (23) slides safely into second base during Wednesday's game against Carver.



Virginia Spofford hurls a pitch against Carver on Wednesday.

Softballers make playoff push

The Cohasset High softball team won two games earlier this week to improve to 4-5 and get itself squarely back in the hunt for a postseason berth.

In Monday's 6-3 win over South Shore League rival Norwell, Virginia Spofford got the win on the mound for the Skippers and went 2-for-5 at the plate. Christina Pinkus added three hits of her own, including a home run and a double.

The following day against Mashpee, Pinkus went the distance on the mound in an 8-2 win over Mashpee. She struck out seven Falcons batters.

Spofford again collected two hits, and scored twice. Kristin Monaco and Brittany Dunn both also had multiple-hit games.

The Skippers hosted East Bridgewater Thursday in a game played after the Mariner went to press, and have three key games next week: Monday at home against Abington (3:30 p.m. start), Tuesday at Carver (3:30 p.m.), and Thursday at Harwich (4 p.m.).

Photos by Laura Sinclair

CHS boys roll over Norwell

The Cohasset High boys lacrosse team had an impressive tune-up for its big game against Scituate yesterday (played after the Mariner went to press), beating a solid Norwell team Tuesday night, 17-7.

Minutes after watching his team get picked apart by the Skippers – less than a week after a big 7-4 win over Hingham – Norwell head coach Tom Flanagan said his Clippers have to maintain an even keel about anything that comes their way.

"Don't get too high about the Hingham game, and don't get too low on the Cohasset game," Flanagan said. "We know what we need to work on."

Not giving up four goals in the first five minutes would be a good place to start, as that's exactly what happened Tuesday night, and Norwell could never quite recover. Mike Grimm scored twice in that run, with Mark Flibotte and Jeff Brown adding one apiece.

Mike Bunstein assisted the first two goals, on his way to a one-goal, five-assist performance that certainly caught the eye of Cohasset head coach Stew Curran.

"Mike just handles everything. Everything seems to go through him," Curran said. "He gets the ball quickly to the right guys who are open, and Mike always seems to find the guy and put it right in their stick. He throws a very catchable pass, which is sometimes a unique art."

Barry Driscoll got one back for Norwell before the end of the period, finishing a nice feed from teammate Dan Ferzoco to make it 4-1 through 12 minutes. Norwell's defense, led by Kevin Helm and Kenton Magown, appeared to be settling down, and the Clippers' attack forced Cohasset goalie Nate Porter to make a couple fine saves at the end of the period.

Whatever momentum Norwell established at the end of the first quarter was quickly lost going into the second, as Brown, Grimm and Flibotte all found the back of the net for the Skippers within the first 3:30 of the period. A huge factor in Cohasset's dominance on this night was the work of midfielder Chuck Czerkawski on the face-offs, as

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Lady laxers face uphill climb

At 3-4, the Cohasset High girls lacrosse team has some work to do to qualify for the Div. 2 state tournament.

The Skippers' most recent game came Tuesday in Norwell against the two-time defending state champion Clippers. The game was expected by many to essentially decide the championship of the newly formed South Shore League.

Cohasset figured to be Norwell's sternest competition within the league, and the Clippers came through in a big way with a 12-4 win. Having already beaten Mashpee, Norwell need only beat Abington at home on Tuesday to win the league title.

Both Norwell and Cohasset got off to a slow start offensively on Tuesday, as the score was 0-0 through six minutes. The Clippers, behind the efforts of Molly Dwyer (three goals, two assists) and Jill Cammett (four goals), eventually got things going, and Norwell had a commanding 8-1 lead at the half.

Cohasset put together a run early in the second half, with goals from Lindsay Durkin, Kara Wilcox and Caitlin Mahoney bringing the Skippers back within five, 9-4. That would be as close as they got, however, as Skippers head coach Chuck Jaffe saw his team dig too big a hole for itself in the first half.

"[Norwell goalie] Katie O'Hara made a couple big stops for them, they took the lead and we were a little flat," Jaffe said. "Norwell is not a team you want to have to come from behind against."

Cohasset hoped to get back to .500 Thursday at Pembroke in a game played after the Mariner went to press. Next week, the Skippers are scheduled to play three critical games in as many days: Tuesday at home against Mashpee (4 p.m. start), Wednesday at home against Hingham (4 p.m.), and Thursday at Notre Dame Academy (3:30 p.m.).

Skippers 12, Martha's Vineyard 9

Cohasset got off to a 4-0 lead in Sunday's home game against Martha's Vineyard on the

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the Skippers' junior won just about every draw to help give Cohasset an overwhelming advantage in possession.

"If we can dominate on the face-off – and we did for a better part of the Duxbury game (a 14-11 Duxbury win on April 26) – we're really a pretty good lacrosse team," Curran said. "We move the ball well on offense; we have athletic attackmen."

Driscoll scored the second of his four goals halfway though the period to make it 7-2, but Flibotte and Chris Davis responded immediately with scores for Cohasset to make it 9-2. A Driscoll tally with three minutes left in the half accounted for the halftime score of 9-3, but the second half was again all Cohasset.

The Skippers shut out Norwell 3-0 in the third period and scored the first two goals of the fourth to make it 14-3 before Norwell freshman Paul Donovan broke the dry spell for his team. Overall, though, there was little the Clippers' attack could do, thanks to some stifling man-to-man defense from Brown, Ryan Kucinski, Bobby Meikleham, Jake Cuneo and Conor Holway.

Not to be lost in the winning effort for Cohasset (6-2) was a strong game by midfielder Dan Trendowicz, who had three points (one goal, two assists) and teamed with Czerkawski and Brown to simply control the game in the middle of the field.

Grimm wound up leading the Skippers' attack with five goals, followed by Flibotte (three goals, two assists), Brown, Davis and Czerkawski (two goals each). Vinny Curran also found the back of the net for Cohasset.

As for the Clippers, after Driscoll it was Donovan, Mike Rapa and Dave Hassell with a goal apiece. Cody Cavicchi had three assists.

Skippers 18, Martha's Vineyard 5

Bunstein (four goals, three assists) and Flibotte (four goals, one assist) led Cohasset in a romp over Martha's Vineyard on Sunday. Davis added three goals and Grimm had one goal and three assists. The Skippers dominated the first quarter, streaking to a 7-2 lead.

Flibotte started the scoring with an unassisted goal dodging from behind. After Brown stole a pass while Cohasset was a man down, he found Bunstein behind the cage who drove hard to the goal. Grimm then found Flibotte alone on the crease for another tally.

Bunstein followed quickly with a beautiful bounce shot to the upper corner. After Martha's Vineyard scored with the man advantage, Bunstein scored again dodging from behind. After a defensive stop at midfield, Flibotte found Bunstein alone for still another goal. Davis scored before the final buzzer on a nice cycle play off the left slot with the final feed from Bunstein.

Cohasset continued the offensive onslaught in the second period as Trendowicz assisted on another goal by Flibotte. Brown then stripped a MV middy of the ball and started the fast break with a pass to Bunstein who returned the ball to a streaking Brown for a rare behind-the-back shot and goal with his long-stick. Grimm assisted a hard cutting Davis for a quick stick goal and then Bunstein found Grimm open in the slot who beat the MV goal with a near-side rocket into the upper corner with the man advantage. Grimm found Davis again to close out the first half scoring.

Cohasset's dominance was made possible by the outstanding face-off work of Czerkawski and PJ McCaw. Time and time again, Czerkawski and McCaw won the draw (13-of-16 in the first half) giving Cohasset possession and control. This game also saw the varsity starting debut of freshman goalie Jack Murphy, subbing for the injured Porter (broken thumb). Murphy finished the game with 12 saves, including three show-stoppers at point-blank range in the third period. Curran was pleased with the defensive effort and Murphy's composure.

"It was good to see Jack Murphy step in and do the job. The freshman showed a lot of poise," he said. "Defensively, we played much better than against Duxbury. Our seniors - Jeff Brown, Ryan Kucinski, Bobby Meikleham and Conor Holway - did an excellent job today keeping the pressure off our young goalie and on the MV attack. We defended on-the-ball with more pressure and their adjacent offensive players were taken out with shut-off defense forcing the MV players to weather a stout onslaught from Brown, Meikleham, Kucinski and Holway."

During the second half, Cohasset was able to rest many of its starters and get the JV some valuable playing time. The scoring was highlighted by a length of the field rush by Trendowicz through the entire MV defense finishing with a hard bounce shot to the upper corner. Curran also had his first two varsity goals, the second coming after he made a nice steal of an attempted clear and then faked the MV goalie low, then high before burying the shot.

Czerkawski played a major role in the final two goals assisting on another Flibotte goal off the fast break and winning a face-off flip to Brown who drove the lane scoring unassisted.

Duxbury 14, Skippers 11

For a number of years, Duxbury has been the gold standard of schoolboy lacrosse in Massachusetts.

The Green Dragons are the three-time defending Div. 1 state champions and were ranked nationally by U.S. Lacrosse at the start of this year. They have not been beaten by a Massachusetts team in over three years. The Cohasset Skippers traveled to Taylor Field last Thursday with a big upset in mind.

Unfortunately, it was not to be, as Duxbury rode a streak of four unanswered goals (mostly on fast breaks) in the final quarter to a 14-11 victory.

Cohasset started strong with the man-up advantage as Grimm found Bunstein, who fed Flibotte for the goal on a backside cut. Czerkawski won the ensuing face-off, started a fast break and found Flibotte again on the crease for a quick 2-0 Cohasset lead.

After Duxbury answered with a goal, Bunstein scored unassisted on a power dodge from up top. Grimm then dodged from behind and somehow found an angle for a quick snipe over the goalie's shoulder into the near side upper corner. Although Cohasset dominated the period and the possession, Duxbury trailed by only one at the quarter's end.

Duxbury controlled the start of the second quarter scoring three quick goals on some nifty inside passing to take the lead. Bunstein found a quick cutting Davis for a goal to narrow the margin to one at halftime.

At the start of the third period, Davis scored again on a nice feed from Flibotte to tie the game. Duxbury then went on another run with three unanswered goals. Grimm tried to bring Cohasset back in the final stanza with two unassisted goals beating his man clean on roll dodges from the side. Cohasset seemed to run out of gas, however, as Duxbury went on its four goal fast break streak to seal the game.

Cohasset played hard until the final buzzer as Bunstein found Flibotte again for a man-up goal. Trendowicz fed a streaking Davis for another goal and Flibotte scored the final Cohasset tally on still another Bunstein assist.

Curran was disappointed in the outcome.

"We did not play our best game today," he said. "Eleven goals ought to be enough to win a game like this. We had some lapses on the defensive end and too many Green Dragons were roaming free in the middle. We did not slide well, particularly on the fast break. I think we got a little tired in that third and fourth period when Duxbury went on its runs.

"You have to give Duxbury credit. They are an excellent and deep program and moved the ball very well. They took it to us in the second half."

Bunstein (one goal, four assists) and Flibotte (four goals, one assist) led the Cohasset offense. Grimm and Davis each had three goals in the losing effort.

Sports editor Mark Goodman reported on the Norwell game. The Cohasset Lacrosse Boosters provided reports on the Martha's Vineyard and Duxbury games.

Local 9 looking for consistency

By Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

As a team, the Skippers are only batting a combined .226 through nine games.

After a two-game slide the Cohasset baseball team finally looked its best as it beat their South Shore League rival, the Hull Pirates, by a score of 6-1.

Lowering his season ERA to 2.40, junior pitcher Brian Hill pitched a complete game with no earned runs while giving up only three hits and one walk. He also recorded eight strikeouts.

Although the Skippers' offense had only four hits, the team was able to take advantage of three Pirate errors to get men on base. Junior Dave Snowdale had the hit of the game with his two-run double.

Once again, the Skippers were unable to play consistently for two games in a row, as they lost to Norwell in an exciting game, 8-7. Hill started on the mound again for the Skippers, but this time he was not his usual self. He gave up six earned runs off nine hits and four walks, all in only three innings pitched.

After those three innings Cohasset trailed the Clippers 8-0 and things were not looking good. With the great relief pitching of Snowdale, who gave up only one hit and struck out five batters, the Skippers were able to get back into the game with some good offense. Of Snowdale's performance, head coach Al Gallotta said, "He gave us a huge effort and we were able to climb back into the game."

Climb back into the game is exactly what the Skippers did. Over the next three innings the Cohasset lineup finally did what Gallotta has been looking for all year. Two players were key to the Skippers' seven-run outburst. The first, sophomore John Sturino, had two RBI on a single and a triple. Also, junior Chris Rose had two hits and four RBI. Although he has been platooning in left field, Rose has emerged as a frontline player after starting the season as a backup.

Cohasset's struggles continued as they had to travel all the way down to Mashpee on Tuesday. This time it was junior Sam DeGiacomo pitching for the Skippers and he did a great job. In a complete game, he gave up nine hits and only three earned runs. He also had four strikeouts during the game. Unfortunately this was not enough as Cohasset lost the game, 3-2.

Captain Nick Zappolo had two hits, but it was junior catcher Kyle Pinkus that drove in Cohasset's two runs on a single that put Cohasset up 2-1 in the sixth inning. Mashpee tied the game up in the bottom of the sixth and would have gone ahead had it not been for a spectacular play by second baseman Pat Doonan.

A three-sport varsity athlete, Doonan has had his number of special plays at Cohasset and this one was no different. With a man on third, the ball was hit up the middle and Doonan was able to make a diving stop to save the game at the time.

In the bottom of the seventh inning, though, Mashpee won the game on a bases loaded walk that ended a great game by both teams.

This gave Cohasset a 3-6 overall record for the season and made the team's hopes for the tournament slim.

"There just aren't any teams in this league you can show up and expect to win," said Gallotta of the very tough and competitive South Shore League.

The hitting as been a weakness for Cohasset. As a team, the Skippers are only batting a combined .226 through nine games. They will look to turn it around against East Bridgewater today at Milliken; first pitch is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

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strength of a Durkin goal and an Amy Meikleham penalty shot. Wilcox then fed Durkin and scored the fourth goal herself, just 6:08 into the game.

From there, the thing Cohasset did best was respond to whatever Martha's Vineyard could muster, so that the visitors' first goal at 12:23 was countered by a Durkin score just 27 seconds later. And when the Vineyard scored at 22:02 of the first half to close the gap to 6-4, Cohasset needed just 70 seconds to extend the lead back to three going into the half.

The second half was more of the same, with every Vineyard score answered by a Cohasset goal. When the Vineyard drew within two at 9-7 roughly halfway through the period, Cohasset extended its offense and controlled the ball, forcing the Vineyard to spread its defense in order to mount some pressure.

The result was an offense that not only choked off the time, but scored three goals to make the lead 12-7 with 45 seconds remaining. With Cohasset having removed all starters except for goalie Aisling Guinee by that point, the Vineyard was able to break through for two goals in the last minute of play to make the final score look a bit closer than the action would have indicated.

Durkin finished the day with five goals and one assist, Wilcox added three and one, Meikleham scored twice, Caren Garber added a goal and an assist and Tessa Leahy converted a penalty shot. Guinee made 12 saves in the Cohasset net.

Duxbury 14, Skippers 5

Cohasset hosted powerhouse Duxbury last Thursday in a game that was closer than the final score would indicate. Two-thirds of the way through the first half, it was Duxbury 4, Cohasset 3.

Duxbury scored two late goals to make it 6-3 at the break, and scored the first two goals of the second half to make it 8-3. When Durkin scored to make it 8-4, Cohasset started to press for the chance to get the ball; it didn't work and Duxbury ran off five straight goals. Two late goals for each team completed the day at 14-5, Duxbury.

Durkin had three goals for Cohasset, with Meikleham and Leahy both converting penalty shots early in the game. Guinee made 11 saves in net.

The Green Dragons' Kara Olosky – who is headed to UMass next year to play lacrosse — hit Cohasset for five goals and five assists, with Tricia Babson scoring five and two.

Skippers 14, Abington 3

On April 24, Cohasset played Abington in the first-ever girls lacrosse game in the new South Shore League (Norwell and Mashpee were playing the same day, but they started later). Cohasset jumped out to a 10-0 lead over the Green Wave just 10 minutes into the game, and then put the brakes on and cruised to a 14-3 win.

Thirty-five different Cohasset players saw action in the game: Durkin led the scoring with three goals and one assist in less than a half of play. Wilcox and Kayla Farren each scored twice, with single goals coming from the sticks of Leahy, Mahoney, Meikleham, Grace Steele, Katie Gaumer, Isabelle Franklin and Guinee, who was relieved of her goaltending duties and played in attack for most of the second half.

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Cohasset Boys Youth Lacrosse

Once again, the **U15 Blue** squad demonstrated their superior lacrosse skills and easily knocked off Bridgewater by a score of 6–2 last Sunday.

Cohasset maintained total control over the entire game and accomplished this with only one substitute. The ability of our players to dominate all aspects of the game against a more fortified opponent speaks volumes to their athleticism and grasp of the game. From ground balls and quick upfield clears to controlling the ball on offense, the Cohasset side set the pace.

It's somewhat uncharacteristic that our scoring came from just three players. **Charlie Coffman** posted a great assist. **Derek Youngman** netted two goals and had two assists and **Alex Kinnealey** fired four goals and had two assists.

Although the scoring was not widely spread, it was obvious to the coaches that everyone on the Cohasset side had a dominant moment of some type; whether winning a ground ball from a crowd, making a long pass, chasing a shot to maintain possession, or finding the open man. Those are the aspects of the game that caused us to have the scoring opportunities that led to the win. That's what makes it a great game.

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The **U15 White** hosted perennial archrival Hingham this past Sunday in a match-up that seemed to be settled right at the opening whistle when **Thomas Flibotte** took the first face-off down the field, fed a cutting **John Collins**, who then finished the play with a eye opening behind the back "snipe" that set the tone for the day as the kids never looked back in what turned out to be another strong double-digit win.

This group of talented seventh and eighth graders seemed to be in full stride throughout the day unlocking all the fundamentals keys for a winning effort by not losing a single face-off, dominating ground balls and time of possession, and demonstrating why team lacrosse always beats individual skills with the majority of their strikes coming from single or double passing strings.

Hingham tried to muster a response, but the home team was relentless on defense led by **Geoff Swain** and **Dean McNary**, as they quickly disposed of each of their offensive advances with **Sam Leahy** demonstrating some "interesting" form while taking his chances in between the pipes and keeping the victory secure.

This game also saw some great contributions from some of the supporting cast as well, with **Grayden Foley** scoring on a nice pump fake from up top, **Brendan Bukowski** finding the back of the net by standing his ground off a fast break, and a beautiful finish by **Danny Czerkawski** off of a coast to coast clear by **Mitch McNary**, who also teamed up with his brother, Dean, on several combos that kept the margin intact.

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Cohasset **U13 Blue** played its third game of the season on the road in Bridgewater last Sunday. The boys came ready to play and dominated the home team throughout all four quarters of play.

Anchored by two stellar goalie performances from **Mats Nelson** in the first half and **Nate Morse** in the second half, Cohasset led from the opening face-off and never looked back. Cohasset led 4-1 at the end of the first quarter, and finished the half up 7-2. Cohasset had solid midfield play from **Andrew Fontaine, Blair McGowan, Cole Kissick, Tommy O'Brien, Chris Lund, Ryan McKeon, Henry Brown** and **Charley Michalowski**.

The second half saw continued solid offensive play led by Cohasset's attack of **Matt Arnold, Tommy Powers** and **Chris Sylvia**. In addition to the well-oiled offensive performance, Cohasset has a steady, committed defense lead by **Zach Strecker, Blake Erler** and **Colin Bell**. The game ended with Cohasset recording a solid 11-4 win.

Next up for the squad is a home game against Sandwich this Sunday at Milliken.

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The **U13 White** team also hosted Hingham in a tit-for-tat game that saw multiple lead changes, goal-for-goal advances, and great play on both sides of the field for a classic 15-rounder.

Axel Seppala started things off by grabbing a ground ball up at mid-field and dodging through several players to find glory on a nice up and down move. **Nick Tangherlini** teamed up with just about everyone on offense (while coming from the defensive side for much of the game) to participate in four out of six points put up by the home team, and showed some advanced level play by finishing off a perfect draw and dump feed from **John Mills** who had taken it end-to-end.

Derek Benson and Mills split the goaltending duties while **John Leahy, Chandler Skolnik, Connor Green** and **Joey Sestito** (becoming the big man on defense) repelled many advances to keep the game tied or within one for most of the contest. **Jimmy Maher, Dan Tangherlini, Zach Coggins** and **Evan Yeager** provided the fresh legs on midfield throughout the game.

In the end, the visitors edged out the home team for a two-goal win, but this was one of those games that everyone enjoyed being a part of and showed off great things to come.

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The **U13 Black** team traveled to Marshfield with a full roster of players. The large Marshfield squad was ready for a motivated Cohasset crew.

Jack Conte started as goalie and despite the strong defense provided by **Teddy Patsos, Jim Lydon, Jack Leffel** and **Hamish Redfield**, the Marshfield team showed determination and ball control. The middies, led by **Colin Whelan, Will Lucas** and **Jack Stanganelli** rose to the challenge, with Whalen leading the charge with several key plays and shots on cage.

In attack, **Foster Eymer, Charlie Steele** and **Matt MacCormack** worked every possession against a tough defense, earning their shots on cage. A strong game was played by middies **Hunter Forrer, Anthony Nahill** and **Devin Kennedy**.

In the second half, **Jim Lydon** suited up as goalie and made several key saves. **Drew Nahill** was the ultimate middy on both sides of the field with great defensive play and ball recovery. **Jack McElgunn** returned to defense and was relentless in his pursuit of Marshfield attack with first-rate checking. In the end, it was a great effort by the boys on a great day.

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This was the second visit to Scituate after beating them in the season opener and on Sunday the Cohasset **U11 Blue** team came away victorious again with a 5-3 win.

Like the first match-up, Cohasset dominated in both skills and speed. Scituate seemed to have a good field sense, cleared the ball well and played a fairly coordinated offensive game. But with superior hustle and desire, Cohasset won where it counts: at the face-off, winning ground balls and by avoiding penalties.

At the whistle Cohasset won the face-off and middy **Connor Naughton** helped advance the ball to **Ben Buckley** for a shot that hit the post. The ball went back to Scituate, they advanced it to the goal and the shot went wide due to a great stick check by **Evan Canney**.

The ball was cleared to the midfield where **Sam Arnold** won the ground ball, dodged to the goal and took a shot in heavy traffic for the first goal of the game. At the face-off, **Michael Lund** won the duel but was tripped by Scituate, resulting in a penalty and Lund went on to shoot and score for the second goal the game.

The transition game has been one sided, in favor on Cohasset. The boys are winning more ground balls and seem to be in better position on the field to exploit opportunities. **Jack Coffman** and **Hollis Hunnewell** are two players that made great plays by being patient. Another newcomer, **Davis Cronin** showed excellent drive and hustle to come-up with a few key ground balls. **Tim Hayes** was another player who helped advance the ball across the midfield.

Scituate started the second half with a goal coming from a great combination of passes at the crease. Other Scituate shots were deflected by excellent goal tending by **Curtis Golden**. **Graham Blackburn** advanced the ball well to the offense and we saw great hustle by **Charlie DeVries** for ground balls.

Cohasset's more experienced fourth graders, led by **Jeff Powers, Sam Murphy** and **Ross Erler** played a heads-up game by advancing the ball and feeding the attackmen, where **Matt Froio** scored from a solid feed from the midfielder. And late in the game, **Graham Schwandt** made a great dodge to the goal for a shot and score. In all, everyone on the team contributed to a great team win for Cohasset.

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The **U-11 White** team continued its winning ways over the weekend by handing a decisive defeat to Hingham. The Hingham team was just not a match for Cohasset, but to their credit, fought hard the entire game. What they did not possess in skill, they certainly had in spirit and determination.

The scoring opened up early as Cohasset dominated in ball control. The attack, with **Adam Benson, AJ Kucinski, Sean Mavilia, Cole Morrison, Cal Robbins** and **Levante Haber** put up eight goals and three assists. In a very unselfish act, Haber caught a difficult pass about 15 feet out from the cage, with a sure goal in sight and no defender in front of him. Instead of taking the shot, however, Haber passed off to a teammate and settled for the assist instead of the score.

The midfield continued to look impressive as they took face-offs, got ground balls, and added five goals and two assists during the game as well. **Connor Hayden, Patrick Holway, Owen Kafallinos, Martin Buckley, Ryan McElhinney, Max Fitzgerald, Dan Axelson, Christian Lydon** and Luke O'Brien give Cohasset great depth at middy and make it tough for other teams to get the ball.

The defense stepped up for the game and pretty much shut down the opposition. **Jack Donohue, Mike Yerardi, Cameron Steele, Jake Burchill, Nick Lydon** and **Justin Fein** all played solid and kept the ball on the right end of the field. **Ian Kennedy** (keeper) once again had a good performance, turning away four of the seven shots on goal away. Final score: Cohasset 13, Hingham 3.

Girls tennis on a tear

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McGoldrick as regulars at first doubles for the time being.

At first singles, junior Meg Anderson had the unenviable task of facing Clippers junior Susan Bitetti, who has made the state individual finals the last two years. Despite losing 1-6, 1-6, Anderson played her opponent tough and gave Bitetti her most difficult match of the season thus far.

"Susan is just playing brilliant tennis. There's no one in our league that plays at that level," Meehan said. "But Meg was so ready to play her. Even though it was 6-1, 6-1, Meg played a lot of games to deuce and tried a lot of different things. She came to win; she didn't just come to show up and play."

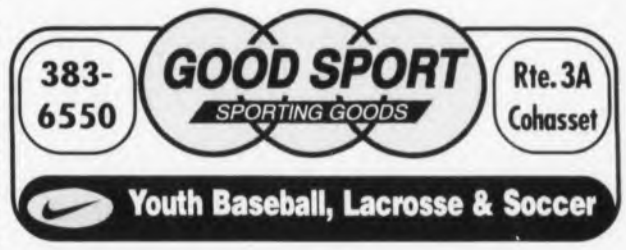
Against Duxbury, the Skippers' singles players swept to give Cohasset all three of its points. Anderson (6-2, 6-0), Sally Meehan (6-2, 6-1) and Altholtz (6-0, 6-3) all played exceptionally well.

Although both her doubles teams lost, coach Meehan was pleased with how they played against traditionally strong Duxbury doubles teams. In the first doubles spot, Landon and McGoldrick won the first set and lost the next two on tiebreakers. At second doubles, senior Charlotte Landon and sophomore Lauren Allen shook off a rough first set to make things interesting in the second before eventually falling, 4-6.

Against Mashpee, four different players jumped into the doubles mix and came away with vital points for Cohasset. At first doubles, sophomore Jean Thomae and freshman Jenny Magruder won 7-6 (9-7), 7-5, while juniors Jackie Cahill and Katina Martone teamed up at second doubles for a solid 6-0, 6-2 win.

Anderson (0 and 1) and Altholtz (0 and 0) won their singles matches for the Skippers.







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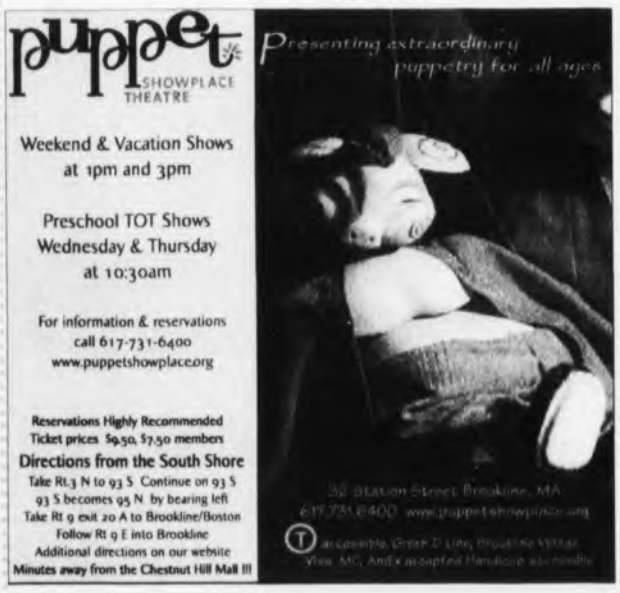
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Coastal Stars Mite B2's take home the big trophy



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The Coastal Stars Mite B2 hockey team. Front Row (left to right: Jackson Dutton, Seamus Ryan, Liam O'Connell. Bradley Winn, Sam Montgomery, Shea Kearney, Thomas Durkin. Back Row (left to right): Jack Nee, Cole Joslin, Brendan MacNeil, Colin Murray, Isaiah Jackson, Kyle Ferreira, Matt Collins, Andrew Fithian, Nicholas Young. Coaches (left to right): Tom Durkin, Greg Ferreira, Todd Fithian.

The Coastal Stars Mite B2 hockey team celebrated a tremendous season that started in September and ended April 10 with the ultimate prize: the league championship. This great group of kids won the big trophy and came home with all the marbles.

Greg Ferreira of Cohasset was asked to be the head coach of the second Mite B Coastal Stars hockey team. Ferreira swiftly signed top coaching talent Todd Fithian from Marshfield as his top assistant. Ferreira then procured Tom Durkin and Mike Joslin of Cohasset and Mark Young from Marshfield to round out the coaching team.

The team was drafted back in August of 2006 and developed into a winning combination of skilled players, committed families and dedicated coaches. The team started off strong, going 7-1-2 in its first 10 games through Thanksgiving. December started off with the second loss of the season. Quickly erasing that loss the Stars went on a tear. They won 11 and tied three of the next 14 games.

As March arrived after the February vacation layoff, the team, still on vacation, absorbed a 5-0 shellacking by those revenge-seeking Seahawks. Prior to that game the Seahawks were undefeated, except for the two games against the Stars, who beat and tied them. This loss was the perfect motivation for the coaching staff.

In February and March Ferreira set up two non-league games to help prepare the team for a playoff run. The first game was against the St. Moritz Devils, an A team. The game was played at UMass. The Stars gave them a good game and almost pulled off the upset, but lost by a goal, 5-4. The team's confidence was rising.

The next game was a competition with their archrivals, the very talented Seahawks. This game was played at the Providence Bruins' home ice, the Dunkin Donuts Center. Although the game ended in a tie, the Stars carried the play and knew they could take on this competitive team in a final game.

The final playoff tune-up was the March Meltdown Tournament in Waterville Valley, New Hampshire. On March 23 in the first game against the hard-nosed (16 penalties) Cape Ann team is where the team really became a team. With all the penalties and dirty play from Cape Ann, the Stars came together and made a statement with a 7-4 victory.

Over the next 27 hours, the Stars had a ton of fun and continued their run with three convincing victories, outscoring their opponents 20-9 to put themselves in the championship game against North Reading, who they beat 7-4 in the first match-up. The coaching staff was a bit concerned with the energy level for Sunday's game as the North Reading team was sound asleep when the Stars were taking care of business late the night before.

In the championship game, the Stars completely outplayed North Reading but ended up with the silver medal. This weekend really gelled the team into a family. The parents were as excited as the players for this conquest. The young Stars ran out of gas while playing five games in 39 hours. They dominated all four opponents and went home with the silver. They played their hearts out and were nothing but determined and united as a team after this wonderful experience.

"This was the best youth athletic experience we have ever had the privilege to be a part of," said one parent.

Back home with the silver medals in hand, the Stars were more determined than ever to bring home the real championship. First up in the playoffs was a very solid Weymouth team: Stars win, 4-3. Game 2 was against the always formidable team from Hingham. The Stars dominated and won, 3-1.

On to the semifinals against the high powered and undefeated Seahawks East team they had not played yet. The Stars were determined to play one more game and came out flying, scoring in the first 20 seconds to go up 1-0. Back and forth, the Stars played a suffocating defensive game and won the one-on-one battles to take down the mighty Seahawks, 4-3 in overtime.

In the championship game on April 10, a very talented Braintree squad stood in the way of the Stars becoming champs. Determined to win the coveted crown, these Stars came out of the locker room screaming "Whoooo... let the Dogs out..."

Each player clearly focused with the "Eye of the Tiger," to take care of business.

The Stars played a menacing two-way game with suffocating team defense and plenty of firepower, winning all the one-on-one battles and winning the championship with a solid 5-3 victory.

As the players left the ice they were heard singing "We are the champions."

The Coastal Stars Mite B2 team ended their championship season going an impressive 30-4-8, making for a phenomenal season.

"I feel so privileged to have had the opportunity to coach such a wonderful and committed group of kids and have the help of the parents as well. We rarely had a player out of practice, let alone a game," said Ferreira. "This is very rare in youth hockey at this level; we really formed a bond this year. I only hope to have half the experience again. It truly was amazing. Thank you to all the players and families for such a rewarding season."

Congratulations to the entire Coastal Stars Mite B2 hockey team, their coaches and their families. This truly was a special team.

Team members include: Matty Collins, Thomas Durkin, Jackson Dutton, Kyle Ferreira, Andrew Fithian, Isaiah Jackson, Cole Joslin, Shea Kearney, Brendan MacNeil, Sam Montgomery, Colin Murray, Jack Nee, Liam O'Connell, Seamus Ryan, Bradley Winn and Nicholas Young.





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Andrew Sullivan, 7, practices his pitching with his dad, Neil (not pictured), after opening day ceremonies at Barnes Field.



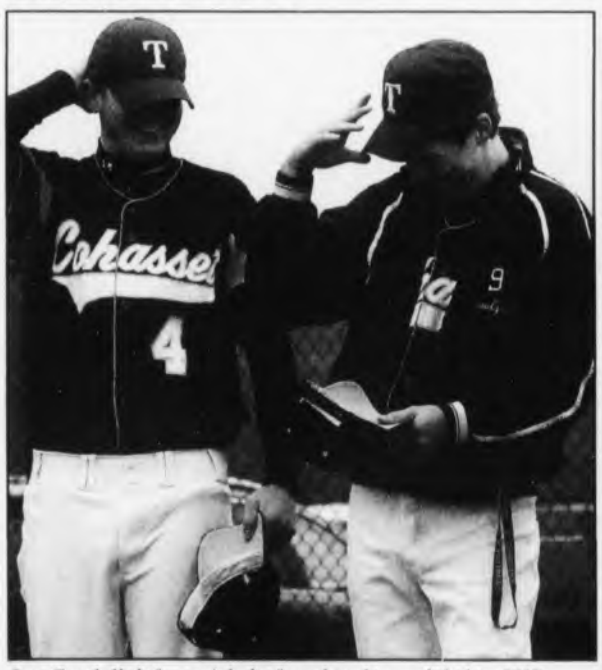
A horde of young baseball and softball players and their parents make their way up North Main Street on Opening Day.



The parade featuring all the teams in the Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association walks up North Main Street passed the common.



Brandon Winn, 10, rounds third while racing for home in a match up with another little leaguer to see who could get to home first.



Ian Cundall, left, can't help from laughing while his CHS teammate Fletcher Smalzel, right, sees if he can still fit into his Little League hat. The teens, who are now in high school, were also teammates they played on the Rangers.



Mickey Barry, 11, tips his hat after his name was announced while the members of the Rangers, who represented Cohasset in the Little League playoffs, were introduced to the crowd.



Liam O'Connell, 8, sings along to John Fogerty's "Centerfield" at the end of Opening Day ceremonies at Barnes Field on Saturday.



Mark Bodner gets a piggyback ride from Taggart Eymer during Saturday's Opening Day Parade.



Danny Axelson, 9, gets ready to catch a pitch from Michael Lund, 10, (foreground) after the Little League Opening Day Parade on Saturday.



Victoria Bryan, 11, left, and Kathryn Dunn, 11, right, share sheet music while getting ready to play in Cohasset's annual Little League Parade on opening day Saturday.

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Cohasset Swim Center offers swim lesson program

Summer is almost here and membership and swim lesson registration is starting now. American Red Cross Learn-To-Swim Program is offered at the Cohasset Swim Center. The Swim Center is offering members a mail-in registrations for swimming lessons postmarked by May 25. Please be sure to mail in your membership and swim lesson registration forms together.

More detailed information and registration forms can be found on the new Cohasset Swim Center website, www.cohassetswimcenter.com.

The Swim Center will not be mailing out a brochure this year; however, additional registration forms will be available at Cohasset Town Hall and The Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Swim Lessons will be offered in four two-week sessions:

Session I: June 25 - July 6
Session II: July 9 - July 20
Session III: July 23 - August 3
Session IV: August 6 - August 17

For non-members and members that missed the deadline, walk-in registration will be held on June 16 at the C.S.C. from 9 a.m. to noon. If you have any questions, please send an email to cohassetswimcenter@comcast.net

Cohasset lax girls go unbeaten in six games

Cohasset's girls youth lacrosse teams closed out April with a strong weekend at home at the Deer Hill School, with a particularly exciting series of games against Norwell, and some walkovers against Quincy.

At the **11-and-Under level** (grades 3 &4), the White team's game against Norwell was a virtual track meet, fast paced and with end-to-end action. The two teams traded possessions, but not goals during the first half, as Cohasset was able to secure a 3-1 lead. **Dagmar Seppala, Elizabeth Baker** and **Alexa Bleiken** accounted for the goals, with **Micaela Braun, Madison Haggerty** and **Isabel McCarthy** notching assists as the passing game set up the scores. **Bebe Davis** and the **O'Neill twins – Callahan** and **Madigan** – keyed a defense that allowed Norwell just two shots on first-half goalie **Bennett Tierney**.

The second half was keyed by the ground balls that Cohasset seemed to dominate. Midfielders **Alexandra Leahy, Morgan Montgomery, Shea Kearney, Megan Fitzgerald, Jackie Driscoll** and **Christine Guinee** all helped scoop the loose balls to keep the game moving at a brisk clip. Cohasset controlled the action and would have blown the game open, except for having several scores waved off for offsides penalties.

Undeterred, the team used the defensive play of **Rebecca Brown** and goalie **Alexandra Raymond** to bottle up the visitors. And while Norwell was able to score twice, Seppala's two goals kept the home team on top in a tight 5-3 contest.

The **11-U Blue** team played to a 5-5 tie against Quincy, in a game dominated by **Annie McElgunn**, who did all of the Cohasset scoring. **Lily McCarthy** picked up an assist on one of McElgunn's five goals, and the team saw inspired play from **Charlotte Allard, Caroline Farren, Cassandra Lieberman** and **Caty Gilman**. **Caroline** Prescott stood tall in the goal, keeping the game close throughout.

The **13-U** games (grades 7 and 8) featured another tight contest between a Cohasset White squad and Norwell. After a sluggish start that created a 3-1 hole, Cohasset was able to use a 4-1 second half to overcome a halftime deficit and pull out a 7-5 win.

The big story in the game was the play of the two Cohasset goalies and the defense. **Maddie Curley** made eight saves in the first half and **Kathryn Dunn** made six in the second half in her first ever game in the cage.

Supporting the goalies with a strong defensive effort were **Molly Fitzgerald** and **Shannon McGowan** at close defense and midfielders **Emily Robbins, Hope Kissick** and **Lexa Grasz**. The offense was led by **Kristen Alexander**, who scored five goals — including a nice finish off a great pass from Curley, who moved to attack in the second half – with Kissick and Grasz both accounting for single markers.

Cohasset's **Blue** team played a squeaker against Quincy, jumping out to a first-half lead on the strength of solid ball movement. **Kate Bodner** and **Katie McKenna** each scored two goals, with one of Bodner's scores being the result of a slick feed from **Mariel Teague**. **Kylie Coffman** scored unassisted, and contributed both on offense and defense throughout the game.

In the second half, Cohasset got comfortable its lead and also got tired with only two subs. Quincy took advantage of that complacency and raised its game a few notches scoring three quick goals to tie the game. Cohasset made some adjustments and saw great defense from Bodner, **Isabelle Dunne** and **Maria Buckley** who shut down fast breaks from a re-energized Quincy team. Cohasset had several good shots on goal but Quincy's strong goaltending foiled those efforts until – with just over a minute remaining in the game – **Kathryn Dunn** sank a penalty shot to give Cohasset the victory.

Maggie Littlejohn played well in the goal throughout the game, **Victoria Bryan** and Teague won most of the draws in the second half and played well at both ends of the field, and **Gabby Weissman** and **Christina Tedeschi** contributed to the midfield play throughout to help Cohasset secure the 6-5 win. After a 10-1 victory in Scituate on April 22, the team's record now stands at 2-1.

At the **15-and-Under** level (grades 7 & 8), the Cohasset Blue team remained unbeaten, rolling over Quincy. **Kelsey Erler, Whitney Jaffe** and **Kaci Kucinski** scored three goals each – with Kucinski adding an assist – and **Anna Michalowski** scored a single marker as Cohasset jumped out to an insurmountable 10-2 lead at the half.

From there, thanks to solid goaltending from **Ellie Tedeschi** (6 saves) and solid defense from **Molly McElgunn, Lauren Hayes, Taylor Kennedy** and **Emily Toomey**, Cohasset was able to hold Quincy in check while the offense ran settled plays to set up new and different scorers. **Aniko Habor, Jessica Fusco, Alison Whelan** and **Sarah Evans** closed out the scoring in the 14-4 win; Whelan also picked up an assist on the day.

Next it was the White team, squaring off with Norwell Gold and coming away with a convincing 9-5 win. **Paige DeSisto** and Erler each scored a goal and an assist in the first half, as Cohasset was able to squeak out a 5-3 halftime lead. Other goal scorers were **Olivia Murphy**, Whelan and Jaffe. After Norwell closed the gap to one, Cohasset dominated the next 15 minutes of the game, potting three goals to put things out of reach. DeSisto, **Allie Farren** and Michalowski salted the game away, and Jaffe netted her second of the day on a penalty-shot blast to answer Norwell's last goal and set the final score at 9-5.

The White team raised its record to 2-1 on the year.

The Cohasset girls youth lacrosse teams return to Deer Hill School for six more games on Sunday, May 6. For details, go to www.cohassetlacrosse.com.

Sports Notes

Learn to sail

Registration Days at the Sailing Club on Government Island: Saturday, May 19 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 20 noon to 2 p.m.

The Sailing Club is open to all Cohasset residents. Children must have completed fourth grade or be 10 years old by Sept. 1. Applications are available at www.cohassetsailingclub.com. No mail-in applications accepted.

For more information, contact Sandy Crough at (781)383-1117 or via email 4sands@comcast.net

Lifeguards needed

Cohasset Swim Center is accepting applications for Lifeguards and Water Safety Instructors for the 2007 summer season. All applicants must be at least 16 years of age and hold current Lifeguard/CPR/First Aid certifications.

Letters of interest should be sent to Cohasset Swim Center, P.O. Box 132, Cohasset, MA 02025. Anyone interested in employment and enrolled or planning to enroll in a Lifeguard and/or WSI are encouraged to apply. Employment will depend on successful completion of the course.

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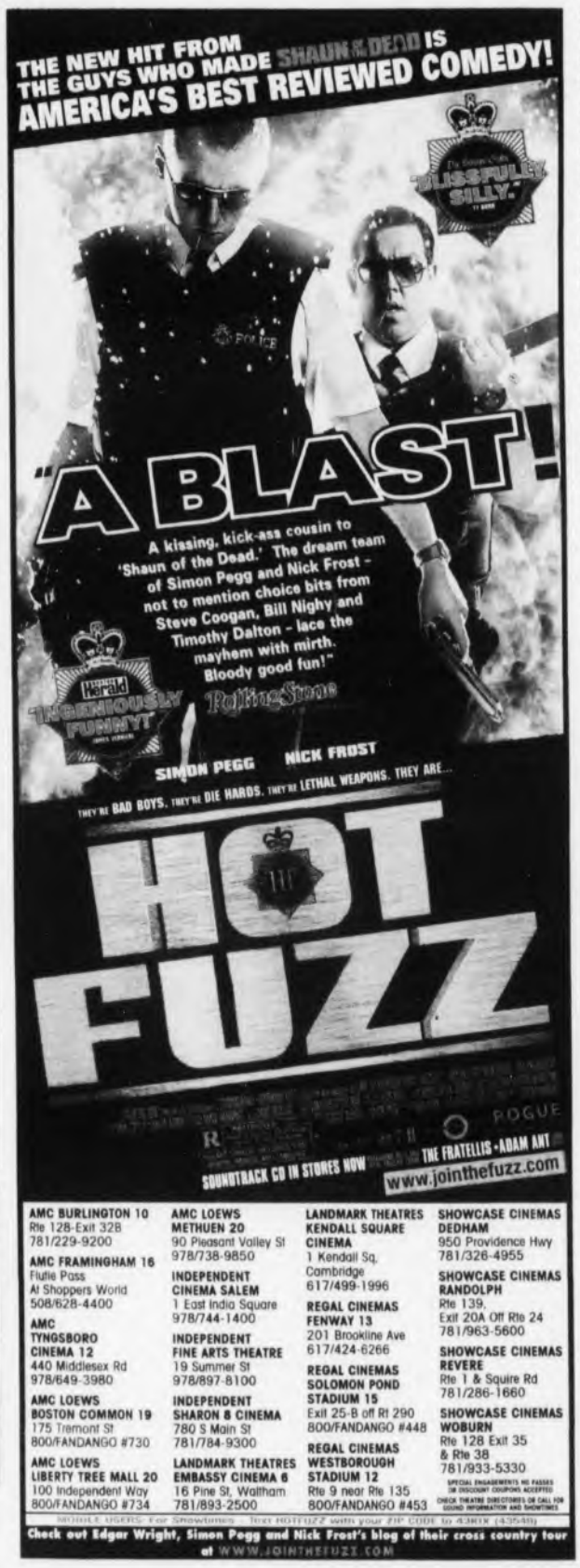
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Two words sum up our student: Cabin Fever. No, not the horror flick about flesh-eating bacteria — but the restlessness of students coming down the final stretch of their academic year, or career as a Skipper of CHS. It's almost time to put down those pencils, and pack up the Texas Instruments (we all know you were playing Block Dude anyway).

As the last day for Seniors approaches, we're singing the same tune every graduating class does: "We're so lucky to get out now, that place is going downhill big-time." Of course, this has *nothing* to do with the fact that we will no longer be here. Sure, there are a few less liberties than we'd like, but as far as public schools go, this one has most of the right tools (and numerous ways outside of school) to prepare a student for college or a career.

It's been a while, here's that news you might crave.

• Parents of seniors, save this date: Friday, May 4th, 11:30am. Jeff Wolfsberg, a widely known and entertaining speaker on adolescence, will address parents in the high school auditorium on how to facilitate a successful transition from high school to college. Jeff has appeared in Time Magazine, FoxNews, FoxNews Radio, The Boston Globe, and The Boston Herald. He will speak to Seniors separately Friday morning. This program is proudly sponsored by The Social Service League of Cohasset.

• Congratulations to Freshman **Terry McCormick** for making SEMSBA (Southeastern Massachusetts School Bandmasters Association)! Students prepare for strenuous auditions to fill limited spots in this regional performance opportunity.

• Attention! There is a May 5th deadline for photos to be included in the 2007 class history video. Please send or drop off photos at The Barrett's house (42 Sohier St) or give them to the wonderful Callie Barrett in school.

• Seniors: Stop by the main office to view samples of the Class of 2007 photo mementos! For more information contact **Susan Spofford** at 383-1680 or **Barbara Pinkus** at 383-9052

• Needed for Post Prom-Several silk fichus trees. Please call **Paula Dickinson** at 383-2717.

• Pops Night at the High School is approaching! Save the date, May 16th. Don't forget to stand up and salute the flag during the finale of "The Stars and Stripes Forever!"

• Wednesday night the Winter Sports Captain's Parents Meeting was held in the library.

• The School Committee meeting was also held Wednesday night.

• Thursday morning the PSO/Principal's Meeting took place.

• The Student Assistance Team – Opportunities for Success group met during school Thursday morning.

• Swim Team Boosters met in the Babaian Conference room Thursday night.

Have you heard? A new sensation is slowly engulfing the students of CHS. A brand new sub at the Village Deli has been getting rave reviews. I call it: The Spicy Chicken Calzone sub. It consists of a classic for any self-respecting patron of the store — spicy chicken, and is complimented by mozzarella sticks to give it the calzone feel and taste. Just stop by and ask for "Mike's Special," you won't be disappointed. Hope everybody has a safe, enjoyable weekend. See you next Friday.

Osgood Book Fair is May 9

The Joseph Osgood School Parent School Organization, PSO, will host a Scholastic Book Fair Fundraiser at the Osgood School from 2-7 p.m., Wednesday, May 9.

The Book Fair will offer specially priced books and educational products, including new releases, award-winning titles, children's classics, interactive software, adult books, and current bestsellers from more than 150 publishers.

Attendees can help the school build classroom libraries and the school library by purchasing books for teachers through the Classroom Wish List.

The PSO is a non-profit organization. The role of the PSO is to act as an advocate for public education. It is the official link between parents and schools. The PSO voices parental responses to school issues, and provides forums for administrators, teachers, and students to present their programs and policies to the public. Through fundraising efforts, like the upcoming Book Fair, the PSO provides programs and activities that enrich the school experience for students, teachers, and parents. Families, teachers, and all members of the community are invited to attend the Fair, which will feature a special theme: Book Fair Beach.

Informal screening for children slated

The Osgood Preschool staff in conjunction with the school nurse will hold informal screenings for children on the third Friday of every month from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. The remaining date is May 18.

These screenings will consist of a play group activity as well as opportunities for vision, hearing and posture screening. These screenings are to assist in identifying those students who should be referred for an evaluation to determine eligibility for special education.

If you are interested in having your child participate, contact one of the preschool staff at 781-383-6117 no later than the Wednesday prior to one of the scheduled screenings.

LUNCH MENUS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

MONDAY, MAY 7

Chicken teriyaki dippers, roll, or turkey sandwich, oven fries, green beans, pears.

TUESDAY, MAY 8

Bagel, chicken vegetable soup, or ham and cheese sub, carrots, fruit.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

Early Release Day. American chop suey, dinner roll, or bologna sandwich, sweet peas, peaches.

THURSDAY, MAY 10

Taco meat served over chips with lettuce, tomato and cheese, or tuna sub, vegetable, rice, pineapple.

FRIDAY, MAY 11

French bread pizza, or chicken salad sandwich, garden salad, applesauce.

MONDAY, MAY 14

Hot dog on a roll, or bologna sandwich, oven fries, corn, fruit.

TUESDAY, MAY 15

Chicken nuggets, dinner roll, or roast beef sub, veggie rice, sliced apples.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

Pasta with meat sauce, dinner roll, or tuna sub, green beans, pudding.

THURSDAY, MAY 17

Breakfast for lunch. French toast sticks, sausage, or ham sub, baked Potato Tots, veggie sticks, pineapple.

FRIDAY, MAY 18

Bagel pizza, or turkey sub, garden salad, fruit.

MONDAY, MAY 21

Chicken patty on a roll, or bologna sandwich, oven fries, mixed vegetable, mixed fruit.

TUESDAY, MAY 22

Bagel, chicken vegetable noodle soup, or tuna sub, corn, apple slices.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

Macaroni and cheese, dinner roll, or roast beef sandwich, green beans, pears.

THURSDAY, MAY 24

Taco meat served over chips with lettuce, tomato and cheese, or ham sandwich, vegetable, rice, peaches.

FRIDAY, MAY 25

Sliced cheese or pepperoni pizza, or turkey sandwich, garden salad, fruit.

MONDAY, MAY 28

Memorial Day – No School.

TUESDAY, MAY 29

Cheeseburger on a roll, or ham and cheese sandwich, veggie rice, raisins.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

American chop suey, dinner roll, or tuna sub, sweet peas, applesauce.

THURSDAY, MAY 31

Roast chicken, roll, or bologna sandwich, mashed potato, corn, pineapple.

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DESTINATIONS

A taste of Tuscany

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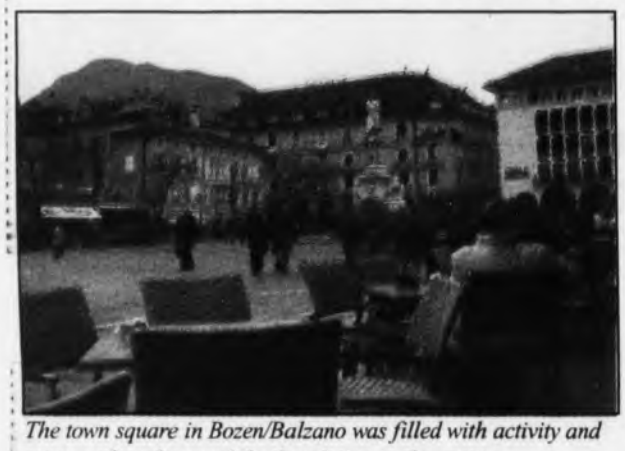
The sun shines on the town of Castiglione della Pescaia on the Mediterranean Sea on the western coast of Italy.

The road less traveled took us through the Tuscan countryside on our tour of Italy during our annual journey overseas.

My father and I set out in late March with our first stop was in Northern Italy in the city of Bozen/Bolzano to visit Otzi, the Iceman. At some 5,300 years old, Otzi, a unique glacier mummy preserved at the South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology, was a remarkable site in his special cold chamber.

My father, who had eagerly anticipated seeing the Iceman, and I also got to see some of the clothes he wore and the equipment he used. One piece was the only completely intact prehistoric axe in the world. The birch-bark containers he used for transporting the embers of fires were particularly interesting. Photographs were not allowed inside the museum.

We also took a long walk one day to see Castel Roncolo (Runkelstein Castle), known as the "illustrated castle," where frescoes dating back to circa 1400 have faded but not been forgotten. In the Tournaments Room, frescoes show the excitement of a medieval tournament, the formality of a courtly dance, and scenes of big-game hunting and fishing.



The town square in Bozen/Balzano was filled with activity and many gathered around the foundation in the center.

The medieval hilltop fortress with its narrow streets and views was a pleasure to walk through and the sea shone blue below as we stood on the hilltop.

After several days in Bozen/Bolzano, we headed south on the interstate to spend another several days in Tuscany. We passed through such renowned cities as Verona, Bologna and Firenze, or Florence, the capital city of the Tuscan region.

Once we left the beaten path that was the interstate, and arrived at the Toscana Verde hotel in Arezzo, Italy, the map was set out on the table and my father planned a course of action each day. We really took the road less traveled many days.

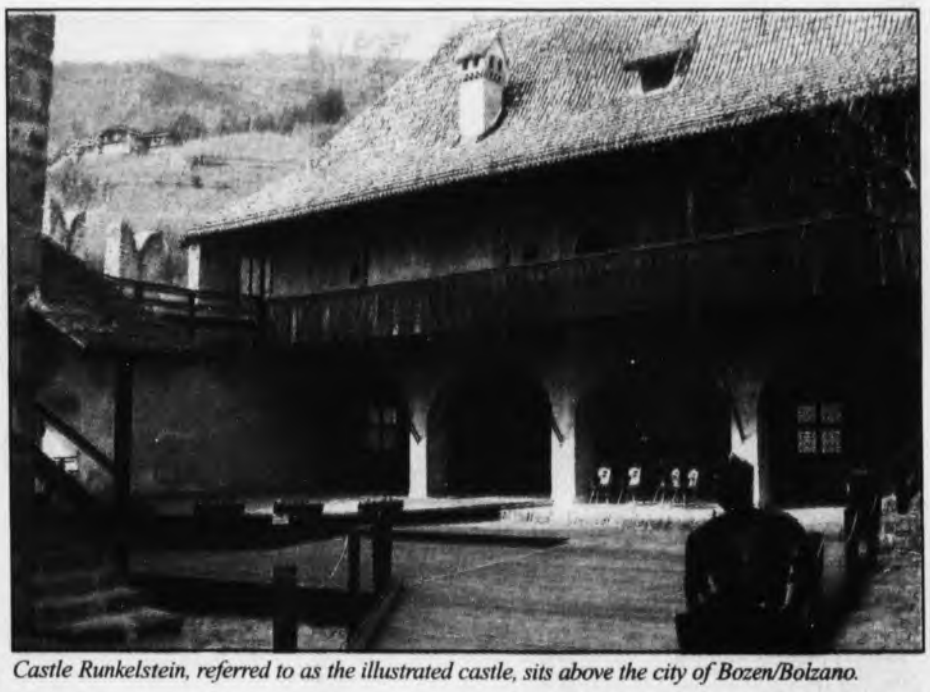
One day, we decided to drive to the west coast of Italy to see the Mediterranean Sea, and in my case, stick my feet in the water. The town we spent most of our time in was the ancient seaside town of Castiglione della Pescaia. The medieval hilltop fortress with its narrow streets and views was a pleasure to walk through and the sea shone blue below as we stood on the hilltop.

Another stop was to the little village of Il Borro, an ancient medieval village that's part of a large estate. We actually just happened upon it, as was often the case on this trip. It was a very quaint Tuscan village with the narrow streets typical of the region.

All over the Italian countryside, and even along the interstate and smaller highways, grapevines grew. The farther south we traveled, the more olive trees we saw. Castles are also a common site. We missed the guided tour inside Castel Tasso, but walking around outside was still like taking a step back in time, minus the German shepherd looking out the window.

Eating real Tuscan pizza and Italian risotto were the culinary highlights of the trip. My glimpse of life in Italy came to an end with a rush of sheep crossing the road as we watched and a plate of penne alla arrabiata.

All told, we drove more than 2,500 kilometers, or 1,550 miles, with me, the navigationally-challenged, as my father's navigator. Thanks, Dad.



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Phil Mahoney of Cohasset jogs with his daughter, Bridget, 3, as they get to the first checkpoint during Saturday's MS Lifelines Walk.



Participants in the five-mile MS Lifelines Walk stretch across North Main Street as the event gets under way. About half of the money raised is spent locally to help people with MS while the remainder funds leading MS research projects around the country.

Step by step to find a cure

Cohasset MS Walk held Saturday

Staff photos by Robin Chan



Katie Charochak, right, from Bridgewater State College, cheers on the MS walkers as they stride into the Sandy Beach parking lot for the first checkpoint. Charochak's sorority sister, Nicole Lavallee, left, gets snacks ready for the walkers.



John Rousseau, left, of Cohasset, helps Barbara Green, right, put on a "Green Team" T-shirt on Sadie before the start of Saturday's MS Walk. The MS Lifelines Walk is a series of walks throughout the country that raise money to end the devastating effects of the disease.



At the Sandy Beach checkpoint, Sara Krause, left, of Halifax, gives a loving hug to her mother's close friend Sharon Ferris, right, of East Bridgewater. Ferris was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in April 2001 and has been participating in the Cohasset MS Walk ever since.



Christine Cunning, left, and Diane McNary, both of Cohasset, start to climb the Forest Avenue hill during the five-mile MS Lifelines Walk.

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Rec Notes

Signups for Summer Drama Workshop May 12

Registration will take place 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday, May 12, at the Town Hall auditorium. Registrations after May 20 will be for ensemble and chorus. Space is limited.

Summer Drama Workshop — Cohasset Recreation Department announces the Cohasset Dramatic Club will again conduct the Summer Drama Workshop for children ages 8 through 18. This summer's performance will be Disney's "High School Musical."

This year's program will include, along with the production of a full-scale musical, instruction on acting technique, singing and voice work and dance. The fee for the program is $350 per person and checks should be made payable to CDC at the time of registration. There are multi child/family discounts available.

Registration will take place 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday, May 12, at the Town Hall auditorium. Registrations after May 20 will be for ensemble and chorus. Space is limited.

Limited rehearsals begin May 31 and will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6 to 8 p.m. A more intensive schedule will begin the week of June 18, the week school ends. The show's performances will be on July 20, 21 and 22, all at Cohasset High School auditorium.

For information about this production, call 617-697-2115. Director will be Lisa Pratt.

Dog training classes offered — The series of Dog Training on the Common with Cohasset Recreation has begun. Classes for Beginners, Level 2 dogs and Agility will take place on Monday nights. Classes will take place through October. Cost is $110 for a five-week class.

For more information, call 781-383-4109, or to speak to the instructor, call 781-878-4343.

Dance with Caroline — The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a dance workshop, directed by Caroline Carr, from Monday, June 18 through Thursday, June 21, at the Town Hall Auditorium.

The program will run from 3 to 4:30 p.m., for boys and girls ages 7 and up. Basic jazz and hip hop dance technique will be included. Emphasis will be placed upon developing a healthy, active lifestyle and building strength, flexibility and endurance, as well as feeling good and having fun.

Participants are encouraged to come in comfortable attire. Bring a bottle of water, a snack and an open mind. The price is $80 per person. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the Town Hall or by calling the Recreation Department at 781-383-4109.

Boot Camp — The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a bi-weekly adult Boot Camp Fitness Training Program with instructor, Betsy Callanan.

This unique physical training opportunity will meet from 6 to 7 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays starting Tuesday, June 12 through Thursday, Aug. 16, on the Common in front of Town Hall. The fee is $100 and checks can be made payable to the Town of Cohasset. You may register by calling the Recreation Dept. at 781-383-4109.

Betsy will run an interval callisthenic and running fitness program for both men and women of all levels of ability. While running and/or walking remains an essential aspect of this cardiovascular training format, inclusive will be various integrated calisthenics such as jump roping, stairs or hills, squat thrusts, lunges, push-ups, skipping/running knees, sit-ups and more. Betsy has designed this program to improve cardiovascular endurance and strength.

It is recommended that participants dress in layers as weather conditions dictate, bring a water bottle and jump rope and wear running shoes. Success in this class will be based on participant's individual personal best, not as a competition with others.

It's Happening

Creative Nite!

Looking for a fun way for your child or children to enjoy some Friday Nite Fun making some wonderful Mother's Day gifts and cards while you go out to enjoy some alone time with that special someone? If so, go to www.onecreativeplace.net and click on the One Creative Nite section for more information.

Dirty cars wanted

Bring us your mom's dirty car! Let the Cohasset High School Baseball Team wash your vehicle! Stop by the Deer Hill School on Saturday, May 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Your donation will benefit the baseball team's scholarship fund as well as help buy equipment needed to improve the program.

Benefit to celebrate Cohasset schools

Cohasset Education Foundation will host a Spring Benefit at Cohasset Golf Club on May 19. The evening will include dinner and dancing, and live and silent auctions emceed by Jim Wells. Some items on the auction block include a behind-the-scenes tour of the Channel 5 newsroom, a $500 shopping spree at E.A. Davis in Wellesley and a ride to school in the fire truck. Tickets are $75 and proceeds from the evening will go toward both the Project and Endowment funds for CEF.

CEF welcomes donations of goods, services or volunteer contributions. For more information, call Catherine O'Callaghan at 781-383-6868 or Pam Wilson at 781-383-3076.

GOP Committee to host Spring Dinner

Cohasset Republican Town Committee will host a Spring Dinner at 6:30 p.m., on May 9, at Second Congregational Church in Cohasset. Speakers will be Republican officer holders. Requested contribution of $15 includes dinner and speakers.

Call Julie Guild at 781-383-6443 or Edith Ford at 781-383-1648 for reservations and more information.

Kentucky Derby

A Night At The Races—Kentucky Derby Night fundraiser to benefit the South Shore Community Center will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 5 at the Community Center. 3 N. Main St.. The event will feature food, drinks, horse races, silent and live auctions and more. Please come for an evening of fun and show support for the Community Center. Please call 781-383-0088 to purchase tickets, or they can be purchased in person at the Community Center. $65 per person

Mothers walk for peace

Please join a group of your Cohasset friends and neighbors this Mother's Day, May 13th on the 11th Annual Mothers' Walk for Peace. The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, an organization supported by the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset, sponsors this uplifting 3-1/2 mile walk through the neighborhoods of Dorchester; Participating in this walk makes a powerful statement of personal commitment to combating inner city youth violence and supporting the survivors of Boston's homicide victims. A car pool will leave Cohasset Town Hall at 7 a.m. and return at 11 a.m.

For more information or to sign up for the walk please contact Connie Afshar at 781 383 6006.

Seaside Shelter dance

Join the Hull Seaside Animal Rescue for an evening of Ballroom Dance Classes and Party as a Fundraiser for the Shelter. Held at the beautiful Hull Yacht Club, there will be two classes starting at 7p.m. (Swing and Cha-cha) with complimentary desserts and a cash bar, May 19th. $60 per couple, or $30 per single, and is 100 percent tax deductible. It will be a fun night of music, dancing, and fabulous desserts with the twinkling lights of Hull, Hingham and Boston on the water. So dust off your dancing shoes, feel like your Dancing with the Stars, and help us help our feline friends. Call 781-925-0073 to reserve your place now.

Middle School Book Group to meet May 10

Buttonwood Middle School Book Group will meet at 7 p.m., on Thursday, May 10, at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset. The selected book is "Monster" by Walter Dean Myers. The facilitator is Barb Mullin, Deer Hill School librarian. Fifth-graders are invited to attend. Reservations are not necessary, and all are welcome.

Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 for more information.

Adult Book Group to meet at Buttonwood

Buttonwood Book Group for adults will meet at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, May 8, at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset. The selected book is "The Namesake" by Jhumpa Lahiri. Facilitator is Sarah Duffield.

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Jim Mitterando, center, runs hand-in-hand with his son David, 4, while David and his sister, Elizabeth, 5-1/2, kick soccer balls across the common to the duck pond.

Cohasset artists featured in invitational show

Cohasset artists Diane Rousseau and Kimberlee Alemian will be featured in an invitational art show and benefit party at the James Library & Center for the Arts in Norwell. The Cohasset artists, who paint in differing styles, will be among 30 South Shore artists invited to exhibit in this biennial benefit show titled "Scenes of the North River," which will run from Friday, May 4, through Wednesday, May 30.

The show, with curator and Scituate resident Lisa Flynn, will begin May 4, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., with a benefit party of catered light fare and live music. All artwork will be available for purchase and the artists will be in attendance. The event is a benefit for the non-profit James Library. Tickets for the opening party are $25 and are available by calling the James at 781-659-7100. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

The work includes prints, oil paintings, sculpture and watercolors. Many of the artists visited property owners on the river to get new and unique vantage points. The exhibit will be on display through May 30.

For information, call the James Library at 781-659-7100 or visit www.JamesLibrary.org .

SENIOR SCENE

Senior Center to host Mother's Day Tea

Cohasset Elder Affairs to Celebrate All Mothers – Cohasset Elder Affairs invites residents to attend a Mother's Day Tea from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Wednesday, May 9. A luncheon will be prepared by the Angel Food Project and entertainment will be provided by harpist Michelle Binet.

Pancake Breakfast – Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m., on Monday, May 7, at Golden Care Center; Cohasset Knoll.

Medical Transport – There will be no medical transport on Tuesday, May 15, as drivers will be attending an in-service day.

Opportunity to Serve this Summer – Are there any students who would like to help at Cohasset Elder Affairs? There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available. On completion of volunteer hours, Cohasset Elder Affairs will give volunteers a letter recognizing the hours volunteered. For information, call Martha Horsefield at 781-383-9112.

Brush chipping, paint day

Brush chipping – Residential brush will be accepted at the DPW parking area on the last Saturday of each month from May through October, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Trees more than 3 inches will not be accepted. No contractors.

Paint Day – Paints that are not latex-based will be accepted at the Recycling Transfer Station on the last Saturday of every month from May through October, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Latex paint can be air dried or absorbed with cat litter, sand or paint hardener and disposed of with household trash. Dispose empty paint cans in the tin can container.

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To speak with Heather Kempskie, editor, call 508-634-7510.
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Our Reason to Relay

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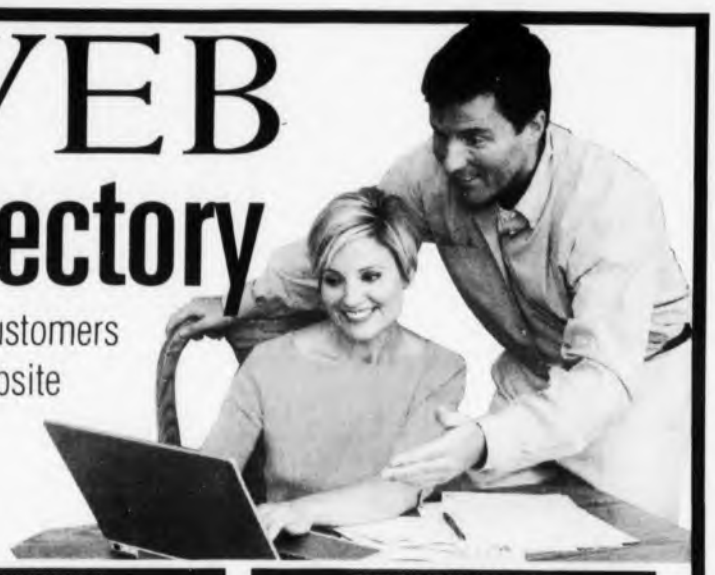
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OBITUARIES

Richard P. Barrow

World War II veteran



Richard P. Barrow

Richard P. Barrow, 81, of Cohasset, died April 26, 2007.

Born and raised in Cohasset, Mr. Barrow attended Cohasset schools before enlisting in the U.S. Navy and was a veteran of World War II. Upon returning home, Mr. Barrow became a police officer for the Cohasset Police Department, where he worked for more than 40 years, retiring in 1990 with the rank of sergeant.

Mr. Barrow loved town politics and was involved in the town of Cohasset all his life. He was on the Recreation Department for more than 30 years and also was on the Harbor Study Committee.

He was an avid outdoorsman and loved hunting and fishing, and enjoyed gardening. Mr. Barrow was happiest when surrounded by his family and his grandchildren.

He leaves three sons, Joseph Barrow, Richard Barrow II and David Barrow, all of Cohasset; a daughter, Amy Davis of Cohasset; his brother, Robert Barrow of Cohasset; his sister, Jean Salvador of Cohasset; nine grandchildren; and his cousin, Celia Sampson of Cohasset. He was the brother of the late Edward, Joseph and Helen Barrow.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Interment in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset. Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Uve F. Hublitz

Radiological pioneer, writer, photographer



Uve F. Hublitz

Dr. Uve Friederich Hublitz, 71, of Hingham, formerly of Cohasset, died in Naples Florida on April 16, 2007, after a long battle with lung cancer.

Born in Berlin, Germany, he immigrated to America in 1951 with his parents, his sisters, Antje, Doris, and Karin and his brother Bernd. After graduating from Manhasset High School in N.Y., he volunteered to serve in the U.S. Army as a medic from 1954 to 1956. Dr. Hublitz was a Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Columbia College in 1961 and went on to obtain his medical degree from Tufts University in 1965. After completing his internship and residency at Boston City Hospital and a fellowship at New England Medical Center, he practiced interventional cardiovascular radiology for 30 years at Brockton Hospital, where he was the first interventional radiologist in the area.

Dr. Hublitz served as Chief of Staff and President of the medical staff from 1984 to 1986. As an associate clinical professor at Boston University, he trained many young doctors, wrote scientific papers in radiology and gave technical presentations of his work throughout the United States and Europe. He was longtime resident of Cohasset, where he and his wife, Ann raised their family. The couple recently moved to Hingham to enjoy their retirement.

Uve was a true renaissance man who was able to convert his early naturalist interests into becoming a noted ornithologist and photographer, giving freely of his time and pictures to South Shore area schools and civic groups. His children and grandchildren continue to be delighted by his writings that converted his knowledge of nature into clever poetic rhyme in his published books of children's poetry. Uve was an avid bird watcher and photographer, gardener, fisherman, golfer, tennis player and sports fan. He loved good food, fine wine and good company, and as such became a long time active member of Les Amis d'Escoffier of Boston.

He leaves his wife Ann; his children, Heidi, Kris and Kyle and his grandchildren Bridgett, Emily, Ryan, Finn and Luke.

A memorial service will take place at 1 p.m., Friday, May 4, at The Second Congregational Church of Cohasset at 43 Highland Ave, Cohasset, followed by a reception at Atlantica on Cohasset Harbor from 2 to 4 p.m.

Donations in his memory may be made to The Hospice of Naples, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples FL. 34105, or the Lung Cancer Online Foundation, Box 762, East Setauket, N.Y.11733.

Robert C. Dobson

Retired mason tender

Robert C. Dobson, 74, of Brockton, formerly of Pembroke, Duxbury and Marshfield, died April 22, 2007, at Embassy House in Brockton.

Born in Cohasset, he was the son of the late Emery and Viola (Bates) Dobson, and was educated in Duxbury schools.

Prior to his retirement, Mr. Dobson had been a mason tender in his father's masonry business in Marshfield.

He leaves two sisters, Nancy Bennett and Barbara Dobson, both of Marshfield. He was the brother of the late Dorothy Bartlett and Donald Dobson.

A graveside service will take place at 11 a.m., on Saturday, May 5, at Cedar Grove Cemetery in Marshfield. Arrangements are by MacDonald Funeral Home, Marshfield.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, May 6:

10 a.m. - Worship in the Meeting House

Sermon: "Another Morning"

Refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall will follow the morning service and RE classes.

Soul Work: Conversations across Congregations (with parallel programming for children) — First Parish UU in Hingham/Old Ship — Noon to 2:30 p.m.

This first Sunday series of conversations on anti-racism work as spiritual practice, as soul work, will conclude for this church year, with lunch served at noon, and adult conversations led by Eva Marx from Old Ship and Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, running from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at First Parish UU (Old Ship), 107 Main Street in Hingham. This series is based on the book, Soul Work: anti-racist theologies in dialogue. You may purchase a copy at First Parish UU for $18. This series is dedicated to the late Rev. Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley, co-editor of Soul Work.

Candlelight Peace Vigil on Cohasset Common

Join us for this first Sunday of the month witness for peace. While we have have candles available, we invite you to bring your own if you can.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

7:46 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, death; 911 caller reports that his brother has died. Funeral home on scene.

11:08 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, 911 caller states that he was having guests over and uninvited youths tried to come inside, throwing rocks and shattering two windows; investigated and report taken.

11:37 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, 911 caller from previous call reports youths have returned and he is afraid; officer spoke with party.

11:43 p.m. **Sohier St. and Fairoaks Lane**, Sergeant reports a downed wire; E9 sent to location and National Grid notified; will be working at the scene for several hours. DPW notified to pick up the logs later.

MONDAY, APRIL 16

12:02 a.m. **Sohier St.,** one of the crossing bars across the tracks is down. There are no lights flashing to warn of the bar down. MBTA Police notified.

12:15 a.m. **Jerusalem Road,** caller would like to speak to an officer regarding a previous incident.

12:47 a.m. **Jerusalem Road,** caller would like to speak to an officer regarding a previous incident.

1:01 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St.,** the traffic lights are flashing. State DPW notified.

2:28 a.m. **North Main St.,** 911 caller states there is a transformer fire.

3:30 a.m. **Hull St. and Fisher Road,** caller reports tree with wires blocking the roadway.

4:20 a.m. **Pond St.,** 911 caller reports a tree and wires down.

5:40 a.m. **Fern Way,** 911 caller was disconnected. Caller stated two trees fell on his house and chimney.

6:37 a.m. **Sohier St.,** caller states "his basement is flooded due to the MBTA work in his backyard. The MBTA has done something with James Brook causing his basement to flood." MBTA will contact the homeowner.

6:43 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St.,** 911 caller states "there is a transformer on fire."

6:49 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** caller reports debris in the roadway.

7:06 a.m. **HQ,** tree limbs to be removed from Sohier Street at Fairoaks, North Main Street at Cedar Street and Pond Street.

7:14 a.m. **North Main St.,** storm drain is flooding.

7:19 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** several callers about power outage.

8:30 a.m. **King St. and Lily Pond Lane,** 911 cell caller reports a large tree that appears is going to fall into the road.

9:24 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** Sandy Beach will be shut down until after high tide due to the storm.

9:57 a.m. **Border St.,** report of water washing away the temporary barriers at this location.

10:05 a.m. **Jerusalem Road and Bow St.,** officer reports they are shutting down the road at this location due to the flooding.

10:57 a.m. **South Main St.,** caller reported smoke coming from a dumpster in the back of the building. Officer on the scene reports this is from the generator test, no problems.

12:09 p.m. **Border St.,** gas leak at this location. Keyspan notified.

4:53 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St.,** 911 caller stated that a vehicle is tailgating and swerving all over the road. Officer spoke with driver and is all set.

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Legal Notices

ANNUAL MEETING
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ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
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BANK

Will be held at the offices of the Bank, 48 South Main Street, Cohasset, Massachusetts on Tuesday evening, May 15, 2007 at 6:00 PM, for the purpose of electing directors for a term of three years, and a clerk of the corporation for a term of one year and to transact such other business that may legally come before the meeting according to the by-laws and including the changing of the by-laws.

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WORSHIP GUIDE

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more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood. Appointments to speak to the staff can be made by calling or emailing. Office hours are daily from 8:30 am until 2 pm.

Going on at St. Stephen's this week, April 29 through May 6:

• Saturday, May 5th: 7 am Bible Fellowship

• Sunday, May 6th: Services at 8 am and 10 am, special guest preacher and parish presentation from Massachusetts Interfaith Power and Light to look at topics of creating green congregations.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

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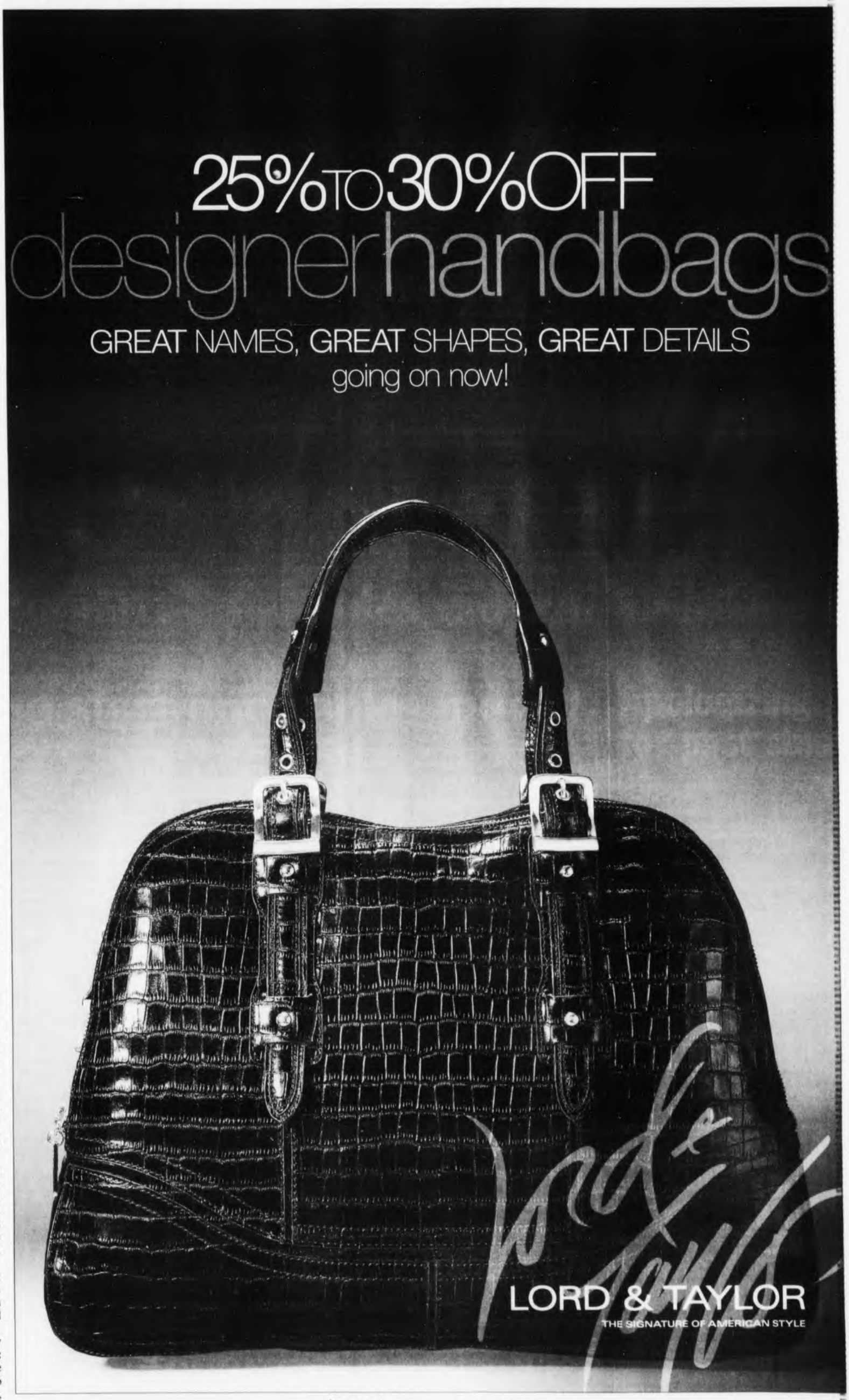
The Bible subjects for May are: May 6, "Everlasting Punishment;" May 13, "Adam and Fallen Man;" May 20, "Mortals and Immortals;" and May 27, "Soul and Body."

The Bible subjects for June will be: Ancient and Modern Necromancy, alia Mesmerism and Hypnotism, Denounced, God the Only Cause and Creator, God the Preserver of Man, Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?

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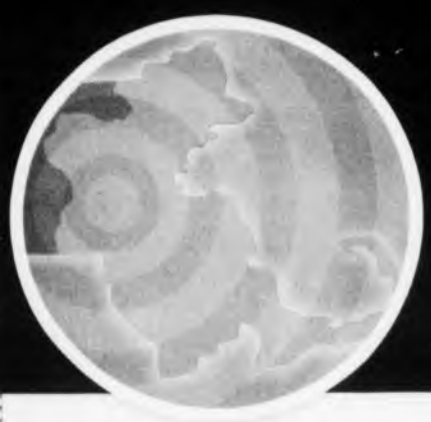
South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

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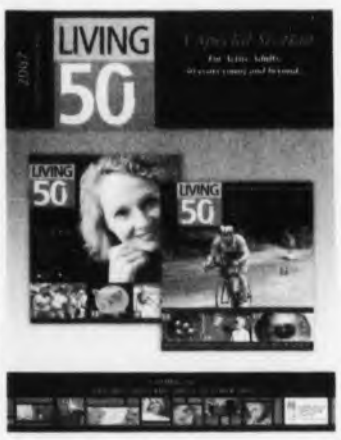


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POLICE/FIRE LOG

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5:40 p.m. **Elm St.,** fire captain to this location for investigation. Power supply problem.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

1:18 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

1:19 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

8:41 a.m. **Hull DPW,** Hull Fire requesting R3 for an employee that fell off a dump truck and is unconscious in the middle of the parking lot. Transported to SSH/ALS. Cohasset cruiser also responding for assistance, all Hull units tied up.

9:34 a.m. **Fairoaks Lane,** medical aid, transported to SSH/ALS.

10:11 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** report of some type of possible oil spill or gas leak at this location. MassHighway notified this is an oil slick on 3A. This is a transmission line that burst on a truck; units are out with the truck.

10:45 a.m. **Elm St.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

12:04 p.m. **Joy Pl.,** caller reports a lot of flooding coming over the wall at this location.

1:50 p.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks; officer reports school checks OK – all secure.

2:34 p.m. **Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Road,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

5:35 p.m. **Summer St.,** motor vehicle stop; 49-year-old man summonsed on charges of operating motor vehicle with suspended registration and uninsured motor vehicle.

9:11 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** caller reports a large tree or branch in the middle of the northbound lane on 3A between Sanctuary Pond Road and Lower King St.

11:32 p.m. **Weather.** Atlantic Avenue at the causeway to Jerusalem Road is impassable along with Margin Street and Forest at Wadleigh Park. The DPW has been notified and will start putting up barriers. Also, the high tides are starting to wash over and cause more flooding. Jerusalem at Bow Street also flooded. Hingham Police Department reports Rockland Street and West Corner is closed due to flooding.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

12:11 a.m. **Elm St.,** parking lot is flooding.

12:13 a.m. **Elm St.,** roadway is flooding.

12:21 a.m. **Border St.,** water is in the parking lot and going in the front door.

12:27 a.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

12:27 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks secure.

12:37 a.m. **Crocker Lane,** the gates to the State DPW Barn were ajar; checked area and all is secure.

6:19 a.m. **Highland Ave.,** caller reports "a telephone pole on fire. The pole is 50 feet in the woods behind Town Hall."

6:30 a.m. **Stanton Road,** 911 caller states her CO2 detector is going off. Fire CO2 detector is showing CO2 is present. Furnace has been shut off. Homeowner is notifying the oil company, E1, R3, ventilating.

7:32 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** caller wants an officer to check his house as "the paperboy told him it was flooded." He was advised of the weather conditions. Causeway was flooded. House was not. Caller notified.

7:42 a.m. **Joy Pl.,** walk-in party reports tree across the driveway. Resident notified.

7:43 a.m. **Highland Ave.,** National Grid requests engine to the scene for pole fire.

8:51 a.m. **King St.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/BLS.

11:02 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** assist motorist; caller reports a motorist was driving through the beach parking lot and a large tree got stuck in the undercarriage of her vehicle.

12:30 p.m. **Border St.,** sergeant requests the Fire Department and the DPW check the safety of the road at this location. Fire captain reports they did just check the location and state everything is safe for travel.

1:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** medial aid/respiratory distress; transported SSH/ALS.

3:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** larceny report; caller reports someone has just stolen her wallet. Caller also reports a white male about 50 years old wearing a baseball hat and jacket.

4:06 p.m. **Beach St.,** caller reports the cover to a pump in her basement has come off and there is water going everywhere. She can't put the cover back on.

7:31 p.m. **Sohier St.,** caller reports a vehicle driving all over the road and crossing over the line.

7:41 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** Scituate reports an erratic operator on 3A just passing their high school headed northbound toward Cohasset. Out with vehicle by Stop & Shop.

7:45 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** arrest. Arrested: Richard Buccacio, 43, 11 Colony Ave., Bourne. Charge: Warrant arrest.

8 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** caller said there is a beach house used for storing things for the beach season and the wind and water from the storm has forced the door about a quarter of the way open. He'd like it kept an eye on. They will call their own maintenance people to come out and fix this.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

1:13 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** buildings secure.

2:05 a.m. **BOLO announcement.** Robbery suspect is white male 5 feet, 9 inches, wearing a gray hoodie, jeans, red ski mask, brown hair, brown eyes, fled on foot southbound on Nantasket Ave. Knife shown.

2:40 a.m. **Hull St.,** assist other department. Hull Police Department requests officer at address.

8:07 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** animal complaint. Caller reports this is a construction site and a raccoon has gotten into the dumpster; it is still in there and seems to have hurt itself. ACO notified.

8:16 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** E3 to this location to put some Speedy Dry on a spill.

8:52 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** accidental 911 call.

9:54 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

9:54 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

11:10 a.m. **South Main St.,** caller reports he is doing construction at this location and there are two raccoons in a dumpster that are fighting. ACO en route. Three raccoons taken out of the dumpster.

1:59 p.m. **Bancroft Road,** medial aid.

2:33 p.m. **Pleasant St.,** officer wanted. Caller reports her neighbor is outside taking pictures of her house and would like to see an officer.

3:14 p.m. **Forest Ave.,** erratic motor vehicle operation. 911 cell phone caller reports an erratic operator driving a green Lincoln Town Car in front of him on the wrong side of the road. Went to the end of Forest, onto Atlantic Avenue, headed toward Hull. Hull Police Department has the call.

6:47 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** caller states that his son was arrested in Scituate and released and is becoming unruly and would like to see an officer. Son has been advised of his options.

7:31 p.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

7:33 p.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

7:39 p.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

8:19 p.m. **Elm St.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/BLS.

8:19 p.m. **Old Coach Road,** walk-in party wanted to file a report on threatening phone calls they have received.

11:19 p.m. **Lower King St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

12:27 a.m. **Lower King St.,** motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:41 a.m. **Doane St.,** medical aid/transported to SSH/ALS.

1:25 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

7:51 a.m. **Jerusalem Road,** Abandoned 911 call. On a call back the caller stated he was showing his daughter what to do in an emergency. Confirmed accidental.

8:03 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** caller reports she was walking her dogs at Sandy Beach and discovered a rib cage with organs in it. She is unsure what it belongs to at this time. Fire captain reports this is an animal.

8:32 a.m. **Forest Ave.,** traffic enforcement.

8:34 a.m. **Forest Ave.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

8:43 a.m. **Norfolk Road,** downed power lines. Called in from the DPW, a hanging wire at this location. Officer reports this is a phone line.

8:52 a.m. **Forest Ave.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

9:06 a.m. **Forest Ave.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

9:26 a.m. **Elm St.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/BLS.

10:16 a.m. **North Main St.,** hazard; caller reports there is a large moving truck at her home today and it cannot fit up the driveway, it is in the street. The truck has been moved, no need for a detail.

10:45 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** officer reports there is a landscaping truck in the road, it is a hazard to traffic.

11:28 a.m. **Country Way,** medical aid; Scituate Fire requests R3 for a medical.

11:30 a.m. **White Head Road,** walk-in party from the above location reports a gas main at his home was ruptured by a contractor. Keyspan is on scene. Homeowner wanted Fire Department to check the scene.

11:50 a.m. **Fay Road,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

1:24 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** medical aid; transported to QMC/ALS.

1:35 p.m. **Elm St.,** medical aid for allergic reaction; transported to SSH/BLS.

2:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle crash. Fire captain requests cruiser to this location for a motor vehicle accident. No personal injuries reported. Officer reports there is no damage, parties are all set.

2:09 p.m. **Short St.,** caller reports she has heard a loud noise in her basement almost as if something has burst or broken. Circulating problem with boiler, R3 in service standing by at the scene.

2:13 p.m. **Pleasant St.,** caller would like to speak to an officer.

2:45 p.m. **Rustic Dr.,** caller would like it logged she is receiving prank calls from kids. She will be picking up a Verizon Unlawful Calls Packet and she was given information on how to trace the call.

2:48 p.m. **Elm St.,** Bapern Radio Test today at 1430 hours complete.

3:27 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** caller reports the landscaping truck from this morning is back in the road in a bad spot. Spoke with owner and car is being moved.

3:35 p.m. **South Main St.,** officer wanted.

4:47 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** vandalism report.

5:22 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

5:27 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

5:44 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

6:18 p.m. **Lower King St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

11:35 p.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

7:19 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

9:29 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** fire, investigation. E3 to this location for investigation of outside odor of gas.

12:11 p.m. **Doane St.,** medical aid. Received hang-up 911 call from this location and no answer on call back. Elderly male has fallen at this location. Fire units started to this location to evaluate the male.

1:50 p.m. **Clay Spring and Arrowwood roads;** sergeant reports she is out with a motor bike not registered. Operator will be cited.

2:38 p.m. **South Main St.,** caller reports he would like to see an officer regarding a past break.

3:20 p.m. **King St.,** motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. This party has a title swap and still has a few more days to register and insure the vehicle.

3:21 p.m. **Highland Ave.,** caller reports kids on mini bike riding around fast. He's worried they will get hurt. Officer will be coming in with the mini bike.

5:24 p.m. **Doane St.,** officer reports a party with a parking complaint. Motor vehicle parked at end of Doane Street and no one is around.

5:33 p.m. **Red Gate Lane,** caller reports a squirrel is caught by the neck in his hockey net and they can't get it out. On a call back the caller got the squirrel out.

6:14 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** hit and run. Caller would like it logged that she was coming out of the above location and two witnesses told her that a blue mini van backed into her car and left. There was no license plate number taken. Caller would like this for when she calls her insurance company.

6:57 p.m. **Hull St.,** caller reports a male in black clothing acting very suspicious, walking up and down the street looking in cars. The caller asked him if he was all set and he ignored the caller and walked away. Caller also reported he went to the dumpster at Victoria's and walked down the street and got into a gray Camry. Hingham Police Department notified.

7:41 p.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

7:56 p.m. **South Main St.,** caller reports a woman is stuck in the elevator. E3 reports the woman is out of the elevator. This was the kitchen elevator and they will have someone come out to repair it.

9:18 p.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

9:19 p.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

10:56 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** Hingham Police Department reports there are about eight kids trespassing in Turkey Hill and only a few have come out. They think the rest will come out on the Cohasset side entrance. They are unsure whether or not the kids have alcohol. Officers report area search negative at this time. Hingham Police Department asking to check Shaw's Plaza for an older brown sedan. He reports the reported teens in Turkey Hill are reported to be intoxicated. No motor vehicle matching that description. Hingham notified.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

12:16 a.m. **Elm St.,** officers going out on patrol report smell of smoke.

12:30 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks secure.

12:31 a.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

1:02 a.m. **Elm St.,** E1 reports a brown, foamy substance coming from the door and going into the stream behind the building. Plant personnel advised of the problem.

2:19 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** Scituate Police report a hit and run accident. Motor vehicle involved is a brown sedan with front end damage and a missing headlight. Scituate Police and Fire out with a motor vehicle accident on the line.

4:17 a.m., **Doane St.,** medical aid/chest pain; transported to SSH/ALS.

TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

MAY 3-10, 2007

Take a bow

Spotlight shines on local high schools

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Student productions at Silver Lake Regional and Pembroke High Schools have been nominated for a total of nine North Shore Music Theater (NSMT) "Spotlight Awards." Created to honor excellence in high school musical theater, 25 high schools are involved in this year's second annual program, which will culminate in an awards ceremony on May 15 on NSMT's Beverly stage.

"Our second year is shaping up to be even more spectacular than the first," explained Burgess Clark, NSMT's Director of Education. "Our panel of judges — comprised of 25 theater professionals — saw so many impressive productions that we had a truly tough time determining the best of the best."

Fifteen awards will be given out, including one for Best Musical. As a nominee for Best Musical, Silver Lake Regional High School will receive a $1,000 donation from Danversbank to help further the school's performing arts program.

Silver Lake's production of "The Sound of Music" — performed Feb. 2-3 and 9-10, at the Kingston Intermediate School in Kingston — has been nominated for Best Direction, Kelley DePasqua, Kathryn Leontie and Heather Bates; Best Musical Direction, Kelley Depasqua; Best Leading Actress, Patti McDonough; Best Supporting, Actress Kelly Rice and Best Musical.

"North Shore Music Theatre's Spotlight Awards are an inspiration for young performers."

Joyce Kulhawik, arts and entertainment critic for WBZ-TV News

Pembroke High School's production of "The King and I" has been nominated for Best Choreography, Marcie Clough, Best Technical Crew/Execution, Best Leading Actress, Meghan Haskins and Best Supporting Actor Matthew Foster.

"We heard last September that North Shore Music Theatre was planning to present these awards for the second year in a row and that we were invited to apply. Some 35 schools applied for consideration and 25 were chosen by lottery," "High school musicals operate in a kind of bubble. There is a real need to change that and NSMT is giving recognition to this need. Everyone either knows first-hand or hears about a championship football team, but only people who actually see the shows know how good they are," explained Kelley DePasqua of Plymouth, department chairperson for fine and vocal arts and a choir and vocal music teacher at Silver Lake, by telephone last week.

"North Shore Music Theatre's Spotlight Awards are an inspiration for young performers," said Joyce Kulhawik, arts and entertainment critic for WBZ-TV News in a prepared statement. Kulhawik will host the 2007 ceremony with NSMT Artistic Director and Executive Producer Jon Kimbell. The evening's top honors will be presented by Tony Award-winner Ben Vereen and Andrea McCardle, who originated the role of "Annie" in the Broadway musical of the same name 30 years ago. Other presenters will include former "American Idol" contestant Ayla Brown of Wrentham, Citi Performing Arts Center Chief Executive Officer Josiah Spaulding, Jr., Massachusetts Department of Education Commissioner David P. Driscoll, Beverly Mayor William Scanlon, Massachu-setts Advocates for Arts, Sciences, and Humanities Executive Director Dan Hunter and the cast of SpeakEasy Stage Company's "Parade."

DePasqua says she is pleased, but not entirely surprised to see Silver Lake's production of the classic Rodgers and Hammerstein musical honored with five nominations. The production was dedicated to the late Richard Shattuck, longtime coordinator of fine and practical arts for grades seven through 12, who directed the show in 1972, and was DePasqua's supervisor when she joined the school system 11 years ago.

"I knew we had strong leading players in Patti McDon-ough as Maria, and Kelly Rice who played the Mother Abess, both of Kingston. The children from the elementary and middle schools were very strong, too, as were the performers in the secondary roles. It was very satisfying, too, to be nominated alongside Pembroke. Many of those seniors were freshmen with me in 2004, the last combined class when Pembroke was part of Silver Lake. Gwynne Sousa, the department head and music teacher at Pembroke, does a wonderful job."

Musical numbers from each of the 10 productions nominated for Best Musical will be presented throughout the ceremony, including Silver Lake's rendition of "So Long, Farewell" performed by seven students, and the finale will include two students from each of the 25 high schools, with Liz Rogers of Halifax and Dan Frzzell of Kingston representing Silver Lake. In addition to Silver Lake and Pembroke the following schools are also nominated: Andover High School, Beverly High School, Bishop Fenwick High School, Dracut High School, The Governors Academy, Ipswich High School, Lawrence High School, Leominster High School, Manchester/Essex Regional High School, Marblehead High School, Medfield High School, Natick High School, Oliver Ames High School, Peabody Veterans Memorial High School, Pentucket Regional High School, Pope John XXIII High School, Portsmouth Christian Academy, Reading Memorial High School, Salem High School (Salem, Mass.), Salem High School (Salem, N.H.), Saugus High School, Tyngsborough High School, and Watertown High School.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for the 7p.m. ceremony on Tuesday, May 15. The North Shore Music Theatre "Spotlight Awards" are black tie optional. Tickets are $25 for adults and $10 for students and can be purchased by calling the NSMT Box Office at 978- 232-7200, by visiting www.nsmt.org or in person at 62 Dunham Road (Route128, exit 19), Beverly.



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The Von Trapp children, Friedrich (Marcus Ford), Liesl (Liz Rogers), Kurt (Andrew Northrop), Brigitta (Jessy Rowe), and Louisa (Jocelyn Kelley), wave goodnight to the guests during a scene in Silver Lake's performance of "The Sound of Music".



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Kelly Rice, playing MotherAbbess in "The Sound of Music", hits her notes beautifully during her solo performance.



Kelley DePasqua, Director and Music Director and Kate Leontie, (Director and Acting Coach), two of the shows Directors.



PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Prince Chulalongkorn(Matthew Foster) observes the surroundings in a scene from the musical "The King & I".



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Anna(Meghan Haskins) and the King(Nicholas McKinney) perform a scene together during the high school production of the musical "The King & I".



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Director, Marcie Clough, offers opening remarks before the start of the high school production of the musical "The King & I".

Calendar of events

Thursday, May 3

51st Annual Arts and Crafts Exhibit and Sale May 2 through May 9 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday May 6, from noon to 4 p.m. Second Parish Unitarian Universalist, 685 Main St., Rt. 228, Hingham. 781-749-1671.

A free, inspirational talk titled, **Take Charge of Your Thinking** will be given at the Whiton Room of the Hingham Public Library on the National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 3, at 7:15 p.m. The speaker will be **Kari Mashos,** a practitioner of Christian Science healing. Ms Mashos will discuss ways to break free of negative thought-currents and find greater pace of mind and healing. Everyone is welcome. 781 383-2982

Network 4 Success a business to business Networking Group. - Meets May 3, at the Plympton Library, Route 58 in Plympton, from 5 to 6 p.m. and the third Thursday of each month for lunch at the Halifax Country Club Route 58 in Halifax from noon to 1:30 p.m. Lunch extra. Organizer: Laura Joseph 781-422-2294 cell 774-266-3614.

The Alzheimer's Care Partners Group will meet on May 3, 10:30 a.m. at The John Curtis Free Library, 534 Hanover St. (Route 139) Hanover. Free and open to the public. This is a grass-roots organization seeking solutions to the problems of living with Alzheimer's disease. We meet the first Thursday of every month. For information, please contact Penny Peterson, LCSW, at 781.659.2691.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke **Texas Hold Em** every Thursday night 781-294-4700.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. **Flydown.**

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St. Braintree every Thursday. **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, Satch Romano's **New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam** with **Erin Thornton Band** at 9:15 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Friday, May 4

Grease, the broadway revival right in Stoughton SquareHear the original Broadway lyrics and see the spectacular choreography A musical celebrating "50" years in StoughtonLive Show, May 4, 5 and 6 at 7:30 p.m., May 5 and 6 at 1 p.m. Stoughton Cinema Pub Intersection of Rtes. 27 and 138 - Stoughton Center Stoughton. Tickets: Adults $16/Adults - Sr. Citizens/Students $12. For information - visit littlethe-atreofstoughton.com

The 11th Annual Campus School Classic takes place Friday, May 4, at Widow's Walk Golf Course in Scituate. Shotgun start 1 p.m. Scramble style. Following the tournament, nearby Scituate Country Club will host dinner and the annual Awards Ceremony beginning at 6 p.m. Included in the festivities are a silent auction, raffle, prize giveaways and a new addition – a live auction. The registration fee is $150 per player, includes greens fees, cart and dinner. Players may register online at bc.edu/csvbc. Dinner only $30.

South Shore Conservatory invites you to **Opera By The Bay's fifth Birthday Bash** at the opera troupe's annual Spring Fling concert in Cox Hall, South Shore Conservatory, Hingham, on May 4, and at the Ellison Center for the Arts, Duxbury, on May 5. Both concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. with a wine and cheese reception preceding the performances at 6:45 p.m. The cast will perform pieces from all the major operas they have presented, including party scenes from *Die Fledermaus*, *Cosi fan tutte*, *La Traviata* and *Carmen*. Artistic Directors **Beth MacLeod,** mezzo-soprano, and **Beth Canterbury**, soprano, both professional singers, will join the cast of professional and amateur opera singers and collaborative pianist **Eugene Kaminsky**. Proceeds from the Conservatory Concert Series. Tickets Adult $25 student $20. For information contact Amy Schomp, 781-749-7565 x19 or amyschomp@southshoreconservatory.org.

Professional Production of Peter Pan to be staged May 4, 5, and 6, at Inly Scituate, With the help of Broadway's veteran stage flying company **Flying by Foy**, and a cast of professional adult actors and students, the musical production is a fundraiser for the school. Open to the public. The performances take place in the Meehan Family Artsbarn on the Inly School campus (46 Watch Hill Drive, off Rte. 123 in Scituate) Friday, May 4 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, May 5 at 2 and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, May 6 at 2 p.m. Tickets in the main seating area are $25; for information on special front-row seats, plus the opening reception, visit inlyschool.org/news/. To purchase tickets, call 781-741-5533. All shows are expected to sell out, be sure to call in advance.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents Coffeehouse, with **Ellis Paul** May 4, at 8 p.m. at the Beal House, Route 106, Kingston.. $18 members, $20 non-members. Food donation for the food pantry. For information: call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

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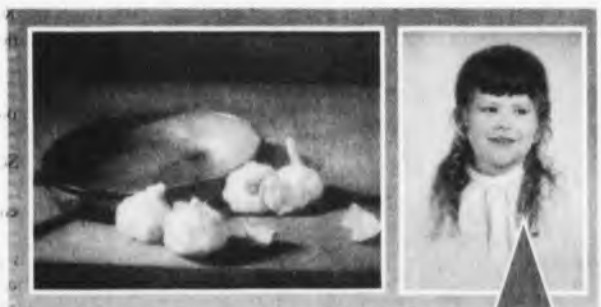
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IRON CHEF COMPETITION - Fifty- Three South on Thursday, May 17 at 7 p.m. with five local celebrity judges, two talented sous chefs, and one winner, in our annual Iron Chef Competition. Tickets include delicious passed appetizers, tapas, and samples of the decadent culinary creations prepared during the competition. Reservations are required and being sold for $35 per person, and $25 for VIP members. Contact us at 781-792-0001.

SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY presents Violist Philip Rush in concert on May 12, 7 pm in Cox Hall, One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. The concert of music for viola and piano, features Pianist Hui-Min Wang with Guest Vocalist Beth MacLeod. Selections include Concertpiece by Georges Enesco, the Lachrymae by Benjamin Britten, *Songs for viola, piano and alto voice* op. 91 by Johannes Brahms, and the Sonata op. 11 no.4 by Paul Hindemith. Rush also presents this program on Tuesday, May 8, 8 pm at Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury Street in Boston. Both concerts are free of charge. For directions to South Shore Conservatory, visit southshore-conservatory.org or call 781-749-7565, ext. 10.

MINDING MANNERS 101: SOCIAL ETIQUETTE FOR CHILDREN Children ages 4-7 and 8-12 will learn the how to's of proper introductions, appropriate table setting and manners, party invitations/thank you note writing, polite conversation. and much more. A portion of all proceeds benefits the Boys and Girls Club of Plymouth. Call CMR at 508-224-4044 or cmreid@CreatingMarketingResults.com for information on this four week session. Dates are May 12, 19, June 2 and 9; Ages 4-7 are 8:30 am-10 am, ages 8-12 are 10:30 am-12 pm.



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Front Street Art Gallery hosts Vincent LoPiccolo. His classic style is reflected in his still-life, portraits and landscapes. LoPiccolo presently teaches oil painting at the Duxbury Art Association where he is a member. He is also a member of the Philadelphia Watercolor Association, the Davinci Art Alliance, and Plymouth Art Guild. He has performed demonstrations for a number of local art associations including Scituate, Taunton and Duxbury.
LoPiccolo has a collection of paintings on display at the Front Street Art Gallery, 124 Front Street, Scituate from May 1 through May 27 with a reception on Sunday, May 6, from 2 to 5 p.m.

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Artwork by Steve Boczanowski



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Artwork by Cheryl Weissbach



Artwork by Kathy Ferrara

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Red Obi will host its **Second Annual Trunk Show** on May 4, from 6 to 9 p.m. Guests will be able to meet local jewelry designers, view and purchase pieces from their latest collections. Tarot Card Readings will be available from medium Terry Porter. Come and enjoy wine & cheese, music and 10 percent off everything in the store. Red Obi is a gallery/gift shop specializing in unique hand-crafted items, gifts, artwork and greeting cards, located at 903 Broad St., Jackson Square, Weymouth. 781-335-3325.

Scenes of the North River an invitational art exhibit featuring more than 30 artists who have painted scenes of the North River. A festive occasion in support of The James Library and Center for the Arts. Opening Friday May 4, from 6 to 9 p.m. Light fare and music. Tickets for this event at the door or in advance through the James Library 781-659-7100 for information www.jameslibrary.org.

Comedy Night - All Season's Restaurant, 327 Plymouth St. Rt. 106 Halifax, May 4, 9 p.m., featuring: **Harrison Stebbins** Other Comics: **Annette Pollack, Rob Brown Scott Darby, Jason Margaca** and your host: **Joe List** (Tours w/ Nick DiPaolo) Admission Only: $15. Advance tickets being sold. Call : 781-293-4135. Produced by Annette's Comedy Asylum visit Myspace.Com/Annettepollack 781-843-4833

PINK VOYD, New England's ultimate live Pink Floyd trip, will be bringing the mesmerizing sights and sounds of Pink Floyd to the Chapman Middle School Auditorium in Weymouth on May 4 at 8 p.m. The profits from the evening will be for the direct benefit of music programs in Weymouth schools such as instrument purchases, scholarships and awards which the **Weymouth Band Parent Association** supports. Tickets for PINK VOYD are now on sale at $30 for Gold Circle Seating and $20 for General Admission. Tickets can be purchased online at www.ticketweb.com. and by calling 866-468-7619. For information on PINK VOYD, log on to pinkvoyd.com

Single Executives Club Singles Dance May 4, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at **Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom**, 929 Hingham St., Rockland, exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by award winning DJ Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes and match game prizes. **Free dancing lessons** from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples age 30 and over. Cost before 9 p.m. is $10 Proper business dress recommended; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable. Visit www.se-4u.com or call 781-446-0234 for information.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. **Chubba Lang.**

Mount Blue Restaurant 707 Main St., Norwell **May 4** Three Day Threshold 781-659-0050. **Reservations accepted for dinner tables near the band**

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Blind Billy & The Spectacles** at 9:15 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, May 4, **Swinging Steaks** Cover $7. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Saturday, May 5

Fifth Annual Plant Sale 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 5, at the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Many varieties of wildflowers are for sale.

The Scituate Public Library will host the Cave Canem 4-H Dog Club's dog training and showing demonstration on May 5, from 2 to 3 p.m. Club members and their dogs will demonstrate obedience exercises and techniques, and will put their dogs through showmanship gaiting and patterns, just as real handlers do for AKC dog shows like Westminster. The club is preparing for the 4-H dog show season, which kicks off with the Cave Canem show on June 17, at 10 a.m., at the Marshfield Fairgrounds. For information, contact Club leader, Rita LaPointe (781-585-3282).

The Little Stars Academy and Spanish 1 on 1, an English/Spanish educational center at 634 Richard Fitts Drive (Rte. 139) in Abington, will sponsor a Cinco de Mayo Family Festival on Saturday, May 5 from 10 am - 4 pm. Admission is $1 for adults and $.50 for children 12 years and younger - children under 3 are free. Activities include raffles, games, face painting, crafts, pinatas, moonwalk, international food and a bi-lingual concert from the students. Parents are invited to tour the school and learn about its innovative and creative bi-lingual educational programs.

A Taste of Hingham - lively street fair benefits the Hingham Food Pantry and 20 other South Shore charities; Saturday, May 5 from noon to 3 p.m. on North Street at Rte 3A in historic downtown Hingham. Sample an abundance of chowders, signature dishes and sweets from Hingham's finest restaurants, markets, caterers and ice-cream shops. Enjoy horse-drawn hayrides, live music, dancing, a fashion show, arts & crafts, balloons and more. Tickets cost $15 ($12 in advance) for individuals, and $30 ($25 in advance) for a family. Advance purchase tickets available at Bowl & Board or Nobles Camera in Hingham Square and Puopolo Candies, 222 North Street. Sponsored by the Hingham Congregational Church, the Hingham Downtown Association and Eat Well, Inc. Call 781-749-7400 or visit www.discoverhingham.com for rain date and other details.

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Bobbi Carrey will present a program called Between the Wars: Music from 1918 to 1941. Free and open to the public. Donations will graciously be accepted. Handicapped accessible. Refreshments will be served. For information call 781-834-5535, email at malib@ocln.org or visit ventresslibrary.org Performer information is available at www.bobbicarrey.com

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Ballroom Dance May 5, from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church Hall, 241 Broad St., Weymouth. DJ Music by DanceSport of Boston. Refreshments, door prizes. Tickets $10 advance/$12 door. 617-325-1562.

Broadway Exchange, energetic songs and comedy routines from Broadway's best-loved hit shows, May 5 at the John Carver Inn, 25 Summer St., Plymouth, 508-746-7100. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Cost is $45 per person plus tax and service charge. Includes buffet dinner. Reservations are suggested.

Faces and Voices of Autism, a unique photo exhibition featuring individual photographs of children and adolescents with autism with personal stories told by special people in their lives, will debut at the Massachusetts State House on April 30 through May 4, in honor of Autism Awareness month. It will also be on display at the Prudential Center in Boston from May 12-18. The exhibit is free and open to the public. For information call 800-778-7601 or visit mayinstitute.org.

The Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery presents the works by ***George Thompson: An American Master*** held in the collection of a South Shore resident. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours through May 3. Visit hinghamlibrary.org for information.

Sweet Fordy's, 290 Center St., Pembroke **Wine & Pastry Tasting**, the first Saturday of each month from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. 781-294-8550.

Mount Blue, 707 Main St., Norwell. Classic rock band, **Union Jack** May 5, at 9 p.m. 781-659-0050. **Reservations accepted for dinner tables near the band**

Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth, May 5. **Traditional Irish Seisiun** every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hornpipes, with great craic and singalong. Admission is free. 508-830-1262.

Abington VFW 30 Central St., Abington. Satruday night dance featuring **Jeanie Lovering & Chamelson** May 5, from 7:30 to 11 p.m. $10 per person. 781-293-6562.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. **May 5, Chubba Lang.** 781-829-6999.

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Call for entries

THE NORTH RIVER ARTS SOCIETY is issuing a call for entries for the 31st Annual Festival of the Arts to be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 26 and 27, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. NRAS will be accepting entries for a Juried Art & Sculpture Exhibit displayed inside the G.A.R. Hall during the Festival – and the week after, until June 3. Entries will also be accepted for a Juried Photography Exhibit featuring the work of photographers from all over New England.

You may also enter works for the "Festival Art Sale", and the NRAS Student Exhibit (adult & children).

Juried Art & Sculpture and Photography Entry Fees are $10 members/$15 non-members *per piece* of artwork or photography. This is a non-refundable fee, regardless of jury decision.

All Juried Art & Sculpture and Photography must be delivered to the North River Arts Society Headquarters at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills on Tuesday, May 8, from 7 to 9 p.m. or Saturday, May 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For further information – or to receive a detailed Prospectus, contact the NRAS at 781-837-8091, fax at 781-837-9576 or email info@northriverarts.org or visit www.northriverarts.org

Sunday, May 6

NSRWA Sponsor's **Birds and Blossoms Walk** May 6, 9 a.m. Join **Ellyn Einhorn** from Mass Audubon to look for early spring wild flowers and migrating song birds while exploring a Wildlands Trust property - The Tucker Preserve - along the Indian Head River. Meet at the Pembroke parking lot at the Indian Head River (opposite Ludham's Ford Park in Hanover) to access the Tucker preserve. Bring your binoculars. To register email paula@nsrwa.org or call (781)-659-8168

The North River Arts Society present Festival of The Arts Award Winners - *Best in Show: Photography* at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Square, Marshfield through June 1. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster St., Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com

WOMEN IN WINE, sponsored by Wendy Koder, Uncorkedonline.com and The Happy Wednesday Foundation, a fundraiser for **Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth's Women Build Project**. Taste and discover great wines and learn how women have been an integral part of winemaking history. This wine tasting fundraiser will be held on Sunday, May 6, from 3 to 5 p.m. at East Bay Grille, Plymouth. Cost is $25 per person. For reservations, call Empire Wine and Spirits at 781 422-9999. To find out more about HFHGP's Women Build Project and how you can get involved, call the Habitat office at 508 866-4188. All proceeds will benefit the Women Build.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club, May 6, 1 p.m. Moderate walk, hilly terrain, 3.5 miles, Wolcott Path to Breakneck Ledge to Chestnut Run and Border Path, return via Wildcat Notch and Coon Hollow. Meet at the Houghton's Pond main parking lot on 840 Hillside St., in Milton. For information visit mass.gov/dcr or call 617-698-1802.

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The Soft Parade, Doors tribute band will perform May 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth. Lead singer Joe Russo looks, moves and sings like Jim Morrison; his dreamy yet menacing performance involves a myriad of emotional shockwaves which he creates with the support of three astounding musicians. Soft Parade performs many Doors classic rock staples such as "Light My Fire," "Hello, I Love You," "Touch Me," "Break On Through," and many more. Tickets $20-$30. For tickets by phone, call TicketWeb toll-free, 866-468-7619. In person or phone: Plymouth Memorial Hall box office, 508-747-1340. Presented by Loretta LaRoche Productions.

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L-R) Maya Braun (Hanover), Erin Hannigan (Hanover), Matt Richards (Pembroke)

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Woman Song Woman interested in a little creative fun time out are invited to join South Shore Conservatory on five Sunday evenings, starting April 29, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for Woman Song with Music Together® Instructor Jennie Mulqueen. Connect to others while nurturing your innate singing ability. Class location: One Conservatory Drive, Hingham. To register in advance, call 781-749-7565, ext. 10. Walk-in registrations will be accepted the first evening of class. Price: $75.

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Tour of the luxury Cohasset Home will raise money for Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps. Curious neighbors, prospective home buyers, decorators, and anyone interested in the latest in home appliances and home technology will be raising money for the programs that educate, rehabilitate, and heal underserved youth across the state when they tour WCVB's Concept Home. On May 6, from 3 to 5 p.m.: Chef/Owner Aldo Velaj of Vlora Mediterranean Restaurant will prepare traditional cuisine from the Adriatic coast. Tours will be held throughout May at 17 Ox Pasture Lane in Cohasset. The public is invited to tour the home Thursdays through Sundays in May. Tickets are $15 in advance and $20 at the door. For information, and to purchase tickets, visit rfkchildren.org, or call 617-227-4183.

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Rockin' for Wellspring! Sunday at the Sea Note with the **GR8tfls** (the band formerly known as the Grateful Dads) May 6, from 4 to 7 p.m. Drawing for the Alaskan Cruise-an all-expense paid dream vacation for two-thanks to Princess Cruises and Cohasset Travel. $50. donation buys one raffle ticket and two admissions to *Sunday at the Sea Note* with the GR8tfls $10. admission Raffle tickets still available call 781-925-3211, go to wellspringhull.org or monica@wellspringhull.org The Sea Note, is located at 159 Nantasket Ave, Hull.

The **Fine Arts Chorale** will return to Duxbury's Performing Arts Center for an encore performance of famous operatic choruses and arias. At 5 p.m. on April 29. This current program will include excerpts from Donizetti's *Lucia di Lammermoor,* Bizet's *Carmen,* Borodin's *Prince Igor,* Verdi's *Don Carlo* and Mussorgsky's *Boris Godunov.* In addition to the 55 member chorale, this year's line up includes a symphony orchestra and soloists **Valerie Arboit,** mezzo soprano, **John William Gomez,** tenor, **Molly Jo Rivellli,** soprano, **Stephen Chambers,** tenor, **Stephen Mumbert,** baritone and **Will Roberts,** baritone. **Dr. Libor Dudas,** will conduct the performance. Tickets are priced at $20 or $15 for seniors and students. For tickets or additional information, call 800-230-7555 or email FineArtsChorale@aol.com.

Blue Hills Observatory and Science Center Open House May 5, Enjoy the view and history at the oldest continually operating Weather Observatory in the country. Free admission to events. Rain or shine learn more at b luehill.org or call 617-696-0562.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, will feature **Dave Foley acoustic jam 9** p.m., for No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796.

Monday, May 7

The North River Arts Society presents **The Maine Event** at the Dolphin Gallery located at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham featuring paintings depicting the beauty of the Maine landscape through May 24. The library gallery is open Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 1-5 p.m. Call the library to confirm current hours: 781.741.1405. For information, contact the NRAS Office at 781-837-8091.

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. All are welcome. For information, call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857 .

Tuesday, May 8

La Leche League provides. Leaders are experienced breastfeeding mothers, accredited by La Leche League International. Whether you're pregnant or already nursing, LLL has something for you - tips and techniques shared by mothers who have enjoyed a successful breastfeeding relationship. Services include monthly informational meetings, lending library and 24-hour phone help for breastfeeding problems or questions. All mothers and their babies are welcome. A new series of meetings is starting on May 8, at 7 p.m. at the Hingham Public Library. For information, call Love 781-740-4876, Tina 781-544-6226, Kathleen 781-749-2404, Heather 781-544-9230, or Patti 781-986-6980.

The Buttonwood Book Group for Adults will meet May 8, at 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. The selected book is "The Namesake" by Jhumpa Lahiri. The facilitator is Ms. Sarah Duffield. No reservations are necessary. All are welcome. 781-383-2665

The Bar Association of Norfolk County sponsors a **Free Evening Legal Clinic,** Quincy District Court, on May 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. For further information call Adrienne Clark at 617-471-9693.

Marguerite Moore's "The North River", a series of three oil paintings is on display at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell along with other True Value Painters **Elizabeth Durant, Ann Johnson, and Joanne Paprandrea.** Their exhibit "True Value Painters" is on display through May 19, at Vine Hall Gallery, South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell.

Women of the South Shore If you love to sing come to the open rehearsals of **The Island Grove Chorus**- a women's acapella singing group. Meet at the United Church of Christ Route 18 in Abington, on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. Call Joanne 781-843-4355 or Judy 781-848-5843.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. May 8, **Free Texas Hold Em. With Northern Poker Legue.**

Wednesday, May 9

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will present a **Standard Flower Show** at the Paul Pratt Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset, on May 9, from 2 to 5 p.m. and May 10, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The theme of this year's show is "Our Town". Free and open to the public.

The historic Winslow House, 634 Careswell Street, Marshfield, will host to **Kim Brown**—sister of award-winning local author Marc Brown and the inspiration for Arthur the Aardvark's little sister. Kim Brown will be at the Winslow House on Wednesday, May 9, at 6:30 pm. Tickets for this event will be $ 5 per child. As space is limited, reservations are recommended. Call the Winslow House at 781-837-5753 or email executive director Mark Schmidt at mark.schmidt@winslowhouse .org.

The South Shore OCD Support Group holds monthly meetings for adults suffering from OCD, parents of children suffering from OCD or friends and family of adults suffering from OCD. Meetings are at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at the Duxbury Senior Community Center, 10 Mayflower St., Duxbury. (Route 3 to exit 10 east, to Tremont Street, (RT 3A North) to 10 Mayflower). No cost. Wheelchair accessible. Call Barbara Lashley at 508 830-1630 for information.

The South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Feed the Animals an Ongoing Program every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Saturdays and Monday Holidays at 10 a.m. Free with admission. Come watch the Naturalist on Duty feed the animals. "The Magic School Bus" for children in Kindergarten with **Mary Lou Hammond**, Education Director, Wednesdays, morning 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. or afternoon, 1:15-2:30 p.m. Session 11: May 9, 16, 23. Hop aboard the "Magic School Bus" with Ms. Frizzle for a different science adventure each week. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes, and apply sunscreen and bug spray. $35M/$40 per 3-week session, pre-registration and pre-payment required. Limit eight children.

The Broad Cove Chorale, and its new **handbell choir The ChoralBelles,** present **The Belles are Ringing** May 9, at 10:30 a.m. Seniors (and all others able to attend) will be treated to an hour of classical, close harmony, Broadway, barbershop and rousing spirituals—both sung and rung at House of Prayer ,916 Main St. in Hingham on May 9. Info: 781-749-6561. The concert is free, but donations will be accepted.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, May 9, **Greg MacKenzie & Greenbacks** at 9:15 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Thursday, May 10

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La Leche League of Silver Lake meets the second Thursday of each month. Our summer 2007schedule is as follows: May 10. We will meet at the Duxbury Free Library on Alden Street in the Merry Room at 7:15pm. For breastfeeding questions or further meeting information please contact Lisa 781-829-9075, Heidi 781-582-1187 or Krishyon 781-294-7477.



The South Shore's classic rock band, Union Jack, will perform Saturday evening, May 5, at 9 p.m. at Mount Blue in Norwell center. The band recently returned from a performance in Las Vegas where they performed with Peter Wolf, legendary lead vocalist for Boston's famous J. Geils Band. The group plays rock hits from the 60's, 70's and 80's, including music of The Rolling Stones, The Who, Aerosmith, John Mellencamp, The Kinks, J. Geils Band, Van Morrison, Tom Petty, Lou Reed, Neil Young and many others. Union Jack is comprised of five South Shore residents: drummer Scott Armstrong (Hanover), bassist/vocalist Bob Hoffman (Norwell), guitarist/vocalist Thom Aylesworth (Scituate), saxophonist Don Packer (Scituate) and lead guitarist Michael Doherty (Cohasset).

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The Police Experience, **The Berklee College of Music Bob Marley Ensemble**, and **howieHowie** are coming to town to help launch the first annual Plymouth Musical Competition with a kick-off pop concert at Memorial Hall Thursday, May 10. Doors open at 6 p.m. Show begins at 7 p.m. Tickets on sale through Ticketweb at www.seeplymouth/pmc.com and at the Memorial Box office located at Loretta LaRoche Productions, 50 Court St., Plymouth, beginning March 29. Tickets will also be available at Memorial Hall, day of show, at 6 p.m.

The Buttonwood Middle School Book Group will meet May 10, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. The selected book is **Monster** by **Walter Dean Myers** . The facilitator is Ms. Barb Mullin, Deer Hill School Librarian. Fifth Graders are invited to attend. No reservations. are necessary. All are welcome. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 for information.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53, Washington St. **Pembroke**. May 10, **BBC Pint Night with Flydown** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**. Satch Romano's **New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam** with **Bangkok Blues Society** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

*Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. **Deadline is Friday at noon.***



PINK VOYD, New England's ultimate live Pink Floyd trip, will be bringing the mesmerizing sights and sounds of Pink Floyd to the Chapman Middle School Auditorium in Weymouth on May 4 at 8 p.m. The profits from the evening will be for the direct benefit of music programs in Weymouth schools such as instrument purchases, scholarships and awards which the Weymouth Band Parent Association supports. Tickets for PINK VOYD are now on sale at $30 for Gold Circle Seating and $20 for General Admission, with proceeds to benefit the Weymouth Band Parents Association. Tickets can be purchased online at www.ticketweb.com, and by calling 866-468-7619. For information on PINK VOYD, log on to pinkvoyd.com

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Tours of the 5,600 square-foot, traditional Cape Cod-style shingled home, will be held throughout May. The home sits on over four acres of private land on 17 Ox Pasture Lane in Cohasset. The public is invited to tour the home Thursdays through Sundays in May. Tickets are $15 in advance and $20 at the door. For information, and to purchase tickets, visit rfkchildren.org, or call 617-227-4183.

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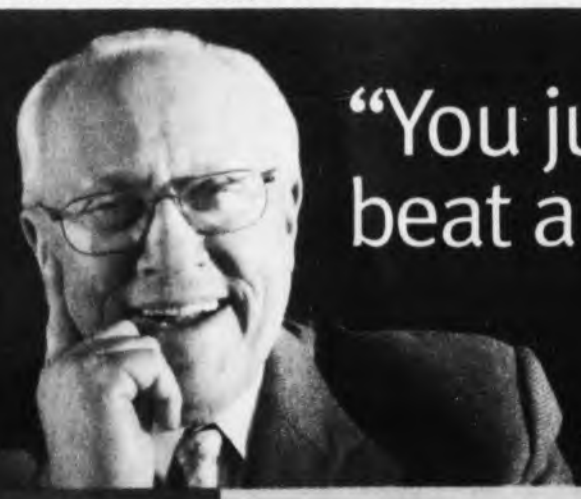


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Rowers rock at launch party



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FLOWER POWER



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Anne Elwell of Hingham, who is a member of both the Garden Club of Hingham and the Cohasset Garden Club, checks out the second-place winning entry in the Standard Flower Show at the Paul Pratt Library. The piece was created by Phyllis Karlberg for the "A Visit to the Maritime Museum" category. For more on the show, see page 25.

Store plans stuck

No decision on Cohasset Hardware

By Nancy White
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The Cohasset Hardware building is a prominent piece of architecture in the village. Wedged between Elm Street and North Main Street, it's the first building seen at the entrance of the village. Now, the Cohasset Hardware building is metaphorically wedged between past use, zoning bylaws and future plans.

Jim Watson's longtime hardware business has closed its doors, so he and his sister, Tina Watson, are ready for the next step. They appeared in front of the Zoning Board of Appeals seeking a

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Flood of issues

Plant abutters want action

By Nancy White
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The stormwater, flooding and sewer overflow issues that have come into focus since the "Patriot's Day Storm" are not washing away with the tide. Residents from Elm Street, which borders Jacob's Meadow and is the same street of the town's Waste Water Treatment Plant, appeared in front of the Board of Selectmen Monday night. An hour-long discussion yielded few answers but raised many questions.

Residents Kathy Crosby and William Bell of 75 Elm St.and Cathy Witkos of 69 Elm St. addressed the Board of Selectmen as concerned citizens. The homeowners have reported increased flooding since mid-2004 and previous to that time their homes had little to no water during storms. The flooding, coupled with the sewer plant overflows, have left the residents with an undue burden on their two properties, both situated downstream from the WWTP at the lowest point on Elm Street. They came to the board with a sense of immediacy.

"Someone has to step up and help us," said Witkos.

To begin the conversation Chairman Gary Vanderweil outlined several efforts the Board of Selectmen is working on to address the water-related issues near Jacob's Meadow and on a townwide level.

The town has applied for a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant, which Vanderweil estimated would be $325,000 if awarded. The grant would address the outlet system, a combination of tide gates, culvert and channel, at the mouth of Jacob's Meadow in to the harbor. Vanderweil expects to hear back on the grant by the beginning of 2008.

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PHOTO/COAST GUARD PETTY OFFICER ETTA SMITH

Gliding through the water May 1, 2007, a magnetometer surveys the ocean floor during preliminary analysis of the original Minot's Ledge Lighthouse that was lost in a storm 1851, just one year after its construction. The magnetometer detects intensity and direction of the magnetic field surrounding the instrument.

Looking for first Minot Lighthouse

By John Galluzzo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Generations have passed since the first Minot's Lighthouse fell into the sea, but the final gong of the lighthouse's bell that sounded sometime after midnight on the morning of April 17, 1851, still resonates across the South Shore. Due solely to their untimely demise, Joseph Wilson and Joseph Antoine, in the tower when it fell, may be the two most recognized assistant lighthouse keepers in American history.

A catastrophic design flaw championed by engineer Captain William C. Swift led to the ultimate doom of the original tower off the Cohasset and Scituate coasts. Swift firmly believed that his design — a "rocket-shaped" lantern room atop nine legs driven into the rocky Minot Ledge — would withstand storms better than a standard granite tower. Under his theory, the rushing water driven by storms would pass through the legs and expend the bulk of its energy elsewhere, rather than smashing against the walls of a granite structure. Keeper Isaac Dunham, who took on the duties on January 1, 1850, described the tower during storms as shaking like a "drunken man," and Wilson and Antoine confirmed that notion by dropping a note in a bottle into the water the night of the fatal gale, reading "The lighthouse won't stand over to-nite. She shakes two feet each way now."

The storm that claimed the tower began on April 12 and raged for four days, forcing Wilson and Antoine to subsist on dry bread and raw meat as their final meals. The tempest, which also took many ships, eroded significant portions of New England coastline and destroyed houses as far away as the Isles of Shoals off the New Hampshire and Maine coasts has forever borne the lighthouse's name, the Minot's Light Gale.

This June, U.S. Coast Guard divers will be visiting the site of the Minot's Light disaster for the first time since that tragic night in 1851. To prepare for that event, a team of professionals from the Coast Guard, including historians and divers, the Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources, the Foundation for Coast Guard History, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and

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Name: Tim Pilczak

Occupation: Student at Saint Michael's College.

Best vacation: Fishing in the Cayman Islands.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite junk food: Vanilla soft serve.

Best magazine: Saltwater Sportsman.

Best recent movie: "Departed" or "Green Street Hooligans."

Best TV show: "Family Guy" and "Baseball Tonight."

Pet peeve: Being rushed.

Most embarrassing moment: I do a lot of embarrassing things, like recently falling down a flight of stairs on a first date.

Goal: To have a successful baseball career at Saint Michael's, and later graduate with a business degree. After that I want to open a restraint in the Caribbean.

Person you'd most like to meet: The David Ortiz/Manny Ramirez combo, and Jimmy Buffett.

Best part of Cohasset: the Ocean, definitely the ocean.



Tim Pilczak, who is pictured here at a spring college baseball tournament in Florida, has been named the Purple Knights' Perry Bove Rookie of the Year, awarded to the program's top first-year player. For more, see this week's Around Town!

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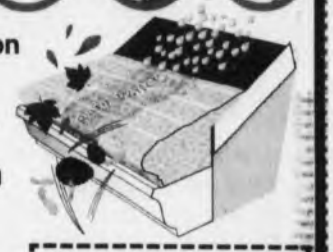


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Norfolk County DA William Keating, Det. Sgt. Gregory Lennon, Attorney General Martha Coakley, Det. Garrett Hunt and Officer Edward Bagley get together for a photo on Law Day at Quincy District Court. The Cohasset officers were each presented with the Robert F. Dana Distinguished Service Award for Law Enforcement. Lennon and Hunt were honored for their investigation and police work resulting in confessions by those responsible for violent threats at the middle-high school. Bagley was recognized for tracking down suspects believed to have been involved in a Cohasset incident and an earlier incident in Milton. In searching one of the vehicles, Bagley found a handgun and a high-capacity magazine.

Man arrested following police pursuit

Officers from Hingham Police Department attempted to stop a man operating a 1998 Ford Crown Victoria on Main Street, Hingham, for traffic related offenses on Tuesday, May 8, at about 1 a.m. The operator of this vehicle failed to stop for the police, and fled into Cohasset via East Street, Hingham.

Police officers from Hingham and Cohasset attempted to stop this vehicle as it traveled through Cohasset. When police officers reached the intersection of Atlantic Avenue and Hobart Lane, they found that the Crown Victoria had skidded off of the roadway, crashing into the bushes. The vehicle was now unoccupied but still running.

Cohasset Police, with the assistance of Hingham Police and Scituate Police, established a perimeter and called for the assistance of the Scituate Police Department's K-9 unit. Minutes later, K-9 "Felix" and his handler, Scituate Police Officer Brian McLaughlin, arrived. As the K-9 was tracking, the Cohasset Police Department Emergency 9-1-1 Center received a call for a burglar alarm at a summer residence on Atlantic Avenue, approximately one-half mile from the crash scene.

Officers responding to the alarm call found signs of a break-in and discovered a man hiding inside the house. When this man was confronted by police officers and the Scituate Police K-9, he actively resisted arrest, and was subsequently contacted by the K-9. The suspect was then taken into custody and transported to the Cohasset Police station, where he was treated by Cohasset Fire Department Paramedics and transported to South Shore Hospital under police guard. At the hospital, he was treated for minor wounds he received as a result of resisting arrest. He was admitted to the hospital for treatment of a pre-existing medical condition.

Late Tuesday afternoon, the suspect was arraigned in his hospital bed by court personnel from Quincy District Court. He was ordered held on $1,500 cash bail. The suspect is identified as: Michael P. Garofalo, 35 years of age, from Norfolk, Mass. He has been charged with unarmed burglary, assault by means of a dangerous weapon, to wit a motor vehicle, willful and malicious destruction of property in excess of $250, trespassing, resisting arrest, failure to stop for a police officer, leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident and violation of various other traffic laws.

"In this case the operator failed to stop for the Hingham Police for traffic violations," Chief James Hussey said. "Cohasset, Hingham and Scituate officers did a great job of hunting down the suspect after he fled the vehicle in Cohasset. This suspect has been arrested multiple times for some serious offenses. We may have prevented another one the other night."

Garofalo is also facing charges from the Hingham Police Department.

POLICE BEAT

3A at Beechwood still accident prone

By Mary Ford
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Beechwood Street near the lights continues to pose traffic safety problems.

Over the past week there were three accidents, two of which occurred under similar circumstances, police said. In two of the crashes, motorists were trying to make a left-hand turn across two lanes of traffic.

On Monday (April 30) at about 3:26 p.m., the driver of a Toyota exiting Leo's Exxon attempted to crossover two northbound lanes into the southbound lanes to head toward Scituate. Chief James Hussey said the vehicle in the northbound, right-hand lane stopped to let the Toyota out but the 1994 Ford van traveling northbound in the inside lane did not see the Toyota and a collision occurred. The operator of the Toyota was cited for failure to yield to oncoming traffic. No one was injured, Hussey said.

At 12:49 p.m. on Tuesday (May 3), the operator of a 1999 Ford tried to pull out of Coastal Nissan across the two northbound lanes to make a left-turn toward Scituate, Again, the car in the right-hand lane stopped to let the Ford out, but the operator of a 2002 Chrysler heading northbound in the inside lane apparently did not see the Ford and the vehicles made contact, Hussey said. The operator of the Ford was transported to the hospital with what appeared to be minor injuries; the operator was also cited for failure to yield. The vehicle had to be towed, Hussey said.

"We are putting together a report on that stretch of Route 3A," Hussey said. He explained that police would work with MassHighway to try and come up with safety measures that could include prohibiting left-turns from some of the curb cuts along the highway. "I don't think MassHighway would fight us on that," he said.

Another accident occurred at the Beechwood/3A lights on Tuesday (May 1) at 12:12 p.m. Police said witnesses reported that a 1992 Volvo was westbound on Beechwood heading straight through the light (toward Shaw's) when it was hit by a 2004 Ford that ran a red light. The Ford was headed southbound on 3A. All three occupants in the Volvo were transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, Chief Hussey said. The operator of the Ford was cited for failure to stop at a red light.

Trailer on the loose

The operator and the owner of a truck are both facing charges following a mishap at the intersection of Hull Street and Jerusalem Road last Friday at about 10:30 a.m. A landscape truck pulling a Bobcat on a trailer hit a bump that dislodged the trailer, Chief Hussey said. The truck, which was heading toward Hull on Route 228 (Hull Street), continued ahead while the trailer veered off the road knocking over a utility pole and scraping the front, left corner of a building at 243 Hull St.

Cohasset Police contacted the State Police truck team that evaluated the truck and the way the trailer was attached. State Police cited the owner after it was determined the Bobcat was not securely fastened to the trailer and the trailer did not have the required braking mechanism.

Cohasset Police also issued citations for the owner because the directionals were not working and the inspection sticker had expired.

The operator was cited for operating negligently.

Kayak missing

A homeowner reported to police at 7:30 p.m., Friday (May 4) that his kayak was missing from his Linden Drive yard. Chief Hussey said the caller had not checked on his kayak in a couple of months but decided to do so after reading about recent kayak thefts in the Mariner.

"I am getting the sense more and more that all the kayak thefts took place over one or two days," Hussey said. Several of the recent thefts were reported after homeowners returned from vacation and discovered their kayaks were missing. The thefts remain under investigation.

Hussey urges kayak owners to try and conceal their kayaks in some way. "These thefts were likely crimes of opportunity – a quick hit," he said.

Protective custody

Cohasset police responded to a call from Hingham police about an erratic operator that ran the red light at 3A and Route 228 and was heading into Cohasset. The cell caller then reported to Cohasset dispatch that the car was parked across from JJ's Dairy Hut and the driver "looks passed out." Chief Hussey said when the officer arrived a man was standing outside the vehicle. The 34-year-old Walpole man was placed under protective custody because it could not be determined if he in fact had been driving the vehicle. Police had the vehicle towed.

Isolated incident

Police believe a report of a breaking and entering that damaged the basement door of a downtown business was an isolated incident. The owner reported the basement door had been forced open. The incident was reported at about 3 p.m. on Tuesday (May 1). Chief Hussey said nothing was taken. He said no other reports of B&Es in the area.

Erratic driver

Chief Hussey said officers warned the operator of a truck that had been reported as driving erratically that he had been seen as having been all over the road. Hussey said the operator who had pulled into a driveway on Forest Avenue was not impaired and explained that he had been distracted. The incident occurred at about 6:50 p.m., on Thursday (May 3).

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Treatment plant abutters want action on flooding

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Another effort underway is a draft request for proposal (RFP) for a civil engineering firm to design a stormwater and flood control master plan that would address all areas in town. The plan would address serious flood prone areas such as Jacob's Meadow, Atlantic Ave.nue and other smaller areas, like Rattlesnake Run. Vanderweil said he is hopeful to have the RFP out to firms by the end of June so the Selectmen could have responses and estimated costs to go before the Fall Special Town Meeting. He estimates that the implementation of the master plan may cost upwards of $10 million.

"The RFP for the flood control master plan would really help. These are complex problems," said Selectman Fred Koed, who is hopeful that with a townwide plan the firm could ensure that as the town solve problems they are not causing problems somewhere else.

The Board of Selectmen met with members of the Stormwater Management Committee two weeks ago and charged them with drafting regulations for new construction. They are expected to come before the Selectmen at the end of June. He said that an increase of impervious surface has partly contributed to the increased flooding of Jacob's Meadow.

"If we have good regulations, it will prevent the impervious surface problem from getting worse and exacerbating the problem," said Vanderweil.

Vanderweil noted that other town agencies, citing the Sewer Commission, are making efforts to tackle their piece of the problem. The plant upgrades associated with the Little Harbor project have been moved up in the project timeline and are expected to be complete by the end of the year. Additional membranes, increased flow capacity and the installation of an extreme flow pipe are part of the upgrades.

"Membranes should be in place by next spring's flood season," said Vanderweil, "we've made a lot of progress and there's a lot of activity."

"Someone has to step up and help us."
— Cathy Witkos, 69 Elm St

Not enough

Crosby and Witkos did not feel that their efforts were enough. Crosby presented the Selectmen with a letter and accompanying photos and related information. It documents the most recent overflow and subsequent events. Her letter reflects extensive research into the complex issues associated with the ongoing floods and with the WWTP overflows. She outlines several events and correspondence that have led her to distrust of the Sewer Commission and other town officials.

When asked by Vanderweil what more the town could do, she proposed alternate ideas that could be implemented including lowering the depth of the meadow through dredging, building a berm around the meadow and creating a retention pond upstream. The latter, she said, was recommended in the early 90s. In fact, she said the MBTA gave the town the funding to build the retention pond and that money was used elsewhere.

The last idea she proposed was to ask the town to buy her home from she and Bell. She said that the home could be turned in to possibly five condo units. Crosby and Bell have their retirement looming and had been relying on their home investment to see them through.

In a separate letter dated April 30, 2007, Crosby and Bell wrote to the Board of Assessors asking for relief on their property taxes in 2005, 2006 and going forward. They cited an over-assessment of the property due to "exposure of high impact health and hazardous waste contamination." They now believe the value of the property to hover be $1 and $200,000. In addition, the extreme flooding has created "settlement and foundation issues" for the building. Crosby said bricks and chimneys, walls and ceilings are separating from each other. Deputy Assessor Mary Quill said the letter would go before the Board of Assessors at its next scheduled meeting.

"We can't keep up with the amount of repairs," said Crosby.

Crosby said that the town has purposefully and knowingly used she and Bell's property and other Elm Street residences, which extends to the meadow as "town water storage." She cited the Jacob's Meadow Salt Marsh Restoration Plan from June 2001.

"I hate being put in this position but in my opinion, they are forcing me to litigate," Crosby said in a phone interview on Wednesday. She said she will follow up with each of the Selectmen this week but "litigation may be the only way to protect my property rights."

Flooding causes

Vanderweil said the causes could be God, global warming, the MBTA and not impounding water at the post office but admitted he was not a scientist and could not know the exact cause(s) or solution.

"We know there are different factors contributing, but there was a drastic change between 2003 and 2004," Witkos said, "Something significant had to happen."

Vanderweil pointed out that during the fiscal year 2007 the town has been without an engineering budget, due to cuts made to support the schools when the override failed. In the coming fiscal year, beginning July 31, the town will have that line item and be able to consult with an engineer in cases like the Jacob's Meadow flooding.

Recently, representatives from the MBTA met with the Elm Street residents, State Representative Garrett Bradley, Selectmen Fred Koed, Town Manager Bill Griffin and the Special Assistants to the Town Manager for Greenbush Affairs, Tom Gruber and Mark Brennan to discuss to what extent the Greenbush construction has contributed to the increased flooding.

Griffin said that the MBTA denied that their construction has caused the increased water runoff into Jacob's Meadow. However, Griffin said he and others were at a loss of knowledge as to the long history because they were not involved from the beginning.

"There is little institutional knowledge left in the town," referring to town employees, Griffin said later in the meeting, "it's not an excuse, it's a reality."

Following the meeting Koed and Griffin felt that it was important to bring the issue in front of the Board of Selectmen.

Another reason for the increased flooding could be attributed to measures implemented to alleviate flooding near the post office on Ripley Road. After severe flooding in 1996, which left the post office accessible only by rowboat, strategies were developed to address flooding along James Brook. It included work at the upper end near King Street as well at the lower end in the village using Greenbush mitigation funds.

Downtown drainage changes could have also added to the problem.

"From what I gather new larger culverts and getting water away from the post office has left water sitting in Jacob's Meadow and it's stuck there," said Witkos, who attested that after a large rain event the water sits in their yards tide after tide.

No decisions was made by the Board of Selectmen but it seems clear that the residents of Elm Street are not going to let this issue go down the drain.

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Village consultant is on board

Proposed zoning bylaw changes by Sept. 1

By Nancy White
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As a focal point in Cohasset the viability of the village is of the utmost importance to the town. A plan to develop a destination area that is both pedestrian friendly and economically stable is the desired result of a village consultant review. The creation of new bylaws that will encourage growth and development — in a good way — is also at the forefront of the project. A team of town planning experts will look at design, retail, parking and housing possibilities in the village area.

The town has hired Concord Square Development Company based in Boston to undertake the village planning. After receiving two proposals for the village planning RFP, Town Manager Bill Griffin requested that representatives from town boards — the Planning Board, Community Preservation Committee and Economic Development Committee — meet with the prospective firms to hear their proposal. The committee recommended that the Concord Square be hired.

"We chose them because they have specific and relevant small village experience and their predisposition for an active public discussion approach. Their deliverables were in line with our expectations and they have assembled a collection of consultants that will inform our decisions with the necessary data and expertise," said Planning Board member Michael Westcott who will be the main point of contact for the consultants.

Angus Jennings, principal planner at Concord Square, will be heading up the project. Familiar with the South Shore Jennings was the Town Planner for Marshfield for four years.

"Cohasset has a beautiful downtown just as it is and we're very sensitive of that," said Jennings, "we want to protect and enhance the village as well as ensure a stable business climate."

The village area extends roughly from Carousel Antiques to the Red Lion Inn. The area is home to over 50 businesses. For the past couple of years the village has been plagued by constant construction and revitalization efforts. Turnover of businesses has been frequent.

Westcott identified about 12 key parcels of land that could be prime for change. The lots included large or underdeveloped buildings in the village area including James Brook Crossing, Cohasset Hardware, the gas station, the Red Lion Inn and the recently razed Depot Court building. Currently, the James Brook Crossing and Carousel Antiques area is disconnected from the rest of the village area. Westcott would like to see a way for all the sections of the village to be cohesive and accessible.

Parking and open space were discussed as key issues. Greenbush liaisons Mark

"Cohasset has a beautiful downtown just as it is and we're very sensitive of that."

— Angus Jennings, principal planner at Concord Square

Brennan and Tom Gruber, who were on hand at the meeting, said they have information as to exactly how many public parking spaces there are in the village.

"We want to define open space fairly broadly," said Westcott, who would include walkways and pocket parks as open space.

Westcott defined the primary objectives of the project would be to first preserve the character and business vitality of the area, and second, look for opportunities for open space and housing.

"It's about preserving what's there and encouraging growth," said Westcott. Hand in hand with that would be bylaw change recommendations. Westcott also said he would like to see any process changes go through existing boards, "there are too many boards already."

Planning Board member Stuart Ivimey suggested that the consultants research how many homes, apartments and businesses are current in the village district. He said that right now no one knows exactly how many apartments are in the village area. The consultants plan to build a database with information on parking, housing, businesses, landowners and merchants.

The Planning Board has been hesitant to act on any proposed bylaw changes until the consultant had provided their input. Many proposed projects in the village district have been on hold as they wait on zoning bylaw changes. Right now, multi-family dwellings are allowed by special permit, but prohibited by another bylaw stipulating the lot size must be 40,000 square foot for multi-family dwellings. Two zoning bylaw changes were passed at the Annual Town Meeting related to the village district — the village business district was established separate from the downtown district and a bylaw re-instituting a special permit requirement for apartments.

Jennings said the project would be completed in two phases. The first will be information gathering, which will take approximately 60 days to complete. Phase two will have the consultants begin drafting policies and bylaws that will need to be complete by September 1.

"September 1 is non-negotiable for bylaw changes," Westcott said. The plan is to have a set of village bylaw changes or additions ready for review at the fall Special Town Meeting. Jennings and his team will draft a specific calendar with multiple public forums and deadlines.

The kick-off meeting was concluded with a village walk that started on Highland Ave., circled around the village to the Red Lion Inn and town parking lot and ended up by Depot Court.

Meadow Lane Hearing postponed indefinitely

By Nancy White
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Last Thursday, the Conservation Commission heard testimony for construction on Meadow Lane. The public hearing has been indefinitely postponed due to an outstanding appeal for a building permit with the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). Building Inspector Bob Egan issued a building permit for the construction at Lot B on Meadow Lane back in October. Although the property contains wetlands that fall under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission, the commission was not notated on the original plans. The owner of the property, Steven Ross, did not come before the Commission to get a variance or order of conditions. An order of conditions is required if there is construction within 100 feet of wetlands and a variance is needed if the structure is within 50 feet of wetlands.

Construction began over the winter and was stopped when a nearby neighbor appealed the permit on grounds of improper frontage. The ZBA found the permit to have improper frontage and halted construction. The permit is now under appeal in the court. Conservation agent Paul Shea advised the Commission to leave the hearing open until it heard back from the Zoning Board and the court's decision on the appeal has been determined.

"We need to have more information before us before closing the hearing," Shea said.

The Conservation Commission voted to continue the hearing indefinitely, the hearing will be resumed after a decision has been made by the ZBA. At that time a second hearing and notice of intent will need to come before the Commission. In the meantime, Shea suggested that the owners submit a separate application for an access road. The Commission also requested that the 50-foot buffer zone to the wetlands be restored until such time when it can be reviewed by the board.

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Tim Pilczak named Rookie of the Year at St. Michael's

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Hey Cohasset, Spring has arrived. Have you enjoyed the warm weather? I know today is possibly a bit wet but the weekend looks wonderful for our special day on Sunday. Happy Mother's Day to all moms out there.

A special happy birthday wish was sent to me for a dog named "Buddy!" (a great friend of Skinny's) He is known by many in town and wants to have us all know that he is one year older, happier and well. Happy Birthday Buddy.

AWARD WINNER

I had some great news given to me about a young man from here in town. **Kyle Healy** who attends the Cohasset Middle School was recently named by The United States Achievement Academy as a United States National Award Winner in History & Government. Kyle was nominated for this honor by **Katherine McCarthy** who is a teacher at Kyle's school. Kyle will appear in the United States Achievement Academy's Official Yearbook which is published nationally. Fewer than 10 percent of all students are recognized for this honor. Kyle's parents, **Mark and Lorraine**, as well as his grandparents, **Cosmo and Marie DiTucci** of Beechhurst, N.Y. and **Key Healy** of Syosset, N.Y. are all so proud of his achievements. Kyle, your classmates, teachers and friends here in town are proud of you as well. Congratulations!

MOTHER'S WALK

Please join a group of your Cohasset friends and neighbors this Mother's Day, May 13th on the 11th Annual Mothers' Walk for Peace. This uplifting 3.5-mile walk through the neighborhoods of Dorchester is sponsored by the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute; an organization supported by the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset. Participating in this walk makes a powerful statement of personal commitment to combating inner city youth violence and supporting the survivors of Boston 's homicide victims. A carpool will leave Cohasset Town Hall at 7 a.m. and return at 11 a.m.. For more information or to sign up for the walk please contact **Connie Afshar** at 781 383 6006.

DIRTY CARS!

Dirty Cars are wanted on Saturday. Bring us your mom's dirty car! Let the Cohasset High School Baseball Team wash your vehicle! Stop by the Deer Hill School on Saturday, May 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Your donation will benefit the baseball team's scholarship fund as well as help buy equipment needed to improve the program. Thank you for supporting our team!

TOP ROOKIE

Saint Michael's College baseball freshman **Tim Pilczak,** a member of the CHS Class of 2005, was named the Purple Knights' Perry Bove Rookie of the Year last week, awarded to the program's top first-year player.

Tim had a standout first year with Saint Michael's this spring. The 5-foot-8-inch infielder started 36 of 40 games for the Purple Knights, batting .291. He led the squad with two home runs, and was second on the team with eight doubles and 19 runs batted in. He also compiled a .447 slugging percentage, tops among regulars, while starting games at second base, third base, and shortstop.

Tim, who is a freshman majoring in business, helped lead the NCAA Division II Purple Knights to a 16-24 record this spring. The 16 victories are just one shy of the program record set in 1999, and among the team's wins this season were victories at Suffolk, at Saint Rose, and versus Saint Lawrence.

The award is named after Perry Bove, the longtime head coach of the Purple Knights from 1989-2005.



COURTESY PHOTO

Tim Pilczak, shown here during a college tournament this spring in Florida, led the Purple Knights this season with two home runs, and was second on the team with eight doubles and 19 runs batted in.

Before heading to St. Michael's College, Tim attended a postgraduate year at Kents Hill School in Maine where he captained the golf, hockey and baseball teams. Tim is also a former Mariner all-scholastic in baseball (2005).

PLANT SALE

The annual Garden Friends Plant Sale of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset will be held on the grounds of the Cohasset Historical Society , 106 South Main St., on Saturday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a wide selection of annuals, perennials and shrubs for sale. Most of the plants have been successfully grown in local gardens. Also available are herbal products from The HERB FARMacy of Salisbury, Mass., and copies of The Eclectic Gardener, a handbook for gardeners written by CGCC members. This book is filled with gardening and lawn care information, floral arrangement ideas, seasonal recipes and suggestions for nature walks. This would be a perfect gift for any gardener-new or old. Proceeds from the sale help fund the club's annual scholarship and community projects like Junior Gardeners and Garden Therapy at Cohasset Knoll.Nursing Home.

CONCEPT HOME

As many of us have seen, the WCVB Concept Home is open for viewing at 17 Ox Pasture Lane. A Spring Boutique is being held on Tuesday, May 22nd from 6-9 pm and this will benefit the RFK Children's Action Corps. Here, you can enjoy a glass of wine and some unique shopping in this fantastic setting. The 5,600 sq foot home showcases the latest in home building and interior design and includes furnishings by Circle Furniture in conjunction with HGTV's Candace Olsen, among many others. Door prizes will be given and tickets are available at the door for a $15 donation. You may also reserve your ticket by going to www.thebostonchannel.com/concepthome. Some of the products available are from Artifacts, DFV Wines, Jodi's Gems, Magpie Rings, MN Bird and Ports and Company,

'DORCHESTER POTTERY'

The Cohasset Historical Society will present its last in our series of Spring Lectures on May 16 at the Society headquarters, 106 South Main St. Guest speaker will be **John Connell** with a presentation on "Dorchester Pottery". As a former teacher and antiques dealer, John will bring us his unique perspective on collecting pottery, and the story of Dorchester Pottery in particular, both from a business standpoint and as a personal collector. The community is invited to join Historical Society members and their guests for this event which begins at 7:30 p.m. There is no charge and light refreshment will be served.

ART SHOW

Here is some information for the artists in the area. Artwork for the South Shore Art Center Arts Festival Members' Show and Young Artists' Exhibition may be dropped off this weekend, May 12 and 13, and Monday, May 14 at the Art Center. Art Center members are encouraged to bring one piece, securely framed, for submission to the Members Show. A $10 nonrefundable fee is payable upon delivery of artwork. Membership must be current through June 2007. Young Artists, age 18 and younger, are entitled to put one piece of art into the Young Artists Exhibition. Work must be matted or framed. There is no fee for Young Artist entries. Artwork for the Members Show and Young Artists Show will be judged for prizes by **Adria Arch**, an artist and the Education Director at Arlington Center for the Arts. Both shows are highlights of the Art Center's annual Arts Festival, held on Cohasset Common, June 15-17.. In addition to these exhibitions, there is a Juried Show and 100 exhibitor booths of fine art and handmade craft including clothing, jewelry, glass, ceramics, and products for home and garden. The Festival kicks-off on Friday afternoon, June 15 at 2 p.m. and features musical entertainment, food, children's art activities and shopping. For more information visit www.ssac.org.

ASSISTANT COACH

The Cohasset Swim and Dive Team is seeking a highly motivated, responsible, individual to assist the coaching staff in swim practices, swim meets and general organization of the swim team. Additionally, the Cohasset Swim and Dive Team is seeking qualified candidates for a Dive Coach and Assistant Dive Coach. Interested individuals should send qualifications to PO Box 651, Cohasset, MA 02025.

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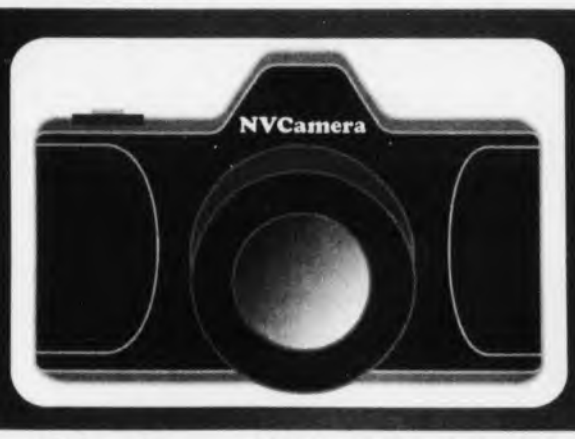
A plant sale will take place 8:30 a.m. to noon, on Saturday, May 12, at Glastonbury Abbey. A large selection of plants will be available for sale on the grounds of the Abbey, 16 Hull St., Route 228. Perennials, herbs, groundcover, ornamental grasses, small bushes, fruit and vegetable plants will be for sale.

Proceeds will go to the Benedictine Monks of Glastonbury Abbey and are used to continue beautifications of the Abbey grounds. Rain date is May 19.

That is all for this week. Please make sure to send all your news and event information to me no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm. Hey graduates: let us know about your college accomplishments!

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Essay is hole-in-one

High school senior wins Will McDonough Writing Contest

By Nancy White
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The nation is often captured by sports stories of "Cinderella" teams or individuals that begin as underdogs and go farther than anyone ever thought they would. Kevin Barber, a Cohasset High School senior, encapsulates one such story in an essay that recently won the Boston Globe's Will McDonough Writing Contest award.

Barber, an avid golfer himself, recalled a story of professional golfer Jason Gore from the 2005 US Open. His essay, "The Unlikely Story of Jason Gore," follows a golfer, Jason Gore, a relative unknown previous to the tournament, who was touted as the "everyman" of the tour after two promising 18-hole rounds.

"He hadn't had much success" up to his point in his career Barber says, "but during this tournament he started playing well and at one point he held the lead."

Gore ended up in the final pairing with defending US Champion Retief Goosen on the last day of the tournament held in Pinehurst, North Carolina. Unfortunately, that last day Gore's game was off and he shot an 84 and lost the tournament.

"It's a Cinderella story, I found the story redeeming but tragic in a way," says Barber. What makes the story even more interesting, as Barber points out in his essay, is Gore did not disappear after this shining moment, like so many Cinderella characters in sports. He proved himself to have enduring talent when he won his first PGA tournament the following year (the 84 Lumber Classic).

"In 2007, it is evident that Jason Gore, the unlikely hero of the ordinary golf fan, did what most Cinderella stories are so unlikely to do: he transformed himself from a downtrodden one-hit wonder into the champion he had always dreamed of being," Barber writes at the conclusion of this winning essay.

More than 2,000 entries from across New England were submitted from students in grades 4 to 12 and two winners from each grade were selected.

Barber, who was originally hesitant to do the assignment, recalled the premise of the story from memory but did additional research on the scores and some interesting events leading up to the tournament. Barber was able to find out that Gore's golf clubs and clothes were stolen in the week prior to the 2005 US Open.

"I think adding those little details gave color to the story," explains Barber.

Barber found out that he had won the Will McDonough Writing Contest when his English teacher, Christine Berman, told him during lunch.

"I was pleasantly surprised when I found out, I actually had forgotten about the contest," says Barber. Berman had all her students for the last two years submit an essay to the writing contest, sponsored jointly by the Boston Globe and Bank of America. More than 2,000 entries from across New England were submitted from students in grades 4 to 12 and two winners from each grade were selected. The contest had some guidelines and suggestions for themes including "good sports/bad sports," "what makes a team great" and the theme Barber chose, "character counts."

"I was reluctant to do a sports writing essay because it didn't really interest me," says Barber. But since Mrs. Berman made it a requirement for her AP English and Journalism classes, he didn't have much choice. Barber and his class sat down and wrote the essay in one 90-minute class period.

"[Barber] is one of the best writers I have taught in 34 years," says Berman of the Georgetown-bound senior.

As his prize, Barber attended an award ceremony at the TD Banknorth Garden. He says the highlight was meeting Sean McDonough, television sportscaster and son of the late Will McDonough. In addition to a night at the Garden, Barber received a plaque with a mock front page of the Globe proclaiming him the winner of the contest. His essay will be on display in The Sports Museum's Will McDonough exhibit located inside the TD Banknorth Garden.

Will McDonough, a Boston Globe columnist of 44 years, was the Globe's only sportswriter to be nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. He passed away in January 2003. McDonough was a mentor to young writers and for this reason, The Sports Museum and his colleagues from the Globe dedicated this contest in his memory.

Barber hopes to pursue writing as a focus in his college studies as well as in his career but what form his talent and interest will take is still to be determined.

"Writing is one of my strengths, so I'll probably focus on that," he thinks that majoring in English is a possibility. "In creative writing you need to have confidence in your writing. When you do it's the most enjoyable type [of writing] that you can do, but probably the most difficult."

Once he got into writing the essay, Barber enjoyed the assignment because it had "an element of creativity," more so at least than an analytical essay on literature, he says.

Barber is a member of the high school golf team, debate team, math team, National Honor Society and a writer for the school newspaper, The Spinnaker. When he's not busy with his schoolwork and extracurricular activities, Barber is often found on the golf course.



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Cohasset High School senior Kevin Barber, seen here with his English teacher Christine Berman, was recently awarded the Boston Globe's Will McDonough Writing Contest award. Kevin wrote about professional golfer, Jason Gore.



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Relay for Life set for June 15 and 16

Cohasset Relay For Life is taking place on June 15 and June 16th at Alumni Field at Cohasset Middle High School. Scituate, Hingham and Hull, as well as participants from all over are also taking part in this event.

Here are some key contact names for general information and team information as well. Harry St. Onge, 781-383-9465, st.onge@comcast.net; Laurie Berlinguet, 781-749-8614; Cindy Whelan, 781-925-4915; Jim Stanley, 781-925-4593; Luminaria, Bows; and volunteers: Jacqui Vitello, 781-383-2668, pjvit@aol.com Online Information edwonlinehelp@comcast.net.

Last weekend, a wonderful concert of the Makem Spain Brothers took place at the Cohasset High School as a fundraiser and not only did we raise some funds, everyone who attended had a fantastic time. This talented Irish band really knew how to keep the audience entertained.

Any team captain or member who has news or information they would like to share about the team, fundraisers or anything else relating to their team's involvement in the relay can send it to aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com or, call 781-383-2211.



Jennifer Lord of Cohasset lights the candles during the luminaria at last year's Relay For Life.

PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Park Serve Day seeks volunteers

Among the Park Serve Day projects identified are cleaning the areas at Wompatuck State Park. Volunteers will also plant thousands of daylilies donated to DCR for parks across the state.

State officials have announced that Saturday, May 12 will be Park Serve Day in state parks and forests across the Commonwealth, including Wompatuck State Park.

Among the Park Serve Day projects identified are cleaning the areas at Wompatuck State Park. Volunteers will also plant thousands of daylilies donated to DCR for parks across the state.

DCR will provide work gloves and equipment needed for the various projects, though participants may want to bring their own work gloves or tools, clearly marked with your name and phone number. Volunteers should not bring power tools, however. Wear sturdy shoes and work clothes and consider bringing sunscreen and insect repellent. Volunteer for just one hour or several hours - there is no time requirement at any of the projects.

Parking fees will be waived at all DCR facilities where Park Serve projects are taking place. Drinking water and a snack will be supplied, though participants should feel free to bring their own food as well.

To sign up for Park Serve Day and to see a list of all the projects, visit www.mass.gov/parkserve to register.

Kids PMC Bike Ride

The first Hingham Pan Mass Challenge Kids Bike Ride to raise funds for cancer research and treatment at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute will take place Sunday, June 24. The ride is open to kids from 3 through 15 years old. There will be three courses supervised by veteran riders: A tykes course with tricycles welcome; a 2.5-mile course; and a 7-mile Challenge course extending into Wompatuck State Park.

Kids can ride multiple loops starting at 9 a.m. with check in starting at 7:30 a.m. Activities for the morning event will include a post-ride party with refreshments, T-shirts, a goody bag, entertainment and raffles.

Sign up now at kids.pmc.org. The registration fee is $10 per rider with a special $25 fee for three or more kids. All funds raised go directly to the Dana-Farber Institute through the Jimmy Fund.

Benefit to celebrate Cohasset schools

Cohasset Education Foundation will host a Spring Benefit at Cohasset Golf Club on May 19. The evening will include dinner and dancing, and live and silent auctions emceed by Jim Wells. Some items on the auction block include a behind-the-scenes tour of the Channel 5 newsroom, a $500 shopping spree at E.A. Davis in Wellesley and a ride to school in the fire truck. Tickets are $75 and proceeds from the evening will go toward both the Project and Endowment funds for CEF.

CEF welcomes donations of goods, services or volunteer contributions. For more information, call Catherine O'Callaghan at 781-383-6868 or Pam Wilson at 781-383-3076.

Dance with Caroline

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a dance workshop, directed by Caroline Carr, from Monday, June 18 through Thursday, June 21, at the Town Hall Auditorium.

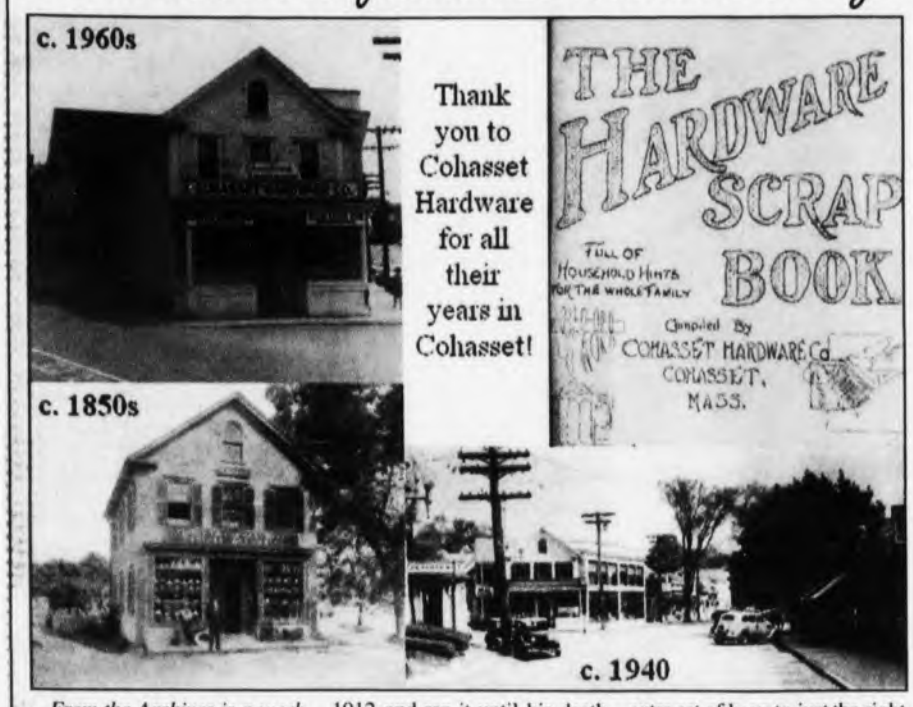
The program will run from 3 to 4:30 p.m., for boys and girls ages 7 and up. Basic jazz and hip-hop dance technique will be included. Emphasis will be placed upon developing a healthy, active lifestyle and building strength, flexibility and endurance, as well as feeling good and having fun.

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From the Archives of the Cohasset Historical Society



From the Archives is a weekly feature provided by the Cohasset Historical Society.

Samuel Bates opened a tin shop in 1849 at the junction of Elm and South Main streets. His son, Allen Collier Bates, expanded the business to a full hardware store in 1857. William McGaw, a local carpenter, bought the business in 1912 and ran it until his death in 1958. His employees, Robert and Helen Collier, continued to operate the business until 1965 when they sold it to Louis and Helen Watson.

It has been owned by the Watson family ever since. Cohasset Hardware has been a Cohasset landmark for more than 150 years. From getting an extra set of keys to just the right mix of paint, Cohasset residents have relied on the hardware store for all their home improvement needs. An easy stop in the Village during a day of running errands, Cohasset Hardware will be greatly missed.

Tours of Cohasset home benefit Children's Action Corps

All of the money raised through the purchase of tickets will go to the Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps, a statewide nonprofit juvenile justice and child welfare agency

Curious neighbors, prospective homebuyers, decorators and anyone interested in the latest in home appliances and home technology will be raising money for the programs that educate, rehabilitate and heal underserved youth across the state when they tour WCVB's Concept Home.

Tours of the 5,600 square-foot, traditional Cape Cod-style shingled home will take place throughout May. The home, which is being built by Noranda Construction, sits on more than 4 acres of private land on 17 Ox Pasture Lane in Cohasset. With a media room, billiards room, carriage house, pool and plenty of room for a tennis court, this four bedroom, three-and-a-half bathroom home is the complete package. It will be on the market for just under $2 million.

The public is invited to tour the home Thursdays through Sundays in May. Costs for tour tickets are $15 in advance and $20 at the door. All of the money raised through the purchase of tickets will go to the Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps, a statewide nonprofit juvenile justice and child welfare agency. Services include educational, residential treatment and community-based programs, which support, educate and rehabilitate children, helping them grow into healthy and productive adult members of their communities. Special events from cooking demonstrations by Boston restaurants to a mystery author panel will be featured throughout the month. For more information, and to purchase tickets, visit rfkchildren.org or call 617-227-4183.

Special Events:

- Saturday, May 12, 2 p.m.: Mystery Solved – Three of New England's top mystery writers will discuss their work. Hallie Ephron Touger, William Landay, and Chris Mooney talk about their recent works.
- Saturday, May 19, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Lululemon Athletica will host a trunk show of yoga-inspired athletic apparel.
- Sunday, May 20, 3 to 5 p.m.: Chef/owner Aldo Velaj of Vlora Mediterranean Restaurant will prepare traditional cuisine from the Adriatic coast.
- A Spring Boutique Night to benefit the Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps will be held from 6 to 9 p.m., Tuesday, May 22, at 17 Ox Pasture Lane in Cohasset. Enjoy a glass of wine and unique shopping in a 5,250 square foot home by Noranda Construction, which showcases the latest in home building and interior design and includes furnishings by Circle Furniture in conjunction with HGTV's Candace Olsen, among many others.

Also featured will be door prizes, which include consultations from Beauty and Main, Magpie Jewelry and many others. Tickets, a $15 donation, are available at the door or by visiting thebostonchannel.com/concepthome.

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Looking for first Minot Lighthouse



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Dr. Allen Gontz, University of Massachusetts, and Victor Mastone, underwater archaeologist, examine live footage from a side-scan sonar imaging tool, May 1, 2007. The sonar images were used in conjunction with a magnetometer, used to detect magnetic field intensity, during preliminary analysis of the original Minot's Ledge Lighthouse debris field.

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UMASS Boston's Department of Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences met recently in Boston to discuss the schedule and other details for the upcoming project.

The dive project will have three main goals. Primarily, it will serve as a training opportunity for a team of 10 Coast Guard Marine Safety and Security Team (MSST) divers out of New York City. Secondarily, while many recreational divers already know the answers to the following questions, it will officially answer many questions about the wreck site: what remains of the original lighthouse? What artifacts are still there (and, what, ostensibly, should be done with them, if anything)? and is there enough evidence to extend the National Register of Historic Places nomination for the current tower to include the debris field? Finally, it will offer the Foundation for Coast Guard History the chance to memorialize the lost assistant keepers with a plaque to be mounted either on the remains of the old lighthouse, or on the ledge itself.

Preliminary site work was completed last week when coastal geophysicist and geologist Dr. Allen Gontz from UMASS Boston oversaw primary documentation of the wreckage of the lost lighthouse.

"The early phases of documentation of the debris field utilize marine geophysical equipment," said Gontz, who has assisted in similar projects on the steamer *Portland* and the submarine *US O-9*, "specifically a sidescan sonar and a marine magnetometer. The sidescan uses sound to create an image of the seafloor that is similar to an air photo. Sound reflects off the seafloor, the type of material that composes the seafloor controls the character and intensity of return. The marine magnetometer does not create an image as such, but locates slight variations in the Earth's local magnetic field. Large pieces of iron and steel will either slightly increase or decrease the local field intensity."

The combination of the two technologies could not find a better home, according to Gontz. Basically, sidescan sonar finds an object, and the magnetometer tells whether or not it's made of steel. As the initial lighthouse was in the "iron pile" style, any positive returns from the magnetometer could potentially be related to the fallen tower.

The primary scans will provide important data to the dive team well before it assembles in June. "The geophysical data will be used to create maps and images of the seafloor," said Gontz. "These high-resolution maps will serve to guide dives and provide a large-scale, 'big picture' site overview." With dives planned for between twenty and eighty feet and the potential for obscured visibility due to disturbed sediment, such preparatory knowledge will be greatly appreciated by the divers.

The initial phase of the greater project was completed on Monday and Tuesday of last week. With choppy seas on Monday, conditions were not ideal for thorough documentation. "We used this day to investigate the area at a reconnaissance scale," said Gontz, noting that the imagery that was taken came back "slightly degraded." Tuesday, though, with nearly flat seas, was "an ideal day to spend on the water," according to Gontz. "Imagery and magnetometer data were outstanding and should produce wonderful maps and images of the area."

With phase one of the field operations portion of the project now behind them, the Minot's Light site documentation team can now look forward to accomplishing its many goals this summer.

With the team assembled, Gontz feels that the project will come to a successful conclusion. "This project is a collaboration of numerous different players, each bringing a special skill to the project. Without the complete working group, this project would never have left the dock."

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Rev. Mulvehill to celebrate 50th anniversary of ordination

The Rev. John Mulvehill, pastor of St. Anthony Parish, Cohasset, will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 2 p.m., on Sunday, May 20. All are invited to attend the Mass and the reception that will follow immediately after the Mass from 3 to 3:30 p.m., in St. Anthony Parish Center.

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PHOTO/MILLER STUDIO

The Rev. John Mulvehill was ordained Feb. 2, 1957.

The Rev. Mulvehill, a native of Westwood, is a graduate of Boston College High School and the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester. He was ordained Feb. 2, 1957, and served his first assignment at St. Mary Parish in Randolph. Following that assignment, he served in St. Benedict Parish, Somerville, and, in September 1965, began studies at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Ireland, from which he was awarded a doctorate degree in Sacred Theology. He has also pursued post-doctoral studies at the American College, Louvain, Belgium, and at North American College in Rome.

The Rev. Mulvehill was a professor of theology and later president of Cardinal Cushing College, Brookline. From 1972 through 1983, he served as director of religious education for the Archdiocese of Boston. He was pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish, South Weymouth, from 1983 until 1985, when he was appointed pastor of St. Anthony Parish, succeeding the Rev. John Keohane who had served as pastor of St. Anthony Parish for 18 years.

Garden Friends Plant Sale

The annual Garden Friends Plant Sale of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset will be held at the Cohasset Historical Society, 106 South Main St., on Saturday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a wide selection of annuals, perennials and shrubs for sale. Most of the plants are ones that members have successfully grown in their own gardens. Also available are herbal products from The HERB FARMacy of Salisbury, Mass and copies of The Eclectic Gardener, a handbook for gardeners written by CGCC members and filled with gardening and lawn care information, floral arrangement ideas, seasonal recipes and suggestions for nature walks. This would be a perfect gift for any gardener-new or old. Proceeds from the sale help fund the scholarship and community projects sponsored by the CGCC.



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

No more plastic bags

We acknowledge that many of you are way ahead of us when it comes to "going green" — but we also know, that many of you are not.

We were inspired by a recent "Towards a Sustainable Cohasset" column by JoAnn Mirise, to put an end to our practice of using plastic, supermarket shopping bags.

In the interest of full disclosure, we will admit to being a double offender. We have routinely asked for "paper and plastic" at the grocery store. (In terms of water and air pollution during production, we have now learned that paper bags are worse than plastic!)

But we have reformed. This past week we purchased reusable shopping bags and were pleasantly surprised at both the price and the quality. They sell for $1-$1.50 each (some supermarkets might charge slightly more) and are easy to pack with groceries. They stand up in a nice "square" fashion and the straps make them a breeze to carry into the house. We also discovered they set up nicely in the shopping carriage.

The clerk at the register told us that in recent weeks he had seen more and more customers buying and using the reusable bags.

Even before we "googled" plastic shopping bag pollution on the Internet – we knew they was a problem. Look at fences at landfills, tree branches, and the shoulders of our roadways. Plastic bags are everywhere.

We area is not alone. According to www.china.org, in Beijing shopping bag pollution has reached epic proportions. Volunteers in major shopping areas handed out 15,000 free, reusable bags over two recent weekends — equivalent of 7.5 million plastic bags.

San Francisco has banned the use of non-biodegradable plastic bags.

Reusablebags.com states that plastics do not biodegrade, they photodegrade, a process in which sunlight breaks down plastic into smaller and smaller pieces. Web site sources say it can take up to 1,000 years for a high-density polyethylene plastic bag to break down.

According to www.cleangreenbags.com, worldwide we are using in excess of 500 billion plastic shopping bags a year. The Wall Street Journal estimates the US consumes 100 billion plastic bags annually which is the equivalent of 12 million barrels of oil in the manufacturing process. Fifty-three percent of those bags are distributed in grocery stores and supermarkets.

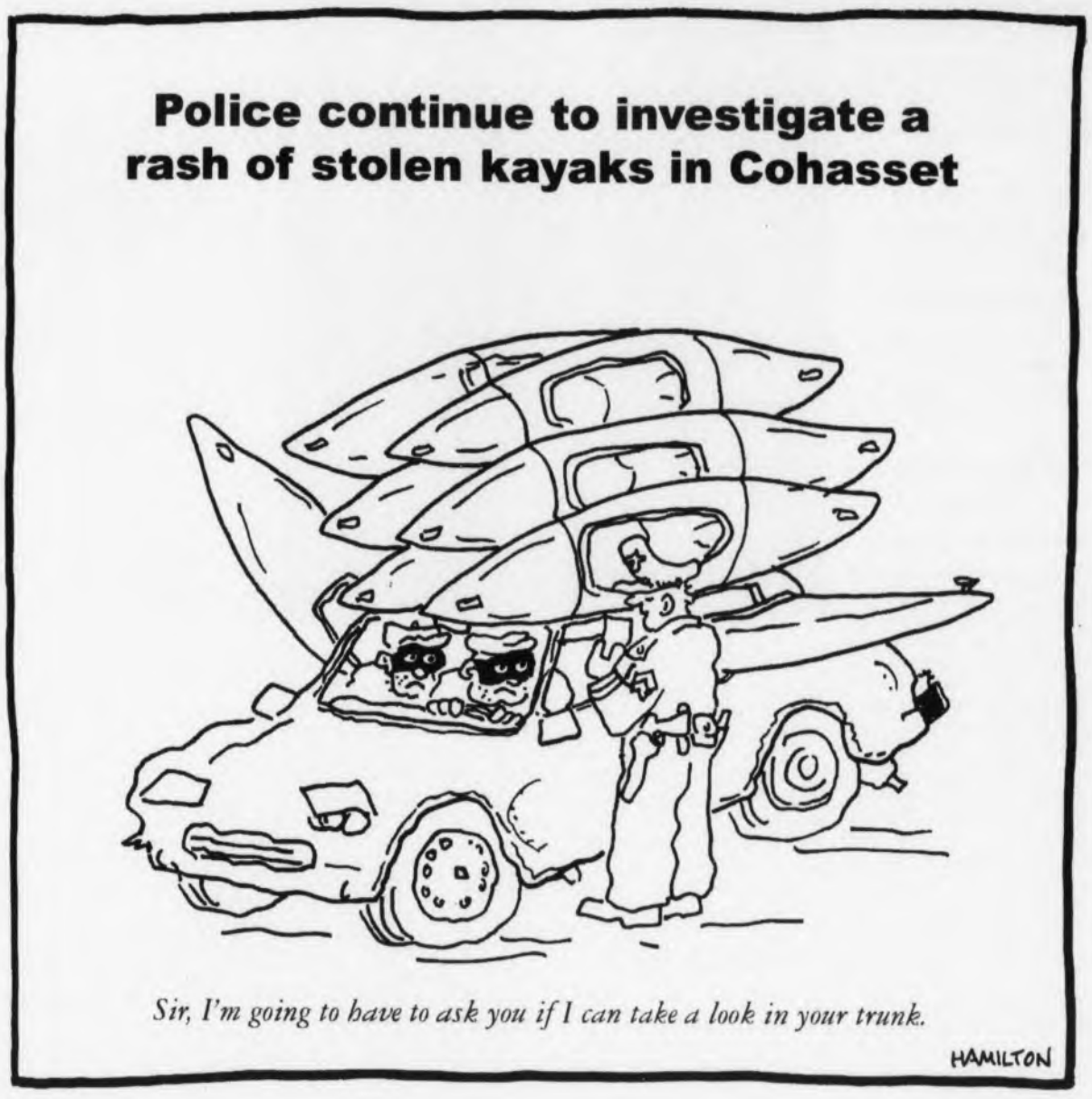
Paper bags are not the answer — www.msnbc.com states it takes 14 million trees to make all the bags we use in a year.

"The production of paper bags creates 70 percent more air pollution than plastic, but plastic bags created four times the solid waste – enough to fill the Empire State Building two and a half times," www.msnbc.com states.

It is so easy to help solve the "bag" problem by purchasing reusable shopping bags and using them. Once you unload your groceries, put the bags back in your car!

We are calling on all of you go join us in this effort by saying goodbye to "paper and plastic" at the supermarket. Reusable bags are available at Stop & Shop, Shaw's, Whole Foods, Trader Joe's, Hannaford's, and the Fruit Center.

For those of you who want to go high fashion — Europe is way ahead of us. According the LA Times, Stella McCartney is offering an organic cotton canvas shopper for $495; and Italian designer Consuelo Castiglioni has a designer shopping bag of $843!



MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Advisory Committee, May 16, 7 p.m.
Assessors, May 18, at 8:30 a.m.
Board of Health, May 23 and May 29, 7 p.m.
Conservation Commission, May 17 at 7 p.m.
Elder Affairs, May 14, 9a .m. at 3 N. Main St.
Harbor Health Committee, May 15, 7:30p.m.
Housing Partnership, May 17, 7 p.m.
Recreation Commission, May 30, at 6 p.m.
Selectmen, May 21 at 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, May 21 6 p.m.
Stormwater Committee, May 21, 7 p.m.
Water Commission, May 15, 6 p.m., King St. plant.
Zoning Board of Appeals, June 6, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

380 US flags arrive Saturday

TO THE EDITOR:

To all residents of Cohasset:

Keep an eye out for – and offer a warm reception to the Operation Salute truck and trailer arriving in Cohasset Saturday May 12.

Cohasset will be honored to receive the services of Gold Star Dad Bob Lehmiller when he delivers 380 U.S. flags Saturday May 12, which will then be flown on Cohasset's field of honor – healing field, at Cohasset Harbor May 20 through 30. Hosted by the Sons of the American Legion, this is a nonpartisan event meant to honor our veterans and bring our community together in support of all our veterans and active duty troops.

Bob Lehmiller has established a foundation to honor all who serve in memory of his son U.S. Army Sgt. Michael Lehmiller 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment,173 Airborne Brigade, age 23 who died in Baylough, Afghanistan August 21, 2005, from injuries received during hostile fire.

You need not support the war to support the troops.

Mike's Guardian Eagle Foundation was formed in memory of Sgt. Lehmiller to "Support Our Troops.". The goal of the foundation is to provide assistance to military families their troop cannot, due to deployment injury or death. Donations to this nonprofit foundation are not in support of – or against war, they are simply to help soldiers and their families who have sacrificed due to war and are in need of assistance.

"America the Beautiful" third verse reads "Oh beautiful for heroes prov'd, in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life.

Thank you.

Commander Thomas Wigmore
Sons of the American Legion

Widespread support truly appreciated by CMI

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Maritime Institute held their first "Double the Fleet" fundraiser on May 4. The CMI Fundraising Committee and CMI Board would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the following people and organizations; we couldn't have done it without you all!

First to the Town of Cohasset for making our mission possible; to George and Mary McGoldrick and the Black Rock Country Club for the glorious venue; Hingham Fruit Center - Flower Department; Nancy and Wallace St. John of Eagle Flag of America for the custom CMI nautical flags; The John Coffey Quartet; Jackie Fitts; The Cohasset Playhouse Associates – Cohasset Music Circus); Tracy O'Connor of Village Wine and Spirits for organizing the wine tasting; Paul and Molly Adams; Connie Afshar; the Breslow family; the Crough family; the Galligan family; Diane and Tom Shipp; Rob and Sue Spofford; Lynne Layman; BN Pink and Elizabeth McQuade, Emily Toomey for our creative graphics; Rudolph Adamo Day Spa; Eastern Bank; Pilgrim Bank; Joanne Chittick; Sharon Daly; Tina Watson; May Lou Clark; Alden Boat Co.; Buttonwood Books and Toys; RE Max Prime Realty of Hanover; John Liffmann; Jackie Schick; and Jack Buckley.

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It is said that "It takes a village" and we have seen this to be true.

Thank you once again to all who supported CMI via their contributions and attendance at the Wine Tasting and Dinner. Please look for our Middle and High School rowers on the water; our adult summer season begins May 14, and spaces are still available so please visit our Web site www.rowcmi.com. Great progress was made toward CMI's goal of acquiring two more sliding seat fours and again, we thank the community for its support.

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Post Office to help stamp out hunger Saturday

The Cohasset Post Office Letter Carriers Food Drive will take place this Saturday, May 12, to benefit the Cohasset Food Pantry. This Food Drive provides the food pantry with enough food to stay stocked through the summer months.

To help ensure there will be enough food to meet the need, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) — in conjunction with the United States Postal Service, AFL-CIO, the United Way of Southeastern New England, America's Second Harvest, Cox Target Media-Valpak, and Campbell's Soup — is sponsoring a food drive this Saturday, May 12, to restock local food pantries.

The 15th annual NALC National Food Drive is the largest one-day food drive in the nation. Carriers nationwide collected 70.5 million pounds of food in the 2006 drive, the third consecutive year the effort has exceeded 70 million pounds.

The Cohasset Food Pantry particularly needs the following items: shampoo, tooth brushes, tooth paste, dish and laundry detergent, cleaning products, stretch wrap, aluminum foil, paper goods such as paper towels and toilet paper, zip lock bags in all sizes and trash bags.

The following items are not needed at this time: pasta, soup and cereal.

Remember to place non-opened, non-perishable food items in a bag by your mailbox on Saturday. It is also important to check expiration dates.

The Cohasset Food Panty and the Cohasset Post Office Letter Carriers wish to thank those who participate in advance for their continued generosity.

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Having a blast in the town lot

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

It's the small things that count – This past week we had a Cohasset mother notified us that there was a large gap under the new fence adjacent to the Cohasset Library Playground. We sent a photo of the problem area to the MBTA and CBB hoping for a quick fix. Within one hour we received an email back from CBB saying that the fence would be fixed the same day. That's great response. Thanks, CBB.

Let's all have a blast – Literally, next week we will have a blast in the Town Parking Lot. The area between the Teen Center and the railroad tracks will be configured for eight new parking spaces. Since this area is mostly ledge, blasting will be required to carve the spaces out of the ledge. The included photo shows a view of the work area looking from the Teen Center. The drawing we have added is a design engineer's bird's eye view of the area, including the new parking spaces.

Because blasting is a dangerous process, a good portion of the area between the Teen Center and the tracks will be closed to traffic. We are told by the blasting contractor that we should still be able to use the access in front of the Red Lion to the parking lot. But, the area near the Teen Center may be a bit constricted. If you drive in this area please be careful and follow the directions of any safety officers in the area.

You might also be interested in the fact that the Fire Chief is the person in Cohasset who enforces the blasting safety laws. Further, they usually post a fire official on the site during blasting. CBB tells us that there will be about six days of blasting.

Pond Street — The CBB busy bees continue to flock around the Spring/Pond streets intersection. The paving has been completed on the Pond Street side of the crossing. The small section that leads from the tracks toward St. Anthony's is still waiting for the two orphaned utility poles to be removed before the final paving can be done here. On Wednesday of this past week, the sidewalks received their paving. *(See photo)* We are getting closer and closer. We should be able to use the new Pond St. in the next couple of weeks.

Beechwood sidewalk update – We have been asked, from time to time, about the status of the Beechwood sidewalk project. As you may know, and certainly the residents in this area know, that money was approved some time ago for the construction of sidewalk from S. Main Street to Talarico Lane. The initial sidewalk concept was developed before the MBTA did its work at the Beechwood crossing. Unfortunately, technically, the area near the tracks is still under control of the MBTA. So we can't do any work there. However, it looks like after the MBTA completes its work, the sidewalk may become much more difficult to construct with than we expected. The most difficult part is the southeast side of the crossing along the wetlands. After the guardrail installation, the MBTA work looks like it will leave only a small amount of room for a sidewalk without encroaching on the wetlands. We are working with CBB to try and get sufficient width in this area so we can have safe pedestrian passage through the crossing. So, this piece of the final design is still evolving. Once this complex issue is resolved, we expect to have that sidewalk built in the fall of this year. We will continue to update our readers about the sidewalk progress.

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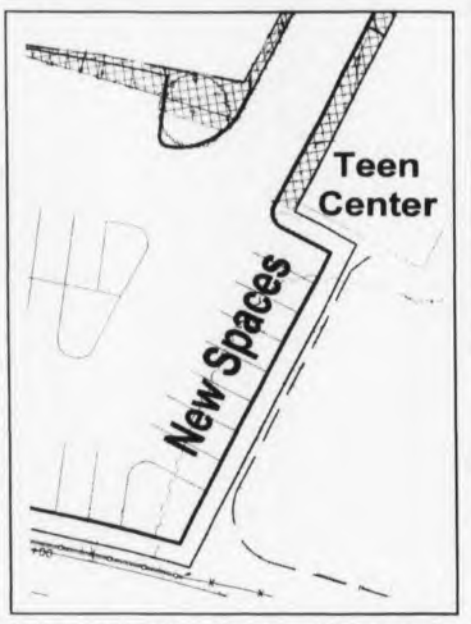
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View of blasting area from the roadway next to the Teen Center.



The Pond Street sidewalk gets its first coat of asphalt.



A drawing that shows location of the new parking spaces.

Welcome to 'Hoarders Anonymous'

TALES FROM THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT



DIANE K. DANIELSON

It wasn't that long ago when I used to be able to move my entire belongings in three trips in my Honda Civic hatchback.

Hi. My name is Diane, and I'm a hoarder. I've been in denial for years, but a recently blown water heater and flooded basement forced me to face up to the demons in my cellar: hundreds of empty boxes in every possible shape and size. At first glance, it really didn't look too outrageous — neatly stacked boxes from floor to ceiling, lining every available inch of wall space. But, given that inside each of these boxes were several more, all neatly fit one inside the next like Russian nesting dolls, even I had to admit that this was probably a little bit to the left of normal.

Since my neurosis *(this one, anyhow)* was kept neatly organized and out of sight in the cellar, I could easily ignore it until I was frantically splashing around my basement, knocking boxes out of the way, desperate to find the cut-off valve for the broken water heater. As boxes tumbled down around me, I realized that I could end up like that Bronx man they discovered a few years ago trapped in his apartment under an avalanche of newspapers, magazines and books. It had finally come to this — the possibility of drowning alone in a sea of corrugated cardboard.

While I waited for the plumber, I looked around and realized I needed to take action, and I needed to do it right now. First, I tried logic. What were the odds of my having to pack up and immediately relocate into a witness protection program in the middle of the night? Pretty slight, considering that my life is far too unexciting for anything like that. But, one never knows. And, what if I had to suddenly ship an odd-sized or abnormally shaped object? Chances are that I would find it less time-consuming to visit the UPS store than to search through the boxes in my basement. Therefore, these arguments, unlike my cellar, didn't hold much water.

But, what was it with me and boxes? I'm extremely attached to my clothes; yet, each season, I purge my closets of ill-fitting garments and ill-advised purchases. *(Just what I was thinking when I bought that fuchsia-colored pantsuit, I'll never be sure; but I'm hoping someone else will have the panache to pull it off.)* I also manage my perennially reproducing periodical piles by implementing a two-month magazine moratorium. If it's not read by then, I can always look for it later on-line. And my formerly out-of-control book collection? That's kept in check by my new love affair with my local library. Now, I just had to apply these same tough love techniques with my boxes.

First, out went any box that had gotten wet. That was easy. Next, out went boxes for electronic equipment that I no longer owned. *(Since I haven't seen that cassette player since college, I'm guessing I don't really need the box.)* Still, that barely made a dent. What to do next? That was when I remembered that somewhere along the line I managed to acquire a book about clearing your clutter with Feng Shui. The main premise is that clutter creates stress. But was my clutter in my cellar actually causing me stress? Well, certainly it was as I stood ankle deep in water surveying the damage. But could it possibly be my stress about not knowing what might happen in my future that was actually causing my clutter?

It wasn't that long ago when I used to be able to move my entire belongings in three trips in my Honda Civic hatchback. And move I did, practically every six months depending on which direction my life took me. What freedom, to be able to pick up and move on a whim. Yet, here I am with hundreds of empty boxes ready to move on a moment's notice, yet never feeling more weighted down and immutable.

So, I did it. I tossed out those darn boxes. *(O.k., I kept a handful for old time's sake; you can't expect a hoarder to go completely cold turkey.)* And, while I might now have difficulty packing up and relocating in a matter of hours, I've never felt freer to do just that. Perhaps there may be something to this Feng Shui stuff after all. Now where "Feng Shui" did I put that dang book?

Diane K. Danielson the CEO of DowntownWomensClub.com and a Cohasset resident who, after conquering her box hoarding, is now hoarding chopsticks, soy sauce and wasabi packets, just in case she ever has a "Sushi" emergency. For more of her random musings visit her blog at www.womensDISH.com.

LIBRARY CORNER

Check out the new non-fiction titles

Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information, call 781-383-1348 or visit the Web site at cohassetlibrary.org.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film "Madeinusa" at 6 p.m., on Thursday, May 17, in the Meeting Room. Free admission and refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

New Titles – Look at what's new in non-fiction: "52 Weekend Makeovers: Easy projects to transform your home inside and out" by Taunton Press; "Let's Get Comfortable: How to furnish and decorate a welcoming home" by Mitchell Gold; "What Color is Your Parachute for Retirement: Planning now for the life you want" by Richard Bolles; and "A Twist of the Wrist: Quick flavorful meals with ingredients from jars, cans and boxes" by Nancy Silverton. These and many more titles are available for checkout now.

Library Book Group – Join the group for coffee and discussion of Mary Lawson's award-winning novel "Crow Lake" at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, May 30, in the Meeting Room. All are welcome.

Knitting Group – The Knitting Group will meet on two Wednesdays each month. The next meeting will take place at 10 a.m., on May 16, in the Meeting Room. All knitting levels are welcome. Edna Finegan of the Senior Knitting Group will be the instructor.

Movie Matinee – Join others for a free movie at the library. This month, "Arsenic and Old Lace" with Cary Grant and Josephine Hull will be shown at 11 a.m., on Friday, June 1, in the Meeting Room. Light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library. Movie site license is sponsored by Friends of the Library and Cohasset Democratic Town Committee. Admission is free.

FOR CHILDREN

Congratulations to the following students for their award-winning original shape poems: **Maeve Humphrey, Nicholas White-Spenik, Anna Cunnie, Katie White-Spenik, Camerin Rawson, Carly Norton, Sarah Gruber, Melissa Alves, Margaret St. Sauveur** and **Anya Gruber. Drop In Story Time** – Meets at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, May 15, in the Story Room. Literature, music and movement will be featured. All ages and communities are welcome.

Story & Craft – Meets from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m., on Thursday, May 17. Story & Craft is a four-week commitment for Cohasset residents ages 3 through 6. Each week a new theme is explored through literature, songs and crafts. All sessions are full.

Drop In Story Time – Meets at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, May 22, in the Story Room. Literature, music and movement will be featured. All ages and communities are welcome.

Story & Craft – Meets from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m., on Thursday, May 24. Story & Craft is a four-week commitment for Cohasset residents ages 3 through 6. Each week a new theme is explored through literature, songs and crafts. All sessions are full.

Holiday Closing – The library will be closed Monday, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day.

Offensive nicknames

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Alas, another Indian has bitten the dust — by his own hand, you might say.

The Dedham High School Boosters Club has decided to accede to the demands of the Native Americans among us and retire the image of the angry Indian that has represented the schools athletic teams for at least the past 35 years.

"It's time for it to go," Anthony Mucciaccio told the Globe. "People say it's not right. It's not a very friendly or happy-looking Indian."

Not only that but the Boosters are thinking of dumping the school nickname, "Marauders," which, as our history books tell us, the Indians used to do when they weren't painting their faces, doing the war dance or attacking wagon trains.

A second Bay State League school, Natick High, recently voted to drop its nickname, "Redmen," in the face of protests from Native Americans, who don't like to call themselves Indians and don't like others to do it either.

The annual debate is about to get underway, I am told, over the use of the nickname Red Raiders by North Quincy High School and their cartoon mascot, Yakoo, who, they say, erroneously portrays them as warlike.

Unfortunately for the protesters, say the Friends of Yakoo, he is not an Indian at all, just a former student of Armenian descent named Allan Yakubian, clad in the national dress of Armenia — breechclout, feathers and tomahawk.

The sportsmanship committee of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association is contemplating urging all its member schools to drop any logos that may be taken as offensive by Native Americans or any other group.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association has whittled the number of colleges using offensive nicknames down to 18, including the Florida State Seminoles, who have written notice from the Seminoles themselves that they don't mind being offended.

With all this hurley burley going on around them, it's strange no one has noticed that Braintree High School's Wamps are not nicknamed for a strange animal from the Amazon jungle but for a local Indian chief.

It was Josiah Wampatuck who sold the town to the white men. I don't know how much they paid for it but I hope the deal turned out better than the New York scam where Peter Minuit paid $24 for the island of Manhattan to a tribe that didn't even own it.

I was first attracted to this business of offensive nicknames about 15 years ago when there was agitation to change the nickname of the Frisco, Texas, High School from "the Coons" to something more presentable in mixed company.

The team was known as the Coons ever since a student offered his pet raccoon to them as a mascot, but who has time to explain that when you are in the throes of a Frisco locomotive.

But the one that topped them all was the nickname then used by the high school in Wahpeton, North Dakota.

It was "the Wops."

The offensive name is merely a logical reduction of the name of the town, which, incidentally, is Indian in origin.

Nevertheless the team is now known as "the Huskies."

Slanetz, Flibotte discuss School Committee

Join Our Town this week when the show focuses on the recent School Committee election, its new team and what lies ahead for the committee and Cohasset schools.

Newly elected School Committee member Lucia Flibotte sits down with co-hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin in the first segment to discuss her goals for her new term in office

Later School Committee member Al Slanetz joins the show to set the record straight on his commentary and his hopes for the future of the committee.

Tune in Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9p.m., all on Comcast channel 10. Stay tuned Cohasset and Stay informed!



COURTESY PHOTO

Lauren Cook's class at the Osgood School. Michael Tesauro, a new student who came after the class photo was taken, is pictured at lower right.

'Happy Mother's Day' from Osgood second-graders

Lauren Cook's second grade students at the Joseph Osgood School wrote the following essays in honor of their mothers:

"My mom is the best mom. My mom is the prettiest mom. She is tall and has golden blond hair. She has beautiful green eyes like the ocean. She is funny, fun, cool, loving, caring, nice, graceful, smart, kindhearted and peaceful. She is a Caldwell Banker worker. At home my mom helps clean up and sometimes helps clean my guinea pig's cage. She helps me with math, reading, spelling and typing. I like to shop with my mom and I like when she takes me for a walk and we go to the beach. My mom makes me feel loved when she tucks me in at night and kisses me and says she loves me. I love my mom"

— **by Lilly Ambrose**.

"My mom is nice. My mom is pretty. She is as tall as my teacher. My mom is very loving and generous. For work my mom is a graphic designer. She is a good artist on the computer. I like to watch her work. At home she cooks dinner. My mom helps me do homework and walks me to school. I like when we go to my little brother's favorite Wal-Mart and buy a toy. My mom makes me feel loved and special when she kisses me goodnight. I love my mom!"

— **by Ryan Conforti**.

"My mom is special to me. My mom has pretty green eyes, shiny gold hair and special lips for loving. She is loving, caring, and most of all she cares like she's my most favorite person. She works for The South Shore Community Center and she helps out my favorite teacher, Mrs. Cook. She keeps my whole family warm and she cares about me. She helps me do my best. She always has warm and toasty blankets on my bed and she helps me problem solve. I love shopping with her and walking with her. She cares about me a lot and she thinks about me first. I would never want another mom and I love her!"

— **by Leah Cook.**

"My mom is sweet. My mom has brown eyes just like my brother's skin. She's pretty with black hair and she's thin. She is smart, funny and generous to me and my family. She works with the jewelry people. She helps me with my homework and when I'm sick. She also helps me with clothes I could wear and helps me tie my shoes. I enjoy getting a Webkinz with her. I feel loved when my mom says she loves me, more than anything in the world! I love her with all my heart."

— **by Gavin Dunkleberger**.

"My mom is cool. My mom's eyes are sparkly in the sun. She has pretty black hair. She has a pretty face. She is helpful and she is a kind person. She is very funny. My mom is a jewelry maker for the Gifted Hand. She does the laundry; she cleans the house and vacuums the house. She helps me by driving me to my hockey games and she helps me do my homework. I enjoy biking with her and I enjoy playing street hockey with her. I love going swimming with her too. My mom makes me feel loved because she gives me kisses and hugs and she says, 'I love you so much' and helps me when I get hurt. I love my mom so much."

— **by Will Englander**.

"My mom is excellent. She is beautiful. She has nice sea-colored eyes and a pretty smile with shiny teeth. She is loving, generous and kindhearted. She works for a Nasonex company. My mom draws pictures with me and plays Othello when I'm bored on a rainy day. She helps me get dressed at hockey games and ties my skates. I like going to the beach with her. I like when we ride bikes together. My mom makes me feel loved when she gives me hugs and kisses. She helps me when I get hurt. I love my mom so much. I'd never trade her for another mom."

— **by Kyle Ferreira**.

"My mom is special. My mom has a great smile and sky blue eyes and her hair is blackish-silver. She is kindhearted, loving and is really, really, good at keeping secrets. My mom takes care of me and my three sisters: Torey, Mackenzie and Jacqueline. At home mom helps me and my sister with our homework. She helps me with reading and spelling and math. I like playing with her and I like when we sunbathe together. My mom makes me feel special when she comes to my soccer games and cheers for me. I feel loved when she kisses and hugs me. I love my mom sooo much!"

— **by Audrey Hart**.

"My mom is the best. My mom has eyes as blue as the sky. She has the prettiest long hair. She is very kind. She cares a very lot about me and she's very funny telling jokes. She teaches my CCD class. At home she takes care of my 6-month-old sister. She helps me by taking me to my friend's houses. She also helps me on my homework and helps me solve problems. Outside I enjoy playing catch with her and inside I like playing games. My mom makes me feel loved by giving me big hugs. I love you mom."

— **by John Harzich**.

"My mom is very special. My mom has shiny hazel eyes, thick black hair and a big beautiful smile. My mom is caring and kindhearted and she is very nice. She is as sweet as chocolate. For work my mom stays home and takes care of my baby sister. She cooks dinner, cleans the house and brings our cans, bottles and other stuff to the dump. My mom keeps me safe. She helps me with my homework and practices baseball with me. I like when my mom plays outside with me and I enjoy snuggling up on the couch with her. My mom makes me feel loved when she comes to my baseball games and when she tucks me into bed. I love my mom more than anything."

— **by Zack Herman**.

"My mom is just right for me. She has really short hair and smooth dark chocolate eyes and pretty painted nails. She is funny, kind and as cool as Hawaii. She also has a beautiful personality. My mom stays home and teaches Cole how to walk and talk. Before that she was a seventh grade math teacher. My mom cleans up and usually talks on the phone. She helps me with my homework and with my math when I have a hard time, or a really, really hard time, or a super hard time. She helps me read my decodable readers: smiley face book, book (L) and the (A) book. She helps me with experiments. I enjoy shopping at the mall with her and I like when she tells me stories from when she was a kid. I enjoy those the most. She and I enjoy when she takes me to the movies and when she came to school for the Pajama Day and for math and for the pancake breakfast. I feel loved when she tucks me in at night. I love my mom!"

— **by Keely Hunter**.

"My mom is as nice as a cool cup of lemonade on a nice summer day. My mom has long blond hair the color of sand. She has dark blue eyes the color of the ocean. She is pretty and has soft skin. My mom is very generous, kind, smart and she is athletic. My mom is a nurse at a hospital in Boston. At home she cleans the dishes, vacuums and most of all cares for me. My mom helps me with my homework and when I am sick and hurt. I like when my mom helps me learn my songs for drums and when she practices Kung Fu with me. My mom makes me feel special by giving me a goodnight kiss at night. I would never want another mom!"

— **by Matthew Keenan**.

"My mom is the very best. My mom has black shiny hair with highlights. She also has beautiful brown eyes. My mom is loving, caring, thoughtful and extremely funny. My mom works for Tufts New England Medical Center and solves problems. My mom takes care of my baby brother and myself. My mom helps me out by helping me with my homework. She helps me solve my problems too. Lastly she helps me follow my dreams. I absolutely love to cuddle with my mom and watch movies with her. My mom kisses and hugs me when I do a good job and that makes me feel special and loved. I absolutely defiantly love my mom!"

— **by Alyssa Lum**.

"My mom is great. My mom has pretty blue eyes just like me. She has light brown hair and she is beautiful. My mom is loving, is a good friend and is very, very smart. My mom works for the Paul Pratt Library. She puts away books and is a substitute for working at the front desk. At home my mom helps with my dog Sandy. My mom helps me with my homework. She also helps me get ready for school. I love it when we have mom and daughter time. My mom makes me feel loved when she reads to me and she kisses me everyday. I love my mom!"

— **by Kara Nelson**.

"My mom is awesome. She is beautiful. She has ocean blue-colored eyes like me and she has crisp gold hair. My mom is kind-hearted and she is generous. She has a beautiful heart and she is smart. My mom works for Serono and she is the boss of a few people. At home she takes the dog out and she gives me breakfast with care. She helps me with my homework when I get stuck. She helps me when I am sick. I enjoy walking my dog Daisy with my mom and I love when we go to N.J. to see my cousins. My mom makes me feel special when she says, 'love you' and when she kisses me and she congratulates me on my spelling test. My mom is great!"

— **by Dagny Nies**.

"My mom is the best. My mom is very pretty. She has short blond hair and has green eyes like the grass. My mom is sweet as candy. She is loving and funny. My mom is a stay-at-home mom but she used to work at a hotel in Boston. At home she has to give my dog a bath and do all the laundry. My mom helps me with my homework and she helps me read my words. She entertains me when I have to go to my brother's games. I enjoy going on vacation to N.Y. and Florida with her and I like to go shopping with her. My mom makes me feel loved and special when she gives me butterfly kisses and Eskimo kisses. She makes me feel special when she calls me Pumpkin. My mom is the best mom in the entire world."

— **by Caroline O'Brien**.

"My mom is special. She has a nice smile, blue eyes and her hair is as bright as the sun. My mom is nice, smart and kind. She is very thoughtful and generous. She always helps others, especially people who need food and clothing. She also volunteers to walk the dogs at the shelter. For a job my mom works at a bank and she's a room mother in my class. At home she vacuums up the living room, cooks and takes care of me and my family. She tucks me in at night and she helps with my homework. I enjoy going to Halifax to see the commuter rail with her. My mom makes me feel special when she takes me on fantastic vacations. My mom is great."

— **by Jeremy Otis**.

"My mom is great. She has beautiful brown and shiny hair. She has a smile that lights up a room. She has brown eyes that are more watery than mud. My mom is kindhearted. She can be funny and she is very, very loving. She works in our school office helping Mrs. Sheehan, Ms. Judy and all the teachers. She also helps kids that have to go to the office. At home my mom makes dinner and helps me with my homework. She helps me with my math and spelling. She always gives me what I need if I get a cut. I like sitting down in the morning and watching shows with her. She makes me feel loved because she always says, 'I love you' at night. I love my mom!"

— **by Victoria Ross**.

"My mom is great. My mom has light blue eyes like the sky. She has long hair that is pretty and blond. My mom has a smile that is brighter than the sun. My mom is funny and nice. My mom is caring. My mom is fun. My mom teaches yoga and helps a ton at school. At home my mom folds laundry and does chores. My mom helps me with my homework. My mom helps me aim my pitches. I love when my mom and I watch the Red Sox games. I enjoy playing Mile Born, Battleship and other board games with her. My mom is caring for me and when I fall off my bike she helps me up. My mom is awesome."

— **by Alexander Schubert**.

"My mom is great. My mom has yellow sandy hair. She has a smile that lights up a room and she is very beautiful. My mom is smart, fun and enjoyable. My mom is a decorator and she tells people where to put their furniture. She also helps my class. My mom cooks dinner for me and my brother. She makes laundry and she makes beds. My mom helps me with my homework. She helps me when I'm stuck on a word when I'm reading. I enjoy doing a project with her and I like going to the beach with her. My mom makes me feel loved and special when she tucks me into bed and gives me a hug. I love my special mom."

— **by Drew Skolnick**.

"My mom is the best. My mom is very beautiful. She has nice eyes and she is small. She is funny, nice, smart, fun and playful. At home she cleans the house. She also helps by cleaning my pet ferret's cage. My mom helps me clean my room. My mom helps me do my homework. I like when my mom plays kickball with me and I like when she reads me stories. My mom makes me feel loved when she kisses me and plays with me. I love my mom. She's the best."

— **by Michael Slanetz**.

"My mom is nice. My mom is tall and she has blue eyes. My mom looks nice. My mom is cool, giving and thoughtful. She works at Talbots, organizing everything. At home she cleans up and helps make beds. My mom helps me by bringing me to my baseball games and to friend's houses. I enjoy going on vacation with her and I like when she plays ball with me. My mom makes me feel loved when she reads to me in bed and when she gives me a hug. My mom is very special to me."

— **by Micheal Tesauro**.

"My mom is a special person to me. My mom has brownish gold curly hair and a great smile that makes me smile back. She is cheerful and caring and very smart! For work my mom takes care of me and cooks and keeps the house clean. She helps out at home by keeping our yard clean and pretty. She helps me with my French and with my reading. I enjoy cooking yummy pies and cakes and other goodies with my mom. My mom makes me feel loved and special when she tucks me in at night and when she gives me a present. That is why my mom is a special person to me!"

— **by Yvette Wenner**.



Health Notes

Being prepared for an emergency

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Reviewing recent articles on Global Warming; there's much heat, but little light. A recent quiz on global warning indicated that the temperature of the earth has actually been falling rather than rising while others predict that the world will boil over in 50 years. Well, we *know* that 10,000 years ago Cohasset was covered with ice. And we *know* that over the last several hundred years — since temperature records have been kept — temperatures have begun rising exponentially. We also know that the earth during formation, was pretty hot, and it's now cooler. It seems that the naysayers and the doom sayers are both quoting accurate statistics, but using different time horizons. We all seem to be reaching agreement that something is happening to our climate. Human nature being what it is, the world will probably wait until it's too late to do anything to remedy the situation.

The UN panel on climate change has just issued its third report, which says that diverting 0.3 percent of the world's productivity to available technologies for reducing CO2 emissions could forestall a global calamity. The Whitehouse Counsel on Environmental Quality has issued a comment endorsing the report but its Chairman says "certainly there is no leader in the world that is going to be pursuing a strategy that would drive their economies into deep depression." No, it's better to build 60,000 house trailers for New Orleans that nobody can use and fight, Don Quixote fashion, against windmills in Nantucket sound.

So, the Board of Health is opting for the imminently sensible approach of telling everyone to prepare. For what? – well, we'll probably have more mosquitoes, so we should prepare for that, and there may be a pandemic, so we should prepare for that. And we'll probably need more suntan lotion with bigger 'R' numbers, so we should add that to the list. And flooding with polluted water will probably increase, so there's that. And we're all trying to make less CO2 and that's a form of preparation. Really, how should we prepare?

There's a very complicated relationship between the timing of a calamity, its character, size and the response to it.

Last week, there was the continuation of an activity started some time ago aimed at helping to organize those South Shore towns who will be responsible for providing necessary services as an emergency becomes apparent. The South Shore Hospital held the third of its series of workshops called Partners in Emergency planning. Since the Hospital is nearby, and in an emergency, it may not be practical to get to Boston, several of us in Cohasset attend these summit meetings in addition to the region's greater Boston emergency activities. At the first meeting we swapped business cards and got to know those in other towns who have similar concerns. The second meeting was an analysis of the resources each town could bring to an emergency. This meeting was about how we would get the word out.

There's a very complicated relationship between the timing of a calamity, its character, size and the response to it. For example, in a calamity where wires come down, we may be glad we prepared by stocking up on firewood, a restorable resource. Perhaps the cell phone will work. And information, its content and timing are crucial to the down and dirty process of saving lives. There's an almost endless need for all types of information, which must be correct, unambiguous and timely. Public servants of all towns have already been trained to use a common language, management team structure, and vocabulary. At this meeting, the various media representatives were brought in to become informed about how they would participate. The Mariner, Ledger, TV and radio were all represented. The title of the session was "Communication, Triage and Incident Command Structure."

• Communication: When something happens and the phones start ringing at the police station, fire department, and Board of Health, it's show time, and all agencies should be giving the same answer.

• Triage: Generally there are three options in an emergency: Stay safely at home; go to a centrally located place where you'll be safe and finally: get specialized attention, treatment, etc. Such decisions can best be made by people who know the situation and have appropriate training. Making the decision from the available options is the triage process.

• Incident Command is an ad hoc command organizational structure practiced before hand and activated at the beginning of an incident. This year, there were two activations of elements of the incident command structure: one responding to a report of an aircraft crash in Whitney Woods; the other associated with a police chase going through town in which several areas in Town received a reverse 911 notification.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Free Training for Medical Reserve Corps

The Cohasset Board of Health continues to recruit and train volunteers for the Region 4B Medical Reserve Corps, a cadre of trained medical and non-medical professionals prepared to assist officials during an emergency. Training on Emergency Dispensing Sites (EDS) will be held for Medical Reserve Corps members and the public at 1 p.m., Monday May 14, in St. Anthony's Parish Center at 10 Summer St., in Cohasset.

Barbara Ceconi and Kurt Kuss of Access Umbrella will facilitate the class with members of the state and local Departments of Public Health to teach volunteers about setting up a mass prophylaxis operation, orient attendees to the function of the different stations in an EDS site and introduce the roles required to staff the stations.

Previous attendees of this training in other communities have had very positive experiences from this training, such as it promotes team work, and fosters an understanding of how an EDS would work as well as the roles that members of the community would fill.

"We were excited to see so much of a response from the community," said Alison Minkoff, Region 4B assistant emergency preparedness coordinator. "We're looking forward to this training and seeing more new faces."

While there are already nearly 2,300 volunteers in the regional Medical Reserve Corps, more are always being recruited. Anyone interested in joining the MRC is invited to attend this training or contact the Cohasset Board of Health.

You do not have to have attended an orientation to attend the May 14 training. To RSVP for the EDS training or for information on the Medical Reserve Corps, contact Alison Minkoff by calling 617-665-3702 or e-mailing Region4bMRC@challiance.org.

Briefly

Kurt Gritzan Memorial Scholarship

Kurt Gritzan Memorial Scholarship has been added to the list of scholarships that will be awarded at this year's CHS awards night on May 30. This scholarship was founded by Kurt's family and friends who admire and love Kurt and wanted to create a memory that would serve as a reminder to his outstanding courage, and also his passion for the sport of hockey.

Two gifts will be awarded this year to celebrate the beginning of this memorial.

Those who would like to contribute to the Kurt Gritzan Memorial Scholarship fund, can send a tax-deductible donation made payable to the Town of Cohasset with a memo to the Kurt Gritzan Scholarship Fund.

New member named to Common Commission

Virginia Norman of 26 Atlantic Ave. was appointed to a representative seat on the Cohasset Common District Commission. The nomination was brought forth by the Cohasset Historical Society. Norman is a landscape designer who has lived in town for over ten years.

She is currently Chairman of the Tree Committee and has recently done extensive research on the town common for an upcoming display for the Historical Society. She helped to design the Veteran's Memorial Park, Norman Todd Park and has worked on various cemetery and water department.

"It's a beautiful town and I want to keep it that way," Norman said. Her appointment was approved by the Board of Selectmen with a 4-0 vote.

Title I Grant for Fiscal 2008

Cohasset has received preliminary numbers from the federal government regarding a Department of Education Title I Grant, the estimated amount is over $22,000. Official numbers will not be received until the summer.

Business Manager Dave DeGennaro said that this grant is based on the poverty level of the town. Cohasset did not receive any money from this grant last year. He does not expect the number to change drastically between now and the final allocation notice this summer.

Political forum on gun control is May 16

The Cohasset Political Forum will hold its next session at 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 16, in the Paul Pratt Memorial Library at 35 Ripley Road. The topic will be "US Gun Laws, Gun Availability and Gun Control."

The featured speaker will be Cohasset Police Chief James Hussey, who will discuss the process for obtaining a legal firearm under Federal and Mass. law, with a comparison to laws of other states and nations. Other speakers may be added. A group discussion will follow, which will include a debate on the pros and cons of gun control measures.

If you have any questions, please check the web site (www.cohassetdems.org) or call Agnes McCann at 383-0222.

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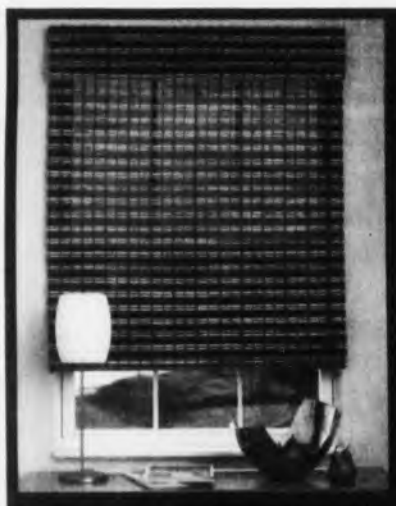
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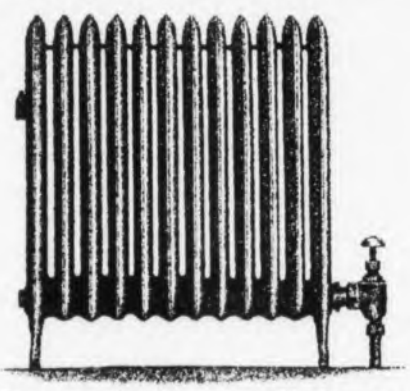
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Cook Estate hearing gets underway

On-site septic system planned

By Nancy White
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The intent of the developers is to transform the property located off Sohier Street into a 27-home community under the town's residential cluster development bylaw.

After a three-week continuance, the Cook Estate public hearing — with a complete Planning Board — began on Wednesday evening. Developers from Abbott Real Estate and Development, the owners of the property, presented the details of their project from drainage to building materials. This was the first of what will be a series of hearings on the development.

The 19-acre property, formerly owned by the late Jane Bancroft Cook, is now under the auspices of Abbott Development based in Boston. The intent of the developers is to transform the property located off Sohier Street into a 27-home community under the town's residential cluster development bylaw. The proposal requires a special permit from the Planning Board.

The plans presented were very much like the plans the Board reviewed at the preliminary hearing in February with slight changes to the site plan urged by the Conservation Commission and drainage considerations.

The hearing has been delayed for three weeks because the Planning Board was down to four members with the resignation of Peter Pratt. A joint vote of the Board of Selectmen and the remaining members of the Planning Board appointed Bill Good to the seat vacated by Pratt (*see related story*). Good will serve until the 2008 town election. He did not get a chance to ease back into the swing of things as the board jumped right into the Cook Estate hearing.

The 27 single family, free-standing homes proposed would be subject to a condo-type agreement.

Dale Harris, the site designer for the project, presented the drainage, utilities, traffic and general site plan for the proposed development. He said that some changes had been made after a meeting with the Conservation Commission to review the plans in relation to wetlands. At the Commission's request Harris said they moved some units away from the buffer zone, giving the nearby wetlands a 110-foot buffer zone.

"There will be very minimal impact from the development onto Sohier Street," Harris said as he described the stormwater management and runoff design of the development. He said that best management practices were followed for stormwater according to government regulations. On-site septic systems will include four leeching field areas, chosen for their soil and best perc rates, Harris said.

However, a hydrologist representing the nearby Stop & Shop Plaza found flaws in the project plans, especially in relation to possible off-site flooding impacts. Jerome Carr from Carr Research Laboratory brought up concerns that the data used to calculate rainfall was too low, especially for major storms.

"We can't be too conservative on those numbers," said Planning Board member Mike Westcott, citing ongoing town-wide flooding and stormwater issues.

Carr also cited concerns with the flow capacity of the catch basins, detentions basins, and off-site flow. The Planning Board requested that its consultant, John Modzelewski, review the plans and work with the developers on these issues.

Traffic

Abbott developers have done traffic studies on Sohier Street to estimate the impact the development will have on traffic. The results were that 33 cars would be added to Sohier Street traffic during peak hours (4-6p.m.). Harris indicated that this impact was minor.

The Planning Board was concerned that the entirety and unique situation of Sohier Street was not completely taken into account. The presence of two schools and the summer concerts at the Music Circus make Sohier Street an often a heavily trafficked roadway. Another concern was the impact the development might have on the intersection of Sohier St. and Route 3A that often gets backed up during peak hours. Chairman Al Moore pointed out the difficulty of making a left turn onto 3A from Sohier St.

"What I'm getting at is Sohier Street may have to become a controlled intersection," said Planning Board member Bob Sturdy. They suggested the traffic specialist go back and do another study on the effects the development may have on that busy intersection and look at the surrounding area traffic flows.

Next, the hearing dove into landscape and architectural matters. Landscape architect Joseph Geller, a partner at Geller DeVellis Landscape Architects, told the board that the landscape design is meant to be as naturalized and low maintenance as possible.

Plantings will be for the most part native to the area and low maintenance to reduce watering. Low impact drainage methods have been incorporated throughout the site. The driveways will be constructed of a pervious surface called "eco-stone" to allow for water to run into the ground and not the road. Gellar said that the roadway was a minimum width to limit impervious area that often can add runoff to a site or around a site.

The surrounding area will be common land and have meadow areas, a gazebo and extensive walking trails. The hilltop locale yields some far-reaching views.

"We positioned the homes so they have the best views possible" and not into a neighbor's home, said Gellar. Abbott currently has four different options for home designs and most lots can accommodate two possible options so the buyer can choose. The configuration and window placement of the homes also took into account available sunlight.

Gellar presented the different lighting fixtures that will be used throughout the sight, which he said would all be down lit and dark sky compliant. Although there may be a "cast of light" seen from the bottom of the hill near the schools, Gellar assured the Board that it would not be a bright glow like there is in a parking lot.

The homes will be "architecturally similar in terms of material"— with clapboard and shingle, in a variety of soft tones — but will have "great variation on the interior," said Gellar. The homes will vary in size from 2,200 to 2,800 square feet. Although final price points have not been set, the developers said that the homes would be in the $750,000 to $800,000 range.

Some concerns were raised by Captain Mark Trask of the Fire Department both on the size of the roadway, the reported hydrant pressure, and the entrance and emergency access ways. Currently, the plans show a 20-foot wide roadway, which will be one way and have parking for residents and a 22-foot wide main road.

"Let's give it a little more room for the future," said Sturdy who pointed out that it is unlikely the Fire Department will buy a smaller ladder truck in the future so just making it might not cut it in a few years.

The purchase of the Cook estate also included a parcel of the land on the north, or Fairoaks Lane, side of Sohier Street. The developers said they do not plan to develop that lot and would be willing to place a conservation restriction on that property.

The Abbott Developers are applying for a special permit under the residential cluster development district, which allows for homes to be built closer together with open space on the edges. Despite the "cluster" of homes, there will be no more units built than would be allowed under normal subdivision.

The developers will lead the Planning Board in a site walk on Wednesday, May 23 beginning at 6:30p.m. The public hearing will resume at 7 p.m. Members of the public are welcome to attend both meetings.

Planning board member is good to go

Appointed to Peter Pratt's seat

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Good comes to the board with 15 years of Planning Board experience after serving for three terms. He decided not to run for reelection in 2004.

A joint vote between the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board unanimously appointed William Good to the fill a vacancy on the Planning Board. Member Peter Pratt resigned from his post two weeks ago. A notice was posted on the Town website seeking candidates for the Planning Board seat and Good was the only citizen to come forward. Good will sit on the board until the next town election.

"We're at a point right now that we have very big stuff coming down on us," Moore said, referring to two large projects that will require approval of special permits in the next year — the Cook Estate cluster development and the TOD (Transit-Oriented Development Overlay District). Both permits require a "super majority" of four out of five members agreeing for approval, if there is not a full board. That requirement would hinder the board if one member was not present for a public hearing.

Good comes to the board with 15 years of Planning Board experience after serving for three terms. He decided not to run for reelection in 2004.

"It sounded like there was a need for a full board quickly," Good said after his first meeting back on the Planning Board, "I think I have the experience to jump into the big issues quickly."

Selectman Fred Koed indicated that he had two issues with the appointment that he would like to discuss. First, he saw a potential conflict of interest with Good, a licensed real estate broker.

"If there is a conflict of interest, he will recuse himself," Moore said, adding that at some point over the years each member of the Planning Board has had to recuse himself because of a conflict of interest.

"[Good] is an honorable man so I don't anticipate any problems," said Moore. The Abbott developers, who are proposing the Cook Estate development, will be doing their own marketing and selling of the homes. Moore indicated that that would eliminate a conflict for that permit.

Koed also addressed what he said was a process issue where residents were not given ample opportunity to apply for the position. A resident had called Koed with concern that the appointment of Good was a "done deal" from the beginning.

"It's in the public interest, even if state does not require more than a week" to have a longer posting period to give interested residents a chance to apply, said Koed. During the week timeframe no other citizens applied for the Planning Board's vacant seat.

Planning Board member Stuart Ivimey indicated that in recent years there has been no races for Planning Board seats and the candidates have run uncontested. In the most recent election Moore ran unopposed.

"We're not a position to have a new person come on the board," said Moore, "during the first year, [a member] is not a whole lot of service to the board," as he/she learns the Planning Board processes. Moore said the Board was fortunate to have a candidate with experience that was willing to serve for the remainder of the year.

Good hopes to bring a sense of logic and reason, along with his knowledge, to the board as they tackle developments that will affect the town for years to come.

"I have no intention of running [for Planning Board] again—it's great for one year," Good said, " this is a busy chapter of the Planning Board."

All four remaining members of the Planning Board voted to appoint Good, while the Board of Selectmen voted 4-0. Selectman Ralph Dormitzer was not present.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Henry, 12 Forest Side Dr., $10,500, 30 square feet of asphalt roofing; Lucas, 10 Old Pasture, $26,000, 18 foot by 38 foot in-ground pool; Green, 7 Linden Dr., $23,500, 8 foot by 28 foot deck with roof, new patio doors; Meallo, 56 Spring St., $100,000, replace existing decks as per plans submitted; Dutton, 21 Bow St., $20,000, 14 foot by 18 foot in-ground pool;

Noranda Construction, Ox Pasture Lane, $28,000, 18 foot by 36 foot in-ground pool; Henderson, 291 Fair Oaks Lane, $7,500, finish basement; Shaw's Supermarket, 739 CJC Hwy., $360,000, interior remodel; Digan, 29 Stanton Road, $300,000, increase bedroom and convert existing sunroom into bath on south side of house, 15 foot by 13 foot one-story addition on north side, gable, shed dormer; Conetta, 173A Hull St., $3,000, new 3 foot by 9 foot deck with three steps at side entry; Maher, 134 Border St., $28,000, 18 foot by 40 foot in-ground pool.

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No decision on Cohasset Hardware

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special permit to reconfigure the building into two retail spaces and four apartments. They walked away with a continuance of their special permit hearing and advice to apply for a variance.

"We're ready to go here," said Jim Watson, "We're moving ahead in quite a positive way."

Although it seemed the Zoning Board was not adverse to the Watsons' proposal, it is bound to abide by the zoning bylaws. One of those bylaws says that there can be apartments, or multi-family dwellings, in conjunction with retail in the Village Business district with a special permit. The Watsons were applying for that special permit.

However, that special permit is subject to another bylaw that requires that the building lot be over 40,000 square feet. In order to get around that bylaw, the zoning board would have to issue a variance, which is a more stringent application process. A variance would grant relief of the zoning bylaw for the applicant.

"Our building is pretty prominent in town," said Jim Watson.

"The longer it stays empty, the worse it's going to be for the town," added Tina Watson. With the hardware store closed as of May 1, the building is now vacant.

The existing structure has one retail space, the hardware store, on the first floor. The second and third floors have typically been used for storage. The Watsons are proposing a reconfiguration of the first floor to be split into two retail spaces and the other floors to be converted into four apartments.

They presented designs that included all one-bedroom apartments. Two apartments would be townhouse style split between the second and third floor. One would be a studio apartment, solely on the second floor. The fourth apartment would be on the third floor, with a roof deck, and would have its entrance on the second floor. The existing structure from the outside would not be changed, with exception of new windows and shingling.

The hearing for the special permit has been continued to June 6. The Watsons will likely appear again on that date to seek for a variance.

Jim Watson expressed frustration that his building, and many others in the village district, would never fit into zoning bylaws. The Cohasset Hardware building covers 98 percent of the lot — there are no setbacks, or other traditional zoning regulations. Like many other buildings in town, Cohasset Hardware was built before zoning bylaws were instituted in the 1950s.

"For pre-existing, non-conforming buildings you can write zoning bylaws all day long but they will never apply to my building," said Jim Watson, "we need to make exceptions."

The Zoning Board suggested that the Watsons reapply for a variance. They went through the five additional questions they would need to be able to address and argue for during the variance hearing. In April 2000 Cohasset Hardware building got Zoning Board approval for two two-bedroom apartments split between the second and third floors. That configuration had the same number of bedrooms (four) as the current plan, and the Zoning Board said that if the Watsons' had gone through with their plan at that time it would have been allowed.

"We're interested in doing one-bedroom apartments so they do not tax the schools," said Jim Watson. Two-bedroom apartments open the door for families with children to move to town.

Bob Sturdy, senior member of the Planning Board, said that the Zoning Board was reading the bylaw a little too narrowly.

"When zoning went into play, these buildings were already existing," Sturdy said, indicating that a special permit is supposed to give the town control over apartments, but not prohibit them.

"It's a unique district," said Sturdy and that special permits could and should be granted if they did not adversely affect the downtown area, "it's essential for a viable downtown to get two businesses into the hardware store."

Sturdy indicated that the village area has a "big threat" on the horizon with the TOD (Transit-Oriented Overlay District) off Route 3A that could detract from the viability of the village district.

"They need relief now," he said.

Another issue that seemed to hinder the proposal was the inclusion of an apartment solely on the third floor. A zoning bylaw prohibits apartments on the third floor of a dwelling. Part of the dwelling unit would need to be located on the second floor, either a bedroom or living area. If the plan is kept the way it is, the Zoning Board indicated the Watsons' may need two variances — one to overcome the 40,000 square foot lot restriction for multi-family dwelling units and one for the third floor apartment.

"If you have only one variance it will be an easier time," said Chairman of Zoning Board of Appeals Woody Chittick, "you probably have a pretty good shot at proving you have a right for a variance" to add apartments to the building.

The Zoning Board indicated that if the Watsons had the proper building permits in place they could go forward with renovating the first floor to prepare it for two new retail spaces. The hearing for the special permit has been continued to June 6. The Watsons will likely appear again on that date to seek for a variance.

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Two in a row for Skippers

Boys tennis showdown with Norwell set for Tuesday

By Mark Goodman
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With Tuesday's team match already in the books, Carver's Eddie Hoey and Cohasset's Victor Hartmann were still plugging away, deep into the warm afternoon at the Milliken tennis courts.

Just when one player appeared to have the upper hand, the other came back and took control. It was a first singles match destined for a third set tiebreaker, and that's exactly what happened.

And it was Hoey who came up big in that tiebreaker, winning it 7-1 to earn the Crusaders' lone point in Cohasset's 4-1 win.

After breaking Hartmann's serve to go up 5-4 in the third set, Hoey served for the match, but did himself in with a couple double faults to end the game. Hartmann then took four of five points in the next game, including an ace, to go up 6-5.

Hoey came back and held serve himself, including an ace of his own, to set the stage for his tiebreaker. After going through the ups and downs of the match with his player, Carver coach Roger King was proud of Hoey's performance in a 7-6 (7-4), 3-6, 7-6 (7-1) win.

"It was a great match and a great win for Eddie," King said. "He's looking for an (South Shore League) All-Star berth and he may've sewn it up right there."

Cohasset coach Paul Carroll was also complimentary of his top player, saying, "Victor is showing great promise. He plays hard. All year long he's been facing sturdy competition, and he's been doing well."

The rest of the day's matches were two-setters in favor of Cohasset. Skippers senior Blain Morin topped Carver senior Tom Piepiora at second singles, 6-0, 7-5, while junior Ryan Crough bested senior Joe Kaminski by the same score.

"I was pleased with how our second and third singles both

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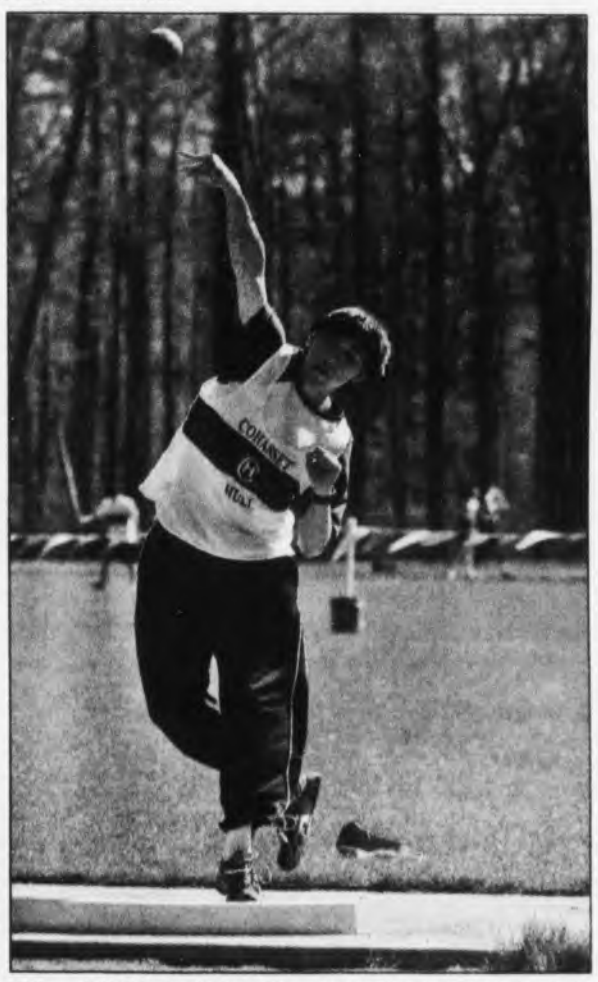


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Cohasset/Hull sophomore Ali Sadler (left) has a leg up on Abington's Julie Lawrence during this hurdles race at last Thursday's meet. The Cohasset/Hull girls track team earned its first victory of the season Monday over Mashpee.



Cohasset/Hull junior Corinna Durham lands after her triple jump against Abington.



Cohasset/Hull junior Andrew Chang tosses the shot put during last Thursday's meet against Abington.

Softballers get fired up

Midgame speech starts Tuesday's comeback win over Carver

By Mark Goodman
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Things were not looking good for the Cohasset High softball team halfway through Tuesday's game against Carver.

The Skippers found themselves on the wrong side of an 8-3 score after four innings, and it could have been worse considering the team had committed a whopping nine errors to that point.

It was the lack of focus on defense that pushed head coach Deb Bostwick over the edge.

"That's just sad. I was beside myself at that point," she said. "I just said to the girls, 'Do you want to get on the bus now? Or do you want to fight back?'"

The Skippers got the message, ripping off 12 runs over the next three innings to Carver's zero, and Cohasset came away with a 15-8 win vital to its hopes of qualifying for the Div. 3 state tournament.

The turning point came in the top of the fifth, when the bottom of the order sparked a five-run rally to tie the game. Freshman Meredith Kelly reached on a Carver error, and went to third when sophomore catcher Kristin Monaco followed with a double. The Crusaders infield bungled a bunt by freshman centerfielder Christine Coner, allowing Kelly

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STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

The Skippers celebrate their big win over Scituate last Thursday.

Skippers get the last laugh – again

Laxers nip archrival Scituate, 11-10

By Mark Goodman
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SCITUATE - Another encounter, another last minute nail-biter between the Scituate and Cohasset boys lacrosse teams.

As if one would expect anything less.

Once again, though, it was the Skippers that came out on top, holding on for an 11-10 win at SHS field last Thursday evening.

Cohasset junior midfielder PJ McCaw appeared to put the game away with 3:24 remaining, when his goal made it 11-8 in favor of the visitors. Junior Mark Flibotte and sophomore Andrew Smith had also scored within the previous four minutes to break an 8-8 tie.

But the Sailors showed resolve in making one final comeback. After junior goalie Jake Gray made one of his 10 second half saves (14 total) to keep it a three-goal game, Scituate went on the attack, and senior middy Sam Brigham scored with 2:16 left to cut Cohasset's lead to two.

Cohasset controlled the ensuing face-off, but Sailors junior defenseman Ryan Woodford made a critical check behind Gray's net to force a turnover. With 44 seconds left, Scituate senior middy Gary Crowley scored to draw his team within one.

After a timeout, Scituate junior Pat Mahoney did enough on the next face-off to allow Crowley to scoop up the ball on the run and fly down the middle of the field toward Cohasset's net. Crowley made an unabated run toward the cage and fired in a hard, low shot that Sailors fans surely expected to tie the game.

But Cohasset junior goalie Nate Porter had other ideas,

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came back and played tough second sets," King said.

At first doubles, senior Chris Donze and sophomore Ivan Sceery earned a 6-3, 6-4 win for Cohasset over Carver junior Stefan Adams and sophomore John Davis. At second doubles, senior Chris Ackley and freshman Mike Filbey scored a 6-3, 6-1 win over junior Shawn Bohlin and sophomore Jack Nickerson.

"Chris Ackley and Mike Filbey are getting stronger and stronger at doubles for us," Skippers coach Brian Hill said. "Chris has been especially dominating at net and with his volleys."

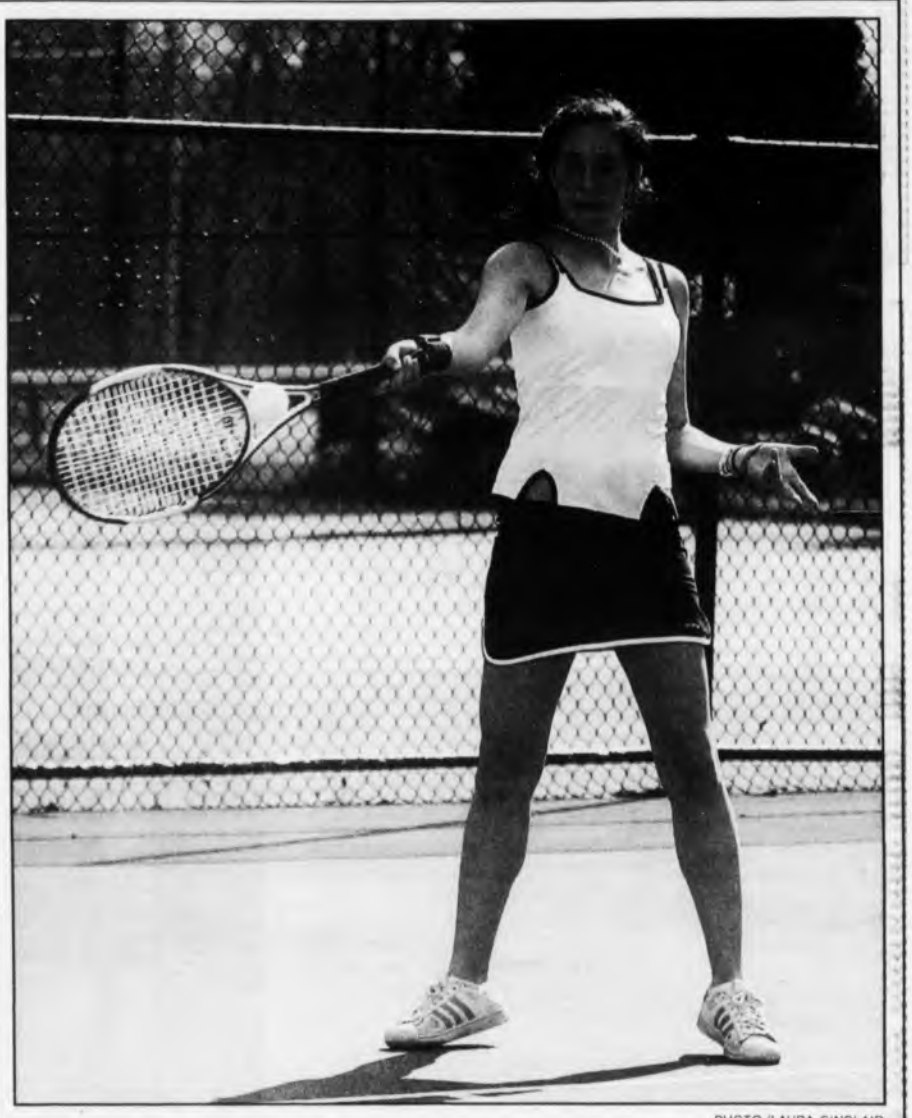
Both teams were playing their second match in as many days. Cohasset (8-3 overall, 5-1 South Shore League) scored a 4-1 win in Abington, led by Morin (6-1, 6-3) and Hartmann (6-0, 6-3) atop the singles lineup. The first doubles team of Ackley and Owen Stevenson won 7-5, 6-2, while Luke Brewer and Marc D'Antonio dropped just one game in a dominant second doubles performance.

Carver (2-9) faced a far tougher task against undefeated Norwell and lost, 5-0. Kaminski and the doubles teams made things somewhat difficult for their Clipper opponents, a sign of progress for King.

"We're improving," he said. "We're just running out of time."

After facing a talented Cape Cod Academy team Thursday afternoon, the Crusaders travel to Mashpee (Monday) and Abington (Tuesday), with both matches scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

Thursday the Skippers hosted Harwich and have a big showdown Tuesday at Norwell before hosting Cape Cod Academy the following afternoon at 4. The Skippers will be looking to avenge its only league loss of the season against Norwell, who won the teams' first match, 5-0, April 30.



PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Cohasset freshman Maddy Altholtz strikes a forehand during the Skippers' win over Norwell on April 30. This Tuesday, the teams play a rematch that will determine the South Shore League title.

Nothing looks right for local 9

CHS struggles during 5-game losing streak

By Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset High baseball team is now only one loss from being eliminated from tournament contention after a five-game losing streak.Instead of looking to extend their season these Skippers appear more concerned with getting through this season and looking forward to a much better season next year.

The struggles continued last Friday against East Bridgewater, who is in first place in the South Shore League. Once again, the Skippers' bats were nowhere to be find as Cohasset was shut out, 9-0. The offense had only two hits the entire game, one by junior Kyle Pinkus and the other by fellow junior Pat Doonan, who also had a stolen base.

"We're inconsistent defensively, and these past two games, we've just been very poor."
Cohasset baseball coach
Al Gallotta

The starter for Cohasset was junior Brian Hill, who pitched five innings. In those five innings Hill gave up only four earned runs on nine hits. He also gave up three walks and had three strikeouts. As a staff, Cohasset pitching gave up a total of 15 hits to EB.

"In all of my years coaching that was one of the only times I've ever seen a high school team get 15 hits," said head coach Al Gallotta. "That's a whole lot."

Abington, a team that has been struggling this season and only beat Cohasset by one in their first meeting, also took advantage of Cohasset's slump as they were able to win 11-5 on Monday. For the first time in a while the Skippers' offense showed some real signs of life. Although they were not able to capitalize on all their opportunities, the Skippers did have 10 hits in the ballgame. Four of those hits came from junior Dave Snowdale, who had three singles and a triple, driving in two runs. Doonan also had two hits for the second straight game.

Junior Sam DeGiacomo was the starter for the Skippers against the Green Wave and he struggled immensely. DeGiacomo gave up 14 hits in only five innings. In those five innings, although only six were earned, he gave up all 11 runs in the loss.

Cohasset lost again the following day, this time to the Carver Crusaders, 10-3. The Skippers' offense went back to its normal ways as they only scored three runs. Pinkus, along with sophomore John Sturino, both led the team with two hits.

The story of the game though was senior John Harrington making his first start of the year on the mound for the Skippers. Harrington pitched well, giving up a mere two earned runs on eight hits in five innings pitched. His performance was something that the rest of Cohasset's pitchers have not been able to do on a consistent basis.

Much like last year, the Cohasset Skippers' defense has been anything but spectacular. Although in the first half of the season it appeared the defense had improved, in all actuality they have continued to struggle. In their last two games the Skippers have totaled 10 errors.

"We're inconsistent defensively, and these past two games, we've just been very poor," said Gallotta.

That may be an understatement, as of the 75 runs Cohasset has allowed so far this season, 33 have been unearned.

After hosting Harwich Thursday in a game played after the Mariner went to press, the Skippers begin next week with two road games at Hull (Monday) and Norwell (Tuesday). Both are scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Fletcher Smalzel guns down a runner from third base during the season opener against Sacred Heart.



PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Christine Coner makes a grab in the outfield during last week's 7-5 loss to Carver. The Skippers earned a 15-8 win over the Crusaders in Tuesday's rematch to keep their state tournament hopes alive.

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and Monaco to score as Coner went all the way to third.

Sophomore shortstop Carly Salerno plated Coner with an RBI single and advanced to third when Carver misplayed a shot off the bat of sophomore Brittany Dunn. Sophomore Carly Zappolo then hit a single to center to score two runs and tie the game.

At that point, Bostwick said the entire team's mood changed, and it showed when they scored four more runs in the sixth and three in the seventh. Meanwhile, senior Christina Pinkus retired nine of the final 10 batters she faced to pick up the win on the mound.

The victory broke a three-game losing streak to Carver, East Bridgewater and Abington, during which the Skippers scored just six runs. Still, with a 5-8 record and seven games left to play, Cohasset stands a decent chance at making postseason play.

After traveling to Harwich Thursday in a game played after the Mariner went to press, the girls host Hull (Monday) and Norwell (Tuesday) to begin next week. It's on to Mashpee on Thursday before three games the final week of the season: a home-and-away with Holbrook and a home game against Hanover in the May 24 season finale.

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Stone, Middlebury advance to D3 quarterfinals

Cohasset's Elizabeth Stone (CHS Class of '05) and her Middlebury (Vt.) College women's tennis teammates have advanced to the final eight of the NCAA Division 3 tournament.

Middlebury (13-4) will play Washington and Lee (Va.) University this Tuesday in Fredericksburg, Va. for the right to advance to Wednesday's semifinal.

A four-year standout for Cohasset High School, Stone has continued her success in the college circuit. She and doubles partner Elizabeth Emery have won both their matches in the opening rounds against Vassar and Bowdoin. Stone was also ahead in her singles match in both contests when they were called due to Middlebury having already won the team match.

- Mark Goodman



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Cohasset's Chuck Czerkawski (16) has been dominant on face-offs all year, including this one against Scituate's Pat Mahoney during last Thursday's game.

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making a wonderful kick save and controlling the rebound to maintain the Skippers' advantage. Cohasset was then able to run out the clock and come away with a win in the latest exciting chapter of the rivalry between these two teams.

"Gary had a good-looking shot there, but Nate made a nice save," said Scituate head coach Rick Bagby. "Gary went to the right spot to get his shot off, but Nate anticipated it well."

Cohasset head coach Stew Curran, meanwhile, was not surprised to see the Sailors make it interesting in the closing minutes despite his team taking that late three-goal lead.

"They're a resilient team and they don't accept mediocrity, as long as Rick is in charge, they're going to compete and do well."

Cohasset head coach Stew Curran on Scituate

"They're a resilient team and they don't accept mediocrity," Curran said of Scituate. "As long as Rick is in charge, they're going to compete and do well."

The Sailors showed that competitive fire at the end of the first half, as well. Cohasset junior Mike Grimm scored with 5:22 remaining in the half to give the Skippers a 6-3 lead. At that point, Cohasset had scored five the game's last six goals, with Flibotte scoring twice and seniors Chris Davis and Jeff Brown both scoring once during the run. Brown and fellow senior Mike Bunstein helped out with assists.

On the other end, Scituate was showing little punch on offense. One reason was Cohasset's air-tight man defense, particularly Brown on Crowley. The Sailors were simply unable to get the ball in the sticks of their playmakers.

Another reason for that, though, was sloppiness on the part of the Sailors. Passing, catching and clearing proved difficult at times, with Scituate committing several silly turnovers.

"We were jittery; we had a lot of nervous energy," Bagby said. "I think we played sloppy at times because of that. When we got the ball settled, we were scary."

That was the case in the last four minutes of the first half, during which Scituate dug in and ripped off four unanswered goals to take a 7-6 lead into halftime. Senior Nick Stella and Mahoney scored the first two, with Crowley notching the last two.

"We said to them at halftime, 'If you play like you did in that second quarter, they can't beat you,'" Bagby said. "But you have to replicate it, and they didn't do it."

Indeed, things slowed down in the third period, with the teams combining for just three goals. In addition to the work from both goalies, Woodford and Cohasset senior Bobby Meikleham both played well with the long stick for their respective teams.

Looking at the final scoresheet, Flibotte led all players with five goals. Grimm was the Skippers' only other multiple-goal scorer with two, while Bunstein again played the playmaker role to a tee with four assists.

For Scituate, Crowley finished with a team-high three goals, followed by Stella and Brigham with two each. Sophomore Kyle Crowley had one goal and three assists.



Skippers attackman Mike Bunstein storms toward the Sailors' net. The Cohasset senior had four assists in his team's narrow victory.

Sports Notes

Summer basketball camps

Cohasset High School varsity basketball coach Dorian Bryant is pleased to offer two camps this summer for kids. The Big Man & Point Guard Perimeter Camp is an intensive four-day camp, July 10-13, for boys and girls in grades 7-12. The Ultimate Development Camp is a two-day-a-week camp for five weeks, beginning July 2.

Both camps are designed so that the camper receives quality instruction on basketball fundamentals. Don't miss out on this wonderful, new opportunity for basketball development.

Applications are at the Recreation Office at the Cohasset Town Hall or can be downloaded by going to www.cohassetbasketball.com. Go to Links/AAU Teams & Summer Camps/Cohasset Summer Basketball Camp. Deadline for registration is June 20. Contact coach Bryant at dorianbry@aol.com.

Youth tennis lessons

The Cohasset Recreation Department will be offering youth tennis lessons this summer for boys and girls ages 7 and older.

This seven-week program starts on Monday, June 25 or Tuesday, June 26, with one-hour lessons meeting twice per week on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule. Various levels of instruction are available. The cost is $80 per participant.

Registration will be held in Town Hall auditorium the week of June 11 as follows: June11-14, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m., or the evening of the 12th, 5 to 7 p.m.

You must register in person during the times listed above. If you know your swim and/or sailing schedule prior to registering for tennis, it will be helpful, as the Rec Department has more scheduling latitude than either swim or sailing lessons.

Cohasset Swim Center offers swim lesson program

Summer is almost here and membership and swim lesson registration is starting now.

American Red Cross Learn-To-Swim Program is offered at the Cohasset Swim Center. The Swim Center is offering members a mail-in registrations for swimming lessons postmarked by May 25. Please be sure to mail in your membership and swim lesson registration forms together.

More detailed information and registration forms can be found on the new Cohasset Swim Center website, www.cohassetswimcenter.com.

The Swim Center will not be mailing out a brochure this year; however, additional registration forms will be available at Cohasset Town Hall and The Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Swim Lessons will be offered in four two-week sessions:

Session I: June 25 - July 6
Session II: July 9 - July 20
Session III: July 23 - August 3
Session IV: August 6 - August 17

For non-members and members that missed the deadline, walk-in registration will be held on June 16 at the C.S.C. from 9 a.m. to noon. If you have any questions, please send an email to cohassetswimcenter@comcast.net.

Scituate Tennis Tournament

The Fourth Annual Scituate Tennis Tournament will be held June 16 for doubles, June 23 for singles, both adults and juniors. The cost is $40 per doubles team, $30 per singles player, with benefits going to Scituate Tennis. There will be prizes for winners and finalists.

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New England Revolution Academy goalkeeper clinic

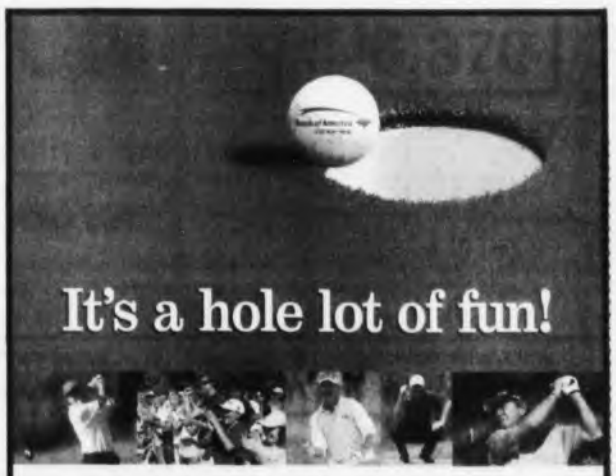
The South Shore Spartans are hosting a goalkeeper clinic in Norwell. The clinic is open to all soccer players 10-14 years of age interested in a professional goalie clinic.

The Spartans have invited a top rated New England Revolution Academy staff coach to be the guest clinician. All Revolution Academy staff coaches bring a wealth of knowledge, experience and success in a professional Academy training coaching environment.

The clinic will be held Saturday, May 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Osborne Field. Rain date to be determined.

The cost to attend the clinic is $30 per player. Please dress according to the weather, and remember to bring a ball and water.

For further information and/or to reserve a place at the clinic please email Douglas Price, South Shore Spartans, at dfprice@juno.com or Marianne Schofield at jazzchiken@comcast.net.









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U15 White

The U15 Whites had a tight contest in Marshfield this week, with both sides showing some strong offensive and defensive sets. **Charlie Neaves** (one goal, two assists) and **Thomas Flibotte** (four goals) led the way for Cohasset. Marshfield - having a large team in numbers - kept fresh lines and struck back to go ahead 3-2 at the half. **Kyle Healy**, who finished with 20 saves, made some awesome saves in tight quarters as his Ministers of Defense (**Dean McNary**, **Geoff Swain** and **Sam Leahy**) had their hands full as well. **McNary** also provided two assists.

Cohasset came out strong in the second half and really pressed Marshfield with **John McGoldrick** (one goal) leading the way. McGoldrick was strong on face-offs and created many transitional plays. **Mitch McNary** (two goals) stormed the net repeatedly with **Dean McNary** and **Flibotte**. **Danny Czerkowski** (one assist), **Pete McKenna**, **Graydon Foley**, **James McElvey** and **Sam Richardson** all pressured the Marshfield attack while posting some very long minutes as well. Cohasset found the posts and crossbars many times in a fury of shots throughout the contest. **Flibotte** hit the bars at least 7 times.

The mojo wasn't in the cards for the Whites in this one though as they fell in a hard fought battle, 9-8. Don't miss next weeks contest at home against. Duxbury.

U13 Blue

Cohasset U13-Blue hosted its second home game of the season playing an athletic and motivated Sandwich team. Under a beautiful sun-filled sky, the boys played a competitive game. Control of the game flowed back and forth between both squads, with Cohasset's goaltending from **Matts Nelson** (first half) and **Tommy Powers** (second half) being a major factor in limiting Sandwich's scoring.

The first half ended with Sandwich up 5-2. Cohasset had trouble maintaining ball possession, and as a result had limited possessions. **Cole Kissick** scored off a nice feed from **Henry Brown**. **Powers** scored an unassisted goal.

The second half began with Cohasset continuing to have limited ball possession, but a committed team defense kept the game within reach at 6-2 at the end of the third quarter.

Cohasset came alive in the fourth as the team dominated the play. However, the rally fell short and Sandwich held on for a 7-5 win. **Ryan McKeon**, **Golden** and **Andrew Fontaine** scored in the fourth. **Nelson** assisted on **Golden's** goal.

Next up for the squad is an away game against Marshfield this Sunday.

U13 White

The U13 boys White team played at Marshfield last weekend. Marshfield came out like gangbusters and managed to trade blows with its rivals to keep the score notched evenly throughout the first half. Unfortunately for Cohasset the hometown team scored some quick transitional goals in the second half giving it a strong lead going into the final quarter.

The real victory for the Cohasset kids was how well they kept their heads in the game after falling behind by a five-goal margin late in the third quarter. Cohasset rallied to "win" the fourth quarter by shutting out its opponent, while putting several goals in the net to close the gap.

John Mills and **Conor Green** shared the goaltending duties, both making their fair share of saves and backing up the defensive corps led by "double-duty" **Mark Brown**. **Axel Seppala** and **Alex Kent** continued their fine play on the offensive side of the ball, while **Zach Coggins** really came into his own transitioning the ball on midfield with assists from **Jimmy (Cole) Maher**, **Neil Durham**, and **Nick** and **Dan Tangherlini**.

Though a disappointing loss in the end, the kids never gave up and battled hard to the very end to come out on top of another great day of lacrosse.

U13 Black

Lax season has arrived for U13 Black. The attack unit of **Max Montgomery**, **Colin Whelan** and **Charlie Steele** dominated the Plymouth defense. **Montgomery** recorded five goals and two assists, while **Whelan** added four goals and two assists. **Steele** made countless key assists, passes and shot recoveries for the Black.

On the other side of the field, **Jack Conte** made 14 saves in net. **Conte** served as goaltender for the entire game, a tremendous display of sportsmanship and dedication to his team. The defensive unit of **Jack McElgunn**, **Jack Stanganelli** and **Teddy Patsos** thwarted the offensive drives of Plymouth. **McElgunn** perfected a new clearing play that directly contributed to five or six goals.

Foster Eymer, **Devin Kennedy**, **Will Lucas**, **Anthony Nahill** and **Jack Leffel** provided great offensive and defensive plays from the middle of the field despite being shorthanded. **Matt MacCormick** and **Joe Silvia** scored to extend the lead. **Hunter Forrer** made a "piper" that was heard in Duxbury, grabbed that loose ball and fired a shot into the net. A feat never recorded in youth lacrosse as far as Cohasset knows.

U11 Blue

The U11 Blue boys got outgunned 15-5 last weekend in what was the toughest game of the season so far. Against what seemed to be a team balanced toward experienced fourth graders, Cohasset simply could win the face-off and stop the fast break. To be fair, nine of Whitman's 15 goals came from two players. Another two came from another, but it was obvious that the Whitman squad won at the midfield line and simply ran over the Cohasset defense.

In the first half Cohasset's **Matt Froio** cleared the ball and recorded a goal. **Liam McHugh** also added a great goal. **Curtis Golden** was tough on the midfield and at attack. He had a great feed from **Ben Buckley**, but a good check by Whitman forced the shot wide. Another great combination by **Davis Cronin** to **Michael Lund** was close but the shot was denied by a strong opposing defense. A good effort by **Brian Counihan** and a breakout day for **Hayes Keniley** on defense turned back a number of strong drives. **Harry Seraikas** had a few great clears as the game progressed.

The second half was a better, more coordinated effort by the Cohasset squad. Although Whitman continued to score with its three strong players breaking to Cohasset's goal, the Cohasset team played its game, oriented toward team effort, positioning and passing to open players. **Graham Schwandt** and **Tim Hayes** started to shine in the third quarter with solid clears to the Cohasset offense. **Connor Naughton** was very tough as defensive middie and teamed with **Ross Erler** supporting a few good turnarounds at the defensive side of the field.

Jeff Powers combined speed and great dodging skills to link together two scoring drives to the goal. **Sam Murphy** was also hot at midfield clears and defense. **Charlie DeVries** also mixed it up with two good ground balls wins.

U11 White

The White U11 Cohasset lacrosse team battled it out in the trenches with Marshfield last weekend. Marshfield had a very good squad and the game was close, and up for grabs unitl the bitter end when Cohasset pulled away for an 8-6 victory. **Connor Hayden** opened up the scoring at midfield and then added a second goal, which unfortunately was wiped out due to a technical foul by Cohasset with too many players on the field. **Martin Buckley** enjoyed his biggest output of the season by turning in his first hat trick from midfield as well.

After a few quick scores, the game turned into a hard fought defensive battle with the ball going up and down both ends of the field with great transition and outstanding goal tending by both teams. **Owen Kefallinos,** who put on the chest protector for the first time, played outstanding recording nine saves including two at point blank; one of which bounced off his helmet and the other off his shoulder as he jumped toward the ball to deflect the shot.

Midfield and defense were solid for most of the game constantly stripping the ball from Marshfield and forcing it to shoot from the outside and clearing the ball downfield. **Jack Donohue**, **Ian Kennedy**, **Mike Yerardi**, **Justin Fein**, **Cameron Steele**, **Nick Lydon**, **Christian Lydon**, **Luke O'Brien**, **Max Fitzgerald** and **Jake Burchill** all put in big defensive efforts. On one play **Fitzgerald** made an overpowering stick check on a Marshfield player, scooped up the ground ball at midfield, and drove to the net just missing the cage.

Dan Axelson put up a score from midfield and continued his fast breaks and super defense. **Ryan McElhinney** was also a force Sunday helping Cohasset to control the ball with his great stick work and speed.

The attack also came up big again with **Adam Benson** netting a score and dazzling the crowd with his stick work. **A.J. Kucinski** netted an assist and a full field fast break goal while on midfield to put Cohasset up by two late in the game to seal the victory. **Sean Mavilia** just missed a goal following a difficult catch from a teammate and also showed very good stick work. **Cole Morrison** notched his fourth goal of the season and was instrumental in the victory. **Owen Burchill** is becoming a major factor in the offense as he once again demonstrated his skills on the field and keeping the ball in Cohasset sticks. And finally, **Levante Haber** put in another strong performance keeping the Marshfield defense running and wearing it down.

South Shore summer soccer camps and clinics

The 11th annual South Shore Summer Soccer program for boys and girls ages 4 through 18 will take place during the month of August. The Make the Save Goalkeeper Training and Play Soccer organizations have been hired to bring the most professional coaching directly to the South Shore Summer Soccer program.

During the month of August, for a period of four weeks, four different specialty programs, with nine sessions to choose from will be offered. Play Soccer will bring its program to the fields at an affordable cost.

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BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Patriots' Faulk and Brockton Rox set to play for United Way

By Matt Futrell
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

BROCKTON - Kevin Faulk has dodged countless tacklers on his way to acquiring three Super Bowl rings as a member of the New England Patriots. The veteran running back wasn't dodging any questions at a Brockton press conference recently to promote the Kevin Faulk Celebrity Softball Game coming to Campanelli Stadium Saturday, May 12.

"Is this something you would like to plan annually?" asked a local radio host.

"When you do something well, you try to do it in threes." Faulk answered.

The glistening Super Bowl rings were pretty convincing.

Dressed in a pinstriped Brockton Rox jersey, Faulk, a second-round draft pick of the New England Patriots in 1999, wrapped his hands around a baseball bat as he announced details for the Kevin Faulk Celebrity Softball Game at Campanelli Stadium. Proceeds from the event will benefit the United Way of Acadiana in his hometown of Lafayette, Louisiana, in a continued effort to aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The Celebrity Softball Game will feature former and current Patriots including star running back Laurence Maroney, defensive tackle Vince Wilfork, and newly acquired wide receiver Wes Welker.

The game is scheduled to begin at 7:05 p.m. following a VIP tailgate party at The Shaw's Center, adjacent to Campanelli Stadium, beginning at 5 p.m.

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At the press conference announcing the event, Faulk stressed the importance of continuing to help the victims who lost their homes, and still struggle to this day to regain their lives. "It's still far from being over. They have the funds and everything, but they're not home yet." He continued, "I was a spokesman for United Way of Acadiana, and I just took this opportunity to help them and ran with it."

"The Rox were ready for this," he said, "and they gave us every opportunity to make this happen. When I came to this stadium I was very overwhelmed. It was my first time at Campanelli Stadium and I loved it, and I said, 'This is where we're going to have the event.'"

Rox Assistant GM Brian Voelkel says the team is thrilled to partner with Faulk and his teammates.

"Kevin's passion and excitement to help the United Way is infectious. The Rox pride themselves on giving back to the community. In this case, we have an opportunity to help a community that produced a player and a person that has meant a lot to New England sports fans and we're happy to be invited to the party."

In addition to the Celebrity Softball Game, Kevin Faulk and friends will hold a gala event May 11 at 8 p.m. at 33 Restaurant & Lounge in Boston to raise money for Untied Way of Massachusetts Bay and Acadiana.

VIP and general admission tickets for the Kevin Faulk Celebrity Softball Tournament are available through the Rox Ticket Office at 508-559-7070, or online at: www.brocktonrox.com.

Evan's Run set for May 20

The 7th annual Evan's Run in Norwell is scheduled for Sunday, May 20.

The event, which features races for kids and adults alike, is named after Evan Henry, a Norwell native who passed away in July of 2000 at the age of 11.

Evan was autistic, and the Henry family decided soon after his passing to set up a foundation that raises funds for organizations that help autistic children like Evan. Thus, the Evan Henry Foundation was born. Proceeds from the event will go toward the foundation. To date, the race has raised over $185,000 for autistic children and their families.

Those interesting in participating can register online at www.evansrun.com, or at the pre-registration event the day before the race, May 19, from noon to 5 p.m. at Norwell High School. Runners can still register the morning of the race, but are strongly encouraged to do so beforehand. The cost to register is $10 for kids races, $20 for the main races.

Runners will also be able to pick up their bib number and timing chip on the 19th.

The children's races run from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. There is a 200-meter event for kids 5-and-under at no charge. There will be a quarter-mile race for kids ages 6-8, and separate one-mile runs for kids ages 9 and 10, 11 and 12, and 13-15.

The main events start at 10:30 a.m., featuring 5K and 10K runs, as well as a 5K walk. The first 600 runners that sign up for these events will receive a free t-shirt.

Limited parking is available at Norwell High School, which serves as the starting and finishing point for all events. Runners can also park at the Hanover Mall, where there will be a shuttle to take you to the race.

As in years past, there will be live music and free food and drinks at the race grounds. There will also be a post-race party at McGreal's Tavern in Norwell Center, also included in the registration cost.

For more information about the race and the Evan Henry Foundation, log on to www.evansrun.com or call the race hotline at (617)347-2068.

Send us your sports news

Sports teams and leagues are encouraged to send their results and news to the Mariner. Information can be faxed to 781-837-4543 or emailed to sports editor Mark Goodman at mgoodman@cnc.com or mailed to Community Newspapers/ South, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, 02050. Mark can be reached at 781-837-4577.



Kids for kids

Cabaret event benefits charities





Whitney Jaffe sings "Some Things are meant to be" in a duet with her older sister Thomson during the Kids 4 Kids Cabaret on April 27. Proceeds benefit Children Affected by AIDS Foundation and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Mark Seralkas of the Cohasset Middle High School Jazz Ensemble strummed his guitar to "This Little Light of Mine" and other tunes.

Staff photos by Robin Chan



Barbara Colton, foreground, of Hingham applauds the performers in the Kids 4 Kids Cabaret from her balcony seat. By Kids 4 Kids is organized by Thomson Jaffe. By Kids 4 Kids has raised more than $1,500 for juvenile diabetes research and children's AIDS organizations.



Kate Durant is radiant while performing in the comedic interlude. Thomson Jaffe and Betsy Crawford sang "Step Sisters Lament" from the musical "Cinderella" while Durant danced in the choir box.



Mimi Mahoney, a singer and musician, performs her rendition of the hit Bon Jovi song, "Who says you can't go home." Proceeds from the benefit show will be divided between the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the Children Affected BY AIDS Foundation.

Prom, graduation just around the corner

LIFE AT CHS

MICHAEL CORRY



It's almost that time again, Cohasset. Prom is just around the corner, and graduation isn't far behind. That also means another chapter of Life at CHS is coming to an end. No worries — you're in good hands. I've lined up a replacement, whom I'll introduce next week.

Spider-Man 3 is out, and aside from cool special effects and a funny scene involving pie, it's terrible. Six movies are planned, and it looks like Sony has all its efforts focused on churning out a product, even if it's sub-par. Luckily, we can all look forward to the third Pirates of the Caribbean movie, premiering at the end of the month.

The school has started to heat up…it seems the rising temperatures may be contributing to rising tempers, because the student body is pretty irritable. Understandably so, wouldn't you be grouchy if you were stuck in school when it's this nice out?

Chill out guys, we're almost there. Here's this week's news to take the edge off.

• Prom Tickets go on sale next Monday for $40!

• All incoming 10th graders are required to have the immunizations up to date and a current physical on file in the Nurse's Office, prior to the start of the 2007-2007 school year. Letters were sent home to students who are missing immunizations or who need to update their physical. If you received a letter, please mail all the information to Mrs. Collins at the High School prior to June 15th

• Monday AP Government and Politics had their exam.

• Monday night the American Musical Theater met in the Auditorium.

• The Wrestling Boosters met in the library Monday night.

• Tuesday the AP Spanish exam was taken.

• The Professional Development Committee met Tuesday after school.

• Wednesday AP Calculus took their exam.

• Wednesday was a half day! The half day is an amazing thing, and could only be improved if the school held all half days on Friday instead of Wednesday. But hey, beggars can't be choosers.

• The PSO President's Council met after school yesterday.

• Department Heads also met after school yesterday.

• The Swim Boosters met last night.

• Today AP US History and AP European History took their exam.

• The Diversity Committee met this morning.

• Boys' Lacrosse takes on Sandwich tomorrow at 9:30 a.m., with J.V. playing at 11 a.m.

Well folks, another weekend is here. Stay safe and enjoy it! I'll see you next week, and reveal my protégé's identity. Cheers.

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TUESDAY, MAY 15
Chicken nuggets, dinner roll, or roast beef sub, veggie rice, sliced apples.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16
Pasta with meat sauce, dinner roll, or tuna sub, green beans, pudding.

THURSDAY, MAY 17
Breakfast for lunch. French toast sticks, sausage, or ham sub, baked Potato Tots, veggie sticks, pineapple.

FRIDAY, MAY 18
Bagel pizza, or turkey sub, garden salad, fruit.

MONDAY, MAY 21
Chicken patty on a roll, or bologna sandwich, oven fries, mixed vegetable, mixed fruit.

TUESDAY, MAY 22
Bagel, chicken vegetable noodle soup, or tuna sub, corn, apple slices.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23
Macaroni and cheese, dinner roll, or roast beef sandwich, green beans, pears.

THURSDAY, MAY 24
Taco meat served over chips with lettuce, tomato and cheese, or ham sandwich, vegetable, rice, peaches.

FRIDAY, MAY 25
Sliced cheese or pepperoni pizza, or turkey sandwich, garden salad, fruit.

MONDAY, MAY 28
Memorial Day – No School.

TUESDAY, MAY 29
Cheeseburger on a roll, or ham and cheese sandwich, veggie rice, raisins.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30
American chop suey, dinner roll, or tuna sub, sweet peas, applesauce.

THURSDAY, MAY 31
Roast chicken, roll, or bologna sandwich, mashed potato, corn, pineapple.

Signups for Summer Drama Workshop May 12

Cohasset Recreation Department announces the Cohasset Dramatic Club will again conduct the Summer Drama Workshop for children ages 8 through 18. This summer's performance will be Disney's "High School Musical."

This year's program will include, along with the production of a full-scale musical, instruction on acting technique, singing and voice work and dance. The fee for the program is $350 per person and checks should be made payable to CDC at the time of registration. There are multi child/family discounts available.

Registration will take place 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday, May 12, at the Town Hall auditorium. Registrations after May 20 will be for ensemble and chorus. Space is limited.

Limited rehearsals begin May 31 and will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6 to 8 p.m. A more intensive schedule will begin the week of June 18, the week school ends. The show's performances will be on July 20, 21 and 22, all at Cohasset High School auditorium.



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Colorful blooms were on display at the Standard Flower Show at the library that included a first-place winning flaming parrot (front) from Marcia Dickmann and a third-place winning lilac (back) from Pat Michaud. The flowers were entered in the Class 1 Tulipa category.



Christine Guinee, 10, of Cohasset, checks out the award-winning flowers at the Standard Garden Show presented by the Community Garden Club. A Standard Flower Show is the official title of a flower show conforming to the standards established by the National Garden Clubs, Inc.



Annette Sechen, right, the chairman of the flower show, and a member of the Community Garden Club, looks over the educational exhibit put together by Barbara Dillon, left, also of the Community Garden Club. Dillon's display featured the geology of Cohasset.

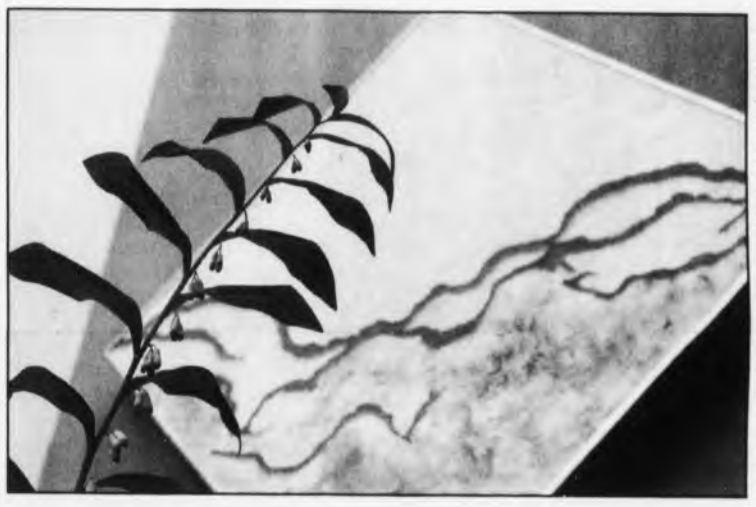
A new standard

Flower Show is feast for the senses

Staff photos/Robin Chan



Phyllis Karlberg of Scituate photographs her friend's award-winning entry, which was an interpretation of a "Night at the Music Circus." Cindy Mc Eachern of Scituate made a musical scale out of the plants and won two awards for her creative piece.



Cohasset's Annette Sechen's plant stretches out to the glowing sunny yellows of the painting "Time" on display at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Annette's plant won first place in its class and an Award of Merit.



This piece, "A Day at the Shore," by Marsha Hoar of the Scituate Garden Club, won first place and the Tricolor Award in the Small Design Category. The exhibits and designs were judged and a panel of National Garden Club accredited judges.



Margaret Chapin of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset rearranges her third-place winning entry in the design contest. There were six different themes for the design contest and Margaret chose "A Visit to the Maritime Museum."

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DESTINATIONS

Mission accomplished in Antwerp

By Mark Goodman
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The date – Monday, April 16. The location – Antwerp, Belgium.

The mission – Get lost in an old European city and experience first-hand the wonder that is one of Belgium's most renown exploits: making beer.

Exiting the train station in downtown Antwerp you find a typical tourist strip, ripe with McDonald's and H+M's and Gaps all playing Gwen Stefani (imagine the South Shore Plaza in Belgium!). I need to get away from this silly region, off the main road, and find a nice little cafe with high quality Belgian brew on hand.

So I sip, and to say it tastes amazingly good would be a vast understatement. It absolutely lives up to the hype of Belgian beers.

I'm walking around the neighborhoods about roughly half an hour maybe, already lost (wisely, I did not get a map at the rail station) when, suddenly, I stumble upon just what I've been looking for: a small town square, with four or five cafes ready to serve. I pick one, sit down, and wait 20 minutes for the jolly Belgian man to take my order; European service at its finest!

I order a mozzarella and tomato salad, one of the few things on the menu I actually understand (it's in Dutch), and to go with, a Grimbergen Trappist beer. The Belgians take their beers quite seriously; many of them are only to be served in a certain glass, made expressly for that beer to — according to the brewers that make them — bring out that beer's specific flavor.

Shortly after placing my order the jolly Belgian man brings out my Grimbergen. It is black with quite a bit of head, much like a Guinness, and served in this grail-shaped glass. I've never drank from a grail before. How do I hold this? Do I hold it with one hand on the side like a regular pint glass? Do I grip it from underneath? With two hands? Do I get down on my knees, hold this grail of barley and hops above my head, arms outstretched, and poor this nectar of the gods from on high into my mouth?

I feel unworthy of this beer.

But, a sight more beautiful my eyes have rarely seen, and it must be enjoyed. So I sip, and to say it tastes amazingly good would be a vast understatement. It absolutely lives up to the hype of Belgian beers. About one-third of the way through the jolly Belgian man brings my salad, a perfect accompaniment to my Grimbergen.

The meal complete, another two hours of wandering lead me to an empty Moroccan café, where I stop in for a Jupiler, one of Belgium's more well-known (though not necessarily best) brews. While sipping the Jupiler the young man behind the counter asked me how I got here, and by here he did not mean Antwerp but rather this part of Antwerp. After leaving the cafe and starting to continue along this road, I can see why he asked this...this is not a very touristy part of town. I am in the Muslim neighborhood, with many of the adult men wearing traditional thobes and many of the adult women wearing shawls.

After weaving from street to street in that area for a little while I make it back out to a main road, where I stop at another cafe to sample more beer. I ask the waitress what she recommends, and she says the "normal" beer there is Haacht. I go with it, and normal is an appropriate adjective to describe it.

Shortly after I start drinking my normal-tasting Haacht I notice a man sitting to my left, and he looks like he came straight from a Hollywood movie set. He is probably early- to mid-50s, silver-gray hair finely coiffed, sunglasses, salt-n-pepper 5 o-clock shadow, cigarette hanging coolly from his lower lip, stylish black blazer, fashionably colorful sport shirt tucked into his perfectly pressed white chinos, rolled up just above the ankle to show off his nice loafers, worn without socks, on his table a very tasty-looking amber brew in a fancy glass.

I am inferior to this man in every way imaginable.

I must have what he is drinking so we can be on level terms, at least suds-wise. After my Haacht is done I ask the waitress for whatever this cool, great, wonderful man is having, and a minute later I have a Palm Especial to call my own. It is quite good, though not as good as the Grimbergen.

After my Palm, I wander around and get lost and stumble upon another cafe again. I am hungry, so I order a steak to go with my Chimay Trippel, another Trappist beer from the monks. The steak comes out about five minutes after I order it, which I find somewhat disconcerting, but I am hungry. It's actually pretty good, and so is the Chimay.

And so is Antwerp. While paying for my salad and Grimbergen, the jolly Belgian man said to me, "Eating and drinking beer, relaxing on a nice, warm day…It is paradise, no?"

For a day, yes.



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One of the quieter streets in Antwerp.



The Sint Willibrordus chapel in Antwerp.



A mix of classic and modern architecture near Central Station in Antwerp.



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HHS sophomore barking up the right tree

Organizes event to help Scituate Animal Shelter

By Amy van Aarem
CORRESPONDENT

When William Hall's dog died two years ago his father brought him to the Scituate Animal Shelter to choose a new pet. He left that day with a terrier-mix, named Princess Leia, and a mission to help the struggling shelter raise money.

"When we were at the shelter I realized that the poor living conditions were not the owner's fault — they didn't have a lot of support or money to improve the shelter," William recalls.

The Scituate Animal Shelter — which serves the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Norwell and Scituate — is a no-kill shelter. It is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to the welfare of companion animals. The shelter rescues abandoned, homeless animals and give them proper care, love and attention.

Because it is a no-kill shelter that supports five towns its space requirements are greater than typical shelters. The shelter is currently working on relocation efforts to a new and improved location on Route 3A in Scituate.

William, a freshman at B.C. High at the time, hatched a plan that helped the Shelter and fulfilled his community service needs as well.

William created "Barkathon" a walk to support the shelter.

"Last year's event was successful. We raised over $1000 for the shelter," he recalls.

Although William has already completed his quota for community service, because of the popularity of last year's event, he will be conducting the Barkathon again.

"Originally, I needed to do some community service – and I thought, why not help out my favorite shelter. I don't need to do it this year, but I want to because I love animals and the shelter needs the help," he says.

William, now a sophomore at Hingham High, has been networking through school and town and hopes to run another successful Barkathon.

"The main goal is to raise money and awareness. This is an ever growing need as this area of the South Shore has more people moving into it and the animal's needs are growing as well," he says.



PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

William Hall of Hingham, organizer of the May 20th Barkathon Walk at Wompatuck State Park to benefit the Scituate Animal Shelter, sits with his two-year-old dog, Princess Leia. William adopted Princess Leia from the Scituate shelter.

William says his family and friends have pitched in to help the cause. "Spencer Holleran, Nickie Campbell, my cousin Carleen Sinton, all of Hingham, and a friend from Hull, Michael Sueter, have helped a lot," he says.

His mother helped to secure the permits and insurance for the event and local proprietors have been donating everything from dog treats to dog costumes for the event. Maggie's Doghouse, the new shop in downtown Hingham, is getting involved too, by making a donation to the Shelter.

"My uncle Pete, who owns a T-shirt company on Martha's Vineyard, donates T-shirts, William says. "They were a big hit last year and he's doing it again this year for us."

William says 100 percent of the money raised will go directly to the shelter, and the cost of the insurance and permits comes "out of our own pockets."

Barkathon 2007 takes place May 20th from 9am-12 pm at Wompatuck State Park in Hingham.

Although the shelter doesn't discriminate between dogs and cats, the Barkathon event is strictly for the pooch.

"We prefer just dogs, so the cats won't get eaten," William explains. Although if you don't own a dog, fear not. "We'll take any kind of dog … robot dog, organic dog, stuffed dog," he says.

For more information on the Scituate Animal Shelter: www.3afarmfund.com

3A Farm Fund -The Project

Built in 1991 with a bequest from Eleanor R. Haughey, the Scituate Animal Shelter is located on New Driftway in Scituate and is operated by the Friends of the Scituate Shelter.

In the past 15years, the Animal Shelter has placed more than 2,500 animals of all kinds. The towns of Scituate, Cohasset, Norwell, Hingham and Hull use the facility for holding the stray animals found in their communities. A part-time Director and more than 60 volunteers staff the facility. The Friends of the Scituate Shelter, a non-profit organization, provides funds for medical care, furnishings, equipment and building needs. In recent months, the Friends purchased outdoor kennels, renovated the kitchen and installed new cat condominiums.

The Scituate Animal Shelter also provides educational programs, trap/neuter/release of feral cats, animal care advice and adoptions services, all on a limited basis depending upon available resources.

The Friends negotiated a land acquisition proposal to relocate the Shelter to the 3A Farm on Route 3A in Scituate. The 3A Farm land has over four acres of land, ideal of the relocation of the Shelter and construction of a new 2,500-square-foot facility.

Although funds for the construction are available, funds for the land acquisition, advanced equipment and furnishings, which total $834,000, must be raised through philanthropy.

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'Kelley for Ellie' breast cancer event held

Hingham-raised NewsCenter 5 reporter Kelley Tuthill has garnered strong support not only from the local ABC affiliate where she works, but also from the Red Sox and various South Shore merchants in her fight against breast cancer. Kelley, 36, was diagnosed with Stage 3, Level 3 breast cancer, Dec. 22. Shortly after her diagnosis, the wife and mother of two young daughters made the brave decision to turn the camera on herself and chronicle her treatment regimen. Television cameras followed Kelley into the OR for her mastectomy and to subsequent chemotherapy treatments.

Kelley for Ellie took place on this week in the newly renovated Wharf Room at the Boston Harbor Hotel.

"My goal in going public has always been to try to make it easier for the next woman who gets this diagnosis," says Tuthill. "I really want to take the fear out of breast cancer and replace it with hope."

Kelley for Ellie was a fashion show, which benefits the Ellie Fund, a Needham-based breast cancer charity that supports the families of women undergoing treatment for breast cancer. Through its Care for the Caregiver program, the Ellie Fund assists the families of breast cancer patients by helping with childcare, cleaning services, grocery shopping and transportation to doctor appointments.

"The Ellie Fund makes it easier for people to balance their many responsibilities with the challenges of breast cancer treatment," says Tuthill. "It's the perfect fit for me and my colleagues who are supporting me through this event."

Kelley for Ellie took place in the newly renovated Wharf Room at the Boston Harbor Hotel on Thursday night, May 10. The fashions were provided by the Cohasset boutique, Ports & Company. The store's owner, Lisa Lynch, directed the fashion show. Another South Shore supporter is the Charles David Salon of Norwell which donated a team of stylists to assist the models during the event. The models were anchors and reporters from NewsCenter 5, Red Sox wives and representatives from the Boston Harbor Hotel. Kelley for Ellie was co-chaired by Susan Wornick, NewsCenter 5 anchor and Stacey Lucchino of the Red Sox.

"Breast cancer touches all of our lives, and Kelley Tuthill is the latest person through which we can collectively fight the fight," says Wornick. "Beyond becoming an educator, Kelley has become a vehicle to channel our energy and frustrations about this disease and make a difference. The response we have had from all of the event's supporters has been immediate and enthusiastic. Clearly, Kelley is making a difference in many people's lives."

Kelley's video journal titled "Kelley's Story," has been airing on the 11 o'clock news on NewsCenter 5. To view segments from her video diary or read her personal accounts, visit thebostonchannel.com/health/10723820/detail.html.



Susan Wornick, NewsCenter 5 anchorwoman and co-chair of the Kelley for Ellie Event; Lisa Lynch, owner of Ports & Company; the Cohasset boutique that supplied the fashions for the event; and NewsCenter 5 reporter Kelley Tuthill, who was raised in Hingham.



Lisa Lynch of Ports & Company in Cohasset and Natalie Jacobson of NewsCenter 5.

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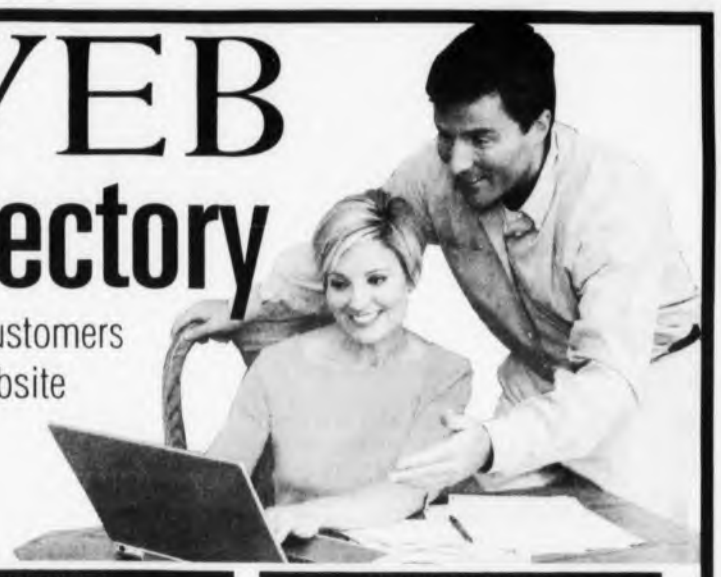
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First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

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All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

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The Bible subjects for May are: May 6, "Everlasting Punishment;" May 13, "Adam and Fallen Man;" May 20, "Mortals and Immortals;" and May 27, "Soul and Body."

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Obituaries

Memorial service for Bryan Bilton

Former resident of Cohasset

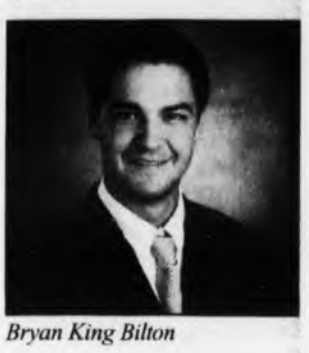
A special memorial service for Bryan Bilton will be held at 1 p.m., tomorrow (Saturday, May 12) at the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset (next to Town Hall). All are welcome for this time of sharing. The memorial service has been organized by several of Bryan's closest friends.

Bryan King Bilton, 21, formerly of Cohasset, died suddenly May 1, 2007.

Son of the late Linda Hurld Bilton, he leaves his father, King M. Bilton of Quincy; his siblings, Kerri and Curtis Brison of S.C., Brook Miele of Weymouth and Gregory M. Bilton of Washington, D.C.; his nephew, Alex of S.C.; his niece, Sophie of S.C.; his aunt, Patricia Keaney and his uncle, William Bilton and his wife Paula.

A memorial Mass was also held May 7, in South Boston.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Dana-Farber Institute, 44 Binney St., Boston, MA. 02115.



Bryan King Bilton

Mary E. Lemly

Longtime member of Pi Beta Phi

Mary Elizabeth (White) Lemly, 91, of Norwell, died May 2, 2007, at home.

Mary Lib Lemly was born in Tampa, Fla. and her mother, Edna Brorein White, was a gifted musician and a graduate of the Cincinnati Conservatory who had moved to Tampa from Ohio. Her father, Wallace Taylor White died when she was four and she was particularly close to her maternal grandparents, William Gebhardt Brorein and Sarah Butcher Brorein. Mr. Brorein was the founded the Peninsula Telephone Company in 1901 and was the first president of the South Florida Fair and Gasparilla Carnival.

Mrs. Lemly lived in Tampa for the first 30 years of her life and in Memphis, Tenn., from 1949 until 2000. She attended Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla. and graduated from Goucher College in Towson, Md. in 1936. Throughout her life she enjoyed her affiliation with Pi Beta Phi Fraternity. Mrs. Lemly was named Volunteer of the Year for the Memphis Public Library and was a dedicated servant of her church and community. She proudly knitted 100 hats for the poor and homeless in Memphis. Although her joy was always her home and garden, during the 1960's she traveled extensively with her family throughout Europe, South America, Africa and East Asia.

Wife of 65 years to Theron M. Lemly, she leaves her daughters, Sally Lemly Knutson of Niskayuna, N.Y. and Susan Lemly Sardina and her husband, Michael of Cohasset; four grandchildren, Peter Theron Knutson, Sarah Trask Knutson and Kristin Michelle Sardina, all of New York City and Lauren Elizabeth Sardina, of San Francisco and many nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late Virginia White Artz of Columbus, Miss.

A memorial service was held May 6, at the Presbyterian Church of Burlington. Interment is private and will be held at a later date in Tampa, Fla.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Presbyterian Church of Burlington, 335 Cambridge St., Burlington, MA. 01803.

Helen King Andrews

World War II nurse's aide

Helen King Andrews, 86, of West Hartford, Conn., died May 8, 2007, at Sunrise Assisted Living in Cohasset.

Mrs. Andrews was born in Hartford, Conn., the daughter of the late George Walter and Helen (Curtiss) King. She graduated from Oxford School and attended Pine Manor College. She volunteered as a nurse's aide during World War II.

Mrs. Andrews was a member of the Jr. League of Hartford, Seed & Weed Garden Club, Hartford Golf Club, Asylum Hill Church and Hartford Tennis Club.

Wife of the late Frederick Leete Andrews, she leaves three daughters, Betsey Unger of Denver, Susan O'Brien of Cohasset and Nancy Dyer of Natick; three sons-in-law, Robert Unger, Emmett O'Brien and Michael Dyer; nine grandchildren, Todd Unger, Matthew Unger, Elizabeth Unger, Scott Unger, Douglas O'Brien, Taylor O'Brien, Stacia McMillan, Timothy Dyer and Brett Dyer; and two great grandchildren, Sean McMillan and Madilyn McMillan.

Funeral services will be held at Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home, 136 South Main St., West Hartford, at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 12. Calling hours will be one hour prior, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., at the funeral home. Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford, immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 279 New Britain Ave., Kensington, CT 06037.

Glastonbury Abbey plant sale is Saturday

A plant sale will take place 8:30 a.m. to noon, on Saturday, May 12, at Glastonbury Abbey. A large selection of plants will be available for sale on the grounds of the Abbey, 16 Hull St., Route 228, Hingham. Perennials, herbs, groundcover, ornamental grasses, small bushes, fruit and vegetable plants will be for sale.

Plants are being donated from local private gardens in the South Shore area. Many plants will be divisions of specimens grown in the Abbey gardens. Seedlings to mature plants will be available to tempt local gardeners who attend the sale.

Proceeds will go to the Benedictine Monks of Glastonbury Abbey and are used to continue beautifications of the Abbey grounds. Rain date is May 19.

New England Friends Home to host events

New England Friends Home will host two special events that are open to the public. The Apollo Club of Boston will present a concert at 7:30 p.m., on May 15. A chorus of approximately 30 business and professional men from the Greater Boston area, the club is the second oldest continuously active men's singing group in the United States, having been founded in 1871.

Jane Blair will present another in her series of lectures "Art Matters" at 2 p.m., on May 16. This lecture, which includes visual examples, will discuss women artists of the 20th century.

These events will take place at the Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane, Hingham. For more information, call 781-749-3556.

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Row, row, row your boat…Cohasset Maritime Institute (CMI) hosted a Launch Party fundraiser May 4 at the Black Rock Country Club that included dinner, wine tasting and silent and live auctions.



John Coffey at the keyboard with his band members Michael Wilber (on sax), drummer Ray Micarelli, Whit Hall (on bass guitar), and Dave Neves (on trumpet).

Rowers rock!

Fundraiser launched to double the fleet

Photos by Lynne Layman



Michael Wilbur of the John Coffey Quintet plays the sax during last Friday's CMI Launch Party at Black Rock.



Cohasset rowing shirts were for sale at the Cohasset Maritime Institute (CMI) launch party that raised money to increase the boat fleet.



Peter and Susan Regan with Sheila Toomey and Ann Helbock have fun at the CMI wine tasting and dinner at Black Rock.



Jack Buckley, Caroline Sheehy, Craig Wolfe, and Shawn Sheehy get together at the Launch Party that benefited the 2007 Double the Fleet Campaign to increase the boat fleet from two to four boats.



Laurie Ingersoll and artist Elizabeth McQuade of BNPink display some of the jewelry on sale during the event.



Artist Sharon Daly and CMI event volunteer and rower Susan Galligan enjoy last Friday's Launch Party.



Lisa Hewitt Dick and Charlotte and Mark Railton enjoy the Launch Party that will help raise funds to buy two more CMI boats.

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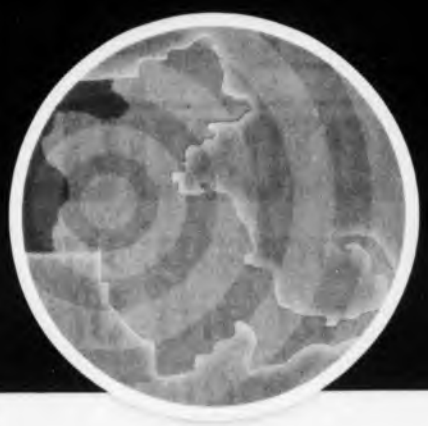
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Police/Fire Log

MONDAY, APRIL 23

1:41 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary school checked; secure.

1:43 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

6:18 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:44 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop and tow; 25-year-old Dorchester man summonsed on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

7:03 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

7:33 a.m. **King St.**, 911 caller requests medical aid for female who has fallen and is still on the floor; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

7:45 a.m. **Headquarters**, walk-in party requests to speak with an Sergeant or Detective.

7:53 a.m. **Gammons Road**, industrial accident reported; caller reports an excavator on its side. This is a past accident but has become a hazardous materials situation; Board of Health, DEP and OSHA notified. The operator transported himself to the hospital when the accident occurred on April 21 and failed to report the accident. Dept. of Public Safety has been to the scene and the incident is under investigation.

9:16 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

9:24 a.m. **Gammons Road**, investigation conducted.

9:50 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid requested for person in respiratory distress.

10:39 a.m. **Gammons Road**, hazardous materials reported; units are at this location to meet with the Dept. of Environmental Protection. Officer reports she has cleared the scene; all agencies have been to the scene including OSHA and the DEP.

11:06 a.m. **Summer St.**, units to this location for a Warrant of Apprehension from the court. Arrest: Candace M. Ford, 52, 50 Summer St., Cohasset. Charges: Warrant of Apprehension.

11:55 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer requests paramedics to evaluate the female prisoner recently arrested on Warrant of Apprehension charges; Scituate R1 responding.

1:30 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, 911 caller reports an electric wire has snapped and is in the middle of a tree, sparking and shooting flames; National Grid is on the scene.

2:04 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports a vehicle is in the parking lot and a female party is in the back seat and appears to be passed out. Units are clear; the female party is taking a nap before the start of her shift.

3:59 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid requested for 17-year-old male who is disoriented and vomiting; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

6:52 p.m. **Stockbridge St.**, medical aid requested for person with severe leg pain and leg swelling; transported to Quincy Medical Center/BLS.

7:37 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers; caller reports youths are jumping off the Cunningham Bridge. Investigated and found to be a father with three local youths, officer sent them on their way.

8:09 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, request for officer.

8:41 p.m. **Weymouth**, be on the look out announcement issued by Weymouth Police Dept. A caller from Scituate reports his girlfriend took his truck and told him she was going to jump off the Weymouth Bridge. She was driving a white Dodge Dakota pick up truck with a black cap.

9:16 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious activity reported; caller reports trucks and people with flash lights are on the beach and they look as if they are trying to pull something onto the shore. Officer reports a small boat took on water and a few people are trying to take the boat out of the water.

9:20 p.m. **Jerusalem Road Drive**, medical aid requested for male with high blood pressure and vomiting; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

10:20 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious activity reported; 911 caller reports a truck is doing donuts and making loud noise. Officer reports that it is the same group from before who are having problems with a small boat and are trying to pull it onshore.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

12:42 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

12:43 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary school checked; secure.

6:45 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

7:03 a.m. **Headquarters**, walk-in party requests assistance with an incident involving her credit card.

8:01 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested for resident who took too much pain medication and is in respiratory distress; transported to Quincy Medical Center/ALS.

9:18 a.m. **School buildings**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

9:43 a.m. **King and Pond streets**, caller reports a large moving truck is blocking the whole lane of travel; truck has been moved off the road.

12:03 p.m. **Ash St.**, walk-in party requests to speak with an officer regarding credit card fraud.

12:38 p.m. **Nichols Road**, medical aid requested for child who has fallen; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

12:45 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, suspicious activity reported; caller reports a suspicious male is walking down the road towards Hull St.

12:54 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid requested for injured police officer; Scituate R1 responding. Party transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

2:39 p.m. **Garden Road - Scituate**, structure fire reported; Scituate Fire is striking a second alarm. Hingham engine is responding to cover headquarters. Scituate reports the fire is very heavy at this time. Cohasset units have been released from the scene.

3:39 p.m. **Forest Ave. and North Main St.**, walk-in party reports she found a chain saw that belongs to Tip Top Tree Service. Chain saw kept at headquarters for safe-keeping.

3:44 p.m. **North Main St.**, larceny reported; caller reports her 25-year-old son walked off with all of her credit cards. Officer were given a description of the male and he is described as wearing a T-shirt with a red shirt around his waist, and jeans. He is approximately 6 foot 2 inches. Officer has male in custody; 25-year-old Cohasset male summonsed on charges of larceny of credit cards.

3:59 p.m. **Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious activity reported; caller reports an old rusty brown van, occupied by two males, pulled up and asked him if he wanted to buy a home entertainment system for $3,000. The caller did not get a good look at the driver, but he described the passenger as a Hispanic male with black hair and a round face and also reports that they drove off, heading towards Sandy Beach.

7:31 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious person reported; caller reports a white male in his 50's with long gray hair and a maroon truck has occupied Sandy Beach since 3 p.m. She also reports her children were at the beach for a short while and the male party may have yelled "Hey Kids" at them. Officer sent the male party on his way.

7:48 p.m. **Windy Hill Road**, caller reports that upon arriving home from vacation last night, he noticed two kayaks missing from his yard. He also reports that his house has not been broken into and the two kayaks are the only items missing.

10:12 p.m. **Summer St.**, animal complaint; caller reports his neighbor's dog has been barking for hours. Dispatch called a relative, who is going go to the location to take care of the dog.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

1:20 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports a blinking yellow light outside the school; investigated and found that the yellow lights represent the boilers that have been shut off and are cooling down.

3:14 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, disturbance; caller requests the area checked because she smells wood burning and believes it is too late in the season for it to be a fire place; area search negative.

9:10 a.m. **Nantasket Ave.**, medical aid requested; transported to Quincy Medical Center/BLS.

9:52 a.m. **Elm St.**, request for officer.

10:04 a.m. **Pond St.**, larceny of wedding band reported.

10:22 a.m. **Bancroft Road and Pond St.**, E3 reports an outside odor of gas in the area; KeySpan notified.

10:50 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports she ran over a large piece of concrete that has lodged itself under her vehicle and she can't move it; McBrien's en route.

11:45 a.m. **Condito Road – Hingham**, medical aid requested; transported to Quincy Medical Center/ALS.

1:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, request for officer.

1:08 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, citizen assisted.

5:13 p.m. **Kendall Village**, request for officer regarding neighbor issues; officer told parties to try to work things out.

5:34 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

5:44 p.m. **Bancroft Way**, parking complaint; officer states that no cars are parked illegally.

9:16 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

9:31 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:32 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:55 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic enforcement.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

2:03 a.m. **School buildings**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

5:48 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

7:55 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, investigation conducted.

8:52 a.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic complaint.

10:30 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

10:38 a.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:30 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic complaint.

12:13 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, lost property; caller reports he lost some tools in the area of Atlantic Ave. and North Scituate.

12:39 p.m. **Norfolk Road**, power outage reported.

12:46 p.m. **Elm St.**, Fire Headquarters reports a walk-in medical.

1:15 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, caller reports upon returning from vacation she discovered her kayak stolen.

1:27 p.m. **Hammond Ave.**, sudden death reported.

5:01 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, investigation conducted.

6:0 2 p.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

8:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic enforcement.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

1:10 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, mutual aid – police; Hingham and Hull police request the bail commissioner.

1:13 a.m. **King St.**, suspicious activity reported.

1:20 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

1:20 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

6:35 a.m. **King and Pond streets**, motor vehicle accident; walk-in party reports he hit a block in the road which had fallen off a flatbed truck. No report needed, vehicle hit a rubber chock block that fell off a tow truck.

7:11 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, public service; Weymouth detail officer reports a flashing light.

8 a.m. **Pond St.**, caller reports she is a teacher at the Middle School and they are leaving on a school trip today. She has permission to leave her vehicle parked at the school until Sunday, next to the Superintendent's white van. The vehicle is a black Nissan Maxima.

8:14 a.m. **White Head Road**, caller reports she has a fire in the walls of her house. She reports it started from an electrical wire from a pole that is connected to her house and it is burning and caught on to the side of her home. Fire Capt. reports an electrical fire in the walls of the house which started from the service from the pole to the side of the house. Wiring Inspector notified and is responding. Command reports that power to the home has been shut down. Companies are continuing to investigate and overhaul.

10:36 a.m. **Hammond Ave.**, public assist; family member needs to enter the residence of her uncle who passed away yesterday.

11:19 a.m. **Sheldon Road**, caller from Meals on Wheels reports he dropped off a meal for the resident about two days ago and it is still there. No answer at the door or on the phone and the answering machine is full. Investigated and found that the female party in question is staying at her sister's house; she is out of town. No problems reported.

11:37 a.m. **Forest Ave. and Jerusalem Road**, caller reports a fire hydrant is open and water is pouring out; Water Dept., is flushing the hydrants; no problems present.

5:03 p.m. **Tilden Road – Scituate**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

5:27 p.m. **Kendall Village**, assist citizen.

5:39 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid requested.

6:08 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:33 p.m. **Summer St.**, motor vehicle stop and tow; operator summonsed on charge of operating a motor vehicle with an expired license.

8:25 p.m. **Bates Lane**, caller reports a humming sound coming from her furnace and liquid is coming into the house; investigated.

9:43 p.m. **School buildings**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

10:24 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; officer wants it logged that there is a U-Haul van parked at school and no one is around.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

12:01 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious activity; caller reports he saw a motor vehicle with youths in the driveway of the vacant house. The motor vehicle left the area as he went by and headed towards Beach St.

12:58 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools checked; secure.

12:59 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

1:20 a.m. **Crocker Lane**, report that the gate to the State DPW barn was open. Area checked; secure.

4:36 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, 911 call came in with a lot of static sounds; 888 called 911 with the phone and got the same results. Homeowners got a new phone service and have been having problems with it. They will notify the phone provided later in the morning.

7:37 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, erratic motor vehicle operation; caller reports a small blue motor vehicle is passing other vehicles; area search negative. Unable to notify Scituate due to a motor vehicle accident. Marshfield notified.

8 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat installation.

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10:25 a.m. **Hull St.**, party reports her son's bicycle was stolen overnight. Sergeant reports a bike was taken and another bike was put in its place.

12:14 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, public service; caller reports a pick up truck went into the water and is stuck. Officer on scene reports that the vehicle is not leaking and is secure; the truck is not going to cause an environmental problem. Officer reports the incident occurred on private property and no motor vehicle infractions took place.

1:34 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and lower King St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

1:36 p.m. **Hull St.**, E3 to investigate a permit fire; all is in order.

5:03 p.m. **South Main St.**, alarm company reports a person picked up the emergency phone and stated they were stuck in the elevator; Fire Captain reports there is no entrapment and a service technician is en route.

7:45 p.m. **Hull St.**, medical aid requested for confused person, possibly diabetic or possible stroke; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

8:18 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

8:19 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

8:29 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

9:14 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, resident wants information logged that her neighbor has been bothering her; no specific laws have been broken and she doesn't want an officer to respond.

11:15 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, investigation conducted.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

1:23 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

1:23 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

9:43 a.m. **Ox Pasture Lane**, caller with complaint of construction in area; officer spoke with the foreman.

11:22 a.m. **Church St.**, walk-in party states she lost her cell phone.

12:43 p.m. **Rose Hill Lane**, caller reports his credit card and Social Security number were stolen and he wants to file a report.

1:15 p.m. **North Main St. and Red Gate Lane**, property recovered; car keys dropped off that were found at this location.

5:19 p.m. **Pond St.**, notification; officer reports a U-Haul truck is parked in the west wing of the parking lot and no one is around.

5:53 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested for elderly male with chest pain; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

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What's happening on the South Shore

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A lasting impression

Singer gets personal with Tony Bennett tribute

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Singer Dane Vannatter promises plenty of familiar music will be on the song list when he performs his tribute to Tony Bennett at Raffael's in Hull next month, just not every song made famous by the legendary crooner.

"I'm not sure about 'I Left My Heart in San Francisco.' I haven't made up my mind about whether or not I will include it, because it is not my favorite song. This show is not really about the hits of Tony Bennett, but more about one album, 'Alone Together,' that really influenced me when I was very young and which has since become the basis of my tribute to Tony Bennett," explained Vannatter by telephone last week from his home in Watertown. "The album came out on Columbia in 1964, and so far it has not been released on CD. It was part of my Dad's album collection, which I didn't always take seriously. I remember when I heard this one, though, immediately thinking how very honest and vulnerable Bennett sounded on this album. It is a collection of perfect songs that mean a lot to me personally."

One in particular still stands out to Vannatter as being very different from the music Bennett and most other male vocalists were recording in the 1960s.

"His voice sounds gorgeous on a track called 'Poor Butterfly.' He performs the song in a non-belting, soft and beautiful style that I love more each time I hear it."

Vannatter, 45, has previously done musical tributes to Cole Porter, Duke Ellington and female songwriters including Dorothy Fields, but this is the first time he has developed an entire show around one singer. Like Bennett, Vannatter will be backed by a jazz quartet of piano, bass, drums and reeds with Dick Johnson of the Artie Shaw Orchestra on the latter.



Singer Dane Vannatter

"I've been wanting to do a show based on this album for a long time. This music is very personal to me," says Vannatter, who spent his early years in Muncie, Ind., before heading east to attend Northeastern University.

"Growing up, I spent a great deal of time with my grandparents who were fundamentalists. There was no television in their house, but there was a piano and a guitar. My grandfather was a minister and, through his church, my grandmother was very connected to music. I knew I liked music, too, from a very early age, but I had no idea how to pursue it as a career. In fact, my first part in a high school production was in 'Oklahoma!' but in a non-singing part. I dabbled in performing in those years, but when it came time for college I studied journalism first at Indiana University and then at Northeastern. After graduating, I stayed in Boston and did a lot of work in arts administration and a little on the Boston theater scene. In those days, I had no idea about the cabaret world or how to plug into it. For that matter, I didn't know the jazz or club scene either."

That all changed for Vannatter on Halloween night in 1990.

"Several of my friends and I had gone out to Diamond Jim's at the Lenox Hotel in Boston to say goodbye to another friend who was relocating to Chicago. It was Halloween, so I still had the cow costume on that I had worn to work that day. Luckily, they were having a costume contest at the club that night. Since it was a piano bar, the contest required that you sing. I did 'Summertime,' from 'Porgy and Bess,' the one song I knew I could get through, and it brought down the house. For my encore, I did 'If I Loved You' from 'Carousel.' I won the contest, which was dinner for two at the hotel. Not long after, I entered a juried singing competition where I went up against 14 professional singers. I won that one, too, and I knew there was no turning back."

After studying with cabaret coach Michael Oster and attending the annual Cabaret Symposium at the Eugene O'Neill Theatre Center in New London, Conn., Vannatter soon started booking gigs and getting noticed. In the years since, he has played local venues like Scullers Jazz Club, recorded several CDs, and earned a loyal following on the New York cabaret scene. As evidence of his Big Apple acclaim, Vannatter won a 2006 Back Stage Bistro Award for Outstanding Excellence in Cabaret as Best Vocalist for his engagement at Danny's Skylight Room. The singer enjoys his New York notoriety, but plans on keeping his local address.

"Years ago, I almost moved to New York, but I just couldn't leave this area," says Vannatter, who supplements his singing with work as a yoga instructor. "New York is great, of course, but I knew it wouldn't do anything for my soul. Home is really important to me. And this area is home to me, now. I just don't think I could live anywhere else."

JM Productions Dinner Theatre will present Dane Vannatter at Raffael's, 45 Hull Shore Drive, Hull, on June 15. For tickets and information, visit jmproductionspresents.com or call 617-786-7469. Reservations may also be made by calling Raffael's Nantasket at 781-925-4515.

Calendar of events



The South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham, will feature the works of Robert Beaulieu of Scituate. The opening event will take place at the South Street Gallery on Friday, May 18, from 6 to 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The exhibit will be on display until Thursday, June 14. Hours are from Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 12 to 5 p.m. For additional information, call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

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Thursday, May 10

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will present a **Standard Flower Show** at the Paul Pratt Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset, on May 9, from 2 to 5 p.m. and May 10, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The theme of this year's show is "Our Town." Free and open to the public.

The Police Experience, **The Berklee College of Music Bob Marley Ensemble**, and **howieHowie** are coming to town to help launch the first annual Plymouth Musical Competition with a kick-off pop concert at Memorial Hall Thursday, May 10. Doors open at 6 p.m. Show begins at 7 p.m. Tickets on sale through Ticketweb at www.seeplymouth/pmc.com and at the Memorial Box office located at Loretta LaRoche Productions, 50 Court St., Plymouth, beginning March 29. Tickets will also be available at Memorial Hall, day of show, at 6 p.m.

The Buttonwood Middle School Book Group will meet May 10, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. The selected book is **Monster** by **Walter Dean Myers** . The facilitator is Ms. Barb Mullin, Deer Hill School Librarian. Fifth Graders are invited to attend. No reservations are necessary. All are welcome. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 for information.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53, Washington St. **Pembroke**. May 10, **BBC Pint Night with Flydown** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday. **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Satch Romano's New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam with Bangkok Blues Society at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Friday, May 11

Buttonwood Books & Toys presents **Lunch with the Author** featuring Weymouth resident, **Stephen Puleo**, May 11, at 11:30 a.m. at DiNero's Restaurant, 235 Hull Street, Cohasset. Puleo, the author of the critically acclaimed Boston area bestseller "Dark Tide", will be discussing his new book, "The Boston Italians: Puleo donates a portion of his book proceeds to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Reservations and tickets are required. Tickets are $25 per person and includes salad, choice of entrée, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Seating is limited. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to reserve. Event Book Special: Puleo books purchased at the event will receive a 10 percent discount.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, May 11, **The Ripchordz** 9:15 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Mount Blue Restaurant 707 Main St., Norwell **May 11, 3 South 781-659-0050. Reservations accepted for dinner tables near the band**

An Evening With Fran, a live concert performance by **Fran Botelho-Hoeg** of Kingston, will take place on Friday evening, May 11 at the Silver Lake Regional Middle School Auditorium (Route 27, Kingston) to benefit Kingston's Jones River Village Historical Society. The concert takes place during Mother's Day weekend. Tickets are $20 per person and should be purchased in advance to ensure seating available at Kingston Public Library and at the town clerk's office at the Kingston Town House, checks payable to JRVHS. Further information on the concert and tickets can also be obtained by contacting Gerry Buckley of the JRVHS at 781-585-3321. Doors open at 7 p.m. concert at 7:30 p.m.

CALENDAR

Movie review



Jude (Deborah-lee Furness) gives Claire (Laura Linney) a piece of her mind.

Take haunting trip to 'Jindabyn'

Jindabyne (A-)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

An unsettling throwback to the New Wave films of such pioneers as Peter Weir, "Jindabyne" has a notable pedigree.

Made in Australia with a cast headed by Irishman Gabriel Byrne and American Laura Linney, the film, a drama about a small town in New South Wales shaken by a murder, is an adaptation of a short story by the American author Raymond Carver.

Byrne is Stewart Kane, a former rally racer and the unhappy mechanic-husband of Claire (Linney), an attractive, high-strung woman who ruffles feathers wherever she goes. They have a sensitive, young son Tom (Sean Rees-Wemyss), who wants to go fishing with his dad, but must first learn to swim.

Among their friends in the town of Jindabyne are Jude (Deborra-Lee Furness) and Carl (John Howard), who are raising their troubled granddaughter Caylin-Calandria (spooky-eyed Eva Lazzaro) since the murder of her mother, their daughter.

On an annual fishing trip with his buddies, Stewart and his friends discover the body of a murdered aboriginal girl in a river and decide to continue fishing. When they later report the discovery, they are raked over the coals by the national press, castigated by police and stigmatized by their townsfolk.

An adaptation of Carver's story "So Much Water So Close to Home" by newcomer Beatrix Christian, "Jindabyne" eerily recalls not only such classic exercises in unease as Weir's "The Last Wave" and "Picnic At Hanging Rock," but also John Boorman's classic adaptation of James Dickey's "Deliverance."

(The Carver story on which "Jindabyne" is based was also incorporated in a more fragmented form in Robert Altman's great 1993 Carver adaptation "Short Cuts.")

Aussie director Ray Lawrence ("Lantana") has an uncanny ability to generate anxiety using natural sounds and images that would not be out of place in "National Geographic."

An artificial lake over the "drowned," the original town of Jindabyne is enough to raise the "Poltergeist" gooseflesh on any viewer. In "Jindabyne," the natural world is haunted and alive with danger, not the least of which is a serial killer whose hunting ground is a lonely stretch of road in the Outback.

The film's ending, involving a ceremony to placate the dead and an attempted reconciliation, does not soothe jangled nerves.

The cast is sensational, especially Linney, who makes the semi-stable Claire, a classic "difficult woman," almost unbearably off-putting and yet essentially decent and loving.

If you're looking for a challenging and haunting alternative to the summer-season sequels, here it is. Even that title, which means "valley" in an aboriginal language, sticks with you.

Rated R. "Jindabyne" contains profanities, sexual situations and disturbing images of a victim of murder.

Mark your calendar

RIVER BID AUCTION, to benefit North and South Rivers Watershed Association and celebrate 36 years of protecting the rivers, will take place from 6:30 to 10 p.m., on Saturday, May 19, at the Cushing Center, 673 Main St., Route 123, Norwell. Live music by Lonesome Jukebox Quintet will be offered. Admission is $40 and includes hearty hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Send checks to NSRWA, PO. Box 43, Norwell, MA 02061. For information, visit theriversheed.org.

THE PLYMOUTH PHILHARMONIC converts into a super-sized Big Band in *"Salute to Ol' Blue Eyes,"* a swingin' Pops tribute to Frank Sinatra. Popular broadcast personality Ron Della Chiesa serves as guest host, sharing his many stories about *the chairman of the board*. Jazz vocalist and Sinatra song stylist Steve Marvin joins the orchestra. Steven Karidoyanes conducts this event in Plymouth's Memorial Hall on Saturday May 19, at 8 p.m. Some table seating is still available. Individual ticket prices are $50, $45, $40, $30 and $20. Tables for eight are $400. Senior, Youth and Group discounts are offered. Advance tickets can be purchased at *the Phil* office located 16 Court St., Plymouth or by phone with a credit card by calling 508-746-8008. Memorial Hall is located on 83 Court St./Route 3A, Plymouth. For information, visit plymouthphil.org

THE MASSACHUSETTS ADOPTION RESOURCE EXCHANGE (MARE) invites adults considering adoption through foster care to attend the annual Southeastern Mass. Adoption Party, Saturday, May 19, at LaSalette Shrine, Route 118, Attleboro. The Adoption Party, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., is free and wheelchair accessible. Anyone interested in adoption, from beginners to experienced adoptive parents, is welcome to attend including people over 18, single, married, or partnered, homeowners or renters, of nearly any income level. **SECOND ANNUAL BLUEGRASS ON THE BOGS 2007** June 9, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and June 10, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Edaville USA, Pine Street, Carver Cost and registration: Saturday $20, Sunday $15; camping $10 per person. Visit edaville.com http://bluegrassonthebogs.org for information.

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Concertpiece by Georges Enesco, the Lachrymae by Benjamin Britten, Songs for viola, piano and alto voice op. 91 by Johannes Brahms, and the Sonata op. 11 no.4 by Paul Hindemith. Both concerts are free of charge. For directions to South Shore Conservatory, visit www.southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565, ext. 10.

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South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance May 11 with DJ Dave Becker music from 7:30 p.m. to midnight at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or wwwsouthshoresingles.org

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke **Texas Hold Em** every Thursday night 781-294-4700.

South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. **Tales from the Wild With Barbara Devine**, Senior Naturalist For children ages 3-5. Every Friday 10:30-11:00am (except holidays and vacation weeks) Free with admission Join us for stories ad tales about animals and nature. Please call in advance if you plan to attend. *Limit 10 children*

The Swing Dixie will perform at a jazz concert benefit that will take place at the Johnny Cat Cafe, St. John's Episcopal Church, Washington St. Duxbury on Friday, May 11 from 7 to 10 pm. They perform all over New England playing traditional jazz, New Orleans blues, and swing music from the 1930's. Tickets are $10. All proceeds from the concert will benefit the Duxbury Interfaith Council. For information or to purchase tickets in advance contact the Interfaith Council at 781-934-8388.

The Soft Parade. Doors tribute band will perform May 11, at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth. Lead singer **Joe Russo** looks, moves and sings like **Jim Morrison**; his dreamy yet menacing performance invokes a myriad of emotional shockwaves which he creates with the support of three astounding musicians. Tickets $20-$30. For tickets by phone, call TicketWeb toll-free, 866-468-7619. In person or phone: Plymouth Memorial Hall box office, 508-747-1340. Presented by Loretta LaRoche Productions.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. May 11 **Infuse** 781-829-6999.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, May 11, **Entrain** Cover $14. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Saturday, May 12

Minding Manners 101: Social Etiquette For Children - Children ages 4 to 7 and 8 to 12 will learn the how to's of proper introductions, appropriate table setting and manners, party invitations/thank you note writing, polite conversation. and much more. A portion of all the proceeds benefits the Boys and Girls Club of Plymouth. Call CMR at 508-224-4044 or cmreid@CreatingMarketingResults.com for information on this four-week session. Dates are May 12, 19, June 2 and 9; Ages 4-7 are 8:30 am-10 am, ages 8-12 are 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Designs of France Spring Trunk Sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 12, at the First Parish Spring Market in Norwell Center, 24 River St. Designs of France features unique pottery and table linens from Provence. All items are 50 percent off. Visit the "bargain bin." For information, call Peg Carpenter at 781-826-8553.

The New Nursery School, a non-profit pre-school in Norwell, will hold its annual Spring Fair on May 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rain or shine. Fair events will include moon bounce rides, Lou the Balloonist, pony rides, two unique performances by Big Ryan's Tall Tales, many children's games and crafts and a large children's yard sale. Additional events will be an item packed silent auction, appearances by the Norwell Fire Department, the Norwell Police Department's Dare VW Bug, and a race car. Baked goods will be available for sale, as well as hand painted pots and a full range concession stand. The fair will be held on the grounds of the United Church of Christ/New Nursery School at 460 Main St., (Route 123), Norwell. Free and open to the public.

South Shore Dancers is having a "Tee-Shirt Tour" on May 12, at the Cushing Center on Route 123 in Norwell. Wear a souvenir T-shirt from your favorite vacation spot. There will be a bossa-nova lesson at 7:30 p.m. and general dancing from 8 to 11 p.m. $9 for members and $10 for non-members. For reservations call Tom Osterland at 781 659-4703 or through our website: www.SouthShoreDancers.org.

The Snug Harbor Community Chorus presents "Blues & Ballads & Broadway" for one performance only on May 12 at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. The Box Office opens at 6:45 and the doors at 7 p.m. Tickets are $15 adult, $12 seniors and students and $10 for groups of 10 or more. Light refreshments are included. Tickets are available on-line at www.snugharborcc.org and at our agents in Duxbury —Westwinds Books and The Studio, both in Halls Corner and in Marshfield at the Star Market in Webster Square. For information, call 781-834-7041.

Make a difference in the fight against breast cancer at **Alexandra Anne Designs' Think Pink Fiesta** on **May 12,** at the Weymouth Elks Lodge from 6:30 to 11 p.m. The night begins with a silent auction and raffle, where you can enter to win an inclusive Weekend Get-Away for two to beautiful Cape Cod and the Islands. Then kick the night off with some food and entertainment provided by the seven-piece Latin Band **TENTUMBAO** and **DJ Andy**. Then get ready to hit the dance floor for some salsa lessons. All proceeds benefit the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer.

Blue Hills Reservation – May 12 is **Park Serve Day** in Massachusetts From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. visit **Stoney Brook Reservation**. Join neighbors and friends and DCR staff to help beautify the historic landscape. Work on the ball fields, tennis courts and playgrounds. Call 617-333-7404 to register. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. visit **Blues Hills Reservation**. Join the Friends of the Blue Hills to help maintain the trails in the Blue Hills Reservation. Learn about the new Adopt-a Trails program Call 617-698-1802 to register.

Blue Hills Reservation – Hike and Happenings May 12, **Wildflower Walk** Call 617-698-1802 for registration and meeting place. Search for woodland wildflowers as you hike the Blue Hills. Mostly level walk lasting two hours. Sturdy hiking boots required. Bring lunch and a water bottle. Call 617-333-7404 for information..

The annual Letter Carriers Food Drive to benefit the Marshfield Food Pantry is Saturday May 12. Leave all non-perishable food donations at your mail box and your letter carrier will do the rest. Thanks to you and our letter carriers for this great food drive.

Giant Yard Sale – Rain or Shine. On Saturday May 12, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., members of the **Green Harbor Yacht Club** will host a yard sale at the Club, 257 Dike Road (Rte 139), in the Green Harbor section of Marshfield (next to Scituate Federal Savings Bank). A great selection of household items, books, and furniture will be on offer, as well as boating supplies and nautical paraphernalia. In case of inclement weather, the sale will be held indoors. Admission is free and open to the public.

South Shore Conservatory presents **Violist Philip Rush** in concert on May 12, 7 p.m. in Cox Hall, One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. The concert of music for viola and piano, features **Pianist Hui-Min Wang** with Guest Vocalist **Beth MacLeod**. Selections include Concertpiece by Georges Enesco, the Lachrymae by Benjamin Britten, *Songs for viola, piano and alto voice* op. 91 by Johannes Brahms, and the Sonata op. 11 no.4 by Paul Hindemith. Rush also presents this program on Tuesday, May 8, 8 pm at Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury St. Boston. Both concerts are free of charge. For directions to South Shore Conservatory, visit www.southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565, ext. 10.

Old Sturbridge Village celebrates Mother's Day all weekend long with make-a-gift workshops for kids on Saturday (May 12) and half-price admission for moms on Sunday (May 13). On Saturday, kids can plant an herb in a flowerpot for Mom and visit the Herb Garden to learn how herbs were used in the past. On Sunday moms can meet famous 19th century Massachusetts author **Lydia Maria Child**, (portrayed by Daphne Stevens), who wrote *The Frugal Housewife, The Mother Book*, and the famous poem "Over the River and Through the Woods." Old Sturbridge Village celebrates New England life in the 1830s and is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tues.-Sun., and all Mon. holidays. Admission: $20; seniors $18; children 3-17, $6; children under 3, free. For details and pricing of Mother's Day workshops, visit: www.osv.org or call 800-SEE-1830.

Dad and Me Breakfast and Wind Chimes Workshop with **Louise Beaudry**, Naturalist Saturday, May 12, 9:30-11:30am at the **South Shore Science Center,** 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell $15 members/$18 non-members per parent/child pair, $5 for each additional child. Participants are asked to bring work gloves; all other materials will be provided. A continental breakfast will be served. Limit: 10 father/child pairs Pre-registration and pre-payment required. 781-659-2559.

CALENDAR, see next page.

Call for entries

The North River Arts Society is issuing a call for entries for the 31st Annual Festival of the Arts to be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 26 and 27, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. NRAS will be accepting entries for a Juried Art & Sculpture Exhibit displayed inside the G.A.R. Hall during the Festival – and the week after, until June 3. For information or to receive a detailed Prospectus, contact the NRAS at 781-837-8091, fax at 781-837-9576 or email info@northriverarts.org or visit www.northriverarts.org

Artwork for the South Shore Art Center Arts Festival Members' Show and Young Artists' Exhibition may be dropped off this weekend, May 12 and 13, and Monday, May 14 at the Art Center. Art Center members are encouraged to bring one piece, securely framed, for submission to the Members Show. Young Artists, age 18 and younger, are entitled to put one piece of art into the Young Artists Exhibition. Work must be matted or framed. For information visit www.ssac.org.

In your garden



THE HANSON GARDEN CLUB – Plant sale 9 a.m. May 12 at the Thomas Mill located on Rt. 58 across from the Hanson Town hall. There will be annuals, perennials, herbs, bushes, a silent auction, mother's day gifts, and free coffee and donuts. Master Gardeners will be available to answer any questions. Donations of plants for the sale are always welcome. For info email hansongardenclub@comcast.net

GLASTONBURY ABBEY plant sale 8:30 a.m. to noon, May 12, at Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull St. (Rt. 228) Hingham. Perennials, herbs, ground cover, bushes, veggies and more. Rain date: May19. Proceeds benefit the Monks of Glastonbury Abbey.

THE Y'ISE GARDENERS (Marshfield YWCA Garden Club) annual spring plant sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 12 at the Ventress Library, Marshfield.

THE MATTAKEESETT GARDEN CLUB plant sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 12 rain date Saturday May 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Bandstand across from First Church in Pembroke Center (Rte 14). Great selection and great prices on perennials, water garden plants, annuals and geraniums.

ABINGTON GARDEN CLUB plant sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 19, at the Butterfly Park on Central St., across from Island Grove, behind the Grange Hall and near the Police Station. Several varieties of perennials and annuals will be available. We sold out early on many items last year. Baked Goods table.

THE COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB OF COHASSET annual Garden Friends Plant Sale May 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the grounds of the Cohasset Historical Society, 106 South Main St. A wide selection of annuals, perennials, and shrubs for sale. Members of the Garden Club will be available to help you select the best plants for your garden.

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL PLANT SALE OF THE PERENNIAL GARDENERS OF THE SOUTH SHORE will be held from 8 a.m. to noon on May 19, at the yard of Dawn Lopez, 78 Main St., (Route 123), Norwell. The gardening group, which began 15 years ago, will be offering perennials, ground covers, herbs and collectors' plants. Group members will be on hand to help with plant selection and planting and growing tips. Rain or shine. For information, visit www.perennialgardeners.org or contact p.gardeners@perennialgardeners.org

HULL GARDEN CLUB Plant Sale May 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the DCR parking lot on George Washington Boulevard. Annuals, perennials, hanging baskets, patio pots, vegetable and herb plants, compost bins, rain barrels, daffodil orders, and more. Buy at the Plant Sale or reserve plants by using pre-order forms at the Hull Library and Senior Center. 781-925-4823; 781-925-0013. Hull Garden Club Daffodil Trail Daffodil bulb orders are being taken for Fall 2007 delivery. $13.50 for 50 bulbs; $27 for 100 bulbs. Your choice of yellow, white or naturalizing mix. Order forms at Hull Post Office, Senior Center, and Library. Telephone orders by June 1. 781-925-1728.

ROCKLAND GARDEN CLUB, 18th Annual Plant Sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 19, Rockland Town Hall, Union Street, 781-878-8629. Annuals perennials shrubs,

ST. ANDREW'S BOOK, PLANT, AND YARD SALE 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 19, 17 Church St., Hanover. Youth who are going to Mississippi on a Mission Trip in June will be selling hotdogs, donuts and coffee as well as holding a car wash in the back parking lot to raise money for their trip. Indoor and outdoor plants.

ASK THE EXPERTS AT MASSHORT: 23rd Annual Society Row Plant Sale at Elm Bank Horticulture Center in Wellesley.10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 19, – Have a listless lilac, a cranky conifer, or an unhappy hosta? Expert plant societies can help. Members of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and plant societies are invited to a special members-only preview from 9 to 10 a.m. that day.

ABINGTON UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST PLANT SALE, Bedford St., Abington May 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Many perennials will be available for sale. Come early for best selection.

SCITUATE GARDEN CLUB DAFFODIL BULB SALE: Plan now for a great show next spring. Scituate Garden Club is once again offering its special sale of 100 King Alfred bulbs for $28. The proceeds from the sale are used to fund garden club projects and educational programs. One of the club's biggest projects is the maintenance of the Wildflower Garden at the historic Mann Farmhouse on Stockbridge Road. The garden is open to the public and is a vision of beauty especially during the months of May and June. To order bulbs send a check for $28 made out to Scituate Garden Club and mail to Marilyn MacLellan, 23 Neal Gate St., Scituate, MA 02066; include your name, address and telephone number. Orders will be received until June 1 Bulbs will be ready for pick up at a designated location in late September.

Auditions

THE BAY PLAYERS announce open auditions for the production of **SEMMELWEIS** on Monday, May 21 and Tuesday, May 22 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Furnace Brook Middle School, 530 Furnace St., Marshfield. Callbacks will be held on Thursday, May 24, if needed. The cast includes five principal men, five principal women, one girl (8-10 years old) and a **small chorus**. Come prepared with a musical audition piece. For information, call 1-800-290-6825 or visit www.bayplayers.org or email info@bayplayers.org

THE COMPANY THEATRE –Auditions for the summer musical **Miss Saigon** will take place on Friday, May 18 at 7 p.m. Auditions open to all races and ethnicities. Those auditioning should have strong vocals and dance. Call backs will be Sunday, May 20. Auditions will be held at The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, For information call 781-871-2787.

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An Evening With Fran, a live concert performance by Fran Botelho-Hoeg of Kingston, will take place on Friday evening, at 7:30 p.m. May 11 at the Silver Lake Regional Middle School Auditorium (Route 27, Kingston) to benefit Kingston's Jones River Village Historical Society. The concert takes place during Mother's Day weekend. Tickets are $20 per person and should be purchased in advance to ensure seating. available at Kingston Public Library and at the town clerk's office at the Kingston Town House, checks payable to JRVHS. Further information on the concert and tickets can also be obtained by contacting Gerry Buckley of the JRVHS at 781-585-3321. Doors open at 7 p.m. concert at 7:30 p.m.

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Mount Blue, 707 Main St., Norwell. **The Alex Skuby Band** May 12, at 9 p.m. 781-659-0050. **Reservations accepted for dinner tables near the band**

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. May 12 **3rd Left.** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Dave & The Goliaths** at 9:15 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, May 12 **Bellevue Cadillac** Cover $10. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sunday, May 13

The North River Arts Society present Festival of The Arts Award Winners - *Best in Show: Photography* at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Square, Marshfield through June 1. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster St., Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com

Front Street Art Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate hosts artist **Vincent LoPiccolo** through May 27.

Tour of the luxury Cohasset Home will raise money for Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps . Curious neighbors, prospective home buyers, decorators, and anyone interested in the latest in home appliances and home technology will be raising money for the programs that educate, rehabilitate, and heal underserved youth across the state when they tour WCVB's Concept Home. On May 6, from 3 to 5 p.m.: Chef/Owner Aldo Velaj of Vlora Mediterranean Restaurant will prepare traditional cuisine from the Adriatic coast. Tours will be held throughout May at 17 Ox Pasture Lane in Cohasset. The public is invited to tour the home Thursdays through Sundays in May. Tickets are $15 in advance and $20 at the door. For information, and to purchase tickets, visit rfkchildren.org, or call 617-227-4183.

The Dickinson Art Gallery, the region's newest art gallery, will feature the work of four artists in their next show titled "The Fabulous Four." Works of **Kathy Ferrara** (watercolors), **Steve Boczanowski** (acrylics), **Dominic Farrell** (watercolors) and **Charyl Weissbach** (Encaustic and Oil) will be displayed at the gallery through June 9. Dickinson Art Gallery on 1132 Main St. (Route 18) in Weymouth. For information call 781-331-3384 or 800-979-2300.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club, May 13, at 1 p.m. Moderate walk, over three miles. Walk the St. Moritz Pond green dot loop. Meet at the Shea Rink parking lot on 351 Willard St. in Quincy. For information visit mass.gov/dcr or call 617-698-1802.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, will feature **Dave Foley acoustic jam 9** p.m., for No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796.

Monday, May 14

The North River Arts Society presents **The Maine Event** at the Dolphin Gallery located at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham featuring paintings depicting the beauty of the Maine landscape through May 24. The library gallery is open Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 1-5 p.m. Call the library to confirm current hours: 781.741.1405. For information, contact the NRAS Office at 781-837-8091.

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Monday and is highly recommended for newcomers. All are welcome. For information, call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857.

Tuesday, May 15

Marguerite Moore's "The North River", a series of three oil paintings is on display at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell along with other True Value Painters **Elizabeth Durant, Ann Johnson, and Joanne Paprandrea.** Their exhibit "True Value Painters" is on display through May 19, at Vine Hall Gallery, South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell.

Women of the South Shore If you love to sing come to the open rehearsals of **The Island Grove Chorus**- a women's acapella singing group. Meet at the United Church of Christ Route 18 in Abington, on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. Call Joanne 781-843-4355 or Judy 781-848-5843.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. May 15, **Free Texas Hold Em. With Northern Poker Legue.**

Wednesday, May 16

Jennifer Curran, owner of Harborlight Cookie Company in Quincy, will be the featured speaker at the weekly breakfast meeting of **The President's Club Chapter of Business Network International** (BNI), on May 16 at 7 a.m. Curran will discuss selecting gift items for business associates. Other upcoming speakers will include Kathleen Reagan, an attorney from Braintree on May 23; and Norman Abrahamson, an attorney from Canton on May 30. The President's Club Chapter of BNI is comprised of leading business people from Quincy, Holbrook, Braintree, Weymouth, Hingham, Stoughton, Canton, Hull, Randolph, Hanover, Brockton, Milton and Dorchester, but welcomes anyone who works or lives in southeastern Massachusetts. The group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at Emerald Hall, 120 Bay State Drive, Braintree. Visitors are welcome. For information, contact Club President Norm Abrahamson at 781-828-2270 or by email at ngalaw@cantonlaw.net.

The South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Feed the Animals an Ongoing Program every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Saturdays and Monday Holidays at 10 a.m. Free with admission. Come watch the Naturalist on Duty feed the animals. "The Magic School Bus" for children in Kindergarten with **Mary Lou Hammond**, Education Director, Wednesdays, morning 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. or afternoon, 1:15-2:30 p.m. Session 11: May 9, 16, 23. Hop aboard the "Magic School Bus" with Ms. Frizzle for a different science adventure each week. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes, and apply sunscreen and bug spray. $35M/$40 per 3-week session, pre-registration and pre-payment required. Limit eight children.

Thursday, May 17

NETWORK 4 SUCCESS - Meets and the third Thursday of each month for lunch at the Halifax Country Club Route 58 in Halifax from noon to 1:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at the Plympton Library, Route 58 in Plympton, from 5 to 6 p.m. Lunch extra. Organizer: Laura Joseph 781-422-2294 cell 774-266-3614.

Golf tournaments

THE HUSKY ATHLETICS CLUB GOLF CLASSIC is the flagship fundraising event for Northeastern Athletics. Played at Pinehills Golf Club in Plymouth, May 16, registration is from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Shotgun start 11:30 a.m., Cocktail hour 5 to 6 p.m. Reception, Awards, Live auction 6 p.m. All proceeds from this event support Husky Athletics. $375.

MARSHFIELD YOUTH BASEBALL GOLF TOURNAMENT May 18, Crosswinds, Plymouth Bramble, putting contest par three prizes, golf poker, silent auction, dinner. $125. www.marshfieldyouthbaseball.org

PLYMPTON'S TERCENTENNIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT to be held at the Halifax Country Club on May 21. Shotgun start 1:30 p.m. Modified scramble followed by dinner at the Country Club. $135/golfer. Register at http://town.plympton.ma.us

BOY SCOUT TROOP 138 FROM ST. CLARE'S CHURCH IN BRAINTREE ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT on May 21, at the Braintree Municipal Golf Course. Start time 10 a.m. Cost is $100 per golfer and includes: golf, golf cart, lunch, catered dinner, and raffle ticket. Contact Joan Howell at 781-848-1143 or John Collier at 781- 843-3330.

CEREBRAL PALSY OF MASSACHUSETTS 8TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC, May 31, 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Pinehills Golf Club, 54 Clubhouse Drive, Plymouth. 10:30 a.m. – Registration, Driving Range Opens 11:30 a.m. – Box Lunch 12:30 p.m. – Shotgun Start 5:30 p.m. – Cocktail Reception 6:30 p.m. – Dinner, Raffle, Auction and Awards Presentation. $175 per golfer (includes 18 holes of golf, gift, box lunch *Sponsorship opportunities for golfers and non-players at* 617-479-7443 ext. 203. www.masscp.org

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The Police Experience, The Berklee College of Music Bob Marley Ensemble, and howieHowie are coming to town to help launch the first annual Plymouth Musical Competition with a kick-off pop concert at Memorial Hall Thursday, May 10. Doors open at 6 p.m. Show begins at 7 p.m. Tickets on sale through Ticketweb at www.seeplymouth/pmc.com and at the Memorial Box office located at Loretta LaRoche Productions, 50 Court St., Plymouth, beginning March 29. Tickets will also be available at Memorial Hall, day of show, at 6 p.m.

Iron Chef Competition takes place at Fifty- Three South on May 17, at 7 p.m. with five local celebrity judges, two talented sous chefs, and one winner, in our annual Iron Chef Competition. Tickets include delicious passed appetizers, tapas, and samples of the decadent culinary creations prepared during the competition. Reservations are required and being sold for $35 per person, and $25 for VIP members. Contact us at 781-792-0001.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke **Texas Hold Em** every Thursday night 781-294-4700.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. **May 17, Flydown.**

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, Satch Romano's **New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam** with **The Swamptones** at 9:15 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Friday, May 18

The South Shore Folk Music Club will hold an **All Open Mike Night** at The Beal House, Rte 106, Kingston, on May 18. The Open Mike starts at 8 p.m. doors open at 7:30 p.m. Performers can sign up at the door at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $5 for members and $6 for non-members.

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. **Deadline is Friday at noon.** *Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at townonline.com — find your town — then click the entertainment tab.*



The Snug Harbor Community Chorus presents "Blues & Ballads & Broadway" for one performance only on May 12 at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. The Box Office opens at 6:45 and the doors at 7 p.m. Tickets are $15 adult, $12 seniors and students and $10 for groups of 10 or more. Light refreshments are included. Tickets are available on-line at www.snugharborcc.org and at our agents in Duxbury —Westwinds Books and The Studio, both in Halls Corner and in Marshfield at the Star Market in Webster Square. For information, call 781-834-7041.

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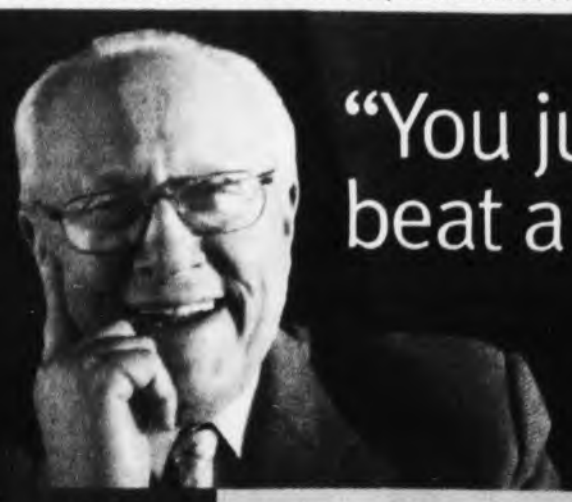
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If you have sent us a press release within the last couple of weeks, please send it again if it is still relevant.

We appreciate your patience and apologize for any inconvenience.

Laxers continue to roll



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Train on track

First run scheduled for Saturday

By Nancy White
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It's been years in the making and there is still more work to be done, but on Saturday morning the first train of the revived Greenbush line will make its way through Cohasset. It's a clear signal that construction is concluding and commuter trains will soon be part of the streetscape.

But most importantly, officials say this first test train means that the Greenbush line is now an active railway and precautions need to be taken by all residents. Adults, children and pets should stay off and away from the tracksand vehicles should not stop on the tracks at any time.

"Please be aware that test trains may operate at any time, day or evening, seven days a week, and will not operate on a set schedule," stated Cashman Balfour Beatty (CBB) Community Outreach Director Tom Carroll in a widespread e-mail sent out last Friday announcing the news.

The test train that is set for tomorrow, Saturday, will be the first of what will become regular occurrences. In late May it is expected that test trains will begin operating on a regular basis. In mid-July, CBB and the MBTA expect to be operating a large number of test trains.

Tom Gruber, the town's Greenbush liaison, describes Saturday as a "big day," and one that was bound to happen. Yet, he says that the construction remains ongoing, and taking one look at Cohasset's far-from-complete station is an indication.

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Patriotic display



STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

The Operation Salute truck, driven by Bob Lehmiller from Clearfield, Utah, arrives at the American Legion Post on Summer Street Saturday afternoon with 380 U.S. flags that will be installed in the Field of Honor on the island across from the Legion. The flags will fly from May 20-30.



Bob Lehmiller displays the American flag on his truck after driving 40 hours from Clearfield, Utah to Cohasset to deliver 380 flags, as well as display components, for Cohasset's Memorial Day observance. Lehmiller's son, Sgt. Michael Lehmiller, was killed in action is 2005 in Afghanistan. He travels the country in his patriotic decorated trailer on his own time and money.



Deirdre Wigmore, wife of Commander Tom Wigmore of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 118, photographs the flag truck arriving at Legion Hall.

A tip of the hat

Historical Society presents "A Century of Hats"

By Nancy White
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There was a time when the crowning piece of fashion was worn on the top of one's head. It could be a tam, a cloche, a boater, a clip, a pillbox, a leghorn, a beanie or a turban — but whatever shape the hat took it was often the accessory that stole the show.

This summer the Cohasset Historical Society will unveil a collection of these show-stopping fashions.

"A Century of Hats" exhibit at the Pratt Building will feature more than 100 pieces that span 100 years — 1860 to 1960. Although women's hats take up most of the exhibit space, there are some men and children's head topping pieces. Other interesting historical accessories like parasols, hatboxes, beaded handbags and silk gloves, are scattered throughout the displays.

"Life has changed, fashion has changed, that's what makes this exhibit so important," says Jean Hajjar, co-curator of the exhibit. She says that in past times when women bought an outfit, a hat was part of the ensemble.



PHOTO/NANCY WHITE

Holding two of the colorful hats that appear in the new Historical Society exhibit, Martha Hurtig, left, and Jean Hajjar are all smiles. The co-curators of the exhibit became enthralled with the many fashions women used to wear on their head. Some of the pieces date back to 1860.

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Schools plan ahead

Principals outline improvement initiatives

By Nancy White
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The current school year is starting to wind down, and that has administrators already looking ahead to the 2007-2008 school year.

Deer Hill Principal Keith Gauley and Middle-High School Principal Joel Antolini presented to the School Committee their goals, objectives and associated strategies for improving their individual schools in the upcoming school year. The presentations were a result of a year-long

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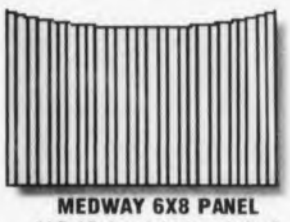
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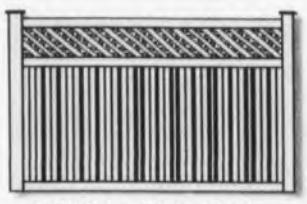
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Rain gardens growing

Fifteen more planned to protect watershed

By Nancy White
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Lily Pond provides 90 percent of Cohasset's drinking water, and protecting that supply through safeguarding the Lily Pond Watershed is an ongoing and chief goal of the Water Commission. As part of its multi-faceted approach, the Water Department will be installing 15 new rain gardens in the watershed in the coming weeks.

On Wednesday evening, the Water Commission held an informational meeting with residents who will abut the rain gardens to hear concerns and explain the purpose behind the effort. The rain gardens will be installed on town property.

Rain gardens are a state Department of Environmental Protection approved stormwater "best management practice." The low-impact development strategy is designed to create a natural filtration process to treat stormwater runoff. The vegetation and soils remove pollutants such as nutrients, suspended solids, salt, and petroleum by-products. The goal is to reduce flooding by slowing the flow and to have cleaner stormwater throughout the Lily Pond watershed.

Rain gardens work naturally to clean stormwater runoff. In a rain event, the stormwater will be directed into the rain garden.

"The rain gardens will be depressed [into the ground] to naturally collect water," said Water Commissioner John McNabb. The depression is about six inches deep. The water is then pre-filtered through a hardwood mulch layer prior to infiltrating through the bioretention mix (a combination of shredded hardwood, course sand and topsoil). The bioretention layer removes mineral sediments and contaminants such as nitrogen and phosphorus, which are damaging to the watershed.

After the water is filtered through the bioretention layer, it passes through a peastone under-drain layer and is directed into a perforated PVC drainage pipe connected to the existing stormwater drainage system.

The end result will be treated runoff and significantly lower levels of nutrients and contaminants, which the Water Commission says will translate into an improved water quality at Lily Pond.

The Water Commission, with the help of Norfolk Ram Group engineer consultant Mark Bartlett, has determined four targeted neighborhoods for the rain gardens: Veteran's Project on Bear Hill overlooking Peppermint Brook; King Street abutting Lily Pond; Beechwood Street by Bound Brook; and Aaron River Road abutting the Aaron River Reservoir. These neighborhoods were chosen because they abut tributaries that then lead to Lily Pond.

The Rain Garden Project has been divided into three phases. The first phase was completed last year with the construction of six rain gardens.

"We have a year of experience and we feel very confident in going forward," said McNabb. The project is currently in phase two with the installation of 15 more rain gardens. The final phase will include plans for 25 more rain gardens; in total more than 45 rain gardens will be constructed.

"[The Rain Garden Project] is expected to have a major impact," said McNabb. From other similar rain garden projects McNabb says he expects the gardens to reduce the amount of nutrients and other solids from going into Peppermint Brook and Lily Pond at least an estimated 50 percent. With a decrease in nutrients entering Lily Pond, the plant will not have to work as hard to get out the nutrients and contaminants in the water.

The rain gardens above the ground will be planted with a variety of low growing perennials and shrubs. Each plant was chosen based on its functionality and aesthetics. A landscape designer and the Cohasset Garden Club were consulted to find the best plants to suit both the town's unique soil and climate. Winter weather with snow stockpiling at the side of the road and salt were considered when designing the rain gardens. The plant choices are also hardy — with the ability to thrive even in summer droughts.

Water Commission Chairman Glenn Pratt made sure that the attending residents did not find the rain gardens damaging to the look of their property. Their responses were fairly positive.

"I don't think it will be detrimental in any way, shape or form," said Bob Garvey of 3 Bayberry Lane, who will have a rain garden installed on town property abutting his own. Residents were encouraged to call the Water Department if there were any problems with the rain garden during or after its construction.

The Water Department will provide all the maintenance to the rain gardens and associated catch basins at no cost to the abutting homeowners. A line item in the yearly budget will be set aside for maintenance of those areas.

The Rain Garden Project is financed in part by a water quality grant administered by the DEP. The town received $250,000 in grant money and the remainder of the project will be funded through a state lending program that allows borrowing at a 2 percent interest rate. The entire project will likely cost around $800,000 and will conclude in 2008.

A similar grant is currently being pursued by the Stormwater Management Committee to install rain gardens and other low-impact development designs in the Little Harbor district.

In December 2006 the Rain Garden Project was honored with a "Smart Growth Award" by the state Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. The awards recognize community efforts that incorporate more environmentally conscious and sustainable methods.

The project is part of a long-term Surface Water Supply Protection Plan that outlines efforts to protect the watershed. The commission has also aggressively purchased undeveloped land in the watershed over the last few years.

Police Beat

Seals on beach no cause for alarm

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In the spring months, it is not unusual to see a seal basking on the Cohasset coastline. Last Wednesday, a seal came ashore on along Atlantic Avenue and drew a crowd of interested onlookers. A resident called the police to report that a seal had beached itself. The Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy was contacted and checked on the seal later in the day.

"This is the time [of year] when they come up to the beach and warm up. Then they will find their way back out," said Murphy. This visiting seal safely returned to the ocean.

Police Chief James Hussey said if residents observe a seal on the shoreline they should not go near or feed the seal. However, if a resident believes that the seal may be sick or in distress, the police have a list of appropriate parties that can evaluate its health.

Suspicious activity

The police are investigating a call received from a concerned adult who reported that a white male, age 40-50, in a vehicle took a picture of a group of girls who were jumping off the bridge on Border Street. The police spoke to the concerned adult and the group of girls. There was varying descriptions of the vehicle and no one at the scene got a license plate number.

However, later in the week the police received new information — the vehicle plate number. Chief Hussey said that although there is no criminal charge in this incident, the male did make the girls uneasy.

"Officers will speak to him about what we think is an inappropriate activity," said Chief Hussey.

Erratic operation

A car pulling out from the junction of Beechwood Street onto Chief Justice Cushing Highway almost caused a traffic accident, police said. The accident-prone intersection continues to cause traffic safety concerns. The vehicle continued down Route 3A driving erratically. The vehicle was pulled over by the police and the driver was issued a citation for failing to stay in marked lanes and passing in a no passing zone.

Car accident

On Friday morning, a 2006 GM pick-up truck was hit from behind after stopping to allow three pedestrians to cross the road. Around 11:10 a.m. the pick-up truck slowed to a stop on Ripley Road heading toward the village. The operator came to a complete stop to allow for one adult and two kids to cross the road. A 2004 black Jeep failed to see the pick-up truck stop and hit the vehicle from behind.

The operator of the Jeep was cited for following too close. The driver of the pick-up truck was transported to South Shore Hospital for minor injuries.

While at the scene of the accident, a police cruiser's engine began smoking. The officer noticed the smoke coming from the engine, turned off the vehicle and called for a tow. Chief Hussey said that the smoke, not fire, was due to a couple of wires overheating. The cruiser was repaired by Robbin's Garage and was back in service that same afternoon.

Vandalism ends well

A truck leaving Joseph's Hardware on CJC Highway backed into and struck four bags of marble chips. The bags broke and some of the contents spilled onto the pavement. According to a hardware employee the driver of the vehicle got out of the car, checked the damage, then drove off. The hardware employee took down the car's license plate number and called the police.

An officer observed the car in Tedeschi Plaza and waited for the driver to come out of a store. After a conversation between the officer and driver, the driver agreed to go back to Joseph's Hardware and pay for the damaged goods.

Underage DUI

A 19-year old female was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol. On Saturday night around 11:30 p.m. an officer observed two cars stopped in the middle of Margin Street near Gleason Road. When the second car realized the first was not moving, it drove around. The officer pulled over to see if everything was OK with the first car.

The operator of the vehicle appeared nervous and two passengers were outside of the vehicle. After an investigation, the officer determined that the driver had been drinking alcohol and was operating under the influence. The operator of the vehicle was placed under arrest. The officer felt that the two passengers had also been drinking and were unable to drive home. The passengers were placed in protective custody and the car was towed.

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Headway to cleaner harbor

By Nancy White
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Some residents would say that Cohasset Harbor is the jewel of the town. During the summer it is bustling with activity from boaters, swimmers, sailors, rowers and lobstermen.

The Harbor Health Committee wants to keep the harbor as busy and vital as it was when the town was founded. The group's latest effort follows on the heels of other South Shore and Cape Cod towns that have instituted a "No Discharge Area" for their surrounding waters.

A No Discharge Area, or NDA, is a designated body of water in which the overboard discharge of all boat sewage, even if it is treated, is prohibited. In an NDA, vessel sewage must be discharged to a shore-side or mobile pumpout facility.

"This is a pro-active approach," says Harbor Heath Committee chairman Karen Quigley. "It will protect the water and premeditate the forming of bacteria."

The Cohasset Harbor Health Committee is working hand in hand with similar organizations in Scituate and Marshfield to instate a NDA, for the body of water off the towns' shores. A tri-town public informational meeting will be held at the Scituate Pubic Library on Tuesday, May 22, at 7 p.m. to discuss ideas, options, and issues regarding the NDA nomination and process.

Under the federal Clean Water Act it's illegal to discharge untreated sewage from a vessel into US waters within three miles of shore. However, boats with certain types of functioning sanitation devices may discharge treated effluent in the coastal waters, harbors and bays, unless a NDA has been established.

If successful in its pursuit of a NDA, Cohasset will join eight other NDAs, including the coastal waters off Plymouth, Kingston, Duxbury and all of Buzzards Bay. Quigley says the effort is coming up the South Shore coast — Hull and Quincy are proposing a similar NDA — and it only makes sense that Cohasset and its surrounding municipalities to take part as well.

Quigley says the Cohasset NDA will likely extend three miles offshore to line up with the NDA's already established south of the town, although some consideration will be taken to make the boaters aware of where the NDA ends and it is safe to discharge.

Boats with Marine Sanitation Devices (MSDs) Type I and Type II can discharge treated effluent into the harbor. MSDs treat the sewage to lower the counts of fecal coliform and reduce the amount of solids. Type III MSD, commonly known as holding tanks, treats the effluent with disinfectant and deodorant.

Cohasset Harbor has suffered from bacterial pollution, which has resulted in the Harbor not meeting state water quality standards, beach closures, and shellfish bed closures. A NDA is a tool towns can use to protect their waters from increased bacteria in the water.

"Aside from the obvious protection against even accidental discharge, it's a way to make out-of-town boaters respect our waters as well," says Quigley. From a political standpoint, the EPA will look upon the fact that the town is pursuing NDA designation positively, says Quigley.

The Harbor Health Committee has contacted local entities that will likely be affected by the NDA designation: Yacht Club; the Sailing Center; the Cohasset Harbor Marina; Board of Health; Conservation Commission; harbormaster; and the Sandy Beach Association.

"Some were amazed something like this wasn't already in place," says Quigley, who indicated that the other towns involved have gotten similar positive responses. "The stakeholders are behind this effort."

Harbormaster Lorri Gibbons hopes through the institution of a NDA designation, she will be called upon more frequently to use the town-owned pump out boat.

"[The NDA] is a great way to control pollution and make people aware of the pumpout boat," says Gibbons. The town has had a pumpout boat for about 12 years. The 21-foot boat is specially designed for pumpouts.

"We do a fair number of pumpouts each summer, but I always would like to see more," says Gibbons.

The process to get a NDA designation is a unique one. Towns are required to request an application from the EPA; the designation is not one that is imposed upon a coastal area. If all goes well, Cohasset, along with Scituate and Marshfield, will request an application following the public meeting on Tuesday. A representative from the Coastal Zone Management will aid the towns with the application.

The Harbor Health Committee will meet with the Board of Selectmen following the public meeting to ensure all parties are on the same page. The committee got approval from the selectmen to move forward with the process of applying for a NDA designation in December 2006.

Cohasset is just a part of a greater movement to protect the waters off the Massachusetts coast.

"Our ultimate goal is to have the entire coast a no-discharge zone," says Quigley.

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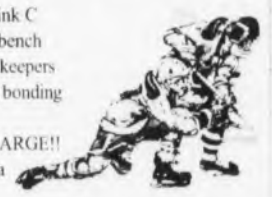
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Lending her talent to the cause

Simpson organizes event for Relay for Life

By Nancy White
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Cohasset High School junior Amanda Simpson has organized a talent show featuring The McCoy Brothers and teachers from the Cohasset Middle/High School on Saturday, June 9.

Amanda Simpson is on a mission — a mission to help people in any way she can.

The high school junior got involved this year in the Relay for Life and is doing everything possible to help the event and the cause.

"Anything we asked her to do, she'd do," says Cohasset's Relay for Life Chairman Harry St. Onge, "but then she said she wanted to do more."

With a true volunteer's spirit and enthusiasm, she took it upon herself to organize an event to raise money for the relay. A Talent Show featuring performances by middle-high school teachers and displays of student artwork is set for Saturday, June 9.

"Hopefully it will get people psyched up for the relay," says Amanda. Cohasset's Relay for Life will begin on Friday, June 15, at 3 p.m. and continue until Saturday, June 16, at 10 a.m. The American Cancer Society's overnight benefit raises money to find a cure for cancer.

Amanda's desire to help people was cultivated by assisting her mother, who suffered from juvenile diabetes since age 12, in managing her disease. Amanda helped her mother around the house and reminded her when to she needed to eat.

"It was something I grew up with so I didn't really mind," says Amanda. Sadly, Amanda's mother passed away two years ago.

Amanda's childhood was atypical; she attended eight different schools in seven years so her mother could be near the best doctors. All that moving around and attending different schools she says was difficult in the beginning but it instilled in her a love of travel and meeting different types of people.

Her vibrant personality and volunteerism has made an impact at a Falmouth hospital and a program for special needs kids. Creating an event that both helps a cause and brings people together is right up her alley.

"It's been a lot of hard work," says Amanda but she has never lost interest. She says she enjoys all the planning and details that go along with putting an event like this together. With the support and advice of St. Onge and her community service teacher, Jack Buckley, she has made the event an impending reality.

"You don't know what someone can do until they go out and do it—she's terrific," says St. Onge. "She's been an inspiration to all of us involved with the Relay."

Amanda got involved in the relay through Buckley's community service class at the high school. Her involvement began by making calls to team captains and recently worked the lights at the relay fundraising concert in April.

This will be Amanda's second year participating in the relay and she is an example of what the relay is all about, says St. Onge. The Relay for Life is about raising money for the American Cancer Society, but it's also about raising awareness of the cause. Events, like Amanda's talent show, work to raise awareness and get more people interested in getting involved.

"I got excited about it after last year. It was so much fun," she says. She and her friends walked around the track throughout the night. "But I didn't know the whole gist of it until I started working with [St. Onge]."

"People don't pick being cancer patients, they don't really get a choice," Amanda said.

The Talent Show will feature exhibitions from a range of artistic talents from music to art to poetry. The performance part of the show will showcase the musical renderings from some Middle-High School teachers. The McCoy Brothers, a local band, will be headlining the show. Three teachers have joined together to perform as a band and as individuals. One teacher has volunteered to show off his talent on an electric guitar. Another teacher will wow the audience with a poetry reading in a dramatic Scottish accent, "it's very funny," says Amanda.

"It'll show a different side of the teachers," says Amanda, one the students don't typically see in the classroom. "It will be a fun switchover because usually in talent shows like these it's the kids that perform."

With the help of high school art teacher Nina Berkowitz, students will be working on pieces that represent the relay for the artist. They could use the colors from the relay, create a collage or another creative idea. The end products will be on display and for sale at the event.

"Some people think that talent is art so I didn't want to rule them out," says Amanda.

Amanda has already received a positive response from the community. Parents have volunteered to make cookies for the event and Walgreen's (where Amanda works part-time) has donated bottled water. Amanda visited local merchants to ask for donated gift certificates for a raffle.

Ballots will be collected from the audience to determine the "Best in Show," combining both art and performance.

Amanda hopes that students, parents and the greater Cohasset community will attend the event and support the Relay for Life.

"It's going to be a fun night," Amanda says.

The Talent Show will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 9 at the Cohasset Middle-High School Auditorium. Tickets are $8 and will be sold at the door. Everyone is welcome and all proceeds will go to the Relay for Life to benefit the American Cancer Society.

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The Spring market has arrived early and buyers have returned in force. The inventory in Cohasset has gone from over 100 homes on the market this fall to 50 homes currently. Unlike other towns, Cohasset has a lack of inventory which creates more demand than supply. Values have clearly hit bottom and with the coming train we are anticipating modest appreciation. If you are thinking about selling or buying, please call our office for a market consultation. We may even have a buyer waiting for a home like yours.
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Graduations, homecomings and weather top our news

AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

Hello Cohasset. How are you all doing this week? We have many college kids coming home, graduation plans being made and weather that is sometimes good but getting better every day. I had a reminder sent to me to encourage everyone to use bug spray, sunscreen and safe bike and outdoor safety skills when outside.

I want to send out a very Happy Birthday wish this week on May 24th to our son, Cody as he celebrates birthday number 12! I cannot believe that he is 12 already but Cody, we want you to know how proud of you we are every day as we watch you grow and mature. You are a wonderful young man and we all love you very, very much. Happy Birthday Cody.

TRUCK MADNESS

Touch-a-Truck sponosored by the South Shore Community Center Nursery School is being held tomorrow, Saturday, May 19 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Town Hall parking lot. The cost is $5 per person ($20 max per family). Proceeds benefit the Nursery School.

REUNION TIME

Cohasset High School Class of 1982, it is time for your 25th reunion being held on Saturday, July 7, at 7 p.m. Please contact Marcy Brown Fleming at marcybrownfleming@hotmail.com for details. Also, here is a list of missing classmates. If anyone knows how to contact them, please email Marcy or call at 205-401-8548. Hope to see you there.

Missing classmates are Johanna Arola, Tom Atkinson, Melissa Barcomb Leeb, Andrea Beale Cawley, Le Bowditch Pettipaw, Dominic Campadelli, Jesse Chapin, Pat Conlan, Robby DeCosta, Andy DiGiacomo, TSgt. Mark Dinardo,Julie Ditmar Ferretti, Brenda Douglas, Charlie Ford, Sarah Foss, Karen Froio, Sarah Froio West, Dolores Gonsalves Irish, Daniel Hall, Kristin Harris Alberico, Liz Howard Pike, Karen Howley LeCamera, Arlene Humphreys, Sheila Keating Guertin, Jim Leonard, Derrick Lovering, Donald MacKinnon, MaryJo Mahoney, Cynthia Manfredi Macdonald, Billy McAuliffe, Eric Murphy, Angela O'Brien, Bill O'Connell, Suzanne O'Rourke Chansky, Lee Pfaffmann, Andrew Pottenger, Chris Raffa Jamieson, Debra Reed Chaplin, Maeve Rever Readle, David Reynolds, Madeline Roy, Barron Salvador, David Sargent, Jeannie Smith, Andy Spalt, Susan Thornton Grosse, Brenda Whitlow, Hiromi Yoshoika Kiba and Thomas Young. Go through those email and address books and find old friends, it will be a great time.

Classmates of Cohasset High School Class of 1967, here is a great Save the Date for you to put on your calendar. On Saturday, Sept. 8, a 40th Reunion will be held. The 40th Reunion Committee is seeking contact information(address/phone/email) for many missing classmates. Please contact Linda Sargent Beach (Lsbeach@comcast.net) or Debbie Woomer Protulis (DProtulis@yahoo.com) with questions and information.

EARNING HONORS

The following Cohasset students earned high honors for the third quarter at Boston College High School. For high honors, a student must have at least a 3.80 quality point average. Congratulations go to Thomas J. Chase, Class of 2008; Erikk L. Hokenson, Class of 2008; Alan T. Kershaw, Class of 2008; Eric Peter Vanderpool, Class of 2009; Keegan Robert Flynn, Class of 2010; Paul Oliver Forrer, Class of 2010; David M. Hernon, Class of 2010; John McHugh Kearney, Class of 2010; Thomas Joseph Pecca, Class of 2010; and Maxwell Otto Shipp, Class of 2010. The following Cohasset students earned honors and a big congratulations goes out to them as well. For honors, a student must receive a quality point average of at least 3.2. Alexander Geoffrey Hunt, Class of 2007; Timothy F. Smith, Class of 2007; Alexander Shipp, Class of 2008; Kyle Thomas DeSisto, Class of 2009; Andrew Michael Cantillon, Class of 2010; and Robert Christopher McCunney, Class of 2010.

LEARN THE ROPES

The weather surely has to have you thinking about days on the ocean, catching a breeeze with the Cohasset Sailing Club. And if you or or children don't yet "know the ropes", or want to take skills to another level, register May 19 and 20 for classes which begin July 2nd. Registration Days at the Sailing Club on Government Island are on Saturday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday, May 20, from noon to 2 p.m. No mail-in applications are accepted.

The Sailing Club is open to all Cohasset residents and offers Junior (10 to 16 years old) and Adult (17 and over) training on our fleet of nine 15' Capri 14, four Club 420s, and two lasers. The learning process includes a combination of classroom instruction and sailing. Adult training courses meet for 3 hours on Saturday mornings for shore class and water training.Children must have completed 4th grade or 10 years old by September 1, 2007. Applications available at www.cohassetsailingclub.com. Questions? Call Sandy Crough 383-1117 or 4sands@comcast.net

GARDEN WITH FRIENDS

The annual Garden Friends Plant Sale of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset will be held on the grounds of the Cohasset Historical Society, 106 South Main St., on Saturday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There will be a wide selection of annuals, perennials and shrubs for sale. Most of the plants have been successfully grown in local gardens. Also available are herbal products from The HERB FARMacy of Salisbury, Mass., and copies of The Eclectic Gardener, a handbook for gardeners written by CGCC members. This book is filled with gardening and lawn care information, floral arrangement ideas, seasonal recipes and suggestions for nature walks. This would be a perfect gift for any gardener-new or old. Proceeds from the sale help fund the club's annual scholarship and community projects like Junior Gardeners and Garden Therapy at Cohasset Knoll Nursing Home.

That is it for this week. Send in all of your news to me no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm. All photos should be sent to mford@cnc.com with Around Town info sent to me at aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com

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PACE BIKE



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Cindy Swartwood, right, runs alongside her son, Whit, 3, on South Main Street on a sunny Wednesday on their way for a bagel.



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Caitlin DeAngelis, 12 right, tries to avoid the tag of Kayla Orner, 12, to no avail while playing kitchen tag underneath the cherry blossoms on a fine Wednesday afternoon.

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Mike Davis of Eastern Mountain Sports shows students how he would pack for a six-day camping trip during a "Staying Dry and Staying Put" presentation.



Mike Davis shows off a hat he keeps in his backpack, reinforcing his message to students that one must always be prepared for different types of weather

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Right, Nicholas Schubert listens intently as Mike Davis talks about safety and preparation for hiking and camping trips.

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Greenscapes program seeks to educate

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What we put on our lawns doesn't necessarily stay there: chemical fertilizers and pesticides find their way into water resources such as streams, ponds, harbors and the drinking water supply by leaching through the soil or through storm water runoff.

The following is a list of free Greenscapes workshops. You can register by visiting http://greenscapes.org/Event-7.html or by calling 781-635-2501.

Strategies for Reducing Inputs to Lawns – This program will be held from 7 to 9 p.m., Monday, May 21, at South Shore Vocational Technical School in Hanover and includes a discussion on the use of complementary plants. Presented by Deb C. Swanson of Plymouth County Extension. Learn how to reduce fertilizer, pesticides and water by careful site assessment, plant selection and proper planting. Topics include low input lawns, ideas to minimize lawns, low maintenance ground covers, herbaceous perennials and ornamental grasses.

Organic Landscaping and Lawn Care – Learn from a panel of three organic landscape professionals about all aspects of keeping your yard looking great and free of toxic chemicals at 4 p.m., Sunday, June 3, at Holly Hill Farm, 230 Jerusalem Road. Topics will include specifics of lawn care, soil health, pest control, lawn alternatives, weed management and more. Whether you want to do it yourself or hire someone to care for your yard, this workshop is for you. Instructors include Joe Cotter of Paradigm Landscaping, Cindy Prentice of Garden Resources and Dave Macdonald of Summit Landscaping. Fee: $10 for non-members and $7 for members. The event is sponsored by Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc, a non-profit organization dedicated to offering educational programs. To register or for information contact hollyhillfarmer@yahoo.com or call 781-383-1455.



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BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently as follows:

Thomas, 15 Rustic Drive, $500, new 3 foot by 6 foot front step/porch at door to mudroom; Evans, 36 Sohier St., $9,260, install two Golden Flue liners in chimney; Filbotte, 27 Summer St., $20,000, demolish existing 16 foot by 24 foot garage, rebuild new one-car garage in same location; South Shore Playhouse, 130 Sohier St., $3,000, ticket counter roof replacement, footings; Lightkeeper's Association, 15 Lighthouse Lane, $400, tent installation; Lightkeeper's Association, 15 Lighthouse Lane, $1,750, three tents installed; McSheffrey, 137 Fair Oaks, $200,000, gut first floor, remodel, additions, as per plans; DiModica, 184 Atlantic Ave., $30,000, 18 foot by 38 foot in-ground pool; Driscoll, 25 Fernway, $1,000, decking and rail for porch area; Johnston, 49 Aaron River Road, $50,000 gut, renovate existing sunroom, new windows, flooring, hot tub; Malloy, 86 Jerusalem Road, $15,000, 30 square feet asphalt roofing; Canavan, 110 Nichols Road, $200,000, three baths, remove garage, rebuild as per submitted plans; Bobo, 292 Jerusalem Road, $2,000, 4 squares asphalt roofing; and DiPaolo, 43 Pond St., $48,000; new arch roof, new fascia boards, replace 36 inch deck post and rails with 42 inch, two new rubber roofs.

Also: Smith, 94 Black Horse Lane, $50,000, 30 squares roofing, five squares sidewall, replace trim, gutter, sills, 8 foot sliding door; Darrell, 35 Hobart Lane, $3,000, new shed on cinder blocks on septic mound; Harvey, 465 King St., $6,500, replace 26 feet rotted sill, pour new beam footing; Kinscherf, 172 Sohier St., $37,000, finish second floor master bedroom, laundry room; Laird, 24 Riverview Dr., $4,000, remodel second floor bathroom; Candela, 339 Forest Ave., $11,325, 30 squares asphalt roofing; Rutledge, 111 Nichols Road, $4,000, 10 foot gazebo with screens; Murphy, 136 Atlantic Ave., $44,370, resurface existing tennis court; Bowne, 15 Carbone Lane, $25,000, gut and redo master bath; and Pyne, 20 Whitney Way, $128,000, remove portion of existing deck, construct dining room, kitchen extension, add footings, frame and finish family room extension.

Also: Durkin, 40 Hill St., $100,000, remodel garage and deck; Baker, 32 Riverview Dr., $172,000, expand master bedroom over existing garage, with bath, relocated first floor half bath, add front entry, mudroom, replace sliders; Naples, 7 Parker Ave., $5,000, 12 foot by 35 foot sundeck; South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, $5,000, three large pole tents from June 11 through June 12 on Common; McSweeney, 14 Summer St., $18,000, install 230 Marvin replacement windows; Sturdy, 374 Atlantic Ave., $4,000, build stairs, landing to existing rear entry; Brown, 38 Atlantic Ave., $236,250, remodel fourth, fifth level of home as per plans; Noble, 8 Stanton Road, $16,000, 13 foot by 8 foot addition to rear of house; Henderson, 130 No. Main St., $6,000, structural beam repair under house; Lacy, 181 Jerusalem Road, $9,800, 26 squares asphalt roofing; Askoley, 17 Norfolk Road, $7,200, 23 squares asphalt roofing; Krupczak, 71 Aaron River Road, $20,000, 20 squares roofing, 20 squares siding, screen in porch; McGrath, 138 Linden Dr., $5,000; 10 squares side walling; Chase, 91 Pleasant St., $265,000, construct new home with attached garage; Ranney, 378 Jerusalem Road, $192,000, relocate kitchen, change roof to hip roof, replace all doors, windows, roofing, addition over existing garage; Driscoll, 515 CJC Hwy., $10,000 bedroom expansion over existing first floor space for walk-in closet; Whoriskey, 6 Ripley Road, $50,000, addition to enlarge existing kitchen.

A tip of the hat

FROM HATS, PAGE 1

"When you see people wearing hats today, they are either baseball hats or beach hats," says Martha Hurtig, chairwoman of the costume and textiles of the Society.

"We started working on the exhibit back in February and it's just grown as we've come across ideas and thoughts," says Hurtig. The exhibit has been months in the making and is composed of many hats found in the Historical Society's archived costumes and textiles. They were re-discovered after the Society relocated to the former library on South Main Street in 2003.

"Every box we opened was a treasure," says Hajjar. Both she and Hurtig have spent scores of hours preparing the historical artifacts for viewing. This will be the first time the hats have been a part of a Historical Society exhibit.

"The women's hats caught our fancy," says Hurtig with a smile. The colorful display features hats with all sorts of fabrics, embellishments and shapes. A velvet hat with the shape of a giant beret, called a tam in millinery terms, in a wine hue is just one of the intriguing finds. Another hat is constructed from faux horsehair called pyroxaline, in the late 1800s at the beginning of synthetic fabrics. Some are covered with artificial flowers, others with lace and other with sequined adornments.

"It's amazing how [hats] have evolved when they are such a basic shape," says Hurtig. The oldest hats in the society's possession are large "leghorn" bonnets circa the 1860s. Although extensive record keeping does not date back to that time, the society has begun the tedious and lengthy process of cataloging their hat collection. Extensive history behind the pieces is not available, however, many of the pieces have enough character to tell their story without an information card.

"They all have their own story," says Hajjar. "You can almost see the person wearing it."

Members of the community have loaned some of the pieces for display in the exhibit. Some of the more stunning pieces are from the Barren-Bancroft collection. Hajjar's family, longtime Quincy residents, have loaned some of their hats from the first half of the 20th century.



PHOTO/NANCY WHITE

Jean Hajjar, left, and Martha Hurtig stand among some of the hats on display. "A Century of Hats" exhibit at the Historical Society will open on June 1. Hajjar and Hurtig have worked for months to get the head pieces ready for viewing.

"Hats have a history," says Hajjar who references the heyday of hats when a women would hardly ever be seen without something on their head, "women wore hats from day wear to nightwear."

A dainty silk and lace "boudoir cap" will be on display to represent a style of nightwear headpieces.

"We liked to cover our heads in the past," says Hurtig.

At the close of the exhibit Hurtig and Hajjar will pack the hats in acid-free boxes and paper to be properly preserved and stored for the future. The hats will join a vast collection of historic clothing, accessories and quilts at the Pratt Building.

The exhibit has two small satellite displays, one at the Osgood School lobby and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Each locale has a small display featuring historic head fashions through the past century for men, women and children.

The Historical Society will open the "Century of Hats" exhibit on June 1 with a cocktail party from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission will be $10 for members and $12 for non-members. Wine and cheese will be served. Attendees are encouraged to join in the spirit of the exhibit by wearing a favorite or special hat.

From June to August the exhibit will be open to the public on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the occasional Saturdays. The exhibit is free of charge; however, donations are welcome. Call the Cohasset Historical Society at (781) 383-1434 for more information.

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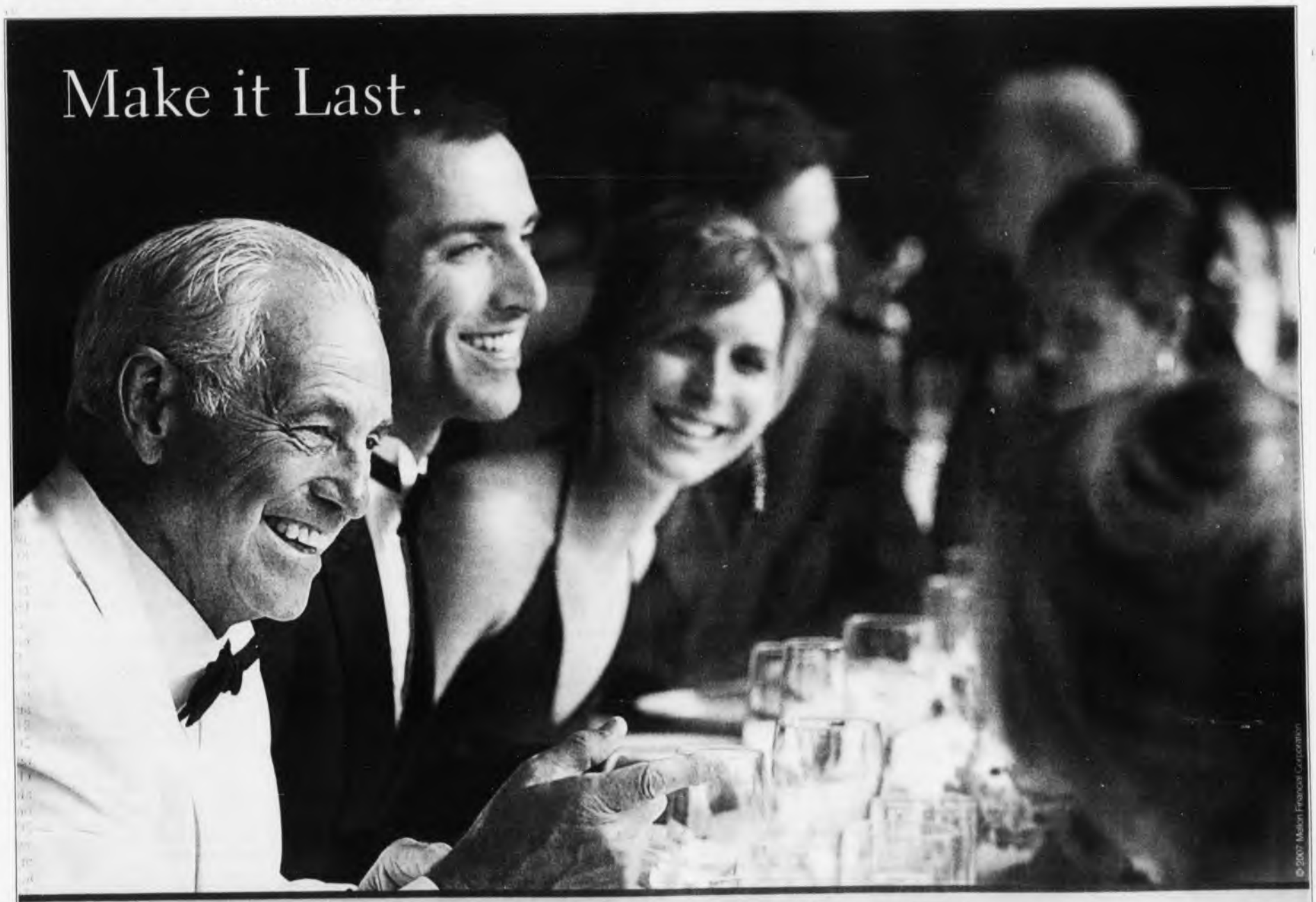
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Innovation at its best

It's encouraging to see so much innovation taking place in Cohasset when it comes to protecting the environment.

In addition to being known for its tree-lined streets and mansions, Cohasset is considered one of the most beautiful spots on the South Shore — if not the state. There are pristine beaches and coastal waters to rival any community.

It makes protecting the town's fragile resources an even bigger priority. That's why we are so heartened to feature two stories in this week's issue about innovative efforts that take protecting the environment to a new level.

Proposing development of more rain gardens around Lily Pond — the source of 90 percent of Cohasset's drinking water — is action worth applauding and highlighting. Rain gardens are a novel way of managing stormwater runoff. Essentially, these rain gardens work naturally to clean the runoff and during rain, the stormwater is directed right into the gardens.

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Technocrats can explain to you in detail how this all works scientifically (see page 3 of today's paper), and it is a rather involved process, but one that demonstrates forward thinking on the part of the water commission. Essentially, vegetation and soils will remove pollutants from the rainwater — things such as nutrients, salts and petroleum byproducts.

A total of 15 new gardens will be installed in the next few weeks as part of the water commission's multi-pronged effort to guard the Lily Pond watershed. The rain gardens are expected to be a major defense against pollutants in the area — a clear sign Cohasset and its officials understand the importance of protecting vital resources for generations to come.

Another signal of the town's commitment is featured this week in a story about the harbor health committee attempting to create a "no discharge area" for Cohasset Harbor. It's hard to imagine it isn't already designated as such, but the latest effort joins forces with Scituate and Marshfield to make sure treated effluent isn't dumped in coastal waters of these communities. It is, of course, against federal law to illegally discharge untreated sewage from a boat in waters within three miles of shore. However, right now Cohasset and several other communities have no rules to govern the use of dumping into the ocean certain types of treated effluent from functioning sanitation devices.

That can all change if the "no discharge area" designation is approved. It seems so logical and simple, but without the town being proactive, the practice could continue. And that's definitely not in the best interest of the environment. We support and applaud the harbor health committee's initiative in making this much-needed change.

Just one more reason to feel confident about what's going on in Cohasset to preserve those fragile things that makes the town unique and a much sought-after place to live.



Planning for an emergency

HEALTH NOTES

STEVE BOBO

EDS Staff Training

Most of us have two ways in which we operate: When we are doing familiar tasks such as brushing our teeth, or washing dishes, we run on automatic, coping with familiar chores and fitting them into a routine. Some routines like commuting to work occur the same way day in and day out. Such times have value; they give us time to think of other things — multitasking — sorting silverware while looking at TV; the cell phone while driving, presumably, we can fit the easy stuff in while we're thinking about something else.

Then, at other times, we have to plan our activities; think about what we're doing and the order in which we do it. At times like these, we sometimes have to rehearse just what we want to have happen. Hence EDS training.

Last Monday, at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, as a part of federal regional medical emergency response training for towns on the South Shore, a team of instructors met with volunteers; mostly nurses and medical staff personnel from Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Scituate, Norwell and other South Shore towns to go over the mechanics of operating an Emergency Dispensing Site, the EDS referred to earlier. Such sites are assembled from volunteers when needed to dispense medication after an emergency in which sick persons may be expected. The emergency may be a flood, an epidemic, an accident, or any other.

A few weeks ago, the South Shore Hospital came to St. Anthony's to provide orientation about the facilities, services, and care it could provide in the event of an emergency. At that meeting, the functions and methods of triage were discussed. The hospital is one of the three triage destination sites for persons affected by emergencies. The EDS is another. The third is release to go home with appropriate instructions, advice and information about local services.

St Anthony's has been designated in the South Shore emergency preparedness plan as the place to go to get medications and help during an emergency. In preparation for an emergency event, the region has about 25 or 30 medical volunteers who have signed up for training. In addition to medical personnel, Region 4B to which Cohasset belongs has begun recruitment of a volunteer corps of support personnel. These are volunteers who wish to help and who may not have medical training. An EDS, in order to function, requires many more clerical and support personnel than clinical staff. Volunteers handle tasks such as registration, greeting, orientation, runners, flow and control of people.

When set up, staffed by volunteers and running, the operation is similar to that of a blood bank or a health clinic. The EDS carries out seven principal functions along with some subsidiary tasks.

After an emergency, the media will announce the availability of an Emergency Dispensing Site and people coming to St. Anthony's will begin the process of getting help. They can expect to encounter seven separate activities. Initially, they will be greeted by someone who will answer questions, explain the EDS, its function and operation and what to expect.

They will then be given forms requesting clinical data, condition, medical information, etc.

The information is reviewed for completeness and accuracy, and for each individual a disposition decision is made. If available information indicates no need for medication or care, the individual will be discharged. If treatment/medication is warranted, it is dispensed.

Families will not be separated, but will proceed through the dispensing site as a unit.

If time is necessary to determine an outcome of medication or a clinical procedure, the individual will be taken to a waiting area, at which point the decision will be made as to disposition; hospitalization, first aid, stabilization or discharge.

Describing what's supposed to happen isn't the same as doing it. The best of plans can be overwhelmed by a catastrophe — or even a relatively minor (in the scale of things) occurrence. Remember, attendance at this training was about 38 volunteers representing towns having an aggregate population of maybe 60,000 people. Are you sure you won't change your mind about volunteering?

Murder on the Greenbush Express

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

It was 6:15 on a foggy Tuesday morning. I stood on the platform waiting for the 6:22 train with my partner: a black coffee, no lid. A guy with a scowl and scalding jet black coffee in hand is a guy you don't push around — a message to my fellow low-lifes on their way to South Station. Only I knew it had three sugars that morning, one for every time she'd walked out on me. Three was the magic number, I told myself — -the last time I'd let her play me for a patsy. Even black coffee is god-awful with four sugars.

I tilted my hat down and looked around the platform through the mist. On my left was Sam, one of 400 VPs of something-or-other at Global Gillette. His briefcase tucked between his feet, he read page eight of the Wall Street Journal as usual. What was on page eight, I wondered, that could earn the attention of a free man every morning for six years? Topless stock graphs? Behind Sam was Marshall, another head case claiming to be a "consultant," the professional equivalent of an undeclared major. He leaned against a steel pillar, staring across the tracks at the golf course. Marshall was a bogey golfer. You could see it in his posture. Scratch golfers held their heads higher, even at 6:18am.

Through my life I'd made the most of my observational powers. It was the only thing I could call a talent. That, and my uncanny ability to turn beautiful women against me. I often hoped the train would be a little late so I could ply my skills a few minutes longer. But this morning as always it steamed into Cohasset Station at precisely 6:22. They've got retired Swiss clock makers driving these trains, I thought, as I stepped on board and found a window seat. If United Airlines had ever thought to hire these people they'd still be in business.

I settled in and watched the suburban woods rush by. We dove underground beneath downtown Hingham and popped up again into the murky light. I drank my coffee and wondered just how far I could travel by rail from Cohasset. I thought of Alaska, and Argentina — places so far away that even she might miss me. It was pathetic. I needed a distraction, and as we rolled into Weymouth Landing I got my wish.

Even through the thick morning fog she caught the eye. Dark suit, slim hands, with a walk so ethereal that it can't be described in English, she glided in through the door, glanced left and headed my way. The hat's doing its job, I thought, as she ignored two empty rows and took the seat beside me.

The high point of that seat's career, no doubt.

"You're Lengyel, aren't you?" she said. She was the forward type.

"You Girl Scouts just don't give up," I said.

"I'm looking for my brother. Peter."

Suddenly I wished I'd taken the 6:45.

"You and half the convicted felons in the state. You're Audry Falcourt?"

"I'm willing to pay," she said. "I'm also willing to kill to find him."

"I liked your first point," I said, "but I'm a dead end. Peter and I kind of fell out after he hired your cousin to put a bullet in my neck."

"The way I heard it, you put his girlfriend behind bars."

"Biggest favor I ever did him."

"He didn't see it that way."

"They never do," I said. "That's the problem with love."

"You've licked that problem yourself?" she asked, staring at me. She was someone you didn't push around either. I finished my coffee in one gulp.

"You and I could travel to the tip of Argentina from here, without flying, driving, or walking more than a mile. Did you know that?"

"Where is Peter?" she said. There was mourning in her voice. Who'd have guessed anyone would miss that slime ball?

"Sorry," I said, and I was. But I couldn't help her. Not in the way she wanted. She stood up, and I swear I heard the seat sigh behind her.

"Nice hat," she said, dipping an unseen hand into her purse.

"Thanks."

"Red Sox fan, eh?"

I smiled. "Yeah. You know, they wear this color on the road."

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Bing, bong.

"And that concludes our inaugural run of the Greenbush line," said a cheerful voice. "Welcome to South Station."

"Wasn't that fun?" my wife asked the kids.

"Yaaaaaah!" they said. "Can we have ice cream now?"

"John, remind me to pitch that hat when we get home. John?"

"That was cool," I said. And we set off for the Aquarium, where I happened to know that Peter Falcourt sleeps with the fishes.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset. Now that the Old Colony Railway is complete he plans to travel by train from Cohasset to Alaska and back again, just as soon as he can get the necessary five grand and eight months off.

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All aboard! The test train is on its way

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

When the last section of harbor wall is complete, the whole wall will be topped with a concrete cap, sidewalk and granite curb will be installed as well as a new fence.

Late last week the Greenbush guys received notice that the MBTA will be running an actual train on the tracks on this Saturday, May 19. We have been told there may be a few cars and a diesel locomotive. The train will be running at a slow speed, about 10 mph. We expect that it will arrive in Cohasset around 11a.m., but that's very approximate. Also, this is an early run and all of the safety equipment at the crossings will not be in place and functioning. Consequently, the train will be obliged to blow its horn at every crossing. There will also be flagmen at each crossing to warn automotive and pedestrian traffic. So, don't be alarmed if you hear the horn. It's not the end of the world. From now on we will be seeing trains on the tracks with an increasing frequency.

Comments on safety

We received an email from a merchant whose place of business is near the Greenbush tracks. They commented on the large number of young people who routinely walk on the railroad tracks. Parents, if you haven't had discussions with your children about train safety you need to start NOW. Every year we read about children injured or worse yet, killed by innocently walking on the tracks. Don't let this tragedy happen in Cohasset. Please, please, please make sure your children are aware of the hazards from trains.

Town parking lot blasting

You probably noticed that there was no blasting this week of the rock next to the Teen Center as we had previously announced. CBB has postponed it until next week. This week an MBTA subcontractor did take a pre-blast survey of the Teen Center. A pre-blast survey is a detailed examination of a building accompanied by photographs or videos to accurately document the existing condition of a building prior to blasting. Based on other schedule changes that we see from time to time, the only way we will know absolutely when blasting will start is when they start. So be on the lookout!

Greenbush Station drainage

Several months ago, we received notice that the MBTA had revised the storm water drainage system for the Greenbush Cohasset Station. The prior drainage plan had most of the surface water draining alongside the tracks behind the old Davenport property (the old boat yard). The new drainage scheme directs most of the water north toward Hingham at the station entrance on Route 3A. The cemetery commission has concerns that the storm water is now being directed at the base of the Gold Star Mother's area of Woodside Cemetery.

We asked the MBTA for copies of the drainage calculations so that they could be reviewed, to no avail. Finally, the DEP sent us a copy, for which we are grateful. The cemetery commission had an independent engineer review these calculations and generated a series of questions that needed clarification. Again, the MBTA would not answer the questions but pointed to the DEP and said it approved them, so talk to the DEP. With the help of the DEP we now have a meeting set to review the issue. Hopefully the MBTA will have its engineer there. We'll see. We do hope that a face-to-face meeting with the appropriate design engineers will resolve the issues and allay the cemetery commission's fears.

Pond and Spring streets

The orphaned poles should finally be removed from Spring Street by the time you read this. The final paving on the South Main Street side of the crossing should be complete by the end of this week. And then, Pond Street will be reopened. This should happen late this week or early next week at the latest. Hallelujah!

Meanwhile, later this week, the temporary crossing on the leg of Spring Street at Ellms Meadow will have closed permanently. CBB has some critical work to do on the tracks before the test train can run on Saturday. CBB has agreed that the road from Cushing to Pond Street will be open when the temporary Spring Street crossing closes. So, for a day or two, until the Spring Street leg near St. Anthony's opens, things may still be a bit chaotic.

We know it all sounds very confusing, and it is. The overall upshot is, by early next week the roads in this area will be in their final configuration and open to all traffic.

Harbor wall work

With the exception of a 20-foot section near the Atlantica parking lot, the stone work for the new wall is complete. The Portadam has been dismantled and was loaded onto a flat bed truck Thursday, ready for its next site.

When the last section of harbor wall is complete, the whole wall will be topped with a concrete cap, sidewalk and granite curb will be installed as well as a new fence. The granite curbing will be similar to that used in a portion of the center of Town with a 2" radius. This design seems to have worked well for us in other areas.

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The harbor wall work is nearing completion.

Grass doesn't always have to be greener

TOWARD A SUSTAINABLE COHASSET

JOANN MIRISE

Walking around town recently, I encountered one of those "Caution, Pesticide Application, Keep Off" signs. When I spot these little yellow placards of doom I get anxious.

My walk turns into a run, and I hold my breath until I clear the area. It's not that I actually think that I can protect myself during those few seconds as a passerby. It's more a visceral need to get away from the evidence that some people still have a higher regard for their lawn than for our collective well-being.

What drives our high regard for lawns anyway? No one seems particularly happy to work on their lawn. In fact, it's one of the biggest complaints I hear among my homeowner peers come springtime. It certainly doesn't conjure up the joy of other outdoor pursuits like gardening. And I haven't heard of any lawn care social clubs. It's also not something that we sit around the dinner table to discuss over a glass of wine. Why, then, do we even have lawns if they take so much work and suck our resources? It also makes me wonder if environmentally friendly lawn care practices are a little like adding a filter to a cigarette without acknowledging the real danger of smoking.

The concept of cultivating grass in America is not much more than a century-long marketing project. The origins trace back to a desire to emulate upper-crust Europeans in the mid 1800s, followed by some heavy marketing by the USDA and US Golf Association in the early 1900s, and made possible to the masses by left-over chemical warfare technology post-World War II. Not exactly reasons relevant to the present day. And certainly not enough reason to ignore the proven health and ecological dangers we face in favor of an antiquated ideal.

Most lawns never get enjoyed or even used. Parallel to the simplicity mantra "If you haven't worn it for a year, get rid of it", it is time to task ourselves with the challenge: If we have not enjoyed our lawns to an extent greater than our efforts to seed, water, fertilize, mow, rake, manicure, trim, lay sod, weed and spray with chemicals, then it is time to let them go.

I am not entirely anti-lawn. Grass creates texture and depth in our landscape. We play sports and picnic on it. And it makes a comfortable blanket for late-night star-gazing. After all, grass is a plant. And plants absorb CO2 from our atmosphere. As with most things in life, however, the problems arise when we force the unnatural and gorge to excess.

So what is an excessively large lawn? If it requires fertilizing and pesticides, if it needs to be groomed with power tools and mowers, if it needs irrigation systems to keep it thriving, then it is excessive and fundamentally unsustainable.

The options for redefining our landscapes in favor of productive, meaningful, and green alternatives are plenty. These options are harmonious and, I believe, cultured. A new ideal.

A logical starting point is to replace grass in some areas with more sustainable plantings. Native plants that are appropriate for the place (wet, rocky, shady, etc.) are most fitting. They typically require less intervention, efficiently use water and promote biodiversity. The American Beauties collection, a project through the National Wildlife Federation, makes it easy to go native by providing specific plant types, planting tips, landscape plans and a list of garden centers which carry the plants.

Even conservationist gardeners don't limit their choices to natives though. As long as plantings aren't invasive, any plants from ground covers to shrubs to trees that are adequate for site conditions can make a difference. Also, keeping soil healthy by adding organic matter and mulching (which prevents evaporation) can significantly help in conserving water.

Another aspect of the de-lawning movement which I find to be the most compelling is the re-emergence of the backyard fruit, vegetable and herb garden. By addressing not only environmental degradation, but food production, community interaction and inherent self-sustainability, I believe this step truly takes the green movement to a whole new level. Plus there is much joy to be had around the growing, harvesting and preparation of food (glorious food!)

In my family's yard we have begun to replace sections of our lawn with plantings as our budget allows. We are absolutely hooked and are continuing the process, with the goal of saving only one small parcel of grass for the kids to play on.

The monotony of our boring and unused front yard grass has been replaced with plants that require no work and yet stimulate my senses every time I walk outside. Another example of how a sustainable life is a better life.

JoAnn Mirise lives and writes in Cohasset. Cohasset Village Greenery and Every Bloomin' Thing carry American Beauties Native Plants.

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Join us for a free movie at the library. This month we are showing "Arsenic and Old Lace" with Cary Grant and Josephine Hull on Friday, June 1, at 11 a.m. in the Meeting Room. Light refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library. Movie site license sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee. Free admission.

LIBRARY BOOK GROUP

Join us for coffee and discussion of Mary Lawson's award winning novel "Crow Lake" on Wednesday, May 30, at 10 a.m. in the Meeting Room. All are welcome.

AUTHOR VISIT

Buttonwood Books and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library are pleased to have local author David Hosp speak at the library on Wednesday, July 11, at 7 p.m. The Meeting Room of the library will be open just for this event. The library will not be open for business Wednesday evening. Mr. Hosp will discuss and sign his newest legal thriller *Innocence*. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. Light refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Free.

SUMMER HOURS COMING SOON

Sunday, May 20 will be the last Sunday the library will be open until after Labor Day. All other library hours will stay the same.

ART DISPLAY

Artist Lenore Schneider's latest abstract expressionistic landscape paintings are on display in the Meeting Room at the library until June 30. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cohasset to receive road funding

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund and Rep. Bradley announced the release of $160,990 in Chapter 90 funding to the town of Cohasset for fiscal 2008.

This funding is part of $3,507,739 in state aid allocated to the eight South Shore towns in Hedlund's Plymouth and Norfolk Senate District. The funding comes from the broader $150 million package in Chapter 90 monies approved recently by the state Legislature and signed by Gov. Patrick.

The funding represents a 15 percent increase in funding for the South Shore and provides resources for upgrades to local roads and bridges.

For the third year in a row, Hedlund and Bradley worked for an early release of Chapter 90 funding that immediately aids towns before the upcoming spring construction season. The early release of funding helps municipalities plan and prepare for local projects.

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Since 1991, the state has provided Cohasset with $2,266,066 in Chapter 90 funding.

"Construction and maintenance of local roads and bridges is critical to our transportation infrastructure," said Hedlund, a member of the Transportation Committee. "I am pleased this funding was prioritized."

Bradley said, "It's critical that the state directs money to our roadways and bridges to ensure that we maintain them properly. I am happy that the town of Cohasset will benefit from this increase."

Each year, Chapter 90 funding is allocated to cities and towns based on a formula that takes into account the number of miles of local roadway, population and the employment rate in a given community. The funding is reimbursed to the communities on approved transportation projects as construction unfolds.

A bittersweet farewell

LIFE AT CHS

MICHAEL CORRY



If you're a senior, next week is your last to walk these halls. Depends on how you look at it, but there seems to be two schools of thought: either you're hitting the ground running with no plans of looking back, or you're trying to savor every last moment.

Prepare to hear the sound of car horns on the class of 2007's last day, in what has become an unofficial tradition of graduating seniors. Well, since I'll be leaving too, it seems like now is the right time to pass the torch, and hand over all Life at CHS responsibilities to my replacement. Christine Kent will be taking the helm of this column for the rest of the year and reporting to you weekly next year. A member of the class of '08, Christine hopes to pursue a career in journalism. No worries, you'll still be getting your updates on school news, with a new spin on things.

One last time, here's this week's school news.

• Monday AP Bio and Physics took their exams.

• Wrestling Boosters met in the Library Monday night.

• AP Chemistry's exam was held Tuesday morning.

• The Superintendent's Administrative Council met Tuesday morning.

• High School faculty met after school Tuesday.

• AP English took their exam Wednesday morning.

• Relay for Life met in the Library Wednesday night.

• Arts & Pops Night was held in the Upper Lobby Wednesday night, featuring art from CHS students and performances from the Band and Chorus.

• School Committee held a meeting Wednesday night.

• Today the Band and Chorus traveled to a Competition, followed by some well-earned fun at the immensely popular Six Flags. If you find yourself waiting in long lines at Superman: Ride of Steel, try heading to the big wooden rollercoaster, the Cyclone. The location of this exciting ride is somewhat secluded, so you can ride it a few times if you're lucky.

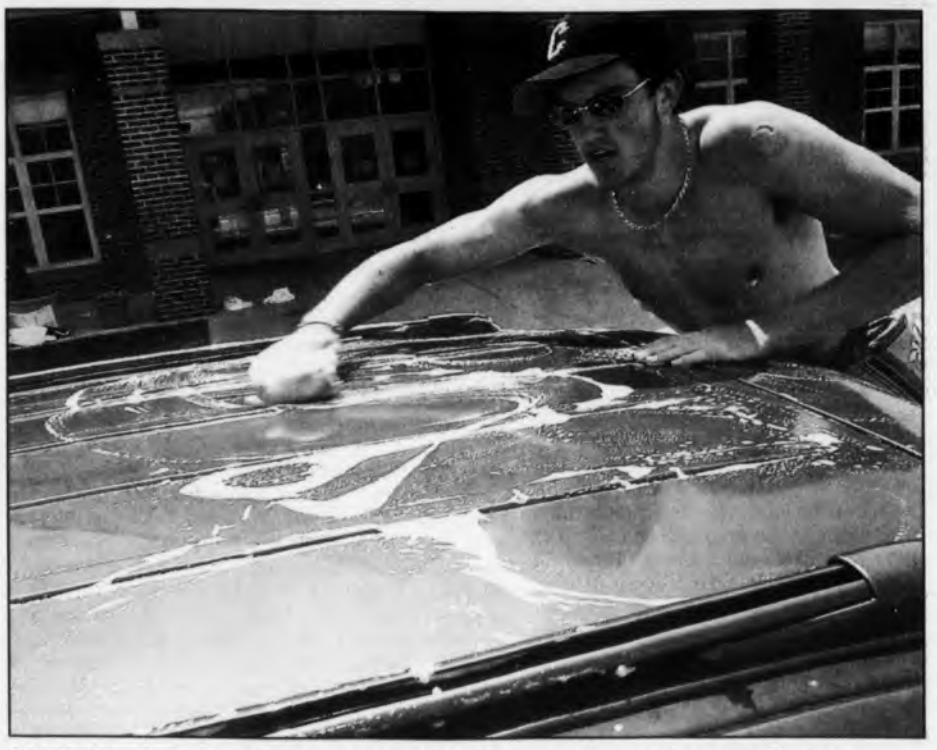
• This morning a Mock Crash Assembly was held.

• Mid-Term notices went home today.

It's been an incredible experience writing for *The Mariner*, and I'd like to thank Mary Ford, Mrs. Berman, my parents, and anyone who read the column and gave me feedback, support or criticism. Writing Life at CHS helped me find my voice and played a role in deciding to pursue a career writing books and screenplays. I'd like to leave with one final thought. Archimedes once said, "Give me a place to stand and I can move the world." I'll paraphrase that. Give me a pen in hand and I can move the world. Enjoy the weekend and stay safe. Cheers.



From left, Brian Hill, 17, Dave Snowdale, 17, and Kenny Muir, 17, scrub down a car during a fundraiser Saturday for the Cohasset High School baseball team.



Kyle Pinkus, 17, steps on the bumper to get to the hard to reach area of a car roof during Saturday's car wash at the Deer Hill School.

Clean up spot

Staff photos by Robin Chan



Paul Simonds stands in front of the Deer Hill School on Sohier Street, making his pitch to get people to stop to support the Cohasset baseball team's car wash on Saturday.



Corbin Faber's likeness is reflected in the car window he's drying during Saturday's car wash.



Wayne Ross gladly makes his donation to a member of the Cohasset High baseball team.



John Harrington, 18, rinses a washed car at the Deer Hill School.

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Deer Hill School has new principal

Dr. Jennifer deChiara has accepted the position of principal at Deer Hill School. She will assume her position on July 1. She comes to Cohasset with more than 20 years of experience in education and 10 years in an administration role. Currently, she is the principal of the Dean S. Luce Elementary School in Canton, Mass. Previous to that position she was an assistant principal at Hobomock Elementary School in Pembroke. Both schools were kindergarten through fifth grade.

DeChiara recently received her doctorate in Educational Studies from Lesley University. Her dissertation topic was "Decision Making and Ethical Dilemmas in the Elementary School Principalship."

Superintendent of School Denise Walsh announced her acceptance of the position at the School Committee meeting on Wednesday evening.

"She will be a great addition to our administration," said Dr. Walsh. Current Deer Hill Principal Keith Gauley is leaving Cohasset schools for another principalship at an elementary school in Brewster, Mass.

Schools plan ahead

FROM SCHOOLS, PAGE 1

effort by the Deer Hill and Middle-High School Councils made up of administrators, teachers, parents and members of the community.

The plans are meant to be a foundation for the administrators and staff to build upon throughout the year. Each goal aligns with the School Committee's Strategic Plan and district goals. It includes ways the administration will be able to measure the student and staff's success in each goal, as well as the strategies the school will use to achieve the objectives.

Gauley represented the Deer Hill School Council with his presentation of six goals for the forthcoming year. The first goal is to "meet or exceed target improvement goals for all students in regard to student understanding, skill development, and the application of learning standards in English language arts, math, and science, technology and engineering." The range of subjects covered in this goal is "core subjects," as Antolini later described. Performance will be measured through benchmark testing, survey data and other assessment systems.

The second goal is to "enhance and refine" programs within and beyond the school day. The objective is to focus classroom instruction and EMC^3 programs to align with student needs, increase student motivation, and encourage the development of individual talents and interests.

"We want to make sure all the time during the school day is used productively," said Gauley. The staff will work to find ways to accommodate accelerated learners and struggling students through flexible groupings and differentiated instruction.

Goal three is directed at professional development for teachers and other staff.

"Much of my focus is on meeting student achievement and student needs," Gauley noted and said he realized, after a discussion with Superintendent Denise Walsh, he needs to focus on teachers' needs as well. "We also need to support staff and help them to help students."

The objective is to create a professional development plan and technology plan to enhance teachers' effectiveness. Some strategies include collaborating district wide to better utilize resources and allocate budgeted funds to professional development.

Maintaining class size to less than 23 students in grade 3 and less than 26 in grades 4 and 5 is the fourth goal outlined. School Committee member Alfred Slanetz questioned this goal, saying that the five-year plan includes class sizes less than 16 and this goal does not move the school toward that objective.

Gauley explained that the actual class size would likely be less than what the goal indicates, hovering between 22 and 24 for all grades. He said it was his belief that the resources it would take to get to a lower class size would likely take away from other school programs. He did not feel a class size in the lower twenties would be a negative over the next year. According to research cited by Gauley, 16 is the class size needed to alter the dynamics between teachers and students.

The last two goals address the need to improve the level of safety and respect in the school and increase community outreach. In the last year, Gauley said there has been significant improvement in this area. Supervision at lunches and recess has increased 50 percent and there has been a 25 percent reduction in discipline referrals. Gauley said he hopes that trend will continue.

Antolini presented the Middle-High School plan, which is similar to goals presented in last year's improvement plan. However, the strategies and methods to achieve the goals have changed and developed as the schools evaluate performance and explore alternate strategies, antolini said.

"The goals will be there year after year, it's the strategies that will move in and out," Antolini said.

The first goal is to maintain and increase student proficiency in core subjects through curriculum support, purchase of textbook, increased electives, diversified teaching methods, professional development and evaluation of program effectiveness. The second goal is to employ teachers who are highly qualified in their areas of expertise and continue their development through workshops and courses.

Promoting a sense of social responsibility, good citizenship and life-long learning within each student is the premise of the third goal. Antolini said many efforts are already in place to achieve this goal, such as leadership standards, peer leadership program, school handbooks and safety drills.

He hopes through encouraging student leaders to be role models, their behavior will "trickle" down to all students. Antolini said the staff as adults could only do so much and believes that will the help of student leaders the school environment can be elevated.

The fourth and last goal for the Middle-High School looks ahead to the future — five years down the line. It outlines strategies the schools can implement to project population growth and identify future staff, program and resources that will be needed in the not-so-distant future. The strategies delineated include furthering academic support services, developing an English as a second language curriculum, addressing student service needs, increasing career education and exploration, providing adequate counseling support and health services, and strengthening of extracurricular programs.

Two unanimous votes by the School Committee approved both School Improvement Plans.

Train on track

FROM TRAIN, PAGE 1

"This will only be the first of many, many more train runs. The safety issue depends on all of us and becomes even more critical than in the past," says Gruber.

He and Mark Brennan, also a Greenbush liaison, are concerned about trespass issues, especially with the town's youth. However, they say the MBTA will have many extra safety measures in place on this first trip down the line, including reduced speed and flagmen along the route.

The test trains serve a dual purpose. First, to properly test the railroad signal system to ensure it is fully operational and second, to train the crews that will be operating the trains.

Full commuter service for the Greenbush line is planned for the fall. It has been close to 50 years since the last train made its way to South Station in 1959. Saturday's test train, which will include a locomotive and some passenger cars, will travel the 17.7-mile long corridor that cuts through Braintree, Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate. It will travel at a restricted speed, around 10 miles per hour, in order to check clearances.

"Be aware that test trains may operate at any time, day or evening, seven days a week, and will not operate on a set schedule."

— Tom Carroll, CBB Community Outreach Director

For safety reasons, as not all grade crossing warning systems are operational, train horns will be sounded as the train approaches grade crossings. Horns will also be sounded as required to alert crews working on the tracks. Flagmen will stop roadway traffic at grade crossings during test train operations until the warning systems are thoroughly tested and placed into operation, Carroll said.

All five towns have requested that the entire line be declared a "quiet zone." The final step in the process, gaining Federal Railroad Administration approval, is in the works. Until all grade crossing warning systems are working properly and the quiet zone is officially in place, horns will be sounded throughout the route.

Sustainable film series: 'The Power of Community'

A highly unusual documentary, a film of ironic victory emerging from the maelstrom of environmental problems, is due to be shown next by Sustainable Cohasset at the Paul Pratt Library on Monday, May 21 at 7 p.m. View what actually happened when a nation relatively recently did run out of oil. The film, "The Power of Community," depicts one of our worst fears. But this remarkable documentary also leaves the audience with hope and reassurance that all is not lost.

During the film series, viewers have seen the mysterious disappearance of what some considered the perfect car, an electric vehicle designed for today's lifestyles and today's highways. Viewers have seen another documentary on how the establishment of American suburbia was predicated on the supposed infinite supply of cheap oil. These provocative films have left viewers somewhat gasping as they contemplate America's future. "The Power of Community" needs to be seen by as many as possible to have our faith restored in ourselves and in our future.

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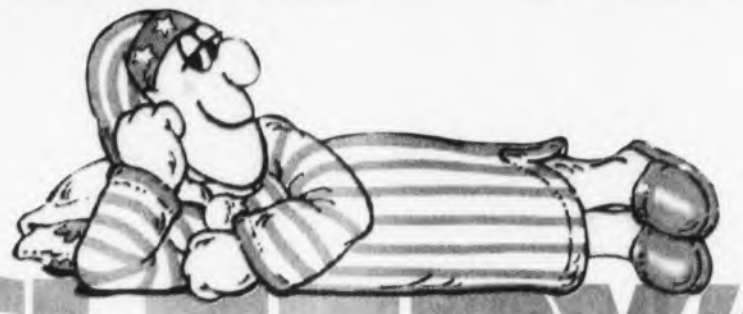
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Lady laxers need one more win

The Cohasset High girls lacrosse team needs one win in its final three games to qualify for the Div. 2 state tournament.

The Skippers got their first crack at it yesterday (May 17) at Scituate in a game played after the Mariner went to press. Cohasset's final two games are Saturday at Wakefield (10 a.m. start) and Monday at home against Notre Dame Academy (7 p.m.).

Cohasset (7-6) put itself in this position with a critical win Wednesday against Cape Cod Academy.

Skippers 15, CCA 10

At 6-6, both teams entered this game needing a win to keep playoff chances high.

Cohasset jumped out to a 4-0 lead, with Caitlin Mahoney and Tessa Leahy each picking up a goal and an assist. Lindsay Durkin and Caren Garber added goals during the run. After CCA scored on a penalty shot, Amy Meikleham and Durkin made it 6-1 for the home team.

But CCA netted two more penalty shots to close the gap, and then thunder interrupted the game for 30 minutes. When the delay was over, the Seahawks gave up a quick score to Durkin, but then stormed back with two goals — one on yet another penalty shot — to draw to 7-5 and to have all of the momentum entering the second half.

The scene was similar to a year ago, when CCA had tied Cohasset at the break, only to see the Skippers storm out of the box and turn the game into a rout just minutes into the second stanza.

And that's precisely what happened again.

Durkin scored her fourth of the day 14 seconds into the second half, and Kara Wilcox followed just 13 seconds later. Durkin converted a Meikleham feed, and then each of those players scored solo goals as Cohasset stretched the lead to 12-5 just 10 minutes into the second half. Durkin's seventh goal of the game — marking the second time this year she had hit Cape Cod Academy for that many goals — made it 13-6, at which point the home team substituted liberally.

Sophomore Grace Clougherty struck for the first two goals of her career — both on penalty shots — to close out the Cohasset scoring. The Seahawks made a run at the end of the game, helped by two more penalty shots, to make the final 15-10.

Aisling Guinee made 16 saves in the Cohasset net, leaving the game with a 15-8 advantage.

NDA 11, Cohasset 6

Cohasset controlled the first half against a Notre Dame Academy team that, to this point in the season, had not lost a game. Two goals from Durkin and a Wilcox score off a feed from Meikleham made the count 3-0 with 15 minutes gone by.

Notre Dame broke the seal at the 20-minute mark and scored its second goal just 40 seconds later, but Durkin finished a Wilcox feed to make it 4-2. When Notre Dame scored at 24:06 to draw to within one, Wilcox finished a fast break just 10 seconds later to re-establish the lead.

Durkin's third goal of the day was the 150th of her Cohasset High School career.

A Cohasset mishap in its defensive zone resulted in a disputed goal as the half expired. The Notre Dame team scooped up a loose ball and scored, but the timekeeper had zeroed the clock. The goal stood, making it 5-4 at the half.

McKenna Teague's only goal of the game for NDA tied the score, but Cohasset answered on a score from Garber. NDA answered 20 seconds later, and from there the strain of three games in three days started to take its toll on Cohasset, as NDA was able to establish a lead and keep the ball away from an exhausted group of Skippers.

Cohasset's Maura Barnes scored twice for NDA.

A split once again

CHS girls tennis to share league title with Norwell

By Mark Goodman
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It's a different season, but one local tennis storyline remains the same.

In the South Shore League, it's Norwell and Cohasset, and then everybody else.

The Clippers' 3-2 win over the Skippers Tuesday all but assures the teams will split the league championship for the second straight spring. Both teams are 10-1 in league play with one SSL match to go, as Cohasset traveled to Mashpee yesterday (May 17) and Norwell goes to Abington today.

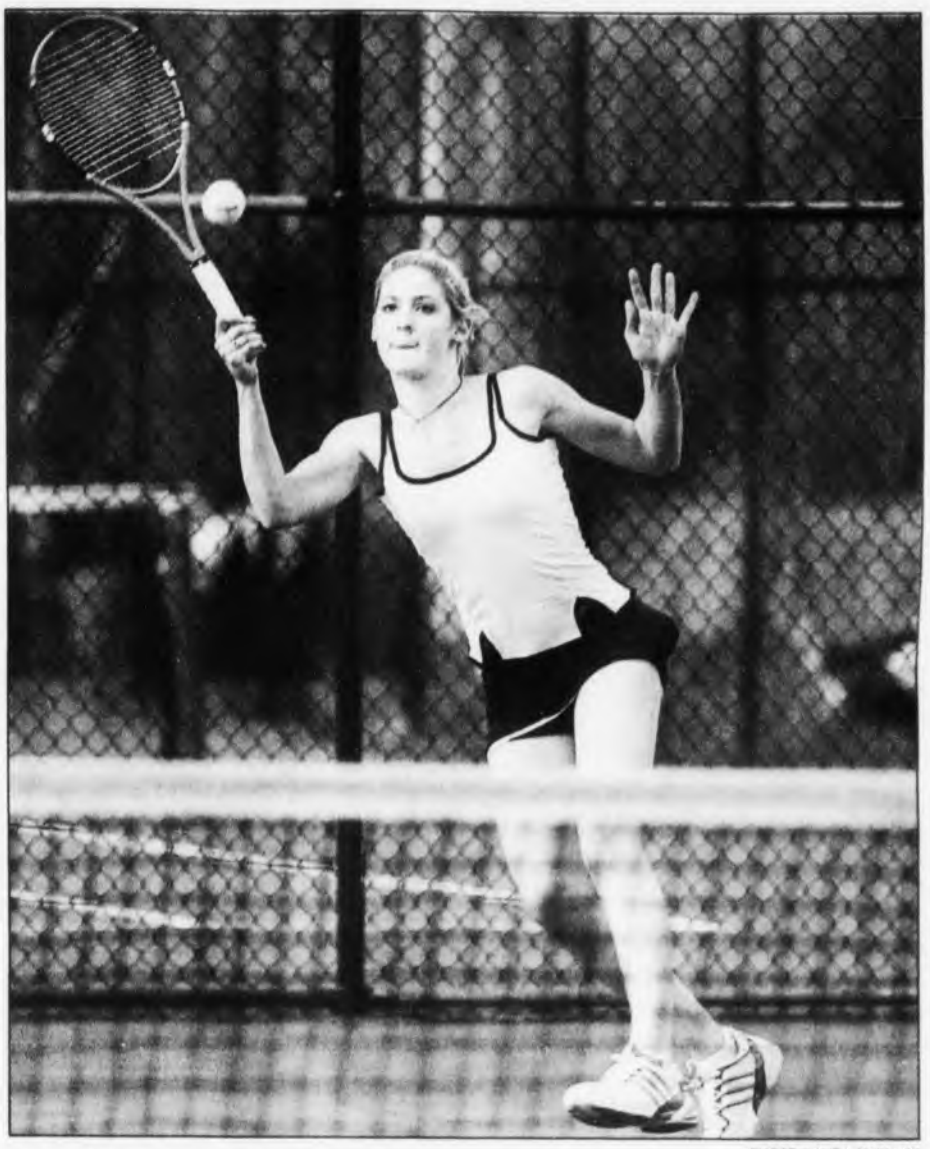
Tuesday's showdown showed again just how close these two teams are, with a pair of matches going to three sets and two others being closely contested. For the Clippers, the two biggest wins came in the doubles matches.

Seniors Marissa Dalferro and Rachel Thomas, coming off a solid showing at the weekend's MIAA individuals tournament, paired up for a 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 win over Cohasset's duo of senior Elizabeth Landon and sophomore Maggie McGoldrick.

After playing together season, the Clippers duo had spent most of this year playing with different partners: Dalferro with junior Meghan Logue and Thomas with junior Aliza Ritzko. Norwell coach Judy Field said after Tuesday's match her seniors have had a notable effect on their doubles teammates.

"I really used and counted on their experience to spread that knowledge with the other two players, and all throughout the season the other players have been building on their confidence and their experience," Field said.

For this match, however, Field put the two seniors back together, and it paid dividends. Both players made their share of key shots, both at the net and from the baseline, with Thomas finishing the match in style with a couple strong shots from the baseline.



PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Cohasset's Sally Meehan won a tough three-set match Tuesday against Norwell, but the Clippers still emerged with a 3-2 victory.

When the final game was over, Norwell had clinched the match.

"Sometimes, earlier in the season, they didn't give it their best when they played together. I wanted them to really want it [Tuesday], and they did...They wanted this," Field said of her first doubles team. "And what a great memory for them as seniors. That match allowed their team to share the league title. I'm thrilled for them."

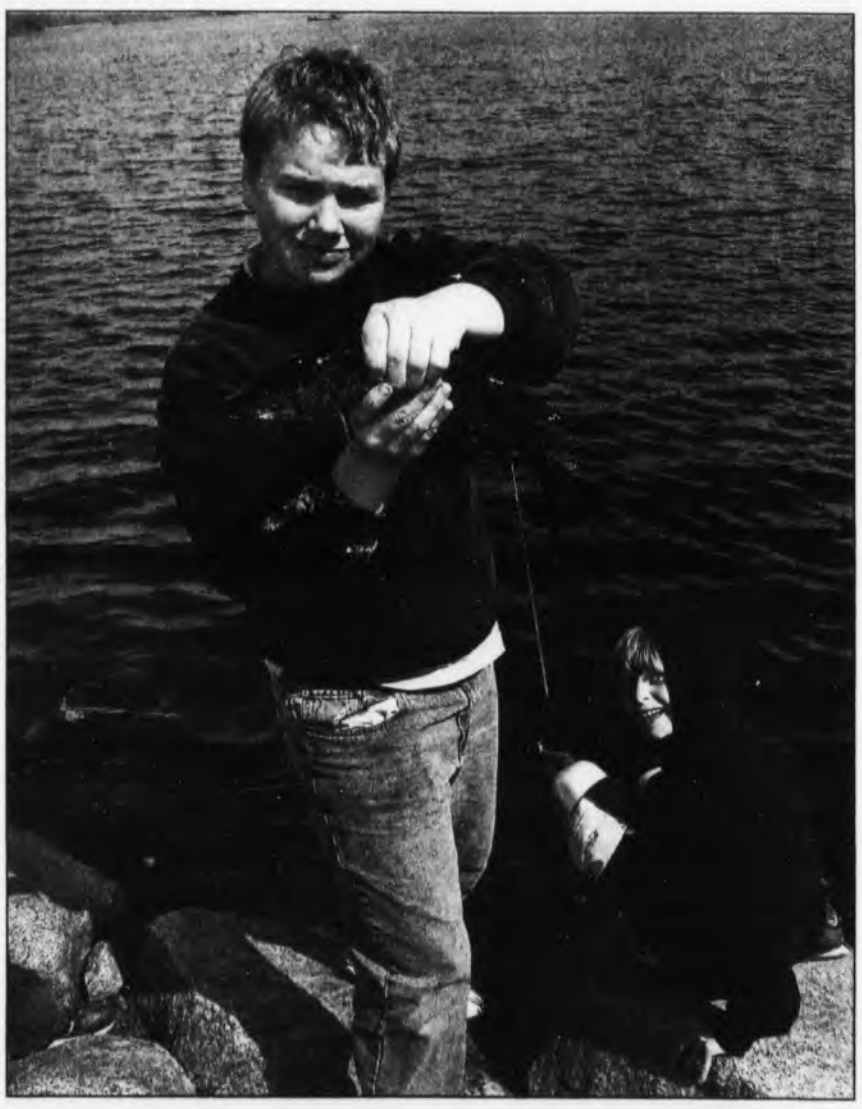
At second doubles, Ritzko and Logue defeated Cohasset senior Charlotte Landon and freshman Maddy Altholtz, 6-4, 6-4.

Skippers coach Gigi Meehan said after the match that the visiting doubles teams wanted to win just a bit more than Cohasset's, with the Skippers' win in the teams' first match on April 30 serving as motivation.

"I felt like my doubles was just a little flat today, and Norwell was a little hungrier, with good reason," Meehan said. "Sometimes when you play with

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SOMETHING FISHY



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Lawrence Dash (left), 14, proudly holds up the 18-inch pickerel he just caught while fishing at Jacob's Pond during Saturday's Annual Fishing Derby, put together by the Norwell Recreation Department. Dan Hart, 11, of Scituate, looks on.

The big comeback

CHS boys pull out 4th quarter win against Hingham

Tuesday saw a tale of two neighboring rival towns and two halves in this exciting high school boys' lacrosse game.

Before a packed house at Alumni Field on Cohasset Spirit Night, Hingham jumped out to an 8-4 halftime lead but could not hold off a furious Cohasset finish in the fourth quarter. Ahead 9-6 at the end of the third, Hingham had no answer for Cohasset's charge led by the defense and playmaking of Dan Trendowicz and the spectacular play of junior attackman Mike Grimm, who scored four straight unanswered goals to tie the game, put the Skippers ahead for good and the victory.

"I have been waiting for this kind of offensive explosion from Grimmy all season," said Cohasset head coach Stew Curran. "It could not have come at a better time. The team recognized that Mike wanted the ball on every possession in that final period and our middies PJ McCaw, Chuck Czerkawski, Pete Ernst, Andrew Smith and Dan Trendowicz did the hard work of getting the ball to our man on fire, Mike Grimm.

"The exhausted Hingham defenseman couldn't keep up with Mike's pace. With his intensity, quickness and athleticism, Grimme is a tough match-up for anybody."

The Harbormen's senior attackman, Tim Schmitt, opened the scoring on a fast break assisted after a nice run by junior defenseman Chris Johnson. Cohasset answered when Mike Bunstein found junior midfielder Peter Ernst alone on the crease for a quick stick goal. Schmitt put Hingham back on top on a well-placed shot to the lower corner after dodging from behind.

Junior middie Austin Driscoll scored unassisted on a nice left-handed outside bullet to the upper shelf. Senior Brendan Garrity then assisted classmate John Kelliher's goal for a 4-1 Hingham lead. Grimm found PJ McCaw with a nice inside pass to bring Cohasset closer. But after sophomore attackman Brendan Wilbur scored dodging from behind and senior Jay Dupras put a jump shot into the upper corner, the Harbormen led 6-2 at the close of the first period.

The Skippers were frustrated by the outstanding play of Hingham's junior goaltender Max Vatckus, who had 25 saves for the game and seemed to be everywhere when Cohasset shot the ball. Cohasset also shot with a little bad luck in the first period as Mark Flibotte hit the post once and Grimm clanged two off the pipes. Cohasset hit the post seven times in all.

The frenetic pace of the game slowed in the second and third periods as the teams traded goals. Grimm scored unassisted on a laser to the near side upper corner. After Driscoll answered with a goal, Bunstein scored for Cohasset on a roll dodge from

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STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

Defenseman Jeff Brown looks to spark the offense during the May 3 game against Scituate.

Local 9's boat finally sunk

By Eric MacCarthy
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The Cohasset High baseball team was finally eliminated from state tournament contention last week with its loss to Harwich. The team has struggled all season and barely kept its hope of making the tournament alive. With a 5-2 loss to Harwich the hopes were finally thrown overboard.

On the mound for Cohasset was junior Brian Hill. Hill, although he received the loss, pitched pretty well overall, not allowing too big of a deficit and keeping the Skippers in the game. The real story of the game, though, was junior catcher Kyle Pinkus.

Pinkus gave the Skippers a boost when in the first inning he hit a 2-run homerun. Pinkus came very close to hitting another round-tripper, but the ball rolled up a set of bleachers in deep center field for a ground rule double.

The Skippers faced more trouble when they faced the Hull Pirates, who were in last place in the South Shore League going into the game. With junior Dave Snowdale on the mound, the Skippers lost 7-1. Snowdale pitched well after the first inning, but in that inning he gave up five runs on five hits. He eventually settled down the rest of the game.

Snowdale faced stiff competition, as the starting pitcher for Hull had a no-hitter gong into the final inning of the game. Cohasset head coach Al Gallotta said of his offense, "It's been a season long problem for us: no hitting. You're not going to win a lot of games with two hits."

Those two hits for Cohasset came in the seventh inning when junior slugger Kenny Muir broke up the no-hitter and senior captain Nick Zappolo drove him in.

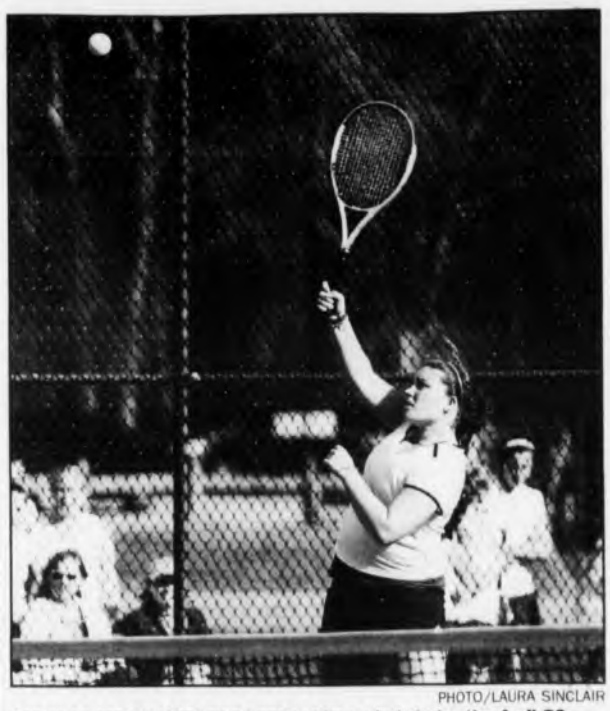
Cohasset continued its long losing streak against the Norwell Clippers on Tuesday as they lost yet another heartbreaker, 5-4.

"We out-pitched them, we out-hit them, we played better defensively than them; we just outplayed them, yet we lost," said Gallotta of the game.

The Skippers, who did almost everything better than the Clippers, were still unable to come away with the victory. Junior pitcher Sam DeGiacomo pitched a complete game and gave up only four earned runs. DeGiacomo also had a good day at the plate. He apparently hit a home run that was unfortunately ruled a ground rule double on which he was never able to come around and score. Junior Chris Rose also had a good game with two singles, and multiple players had one hit.

The fun started in the seventh inning when Rose had an RBI single to tie the game up at 4-4. In the bottom of the seventh inning, Norwell was able to load up the bases on two Cohasset errors. Gallotta called the outfield in, but the Clippers came away with the win after a hit over the outfielders' heads.

The Cohasset Skippers have three games left on the season and hope to finish off strong. With many players returning next year, the Skippers can build momentum and hopefully roll it into next year.



PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Senior co-captain Charlotte Landon hits a shot during the April 30 match against Norwell.

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behind. Schmitt then found Wilbur to keep the Hingham lead at four at the half.

Trendowicz opened the second half scoring, finding a small opening to the near side over Vaickus' shoulder. After a Cohasset penalty, Dupras answered with a beautiful sidearm shot to the upper corner. Flibotte then caught Vaickus outside of his crease, stripped the ball on an aggressive ride and passed to Bunstein, who assisted a McCaw goal to close the third period.

Trendowicz started the Cohasset comeback with a face dodge followed by a roll dodge and opposite hand shot that beat Vaickus to the far side lower corner. Grimm then took over the game. Trendowicz assisted Grimm on the first goal of the run while Cohasset had the man advantage. Grimm tied the score with a sidearm shot beating Vaickus to the near side after dodging from up top.

After hitting the pipe still another time, Grimm got another feed from Trendowicz on the man-up and rocketed a shot which trickled off Vaickus' stick into the goal for the first Cohasset lead of the game. Dodging off a solid pick at the restraining line by junior midfielder Chuck Czerkawski, Grimm scored again unassisted to give Cohasset a two-goal margin. After Bunstein scored dodging from behind, Grimm picked up a ground ball on the sideline, bounced off and dodged by five Hingham defenders and found Flibotte on the crease for Cohasset's final tally.

The 7-0 Cohasset run in the final period was made possible by the great face-off work of Czerkawski and McCaw, who won 18 of 26 draws overall.

Hingham coach John Todd felt his team played well in the first three quarters.

"We just did not have any answers when Cohasset exploded in that final quarter," Todd said. "Cohasset is a well-coached team and Stew had them firing on all cylinders at the end."

In addition to Grimm, Curran singled out the play of Trendowicz, saying, "Trendo showed a lot of senior leadership out there today. He controlled the ground balls at the midfield and quickly transitioned the ball to our attack. I'm very proud of the way my guys battled back in this one."

Grimm led all scorers with five goals and two assists. Trendowicz and Bunstein each had two goals and two assists. McCaw added two goals for the victors. Nate Porter had 15 saves for the Skippers.

Dupras, Driscoll, Wilbur and Schmitt each had 2 goals for Hingham.

Cohasset improved to 11-3 and is looking to cement the number-1 seed and homefield advantage throughout the Division 3 state tournament. Hingham fell to 8-6 on the year.

This report was provided by the Cohasset Lacrosse Boosters. For the boosters' report on last Saturday's win over Sandwich, log on to www.cohassetmariner.com and click on "Sports."

CHS girls tennis to share league title with Norwell

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that win already in your pocket, it's harder to ramp yourself up, whereas they (Norwell) did a good job taking advantage of that big situation."

Cohasset's lineup had a different look to it, with Altholtz – who has been outstanding this season at third singles – making the switch to second doubles. In her place at singles was Lauren Allen, who topped Norwell junior Sarah Dargon, 6-4, 6-4. Meehan said she made the move to try and strengthen her doubles squads and because she had enough trust in Allen to get the job done at singles.

"Lauren Allen was brilliant at third singles," Meehan said. "Lauren has tons of match experience. She plays year-round, and I felt very confident doing that as a coaching move."

Norwell picked up its other point at first singles, where junior Susan Bitetti ousted Cohasset junior Meg Anderson, 6-1, 6-0.

And then there was...

The match that wouldn't end

Clippers junior second singles Katherine Kelley has played some long matches this season, and Tuesday was her second such outing with Cohasset junior Sally Meehan.

The girls' first meeting last month was the deciding match and went three sets, with Meehan pulling it out for the Skippers. Meehan cruised through Tuesday's first set, 6-2, but Kelley turned it around in the second, breaking serve three times for a 6-4 second set win, ending it with a great little drop shot.

A back-and-forth third set had all the makings of a tiebreaker, and that's precisely what happened. After Meehan broke Kelley's serve – in a game that lasted at least 10 minutes – to take a 6-5 advantage, the Clippers' lefty showed her trademark perseverance and forced a tiebreaker.

With both players appearing exhausted, having played tennis for over two hours at this point, Meehan had just a bit more left in the tank and won the tiebreaker, 7-5.

"I give Katherine a lot of credit. She pulled Sally out of her game," said coach Meehan. "She's a smart player, and she fights her to the end."

Said Field of Kelley, "She has all the patience in the world; we saw it again today in the same scenario. She'll work on that, build her repertoire a little bit more, and I'm looking forward to having her come back to playing singles next year."

Cohasset Sailing Club registration

Is it possible? Is summer almost here? Soon the docks will be in, all the boat bottoms painted, the clubhouse swept, the rocking chairs placed on the porch, and the kids with life preservers around their necks, faced filled with expectations, enthusiasm and glee, ready to sail.

Here are a few important dates to remember from the Cohasset Sailing Club: Registration Days are May 19 and 20; Junior classes start July 2; Launch party, July 7; Classes end Aug. 24.

To register, arrive at the Sailing Club on Government Island on May 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and May 20 from noon to 2 p.m. No mail-in applications will be accepted.

The Sailing Club is open to all Cohasset residents and offer Junior (10-16 years old) and Adult (17 and over) training on the Club's fleet of nine 15' Capri 14, four Club 420s, and two lasers. The learning process includes a combination of classroom instruction and sailing. Adult training courses meet for three hours on Saturday mornings for shore class and water training. Children must have completed fourth grade or be 10 years old by Sept. 1.

Applications are available at www.cohassetsailingclub.com.

If you have any questions, contact Sandy Crough at (781) 383-1117, or via email at 4sands@comcast.net.



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Cohasset Youth Lacrosse

Editor's Note: Due to space constraints, the U11 reports for the boys have been omitted. They are available on the Mariner's web site, www.cohassetmariner.com. Click on "Sports."

Girls

U15 White

For the first time in several years Mother's Day dawned with good weather, and the girls celebrated with strong performances throughout the day.

The Cohasset U15 White team traveled to Norwell for a game against Norwell Blue. Cohasset raced out to a 2-0 lead off goals from **Lindsay MacNaught** and **Alison Whelan**. **Kaci Kucinski** answered a Norwell goal and **Olivia Murphy** netted a feed from **Allie Farren** to put Cohasset up 4-1. While Norwell mounted a comeback, **Kathleen Kelly** finished a feed from **Murphy**, **Kucinski** scored twice and **Paige DeSisto** rifled home a shot at the end of a long upfield run to give Cohasset an 8-4 lead.

When **DeSisto** scored again to open the second half, it appeared Cohasset would cruise through the rest of the afternoon. But Norwell would have none of it.

The home team scored three straight goals - two on penalty shots - and after a dash-and-score goal by **Farren**, the home team added three more goals to tie the score. **Whelan's** second of the day gave Cohasset an 11-10 lead, but it would be short-lived, as two quick Norwell scores put the home team on top for the first time all day.

Upset at squandering the lead, the Cohasset team refocused, grabbed the ensuing draw and **Whitney Jaffe** drew - and then netted - a penalty shot. **Whelan** did the same on the team's next possession, and **Jaffe's** wrap-around goal with 20 seconds left sealed the deal in the 14-12 seesaw battle.

Ellie Tedeschi made six saves in the net, most of them in the first half but none of them easy. **Kucinski's** third goal of the day was the 80th of her youth career. She is just the third player in the history of the girls youth program to score that many times.

The coaches and several players then raced down to Duxbury, where the U15 Blue team squared off against Duxbury 7.

U15 Blue

Unlike the Norwell contest, this game was never in doubt. **Whitney Jaffe** opened the scoring with two carbon-copy goals, driving each time to her left, then crossing back to her right and getting her shot off on the run. **Anna Michalowski** netted a free-position shot, and **Kelsey Erler** sandwiched two goals around **Jaffe's** third of the game to make it a 6-1 lead. A late Duxbury score made it 6-2 at the half.

Cohasset dominated the early going of the second half. **Erler** netted a feed from **Alison Whelan** and then one from **Jaffe**. **Jaffe** then scored her fourth of the game and assisted on **Michalowski's** second. The two goals in the game pushed **Michalowski** past the 40-point mark during her youth career, good for 10th place on the all-time points list, one spot behind her teammate, **Lindsay MacNaught**. **Caroline Fein** finished the scoring for Cohasset, and while Duxbury scored three late goals, the contest was never in doubt, ending with an 11-5 victory for the Blue team.

Sarah Evans made three saves in the Cohasset net. **Emily Toomey** led a defense, which along with **Taylor Kennedy**, **Lauren Hayes**, **Eloise Lucas** and **Charlotte O'Callaghan** played particularly well in starting the transition game and moving the ball to the Blue team's powerful attack.

U13 White

The 13-and-Under teams played the earliest Mother's Day games on the turf in Scituate, and came away on the right side of the score.

The Cohasset White team started slowly for the third game in a row, but came back strong. After Scituate jumped out to a 2-0 lead, **Lexa Grasz** put Cohasset on the board, only to see Scituate extend its lead to 4-1. A **Mariel Teague** goal - off a feed from **Hope Kissick** - made it 4-2 as the game went to the half.

The Cohasset players upheld a Mother's Day tradition of giving flowers to their moms during the break, and came back energized.

As the White team started to win the ground-ball battle, the tempo of the game changed. **Mackenzie Axelson**, **Emily Robbins** and **Kylie Coffman** all scooped up several loose balls and got the transition game going. The defense turned up the intensity as well. **Molly Fitzgerald** and **Coffman** stopped good Scituate scoring chances with aggressive play. Goalie **Maddie Curley** made seven saves in another strong effort in the cage.

Kissick scored a hat trick in the second half and picked up another assist to finish with five points. **Kristen Alexander** came off the bench in the second half and added a goal and an assist. **Teague** rounded out her three-point day with another goal and an assist. In the end, Cohasset had just enough for a come-from-behind 7-6 win that raised its record to 3-2 on the season.

U13 Blue

The 13-U Blue team also got off to a slow start, possibly from the hangover of serving their mothers breakfast in bed. While Cohasset was dusting off the cobwebs, an energetic Scituate Blue squad scored three goals. **Mariel Teague** brought the team to life connecting on a perfect pass to **Abby Carrier** who was open in front of the net and fired in the first goal for Cohasset.

By the time the half arrived - Cohasset players again took roses out to their Moms at half-time (perhaps to make up for not having served breakfast in bed) - Scituate held a 4-1 lead.

The second half brought Cohasset to life, with improved passing and defense. **Teague** converted a slick pass from **Victoria Bryan** to start the scoring. Then **Isabella Flibotte** netted a great feed from **Kate Bodner**. Scituate had a few quick shots on goal blocked by new goalie, **Olivia Blackburn**, who made great good stops to help Cohasset gain steam.

Cohasset moved the ball efficiently down the field where **Katie McKenna** set up behind the net, wrapped around the goal, and sunk a great shot into the corner of the net to tie the game. Scituate bounced back with two goals, but Cohasset came back again on goals from **Teague** and **Bodner**. Cohasset had several opportunities to take the lead, but Scituate's goalie turned away three shots down the home stretch and Scituate was able to score two late goals to squeak out an 8-6 win.

U11 White

The 11-and-Under teams played on the turf in Scituate, with both squads scoring five goals and making them stand up for a victory.

The White team came away with a dominating 5-1 win in a total team effort that saw solid contributions from virtually every player.

Annie McElgunn and **Charlotte Allard** led the offense. **McElgunn** scored a hat trick, while **Allard** scored twice. **Lily McCarthy**, **Corey Golden**, **Lanie Schwartz**, **Holly Maher**, **Hanna Cooper**, **Caroline Farren**, **Valerie Farren**, **Caroline Prescott**, **Madeleine Tesauro**, **Alison Bodner**, and **Regan O'Donnell** all provided solid play. **McCarthy** picked up six ground balls and added an assist.

The defense was stout throughout the day, led by the strong play of **Dagmar Sepala**, **Meredith Corry** and **Samatha Mushin**. **Colleen McGowan**, in her first game as goalie, stood tall in the net to keep Scituate from mounting any comeback.

U11 Blue

The Blue team got off to a rocky start, falling behind 2-0 just minutes into the game. From there, however, the game turned around and it was all Cohasset.

Dagmar Seppala scored three goals, **Elizabeth Baker** and **Morgan Montgomery** added solo markers and **Callahan O'Neill's** all-around hustle and finesse helped to set up several scoring plays as the Blue team went on to win 5-2.

Alexandra Leahy showed great speed and stopped one Scituate possession with a key interception. **Meghan Fitzgerald** and **Christine Guinee** showed tremendous team effort, especially in the second half in getting the ball out of the defensive end. **Alexandra Raymond** turned in a particularly good defensive effort, in helping Cohasset keep the home team at bay.

Boys

U 15 Blue

Once again, the U15 Blue squad demonstrated its superior lacrosse skills and easily knocked off Marshfield by a score of 14-4 last Sunday at Marshfield. With only one substitute on its bench, Cohasset used a combination of face-off domination, solid defense and goaltending, smooth transition, and dazzling offensive movement to maintain control of the entire game. Effective use of time outs and movement between positions gave its run-and-gun midfielders a break, leading to a 6-2-halftime lead. Although Marshfield's bench was deeper, Cohasset did not show fatigue and cruised in the second half posting eight more goals to Marshfield's two. With possession granted to the team down by five goals, Cohasset didn't even face-off in the second half.

Charlie Coffman, **Alec Hurd**, **Gus Helbock** and **Chase Murphy** controlled the ball on the attack end of the field and gave Cohasset multiple looks. **Coffman** and **Hurd** each posted a goal, while **Murphy** scored twice and added two assists.

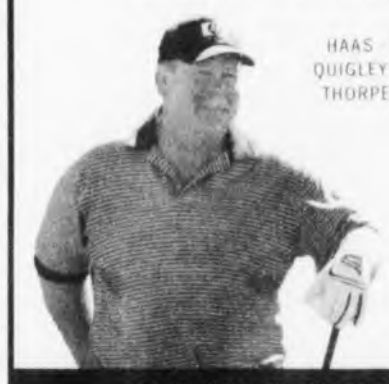
Morgan Grasz, **Kyle Livingstone** and **Alex Kinnealey** played mostly at midfield and picked apart Marshfield's defensive unit. **Grasz** (five goals, one assist) and **Kinnealey** (four goals, five assist) provided the bulk of the scoring. A team effort results in the final goal.

Jake Kissick, **Jack Nelson** and **Derek Froio** held down the defensive end of the field for their goalie Willy Brown, who saved just about everything. **Kissick** even recorded an assist on a full field clear.

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U15 White

The Cohasset U15 White team pulled off one of its most stunning victories of the season last week when it beat an extremely talented Duxbury team at Milliken Field. With the Ministers of Defense (**Sam Leahy**, **Geoff Swain** and **Dean McNary**) as the anchors of what can only be described as one of the toughest backlines to penetrate in the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League (MBYLL) and the red-hot goal-tending of **Brennan Bukowski** the talented Duxbury squad was held to just four goals while the hometown boys scored nine to best their rivals from down the coast. The game was much closer than the score reflects, as the teams battled up and down the field with both having numerous shots on goal.

Pete McKenna turned in a breakout day at midfield. The hustling middie picked up a number of key ground balls and streaked out of the pack to spark several fast break goals. **McKenna's** two-way hustle was all the more impressive given the team was without several of its players and was working with just two midfield lines.

The trio of **Thomas Flibotte** (four goals), **Charlie Neaves** (three goals), and **Mitch McNary** (two goals) provided all of the offense, but it was a collective team effort that won the day. **Sam Richardson** (one assist) on a beautiful give and go, Danny Czerkawski (one assist) and several other players provided key assists, while **Johnny McGoldrick** was again Mr. Clutch on face-offs winning upwards of 70% of his draws. Also, from the midfield, **Jack Carrier** provided outstanding hustle until his back gave out and he had to watch from the sidelines during the second half. **Graydon Foley** and **James McKelvey** were instrumental in keeping the attack moving and their strong rides contributed to several turnovers of Duxbury clears.

U15 Black

The Cohasset U15 "Black Plague" used both resistant defense and an opportunistic attack to defeat the Abington Green Giants, 5-4. The final score belies a gutsy, hang tough performance by a team that was outweighed by several pounds at every position, and outscored until the final minute.

Although the horizon loomed dark and foreboding, down 4-1 late in the third period, the boys in blue found inspiration in the aggressive goal tending of **Brendan Horrigan**. Stopping all but four shots over three periods, **Horrigan** also steam-rolled his way the full length of the field unleashing a canon shot just high of the far side top corner. **Eric Wasel** took over in net during the fourth quarter. **Wasel** weathered a furious fusillade and posted a scoreless final 10 minutes keeping Cohasset in the game. **Luke Ernst** added to his first quarter tally with a second goal early in the fourth and the final game-winning goal with a minute left in the contest. **Chris Lunde** and **Horrigan** each netted second half goals bringing Cohasset within striking distance for the last minute win.

Long-pole defenders **Coleman Hernon**, **Matt Swanborg**, **Scott Wilson** and **Patrick Dunn** aggressively disarmed repeated Abington assaults. Midfielders, **"Bub" Hill**, **Andrew Whitney**, **Adrian Dunne** and **Chris Wilson** played strong two-way lax, systemically disabling the opposing offense with smothering back checking, and infiltrating the defense with sharp cuts and quick shots. In addition to strong offensive play, **Alex Evans** also toppled one unfortunate barging opponent with an NHL highlight hip check, and **Mark Dick** enforced order end to end, start to finish. Abington established control early, but the Cohasset team showed poise and perseverance coming back in dramatic fashion from a 4-1 deficit.

U13 Blue

Sunday the Cohasset U13 Blue team lost at Marshfield, 7-3. Marshfield dominated the early play scoring within the first 30 seconds of the game, but Cohasset found strength and began to compete with a physically powerful Marshfield midfield. The first quarter ended with Marshfield up 2-1, with **Will Golden** scoring on a nice feed from **Andrew Fontaine**. Marshfield resumed its attack in the second quarter scoring three times, with Cohasset only adding one as **Ryan McGovern** scored on a feed from **Tommy Powers**. Marshfield ended the half up 5-2.

The second half began with Cohasset continuing to battle hard and drawing within two when **Chris Sylvia** scored with an assist to **Henry Brown**. **Sylvia's** goal was started by a fine fast break led by **Tommy O'Brien**. Marshfield responded though by netting its sixth of the game, ending the third up 6-3. Marshfield controlled much of the fourth quarter, although the Cohasset boys continued to battle hard.

Next up for the squad is a home game against Hanover this Sunday.

U13 White

The Boys U13 White team hosted perennial regional powerhouse Duxbury last weekend. As expected the two teams went back and forth, but in the end the visitors edged out the home team by two in the waning moments.

The Skippers struck first with two unanswered goals on strong face-off work from **Nick Tangherlini**, **Jimmy Maher**, **Neil Durham** and **Zach Coggins**. **John Leahy**, **John Mills**, **Alex Kent** and **Axel Seppala** also played a key role in the goals. **Evan Yeager** stretched his lax legs with a fantastic first half of goaltending keeping the game close and preserving the lead throughout the first two quarters. Strong defensive efforts by **Chandler Skolnik**, **Mark Brown**, **Jack O'Brien** and **Derek Benson** limited Duxbury to only one tally in the first half.

Skolnik "cowboy'd up" in the second half by stepping in between the pipes. He received continued strong defensive coverage from **Connor Green** and **Brendan Queenan**. The pair also saw some action at midfield. As usually happens with close games, this one came down to the final quarter and Duxbury came back on some great possession play of its own and took the lead with multiple goals in the fourth quarter.

U13 Black

The complete membership of U13 Black assembled in Abington to face a large and well-coached team last weekend. In the end the two teams played to a 3-3 tie.

Cohasset took the lead with a crisp goal by **Max Montgomery**. On the other side of the field, goalie **Jim Lydon** made six saves and allowed no goals in the first quarter.

The second quarter began with an assist by **Charlie Steele** to **Colin Whelan**. The middie crew of **Hunter Forrer**, **Anthony Nahill** and **Devin Kennedy** controlled the center field with several key checks and ground ball recoveries. Cohasset's strong defensive unit was tested, but **Teddy Patsos** hammered the opponent with sharp checking all day, Jack Stangenelli made the smart and fast plays, Jack McElgunn overpowered the attack, winning several ground balls and **Hamish Redfield** ran down his opponent in key open field play. Midfielder **Drew Nahill** used terrific dodges to blaze a trail through the opposition. **Joe Silvia** ran hard and threw a blistering shot on cage. **Foster Eymer** ran like the wind and contributed to the offense and defense of the midfeild.

With a lead of two goals, Cohasset began the second half with the forceful middies of **Matt MacCormick**, **Will Lucas** and **Jack Leffel** controlling the field by running over the opposition. An unassisted goal by **Colin Whalen** gave Cohasset a three-point lead. A new goalie, **Jack Conte,** made key saves before being wounded by a full speed shot, which he blocked with his knee. **Jim Lydon** returned to the goal and **Conte** rebounded as a midfielder and produced two shots on cage.

In the fourth quarter, Abington found its game and produced three goals to tie the game. Cohasset; however, never lost momentum. Charlie Steele fed Jack Leffel for a strong shot on cage, Hunter Forrer made a shot after scooping a ground ball, and **McElgunn**, **Stanganelli** and **Patsos** kept up their relentless checking. Time expired before either team could find the back of the net again.

The victory in this game came as the Cohasset coach asked the players, "Who wants to play a tie breaker?" Every player jumped up and hollerd, "Yes," but unfortunately the playing field was committed to another pair of teams.



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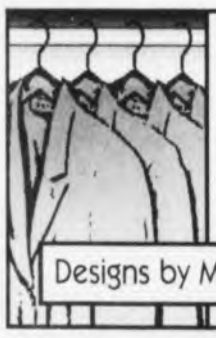
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The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a variety of sports programs during the summer of 2007, designed specifically and individually for boys and girls, ages 4 through 18. All programs have individual applications, should you wish to register for any of these programs, call the Recreation Dept. office at 781-383-4109, or stop by the office on the first floor of Town Hall. Programs are limited in size. To insure acceptance into a program, register as soon as possible. Family discounts are available for some programs. Sports programs are scheduled to meet regardless of weather conditions in most cases and should it be necessary to move into the High School, you will be notified at drop-off time for the status that day.

Teen Center Dance – A dance will be held for Cohasset youth in grades 6 to 8 only, Friday, May 18, from 7 to 10 p.m., at the Cohasset Teen Center. The cost is $5 per person and student identification is required to sign in for the dance. It is important to be sure you are able to gain admittance to the dance before your ride leaves. Once the Teen Center gets to full capacity no further admittance will be allowed. There will be no one admitted after 8:30 p.m. for the dance. Snacks and refreshments will be for sale. This is not a school function.

Boot Camp – Boot Camp fitness training classes will be instructed by Betsy Callanan. This unique physical training opportunity will meet from 6 to 7 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting Tuesday, June 12, for 10 weeks through Thursday, Aug. 16, on Cohasset Common in front of Town Hall. The fee for the 20 class sessions is $100, and checks can be made payable to the Town of Cohasset. Ms. Callanan will run an interval calisthenic and running fitness program for both men and women for all levels of ability. While running and/or walking remains an essential aspect of this cardiovascular training format, inclusive will be various integrated calisthenics such as jump roping, stairs or hills, squat thrusts, lunges, push-ups, skipping/running knees, sit ups, etc. Ms. Callanan has designed this program to improve cardio-vascular endurance and strength. Dress in layers as weather conditions dictate, bring a water bottle and jump rope to class and wear running shoes. Success in this class is based upon your individual personal best, not as competition with others.

Dance with Caroline – A dance workshop will be held for youth ages 7 and older from 3 to 4:30 p.m., Monday, June 18 through Thursday, June 21, in the Town Hall auditorium. The class, directed by Caroline Carr, will include basic jazz and hip hop dance techniques. Emphasis will be placed on developing a healthy, active lifestyle, building strength, flexibility, and endurance, as well as feeling good and having fun. Participants are encouraged to dress in comfortable clothing and take a bottle of water, a snack and an open mind to class. The fee is $80 per participant. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the Town Hall or by calling the Recreation Department.

Youth Tennis – Youth tennis will begin Monday, June 25, and continue for seven weeks, through Friday, Aug. 10. Registration will be held from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m., Monday June 11 through Wednesday, June 13 and an evening registration will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 12. The program is offered for children ages 7 through 18 years. Participants can choose from two schedules, Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays. The fee for the seven-week session is $80 per person. Lessons for beginners, intermediate, and advanced players are offered. Rain day policy: If it rains before 9 am, all tennis classes may have to be canceled for that day. Call the Recreation Office at 781-383-4109 for weather status reports. Fridays are rain make-up days.

South Shore Baseball Club – Held Monday, June 25 through Friday, June 29, at Milliken Field. Ages 7 to 12 will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Fee: $185. Ages 5 to 7 will meet from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Fee: $125. Directed by Frank Niles of the South Shore Baseball Club.

South Shore & Cape Basketball Academy –Held Tuesday, July 10 through Friday, July 13, in the Cohasset High School gym. Boys and girls in grades 7 to12, meet from 9 a.m. to noon. Fee: $125. Directed by Dorian Bryant, CHS Varsity Basketball Coach.

South Shore Basketball School – For ages 8 to15, this program meets in the Cohasset High School gym from Monday, July 16 through Friday, July 20. Youths ages 8 to 11 will meet from 8:30 to11:30 a.m. and youth ages 12 to15 will meet from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Fee: $125. Directed by Ron Ford, Cohasset Athletic Director.

Boys and Girls Lacrosse Clinic – For youth in grades 3 to 6, this clinic will be held Monday, July 23 to Friday, July 27, from 8 to 10 a.m., at Milliken Field. Fee: $85. Directed by Jamie and Ronan Buick.

Soccer Squirts South Shore Soccer Camp – This camp for ages 4 to 6 will take place from 8 to 9:30 a.m., Monday, July 30 through Friday, Aug. 3, at Milliken Field. The fee of $95 includes ball and camp shirt. Directed by SSSC member, Jon Anderson, Babson College coach.

South Shore Soccer Camp – This camp for youth ages 7 to 14 will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, July 30 through Friday, Aug. 3. The fee of $255 includes a camp shirt. There is a $20 discount for the second child. Directed by SSSC member, Jon Anderson, Babson College coach.

Great Games with Mr. Dykas – The program for ages 4 to 9, will be held from Monday, Aug. 13 through Wednesday, Aug. 15. The cost is $25 per day and participants may attend one, two, or all three days. Day and evening sessions will be scheduled by age. Register on line at onecreativeplace.net or call One Creative Place at 781-383-2211.

Register this weekend for Cohasset Sailing Club

Registration for the Cohasset Sailing Club on Government Island are Saturday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday, May 20 from noon to 2 p.m. No mail-in applications will be accepted.

The Sailing Club is open to all Cohasset residents and offer Junior (10 to 16 years old and adult 17 and over training on fleet of nine 15 foot Capri 14, four Club 420s and two lasers. The learning process includes a combination of classroom instruction and sailing. Adult training courses meet for three hours on Saturday mornings for shore class and water training. Children must have completed fourth grade or 10-years-old by Sept. 1, 2007.

Applications are available at cohassetsailingclub.com

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DESTINATIONS

Seeing Sedona

A revitalizing trip to Arizona's Red Rock Country

By Chris Bergeron
DAILY NEWS STAFF

SEDONA, Ariz. - On first seeing the red rock buttes of Sedona rising from the desert, I finally felt New England's winter blahs melting from my bones.

An afternoon sun warmed our rental car. Scraggly cottonwoods lined Rte. 17. Johnny Cash sang about lowdown gamblers. The desert stretched for miles beneath clear blue skies.

Like the Anglo settlers who first arrived in 1876, my wife and I were drawn to Sedona by the prospect of open spaces and new things to do.

We only had six days to recharge our depleted emotional batteries. And in early December, we both needed a relaxing interlude from holiday season stress and the impending winter.

Sedona fulfilled virtually every expectation.

We hiked through quiet canyons and beside crystaline rivers. We visited remote ancient Native American ruins and cave dwellings where the walls were covered by intriguing pictographs. We climbed a mesa claimed as the site of a "power vortex" by New Agers and watched the setting sun bathe the vast plains a brilliant orange.

And when my wife tired of my company, she shopped for Native American art, handcrafted jewelry and the usual tourist baubles.

Vast yet manageable, Sedona and its environs combine the natural wonders and cultural charms of the Southwest in a series of affordable, manageable day trips.

Just a scenic two-hour drive from Phoenix, Sedona is located in the Verde Valley of north central Arizona in what locals call Red Rock Country.

The town of 11,000 is situated around the convergence of a Y-shaped intersection where routes 89A and 179 meet not far from Old Marketplace Plaza.

Visitors don't come for the two downtowns but what is around them. A stretch called Uptown Sedona is a little artsy, a little kitschy and on the verge of overcooking the town's laid-back charm. The much larger West Sedona is a sprawling strip of budget motels, gift shops, generic restaurants and gas stations that provide the essentials but little reason for hanging out.

For visitors with time on their hands, Sedona is centrally located for excursions to the Painted Desert, Monument Valley, the Petrified Forest and Grand Canyon about three hours away.

While I'm leery of "must see" lists, I made a flexible one to suit our limited time, and am glad for it.

On your first day, head to Airport Overlook off Highway 89A about an hour before sunset. From a cliff top along Airport Road, you'll be treated to breathtaking vistas that stretch across miles of desert, scrub brush and landmark formations like Capital Butte, Coffee Pot Rock and Bear Mountain.

It is a panoramic sight where photographers, artists, New Age meditators and Navaho women selling crafts from blankets share a curious community.

Depending when you arrive, the singular Chapel of the Holy Cross is a perfect start to see Sedona as a place where natural beauty inspires spirituality.

Built into the side of Twin Butte, the chapel features a remarkable glass-and-crucifix facade rising from red rock that seems at once contemporary and ancient.



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The Chapel of the Holy Cross in Sedona, Ariz., is a Catholic church built into the rocks. It was completed in 1957 and designed by Marguerite B. Staude.

Designed by Marguerite Brunswig Staude and completed in 1957, it is a functioning Catholic church open to all denominations. The sacristy features a wrought iron crucifix and Madonna of elegant simplicity. Sitting in wooden pews, visitors face the altar and look out through a tall rectangular window that incorporates the cross that forms the chapel's exterior wall.

My wife said the chapel reminded her of mountain caves in her native China where Taoist monks spent years meditating to empty their minds of human frailty.

Just two years before, we had visited the Vatican in Italy, and I later wondered how two such different places both touched me as sacred spaces of undeniable power.

Even if you are visiting for just a few days, one of your first errands should be to buy a Red Rock Pass sold at many hotels or the U.S. Forest Service Center.

The pass lets you park at trail heads and gets everyone in your car into national forests and designated Native American sites. They cost $5 for one day or $15 for a week. While they don't cover the two state parks in the area, they make economic sense for most visitors.

We spent much of one very enjoyable day visiting the remains of two Native American cliff dwellings and rock art sites that stirred echoes of vanished people who lived there as long as 12,000 years ago.

Located about 10 miles outside Sedona in the vast natural amphitheater of Boynton Canyon, the Palatki Red Cliffs Heritage Site provides a wondrous window into the daily lives and mysterious religious activities of people called Sinagua, or "without water," and later Yavapai and Apache who settled there.

Many visitors arrive on guided Pink Jeep Tours, the best-known local company that uses its namesake four-wheel drive vehicles to explore rugged back country. Preferring to go on our own, we drove the packed dirt and rocky trail in our mid-size rental car Á an adventure packed with anxious moments. It took us at least an hour to drive 12 miles, and I worried about blowing out a tire or busting an axle.

Jouncing along, I felt like some tenderfoot in "Wagon Train" wondering if we would get stranded miles from help.

But after arriving, we spent several glorious hours exploring the nine-room 2-story brick dwellings built into a soaring cliff where archaeologists believe the Sinagua people lived starting around 1125 A.D. A well-informed ranger explained why the first inhabitants likely chose the site, how they used the structure and even pointed out a thumbprint 10 centuries old that one of the builders left in a mud brick.

Just a half-mile hike away, another ranger showed us a natural "alcove" sculpted from a cliff that contains some of the area's oldest rock markings dating back 12,000 years. Blackened in some areas by centuries of fires, the walls are covered with scores of pictographs made from mineral pigments and dyes from plants and petroglyphs that were scratched or dug into the surface.

They represent clan symbols, hunting totems, prayers for rain and crops and possibly the first instance of the mysterious humpbacked flute player popularly known as Kokopelli.

There are scores of hiking and biking trails rated from "easy" to "strenuous" within a short drive of Sedona.

While shops selling everything from trinkets and T-shirts to Native American kachina dolls have sprouted like mushrooms, the picturesque Tlaquepaque Arts and Crafts Village offers the most concentrated selection of affordable to high-end galleries.

More than 40 stores and restaurants are clustered in a self-contained district designed to resemble a Mexican village with a cobblestone plaza and fountain, twisting alleys and a chapel and bell tower.

IF YOU GO ...

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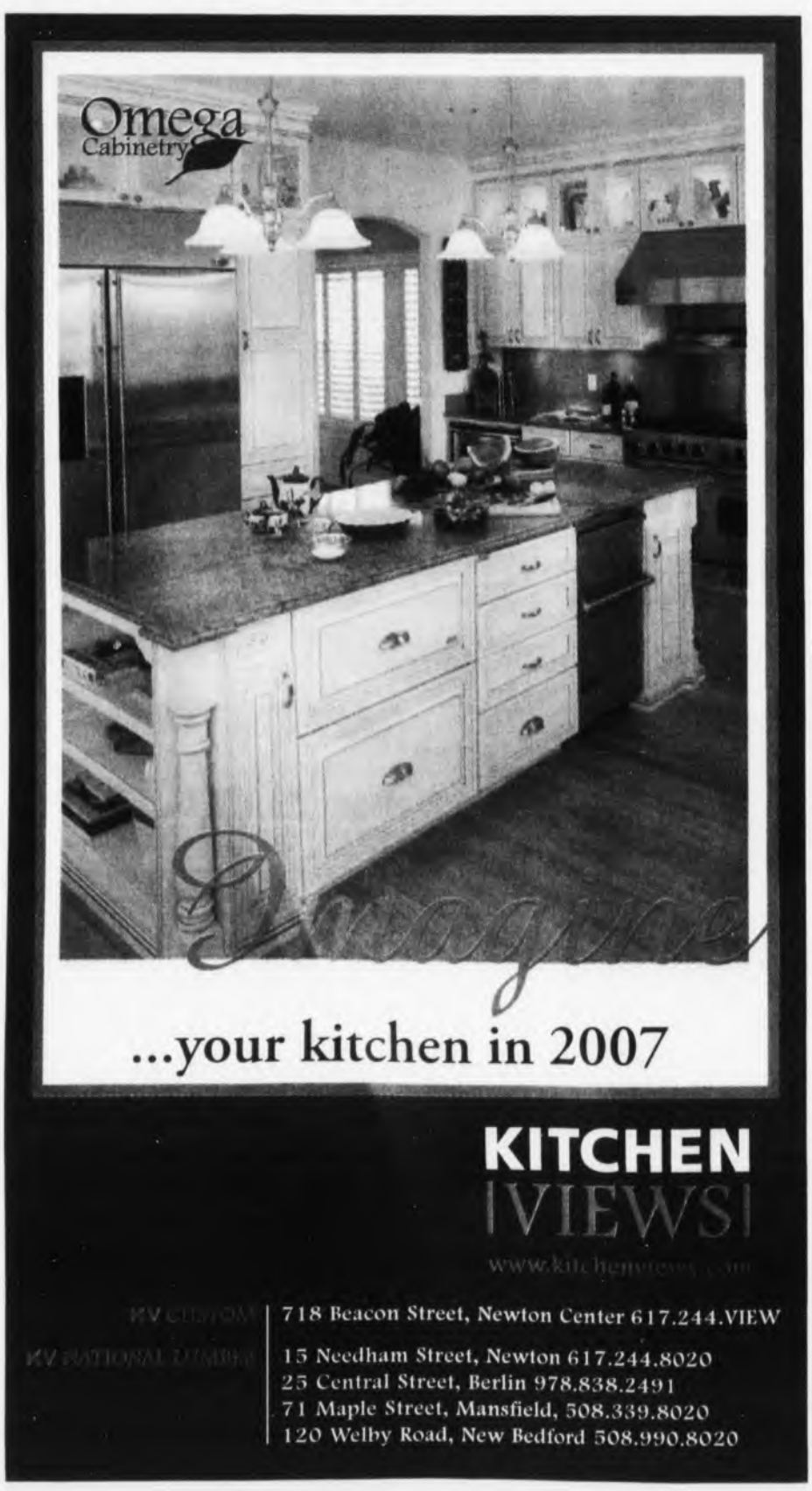
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A more typical Catholic chapel in Oak Village, Sedona.





OBITUARIES

Barbara E. Collins, *Homemaker, social worker, librarian*

Barbara Elinor Collins, 72, of Long Beach Island and Barnegat, N.J., died May 8, 2007.

Born in Somerville, she was the daughter of Leo and Bernice Jennings. She graduated from Cambridge High and Latin High School and earned her bachelor's degree from Harvard University in Cambridge. Mrs. Collins was a part time resident of Long Beach Island for 20 years and former resident of Cambridge, Tonawanda and Somers, N.Y.; Antwerp, Belgium; South Barrington, Ill; and Houston, Texas. She was a homemaker, social worker and librarian and will be remembered for her family devotion, volunteerism and her love of art, music and literature.

She leaves her husband of 50 years, John Joseph Collins; her son, John Joseph Collins, of Cohasset; her daughters, Joanne Collins Downey of Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y., Amy Collins Fierro of Closter, N.J., and Eileen Collins Kauffman of Riverdale, N.Y.; their spouses and eight grandchildren.

Arrangements were handled by Clark Associates Funeral Home in Katonah, N.Y. Entombment will follow at Ferncliff Mausoleum in Hartsdale, N.Y.

Helen King Andrews, *World War II nurse's aide*

Helen King Andrews, 86, of West Hartford, Conn., died May 8, 2007, at Sunrise Assisted Living in Cohasset.

Mrs. Andrews was born in Hartford, Conn., the daughter of the late George Walter and Helen (Curtiss) King. She graduated from Oxford School and attended Pine Manor College. She volunteered as a nurse's aide during World War II.

Mrs. Andrews was a member of the Jr. League of Hartford, Seed & Weed Garden Club, Hartford Golf Club, Asylum Hill Church and Hartford Tennis Club.

Wife of the late Frederick Leete Andrews, she leaves three daughters, Betsey Unger of Denver, Susan O'Brien of Cohasset and Nancy Dyer of Natick; three sons-in-law, Robert Unger, Emmett O'Brien and Michael Dyer; nine grandchildren, Todd Unger, Matthew Unger, Elizabeth Unger, Scott Unger, Douglas O'Brien, Taylor O'Brien, Stacia McMillan, Timothy Dyer and Brett Dyer; and two great grandchildren, Sean McMillan and Madilyn McMillan.

Funeral services will be held at Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home, 136 South Main St., West Hartford, at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 12. Calling hours will be one hour prior, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., at the funeral home. Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford, immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 279 New Britain Ave., Kensington, CT 06037.

Peter R. Souther, *Automotive mechanic*

Peter R. Souther, 61, a lifetime Cohasset resident, died May 11, 2007, at his home.

Born in Weymouth, Mr. Souther was raised in Cohasset and attended Cohasset High School.

For more than 30 years, he worked as an automotive mechanic serving the South Shore at Bill Poland's Jenny Gas Station in Cohasset and at Wilder Brothers Tire and Car Care Center in North Scituate.

Mr. Souther loved fishing and lobstering. He was a Weight Master at Minot Light's Tuna Club.

He leaves his wife, Pamela H. (Rice) Souther; his daughter, Sharon Silvia of Scituate; his brother, Kenneth E. Souther Jr. of Scituate; and his grandchildren, Shannon A. and Shelby N. Silvia of Scituate. He was the brother of the late William O. Souther.

A graveside service was held at Woodside Cemetery. McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to Golden Living Center Activities Fund, Route 3A, CJC Hwy., Cohasset, MA 02025.

Special senior events for June

Friday, June 1, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Norfolk District Attorney's Annual Senior Summit at Lombardo's in Randolph includes complimentary continental breakfast and lunch. Transportation available.

Tuesday, June 12, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Father's Day Celebration at CEA. Cohasset's Policemen's Association will hot a Father's Day Cookout followed at 1 p.m. "And Now — Mark Twain" presented by actor, Richard Clark.

Wednesday, June 13, noon Cookout at the Life-Care Center of the South Shore. Transportation provided. (No lunch at the senior center.

Wednesday, June 20, 10:30 a.m. to noon Entertainment and brunch at Sunrise Assisted Living of Cohasset.

Wednesday, June 27, Departure 8:15 a.m. from St. Anthony's parking lot (senior center closed).

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The Best & The Brightest



Earlier this year CNC readers nominated some of the **Best & Brightest** young adults from around the South Shore.

Coming the week of May 27th, we will publish a special pull-out to reveal our 2007 **Best & Brightest** winners.

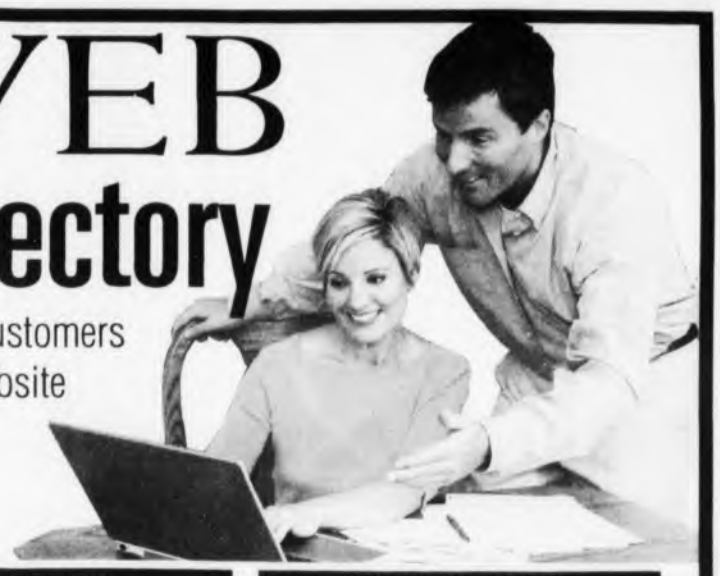
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WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, May 13:

10 a.m. - Worship in the Meeting House

Sermon: "My Grandmothers' Roses"

On this Mothers' Day, our children and youth will be in the service for the first 15 minutes and then depart for RE classes in the Parish House. Religious education classes for our toddlers and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 AM in the Parish House.

Refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall will follow the morning service and RE classes.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church: If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood. Appointments to speak to the staff can be made by calling or emailing. If you would like to learn more about the Episcopal Church please go to the Episcopal Church USA website at www.ecusa.org. Office hours are daily from 8:30 am until 2 pm.

Going on at St. Stephen's this week, May 13-20:

• Sunday, May 13: Morning prayer at 8 am and 10 am. Godly Play church school and nursery available at 10 service.

• Monday, May 14: 7:30 pm Christian Meditation; 7:30 pm Vestry meeting

• Wednesday, May 16: 9:30 Morning Prayer with Healing; 10:30 am Bible Study

• Friday, May 18: 9:30 am Yoga

• Saturday, May 19: 7:00 am Bible Fellowship

• Sunday, May 6: Services at 8 am and 10 am, special guest priest, the Reverend Barbara Edgar

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (third Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); Scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination: Christian Science. 781-749-2874. Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Bible subjects for May are: May 13, "Adam and Fallen Man;" May 20, "Mortals and Immortals;" and May 27, "Soul and Body."

The Bible subjects for June will be: Ancient and Modern Necromancy, alia Mesmerism and Hypnotism, Denounced, God the Only Cause and Creator, God the Preserver of Man, Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?

The Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

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MONDAY, MAY 7

10:09 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

10:43 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, officer reports a motor vehicle is parked in the fire lane; vehicle moved.

11:10 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller reports a suspicious older male has been walking the beach everyday and she is concerned because he seems odd to her; investigated and found party is an elderly resident from town; no problems.

11:21 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, caller reports his neighbor is yelling at propane delivery man; party told to return to their house.

12:35 a.m. **Country Way**, medical aid requested.

1:37 p.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, caller reports a contractor knocked down a secondary electrical line and it is resting on the truck; National Grid notified.

2:04 p.m. **Beach St.**, fire reported.

2:15 p.m. **North Main St.**, bus 2 driver reports a man in a red shirt riding a bicycle would not get out of the roadway. When she finally was able to drive around him, he yelled obscenities at her and the children onboard the bus; officer reports gone on arrival.

2:43 p.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

2:51 p.m. **Black Rock Road**, caller reports her washing machine is smoking and there may be an electrical fire. Homeowner will take care of the problem; not a fire.

2:54 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, walk-in party reports a black and purple mountain bike has been on her property for two weeks now and it doesn't belong to anyone in her family.

3:08 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, animal complaint.

3:09 p.m. **Sohier St.**, caller requests an officer regarding a youth on a bicycle who is racing from the parking lot to the street, onto a wooden ramp. The caller is concerned that he may get hit by a car.

3:26 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

TUESDAY, MAY 8

12:44 a.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

12:54 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, Hingham Police Dept. reports a chase heading into Cohasset on East St. Officers and Scituate Police Dept. notified. A K-9 officer was requested from the Scituate Police Dept. and Hull Police Dept. advised. Officer reports they have the suspect in house. Arrest: Michael P. Garofalo, 35, 8 Sparrow Road, Norfolk. Charges: Unarmed burglary, malicious destruction of property over $250, trespassing, resisting arrest, assault with a dangerous weapon, failure to stop for a police officer, reckless operation of a motor vehicle, speeding in violation of a special regulation, failure to stop/yield, marked lane violations, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, number plate violation to conceal identification and leaving the scene of property damage.

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APPLICANT: Avalon Cohasset Inc.

PERMIT NO. 826-0 (W075920)

FACILITY LOCATION: Avalon Cohasset, King Street, Cohasset

TYPE OF DISCHARGE: Treated Sanitary Wastewater from a Residential Development

QUANTITY OF DISCHARGE: 33,500 gallons per day

PROPOSED ACTION: Tentative Determination to issue permit

A copy of the application, draft permit, and statement of basis or fact sheet relative to the draft permit may be obtained from MassDEP's Wastewater Program at the above address and telephone number. Comments on the proposed action or requests for a public hearing thereon pursuant to 314 CMR 2.07 must be filed with MassDEP at the above address within thirty (30) days of this notice.

David Ferris, Director
Wastewater Management Division
Bureau of Resource Protection

AD#11314662
Cohasset Mariner 5/18/07

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The Trial Court
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Docket No. 05P1218AP
Notice of Fiduciary's Account

To the persons interested in the estate of Mary H. Jarman late of Cohasset, in the county of Norfolk.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the 1st and final account(s) of Daniel F. Affsa as public administrator (the fiduciary) of said estate has been presented to this Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Canton on or before the **18th day of June, 2007** the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account (s). If you desire to object to any item of said account (s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, FIRST JUSTICE of said Court at Canton this 7th day of May, 2007.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11313084
Cohasset Mariner 5/18/07

ABANDONED PROPERTY
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Notice of Sales of Abandoned Property

Misc pers items belonging to Reggie Newcomb of Rockland, MA and Jeffrey Lewis of Sagamore Beach, MA, abandoned in leased storage containers, to be auctioned at 10:00AM, May 31 at 34 Crocker Lane, Cohasset.

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ZBA/16 AND 22 DEPOT COURT
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Wednesday, June 6th at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7.2 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Richard H. Brown, Jr. and Gina M. Brown**, seek to re-build a building that was destroyed by fire located at **16 and 22 Depot Court** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-05-04.

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ZBA/40 SOUTH MAIN ST.
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TOWN OF COHASSET
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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Wednesday, June 6th at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Variance** pursuant to §5.3 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **40 South Main Street Nominee Trust, Inc.**, seeks to expand the existing building and add four apartments at **40 South Main Street (Cohasset Hardware)**, according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-05-15.

AD#11318366
Cohasset Mariner 5/18, 5/25/07

ZBA/53 HIGHLAND AVE.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Wednesday, June 6th at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7.2 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Tracy Merrill and Eric Wellmann,** seek to construct a second story addition to the existing garage which is within the setback at **53 Highland Avenue**, according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-05-14b.

AD#11318643
Cohasset Mariner 5/18, 5/25/07

ZBA/251 KING ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

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1:52 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, break and entry in progress. Alarm company reports basement motion sensor activation. Officer reports they have the suspect in the house and one in custody. Detectives pages and Delta 1 is responding for photos. Fire Dept. advised to respond to headquarters and box 3 struck. Rescue 3 will transport one to South Shore Hospital/ALS and one officer will ride with the rescue. Chief notified and South Shore Hospital security advised.

7:30 a.m. **Beach St.**, fire/blasting reported.

7:37 a.m. **North Main St.**, caller reports trash is all over North Main St. and his yard; he is concerned there may be some type of confrontation between neighbors.

8:47 a.m. **Hanover** – Hanover Police Dept. issued a be on the look out announcement for a missing juvenile last seen at 2 p.m., Monday, May 7, in Rockland.

10:54 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, caller reports trucks are parked on her property and she has asked them to move but they refuse; departmental action taken.

12:28 p.m. **Ledgewood Farms Drive**, fire system malfunction investigated.

1:20 p.m. **Ripley Road**, owner of building called to report door looks like it was forced open; investigated and found to not be a break and entry.

1:35 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, parking complaint.

2:19 p.m. **Howe Road**, caller reports trespassers on his property; homeowner/contractor dispute. Officer reports a language barrier problem and he is having problems contacting the roofing company.

2:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, officer reports an elderly man has fallen and has a minor head injury.

2:59 p.m. **Elm St.**, Lewis Tree employee with work notification; will be working for National Grid.

5:04 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle accident; no injuries reported.

6:25 p.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid requested for person who fell off their bicycle on the railroad tracks and injured their leg; transported to South Shore Hospital.

6:50 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

7:33 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, lost bicycle reported.

7:34 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, erratic motor vehicle operation reported.

8:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, suspicious activity reported.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

12:04 a.m. **Arrowhead Road**, medical aid – request for ambulance.

2:50 a.m. **South Main St. and Cedar Lane**, caller reports a banging noise in the area; cellar of home with oil tank spill is being pumped and the process is noisy.

3:09 a.m. **South Main St.**, fire investigation of oil tank spill removal; two sump pumps disconnected and message left for Environmental Dept.

7:07 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports a past larceny; investigated and report filed.

8:27 a.m. **First Parish Road**, Cohasset Engine 1, Ladder 1 and car 20 will cover Scituate Fire Headquarters for the day.

8:44 a.m. **Edward Foster Road**, gas line break reported; investigated.

10:06 a.m. **Old Pasture Road**, caller reports ex-wife is causing a disturbance; she is destroying his and his son's vehicles. Female party has fled the scene and no physical assault was involved; report filed.

11:20 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid – request for ambulance.

12:27 p.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious person reported.

12:32 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, trespassing reported.

12:39 p.m. **South Main St.**, caller reports a dog has entered the business and the owner has refused to pick it up; Animal Control Officer notified.

12:43 p.m. **Border St.**, caller reports a male party in a van stopped and took a picture of his daughter while she was outside talking to her friends; investigated.

1:11 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller reports a seal has beached itself; Animal Control Officer notified and will check on the animal later as seals are known to come up to the beach to warm themselves.

1:34 p.m. **South Main St.**, walk-in party reports a group of youths are damaging the water trough; youths sent on their way after being advised to clean up the mess they created.

1:48 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, request for officer regarding past incident of trespassing.

5 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

5:17 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

5:28 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:11 p.m. **Nichols Road**, noise complaint.

6:17 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, erratic motor vehicle operation; gone on arrival.

11:11 p.m. **White Head Road**, medical aid – request for ambulance.

THURSDAY, MAY 10

1:08 a.m. **Black Horse Lane**, suspicious activity reported.

8:30 a.m. **Sankey Road**, medical aid requested.

8:54 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, caller reports the vehicle traveling behind hers is being operated erratically; officers stopped vehicle and issued a verbal warning for speeding and not having license in possession.

2:29 p.m. **Forest Ave. and Old Coach Road**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

3:09 p.m. **Forest Ave. and Old Coach Road**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

FRIDAY, MAY 11

8:43 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, odor of gas reported; KeySpan notified.

9:15 a.m. **Hull St.**, caller requests officer regarding a verbal dispute between neighbors; officers investigated and advised.

10:37 a.m. **Grace Drive**, officer reports Gas Company has ruptured a line; Hull Engine 2 will respond.

11:10 a.m. **Sohier St. and Ripley Road**, motor vehicle accident with injuries reported; tow truck requested.

11:22 a.m. **Sohier St. and Ripley Road**, cruiser on fire; extinguished.

12:25 p.m. **Ripley Road**, caller reports a trailer truck has taken down a power line; road shut down and National Grid and Verizon notified.

1:02 p.m. **Heritage Lane**, walk-in party reports a female party harassed his work crew; departmental action taken.

2:13 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports a hit and run with property damage; party located and will return to pay for damages.

2:28 p.m. School St., medical aid requested.

2:57 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, disturbance reported; peace restored.

4:33 p.m. **Pond St.**, caller reports her cat dragged in an unknown species of snake; Animal Control Officer notified.

4:40 p.m. **Evergreen St.**, missing dog reported; located.

5:29 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, bridge jumpers reported; departmental action taken.

5:55 p.m. **Elm and Brook streets**, fire reported.

6:58 p.m. **South Main St.**, disabled motor vehicle reported.

7:30 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, caller reports a blue motorcycle speeding towards Shaws.

8:53 p.m. **Church St.**, suspicious activity reported; investigated.

9:41 p.m. **Summer St.**, caller reports his neighbor's dog keeps getting out of their house and barking and states he will shoot the dog if it keeps happening; services rendered.

10:32 p.m. **Bayberry Lane**, domestic disturbance. Arrest: Kimberly Callahan, 40, 11 Bayberry Lane, Cohasset. Charges: Domestic assault and battery.

11:35 p.m. **King St.**, confused person reported; services rendered.

SATURDAY, MAY 12

6:51 a.m. **Nichols Road**, assist citizen; information recorded.

4:48 p.m. **Reservoir Road**, large dog reported running loose; services rendered by Animal Control Officer.

4:57 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, suspicious person reported; services rendered.

8:25 p.m. **Hull St. and Grace Drive**, two cars ticketed for parking in a no-parking zone.

9:48 p.m. **Summer St.**, report of youths causing a disturbance; peace restored.

10:37 p.m. **Black Horse Lane**, motor vehicle notification; information recorded.

11:23 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, disturbance reported; investigated.

11:39 p.m. **Margin St.**, motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Emily Atwan, 19, 1134 Canton Ave., Milton. Charges: Operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

SUNDAY, MAY 13

6:08 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, past garage fire reported; investigated.

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Lyons shares his love of music

Former cop now leads Blue Moon Orchestra

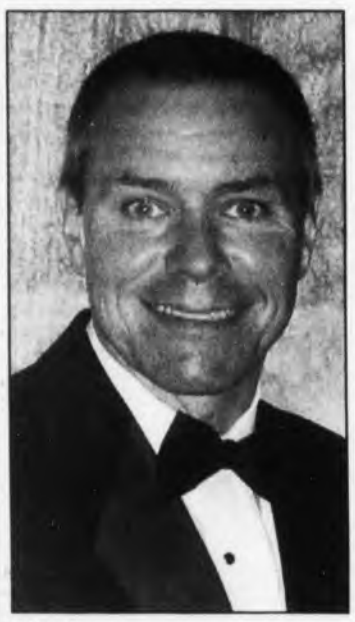
By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Mike Lyons achieved a childhood career goal when he became a police officer in his hometown of Lincoln, R.I. Now retired from the force, Lyons is pursuing another of his longtime career aspirations as a big band leader with the Blue Moon Orchestra, which comes to Norwell's Company Theatre on Sunday.

"My dad loved swing music and he had so many 78s of Frank Sinatra, Harry James, Duke Ellington and Count Basie that I fell in love with it, too. When I was a boy, it was a dream of mine to one day play this kind of music," explained Lyons by telephone last week. "I played trumpet in high school, but growing up in the 1960s I wasn't only listening to my Dad's records, I was also into The Rolling Stones and Led Zeppelin."

"We have note-for-note transcription of the arrangements Quincy Jones did for the Count Basie Orchestra so we really achieve an authentic sound."

— Mike Lyons, big band leader with the Blue Moon Orchestra



Mike Lyons

Lyons also had an interest in law enforcement. He joined the Lincoln Police Department, where a 1993 critical incident led him to take early retirement and changed his life forever.

"In 1993, I responded to a call and was attacked by a club-wielding suspect. The assailant was swinging the club at me and I was blocking headshots. Finally, I had to shoot him to stop the attack and he died," recalls Lyons. "Training prepares you to be a police officer, but nothing can really prepare you for what happened to me. To this day, it is still a very emotional experience for me to even think about."

In addition to the emotional scarring, Lyons also still suffers from nerve damage incurred in his hands during the incident.



The Blue Moon Orchestra

As part of his recovery, Lyons returned to music. In 1997, he attended Berklee College of Music, studying privately with several of the school's faculty members. In the years that followed, Lyons played trumpet and sang with several big bands.

"By March 2004, after years as a singer and trumpeter with big bands, I founded the 17-member Blue Moon Orchestra for which I'm bandleader and male vocalist. We have note-for-note transcription of the arrangements Quincy Jones did for the Count Basie Orchestra so we really achieve an authentic sound."

Lyons knows a thing or two about sound. He also works as a recording engineer when he is not on the Blue Moon bandstand playing to audiences of all ages.

"People, even kids, really dig this music. Even high school students, who are exposed to every imaginable genre, find this music hard to ignore thanks to shows like 'Dancing with the Stars.' It's always a special night, too, when people at our shows dance along."

While Lyons stays busy with Blue Moon gigs and serving as co-director of the jazz band at Lincoln Middle School, his first career remains on his mind, too.

"I miss policing. Once you're a cop, you're always a cop, but I also love what I'm doing now."

Mike Lyons and his Blue Moon Orchestra will perform at the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park, Norwell, on May 20 at 2 p.m. For tickets and information, call 781-871-2787 or visit companytheatre.com.

Movie review



Georgia (Jane Fonda) steps back to let her wild granddaughter Rachel (Lindsay Lohan) do some venting.

You won't be Fonda 'Georgia'

"Georgia Rule" (C-)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

In the mood for a comedy about incest?

In "Georgia Rule," Lindsay Lohan, who was publicly spanked for misbehaving on the set of this film, is Rachel Wilcox, a 17-year-old spoiled sex siren. Who'd a thunk? .

Rachel is caught between the summer after high school and her first semester at Vassar. Because she has been behaving scandalously at home, Rachel's — villain alert! — Ferrari-driving, San Francisco attorney stepfather, Arnold (Cary Elwes), and her alcoholic mother, Lilly (Felicity Huffman), banish her to sleepy, small-town Hull, Idaho, and the modest home of her supposedly dragon-lady grandmother, Georgia (Jane Fonda).

Rachel almost literally blows into town, seducing a big piece of fundamentalist man-candy named Harlan (Garret Hedlund).

"Are you one of those back-country sodomy boys?" Rachel buoyantly asks when they meet.

Are you laughing yet?

Rachel also tries to get a rise out of Simon (Dermot Mulroney), a sage, 40ish veterinarian who also practices, with a wink and a nod, on the townfolk. In one of the film's few laugh lines, Simon accuses Rachel of being the Antichrist.

The plot really heats up when Rachel, who has a reputation for lying, tells Mom her step dad molested her when she was 12.

Directed by veteran Garry Marshall ("Pretty Woman," "The Princess Dairies") and scripted by Mark Andrus ("Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood," "As Good As It Gets"), "Georgia Rule" is an almost complete washout that is going to get eaten alive at the box office by spiders and zombies.

This is probably all for the good since there are almost no sympathetic characters in the film. Rachel, whose wardrobe might have been acquired at Tramps-R-Us, is a horror, and Lohan lets her heaving breasts and flashing thighs do all the work.

Her mother, Lilly, is a delusional fool, and Huffman, whose performance in "Transamerica" was a wonder, can't do a thing with the role or the egregious wig she must wear for half the film. For her part, Fonda's Georgia says the word "poop" within seconds of her first appearance and conjures up some species of the Katharine Hepburn role in "On Golden Pond." All that's missing is that trademark wavering voice.

Compared to this, "Monster-In-Law" was Noel Coward. In one badly edited scene, a tipsy Lilly wrestles a local boy for command of a lawn mower and somehow ends up topless. Hee-haw.

"Everybody's savable," Georgia assures her daughter in their prefab, big confrontation. Maybe, but not every movie.

Rated R. "Georgia Rule" contains sexually suggestive scenes and profanity.

Calendar of events

Thursday, May 17

NETWORK 4 SUCCESS - Meets and the third Thursday of each month for lunch at the Halifax Country Club Route 58 in Halifax from noon to 1:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at the Plympton Library, Route 58 in Plympton, from 5 to 6 p.m. Lunch extra. Organizer: Laura Joseph 781-422-2294 cell 774-266-3614.

The May meeting of the Olde Colony Civil War Roundtable will be held May 17, at 7 p.m. at the Endicott Estate, 656 East St., Dedham, (Exit 14 off Route 128). Mini-bit speaker for the evening will be member John Fratolillo speaking on "Sam Davis, Boy Hero of the Confederacy." The main speaker will be Dave Lambert on "Researching Civil War Ancestors." Our book sale will be Buy One - Get One Free. Refreshments will be served immediately afterwards. Free and open to the public.

Iron Chef Competition takes place at Fifty- Three South on May 17, at 7 p.m. with five local celebrity judges, two talented sous chefs, and one winner, in our annual Iron Chef Competition. Tickets include delicious passed appetizers, tapas, and samples of the decadent culinary creations prepared during the competition. Reservations are required and being sold for $35 per person, and $25 for VIP members. Contact us at 781-792-0001.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke **Texas Hold Em** every Thursday night 781-294-4700.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. **May 17, Flydown.**

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, Satch Romano's **New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam with The Swamptones** at 9:15 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

CALENDAR, see next page

Mark your calendar

ANNUAL SPRING PLANTING MOON POW-WOW AND ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL May 27-29, (Memorial Day Weekend) Marshfield Fairgrounds, 140 Main St. (Route 3A), Marshfield from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The pow-wow will feature the Wampanoag Nation Singers & Dancers; dance demonstrations; inter-tribal dancing; craftmaking, educational presentation and visits inside a wickiup and a tipi; storytelling, resource and membership tables, arts, crafts and Native food for sale. (Buffalo Burgers, Buffalo Sausage, Marinated Venison, Indian Tacos, Fried Clams, Scallops and more.) Adults: $5; Seniors: $4; Children (6-12): $2. Age 5 & Under: Free parking. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. For information, call MCNAA at 617-884-4227 or visit our website (www.mcnaa.org) or e-mail: mcnaa@aol.com

SECOND ANNUAL BLUEGRASS ON THE BOGS 2007 June 9, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and June 10, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Edaville USA, Pine Street, Carver Cost and registration: Saturday $20, Sunday $15; camping $10 per person. http://www.edaville.com http://bluegrassonthebogs.org

THE MAXWELL CONSERVATION TRUST in Scituate is putting on a free Family Fun Day on June 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mt. Hope Improvement Society Building, at the corner of Clapp Road and Cedar Street in Scituate's West End. Free entertainment will be the focus of the celebration including guided hikes of the Litchfield property, a moon walk, face painting, "Max Pics" (pictures taking with Maxwell, the golden retriever that the trust is named for) and live music by Kathie Lee, Howard Mathews and Jessie and Loni Allen. Refreshments will be available for purchase. For further information, call Cynde Robbins on 781-545-4167.

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The New England Herpetological Society will hold a Reptile Show and Sale, Sunday, May 20, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the New England Wildlife Center, 500 Columbian St., Weymouth. Animal exhibits, educational material and tours of the wildlife center will be featured. In addition, reptiles will be for sale. Part of the proceeds will benefit the New England Wildlife Center and donations to the wildlife center will be gratefully accepted. To make a donation or for information, visit www.newildlife.com. For information on the NEHS Show, call 617-789-5800 or go to www.neherp.com.

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JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St. Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

Friday, May 18

"TOPS, (take off pounds sensibly) a weight loss support group, meets on Fridays at the Duxbury COA on Mayflower St. Duxbury. Weigh-in 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. meeting 10 to 11 a.m. Interested? call Vivian 508-746-3839.

The Red Dot Gallery located at 1162 Washington St. in Dorchester, Lower Mills, will feature the works of **Frank Susi**, **David Forest Thompson** and **Joshua Thissel** during the month of May. On May 18, from 6 to 9 p.m., an artist reception open to the public will be held. The gallery is open Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. and by appointment. Visit reddotgallery.org for information.

The South Shore Folk Music Club will hold an **All Open Mike Night** at The Beal House, Rte 106, Kingston, on May 18. The Open Mike starts at 8 p.m. doors open at 7:30 p.m. Performers can sign up at the door at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $5 for members and $6 for non-members.

The South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham, will feature the works of **Robert Beaulieu** of Scituate, at an opening reception May 18, from 6 to 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The exhibit will be on display until Thursday, June 14. Hours are from Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 12 to 5 p.m. For additional information, please call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

New England Singles Dances – ages 40 and over May 18, from 8 p.m. to midnight VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission $8 visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. May 18, **Radio For The Blind.**

Mount Blue Restaurant 707 Main St., Norwell **May 18,** Basic Black 781-659-0050. **Reservations accepted for dinner tables near the band**

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **The MoJo Kings** at 9:15 p.m., for people 21+. No cover 781-335-9796.

Run of the Mill, 6 Spring Lane, May 18, The Phil Brigham Duo Plymouth, 508-830-1262.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, May 18, **Johnny Hoy & The Bluefish, Blues.** Cover $7. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Saturday, May 19

St. Andrew's Church, 17 Church St., in Hanover is having a Yard Sale on Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The yard sale will feature tools, garden tools, toys, jewelry, books, white elephant items, and much more. There will be a bake sale and refreshments (coffee, soft drinks, hamburgers, and hot dogs) will also be sold. To donate items, or for further information call St. Andrew's Church, 781-826-2062.

The Weir River and Straits Pond Watershed Association Estuary and Straits Pond Clean Up Day, takes place from 10 a.m. to noon on May 19, followed by a picnic at Hull's Gun Rock Beach Playground, Atlantic Avenue, Hull. Interested volunteers should meet at the following locations at 10 a.m. Estuary Center, George Washington Blvd., Rockland Street/Kilby Street Bridge, "151" Atlantic Avenue at Straits Pond. Bring trash bags, rake, and bottled water. Wear gloves, long sleeves and pants/boots.

Starcreations Theater presents the comedy **Tung and Cheek** on May 19, at 7 p.m. and May 20 at 4:30 p.m. held at the Reed Community House, 33A Summer St, Kingston. Tickets: Adult $10, Student $5. For info and reservations, call 508-747-1234 or email info@starcreations.org

River Bid Auction, to benefit North and South Rivers Watershed Association and celebrate 36 years of protecting the rivers, will take place from 6:30 to 10 p.m., on Saturday, May 19, at the Cushing Center, 673 Main St., Route 123, Norwell. Live music by Lonesome Jukebox Quintet will be offered. Those attending can bid on auction items including fine art, vacation getaways, sporting event tickets, boats and equipment, gift certificates and more. Admission is $40 and includes hearty hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Send checks to NSRWA, P.O. Box 43, Norwell, MA 02061. There are no tickets; names will be placed on a reservation list, which will be at the door, along with a program. For information, visit the Web site at theriversshed.org.

The Plymouth Philharmonic converts into a super-sized Big Band in *"Salute to Ol' Blue Eyes,"* a swingin' Pops tribute to Frank Sinatra. Popular broadcast personality Ron Della Chiesa serves as guest host, sharing his many stories about *the chairman of the board*. Jazz vocalist and Sinatra song stylist Steve Marvin joins the orchestra in *"Fly Me to the Moon," "All of Me,"* and *"The Summer Wind."* Steven Karidoyanes conducts this much-anticipated event is being held in Plymouth's Memorial Hall on Saturday May 19. The concert begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are now on sale. Memorial Hall is fully accessible. Some table seating is still available. Individual ticket prices are $50, $45, $40, $30 and $20. Tables for eight are $400. Senior, Youth and Group discounts are offered. Advance tickets can be purchased at *the Phil* office located 16 Court St., Plymouth or by phone with a credit card by calling 508-746-8008. Memorial Hall is located on 83 Court St./Route 3A, Plymouth. For information about the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra's 91st season, visit www.plymouthphil.org

The Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) invites adults considering adoption through foster care to attend the annual Southeastern Mass. Adoption Party, Saturday, May 19, at LaSalette Shrine, Route 118, Attleboro. The Adoption Party, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., is free and wheelchair accessible. Anyone interested in adoption, from beginners to experienced adoptive parents, is welcome to attend. The Adoption Party is an informational event at which adults (18+), single, married, or partnered, homeowners or renters, of nearly any income level, can learn more about adopting a child or sibling group from foster care.

The sixth annual Books in Bloom flower show at the Ventress Library, Route 139 Marshfield, takes place May 19, from noon to 4 p.m. Designers from the **Y'ise Gardeners**, the **Seaside Gardeners** and the library staff will interpret their favorite books in flowers. Also featured will be music by pianist **Richard Rancatore**, light refreshments, a raffle and a sale of used gardening books. All monies earned from the raffle and book sale are used to fund the library's "Books in Bloom Collection" of gardening, landscaping and flower arranging books. This is a free event presented by the Y'ise Gardeners of Marshfield. For information, contact Jacklyn Robinson at the library at 781-834-5535 or visit ventresslibrary.org

The South Street Gallery will once again offer its "Art Appraisal Day" May 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hingham resident **Arthur Garrity**, a professional fine art appraiser, will offer verbal appraisals at the Gallery at 149 South St. Hingham. Etchings, prints or original oil or watercolor paintings may be submitted for review. There is a fee of $10 per appraisal, or $25 for three appraisals, with all of the proceeds being donated to the Hingham Historical Society. Hours are from Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday noon to 5 p.m. For additional information, call 781-749-0430 or visit southstreetgallery.com

Silver Lake Regional Middle School will present **Fiddler on the Roof Jr.** at 7 p.m., on May 19, and 2 p.m., and May 20, in the auditorium at Silver Lake Middle School. General admission/$8, students and seniors/$6, and children younger than age 10/$2. Limited reserve seating is available for $10. For tickets or information, call 781-582-3566 or email cbeck@slrsd.org. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to show time.

NSRWA to host River Bid Auction River Bid Auction, to benefit North and South Rivers Watershed Association and celebrate 36 years of protecting the rivers, will take place from 6:30 to 10 p.m., on Saturday, May 19, at the Cushing Center, 673 Main St., Route 123, Norwell. Live music by Lonesome Jukebox Quintet will be offered. Those attending can bid on auction items including fine art, vacation getaways, sporting event tickets, boats and equipment, gift certificates and more. Admission is $40 and includes hearty hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Send checks to NSRWA, P.O. Box 43, Norwell, MA 02061. There are no tickets; names will be placed on a reservation list, which will be at the door, along with a program. For information, visit the Web site at theriversshed.org

The Kennedys at Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square on Saturday, May 19, at 8 p.m. the Coffeehouse off the Square at Hingham's Old Ship Church presents The Kennedys. Pete and Maura end the season on a high note with their energetic, imaginative humor and harmonies. Pete, a former lead guitarist for a major band, and Maura, formerly a backup vocalist for Nanci Griffith. For information, visitkennedymusic.com The Coffeehouse is at the Old Ship Church Parish Hall, 107 Main St, in Hingham Square just up from the Loring Hall Theater and on the MBTA's 220 bus from Quincy Center. The event begins with an open mike at 8 p.m. Admission is $10 at the door (sorry, no reservations). Beverages and desserts are $.50, and net proceeds benefit the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. For information call 781-749-1767.

Blue Hills Walking Club Easy/moderate walk two miles. Loop around Houghton's Pond and old Rte. 128. Meet at the Houghton's Pond main parking lot on 840 Hillside St., Milton. Rangers recommend you wear hiking boots and bring drinking water.

CALENDAR, see next page

In your garden



ABINGTON GARDEN CLUB plant sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 19, at the Butterfly Park on Central St., across from Island Grove, behind the Grange Hall and near the Police Station. Several varieties of perennials and annuals will be available. We sold out early on many items last year. Baked Goods table.

THE MATTAKEESETT GARDEN CLUB plant sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 12 rain date Saturday May 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Bandstand across from First Church in Pembroke Center (Rte 14). Great selection and great prices on perennials, water garden plants, annuals and geraniums.

ASK THE EXPERTS AT MASSHORT: 23rd Annual Society Row Plant Sale at Elm Bank Horticulture Center in Wellesley.10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 19, – Have a listless lilac, a cranky conifer, or an unhappy hosta? Expert plant societies can help. Members of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and plant societies are invited to a special members-only preview from 9 to 10 a.m. that day.

THE COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB OF COHASSET annual Garden Friends Plant Sale May 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the grounds of the Cohasset Historical Society, 106 South Main St. A wide selection of annuals, perennials, and shrubs for sale. Members of the Garden Club will be available to help you select the best plants for your garden.

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL PLANT SALE OF THE PERENNIAL GARDENERS OF THE SOUTH SHORE will be held from 8 a.m. to noon on May 19, at the yard of Dawn Lopez, 78 Main St., (Route 123), Norwell. The gardening group, which began 15 years ago, will be offering perennials, ground covers, herbs and collectors' plants. Group members will be on hand to help with plant selection and planting and growing tips. Rain or shine. For information, visit www.perennialgardeners.org or contact p.gardeners@perennialgardeners.org

HULL GARDEN CLUB Plant Sale May 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the DCR parking lot on George Washington Boulevard. Annuals, perennials, hanging baskets, patio pots, vegetable and herb plants, compost bins, rain barrels, daffodil orders, and more. Buy at the Plant Sale or reserve plants by using pre-order forms at the Hull Library and Senior Center. 781-925-4823; 781-925-0013. Hull Garden Club Daffodil Trail Daffodil bulb orders are being taken for Fall 2007 delivery. $13.50 for 50 bulbs; $27 for 100 bulbs. Your choice of yellow, white or naturalizing mix. Order forms at Hull Post Office, Senior Center, and Library. Telephone orders by June 1. 781-925-1728.

ROCKLAND GARDEN CLUB, 18th Annual Plant Sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 19, Rockland Town Hall, Union Street, 781-878-8629. Annuals perennials shrubs,

ST. ANDREW'S BOOK, PLANT, AND YARD SALE 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 19, 17 Church St., Hanover. Youth who are going to Mississippi on a Mission Trip in June will be selling hotdogs, donuts and coffee as well as holding a car wash in the back parking lot to raise money for their trip. Indoor and outdoor plants.

ABINGTON UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST PLANT SALE, Bedford St., Abington May 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Many perennials will be available for sale. Come early for best selection.

SCITUATE GARDEN CLUB DAFFODIL BULB SALE: Plan now for a great show next spring. Scituate Garden Club is once again offering its special sale of 100 King Alfred bulbs for $28. The proceeds from the sale are used to fund garden club projects and educational programs. One of the club's biggest projects is the maintenance of the Wildflower Garden at the historic Mann Farmhouse on Stockbridge Road. The garden is open to the public and is a vision of beauty especially during the months of May and June. To order bulbs send a check for $28 made out to Scituate Garden Club and mail to Marilyn MacLellan, 23 Neal Gate St., Scituate, MA 02066; include your name, address and telephone number. Orders will be received until June 1 Bulbs will be ready for pick up at a designated location in late September.

Golf tournaments

MARSHFIELD YOUTH BASEBALL GOLF TOURNAMENT May 18, Crosswinds, Plymouth Bramble, putting contest par three prizes, golf poker, silent auction, dinner. $125. www.marshfieldyouthbaseball.org

PLYMPTON'S TERCENTENNIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT to be held at the Halifax Country Club on May 21. Shotgun start 1:30 p.m. Modified scramble followed by dinner at the Country Club. $135/golfer. Register at http://town.plympton.ma.us

BOY SCOUT TROOP 138 FROM ST. CLARE'S CHURCH IN BRAINTREE ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT on May 21, at the Braintree Municipal Golf Course. Start time 10 a.m. Cost is $100 per golfer and includes: golf, golf cart, lunch, catered dinner, and raffle ticket. Contact Joan Howell at 781-848-1143 or John Collier at 781- 843-3330.

CEREBRAL PALSY OF MASSACHUSETTS 8TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC, May 31, 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Pinehills Golf Club, 54 Clubhouse Drive, Plymouth. 10:30 a.m. – Registration, Driving Range Opens 11:30 a.m. – Box Lunch 12:30 p.m. – Shotgun Start 5:30 p.m. – Cocktail Reception 6:30 p.m. – Dinner, Raffle, Auction and Awards Presentation. $175 per golfer (includes 18 holes of golf, gift, box lunch *Sponsorship opportunities for golfers and non-players at* 617-479-7443 ext. 203. www.masscp.org

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY invites you to its 15th Annual Golf Tournament at South Shore Country Club in Hingham on Monday, June 4. Registration begins at noon with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Cocktails at 6 p.m. with dinner, awards, auction and raffle to follow. Sponsors and auction/raffle item donations are needed. Proceeds benefit the school's operating budget. Fees: $175 per player, $700 per foursome if booked before May 18. Register online at www.ndahingham.com or call 781-749-5930 ext. 247 for information.

THE SCITUATE ANIMAL SHELTER will hold its 4th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, June 1, at Widow's Walk Golf Course in Scituate. The tournament will feature numerous prizes, raffles, and Par 3 Poker. The $125 fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, and dinner at the historic Barker Tavern. The shelter is also seeking corporate sponsorships and donations to raffle. Tournament registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis; reserve All proceeds go to the Shelter, serving the town of Scituate and the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, and Norwell on an as-needed basis. Registration forms are available at the Shelter or by logging onto our website at www.town.scituate.ma.us/animalshelter/ For information, call 781-545-8325.

BOSTON ABLE RESTORATION SECOND ANNUAL DISASTER RELIEF GOLF TOURNAMENT benefits the Shriners Hospitals for Children June 8, from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Atlantic Country Club, 450 Little Sandy Pond Road, Plymouth. Friday, June 8, 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Registration, 11:30 a.m.; box lunch, 12:30 p.m.; shotgun start 1:30 p.m.; Cocktail reception 6:30 p.m.; dinner, raffle and awards presentation at 7:30 p.m. A "shot" to win a 2007 Ford Mustang. Individual Golfer - $125, which includes clambake dinner. Dinner Only. $50 per person. Sponsorship opportunities for golfers and non-players available www.able911.com or Jeff Sabel at 888-ABLE-911 (888-225-3911.)

THE ARC OF THE SOUTH SHORE'S 20th ANNUAL LOU BAILEY GOLF OUTING, Pembroke Country Club, 94 West Elm St., Pembroke. Monday, June 18, 12:30 p.m. Registration/lunch; 1:30 p.m. Shotgun start (scramble format); 6:30 p.m., Cocktail reception; 7 p.m. Dinner buffet, raffle, silent auction and awards presentation. Individual Golfer - $125 (Foursome - $500). Corporate sponsorship opportunities for golfers and non-players available. Sponsorship registration is required on or before May 15. To register for this event, become a sponsor or for information, contact Claudia Cuscianna at 781-413-2230.

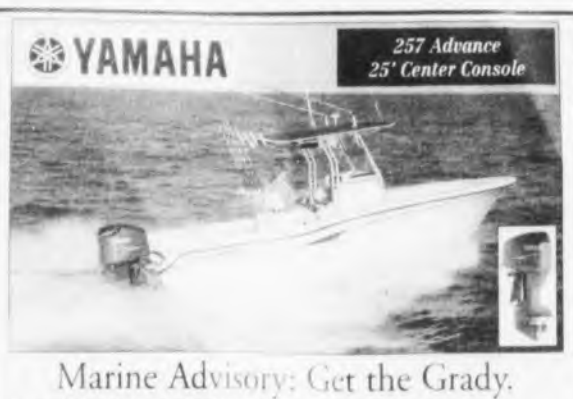
Visit wickedlocalgolf.com for Southeastern Massachusetts golf news and tournament listings.



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The Red Dot Gallery located at 1162 Washington St. in Dorchester, Lower Mills, will feature the works of Frank Susi, David Forest Thompson and Joshua Thissel during the month of May. On May 18, from 6 to 9 p.m., an artist reception open to the public will be held. The gallery is open Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. and by appointment. Visit reddotgallery.org for information.

Artwork by David Forest Thompson



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The Plymouth Philharmonic converts into a supercharged Big Band in "Salute to Ol' Blue Eyes," a swingin' Pops tribute to Frank Sinatra. Popular broadcast personality Ron Della Chiesa serves as guest host, sharing his many stories about the chairman of the board. Jazz vocalist and Sinatra song stylist Steve Marvin joins the orchestra in "Fly Me to the Moon," "All of Me," and "The Summer Wind." Steven Karidoyanes conducts this much-anticipated event is being held in Plymouth's Memorial Hall on Saturday May 19. The concert begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are now on sale. Memorial Hall is fully accessible. Some table seating is still available. Individual ticket prices are $50, $45, $40, $30 and $20. Tables for eight are $400. Senior, Youth and Group discounts are offered. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Phil office located 16 Court St., Plymouth or by phone with a credit card by calling 508-746-8008. Memorial Hall is located on 83 Court St./Route 3A, Plymouth. For information about the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra's 91st season, visit www.plymouthphil.org

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Run of the Mill, 6 Spring Lane, Plymouth, offers **traditional Irish Seisiun** every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety, from sea chanteys, rebel songs and songs of loss, to jigs, reels and hornpipes, with great craic and singalong. Admission is free. No cover. Come sing, come play, come listen. Call 508-830-1262.

French Memories Café, 175 South Main St, Cohasset. Every Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5 p.m. **Drift Away with Joe'n J.** 781-383-2216.

Mount Blue, 707 Main St., Norwell. **The Joe Leary Band** May 19, at 9 p.m. 781-659-0050. **Reservations accepted for dinner tables near the band**

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. May 19, **Jon Frattasio & Friends** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, May 19, **Mission of Blues** at 9:15 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, May 19 **Steve Smith & The Nakeds** funk/soul/rhythm & blues. Cover $9. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sunday, May 20

The Daniel Webster Estate and Heritage Center, Marshfield presents "Your Old Fashioned Garden." **Kathi Gariepy** Landscape specialist and member of the Master Garden Society will identify antique plants and introduce us to new hybrids for easy care and maintenance to create the garden of your dreams. Tickets $15 781-837-2403 or 781-837-7579 wwwdanielwebsterestate.org

Braintree Art Association Artist of the Month, **Kris Kreitman**, will exhibit his work for the month of May at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Blue Hills Reservation – Hike and Happenings 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 20 **12th annual Blue Hills Mountain Bike Day** take exit 3 off Route 93 and follow signs to Houghton's Pond Picnic Site #5 in Milton. Perfect your pedaling power with the DCR Rangers Blue Hills TrailWatch and the New England Mountain Bike Association. Fun obstacle course and games for kids. Expo area with bike repair demonstrations. Call 617-698-1802 Share the trails responsible riding information and free give-a-ways. Bring own bike. Helmets are required.

The New England Herpetological Society will hold a **Reptile Show and Sale**, Sunday, May 20, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the New England Wildlife Center, 500 Columbian St., Weymouth. Animal exhibits, educational material and tours of the wildlife center will be featured. In addition, reptiles will be for sale. Part of the proceeds will benefit the New England Wildlife Center and donations to the wildlife center will be gratefully accepted. To make a donation or for information, visit www.newildlife.com. For information on the NEHS Show, call 617-789-5800 or go to www.neherp.com.

The North River Arts Society present Festival of The Arts Award Winners - *Best in Show: Photography* at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Square, Marshfield through June 1. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster St., Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com

Front Street Art Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate hosts artist **Vincent LoPiccolo** through May 27.

Tour of the luxury Cohasset Home will raise money for Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps. Curious neighbors, prospective home buyers, decorators, and anyone interested in the latest in home appliances and home technology will be raising money for the programs that educate, rehabilitate, and heal underserved youth across the state when they tour WCVB's Concept Home. On May 6, from 3 to 5 p.m.: Chef/Owner Aldo Velaj of Vlora Mediterranean Restaurant will prepare traditional cuisine from the Adriatic coast.

Tours will be held throughout May at 17 Ox Pasture Lane in Cohasset. The public is invited to tour the home Thursdays through Sundays in May. Tickets are $15 in advance and $20 at the door. For information, and to purchase tickets, visit rfkchildren.org, or call 617-227-4183.

The Dickinson Art Gallery, the region's newest art gallery, will feature the work of four artists in their next show titled "The Fabulous Four." Works of **Kathy Ferrara** (watercolors), **Steve Boczanowski** (acrylics), **Dominic Farrell** (watercolors) and **Charyl Weissbach** (Encaustic and Oil) will be displayed at the gallery through June 9. Dickinson Art Gallery on 1132 Main St. (Route 18) in Weymouth. For information call 781-331-3384 or 800-979-2300.

Blue Moon Orchestra brings The great American Songbook to The Company Theatre America's greatest music is brought back with a special performance by **Mike Lyons & The Blue Moon Orchestra**, coming to The Company Theatre on Sunday, May 20 at 2 p.m. Led by the vocals of Mike Lyons, this 17 piece "Big Band" performs songs by Glenn Miller, Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darin, Benny Goodman, Louis Prima, Dean Martin and others.. Tickets are just $22 and available at The Company Theatre box-office at 30 Accord Park in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companytheatre.com

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, will feature **Dave Foley acoustic jam 9** p.m., for No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796.

Monday, May 21

The North River Arts Society presents **The Maine Event** at the Dolphin Gallery located at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham featuring paintings depicting the beauty of the Maine landscape through May 24. The library gallery is open Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 1-5 p.m. Call the library to confirm current hours: 781.741.1405. For information, contact the NRAS Office at 781-837-8091.

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New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Monday and is highly recommended for newcomers. All are welcome. For information, call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857.

Tuesday, May 22

WCVB Concept Home's Spring Boutique May 22, from 6 to 9 p.m. 17 Ox Pasture Lane, Cohasset. Enjoy a glass of wine and unique shopping in this fantastic setting. The 5,600 sq foot home showcases the latest in home building and interior design, and includes furnishings by Circle Furniture in conjunction with HGTV's Candace Olsen, among many others. Fabulous door prizes including Magpie jewels and gifts from Beauty and Main. Tickets available at the door. $15 donation to RFK Children's Action Corps Sponsored by: Artifacts, DFV Wines, Jodi's Gems, Magpie Rings, MN Bird, Ports and Company Tickets are limited, to reserve yours go to www.thebostonchannel.com/conceptthome

Marguerite Moore's "The North River", a series of three oil paintings is on display at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell along with other True Value Painters **Elizabeth Durant, Ann Johnson, and Joanne Paprandrea.** Their exhibit "True Value Painters" is on display through May 19, at Vine Hall Gallery, South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell.

Women of the South Shore If you love to sing come to the open rehearsals of **The Island Grove Chorus**- a women's acapella singing group. Meet at the United Church of Christ Route 18 in Abington, on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. Call Joanne 781-843-4355 or Judy 781-848-5843.

The Bar Association of Norfolk County sponsors a **Free Evening Legal Clinic,** Quincy District Court, on May 22, from 6 to 8 p.m. For further information call Adrienne Clark at 617-471-9693.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. May 22, **Free Texas Hold Em. With Northern Poker Legue.**

The Snug, 114 North St., Hingham, every Tuesday night 8:30 p.m. **Drift Away Trio** featuring **J Place, Joe Micarelli, and John Litwin**. No cover 781-749-9774.

Wednesday, May 23

Food Allergy Group of the South Shore meets at South Shore Hospital, 55 Fogg Rd, S.Weymouth. "Creating a Safe Environment for Your Child with Food Allergies," presentation and discussion led by Elisabeth Stieb, RN May 23, at 7 p.m. and are free. Check our website www.asthmaandallergies.org or call our office 781-444-7778 for further details and driving directions.

The Hingham Library and Buttonwood Books welcome the "New York Times" best-selling author **William Martin** at 7 p.m. on May 23, at the Hingham Library, 66 Leavitt St. Hingham. Martin, will be discussing his new book "The Lost Constitution." This is a free event. Books, provided by Buttonwood, will be available for purchase at the event. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a personalized or signed copy, please call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665.

The South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Feed the Animals an Ongoing Program every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Saturdays and Monday Holidays at 10 a.m. Free with admission. Come watch the Naturalist on Duty feed the animals. "The Magic School Bus" for children in Kindergarten with **Mary Lou Hammond**, Education Director, Wednesdays, morning 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. or afternoon, 1:15-2:30 p.m. Session 11: May 9, 16, 23. Hop aboard the "Magic School Bus" with Ms. Frizzle for a different science adventure each week. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes, and apply sunscreen and bug spray. $35M/$40 per three-week session, pre-registration and pre-payment required. Limit eight children.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**, will feature **The Adam Douglass Jazz Trio** May 23, 9:15 p.m. p.m., for No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796.

Thursday, May 24

The Thayer Public Library will show the movie "Snow in August" on Thursday evening, May 24, at 6:45 p.m. in the Logan Auditorium. The movie, based on the best-selling novel by Pete Hamill, is about a young boy in 1940s Brooklyn who finds a remarkable solution to his problems. The library is located at 798 Washington St., Braintree. Call 781-848-0405 ext. 4417 for further information.

The Greater Plymouth Lupus Group will meet on Thursday, May 24, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Kingston Public Library. This is the last meeting until the end of September. For further information contact Nicole Peterson at 781-582-8770. No registration required. Refreshments will be served.



The North River Arts Society presents The 31st Annual Festival of the Arts on Saturday and Sunday, May 26 & 27, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the Village of Marshfield Hills (Old Main Street). Free shuttle from Eames Way School. The Festival takes place rain or shine. The Preview Party kicks off the festivities on Friday, May 25 at 7 p.m. Awards announcements at 8:30. The public is welcome; a $20 reception fee will be collected at the door. Full cash bar and hearty hors d'oeuvres.

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The British Beer Company, Rt. 53, Washington St. **Pembroke**. May 24, **BBC Pint Night with Flydown** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**. Satch Romano's **New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam** with **Greg MacKenzie & Greenbacks** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Friday, May 25

South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. **Tales from the Wild With Barbara Devine**, Senior Naturalist For children ages 3-5. Every Friday 10:30-11:00am (except holidays and vacation weeks) Free with admission Join us for stories ad tales about animals and nature. Please call in advance if you plan to attend. Limit 10 children

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance May 11 with DJ Dave Becker music from 7:30 p.m. to midnight at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www-southshoresingles.org

Single Executives Club Singles Dance May 25, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at **Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom**. 929 Hingham St., Rockland, exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by award winning DJ Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes and match game prizes. **Free dancing lessons** from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples age 30 and over. Cost before 9 p.m. is $10 Proper business dress recommended; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable. Visit www.se-4u.com or call 781-446-0234 for information.

New England Singles Dances ages 40 and over May 25, from 8 p.m. to midnight. **Rtes. 3/I-93 at Exit 6.**,Braintree, **D.J. $12.** Admission $12 visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

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Run of the Mill, 6 Spring Lane, May 25, The Hot Sauce Band Plymouth, 508-830-1262.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. May 25 **Spank** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., **Weymouth**. May 25, **J. Place Band** 9:15 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke **Texas Hold Em** every Thursday night 781-294-4700.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, May 25, **Barrence Whitfield & Savages**, rhythm and blues Cover $14. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. **Deadline is Friday at noon.** *Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at townonline.com — click on your town — then click the entertainment tab.*



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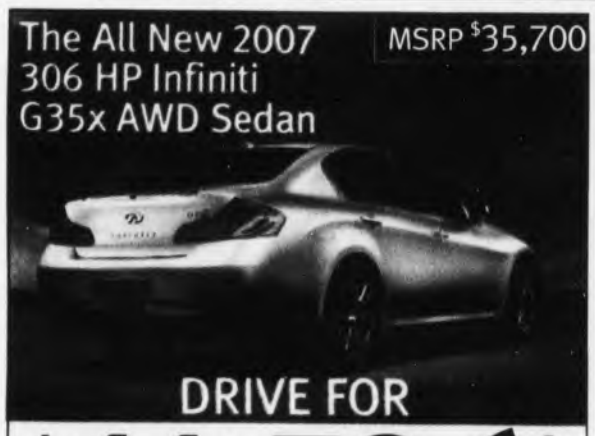
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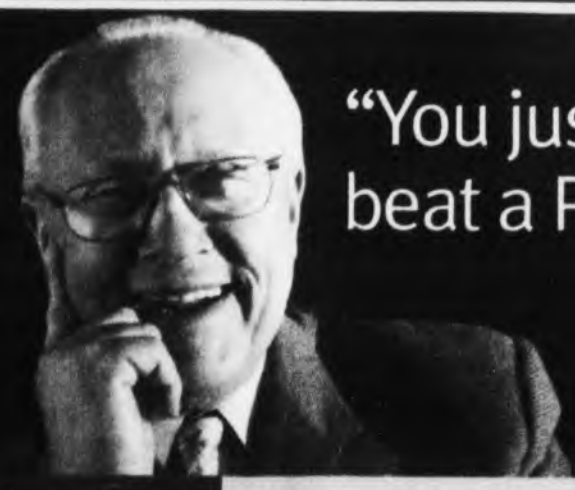
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Greenbush is back on track



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Peter Tolman of Cohasset takes a photograph of the commuter train as it crosses Sohier Street on Saturday. Tolman said his wife used to take the train from Cohasset to go to Derby Academy in Hingham. The old Greenbush line was abandoned in 1959.

Maiden voyage rolls through town Saturday

By Nancy White
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Crowds gathered in the misty rain last Saturday morning to wave hello to the first train passing through Cohasset in 48 years. Some older residents were welcoming the train back after a long hiatus, while young locals were seeing a train on the streets of their hometown for the very first time. The train horns, blown primarily as a safety measure, seemed to answer back a buoyant hello as the locomotive made its way through Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate.

"It was an amazing sight and a very big train," said Selectmen Ted Carr, who stood next to former Fire Chief Roger Lincoln and watched the train go by. Carr noted how he and Lincoln had entirely different perspectives on the train, as Lincoln lived in Cohasset when Old Colony Line was abandoned in 1959.

Saturday's test train chugged along the 28-mile track from Boston's South Station into Scituate at a slowly but surely pace of 10 mph. It stopped at stations in East Weymouth and at the end of the line in Scituate. Project managers and engineers on board quickly made short observations and measurements before the train got underway again. Test trains will continue to run throughout the summer, eventually reaching normal speeds of 60 to 70 mph as testing continues.

Louis Eaton of Beach Street commuted on the train to Boston from 1946 to 1959 until it was shut down with the completion of the Southeast Expressway and couldn't be happier the train is coming back to town.

"I'm looking forward to riding on it again," said Eaton, pointing out he felt many of the adversaries to the train were not residents when the train was in service during the 1950s, "I think it will be surprising to see how many people do take the train."

Eaton laments the fact opponents in Hingham delayed "the inevitable" with legal suits. The Town of Hingham, concerned about its historic districts and the train's impact on Hingham Square, fought Greenbush restoration for years.

Total estimates for the cost of the Greenbush project are upwards of $500 million. The Greenbush line is the third leg of the restoration of the Old Colony Railroad, which included lines to Plymouth and Middleboro. Both those phases were completed in 1997. Ten years later, the Greenbush line is poised to begin regular commuter service in the early fall.

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'Adopt-a-street' gaining momentum

By Nancy White
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Cleaner streets could soon be coming to Cohasset. The Town is in the final stages of developing an "Adopt-a-Street" program that would involve residents and local community groups in an effort to rid the town's byways of litter.

Jim French, a Jerusalem Road resident, came before the Selectmen in February to propose a clean-up program to resolve what he saw as a growing problem in the town. With the support of the Selectmen, Town Manager Bill Griffin has worked with French in the last few weeks to draft the program guidelines. Health inspector Tara Tradd was recruited to help identify "hot spots" for litter in town and serve as program coordinator.

Tradd said she regularly fields calls regarding litter in town and knows there is a need for this type of community effort.

"[Participants] will own it for themselves and be able to feel good about the service they're doing in the community," said Tradd.

"This is overdue in certain areas and there are hot spots that continue to be a problem," said French, who will work with Tradd to identify and pair groups up with a problem area.

"People respect what they think is clean and over a period of a few years, it will get easier," said French. He also hopes the program will get young people and residents to respect the environment and be more "green."

The program will be a partnership between the town and volunteers. Civic organizations, social clubs, neighbor-

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School security

Teachers' union bargains for camera language

By Nancy White
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Video surveillance is an integral part of the security measures taken by Cohasset's schools to keep the students and staff safe. Cameras are found in all three schools and are positioned outside and within the school's walls. The presence of cameras within the halls and classrooms of the school seems to be a cause for concern for the Cohasset Teachers' Association. The union is currently in negotiations with the School Committee to reach a memorandum of understanding.

"Whenever there's a change in working conditions, there is bargaining," said Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh in a recent phone interview.

The cameras were installed as one of the last acts of the School Building Committee in 2006. The latest of the enhancements, a $65,000 security system was installed at the Osgood School last summer. Special Town Meeting allocated the funds for the purchase after the installation. According to the town's director of finance, Mike Buckley, a total of $261,222.83 has been spent on the school security system since June 2006, the majority of the funds ($192,005) coming from the School Building Committee budget. School operating budget ($56,267.83) and a school grant ($12,950) covered the remaining costs.

An agenda item, "Memorandum of Understanding re: surveillance cameras," has been on the School Committee meeting agenda the last two meetings (April 25 and May 16). On April 25, the agenda item was postponed with no discussion from the

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PICTURE THIS/Dave Wentling and Scott Niski



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The Mariner caught up with Dave Wentling and Scott Niski at the South Shore Music Circus this week

Names: Dave Wentling and Scott Niski.

Occupation: Production manager/sound engineer (Dave). Facilities manager (Scott).

Best day of your life: When I married my wife, Marie (Dave). My wedding day (Scott).

Best vacation: Bareboating on Australia's Barrier Reef for two weeks (Dave). Costa Rica (Scott).

Favorite season: Spring (Dave). Autumn (Scott).

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving (Dave). Christmas (Scott).

Favorite meal: Bernard's fillet mignon (Dave). Tofu pad thai (Scott).

Favorite read: Newspaper (Dave). "Down and Out in Paris and London," by George Orwell (Scott).

Best actor or movie: Robert Mitchum (Dave). "Goodfellas" (Scott).

Best TV show: "That 70s Show" (Dave). "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia" (Scott).

Pet peeve: My crew not paying attention (Dave). Slackers (Scott).

Most memorable moment: Touring France for a month with the Stray Cats (Dave). Holding my newborn daughter (Scott).

Goal: World peace (Dave). Reducing my ecological footprint on earth (Scott).

Person you would most like to meet: "I don't want to meet anyone else!!" (Dave). Robert Plant (Scott).

Biggest worry: Power going out during a show (Dave). Traffic jams (Scott).

Best part of Cohasset: The Music Circus! (Dave and Scott).

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Chief acknowledges outstanding service

By Nancy White
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The town police force goes to great lengths to keep the streets and residents of Cohasset safe — and all too often their valiant efforts go unrecognized. Chief James Hussey is out to change that. On Monday evening, he presented awards to four officers who he felt deserved to be credited for their performance in specific incidents during the past year.

"We're always looking to recognize people who go above and beyond," said Chief Hussey. The four officers, Sergeant Detective Gregory Lennon, Detective Garrett Hunt, Officer Edward Bagley and Officer John Small, were on hand to receive the commendations. Chief Hussey described the reasons and background of why the officers were chosen for the award.

Lennon and Hunt were able to bring the resolution to a town on edge following the receipt of three threatening notes on the Middle-High School in the fall of 2005. Their investigations ended with full, written confessions from the youths involved.

Detectives Lennon and Hunt responded to each of the three incidents and launched an investigation. They received a tip from a resident regarding a youth riding a bike well beyond dark. They pursued the tip, spoke with the youth's father and gained his trust and cooperation. An interview with the juvenile resulted in a full confession to two of the threat incidents.

The detectives determined that the third incident involved another suspect. The detectives contacted the FBI's Behavioral Analysis Unit and a document examiner to provide further insight into the case. However, no new leads developed until July 2006.

Detective Hunt was investigating an unrelated incident of destruction of property at the swim center. Hunt recognized that the suspect in this incident appeared to have very similar handwriting to the third, unsolved threatening note.

Hunt acted on his instincts and talked with the youth's parents. Based on the interview, the detectives were able to get another full, written confession from the juvenile outlining his responsibility.

"The solving of these three crimes brought a sense of relief to our schools and community," said Chief Hussey, "children, parents and school employee were able to get back to the business of education without the lurking fear of violence on their minds."

Lennon and Hunt were each honored with the Meritorious Service Award by the Chief. The detectives recently received the Robert F. Dana Distinguished Service Award for Law Enforcement on Law Day at Quincy District Court.



COURTESY PHOTO

Chief James Hussey, center, is flanked at Town Hall by, from left, Det. Sgt. Gregory Lennon, Officer Ed Bagley, Officer John Small, and Det. Garrett Hunt. The officers were recognized at Monday's selectmen's meeting.

Excellence Award

The Cohasset Police Excellence Award was bestowed upon Officer Edward Bagley for his "quick and professional" actions that led to the arrest of five dangerous suspects in Cohasset.

Last August, Officer Bagley received a radio call while on patrol to respond to a residence on Cedar Street. The caller reported a rock has been thrown through the window of the home. While en route to the scene, Bagley noted two vehicles leaving the area of the incident. He alerted fellow responding officers of the vehicle descriptions. He continued to the residence to ensure the well being of the victims. The residents confirmed the two cars that left the scene were involved in the incident.

Officer Bagley caught up with the suspect vehicles traveling north on N. Main Street. A query of the vehicle's registration revealed that the same plate number had been run by Milton Police a short time earlier. The vehicle was suspected to be involved in a similar malicious destruction incident in Milton. He pulled over the vehicle.

The vehicle contained five occupants and upon approach observed two rocks on the front passenger side floor. Back-up officer Paul Wilson arrived to assist. During his investigation, Bagley learned the driver had a suspended license and developed probable cause to arrest all five occupants for vandalizing property. Once the suspects were placed under arrest, a search of the vehicle yielded the discovery of a fully loaded 9-millimeter semi-automatic handgun, a high capacity magazine and a defaced serial number.

"His actions are a credit to himself, the Cohasset Police Department and are a reflection of his commitment to excellence as well as his dedication to provide quality and courageous police service to the citizens of Cohasset," said Chief Hussey. Bagley also received the Robert F. Dana Distinguished Service Award for his exceptional work on patrol.

Lastly but certainly not least, Hussey conferred the Chief's Community Service Award to Officer John Small for his work with the Toys for Tots and other volunteer efforts within the town.

Small takes most of his vacation during the month of December to devote more time to the Toys for Tots effort, Hussey said. Small has been involved with efforts to dress up the harbor with nautical touches, including the Minot Replica, anchor statue and Lightkeepers' memorial.

"He has dedicated his own time and skill to enhance the harbor and the quality of life in town," said Hussey.

All four officers received a standing ovation from the Selectmen and members of the audience. Chief Hussey hopes to continue to recognize officers who demonstrate outstanding character and aptitude in coming years.

Police Beat

Urge vigilance

Hingham may be right next-door – but the town seems like it could be miles away when it comes to housebreaks. In the past two weeks, Hingham police say there have been 11 housebreaks in Hingham, 10 of which occurred in the middle of the night when the residents were sleeping. In all cases, the thieves entered through an unlocked window or door. Hingham police say it is too soon to tell if an arrest they made Monday evening of a Holbrook man – who was discovered hiding behind the front door by two women who were returning home – was involved in the other break-ins. There were also three arrests related to a break-in this week in Marshfield. Marshfield has had nine recent housebreaks and Rockland seven, police say.

Chief James Hussey says while Cohasset has escaped the rash of housebreaks, police are asking residents to report any suspicious activity or anything that is out of the ordinary, even a dog barking the in the middle of the night. Residents should also lock their first floor and basement windows and doors at night. "It is better to be safe than sorry," he said.

Hussey said he is concerned the thieves involved in these housebreaks have been very "brazen" by entering houses when the residents are home. "Usually this type of crime occurs when no one is around," he said.

Brushed by car

A walk-in at the police station at about 8:30 a.m. last Monday (May 14) told police that she and her son were in the crosswalk at Summer and Elm streets when a car came so close that it apparently brushed her clothing.

The woman reported that after talking with the operator she felt that the person might have been disoriented.

Chief Hussey said the woman provided a plate number and police followed up and contacted the operator, who is under medical treatment. The operator was issued a citation for failure to yield in a crosswalk and police have filed a report with the registry seeking a review of the person's medical condition to evaluate the person's ability to drive.

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Vietnam Vet to speak on Memorial Day

Rain or shine, you can be assured that hundreds of local citizens will gather at Veterans Memorial Park on Monday for Cohasset's traditional Memorial Day observances.

The annual event that includes a parade down North Main Street to the Common and onto Elm Street and the harbor is always a draw in this small town that has lost more than of its share of soldiers, sailors and airmen over the years.

The Veterans Honor Roll — which will eventually include those who served in all the nation's wars — is one of the finest tributes anywhere and demonstrates the esteem in which Cohasset holds its veterans.

"It's an honor to be asked to speak on Memorial Day and represent the men and women in service."

— Donald Staszko, U.S. Air Force

The stone monument provides the backdrop for the ceremony that will include featured speaker Cohasset resident and Vietnam veteran Captain Donald Staszko of the US Air Force. Staszko said his speech would focus on Cohasset as a community.

"It's an honor to be asked to speak on Memorial Day and represent the men and women in service," Staszko said.

This year's Memorial Day weekend events begin with a dedication of the Healing Field on Saturday, May 26 at 2 p.m. Sons of The American Legion Commander Thomas W. Wigmore will be presiding over the event. The Healing Field is open to the public daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. until Wednesday, May 30 at 4 p.m. when the flags will be taken down. The Healing Field is located at the corner of Summer St. and Border St., across from the George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118.



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Barry Butman places stakes into the ground to help set up the Healing Field which will be dedicated during a special ceremony at 2 p.m. Saturday.

On Monday, the parade arrives at the harbor at about 11:45 a.m. but the day's events actually begin much earlier, from 8 p.m. Sunday to 6 a.m. Monday, a Legion member will keep vigil at Veterans park. Then at 7 a.m. at the Legion Post on Summer Street hosts the annual veterans' breakfast. From the Legion veterans march up to the old Paul Pratt Library building (now the headquarters of the Cohasset Historical Society) where they board buses for the North Cohasset Cemetery and honor roll. The buses arrive at Woodside at about 9:30 a.m. that includes visiting the Gold Star Mothers Memorial. Then it's on to Beechwood Cemetery. The veterans join the parade that includes local bands, scouts, a contingent from the Daughters of the American Revolution, and veterans at the Music Circus parking lot at about 10:30 a.m. The parade marches to Central Cemetery at Joy Place, then down North Main Street to the Common, the POW/MIA Memorial, and onto Elm Street and the harbor, arriving at about 11:45 a.m.

Flower Girls needed for Memorial Day Parade

Girls ages 5-12 are needed to march in the Cohasset Memorial Day parade. Girls will meet at 10:30 a.m. and march from the common down to the memorial on the harbor across from American Legion Post. If your daughters, granddaughter etc. are interested or if anyone has questions please contact Dee Wigmore at (781) 740-8049.

Search for Veterans' Agent

When former State Representative Mary Jeanette Murray passed away in October, Cohasset lost both a great woman and their veteran's agent. As a result, Town Manager Bill Griffin posted the vacancy a couple of weeks ago and is waiting to hear back from interested citizens. The application deadline to apply is today, Friday, May 25. Griffin will then review the applicants and appoint the new veteran's agent.

Memorial Day schedule (Monday, May 28)

- 7 a.m., veterans breakfast at the Legion
- 8:15 a.m., buses leave former Paul Pratt Library building on S. Main Street for North Cohasset
- 9:30 a.m., buses arrive at Woodside Cemetery, then on to Beechwood Cemetery
- 10:30 a.m., parade steps off from Music Circus parking lot
- 11 a.m., ceremony at Central Cemetery at Joy Place
- 11:30 a.m., ceremony at MIA/POW Square at Depot Court.
- 11:45 a.m., parade arrives at Veterans Memorial Park.

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Rachel McElroy awarded Fulbright Grant

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Rachel McElroy, daughter of **Joe and Mary McElroy** of Windy Hill Road, and a 2003 graduate of Notre Dame Academy, graduated *magna cum laude* from the American University Honors Program at their May 13 commencement.

She was awarded a Fulbright Grant for a year of post-graduate independent study in Germany. The Fulbright program seeks to foster mutual understanding among nations through educational and cultural exchanges. Her grant proposal entails examination of Germany's unique KonTrag Law that requires firms to submit risk assessments for approval by the Federal Government before investing in high-risk regions and countries. Rachel's study results will be made available to the State Department, Homeland Security and other interested government and private sector organizations.

Rachel graduated with a 3.8 grade point average and received a Bachelor of Arts in International Services specializing in Foreign Politics as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Language and Area Studies, which included German language and culture.



Rachel McElroy has been awarded a Fulbright Grant for a year of post-graduate independent study in Germany.

Her undergraduate studies were highlighted by an Honors Colloquia in Berlin in 2004, in La Paz, Bolivia in 2006 and in Beijing, China in 2007. During the summer of 2004, she participated in the Global Leadership Program at Charles University in Prague. She matriculated at Freie University in Berlin for her entire junior year. Rachel supplemented her coursework with group trips to such countries as Tunisia, Morocco and Turkey.

Rachel's academic honors included receiving American University's full-tuition Presidential Scholarship, participation in AU's Honors Program, being published at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research in 2005 and her induction into the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, as well as the Golden Key International Honor Society.

Rachel worked throughout her four years of undergraduate study. She was one of three high school students nationwide who were offered a Defense Intelligence Agency work-study program. During her senior, year she interned part-time for Corporate Risk International, a firm that specializes in assessing risks associated with firms planning to invest in volatile regions of the world. She is currently working for Washington Group International, a major construction conglomerate that does projects in third world countries and elsewhere.

EARTH DAY SCHOLARSHIP

An essay written by **Amanda Thompson**, a senior at Cohasset High School, was selected as the overall winner from entries submitted by Cohasset High School students to the fourth annual Aquarion Water Company 2007 Earth Day Essay Contest.

The theme of Amanda's essay was "Groundwater: Humanity's Lifeline." According to Larry Bingaman, Aquarion Senior Vice President, the company provides educational programs aimed at enhancing students' knowledge of the public water supply, as well as business and conservation issues throughout the towns serviced by the company.



Amanda Thompson won the Aquarion essay contest.

"In order to have long-lasting attitude changes about how we consume and protect water, Aquarion Water Company offers programs that reach the children from early in their school career and continue to teach them through high school," Bingaman said.

Bingaman continued, "Amanda will receive $500, which will be paid directly to her school, Gordon College in Wenham, Mass. where she plans to studying creative writing."

"All the entries that we received were excellent and we look forward to next year's scholarship award contest," Bingaman said.

DERBY SPIRIT

Congratulations to Cohasset's **Jeffrey Cavanaro**, who was the recipient of this year's Trustees' Major Banner Award at Derby Academy. This Spirit Award is one of Derby's highest awards and is given to an eighth-grade student in recognition of achievement in sportsmanship and character building in athletics. Jeffrey was recognized for his positive attitude toward teammates, coaches, opponents and officials.



Jeffrey Cavanaro has been recognized for sportsmanship.

Jeff also received the Outstanding Offense Award for baseball; Outstanding Defense Award for basketball; and the Coaches Award for soccer. He was also recognized for being a three-season captain.

Congratulations, Jeffrey!

DEAN'S LIST

Kathleen Elizabeth Dewaal of Cohasset has been named to the dean's list at Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Ga., for the winter quarter 2007. Kathleen had to earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for this recognition. Well done!

That is all for this week. Send in all of your news to me no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm.

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ENGAGEMENT



Sarah E. Kirk and Michael D. McGrath

Kirk - McGrath

Mr. and Mrs. James Kirk of Cohasset, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Kirk to Michael David McGrath, son of Dr. Carolyn McGrath of Providence, R.I., and Mr. and Mrs. Michael McGrath of York, Maine.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Cohasset High School and the University of Vermont. She is currently employed as a Litigation Research Assistant at Analysis Group in Boston.

Her fiancé graduated from Moses Brown in Providence and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York. He is currently employed as a software architect and engineer at EMC Corporation in Cambridge.

The couple met in 2003 and currently reside in Cambridge with their two dogs, Isaac and Jerry.

A June 2007 wedding is planned and will be held in the McGrath family home across from the Nubble Lighthouse in York, Maine.

Art Center hosts 'Visiting Artist Workshops'

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, is a summer destination for artists, art students and cultural enthusiasts. "Visiting Artist Workshops 2007" includes five master classes in the visual arts. Instructors are offering an array of workshop topics including landscape painting in oil, journal painting in watercolor, pastel painting, cyanotype, and drawing and painting the figure.

Instructors include: Linda Bond, Antonia Ramis Miguel, Peter Schroth, Doug Dawson and Peter Madden. All participating instructors' work will be on exhibition in the Bancroft Gallery. "Viewpoints: Visiting Artists Exhibition" will open Friday, June 8 and continue through July 15.

For more information or to register for any of the visiting artist workshops, call 781-383-ARTS or visit ssac.org.

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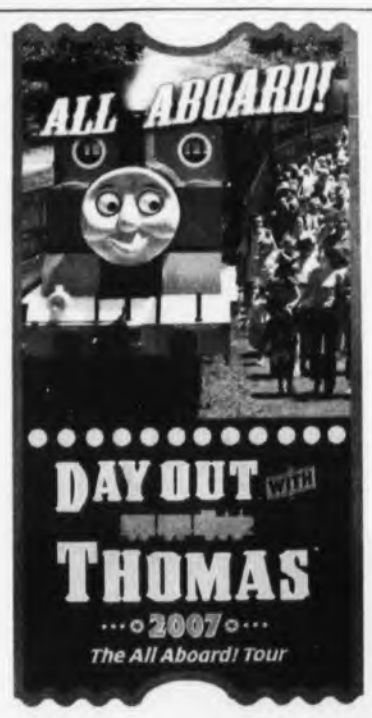
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Greenbush is back on track

FROM TRAIN, PAGE 1

Martha Gjesteby of Old Pasture Road is anxious to have the train come through Cohasset. She spent many years on the Citizens Advisory Committee, a group made up of Greenbush corridor community representatives, reviewing and commenting on the MBTA's environmental impact reports pertaining to the long planned train project.

"It never should have been eliminated," said Gjesteby. She believes the train will bring more commuters and business people to town.

Despite fairly positive reaction to the impending train's arrival overall, residents still see deficiencies in the project.

Gjesteby expressed concern about the lack of ample parking. The Cohasset station, located on Route 3A will have approximately 400 parking spaces. At this point, only time will tell if the parking lot will have enough spaces for train users.

Others, like Al Moore, chairman of the Planning Board, feel the location of the station is far from ideal.

"I think it's great the project is moving forward. But the sadness of the whole thing is there will be no stop in the village. I think that decision is the single largest strategic error made by the town in the last 50 years. It's a Board of Selectmen decision that will live in infamy."

With a stop downtown, a good portion of residents could have walked less than a mile to the train, said Moore. The station's location in the North end of town on the busy and business-oriented Route 3A makes a walk too far or too dangerous from most residences.

Mandy Burgoon, the owner of Carousel Antiques on Ripley Road, is a longtime village merchant owner who has been and will be affected by the train.

"[It] is extremely unfortunate that while the village business district will have to deal with the train dozens of times daily, there is no stop here," she said, "Dealing with the MBTA as a good or bad neighbor is a fact of life at this point. Carousel Antiques has been here for 31 years, we have no thoughts of leaving."

Safety

The test train is only a harbinger of things to come as more test trains are scheduled to run throughout the summer. It is important to note that the track—long barren—is now part of an active railway.

"It's an added feature that people haven't been used to over the last 50 years," said Greenbush liason, Mark Brennan, "we can't stress safety enough."

The test trains will operate now with little fanfare, although proper safety measure like blowing the horns and placing flagmen at crossings will be taken until the safety signaling system is operational. The MBTA has said trains may operate at any time, day or evening, seven days a week, and would not operate on a set schedule. Adults, children and pets should stay off and away from the tracks and vehicles should not stop on the tracks at any time.

The schools have taken measures to ensure the youth of the town is well informed about train safety. Assemblies have been held at all three schools in the district throughout the school year. The lessons, taught by a police officer, were designed to be age-appropriate. Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh has had ongoing communication with the MBTA and parents regarding the train. Most recently, a Connect-ED message went out to the school population to notify parents of the test train last Saturday.

In addition, Brennan said there are still ongoing major construction projects throughout town will conclude throughout the summer. The Pond Street and Spring Street intersection, one of the most complex intersections in town still undergoing construction. There is signaling work being done at all grade crossings. Fencing is still being installed along the route. Work is concluding on King Street with signaling equipment, fencing and drainage. The blasting in the village, adjacent to the town parking lot, began earlier this week to clear way for eight new parking spaces downtown. The station and associated parking lot will also get a lot of attention this summer.

Police Chief James Hussey said safety is a priority. He said police would work with the MBTA to insure proper signage is installed warning people about trespassing. "We don't want to see anyone get hurt," he said. Hussey explained that posting trespassing signs would give police the right to arrest should someone enter the railroad right-of-way.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

The Greenbush train emerges from the $40 million downtown Hingham tunnel on Saturday. After passing through Hingham, the train headed to Cohasset and then Scituate.

TRAIN TIMELINE

- 1849 - Service on the Old Colony line begins
- 1959 - Passenger service on the Old Colony lines stops; Southeast Expressway opens
- 1971 - Red Line extends to Quincy, delaying talk of restoring the Old Colony Lines
- 1984 - Traffic congestion in the region prompts the state Legislature, with the support of then Gov. Michael Dukakis, to direct the MBTA to study the feasibility of restoring the Old Colony lines to Plymouth, Middleboro and Greenbush
- 1988 - Due to the complexity of the project, the Greenbush feasibility study is split from the Plymouth and Middleboro lines
- 1991 - At the ballot box, Hingham is the only town along the Greenbush corridor to vote against the train.
- 1994 - The Citizens Advisory Committee, appointed by the Secretary of Environmental Affairs to comment on Greenbush feasibility studies, votes to support the train with a short tunnel under Hingham Square.
- 1996 -The MBTA decides to pay for Greenbush using only state dollars; the Town of Hingham launches a lawsuit saying the MBTA is deliberately trying to skirt tougher federal environmental laws
- Sept. 1997 - The Plymouth and Middleboro lines open to much fanfare
- 1999 - the MBTA says a short tunnel under Hingham Square is feasible and would cost $29 million.
- March 2000 - Scituate voters approve spending up to $50,000 for any legal action against the MBTA over the Greenbush rail restoration project.
- May 2000 - Hingham signs a mitigation agreement with the MBTA and agrees to drop its lawsuit; is promised a short tunnel under Hingham Square at a cost of $39 million and a $1.35 million preservation fund to protect historic properties.
- March 2001 - MBTA decides to use the "design-build" method for Greenbush, where the contractor, designs, builds and pays for the project with the MBTA then paying the contractor back over 20 years. The "design-build" method has only been used once before, for the Route 3 North widening project.
- March 2001 - a new anti-rail group publicly surfaces, dubbed AfTA (Advocates for Transportation Alternatives) and is headed by John Bewick, a former state Secretary of Environmental Affairs.
- May 2001 - Cohasset signs a $5 million mitigation agreement with the MBTA.
- March 2002 - Scituate reaches an accord with the MBTA by signing a $10.4 million mitigation agreement with the transit authority.
- Aug. 2001 - then state Secretary of Environmental Affairs Robert Durand issues a certificate giving the Greenbush project the green light
- Sept. 2001 - In a closed-door meeting with local officials, then Gov. Paul Cellucci says Greenbush is a go, but sets a $408 million cost ceiling.
- Oct. 2001 - Scituate files a lawsuit against both the MBTA and Secretary of Environmental Affairs Robert Durand stating the final environmental impact report on Greenbush does not adequately comply with MEPA standards.
- Dec. 2001 - Weymouth and Braintree sign mitigation agreements. Weymouth's $16 million package does not include mitigation for Weymouth Landing.
- March. 2002 - Scituate becomes the last community to come to an accord with the MBTA by signing a $10.4 million mitigation agreement with the transit authority.
- April 2002 - MBTA awards $252 million construction contract to Cashman Balfour Beatty (CBB)
- June 2002 - MBTA opens construction office at 1580 Commercial St. in Weymouth's Jackson Square.
- February 2003 - Citing permitting and access issues, the MBTA suspends construction on the Greenbush project for six months.
- July 2003 - Gov. Mitt Romney finds himself in the midst of a "sticker war" at a stop at the South Shore Country Club in Hingham, where citizens wearing either pro- and anti-Greenbush lapel stickers try to get the governor's ear.
- August 2003 - The MBTA's $3.9 million purchase of 1.5 miles of track in East Braintree from CSX Corporation of Florida is a key development.
- Sept. 10, 2003 - Weymouth signs a mitigation agreement with the T for Weymouth landing. that provides an additional $28 million.
- Sept. 22, 2003 - Gov. Mitt Romney and the MBTA Board of Directors unanimously agree to resume the $479 million project. Opponents including AfTA and the Coastal Coalition vow to continue to fight it.
- Sept. 2003-Jan. 2007 - Construction on the Greenbush line continues in earnest, including building at tunnel under Hingham Square.
- Feb. 6, 2007, the "final spike" is driven into the rail line in Braintree signifying completion of Greenbush, the MBTA's 13th commuter rail line. Service is expected to start in late summer.
- May 19, 2007 – MBTA conducts Greenbush test run from South Station to the Greenbush station in Scituate and back.









Cohasset Lightkeepers to host Memorial Day cookout

Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation invites everyone for hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks or coffee immediately after the Memorial Day parade on May 28, at Bancroft Hall, on Government Island.

The nonprofit Lightkeepers Corporation was established in 1991 to renovate a former two-family lightkeepers residence – no longer used as such because of automation of Minot's light some years before – and convert it into a function room for community use. The building is leased from the town but is maintained and operated by the Lightkeepers Corporation. The surrounding gardens were established and are maintained by the Community Garden Club, Cohasset Garden Club, Amateur Garden Club and by the Lightkeepers.

This will be the 10th year that the Lightkeepers Corporation has hosted Memorial Day attendees in recognition of the generosity of supporters.

The generosity of Cohasset residents and others provided the funds for renovation. Operating and maintenance expenses, and reserves for capital replacements or improvements, are recovered from rental of two apartments on the second floor, and from fees charged to non-residents for use of the function room facilities. Cohasset residents may use the facilities for a nominal fee, and nonprofits at no charge.

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Sustainable South Shore to meet

Sustainable South Shore regional meeting will take place at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, May 29, at First Parish Church, 24 River St., Norwell. All residents of South Shore towns are invited to attend.

Discussion will focus on what Sustainable South Shore communities are doing now and plan to do in the future, as well as plan participation in the Northeast Sustainable Energy Association fall tour of South Shore sustainable homes, businesses and buildings.

For more information, call 781-925-5665 or visit SustainableSS.org.

POLICE BEAT

FROM POLICE BEAT, PAGE 3

Liquid trail

At 11:18 p.m. on Sunday (May 13), a caller from a Cohasset restaurant on King Street reported that a customer was drunk and was being abusive to the manager of the establishment. Chief James Hussey said when the officers arrived, the subject had left the area.

Subsequently a different caller reported seeing a car speed up Pond Street that hit a barrel and kept driving toward Bancroft Road.

Hussey said the officer saw a liquid trail in the area by the barricade and followed it to a house on Norfolk Road. Based on the officer's interview with a couple of individuals at the residence, the officer placed a 26-year-old Cohasset male under arrest.

The man was charged with operating under the influence of alcohol, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and leaving the scene after property damage.

Police determined that the subject was the same individual who had been reported as being drunk and causing a problem at the restaurant.

Abandoned MV

Police are investigating why a motor vehicle that had apparently been involved in an accident was abandoned at near the corner of Jerusalem Road and Jerusalem Lane last Tuesday (May 15). The car, a gray 2003 Kia Optima, had heavy front-end damage, Chief Hussey said. The registration came back to a Hull resident and police are following up to determine who was driving and what the car hit.

Damaged mirror

A walk-in to the police station last Thursday said his car had been vandalized. The driver's side mirror was damaged sometime between 2-3 p.m. the day before. The car was parked on the street in front of the house. Because of the timeframe, the walk-in thought that kids might be responsible. However, there is no evidence of that, Hussey said. There is also a chance the mirror was hit by a passing car.

No hitchhiking

Police sent an older woman who was hitchhiking in the area of South Main and Summer streets last week on her way. Hitchhiking is not allowed under state law, Chief Hussey said. A caller told police about the woman.

DK male

An officer took a drunken male home from a Stop & Shop after receiving a complaint from the manager. The call came in about 10:31 p.m. on Thursday (May 17). Chief Hussey explained that if there is a family member or friend that can take custody of an inebriated person – and the person is not out of control – then police will try to get the individual home.

MV crash

A collision occurred at about 1:10 p.m. on Saturday (May 19) at the intersection of Summer, Spring and South Main streets.

Police said based on witness reports, a 2005 Honda Accord was traveling northbound on S. Main Street when the operator of a 2001 Jeep that had stopped at the stop sign on Spring Street apparently pulled out to go across S. Main to Summer Street hitting the Honda, which had the right of way.

There were no injuries and the jeep had to be towed. The operator of the jeep was cited for failure to grant the right of way.

Hit & Run

A North Main Street resident reported to police that there was a hit and run in her yard the previous night. The report came in at 8:19 a.m. on Sunday (May 20). Police said there was evidence that a car that was heading north on N. Main crossed the center line and drove into the hedgerow. The vehicle made its way out of the hedge and drove away. Police have collected evidence at the scene including a beer bottle to see if any of it is tied to the incident. There were no witnesses. The incident remains under investigation.





An architect's rendering of the proposed new building planned for Depot Court.

Depot Court commercial building starts review process

Would replace structure that burned down

By Nancy White
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Devastated by a two-alarm fire back in late January, the Depot Court lot sits now as a scar in the village. But the healing process is underway and in the coming months a new two-story commercial building may rise from the ashes. Richard Brown, the owner of the lot, came before the Planning Board on Wednesday evening to discuss his plans for the village parcel.

The new 4000-square foot building will have farmhouse-style architecture, including a farmer's porch, and room for four retail stores on the first floor. The second floor is currently earmarked for storage, however that could change if the Planning Board decides to ease the zoning restrictions on apartments in the village.

The structure will sit on roughly the same footprint with "modest expansion" to the front and rear of the building. Brown will appear in front of the Zoning Board of Appeals on June 6 to seek relief for increasing the nonconformity of the building.

The former site of Dramatic Kitchens and Sunroom Conservatories, Ltd., a kitchen and design shop had parking the front of the building, but those parking spaces are not included in the new design. With parking spaces at such a premium downtown, it raised some concerns among the Planning Board.

"I hate to see parking lost in the village," said Planning Board member Stuary Ivimey. The design includes a circular asphalt driveway that will include two

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parking spaces, and there will be six other spots on the property.

"The old building has parking in the front but it was not well defined and will not be reconstructed," said John Cavanaro of Cavanaro Consulting in Norwell who designed the building. He cited safety concerns with patrons backing directly onto the street.

"We'd be hard pressed to get a legal or near legal spot in the front of the building," Cavanaro said. Planning Board Bill Good agreed with the designer.

"It's a very busy spot with the Community Center across the street. The way you have it is safer and more aesthetically pleasing design."

The building will be handicap accessible from the front and side of the building. The designs include a pedestrian connection to both sides of the building. This aligns with a key item identified at the village consultant meeting recently: welcoming pedestrians to the village.

Given the lot's history, ensuring the building has adequate fire safety measures was one of the primary concerns of the site plan review. The Planning Board, along with Fire Captain Mark Trask, encouraged Brown to install a sprinkler system in the structure.

"We encourage new buildings to have sprinkler systems. If there's a sprinkler in building, there is flexibility in terms of what [type of business] can go in there," said Trask, offering a restaurant as an example. Brown said he planned to install a dry sprinkler system using halon in the building, however Trask said the use of halon due to health concerns was fading from widespread use.

The board also requested a complete list of materials to be used in the structure to ensure non-combustible materials were used in appropriate locations, as well as better description of window, doors and shutters. A complete landscape plan was also requested for the next meeting (June 6).

The board praised the aesthetics of the building.

"It has a nice shape to it," said Planning Board Chairman Al Moore, "it will be a great addition to downtown."

Clapboard shingles in a grayish tone will be used for the front of the building. The roof will have red cedar shingles and the trim will be a creamy color. The doors will be constructed of steel and will be a shade of blue. The farmer's porch will have recessed lighting.

"My intention is not to built it and then sell it. I'm going to keep this building for my retirement," said Brown.

The Planning Board gave its recommendation for the Brown's plan to move forward, pending final details of the landscape and materials. With recommendation in hand, Brown will now need to go before the Zoning Board to get their approval before a building permit is issued.

Hull Yacht Club Junior Sailing open house

Stop by Hull Yacht Club between 9:30 a.m. and noon, on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, to learn more about the Junior Sailing program. Sailboats will be on display in Mariners Park and Junior Sailing Committee members will be available to answer questions. A continental breakfast will be served. Those interested can register at the open house or online at hullyc.org.

Classes will take place 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. Session I, June 25 through July 6; Session II, July 9 through July 20; and Session III, July 23 through Aug. 17. Session III requires prior participation in Session I or II. Fee is $50/week including use of an N-10. Learn to Sail program is open to children 8 years of age and older or those who have completed second grade.

For more information on the program, visit the Junior Sailing section of the Hull Yacht Club Web site at hullyc.org/sailpgm; call Lisa Campbell at 781-925-5561, lcampbell13@hotmail.com; or Joanne Pearson, 781-864-9300, jmocp@comcast.net.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Take time to remember

Their names and faces are still fresh in our memories.

Not much time has passed since South Shore natives Lance Corporal Walter O'Haire or Staff Sgt. William J. Callahan were laid to rest, a stark reminder of the consequences of war.

So as we ready for this Memorial Day, the somber notion from which this holiday was born should not be lost on us.

It seems each passing day brings more sad news about soldiers dying in this war against terrorism. And with each death, the debate rages on over our role in Iraq.

Whether or not you support the war is a relevant argument in the grand scheme of things, but this one day is really a chance to honor the men and women who died while serving our country. There have been unpopular wars and conflicts throughout time, but that does not diminish the sacrifice these men and women bore while carrying out their orders.

While we would rather not be reminded of horrible consequences of war, this particular war has given younger generations a true meaning of Memorial Day. For too long, the day had become a celebration of many things, least of which was the original purpose of the holiday.

When Congress passed an act in 1971 that turned Memorial Day into a three-day weekend at the end of May for most workers and students across the country, it became a perfect opportunity fire up the grill for family get-togethers to celebrate with hamburgers, hot dogs and iced-cold adult beverages. For many, it is the unofficial start of summer, not the somber day of remembrance for military personnel who lost their lives fighting for our country.

That has changed in recent years as the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001 and the ensuing war on terrorism and our eventual involvement in Iraq. With our military personnel once again involved in the heat of battle on foreign soil, war and its consequences are once again at the forefront of people's minds.

Some believe restoring Memorial Day to its traditional day of observance to May 30 regardless of the day it falls on would cut back on the party atmosphere of the holiday and return it to its original intent of being a day of remembrance. A bill that was filed in the House and Senate in 1999 proposed just that. The bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in the House in 2000, but there has been no further development on the bill since then.

Regardless of when the day is celebrated, we should remember the reason for Memorial Day and honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving their country. Then and now.

Beach and recycling permits to expire June 30

The expiration date of the beach and Recycling Transfer Facility permits is June 30. The "all facility sticker" for the next fiscal year will be on sale starting the week of June 18 during normal business hours at Town Hall and at the DPW garage on weekends starting June 23, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sticker prices will remain the same as last year – $50 for residents under the age of 60 and $15 for seniors. This sticker will allow access to the Recycling Transfer Facility and Sandy Beach, as well as parking at all areas in town that require a sticker.

In addition, residents will be required to purchase special bags in which to dispose of all trash that cannot be recycled. These bags will be offered at the Department of Public Works building and various locations throughout the town. All commercial contractors and vehicles registered in a business name should pick up their stickers at the Department of Public Works. Residents are encouraged to purchase stickers through the mail by providing the appropriate fee, a copy of a current registration and a self-addressed return envelope.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:
Board of Health, May 29, 7 p.m.
Conservation Commission, June 7, 7 p.m.
Elder Affairs, June 11, 9 a.m., 3 N. Main St.
Harbor Health Committee, June 12, 7:30 p.m.
Housing Authority, May 30, 6 p.m., 60 Elm st.
Library Trustees, June 13, 7 p.m. at the library
Recreation Commission, May 30, at 6 p.m.
School Committee, June 6, 7 p.m. at the high school.
Selectmen, June 11, 7 p.m.
Water Commission, June 4, 6 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals, June 6, 7:30 p.m.
All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Double standard for parking permits

TO THE EDITOR:

I truly laughed long and hard when I saw the brilliant Jim Hamilton cartoon in last week's Cohasset Mariner. To refresh your recollection, the cartoon highlights a double standard in Cohasset – it's been an exceptional year at Sandy Beach. Valid permits must be displayed year round – violation will be $50; except for contractors' trucks. Can someone besides me truly look into this blatant double standard?

I have been trying to pursue this apparent double standard for several weeks.

To refresh recollections, Pomeroy & Co. Inc. out of Charlestown (PCI), has been in charge of the two years plus razing and then building of a new home on Whitehead Island, at the end of Whitehead Road.

Pomeroy's Construction Protocol dated March 29, 2005, states on page 2 under the heading "Traffic Control" the following:

"To the extent feasible and in keeping with 'local ordinances' (my emphasis.), PCI will pursue off-site satellite parking areas for commuter traffic related to the work."

I have personally been trying to ascertain if Pomeroy's use of parking at Sandy Beach has been paid for by Pomeroy. Pomeroy is in a great month of May rush to finish the completion of the house by June 1. I counted some 28 vehicles parked at Sandy Beach last Thursday, May 17. I have sent emails to Terry Cox at Pomeroy to query their use of Sandy Beach for parking – and again, with no response.

If a car is parked at Sandy Beach without a sticker, the police are often there quite quickly to tag it with a parking ticket. The cost of a parking ticket, I believe, has risen from $25 to $50.

But day in and day our for more than two years, Pomeroy and their subs have parked at Sandy Beach with no stickers and no parking tickets.

I chose to inquire at the Cohasset Police Station several weeks ago. I was told by the sergeant in charge at that time, that the police do not normally tag vehicles at Sandy Beach in the winter. But the police knew nothing about a relationship with Pomeroy & Co. Inc. I was given the name of a gentleman on Beach Street – apparently the president of the Sandy Beach Association – to contact. I did email him and received no response. In addition, the police suggested that I contact Town Manager, Bill Griffin, with my inquiries. I left him a note but with no response.

After enjoying Jim Hamilton's cartoon, I chose to do some more Internet searching about Sandy Beach Association and confess that most of what I found was fairly dated – but one restriction jumped out – in essence, if you are not a Cohasset resident, you can apply for a non-resident sticker – the waiting list is probably three years.

I am frustrated that I have not been able to get more information. So my last resort is to remind all Cohasset residents that we all get a yearly mailing from Sandy Beach Association to contribute monies to pay for the major clean-up at the beach. So many of us just routinely open our checkbooks to contribute what we can afford.

May I suggest that before you so quickly open your checkbook, ask what Pomeroy has paid for their hundreds of vehicles parked at Sandy Beach over the past two years. At $50 per parking ticket for each of their 28 non-stickered vehicles just on May 17, Sandy Beach/town would have received some $1,400 in revenue.

In essence, we should not turn a blind eye to an apparent double standard, and we should advocate honesty for all.

Gail Flynn
41 Atlantic Ave.

Schools praised for setting bar high

COMMENTARY

GARY VANDERWEIL

Because I work in the private sector, I know how important it is to develop and agree on goals; and then to live by the goals and assess how we performed on them, and, finally, to incorporate the results of the performance assessment into next year's planning. Therefore, I was very happy to read in the Mariner that the Deer Hill and MS/HS have established goals for the 2007/2008 year.

One of the reasons that the Board of Selectmen unanimously supported the 2008 school budget was the excellent presentation by School Committee Member Alfred Slanetz of the School Committee's goals, made to the Selectmen in February. The School Committee had developed and unanimously agreed on what I consider to be an excellent long-range goal, as well as specific one-, three-, and five-year goals that support the long-range goal. I feel the goals are excellent because (1) they are challenging, and (2) they are measurable. These two factors are very important if we want accountability, because — speaking from experience — there is an innate tendency in management to do just the opposite, i.e. to have easily achievable goals, or else to have goals that are not measurable. In either case, accountability is lost.

As presented to the Selectmen, the overall long-range goal for the Cohasset schools is for the school system to be ranked in the top 10 in Massachusetts and the top 100 in the U.S. This is an exciting and very challenging goal.

Within the framework of this long-range goal, the School Committee has developed specific goals for the 2007/2008 school year. These encompass 14 areas, ranging from the percent of students in honors and the percent achieving certain test scores, to the percent admitted to Ivy League colleges. These goals are listed below.

The goals are unambiguous and ambitious. I am not sure that in the upcoming school year the School Committee will achieve all of the goals, or even the majority of them. But at least they have something to strive for, they have a direction, and they have the courage to go public with a yardstick by which their own actions and performance can be measured.

This was and is a great way to

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Awesome look at train up close

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Gone, But Not Forgotten… Say goodbye to the Spring Street crossing at Ellms Meadow. Late last week CBB began to take the temporary asphalt roadway apart in order to close the crossing. So, there will be no more trips to the hillside by turning onto Spring Street at the Historical Society.

From now on, each side of the tracks will be dead-ended near the skating pond. Pleasant Street and Spring Street near St. Anthony's will be the only two ways to get to and from the hillside from the center of Town.

The BIG Day – Last Saturday it really happened. About 50 stouthearted people stood at Pleasant Street in the mist and watched the train glide by. We do admit that watching a train up close was an awesome thing.

Several residents asked us if we were on the "First Train." No such luck. But, we did get a chance to stand in the rain with everyone else. A friend of ours, Arthur Munchbach, of the MBTA Safety Department, was spied in the last car with an ear-to-ear grin as he waived to the onlookers. Arthur has been the key MBTA person responsible for the Operation Lifesaver safety educational presentations that have been given to our school children.

Forest Avenue Update – The tree removal and trimming is complete in preparation for the sidewalk/street project. The next phase is rock removal which will start about June 4th. After rock removal, this summer the streets will be ground to remove the bulk of the old asphalt. We'll keep you updated as the Town moves through this project.

Traffic Islands – Each railroad crossing, with the exception of the two private crossings and the Pleasant Street crossing, has traffic islands as a part of its safety features. The Board of Selectmen, based on public comments, requested that the islands be left open for planting. So far we have had residents volunteer to plant and maintain most of the crossing island gardens. Only the islands at Pond / Spring and King streets have not been spoken for. If anyone is interested in helping to beautify these crossings, please call the Selectmen's office at 781-383-4105.



Spring Street crossing at Ellms Meadow is being closed.


A handful of residents stand by as the train comes through town.


The first train leaves the village center.

Harbor Wall — Lastly, an Early Warning On Tuesday, May 29th Phase II of the harbor wall project will begin. The sea walls from Lawrence Wharf (the wharf near the Old Salt House) to the Veteran's Memorial as well as the sea wall at the Sailing Club will be rebuilt. These walls are in much better shape than the walls closer to the Border Street Bridge. There will be some disruption, but the work should be pretty much finished by the third week in June. Right now, it looks like we will be able to maintain 2-way traffic from Lawrence Wharf to the Veteran's Memorial. So we won't have to put up with the one lane traffic flow that we have on Border Street near the bridge.

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There are upsides to facing 40

TALES FROM THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT



DIANE K. DANIELSON

"I'm turning 40 this year," I say out loud to my reflection in the bathroom mirror. Fortunately, the woman in the mirror shrugs her shoulders and laughs because for some reason it's just not a big deal. Sure there are a few things that do give me pause about entering into the Fortysomething zone. Like the fact that I'm older than Daniel Craig, the newest James Bond. While I fully comprehend that he is portraying a "younger" James Bond, there is just something so totally wrong with 007 being born in 1968, a full six years after Sean Connery first introduced himself on-screen as "Bond, James Bond."

Nevertheless, thanks to the Boomers who have crossed this threshold before me, at least we now have all sorts of products, surgical procedures, diets and exercise regimes to maintain (or regain) youthful appearances. But, I like to think Mother Nature already had her own remedy to reduce the appearance of aging. Why else would we all need reading glasses? It's her way of preventing us from seeing the wrinkles and imperfections when we get up close to each other. (She is a woman, after all!)

But there are the other telltale signs of aging that can't be helped by Botox or bad vision.

More than anything, having a good sense of humor makes the whole aging process a lot easier. (They're called "laugh lines" for a reason.)

Each year I discover a new food that doesn't agree with me, and my knees don't seem to work quite the same way they used to. Then there's the fact that my friends and I can't carry on a conversation without discussing mortgage rates and the housing market or referring to news anchors and presidential candidates as "hotties." On top of that, I had a shock the other day when I hopped into my car only to find that all the radio station buttons had been set to talk radio. When did I do that?

There are, however, some things that I am truly thankful for as I turn 40, like not having a husband who will throw me a surprise birthday party. I'm sure having a husband would actually be quite nice, but I'm definitely not a fan of the surprise 40th birthday party. I don't know about the rest of you, but if I'm going to celebrate, I want to look spectacular, not surprised. And, unfortunately, "spectacular" takes a lot more work than it used to.

One benefit of aging I truly enjoy is that my ability to embarrass myself continues to lessen each year as one gets either too tired, or too busy, to care what other people think. But at the same time, my ability to embarrass my son is on the upswing, and it's proving to be a rather useful behavioral management tool. I hear that in a few years, I'll be able to embarrass him simply by existing.

More than anything, having a good sense of humor makes the whole aging process a lot easier. (They're called "laugh lines" for a reason.) Otherwise, I might not find funny the statement in a recent novel, "The Starter Wife," about how men at age 41 are still considered young in business, but their female peers are "middle aged." Ironic, isn't it, especially when you look at life expectancies Or, perhaps I wouldn't see the comedy in the fact that the very same men who I consider too old for me to date, likewise consider me too old for them to date. That's o.k., too, because in a few more years, thanks again to Mother Nature, we'll all be having too many "senior moments" to remember we ever met in the first place.

But perhaps the absolute best thing about turning 40 this year is to truly be able to understand the saying, "Success is getting what you want; but happiness is wanting what you get." Hmmmmm. Maybe that's the real secret to living "happily ever after." I'll let you know how it's going on my 50th.

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HEALTH NOTES

Year-round Watershed Academy

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

For many years, the Board of Health, recognizing the need for reliable accurate assessment of the health of our waters of all types, has had a program of collection and laboratory analysis of water from any source if it is likely to represent a significant health threat to citizens. Naturally, because of cost, the Board was selective about the number and type of samples taken to be analyzed. And for the same reason, we were never able to take more than a snapshot of the general condition of the surface waters to which our population was exposed. Indeed, when water in certain areas appeared to have been implicated in pollution, costly studies were necessary to assess the extent of suspected pollution events and degradation of our water resources. It has become increasingly apparent that the existing method of using the small staff of Town employees or outside contractors was inadequate to reveal the true condition of the threat by contamination of our waters.

For seven years now, a student volunteer organization mentored by school system teachers has grown into the role of providing increasingly sophisticated assessment of our natural resources, not the least of which was water. At first, single teachers would work with small groups of interested students. Then in 2003, the Town provided a building on the waterfront for students to carry out various environmental assessment activities. With increased interest, and outside funding, equipment was procured, and the Board of Health began to depend on students for collection analysis and assessment of the Town's natural resources. The Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research CSCR was born. Since that time, students have assisted the Board of Health in taking beach water samples, creating a natural resource inventory for the Gulf River, assessing nonpoint source pollution in North Scituate and in James Brook, and numerous increasingly sophisticated and accurate water quality sampling chores.

Now, a milestone has been reached. Last year, the CSCR began writing a series of grant requests seeking funds for a new concept, a Watershed Academy, to train to students to be effective stewards of skills necessary for the challenges of future inhabitants of the planet. Several requests were successful; the most important being a grant to participate in Microsoft's U.S. Partners in Learning program, aimed at providing educators and schools with the tools and support they need to deliver on the promise of technology.

Microsoft's Massachusetts Education and Innovation Grants program will support four innovative education programs in Massachusetts in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), with a special focus on after-school learning. Of 78 applicants for the grant, four were selected as finalists. The CSCR was one of the four — specifically chosen because of its model of engaging students as science partners in the community. The Microsoft funds together with grants from the DEP Office of Coastal Zone Management, and the Cohasset Education Foundation will enable the Watershed Academy after-school program to operate year around.

In addition, plans call for the grants to be leveraged by additional services not heretofore available from the Board of Health. As indicated earlier, the Board has more requirements for water quality assessment than it can handle, a continuing burden on taxpayers. With a cadre of student volunteers trained by the Watershed Academy taking and analyzing water quality data using standard practices approved by the State, the Board can fulfill both its needs and respond to requests from anyone requesting water quality assessment for any purpose. We plan to provide water quality sampling services for a moderate fee for those requesting them. Moreover, major drainage and stormwater improvements are now planned for much of Cohasset. These improvements will require periodic water quality assessment, some of which can be accomplished by the student researchers saving the Town funds, which would otherwise come from taxation. The board will provide more information on this program in future.

And the benefits of the program are not limited to Cohasset. Of the approximately 40 student volunteers expected to participate in the Watershed Academy this summer, many come from other of the 12 towns in the watershed whose students have signed up for the program. All towns in the watershed are invited to utilize Watershed Academy services for their analysis and assessment problems.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

The big & small of civil rights

HENSHAW



TOM HENSHAW

There is a bit in the movie "Silverado" where Stella, the 19th century dwarf barmaid, achieves equality of altitude with her clients by raising the section of the floorboards on which she stands behind the bar.

"When the world won't adjust to you," she tells a curious customer in effect, "you adjust to the world."

The Stellas of the 21st century won't have to face that problem and make that adjustment if State Rep. Byron Rushing has his way. Byron is one of those reps who is always on the lookout for a new civil right for someone to be in violation of.

The Boston Democrat is sponsoring a bill in the Massachusetts legislature that would add height and weight to race, gender, age, color, religion, disability and sexual persuasion to the state's anti-discrimination civil rights laws.

"This is one of the last physical aspects of people that you can acceptably laugh about," said Byron.

Not necessarily. Did you hear the one about the guy with big ears? Looked like a taxi cab with both doors open. Well, it was funny the first time I heard it. I guess you had to be there. But I digress.

I can understand the desire to give special protection to little people since, if you're born to be under four feet tall, there's not much you can do about it, although I know there are places where they'll try to stretch you a couple of inches on a rack to meet the height requirements of a police office or a fireman.

But raising obesity to the level of a civil right is a new one on me.

The Associated Press, reporting the filing of Byron's bill, sought out 300-pound Jeanne Toombs of Concord, a board member of the National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance, for comment.

"It's not fair," she said. "No matter what you think of fat people, they deserve to be treated like human beings."

Ever hear of losing weight, lady? A black man has to stay a black man, unless of course if he's Michael Jackson. A woman has to stay a woman. An 80-year-old man is an 80-year-old man, period. You might be surprised what few salads and some pushups can do for a 300-pound woman.

Byron's discovery of two new civil rights still has to pass muster with his legislative colleagues and there are indications that some of them might balk at voting for it.

"There's a limit on how far you can legislate your way to paradise," said Todd Momke, who is described as a Republican analyst. "We might as well add colorblind, left-handed and allergic-to-cashews and get it over with,"

Good idea! Did I, a confirmed left-hander, ever tell you how a clear case of discrimination by the Furnace Brook Golf Club in Quincy ruined my prospects for a lucrative career in golf?

My mentor, a chap named Roger Barry, and I showed up at the club for a sportswriters' tournament nearly 60 years ago, only to find that the club's only set of left-handed rental clubs was already out of the course.

It was decided that I should rent a set of right-handed clubs and drive with the righties while putting left-handed with a right-handed putter turned around. I shot a 36 and I distinctly remember Roger saying, "Good. Now let's try the second hole."

See what happens when they tamper with your civil rights?

Sustainable Cohasset focus of Our Town

Join Our Town starting Monday when co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with JoAnn Mirise of Sustainable Cohasset to talk about the organization's efforts to increase awareness about greenhouse gases and what can be done to reduce them.

Discussion will cover how to reduce fuel consumption and other related topics.

Mirise authors a column on sustainable issues for the Cohasset Mariner. Her most recent column talked about pesticides and lawn care.

Tune in Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9p.m., all on Comcast channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and Stay informed!

Video surveillance part of school security

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School Committee. Walsh explained the Association had yet to vote on the memorandum of understanding as it stood.

At the May 16 meeting the item was briefly discussed, but Walsh reported the understanding had yet to be agreed to by the union. She said she hoped an understanding could be reached and signed by the end of the school year. A copy of the tentative agreement was included in the public correspondence provided to the School Committee.

The tentative agreement outlines provisions with respect to the use of video surveillance cameras. The conditions include advance notification to the classroom teacher if covert cameras are used outside of instructional time, video surveillance will not be used to evaluate teacher's work performance or include any recording of sound. Video cameras currently installed may continue to be used by the school district. However, no cameras may be installed or used in locker rooms, restrooms or faculty rooms. Teacher offices may have cameras if the teacher is provided advanced notification.

The memorandum of understanding, if signed, will withdraw with prejudice the union's Jan. 12 grievance regarding the use of covert electronic monitoring devices.

The conditions include advance notification to the classroom teacher if covert cameras are used outside of instructional time, video surveillance will not be used to evaluate teacher's work performance or include any recording of sound.

At the May 16 meeting Walsh said following simulated lockdown situation drills performed in recent weeks at both the Deer Hill and Middle-High Schools the police recommended the installation of two additional stationary cameras in common areas.

"There were a couple of locations where the angle of the camera was not pointed where we thought would be best," said Chief James Hussey in a phone interview. He said there were two possibilities: change the angle of the camera or install an additional camera.

Chairman Rick Flynn proposed the installation of these two additional cameras should be installed before a formal agreement is met with the union.

"We're not bound by anything at this moment," Flynn said.

"Teachers should recognize the cameras are for safety purposes," they protect both the students and teachers, said School Committee member Alfred Slanetz agreeing with Flynn.

Currently, the video surveillance is recorded digitally and is available for review by the Superintendent, principals and the facilities manager. The police department does not have access to the surveillance video on a routine basis. If an incident occurs on school property that requires police involvement, the video is available to the police. In the next year, Chief Hussey and the police department will be looking to identify funding to bring the ability to monitor the schools cameras to the police dispatch center.

Cohasset is not alone in utilizing cameras as part of their security plan. Many schools installed cameras and additional security measures following the tragedy in Columbine in 1999 and other school violence incidents. Security systems involving video surveillance have been installed in other South Shore districts, including Duxbury, Norwell, Hull and Scituate.

School plan attacks mosquitoes

Seeks to prevent repeat of last year's restrictions

By Nancy White
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Athletic Director Ron Ford's recommendations included having the fields sprayed in mid-August if it is apparent EEE is active in the area and spraying five days prior to heavy use.

Last fall a restriction was placed on all school-related outdoor activities after an EEE-infected mosquito was found in Cohasset. Although school and town officials worked quickly to get the information out to the public, Athletic Director Ron Ford wants to make sure a procedure is in place if another infected mosquito, with EEE or West Nile Virus, is found in town.

To that end, Ford presented a PowerPoint slideshow to the School Committee on May 16. It outlined what was done in the past, including last fall's actions and proposed procedures for the future.

Ford told the Committee to think of EEE, or Eastern Equine Encephalitis, virus as a living organism. Research into the virus has indicated occurrences of the EEE virus in Massachusetts appear every 14 years for a three-year period, and then the virus goes dormant.

Cases of EEE have been reported the last three consecutive years, since 2004. In previous years an EEE-infected mosquito has been found in the New England area by Sept. 1st so Ford is looking at that date as an indicator if the area is in for another year of EEE threat.

"We're hoping it will go dormant," said Ford, "[but] if it does happen again, we'll have an action plan in place and won't be scrambling."

During the fall sports season there was a ban on outdoor activities on school property between the hours of 6p.m. to 7:30a.m. The ban was in place from Sept. 1 to Oct. 30 and included scheduled night away in other non-restricted towns. Ford said the ban caused some issues for the South Shore League.

Ford's recommendations included having the fields sprayed in mid-August if it is apparent EEE is active in the area and spraying five days prior to heavy use. The Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project will spray the fields for free. School facility director Brian Adams is putting together an "outdoor pesticide plan" to be on record with the state. It is required to comply with the Children and Family Protection Act and will allow the county to spray the fields.

Ground spraying kills most of the adult mosquitoes it comes in direct contact with and should decrease the population in the area for several weeks. Cohasset was not included in aerial spraying the past, but may be included this year as the state may widen the area.

In addition to spraying, Ford said he will not going to schedule night practices or games until after Sept. 30 and then evaluate the EEE situation. Bug spray will be provided to all student athletes and coaches to further protect them from the mosquitoes.

Health Inspector Tara Tradd said Cohasset was still considered a low risk area. The EEE-positive mosquitoes found in northern Cohasset last September were of the species *Culiseta Melanura*, which typically do not bite humans, she said. The virus strand found in Cohasset usually infects birds, she said.

With EEE possibly not being a threat come this fall, School Committee member Alfred Slanetz asked what the town could do to prevent an outbreak of West Nile Virus. Tradd explained larvaecide (mosquito eggs) couldn't be tested for West Nile virus, unlike EEE. Birds (specifically, blue jays, crows, and robins) found within 24 hours of their death are sampled to see if they are positive for the virus.

The concensus of the School Committee was for Ford to move forward with implementing the plan as outlined. No vote was taken.

For more information about EEE and West Nile Virus, visit http://www.mass.gov/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm

'Adopt a Street' program gaining momentum

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hood associations, families, churches, school groups, businesses are encouraged to participate. The groups will adopt a street or a portion of a street for a minimum of two-years and would be expected to pick up litter in the adopted area at least once every two months. Safely rules will be dispersed to participants and safety gear would be worn, particularly if youths were involved, Griffin said.

Selectmen Ralph Dormitzer wanted to make sure the program also welcomed individuals.

"We want there to be some flexibility," in who can be involved, he said many individuals in town already do their part on their own in picking up litter and should be included as well, he said.

"[Participants] will own it for themselves and be able to feel good about the service they're doing in the community."
— Tara Tradd, health inspector

Griffin said there are still some question marks about the program that will need to be worked out. The draft guidelines of the program indicate that the town will provide safety vests, gloves and bags to the volunteer groups, as well as erect a sign in the adopted area recognizing the adopting group. Griffin said that the town's cost per participant could be about $30. Unfortunately, funds for this project were not included in the upcoming fiscal year's operating budget.

However, Griffin said the issue would be short term because future budgets would include the expenses and it was still unknown if there will be 10 or 100 participants.

"Part of the program could be to contribute" to the cause, suggested French.

The Town is ready to work with any group that comes forward.

If interested in more information, please contact Tara Tradd at (781) 383-4116 or e-mail at tarat@townofcohasset.org

New textbooks from Foundation Reserve funds

The new books, which cover math from sixth to eight grade, are consistent with new National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) standards.

The schools have found further use for the Foundation Reserve funds received from the state last year. The School Committee voted unanimously last week to approve an allocation of $33,613.70 to purchase new textbooks to support a revised curriculum.

Each Deer Hill classroom will get leveled book libraries that will include appropriate books for the grade level and reading ability. The libraries will have a variety of genres and range of reading difficulty to meet student needs.

The Middle School will receive a new series of math textbooks to create curriculum continuity for all three grades, said Nancy Mrzyglod, Curriculum Coordinator for grades K-12. By purchasing the complete math series the school will receive additional teaching materials from the publisher at no extra cost. The new books, which cover math from sixth to eight grade, are consistent with new National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) standards.

"These resources will last five to seven years," Mrzyglod said, affirming the textbooks and classroom libraries were a good investment. She pointed out that a teaching position due to budgetary restraints might only last one fiscal year while the books would keep on contributing in the classroom.

In September 2005 the state legislature appropriated $6.8 million to provide financial assistance to Massachusetts towns and cities. Municipalities were required to submit an application for the monies. Then each application was reviewed and appropriately awarded a grant. The Cohasset Schools received a $226,000 Foundation Fund grant from the state. This type of award, according to Business Manager Dave DeGennaro, is treated as grant money and is not incorporated into the fiscal budget.

The School Committee voted to appropriate $138,314 of Foundation Reserve funds back in December. Approximately $85,000 went toward the purchase of new textbooks for all three schools. The remainder of the money was used to purchase microscopes, classroom furniture, musical instrument, library books and other smaller items.

CO2 Cube on display at Earthfest

The event will be take place all day Saturday, May 26, with the concert portion beginning at 11a.m.

The CO2 Cube, created by a group of Cohasset high school freshman under the supervision of science teacher David Ames, will be on display at Earthfest this weekend. The 27-square foot cube represents one metric ton of carbon dioxide. Earthfest, sponsored by Boston radio station 92.9 WBOS, features an all day concert at the Hatchshell. Vendors will be set up at the event with free samples and information. The CO2 Cube Crew comprised of students and adults assembled "the cube" on the Esplanade on Wednesday afternoon. It is set up near the Hatch Shell, adjacent to the Whole Foods display — given its enormity; it's likely viewers won't miss it. The event will be take place all day Saturday, May 26, with the concert portion beginning at 11a.m.

As a part of their display, the creators of the Cube are sending a message challenging 19 other community organizations — schools, colleges, churches —to build their own cube. Their hope is to get 20 "cubes" built, each representing one ton of carbon dioxide. Together, the cubes would represent what an average American citizen, man, woman and child, emits in a single year.

"The numbers for carbon dioxide emissions are so unreal to the average citizen," says Kathryn Earle, a member of Sustainable Cohasset, "the cube makes it more real."

Their hope is to take the cubes down to the "Focus the Nation" event, a national educational initiative that will convenes on the Washington D.C. mall in January 2008.

For more information visit www.earthfest.com. To find out more about Focus the Nation event, visit www.focusthenation.org

Student artwork on display in Cohasset

All entries from the 10th Congressional District Art Competition available for public viewing and display at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset from May 24 through June 3.

Roughly 200 entries were submitted from students throughout the 10th Congressional District — which include paintings, drawings, prints, mixed media, photographs and computer graphics. The contest's top winner will be shipped to Washington, D.C. to be displayed for a full year in the US Capitol and will be offered a $20,000 scholarship to the Savannah School of Design in Savannah, Ga.

All submissions are now being reviewed by an independent panel of judges. Given the enthusiastic interest among students and high caliber of art, Delahunt wanted to make sure all entries would be on display.

While prizes will be awarded, Delahunt said, "the overall objective is to recognize and encourage the artistic potential of all our kids."

A reception will kick off the exhibition later this month in Cohasset to honor the South Shore and Cape & Islands high school participants. It will take place from 7 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 24 at the South Shore Art Center on 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Hours and directions for the center are available at www.ssac.org

More information about the competition is available from Delahunt's office, toll-free, at 800-794-9911 — or online at www.house.gov/delahunt/artcomp.shtml.

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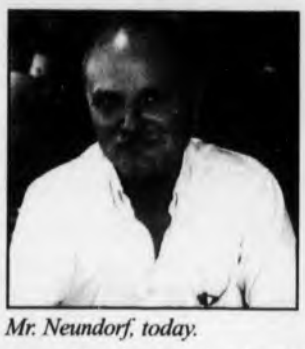
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CHS science teacher will be missed

By Lauren Strazzulla
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER



Mr. Neundorf, today.



Vintage, Neundorf.

For the past 26 years Mr. Neundorf has charmed Cohasset High School with such favorite expressions as "in terms of," "on a usual basis," and of course, "you're the village idiot." And now, after 30 years of teaching, he will retire with the class of 2007, leaving many students to question whether they'll ever see another unnecessarily dangerous science experiment or will be able to trick a teacher into forgetting he assigned homework.

"I realized that every year had tremendous memories, and laughs."
— Joe Neundorf

Many will be surprised to learn that Mr. Neundorf never intended to go into the teaching profession. In fact, the foundation for his future profession was laid back in college where he worked teaching labs and doing research for professors to pay for his tuition. When three professors told him he would end up as a teacher, he promptly dismissed their claims, citing his desire to sometime be wealthy.

After college, Neundorf spent six months in the military before taking a position at a chemical firm, where he would work for eight years. He worked his way from technical service to research and finally ended up in charge of product development, before leaving the firm. Then he decided to put his masters in education, which he originally got only as a back up, to use. However, in 1977 teaching positions were difficult to get without previous experience, so Neundorf and his wife decided to go into the Peace Corps, if he wasn't successful at finding a job. But the day before school started in Hanover, he got called to interview for a job teaching chemistry, and "the rest is history."

Neundorf was originally drawn to teaching because it allowed him to "affect people, not things." Also, while working in industry, he was impacted by coworkers, who regretted not pursuing other careers they had been interested in. He promised himself he would never end his adult career feeling unfulfilled or stuck in one career.

Neundorf's first year teaching turned out to be quite a shock for him because he wasn't expecting the job to be so time consuming, and he had to get used to not having secretaries and assistants to assist with his workload. But friends remarked that they'd never seen him happier. Neundorf recalls that his first 10 years were most difficult because he had to get used to a lower budget than he had with his previous job.

"But it was always giving up one thing to gain another," he says. "I realized that every year had tremendous memories, and laughs. You don't remember what a teacher taught you, but you do remember the laughs, and in the midst, the acquisition of knowledge does happen."

When asked what memories he is reminded of most, Mr. Neundorf said with a smirk, "The funny episodes, the embarrassment."

And of course, anyone who had been in one of his classes knows that Mr. Neundorf is never shy when it comes to embarrassing himself or his students. He tries to teach kids not to take things too seriously. When he calls a student an "idiot," he believes it will help them to realize that people must constantly laugh at themselves, or the burdens of life will weigh them down.

"Never take someone seriously who wants to put you down." Mr. Neundorf also reflected on how he used to tell his class, "Don't get mad. Get even." Then one day, when he and his class were outside doing an experiment, two kids poured a bucket of water on his head — this of course incited a riot of laughter, but Mr. Neundorf won't forget that day or those kids.

Retirement has a number of things in store for Joe Neundorf. First and foremost, he hopes to pursue his favorite hobby: reading and studying military history. In addition, he fancies spending more time visiting and learning about battlefields. Next year, he also plans to spend a year in Germany learning the language.

"One of the good things about teaching is that it exposes you to students learning and it opens you; you see the joy in their eyes, and it's not unusual for teachers to pursue some of these interests," he says.

Mr. Neundorf brought a certain indefinable flavor to CHS that cannot be replicated. Students remember how "he always had funny stories to tell" (Shalea Daly). Chris Ackley commented that he "liked how Mr. Neundorf mixed humor with education." When asked to reflect on Mr. Neundorf's retirement, Mrs. Bierman said he "acts as a professional; whatever he stands for, he sticks with it, and I admire that quality."

In a closing remark, Neundorf said, "After 30 years, you realize that you've taught over 3,000 students, and you constantly run into people of varying ages, and they usually say nice things about you, and it makes it all worthwhile."

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Schools praised for setting bar high

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School Committee Goals for 2007/2008

- Provide aptitude and achievement tests for 100 percent of students.
- 75 percent of students achieve test scores matching their aptitude (reading, writing, math).
- Class size: K-8 < 20, 9-12 < 30.
- Increase course offerings by 25 percent.
- 50 percent of students enrolled in honors courses.
- 25 percent of students enrolled in AP.
- 10 AP courses (up from 8)
- MCAS scores, all subjects, all grades: Advanced > 25 percent of students, Proficient > 45 percent, Needs Improvement < 25 percent, Failing < 10 percent.
- Percent of students applying to private schools: 8th grade < 20 percent, other grades < 10 percent.
- SAT test scores: Verbal > 550, Math > 560, Writing > 550.
- SAT II: Subjects 8, Participation 75 percent, Score > 600.
- National Merit Scholarship: Finalists/Semifinalists > 1 percent, Semifinalists/Commendations > 4 percent.
- Academic Extra Curricular Competition: Number of teams: 15, Percent 1st or 2nd place: > 2 percent.
- College Admissions: Post secondary education > 96 percent, Most Highly Competitive Colleges > 27 percent, Ivy League > 1 percent.

Gary Vanderweil lives at 500 Jerusalem Road.

Library News

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New Titles – Place your holds now for these hot titles: "The Good Guy," by Dean Koontz, "Once Around the Track," by Sharyn McCrumb, and "The Overlook," by Michael Connolly. The library receives new titles from your favorite authors every week. Browse our catalog on-line at www.cohassetlibrary.org.

Library Book Group – Join the group for coffee and discussion of Mary Lawson's award winning novel "Crow Lake," at 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 30, in the Meeting Room. Free. All are welcome.

Movie Matinee – The free movie for this month is "Arsenic and Old Lace," with Cary Grant and Josephine Hull, to be shown at 11 a.m., Friday, June 1, in the Meeting Room. Light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library. Movie site license sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee.

Author Visit – Buttonwood Books and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library will welcome local author David Hosp, who will speak at 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 11. Although the library will not be open for business that evening, the Meeting Room of the library will be open just for this event. Mr. Hosp will discuss and sign his newest legal thriller "Innocence." Copies of the book will be available for purchase. Light refreshments will be provided courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Free.

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FOR CHILDREN

'Catch the Beat' at the library — Registration begins Monday, June 25, at Paul Pratt Memorial Library for the 2007 Massachusetts statewide summer reading program, "Catch the Beat @ Your Library."

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SPORTS

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Skippers try to get back in swing

By John Collins
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Starting off the week slow with a 4-1 loss against Duxbury and a 5-0 loss against Hingham, the Cohasset High boys tennis team looks to prepare themselves for the upcoming Div. 2 state tournament.

With the tournament around the corner the Skippers have prepared themselves for their first round game by scheduling tough out of league opponents.

Cohasset looks as if they will round out the year with a 9-9 record, meaning they will have to face a higher seeded team in the first round that will be a challenge to their season coming to a close.

"It all depends on who we end up facing in the first round," said coach Paul Carroll. "We can throw an upset; it just depends on the draw we get."

What will help the Skippers in this cause is the return of Victor Hartmann, as he gets healthy and resumes control of the first singles job.

"Adding a great player like Victor just boost the team's level to compete with the better teams," said Carroll.

There has been noticed improvement over the past week, as the players have been working mainly on their positioning, especially in the doubles game.

After going through injuries, the rotation in the singles has returned to form for the tournament, as Hartmann will be at first singles, Blain Morin at second singles and Ryan Crough at third singles.

The doubles are also set, with the duo of Chris Donze and Ivan Sceery at first doubles, followed by a very strong second doubles team of Chris Akley and Mike Felby.

With two tough losses it is usually not a good sign for a team heading into the tournament, but Carroll has noticed some great things from the team.

"Their general attitude and work ethic has been impressive," he said. "This is not easy to do when you are getting beat this bad.

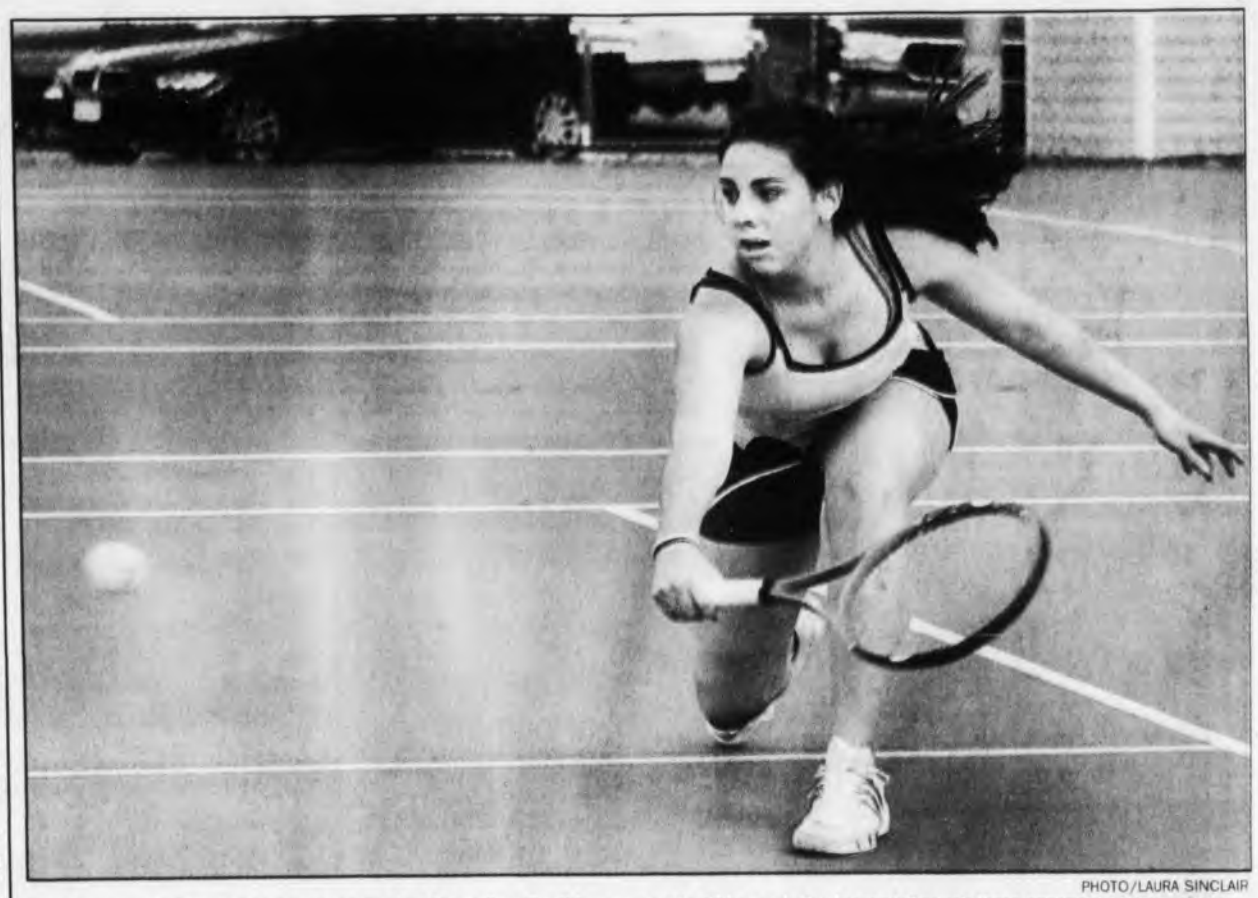
"But playing against better opponents brings out the best in your game."

The Skippers bring their A-game when the tournament comes around. Pairings will be announced on Wednesday and should be available that afternoon on the MIAA's postseason web site, miaa.ezstream.net.



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Cohasset number-1 doubles player Chris Donze serves during last week's match against Cape Cod Academy.



PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Meg Anderson gets low for a backhand against Norwell earlier this season. The Skippers junior breezed through three opponents this week to help lead Cohasset to three victories.

The going is good for girls tennis

CHS tops previously undefeated Hingham to improve to 16-1 going into tournament

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It's pretty much guaranteed lately that any Cohasset/Hingham girls tennis match will result in a 3-2 score.

The two programs have had some wonderfully close matches in recent years, and Wednesday was no different. It could be expected, given the fact that Hingham was 18-0 and Cohasset 15-1 going into the contest.

Behind a sweep from singles players Meg Anderson, Sally Meehan and Maddie Altholtz, it was Cohasset that came out on top, 3-2 (of course).

The match of the day was a three-hour, three-set marathon at third singles. With the team scored at 2-2, it came down to Altholtz and her Hingham opponent to decide the match. The two split the first pair of sets, with Altholtz winning the first (6-4) and Hingham winning the second (5-7).

Cohasset coach Gigi Meehan, who was relieved that someone other than her daughter was playing in the decisive match for a change, said the third set came down to who would play the more aggressive (and successful) tennis.

"Someone had to take charge and start winning points, otherwise we'd be looking for a switch to turn the lights on," coach Meehan said.

Luckily, it didn't come to that, as Altholtz took control and won the set, 6-3. The Skippers freshman improved her singles record to 15-0 with the win.

Anderson (6-0, 6-1) and Sally Meehan (6-1, 6-2) earned Cohasset's other points. For Anderson, it was her third rather easy win in as many days against a good opponent. Aside from playing a certain star of the hard-court from Norwell, the Skippers junior first singles has been an

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The great escape

After poor start, CHS softball qualifies for state tournament

Things were not looking good for the Cohasset High softball team after it lost its first four games of the year.

And even as recently as May 8, when the Skippers took a 4-8 record to Carver and found themselves down 8-4 through four innings of that game, Cohasset's state tournament hopes appeared dire.

But the girls in blue came back to win that game against the Crusaders, and they haven't stopped since, as Wednesday's win over Holbrook – their second over the Bulldogs in as many days – was their seventh in a row. At 11-8, Cohasset is in the Div. 3 tourney, with room to spare.

The Skippers clinched that berth with first Holbrook win on Tuesday. Christina Pinkus did a little of everything that day, knocking in three runs and getting the win on the mound with an eight-strikeout performance. Carly Salerno had three hits at the plate.

In last Thursday's 18-3 thrashing of Mashpee, Pinkus was again the star of the day, jacking a two-run homer (her fourth round-tripper in three games) and pitching well against the Falcons.

Two days prior, it was Virginia Spofford pitching the Skippers to a 17-2 win over Norwell. Spofford tossed a three-hitter and had two hits and two RBI at the plate. Christine Coner set the tone for the day with a three-run double in the first inning.

The Skippers tuned up for the postseason Thursday with a major test, as Patriot League power Hanover came to town for a game played after the Mariner went to press. Tuesday, the MIAA will put together the tournament brackets, which should be available that afternoon on the organization's postseason web site, miaa.ezstream.net.

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Laxers ending on a high note



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Cohasset's Mark Flibotte scores against Hanover earlier this season.

The Cohasset High boys lacrosse team closed out its regular season with a convincing 18-10 victory over Div. 1 powerhouse Barnstable (now 14-5).

Mike Bunstein (five goals, four assists) and Mark Flibotte (five goals, one assist) treated the hearty Skipper fans who braved the cold and wind on Cape Cod to an offensive fireworks show. Bunstein scored four unanswered goals in the third period, including two in a row while the Skippers were a man down, to take the heart out of the Red Raiders.

Mike Grimm added three goals in limited action due to an elbow injury and Dan Trendowicz chipped in two goals and an assist. Sophomore middie Andrew DiPaolo scored his first two varsity goals.

Grimm opened the scoring for the Skippers with a nice shot after dodging from up top. Trendowicz stole a clearing pass and, after faking the Barnstable goalie high, buried the shot in the bottom corner.

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automatic point for Cohasset this spring.

"Having that point definitely frees everybody else up to do their job without a lot of pressure," coach Meehan said. "Meg has really provided a nice foundation for the team. She's risen to the occasion of playing first singles. It's not easy to go from doubles (Anderson's position her first two years) to singles like that."

Against Hingham, the Skippers almost scored a fourth point via a strong performance from the first doubles duo of Elizabeth Landon and Maggie McGoldrick. Playing against a good, experienced Hingham team, Landon and McGoldrick won the first, 6-2. Hingham turned it up a notch and won the second set.

In the third, both teams attacked the net and went for winners with abandon. The Cohasset team appeared to have the upper hand whey they took a 5-3 lead, but Hingham's girls won the last four games to take the match.

The Skippers and Harborwomen faced off in a rematch Thursday after the Mariner went to press. After that, it's on to the state tournament. The MIAA will put together the brackets Wednesday morning and they should be available that afternoon on its postseason web site, miaa.ezstream.net.

Skippers 3, Westwood 2

Cohasset won its season opener against Westwood by a 4-1 score, but a lot of those matches were close, setting the stage for a competitive match on Tuesday.

Again, it was the singles players that ruled the day for Cohasset. Anderson and Altholtz both won quickly, while Meehan had a longer two-set win, 7-5, 6-2. The Skippers junior was down 4-5 in the first set, but got it together and took control of the last half of the match.

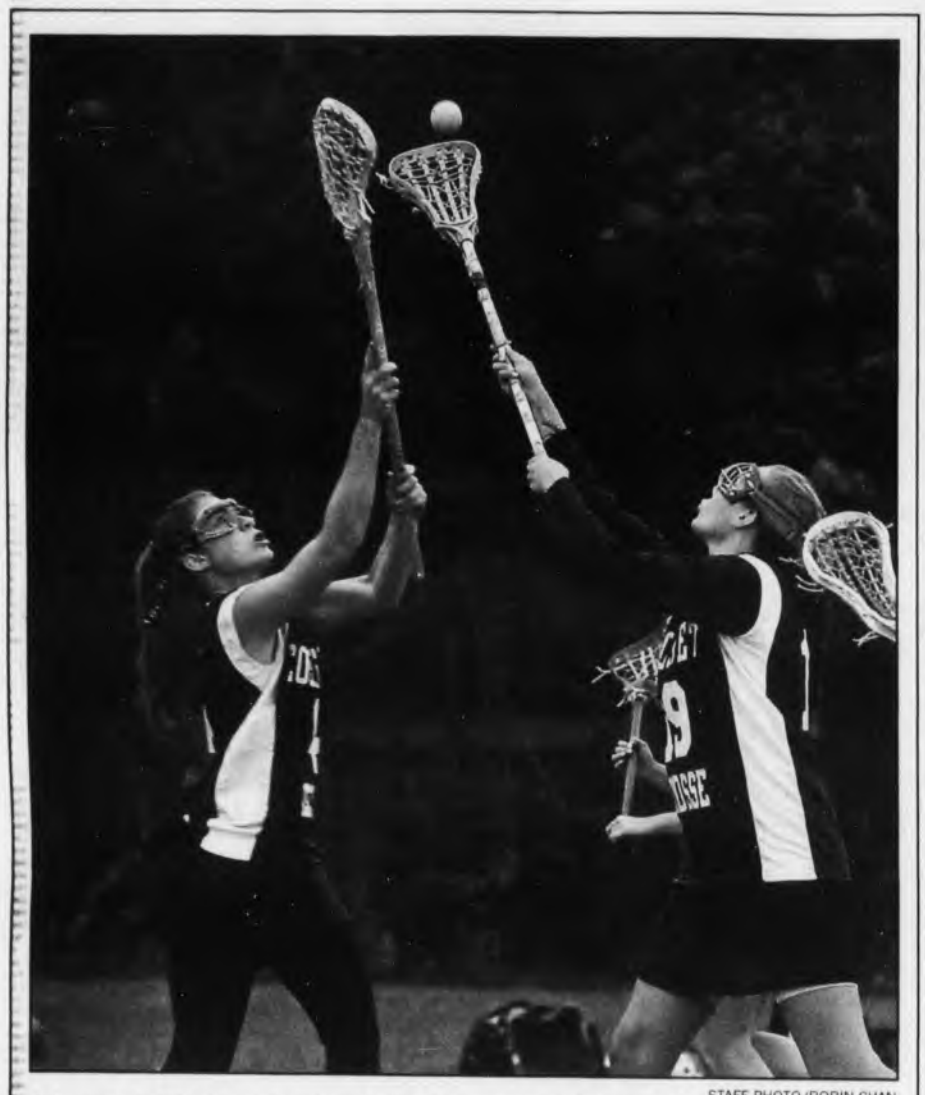
Both doubles teams were competitive in their losses, with Landon and McGoldrick again going three sets, and second doubles Charlotte Landon and Jean Thomae playing tough in a 2-6, 4-6 loss.

Skippers 3, Duxbury 2

With Anderson and Altholtz winning easily, and Duxbury's doubles teams topping their Cohasset counterparts, it was Meehan's match at second singles that would decide it. Again.

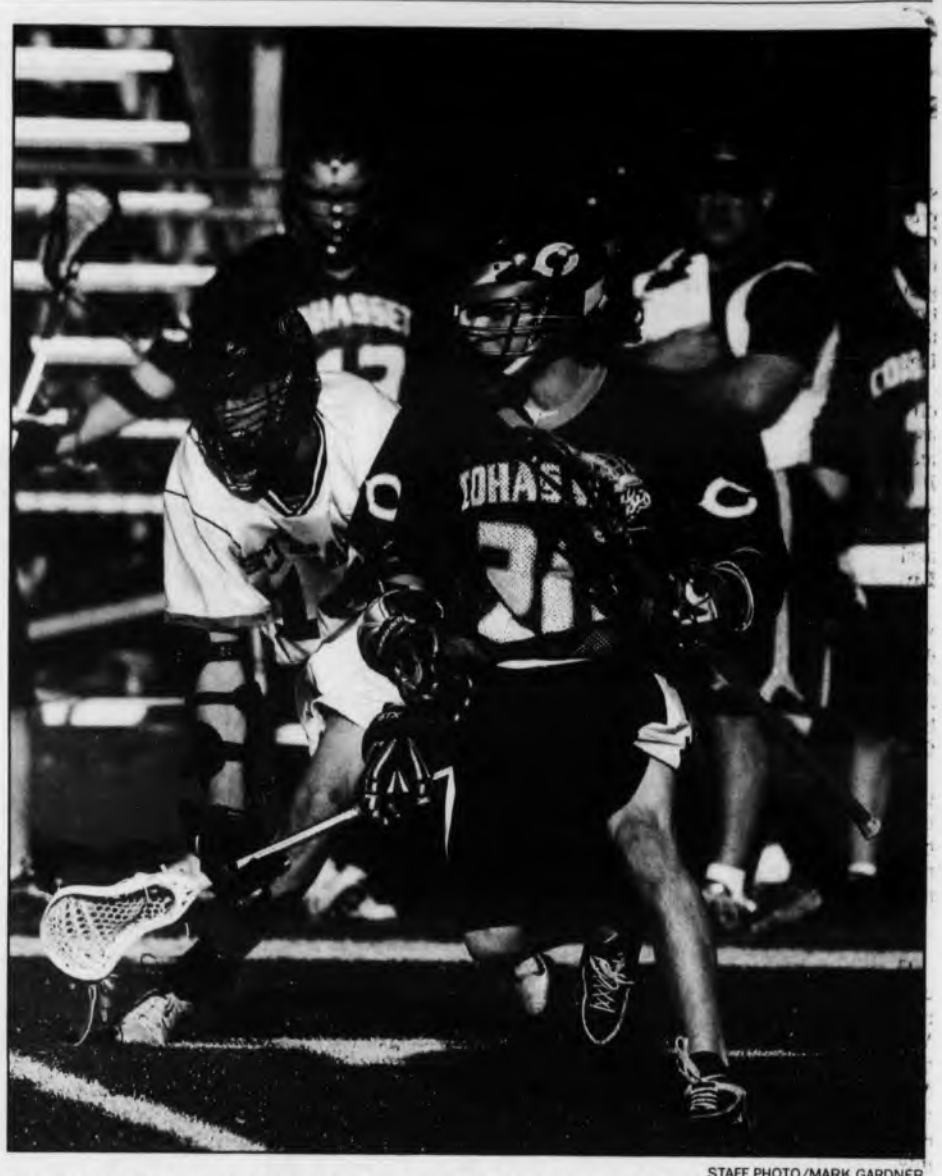
After winning her first set and losing the second, Meehan decided it was time to simply out-hit her opponent, and she did so with a quick 6-1 win to clinch the match for Cohasset.

"It was a good match for her," said coach Meehan. "She's very confident in three-set matches because she knows her fitness level is such that she can go for three hours without getting winded."



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Cohasset's Isabella Franklin (right) and Caitlin Mahoney go after a loose ball in the second half of last week's game against Scituate. The Lady Skippers lost that game and, unfortunately, a pair of games this week against Notre Dame and Wakefield to knock them out of the state tournament picture.



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Andrew Davis (20) storms upfield with the ball during the May 3 win over Scituate. The next time the two rivals meet could be in this year's Div. 3 state championship game.

Laxers ending on a high note

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After a Barnstable goal, Bunstein knocked down a clearing pass and found Grimm for a sidearm shot just inside the low far post. Defenseman Bobby Meilkeham stripped a Red Raider attackman and made a nice run upfield and pass to Bunstein. Bunstein assisted Flibotte who found the upper corner for a 4-1 Cohasset lead.

Grimm opened the second period with another blast to the lower corner. Goalie Nate Porter then made a beautiful stop at point blank range and quickly cleared the ball to senior co-captain Ryan Kucinski. Kucinski made a great run upfield with his long stick and found Flibotte on the crease with a pinpoint pass. Flibotte beat the goalie high to the near side. After two Barnstable scores, Bunstein assisted Flibotte from behind on the man-up and Flibotte found a streaking DiPaolo for his first varsity goal.

Barnstable inched closer with a quick goal to start the third period. After a Jeff Brown flip check and strip and a quick outlet pass to Trendowicz, Flibotte scored again. Porter kept Barnstable at bay with two highlight film stops at close range. Trendowicz then picked up a tough ground ball in traffic deep in the Cohasset defensive end and dodged the length of the field finishing with a highlight reel low to rising bullet to the upper corner.

Barnstable started a come back with two quick goals but Bunstein had a much different idea. He responded with a goal assisted by Brown and then quickly another goal unassisted dodging from behind. With Cohasset down a man, Bunstein picked up two successive field length "Hail Mary" clearing passes from Porter and streaked in alone on the Barnstable goalie for still two more Skipper scores and a 14-6 lead at the end of the third period.

Head coach Stew Curran praised his man down defense.

"Our guys have been outstanding after penalties throughout the year," he said. "Ryan Kucinski, Andrew Smith, Dan Trendowicz, Jeff Brown, Bobby Meilkeham, Conor Holway and Anthony DiPaolo (recently returning from injury) have been working very hard to be aggressive to the ball while still maintaining good position in the zone. They have pressured the other teams into making mistakes with the ball and often regained possession.

"A goal on man down is a rarity. Two in one game is amazing."

Cohasset continued the scoring onslaught in the final period. Both Bunstein and Andrew DiPaolo scored unassisted and then Bunstein found Flibotte again alone on the crease. Charlie Czerkawski ended the Skipper scoring with a 15-yard rocket to the upper corner.

Porter played one of his best games of the year in goal, finishing with 23 saves.

Cohasset's last regular season game against Concord, N.H. was cancelled on Saturday due to rain. The Skippers finished their regular season at 12-3.

Cohasset, ranked #5 in the state throughout all divisions, will likely return to action after Memorial Day as the number-1 seed with homefield advantage in the Div. 3 state tournament. The Skippers, of course, will be looking for their second state championship in a row.

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Cohasset Youth Lacrosse

Boys

U 15 Blue

The Blue squad took only its second loss of the season this past Sunday. Whether it was a rained out practice or the soaking the team endured during the game, the Blue Squad wasn't in typical form. On any other day, the boys would have bested the Hanover squad.

Down 3-1 going into half time on a goal by **Derek Youngman**, assisted by **Morgan Grasz**, the team made its usual adjustments. It picked it up in the second half scoring three goals, another by Youngman who added two assists, and two by **Kyle Livingstone**.

Jake Kissick, in a repeat of last week, produced another assist on a full field clear from his defensive position. After a bunch of near misses and some lucky bounces for the opponent, Cohasset lost 6–4.

The players showed good hustle and a willingness to help out in other positions as always. The boys will continue to practice their fundamentals and will finish the season strongly.

U15 White

The U-15 White took their explosive offensive show on the road to face a spirited Martha's Vineyard team. The boys from the mainland started out flat, with **Mitch McNary** (one goal) having several good looks at the goal early only to see the MV goalie thwart his efforts.

With the offense sputtering the defense stepped up to keep the Islanders at bay with several players stepping in to help (**Johnny McGoldrick, Brennan Bukowski**) **Sam Leahy** and **Geoff Swain** with the long poles. As usual, the defense was unflappable as Sam, Geoff et al continually stopped the MV advances. **Thomas Flibotte** was inspiring in goal, to the casual observer he looked like he had been between the pipes all season, giving up just two goals during the first half.

As the offense began to gain momentum the floodgates opened. **Danny "CZ" Czerkawski** (two goals, assist) scored on an assist from Flibotte (3-2), **John Collins** from **Dean McNary** (2-3), and **Charlie Neaves** from CZ.

The second half saw more of the same with everybody on the team getting involved as **Pete McKenna** took over between the pipes. The offense started where they left off with McGoldrick (2-1) and **Sam Richardson** (1-1) getting in on the action. Flibotte finished off the scoring on an assist from Bukowski.

All in all it was "great success" with an excellent team effort as there were only three unassisted goals out of the 13 scored by Cohasset.

U15 Black

The first quarter of play set the tone for the game as a defensive battle raged at both ends of the field. Middies and D's on both squads body checked and skillfully stick checked to continually knock the ball loose.

Bourne scored first on a fast break. A few minutes later, **Brendan Horigan** wrapped around from behind the net to drop in a goal over the goalie's outstretched arms to tie the game. Both teams were about even in picking up ground balls and taking face-offs.

In the second quarter, Cohasset dominated time of possession, ground balls, and even out-shot Bourne 7-4. Cohasset's defense, anchored by **Matt Swanborg, Scott Wilson, Coleman Hernon** and **Patrick Dunn** on the back line and sparked by great defensive play by **Andew Whitney, Chris Lunde, and Alex Evans**, thwarted Bourne's offense again and again. Bourne managed to get one in, though, and Cohasset was down 2-1 at halftime. Big E, **Eric Wasel**, was huge in the cage and saved eight shots in the first half.

Cohasset broke out of its scoring drought midway in the third quarter when Horigan, wrapping once again from behind the net, slammed in a goal to tie the game at two. Both defenses broke up multiple scoring opportunities throughout the third quarter until Bourne went ahead again with fifteen seconds left in the third.

Cohasset worked the ball well in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter. For the third time, Horigan took the ball from behind Bourne's net and fought his way around to the near post and shot in a tie-maker for a 3-3 score. Bourne took advantage of several Blue turnovers and went up 5-3 halfway through the fourth.

Cohasset could have let the momentum swing to Bourne, but elevated its own game instead. Following a battle of ground balls from the Cohasset end of the field down to the Bourne goal, Evans flicked a pretty feed to **Mark Dick** cutting into the crease. Mark pushed the ball between the goalie's feet and the score stood at 5-4.

Excitement was high on the sidelines as again and again the defenses denied scoring opportunity after scoring opportunity. With two minutes left, Dick took the ball on the goal line extended, worked the defender, and whipped a short pass to Horigan cutting down the middle. Brendan raised his stick high and put the shot in past the goalie's ear.

U13 Blue

Cohasset U13-Blue hosted Hanover in a wet contest this past Sunday at Milliken. The game was closely contested all afternoon long, as both teams battled under adverse weather conditions. The Cohasset boys had much to be proud of as they competed against an athletic and physical visiting team.

Cohasset netted the first two scores of the day, with White-squad guest player **Nick Tangherlini** scoring on a nice feed from **Will Golden**, followed by brother **Dan Tangherlini** scoring with an assist to **Blair McGowan**. Hanover answered with its first score of the day, but Cohasset answered back with Golden scoring unassisted. The score at the half was Cohasset 3, Hanover 1. Cohasset's first half goaltender, **Tommy Powers**, did a nice job controlling the crease area, assisted by some fine stick checks from defenseman **Zach Strecker**.

The second half saw tight defense and limited scoring chances. **Mats Nelson** stepped into the Cohasset cage for the second half and made a number of fine saves. Hanover did manage to net two in the third quarter, so the teams entered the fourth all even.

The fourth quarter saw the skies darken and a steady rain commence. Both teams had their scoring chances, with Cohasset hitting a couple of pipes. Hanover found its fourth goal halfway through the fourth quarter and held off a last minute offensive assault from the Cohasset squad to end up on top 4-3.

The team takes a Memorial Day respite this weekend and resumes league play on June 3 with an away game in Barnstable.

U13 White

The Boys U13 White team traveled to the Vineyard this past weekend dodging storms and challenging the high seas to make this bi-annual pilgrimage in the name of one America's only truly native sports. After enjoying great hospitality and an uneventful ferry ride, the U13 squad took the field against a very powerful looking island team that seemingly lost their appreciation for their guests quickly into the opening chapters of the game.

With **Alex Kent** demonstrating incredible prowess and effectiveness in the goal and a stingy defense led by **Conor Green, Chandler Skolnick, Brendan Queenan** and **Jack O'Brien**, the White team staffed off numerous strong pushes by the Vineyard to hold their opponents to four goals in the first half while the offensive units took control of the game and held a three-goal advantage at the midpoint.

Led by the middie corps of **Mark Brown, Jimmy Maher, Zach Coggins, Evan Yeager, Derek Benson** and **Neil Durham**, the kids were able to quickly transition the ball onto offense and set up many back of the netters in short order. Aided by the potent attack line-up of **John Leahy, Andrew Fontaine, John Mills**, and **Axel Seppala** and it looked as if the boys were becoming the guests that stayed too long.

However in the second half, the Vineyard team showed some great resolve and battled back into the contest behind a "man-child" that found his scoring stride and was able to slip several unanswered goals by us. With Brown stepping up big time in the cage to keep the game close and with excellent goaltending on the other side that thwarted repeated "sure goals" for Cohasset, the boys found themselves locked in an overtime struggle that came down to the very last seconds of play that ended on a broken play that found one of their players alone on the crease when he slipped a sniper shot into the back of the net to the roar of the island hometown crowd.

When you travel all that way, you always hope for a close contest and the team got everything it wished for in a great day of lacrosse, adventure, and fun.

U13 Black

An even game for the second, third and fourth quarters for the traveling Cohasset team at Bourne. Unfortunately, the home team got an early four-point lead in the first quarter that Cohasset was not able to overcome.

The attack unit showed great stick-handling and effective passing. **Colin Whelan** made three shots on cage and got two goals. **Max Montgomery** made five shots and contributed two assists. **Charlie Steele** made several feeds and mastered the "Charlie Play" for a goal as well as two shots.

The defense again flexed its muscle with strong checking and relentless pursuit of players and ground balls. **Jack McElgunn** and **Jack Stanganelli** broke up several plays, eliminated the passing game of Bourne and made several key clears. **Teddy Patsos** at point was the early man to break up fast break plays. **Hamish Redfield** has become a tenacious force with improved speed and determination. In the cage for the first half, **Jim Lydon** was tested by Bourne's unassisted shots.

The middies are the most improved part of the U13 Black team this season. **Hunter Forrer** won face-offs and ground balls. **Drew Nahill** made key shots after masterful dodges. **Devin Kennedy** ran through lines of opposition. **Foster Eymer** made a terrific goal. **Anthony Nahill** had an assist and a goal. **Jack Leffel** excelled on the defensive side with quick checking and grabbed a feed for a shot on cage.

Matt MacCormick raked in face offs and scooped ground balls to gain control of the ball for Cohasset. **Will Lucas** is rapidly becoming a force in the midfield with powerful checking and tireless speed. **Jack Conte** was a ball-control middie in the first half and made five saves as the goalie in the second half.

Penalties: one. As always Cohasset's young gentleman played a clear, sportsman-like game. Parents should be proud of this key statistic. Cohasset was a bit rusty from no practice this past week, it took the first quarter of play to find our game but from then we ran the field better than any game this season. Congrats to all for a great game.

U11 White

The U-11 White Boys team traveled to Martha's Vineyard for its annual island pilgrimage and came home with a victory as the reward for a long journey.

The team in purple proved to be a worthy opponent for Cohasset as the game was not decided until the final few minutes while both teams battled back and forth. Cohasset started the scoring with **Connor Hayden** who finished with a pair for day and one assist. Also finding the net were **Adam Benson, Ryan McElhinney** (two goals, one assist), **Dan Axelson** and **Jack Donohue**, who ripped one from the restraining line to help seal the "W".

With only two midfields, there were several tired players by the end of the day. **Max Fitzgerald, Chris Lydon** and **Luke O'Brien** spent a lot of time running down the ground balls and covering the length of the field. **AJ Kucinski** (assist), **Sean Mavilia, Cole Morrison, Levante Haber** and **Owen Burchill** controlled the ball on the offensive side and put real heat on the Vineyard defense when they were clearing the ball.

The Vineyard goalie was the best Cohasset had faced all season, but came out of the cage a few times too often as he was smothered by Cohasset's attack a few times and lost the ball. The heroes of this game were the defensive players, who as a unit played their best game of the year. Led by **Mike Yerardi**, who made half a dozen big-time plays to keep Vineyard's offense from scoring; the defense held their opponent to just four total scores.

Jake Burchill also made several plays taking the ball away

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With sufficient turnout, CYBSA hopes and expects to field teams in the District's A and B divisions at each of these age levels. Players who notify the league and register, but who are not at the tryout, will be eligible for any open spaces on the B division team.

In case of foul weather or for updated information, please check the web site, www.CYBSA.net. Questions can be directed to Joe Stanganelli or Liam O'Connell.

The CYBSA also fields an 8 and 12 yr old travel teams. Further information on those teams will be posted on the web site.

Swim and Dive team tryouts

Cohasset Swim Team tryouts will be held Monday, June 18 from 3-5 p.m. at the swim center pool. Swimmers must be 6 years of age by July 1, 2007 and no older than 17. There are limited openings this year.

Cohasset Dive Team tryouts will also be held on the 18th from 5-7 p.m. at the swim center pool. Rain date for tryouts for both swim and dive will be held Tuesday, June 19 with same times.

Summer basketball camps

Cohasset High School varsity basketball coach Dorian Bryant is pleased to offer two camps this summer for kids. The Big Man & Point Guard Perimeter Camp is an intensive four-day camp, July 10-13, for boys and girls in grades 7-12.

The Ultimate Development Camp is a two-day-a-week camp for five weeks, beginning July 2. Both camps are designed so that the camper receives quality instruction on basketball fundamentals. Don't miss out on this wonderful, new opportunity for basketball development.

Applications are at the Recreation Office at the Cohasset Town Hall or can be downloaded by going to www.cohassetbasketball.com. Go to Links/AAU Teams & Summer Camps/Cohasset Summer Basketball Camp.

Deadline for registration is June 20. Contact coach Bryant at dorianbry@aol.com.

Youth tennis lessons

The Cohasset Recreation Department will be offering youth tennis lessons this summer for boys and girls ages 7 and older. This seven-week program starts Monday, June 25, or Tuesday, June 26, with one-hour lessons meeting twice per week on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule.

Various levels of instruction are available. The cost is $80 per participant. Registration will be held in Town Hall auditorium the week of June 11 as follows: June 11-14, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m., or the evening of the 12th, 5 to 7 p.m.

You must register in person during the times listed above. If you know your swim and/or sailing schedule prior to registering for tennis, it will be helpful, as the Rec Department has more scheduling latitude than either swim or sailing lessons.

Scituate Tennis Tournament

The Fourth Annual Scituate Tennis Tournament will be held June 16 for doubles, June 23 for singles, both adults and juniors. The cost is $40 per doubles team, $30 per singles player, with benefits going to Scituate Tennis. There will be prizes for winners and finalists. Players of all levels are welcome.

Call 781-545-3396 for an application or information. Applications can be emailed or you may register by phone.



Cohasset Youth Lacrosse

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from their attack and **Cameron Steele, Nick Lydon** and **Cal Robbins** delivered several cleared balls to Cohasset's offense. Last but by no means least, **Ian Kennedy** was in goal again for this game and made eight recorded saves on the day. Final score: Cohasset 7, M.V. 4.

U11 Blue (from May 13)

The Cohasset U11 boys went to Marshfield last weekend confident in their ability and determined to win. Everything came together minus a few tough breaks and missed shots as Cohasset suffered its second loss of the season, 5-2. As the score would suggest, this was a game played in the middle of the field, with great saves and turnarounds by the defense on both teams.

In the first quarter both teams started strong. Cohasset won the face-off and throughout won the majority of ground balls. **Davis Cronin** and **Liam McHugh** were tough in the midfield transition game and were able to advance the ball to Cohasset's attack for a goal by **McHugh**. On the next face-off Marshfield broke to the crease but **Evan Canney** and **Harry Seraikas** quickly cleared the ball to midfield. Throughout the game, **Seraikas** scooped, dodged and cleared the ball so well, if it were not for his efforts the game would have been one sided.

Seraikas was not alone in his skill and effort however. **Jeff Powers** and **Ben Buckley** continued to show great skill and patience and were strong throughout the first half. The Marshfield defense was hard to draw away from the crease during fast breaks and at the half the two teams were knotted at 1-1.

Marshfield beat Cohasset on two quick fast breaks for a 3-1 lead by the end of the third quarter. **Curtis Golden** was a powerhouse at the midfield line and the crease but was turned away after three great drives. **Sam Arnold** was also tough on ground balls. **Arnold** drove to the crease but was unable to find an open man and he too was denied access to a clean shot. **Graham Schwandt** made two great clears across the midfield. **Hollis Honeywell** and **Conner Naughton** were also strong contributors. **Ross Erler** made a number of great plays as well.

The forth quarter however was not good to Cohasset. With the desire to win Cohasset lost its patience. Unable to find open attackmen Cohasset was forced to drive deep into the crease. Each time the Marshfield defense stripped the ball and cleared the ball the clock simply didn't give Cohasset the time to make up the difference.

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RECREATION NOTES

Boot Camp fitness training starts June 12

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a variety of sports programs during the summer of 2007, designed specifically and individually for boys and girls, ages 4 through 18. All programs have individual applications, should you wish to register for any of these programs, call the Recreation Dept. office at 781-383-4109, or stop by the office on the first floor of Town Hall. Programs are limited in size. To insure acceptance into a program, register as soon as possible. Family discounts are available for some programs. Sports programs are scheduled to meet regardless of weather conditions in most cases and should it be necessary to move into the High School, you will be notified at drop-off time for the status that day.

Boot Camp – Boot Camp fitness training classes will be instructed by Betsy Callanan. This unique physical training opportunity will meet from 6 to 7 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting Tuesday, June 12, for 10 weeks through Thursday, Aug. 16, on Cohasset Common in front of Town Hall. The fee for the 20 class sessions is $100, and checks can be made payable to the Town of Cohasset. Ms. Callanan will run an interval callisthenic and running fitness program for both men and women for all levels of ability. While running and/or walking remains an essential aspect of this cardio-vascular training format, inclusive will be various integrated calisthenics such as jump roping, stairs or hills, squat thrusts, lunges, push-ups, skipping/running knees, sit ups, etc. Ms. Callanan has designed this program to improve cardio-vascular endurance and strength. Dress in layers as weather conditions dictate, bring a water bottle and jump rope to class and wear running shoes. Success in this class is based upon your individual personal best, not as competition with others.

Dance with Caroline – A dance workshop will be held for youth ages 7 and older from 3 to 4:30 p.m., Monday, June 18 through Thursday, June 21, in the Town Hall auditorium. The class, directed by Caroline Carr, will include basic jazz and hip hop dance techniques. Emphasis will be placed on developing a healthy, active lifestyle, building strength, flexibility, and endurance, as well as feeling good and having fun. Participants are encouraged to dress in comfortable clothing and take a bottle of water, a snack and an open mind to class. The fee is $80 per participant. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the Town Hall or by calling the Recreation Department.

Youth Tennis – Youth tennis will begin Monday, June 25, and continue for seven weeks, through Friday, Aug. 10. Registration will be held from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m., Monday June 11 through Wednesday, June 13 and an evening registration will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 12. The program is offered for children ages 7 through 18 years. Participants can choose from two schedules, Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays. The fee for the seven-week session is $80 per person. Lessons for beginners, intermediate, and advanced players are offered. Rain day policy: If it rains before 9 am, all tennis classes may have to be canceled for that day. Call the Recreation Office at 781-383-4109 for weather status reports. Fridays are rain make-up days.

South Shore Baseball Club – Held Monday, June 25 through Friday, June 29, at Milliken Field. Ages 7 to 12 will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Fee: $185. Ages 5 to 7 will meet from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Fee: $125. Directed by Frank Niles of the South Shore Baseball Club.

South Shore & Cape Basketball Academy –Held Tuesday, July 10 through Friday, July 13, in the Cohasset High School gym. Boys and girls in grades 7 to12, meet from 9 a.m. to noon. Fee: $125. Directed by Dorian Bryant, CHS Varsity Basketball Coach.

South Shore Basketball School – For ages 8 to15, this program meets in the Cohasset High School gym from Monday, July 16 through Friday, July 20. Youths ages 8 to 11 will meet from 8:30 to11:30 a.m. and youth ages 12 to15 will meet from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Fee: $125. Directed by Ron Ford, Cohasset Athletic Director.

Boys and Girls Lacrosse Clinic – For youth in grades 3 to 6, this clinic will be held Monday, July 23 to Friday, July 27, from 8 to 10 a.m., at Milliken Field. Fee: $85. Directed by Jamie and Ronan Buick.

Soccer Squirts South Shore Soccer Camp – This camp for ages 4 to 6 will take place from 8 to 9:30 a.m., Monday, July 30 through Friday, Aug. 3, at Milliken Field. The fee of $95 includes ball and camp shirt. Directed by SSSC member, Jon Anderson, Babson College coach.

Excited to be taking over column

LIFE AT CHS

CHRISTINE KENT



Greetings readers! Since I will be taking over the writing of this column for the balance of this school year and all of next year, I guess I should start with a brief introduction. I am a junior at Cohasset High School, I play field hockey, and when the opportunity presents itself, I love to go surfing. Personality-wise, I'm a bit of a goof with a quirky sense of humor that may show up in this column from time to time.

I'm extremely excited to be taking the role of writing "Life at CHS" for the Cohasset Mariner. Thanks to Mike Corry, Roxanne Tehranian, and especially to Ms. Berman and Mary Ford who put their faith in an unknown writer! To be honest, I am actually quite apprehensive at the thought of having my work read by so many people. With that said, I will be grateful for any comments or critiques that come my way as I learn the ropes. This is going to be an adventure (at least for me) so sit back, relax, and enjoy reading about what's going down at CHS.

Now, for some of the main events that happened this week:

- Unfortunately, on Tuesday, Grades 6, 7, 8, and 10 had to suffer through the math MCAS (sorry guys but just wait until SATs come knocking).
- The torture continued on Wednesday, with more MCAS for the middle school and grade 10.
- And as if the SATs and ACTs were not enough, grade 11 endured the pain of taking the history MCAS. Obviously, we cannot forget, THE SENIORS had their LAST DAY of school! (Let's hope they all managed to make it to the assembly without SKIPPING).
- Friday will be jam packed with everything from student council speeches to SENIOR PROM at the ever so lovely Venezia Waterfront Restaurant.
- JUST A HEADS UP! On June 9th, at 7 pm there will be a talent show held in the auditorium, which was organized by none other than fellow junior, Amanda Simpson. The proceeds will go to Relay For Life, so let's go out and show our support!

Well, that's it for this week's column. Good luck to all you seniors and your parents after 12-plus years of the public school system you are finally free! No worries underclassmen it will be our turn soon enough, in the mean time let's live it up. Have a great weekend everyone!

A.P.P.L.E. Project presentation June 5

Parents of the Cohasset School District are invited to attend a presentation on The A.P.P.L.E. Project at 7:30 p.m., on June 5, at Osgood School Library, behind Deer Hill School.

Advancing Parent-Professional Leadership in Education – The Apple Project and strong and effective parent-professional collaboration improves results for children under IDEA. One of the most frequently expressed concerns by parents and professionals focuses on the difficulty of building these collaborative working relationships in special education planning.

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The A.P.P.L.E. Project will provide collaborative school system teams with training that will allow parents of children receiving special education services to learn skills that will help them become full and effective partners with their schools. Sponsored by PSO/PAC, all workshops and presentations are free.

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Phil Berstein of Phil's Fitness First stretches with the runners before the race.

Rain didn't dampen fun run!

The First Cohasset Kid's Fun Run took place Saturday, May 19, on the Town Common in Cohasset. A total of 85 die-hard runners ranging from ages three to eight showed up in the rain to run the first running of the event. The kids had a blast and for many it was their first official road race. They were registered and given bib numbers and T-shirts to wear.

The South Shore Community Center Nursery School and Phil's Fitness First Plus off Route 3A in Cohasset hosted the event. The race co-directors were Kelly Grech, Vicky Grimes, Laura Ritz, Jackie Stephens, Becky Mattey and Betsy Toomey. They are a group of mothers who love to run and wanted to give the kids a day out that was about exercise and positive healthy competition where each runner got to compete and receive a medal upon completion of their event regardless of their time. The goal was simple - they told the runners to go out and run their course to the best of their ability - all 85 succeeded.

The kids didn't even notice the rain. They began the day by having a group stretch session with Phil Bernstein of Phil's Fitness First. At 2 p.m. sharp the races began. The three-and four-year-olds ran 150 yards, the five-and six-year-olds ran 200 yards and the seven-and eight-year-olds ran just under a half a mile. All 85 kids finished their race and received their medal and many came back to the start line to run the course a second time.

There was a touch-a-truck event in the town hall parking lot that coincided with the Fun Run. In addition, Dr. Julie Mitterando of Cohasset hosted a healthy habits tent, providing information about healthy eating and helmet safety, which is important now that bike season is upon us.

The following business served as corporate sponsors: Phil's Fitness First, Bowen Advisors, Graham Waste Services, Cohasset Collision, James Clark Electric Inc., Hingham Institute for Savings, Learning Express, Sovereign Bank, Goodwin Graphics, Cohasset Family Practice and Marathon Sports.

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Chloe and Emmy Raferty enjoy the rain during Saturday's fun run.



Gunnar Nee crosses the finish line in fine form.



Conor Joselin leads the pack.



Jake Snow, Anna Grech, JD Comeau, Carlton Ritz, Dylan Moran and Jimmy Grech kick off the 3- & 4-year-olds race.



Future Olympian, Samantha Naples, leaves the rest of the runners behind.



Adam Wilmott gets a congratulatory hug from his Dad, Jeff.



Maeve Humphrey gets a lift from her Dad, Paul.

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DESTINATIONS

A taste of what Ireland has to offer

By Max Bowen
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Ireland is a country of unmatched natural beauty, fascinating history, and home to the best pint of Guinness around.

For 10 days my family and I toured the area around the city of Cork, seeing sights that will stay with us forever and learning about the history behind this fascinating country.

Our first stop, after recovering from the jet lag of course, was the Cork City Gaol, a prison that housed criminals of all kinds, from cloth cap thieves to habitual drinkers. Mannequins of prisoners and guards were spread throughout the facility, and each looked frighteningly real through the lens of my camera.

Back when the gaol was built, crime was sometimes seen as a disease, with prayer the cure. Whippings were administered to the younger inmates, and some newborns were brought into the world within the stone walls of the prison.

Cork is a large city with a population of almost 120,000 people. There is a large and bustling business district that puts the best of Boston's shopping to shame. During the week we spent in Ireland, we were treated to an outdoor art festival while touring the city, which included a couple Irish rappers. My brother David, who is currently living in Cork, served as tour guide and driver.

One of the most astonishing sights was St. Finbarre's Cathedral, named after the city's patron saint. The cathedral stretches high into the sky, and reliefs of apostles adorn the front of the building. Inside, it's hard not to be struck breathless by the gorgeous construction and mosaics that adorn the walls. In 1865 the steeple was demolished by a 24-pound cannonball, which is on display in the cathedral.

Cork was just the start of our journey. We visited the small town of Reinn in the county of Waterford, home of my grandfather's cousin, Deuglan and his wife Siobhan, who own a small bed and breakfast which doubles as their home. The town overlooks the Atlantic, providing a majestic view during the day. Deaglan told us such home-based hotels are common in Ireland, although some are being forced to close due to the encroachment of corporate-owned establishments.



A bird's eye view of the area surrounding Blarney Castle. A scenic nature trail surrounds the legendary structure, along with several natural rock formations, such as the Druid Circle and Witch's Hat.

During our trip we also paid a visit to Blarney Castle. I went with every intention of kissing the fabled stone, purported to give the gift of eloquence to any brave enough to pucker up. The one small detail which no one thought important to mention was that the stone was at the very top of the castle, almost 200 feet off the ground. The view from the top was breathtaking, and a little unnerving.

The castle originally dates from before 1200 A.D. It was destroyed in 1446, but subsequently rebuilt by Dermot McCarthy, King of Munster. As we walked a narrow, winding staircase, we passed by rooms used as a kitchen, bedrooms, and dining hall. Looking through thin windows no doubt used as arrow slits, we saw the vast fields and countryside of the town of Blarney.

After my little make-out session with the stone, we walked through the extensive gardens and paths around the castle. There are several natural rock formations which have been given such fanciful names as the Druids Circle and Fairy Glade. At the Wishing Steps, the legend goes that if you walk backward up the steps with your eyes closed, your wish will come true. My only wish was that I didn't fall and give my noggin a knocking.

Rolling hills and fields of green not found on the South Shore account for much of the landscapes we saw. Apparently when the Celts first came to this country, they clear-cut much of the forests with no foresight to the consequences. As a result of the lack of lumber, many of the houses are built out of stone, and erosion has become a serious problem.

The government has started a preservation program which pays people to plant and maintain new trees. It's quite a sight seeing the large expanse of fields interposed with small patches of trees, quite in contrast to home.

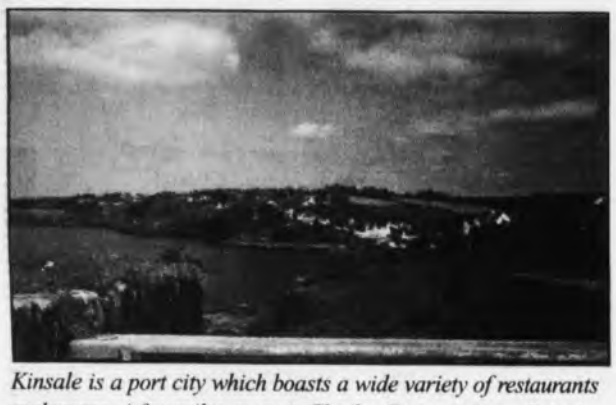
On the Ring of Kerry tour, we got a chance to see much of this beauty, as well as several herds of cattle and sheep. In some of the smaller towns, homes are surrounded by vast fields of green, with the nearest city a long drive away.

Ireland is home to the Waterford Crystal company. We took a tour of the facility, and got a chance to see the glassblowers and carvers in action. Our guide said that some pieces can take over a day to make. The business was founded in 1783 by William and George Penrose.

Among the company's products are the crystal for the New Year's Eve Ball that is dropped at Times Square. Waterford also crafts the trophies for many sporting events, such as the tennis Masters Series tournaments. The guide mentioned that while the trophies are made well in advance of the event, names of the winners aren't added until a few minutes before the award ceremonies. It's said the crafters often pray that the winner has a short name or one that's easy to spell.

Leaving Ireland was hard to do, and not just because of the time change. It's a unique country, and sadly, we were only able to see a small fraction of what it has to offer.

Still, that gives me all the more reason to visit it again.



Kinsale is a port city which boasts a wide variety of restaurants and stores. A few miles away is Charles Fort, used as a British Army barracks until the end of British rule in Southern Ireland.



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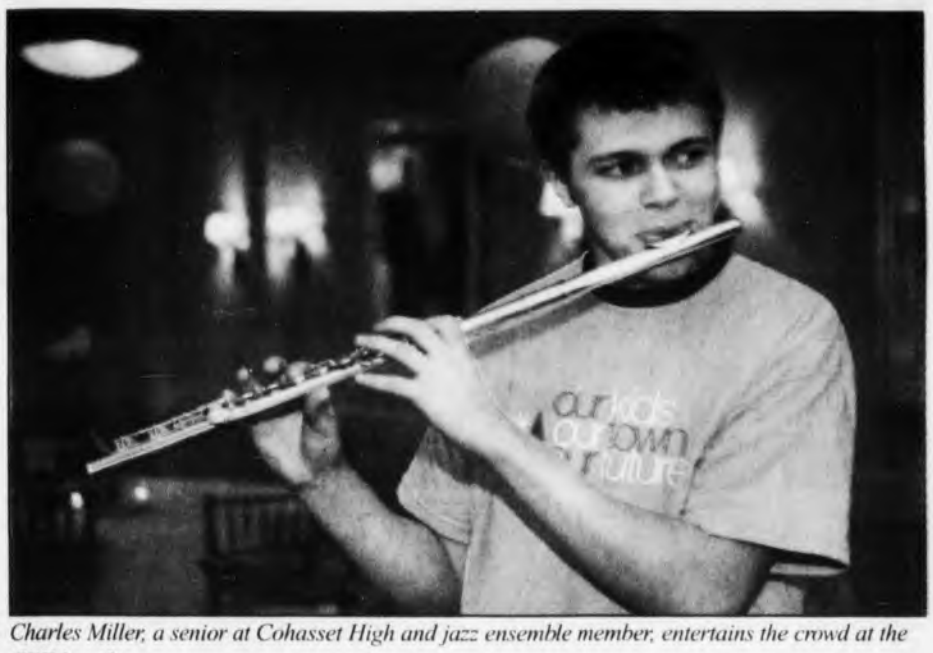
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CEF Spring Benefit a huge success

Saturday, May 19, the Cohasset Golf Club was full to capacity as more than 300 people came out in support of the Cohasset Education Foundation's Spring Benefit to celebrate the Cohasset Schools. Those who attended enjoyed an evening featuring performances by the Cohasset High School Jazz ensemble and live and silent auctions led by auctioneer Jim Wells. Chris Oddleifson, President of the CEF, remarked "the response from the community has been overwhelming...together we are really making a positive difference in the quality of education here in Cohasset."

The highlight of the evening came with the announcement that the CEF, in conjunction with the PSO, are completing the funding of a $75,000 Middle School Engineering Lab. This is the largest gift that the CEF or the PSO has ever made and will enable Middle School students to advance their science, engineering and technology skills.

Since November of 2006, generous support from the community has enabled the CEF Endowment Fund to reach $125,000 and the Project Fund to make five grant awards possible to the Cohasset Public Schools. Proceeds from the Benefit will be distributed between the Endowment Fund and the Project Fund. Both these long-term and short-term giving options benefit our kids, our town and our future. For more information about the CEF, or to learn about volunteer opportunities, please visit www.cohassteducation.org.



Charles Miller, a senior at Cohasset High and jazz ensemble member, entertains the crowd at the CEF benefit.



Paul and Susan McHugh enjoy the evening at the Cohasset Golf Club.



Lisa and Kevin Dooley bid during the live auction. Money raised from the event benefits Cohasset schools.



Maggie and Jeff Moy share a laugh during the popular CEF event.



Kate Krumseik, Suellen Durkin, Jenn Durkin and Leisa Legge visit during the CEF Spring Benefit.



Jim McKeon, Kevin O'Brien, Nancy Froio and Kevin Dooley enjoy the evening.



Trish Hart, Nancy Whelan, Chris Whelan, Christina Vater and Doug Wilson pose for the camera.



Mark Kissick, Katie Dunn, Elizabeth Kissick and Nora Speer are all smiles at the event.



CEF benefit co-chairs Catherine O'Callaghan and Pam Wilson.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SUNDAY, MAY 13

12:46 p.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks; second-story window open.

12:46 p.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

5:11 p.m., **Black Horse Lane,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

5:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.,** lost property.

7:33 p.m. **Hull St. and Grace Dr.,** parking complaint/motor vehicle blocking way; parking ticket issued.

8:41 p.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

9:17 p.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

9:17 p.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks; secured building.

11:18 **King St.,** disturbance. Caller stated that involved party was very drunk and being abusive to the manager and causing a disturbance. 911 caller stated that she saw a car speeding up Pond that hit a barrel and kept driving toward Bancroft. Arrest: Gregory William Taylor, 47 Hill St., Cohasset. Charges: OUI liquor; marked lanes violation; negligent operation of a motor vehicle; leaving the scene of property damage.

MONDAY, MAY 14

12:59 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle stop.

6:08 a.m. **Jerusalem Road,** fire. Caller reports he had a fire in his garage overnight. The fire is out now, but he would like the Fire Department to take a look.

8:39 a.m. **Summer St.,** motor vehicle crash/hit and run. Investigated/report taken.

9:05 a.m. **CJC Hwy.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

10:36 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

11:04 a.m. **King St.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

12:56 p.m. **Ash St.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

4:09 p.m. **Elm St.,** officer wanted; application for solicitors license.

4:12 p.m. **Heather Dr.,** suspicious vehicle.

6:01 p.m. **King St.,** medical aid; transported to QMC/ALS.

7:18 p.m. **Bancroft Way and Briarwood Lane,** parking complaint; parking ticket issued.

7:34 p.m. **Hull St.,** medical aid.

TUESDAY, MAY 15

1:05 a.m. **HQ,** motor vehicle crash/no injury.

1:38 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks secure.

1:39 a.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

7:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** caller reports a cardboard box in the roadway.

7:41 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** caller states "a tanker truck is leaking oil." On further observation, caller stated "it is only water; disregard this call."

9:31 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS. Caller reports a patient with chest pain and severe shortness of breath.

11:49 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road,** motor vehicle crash/injuries. Several callers report motor vehicle crash at this location – tractor trailer into a car. Officer reports no injuries at the scene.

12:19 p.m. **Forest Ave. and Heather Dr.,** traffic complaint. Several callers report a deer struck by a motor vehicle. Units report the vehicle that struck the deer has taken off. Sergeant reports the animal expired before arrival.

2:24 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** 209A violation.

3:14 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle crash/no injury. Caller reports minor crash in front of the bank in parking lot at this location.

4:45 p.m. **North Main St.,** animal complaint. Caller reports a large coyote just ran through her backyard.

5:06 p.m. **Bancroft Road,** parking enforcement; parking ticket issued.

5:20 p.m. **Oak St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

6:11 p.m. **Forest Ave.,** traffic enforcement.

6:29 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:55 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle crash/no injury. Walk-in party reports she was just driving on Route 3A when a deer ran out and hit the side of her car. There is a dent on the driver's side of the car where the two doors meet. She is uninjured. Just wanted a log entry.

7:14 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** well being check. Caller reports there is an elderly gentleman walking southbound in the southbound lane in the area of JJ's Dairy Hut. She was concerned about him walking alone and in that area where there isn't much around. 844 reports that this male is OK. Just out for a walk. No police service necessary.

8:40 p.m. **Summer and South Main streets,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

9:04 p.m. **Sohier St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

9:39 p.m. **Oak St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

9:48 p.m. **Forest Ave.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

10:26 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** annoying phone calls. Caller requests to speak to an officer about an annoying phone call from an ex-boyfriend.

11:39 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** erratic motor vehicle operation. Hingham Police Department reports red Porsche left the Ocean Kai possibly drunk. Unknown direction of travel; unknown registration. Checked area between Sohier Street and Hingham Lane; nothing showing.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

1:10 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks; both elementary schools check secure.

1:11 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks secure.

10:34 a.m. **Front St., Scituate,** medical aid. Scituate Fire requesting R3 for a female passed out that is extremely intoxicated.

11:39 a.m. **Cedar St.,** brush fire. Fire lieutenant reports illegal fire at this location. Units will be extinguishing.

2:56 p.m. **Rustic Dr.,** annoying phone calls. Party reports harassing phone calls.

4:30 p.m. **Forest Ave.,** traffic enforcement.

4:37 p.m. **Forest Ave. and North Main St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

4:45 p.m. **Forest Ave. and North Main St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

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National Recreational Water Illness Prevention Week

These outbreaks underscore the continuing need to educate people about recreational water illness prevention to ensure a healthy swimming experience.

The week of May 21 to 27, which precedes Memorial Day, has been designated as National Recreational Water Illness Prevention Week. The goal of this year's recognition is to highlight the importance of healthy swimming behaviors for preventing recreational water illnesses. Outbreaks of recreational water illnesses continue to occur in the U.S. each year.

Sixty-two percent of these outbreaks are related to the chlorine-resistant pathogen, cryptosporidium, also referred to as crypto, which is introduced into the pool by swimmers who are ill with diarrhea and spread to other swimmers when they swallow the contaminated water. These outbreaks underscore the continuing need to educate people about recreational water illness prevention to ensure a healthy swimming experience.

Awareness of recreational water illnesses (RWIs) and healthy swimming behaviors play an important role in stopping transmission of RWIs. Germs on and in swimmers' bodies end up in the water and can make other people sick. Even healthy swimmers can get sick from RWIs, but the young, elderly, pregnant women and immuno-suppressed persons are especially at risk.

The following specific actions should be taken to promote healthy swimming: Do not swim when you have diarrhea; do not swallow pool water or get pool water in your mouth; shower before swimming – yes, children too; wash your hands after using the toilet or changing diapers; take children on bathroom breaks or change diapers often and change children's diapers in a bathroom, not at poolside.

Recreational water venues are important sites for exercise and leisure. To make this summer a healthy swimming experience, the Cohasset Board of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention urge swimmers to continue to enjoy swimming, but only after adopting healthy swimming behaviors to reduce the risk of recreational water illnesses.

For information about Recreational Water Illness Prevention Week and Healthy Swimming, contact the Board of Health office; Tara Tradd at 781-383-4116 or visit www.cdc.gov/healthyswimming.

Household Hazardous Products Collection set for June 2

Hull and Cohasset Household Hazardous Products Collection at the DCR parking lot, Rockland House Road at George Washington Blvd., Hull, will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday, June 2. Residents of Hull and Cohasset may attend at no charge; proof of residency is required.

For information, visit ssrc.info/hazwaste. Flyers are available at both town halls and departments of public works. For information, call the Hull DPW at 781-925-0900 or Cohasset DPW at 781-383-0273.

Legal Notices

FALCONIERO ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 07P1098EP

In the Estate of ADA B. FALCONIERO
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death March 28, 2007

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that LINDA FALCONIERO of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK and JUDITH F. SCHAEFER also known as JUDITH L. SCHAEFER of REISTERTOWN in the State of MARYLAND or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JUNE 27, 2007**.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, May 14, 2007.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11324450
Cohasset Mariner 5/25/07

ZBA/53 HIGHLAND AVE.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Wednesday, June 6th at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7.2 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Tracy Merrill and Eric Wellmann,** seek to construct a second story addition to the existing garage which is within the setback at **53 Highland Avenue**, according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-05-14b.

AD#11318643
Cohasset Mariner 5/18, 5/25/07

ZBA/40 SOUTH MAIN ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Wednesday, June 6th at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Variance** pursuant to §5.3 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **40 South Main Street Nominee Trust, Inc**., seeks to expand the existing building and add four apartments at **40 South Main Street (Cohasset Hardware)**, according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-05-15.

AD#11318366
Cohasset Mariner 5/18, 5/25/07

ZBA/16 AND 22 DEPOT COURT
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Wednesday, June 6th at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7.2 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Richard H. Brown, Jr. and Gina M. Brown**, seek to re-build a building that was destroyed by fire located at **16 and 22 Depot Court** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-05-04.

AD#11318620
Cohasset Mariner 5/18, 5/25/07

ZBA/251 KING ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Wednesday, June 6th at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7.2 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Joanne and Fred Higgins,** seek to build a screen porch in the front setback at **251 King Street** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-04-30.

AD#11318391
Cohasset Mariner 5/18, 5/25/07

ZBA/123 ATLANTIC AVE.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Wednesday, June 6th at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §9.7 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Wigmore and Molly Pierson** , seek to remove a failing septic system and grading to facilitate improved drainage in a flood plain at **123 Atlantic Ave**. according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-05-14a.

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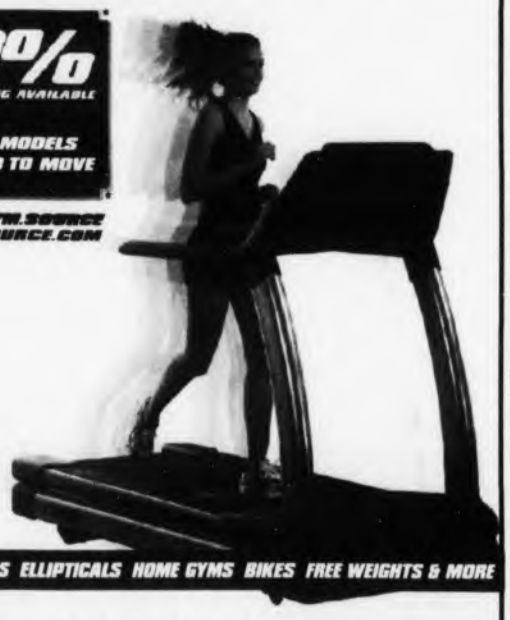


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OBITUARIES

Madeline E. Wheelwright

Founded and operated the Red Ranch

Madeline E. (Lapham) Wheelwright, 94, of Cohasset, died Friday, May 18, 2007, at home of congestive heart failure.

Born and raised in Brockton, she graduated from Brockton schools and found work in a shoe factory. Mrs. Wheelwright loved horses so much that she started and operated a riding stable, the "Red Ranch" throughout the 1950's at her home on Mill Lane. She was also able to enjoy her other animals, which included her cats, dogs, and birds. She lived in Cohasset since 1946 and was an inspiration to all with her independence, her insights, her utter lack of complaining and her tenaciousness to live life to the fullest right up to the end.

She is survived by her son, Dustin E. Wheelwright and his children, Jake and Hayley Wheelwright; her daughter Lanie Sullivan; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.


Madeline E. Wheelwright

Funeral Services will be private. Arrangements were handled by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, in Cohasset.

Jennie M. Larivee

Enjoyed writing children's stories

Jennie M. Larivee, 86, of Northwood, N.H., died May 18, 2007, at Epsom Healthcare Center in Epsom, N.H.

Born in Calais, Maine, she was the daughter of the late Ellison G. and Sarah (Waddingham) Green.

Mrs. Larivee worked as a waitress in her father's restaurant on the South Shore in her younger years, and also was employed in an electronics company where she assembled small parts, and at a dry cleaners. When she retired she worked briefly at the library, in a nursing home and at White Pines College.

She enjoyed crocheting for many years. Mrs. Larivee also enjoyed writing children's stories.

She leaves her husband, Paul Larivee; her son, James E. Dunn of Martha's Vineyard; her daughters, Susan Achille of Hingham and Lisa Alsopp of Brockton; her brothers, John Green of Scituate and Daniel Green of Cohasset; her sisters, Ida Benjamin of Bryantville and Barbara Carvalho of Charlotte, N.C.; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one stepdaughter, Maria L. Larivee.

A memorial service was held at Purdy Memorial Chapel, Lee, N.H., with the Rev. John Loughnane of St. Joseph Church in Northwood officiating.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, May 27: – 10 a.m. - Worship in the Meeting House "A Service of Remembering: With This Flower/Through This Story"

For this Memorial Day Sunday, bring a few flower stems from your yard and garden. Bring a story or two of someone you have lost who holds sacred space in your heart. Bring a story of someone who has fought in a war, someone who has resisted war, or someone who has simply lived and loved. Bring a story for sharing.

Led by our minister, we will enter a service of remembering, bringing our flowers to the altar, each becoming a stem of a garland that will take shape as our stories take shape. Through story, flower, song, prayer, and silence, we will honor the memories of those who have passed on and who live on in our hearts and how our own lives unfold.

Religious education classes for our toddlers and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 AM in the Parish House. Please encourage your children and teens to create letters and gather gifts for Bill Baird, Jr., who is serving in Iraq. Place the items in Nan Moore's office with a note to Bill. On this Memorial Day Sunday, we'll put together a package to send to him.

Refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall will follow the morning service and RE classes.

Monday, May 28 – Memorial Day – Church offices will be closed.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

During the week, you can pray with us online by visiting our website www.ststephenscohasset.org. There are several readings to listen to on topics of healing, spirituality, health, the environment, etc. You can also link to the website of our national church to learn more about what the Episcopal Church is about.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events and learn more about the parish including our Sunday programs for children and teens. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood. Appointments to speak to the staff can be made by calling or emailing. Inquirers welcome! Office hours are daily from 8:30 am until 2 pm.

Goings on at St. Stephen's this week, May 27- June 3rd

- Sunday, May 27: Pentecost services at 8 am and 10 am. Godly Play, church school and nursery available at 10 service; 11:30 Environmental meeting; 12:30 Intercessory prayer.
- Monday, May 28:_7:30 pm Christian Meditation
- Tuesday, May 29: 6:30 Partakers prison ministry dinner
- Wednesday, May 30: 9:30 Holy Eucharist with Healing; 10:30 am Bible Study "Acts"
- Friday, June 1: 9:30 am Yoga
- Saturday, June 2: 7:00 am Bible Fellowship
- Sunday, June 3_Services at 8 am and 10 am. Interim Priest Rev. Edward Kienzle, celebrant.. Godly Play church school and nursery available at 10 service.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

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Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

The Best & The Brightest



Earlier this year CNC readers nominated some of the **Best & Brightest** young adults from around the South Shore.

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Rising through the ranks

Country star kicks off summer season at Music Circus

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



Trace Adkins

A decade into his career, Trace Adkins can lay claim to some very significant success — including hit records and top-selling albums. Two of the honors that have come the country singer's way, however, have left him just a bit overwhelmed.

"I was both humbled and honored when I was named a member of the Grand Ole Opry. It had always seemed like unattainable recognition to me. When I heard about it, I was very surprised. I wasn't sure I had really done anything to deserve it," said Adkins last week by telephone from Savannah, Ga.

The Louisiana native felt similarly this spring when he received the 2007 USO Merit Award for his dedication to helping the soldiers. Adkins — who opens the 56th season at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset on June 14, paid homage to America's armed forces in his song "Arlington" on his 2005 album "Songs About Me," and he traveled overseas to give concerts for the troops, but still says he never expected to receive special recognition for his efforts.

"What I have done is so miniscule and trivial compared to what our troops and the people who serve this country do every day that I felt genuinely hesitant and anxious when I heard about this honor. Everybody likes a pat on the back, of course, but this was given to me at a big bash in Washington, D.C., in front of Laura Bush and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. It was really quite an overwhelming event."

That Adkins, 45, is still down-to-earth may be a testament to his days as a pipe fitter on an offshore oil drilling rig.

"I'm truly a fortunate person. My hobby became my career," says Adkins, who moved to Nashville in 1992 and worked construction while playing honky tonk bars at night waiting and hoping for his big break, which came in the mid-1990s when he was signed by Capitol Records.

In the years since, Adkins has released eight albums on the label, the latest of which, "Dangerous Man," debuted at number one and included his third number one country single, "Ladies Love Country Boys." It became the latest in a string of hits — including "Every Light in the House Is On," "Hot Mama," "Rough and Ready" and "Honky Tonk Badonkadonk" — that have established Adkins as a country music star who plans to get to the top with his working-class sensibility intact.

"I haven't cracked the upper echelon of country music, but I still have that goal in my sights. I wouldn't mind being the one taking home all the awards, but I also know that my career in this business is a finite thing. It is one of the things being a member of the Opry has shown me. I get to pick the brains of the elder statesmen about what it was like for them when they reached the point that they could no longer perform at the highest level. Some of them accept where they are today and others are very bitter that they no longer get radio play. Personally, I come at this whole thing from an old jock perspective. There is going to come a point where you just won't be performing at the highest level. You won't always be able to compete. When that time comes, I'll be fine with it," explains the father of five children, ages 2 to 22. "I've lived in Nashville for 15 years now, but my lifestyle really hasn't changed that much. The only real difference is that I don't have to worry about how I'm going to pay my bills."

If record sales are any indication, Adkins has many good years ahead of him. His latest album scored him the biggest first-week sales in his career. The third single, "I Wanna Feel Something," from the already gold-certified album was released just three weeks ago and has already become a Top 40 hit.

Adkins was one of the producers on the ballad, which looks at the need to overcome complacency.

"I wanted to call it 'The Apathy Song.' What it takes to shock us these days would have killed our grandparents. We've become so numb to everything going on around us that we can eat dinner during the evening news. With what's making news these days, we shouldn't be able to do that. We're bombarded with so much tragic news and information that it requires something truly catastrophic to really get our attention. I think that's very unfortunate."

What is fortunate for Adkins's growing legion of listeners is that he is not only on tour this summer, but he is also well underway with work on his next recording.

"We've got about six songs done for the next album. We recorded them this winter when we weren't out on the road. On every album I make, there is a little bit of everything and the next one won't be any different. I've always taken a Ronnie Milsap approach to making records. On his albums he always includes several different styles of music so people don't know what to expect. I try to do the same thing, so they can't put me in a box. I like it that way."

Adkins also likes his career in the music business, and doesn't plan a return to his earlier pursuits.

"I've gotten to the point where I am going to have to continue with this, because I couldn't pass the physical to do anything else."

(Trace Adkins opens the 2007 season at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier S., Cohasset, on Thursday, June 14. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 781-383-9850 or go online at *www.themusiccircus.org.)*



Aretha Franklin



Kenny G



Liza Minnelli



Chris Botti

Celebrating 56 summer seasons of bringing first-rate live entertainment to the South Shore, this year the Music Circus in Cohasset will present more new shows than ever before including Trace Adkins, 2006 American Idol Taylor Hicks and TNA Total Non-Stop Action Wrestling next month, teen singing sensations Jesse McCartney and Foxboro's own JoJo, plus First Lady of Soul Aretha Franklin in July, and comedian Artie Lang and Grammy Award-winning country singing sensation Gretchen Wilson in August.

June

Trace Adkins Thursday, June 14, 8 p.m. NEW Premium N/A/$51.25.

An Evening With John McDermott Friday, June 15, 8 p.m. $48.25/$34.25.

Taylor Hicks Saturday, June 16, 8 p.m. NEW Premium N/A/$39.75.

TNA Total Nonstop Action Wrestling Friday, June 22, 7:30 p.m. NEW $46.25/$32.25.

The Charlie Daniels Band Sunday, June 24, 7:30 p.m. $51.25/$37.25.

An Evening With Comedian Ron White Friday, June 29, 8 p.m. Premium N/A/$45.

Hootie & The Blowfish Saturday, June 30, 8 p.m. Premium N/A/$47.75.

July

Jesse McCartney with The Jonas Brothers And Girl Authority Friday, July 6, 8 p.m. NEW $47.75/$33.75.

Aretha Franklin Saturday, July 7, 8 p.m. NEW Premium N/A/$54.75.

The Robert Cray Band with James Hunter Sunday, July 8, 7:30 p.m. $51.25/$37.25.

Comedian Kathy Griffin Friday, July 13, 8 p.m. $53.50/$39.50.

Trisha Yearwood Saturday, July 14, 8 p.m. Premium N/A/$42.25

Josh Turner Sunday, July 15 7:30 pm NEW $47.75/$33.75.

JoJo Wednesday, July 18, 8 p.m. NEW $48.25/$34.25.

Liza Minnelli Thursday, July 19, 8 p.m. $78.75/$64.75.

An Evening With ABBA The Tour Friday, July 20, 8 p.m. $47.25/$33.25.

Comedian Jim Gaffigan Saturday, July 21, 8 p.m. NEW $56.25/$42.25

Kenny G Sunday, July 22, 7:30 p.m. NEW $56.25/$42.25

Comedian Brian Regan Thursday, July 26, 8 p.m. $55/$41.

Comedian George Carlin - Adult Content Friday, July 27, 8 p.m. $57.50/$43.50.

The Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra -Keith Lockhart, Conductor Saturday, July 28, 7 p.m. $90.75/$76.75.

An Evening With Comedian Bill Cosby Sunday, July 29, 4 p.m. Premium N/A/$41.25.

An Evening With Comedian Bill Cosby Sunday, July 29, 7 p.m. $55.25/$41.25.

August

Comedian Artie Lange Saturday, Aug. 4, 9 p.m. NEW Premium N/A/$59.

Hippiefest Wednesday, Aug. 8, 8 p.m. NEW $52.25/$38.25.

The Beach Boys Friday, Aug. 10 8 p.m. $57.75/$43.75.

Linda Ronstadt & Her Orchestra Saturday, Aug. 11, 8 p.m. $71.25/$57.25.

The B-52's Sunday, Aug. 12, 7:30 p.m. $57.75/$43.75.

Comedian Jeff Dunham Thursday, Aug. 16, 8 p.m. NEW $44./$30.

An Evening With The Saw Doctors Friday, Aug. 17, 8 p.m. $34.75 all seats.

Chris Botti Saturday, Aug. 18, 8 p.m. Premium N/A/$37.25.

Gretchen Wilson Thursday, Aug. 23, 8 p.m. NEW Premium N/A/$54.75.

Indigo Girls Friday, Aug. 24, 8 p.m. NEW $53.25/$39.25.

LeAnn Rimes Saturday, Aug. 25, 8 p.m. Premium N/A/$44.25.

Comedian Lewis Black Sunday, Sept. 2, 7:30 p.m. Premium N/A/$46.

2007 Summer Children's Shows

Russian American Kids Circus Thursday, July 12 10:30 a.m. $13.50.

Kaleidescope Children's Theatre

Snow White Friday, July 20, 10:30 a.m. $7.75.

The Frog Prince Thursday, July 26 10:30 a.m. $7.75.

The Three Pigs Thursday, Aug. 2, 10:30 a.m. $7.75.

Cinderella Thursday, August 9 10:30 a.m. $7.75.

Cinderella, Too! Thursday, Aug. 16, 10:30 a.m. $7.75.

Goldilocks and the Three Bears Thursday, Aug. 23, 10:30 a.m. $7.75.

The South Shore Music Circus and the Cape Cod Melody Tent in Hyannis as well as Music Circus Productions, are operated by South Shore Playhouse Associates (SSPA), a not-for-profit organization that supports arts and education in Southeastern Massachusetts. In the past decade, the SSPA has distributed over $2 million to other local non-profit organizations.

The box office is open daily in Cohasset and tickets are on sale now. For information, visit www.themusiccircus.org www.ticketmaster.com or call at 617-931-2787.

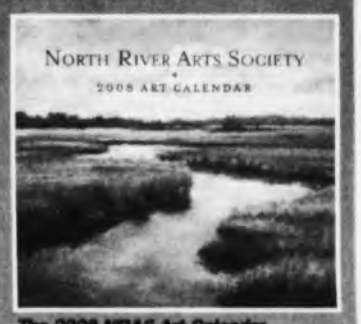
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"North River Celebration", pastel by Liz Haywood-Sullivan



The 2008 NRAS Art Calendar

This North River Arts Society preview The 31st Annual Festival of Fine Arts is happening Sunday, May 27 and 28, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the Village of Mansfield Hills (Old Main Street).

Featured events at the Festival include: Juried Art & Sculpture Exhibit, Art Sale-by-the-Bare, Juried Photography Exhibit, Artisan's Sale, Feature Barn, Silent Auction, Food Tent, Children's Activities, Young Artists' Exhibit, and a full Entertainment Schedule.

Also featured are this year's festival poster by Liz Haywood-Sullivan, and the debut of the 2008 NRAS Art Calendar. Free shuttle from Eames Way school. For further information, contact the North River Arts Society by telephone at 781-837-8091, fax at 781-837-9576, web site at www.northriverarts.org, or email northriverarts@rcn.com

Entertainment Schedule

Friday

Gala Preview Party May 25, Paul F. McCarthy - Emcee
7 to 10 p.m. Swing Set, Jazz - Patricia Drain/Paul Kinnear

Saturday

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Paul F. McCarthy, Emcee
1 to 2 p.m. Ron Perry - flute (Artisan's area)
1 to 3 p.m. Whidden's School of Fitness - Martial Arts, (142 Old Main St.)
3 to 4 p.m. South Shore Conservatory Saxophone Quartet (Artisan's area)
Under the Tent
11 a.m. Sophie Shrand - National Anthem
11 to 11:45 a.m. Cathy Jo Irvine School of Dance
noon to 12:45 p.m. Gary, The Silent Clown
1 to 1:45 p.m. South Shore Conservatory Jazz/Rock Ensemble
2 to 2:45 p.m. Peking and the Mystics - Men's acapella group
3 to 5 p.m. Concert featuring: The Voodoo Kings (popular local blues band)

Sunday

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Robert Kingan, Emcee
1 to 3:30 p.m. Poetry "Open Mike" with Sheila Twyman (142 Old Main St.)
1 to 3 p.m. Gary the Silent Clown
Under the tent
11a.m. Madeline Mello - National Anthem
11 to 11:45 a.m. Miss Vicki's Studio of Dance
Noon - 1:45 p.m. The Infractions (popular local band)
2 to 2:45 p.m. Anna Buckley and the Armstrong Brothers
3 to 5 p.m. Concert featuring: MHS Jazz Band I, Jazz Band II, and Marshallairs

Thursday, May 24

U.S. Rep Bill Delahunt announces he would make all entries from the 10th Congressional District Art Competition available for public viewing and display at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset from May 24 through June 3. A reception will kick off the exhibition later this month in Cohasset to honor the South Shore and Cape & Islands high school participants. It will take place from 7 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 24, at the South Shore Art Center on 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Hours and directions for the center are available at www.ssac.org More information about the competition is available from Rep. Delahunt's office, toll-free, at 800-794-9911 or online at www.house.gov/delahunt/artcomp.shtml

The Thayer Public Library will show the movie "Snow in August" on Thursday evening, May 24, at 6:45 p.m. in the Logan Auditorium. The movie, based on the best-selling novel by Pete Hamill, is about a young boy in 1940s Brooklyn who finds a remarkable solution to his problems. The library is located at 798 Washington St., Braintree. Call 781-848-0405 ext. 4417 for further information.

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SECOND ANNUAL BLUEGRASS ON THE BOGS 2007
June 9, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and June 10, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Edaville USA, Pine Street, Carver Cost and registration: Saturday $20, Sunday $15; camping $10 per person. http://www.edaville.com http://bluegrassonthebogs.org

THE MAXWELL CONSERVATION TRUST in Scituate is putting on a free Family Fun Day on June 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mt. Hope Improvement Society Building, at the corner of Clapp Road and Cedar Street in Scituate's West End. Free entertainment will be the focus of the celebration including guided hikes of the Litchfield property, a moon walk, face painting, "Max Pics" (pictures taking with Maxwell, the golden retriever that the trust is named for) and live music by Kathie Lee, Howard Mathews and Jessie and Loni Allen. Refreshments will be available for purchase. For further information, call Cynde Robbins on 781-545-4167.

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The Greater Plymouth Lupus Group will meet on May 24, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Kingston Public Library. This is the last meeting until the end of September. For further information contact Nicole Peterson at 781-582-8770. No registration required. Refreshments will be served.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53, Washington St. Pembroke. May 24, BBC Pint Night with **Flydown** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, Stump Team Trivia at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Satch Romano's New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam with Greg MacKenzie & Greenbacks at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Friday, May 25

South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Tales from the Wild With Barbara Devine, Senior Naturalist For children ages 3-5. Every Friday 10:30-11:00am (except holidays and vacation weeks) Free with admission Join us for stories ad tales about animals and nature. Please call in advance if you plan to attend. Limit 10 children

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance May 25 with DJ Dee Dee Rose music from 7:30 p.m. to midnight at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www-southshoresingles.org

Single Executives Club Singles Dance May 25, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland, exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by award winning DJ Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes and match game prizes. Free dancing lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples age 30 and over. Cost before 9 p.m. is $10 Proper business dress recommended; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable. Visit www.se-4u.com or call 781-446-0234 for information.

New England Singles Dances ages 40 and over May 25, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Rtes. 3/I-93 at Exit 6., Braintree, DJ. $12. Admission $12 visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

The North River Arts Society presents The 31st Annual Festival of the Arts on Saturday and Sunday, May 26 and 27, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the Village of Marshfield Hills (Old Main Street). Free shuttle from Eames Way School. The Festival takes place rain or shine. The Preview Party kicks off the festivities on Friday, May 25, at 7 p.m. Awards announcements at 8:30. The public is welcome; a $20 reception fee will be collected at the door. Full cash bar and hearty hors d'oeuvres.

Run of the Mill, 6 Spring Lane, May 25, **The Hot Sauce Band** Plymouth, 508-830-1262.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. May 25 **Spank** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, May 25, **J. Place Band** 9:15 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke **Texas Hold Em** every Thursday night 781-294-4700.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, May 25, **Barrence Whitfield & Savages**, rhythm and blues Cover $14. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Saturday, May 26

Abington United Church Of Christ Plant Sale, Bedford St., Abington May 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Many perennials will be available for sale. Come early for best selection.

Beneath the Streets of Boston exhibit beginning on May 26 and running through June 28 the Dolphin Gallery at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham will exhibit the stunningly realistic sepia-toned watercolors created by commercial and architectural illustrator Joe McKendry for his 2005 book *"Beneath the Streets of Boston: Building America's First Subway"*. The watercolor paintings resemble the archival photographs on which they're based and convey realistic views of the building of Boston's early public transit system. 781-741-1405 x 2600

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Memorial Day at Old Sturbridge Village May 26-28 will feature family fun and games — visitors are invited to play old fashioned "base ball" on the Common, watch toy fire balloon flights, and join in a colossal game of "French & English, which is the 1830s version of tug of war. And as a special treat, the Village will feature seldom-seen traditional sheep shearing all three days. Old Sturbridge Village celebrates New England life in the 1830s and is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday and all Monday holidays. Admission: adults $20; seniors $18; children 3-17, $6; children under 3, free. Visit www.osv.org.

Run of the Mill, 6 Spring Lane, Plymouth, offers traditional Irish Seisiun every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety, from sea chanteys, rebel songs and songs of loss, to jigs, reels and hornpipes, with great craic and singalong. Admission is free. No cover. Come sing, come play, come listen. Call 508-830-1262.

French Memories Café, 175 South Main St, Cohasset. Every Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5 p.m. **Drift Away with Joe'n J.** 781-383-2216.

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Jon Pierce *Johnny Joyce* *Tom Dunham*

Courtney's Food and Spirits, 915 Ocean St., Marshfield. May 27, 7:30 p.m. Comedy Night featuring Boston Legend Steve Sweeney, along with Johnny Joyce, Tom Dunham and Jon Pierce. 781-834-1910

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Men's Traditional Dancers, Marvin Mary Hayes of the Lakota Sioux and Kenny Alves of the Aseonet Wampanoags perform at last year's pow-wow.

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The return of the annual Spring Planting Moon Native American Pow-wow and Celebration to the Marshfield Fairgrounds will give area residents the opportunity to learn about Native American cultures directly from members of several different tribes. Visitors will learn about the spiritual and agricultural aspects of the lives of Native Americans during the three-day festival Memorial Day weekend. Featured groups include the Wolf Cry Singers, the Wampanoag Nation Singers and Dancers from Mashpee on Cape Cod, Native artist Marlene Blake of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe will demonstrate "finger weaving." Native American drumming and singing will be performed by the Iron River Singers of southeastern Massachusetts and the Eastern Suns from Mashpee; Lorii Moondream and Peter White Fox of Shutesbury will offer craft making of Lakota Bone Chokers; and there will be Iroquois Songs and Social Dances by Little Tree of Rhode Island. Arts and crafts will be for sale, including MicMac baskets. Other Native items include flutes, herbs, sterling silver and turquoise jewelry, mandellas, dreamcatchers, beaded jewelry, stone carvings, wall paintings, vases, fans, rattles and blankets. Native foods will give visitors a taste of the culinary aspects of life along with hot dogs and hamburgers. The festival runs Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, May 27-29, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Admission is $5 for adults, $4 for seniors and MCNAA members, $2 for children ages 6 to 12 years, and free to children 5 years and under. Parking is free.



Craft making and storytelling will take place in front of the tipi.



Drumming and singing by the Iron River Singers of Southeastern Massachusetts.

Movie review

Still onboard with 'Pirates'

Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (B+)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC



Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) and Will Turner (Orlando Bloom) lead a gnarly crew of pirates into battle.

Arrgh, this is one, long, pirate movie, me laddies.

At 2 hours and 35 minutes, plus another 10 if you stay for the credits, and you should, me matey, because there is a coda, "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End" is a long keelhaul for ordinary mortals and children with overactive bladders. If some of the zing has gone out of pirating, I'd still rather hoist the colors with Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp), Will Turner (Orlando Bloom), Elizabeth Swann (Keira Knightley), Hector Barbossa (Geoffrey Rush) and Davy Jones (Bill Nighy) than with the denizens of Spidey's New York City or Shrek's Far Far Away.

Why? Because when you get down to it, it's not the special effects, the explosions-per-minute or the hype that matters.

It's the actors, and when you get past the tattoos, scars, skin rashes, blooming noses, crustaceous eruptions and rotted flesh, this scurvy-looking crew is pound-for-pound the best in any modern franchise. Even Keith Richards takes to acting like an old salt (and I mean old). On this outing, pirates and their friends are dancing the hempen jig, thanks to the hissable Lord Cutler Beckett (Tom Hollander), Captain of the Endeavor.

Will and Elizabeth are in Asia securing a crew and a ship from Singapore pirate Sao Feng (Chow Yun-Fat with shaved head, fu manchu facial hair and crosshatching scars) in order to seek Jack Sparrow. Jack was swallowed by the Kraken at the end of the previous installment and has been trapped in Davy Jones' Locker, a place suggesting a piratical version of "Being John Malkovich." Will and Elizabeth need Jack and the Black Pearl to thwart Becket and his otherwordly ally, the "tentaclely" Davy Jones, Captain of the ghost ship, The Flying Dutchman.

Jones' marvelous, metamorphosing crew is back, too, including Will's ensorcelled father "Bootstrap" Bill Turner (Stellan Skarsgard), Hammerhead and a guy whose head has a tail.

Among the film several pleasures is Jack's vocabulary, the most colorful and evocative in mainstream moviedom. I dare you not to be tickled when he refers to a crew of Sparrow doppelgangers as "feculent maggots" or to his enemies as "traitorous codpieces." As this adventure's "distressing damsel," Knightley has a face that launched a thousand sighs and an absolute knockout wardrobe of Asian pirate outfits.

I prefer the second "Pirates" to this one slightly, in part because Davy Jones and his crew were a genuine inspiration and the action more inspired and comedic, although a new scene in which Jack asks his dad about his mum is amusingly ghastly.

Why almost 3 hours? "At World's End" has plot, plot and more plot, much of it about people plotting. At times, it's more like "At Wit's End." But as far as CGI spectacles go, no one does a better maelstrom than series' director Gore Verbinski.

In the supporting cast, Lee Arenberg and Mackenzie Cook continue to provide first-rate comic relief; Naomie Harris has a great "Attack of the 50 Ft. Voodoo Priestess" moment, and don't forget the animals, especially, the monkey.

"Is it planned or does he make it up as he goes along?" someone asks of Jack Sparrow. The same might be said about these pirate movies. But shiver me timbers, I like 'em.

(Rated PG-13. "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End" contains strong violence and gory imagery)

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World-renowned artist and Pop Icon Peter Max brings his Colors of a Better World exhibit to Wentworth Galleries, Boston making two special appearances, Friday and Saturday, June 1 and 2. On June 1, noon to 3 p.m. at the Burlington Mall, 75 Middlesex Turnpike, Burlington, 781-272-5010. On June 2, the Mall at Chestnut Hill, from 6 to 9 p.m. 199 Boylston St., Chestnut Hill, 617-630-9163.

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Joe' American Bar and Grill, 2087 Washington St,. Hanover May 26, **Bag Full of Blues** 781-878-1234.

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The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, May 26 **Urban Renewal**, funk/soul, rhythm and blues

Cover $8. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Annual Spring Planting Moon Pow-Wow And Arts & Crafts Festival May 26-28, (Memorial Day Weekend) Marshfield Fairgrounds, 140 Main St. (Route 3A), Marshfield from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The pow-wow will feature the Wampanoag Nation Singers & Dancers; dance demonstrations; inter-tribal dancing; craftmaking, educational presentation and visits inside a wickiup and a tipi; storytelling, resource and membership tables, arts, crafts and Native food for sale. (Buffalo Burgers, Buffalo Sausage, Marinated Venison, Indian Tacos, Fried Clams, Scallops and more.) Adults: $5; Seniors: $4; Children (6-12): $2. Age 5 & Under: Free parking. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. For information, call MCNAA at 617-884-4227 or visit our website (www.mcnaa.org) or e-mail: mcnaa@aol.com

Sunday, May 27

The North River Arts Society presents **The 31st Annual Festival of the Arts** on Saturday and Sunday, May 26 and 27, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the Village of Marshfield Hills (Old Main Street). Free shuttle from Eames Way school. The Festival takes place rain or shine. The **Preview Party** kicks off the festivities on Friday, May 25, at 7 p.m. Awards announcements at 8:30 p.m. The public is welcome; a $20 reception fee will be collected at the door. Full cash bar and hearty hors d'oeuvres. For further information, contact the North River Arts Society by telephone at 781-837-8091, fax at 781-837-9576 or email northriverarts@rcn.com

Braintree Art Association Artist of the Month, **Kris Kreitman**, will exhibit his work for the month of May at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

The North River Arts Society presents Festival of The Arts Award Winners - Best in Show: Photography at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Square, Marshfield through June 1. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster St., Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com

Blue Hills Walking Club May 27, Moderate walk, hilly terrain, 3.5 miles. Tucker Hill Path to headquarters Path to Buck Hill Path. Return via Massachuseuck Trail and Doe Hollow trail. Meet at Houghton's Pond main parking lot on 840 Hillside St., Milton. Rangers recommend you wear hiking boots and bring drinking water.

Front Street Art Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate hosts artist **Vincent LoPiccolo** through May 27.

The tour of the luxury Cohasset Home will raise money for Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps. Curious neighbors, prospective home buyers, decorators, and anyone interested in the latest in home appliances and home technology will be raising money for the programs that educate, rehabilitate, and heal underserved youth across the state when they tour WCVB's Concept Home. Tours will be held throughout May at 17 Ox Pasture Lane in Cohasset. The public is invited to tour the home Thursdays through Sundays in May. Tickets are $15 in advance and $20 at the door. For information, and to purchase tickets, visit rfkchildren.org, or call 617-227-4183.

Courtney's Food and Spirits, 915 Ocean St., Marshfield. May 27, 7:30 p.m. **Comedy Night** featuring Boston legend **Steve Sweeney, Johnny Joyce, Tom Dunham and Jon Pierce.** 781-834-1910

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, presents A tribute to **Johnny Cash** featuring **The Dave Foley Band** May 27, at 9 p.m. Hear all your J C favorites, like "Walk the Line", Folsom Prison Blues," "Ring of Fire" "Man in Black" "The General Lee" and many more roots rock related songs. 781-335-9796. Shows 9:15p.m., no cover. www.nextpagecafe.com

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Monday, May 28

Hull Artists Studio Connection' s "Studio at the Beach" Grand Opening May 28 from noon to 4 p.m. Open for summer season. Memorial Day Weekend - Labor Day Weekend Across from the MJM Bathhouse at 217 Nantasket Ave. in Hull. Featuring 35 artists displaying fine art including jewelry, paintings, photographs, greeting cards, pottery, and many other gifts of fine art. Wheelchair accessible, Free to the public For info call 781-925-1996 or visit www.hullartists.com

The Annual Memorial Day book sale at the James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St. (off Rt. 123) in Norwell Center will be held on Monday, May 28 from 9 a.m. to noon. Free. Rain or Shine. Refreshments. Preceding and following the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies on Norwell Common. New books and children's books. Proceeds benefit the library. For information call 781-659-7100 or visitjameslibrary.org.

The Dickinson Art Gallery, the region's newest art gallery, will feature the work of four artists in their next show titled "The Fabulous Four." Works of **Kathy Ferrara** (watercolors), **Steve Boczanowski** (acrylics), **Dominic Farrell** (watercolors) and **Charyl Weissbach** (Encaustic and Oil) will be displayed at the gallery through June 9. Dickinson Art Gallery on 1132 Main St. (Route 18) in Weymouth. For information call 781-331-3384 or 800-979-2300.

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Monday and is highly recommended for newcomers. All are welcome. For information, call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857.

Tuesday, May 29

The South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham, will feature paintings of scenes of Hingham Gardens by many local and regional plein-air artists.Artists will capture the colors of spring from now through June 12 and then they will submit their paintings to the South Street Gallery for the opening event which will take place at the South Street Gallery on Friday, June 15, from 6 to 9 p.m., refreshments will be served. The "Gardens of Hingham" will be on display from June 15 through July 1.Portion of all proceeds will be donated to the Hingham Historical Society. For information, call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.



Memorial Day at Old Sturbridge Village May 26-28 will feature family fun and games — visitors are invited to play old fashioned "base ball" on the Common, watch toy fire balloon flights, and join in a colossal game of "French & English, which is the 1830s version of tug of war. And as a special treat, the Village will feature seldom-seen traditional sheep shearing all three days. Old Sturbridge Village celebrates New England life in the 1830s and is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday and all Monday holidays. Admission: adults $20; seniors $18; children 3-17, $6; children under 3, free. Visit www.osv.org.

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Grub Street South at Buttonwood is a collaboration between Grub Street, Boston's only independent writing center, and Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw' s Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset, and is designed for writers of all levels. On Tue., May 29, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood, **Hank Phillippi Ryan** will lead a workshop titled, "Nip, Tuck, Tweak and Polish-the Joys of Editing." Hank is an Emmy award winning investigative reporter for Boston's channel 7 who will be publishing her first book, "Prime Time" in June 2007. (Hank is one of the featured authors for Buttonwood Books "Coffee with the Authors" on Jun. 5). Reservations are requested and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

Women of the South Shore If you love to sing come to the open rehearsals of The Island Grove Chorus- a women's acapella singing group. Meet at the United Church of Christ Route 18 in Abington, on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. Call Joanne 781-843-4355 or Judy 781-848-5843.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. May 29, Free Texas Hold Em. With Northern Poker Legue.

The Snug, 114 North St., Hingham, every Tuesday night 8:30 p.m. **Drift Away Trio** featuring **J Place, Joe Micarelli**, and **John Litwin.** No cover 781-749-9774.

Wednesday, May 30

The South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Feed the Animals an Ongoing Program every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Saturdays and Monday Holidays at 10 a.m. Free with admission. Come watch the Naturalist on Duty feed the animals. "The Magic School Bus" for children in Kindergarten with Mary Lou Hammond, Education Director, Wednesdays, morning 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. or afternoon, 1:15-2:30 p.m. Session 11: May 9, 16, 23. Hop aboard the "Magic School Bus" with Ms. Frizzle for a different science adventure each week. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes, and apply sunscreen and bug spray. $35M/$40 per three-week session, pre-registration and pre-payment required. Limit eight children.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, will feature **Mike Cassano's Jazz Quartet** May 30, 9:15 p.m. p.m., for No cover. Casual dress. Fine dining. 781-335-9796.

Thursday, May 31

The producers of Unique Lives & Experiences present **Dr. Maya Angelou** at the Boston Opera House Thursday, May 31, 2007, at 7:30 pm. Tickets are $29.95, 39.95, $49.95, $59.95, $69.95 and $79.95, and may be purchased by calling Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or online at www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets for groups of ten or more may be purchased at a 10% discount by calling 866-633-0194.

Jeff "Tain" Watts Quartet Scullers Jazz Club, 400 Soldiers Road - Boston, May 31, at 8 and 10 p.m. Show $20 / Dinner & Show $60. For information call 617.562.4111

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke **Texas Hold Em** every Thursday night 781-294-4700.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. May 31, **Flydown**.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, Stump Team Trivia at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Satch Romano's New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam with **Keepin the Gruve** at 9:15 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Friday, June 1

World-renowned artist and Pop Icon Peter Max brings his **Colors of a Better World** exhibit to Wentworth Galleries, Boston making two special appearances, Friday and Saturday, June 1 and 2. On June 1, noon to 3 p.m. at the Burlington Mall, 75 Middlesex Turnpike, Burlington, 781-272-5010. On June 2, the Mall at Chestnut Hill June 1, from 6 to 9 p.m. 199 Boylston St., Chestnut Hill, 617-630-9163.

Celebrate Nova Scotia's and Massachusetts' Common Roots at Copley Square Nova Scotia Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage in cooperation with the Boston Parks Department Introducing CONNECTIONS, a kick-off event to this year's ParkArts program on June 1, from noon to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and June 2 from noon to 6 p.m.. Free admission and open to the public. The Province Nova Scotia Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage will provide toe-tapping entertainment featuring Celtic music, highland dancing and a special feature where Bostonians can search online with the Nova Scotia Archives to discover their Nova Scotia roots. For information about Nova Scotia or the event, go to novascotia.com

Quick Flix

All reviews by James Verniere, unless otherwise noted



Shrek and Fiona aren't too thrilled about an early morning visit from Donkey and Puss in "Shrek the Third.

New Releases

"SHREK THE THIRD" (C+)

That mighty green giant is looking a little jaundiced this time around. An uninspired "Shrek the Third" with our old friends: Shrek (Mike Myers), the ogre with a heart of gold, Princess Fiona (Cameron Diaz), the babe who embraced her inner ogre, braying sidekick Donkey (Eddie Murphy) and a swashbucklingly seductive Puss In Boots (Antonio Banderas). Also along for the ride this time are dumbed-down versions of characters from Arthurian legend, an absent-minded professor-like Merlin (Eric Idle) and a certain high-school loser by the name of . . . Artie (Justin Timberlake). [Rated PG]

"BROOKLYN RULES" (B+)

This small film is the real thing. It's the mid-1980s, and Michael Turner (Freddie Prinze Jr.) is the college-bound neighborhood kid who scams his way into a pre-law program at Columbia, where he competes with rich kids and dreams of making it in a world where he can put his skills as a con man to legitimate use. Carmine Mancuso (Scott Caan) is a violent, wannabe mobster who is befriended by real-life wise guy Caesar Manganaro (Alec Baldwin). Bobby Canzoneri (Jerry Ferrara, "Entourage") is the personification of the gifted, slightly effeminate neighborhood kid in love with all things Sinatra and showbiz. Mena Suvari is the sexy Connecticut preppie who finds Michael and his world both appealing and repellent. (Rated R).

"DAY NIGHT DAY NIGHT" (B+)

With a stomach-churning intensity, "Day Night Day Night," Julia Loktev's study of a terrorist's suicide mission, rates as a nervy, memorable feature debut. With an inexorable progression, the camera follows what may be the last two days of a woman on a terrible mission. Loktev follows her anti-heroine as she is taken to meet three masked strangers in a Queens motel. Outfitted with a bomb-laden backpack, she is instructed on its use and then sent to journey's end, a tourist-packed Times Square. "Day Night Day Night" is a model of modest, intelligent independent filmmaking. (Not Rated) — Stephen Schaefer

"JINDABYNE" (A-)

A small town in New South Wales is shaken by a murder. Stewart (Gabriel Byrne) and his fishing buddies discover the body of a murdered aboriginal girl in a river and decide to continue fishing. When they later report the discovery, they are raked over the coals by the national press, castigated by police and stigmatized by their townsfolk. The film's ending, involving a ceremony to placate the dead and an attempted reconciliation, does not soothe jangled nerves. If you're looking for a challenging and haunting alternative to the summer season sequels, here it is. (Rated R)





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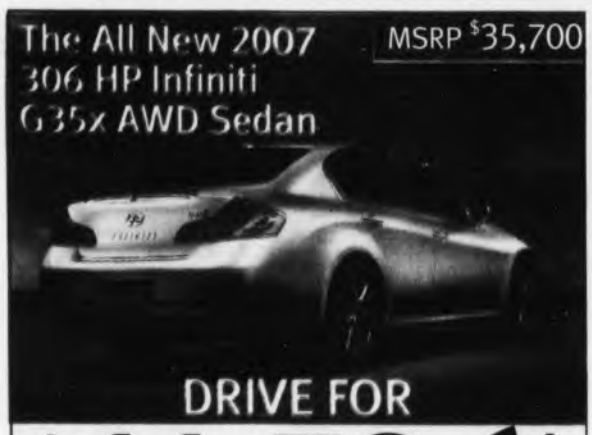


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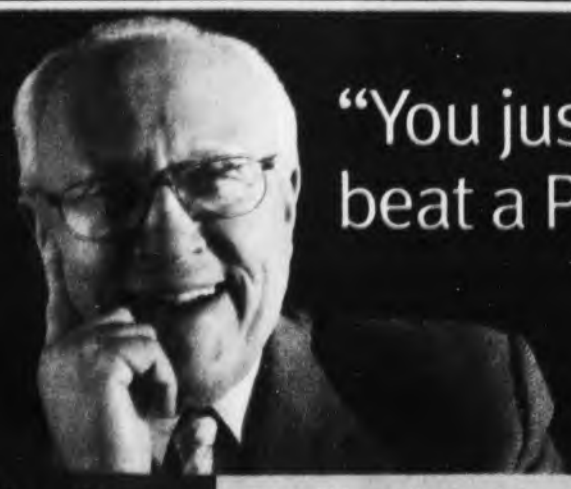
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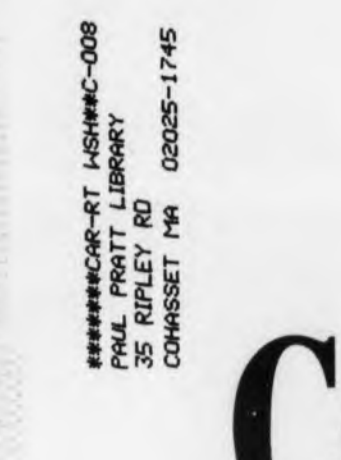
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'Breathtaking' Memorial Day

Flags, parade, speeches highlight observance

By Nancy White
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The morning drizzle falling on Cohasset didn't deter hundreds of residents from coming out to salute their veterans in the least. As if to nod to the town's veterans as well, the sun broke through the clouds as scores of veterans arrived at the harbor leaving Veterans Memorial Park bathed in sunshine. A brisk breeze never failed and the flags of our nation's 50 states and the 383 Field of Honor flags were outstretched and waving in the wind.

American Legion Post Commander Stephen Wigmore welcomed the crowd and contested that the turnout may be one of the largest in his 49 years of attending Cohasset's Memorial Day observances, "it's a tribute to the people of Cohasset, I applaud you."

The backdrop to the ceremony, Cohasset's inner harbor, was enhanced by this year's addition of the Healing Field of flags set up on the corner of Border and Summer streets, across from Veterans Park. Each of the flags was purchased by a resident and dedicated in honor of a family member or friend. Due to the popularity of the Field of

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PHOTO/CRAIG GOEDECKE

US Marine Michael Kennedy salutes the wreath he placed during dedication of the Healing Field on Saturday. Cohasset's Memorial Day weekend observances included the Healing Field this year in addition to the traditional parade and events on Monday.

'Adventurous' class to graduate

CHS Commencement 1:30p.m., Saturday

By Nancy White
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On Saturday afternoon, 110 Cohasset High School students will be ushered from the safe harbors of Cohasset where they have been taught and nurtured, and sent on their way to the open ocean and the great beyond. Each senior will walk across the stage at the South Shore Music Circus to receive the high school diploma they have worked hard for 13 years to achieve.

"This class is a motivated group of students that are eager to do well and they have. It's a very bright class," High School Principal Joel Antolini says.

Commencement exercises will begin at 1:30p.m., Saturday, under the green and yellow big top. Members of the administration, as well as the valedictorians, Caren Garber and Ryan Ingram, and class president, Mike Corry, will address the Class of 2007 with a few inspiring words.

"We've always been an adventurous class," says Ingram, "I think we've challenged our teachers — in a good way. We really bonded with the faculty."

Succeeding individually is part of succeeding as a group and Ingram says each student was self-motivated to do just that.

Antolini agrees, "they all have very particular interests whether it be in art, science or writing. They are very unique in that they have all gone their

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Winds of change are possible

MET tower to collect data for future turbine

By Nancy White
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Capturing the power of the wind is no longer a feat to be accomplished just by sailors; alternative energy proponents see wind turbines as a way to harness a plentiful and renewable natural resource. The energy devised from wind turbines could provide a source of clean energy and energy cost-savings. With much to gain, Cohasset could soon have one in its backyard.

Standing at a soaring 165 feet, or 50 meters, the aluminum pole will record wind speed and direction data for a period of one-year.

The neighboring town of Hull has led the charge on the South Shore by installing two windmills within the town's borders. Now, the Alternative Energy Committee (AEC) is taking visible steps to research the feasibility of wind turbines in Cohasset.

"We know from Hull that wind [power] on the South Shore is possible," says AEC Chairman Andrew Willard.

This morning, a meteorological experimental test, or MET, tower, was scheduled to be mounted at the top of Turkey Hill, just south of two cell towers. Standing at a soaring 165 feet, or 50 meters, the aluminum pole will record wind speed and direction data for a period of one-year. The data collected will help the town determine the feasibility of a wind turbine in Cohasset.

The location of the MET tower proved to be a difficult task, says Willard. While wind turbines typically stand on their on, the temporary MET tower will be anchored in place by several guide wires, requiring a large open area clear of buildings and trees, says Willard.

When Turkey Hill was determined as the most suitable location, the AEC worked with the Conservation Commission and the Trustees of Reservations, the managers of the Turkey Hill conservation land, to get permission

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UMASS Amherst chemical engineer, Liz Walls, makes sure an anemometer installed on the MET tower is in proper working order. Walls and other representatives from the UMASS Renewable Energy Lab came to Turkey Hill to help install the tower.

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Name: Christine Kent

Occupation: Junior at Cohasset High School and Mariner Columnist.

Best day of your life: Being born!

Best vacation: The family trip to Istanbul in the sixth grade.

Favorite season: Winter.

Favorite junk food: Ho-Hos and Caramel popcorn.

Best book: "Catcher in The Rye," by J.D. Salinger ...Love Holden Caulfield!

Best movie: "Pulp Fiction," Quentin Tarantino is an amazing director and writer.

Best TV show: America's Next Top Model.

Most embarrassing moment: A wardrobe malfunction on a fifth grade fieldtrip (a memory I try to forget)!

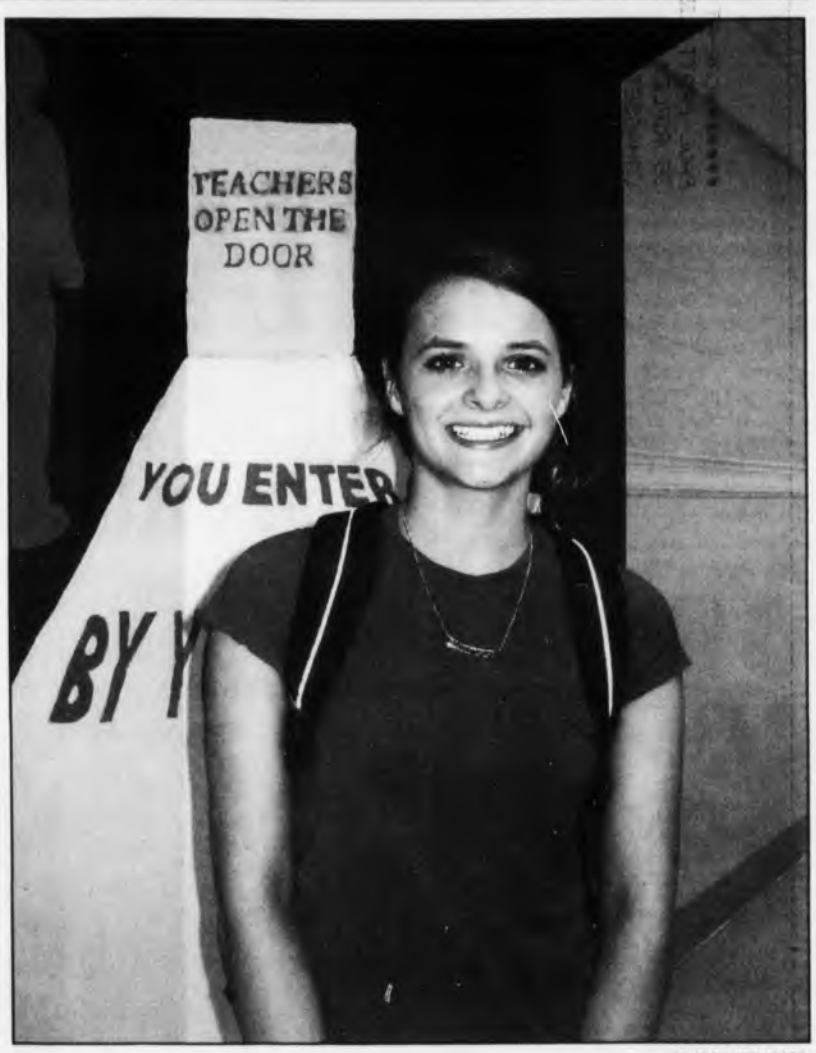
Pet peeve: BULLYING and loud gum chewing...ughh

Goal: To be a successful journalist.

Person you would most like to meet: A toss up between Angelina Jolie and George Orwell (if he was still alive)...a strange mix but both are interesting,

Biggest worry: Not being able to help make a difference in the world (super cliché but true).

Best part of Cohasset: The Ocean and the smell of the ocean..."it's how you know you are home."



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Sandy Beach trucks given okay by Town

No more after Memorial Day

...a proper process was followed and safety concerns were primary in the decision to allow the trucks to park in the lot.

By Nancy White
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Sandy Beach is one of the town's hidden jewels — its white sand, rolling waves and friendly neighbors make it one of residents' favorite summer spots. The beach is also one of the most protected pieces of Cohasset, with residents getting priority stickers and a waiting list of approximately three years for non-resident stickers.

With warmer weather becoming the norm and beach days just off in the horizon, some residents have grown concerned that a construction crew working on building a house on Whitehead Road is misusing the town-owned parking lot. Town Manager Bill Griffin says that is not the case — a proper process was followed and safety concerns were primary in the decision to allow the trucks to park in the lot.

The town owns and is responsible for the maintenance of the parking lot, while Sandy Beach Association owns the beach itself. The town's all-facility sticker gives residents access to the Sandy Beach parking lot, the Recycling Transfer Facility, as well as, all parking areas in town that require a sticker. Non-residents must be placed on the Sandy Beach Association waiting list and limited number of stickers is distributed each year. If cars are parked without a sticker, police can issue a $50 ticket.

"On many occasions, individuals or organizations approach [the Town Manager's office] seeking permission to use the parking lot. Often, it is to park cars for a wedding at a nearby home, or an event like the upcoming triathlon," said Griffin.

The contractor for the house, which is now in its final stages of completion, approached the town last year to see if various tradesmen could park their vehicles in the parking lot over the winter and early spring months. They cited a lack of space out at the site and the possible negative impact on other properties on the road.

"As with many other events, [Police] Chief Hussey supported the plan to keep as many trucks off our narrow, winding roads as possible, especially in that area with the many people who walk or bicycle the road," said Griffin. The town and contractor reached an agreement that the vehicles could park there, but would lose their parking privileges as of Memorial Day weekend.

"As with others who seek special permission to use the parking, no fee was charged," explained Griffin. However, Griffin said the contractor is making a contribution to the Beechwood Ballpark fund in recognition of the cooperation he received from the town.

Bridge jumpers get an early start

By Mary Ford
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The sight of teens lining up to jump off the Border Street bridge has Chief James Hussey wishing for a weather change. This week's police log was peppered with entries about bridge jumpers.

"It makes me hope for a cold spell," Hussey said about the perennial problem of bridge jumping in town.

While the activity has been going on "forever" and is almost a rite of passage for many teens, the police don't like it because of the potential that someone might get hurt.

Hussey said once the seasonal summer officers start July1 – police would be able to keep even more of an eye on the Border Street bridge which attracts the most jumpers.

He said if the jumpers are underage, police either call the youths' parents or take the kids home and talk to the parents about the potential hazards of the activity. "We are really looking for help from parents of these children. We want the parents to encourage their kids not to jump off."

Hussey said he has seen youths standing on the railing and jumping off. "This is very concerning," he said. "This has the potential to be very dangerous – it is a recipe for a problem."

Older jumpers are usually sent on their way with a warning. However, Hussey said police have not ruled out some form of punishment "within the realm of the law."

"We hate to rain on someone's parade," he said. "But safety has to come first."

Anyone caught with alcohol and it can be confirmed it belongs to someone in the group, there will be arrests, he said.

This week in one incident some jumpers from Scituate were sent on their way; beer was found in the vicinity but the jumpers denied it was theirs, police said.

Passed out

A police officer conducting a security check at the Deer Hill/Osgood schools off Sohier Street at about 1:15 a.m. on Saturday (May 26) came across a young man lying on the sidewalk near the driveway to Osgood. As it turned out the youth was intoxicated and had apparently passed out there. The officer got the young man on his feet, took him under protective custody and brought him to the station where police contacted his parents. "He was released to the custody of his father," Chief Hussey said.

MVA, 3A & Pond

A 2002 Chevy Prism apparently ran the red light at Pond Street and 3A causing a three-car accident last Wednesday (May 23) at about 7:50 p.m.

Police said a 2004 Volvo was traveling southbound on Route 3A through the green light at Pond Street. A 2005 GMC traveling northbound was also going through the green light when, police said, the Prism (coming from the direction of the high school) failed to stop at the red light before attempting to turn left toward Scituate.

The Prism hit the GMC and then the Volvo, police said. All three cars were towed and four people were transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Chief Hussey said the operator of the Prism said she did not see the light and was having problems with the gas pedal. She was cited for failure to stop at a red light.

Truck vs. pole

At about 9:30 a.m. last Thursday (May 24), a 2005 freight trailer truck was heading eastbound on Forest Avenue when it turned right onto Forest Notch and caught a low-hanging wire. The driver was unaware of this and continued traveling forward, pulling a utility pole all the way to the ground. There were no injuries and no citation was issued. National Grid responded to repair the pole.

King St. crash

At 10:21 a.m., last Friday (May 25), a 1988 Volvo was exiting Dunkin' Donuts at 156 King St. to make a left onto Route 3A. A 2004 Chevrolet was heading north when the collision occurred. Both vehicles were towed; no one was transported. The operator of the Volvo was cited for failure to yield to oncoming traffic.

Bike stolen

Anyone with information about a stolen Schwinn Beach Cruiser bicycle with white wall tires should contact the police. A walk-in to the police station reported the bike, valued at $800, had been stolen from his driveway. The bike had been parked in the driveway of the Summer Street residence after it was last used; the next morning (Saturday, May 26), it was gone.

Retrieved license

Cohasset police assisted their counterparts in Quincy on Saturday by retrieving a driver's license that had apparently been used by an underage Cohasset resident in an attempt to purchase alcohol in Quincy.

Cohasset sent a unit to the house and as it turned out, the license the youth had used belonged to his older brother. The under-aged male will be summonsed by Quincy police to court to face charges.

Hit & run

A Scituate woman is being summonsed to court on several charges after leaving the scene of an accident on Saturday night. Witnesses described a green VW convertible that had apparently hit a parked car, damaging the rear bumper, and drove away. They were able to provide a partial plate number. There was also a VW hood emblem at the scene that was taken as evidence.

Dispatch ran a computer check on the information provided by witnesses and found a car that fit the description as being registered for a N. Main Street residence. Police responded to that location and based on further investigation were able to identify the driver as a Scituate woman.

The woman is facing charges of leaving the scene of an accident after causing property damage; operating outside marked lanes; and driving to endanger.

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

May-June	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 31	11:57	8.1	11:57	9.3	5:36	0.5	5:39	1.5
Sunrise: 5:10 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:12 p.m.*			
Fri. 1	—	—	12:38	8.1	6:16	0.3	6:20	1.5
Sunrise: 5:09 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:13 p.m.*			
Sat. 2	12:37	9.4	1:18	8.1	6:57	0.3	7:01	1.4
Sunrise: 5:09 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:14 p.m.*			
Sun. 3	1:17	9.4	1:59	8.3	7:38	0.2	7:44	1.4
Sunrise: 5:09 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:14 p.m.*			
Mon. 4	1:59	9.5	2:42	8.2	8:21	0.2	8:28	1.4
Sunrise: 5:08 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:15 p.m.*			
Tues. 5	2:43	9.4	3:27	8.3	9:05	0.2	9:16	1.3
Sunrise: 5:08 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:16 p.m.*			
Wed. 6	3:31	9.4	4:14	8.5	9:52	0.2	10:08	1.2
Sunrise: 5:07 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:16 p.m.*			
Thurs. 7	4:23	9.3	5:04	8.7	10:41	0.2	11:03	1.0
Sunrise: 5:07 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:17 p.m.*			

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Cook Estate public hearing doesn't heat up

Density, road width top discussion

By Nancy White
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The developers used the total acreage, combining the large 19-acre plot and a smaller parcel across Sohier Street next to the Fairoaks Lane neighborhood to determine the possibility of 27-single family homes.

The second night of public hearing testimony for the Cook Estate development had its plate full. The developers and board tackled myriad issues from house sites, road width to affordable units. Abbott Real Estate and Development, the now owners of the former Cook Estate, is proposing a 27-home community off Sohier Street.

The developers from Abbott are applying for a special permit under the town's residential cluster development bylaw. The bylaw allows home to be built closer together with open space on the edges. Despite the "cluster" of homes, there will be no more units than would be allowed under normal subdivision.

The determination of just how many homes could be built under normal subdivision was discussed as Planning Board member Bob Sturdy disagreed with the method Abbott developers used to determine the amount of subdivision homes. The developers used the total acreage, combining the large 19-acre plot and a smaller parcel across Sohier Street next to the Fairoaks Lane neighborhood to determine the possibility of 27-single family homes.

Richard Henderson, the counsel representing Abbott said the lot is not merely a separate lot by virtue of separation by a street. He backed up his statement with naming several state cases.

The Planning Board's engineering consultant, John Modzelewski brought the argument to a close, "when I look at this plan I can't see losing any more than one or two more lots, if any."

The developers plan to keep the small parcel across the street as an open lot and place a conservation restriction on it.

The narrow width of the roadway still concerned Modzelewski, Planning Board members and fire department officials. The subject was also hashed over at the first hearing. Currently, the entrance roadway is designed as 22-feet wide, while the one-way street 20-feet wide. The developers would like to keep the roadways narrow to keep a "village feel" in the development, hinder speeding and have less impervious surfacing. The crux of the problem seems to be in the parking situation in the event of a house party or during winter weather. The developers agreed to come up with alternatives for parking that would ensure emergency vehicles safe access in even extraordinary circumstances.

Chairman Al Moore brought up the possibility of affordable housing. Affordable housing units will not be included in this development as the affordable housing, inclusionary bylaw does not include single-family homes.

"It's nothing to burden this application with," said Moore, however, it raises concern that the bylaw language may need to go before Town Meeting to include affordable units for large single-family developments, like the one proposed.

The Planning Board requested the developers to provide an inventory of all mature trees and which of those are to be kept, relocated or destroyed. The developers will also return with a topographical map showing where they intend to dig and fill on the site.

The third and likely last public hearing for the Cook Estate will be held on June 6 at 7p.m. Once the public hearing portion of the permit application closes, no new concerns from the public may come before the board. The public may only comment on concerns already raised in the public hearing process.

CHS Commencement 1:30p.m., Saturday

FROM GRADUATE, PAGE 1

"I think we've challenged our teachers — in a good way. We really bonded with the faculty."

— Ryan Ingram, valedictorian

own way," Antolini says. Those pursuits have individually and cooperatively brought the school to state championships, the state drama festival and scholarly accolades.

The Class of 2007 has devoted countless hours to community service, whether it was on the Appalachia Service Project, the Relay for Life or volunteering locally at Father Bill's Place, nursing homes or the Senior Center. Antolini says that many students participated in the peer-tutoring program to help younger students who need a little extra help in a subject.

But, Ingram says many of the most memorable moments of her high school career occurred right in the "mundane" environment of the classroom during daily school life. She, like many of her classmates, has had the distinct opportunity to attend Cohasset schools for her entire school career.

"[It] created a certain closeness," says Ingram, rather than a restriction, "my own classmates challenged me more than anything else."

The graduating seniors have both borne the disruption of construction and reaped the benefits of new buildings. They were the first class to attend kindergarten through second grade at the new Osgood School. They endured construction at Deer Hill and during their Middle-High School years.

"They followed each project through," Antolini says. However, Ingram says it hardly hindered the classroom environment.

"School comes down to teachers and students and the chemistry between them," she says and armed with a "willingness to learn" together they overcame whatever obstacles construction created.

"[Our class's] diversity is so great that all together we could do something amazing," says Ingram.

Cohasset will just have to wait and see.

The Class of 2007 commencement ceremonies will be held at the South Shore Music Circus on Sohier St. on Saturday, June 7 at 1:30p.m.

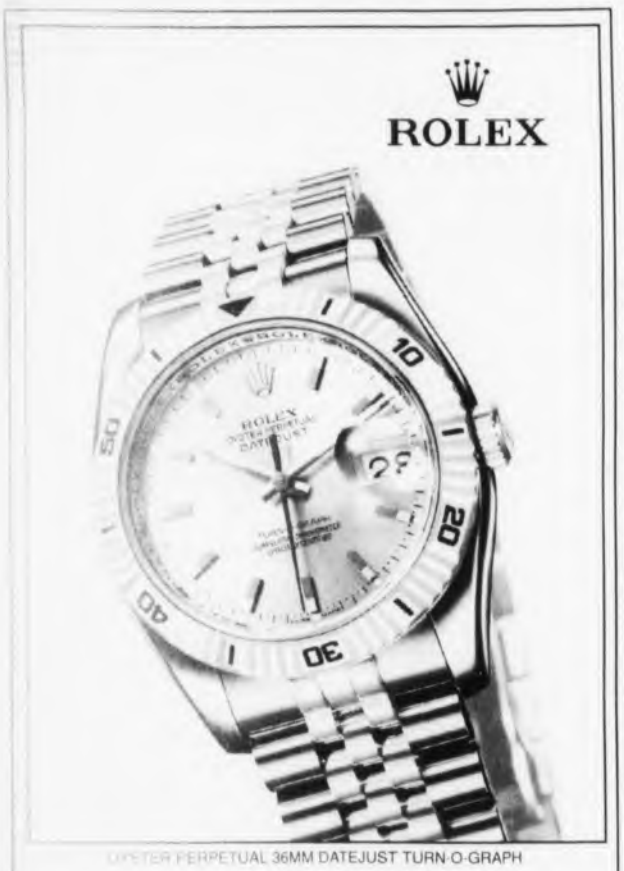
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Avalon issued draft permit from DEP

Will allow on-site sewer, still pursuing town sewer tie-in

By Nancy White
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The proposed 200-unit Avalon apartment complex on Route 3A has cleared another hurdle. In early May, the Department of Environmental Protection issued a draft permit that will allow the project to have an onsite wastewater treatment system.

A draft permit is subject to a mandatory public comment period, starting from the date of first publication of public notice. Scott Dale, vice president of development for Avalon Bay, has sent a letter to the DEP accepting the conditions outlined in the draft permit. At the end of the public period, comments will be reviewed by the DEP and taken into consideration before a final permit is issued.

"The draft permits makes us one step closer to moving the project along," said Dale, "it's definitely a positive step."

If a final permit is issued, Avalon will be able to discharge treated sanitary sewage from the on-site wastewater treatment facility to the ground. However, Dale says they still are pursuing a connection to the town sewer system. That matter is currently before the state Housing Appeals Committee, which handles 40-B issues. They expect to have a decision in hand by the end of the year, Dale said.

Dale said that Avalon considers it wise to pursue both options because either or both could face further appeal down the line. Dale has said previously that the project will break ground as soon as the sewer issue is resolved.

Back in January, the Water Commission was defeated in its appeal of the comprehensive permit. The Appeals Court affirmed the decision of the Land Court that the Commission did not have standing to challenge the comprehensive permit as collectively they were not a person aggrieved by the Zoning Board of Appeals decision. The decision meant that the Water Commission could not initiate a lawsuit against the project.

The Water Commission said that the project would contribute to groundwater pollutants and adversely impact water quality in Lily Pond, that town's water supply and would likely increase the cost of supplying water to Cohasset residents.

Water Commissioner John McNabb said their engineers at Norfolk Ram Group would review the draft permit and submit their comments to the DEP.

"We want to ensure the strictest possible standards for drinking water are imposed," McNabb said. The Water Commission is also working with the DEP to determine if there needs to be additional hazardous waste clean up on the site. McNabb said they have recently agreed to their request and will do an audit of the site, however, no time frame has been set. The proposed Avalon location was formerly Webb-Norfolk Conveyor, a manufacturing company, and is classified as a state 21-E Superfund site. A "superfund" is a DEP classification for a hazardous waste site where some chemicals from the manufacturing process contaminated the soil in amounts that well exceed state limits.

The Avalon project was issued a comprehensive permit from the ZBA more than three years ago; the plans then included an on-site wastewater treatment system. It was approved as a 40-B project. Under Chapter 40B, a state law, a town's zoning board can approve affordable housing developments under flexible rules if at least 20-25 percent of the units have long-term affordability restrictions. Towns that are under the 10 percent threshold of their housing stock deemed as affordable by state standards are vulnerable to 40-B projects.

Cohasset currently has 76 units (or 2.8 percent) of affordable housing. The state encourages rental housing, and because all 200 Avalon units would be rentals, all units — affordable and market rate — would be counted toward the town's affordable housing inventory.

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Cohasset trio in starting lineup for BCH Eagles

AROUND TOWN



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ON THE MEND

Hello Cohasset. How is everyone doing this week? I am sorry to all who were upset about their news not being in last week's column. Due to some medical issues, I have been out of commission for the last few weeks in and out of the hospital and am trying to bring things back together as quickly as I can.

One thing this has reminded me of while being in the hospital is for us all to watch and enjoy the "small things" in life. Life changes so fast and those small things tend to slip away before we really take the time to enjoy them.

NEW ARRIVAL

I would like to announce the arrival of **Magnus Ignatius St. John** who was born April 3 to Brendan and Stephanie St. John. He has four older siblings, **Anastasia** 5, **Tess** 2, **Whilhelmina** 2 and **Maxim** 1 who are taking good care of him.

Joan and Paul St. John of Cohasset and **Jeanne Walsh** of Scituate are the grandparents. Congratulations to all of you on this wonderful addition to your family.



Andrew Fontaine collected the Thunder Sports Player of the Month award.

WELLSPRING

Wellspring's 4th Annual Fashion Plate is June 3 at the Hull Yacht Club from 3-6 p.m. Cost is $25 per person. Many generous public figures will walk the runway to benefit Wellspring Multi-Service Center. Enjoy glam-glitte and stylin' ensembles for men, women and kids...all fashions selected from Wellspring's Thrift Shop. Desserts from Maggie's Corner of Cohasset, Weinberg's, To Dine For, and Michael Aprea. Wines from Portside Wines and coffee from Mary Lou's. For tickets call781-925-3211 or visit wellspringhull.org Derby Spirit Awards were recently announced.

DERBY AWARD

Congratulations to **Robin Spofford**, the recipient of this year's Headmaster's Pennant and Pinney at Derby Academy. One of the school's highest awards, the Headmaster's Pennant is given in recognition of achievement in sportsmanship and character building to the 6th grade girl who best typifies the Derby Spirit in athletics by her attitude toward teammates, coaches, opponents, and officials.

Robin will be the 45th person to have her name embroidered on the traditional "pinney" which is returned to the school each year. Robin also received the Outstanding Offense Award for Softball as well as recognition of her pitching for both the junior varsity and varsity teams, and Outstanding Defense Award for field hockey. Super news, Robin.

SWIM/DIVE TRYOUTS

Cohasset Swim Team tryouts will be held on Monday June 18 from 3-5 p.m. at the swim center pool. Swimmers must be 6yrs of age by July 1, 2007 and no older than 17years. There are limited openings this year. Cohasset Dive Team tryouts will be held on Monday June 18 from 5-7 p.m. at the swim center pool. Rain date for tryouts for both swim and dive will be held Tuesday June 19 with same times as Monday.

BC HIGH BASEBALL

One third of the starting line up for the BC High Varsity Baseball Team are former CYBSA players: senior, **Tim Smith** (starting 1st base) and juniors, **Cody Morgan** (starting outfielder) and **Tommy Chase** (starting 3rd base). The Eagles take on Barnstable in the first round of the MIAA Div. 1 High School Tournament this coming Friday. They are defending South Sectional Champs and have been ranked as high as #2 Boston Globe 2007.

Tim heads off to Bentley College in the fall to play football for the Falcons after a successful 2006 two-way starter. Cody went both ways (playing wide out and safety) this past football season for the BC High Eagles. What a great piece to add to the column about many of our Cohasset students.

SOCCER STAR

Mass Premier Soccer would like to congratulate **Andrew Fontaine** of Cohasset for collecting the Thunder Sports Player of the Month award for April. Andrew was selected for his hard work and exceptional performance for coaches Paul Baber and Colin Hamill respectively. Andrew, a member of the U13 Cape Cod Crusaders, has performed a consistently exceptional level despite playing a year above his age. "Andrew is a U12 player playing at the U13 level and is thriving at the opportunity," said Head Coach Baber. "He has been a major asset to our team and his four goals in a recent 5-2 win really prove that. Keep up the great work Andrew.

TOP MUSICIANS

This musical news is so nice to add this week as well. **Mark Seraikas** and **Austin Meyers** have been awarded partial tuition scholarships to attend the Berklee College of Music Summer Performance Program. The award was made in recognition of their musical achievements and the committee's selection of students who would benefit most from the program. The five-week intensive program includes private instruction, instrumental labs, mixed ensembles, musicianship, performance theory and perspectives, and electives such as composition and songwriting. Congratulations Mark and Austin!



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DEAN'S LIST

Vanessa Gratta, daughter of **Paul and Lorraine,** has achieved dean's list honors for the Spring 2007 semester at Northeastern University in Boston. Vanessa is a sophomore majoring in communication studies and minoring in clementary education. Congratulations!

LAW DEGREE

Brian R. Riley, son of **Bob and Carol Riley** and a 1996 graduate of Cohasset High School, received his Juris Doctor degree May 20 from Suffolk University Law School at their centennial commencement exercises in Boston.

BC HIGH GRADS

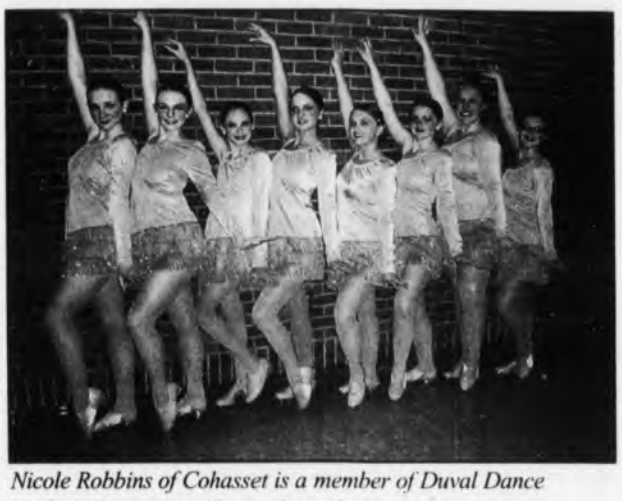
Congratulations to the following Cohasset students who recently graduated from BC High: **John T. Day, Patrick Buckley Flynn, Alexander Geoffrey Hunt, Jared Thomas Kinch** and **Timothy F. Smith**. Congratulations, all!

LAUNCH PARTY

.Save The Date for the Annual Cohasset Sailing Club Summer Launch Party on Saturday, July 7th from 6-11 pm. All parents and adult members of the CSC are invited. Information about ticket sales and party details will be available soon.



Tim Smith, Cody Morgan, and Tommy Chase are in the starting lineup for the BCH Eagles.



Nicole Robbins of Cohasset is a member of Duval Dance Studio's Competition Team, shown here.

TOP DANCERS

Duval Dance Studio and recently competed over the last few weeks and did exceptionally well. **Nicole Robbins**, who also celebrated her birthday last weekend, (HAPPY BIRTHDAY NICOLE) is a Cohasset student who participated in these events. Nicole is a member of Duval Dance Studio's Competition Team that just competed the past two weekends in Norwood and Natick. The dancers preformed in jazz & tap routines, earning them 3 Golds, 1 Highest Silver & Judges Favorite Overall. This was an amazing achievement considering this was their first year competing! Duval Dance Studio is located in Scituate and their recital is on June 23rd (2 shows, 1 & 4 p.m.) at Hingham High School if anyone would like to check them out. For more information contact **Miss Stephanie** at 545-3100. Needless to say these girls are very dedicated and should be congratulated!

That is all for this week. Send me in all of your news and events no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm.

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Musical theater comes alive at CHS

Class puts on benefit concert

By Nancy White
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When you take a group of high school students, and add a little talent, a bit of creativity, a helping of caring and a lot of enthusiasm, you end up with Stage 161, BAMA RA PLASE. Ten high school students participating in American Musical Theatre, an elective course, have been working since February to put on a musical production that will benefit two charities.

The fruit of their labor, Stage 161, BAMA RA PLASE will be presented on Friday, June 8 at 7:30p.m. in the Cohasset High School auditorium. The meaning behind the unique title is being kept a mystery but will be revealed during the course of the show.

The students, with help of music teacher Bryan Marks, have worked on every piece of production. They have written the script, chosen songs, staged choreography, assembled costumes and scenery and enlisted other students to help backstage on the big night.

"Normally there is a workshop approach to this class," says Marks, but when the students came up with the idea to do a benefit concert, he couldn't discourage it, "it was all their idea."

Tackling all the pieces that go into making a musical has been learning experience for all the students. They researched and studied how a musical comes together for an opening night. They watched films and explored different genres and types of musicals, from opera to comedy. They attended other local productions to get a feel for staging. They honed their own performances, working on their vocals and acting.

"I think it brought some of us out of our shell," says junior Paige Strecker, "there are some with theater background and some of us with none." She says personally one of the side benefits has been she's not afraid to talk on stage anymore.



Cohasset High School junior Andrew Devitre strikes a pose during his musical number. The debut of the student-written production, Stage 161, is Friday June 8.

"Each of them has taken on a different role," says Marks, who doubles as the director on and off the stage.

Meagan Coakley and Ellie Baumgarten hammered out the script that includes a cast of stereotypical theater personalities. They describe the play as making fun and paying tribute to the theater world.

"We want to prove the fact that musical theater isn't dying, especially in youth," says senior Anne Chapman. The class came across research that indicated that musical theater would be defunct in 20 years time however; their passion for the art makes it apparent that it's likely not going to happen around Cohasset.

Interwoven into the play are about a dozen well-known songs, some solos and some duets. Sophomore Lesen Haracz carefully choreographed each musical number. Other students worked on public relations, the charitable aspect, a raffle and costuming.



STAFF PHOTOS/ELSA ALLEN

The cast of Stage 161, also known as Cohasset High's American Musical Theater class, has been working on the production since February. The benefit performance will donate all proceeds to two charities chosen by the class.

With the support of the audience, the class hopes to make generous donations to two charities.

The class is so invested in this production; the graduating seniors — Anne Chapman and Ryan Barrow — have been voluntarily coming back to school to finish up the preparation for the musical. The small class has grown close over the last few months with daily class sessions and evening rehearsals resulting in a much sweeter experience.

With the support of the audience, the class hopes to make generous donations to two charities. Kimmie Cares, Partners for a Cure Foundation, a charity that raises money for breast cancer research. Kimmie Cares also manufactures dolls and books to create a mechanism for mothers to talk to their children about the disease and chemotherapy.

The second beneficiary, Let the Children Come, is an orphanage in Mexico. Paige went on a service trip to the orphanage with the North River Community Church last summer.

"Most of the kids families can't afford to feed or clothe them," says Paige who is putting together a slideshow of pictures from the orphanage to show during intermission, "we're hoping when the audience sees all the different things they're doing, they may donate a little bit more than suggested."

The students are requesting a suggested donation of $5 but welcome any other contributions. They will hold a raffle for donated items as well.

"What we all love to do is perform and if we can do it for a good cause, it's an awesome thing," says junior Andrew DeVitre.

Members of the cast include seniors Ryan Barrow and Anne Chapman, juniors Andrew DeVitre, Amanda Hurd, Andrew Chang, Sondra Hart, Meagan Coakley, Paige Strecker, and sophomores Lesen Haracz and Ellie Baumgarten. Diane Kennedy, Linda DeRosa-Coakley and Barbara Baumgarten have helped the class with the musical pieces, from piano accompaniment to voice training.

The curtain will go up on Stage 161, BAMA RA PLASE at the Cohasset High School auditorium by on Friday, June 8 at 7:30p.m. Suggested donation is $5. For more information, please e-mail Bryan Marks at bmarks@cohassetk12.org

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Movie Matinee at the Library – Join others for a free movie at the library. This month "Arsenic and Old Lace" with Cary Grant and Josephine Hull will be shown at 11 a.m., on Friday, June 1, in the Meeting Room. Light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library. The movie site license is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and Cohasset Democratic Town Committee. Admission is free.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film "The Bothersome Man" at 6 p.m., on Thursday, June 21, in the Meeting Room. Free admission and refreshments provided courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

FOR CHILDREN

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Garden Club announces Flower Show awards

Equally impressive were the small flower arrangement entries that captured beautifully the essence of "A Day at the Shore."

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset's standard Flower Show, "Our Town" took place at the Paul Pratt Library, May 9 and 10. With a committee of 24, the show was ready for judging shortly after 9 a.m., Wednesday with five special exhibits, six design classes and 21 classes of horticulture entries. The event was a huge success and won praise from both judges and attendees alike.

Garden club members from several towns on the South Shore entered designs which showcased the history and beauty of Cohasset through flowers and once again, the Paul Pratt Library proved to be the perfect setting for the event.

Rows of extraordinary artistic floral designs graced the tops of the bookcases. Each one was a unique interpretation of one of this year's themes: Northeaster, A Night at the Music Circus, A Visit to the Maritime Museum, and A Walk on the Common.

Equally impressive were the small flower arrangement entries that captured beautifully the essence of "A Day at the Shore."

The table settings for "Tea on the Veranda" consisted of a setting for two on a small round table each beautifully coordinated with a floral centerpiece, linens and china.

In addition, there were five special exhibits and 37 blue ribbon winners in horticulture. The following is a list of the blue ribbon winners in each category: Class 1 – "A Day at the Shore," submitted by Marsha Hoar **of the Scituate Garden Club** was awarded the **Tricolor Award**, a design score of 95 or above, and the blue ribbon; Class 2 – "Northeaster," submitted by Davie McNamara **of the Easton Garden Club**; Class 3 – "A Night at the Music Circus" submitted by Cindy McEachern **of the Scituate Garden Club** won the **Designer's Choice Award** score of 95 or above and the blue ribbon for the class; Class 4 – "A Visit to the Maritime Museum," submitted by **Kathy Hawes of the Sharon Garden Club;** Class 5 – "Walk on the Common," submitted by Olivia Baldwin **of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset and** Class 6 – "Tea on the Veranda," submitted **by Pat Michaud of the Cohasset Garden Club and Scituate Garden Club.**

In addition, Barbara Dillon **of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset** won the blue ribbon and **Educational Award** for her exhibit of the Geology of Cohasset; Annette Sechan **of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset** won the **Arboreal Award,** the **Horticultural Excellence Award** and the **Award of Merit** in horticulture and Heidi Bobo won the **Award of Merit** in horticulture.

The Garden Club would like to congratulate all the winners and thank all those who participated in the event. A special note of gratitude is also extended to all the library staff for their helpfulness and hospitality.

Local author and illustrator at Buttonwood

Buttonwood Books & Toys will welcome Hingham residents Molly Manley and Janet Marshall on at 10 a.m., on Saturday, June 16, at Buttonwood, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset. They will be reading from and speaking about their latest collaboration "On a Vineyard Veranda," a picture book filled with limericks and pictures about Martha's Vineyard. The rhymes highlight favorite locations and special events that are unmistakably Martha's Vineyard – Oak Bluffs, Squibnocket, Moshup, Chilmark road race, the Derby and Lumination Night. They were inspired to work together again after the success of their first limerick book "Nantucket Nanny" in 2005.

Manley taught English for many years in Connecticut before moving to Massachusetts. This is her fourth children's book. Marshall, a New Haven, Conn., native who graduated from the Hartford Art School, has created six of her own books. Both Manley and Marshall live in Hingham.

The event is free. Anyone unable to attend who would like to order a personalized and/or signed copy can call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665.

From the Archives of the Cohasset Historical Society

From the Archives is a weekly feature provided by Cohasset Historical Society.

Congratulations to the Cohasset High School Class of 2007. We have reprinted below the Graduation Program for the Class of 1907, which lists the names of the 18 seniors who graduated that year at the Town Hall on an evening in June. As this year's seniors embark on the next leg of their journey, the motto of the Class of 1907 holds true: "*Carpe Diem*" (Seize the Day).

Please make a point to stop by the Historical Society and see the many graduation programs in our archives. Also, please think of donating to the Society any Cohasset graduation memorabilia you may have in your attic. We are particularly interested in prom dresses, graduation programs, yearbooks and other related memorabilia.

CLASS MOTTO "CARPE DIEM"

GRADUATING EXERCISES OF THE

CLASS OF 1907

COHASSET HIGH SCHOOL

TOWN HALL

Wednesday Evening, June 19

AT 7.30 O'CLOCK

PROGRAM

CHORUS	A Merry Life	*Luigi Denza*
ORATION	The Electric Age	RALPH DUDLEY BATES
PROPHECY		MARGARET ELIZA LINCOLN
HISTORY		KENNETH FRANCIS ANTOINE
ESSAY	"Grist to the Mill"	GERTRUDE TOWER NICHOLS

PROGRAM

CHORUS	The Lake	*Franz Abt*
ADDRESS		HENRY TURNER BAILEY
PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS		CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
CHORUS	Song of Patriotism	*Fairlamb*

SENIORS

ANTOINE, KENNETH FRANCIS
*BATES, RALPH DUDLEY
BATES, ELLA LOUISE
BROWN, NELLIE EDITH
DALEY, MARGUERITE LOUISE
GRASSIE, MAGDALENE VERONICA
JAMES, OLIVER CHESTER
KIMBALL, LAURA BAKER
*LINCOLN, MARGARET ELIZA
LAPHAM, ZIBA THAXTER
MERRITT, ABBIE WILEY
MULCAHY, CLEMENT CARROLL
MULVEY, EDWARD ALWITIOUS
*NEWTON, GEORGE FREDERICK, JR.
*NICHOLS, GERTRUDE TOWER
OLIVER, MARY ELIZABETH
*PETERSEN, ADA MARGARET
THAYER, CHARLES EDWARD

POST-GRADUATE

CATHERINE LYONS

*Highest Honor **Honor

CEA June events

Following are senior events for June. Sign up early by calling 781-383-9112.

Monday, June 4, 9 a.m. Golden Living Center Pancake Breakfast.

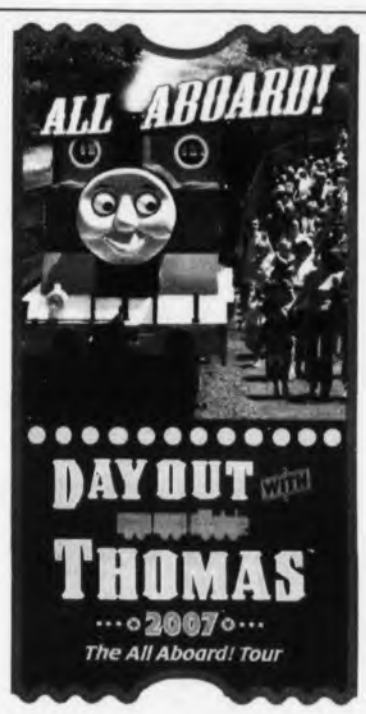
Tuesday, June 12, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Father's Day Celebration at CEA. Cohasset's Policemen's Association will host a Father's Day Cookout, followed at 1 p.m. by "And Now – Mark Twain" presented by actor, Richard Clark. This performance is sponsored by a grant the CEA received from Cohasset Cultural Council, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Wednesday, June 13, noon. Cookout at the Life-Care Center of the South Shore. Transportation provided. No lunch served at the senior center.

Wednesday, June 20, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Entertainment and brunch at Sunrise Assisted Living of Cohasset. No lunch served at the Senior Center.

Wednesday, June 27, Tall ships trip. Departure at 8:15 a.m. from St. Anthony's parking lot. Senior Center closed.





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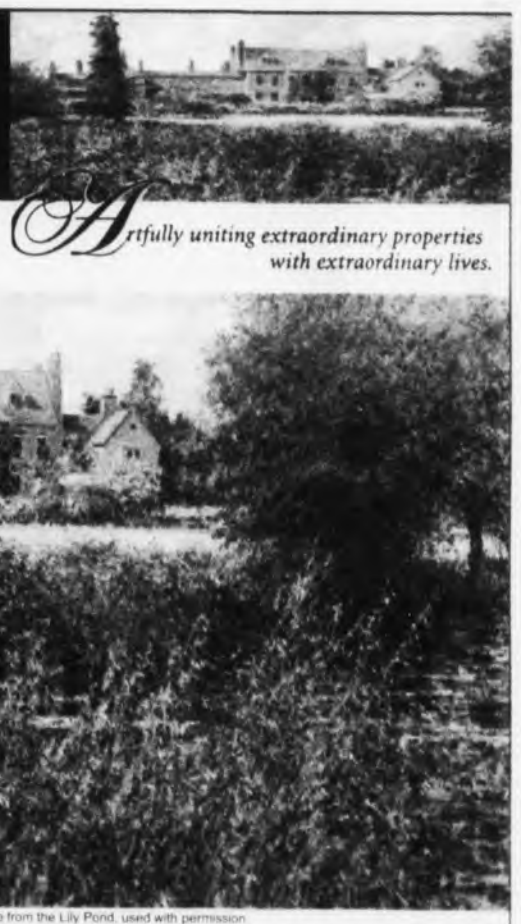
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Flags, parade, speeches highlight observance

FROM MEMORIAL DAY, PAGE 1

Honor, the Legion plans to double its size for next year's Memorial Day and place the American flags in other locations in town.

"Seeing the flags as we came around the corner was breathtaking," commented Deidre Wigmore, American Legion Auxiliary President.

Sons Of The American Legion Commander, Tom Wigmore, seconded the sentiment, "it is quite a tribute to the veterans and men and women in service."

As the crowd, a cross section of town from young families to senior citizens, awaited the arrival of the parade many children ran through the Healing Field with joy on their faces to remind all present of the freedom soldiers, sailors and airmen have fought for and still fight for today. Many residents arrived early to the harbor to stroll through the memorial and read the names of the many Cohasset men and women who have served during wartime.



Donald McCormack who served in Vietnam, checks the flags during dedication of the Healing Field on Saturday.

The parade arrived at the Veterans Memorial Park shortly before noon, the color guard and veterans, decked out in their service uniforms, led the way cheered along by applause from onlookers. Members from the Daughters of the American Revolution, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, the flower girls, the Cohasset High School Band and the Rusty Skippers followed close behind.

After welcoming addresses from Legion representatives and a prayer from Rev. John Mulvehill of St. Anthony's Parish, the Cohasset High band played "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah" and veteran Joseph Hamilton recited the poem, "In Flanders Field" written by John McCrae during WWI.

Featured speaker, Captain Donald Staszko, a veteran of the US Air Force who fought in Vietnam, spoke on the Cohasset community need to continue their support of veterans and veteran services.

"Cohasset has always graciously answered the call to defend our nation and the principles of democracy that this great country represents. We all should be proud of this fact," he said.

"For such a small community, Cohasset has contributed beyond its dimension. The men and women of this community have willingly and courageously stepped forward when this nation has called," Staszko listed by name some of the Cohasset veterans from as far back as the Civil War up to the present War on Terror.



Bella Sestito, 5, runs through the rows of flags installed on the Healing Field by Veterans Memorial Park.

"Take a moment — today or at some point — to read the names on these granite walls, and contemplate the sacrifices that these men and women have made for us," he said, "that is why we can never forget them."

"Not all wars are popular. I served in an unpopular war: Vietnam. Yet, today we honor our faithful servants not out of politics or the popularity of a single war, but because of their devotion to duty," Staszko said each person has a responsibility to look after those who have served — not just for a few years but for a lifetime. He encouraged the community and the nation to support veterans' benefits and to care for those who served.

"We need to stand with these veterans forever. They deserve our awe and our admiration."

To close the ceremony, a wreath was placed at the front of the memorial to commemorate those Cohasset residents who have lost their lives fighting for the country. The flower girls cast their bouquets into the harbor for those sailors lost to the sea, and with taps playing in the background fired shots in the air. The Cohasset High School accompanied by the Rusty Skippers played the National Anthem and the American flag was raised to full staff. The wind picked up and the red, white and blue waved in the breeze.



Tom Wigmore, commander of the Sons of the American Legion, raises the flag at Veterans Memorial Park on Monday.



Kathryn Sweet, 3-1/2, waves her flag as veterans march past at Woodside Cemetery.

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Student artwork on display at art center

All entries from the 10th Congressional District Art Competition available for public viewing and display at the South Shore Art Center through June 3.

Roughly 200 entries were submitted from students throughout the 10th Congressional District — which include paintings, drawings, prints, mixed media, photographs and computer graphics. The contest's top winner will be shipped to Washington, D.C. to be displayed for a full year in the US Capitol and will be offered a $20,000 scholarship to the Savannah School of Design in Savannah, Ga.

All submissions are now being reviewed by an independent panel of judges. Given the enthusiastic interest among students and high caliber of art, Delahunt wanted to make sure all entries would be on display.

While prizes will be awarded, Delahunt said, "the overall objective is to recognize and encourage the artistic potential of all our kids."

A reception will kick off the exhibition later this month in Cohasset to honor the South Shore and Cape & Islands high school participants. It will take place from 7 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 24 at the South Shore Art Center on 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Hours and directions for the center are available at www.ssac.org

More information about the competition is available from Delahunt's office, toll-free, at 800-794-9911 — or online at www.house.gov/delahunt/artcomp.shtml.

The Best & The Brightest



Earlier this year CNC readers nominated some of the **Best & Brightest** young adults from around the South Shore.

In today's paper you will find a special pull-out section we published to reveal our 2007 **Best & Brightest** winners.

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Veterans John Mellow, Garrett Hunt and Mike Golden place a wreath at the POW/MIA Memorial on Depot Court during a parade stop on Monday.



Bill and Pat Baird of Cohasset are about to present the flag flown on a search- and rescue-mission during their son's (William Baird Jr.) first tour in Iraq to Thomas Wigmore, commander of the Sons of the American Legion during Saturday's Healing Field dedication



Maureen Harrold walks through the Field of Honor during its dedication on Saturday afternoon. A flag was placed there in honor of Harrold's father, a WWII veteran.



Seven-year-old Mikayla Florindo lets her Mom, Kelly, smell the white carnations she brought to the Memorial Day Parade.

'LEST WE FORGET...

Cohasset dedicates Field of Honor and celebrates Memorial Day

Photos by Craig Goedecke

To see a slide show on Cohasset's Memorial Day, visit: www.cohassetmariner.com



US Air Force Capt. Donald Staszko, a Vietnam veteran, gives the Memorial Day keynote address at Veterans Memorial Park.



Aidan McCormack holds an American flag while he watches Saturday's dedication of the Healing Field.



Lance Corporal H. James Litchfield, a Marine who recently returned from Iraq, is about to place a wreath on its stand during Saturday's dedication of the Healing Field across from Veterans Memorial Park.



Janet Hoyler plays Taps while Cohasset veterans salute at Woodside Cemetery during the town's Memorial Day observances Monday.



Ralph Perroncello, shown seated left, commander of the Cohasset VFW Post, waves to the crowd from the jeep as American Legion Post Commander Steve Wigmore, left, marches up North Main Street.

OPINION

EDITORIAL

Shaping the future

The legendary H.G. Wells once spoke of the future as "The shape of things to come."

As the Class of 2007 marches in to the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance," each young man and woman carries with them a dream of what will be.

These individual dreams, great and small, are the stuff that tomorrow is made of.

What will be world be like in 2025?

Ask the Class of 2007.

Today's graduates are the parents of tomorrow.

Not only will they be the mothers and fathers of the next generation, they will be the parents of what our country and our world will grow to be.

Many are the challenges they face.

They are the researchers and scientists who will strive for a cure for cancer and other devastating diseases. They will be on the forefront in the battle to defeat a Superbug hovering on the horizon. They will pioneer methods and devices to restore functioning to bodies with lost limbs or severed spinal cords.

They are the doctors, the police, the firefighters, the nurses, the teachers, the farmers, the chefs, the businessmen... the everything of tomorrow.

They will pen the songs, paint the pictures, write the books, and produce the movies that show us life as it is and life as it could be.

They will fight gallantly on the battlefield to keep our country safe and just as gallantly in arenas of diplomacy throughout the world to weave hatred, ambition, and revenge into a tapestry of lasting peace.

They are the loving hearts who will teach their children to face this world of random violence and wondrous promise with courage, faith, and hope.

The Class of 2007 has a big job ahead.

Our graduating seniors are serious about what comes after the senior prom and after that diploma is placed in their hands.

What is life without a sense of humor to put things in perspective and lift the spirit?

Congratulations, Class of 2007.

Kudos for your achievements over your high school career and for the achievements yet to come.

Get out there and shape your world.



MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Cable Advisory Committee, June 14, 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, June 7, 7 p.m.

Elder Affairs, June 11, 9 a.m., 3 N. Main St.

Harbor Health Committee, June 12, 7:30 p.m.

Housing Authority, May 30, 6 p.m., 60 Elm st.

Library Trustees, June 13, 7 p.m. at the library.

Planning Board, June 6, 7 p.m.

Recreation Commission, May 30, at 6 p.m.

School Committee, June 4, 8 a.m. and June 6, 7 p.m. at the high school.

Selectmen, June 18, 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, June 29, 11 a.m.

Stormwater Committee, June 5 and 19, 7 p.m.

Water Commission, June 4, 6 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, June 6, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Beach and recycling permits to expire June 30

The expiration date of the beach and Recycling Transfer Facility permits is June 30. The "all facility sticker" for the next fiscal year will be on sale starting the week of June 18 during normal business hours at Town Hall and at the DPW garage on weekends starting June 23, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sticker prices will remain the same as last year – $50 for residents under the age of 60 and $15 for seniors. This sticker will allow access to the Recycling Transfer Facility and Sandy Beach, as well as parking at all areas in town that require a sticker.

In addition, residents will be required to purchase special bags in which to dispose of all trash that cannot be recycled. These bags will be offered at the Department of Public Works building and various locations throughout the town. All commercial contractors and vehicles registered in a business name should pick up their stickers at the Department of Public Works. Residents are encouraged to purchase stickers through the mail by providing the appropriate fee, a copy of a current registration and a self-addressed return envelope.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CEF appreciates community support

TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Cohasset Community:

On Saturday, May 19th the Cohasset Education Foundation hosted our first annual Benefit, *"our kids, our town, our future"* to celebrate Cohasset schools. We were overwhelmed by the participation, enthusiasm and involvement by the Cohasset Community. The Benefit raised over $90,000, the net profit of $70,000 will be distributed between the CEF school project fund and their endowment fund This evening could not have come together without the support of those committed to our community schools and children. We would like to thank all of our volunteers for their long hours of work and dedication; our auction contributors, underwriters and advertisers for their generosity; the students, school administrators and teachers for their support and guidance; and our fellow board members for their collaboration and commitment. We were inspired by everyone's willingness to help enhance and enrich our Cohasset schools by their participation, donations, contributions and assistance with this event.

We couldn't have done it without all of you. We look forward to the continued success of the CEF and the growing support of our community. Thank you for coming out to celebrate our wonderful kids, town and future.

Pam Wilson & Catherine O'Callaghan
Co-Chairs

Buddy Poppies celebrate, help veterans

TO THE EDITOR:

For more than 75 years, the Veterans of Foreign Wars' "Buddy Poppy" Program has raised millions of dollars in support of veterans' welfare and the well being of their dependants.

From its inception, the "Buddy Poppy" Program has helped the VFW live up to its motto, "to honor the dead by helping the living."

The "Buddy Poppy" – a small red flower symbolic of the bloodshed in World War I by millions of Allied soldiers in defense of freedom — was originally sold to provide relief for the people of war-devastated France. Later, its sale directly benefited thousands of disabled and down-and-out American veterans.

Disabled, needy and aging veterans in VA Hospitals and domiciliaries across the country assemble VFW Buddy Poppies. The name just "grew" out of the disabled poppy makers' remembrances of their "buddies who never came back" from war. The little red flower became known as the "Buddy Poppy."

The Cohasset VFW post 9146 would like to thank everyone who assisted our local efforts with their generous donations and their support of Veterans by displaying a "Buddy Poppy".

These Cohasset businesses were especially helpful and supportive: Shaw's, Stop & Shop, Goodwin Graphics, Carousel Antiques, Curtis Liquors, Cohasset Pizza, and Dragonfly Embroidery.

We would also like to thank and recognize the following volunteers who gave so generously of their time: Bud Ahearn, Louie Longo, Gordon Flint, Ralph Hill, Marie & Ralph Perroncello, Brad Goodwin, Cliff Jones, Peg & Ira Stoughton, Jean Quigley, James Lagotteria, Grace Tuckerman, Emilio Conte, Paul St John, Joe Godzik, Bill Higgins, Kevin McArdle, Tony Muzzi, Kevyn Ashton, and especially George Haley for filling in on numerous extra shifts.

Joe Laugelle
Service Officer Cohasset VFW
15 King St.

ASP grateful for generosity

TO THE EDITOR:

Dear friends of Cohasset Appalachia Service Project,

All 200 of us who will be going to West Virginia on our annual Home Repair Mission thank you very much.

Recently we held what we called an Appalachia County Fair event which included a barbecue dinner, auction and dancing to the fabulous GR8fuls. The event was a huge success. About 160 people attended at St. Anthony's Parish Center. And a grateful thanks go to them too.

Our trip relies on our teens raising money and other fundraisers to pay for transportation, food and lodging. Our teens raise about three-fourths of the money and the rest comes from fundraising events. Our costs are well over $100,000.

If you know a teen or adult advisor who has or will be going on an ASP trip, please pat them on the back and thank them for reaching out to a population of people who are far less fortunate than we are. And they will, we hope, thank you for your support and generosity.

Rick Kirkendall
For the 2007 Cohasset ASP Team

Sandy Beach and Cohasset: A collaborative relationship

COMMENTARY

ROBIN LAWRENCE

There appears to be confusion and misunderstanding concerning responsibilities of the privately owned Sandy Beach and the Town owned beach parking lot.

Sandy Beach is a private developed barrier beach, owned and managed by the Sandy Beach Association (SBA) as set forth in a trust established in 1917 for the recreational use by Cohasset residents. Under the sound management of the SBA Board, overseen by the Cohasset Conservation Commission, families have enjoyed the splendor of the wonderful white sand at Sandy Beach for decades. The Association manages the beach operations including a large scale annual clean-up, full-time staffing of lifeguards, daily cleaning and maintenance as well as legal, administrative and insurance expenses.

The Town of Cohasset owns the beach parking lot and works collaboratively with the SBA to meet the parking needs of beachgoers. Town parking stickers may be purchased at Town Hall and are required to be affixed to the automobile windshield for entry to the parking area.

SBA beach operations are not supported by Cohasset resources — revenue from the parking sticker and parking fines is wholly retained by the town. SBA relies solely on annual fundraising contributions to cover all operational expenses.

Sandy Beach will officially open for the 2007 summer season on June 16th. Lifeguards will be on duty 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. daily through Labor Day (Sept. 3rd) and bathhouse facilities are available for use during the same hours. Beach clean-up activities will begin the week of June 4th.

The Association thanks all residents in advance for supporting Sandy Beach.

Robin Lawrence is president of the Sandy Beach Association.

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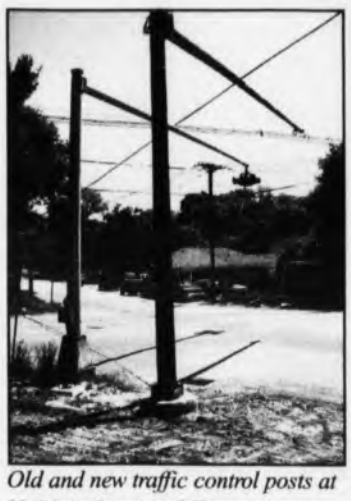
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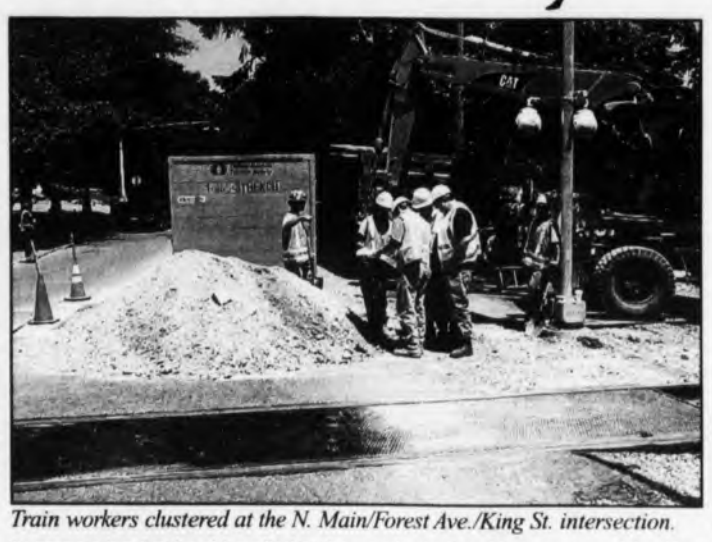
Downtown station not likely

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN



Old and new traffic control posts at N. Main Street and Forest Avenue.



Train workers clustered at the N. Main/Forest Ave./King St. intersection.

An Oft Repeated Rumor – From time to time we have residents ask us whether or not there will be a train station in the center of the Village. The realistic answer is probably not. Way back in the beginning of the Greenbush design, the MBTA had originally designed the system with a train station in the center of Town near the Town Parking Lot. But, the route the train would have taken would be a lot different from what you see today. Technically, the curve in the center of Town is too sharp for a station platform. So, to put the station here, the tracks would be moved almost to where James Lane and the new small parking lot are located. This is much closer to the residential area. Needless to say, the residents in this area were not too keen to have the train adjacent to their neighborhood and lobbied vigorously to have the station moved. Those in favor of a village station were much quieter. Based principally of what they heard, the Selectmen voted to put the station on route 3A.

Fast forward to several years later, the topic of downtown train station was brought forward again by a number of residents. Since the village area has precious few parking resources, the idea was floated for the MBTA to build a station in the downtown area without parking, or a what is sometimes called a "kiss and ride" station. The only possible location for such a station with enough space for an 800-foot long platform was behind the new library. 800 feet is the maximum length of a train, and handicap access rules mandate the platform be the same length so every occupant can enter or exit from any car.

The Town took this new station concept to the MBTA that said it was feasible. Further, the MBTA said they would "not do anything to preclude the Town from constructing it." So there you have it. All we need is a spare $3 million, or so, and we can have station in the village.

Around the Greenbush – Most of the Greenbush crossings now look pretty complete. The exceptions to this are King Street and the new North Main Street entrance / exit at the Cohasset Station, and of course the station itself.

For the next several weeks you will likely see a lot of workmen clustered about the N. Main St. / Forest Ave. / King Street area. We are told that this is a high priority area. It's easy to see why. There is quite a bit of finishing and some corrective action that needs to be done here.

You may have noticed new black posts that were recently installed at North Main Street and Forest Avenue. Before long, these posts will be holding brand new traffic lights. (Yep, that's correct! Traffic Lights! And, they are not on 3A, but on little old Main St.) The reason that traffic lights are needed here is that the railroad crossing is very close to the busy North Main St. / Forest Ave. intersection. It is possible that, when a train is coming, cars can back up from the gates into the intersection. The traffic lights will be used with sophisticated sensor system to control the traffic based on the current train activity.

There will also be traffic islands that must yet be installed at the King Street crossing. But, the design of these islands has been modified to accommodate the wide turns that large semi-trailers makes when bringing loads from the recycling facility to our regional collection point. In addition, in preparation for the sidewalk that the Town will be constructing to the station, the Town has agreed to pay the MBTA to construct a small section of sidewalk from N. Main Street to Laugelle Lane. This sidewalk section will include the necessary gates, control and safety equipment for a pedestrian crossing at the tracks.

To the casual observer, there is still a lot of work to be accomplished at the Cohasset station site. However, most of this activity cannot be easily viewed from either Route 3A or N. Main St. But, look for the large dirt piles to begin disappearing over the next month or two.

Rock Breaking in Town – As the rock fracturing and removal at the edge of the Town Parking Lot winds down, another crew will be arriving in Cohasset on Forest Avenue. We have spoken several times about the Forest Ave. sidewalk and paving project that is now under way. The first phase of tree removal in preparation for the sidewalks has been completed. The next phase will be the removal of ledge that will be interfering with the construction of this long awaited sidewalk. A number of years ago, a blasting expert came in and "popped" some of the ledge, but not all of it. (*Pop is a highly technical term for fracturing the ledge into smaller pieces that can be easily removed.*) So, a new crew of rock removers will take care of the last bit of ledge to get ready for the sidewalk starting Monday, June 4th. They will more than likely be hammering it into smaller pieces rather than blasting. We expect that it will take them about two weeks to get rid of the ledge. Following that, the same contractor will be doing excavation to set the base elevation for the sidewalk from N. Main Street to just south of Holly Circle. This same contractor will be responsible for all of the construction work starting with the curb and moving outward to the edge of the roadway work. Another contractor will be doing the construction work in the roadway, itself. As work progresses you will see one contractor do a few tasks, then the second contractor will do some work, followed by the first contractor again. This may appear crazy, but the work needs to be sequenced this way for contractors with the required expertise to do what each contractor does best; i.e. sidewalk experts do the sidewalks and road experts do the roads. We will continue to update you periodically as the work progresses.

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Rehabilitating John Adams

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Our neighbors in Quincy are going whoopee over the rehabilitation of John Adams, the Braintree boy who became the second president of the United States, what with the issuance of a dollar coin bearing his likeness.

It is interesting to note that more than 175 years had to pass (he died in 1826) for the rehab process to get underway.

Old John may have been instrumental in naming Washington commander-in-chief of the Continental army. He may have told Tom Jefferson what to write in the Declaration of Independence. He may have written the Massachusetts Constitution all by himself.

But it appears that the people who knew him best, his contemporary founding fathers, didn't like him very much. After exhaustive research, I am unable to find anyone who ever invited him down to the local pub for small talk over a beer.

Furthermore, old John knew it.

"There are few people in this world with whom I can converse," he once said. "I can treat all with decency and civility and converse with them when it is necessary, on points of business, but I can never enjoy their company."

Take that, Ben Franklin!

Even his own father-in-law, the Rev. William Smith, the Weymouth minister who married him and Abigail, took an early dislike to him as the son of a farmer and shoemaker who would never amount to anything.

The Rev. Bill was so dismayed by the match that he took his homily from Matthew 11:18 — "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say 'He hath a devil.'" That, in 1764, they say, was an insult.

His own secretary of the treasury, James McHenry, described him thusly: "Whether he is spiteful, playful, witty, kind, cold, drunk, sober, angry, east, stiff, jealous, cautious, confident, close, open, it is always in the wrong place or at the wrong person."

Some historians have theorized that his problem was that he had a strong desire to be a great man but his Puritan instincts were constantly attacking that desire as mere vanity and the lack of resolution brought on his bursts of temper.

"In another era, John Adams would have needed Prozac," said the historian Carol Berkin on the History Channel.

There was a pomposity about him, too. When he was vice president under Washington, and thus the president of the Senate, he proposed that the boss be addressed as, "His Highness, the President of the United States, and Protector of their Liberty."

Senators not only laughed the proposal out of the chamber but some counterproposed that the Veep himself be addressed as "His Superfluous Excellency."

As president, Adams continued to draw criticism for his long summer vacations at his home in Quincy. Once he spent eight months there, trying to run the country from long range while a yellow fever epidemic raged in Philadelphia.

To his credit, all this ran off Adams' back like rain in a water-soaked gulley.

"Popularity was never my mistress, nor was I ever, nor shall I ever be a popular man," he once wrote.

"But one thing I know, a man must be sensible to the errors of the people and upon his guard against them and must run the risk of their displeasure sometimes or he will never do them any good in the long run."

Teens with a curious lack of drive

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

I'm not imagining this. Poll your own friends and family and you'll be shocked by what you find.

The best way to mark yourself as old and irrelevant is to complain about how spoiled or amoral the current crop of teenagers is. So I'm very careful not to criticize these candy-assed vandals, in public at least. But today I have to speak out about a worrying trend I've noticed recently.

I personally know of at least seven people across the country between the ages of 16 and 19 who not only don't have their driver's licenses, they don't feel any pressing need to *get* their driver's licenses. Now, don't jump to any conclusions. These are by all accounts normal teens raised by well-meaning, patriotic parents. And yet they are totally ambivalent about what was, for you and me, by far the most exciting thing to happen in our lives up to that time. I'm not imagining this. Poll your own friends and family and you'll be shocked by what you find. Voting-age boys with girlfriends two towns away, who apparently have no qualms about their parents driving them on dates. Young women heading off to college next fall, planning to become doctors, executives, and leaders of tomorrow, who have never cruised to Hyannis with the stereo cranked, *and they don't care.*

For two months I've been scratching my head over this attitude. Like any strange phenomenon there has to be a scientific explanation, but there are only so many possible theories to choose from.

Are their lives so exciting already that a driver's license is but one of many thrilling options available to them? I put this question straight to the first three teenagers I could find, and they told me very honestly that their lives were pathetic, that my questions were gay, and that I was the lamest doushbag they'd ever met. I stopped randomly polling teens after that because the results were so clear, and because they stole my pencil.

Do they not crave independence and rebellion the way every single solitary teenager before them has? This seems even less plausible than the over-stimulation theory. We're talking about the most smothered generation in history. From baby monitors to VeriChips, to the notarized invitation required to play at a friend's house, these kids have been on a leash for nearly twenty years. Seriously, if they aren't dying for a liberty call by now I fear for this nation's sovereignty.

Might they need educational instruction on the inherent make-out potential of a mobile chaise longue? Has America's 21st-century system of public transportation made driving unnecessary and, frankly, unsanitary by comparison? I'm not going to dignify either of those questions with a response.

Are today's cars too boring to stir the heart of a teenager? To address that question we must briefly revisit the early 80s. Throughout the prior decade Japanese automakers had ruthlessly attacked the entrenched American competition with cars that started and ran every morning and couldn't easily be coaxed into erupting in flames. But by the fall of 1980, as I waited in line for my learner's permit at age fifteen and a half and three minutes, something was being done about it. And that thing was the Chrysler K Car, which was exactly the same piece of crap they'd been slapping together for 10 years with the A through J models, except the K Car came with a cup holder and a $3 billion taxpayer-funded marketing campaign featuring Lee Iacocca himself goading you into buying one. The optimism of the age was embodied in a resurgent American auto industry, which in turn was represented by a car that looked like a pig with a gold star on its snout and lasted literally two years or 20,000 miles, whichever came first.

Today we can drive all manner of awesome cars from Miatas to Hummers, or at least gaze longingly at them out the window of our Volvo wagons, so I think we can put the Dull Car theory to rest.

Goodness knows we can always use fewer teens on the road, so I don't know what exactly I'm advocating here, except perhaps an official probe into a movement that is at best perplexing and at worst a threat to our very culture. If a government agency is looking for someone to lead this probe I'd like to apply. I'm outgoing, enjoy working with people, and willing to drive.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset. He's also alarmed by reports of teen boys who don't grasp the importance of a manual transmission, but plans to address that problem in a future book on poor child rearing.

HEALTH NOTES

Opening season for hurricanes

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

"Preparation through education is less costly than learning through tragedy."
— Bill Proenza, Director National Hurricane Center

Today is the beginning of hurricane season. "For the 2007 Atlantic hurricane season, NOAA scientists predict 13 to 17 named storms, with seven to 10 becoming hurricanes, of which three to five could become major hurricanes of Category 3 strength or higher," said retired Navy Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, NOAA administrator. An average Atlantic hurricane season brings 11 named storms, with six becoming hurricanes, including two major hurricanes. In keeping with our mantra of staying healthy by preparing, you should know what storm warnings broadcast by the media tell you. After all, "Preparation through education is less costly than learning through tragedy." says Bill Proenza, Director National Hurricane Center. Enter the June-November season prepared: The list of things you should have around if we're expecting a hurricane includes: window coverings, tools, batteries, nonperishable foods, prescription medications, water proof document case, flashlights, portable radios, a car full of gas and maybe a charged cell phone. Have several days' water supply.

Hurricane Watch: If you expect hurricane conditions to pose a possible threat to your area, think about moving inland when a 'watch' is issued. Otherwise you should review hurricane safety procedures and make preparations. Listen to NOAA Weather Radio and commercial radio and television for the latest information and instructions for your location. A hurricane causes sea level to rise above normal tidal heights, with giant wind-driven wave conditions. Know your property's elevation above mean sea level. Have a safe evacuation route planned. Learn the storm surge history for your area.

Hurricane Warning: means hurricane conditions are expected within 24 hours. Areas subject to storm surge or tides should be evacuated as well as areas which could be isolated by floodwaters. Follow the instructions of local officials. You will not be asked to leave your home unless your life is threatened.

Leave low-lying areas. Moor your boat securely or remove it from water. Protect your windows with boards, shutters or tape. Secure outdoor objects or bring them indoors. Fuel your car.

Remember: Latest storm-related information will be available on NOAA Weather Radio and commercial radio and television. Do not tie up telephone lines by calling local officials or the National Weather Service. Listen carefully to broadcasters serving your immediate area.

Tornadoes: Recently, reports of tornado conditions under small clouds have been reported. Such conditions may occur as precursors to the general activity around a hurricane. When a hurricane approaches, listen for tornado watches and warnings and be ready to take immediate shelter.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

JoAnn Mirise guest on Our Town

Join Our Town starting Monday when co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with JoAnn Mirise of Sustainable Cohasset to talk about the organization's efforts to increase awareness about greenhouse gases and what can be done to reduce them.

Discussion will cover how to reduce fuel consumption and other related topics.

Mirise authors a column on sustainable issues for the Cohasset Mariner. Her most recent column talked about pesticides and lawn care.

Tune in Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9p.m., all on Comcast channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and Stay informed!

MET tower to collect data for future turbine



PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

Tony Ellis, a chemical engineer from UMASS Amherst talks members of the Alternative Energy Committee through the process of raising the MET tower on Turkey Hill. The tower will collect wind data for one year and then be analyzed to determine if wind turbines are a feasible in Cohasset.



Members of the Alternative Energy Committee work together to raise the MET tower into position. The aluminum tower stands at a lofty 165 feet, or 50 meters. The temporary tower is anchored in place with several guide wires.



The 165-foot MET tower was assembled in the open space atop Turkey Hill a week before it was raised. It is rigged with wind speed cups and wind direction paddles that will feed wind data to a data logger. The Massachusetts Technology Collaborative is funding the project.

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to install the MET tower. The AEC received all needed permissions last October and representatives from the UMASS Renewable Energy Lab marked out the location for the tower in November. However, the ground froze before the tower could be raised. With a thawed ground and spring air, volunteers assembled the tower on the ground last week and today, members from the UMASS lab planned to raise the tower into place.

"We're very positive, we haven't come across people opposed to this project," says Willard.

The AEC efforts with the MET tower have required little town taxpayer funds: the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative is covering the cost of the entire MET tower effort, from its installation to the data analysis to an end report showing the "quality of the wind" in Cohasset. If the town were to pay for the project, the cost would be between $25,000 and $35,000.

The data collection segment is a necessary step to the eventual installation of wind turbines, says Willard. Not only will it determine if Cohasset has "good wind," but also bonding companies require the data in order to consider funding a wind turbine project. And the AEC is already looking ahead to those potential projects.

"If the data proves Cohasset has 'good wind' our first goal is the placement of a turbine at the High School," says Willard. The Middle-High School is the largest town-owned consumer of energy. "Every kilowatt of power generated is a kilowatt we will not need to purchase, excess power would be sold back to the regional grid."

"It will be a nice cost-savings for the town," says Willard.

Another possible location for a wind turbine is the transfer station. The energy produced from that turbine will feed directly into the regional electric grid. The open area could hold a windmill similar in size to Hull's Wind 2, located near the Weir River.

If a wind turbine is determined as plausible, the Board of Selectmen and the AEC will discuss sizes and makers of turbines and if the town wants to take on the ownership of the windmill. There are programs where "Renewable Energy Credits" (REC's) can be sold based on the amount of energy produced as an additional source of revenue.

With the placement of the MET tower this week, the AEC plans to turn its attention to working with the Planning Board on zoning bylaws to address wind turbines, reviewing solar power options and other town conservation programs to reduce energy use.

"Although it has been a long time getting to this point, we feel the next year will be very busy for us," says Willard.

The Alternative Energy Committee (AEC) was formed officially at the 2005 Annual Town Meeting. Its focus is to investigate alternative energy sources that can be used by the municipality. Members include Mike Bliss, Rod Hobson, Robert Kinscherf, Luciano Lauretti, Jim Shipsky, Alfred Slanetz, Mimi White, and Andrew Willard.

For more information on wind energy, please visit www.masstech.org.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local senators' votes on seven roll calls from the week of May 21-25. There were no roll calls in the House last week. All of the Senate roll calls are from debate on the estimated $26.7 billion fiscal 2008 budget.

$26.7 BILLION FISCAL 2008 STATE BUDGET (S 3)

Senate 38-0, approved a $26.7 billion fiscal 2008 state budget. Most of the 850 proposed amendments to the budget were approved or rejected without debate and without a roll call vote. At one point, dozens of amendments were split between a "yes" pile and a "no" pile. The Senate, again without debate or roll calls, quickly approved the "yes" pile and rejected the "no" pile. Supporters said that the budget is a fiscally responsible one that funds necessary programs, increases local aid and does not raise taxes. The House has already approved a different version of the budget and a conference committee will eventually craft a compromise version. (A "Yes" vote is for the budget).

ESTABLISH COMMISSION ON CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND LEARNING (S 3)

Senate 7-31, rejected an amendment creating a 24-member special commission to study the status of civic education in schools and general civic involvement in Massachusetts. Amendment supporters said that citizen involvement in and knowledge of the democratic process are declining across the nation. They noted that in a recent survey of eighth graders, only 28 percent could explain the purpose of the Declaration of Independence. They said that a similar proposal was approved last year by the House and Senate but was vetoed by former Gov. Mitt Romney. Amendment opponents said that they support the intent of the measure. They noted that that a similar proposal has been filed as a separate bill and urged the Senate to wait until that measure is heard by a committee and brought to the Senate. (A "Yes" vote is for creating the special commission. A "No" vote is against it).

WEBSITE FOR CITIZENS TO FIND INFO ON GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS (S 3)

Senate 5-31, rejected an amendment requiring the state to set up a free, easily searchable state Web site that lists all businesses and nonprofit organizations that receive grants, contracts, loans or other state funds of $25,000 or more. Amendment supporters said that this proposal is modeled after a similar federal Web site that will soon be online and noted that this information is currently not readily available to the public on a single Web site. They argued that citizens have a right to know where their hard-earned tax dollars are going. Some noted that Gov. Deval Patrick's administration would have until November 30 to develop a plan for the Website and to address any privacy concerns. Amendment opponents said that the amendment is well intentioned but noted that the Patrick administration has expressed concerns about making some of this classified and highly sensitive information public. They argued that the idea has merit but needs further study to ensure that certain information is protected. (A "Yes" vote is for creation of the Web site. A "No" vote is against it).

ELIMINATE $3 MILLION FOR COMMONWEALTH CORPS (S 3)

Senate 5-33, rejected an amendment to eliminate the $3 million in funding for the Commonwealth Corps - a volunteer program proposed in January by Gov. Patrick. At that time, the governor said, "The Commonwealth Corps will include 250 individuals in its first year, with a goal of expanding to 1,000 members over the next five years. Members will dedicate at least one year of service to a nonprofit organization, civic initiative, or public entity, providing direct service to people or communities in need." Supporters of the $3 million said that this program is an innovative one that would renew the spirit of volunteerism and help thousands of people and projects across the state. Opponents of the $3 million said that Patrick's legislation creating the Commonwealth Corps has not yet been approved. They argued that the Senate should wait to see if the legislation is approved prior to funding it. (The roll call vote is on eliminating the $3 million. A "Yes" vote is for elimination and therefore against the $3 million. A "No" vote is against elimination and therefore for the $3 million).

ELIMINATE $10 MILLION FOR LOTTERY ADVERTISING BUDGET (S 3)

Senate 9-29, rejected an amendment to eliminate $10 million in funding for the advertising of Lottery games. Supporters of the $10 million said that it would increase sales and raise additional Lottery revenue that is distributed to cities and towns as local aid. They argued that the Legislature should not micromanage the Lottery and its advertising. Opponents of the $10 million said that the Lottery's ad campaigns are misleading and are aimed at enticing low-income workers and senior citizens to spend their scarce, hard-earned money on gambling. They argued that this unfair advertising promotes a very regressive mechanism of raising revenue. (The roll call vote is on eliminating the $10 million. A "Yes" vote is for elimination and therefore against the $10 million. A "No" vote is against elimination and therefore for the $10 million).

INCREASE EDUCATION LOCAL AID BY $23 MILLION (S 3)

Senate 5-33, rejected an amendment increasing Chapter 70 education aid by $23 million by increasing from $50 to $75 the per pupil aid for cities and towns. The amendment also cuts $22 million from the state budget including $2.7 million for kindergarten development grants, $1.2 million in grants for intensive literacy and math instruction to help students pass the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) test and $6.5 million in grants for communities to plan and implement longer school days or years. Amendment supporters said that the amendment would hike education aid for all cities and towns and noted that most communities are struggling and desperately need additional state funds. They noted that Gov. Patrick proposed an increase of $200 million in education aid, the Senate budget offers $220 million and this amendment provides $243 million. They argued that the amendment also makes a corresponding $22 million in budget cuts including elimination of an unnecessary $10 million Lottery advertising budget and elimination of increases for other education programs that are laudable but should not be funded until communities are given adequate basic education aid. Amendment opponents said that the amendment cuts funding for many important education programs. They noted that the $10 million cut in funds for Lottery advertising would result in the reduced sale of Lottery tickets and decreases in local aid that is funded by Lottery revenues. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment increasing education aid by $23 million and cutting $22 million from other budget items. A "No" vote is against the amendment).

ELIMINATE $4 MILLION IN POLICE GRANTS TO CITIES AND TOWNS (S 3)

Senate 5-33, rejected an amendment to cut $4 million in funding for police grants to cities and towns. The grants would be administered by the Patrick administration's Executive Office of Public Safety which would receive help in developing the formula to distribute the funds from representatives from municipal government and law enforcement, the House and Senate Ways and Means Committees and the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee. Supporters of the $4 million said that the funds would be used to hire 50 new local police officers across the state. Some acknowledged that Boston would likely receive the most grant money because it needs more officers to combat the rising crime rate. Opponents of the $4 million said that they oppose the funding without a formula in place to fairly distribute the grants across the state. Some argued that the lion's share of these grants would unfairly go to Boston in order to help the governor honor a commitment that he made to Mayor Thomas Menino. (The roll call vote is on eliminating the $4 million. A "Yes" vote is for elimination and therefore against the $4 million. A "No" vote is against elimination and therefore for the $4 million).

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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Senator Hedlund	Representative Bradley
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Vietnam veteran and pilot, US Air Force CPT Donald Staszko, delivers the keynote address at Veterans Memorial Park on Monday. At left is Commander Steve Wigmore of the American Legion.

'We need to stand with these veterans forever'

The following remarks were made by US Air Force CPT Donald Staszko during Monday's Memorial Day observances at the Veterans Memorial Park.

Beyond all question, we have a responsibility to look after those who served us. And not just for the first 60 days or the first or second year upon their return home, but for a lifetime!

Good morning:

First of all I would like to thank Commander Wigmore from the American Legion, Commander Perroncello from the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Commander Thomas Wigmore from the Sons of the American Legion. These men and their organizations are the ones that make Memorial Day what it is in Cohasset.

A special thanks goes to Glenn Pratt and his band of brothers, who made possible the memorial for Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War and the War on Terror.

We are here today – this Memorial Day – as a community. Look around you. Look at the veterans. Their families. And those gathered here to honor them.

Cohasset has always graciously answered the call to defend our nation and the principles of democracy that this great country represents. We all should be proud of this fact.

We gather today around this memorial that honors the thousands of men and women from Cohasset who have served their country, some paying the ultimate price.

For such a small community, Cohasset has contributed beyond its dimension. The men and women of this community have willingly and courageously stepped forward when this nation has called.

To put a face on such service, you have to start with the Civil War: soldiers like Stephen Lincoln and Levi Gaylord who was a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, our nation's highest honor for bravery.

And soldiers like Sheldon Ripley and Eugene McSweeney in the Mexican-American War.

Herman Daley and George Mealy in World War I.

Howard Gleason and Robert Jason in World War II.

David Strout Jr. in Korea.

Peter Cogill and Craig Simeone in Vietnam.

Soldiers like Frank Mahoney in the Gulf War.

Christopher Pratt in the War on Terror.

Then you have soldiers like John Morgan, who served in Vietnam, and continued his military service in the reserves during the Gulf War and the War on Terror.

Take a moment – today or at some point – to read the names on these granite walls and contemplate the sacrifices that these men and women have made for us.

That is why we can never forget them!

Not all wars are popular. I served in an unpopular war: Vietnam. Yet, today we honor our faithful servants, not out of politics or the popularity of a single war, but because of their devotion to duty.

Beyond all question, we have a responsibility to look after those who served us. And not just for the first 60 days or the first or second year upon their return home, but for a lifetime!

Simply put, it is just the right thing to do.

As a community and as a nation, we have a moral responsibility to support veterans' benefits, to care for those who served: soldiers who need our help today for personal or medial reasons.

We need to stand with these veterans forever. They deserve our awe and our admiration.

Look around you again. We gather today in this peaceful inner harbor in Cohasset. The calm that surrounds us came at a price of service. Let us never forget the price that was paid and those who served!

Thank you all for coming on this Memorial Day. God bless you, and our brave and courageous men and women in the military today!

Giving extra credit to Cohasset teachers

Looking for the perfect gift to thank that special teacher of your child or the helpful school secretary who anwers all your questions or the art teacher who stayed after school every week to encourage your child to knit hats for the homeless? The Cohasset Education Foundation offers the solution to your gift giving needs. With a tax-deductible donation to the CEF's Teacher Appreciation Program, you can send any Cohasset teacher, administrator or school staff member "Extra Credit."

Each recipient of an "Extra Credit" gift will receive a card acknowledging that a donation has been made in his or her honor with your personalized message. The amount of the gift is not disclosed. You are able to thank those people who work so hard for the children in our schools, as well as help fund CEF grant programs that foster innovation and excellence in teaching throughout the entire Cohasset public school system.

With each "Extra Credit" donation, the CEF will mail an acknowledgement card to the teacher or other special recipient in the Cohasset schools. Cards are available with a suggested minimum donation of $15 each ($50 for five cards), larger donations are always appreciated. All of the proceeds of the Teacher Appreciation Program, "Extra Credit go towards funding professional development in the Cohasset schools. The CEF accepts donations for the Teacher Appreciation Program, "Extra Credit" throughout the entire school year. Not only is this an ideal gift at the end of the school year, but a way to thank the teachers and staff in the schools all year long.

Take time at the end of the school year to honor our local educators by participating in the CEF Teacher Appreciation Program, "Extra Credit." Donations may also be made in honor of relatives, friends, coaches, grandparents, and any other special people or as a memorial remembrance. Checks should be made payable to: The Cohasset Education Foundation and mailed to: The Cohasset Education Foundation, P.O Box 309, Cohasset, MA 02025.

For more information, contact sarah.murphy@comcast.net or visit our web site: cohassetedu-cation.org

Bradley earns top legislator recognition

State Representative Garrett J. Bradley was named the 2007 Legislator of the year by the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorney's at their annual banquet held at the JFK Library.

Bradley received the legislator of the year award by MATA for his efforts to uphold the Academy's mission within the Legislature. The MATA organization is a collection of Attorneys who strive to preserve the American jury system; to protect the health and safety of Massachusetts families; to improve the quality of legal representation through education; to educate the public about consumer issues; to uphold the honor and dignity of the legal profession; and to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

"I am honored to have been recognized by this organization," Bradley said. "I look forward to continuing to work with them to make sure our courts are open and accessible to all."

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Cohasset's Alex Goetz drives in a run with this sacrifice fly during the season opener against Sacred Heart.

Disappointing season ends on high note for local 9

By Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset High baseball team was able to end its rather disappointing season on a high note, winning their final two games. The final one came against Sacred Heart with a 9-5 victory.

The story of the game for Cohasset was the outstanding performance by senior pitcher John Harrington in his last start as a Skipper. Harrington pitched six-plus innings, giving up five earned runs on 10 hits and walking three. He also struck out seven Sacred Heart batters.

In his last start as a Skipper, Harrington was finally able to get his first win.

"Its good to see him finally get that; he's worked really hard," said head coach Al Gallotta.

As a team, the Skippers had a very good day at the plate, racking up 12 hits. Junior Sam DeGiacomo had a single, triple and drove in a run. Fellow junior Ian Cundall also had two hits and drove in a run. Also with a good day at the plate was another junior Kyle Pinkus who had a hit and three RBI.

Another good thing for the team was that all of the 14 athletes played, with the seniors going the distance in their final high school contest. Nick Zappolo played great defensively and also had an RBI to go with two hits and two steals. Fletcher Smalzel had a hit and a stolen base and Corbin Faber walked once, scored two runs, and had a stolen base.

The Skippers also were able to control the field as they only recorded one error. Most of the Skippers' offense came in the third inning, in which they got six runs on four hits.

The Cohasset Skippers ended their season on a two-game winning streak but finished with only a 5-13 record.

Skippers 8, Williams 5

Cohasset was able to snap an eight-game losing streak on the 21st as they beat Archbishop Williams, 8-5.

On the mound for Cohasset this game was junior Sam DeGiacomo. He recorded all but one out and had six strikeouts. He allowed only four earned runs on five hits. DeGiacomo also helped out at the plate where he had two hits.

Junior Dave Snowdale, who also had two hits, finished off the game for Cohasset, recording the final out of the game to seal the victory.

The big hitter of the day was junior Chris Rose, who went 4-for-4 with three RBI, putting him on top for the team's RBI totals with nine for the season. Also contributing were sophomore John Sturino and senior captain Nick Zappolo, who each had two hits. Harrington also had a good game with an RBI single.

In total, the Skippers racked up 13 hits and showed that they are capable of hitting, something they failed to show most of the season.

Mashpee 3, Skippers 2

The Cohasset baseball team has had a less than okay season. Struggling to even stay close in most of their games, the Skippers once again lost on the 17th, but this time, it was close. In an extra inning special the Skippers lost Mashpee 3-2 in nine innings.

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JV Baseball Finishes Strong

The expression goes "It's not how you start, it's how you finish that counts," and in the case of the Cohasset High JV baseball team, that certainly is the case.

After an opening day win against Sacred Heart, the boys in blue hit a rocky road and found themselves on the short end of the score way too often. Long bus trips and terrible starts to games were their downfall. In many cases they would battle back in the late innings only to have dusk fall and the game ended, just a few runs short of victory.

New Coach Matt McMillan said, "In my first season of coaching baseball, not only did I learn a lot about coaching and the game itself, I learned a lot about what I like to call the 'intestinal fortitude' of the guys on this team. We weren't playing very good baseball and we lost to some teams that I felt we matched up pretty well against.

"We fell to 3-8 and I was looking for ways to keep the kids motivated. I then realized why I got into coaching and I remembered why I love the game of baseball – because it's fun. From that point on I stressed the importance of coming to practice every day and coming to the games and having fun: obviously there was work involved, but if you love the game of baseball even though you are working hard, it should be fun.

"The team really started coming together, I think I got a lot more comfortable with the kids and hopefully they got a lot more comfortable with me. At that point we ran off a nice little winning streak, which was sadly broken up by a very strong Archbishop Williams team. To the credit of the team they came back after that game, which I admit was a disappointment (the Skippers lost 4-3) at that time because we had set a goal to finish 9-8, and ended with a great game against Sacred Heart."

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Postseason in full swing for CHS sports

Tennis teams, softball and boys lax all earn invitation to the Big Dance

By Mark Goodman
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As May turns to June and the weather heats up, another MIAA spring tournament season begins.

And, as has become habit in recent years, Cohasset High School has plenty of representation. Boys lacrosse, softball and both tennis teams are in their respective tournaments, and it's likely that a couple will see their share of success in the competition before it's all said and done.

Below is a synopsis of each team's prospects (teams listed in alphabetical order by sport):

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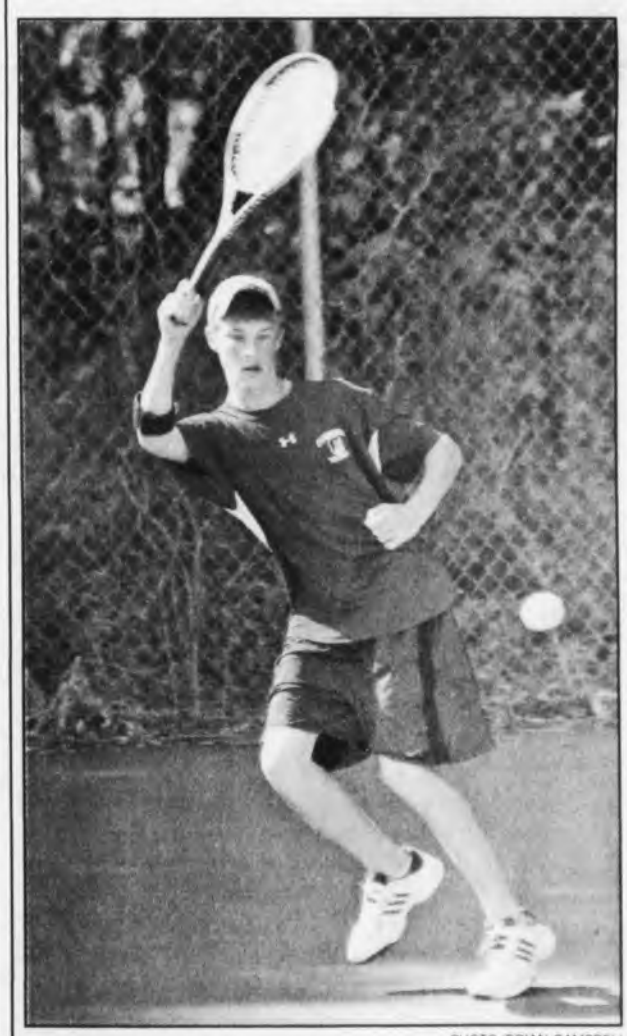
The Skippers are the defending Div. 3 state champion, and it has to be said that Stew Curran's boys appear to be favorites to at least get back to the title game, if not win it again.

Cohasset's 12-1 record and strength of schedule (its only loss came to three-time defending Div. 1 champion Duxbury) was good enough to earn top-seed status in this year's tournament. As a result, the Skippers have homefield advantage throughout.

The Skippers played 16-seed Weston (9-10) Thursday after the Mariner went to press (you can see a report on that game today on the Mariner's web site; log on to www.cohassetmariner.com and click on "Sports"). A win there would put Cohasset in Monday's quarterfinal against either Georgetown or Bishop Stang, the tournament's 8-9 matchup.

The next highest seed on Cohasset's half of the bracket is 4-seed Hanover. Should a Skippers-Indians semifinal take place, things would appear to bode well for Cohasset, as it defeated Hanover, 12-5, on April 10.

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Third singles Ryan Crough and his Skippers teammates faced Sacred Heart in preliminary round action Thursday after the Mariner went to press.

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CYBSA ALUMNI MAKE GOOD



COURTESY PHOTO

One-third of the starting lineup for the BC High varsity baseball team are former CYBSA players: Senior first baseman Tim Smith, junior outfielder Cody Morgan and junior third baseman Tommy Chase.
The Eagles take on Barnstable in the first round of the MIAA Div. 1 South sectional today (June 1) at 4 p.m. in Barnstable. The Eagles are defending South sectional champions.

Sports Notes

Water Safety Instructor Training Program

There has an overwhelming response for the Water Safety Instructor Training Program and limited class space; therefore, applicants will be accepted on a first come/first served basis. Registration must be accompanied by payment for the course.

The class will run Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29, and from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 27. All classes are mandatory without exception.

The W.S.I. course fee is $275 for Cohasset Swim Centers members and $300 for non-members. Checks should be made payable and mailed to the Cohasset Swim Center, P.O. Box 132, Cohasset, MA. 02025. Your reply must be postmarked by Tuesday, June 12. They apologize for the tight deadline.

The materials for this course cost $80, which are purchased in advance and are not refundable. Therefore if a registered applicant does not pass the Prerequisite Skills Test, they will be unable to refund $80 of their registration fee.

WSI participants have to be 16 years of age before the last class date. To pass the Prerequisite Skills Test, applicants must be able to perform the following skills: Perform shallow or stride drive; perform front and back crawl, breaststroke, butterfly, and elementary backstroke; swim on one's side using a scissor-like kick; perform open turns front/back; swim underwater; Perform feet first surface dive and tread using sculling of arms/legs.

Registrations must include your name, birth date, address including town, e-mail address, phone and cell phone numbers.

For information send e-mails to Cohassetswimcenter@comcast.net.

Lifeguard Certificate Training Program

There has been an overwhelming response for the Lifeguard Certificate Training program and limited class space; therefore, applicants will be accepted on a first come/first served basis. Registrations must be accompanied with payments for the course.

The class will run from 2 to 6 p.m., Monday June 18, and from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 19, 20, 21, 22. All classes are mandatory without exception.

The LGCTP course fee is $235 for Cohasset Swim Center members and $285 for non-members. Checks should be made payable and mailed to the Cohasset Swim Center, P.O. Box 132, Cohasset, MA. 02025. Your reply must be postmarked by Monday, June 11. They apologize for the tight deadline.

The American Red Cross runs the course for people age 15 and up, however, to be a Professional Lifeguard in the State of Mass., you must be 16 years of age. This is found in the section of the Mass. State Regulations, 105 CMR: Dept of Public Health, Section 435.23: Lifeguards.

Materials for the course cost $80 and are purchased in advance and not refundable. Therefore if a registered applicant does not pass the Prerequisite Skills Test, they will be unable to refund $80 of their registration fee.

In order to pass the Prerequisite Skills Test, one must be able to swim 500 yards continuously using the following strokes in this order: 200 yards of front crawl using rhythmic breathing and a stabilizing, propellant kick; 100 yards of breaststroke; 200 yards of either front crawl using rhythmic breathing or breaststroke - the 200 yards may be a mixture of front crawl and breaststroke; then one must swim 20 yards using front crawl or breaststroke, surface dive to a depth of 7-to10-feet, retrieve a 10-pound object, return to the surface and swim 20 yards back to the starting point with the object.

In your registration information include your name, birth date, address, town, e-mail, phone and cell phone.

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Summer Travel Baseball

The CYBSA Summer Baseball program runs from late June through early August; playing and traveling to other communities south of Boston. Tryouts for the CYBSA's summer travel baseball teams for league age 9, 10 and 11 year old players (born between May 1, 1995 and April 30, 1998) are scheduled for Thursday, May 31, at 3:15 p.m. at Barnes field.

With sufficient turnout, CYBSA hopes and expects to field teams in the District's A and B divisions at each of these age levels. Players who notify the league and register, but who are not at the tryout, will be eligible for any open spaces on the B division team.

In case of foul weather or for updated information, please check the web site, www.CYBSA.net. Questions can be directed to Joe Stanganelli or Liam O'Connell.

The CYBSA also fields an 8 and 12 yr old travel teams. Further information on those teams will be posted on the web site.

Swim and Dive team tryouts

Cohasset Swim Team tryouts will be held Monday, June 18 from 3-5 p.m. at the swim center pool. Swimmers must be 6 years of age by July 1, 2007 and no older than 17. There are limited openings this year.

Cohasset Dive Team tryouts will also be held on the 18th from 5-7 p.m. at the swim center pool. Rain date for tryouts for both swim and dive will be held Tuesday, June 19 with same times.

Summer basketball camps

Cohasset High School varsity basketball coach Dorian Bryant is pleased to offer two camps this summer for kids. The Big Man & Point Guard Perimeter Camp is an intensive four-day camp, July 10-13, for boys and girls in grades 7-12.

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Applications are at the Recreation Office at the Cohasset Town Hall or can be downloaded by going to www.cohassetbasketball.com. Go to Links/AAU Teams & Summer Camps/Cohasset Summer Basketball Camp.

Deadline for registration is June 20. Contact coach Bryant at dorianbry@aol.com.

Youth tennis lessons

The Cohasset Recreation Department will be offering youth tennis lessons this summer for boys and girls ages 7 and older. This seven-week program starts Monday, June 25, or Tuesday, June 26, with one-hour lessons meeting twice per week on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule.

Various levels of instruction are available. The cost is $80 per participant. Registration will be held in Town Hall auditorium the week of June 11 as follows: June 11-14, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m., or the evening of the 12th, 5 to 7 p.m.

You must register in person during the times listed above. If you know your swim and/or sailing schedule prior to registering for tennis, it will be helpful, as the Rec Department has more scheduling latitude than either swim or sailing lessons.

Scituate Tennis Tournament

The Fourth Annual Scituate Tennis Tournament will be held June 16 for doubles, June 23 for singles, both adults and juniors. The cost is $40 per doubles team, $30 per singles player, with benefits going to Scituate Tennis. There will be prizes for winners and finalists. Players of all levels are welcome.

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Elizabeth Landon is one of five South Shore League All-Stars on the CHS girls tennis team.

Postseason in full swing

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The matchup everyone wants to see, at least in these parts, is a Cohasset-Scituate state final. The teams played a brilliant classic in last year's tournament, with the Skippers scoring two late goals to pull out a 13-11 win on the Sailors' home turf. Scituate has a couple challenges to face before that, starting with a likely quarterfinal against Norwell, a team that handed the Sailors one of their three losses during the season. Dover-Sherborn – Cohasset's opponent in last year's final – looms as a possible semifinal matchup for the second-seeded Sailors, who have homefield advantage on their half of the bracket.

Regardless, if any team is to beat the Skippers, it will have to deal with one of the most well-balanced teams in the state at any level. Starting up front, All-American Mark Flibotte and Mike Grimm have more than ably atoned for the graduation of Aidan Buick. With playmaker extraordinaire Mike Bunstein feeding his teammates with pinpoint passes, Cohasset has no problem scoring goals.

In the midfield, Dan Trendowicz has emerged as one of the top two-way players in the region, while Chuck Czerkawski has dominated face-offs all year. Jeff Brown, the team's best defender, will occasionally step up as a long-stick middy and help the offense as well.

With Brown in defense are Ryan Kucinski and Bobby Meikleham, both of whom having stepped up their game this year. The same can be said for goalie Nate Porter, who came up with a critical save in the closing seconds of Cohasset's 11-10 win over Scituate May 3.

Softball

The 10th-seeded Skippers softballers have already played their first round game as you read this, having traveled down the Cape Thursday to take on Chatham. Chatham finished the regular season with a slightly better record than Cohasset (12-8 compared to 11-9), though Chatham played a significantly weaker schedule.

Thursday's winner advanced to the Div. 3 South quarterfinal against the second seed, Old Colony. Comparing Cohasset to OC, there are similarities between OC and Chatham: better record, weaker schedule.

With young players including Carly Salerno and Meredith Kelly behind the likes of senior leaders Christina Pinkus and Virginia Spofford, the Skippers appeared to stand a good chance of advancing to the semifinals. There comes the big challenge, likely against third-seeded West Bridgewater (15-5), a team that last week defeated powerhouse Cardinal Spellman, 3-2.

Tennis

Boys

Much like their softball counterparts, the boys tennis team has already kicked off its postseason. The Skippers traveled to Kingston Thursday to take on Sacred Heart after the Mariner went to press. The teams played twice during the regular season, with Cohasset winning 4-1 both times.

A win there would bring the Skippers (9-9) to another familiar opponent: third-seeded Cape Cod Academy. Cohasset and CCA squared off twice during the regular season, with the boys from the Cape winning both matches comfortably. Should the rematch take place, the Skippers will hope that late regular season matches against Div. 1 powers Hingham and Duxbury will have led to enough improvement to earn an upset over CCA.

Cohasset is led by three South Shore League All-Stars: second singles Blain Morin, and the first doubles team of Chris Donze and Ivan Sceery.

Girls

The Lady Skippers are the proverbial team peaking at the right time. After a May 15 loss to league rival Norwell, Cohasset has ripped off five wins in a row to enter the state tournament with an impressive 17-1 record. The last two of those victories came against previously undefeated Hingham.

Strong singles play has been the biggest key for the Skippers, as Meg Anderson, Sally Meehan and Maddy Altholtz all were named to the league All-Star team. None of those players have lost more than two matches all season. First doubles duo Elizabeth Landon and Maggie McGoldrick were also named all-stars.

In the first round, Cohasset will face the winner of Thursday's Rockland-Fairhaven match. A contest with Rockland would set up a rematch of last year's Div. 2 South first round match, won by the Skippers.

Cohasset will not have to face any of its local foes in the early rounds, as Scituate and Norwell are both on the other side of the bracket and in fact played each other on Thursday.

Brackets and updates

For a full look at all brackets, log on to the MIAA's tournament web site, miaa.ezstream.net.

The Mariner will be updating its web site as often as possible to keep you informed on the Skipper teams' postseason progress. Log on to www.cohassetmariner.com and click on "Sports" for up-to-date information.



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PJ McCaw rips a shot against Scituate on May 3. If the two rivals are to play again this season, it will be in the Div. 3 state championship game.

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Cohasset's Ken Muir (17) greets teammate Nick Zappolo (11) with a high five after Zappolo scored against Sacred Heart in the Skippers' season opener.

Disappointing season ends on high note for local 9

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Pitching for the Skippers was junior Brian Hill, who threw a complete game. In nine innings Hill tallied 11 strikeouts and gave up only seven hits. Mashpee scored its final run in the ninth. After an unfortunate two-base error, Mashpee found some luck. The ball was hit to second as the ball took a bad hop and rolled into the outfield allowing the winning run for Mashpee to score.

JV Baseball Finishes Strong

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The Skippers finished 8-9 on the season. In addition to the strong motivational tactics McMillan employed, he also tested and developed the versatility of his players. Kids started switching up positions, getting exposed to different elements of the game. Derek Schwantner, usually the team's stalwart centerfielder, also pitched and played shortstop. Schwantner delivered the top "web gem" of the season in Harwich, on a foggy afternoon, with a body sacrificing dive for a catch to end a potential Harwich rally.

Nick Simonds, usually in the catcher's gear, got an opportunity at third base and pitched. McMillan found the old Little League A's championship magic of the Brendan Doonan/Johnny Maher partnership. When Doonan pitched, Maher caught and when Maher pitched, Doonan caught. Each had three wins on the season as pitchers, with Maher moving into the starting rotation in the second half of the season. When not in either role, Maher went to third and Doonan went to short.

Sophomore Danny Martin pitched, played first and left field. Martin fanned 40 batters during the season. The team had an ERA of 5 with Maher leading the way with an ERA of 1.52. Freshmen Andy McKenna and Thomas Buckley also took a turn on the mound for the Skippers. McKenna also played short and second and Buckley played right field and first. The entire pitching staff combined for 87 walks, 123 strikeouts and 112 runs.

Offensively, Doonan led his team in all categories. The team batted .315 for the season and Doonan delivered an impressive .609 for the season.

Both Doonan and Simonds had home runs. The team scored 103 runs and stole 62 bases. Sophomore Adam Berger batted leadoff for the team, getting on base frequently. Berger worked a pitcher high into the count, allowing his teammates a chance to see what they were up against. When not at the plate, Berger was in left field.

Kevin O'Connell played first base for the Skippers. O'Connell's performance at the plate was strong, with an uncanny ability to hit into the gap and get on base. Sophomore Conor Ofsthun finished the season in spectacular fashion at second base, with web gems of his own against Archies, Sacred Heart and Mashpee.

Freshman Dan Sullivan had a four-game multi-hit streak going and could always be counted on to get on base. Like O'Connell, Sullivan could hit into the gap with a solid single. Defensively, Sullivan played in right field.

It would have been easy to throw the towel in when they were at the 3-8 mark, but McMillan wouldn't allow it. He not only found the right motivational tactics for the team, but he also reached out to players individually for encouragement. He changed up his game plan and tried new things, new combinations when things weren't going well, and when they were, he stuck with it. Things are looking promising for Cohasset baseball.

Cohasset lax girls get the best of Duxbury

The Duxbury youth lacrosse program is known as one of the best in the state, and it is also known for stacking its teams, playing players by grade levels rather than dividing teams equally. As a result, Cohasset's 15-and-under girls teams (grades 7/8) knew they were in for a treat on May 21, when they traveled to Duxbury to play the town's two 8th grade teams.

The Blue team entered the game unbeaten and left that way, although the contest with Duxbury 8 did put a surprising blemish on their record.

After two quick goals from **Kelsey Erler** and a solo score from **Anna Michalowski**, it looked like the Cohasset squad would roll to an easy win. Instead, Duxbury scored three goals to tie the game before the half, and then scored the first four goals of the second half to gain a 7-3 lead.

The Blue team has scarcely been challenged in most of its games this season, and the deficit seemed to shake it out of its slumber. **Alison Whelan** fed Michalowski to break the Duxbury run, and then added a solo score. After Duxbury answered with a goal to make it 8-5, **Whitney Jaffe** potted two goals and Whelan took a slick feed from **Michelle Berube** to bring the score all the way back.

Down the stretch, as Cohasset mounted its comeback, **Emily Toomey** led the Cohasset defense, scooping several loose balls and giving the offense enough opportunities so that it could get untracked. Long runs from **Taylor Kennedy** and **Lauren Hayes** also helpd Cohasset squelch Duxbury scoring chances.

While the Blue team escaped with an 8-8 tie – thanks in no small measure to 6 saves from goaltender **Ellie Tedeschi** – the girls came off the field with a 5-0-1 record and a sense of relief mixed with disappointment over the loss of a perfect season.

The 15-U White team arrived to play Duxbury 8a, purportedly the hometown's top squad of 15-U players and a team that had played close with Cohasset Blue in the season's opening weekend.

The White squad appeared to have the same attention-span issues as the Blue team, lumping to a 3-0 lead on the strength of two **Kaçi Kucinski** goals and the 80th score of Jaffe's youth career. Duxbury, which heretofore had been dominated, scored twice in short order to close the gap. And after **Paige DeSisto** buried a penalty shot and **Lindsay MacNaught** scored on a warp-around from behind the goal, the home team answered with two markers to make the count 5-4 at the half.

From there, the game was a back-and-forth affair for much of the second half, with Cohasset controlling play but failing to capitalize on its chances. After Duxbury tied the game at 5, MacNaught scored again, only to have Duxbury knot things up less than a minute later. DeSisto's second of the day and Kucinski's third gave Cohasset a cushion, only to see Duxbury rebound with another quick goal.

At this point, the Cohasset squad finally started converting its chances. **Christina Healy** made a slick cut-back to the inside to stick a lefthanded goal, Kucinski finished a Jaffe feed, and then Jaffe scored herself on a shot that the Duxbury goalie appeared to have stopped, but which somehow managed to trickle in. Whelan answered a Duxbury goal with one of her own to make the final score 12-8.

Dylanne Axelson, Charlotte O'Callaghan, Amanda Farren, Cally Altholtz and **Alex Weissman** led the defense in front of goalie **Stephanie Brierly** (5 saves), and controlled the battle for ground balls, which proved critical in turning the tide.

13-and-Under (grades 5/6)

On Wednesday, May 30, the Cohasset 13-U White team hosted Marshfield. After what has become the team's customary slow start, the White team pulled away in the second half for an 8-4 win. Marshfield jumped out 2-0 before **Maddie Curley** made a nice dodge going from her left hand to her right and firing one home to get Cohasset started.

The team then added three more scores before the half, with **Hope Kissick** scoring off a great feed from **Eliza Murphy** and **Lexa Grasz** adding a solo score. The first career goal for **Caitlin Mavilia** closed out the half; Mavilia attempted to thread the needle to the Cohasset attack, but the ball took a high hop over everyone – including Marshfield's goalie – and wound up in the back of the net.

Marshfield was short on substitutes and the afternoon temperatures were high so, in an act of good sportsmanship, **Shannon McGowan** and Curley volunteered to play for the visitors in the second half. They boosted the Marshfield squad, but not enough to stem the tide.

Kissick notched her second goal of the day and made a great assist to **Katie McCabe** who fired one home from the left side of the crease. **Molly Fitzgerald** played strong defense in the first half and scored her first goal of the season after moving to attack and blasting a shot to the top right corner on a penalty shot. **Peyton McNaught** scored the final Cohasset goal, with Murphy picking up her second assist of the day on the play.

Madeline Blackburn made her first appearance for the White squad and was all over the ground balls and played well on defense from her midfield position.

Victoria Bryan played her first-ever game in the net and was outstanding, with 11 saves and several excellent clearing passes. Supporting her on defense were **Maria Buckley, Anna McCarthy** and **Sarah Karp**. Both Karp and McCarthy scooped several ground balls and hustled all over the defensive end of the field.

The White team didn't have quite as much success on May 21 in its second game against a Duxbury squad composed entirely of sixth-graders. The game started at a fast pace with both teams creating multiple scoring opportunities, but Duxbury was able to cash in its chances and Cohasset missed its opportunities as the home team raced out to a 4-0 lead.

Mariel Teague got Cohasset on the board, taking a nice clearing feed from Buckley and flying up the right wing before firing one into the cage. **Kristin Alexander** scored the second Cohasset goal before Duxbury answered just before the half, making the score 5-2 at the break.

The second half started much like the first, with Cohasset missing its chances and Duxbury scoring five unanswered goals to stretch its lead to 10-2. For the next 10 minutes, Cohasset played some of its best lacrosse of the season, scoring four straight goals and just missing a few more. Grasz, **Katie McKenna**, Teague and Alexander scored during the rally. Duxbury finally answered with a goal and made the final score 11-6.

Murphy, McCabe, Buckley, **Isabella Filbotte** and Fitzgerald played well on defense and helped transition the ball to the midfield. Curley made 11 saves and faced constant pressure in front of the net.

The White 13-U team is now 4-3 on the season.

The Cohasset 13-U Blue team had a different ending to its May 21 game in Duxbury, when the threatening skies erupted into a heavy downpour, forcing the game to be called off at the half.

Early in the game, however, it was the Cohasset offense that erupted to a 5-2 lead. Building on strong clearing from **Kristen Alexander**, Curley and other defensive players throughout the game, a number of scores were set up via sharp downfield relay passes to players in shooting position. Smart movement in front of the goal by the middies and attack created openings to take a feed in front for shots on goal.

Teague took a feed from Kissick, who in turn had taken a clearing pass at midfield from Kristen, and drove to the goal with a hard bounce shot to put Cohasset in front. **Kathryn Dunn**, on a penalty shot due to a shooting zone violation by Duxbury, took a powerful and accurate blast to score again. McKenna took a draw and burst down the field through a number of Duxbury defenders and bounced a hard shot past the goalie.

On a feed from Buckley, who took the draw, **Kelsey McCunney** moved in front and hit the high left corner to score. And **Kylie Koffman** alertly picked up a ground ball on a broken clear by Duxbury and buried it in the net.

Other notable play included 6 superb saves by **Olivia Blackburn**, who also set up some excellent clears. Strong middie and attack play by **Maggie Littlejohn, Christina Tedeschi, Isabelle Dunne** and **Kate Bodner** was evident throughout. Cohasset Blue is looking for blue sky to continue this unfinished business with Duxbury 5, but certainly came away satisfied with the work it got done on the 21st.

11-and-Under (grades 3/4)

On Sunday, May 21, the Cohasset White team's game against Norwell was cancelled due to problematic field conditions in Norwell. So the White squad joined up with the Blue team to play on the road in Marshfield.

The game turned into a helter-skelter affair, with a lot of action at both ends. Both teams left the field thinking they had won by a score of 10-9, and the coaches left hoping they might be able to arrange a rematch. With Marshfield scheduled to play in Cohasset against the White team on Sunday June 3, that wish is likely to come true.

The Cohasset girls youth lacrosse teams return to Deer Hill School for six more games on Sunday, June 3, against teams from Norwell and Marshfield. For details, go to www.cohassetlacrosse.com.

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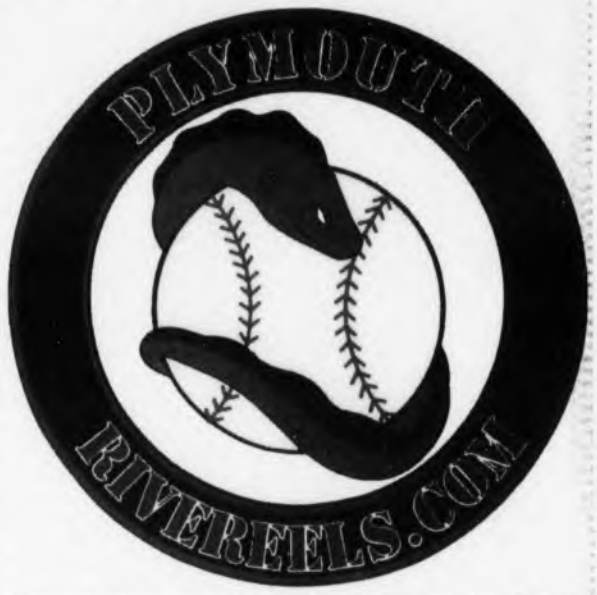
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The making of a mascot

River Eels searching for face of franchise

By Michael Raciti
CORRESPONDENT



PLYMOUTH - The River Eels, Plymouth's baseball team-to-be, is scouting the area for talent, but not for just pitching and hitting.

"We're looking for the most creative mascot idea [the kids] can come up with," Erik Christensen, Vice President of Marketing and Product Development at Bay Colony and Athletics, said.

The River Eels released rules for entry to their mascot contest, asking children 16-years-old and younger to submit their ideas for a character that best "represents the excitement of the new baseball team, the area or New England."

There are no strict guidelines for submissions, just that ideas are mailed by June 15 to either Bay Colony & Athletics at 81 Samoset Street, Plymouth, MA 02360; dropped in specially marked boxes at Tracy Chevrolet at 137 Samoset Street or at Rogers & Gray Insurance Agency at 341 Court Street in Plymouth; or submitted through email to mascot@plymouthrivereels.com.

The format can vary from just a name and description to a painting or essay, a drawing, a poem, a story, a song, an animation or any other creative or funny idea. Besides being forever etched in Plymouth and River Eel history, the winner will also receive team merchandise, and have the chance to meet the mascot they designed, with their friends, teammates or classmates.

While the team is named the "River Eels," for its historical significance to Plymouth, Christensen says the idea for the mascot need not to be limited by the team's title.

"What is Wally?" he asked, referring to Wally the Green Monster, the Sesame Street-like animal mascot of the Boston Red Sox - a concept unrelated to their logo, a pair of red socks - but still relevant to the team and their habitat. The difficulty of tailoring a convenient River Eel outfit makes the challenge of creating a character based on that logo an upstream battle, thus, the decision to make a mascot relative to the team and the area, but not necessarily an eel. While it is unlikely that we will see a river eel mascot with legs, according to Christensen, the River Eels logo does have *some* legs.

"History shows that the *River Eel* has a lot of legs from a marketing standpoint," he said after revealing some of the team's ideas, which include the possibility of having an eel fish tank in the stadium.

Once the winning idea is selected, the River Eels will have a company design the mascot, which will make appearances at games, promotions, and other special events. For these reasons, Christensen said the mascot is even more important to the marketing success of the team than people realize.

The mascot contest is the latest of a series of promotions to keep the excitement level and community interest high for the baseball team. The organization has hosted a VIP event with Bronson Arroyo, ran a float in Plymouth's Fourth of July parade, and is in the process of organizing an even bigger VIP event along with Plimoth Plantation – featuring Red Sox nation and Japanese icon, Daisuke Matsuzaka.

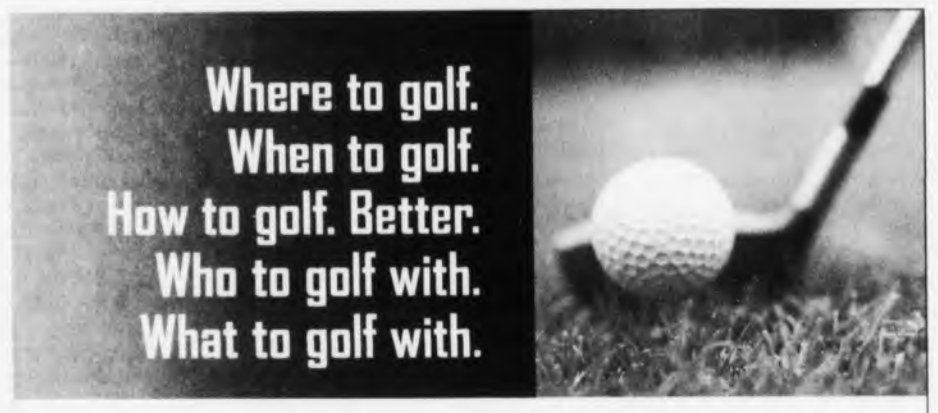
The spectacle would be sure to catch plenty of attention with a pitcher that vaulted to superstar status before even throwing his first Major League pitch this season against the Kansas City Royals this season.

The River Eels are still hopeful for a May 2008 opening, but after jumping hurdle after hurdle in trying to meet an optimistic goal of a 2007 opening for the $30 million project, the only thing set in stone about the opening of the venue is the concrete pour in the stadium itself.

HOK Sport, the architecture firm responsible for the highly regarded Oriole Park at Camden Yards and six other Major League Baseball ballparks, has been contracted to design the Plymouth River Eels stadium.

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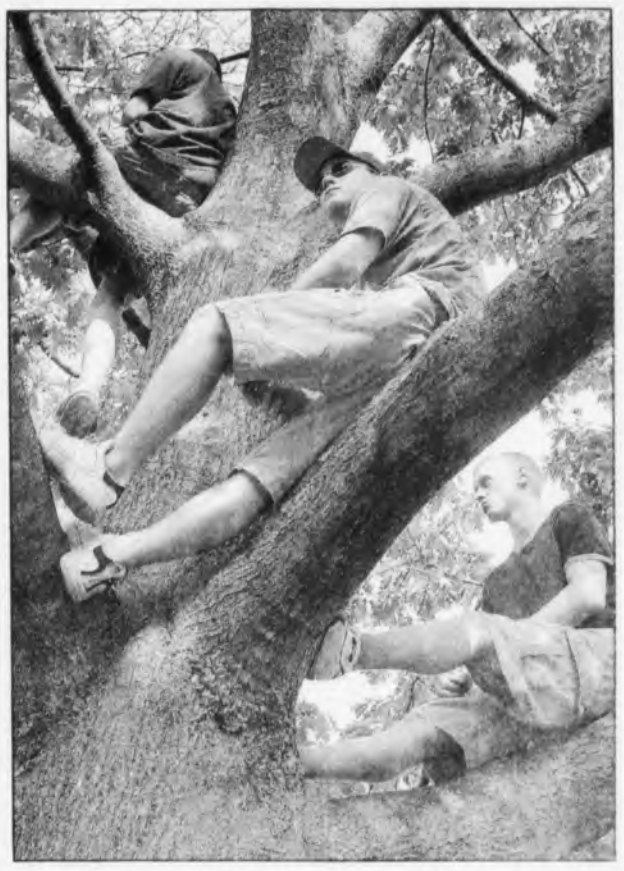
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Couples line up in front of Town Hall before they are presented to family and friends before their prom on Friday. The annual pre-prom gala is a CHS tradition.



Zach Troupe, top, David Toomey, center, and Graham Sinclaire, right, all 16, get a better view of the red carpet from a tree on the town common.



Senior Conor Holway wipes his brow with a handkerchief while waiting for the trolley to take him and his classmates to the prom at the Venezia in Quincy last Friday, a hot and humid evening.

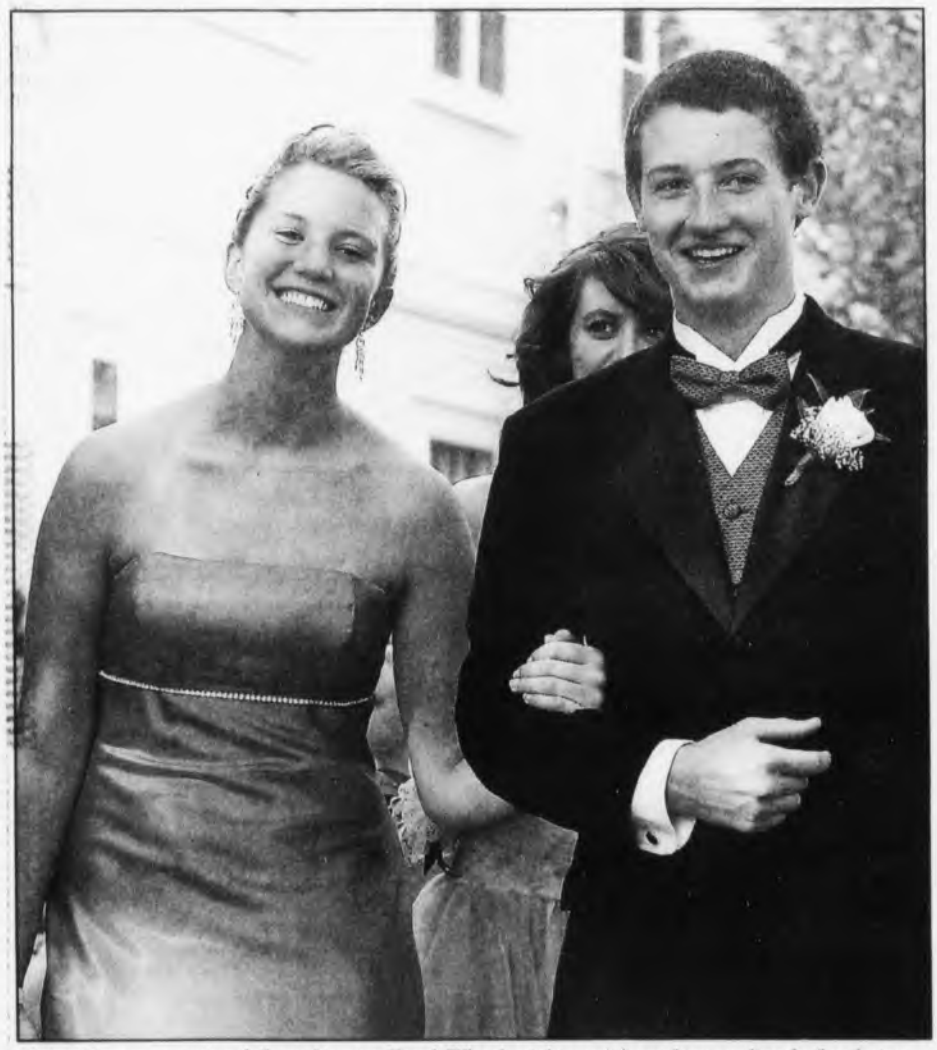


Seniors, Alyssa Hinman and Ryan Kucimski, are the first couple to walk the red carpet during Friday's pre-prom gala, an annual tradition.

Rolling out the red carpet

Pre-prom gala is perfect photo op

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Haley Haracz, a senior, left, and junior Frank Wheelwright can't keep from smiling before being introduced on the red carpet.



Colby Litchfield, 7, left, waits patiently to see her older sister, Kacy, walk the red carpet, as John Harrington and his date make their entrance.

Karoline Holt (aka "Norway" because she is from Norway) adjusts the fan in the Second Congregational Church hall as the students wait for their red-carpet walk. With Holt are Caren Garber, Justin Alexander and Ben Masotta.



Roxanne Tehranian, Callie Barrett and Lacey Richardson are looking spectacular at Friday's pre-prom gala on the common.



Rob Surrette, the fastest portrait painter, finishes a likeness of Abraham Lincoln in about five minutes during the "Be Somebody" PSO program he presented at the Deer Hill School.



Students told: Be somebody!



Rob Surrette speaks to the students about being somebody during the enrichment program presented recently at Deer Hill.

Deer Hill third-grader Sean Kearns watches as Rob Surrette creates multiple portraits of inspiring figures in just a matter of minutes as part of the enrichment program "Be Somebody."

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SCHOOLS

Seniors have left the building!

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Well, it's official; the seniors have left the building. Without the sounds of the vibrant seniors echoing down the hallways, high school feels somewhat deserted and quiet. There was always a friendly senior to great you during a long trip to the "bathroom" or visit to the "water-fountain", now the only face we may be seeing is that of a teacher telling us to get back to class. Although, now that the upper classmen are gone, some of us juniors are already starting to feel like the *top dogs*... too bad all the comfy couches seem to be "missing" from the senior lounge otherwise our transition would be complete!

On Friday, the seniors had their prom, and everyone was dressed to impress. Too bad the 90-degree weather led to some melting makeup and sweaty tuxes (don't forget to dry clean those babies)! As a girl, it's only natural that I take a moment to comment on the amazing dresses and tuxes that graced "the red carpets" on the town common. Jewel tones, form fitting gowns, and short dresses were definitely the fashion trends of the night with many girls sporting relaxed updo's. For those of us who read the In's and Out's of the Spinnaker's fashion, it is no surprise that these seniors know how to dress. (Who will I look to for style tips now that the seniors have gone?)

Now, for some of the main events that happened this week:

• Monday's fabulous celebration of Memorial Day seemed to bring everyone out of hibernation as downtown Cohasset overflowed with townsfolk.

• The polls opened up to the high school on Tuesday, as students finally elected a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, for their grade. (At least I can vote somewhere)! In addition, to voting, the 11th grade once again was forced to endure the dreaded History MCAS, with a majority of us forgetting about the test altogether, woops!

• Wednesday, the seniors had to return to the seemingly inescapable high school for a graduation rehearsal and later for Class Night 2007. Congratulations to the following students who won:

For 10th Grade, Christine Coner is President, Vice President is Lucy Noble, and Treasurer is Dominique Rioux

For 11th Grade, The President is Maggie McGoldrick, Vice President is Anna Roberts, Secretary is Jenny Cahill, and Treasurer is Molly Gilbert

For 12th Grade, Kenny Muir is President, Vice President is Jackie Cahill, Secretary is May McCarthy, and Treasurer is Meagan Coakley!

Great job to everyone who ran!

• Thursday, sadly, the baseball team had their breakup dinner at the ever so swanky Cohasset Country Club. However, the boy's lacrosse team continues its season as they played in a tournament game at Alumni Field.

• On Saturday, Cohasset High School hosts another round of SAT's (thank goodness for that)! Unfortunately, these million hour tests are followed by GRADUATION at the music circus, so find your tissues and cameras the night before!

In addition to Prom and the lonely halls of CHS, it was Memorial Day on Monday and everyone seemed to come outside to join in the celebration. After all, who wants to pass up a free meal or a glimpse at the amazing array of flags in front of the Legion? Thankfully, this weekend was filled with lots of sunshine and happening events. Let's hope this coming weekend can be just as beautiful!

A.P.P.L.E. Project presentation is June 5

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The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a variety of sports programs during the summer of 2007, designed specifically and individually for boys and girls, ages 4 through 18. All programs have individual applications, should you wish to register for any of these programs, call the Recreation Dept. office at 781-383-4109, or stop by the office on the first floor of Town Hall. Programs are limited in size. To insure acceptance into a program, register as soon as possible. Family discounts are available for some programs. Sports programs are scheduled to meet regardless of weather conditions in most cases and should it be necessary to move into the High School, you will be notified at drop-off time for the status that day.

Dance with Caroline – A dance workshop will be held for youth ages 7 and older from 3 to 4:30 p.m., Monday, June 18 through Thursday, June 21, in the Town Hall auditorium. The class, directed by Caroline Carr, will include basic jazz and hip hop dance techniques. Emphasis will be placed on developing a healthy, active lifestyle, building strength, flexibility, and endurance, as well as feeling good and having fun. Participants are encouraged to dress in comfortable clothing and take a bottle of water, a snack and an open mind to class. The fee is $80 per participant. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the Town Hall or by calling the Recreation Department.

Youth Tennis – Youth tennis will begin Monday, June 25, and continue for seven weeks, through Friday, Aug. 10. Registration will be held from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m., Monday June 11 through Wednesday, June 13 and an evening registration will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 12. The program is offered for children ages 7 through 18 years. Participants can choose from two schedules, Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays. The fee for the seven-week session is $80 per person. Lessons for beginners, intermediate, and advanced players are offered. Rain day policy: If it rains before 9 am, all tennis classes may have to be canceled for that day. Call the Recreation Office at 781-383-4109 for weather status reports. Fridays are rain make-up days.

Boot Camp – Boot Camp fitness training classes will be instructed by Betsy Callanan. This unique physical training opportunity will meet from 6 to 7 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting Tuesday, June 12, for 10 weeks through Thursday, Aug. 16, on Cohasset Common in front of Town Hall. The fee for the 20 class sessions is $100, and checks can be made payable to the Town of Cohasset. Ms. Callanan will run an interval callisthenic and running fitness program for both men and women for all levels of ability. While running and/or walking remains an essential aspect of this cardio-vascular training format, inclusive will be various integrated calisthenics such as jump roping, stairs or hills, squat thrusts, lunges, push-ups, skipping/running knees, sit ups, etc. Ms. Callanan has designed this program to improve cardio-vascular endurance and strength. Dress in layers as weather conditions dictate, bring a water bottle and jump rope to class and wear running shoes. Success in this class is based upon your individual personal best, not as competition with others.

South Shore Baseball Club – Held Monday, June 25 through Friday, June 29, at Milliken Field. Ages 7 to 12 will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Fee: $185. Ages 5 to 7 will meet from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Fee: $125. Directed by Frank Niles of the South Shore Baseball Club.

South Shore & Cape Basketball Academy –Held Tuesday, July 10 through Friday, July 13, in the Cohasset High School gym. Boys and girls in grades 7 to12, meet from 9 a.m. to noon. Fee: $125. Directed by Dorian Bryant, CHS Varsity Basketball Coach.

South Shore Basketball School – For ages 8 to15, this program meets in the Cohasset High School gym from Monday, July 16 through Friday, July 20. Youths ages 8 to 11 will meet from 8:30 to11:30 a.m. and youth ages 12 to15 will meet from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Fee: $125. Directed by Ron Ford, Cohasset Athletic Director.

Boys and Girls Lacrosse Clinic – For youth in grades 3 to 6, this clinic will be held Monday, July 23 to Friday, July 27, from 8 to 10 a.m., at Milliken Field. Fee: $85. Directed by Jamie and Ronan Buick.

Soccer Squirts South Shore Soccer Camp – This camp for ages 4 to 6 will take place from 8 to 9:30 a.m., Monday, July 30 through Friday, Aug. 3, at Milliken Field. The fee of $95 includes ball and camp shirt. Directed by SSSC member, Jon Anderson, Babson College coach.

South Shore Soccer Camp – This camp for youth ages 7 to 14 will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, July 30 through Friday, Aug. 3. The fee of $255 includes a camp shirt. There is a $20 discount for the second child. Directed by SSSC member, Jon Anderson, Babson College coach.

Great Games with Mr. Dykas – The program for ages 4 to 9, will be held from Monday, Aug. 13 through Wednesday, Aug. 15. The cost is $25 per day and participants may attend one, two, or all three days. Day and evening sessions will be scheduled by age. Register on line at onecreativeplace.net or call One Creative Place at 781-383-2211.

South Shore and Cape Basketball Academy – This five-week ultimate basketball development program for youths in grades 5 to 8 will be meet from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., Mondays and Tuesdays, July 2 and 3, July 9 and 10, July 23 and 24, Aug. 6 and 7, and Aug. 13 and 14 in the Cohasset High School gym. Fee: 145.

Youth Football – This one-day clinic for youths in grades 4 to 8 will be held from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 18, at Lillard Field behind CHS. Directed by Pete Afanasiw, CHS head football coach. Fee: $50 if registered before Friday, July 20. The registration fee after July 20 will be $75.

Fall/Spring Soccer – For youth who will be four years old by Aug. 31, 2007. Register on line for fall 2007 and spring of 2008 at cohassetsoccer.com.



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Coffee with Authors to cook up some fun

Coffee with the Authors, which is sponsored by Buttonwood Books, will be held from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 5, in the Atlantica Restaurant at 44 Border St. The authors to be featured include best-selling author and Scituate resident, Claire Cook; nature writer, David Gessner; and Channel 7 investigative reporter, Hank Phillippi Ryan.

Claire Cook's book, "Life's A Beach" is about a 40-something single woman who is living back at home in the family FROG (Finished Room Over the Garage). This novel is quintessential Claire Cook - warm and witty.

David Gessner's book "Soaring with Fidel" resurrects Gessner's passion with that majestic bird-of-prey, the Osprey. It is an absorbing story about the instinctual need for migration, both osprey and human.

Hank Phillippi Ryan, Channel 7's investigative reporter, transfers her problem solving skills from the world of reality to the world of fiction. "Prime Time" is her debut novel featuring a respected and successful TV reporter who fears she is being replaced by a younger model.

Tickets cost $15 per person and are available at Buttonwood Books or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope with your check to Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, MA. 02025. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a signed or personalized book, call Buttonwood Books.

Goodbye to Georgie!

Please join us at the Carriage House School for a "Farewell to Georgie Open House." Stop in and wish Georgie Gladdys, director of the Carriage House School, well on her new adventure! The event is from 3:30-5:30 p.m., Friday June 8, in Trueblood Hall (First Parish House).

Light refreshments will be served!

Art Center hosts 'Visiting Artist Workshops'

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, is a summer destination for artists, art students and cultural enthusiasts. "Visiting Artist Workshops 2007" includes five master classes in the visual arts. Instructors are offering an array of workshop topics including landscape painting in oil, journal painting in watercolor, pastel painting, cyanotype, and drawing and painting the figure.

Instructors include: Linda Bond, Antonia Ramis Miguel, Peter Schroth, Doug Dawson and Peter Madden. All participating instructors' work will be on exhibition in the Bancroft Gallery. "Viewpoints: Visiting Artists Exhibition" will open Friday, June 8 and continue through July 15.

For more information or to register for any of the visiting artist workshops, call 781-383-ARTS or visit ssac.org.

Garden Club of Hingham to host Plant Sale

It's plant sale time again for The Garden Club of Hingham. This is always a popular event, and this year it will take place at a new location, 409 Main St. Parking will be available at Haley Field.

The sale will take place from 9 a.m. to noon, on Saturday, June 2. There will be knowledgeable people available to help shoppers sort through the many choices of perennials, herbs and shrubs. Also, a White Elephant Gardener's Table will be featured again this year.

Be sure not to miss this chance to pick up those treasures that make a garden special. The sale will take place rain or shine.

Cemetery walking tour

A spring walking tour of historic Hingham Cemetery will be held Sunday, June 3. Those interested should meet at the Hingham Bell Tower (next to the Old Ship Church) at 1p.m.

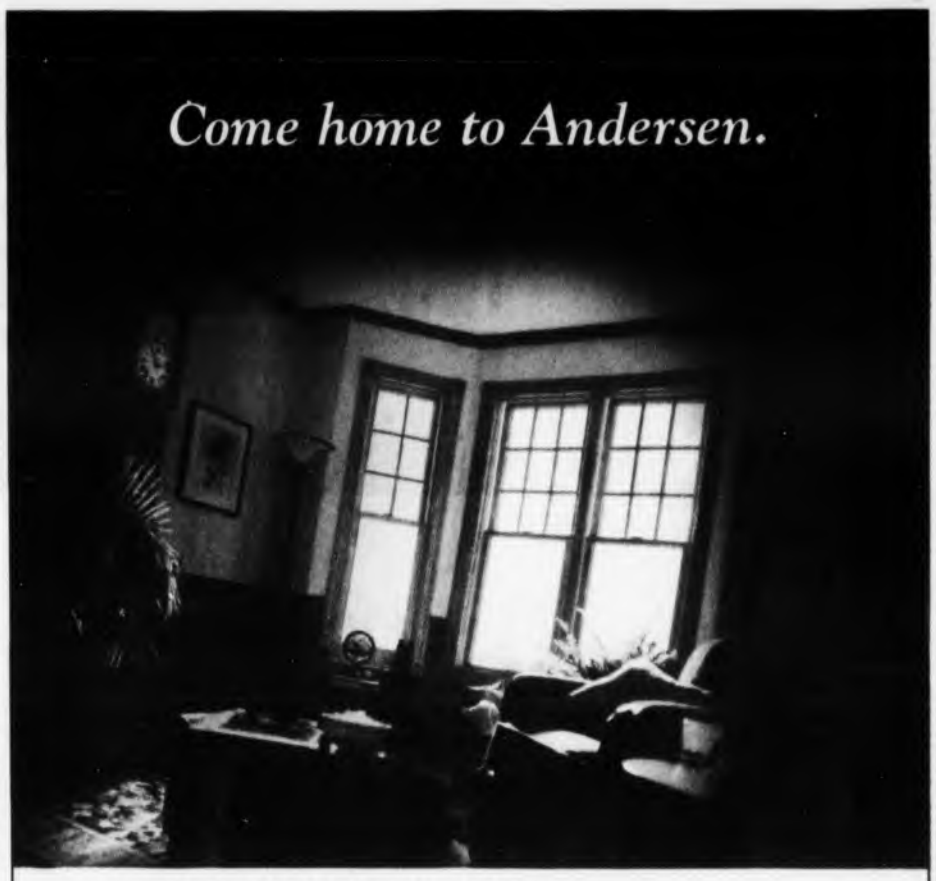
Cemetery Director Lucinda Day will lead the tour, which includes the history of the cemetery dating from 1672, important cemetery monuments and notable burials, as well as social commentary. The cemetery's 150-yr-old arboretum consists of several hundred specimen trees, both native and "exotic". The tour will last about 1 fi hours and is open to the public. A $5 donation is requested, with no charge to those under 12. The rain date is the following Saturday, June 9. For further information call 781-749-4868.

Kids to bike for cancer research

WCVB-TV reporter Kelley Tuthill will be the guest MC at the Kids Pan Mass Challenge Bike Ride in Hingham to benefit the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Tuthill, a member of the Channel 5 TV investigative unit who grew up in Hingham, is fighting Stage III breast cancer. She's lending her support to the Kids PMC in Hingham on Sunday, June 24 at Hingham High School to help make it a special event for all the kids riding and raising funds for the Dana-Farber where she is being treated and just starting her second round of chemotherapy.

Joining in that crusade will be kids from all over the South Shore age 3-15 who are participating in the Kids Pan Mass Challenge Bike Ride in Hingham. Three routes will be set up from the Tykes ride (tricycles welcome), the 2.5-mile Crusader ride and the 7-mile Challenge course into Wompatuck State Park. Although adults are not part of the ride, volunteers for the day can sign up at kids.pmc.org/hingham.

Kids PMC in Hingham is encouraging kids to register now at kids.pmc.org/hingham before the June 17 deadline and start raising funds for their donation to this very important cause.



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POLICE/FIRE LOG

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

4:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.** motor vehicle crash/no injury. Caller reported there was a motor vehicle accident at this location.

5:30 p.m. **Doane and Church streets,** traffic enforcement.

5:50 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** investigation.

5:53 p.m. **Church and Doane streets,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

6:28 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** assist other police department. Assisting with a motor vehicle accident on the Scituate line.

9:27 p.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

9:34 p.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

9:38 p.m. **Deer Hill School/Sohier St.,** building checks.

11:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

11:30 p.m. **King and Pond streets,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation issued.

THURSDAY, MAY 17

12:51 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

12:51 a.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

1:09 a.m. **Jerusalem Road and Jerusalem Lane,** suspicious vehicle. 884 reports a motor vehicle that looks like it was involved in a motor vehicle accident. No operator in the area. 3A notified for the tow.

1:55 a.m. **Howes Lane,** downed power line. Caller reports a tree took down the electrical wires. Tree has been removed from the roadway. National Grid has the scene.

10 a.m. **Central St.,** BOLO announcement from Hingham Police Department regarding stolen motor vehicle. Red Ford Windstar van was taken during a string of house breaks in Hingham overnight. Hold for prints if located and contact Hingham Police Department.

11:14 a.m. **Beach St.,** officer wanted. Caller would like to speak to an officer regarding a party working for her.

11:26 a.m. **Bancroft Road,** vandalism report. Walk-in party reports his vehicle was vandalized yesterday between 2:15 and 3 p.m. while parked at the above location.

11:40 a.m. **Central St.,** BOLO announcement. Hingham Police reports residential breaking and entering. Hingham Police Department had three homes broken into between the hours of 1 and 6. The homes were entered while the occupants slept. Taken were laptop computers, briefcases, Ipods and a 42-inch plasma TV. Also taken was a red 2003 Ford Windstar mini van.

12:31 p.m. **Jerusalem Road and Hull St.,** suspicious activity.

5:03 p.m. **Margin and Stockbridge streets,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

5:11 p.m. **Summer and South Main streets,** suspicious person. Calling party stated that an older female was hitchhiking in this area. Party was spoken to and sent on their way.

5:59 p.m. **Depot St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

10:31 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** disturbance. The manager at this location stated that there is a drunk male that will not leave the store. Officer transported party home.

11:31 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** erratic motor vehicle operation. Hingham called in an erratic motor vehicle heading south on 3A. Hull located vehicle.

FRIDAY, MAY 18

1:09 a.m. **High School/Sohier St.,** building checks.

1:10 a.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

10:39 a.m. **Elm St.,** property recovered. Party picked up bike from previous accident.

10:47 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** secured building.

10:47 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** secured buildings.

10:48 a.m. **Sohier St.,** secured buildings.

12:51 p.m. **Elm St.,** investigation. Follow-up for warrant.

2:47 p.m. **Forest Notch,** lost property report. Party lost her handbag at Shaw's. It is a brown leather bag with all her information, money and credit cards in it.

3:45 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** suspicious activity. Caller stated that someone identifying themselves as ADT asking him personal questions like, is anyone home? Any valuables? He called back today and they said ADT never contacted him. He wants extra patrol in the area of his two houses at these locations.

4:38 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** suspicious activity. Caller reports a familiar party thumbing on 3A headed south just past Hingham Lumber. She's concerned no one will see him and hit him.

6:07 p.m. **Hillside Dr.,** well being check.

7:56 p.m. **South Main St.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

8:29 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** erratic operation of motor vehicle. Hull Police Department reports a vehicle driving all over the road; comes back to a Cohasset resident. Hull Police Department states the vehicle was coming from Route 228 and 3A. Officer reports nothing in the area. He will wait for a while to see if the vehicle shows up.

SATURDAY, MAY 19

1:09 a.m., **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

1:15 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

9:09 a.m. **Beechwood St.,** domestic.

10:42 a.m. **South Main St.,** animal complaint. Caller reports a dog is outside the front door disturbing patrons. ACO and owner notified. ACO on duty went to party's home; no one would answer door.

12 p.m. **S. Main St.,** notification. D-1 is reporting the train is entering Cohasset by the Scituate line.

12:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** caller reports a bumper in the roadway.

12:40 p.m. **King St.,** caller would like to see an officer regarding a dispute.

1:10 p.m. **Summer and South Main streets,** motor vehicle crash/no injury. Caller reports a motor vehicle accident.

2:59 p.m. **Old Coach Road,** medical aid.

4:15 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.,** suspicious person. Walk-in states that there is a person walking in this area that appears disheveled, carrying a bag and possibly lost. Area search negative.

7:51 p.m. **Nantasket Ave.,** structure fire. Hull announced second alarm, E1 responding.

10:58 p.m. **North Main St.,** disabled motor vehicle.

11:18 p.m. **Cedar Acres Dr.,** suspicious activity. Party claims that kids are parking by his house and going to a home down the street. He believes the parents are not home.

SUNDAY, MAY 20

12:25 a.m. **High School,** building checks.

12:31 a.m. **Deer Hill/Osgood schools,** building checks.

12:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** building checks.

1 a.m. **Highland Ave.,** motor vehicle stop.

6:49 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

8:19 a.m. **North Main St.,** property damage. Caller stated that she believes there was a hit and run in her yard last night.

10:07 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

10:13 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

10:45 a.m. **Pleasant St.,** officer wanted.

11:56 a.m. **Central Park Road,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS. Mutual aid to the town of Scituate.

4:27 p.m. **Elm St.,** officer wanted.

6:05 p.m. **Pleasant St.,** suspicious activity. Caller reports that there has been suspicious activity on her property. Would like to point out some strange goings on.

7:02 p.m. **High School/Pond St,** building checks.

8:03 p.m. **Pond St.,** assist other police department. Police officer from Barnstable Police Department requests that principal party be placed under arrest for domestic assault and battery that occurred in Barnstable.

8:41 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle crash/no injury. 911 caller stated that she hit a telephone pole at this location.

8:56 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** suspicious activity. Caller reports a white van in the parking lot. They are closed and would like an officer present.

9:18 p.m. **Forest Ave. and Cedar Acres Dr.,** general parking complaint. Caller is concerned about parking on both sides of the street.

MONDAY, MAY 21

12:58 a.m. **Pond St. - High School,** officer reports building checked; secure.

1:03 a.m. **Deer Hill/Osgood Schools,** officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

9:05 a.m. **South Main St.,** Water Department reports a contractor hit a water main; Fire Dept. notified.

9:43 a.m. **Beechwood St.,** traffic complaint; caller reports a landscaper truck speeding.

9:56 a.m. **Jerusalem Road,** medical aid requested; transported to hospital/ALS.

10:28 a.m. **Summer St.,** animal complaint; caller reports a raccoon walking around the neighborhood and it appears to be sick; referred to Animal Control Officer.

11:10 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

11:55 a.m. **North Main St.,** report of debris in the road.

2:16 p.m. **Highland Ave.,** medical aid requested for person having chest pain; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

3:16 p.m. **Pond St.,** mutual aid - police.

3:37 p.m. **Highland Court,** animal complaint; caller reports a dog is in her yard; owner notified.

5:42 p.m. **K St. – Hull,** medical aid requested; transported to Quincy Medical Center/ALS.

6:06 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road,** traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

6:53 p.m. **Stevens Lane,** animal complaint; walk-in party reports her dog went missing; it is wearing a green collar and a choke collar.

7:10 p.m. **Briarwood Road,** larceny; caller believes her license plate was stolen.

7:49 p.m. **South Main St.,** suspicious activity; caller reports a person sitting in the parking lot drinking. The person then left in a tan Chrysler.

TUESDAY, MAY 22

1:17 a.m. **Pond St. - High School,** officer reports building checked; secure.

1:17 a.m. **Sohier St.,** officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

8 a.m. **Headquarters;** weather: sunny, wind: light; temperature: 64 degrees.

10:50 a.m. **Scituate,** property recovered; Scituate Police Dept. report locating license plate in their town and will notify the owner.

12:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** Scituate Police Dept. reports debris in the roadway.

12:34 p.m. **Elm St.,** medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

1:10 p.m. **Summer St.,** caller reports missing18-month-old child; found later.

3:25 p.m. **South Main and Beechwood streets,** parking complaint; van is blocking roadway.

5:31 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** request for officer; caller reports someone in the yard behind hers with what she believes

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CFD Status Report

Fires, medical calls, downed power lines

During the month of April the Fire Department responded to 184 incidents, Chief Robert Silvia said.

"The summary of Fire Department responses during the month: four building fires, three hazardous materials responses, four motor vehicle crashes, one motor vehicle fire, three outside fires, 70 medical emergencies, 37 inspections, 25 investigations, five natural gas investigations, two lock outs/lock ins, 15 automatic fire alarm activations, two mutual aid fire responses to other communities, four downed power lines and nine miscellaneous responses," Chief Silvia said.

A total of 53 emergency incidents were reported by 911 telephone: 39 medical emergencies, two building fires, eight investigations, one motor vehicle accident, two downed power lines and one fire alarm activation.

"The Fire Department ambulance transported forty patients to South Shore Hospital and four patients to Quincy City Hospital. A total of 31 of the 44 were advanced life support transports. Mutual aid ambulances transported eight patients to South Shore Hospital and three patients to Quincy Medical Center. Nine of the 11 mutual aid ambulance transports were advanced life support. There was one motor vehicle accident that required victims to be transported to the hospital," Chief Silvia said.

"There were four responses classed as building fires for the month, three were for malfunctioning heating equipment and one was for an electrical fire on the outside of a residence."

— Fire Chief Robert Silvia

Automatic fire alarm activation responses totaled fifteen for the month. Accidental activation of the alarm system accounted for five responses and alarm malfunction was the cause of 10 responses.

"There were four responses classed as building fires for the month, three were for malfunctioning heating equipment and one was for an electrical fire on the outside of a residence," Silvia said.

There were three responses to hazardous materials incidents during the month. One response was for gasoline leaking from a motor vehicle, one response was for a motor vehicle leaking transmission fluid and one was for fluids leaking from a piece of construction equipment due a construction accident.

"Four members of the Department received Incident Command training (ICS 300) during the month. The class was provided by MEMA and was hosted by the town of Abington. The three-day class is required for all members with supervisory duties. A portion of the cost for the class is covered by a MEMA Grant," Silvia said.

Fire chiefs appeal for help in reducing fire fatalities

Cohasset Fire Chief Robert Silva provided the Mariner with the following news item:

Six people were killed in a Baltimore row house fire on May 22. Detroit is reporting its seventh fire fatality in the city in five days. Saginaw, Mich., is mourning the death of a man and five children killed in a house fire Thursday, May 24. Recently, a Kentucky mom and her two children perished in a blaze.

"Something has to be done. Someway, somehow, we have to get the word out to people to protect themselves. We now have more protection available for our homes than ever before and yet people are losing their lives because they are not taking this protection seriously," said International Association of Fire Chiefs president Chief Jim Harmes.

The U.S. Fire Administration cites the following statistics:

- Eighty-two percent of all fire deaths occur in the home.
- Having a working smoke alarm reduces one's chance of dying in a fire by nearly one-half.
- Nearly one-third of the residential fires and two-fifths of residential fire fatalities occur in homes with no smoke alarms.

"These deaths are not just numbers; they are personal tragedies that each of us as a fire chief feels every time a life is lost," said Harmes. Please, help us pass along these life-saving suggestions:

- Check smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to be sure they are working properly.
- Have an escape plan with a meeting place.
- Once you exit your home, **do not** return. Too many people lose their lives going back into a burning home.
- Stoves are not made for heating homes.
- Supplemental heating devices should be used and maintained in accordance with manufacturer recommendations. Keep combustibles clear. Do not leave supplemental heating devices unattended.
- If you are burning wood in your fireplace, make sure your chimneys are properly maintained. That goes for your furnace, as well.
- If candles are necessary, use them in a safe environment in a fireproof container and away from children. Do not leave them unattended.
- And for the long term, consider getting a residential fire sprinkler. According to statistics, the risk of death by fire is reduced by 82 percent when smoke detectors are accompanied with residential fire sprinklers.

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is a BB gun.

7:30 p.m. **Hull and Cedar streets**, traffic enforcement.

8:08 p.m. **Hull St. and Lamberts Lane**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

1:30 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

1:30 a.m. **Sohier St. - Deer Hill School**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

3:09 a.m. **Summer St.**, assist citizen; caller states that lights from flag display are shining in her bedroom window and she can't take it anymore and went on to state that it is illegal to use commercial lighting in a residential zone.

6:04 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested; transported to Quincy Medical Center/ALS.

8:31 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

9:24 a.m. **Sohier St.**, walk-in party reports locking herself out of her house.

2:53 p.m. **Lower King St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports a truck lost a load of mulch in the roadway while going over the train tracks.

2:58 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, caller reports a disabled motor vehicle in the middle of the roadway just before Beechwood St.; vehicle has been pushed to the parking lot.

3:06 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious activity reported; walk-in party reports he would like an officer to check his residence with him; Upon returning home he noticed that the locks on his door were broken and he believes someone tried to break into his house.

7:47 p.m. **School buildings**; officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

7:50 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St.**, multiple callers reports a 3-car accident with injuries; caller reports one vehicle is smoking and all passengers are out.

8:38 p.m. **Border St.**, medical aid requested for possible overdose; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

9:59 p.m. **North Main St.**, multiple callers reports a loud party; officer reports it is a graduation party. The small group has been advised.

10:03 p.m. **Weymouth**, Weymouth Police Dept. issued a be on the look out announcement for four males with hooded sweatshirts involved in an armed robbery; one heavy-set male party showed a silver handgun and they fled in an older model gray or light blue SUV. The incident happened in an apartment complex off Middle St.

10:41 p.m. **Ox Pasture Lane**, medical aid requested for 40-year-old male who is disoriented and not feeling well.

11:36 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

THURSDAY, MAY 24

12:29 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, well-being check requested.

12:54 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, report of construction in Shaw's supermarket; multiple vehicles will be parked in the lot.

1:50 a.m. **Howard Gleason Road**, caller states she can hear strange noises coming from the yacht club.

6:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic enforcement.

9:29 a.m. **Forest Ave. and Forest Notch**, motor vehicle accident with injuries; several callers reports a truck took down a pole and all the wires. The wires and pole are resting on the truck and two people are inside the cab of the truck; officers request a detail officer to the scene and report the road will be shut down for a couple of hours.

9:51 a.m. **Highland Ave.**, caller reports she needs the police because her neighbor is causing a problem; he is taking the fence down at this time.

11:58 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, caller reports they are doing some construction work and broke a gas line.

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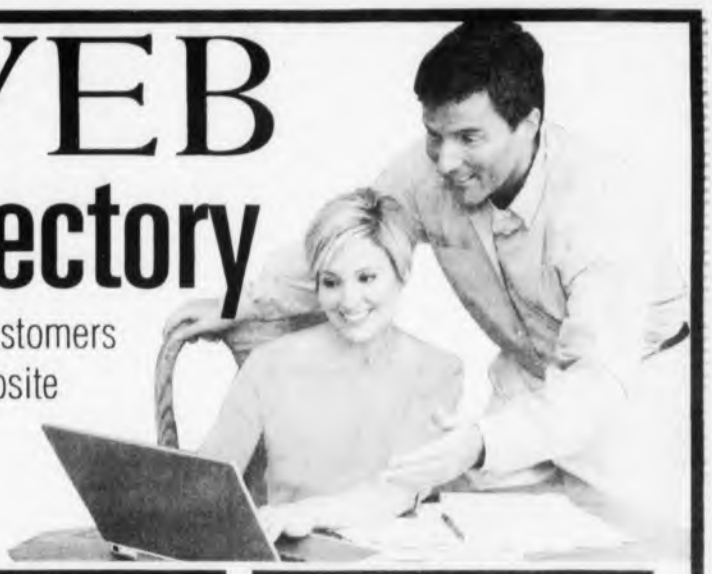
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Worship Guide

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First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, June 3: 10 a.m. - Worship in the Meeting House

Sermon: "Oil and Water"

Religious education programming for children and youth and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 AM in the Parish House. There will be a Spirit Play story and special music for all. It's not too late for youngsters and adults alike to create letters and gather gifts for Bill Baird, Jr., who is serving in Iraq. The preparation of a gift package for Bill continues this Sunday.

Refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall will follow the morning service and RE classes.

5 – 6 p.m. - Candlelight Peace Vigil on the Common - Bring candles if you can; we'll have candles available if you forget. Come join us and bear witness that peace is possible in our communities, our nation, and our world!

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

During the week, you can pray with us online by visiting our website www.ststephenscohasset.org. There are several readings to listen to on topics of healing, spirituality, health, the environment, etc. You can also link to the website of our national church to learn more about what the Episcopal Church is about.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events and learn more about the parish including our Sunday programs for **children and teens**. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood. Office hours are daily from 8:30 am until 2 pm.

- Saturday, June 2: 7 a.m. Bible Fellowship
- Sunday, June 3 Services at 8 a.m. and 10 am. Interim Priest Rev. Edward Kienzle, celebrant.. Godly Play church school and nursery available at 10 service.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Thursday, June 7th at 7 p.m.: Guest speaker: Okhi Simine Forest, Mohawk spiritual teacher: "The Return of Native Spirituality: Red Lodge for the New Era." Sunday, June 10th at 11 a.m.: Celebration of Vedanta Centre's 98th Anniversary.

Obituaries

John D. Mineck

Co-founded Boston Golf Club in Hingham

John D. Mineck, 54, of Cohasset, formerly of Wellesley, died May 25, 2007.

After earning his master's degree in Chemistry and his MBA from Boston College, Mr. Mineck began his working life as a chemist for Gillette in Boston. From 1982 to 1993, he was owner and president of Practice Management Systems in Needham. Mr. Mineck's next position was CEO for Mednet Associates in Wellesley, where he remained until 1995, when he became CEO of Camberly Associates in Needham. The development and building of Boston Golf Club began in 1997 and has been his primary focus for the last ten years.



John D. Mineck

Heavily involved in multiple charities and fundraising, Golf Fights Cancer and Driving 4 Life ALS Foundation were two of his favorite benefits. Mr. Mineck was a former executive officer in the Massachusetts Golf Association and Past President of The Society of Arts & Crafts. He was an avid fine wood worker, gourmet cook and was a car enthusiast. He will be greatly missed by the many lives he touched.

Among his many accomplishments, Mr. Mineck's lifelong passion for golf led him, along with his business partner Rob Ketterson, to create Boston Golf Club in Hingham. He was often referred to as a renaissance man because of his widely diverse talents and interests. Characterized by a generous spirit, every decision in his life and business was linked to his desire for helping others.

He leaves his wife, Nancy Skawinski of Cohasset; his father, Raymond S. Mineck of Greenwich, Conn.; his brothers, Raymond E. Mineck of Yorktown, Pa. and Edward Mineck of Rochester, N.Y.; a sister, Diane Mineck of West Hartford, Conn.; his step-sons, Patrick Guthrie and his wife, Wendy and Peter Guthrie; his step-grandchildren Rylie and Reagen; his nieces, Jennifer and Christine and his nephews John, Michael, Chris and Blaise.

He was the son of the late Josephine Mineck.

Arrangements were handled by Pyne Keohane Funeral Home in Hingham.

Donations in his memory may be made to ALS TDF, Driving for Life, 215 First St., Cambridge, MA. 02142 or to Golf Fights Canter, 300 Arnold Palmer Blvd., Norton, MA. 02766.

Cecelia Sampson

Member Cohasset Bowling League

Cecelia (Barrows) Sampson, 92, of Cohasset, died May 27, 2007, at South Shore Hospital.

Mrs. Sampson was born and raised in Cohasset and graduated from Cohasset High School. After marrying her late husband, Mrs. Sampson moved to Hingham for 30 years, before returning to Cohasset in the early 1960s.

Mrs. Sampson was very involved with the Cohasset Senior Citizens and loved bowling, and was an active member of Cohasset Bowling League.

Wife of the late Kenneth Sampson, she leaves her niece, Margaret DeCouto; two nephews, Richard Barrows of Braintree and Bernard Barrows of Weymouth; and many great-nieces and great-nephews. She was the sister of the late Bernard Barrows, Frederick Barrows and Velmira Barrows.

Arrangements were made by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset. Interment at Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

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What's happening on the South Shore

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Garland's words brought to life on stage

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

More than 100 books have been published about Judy Garland, but the one the singer herself started just a few years before her tragic death from an accidental drug overdose in 1969 was never finished. The audiotapes Garland made for the proposed autobiography live on, however, as the basis for "And Now Ladies and Gentlemen, Miss Judy Garland," a new show by Tony McLean which begins performances next week at Boston's Lyric Stage.

"In the mid-1960s after CBS canceled her television show, Garland was very concerned about her family's financial future, and the legendary Hollywood agent and deal maker Irving 'Swifty' Lazar approached her to write her memoirs to make some quick money," explained McLean last week by telephone from his home in Boston. Garland's life was in turmoil by the time she started recording her thoughts in a London hotel suite. Instead of recalling what it was like to work with Mickey Rooney, she ended up recording her thoughts on how she felt life had treated her as a human being."

Garland made the reel-to-reel tapes over a period of two years between 1963 and 1964. According to McLean, the original recordings are now in the archives of Columbia University, but bootleg copies have long been in circulation including one which found its way into McLean's personal collection.

With this show, Kathy has the opportunity not only to sing as Judy, but also to act the part.
Tony McLean

"I had never seen a woman do Judy Garland, just people like Jim Bailey and other men in drag shows based on Judy. Then I heard that Kathy St. George was interested in doing a show on Garland. At that point, Kathy was working with a mutual friend, Deb Poppel of Overture Productions, who got me involved in the project. I had seen Kathy many times, of course, including in the musical "Ruthless!" at SpeakEasy four years ago in which she played a character based on Garland. I gave Kathy a copy of the Judy tapes, because I knew she was perfect to play Garland. In addition to being a great singer, Kathy is also an incredibly gifted actress and she's also just about exactly the same size and frame as Garland."

After completing the arduous process of transcribing the tapes, McLean — the onetime president of Broadway in Boston and former vice president of Disney Theatricals — set about writing a script.

"I took all the tapes and created one very long monologue. Then I trimmed Judy's monotonous venting against her third husband, Sid Luft, and her comments about her love for Mark Herron, the man who would become her fourth husband, because they slowed the pace of the story too much. From there, I fashioned a chronology of Garland's life with a clear dramatic spine."

The final product is a musical in two scenes: the first set in Garland's London hotel suite in 1964 as she records one of the tapes, the second depicting Garland in concert performing some of her greatest hits including "Over the Rainbow," "The Trolley Song," "The Man That Got Away," and "By Myself."

A fan of Garland since his childhood in Dorchester, McLean made sure to blend together just the right amounts of words and music.

"If I could dream a Judy Garland concert, then this would be it. We didn't just plop the songs of her career into the story of her life, however, because we didn't want to do just another cabaret act. Except for five lines, every word Kathy speaks is something Judy actually said. What Kathy also does beautifully is avoid the extremes of impersonation to present a much more natural Judy Garland. The format works very well, because everything is based on what really happened," says McLean, who acquired the rights to the tapes directly from the Garland estate.

Guardians of all things Garland can rest easy knowing that her story will be respectfully presented by McLean, whose mother now lives in Quincy, and who can still recall discovering "The Judy Garland Show" on television when he was just 6-years-old.

"I just knew that the woman on TV was Dorothy and I immediately felt a strong connection to her from 'The Wizard of Oz.' I was a child performer, too, at the Boston Archdiocesan Choir School and with Opera Boston, so I connected to her. To this day, I marvel at Garland's ability to go through what she went through in her life and still deliver so much meaningful music."

Born Frances Ethel Gumm on June 10, 1922, Judy Garland was the youngest child of two vaudevillians who put her on-stage as a toddler under the name "Baby Gumm." The Minnesota native would go on to become one of the biggest movie and singing stars in Hollywood's golden era of movie musicals, best known for her starring role as Kansas farm girl Dorothy Gale in 1939's "The Wizard of Oz," for which she received a special juvenile Academy Award. Over the next 30 years, Garland appeared in more than 30 motion pictures including "Easter Parade," "A Star is Born," and "Judgment at Nuremberg." It was early in her career, while under contract to MGM, that Garland is rumored to have developed the addiction to amphetamines and barbiturates that would eventually take her life at age 47.

She may have struggled with pills and a string of failed marriages, but Garland still managed to carve out success in films and on the concert stage that few performers, before or since, have equaled. It's that dichotomy that McLean believes his show and his star will capture perfectly.

"I see the Judy character in this piece as being up there with Tevye, Mame Dennis, and even Lady MacBeth as one of the great roles of the theater. With this show, Kathy has the opportunity not only to sing as Judy, but also to act the part. People probably know Kathy best from her long runs in 'Menopause: The Musical' and 'Respect: A Musical Journey,' but in addition to being wonderful in light musical comedies like those, Kathy now has the chance to sink her teeth into something dramatic. She has the ability to sound like Garland when she speaks and when she sings. Kathy is a great Judy."

"And Now Ladies and Gentleman, Miss Judy Garland," adapted, directed and produced by Tony McLean and starring Kathy St. George, will be at the Lyric Stage, 140 Clarendon St., Boston, beginning June 8. For tickets and information, call 617-585-5678 or go online at www.andnowjudygarland.com or www.lyricstage.com.



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Kathy St. George



Kathy St. George and Tony McLean discussing music with accompanist Tim Evans.

Movie review

Forget about 'Rent' at 'Once'

Once (A)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

If you see only one indie film this summer, make it "Once," but see it twice. This is the real "Rent."

Glen Hansard of the Dublin band the Frames is the "Guy," a young busker performing on the street in front of an Underground stop in Dublin.

When a sneaky young man stops by to listen, Guy warns him to keep his hands off the coins and bills he's accumulated in his guitar case.

It's typical of this film's gentleness of spirit that after catching the idiot after he makes a grab, the busker gives him only a tongue-lashing and... some money.

Soon after, the hero meets "Girl" (Marketa Irglova), a young immigrant pianist who cleans houses and sells flowers on the street. They connect musically as well as romantically, although they each have personal, unfinished business.

He still pines for the ex-girlfriend now living in London, and she has a baby daughter and is in fact married, although the husband is an "older man" back in the Czech Republic.

Thus, "Once" is about the connections we never made, the ones who got away and the soul mates with whom we did not mate.

Songs full of longing and regret composed by Hansard and several others with such titles as "Leave," "Falling Slowly," "When Your Mind's Made Up" and "Say It to Me Now" are seamlessly incorporated into the action. Girl takes Guy to a music store, where she is allowed to play an expensive piano, and the two patch together a romantic duet.

Guy, who lives with his father, a vacuum cleaner repairman, resolves with the help of the Girl, a bassist and drummer, to take a shot and make a demo tape, but he needs money. How he gets a bank officer to provide it will make you smile.

In the age-old tradition of great Hollywood musicals, "Once" is on one level about putting on a show, and what a show it is. During the recording session, an older, jaded technician's eyes widen with appreciation as he listens. This, he seems to say to himself, is the real thing. And it is.

Written and directed by Irish filmmaker — and former bassist for the Frames — John Carney and originally intended as a vehicle for Cillian Murphy, "Once" is a complete surprise and a complete original.

Shooting without permits, Carney turns Dublin — its over-painted, over-postered, street-light-washed walls, cobble-stoned streets and glowing shop fronts — into a kind of Celtic-Grunge wonderland of musical-romantic possibility. In one scene, the Girl drags a broken Hoover behind her by its hose, both a symbol of a broken heart and a Cubist pet on a leash.

The leads — John Lennon-esque, ginger-haired Hansard and Irglova with her Modigliani face and sexy openness — are perfect. Inspired and inspiring, "Once" is utterly captivating and should have an enduring impact on indie films.

How long before audiences stand up and sing along?

(Rated R. Once contains profanity.)



Girl (Marketa Irglova) and Guy (Glen Hansard) look seaward for musical inspiration.

Calendar of events

Thursday, May 31

The producers of Unique Lives & Experiences present **Dr. Maya Angelou** at the Boston Opera House Thursday, May 31, 2007, at 7:30 pm. Tickets are $29.95, 39.95, $49.95, $59.95, $69.95 and $79.95, and may be purchased by calling Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or online at www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets for groups of ten or more may be purchased at a 10% discount by calling 866-633-0194.

Jeff "Tain" Watts Quartet Scullers Jazz Club, 400 Soldiers Road - Boston, May 31, at 8 and 10 p.m. Show $20 / Dinner & Show $60. For information call 617.562.4111

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke **Texas Hold Em** every Thursday night 781-294-4700.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. May 31, **Flydown**.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, Stump Team Trivia at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Satch Romano's New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam with **Keepin the Gruve** at 9:15 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

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Call for entries

THE SOUTH SHORE NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER, Norwell, presents its third annual Juried Art show in Vine Hall Gallery. All artists are invited to participate. The theme is "Beyond the Garden Gate" and all entries must contain an image, representation, or interpretation of a garden theme. Artists may submit two-dimensional framed artwork in the following media: oil, watercolor, acrylic and or pastel. A non-refundable entry fee of $5 per piece for Science Center members ($10 for non-members) will be charged. All works must be original, completed within the last three years, and not previously exhibited in a Vine Hall Gallery Show. Submission of art work is scheduled for Monday, June 25 and Tuesday, June 26. The exhibit will be on display from July 2-Aug. 29 and a free opening reception is scheduled for Thursday July 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Science Center. For a complete set of rules, visit the website at www.ssnsc.org or for additional information contact, Public Relations Director, Judy Azanow at 781-659-2559.

PLYMOUTH INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL: This year's submission deadline for films by student filmmakers, grades 7 to 12, is Friday, June 22 by 6 p.m. Short videos, no more than 20 minutes long, can be submitted directly to the Duxbury Public Library, 77 Alden St., Duxbury, MA 02332. General submissions include drama, comedy, documentary, music video, local history, and How To films. For more information contact Ellen Snoeyenbos 781-934-2721 ext. 106 or visit www.plyfilmfest.org. You may also e-mail the PIFF '07 Festival Director, Lisa Mattei, at lisa@plyfilmfest.org.

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Friday, June 1

World-renowned artist and Pop Icon Peter Max brings his **Colors of a Better World** exhibit to Wentworth Galleries, Boston making two special appearances, Friday and Saturday, June 1 and 2. On June 1, The Mall at Chestnut Hill June 1, from 6 to 9 p.m. 199 Boylston St., Chestnut Hill, 617-630-9163. June 2, noon to 3 p.m. at the Burlington Mall, 75 Middlesex Turnpike, Burlington, 781-272-5010.

Celebrate Nova Scotia's and Massachusetts' Common Roots at Copley Square Nova Scotia Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage in cooperation with the Boston Parks Department Introducing CONNECTIONS, a kick-off event to this year's ParkArts program on June 1, from noon to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and June 2 from noon to 6 p.m.. Free admission and open to the public. The Province Nova Scotia Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage will provide toe-tapping entertainment featuring Celtic music, highland dancing and a special feature where Bostonians can search online with the Nova Scotia Archives to discover their Nova Scotia roots. For information about Nova Scotia or the event, go to novascotia.com

TOPS, (take off pounds sensibly) a weight loss support group, meets on Fridays at the Duxbury COA on Mayflower St. Duxbury. Weigh-in 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. meeting 10 to 11 a.m. Interested? call Vivian 508-746-3839.

The South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham, will feature the works of Robert Beaulieu of Scituate until Thursday, June 14. Hours are from Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 12 to 5 p.m. For additional information, please call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

New England Singles Dances – ages 40 and over June 1, from 8 p.m. to midnight VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission $8 visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. June 1, **Sister Cheryl.** 781-829-6999.

Monponsett Inn, 550 Monponsett Street, Halifax June 1, at 7 p.m. **Joey Canzano, New England's Man of Many Voices** including Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Tom Jones, Elvis, Bobby Darin, Neil Diamond and more. Advance tickets 781-293-2116.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, June 1 **Chris Fitz Band,** blues Cover $6. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Saturday, June 2

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands are sponsoring a trip to Rainsford Island on Saturday June 2. The boat will depart from Fan Pier at 11 a.m. and get back at 3 p.m. Fan Pier is in downtown Boston (by the Moakley Federal Courthouse, Northern Avenue). The closest T station is Courthouse (Silver Line). The trip goes regardless of the weather, with no rain date. Space is limited, advance paid reservations are strongly recommended. Any tickets still available on the day will be sold from 10 a.m. at Fan Pier, first come first served, cash only. The cost is $35 for adults, $33 for seniors (65+), $30 for FRIENDS members, and $27 for children (0 – 12). For information about FRIENDS activities visit www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance June 2, 8:30 p.m. to midnight at Pembroke Country Club, 94 W. Elm St,. Pembroke. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by award winning DJ Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes and match game prizes. Free dancing lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples age 30 and over. Admission all night $10. Proper business dress recommended; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable. Visit www.se-4u.com or call 781-446-0234 for information.

Hingham artist Anita Franks solo show **"Dualities"** may be viewed in the Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery from June 2 through June 29 during Library hours. There will be an Opening Reception for Anita Franks on Thursday, June 14 from 5-7 PM; the public is invited to meet the artist. For more information call 781-741-1405 or visit www.hinghamlibrary.org

Beneath the Streets of Boston exhibit beginning on May 26 and running through June 28 the Dolphin Gallery at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham will exhibit the stunningly realistic sepia-toned watercolors created by commercial and architectural illustrator Joe McKendry for his 2005 book *"Beneath the Streets of Boston: Building America's First Subway"*. The watercolor paintings resemble the archival photographs on which they're based and convey realistic views of the building of Boston's early public transit system. 781-741-1405 x 2600.

The Hull Knights of Columbus is having a scholarship dinner dance Saturday, June 2 at the K of C Hall starting at 7 p.m. Music for dancing will be provided by DJ Bob Caldera. Dinner will be your choice of steak or lobster by reservation only. Cost: $25 per person. For reservations call 781-925-1712.

Phillips Old Colony House, 780 Morrissey Blvd., Boston. June 2, at 8 p.m. **Comedy Night with Frank Santorelli,** "Georgie" from The Sopranos. Other comics include **Shane Mauss** (Winner of 2007 Aspen Comedy Festival), **Maggie MacDonald, Shaun Bedgood**, and **Annette Pollack**. Dinner Before the Show/Appetizers During Show. Call 617-282-7700 x 1 for tickets. Tickets: $20 In Advance/$25 at the Door. Call 617-282-7700 x 1 or 781-843-4833 or visit www.myspace.com/annettepollack or www.bostondining.com

Run of the Mill, 6 Spring Lane, Plymouth, offers traditional Irish Seisiun every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety, from sea chanteys, rebel songs and songs of loss, to jigs, reels and hornpipes, with great craic and sing-along. Admission is free. No cover. Come sing, come play, come listen. Call 508-830-1262.

French Memories Café, 175 South Main St, Cohasset. Every Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5 p.m. **Drift Away with Joe'n J.** 781-383-2216.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. June 2, **Mr. Band** 781-829-6999.

Sweet Fordy's, 290 Center St., Pembroke First Saturday of the month **Wine & Pastry Tasting**, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. 781-294-8550.

Monponsett Inn, 550 Monponsett Street, Halifax June 2, 7:30 p.m. **Splash**. 781-293-2116.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, June 2 Slippery Sneakers, Zydeco, Cajun. Cover $10. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sunday, June 3

The Daniel Webster Estate and Heritage Center, Marshfield. June 3, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. presents **Skinner Auctioneer and Senior Appraiser, Kerry Shrives** "a la Antiques Road Show" Shrives specializes in Engliash, continental and Victorian furniture and decorative arts as well as Judaica. Fifty items will be appraised (one per guest) Jewelry, coins, stamps, and musical instruments are not included. Champagne reception at 1:30 p.m. Program runs 2 to 4 p.m. Tickets price $25. Call 781-837-2403 or 781-837-7579 or visit danielwebsterestate.org

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Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak St., Brockton opens its doors Sunday afternoon June 3, for an opening reception for two new exhibitions, Pulp Function and Robert Brady: Sculpture 1989-2005. Free to the public, the reception runs from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Museum. The Museum is open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $8 adults, $5 seniors and students, free for members and children under 12. For more information on Fuller Craft exhibitions and events please visit www.fullercraft.org.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, presents **The Dave Foley Band** every Sunday 781-335-9796. Shows 9:15p.m., no cover. www.nextpagecafe.com

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The North River Arts Society presents Diversity, a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery featuring original works by Hanover artist Frank Carroll. This show runs June 2 – July 27. The public is invited to a free opening reception at the Library on June 4, from 7 to 9 p.m. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster Street, Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781-837-8091 or email: info@northriverarts.org.

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Volunteers



THE NSRWA WILL HOLD ITS 20TH ANNUAL RIVER CLEAN UP DAY on Saturday, June 2, from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers can head out by foot, truck, or boat to remove trash and debris from the rivers, streams, marshes and ponds that make up the watershed. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to join the activities. All participants are invited to attend a celebratory cookout at the Scituate's Driftway Conservation Area from around 12 noon to 2 p.m.The winner of the NSRWA Kayak Raffle will be announced at this time.

This year the NSRWA is especially in need of volunteers with pickup trucks. Volunteers are also encouraged to get out in boats to help clean the rivers in those areas that cannot be reached by foot.The official clean up stations are listed below, however volunteers are encouraged not to limit themselves to these stations in helping to scour the shores of our rivers. **Clean Up Stations: North River Watershed:** 1) Driftway Conservation Area. in Scituate. 2) Union St. Canoe Launch, Marshfield. 3) Hanover Canoe Launch on Riverside Drive off Elm St. in Hanover. 4) Old Oaken Bucket Pond in Scituate – meet in parking lot at intersection of Rte 3A and Rte 123. **South River Watershed.** 5) Willow St. Bridge, Marshfield & Frances Keville Bridge area behind CVS. 6) Marshfield Town Landing on Ferry St. If you are interested in organizing a cleanup for your group, or for information, contact the NSRWA office at 781-659-8168, email paula@nsrwa.org or visit the NSRWA website at www.nsrwa.org

SOUTH SHORE HOSPITAL is looking for volunteers to escort patients and visitors to the new Cardiovascular Center, the radiology department, and the surgical center. Volunteers may also be called upon to provide general information about hospital services. A variety of shifts are available on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with shifts generally lasting four hours. Call 781-340-8241 for information, or learn how to "Get Involved" in the How You Can Help a section of South Shore Hospital's website, www.southshorehospital.org.

WANTED: BIG SISTERS The Big Sister Association of Greater Boston needs more women, who are at least 20-years-old to become Big Sisters. Orientation sessions are in Quincy June 15, from noon to 1 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. at 1245 Hancock St., Monroe Building, Suite 7, second floor, 617-328-1061. Call 617-236-8060 for Boston dates and times.



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A GREAT GATSBY'S BALL will be presented by South Shore Dancers on June 9, at the Cushing Center on Route 123 in Norwell. A tango lesson will be given at 7:30. Dancing from 8-11 pm. Black tie is suggested. Cost: $9 for members and $10 non-members. Reservations a must. Call Tom Osterland at 781 659-4703 or visit SouthShoreDancers.org.

SECOND ANNUAL BLUEGRASS ON THE BOGS 2007 June 9, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and June 10, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Edaville USA, Pine Street, Carver Cost and registration: Saturday $20, Sunday $15; camping $10 per person. http://www.edaville.com http://bluegrassonthebogs.org

JM PRODUCTIONS presents Dane Vannatter Tony Bennett Show at Raffael's Nantasket June 15. Call 617-786-SHOW or visit www.jmproductionspresents.com

BOSTON EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL presents 14 Concerts by preeminent international soloists and ensembles as part of week-long "Early Music Extravaganza" June 11-17. Alongside the exhibition are dozens of fringe concerts by established and emerging artists; scholarly symposia and public discussions on a variety of topics affecting the field of early music; Family Day programs; and Masterclasses by Festival artists. Full details on all events at the 2007 Boston Early Music Festival can be found at www.bemf.org, or call 617-661-1812 for a complete brochure.

EDAVILLE USA, Pine St., Carver. All Aboard For Thomas & Friends June 15-17 and 22-25. Enjoy a 20-minute ride with Thomas, meet SirTopham Hatt, enjoy storytelling, live music and much more. For tickets and information visit www.ticketweb.com or call 866-468-7630 or visit www.thomasandfriends.com Tickets $16 for ages two and up. Advance purchase is recommended. Events are rain or shine.

THE MAXWELL CONSERVATION TRUST in Scituate is putting on a free Family Fun Day on June 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mt. Hope Improvement Society Building, at the corner of Clapp Road and Cedar Street in Scituate's West End. Free entertainment will be the focus of the celebration including guided hikes of the Litchfield property, a moon walk, face painting, "Max Pics" (pictures taking with Maxwell, the golden retriever that the trust is named for) and live music by Kathie Lee, Howard Mathews and Jessie and Loni Allen. Refreshments will be available for purchase. For further information, call Cynde Robbins on 781-545-4167.

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Monday, June 4

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Norma McKenzie** will continue to exhibit her work for the month of June at the Tufts Library, 456 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-337-8134.

The Dickinson Art Gallery, the region's newest art gallery, will feature the work of four artists in their next show titled "The Fabulous Four." Works of **Kathy Ferrara** (watercolors), **Steve Boczanowski** (acrylics), **Dominic Farrell** (watercolors) and **Charyl Weissbach** (Encaustic and Oil) will be displayed at the gallery through June 9. Dickinson Art Gallery on 1132 Main St. (Route 18) in Weymouth. For information call 781-331-3384 or 800-979-2300.

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Monday and is highly recommended for newcomers. All are welcome. For information, call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857.

Tuesday, June 5

ASAP - The **A**doption & **F**oster Care **S**chool **A**wareness **P**roject will hold it's next meeting on June 5. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the Lydia Drake Library, 340 High St., Pembroke, at 7:30 pm. (No meeting in July.) The group will focus on ongoing projects, they will be making dolls from around the word for the adoption awareness displays for next November. Bring your own sewing kit, fabric scraps, portable sewing machine and friends. ASAP is committed to increasing awareness in the schools and in our communities of the special needs of families formed through adoption and foster care. All Parents, caregivers, educators and interested community members are welcome. For info contact Charlotte Simpson at 781 293-3341 or visit our website at www. asapmass.org

Life's A Beach! Come Have A Ball! Tuesday, June 5 at 6 p.m. **Claire Cook** signs her new novel, "LIFE'S A BEACH," at Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Dust off your flip-flops, grab your beach chair and head for Front Street Book Shop on June 5. Photos of the most creative flip flops will be posted on www.clairecook.com at the LIFE'S A BEACH Walk of Fun. Refreshments. More info or to pre-pay and order your signed and personalized copy call Front Street Book Shop: 781-545-5011 or www.frontstreetbookshop.com.

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Women of the South Shore If you love to sing come to the open rehearsals of The Island Grove Chorus- a women's acapella singing group. Meet at the United Church of Christ Route 18 in Abington, on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. Call Joanne 781-843-4355 or Judy 781-848-5843.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. June 5, Free **Texas Hold Em. With Northern Poker League.**

The Snug, 114 North St., Hingham, every Tuesday night 8:30 p.m. **Drift Away Trio** featuring **J Place, Joe Micarelli**, and **John Litwin.** No cover 781-749-9774.

Wednesday, June 6

Gateway to Chinese Culture- The magic of China through its art, cooking and ancient arts June 6 at the South Shore Natural Science Center 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell featuring Partners **Ching Ching Puskarichi** and **Kwok Wah Cheng,** master chef of **Beijing Restaurant**, Norwell.

This will be followed with a lecture by **Beth Sexeny,** certified Feng Shui practitioner and consultant at Feng Shui Boston, Inc. Her lecture "Living with Intention: An Introduction to the Art of Feng Shui" will include practical tips to create balance, harmony and tranquility in ones environment while living in harmony with nature.

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Constance McWade of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Hingham will be the featured speaker at the weekly breakfast meeting of The President's Club Chapter of Business Network International (BNI), on Wednesday, June 6 at 7 a.m. McWade will discuss the benefits of employing an experienced broker when buying or selling a home. The President's Club Chapter of BNI is comprised of leading business people from Quincy, Holbrook, Braintree, Weymouth, Hingham, Stoughton, Canton, Hull, Randolph, Milton, Hanover, Brockton and Dorchester, but welcomes anyone who works or lives in southeastern Massachusetts. The group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at Emerald Hall, 120 Bay State Drive, Braintree. Visitors are welcome. For information, contact Club President Norm Abrahamson at 781-828-2270 or by email at ngalaw@cantonlaw.net

Free alcoholism counseling: The FAMILY PROJECT is a research study which offers free treatment to find out whether adding family counseling to one-on-one recovery counseling leads to more sobriety for individuals with alcohol problems. Individuals ages 18-65 with a current alcohol problem who live with a family member other than a spouse are eligible. The study is conducted by researchers at Harvard Medical School and Bay State Community Services, Inc. For information, call the Family Project at Bay State Community Services at 617.694.2602.

The South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Feed the Animals an Ongoing Program every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Saturdays and Monday Holidays at 10 a.m. Free with admission. Come watch the Naturalist on Duty feed the animals. "The Magic School Bus" for children in Kindergarten with Mary Lou Hammond, Education Director, Wednesdays, morning 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. or afternoon, 1:15-2:30 p.m. Session 11: May 9, 16, 23. Hop aboard the "Magic School Bus" with Ms. Frizzle for a different science adventure each week. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes, and apply sunscreen and bug spray. $35M/$40 per three-week session, pre-registration and pre-payment required. Limit eight children.

Thursday, June 7

Network4 Success, Business Networking, meeting the first Thursday of the month from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Plympton Public Library, Rt. 59, Plympton. Call Laura Joseph at 781-422-2294 or email at pfsdreamgalleries@yahoo.com or Lisa Krance at 781-582-2359.

The Alzheimer's Care Partners Group will meet on Thursday, June 7, 10:30 a.m. at The John Curtis Free Library, 534 Hanover St., (Route 139) Hanover. We are people who are participating in the care of someone with Alzheimer's Disease. We are an open group and welcome you to come join us free of charge. They meet the first Thursday of every month. For information, contact Penny Peterson, LCSW, at 781.659.2691.

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset, welcomes three debut authors on June 7 at 7 p.m. The authors, **Tish Cohen**, "Town House", **Patry Francis,** "The Liar's Diary" and **Jennifer McMahon**, "Promise Not to Tell" will discuss their books as well as the impact of blogging vis-à-vis their published novels. This is a free event and refreshments will be served. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a personalized or signed copy, call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

Starcreations Theater presents the musical **Cinderella** on June 7 and 8, at 5 p.m. held at the Reed Community House, 33A Summer St, Kingston. General admission $3. For reservations and more information, call 508-747-1234 or email info@starcreations.org

L. Knife & Son will cosponsor the **Summer Concert Series** for the 2007 season, with the Town of Plymouth Promotions Fund, the Plymouth Cultural Council and the Music Performance Funds. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin each Thursday at 7 p.m. beginning June 7, at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following Tuesday. June 7: **Don Besegai's Big Band.**



"Day Lilies" by Voevy Strekalovsky, oil on board

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The South Street Gallery, the area's premier gallery featuring local, regional and national artists, has announced that an upcoming exhibit will feature paintings of scenes of Hingham Gardens by many local and regional plein-air artists.Artists will capture the colors of spring from now through June 12 and then they will submit their paintings to the South Street Gallery for the opening event which will take place at the South Street Gallery on Friday, June 15, from 6 to 9 p.m., refreshments will be served. The "Gardens of Hingham" will be on display from June 15 through July 1. Portion of all proceeds will be donated to the Hingham Historical Society.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53, Washington St. Pembroke. June 7 **Radio for the Blind** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, Stump Team Trivia at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Satch Romano's New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Friday June 8

The South Shore Art Center - *Visiting Artist Workshops 2007* includes five master classes in the visual arts. Instructors are offering an innovative array of workshop topics including landscape painting in oil, journal painting in watercolor, pastel painting, cyanotype, and drawing and painting the figure. Instructors include: Linda Bond, Antonia Ramis Miguel, Peter Schroth, Doug Dawson, and Peter Madden. All participating instructors' work will be on exhibition in the Bancroft Gallery. *Viewpoints: Visiting Artists Exhibition* will open Friday, June 8 and continue through July 15. For information or to register for any of the visiting artist workshops call 781/383-ARTS or visit www.ssac.org

South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Tales from the Wild With Barbara Devine, Senior Naturalist For children ages 3-5. Every Friday 10:30-11:00am (except holidays and vacation weeks) Free with admission Join us for stories ad tales about animals and nature. Please call in advance if you plan to attend. Limit 10 children

Tuscan House Restaurant, 58 E. Grove Street (Rt. 28) Middleboro, **Comedy Night** June 8, 7 p.m. featuring the comedy of **Mike Donovan, Jerry Thornton, Matt McArthur** and **Annette Pollack.** Cost: Complete dinner/show package $29.95. Advance reservations required by calling 508-923-0099 or 781-843-4833. For information visit www.myspace.com/annettepollack or www.tuscanhouserestaurant.com

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke **Texas Hold Em** every Thursday night 781-294-4700.

Monponsett Inn, 550 Monponsett Street, Halifax June 8, 7:30 p.m. **Splash**. 781-293-2116.



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Work-renowned artist and Pop Icon Peter Max brings his Colors of a Better World exhibit to Wentworth Galleries, Boston making two special appearances, Friday and Saturday, June 1 and 2. On June 1, The Mall at Chestnut Hill June 1, from 6 to 9 p.m. 199 Boylston St., Chestnut Hill, 617-630-9163. June 2, noon to 3 p.m. at the Burlington Mall, 75 Middlesex Turnpike, Burlington, 781-272-5010.

Quick Flix

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Jerry (Harry Connick Jr.) can't find a way to talk Agnes (Ashley Judd) out of her funk in "Bug."

New Releases

"BUG" (B)

Ashley Judd is magnificent in "Bug," a low-budget, jarring thriller that is every bit as creepy as its title implies. Judd tears through a bevy of emotions as Agnes, a worn-out barmaid seemingly at the end of her rope. She hooks up with Peter (Michael Shannon), an eerie, brawny guy whose disturbing stare could pierce one's skin down to the bone. Peter insists he was part of a government experiment and miniscule bugs were implanted in his skin. Before you know it, Agnes is along for the ride, and the duo are clawing at their bodies and going insane. All the Calamine lotion in the world couldn't save these lost souls. (Rated R) — Chelsea Bain

"HOLLYWOOD DREAMS" (C)

Eccentric independent filmmaker Henry Jaglom tackles the female psyche again in "Hollywood Dreams," a story about a ditz who yearns to make it big in Los Angeles. Margie Chizek (Tanna Frederick) is an emotionally brittle actress with a head of curly red hair. The first frame opens as she's auditioning for a part; she starts bawling before her monologue begins. Imagine Little Orphan Annie having a meltdown. This teary-eyed intro is exactly what you would expect from the guy who brought us "Eating," "Babyfever" and "Going Shopping." Jaglom, who pens his own screenplays and uses handheld cameras to capture the melodrama, wants to prove he's connected with feminine quirks. His style is getting tiresome. (Rated R) — Chelsea Bain

"PARIS, JE T'AIME" (A-)

Cheaper than a weekend in Paris and almost as romantic, "Paris Je T'Aime" (Paris, I love you) suggests that the miracle and magic of love may be just around the corner, especially if that corner is one of the 18 Parisian neighborhoods that provide the settings for this collection of short films by first-rate talent from around the world. Easily the most enchanting and memorable moment arrives last in Alexander Payne's look at Carol (Margo Martindale), a middle-aged, single, Denver letter carrier who realizes a lifelong dream to visit Paris. As Carol relates her touristy itinerary in American-accented French, we see how a faraway place can seize and live in someone's heart. (Rated R) — Stephen Schaefer

Auditions

SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY is holding auditions for Bay Youth Symphony (BaYS), a newly created, four-tiered orchestra program for young, school- aged musicians in Southeastern Massachusetts, designed in collaboration with the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra. Music Director James Vinci. Auditions take place June 2 – June 7 at the Ellison Center for the Arts. Call 781-749-7565, ext. 32 or e- mail candacekniffen@southshoreconservatory.org, or visit the website to schedule an audition.

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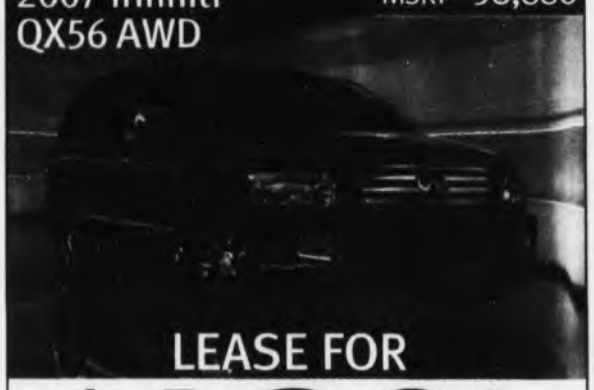
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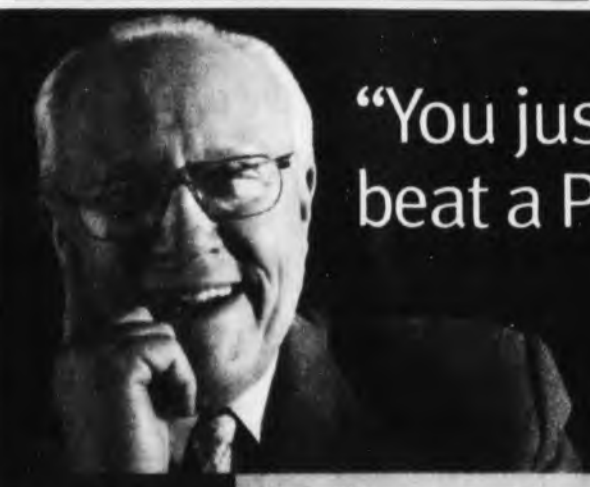
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Father, son face charges

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night. DiPaolo had the system installed because of his high profile job as the CEO of Work 'N Gear and feared break-ins, said McGlone. They are in the process of getting a copy of the tape from the security company.

McGlone said that "emotions ran high" on both sides — the police and the DiPaolos — and the tape might clear up some of the night's events.

None of the other youths were taken into custody. Police Chief James Hussey said the officers could not determine if the remaining youths were under the influence of alcohol so they had no reason to take them into custody at that time. However, their names were taken down and the parents of the youths were notified and if it was a youth's second offense, the school was notified.

The younger DiPaolo spent the night in a cell at the police station. During the course of the night, DiPaolo used what police believe was a penny to carve his initials and profanity into the floors and walls of the cell, Hussey said. He was transported to court in the morning to be arraigned. He pleaded not guilty to charges of underage drinking, providing alcohol to minors, disorderly conduct and felony vandalism. DiPaolo was then released to his parents.

Last June the police responded to a similar party at the DiPaolo residence. When the police arrived to the home approximately 60 teens were inside consuming beer from cans and red plastic cups, according to the police report. Police received a tip from a concerned parent whose daughter had returned home from the party. The caller said the DiPaolo parents had arrived home and "turned a blind eye to the party, and let the youths continue to drink at the home," the report stated. In that incident the younger DiPaolo was arrested and his mother, Gloria DiPaolo was summoned for furnishing alcohol to minors. The charges were dropped on both DiPaolos after they paid court fees.

Under the Social Host Responsibility Act, an adult does not have to present to be charged with allowing underage drinking on premises under his or her control if there is reasonable belief that the adult knows the underage drinking was going to occur. For the purpose of this law, "furnish" means to knowingly supply a person under 21 (except for children and grandchildren of the person being charged) with alcoholic beverages on property owned by the person charged. If found guilty, the penalty can be a fine up to $2,000 or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both. Incidentally, the law was enacted after Gregory Smith of Marshfield was killed in a car crash as he drove home drunk after attending a graduation party in Cohasset.

Although the younger DiPaolo is not of legal drinking age, he still can be charged with providing alcohol to minors, said Hussey.

Underage drinking is a problem that is found throughout the Commonwealth, Cohasset is just a case in point. Hussey recognizes that the police will always have to deal with situations where youths experiment with alcohol, however, he is concerned that parents are ambivalent to the problem.

"I wouldn't want any parent in the Commonwealth to condone alcohol use by those underage. We can't give permission to youth to break the law. If parents allow kids to drink alcohol, it just opens the door for kids to break the laws. There is a reason the drinking age is 21," Hussey said in a phone interview.

High School Principal Joel Antolini could not discuss specifics, citing the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, which is a federal law that requires written permission from a parent or eligible student (18 and over) in order release any information on a student's education record. He declined to comment on the school's policy regarding off-campus events.

The High School handbook indicates that students participating in athletes in season are subject to a 24/7 rule, meaning if they are found using tobacco, alcohol, steroids, or any other controlled substance anytime during the season they will be subject to an athletic suspension.

Campaign finance report filed for 'blast' message

Nearly two months post-election, a campaign finance report has been filed to account for the town-wide phone message that was sent on Election Day, April 7. Ronnie McMorris filed a Form CPF 18A, a campaign finance report for independent expenditure promoting election or defeat of a candidate(s) at the Town Clerk's office on Wednesday afternoon.

As residents may recall, the "blast" phone message featured the voices of former Selectman Ronnie McMorris and outgoing Selectman Rob Spofford. The message asked voters to get out to the polls to prevent last minute write-in candidate Leonora Jenkins from being elected. They asked voters to cast their ballot for the eventual winners Adrienne MacCarthy and Lucia Flibotte.

According to Dennis Kennedy of the Office of Campaign Finance this form is typically used when an individual takes an action that is either for or against a candidate without the knowledge or approval from the benefiting candidate. Unlike other candidate campaign finance reports that have to be filed within 30 days post-election, Form CPF 18A indicates that the expenditure must be filed with the Town Clerk within seven business days of the expenditure. The form states the expense was paid on June 4.

McMorris's filing names MacCarthy and Flibotte as the benefiting candidates. It cites an expenditure of $147.04 to the Leesburg, Virginia company, Next Big Thing, which was the telephone technology firm used to distribute the message.

Neither MacCarthy nor Flibotte had campaign funding from outside sources, so they were not required to file a campaign finance report with the town. McMorris could not be reached for comment by press time.

Police/Fire Beat

'Stabbing' victims won't work with police

By Mary Ford
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Cohasset police are investigating an altercation Sunday afternoon in the village that ended with two brothers being treated at the hospital.

The case could end up at the District Attorney's office because the boys, ages 18 and 16, are not cooperating with police, Chief James Hussey said Wednesday.

Police got involved after receiving a call from South Shore Hospital in Weymouth at 2:47 p.m., Sunday (June 3) about two Cohasset teenagers, who the hospital believes were the recipients of stabbing wounds. The wounds were not life threatening, Hussey said.

Hussey said an officer went to the hospital to speak to the two victims. The officer spoke to the boys' mother briefly who said one of her sons said he had been injured in a fall off a skateboard and someone had assaulted the other.

Both victims were not forthcoming with information when the officer spoke with each of them and have continued to be uncooperative, Hussey said.

The altercation occurred in the town parking lot near the rear of the gas station where one of the brothers worked.

"Based on the information we had, we canvassed the area of the gas station and came across some blood evidence at the rear of the station by the town parking lot," Hussey said. "Detectives were notified and we protected the crime scene and conducted interviews."

Police have identified another person, a 20-year-old Cohasset man, involved in this case and recovered the potential weapon — a pocket-like knife — from him.

Det. Sgt. Gregory Lennon said the two brothers suffered lacerations that were consistent with an edged weapon and the third person involved had some minor injuries. He explained without the full story the third individual cannot be described as a suspect or a victim.

"We have not been able to figure out exactly what transpired," he said. "We will investigate to the degree we can. But this issue could end up in the District Attorney's Office, which has the legal mechanisms to investigate matters further."

Lennon said in the normal course of events police are able to develop probable cause and bring charges.

"But without the cooperation of the victims, it could be up to the DA about how to proceed," he said.

Drunk teen

Police took a 16-year-old into protective custody at 10:23 p.m. Friday (June 1) following reports of kids causing a disturbance on Black Horse Lane. When officers arrived they spotted a youth in the area who took off upon seeing them. Twenty minutes later, an officer observed a youth fitting the description on Elm Street by the harbor. When the officer tried to speak to the youth, he started running; the officer caught up with him and determined he was intoxicated. The juvenile was brought into the station and subsequently released to his mother.

False checks

A Plymouth man, who allegedly cashed stolen checks the day before, tried again but this time ended up being arrested. Police said a call came in from Stop & Shop at noon on Wednesday (May 30) reporting that a man had returned and was attempting to cash two false checks.

The checks were on a closed account, Chief Hussey said. Based on interviews, the 31-year-old man was charged with uttering a false check, forgery of a check and receiving stolen property.

Hussey said police contacted the person whose name was on the checks who said they were taken six months ago and he had closed that account at his bank.

Unlicensed

A 55-year-old Cohasset man stopped for speeding on Beechwood Street last week got more than a ticket.

A police officer was using radar to monitor traffic on Route 3A when he clocked a car traveling 47 mph in a 35 mph zone. The officer pulled behind the car as it turned left onto Beechwood Street and pulled it over.

The operator could not produce a license and allegedly did not give police his real name. Chief Hussey said he provided a name and date of birth and said he did not know his social security number. Police could not confirm any license with that name and birth date.

The man then gave police the correct name. He was charged with operating on a suspended license and refusing to identify himself; he was cited for speeding and for not wearing a seatbelt.

Erratic driving

An officer pulled behind a vehicle on Hull Street that had been reported as having been operated erratically by a cell caller. The officer observed the vehicle cross the centerline and pulled it over. While asking the driver – a 28-year-old Brockton man — for his license and registration, the officer observed a small plastic bag containing a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana sticking out of his pocket.

The man was charged with possession of marijuana and marked lanes violation, Chief Hussey said. The incident occurred at about 1a.m. on Tuesday (May 29).

Minor crash

Two vehicles sideswiped one another along Parking Way in the town parking lot last Wednesday (May 30) at just before 11 a.m.

Chief Hussey said a 1990 Mack Truck out of Scituate and a 2002 Toyota from Hingham were passing each when the damage to their side-view mirrors occurred.

There were no citations because no fault could be determined, he said.

Missing prescription

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Village consultant to include public process

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being worked on as part of phase one of the project.

To complete the data collection process and then move on to analysis and recommendations, members of Jennings' team will be seeking input from the village merchants and landowners in the upcoming week. They will be visiting downtown shops armed with surveys and questions.

"Our goal is to gather as much information as we can" so the team can better understand the dynamics of the area and take their thoughts into account. "We want to get a sense of why they chose Cohasset Village for their business" as well as understand what they see as the advantages of the location and the challenges they face.

The consultants will also be asking if the merchants and property owners foresee significant changes in their piece of the village over the next three years, ranging from small modifications in signage or adding staff to larger projects like complete renovation or changes in building use.

A key component of the project is to promote development that will ensure business stability year round. Part of that plan will likely include apartments, but its Jennings' job to investigate what scale and design would work best for the village business district.

In addition to business vitality and housing, the consultant will also make recommendation on parking, village character, open space and improving pedestrian connections, infrastructure and zoning bylaws.

The town, with the help of Concord Square, is seeking a Priority Development Fund grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development. If awarded, the grant funds would allow the town to seek the services of architectural design firm. The retention of an architectural firm would enable the production of high quality, design guidelines and provide original renderings of the village. The illustrations would bring "clarity to the end product," says Jennings. The town has heard favorable reviews for the application and expects to hear back within the next week.

A public kick-off meeting will be held on June 19 at Town Hall (time yet to be determined), in which the consulting team will present the project objectives and discuss specific opportunity sites. They invite all to participate, in particular landowners and village merchants. A series of meetings will be held throughout the summer to provide all interested parties to share in the process.

"[The project is all about the most public space in town, the village. It really is Cohasset's character and getting public input each step of the way is the only way to do it," says Westcott. Concord Square's experience with small village centers and predisposition was a large part of why they were chosen for the project.

Police/Fire Beat

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Thursday from her job on King Street. Chief Hussey said she had had the prescription filled earlier in the day and when she got ready to leave for the day, it was no longer in her handbag. "We are following up on some leads and the matter is under investigation," he said.

Animal bite

A caller reported to police last Wednesday (May 30) that the neighbor's boxer had just bitten her elderly mother. The victim was able to get the dog off by using her cane, police said. Chief Hussey said police did confirm that the dog had punctured her skin.

Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy said the dog was up to date on its shots and its owner has agreed to put up a fence. "Everyone is working together," he said.

Run off road

Police ended up taking a man, who is legally blind, into protective custody last week after he refused to get out of the cruiser at his father's house. The incident occurred at about 11:45 a.m. last Wednesday (May 30). Police responded to a call from the Mobil mart from a pedestrian who said he had almost been run off the roadway. However, when the officer arrived the man, who had a dog with him that was not a seeing-eye dog, was not sure where the incident had occurred. The officer, realizing the man had been drinking, offered to drive him to the Cohasset address he provided as his father's residence. However, once there, he refused to get out of the cruiser and was taken to the station "to sleep it off," Chief Hussey said. He was offered a Breathalyzer test, which he agreed to, and failed, police said. The department also has a kennel and kept his dog until the man was ready to be released.

Ditched

The operator of a 2001 Ford Ranger called police at about 6:50 a.m. Thursday (May 31) to report he was traveling south on North Main Street when he swerved by Cedar Street and went off the road into a ditch. Chief Hussey said he was transported to the hospital with what appeared to be minor injuries. The vehicle was towed.

Suspended license

An officer conducting traffic enforcement on Pleasant Street at about 2:30 p.m. on Thursday (May 31) observed a person drive by whom he knew did not have the right to operate a motor vehicle, Chief Hussey said.

He could not stop the car at that moment but knew where the individual was staying. He wrote a citation and hand delivered it; the 31-year-old Scituate man will be summonsed to court for operating on a suspended license. The officer also let the owner of the car know she should not allow the man to drive her vehicle.

Bicyclists falling

Bicyclists are continuing to fall at the grade crossing on North Main Street by Woodside Cemetery. A caller reported some bicyclists were falling as they were crossing the tracks at about noon, on Sunday (June 3). Apparently they were looking down and did not see the signs asking bicyclists to walk their bikes across. The angle of the tracks at that location causes the bicycle's wheels to get trapped and people fall off their bikes.

Chief Hussey said something must be done to rectify the situation by creating a way that bikes can get around that location, he said.

Retaining wall

A Jerusalem Road resident had an unwelcome surprise when he returned home to find that someone had run into at retaining wall in the 90 minutes he'd been away Sunday afternoon (May 27). The property's wall is made of railroad ties, about six of which had been displaced by the impact.

There was a small piece of plastic at the scene that could of come from the vehicle. The incident remains under investigation.

Secure plates

Police received two reports recently of "stolen" license plates that turned out to be lost not stolen, Chief Hussey said. In one incident, the plate was discovered in Scituate by police there and was returned to the owner. In the second incident, the plate was found at the car wash.

Hussey said it is a good idea for residents when getting their car's oil changed or other work to check the screws on the license plate.

A lost plate can be a real hassle. He said chances are the registry would have to issue a new plate with a new plate number.

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'Rosano Triangle' needs site plan review

By Nancy White
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Joseph Rosano's plan for a mixed use building with commercial and residential purpose got approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals and received a building permit back in September 2006. If all had gone according to plan, passersby on Route 3A would have already seen the semblance of a new building — instead of a pile of dirt.

Now, after three informal meetings with the Planning Board to discuss his building, the board voted 3-2 on Wednesday night to recommend the Building Inspector not to issue a permit until there is a full site plan review.

Rosano ended up in front of the Planning Board after his building permit expired. The Planning Board contends that the Planning Board should have been Rosano's first stop because of the proposed building's location in a commercial district. The plot of land, often called Rosano triangle, is bordered by Lower King Street, Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Rosano Lane (formerly Crocker Lane), is zoned residential but is in a commercial district.

However, Rosano has argued in his three meetings with the Board that he has already gone through proper procedure with the Zoning Board to get approval for his multi-purpose building with medical/professional offices on the first floor and one apartment on the second floor. He defends his permit saying at the beginning of the process, he was never advised a site plan was necessary and was given verbal assurances from the Building Inspector that the permit would be renewed with no problems.

"It is real close to gray areas that make lawyers a lot of money," said Al Moore, Chairman of the Planning Board, in a phone interview. That gray area seemed to turn a little black and white for, at least, Moore and member Bob Sturdy after they received a letter from Town Counsel advising them that a site plan was required for the development. Member Stuart Ivimey was the third majority vote has said from the first informal meeting with Rosano a site plan should be required.

"The reality is this requires a site plan review," said Ivimey, while sympathizing with Rosano's situation is still concerned with traffic and safety in conjunction with the proposed building. The current plan includes two curb cuts onto to Route 3A: Rosano Lane and what will be an "exit only" driveway, both of which did not sit well with the Board.

Vice Chairman Bill Good and Mike Westcott, the two opposed votes, expressed they were comfortable discussing the issues with the plan without a full site plan considering Rosano's cooperation up to this point.

Part of the reason, some members of the Planning Board are concerned about the proposed development is the parcel is located in a "hot spot" that is going to see a lot of changes in the near future. The plot is in the center of a few potentially large developments: the MBTA station and potential transit oriented district (TOD) to the north and Avalon development to the south. A traffic light is also in the works for that intersection of King and CJC Highway.

The discussions with Rosano have been drawn out over three meetings and, at times, emotions have run high on both sides. The Planning Board has tried to walk the line between being fair to the applicant and making sure that the project will not have any negative impacts on the area.

At his first appearance on May 9 the Board requested that their engineer, John Modelewski, look over the plans and offer his concerns, if any, with the plan. Rosano complied with their request, seeing no other way to move the project forward.

At the second night of discussion on May 23, Modelewski gave his preliminary review of the project. His concerns were primarily traffic related.

"This is highly sensitive area traffic wise," he said at the May 23 meeting, "if this was a full site plan review, I would want a traffic engineer to be involved."

Modelewski said his chief concerns were the Rosano Lane curb cut, the access driveway be moved and the amount of parking spaces. At the meeting on Wednesday night, Rosano brought plans that addressed some of Modelewski's concerns: a moved access driveway, as well as reduced parking from 17 to 10 spaces. However, he contended he could not close off access to Rosano Lane as requested because other individuals have easements over the Lane and frequently use it. Rosano Lane would be kept unpaved to discourage the public from using it as a cut-through.

Before the vote was taken, the Planning Board requested that Rosano contact the parties who have rights to the easement to see if they would be willing to surrender their rights to Rosano Lane.

After the vote was taken, the Planning Board said that they could schedule the review as soon as July 11. A full site plan includes a public hearing where residents can air concerns and the Planning Board and Modelewski will take an in-depth look at all aspects of the project.

Beach and recycling permits to expire June 30

The expiration date of the beach and Recycling Transfer Facility permits is June 30. The "all facility sticker" for the next fiscal year will be on sale starting the week of June 18 during normal business hours at Town Hall and at the DPW garage on weekends starting June 23, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sticker prices will remain the same as last year – $50 for residents under the age of 60 and $15 for seniors. This sticker will allow access to the Recycling Transfer Facility and Sandy Beach, as well as parking at all areas in town that require a sticker.

In addition, residents will be required to purchase special bags in which to dispose of all trash that cannot be recycled. These bags will be offered at the Department of Public Works building and various locations throughout the town. All commercial contractors and vehicles registered in a business name should pick up their stickers at the Department of Public Works. Residents are encouraged to purchase stickers through the mail by providing the appropriate fee, a copy of a current registration and a self-addressed return envelope.

South Shore Tide Chart
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June	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 7	4:23	9.3	5:04	8.7	10:41	0.2	11:03	1.0
Sunrise: 5:07 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:17 p.m.*			
Fri. 8	5:18	9.2	5:56	9.0	11:33	0.3	—	—
Sunrise: 5:07 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:18 p.m.*			
Sat. 9	6:16	9.1	6:50	9.4	12:02	0.8	12:27	0.3
Sunrise: 5:07 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:18 p.m.*			
Sun. 10	7:16	9.0	7:45	9.8	1:02	0.4	1:23	0.3
Sunrise: 5:06 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:19 p.m.*			
Mon. 11	8:17	9.0	8:40	10.2	2:02	0.0	2:19	0.3
Sunrise: 5:06 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:19 p.m.*			
Tues. 12	9:18	9.0	9:35	10.6	3:01	-0.4	3:15	0.2
Sunrise: 5:06 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:20 p.m.*			
Wed. 13	10:17	9.1	10:30	10.8	3:59	-0.8	4:09	0.2
Sunrise: 5:06 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:20 p.m.*			
Thurs. 14	11:14	9.1	11:24	10.9	4:54	-1.0	5:03	0.2
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Laura Campedelli wins Pilgrim Arena Scholarship

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NEWS BY 5 P.M

Hello Cohasset. Well, the weather is showing us that summer time is almost here! I am so happy to have it right around the corner, that is for sure. Make sure to send in all of your news and information as well as special events no later than Tuesdays by 5 p.m.. each week. Happy Birthday wishes go out today to my husband Bob, enjoy!

LAUNCH PARTY

Mark your calendars for the annual Cohasset Sailing Club Summer Launch Party on Saturday July 7th from 6 – 11pm. All adult members, parents of sailors and friends are invited to the lobster feast and auction to benefit the club. Dinner will be served from 6 until 8:30. The party is held at the CSC rain or shine; BYOB. Tickets are $50pp, payable to the Cohasset Sailing Club and are available by phoning **Joyce Driscoll** # 383-0122 or **Claudia McKeon** # 383-6125. Donations for auction items are welcome—please contact Jim Porter at # 383-2029. See you on July 7th!

TOP PIANIST

South Shore Conservatory recently congratulated Cohasset piano student, **Audrey Kirwan** for placing second in her division of South Shore Conservatory's seventh annual Piano Solo Competition. As a winner, Audrey, a student of Piano Instructor Hui-Min Wang, received a performance in a special winners concert on June 3. Fantastic news, Audrey, congratulations.

FARMER'S MARKET

Get ready for the Farmer's Market getting ready to kick off on Thursday, June 14. This weekly event is held from June 14-Oct. 18th from 2:30-6:30 p.m. and is filled with fresh produce, entertainment, arts and crafts, activities for the kids and so much more.



Audrey Kirwan, shown here with her instructor, Hui-Min Wang, placed second in her division in a piano solo competition.



Laura Campedelli accepts a $5,000 scholarship from the Pilgrim Arena at a special reception last week. At left, scholarship committee chairman Roger Williams presents Laura with a commemorative plaque. At right, is arena president, Hoby Taylor.

SCHOLARSHIP

Cohasset High gradate **Laura Campedelli** was among 10 recipients of $5,000 Pilgrim Arena Scholarships awarded last week. Laura will head to Boston College in the fall.

The recipients and their families were honored at a special reception last Friday at the arena on 75 Recreation Park Drive in Hingham. The Pilgrim Arena awards scholarships annually to graduating high school seniors. The winners are selected by the Scholarship Committee of the board of directors at the arena.

RELAY FOR LIFE

The Cohasset Relay For Life including Scituate, Hingham and Hull is coming on June 15 and 16. This is an event that supports the American Cancer Society for children through adults held at Alumni Field at the Cohasset Middle/High School. They are looking for volunteers for the day of the Relay and also if anyone needs luminaria bags and bows. Please call **Jacqui Goyette-Vitello** at 781-383-2668 or email PJVIT@aol.com.

SKIDMORE GRADS

Cohasset residents, **Kathleen C. McCarthy** and **Taylor L. O'Brien** were among 600 students receiving degrees during Skidmore College's commencement May 19 at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center. Kathleen is a sociology major and Taylor is an education studies major. Congratulations to you both on your success.

CEA VOLUNTEER

After helping one of his own grandparents learn how to use a computer seven years ago, **Austin Breslow** began volunteering at Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs to help all of the seniors in the community who wanted to learn about computers. During the seven years that he has been a volunteer, he has helped more than 80 seniors learn the ins and outs of computer technology and also created a manual for a teaching a computer technology class for senior citizens. Austin has helped some seniors in their late 80's go from being scared to turn on a computer to e-mailing their friends and searching for information on the internet.

In honor of his volunteer service to the CEA, Austin was presented with a 2007 Community MVP Award by New England Patriots owners Myra and Robert Kraft.

The Patriots presented a $1,500 grant to Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs on behalf of Austin, who has spent the past seven years teaching senior citizens how to use computers.

DEAN'S LIST

Quincy College announced its Spring 2007 dean's list and Cohasset student, **Sara Osmanski** was listed on it. Super work, Sara.

LAW DEGREE

Brian R. Riley, a son of **Bob and Carol Riley** and a 1996 graduate of Cohasset High School, received his Juris Doctor degree May 20 from Suffolk University Law School at their centennial commencement exercises in Boston. Excellent news Brian, congratulations!

MAKE A SPLASH!

Cohasset Swim Team tryouts will be held on Monday June 18 from 3-5 p.m. at the swim center pool. Swimmers must be 6yrs of age by July 1,2007 and no older than 17years. There are limited openings this year. Dive team tryouts will be held on Monday June 18 from 5-7 p.m. at the swim center pool. Rain date for tryouts for both swim and dive will be held Tuesday June 19with same times as Monday.

That is all the news for this week. Send it all in by Tuesdays at 5 pm each week.

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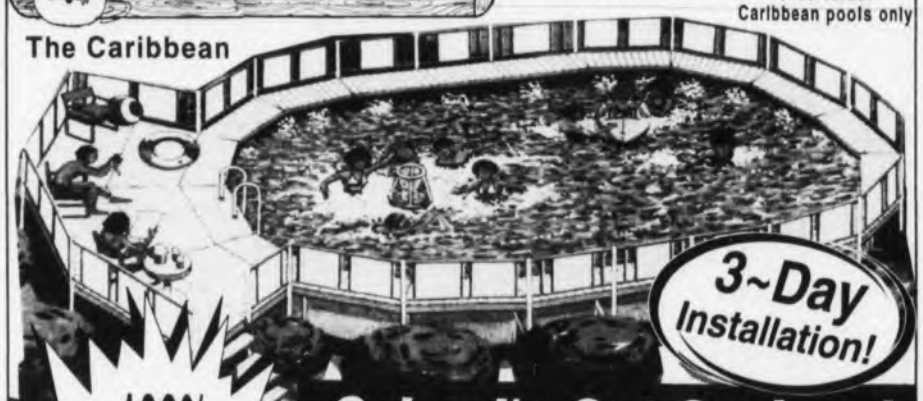
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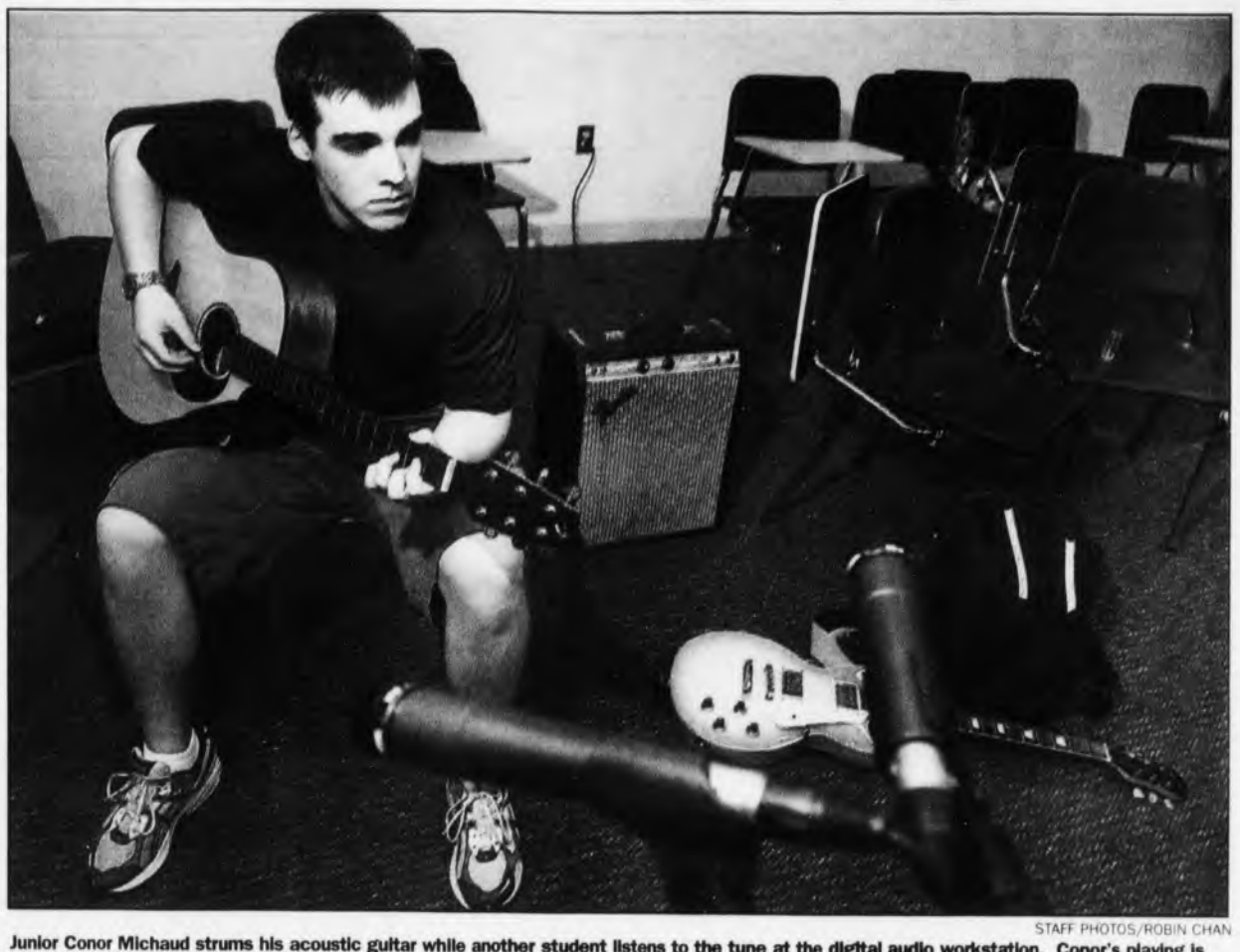
A rising music recording artist could get their start right here in Cohasset. In fact, high school musicians could be recording their very first CD release in the near future. Thanks to recent workshops training students on a digital audio recording device, students could be recording their latest original music, school concerts and audition CDs right at the high school.

The Digital Audio Workstation, or DAW, was given to the music department close to two years ago as a gift from the Class of 1984, in memory of one of their own, Peter Daggett, a student and man who was passionate about music.

"He would have likely been among the interested guitar players there [at the training]," said music teacher Bryan Marks, "the Korg D1600mk II (the recording device) is indeed an appropriate memorial gift to the school from his classmates."

However, the high-tech machine was not user-friendly and with a 300-page manual, it was a little overwhelming to both members of the faculty and the students. Although Marks and another teacher successfully recorded a few school concerts, they did not feel comfortable teaching it to others and felt the equipment was not being used to its full potential. They needed someone with expertise to show them how to set up a recording session and record music.

Then the opportunity for collaboration between the Cohasset Arts Boosters and the South Shore Conservatory came up in the early spring. The Conservatory was looking for more involvement in local schools and offered an Audio Recording Workshop that could teach students how to use the equipment. Booster parent, Carol Meyers, contacted Mark Campbell, director of Hingham campus of the South Shore Conservatory, and he agreed to teach a four-week workshop with any interested middle-high school students.



STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

Junior Conor Michaud strums his acoustic guitar while another student listens to the tune at the digital audio workstation. Conor's playing is picked up by the microphones and can be digitally edited and recorded by the workstation. With the help of the workshop, students will be able to create a professional sounding recording.



Freshman Austin Meyers adjusts the gain, fade, loudness and master volume on the digital audio workstation. The Class of 1984 donated the recording equipment in memory of their classmate, Peter Daggett. (For a video of the workshop, visit: www.cohassetmariner.com)

Seven interested students signed up for the workshop. Some are involved in the school band, others play in ensembles outside of school, a few have even started their own bands — and some do all three. These multi-talented kids are taking full advantage of the opportunity to learn more about different aspects of music and audio recording. The students see music as something they want to pursue in the future.

"It's a good thing for those who are interested in music, to know something about audio recording," said Campbell, "how much music nowadays is live or from concerts? The majority is recorded music."

The workshops have progressed from setting up a recording session to editing music to transferring the final product to CD, "once this is done they can come in and use the equipment," said Campbell.

Matt Blaze and Conor Michaud, both juniors at the High School, have their own band and they have started to write "better original music."

"I hope to learn how to do a professional recording," said Conor. Although they haven't hit the big time yet, Marks said the most important thing is they have a good time getting together and playing music.

Campbell explained the intricacies of the studio equipment and the different ways a recording session can be set up with a comfortable ease and in simplest terms.

"If guitar players can do it, anybody can," he joked, as each student held a guitar on their lap. He references famous bands like the Beatles and Led Zeppelin, who used similar recording set-ups in their early years, to engage the students.

After a short lesson, the students got hands on experience with the digital recording workstation, with headphones on their ears they adjusted the loudness and the fade or panned the microphones left to right — each modification changed the sound. Finding the right mix of the different elements is the key to a professional recording.

"You're the engineer, you make the choice," said Campbell, "it's your job to get the best performance out of the performer."

Once the students are adept with the digital recording workstation and can produce professional sounding recordings, Marks hopes they will impart their knowledge on other (younger) students so the equipment can get continued use.

"I hope they'll help record concerts, make CDs out of performances. Professional audio recording is not cheap and we have a wonderful opportunity to have it homegrown," Marks said. Making CDs of school concerts or other performances could also be a fundraising opportunity for the Boosters—with continued student interest, the gift could keep giving back for years to come.

The Cohasset Arts Boosters sponsored this workshop. Their mission is to provide essential support for fine and performing arts at the Middle-High School. To learn more about their efforts visit: www.cohassetartsboosters.com
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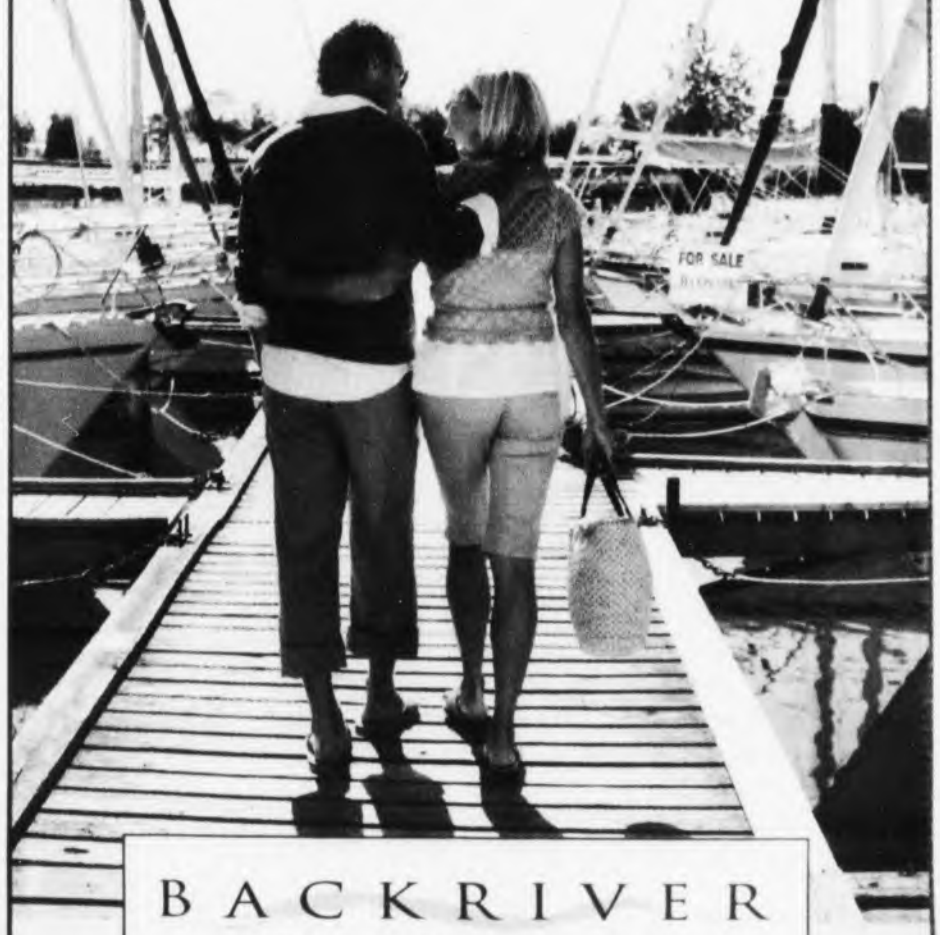
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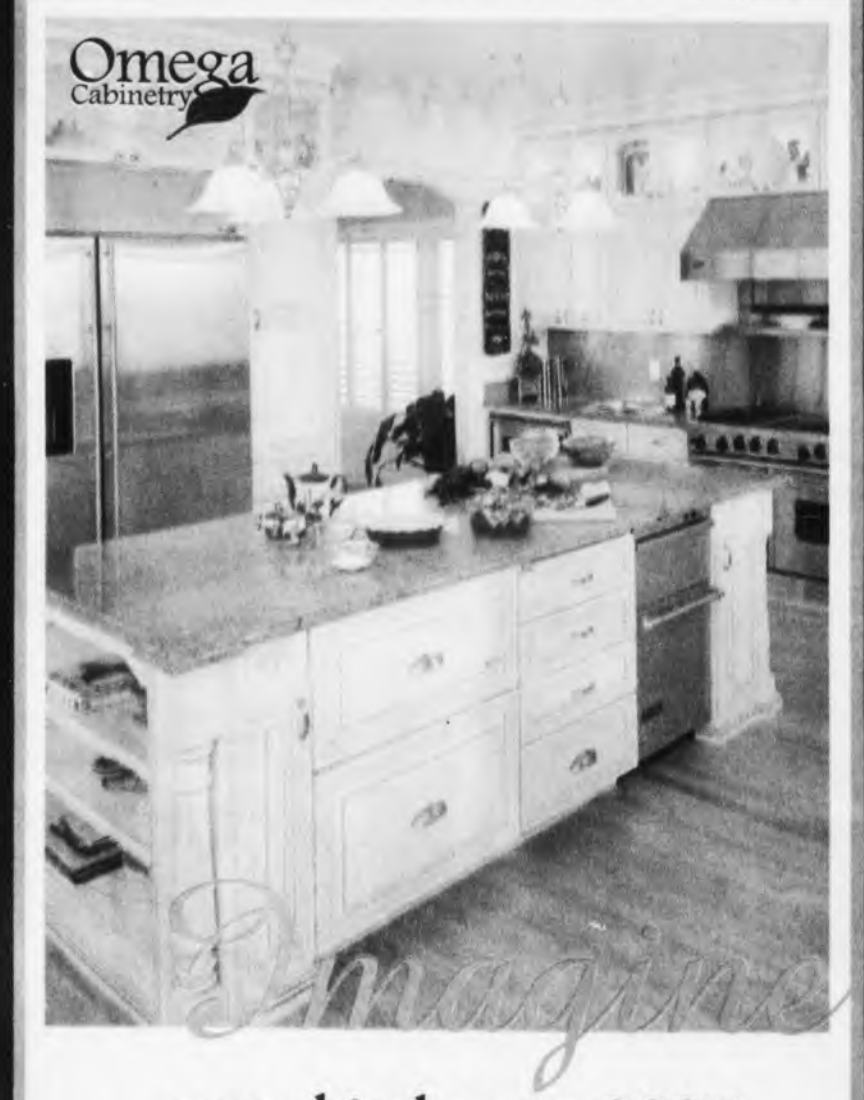
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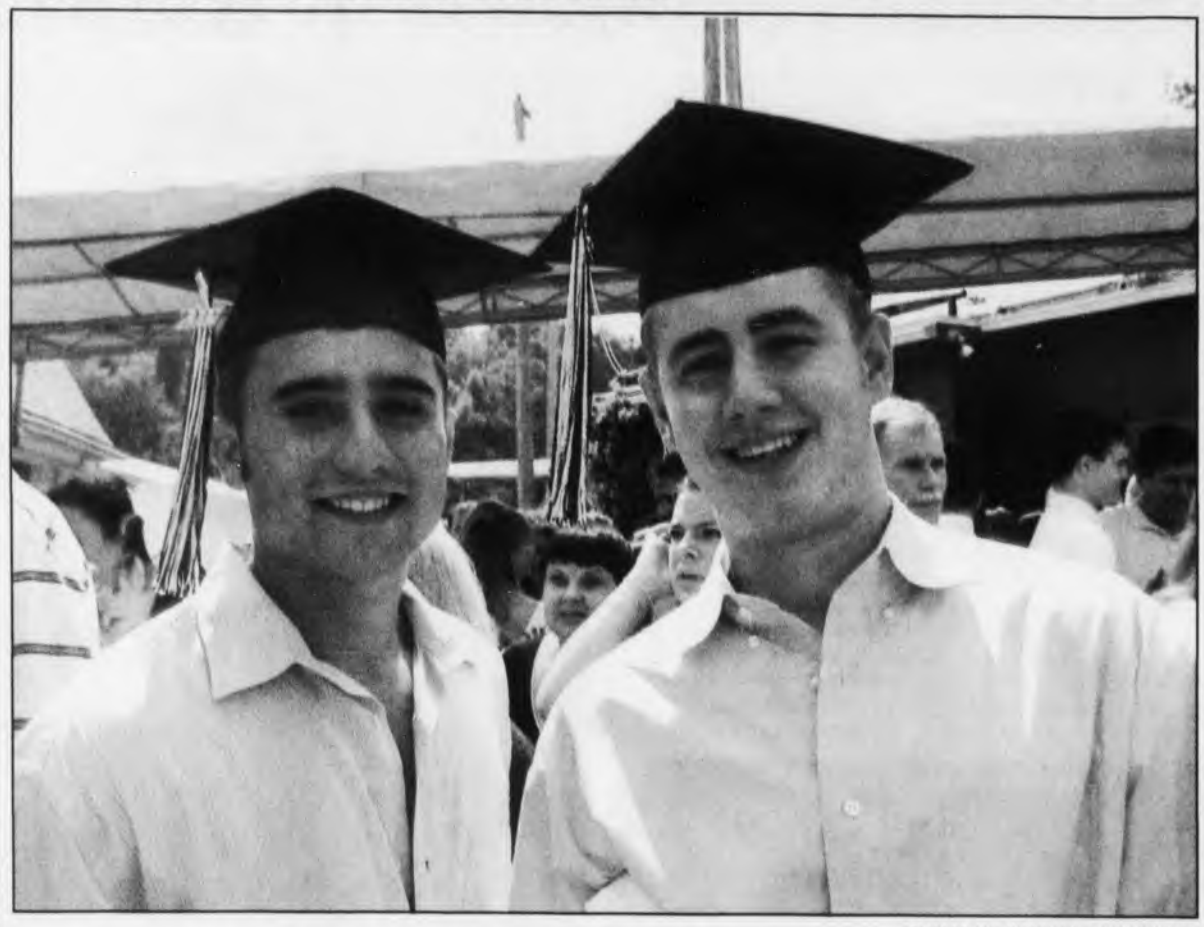
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***Dan Trendowicz** and **Austen Lanzillotti**: "Front row seats at Fenway Park."*

Class of '007 told to 'live life'

FROM STARS, PAGE 1

Class President Mike Corry, after welcoming various members of the audience, exclaimed "yahoo for school! Yahoo for us!" that got his classmates and the crowd to laugh.

"Today isn't just a celebration of the past; it's also a grand welcome of our individual futures. Class of 2007, embrace the things to come and appreciate the foundation that our parents, friends, and teachers have given us," Corry said.

Although Middle-High School Principal Joel Antolini told the audience he mistakenly left Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh off the program, she was unfazed, "thank goodness the superintendent isn't sensitive to things like that." She then offered the class some words of wisdom inspired by baseball legend Cal Ripken Jr.

Walsh began by congratulating the smart class in which 97 percent will pursue higher education, some at prestigious universities such as Dartmouth, Boston University, Fordham, Perdue, Cornell, St. Andrews in Scotland and Tulane, just to name a few.

She said the students find themselves in a society that observes life rather than lives it, citing the advent of many reality television programs. She did not want the class of 2007 to fall in love in 13 weekly episodes or travel the world via contestants on a TV show, instead Walsh quoted Ripken's motto "get in the game if you want to play, play if you want to win."

She advised the class to take to heart Ripken's life and words as outlined in Ripken's book, "Get in the Game: The 8 Elements of Perseverance That Make the Difference." Ripken's philosophy developed as he worked to surpass Lou Gehrig's record for most consecutive games played.

She told the students that they already have the first element: the right values. Parents, teachers and the community have instilled the values of hard work, excellence, honesty and integrity in them, she said.

Walsh said they would need to find a way to incorporate Ripken's other elements into their lives and pursuits: a strong will to succeed, a love for what they do, preparation, anticipation, trusting relationships, life management, and the courage of their convictions.

"When you leave here today, you will be in the game. Play everyday," Walsh said, "experience life to the fullest and enjoy every inning of the game."

Next up to the microphone was the first of two valedictorians, Caren Garber who intertwined Max Ehrmann's poem "Desiderata" to inspire her classmates to "reach for the stars" but "keep your head out of the clouds."

"But most of all, remember that, as Ehrmann concludes, 'with all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy,'" she said.

Ryan Ingram, also earned the title of valedictorian, pointed out that taking risks in one's life might bring the sweetest victories. She cited examples from her own high school experience where it was the non-academic, intangible achievements of which she was most proud — traveling to the Middle East, spending a week immersed in a different culture and language on the French exchange, and joining the Spinnaker senior year.

"We all have our comfort zones, our safe harbors, our shallow waters. But in choosing not to venture into the deep end or beyond protected waters into the uncertainties of a tumultuous ocean, we limit our own happiness," she said, challenging her classmates to "take a risk, to delve into the uncertain so that one day you might discover a real limitless sense of completeness."

Ingram wished her classmates "the highest of tides and the most daring of adventures."

Antolini took the podium next to highlight some of the many accomplishments of the class.

"You are well prepared to move on," Antolini said. A well-rounded class, students had garnered accolades for work in the classroom, on the stage and on the playing fields. They have traveled the world and brought a worldly perspective back to the classroom.

"These are the building blocks of things to come," Antolini advised them to enjoy the friendships they have gained in Cohasset.

After all members of the Class of 2007 received their diplomas, caps and woops of joy were in the air. Antolini concluded the exercises, "Cohasset High School Class of 007, you're dismissed!"

Kurt Gritzan remembered

In the most poignant moment of the graduation exercises, the Class of 2007 and school administration honored the Gritzan family with a certificate of recognition for their son Kurt's "contributions to the class of 2007."

Kurt Gritzan, a member of the Class of 2007, passed away in April 2006 after a battle with cancer.

High School Assistant Principal Mike Gill said he taught his classmates a "lesson in courage, determination and hope."

Christine Gritzan, Kurt's mother, came to the stage with a standing ovation to accept the certificate. She held the certificate up to the Class of 2007 in a motion that seemed to both congratulate and thank them.

WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 10 YEARS?



***Stephanie Fewsmith**: "Hopefully traveling in Europe and teaching languages."*
***Katie Callahan**: "Opening a bakery and traveling."*

From the Archives of the Cohasset Historical Society

From the Archives is a weekly feature provided by Cohasset Historical Society.



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Come see Minot's Light artifacts and other maritime treasures

It's that time of year again. School's almost out, the beach will soon be packed and the Cohasset Historical Society's Maritime Museum is now open for the summer. Come see their diverse collection of ship models, Minot's Light artifacts, sea charts and other maritime treasures.

The museum is open Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Summer Carillon Recitals to begin

Saint Stephen's Church will host its Summer Carillon Recitals each Sunday on Cohasset Common beginning June 24. The free recitals will take place rain or shine on the 57-bell Cohasset Carillon. Programs will be available at the recital. Take a blanket or chair and picnic supper to the church courtyard on Highland Ave., or to the Common.

Tower tours and carillon demonstrations will follow each concert. The schedule is as follows: June 24 – Tiffany Ng of Rochester, N.Y.; July 1 – Suzanne Magassey of Canberra, Australia; July 8 – The Groningen Duo: Adolf Rots and Auke de Boer of Groningen, The Netherlands; July 15 – Todd Fair of the Univ. of Denver, Colo.; July 22 – Lee Cobb, Assistant Carillonneur of the Historic Bok Sanctuary, Lake Wales, Fla.; July 29 – Patrick Macoska of Ann Arbor, Mich.; Aug. 5 – Judy Ogden of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Aug. 12: Sally Slade Warner, Carillonneur of Saint Stephen's Church, Cohasset.

Tower tours and carillon demonstrations will follow each concert.

For information call 978-475-2599 or 781-383-1083.

Ride for Habitat is June 16 at Wompatuck

Join the Ride for Habitat June 16, beginning and ending at Wompatuck State Park.

The 50-mile circuit ride begins at 8 a.m. Check-in is at 6:30 a.m., followed by a safety briefing at 7:30 a.m. The 25-mile circuit ride begins at 10 a.m. Check-in as at 8:30 a.m., with a safety briefing at 9:30 a.m. There is a $25 registration fee for either ride. Both begin and end at Wompatuck. There will be on-course support at mile markers 10 and 25 (with beverages and fruit available) as well as rest stops with comfort stations. Safety vehicles will be on-hand to lend assistance as needed throughout the route. A barbecue will be held at noontime following the ride.

The registration from is available at www.sshabitat.org. For more information, call Jack Linskey, (781) 749-5035 or email Ed Martin at edmartin@comcast.net. There is no minimum pledge amount. For more information about South Shore Habitat for Humanity, visit www.sshabitat.org.

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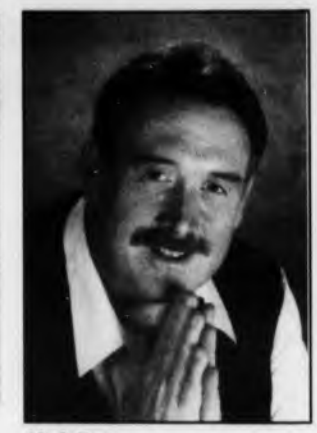

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Nick Page

Page to lead Songfest

The community is welcome Sunday, June 10, at 12:30 p.m., when First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common will welcome Nick Page, master composer, writer and song leader, for an intergenerational singing event in the Parish House at 23 North Main St.

Nick Page is known in the musical world for composing music that captures the hearts and imagination of children.

Page is known in the musical world for composing music that captures the hearts and imagination of children. He works as a guest conductor throughout North America and Europe, and has a body of work with young voices, as former conductor of the Chicago Children's Choir, and working with children in more than 40 U.S. states, Europe and South America. Page is known throughout North American concert halls as well as in Unitarian Universalist congregations for his high-energy programs where audiences are invited to join him in mind, body and spirit in a celebration of humanity through music.

Join the First Parish community on June 10, as it welcomes Page for a 90-minute musical event. Small children, young children, youth, young adults, adults and seniors are all invited to participate in this festive afternoon. Donations will be accepted.

CEA June events

Following are senior events for June. Sign up early by calling 781-383-9112.

Tuesday, June 12, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Father's Day Celebration at CEA. Cohasset's Policemen's Association will host a Father's Day Cookout, followed at 1 p.m. by "And Now – Mark Twain" presented by actor, Richard Clark. This performance is sponsored by a grant the CEA received from Cohasset Cultural Council, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Wednesday, June 13, noon. Cookout at the Life-Care Center of the South Shore. Transportation provided. No lunch served at the senior center.

Wednesday, June 20, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Entertainment and brunch at Sunrise Assisted Living of Cohasset. No lunch served at the Senior Center.

Wednesday, June 27, Tall ships trip. Departure at 8:15 a.m. from St. Anthony's parking lot. Senior Center closed.

Clark Chatterton Fund Run

The Clark Chatterton Fund Run, a 3.5-mile run/walk, will be held Saturday, June 9. The walk begins at 9:30 a.m. and the run begins at 10 a.m. Race day registrations and number pick-up is from 8 to 9:45 a.m.

The race will start and finish at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each division. The course will take a scenic loop past Cohasset Common, Sandy Beach, Jerusalem Road and Red Gate Lane.



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ZBA closes public hearing on Cohasset Hardware plans

Draft decision is due in July

Jim and Tina Watson, owners of the building, are seeking to turn the iconic village building into two retail spaces on the first floor and four one-bedroom apartments split between the second and third floors.

By Nancy White
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Cohasset Hardware will remain as is for at least another month but the proposed plans are one step closer to a determination. The Zoning Board of Appeals has closed the public hearing and will have a draft decision at its next meeting on July 10.

Jim and Tina Watson, owners of the building, are seeking to turn the iconic village building into two retail spaces on the first floor and four one-bedroom apartments split between the second and third floors. In order to execute their plans, the ZBA will need to grant both a special permit to allow multi-family dwellings on the second and third floor as well as a variance to get around the 40,000 square foot lot restriction.

Initially, the Watsons only applied for the special permit but at the first public hearing in May the ZBA advised they would need to apply for a variance. The variance application is a more stringent process with more guidelines.

Key to the approval of the special permit and the variance is proving the applicant would be deprived of reasonable use of the building. The strongest argument for the approval was that many (or perhaps most) of the buildings in the village business district already have apartments on the second floor.

"Because of the regulatory 40,000 square foot rule, we're not allowed to use our building the way other [building owners] are using their building," said Charles Humphreys, counsel for the Watsons.

Getting an accurate count of just how many buildings in the district have apartments — and how many — may be the deciding factor of the variance. The ZBA requested the applicant provide a census of apartments in the village.

Building inspector Bob Egan reported that the village consultant hired by the Planning Board was in the process of getting that number and could have an accurate number within a week.

Another sticking point was in the initial designs of the building there was an apartment solely on the third floor. A zoning bylaw prohibits apartments on the third floor of a building and the Watsons would then need two variances to proceed with their plans. The ZBA suggested the plans be revised to include part of the dwelling unit on the second floor.

As a result, the plans were adjusted to include a 150-square foot room on the second floor; the square footage count included the staircase to the third floor. The plans call the room a "study."

Woody Chittick, Chairman of the ZBA, said that with the staircase the room was only about 80 square feet — not what he would consider a room. A dwelling unit is defined in the zoning bylaws as cooking, living, sanitary and sleeping facilities.

Charles Humphreys, counsel for the Watsons, argued that it was a habitable, useable, functional space and should be considered as such in the greater scope of the dwelling unit.

"The study on the second floor does suffice the way the bylaw is written," said ZBA member Peter Goedecke later in the meeting, but admitted it raised questions of whether the language of the bylaw needs to be adjusted. Another option may be to reduce the number of apartments from four to three, suggested ZBA member Charlie Higginson. He said that the reduction would not cause a loss of reasonable use of the lot by the applicant.

Peter Brown of the Economic Development Committee spoke in favor of the proposed changes to Cohasset Hardware, "I don't think it's any mystery that the 40,000 square foot regulation is flawed." He praised the design as something "very positive" for the village area.

Humphreys conveyed a sense of urgency in his final comments, "my clients need relief now. The building needs to be rehabbed now."

In addition to the census of apartments in the village area, the ZBA requested a drawing of the after construction elevation in the coming weeks.



Heather Collins, community program manager, and Sarah Hannan, executive director, proudly display a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for the Art Center's coordination of the 2007 Congressional Art Competition for high school students.

Art Center Receives Congressional Recognition

U.S. Rep. William D. Delahunt, 10th Congressional District, awarded a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition to South Shore Art Center and its community programs manager Heather Collins May 24 in recognition of the Art Center's coordination of the 2007 Congressional Art Competition for high school students. The 160 pieces submitted to the competition were on exhibit at the Art Center through June 3. The award-winning pieces, chosen in the categories of painting, drawing, multi-media, photography and graphic design, will then be displayed in a special exhibition tent at the Art Center's 52nd annual Arts Festival on Cohasset Common, June 15 through 17.

"It is not often that an arts institution is recognized publicly, but the Art Center recently was honored not only by Congressman Delahunt, but also by the Massachusetts Alliance for Arts Education," said Sarah Hannan, executive director of the Art Center. On May 31, the MAAE awarded the center its 2007 Champion of Art Education Award for Outstanding Cultural Institution. Hannan said, "It feels great to have this recognition. We know we are fortunate to have incredibly dedicated and supportive students, faculty, board and staff and the awards are a nice pat on the back. The Art Center is committed to offering visual arts classes, exhibitions and programs that enrich the lives of our greater community and we believe we are fulfilling our mission every day."

For more information on the South Shore Art Center and its programs, including its Arts Festival, June 15 through 17, visit ssac.org

Lobster roll sale is on

Despite a shortage of lobsters this past winter, lobster lovers will be glad to hear that First Parish in Cohasset will again present its annual lobster roll sale June 15, 16 and 17, during the South Shore Art Center's Festival on the Common. The all-meat, fresh lobster rolls, with no filler, will remain at last year's size and price ($13) including a bag of Cape Cod potato chips. "These lobster rolls have become a tradition for festival attendees over the years" said Betsy Millard, co chair of the committee along with Penny and Art Myles. "In fact, quite a few buyers return the next day for yet another taste of summer — they're that good!" Penny Myles suggests getting co-workers together at lunchtime on Friday, or bringing lobster rolls home for lunch or dinner with family and friends on Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

Pre-ordering is encouraged. Orders can be mailed to the Parish House, 23 North Main Street, Cohasset, MA 02025 with checks made out to First Parish in Cohasset, or order by emailing or calling Penny Myles pmyles74@comcast.net or 781-749-1989. Orders can be picked up at the Parish House on Friday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 4 to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a lobster pick-up zone in front of the Parish House.

Pre-prom reception DVDs and videos available

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Stay tuned

Local access was something promised to cities and towns when cable-TV first came to the area.

We recall the days when there were local studios in each town, followed by regional studios. Now plans are afoot to close the TV studio in Norwell, which serves Cohasset and several other towns.

However the current cable-TV negotiations could open the door for new opportunities.

In Hingham, the Cable Advisory Committee is considering asking for cash in lieu of a studio – money that the town could use to acquire a mobile studio van to cover local events, such as the Fourth of July and sports.

Comcast's contract with area towns expires in 2009 so negotiations have begun. Cohasset and other towns could sign an agreement with Comcast and/or any other qualified vendor.

All those of baby boomer age and younger have grown up with TV. It is a huge part of our lives. Cable-TV has opened television up so much more. (How many of you remember when there were only three channels?)

The Cohasset Cable TV Advisory Committee, which meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday (June 14) at Town Hall, could benefit from input from townspeople, civic groups, and others who might be interested in producing local programming.

Here in Cohasset we are fortunate to have "Our Town" which focuses on local issues and is produced by a handful of dedicated volunteers both in front of and behind the camera. Wouldn't it be great to have more local programming?

Community-based programming that might include a mobile TV van could only be good for Cohasset. There are many potential TV "stars" in town such as those who participate in making events like the Relay For Life, South Shore Arts Festival and Road Race by the Sea happen. It would be nice to be able to bring more of the look and feel of these events to local TV viewers. The videos could then become part of the historic record. We also think it would a great way to involve more young people, who have grown up in the video era, with town events.

Readers can contact the cable committee through the Selectmen's office at Town Hall. Let them hear from you.

Village plans

Although Village is clearly in transition with the recent closure of Cohasset Hardware, our lovely town center is looking better and better. The new sidewalks and crosswalks have pulled things together.

As we drove through town this week, we were particularly struck by how terrific the top of Elm Street looks (where Elm and S. Main streets meet). The Cohasset Historical Society museums have been refurbished, and the antique store and fireplace shop add beauty to the corner, which is enhanced by the new sidewalk in the area.

The consultant firm, Concord Square Development Company, is now on board. In the months ahead, bylaw changes could be proposed that will help the village increase its vitality while maintaining its character. A public, kickoff-planning meeting with the consulting firm is planned for June 19 at Town Hall. (The meeting's time had not been determined by press time).

Here at the Mariner, the village continues to be one of our "favorite" subjects. We are solid proponents of keeping our downtown area healthy because it is a critical part of what makes Cohasset so special.

Readers can continue to look forward to more village coverage in the months ahead.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, June 12, 7:30 p.m.

Cable Advisory Committee, June 14, 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, June 21, 7 p.m.

Elder Affairs, June 11 and July 9, 9 a.m., 3 N. Main St.

Harbor Health Committee, June 12, 7:30 p.m.

Historical Commission, June 13, 7:30 p.m.

Library Trustees, June 13, 7 p.m. at the library.

School Committee, June 20, 7 p.m. at the high school

Selectmen, June 18, 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, June 29, 11 a.m.

Stormwater Committee, June 19, 7 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pay now, or pay much more later

TO THE EDITOR:

Those dubious about attempts to foster democracy in the Middle East might consider some remarks from a paper by Natan Sharansky, former political prisoner in the Gulag and now an Israeli official, and Ron Demer, Minister of Economic Affairs in the Israeli Embassy in Washington, published in the May issue of the American Spectator.

"The virulence of the Islamic threat both inside and outside the Middle East is linked to the region's freedom deficit" "Like fascism, Islamism extremism is best cultivated in tyranny."

"To lose heart about the possibility of a democratic Middle East is very short sighted. For most of the problems today are not evidence that Arabs are incapable of building free societies, but rather evidence that such societies would pose a mortal threat to the forces of tyranny and terror in the region."

"The lesson of Lebanon, then, is not that democracy cannot be built in the Middle East, but rather that it will not be built without a fight." As for the unfortunate result of Palestinian elections (electing Hamas to power) the authors suggest: "Rather than call for elections at the beginning of the process of reform, elections must come only after that process is well underway."

"By far the worst of all possible scenarios is for America to simply turn its back on democracy in Iraq and thereby hand the enemies of freedom a great victory." "Tragically, judging from the many recommendations of last year's Iraq Study Group that would reward tyrants, court dictators and abandon democracy, it appears to be the 'new' bipartisan consensus."

The authors clearly believe that the choice is between bringing freedom and democracy to the Middle East, or suffering from unending and increasing attacks on our societies.

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217 Jerusalem Road

HEALTH NOTES

Let's go to the beach!

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Six years ago, Congress passed the BEACH Act of 2000, requiring that coastal and Great Lakes states and territories report to EPA on beach monitoring and notification data for their coastal recreation waters. The act requires EPA to maintain an electronic monitoring and notification database of that data. So each year, the EPA posts on a weekly basis, its latest data about beach closings and advisories for the 2006 swimming season.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) is responsible for implementation of the bathing beach monitoring program at more than 500 coastal beaches in Massachusetts. The BEACH Act resulted in funding used to increase and implement consistent water quality monitoring throughout the state, increased public awareness of beach water quality issues, and identify areas of concern. This act funds beach sampling done in Cohasset each week.

All public and semi-public bathing beaches in Massachusetts are required to be monitored for bacterial and other types of contamination during the bathing season. The bathing beach season in Massachusetts runs from Memorial Day through Labor Day during most years.

If water samples from a beach are found to exceed regulatory standards, the beach must be posted as unsafe for swimming due to bacterial contamination. Monitoring is currently conducted at over 600 locations at 500 marine beaches. You can see a map, updated weekly, of the results of this monitoring on the web at http://mass.digitalhealthdepartment.com/public_21/beaches.cfm?btown=Cohasset

The six sampling sites are: Bassings Beach, Black Rock, Little Harbor, Sandy Beach, Sandy Cove, and Cohasset Yacht Club as shown on the representation of the Google map displayed with current data on the above web site. Look it up; the map is easy to use and you'll get the latest data!

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Renewable power and energy efficiency meeting June 13

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More village work this summer

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

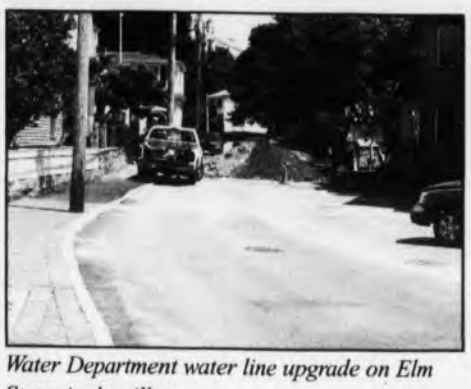
Toward the end of last week, two new projects began and another will begin next week. Last week the repair of two additional sections of seawall got underway.

Seawall work– The repair of the seawall at the Cohasset Sailing Club on Government Island was started. This is a rather small job and should be completed in a week or two. Because the work area is out of the way, this repair will not be visible unless you visit Government Island. The other new seawall project is on Border Street, running from Lawrence Wharf (next to the Old Salt House) down to the Veterans Memorial. This work will be very visible. Although the way it looks now, we will be able to keep two-way traffic open on Border Street and won't have to resort to one-way traffic with traffic lights as we did on the other section of Border Street.

Village revitalization – Those of you who were in Town last summer remember the work that was done in the center of the Village. Most of the comments about the redesign and resulting construction are very favorable. But we do get questions about the condition of Brook and Elm streets. Residents ask why these two streets don't look as nice as the other streets. Well, the answer is simple, the project was not finished.

The Town ran out of money. We used up all of the money from the original PWED (Public Works Economic Development) grant without completing the project. Since last summer, the Town has gone back to the Transportation Department, who gave Cohasset the original grant, and explained that the time delay from when the grant was awarded in 2001 to actual construction in 2005/6 caused the costs to increase to a point beyond our financial resources.

It's interesting to note that Transportation Department officials actually came to Cohasset without our knowledge to assess the quality and quantity of the work we were able to complete. The feedback that we received from the officials was that our Town did a very good job at doing what we had committed to do. We believe that this was one of the reasons that early this year the Transportation Department agreed to add sufficient new funds to our PWED grant to enable project completion.



Water Department water line upgrade on Elm Street in the village.



Forest Avenue ledge waiting for removal.

So, now we have the financial ability to finally complete Brook and Elm streets. However, this part of the project won't be nearly as difficult as the Main Street and Depot Court portions from last year. The reason is that while we had all of the heavy construction equipment here last year we were able to get all of the underground drainage work done. So, this summer there will be no deep holes to contend with. The only work remaining is at the surface; new curbing, sidewalks and street paving. This should go very quickly, compared with last year.

So when will this work start? We're glad you asked. You should plan on construction starting about Monday, June 11th. The contractor working on the Revitalization completion is the same contractor working on the two newest sea wall projects and has historically been easy to deal with and has done high quality work. For those of you who are keen of eye, you may have noticed that there was some work in Elm Street for utility upgrades at the old hardware store this past week, but it had nothing to do with Revitalization. *(See photo)*

Back To Greenbush – We have just learned that the MBTA must do some remedial drainage work at the Lower King Street crossing. This will involve closing Lower King Street for several days while the road is excavated and new drainage fixtures and pipe are threaded around all of the many underground utility services in this area. By the time you read this work may have already started, since we are not sure of the schedule for this work.

Forest Avenue – This past week the work started to remove the ledge alongside of the road for the sidewalk. The contractor will be moving up and down Forest Avenue wherever the ledge needs to be removed. Please drive very carefully. The road will be very congested during construction. And, be very careful at night because the contractor may have equipment and material stored along the edge of the road. We ask your indulgence to not park on Forest Avenue during construction so that the contractor can store his equipment at the road side. This saves time and enables the job to be completed quickly.

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Curses, hoaxed again

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Most of us were horrified last week when BNN, the Dutch national television network, announced that three potential organ recipients would compete on the "Big Donor Show" for a life-giving kidney from a terminally ill cancer victim.

Viewers themselves would be able to vote for the candidate of their choice but the final selection, said the announcement, would be up to the donor, identified only as "Lisa," after she interviewed the candidates, their families and their friends.

This, of course, turned on the spigots of the "Have we come to this . . ." crowd. The words "tasteless" and "unethical" appeared prominently in their comments. But no one bothered to ask a key question: How do the organs match medically?

In fact, I was even thinking of doing a little tsk-tsking myself but fortunately I'm only allowed out of the home once a week and by that time the opportunity to look foolish passed.

A few hours before the show was to air, BNN announced that "Lisa" was not dying of a brain tumor and there would be no televised contest for her kidney and it was all a hoax concocted to raise public awareness of the need for organs.

At the same time, 11-year-old Jamison Stone was taking bows in Fruithurst, Ala., for killing a 1000-pound, nine-foot-long wild boar after a three-hour chase on a hunting trip his father.

A photo of little Jamie clutching his trusty rifle and peering over the body of the monster hog quickly circulated around the country and the TV networks fell all over themselves issuing invitations to the youngster to appear on a morning show.

A few days later, it was revealed that the monster was not a wild boar after all but a pig named "Fred," owned by the Lost Creek Plantation and turned loose in a 150-acre, fenced-in pasture after it was deemed too big for slaughter or breeding.

Once again, the news media fell into the trap of taking a photo and an announcement for granted and not asking obvious questions. For instance, I would think a 1000-pound, nine-foot-long pig would have attracted some attention before this.

Even the best of us occasionally are prone to taking some things at face value.

The staid old Financial Times of London got its knickers in an uproar 10 years ago when the Guinness brewery disclosed that it had signed an agreement to become the sponsor of the millennium celebration at the Greenwich Observatory.

Until the end of 1999, the press release said, Greenwich Mean Time, from which time all over the world is calculated, would be known as Guinness Mean Time to the consternation of the Financial Times. The date on the release, March 30, could have warned them.

A mysterious news release arrived on assignment editors' desks in New York in the spring of 2000 announcing plans for the 15th annual April Fools Day Parade down Fifth Avenue, even describing one float about Mars missions as costing $10 billion.

Two TV news crews from CNN and Fox actually showed up at the appointed time and place. Apparently, nobody bothered to read beyond the first line of the release.

My life as a concert groupie

TALES FROM THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT

DIANE K. DANIELSON



On a lark, I went to a Grateful Dead concert the summer before my sophomore year.

With summer coming and the South Shore Music Circus and other venues announcing their schedules, I've been reminiscing about concerts I've attended over the years. I grew up in Columbia, Maryland, right down the street from Merriweather Post Pavilion, one of the country's premier outdoor concert theaters. This meant that I was introduced to "Dead Heads" long before I'd ever even heard "Uncle John's Band." Their VW vans cruised into town, they set up camp in the woods next to the facility, and a strange new aroma descended upon the neighborhood.

It wasn't until I attended college that I was exposed to the actual band and their music. On a lark, I went to a Grateful Dead concert the summer before my sophomore year. Clearly out of my element, I had to borrow my tie-dye attire for the day, as my prepster wardrobe consisted mainly of Fair Isle sweaters, polo shirts and headbands.

However, someone must have thought I fit right in, as only a week later when I was back in upstate New York at Colgate University, I received a call from a former high school classmate, checking to see if I was still enrolled. He had heard a bizarre rumor that I had dropped out of school and was following the Dead around the country. As the ultimate good girl/scholar/athlete, I was incredibly flattered and told him to keep the rumor going. This he did, as I was to discover years later at a high school reunion.

Other infamous moments of my concert-going past:

The "I'm no Simon Cowell" Award. In order to finance my high school senior week beach plans, a friend and I ditched school to buy Madonna tickets so that we could resell them to freshmen. Our reasoning? This Madonna chick is a one-hit wonder. "Like we'll ever hear from her again."

The Marcia Brady/Davy Jones Fantasy Moment. He didn't come to my house, and I wasn't president of his fan club, but Rick Springfield once kissed my hand at a concert and I didn't wash it for at least 24 hours. Yes, I always wanted to be "Jessie's Girl."

Why I Still Hate Courtney Cox. Through some fabulous connections, I once got tickets right up front to see Bruce Springsteen. Unfortunately, I was never pulled out of the audience for some "Dancing in the Dark" with the Boss. Years later, when Courtney Cox made her mark in Friends, I was devastated to learn that the video was rigged.

The Most Difficult Ticket to Get in Boston. Anyone with a small child knows that "The Wiggles" are "The Beatles" for the toddler set. When they came to the Boston for the first time a few years ago, I was lucky to get some in the few minutes before they sold out. One less fortunate friend resorted to calling a ticket broker who, exasperated after fielding dozens of similar calls throughout the day, informed her that while he could get her any Rolling Stones tickets she wanted, the Wiggles were just not going to happen for her. However, if she did come across some, he had a finance guy willing to pay good money for a pair.

The Great Escape. In my youth, the one group that rivaled the Dead Heads for bizarre parking lot antics were Jimmy Buffett's Parrot Heads. In my twenties, I made annual pilgrimages to the Margaritaville mayhem, relishing the spectacle of generators powering 20 blenders of Margaritas at once; pickup trucks converted into swimming pools; and thousands of Baby Boomers in Pirate gear longing for changes in latitudes so that they could escape from their lives for a while.

In my early 30s, when tickets became difficult to come by, I suddenly realized that while I appreciated Jimmy Buffett's songwriting and showmanship, I really didn't need to escape my life anymore. And even if I did, while it might involve a Margarita or two, it certainly wouldn't involve men wearing shark fins on their heads and dancing in hula skirts.

Yet, even now, while I haven't joined in any pre-concert tailgate antics in a long, long time, I still smile whenever I hear Jimmy Buffett sing, *"If we weren't all crazy, we would go insane."*

Diane K. Danielson is a Cohasset resident whose career as a concert groupie was short-lived and uneventful; but who knows, maybe a tailgate at the South Shore Music Circus might change all that. For more of Diane's random musings visit www.womensDISH.com.

Connecting, not separating with nature

TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE COHASSET

JOANN MIRISE

With endless commitments sucking our time and suburban sprawl eliminating our open land, it takes a conscious effort to connect with nature.

The invitation came one October afternoon a half dozen years ago. I had to re-read it more than a couple of times to fully grasp what exactly I was being called upon to witness.

Two very close friends – a married couple – had decided to separate after a period of attempted reconciliation. The invitation was for their separation ceremony.

I have a lot of free-thinking, bohemian-type friends with all sorts of alternative ways (which I relish) so getting an odd request was not out of the ordinary. But this one completely threw me.

First, there were all sorts of logistical questions. What does one wear to a separation ceremony? What do I bring? The only two guidelines were that it was to take place in a clearing in the woods, so wear appropriate shoes. And there would be a picnic afterwards, so bring a dish to share. Appropriate shoes and a snack, for a separation ceremony held in a clearing in the woods. Huh?

The directions to the clearing were vague, as you can imagine most instructions of this type would be. ("In the far corner of the parking lot, enter at the wooded opening near the tall tree with black markings above the knot that looks like an old man's face." What?)

Luckily there were others who I recognized as guests of the occasion, so with swift and quiet resolve we found our way to the place where we were expected. There was a circle crafted in the dirt, marked by some Native American-looking artifacts and carefully placed stones. The 20 or so of us were instructed to join in a circle.

The ceremony was led by a shaman. With a powerful, captivating energy, she called upon the elements of the Earth including the sun, wind, water, animals, and the four directions of south, west, north, east, to help my friends through their transition. Some of it I didn't quite understand but the main message — that we are intrinsically interconnected with everything that surrounds us — came through loud and clear. The beauty of the ceremony was trumped only by the depth. There wasn't a dry eye in the crowd.

This was one of the most authentic, moving experiences I have ever had. For the couple, it was a testament to the love and respect they had for each other. For the sacrament of marriage, it was proof that this bond was sacred. For each of us as individuals, it was a reminder of the good we are capable of demonstrating. For the group, it was an example of how a community can come together as a stronger whole. And for the Earth, it was recognition of the intense healing power she freely offers.

In our daily lives we can create meaning through the simple act of just being in nature. The richest way to experience the outdoors is in its most unstructured, natural form – taking a walk in the woods, wandering the tide pools at the ocean, or simply watching a butterfly dance through your backyard. This is especially true for our children, for it is the deep connection with nature that we develop in our childhood that can be the basis of a lifelong respect for the environment.

With endless commitments sucking our time and suburban sprawl eliminating our open land, it takes a conscious effort to connect with nature. Richard Louv, author of "Last Child in the Woods," has even come up with a diagnosis, "Nature Deficit Disorder" which is characterized by our propensity to stay indoors within our artificially controlled environments. The result is a context that places our existence as the primary reference point of life. Collectively, our children are at risk of growing up thinking they are the center of the universe, when in fact we are a small part of a much larger creation. Can our civilization, in its fragile state, afford a future generation of leaders who have no sense of place in our natural world?

With this I leave you with the parting words that I heard a thousand times yelled from the kitchen of my childhood home: "Go outside!"

JoAnn Mirise lives and writes in Cohasset.

JoAnn Mirise guest on Our Town

Join Our Town again Monday when co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with JoAnn Mirise of Sustainable Cohasset to talk about the organization's efforts to increase awareness about greenhouse gases and what can be done to reduce them.

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Mirise authors a column on sustainable issues for the Cohasset Mariner. Her most recent column talked about pesticides and lawn care.

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'Oldest fifth-grader' joins school field trip

Senator visits museum with his alma mater

It was all part of a Foster Elementary School field trip on which the senator, a Foster alumnus, and Hingham native was invited.

By Mary Ford
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"Who is the oldest fifth-grader here?" asked docent Charles Woodard at Hingham's Old Ordinary museum.

Several hands flew into the air but one noticeably did not – the one belonging to state Senator Robert Hedlund.

But Woodard quickly pointed to Hedlund and the 45-year-old "fifth-grader" was called to demonstrate how to utilize a colonial-era tool called a "draw shave" used to trim wood to make things like buckets.

It was all part of a Foster Elementary School field trip on which the senator, a Foster alumnus, and Hingham native was invited.

As it turns out back in February, Hedlund was speaking at a 325th anniversary event at Hingham's Old Ship, a national landmark and the oldest wooden house of worship in the country still in continuous use. He explained to the audience that he always takes out-of-town guests to see Old Ship but had never actually been inside before. Hedlund explained he was absent from school the day his fifth-grade class went on a field trip to Old Ship and the Old Ordinary, a former tavern where travelers could get an "ordinary" meal at a fixed price.

A member of the historical society and Old Ordinary House Committee was in the audience that February day. Soon a letter was dashed off to the senator, a Weymouth resident, inviting him to join this year's Foster field trip.

Hedlund accepted the invite and rode on the school bus with Mrs. Gail Marskalka's class on Tuesday morning. His nametag served as the permission slip and he was given "special dispensation" by being allowed to bring his ice coffee along – a drink he had to part with once he stepped inside the museum.

As he climbed off the bus, he had already made a friend in Joe Cifrino, who later revealed he might be the "second" oldest fifth-grader in the class because he turns 12 in a couple of days. Joe grew up on Hedlund's old street, Foley Beach Road.

Hedlund, who stands 6 ft., 3 ins., was clearly the tallest on the tour, towering over his classmates the biggest of whom stood about 5 feet.

The senator, who represents eight towns including Cohasset, had to duck under the low ceilings and doorframes of the structure that dates back to 1680. He listened to the docents as the class went from room to room and learned about everything from trundle beds and beehive ovens to cross-stitched samplers

Due back at the State House that afternoon for a formal session, Hedlund, who is known for being pretty casual when not at work, was the only one in the class not wearing sneakers and shorts.

Mary Roever, who was conducting the tour of the upstairs rooms, asked the class why bedding often included long canopies. One student replied "for fashion" and Hedlund raised his hand and said, "to keep the bugs away." However, the senator was incorrect. Roever explained bugs came from below. Another student had the right answer and said "to keep the cold air out."

It was later learned that colonists often had to cope with bed bugs because mattresses were made of straw; bed supports were tightened with a special device: hence the expression, "sleep tight and don't let the bed bugs bite."

At one point Hedlund, who acknowledged that he gets queasy at the sight of blood, participated in a mock demonstration of a leg amputation – a common practice in olden times to remove an injured limb. He noted that fifth-grader Michael Ford, 11, who played the patient "has a great career ahead of him as an actor."

Marskalka, the fifth-graders' teacher, explained the field trip was a culmination of their study of American history and Hingham history.



STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

Old Ordinary docent Julianne Mehigan talks to fifth-graders from Foster School — including former Foster fifth-grader Bob Hedlund — about the history of the house that dates back to 1680.

The Old Ordinary hosts 15 fifth-grade classes each year, including those from the three public elementary schools in Hingham, St. Paul's and Derby Academy.

Hedlund, who graduated from Hingham High in 1979, said he had "learned a lot" as he climbed back aboard to school bus for the second half of the field trip, a tour of Old Ship.

About The Old Ordinary

If readers would like to visit Hingham's Old Ordinary, 21 Lincoln St., this summer, hours from mid-June to mid-September are Tuesday through Saturday from 1:30-4:30 p.m. or by appointment. Adults $3; children under 12, $1. For information call, 781-749-0013. The design of the grounds is attributed to Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr., and they are maintained by the Garden Club of Hingham.

The Old Ordinary, a property of the Hingham Historical Society, dates from 1680 with additions made in 1740 and 1760.



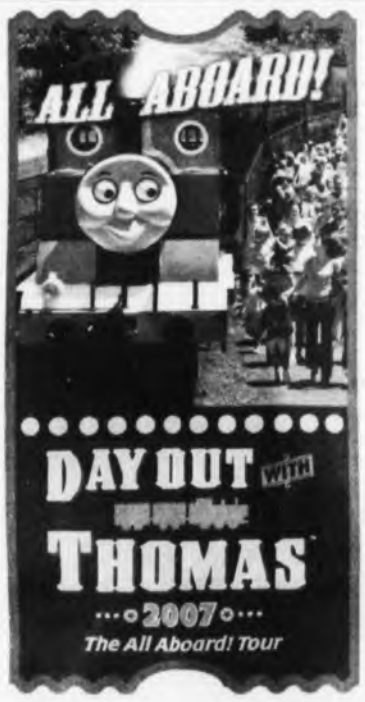
State Sen. Robert Hedlund, who missed his fifth-grade trip to the Old Ordinary, joins Mrs. Gail Marskalka's Foster Elementary School class on Tuesday. At right are guide Lisa Hemphill and June Pratt of Hingham's Old Ordinary House Committee.



Fifth-grader Aiden Brashier, 10, and Sen. Bob Hedlund, who joined the field trip, check out the structure of the Old Ordinary.



State Sen. Robert Hedlund listens to some questions posed by docent Mary Roever while taking a tour of the Old Ordinary. Unlike the fifth-graders, Hedlund had to duck as he went from room to room.



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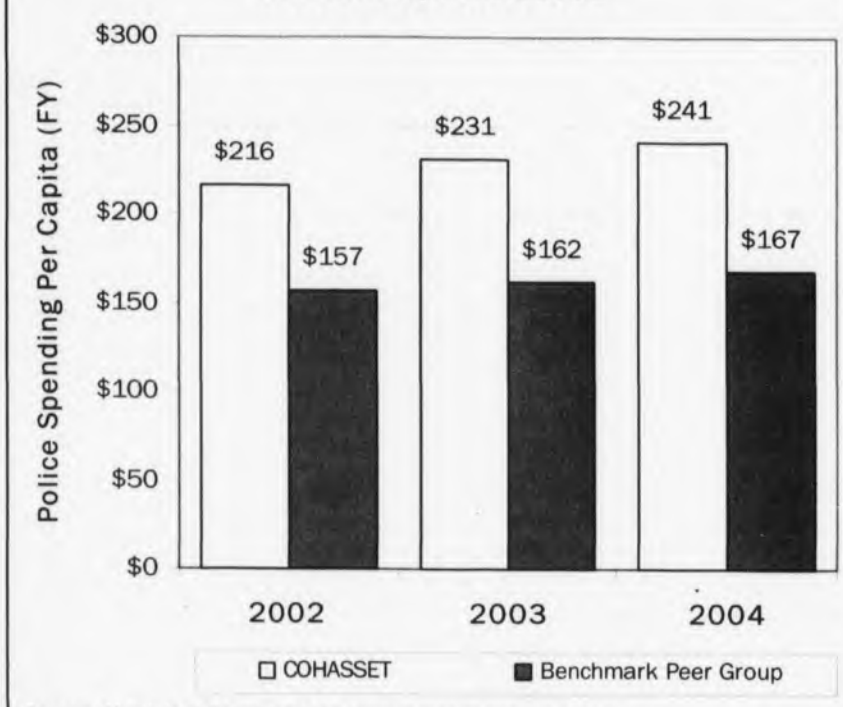
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How does Cohasset measure up?

MUNICIPAL BENCHMARKING: COHASSET-AT-A-GLANCE



Source: Municipal Benchmarking (www.municipalbenchmarking.com).

This chart shows Cohasset's police spending per capita in 2002, 2003 and 2004. The chart also shows the same information for the median of Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group. By comparing Cohasset with similar communities, one can get a sense for how Cohasset has decided to allocate its resources to policing the community.

Municipal Benchmarking determined Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group by analyzing 15 demographic traits to find the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Cohasset's peer group includes Boxborough, Carlisle, Dover, Duxbury, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lynnfield, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Marblehead, Medfield, Norwell, Sherborn, Southborough, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wayland, Wenham, West Newbury, Westwood and Winchester. Municipal Benchmarking uses information collected from municipal and school district filings, state and federal agencies, associations, surveys, and information requests under the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

Municipal Benchmarking *(www.municipalbenchmarking.com)* provides municipal officials, education administrators, citizens, labor leaders, realtors and other interested parties with unbiased data and analysis to help make more informed decisions.

Judging a community by its peer group

The Cohasset Mariner is publishing a new feature: Cohasset At-A-Glance. Cohasset At-a-Glance is a series of charts, which compare Cohasset to its Benchmark Peer Group, the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Each week the chart will look at a different area of interest in Cohasset's municipal government, such as taxes, police spending, fire staffing, municipal salaries, education spending, debt and land use.

The At-a-Glance charts were prepared by Municipal Benchmarking, LLC, a Waltham-based company that provides data and analysis to help municipal decision-makers, education officials, taxpayers, union members, such as teachers, and others make more informed decisions.

Community Newspaper Company, publisher of the Cohasset Mariner, entered into an agreement with Municipal Benchmarking this year to present this data to readers in a series on weekly charts.

Cohasset paid Municipal Benchmarking LLC roughly $7,500 for the full report which is available at Town Hall.

For more information about Municipal Benchmarking go to municipalbenchmarking.com

Editor's note: Benchmarks is an ongoing series that is run when space is available.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Ranney, 378 Jerusalem Road, relocate kitchen, change roof to hip roof, replace all doors, windows, roofing, addition over existing garage, $192,000; Driscoll, 515 CJC Hwy., bedroom expanded over existing first floor space for walk-in closet, $10,000; Whoriskey, 6 Ripley Road, addition to enlarge existing kitchen, $50,000; Barry, 115 Ripley Road, 7 squares asphalt roofing, $3,500; Regan, 103 Ripley Road, 31 by 95 by 5 inch wall sign, $850;

Bjorklund Solar, 15 Marion Way, 12 squares asphalt roofing; 5 squares wood side-walling, $6,000; Crawford, 64 Old Pasture Road, 30 squares asphalt roofing; $11,000; Thomas, 50 Lantern Lane, 17 replacement windows, $10,000; Murray, 137 No. Main St., 2 squares asphalt, 1 square rubber roofing, replace rotted wood as needed, $1,752; Dugan, 100 Black Rock Road, remove, replace 15 windows in existing openings, $8,000; Naples, 447 Beechwood St., two-story structure on existing deck, first floor family room/play room, second floor attic/storage, $5,000;

Coggins, 57 Elm St., add stairs to front porch-driveway side, $1,000; Town of Cohasset, 62 Elm St., 12 squares cold process built-up roof, $71,665; Wheelwright Condo Trust, Wheelwright Farm, remove, replace some stairs, walkways on units as needed, $28,800; Cohasset Gulph, 82 Border St., 10 squares asphalt roofing, 20 squares side-walling, replace all windows, $20,000; Conte, 1 Forest Ave., 8 by 10 foot shed, $1,899; Ward, 416 Beechwood St., second floor addition for hall, bath, extended master bedroom, $36,000; Hague, 100 Pond St. U-74, kitchen remodel, $15,000; Snow, 317 No. Main St., 4 squares cedar side-walling, trim, gutters, $5,000; Marishka Realty Tr., 117 So. Main St., 6 squares asphalt roofing, 2 squares wood side-walling, repairs as needed, $3,200.

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Library Corner

Independent film night is June 21

The following events will take place at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film "The Bothersome Man" at 6 p.m., on Thursday, June 21, in the Meeting Room. Free admission and refreshments provided courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Library Book Group – Join others for coffee and discussion of Anse Seierstad's book "The Bookseller of Kabul" on Wednesday, June 27, at 10 a.m., in the Meeting Room. All are welcome.

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Knitting Group – The Knitting Group will meet on two Wednesdays this month: June 13 and 20, in the Meeting Room. Edna Finegan of the Senior Knitting Group will be the instructor. Free. All knitting levels welcome!

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FOR CHILDREN

'Catch the Beat' at the library — Registration begins Monday, June 25, at Paul Pratt Memorial Library for the 2007 Massachusetts statewide summer reading program, "Catch the Beat @ Your Library."

Visit the library Web site at cohassetlibrary.com calendar for full summer details.

Rec Notes

Youth tennis starts June 25

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a variety of sports programs during the summer of 2007, designed specifically and individually for boys and girls, ages 4 through 18. All programs have individual applications, should you wish to register for any of these programs, call the Recreation Dept. office at 781-383-4109, or stop by the office on the first floor of Town Hall. Programs are limited in size. To insure acceptance into a program, register as soon as possible. Family discounts are available for some programs. Sports programs are scheduled to meet regardless of weather conditions in most cases and should it be necessary to move into the High School, you will be notified at drop-off time for the status that day.

Youth Tennis – Youth tennis will begin Monday, June 25, and continue for seven weeks, through Friday, Aug. 10. Registration will be held from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m., Monday June 11 through Wednesday, June 13 and an evening registration will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 12. The program is offered for children ages 7 through 18 years. Participants can choose from two schedules, Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays. The fee for the seven-week session is $80 per person. Lessons for beginners, intermediate, and advanced players are offered. Rain day policy: If it rains before 9 am, all tennis classes may have to be canceled for that day. Call the Recreation Office at 781-383-4109 for weather status reports. Fridays are rain make-up days.

Dance with Caroline – A dance workshop will be held for youth ages 7 and older from 3 to 4:30 p.m., Monday, June 18 through Thursday, June 21, in the Town Hall auditorium. The class, directed by Caroline Carr, will include basic jazz and hip hop dance techniques. Emphasis will be placed on developing a healthy, active lifestyle, building strength, flexibility, and endurance, as well as feeling good and having fun. Participants are encouraged to dress in comfortable clothing and take a bottle of water, a snack and an open mind to class. The fee is $80 per participant. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the Town Hall or by calling the Recreation Department.

Boot Camp – Boot Camp fitness training classes will be instructed by Betsy Callanan. This unique physical training opportunity will meet from 6 to 7 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting Tuesday, June 12, for 10 weeks through Thursday, Aug. 16, on Cohasset Common in front of Town Hall. The fee for the 20 class sessions is $100, and checks can be made payable to the Town of Cohasset. Ms. Callanan will run an interval callisthenic and running fitness program for both men and women for all levels of ability. While running and/or walking remains an essential aspect of this cardio-vascular training format, inclusive will be various integrated calisthenics such as jump roping, stairs or hills, squat thrusts, lunges, push-ups, skipping/running knees, sit ups, etc. Ms. Callanan has designed this program to improve cardio-vascular endurance and strength. Dress in layers as weather conditions dictate, bring a water bottle and jump rope to class and wear running shoes. Success in this class is based upon your individual personal best, not as competition with others.

South Shore Baseball Club – Held Monday, June 25 through Friday, June 29, at Milliken Field. Ages 7 to 12 will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Fee: $185. Ages 5 to 7 will meet from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Fee: $125. Directed by Frank Niles of the South Shore Baseball Club.

South Shore & Cape Basketball Academy –Held Tuesday, July 10 through Friday, July 13, in the Cohasset High School gym. Boys and girls in grades 7 to12, meet from 9 a.m. to noon. Fee: $125. Directed by Dorian Bryant, CHS Varsity Basketball Coach.

South Shore Basketball School – For ages 8 to15, this program meets in the Cohasset High School gym from Monday, July 16 through Friday, July 20. Youths ages 8 to 11 will meet from 8:30 to11:30 a.m. and youth ages 12 to15 will meet from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Fee: $125. Directed by Ron Ford, Cohasset Athletic Director.

Boys and Girls Lacrosse Clinic – For youth in grades 3 to 6, this clinic will be held Monday, July 23 to Friday, July 27, from 8 to 10 a.m., at Milliken Field. Fee: $85. Directed by Jamie and Ronan Buick.

Soccer Squirts South Shore Soccer Camp – This camp for ages 4 to 6 will take place from 8 to 9:30 a.m., Monday, July 30 through Friday, Aug. 3, at Milliken Field. The fee of $95 includes ball and camp shirt. Directed by SSSC member, Jon Anderson, Babson College coach.

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Q & A with Bebe Davis

Third-grader is Principal of the Day

Editor's note: The Printcipal of the Day was an auction item for the PSO Telethon and Live Auction. Bebe's mom had the winning bid on the item.

• What did you like best about being Principal of the Day?

My favorite part was inviting my friends for an ice cream party immediately after lunch. I really like ice cream and my friends – and this was a perfect combination of the two. I couldn't do that during the regular school day because there is the "Wellness Policy" and you can't have sweets (unless you are the Principal and you bring in ice cream). My second favorite part of being principal was interviewing a candidate for a teaching position.

• What surprised you the most?

I don't have an answer for that yet.

• Would you like to be a principal when you grow up?

Maybe, but I want to be a horseback rider the most. I think being principal is a good job and you never get bored…not like going to school (as a student) which can get kind of boring.

• What did you learn most about being a principal?

Packing MCAS boxes is boring. I also learned that the principal has to go evaluate the teachers and how well they are teaching.



Bebe Davis, who was Principal of the Day last Thursday, and Principal Keith Gauley send out a phone message to parents about two upcoming orientations.



Deer Hill School "Principal for the Day" Bebe Davis checks the time during a "walk-through" of Mrs. Hanson's third-grade classroom. A "walk-through" is one of the many duties the principal performs each day to monitor the classroom environment.



Principal of the Day Bebe Davis and Deer Hill Principal Keith Gauley look over teacher candidate Andrea Manning's portfolio during an interview.



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Principal of the Day Bebe Davis sits in on an interview with Andrea Manning, who is interested in a teaching position at Deer Hill. Bebe had a list of questions for Manning about teaching.

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Cohasset's Chuck Czerkawski (16, right) scoops up a loose ball amidst a scrum during the May 3 game against Scituate. Both teams are in the state semifinals to be played this weekend, with the championship game coming Monday.

Laxers looking good

CHS boys tune up for semifinal against Hanover with big win over Bishop Stang

By Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

After its victory over Weston, the Cohasset High boys lacrosse team showed why it is the number one seed. Facing Bishop Stang, the Skippers completely dominated the game and won easily, 16-4.

Only 30 seconds into the game, junior Mike Grimm ran in and scored the first goal of the game for either side. A couple minutes later, senior captain Mike Bunstein put in another goal for the Skippers. And only a minute later, senior Chris Davis scored the Skippers' third goal.

The game was quickly out of hand for Bishop and it was clear who the better team was. After Grimm's second goal of the quarter, senior captain Dan Trendowicz scored a goal of his own with an assist from Bunstein. This made it 5-0 Cohasset and that's all the Skippers needed, but that didn't stop them from scoring.

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Pete Ernst (right) battles a Hanover player for possession during the teams' April 10 meeting. Today's rematch is for a berth in the Div. 3 state championship game.

Clark's Fund Run set for Saturday

The Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund was created to honor Clark's life and work by enhancing Cohasset's sports and recreation facilities.

This Saturday, June 9, the sixth annual "Clark's Fund Run" will take place at the South Shore Music Circus at 10 a.m.

The 3.5-mile course is a scenic and challenging loop including the Cohasset Common, Sandy Beach and Clark's neighborhood. The $20 race registration fee includes a t-shirt, ice cream from Nona's Homemade Ice Cream in Hingham and refreshments from Pepsi-Cola. At 9 a.m. there will be a 1-mile fun run for children and their families. The cost of that event is $10 per person or $25 for the entire family.

When Clark Chatterton passed away on July 5, 2000 from complications of cancer, a small piece of Cohasset also died. Clark was born and bred in Cohasset and spent his entire life in the town. He grew up, lived, worked and raised his family in Cohasset. Clark loved Cohasset and its citizens loved him.

Clark gave back to Cohasset too, not only by his mentoring of hundreds of students and faculty, but by his countless acts of generosity to people who needed a helping hand and to the town itself. His memorial service overflowed the Music Circus, and it was apparent that many townspeople looked forward to the opportunity of creating a lasting memorial to Clark.

As a result, the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund was created to honor Clark's life and work by enhancing Cohasset's sports and recreation facilities. Now that almost six years have passed, the Clark Chatteron Honor Committee has undertaken and completed many local projects.

A new basketball court was constructed and completed in collaboration with the Cohasset Basketball Boosters program behind the Deer Hill Elementary School. Two Automatic External Defibrillators (AED'S) were purchased in collaboration with the Cohasset Fire Department for use at all high school athletic events and in the middle high school.

Clark's tradition of sending one high school student to the Presidential Classroom in Washington D.C. is continued. New athletic benches were purchased for the schools Clark Chatterton Athletic Complex. Additional financial support was provided for the Cohasset Metco Program to supply a late afternoon bus for the students to return home after school activities or athletics.

Financial support was given to the high school athletic department to fund the Athletic Trainer position. New fitness equipment and maintenance packages were purchased for the Fitness Center in the middle high school for the use of students in physical education classes. New swings were purchased for the playground at the new Deer Hill Playground. Financial support was given to the purchase of the playground underlayment at the new playground built behind Ripley Library. Last year all of the race proceeds were given to the Cohasset High School Swim Program.

Since its inception the fund has donated over $75,000.

The fund has been able to provide support to many town groups to finish or start projects that enhance the athletic and recreational opportunities for the children and families of Cohasset. The reason that the fund is so successful is because of the support we receive from people every year. Our primary fundraisers are the Clark's Fund Run road race, held every June, and "Clark's Fall Scramble" golf tournament held every October. We are passionate about keeping Clark's name and memory alive and continuing the things that Clark would enjoy.

To maintain its ability to further Clark's legacy, the fund relies on your support. Please consider some of the following options as we head into our fundraising season:

- Sponsor or participate in the Sixth Annual Clark's Fund Run on Saturday, June 9 at The South Shore Music Circus.
- Make a tax-deductible donation, payable to the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 652, Cohasset, MA 02025

If you have any questions, contact Debbie Beal at dbeal@cohassetk12.org

Outdueled

CHS softballers suffer tough 1-0 loss to West Bridgewater in semifinals

By Alan McCall
CORRESPONDENT

TAUNTON - It's usually veteran leadership that carries teams to victory in the later rounds of the state tournament.

Tuesday night in the Division 3 South softball semi-finals, however, it was eighth grader Alyssa Gray who stood tall on the big stage.

Gray ripped a triple down the left field line to score senior Michelle Read (walk) from first base in the bottom of the fifth inning, and that's all the third-seeded Wildcats would need as they bounced 10th-seeded Cohasset, 1-0, in a thrilling contest.

West Bridgewater (17-5), the defending sectional champions, will meet Mayflower League rival Diman Regional VoTech, which eliminated Nantucket 7-1 in the other semi-final game, in the Division 3 South finals today (Taunton High School, 5:00 p.m.) The teams split their two regular season meetings this season.

One inning before her game-winning hit, Gray robbed Cohasset of a potential two-run double, making a sensational catch on a sinking line drive down the left field line by Cohasset's Carly Salerno with two runners on base, ending the Skippers' best chance to score in the game.

"Our team is used to being in big games, and we made big plays and did the things we had to do defensively to win this game," said West Bridgewater co-coach Ed Fitzgerald. "It took a while for our bats to get going, but once we started to make contact, good things started to happen."

The early Wildcats lumber slumber was due to the gritty

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Hopkinton one better

Hillers get the points they need to knock off Lady Skippers

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As had happened five times already this season, Wednesday's Cohasset High girls tennis match came down to Sally Meehan at second singles.

The Skippers junior has thrived in such situations this spring, winning all five of those matches. On this day, however, Meehan's opponent was just a couple shots, a couple points better.

Hopkinton senior Lucie Wall took a 3-0 lead in the third set, withstood Meehan's comeback to tie it at 4-4, and won the set, 6-4. The victory gave the Hillers a 3-2 win and a berth in the Div. 2 South final. Cohasset ended its season with a 19-2 record.

Skippers head coach Gigi Meehan, Sally's mom, said despite the loss her daughter enjoys playing in the spotlight with a match on the line.

"She loves it. That's when she's at her best," said the coach. "When she was down 0-3 in that third set, I was still confident she could do it...But that other girl wanted it just that little bit more, and Sally made a few little mistakes that may've cost her."

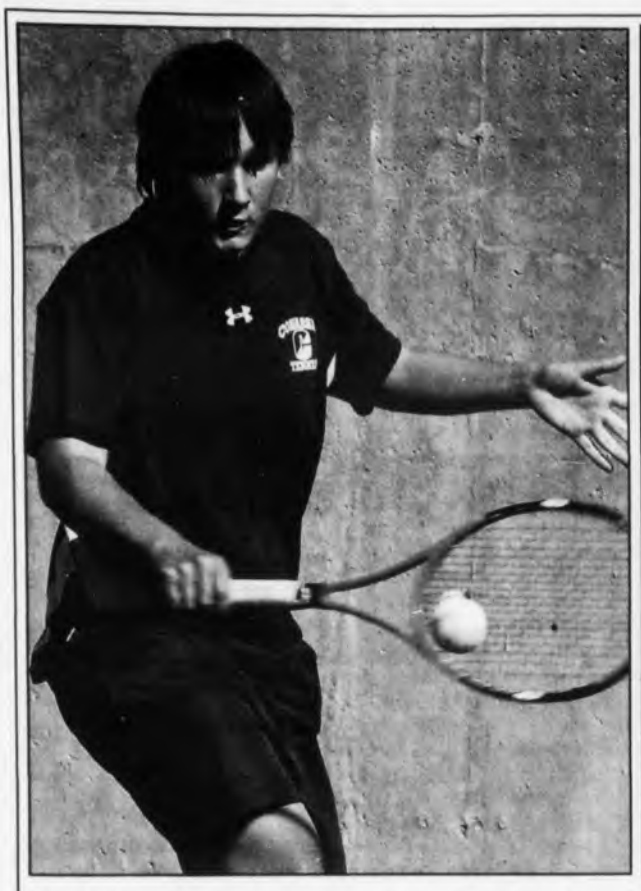
At the beginning, it looked like the match wasn't going to be all that competitive, as Wall took the first set rather easily, 6-2. But Meehan pulled it together and played vastly better tennis in the

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Maddy Altholtz hits a forehand return during her match against Hopkinton's Shannon Murphy on Wednesday. The Cohasset freshman won in straight sets, but it wasn't enough in the Skippers' 3-2 loss.





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(Left) CHS first singles Victor Hartmann unleashes a backhand return during a May 22 match against Hingham; (Right) Doubles player Chris Ackley eyes a forehand during the May 16 match against Cape Cod Academy. After defeating Sacred Heart, 4-1, in last Friday's Div. 2 South preliminary round contest, the boys earned a rematch Tuesday against CCA, won by the Cape Codders, 5-0. The Skippers finished their season with a 10-10 record.

Laxers looking good

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Bunstein, Davis, and Trendowicz each score yet another goal in the first quarter making it 8-0 in Cohasset's favor.

When this happened, head coach Stew Curran decided it was time to let his bench get some action. Freshman Dean Driscoll took full advantage of this opportunity to play by scoring Cohasset's ninth goal of the contest.

"We got the young kids playing early which was really good to see," said Curran about watching his future stars play.

Another future star, freshman goalkeeper Jack Murphy, got his chance to play as well. He played almost the entire second half and allowed only two goals. The starting goalkeeper for Cohasset, junior Nate Porter, let up just two goals in the first half.

The final three quarters were much slower than the first, but Cohasset continued to put in goals. Mark Flibotte, Chris Mills, P.J. McCaw and Andrew DiPaolo each scored one goal during the game. Bunstein was able to record his third goal, giving the All-American a hat trick. Grimm scored a goal in each of the final two periods to end the game with four goals.

One thing that Cohasset improved on from its first round game against Weston was cutting down its penalties. The Skippers will need to continue to avoid careless penalties if they want to advance further. But one thing Curran felt his team did not do well in was face-offs, as his two main guys were outplayed by Stang's face-off man.

Curran and his team are focused on its next tournament game against Hanover, to be played today (June 8) at 5 p.m. Although the Skippers beat Hanover, 14-5, in their regular season meeting, Curran said the Indians will be looking for revenge, so he is going to do everything to get his team ready to play.

A win would advance Cohasset to its third straight state championship game, and the Skippers would host the winner of Saturday's Scituate/Dover-Sherborn game at SHS.

Skippers 10, Weston 5

The Skippers played their first game in almost two weeks last Thursday, taking on the Weston Warriors. Although it may not have been their best performance of the year, the Skippers were able to come away with a 10-5 victory.

Without star defenseman Jeff Brown in the lineup, Cohasset's defensemen would have to step up their game if they wanted to win. At first this looked like it may not happen because after only a minute, Weston scored the first goal of the game.

Fortunately for the Skippers, they have an offense that can turn it on whenever it wants. With about five minutes left in the first quarter, Flibotte tied the game. Later in the quarter senior attackman Chris Davis scooped the ball up during a scramble in front of the Weston net and put it in giving Cohasset its first lead of the day.

As the quarter was winding down, Weston was able to tie the game at 2-2 at the end of the first quarter. It could have been a lot worse for Cohasset at this point, but Porter made two outstanding saves against a strong Weston line.

The second quarter started off very similar when Trendowicz scored before a minute had gone by. Still, without Brown, the Cohasset defense was shaky at times and Weston was once again able to tie the score. Only a minute after the Wildcats tied it up, Cohasset came right back with a goal from Grimm. From there, Cohasset never looked back and Weston was never able to overcome the Skippers' firepower.

Flibotte added two more goals in the quarter and then after Weston scored again so did Grimm. Bunstein had two assists in the quarter, one to Flibotte and one to Grimm.

The third quarter was a completely different game, as the two teams went back and forth, but neither was able to score until Flibotte added his fourth and final goal of the game. The assist again came from Bunstein. The goal would be the only one of the quarter.

After three periods of play Cohasset led 8-4 and things were looking good for the Skippers. The fourth quarter got off to a slow start, but then junior P.J. McCaw wound up from deep and fired a shot that the Weston goalie had no chance to save. Weston scored a goal with five minutes left in the game, but by that time Cohasset was ready to prepare for its next opponent. To fully seal the win, Grimm scored his third goal of the game, giving him a hat trick.

Down the stretch of the final period, Porter made a few key saves to make sure Weston had no chance of coming back. His goaltending held Weston to only five goals and helped Cohasset get the victory to advance in the tournament.

"It's a nice win, we're happy, but we didn't play the type of lacrosse that we need to," Curran said following the game.



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Christina Pinkus (shown above warming up during a game against Carver earlier this season) was the tough-luck losing pitcher in Tuesday's sectional semifinal, allowing just one run on three hits.

Outdueled

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pitching performance by Cohasset senior Christina Pinkus, who had seven strikeouts in the first three innings and allowed just three runners over the first four frames. Pinkus, who will play at Wagner College next season on a scholarship, finished with just three hits allowed in a fine complete game performance.

Cohasset (13-10), meanwhile, was able to get runners on base off West Bridgewater starter Alyssa Williams in each of the first four innings. But the Wildcats defense made the plays behind her to keep the Skippers scoreless, keyed by an inning-ending double play in the third when Williams caught a hard line drive by Virginia Spofford and doubled the runner off of first.

With the 1-0 lead in the sixth, Williams struck out the side against Cohasset's two- three- and four-hitters. In the seventh, the Skippers got the potential tying run to third base. Kristen Monaco led off with a single and was bunted to second by Christine Coner. Salerno followed with a ground ball to shortstop and was just barely thrown out at first, moving the runner to third base. Williams ended the threat by getting Brittany Dunn to ground out.

"I am very proud of this great group of young ladies; we played a very solid game which could have gone either way," said Cohasset head coach Deb Bostwick. "This team set a school record by going the furthest in the state tournament than any other Cohasset softball team and we'll work hard on getting back here next season.

"Christina Pinkus pitched an outstanding game for us. She's an incredible softball player and we'll miss her very much next season."

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Charlotte Landon (right) celebrates a point with second doubles partner Maggie McGoldrick during Wednesday's match.

Hopkinton one better

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second set. After Wall broke serve to make it 5-4 in favor of Meehan, the Cohasset player returned the favor by winning four straight points, including a couple great shots at net to force a third set.

In the third set, after losing the first three games, Meehan regained her momentum and won four of the next five, breaking Wall's serve twice in the process. Serving 4-4, Meehan couldn't keep it going, as Wall took the next eight points to finish off the match.

"It may've been a classic example of too little, too late," coach Meehan said of Sally's comeback attempt after dropping the first set.

Cohasset was in a position to win with its continued dominance in singles, as junior first singles Meg Anderson and freshman third singles Maddy Altholtz both won in straight sets.

Playing against Hillers junior Katie Schwartz, Anderson came out on fire and won the first set 6-0. Realizing she wasn't going to out-hit her opponent, Schwartz went to a steady diet of lob shots to try and take Anderson off her game.

As a result, the second set was a little more competitive. But Anderson, with a backhand that was at times untouchable, won that set as well, 6-3. The match finished in little over an hour.

"Meg's style is to get it done and get it done fast," said coach Meehan. "She just likes to bang the ball and intimidate her opponent and get that momentum, and she'll keep hitting that ball until she gets it."

Altholtz finished her season undefeated in singles play after defeating Hopkinton sophomore Shannon Murphy, 6-2, 6-3. Murphy was also undefeated coming into the match, and the girls played a lot of long points and close games.

It was the singles players that carried Cohasset down the stretch, and coach Meehan is already looking forward to having all three back next spring.

"Between the three of them, they lost three matches all year," she said. "And none of them are graduating, which is exciting."

At first doubles, senior Elizabeth Landon and sophomore Jenny Magruder struggled to a 1-6, 0-6 loss to Hopkinton seniors Meg Anderson (yes, that's her name, too) and Cara Maresca. At second doubles, Cohasset senior Charlotte Landon and Maggie McGoldrick had a slightly better go of it, extending Hillers juniors Kelly West and Kim Foley before ultimately losing, 4-6, 2-6.

Coach Meehan said her doubles players are better than what they have shown in recent matches, but said a lack of practice time recently may have prevented them from working out whatever was going wrong.

"I have great doubles players, but sometimes you just go through a bad stretch and that tends to continue (with little practice time)," Meehan said. "But I know this will fire up the girls that are coming back to do well next year."



Sally Meehan watches her volley during the second set of Wednesday's match against Hopkinton.

Sports Notes

Swim and Dive team tryouts

Cohasset Swim Team tryouts will be held Monday, June 18 from 3-5 p.m. at the swim center pool. Swimmers must be 6 years of age by July 1, 2007 and no older than 17. There are limited openings this year.

Cohasset Dive Team tryouts will also be held on the 18th from 5-7 p.m. at the swim center pool. Rain date for tryouts for both swim and dive will be held Tuesday, June 19 with same times.

Water Safety Instructor Training Program

There has an overwhelming response for the Water Safety Instructor Training Program and limited class space; therefore, applicants will be accepted on a first come/first served basis. Registration must be accompanied by payment for the course.

The class will run Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29, and from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 27. All classes are mandatory without exception.

The W.S.I. course fee is $275 for Cohasset Swim Centers members and $300 for nonmembers. Checks should be made payable and mailed to the Cohasset Swim Center, P.O. Box 132, Cohasset, MA. 02025. Your reply must be postmarked by Tuesday, June 12. They apologize for the tight deadline.

The materials for this course cost $80, which are purchased in advance and are not refundable. Therefore if a registered applicant does not pass the Prerequisite Skills Test, they will be unable to refund $80 of their registration fee.

WSI participants have to be 16 years of age before the last class date. To pass the Prerequisite Skills Test, applicants must be able to perform the following skills: Perform shallow or stride drive; perform front and back crawl, breaststroke, butterfly, and elementary backstroke; swim on one's side using a scissor-like kick; perform open turns front/back; swim underwater; Perform feet first surface dive and tread using sculling of arms/legs.

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For information send e-mails to Cohassetswimcenter@comcast.net.

Lifeguard Certificate Training Program

There has been an overwhelming response for the Lifeguard Certificate Training program and limited class space; therefore, applicants will be accepted on a first come/first served basis. Registrations must be accompanied with payments for the course.

The class will run from 2 to 6 p.m., Monday June 18, and from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 19, 20, 21, 22. All classes are mandatory without exception.

The LGCTP course fee is $235 for Cohasset Swim Center members and $285 for nonmembers. Checks should be made payable and mailed to the Cohasset Swim Center, P.O. Box 132, Cohasset, MA. 02025. Your reply must be postmarked by Monday, June 11. They apologize for the tight deadline.

The American Red Cross runs the course for people age 15 and up, however, to be a Professional Lifeguard in the State of Mass., you must be 16 years of age. This is found in the section of the Mass. State Regulations, 105 CMR: Dept of Public Health, Section 435.23: Lifeguards.

Materials for the course cost $80 and are purchased in advance and not refundable. Therefore if a registered applicant does not pass the Prerequisite Skills Test, they will be unable to refund $80 of their registration fee.

In order to pass the Prerequisite Skills Test, one must be able to swim 500 yards continuously using the following strokes in this order: 200 yards of front crawl using rhythmic breathing and a stabilizing, propellant kick; 100 yards of breaststroke; 200 yards of either front crawl using rhythmic breathing or breaststroke - the 200 yards may be a mixture of front crawl and breaststroke; then one must swim 20 yards using front crawl or breaststroke, surface dive to a depth of 7-to10-feet, retrieve a 10-pound object, return to the surface and swim 20 yards back to the starting point with the object.

In your registration information include your name, birth date, address, town, e-mail, phone and cell phone.

For information send e-mails to Cohassetswimcenter@comcast.net.

Scituate Tennis Tournament

The Fourth Annual Scituate Tennis Tournament will be held June 16 for doubles, June 23 for singles, both adults and juniors. The cost is $40 per doubles team, $30 per singles player, with benefits going to Scituate Tennis. There will be prizes for winners and finalists. Players of all levels are welcome.

Call 781-545-3396 for an application or information. Applications can be emailed or you may register by phone.

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Cohasset Youth Lacrosse

The **U-15 Whites** played at Marshfield Sunday in a misty, rainy game outnumbered 2-1 but certainly not outplayed as it was one of their best games of the season in team concept play. The scoring was spread widely between eight of the 12 Cohasset players and hustle was the name of this game.

Cohasset won every face off (17) and got to most ground balls with the relentless efforts of **Pete McKenna**, **Charlie Neaves** (goal, assist) and **John Collins** (goal). The mid line of **Thomas Flibotte** (goal), **Danny Czerkawski** (goal, assist) and **Sam Richardson** (assist) drove Marshfield into a defensive position all day.

The Whites never trailed in this one as the sniper fire of **Mitch McNary** (four goals, assist) was unstoppable by even a seemingly tough Marshfield goalie. Defensive hats go off to **Geoff Swain, Brennan Bukowksi** and point man **Dean McNary** (goal, two assists) as they pushed back on the green attack all game in keeping the shots clean at goalie **Kyle Healy** (15 saves). Dean McNary also had two great feeds in the offensive zone that showed off all that practice time of a team that is clicking on all cylinders in their finale of regular season play.

James McKelvey played a strong supporting role helping to stymie Marshfield on many potential breakouts. The total assist numbers and support these players displayed in this game shows not only the skill level they are now at, but a great understanding of the game, field and sportsman like representation of a great lax program.

The last game of the regular season saw the Cohasset **U11 White** team finish with an unblemished record following an 8-3 victory over visiting Duxbury.

From first whistle to first goal took a total of 14 seconds as **Patrick Holway** grabbed the face and broke downfield to find **A.J. Kucinski** in front of the net. A pass, catch, and shot put the Cohasset team up 1-0. Things slowed a bit after that as both teams settled down and a few goals were exchanged in a relatively close first half. Holway found the net a couple of times and **Cole Morrison** put one in as well with an assist from **Martin Buckley**.

With the defense playing a well disciplined zone, Duxbury found it difficult to penetrate. Cohasset took a 5-2 lead into the half and the Duxbury crew would get no closer for the rest of the game.

In the second half, Cohasset put in three more goals with two coming from the ever consistent **Conor Hayden** and another from **Adam Benson**. **Ryan McElhinney** was instrumental in ball control as he was able to dominate ground balls throughout the contest. **Sean Mavilia**, playing his best game of the year caught a sweet pass twenty feet out, dodged a defensive player and fired a great shot that was saved by the goalie for Duxbury.

Duxbury would net one more score from Cohasset's stingy defense, but that would be all. **Jake Burchill** and played very well on defense clearing the ball and **Nick Lydon** shut down several players in the second half and kept the opposition out of the game. **Justin Fein** put in one of his special performances constantly breaking up plays and getting the ball to the offense. He and **Mike Yerardi** and the rest of the "D" showed why wins come from the defense.

Owen Kefallinos was once again in goal and made several stops to add to the woes of Duxbury.

As has been the case for the entire season, the entire team played with passion and great efforts were also put in by **Max Fitzgerald, Jack Donohue, Christian Lydon** and **Luke O'Brien** at middie, **Ian kennedy** at defense, and **Owen Burchill, Levante Haber** and **Cal Robbins** on attack.

The U15 Blue, U13 Blue and U11 Blue all had their games cancelled.

Summer Sports Camps

Summer basketball camps

Cohasset High School varsity basketball coach Dorian Bryant will offer two camps this summer for kids.

The Big Man & Point Guard Perimeter Camp, an intensive four-day camp, will be held July 10 through 13, for youths in grades 7-12. The Ultimate Development Camp is a two-day-a-week camp for five weeks, beginning July 2. Both camps are designed so that the camper receives quality instruction on basketball fundamentals.

Applications are at the Recreation Office at the Cohasset Town Hall or can be downloaded at www.cohassetbasketball.com. Go to Links/AAU Teams & Summer Camps/Cohasset Summer Basketball Camp. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, June 20.

For information e-mail coach Bryant at dorianbry@aol.com.

Youth tennis lessons

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer youth tennis lessons this summer for boys and girls ages 7 and older.

This seven-week program starts Monday, June 25, or Tuesday, June 26, with one-hour lessons meeting twice per week on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule. Various levels of instruction are available. The cost is $80 per participant. Registration will be held in Town Hall auditorium from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m., June 11 to 14, or from 5 to 7 p.m., June 12. You must register in person during the times listed above.

If you know your swim and/or sailing schedule prior to registering for tennis, it will be helpful, as the Rec Department has more scheduling latitude than either swim or sailing lessons.

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SCHOOLS

'Teen craziness has undoubtedly peaked'

LIFE AT CHS

CHRISTINE KENT



What's up everyone! Hopefully, all you senior parents were able to finally dry your eyes and pull it together long enough to make it through the ridiculously hot graduation ceremony on Saturday at the Music Circus. With 90-degree heat plus humidity, being under that green tent for an hour or so seemed more like being trapped in a greenhouse. If it hadn't been for the three engaging speeches by Valedictorians, Caren Garber and Ryan Ingram, and a humorously insightful speech by Class President, Mike Corry, the crowd would still have been spinning from the always-*thorough* speech by School Superintendent, Denise Walsh.

With all the events involving teenagers that have occurred in the past week, one starts to wonder if Cohasset is the new location for a Martin Scorsese film. But don't start locking your doors just yet, with all the changes and newly gained freedoms (seniors graduating) teen craziness has undoubtedly peaked (hopefully).

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Aside from all the current dramas, things inside the brick walls of CHS remain surprisingly mellow and ordinary, even with the end of the school year only inches away. With all the MCAS tests, SATS, and gloomy weather, most of the student body seems to be drained of energy and motivation (sorry teachers but can you blame us)? Let's hope people can find just enough juice so that they can cheer on both the Music Theater Classes' Friday night performance of Stage 161 and the talent show on Saturday, hosted by our own Amanda Simpson. Each performance supports a great charitable organization while providing ample amounts of entertainment to all who attend! Maybe two fantastic shows are just what we all need to recharge our batteries. Good luck to AMT and Amanda Simpson this weekend, break a leg!

Before I forget, here's a look at what went down this week:

- Except for a Bullying Policy Meeting in the office, Monday proved to be pretty uneventful... at least for those of us who were not able to accompany the sixth grade class to Camp Bournedale!
- Tuesday, the return of MCAS for grades 9 and 10, which meant a morning of movies and "review" for the juniors left out of the fun.
- Wednesday, sadly, 9th and 10th graders were forced to endure yet another day of Science MCAS, while the rest of us pleaded for no quizzes or class work In addition; the Middle School celebrated their wonderful artistic talents at Arts Night. The Lacrosse team played in their Tournament game and since this column is due on Wednesday, I obviously do not know much else! Let's hope our guys did well.
- Thursday, there was the Spring Teacher Appreciation "party" at the Light Keeper's Cottage.
- Friday! In addition, to the Cohasset Diversity meeting in the library, the American Musical Theatre Class will be performing at 7:30, their long awaited show, "Stage 161."
- Saturday, the running shoes will be hitting the pavement at the Clark Chatterton Fun Run...and don't' forget the talent show.

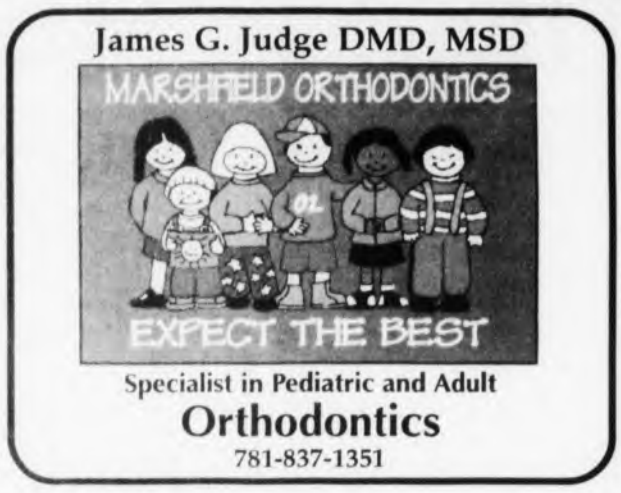
Well, that's it for me this week. Have a great day!

Goodbye to Georgie!

Please join us at the Carriage House School for a "Farewell to Georgie Open House." Stop in and wish Georgie Gladdys, director of the Carriage House School, well on her new adventure! The event is from 3:30-5:30 p.m., Friday June 8, in Trueblood Hall (First Parish House).

Light refreshments will be served!







Hingham Main Street antique to be a draw

Seven private dwellings featured on house tour

By Constance Gorfinkle
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The William Torrey House on Main Street in Hingham is one of those homes that conjures up romantic musings of what might have gone on there in bygone days, when perhaps men and women – dressed in morning coats and bustled skirts – strolled across its rolling lawns to enjoy the serene Crooked Meadow River that wanders through the back of the property.

Indeed, that's the fantasy enjoyed by a recent visitor to the house, now owned by Khristian and Timothy Hawver-Scott.

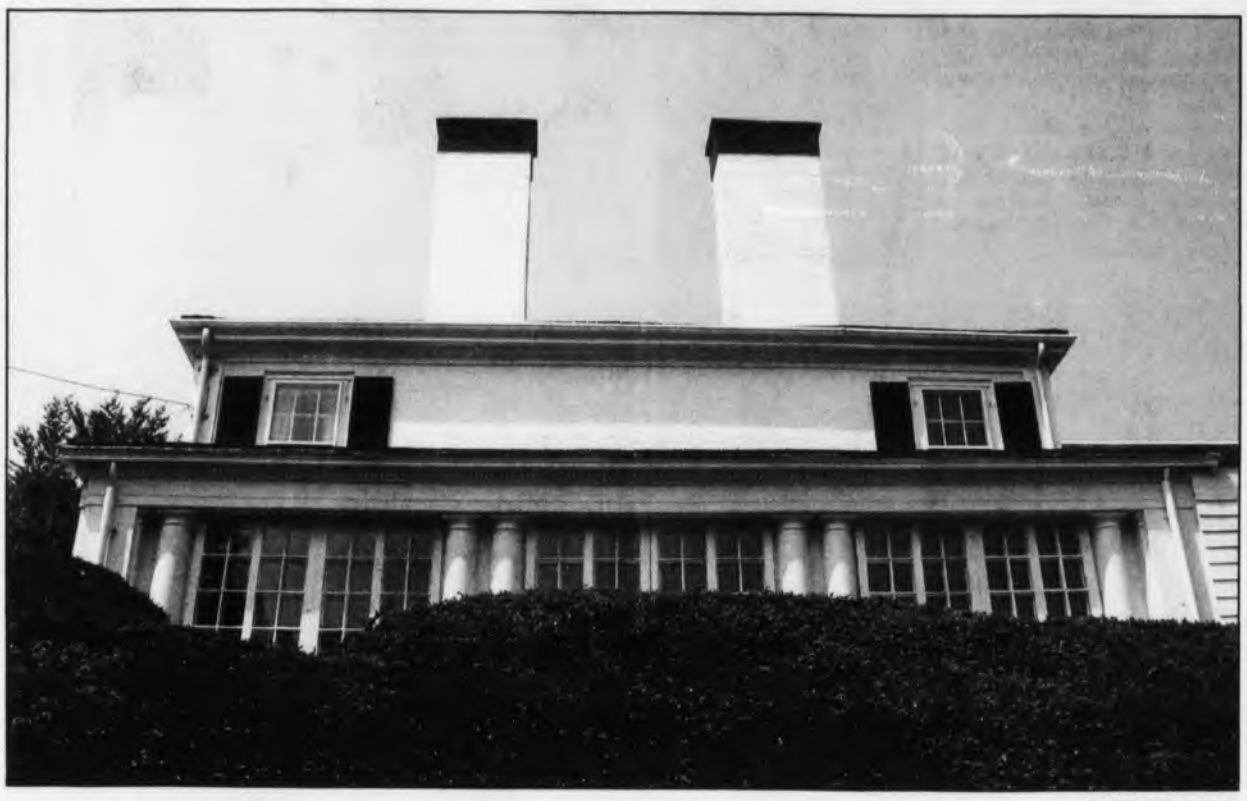
One of seven private dwellings on the 83rd Annual Tour of Hingham Homes on Sunday, the William Torrey House is a graceful structure featuring Georgian and Greek Revivalist elements that has been reconfigured and restored by the Hawver-Scotts to reflect the intentions of its builder, almost two centuries ago, and the requirements of a couple living in 2007.

Thus, one enters an elegant foyer where the ceiling has been raised to reveal a stunning fanlight, once concealed, and a long, straight hall that used to meander to the kitchen, a grand space that now can be seen beckoning with warmth and hospitality.

Created by Kitchen Concepts of Norwell, this room is the heart of the house, enlarged considerably by the combining of three rooms, whose centerpiece is an island, topped by a handsome dark-stained walnut counter big enough to accommodate the culinary aspirations of both Hawver-Scotts.

As do all the rooms in the house, the kitchen is enhanced by architectural details appropriate to its era and handsomely incorporated by the three brothers who comprise the local firm Baker Construction.

In such a comprehensive restoration, the smallest detail must be considered when blending the old with the new, so that there are no glaring inconsistencies. Thus, a magnificently tiled bathroom manages to make a happy merger of a footed tub with a glass-enclosed shower.



PHOTOS/MARY FORD

The restored William Torrey House on historic Main Street in Hingham is sure to draw a crowd during the 83rd Annual Tour of Hingham Homes, sponsored by the Hingham Historical Society.

That the Hawver-Scotts have achieved such a fine restoration throughout the 4,285-square-foot house is not due to chance but experience. Having previously owned two other antiques – one erected by the Pilgrims in Plymouth, the other a cape in Yarmouthport used for vacations – they have learned the joys and frustrations of such an undertaking, that, along with history, rot sometimes lurks beneath the precious planks.

But, while they enjoyed the Plymouth and Yarmouthport properties, they were willing to sacrifice them both for the Torrey House the minute they saw it.

"It felt like karma," said Khristian.

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Khristian with Bank of America and Timothy with Home Goods, both successful executives, are enamored with history. That is made obvious by the objects throughout the house, which they picked up at auctions and on various travels. In Timothy's case, those include exquisite prints of English Georgian mansions he bought in London and prints of Native Americans in elaborate and unusual dress, commissioned by the Smithsonian Institution.

Among Khristian's contributions are decorative tiles manufactured in 1880 by a Chelsea company. The sense of destiny he'd had upon seeing the house for the first time was underscored when he discovered in one of the bedrooms that the fireplace surround was made of similar tiles by the same company.

Their collections often determine the themes of different rooms. Thus a downstairs sitting room that boasts several striking pieces of Asian origin Timothy laughingly refers to as "our Chinese room." But not all their objects are works of art. One bedroom wall is bisected by a wooden propeller, found by a friend in the Mojave Desert and given to Khristian because of his fascination with aviation.

Since coming to town in 2005, the men's interests grew to include Hingham artifacts, such as the doll's chest that graces a mantelpiece, made by the Tower toy factory which flourished here in the 1700s. Also on display are several pieces of china that had once been used in Hingham's Agricultural Hall, the imposing building where the town's agricultural fairs were held when this was largely a farming community and where now stands the Hingham Public Library.

With the inside of the house now complete, Khristian and Timothy are turning their attention to the rest of the almost two acres their property encompasses. The grounds, which are already graced with a footbridge over the river and a summerhouse where one can seek shade in hot weather, looks lovely to a casual observer. But, as already demonstrated, the Hawver-Scotts are anything but casual.

Passing through an airy sunroom and onto the open porch they've added to the house, the two studies the grass just beyond, which in fact does look patchy in places.

"Don't worry," smiles Khristian. "This all will be reseeded in time for the tour."

Besides the seven private homes on the tour, which takes place from 1 to 7 p.m., Sunday, June 10, four public buildings will be open. They include two properties owned by the Hingham Historical Society: the 1680 Old Ordinary House Museum, whose current exhibit is drawn from the Society's collection of antique quilts, and the 1818 Old Derby Academy, a one-time private school that now is the Society's headquarters. Also on view is the 1681 Old Ship Church, a nationally registered historic site that is the oldest wooden church in the United States still in ecclesiastical use, and the 1887 GAR Hall, a newcomer to the tour.

Tickets cost $20 in advance and $25 on tour day and may be purchased in advance at several commercial locations in Hingham Square: Andrew Zona Studio, Bowl and Board, Noble's Camera Shop and Whitney Gordon Jeweler; at Queen Anne's Corner in Corson's Glass House; at Lincoln Plaza in Noble's Camera Shop; in Cohasset, at Buttonwood Books and at the Hingham Public Library.

To order tickets by mail, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with a check made payable to the Hingham Historical Society, to HHS, P.O. Box 434, Hingham, MA. 02043. Make sure to mark the envelope "house tour."

On tour day, tickets will be $25 and sold only in the Old Ordinary at 21 Lincoln St., after 10 a.m. At that time, tickets previously purchased may be exchanged for tour books, which are required for entry to the houses.

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Alice and Walter Shuebruk Scholarship: **Donald Dickinson, Stephanie Fewsmith, Caitlin Hurley, Adam Smith, Lauren Strazzulla, Timothy Toomey and Reed Wendorf-French.**

Malcolm H. and Helen C. Stevens Scholarship: **Emily Coggins and John McCarthy.**

American Legion - George H. Mealy Post 118: **Lardyn Blanco, Sarah-Beth Butman, Johanna Dolan, John Coffey and Anthony Fiori.**

American Legion Woman's Auxiliary: **Alyssa Campbell.**

Sons of the American Legion: **Sarah-Beth Butman and Johanna Dolan.**

Cohasset Veterans of Foreign Wars 9146 - William T. Barnes Jr. Memorial Scholarship: **Nicholas Zappolo.**

Cohasset Hockey Boosters Coach Dennis Walsh Hockey Scholarship: **Benjamin Masotta.**

Cohasset Teachers Association Scholarship: **John Rohrer.**

PCEA Award: **Sarah Malone.**

Cohasset Firemen's Benefit Association: **Molly Gallagher.**

Cohasset Permanent Firefighters Scholarship: **Robert Silvia and Virginia Spofford.**

Cohasset Farmers Market Scholarship: **John Coffey and Colleen Richardson.**

Cohasset Gridiron Club: **Justin Alexander, Nicholas Cambi, Anthony Di Paolo, Robert Silvia, Fletcher Smalzel, Paul St. Pierre and Nicholas Zappolo.**

Cohasset Dental: **Emily Coggins and Brent Daly.**

Cohasset METCO Scholarship: **Mercedes Barnes-Jackson, Lardyn Blanco, Whitny Graham and Francisco Peralta.**

Cohasset Arts Awards: **Austin Breslow, John Coffey and John Rohrer.**

Cohasset Dramatic Club: **Aisling Guinee.**

C.H.S. Student Council Scholarship: **Lacey Richardson.**

Cohasset Police Association: **Mercedes Barnes-Jackson and Lardyn Blanco.**

Cohasset Soccer Boosters Club Scholarship: **Emily Coggins, Michael Corry, Christopher Donze and Colleen Richardson.**

Cohasset Summer Swim/Dive Team Scholarship: **Alyssa Campbell, Brent Daly, Corbin Faber and Caren Garber.**

WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 10 YEARS?



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***Justin Alexander**: "Married with some kids." **Paul St. Pierre**: "Who knows?" **Colin Conway**: "CEO of a major company with a supermodel wife." **Nick Cambi**: "Walking up the stairs of capitalism."*

Bryan Bilton Memorial Swim Team Scholarship: **Alyssa Campbell and Brent Dalyy.**

Cohasset Wrestling Boosters Scholarship: **Nicholas Cambi, Ryan McLellan, Adam Smith and Timothy Toomey.**

Rockland Trust Scholarship: **Kara Wilcox.**

Cohasset Youth Baseball/Softball Association Scholarship: **Tessa Leahy and Virginia Spofford.**

Community Garden Club of Cohasset: **Colleen Richardson.**

D.A.R. Good Citizen Award: **Caren Garber.**

Cohasset Basketball Boosters: Susan DeMichele Scholarship: **Justin Alexander, Haley Haracz and Lacey Richardson.**

Gia Baressi Memorial Scholarship: **Laura Campedelli.**

Robert A. Goyette Memorial Scholarship: **Kristen Dooley and John McCarthy.**

Jean F. Higgins Community Service Award: **Benjamin Masotta.**

Democratic Town Committee - Joseph F. Walsh III Memorial Scholarship: **Lara Novak.**

Republican Town Committee: **Fletcher Smalzel and Kara Wilcox.**

Max Lax Lacrosse Scholarship: **Caren Garber and Ryan Kucinski.**

Catherine W. Mulcahy Scholarship: **Michael Corry.**

Nichols Fund: **Caren Garber and Ryan Ingram.**

Henry David Thoreau Scholarship: **Caren Garber.**

Barbara Pape Memorial Scholarship Troop 28 – Boy Scouts of America: **Kathryn Callahan, Aisling Guinee, Colleen Richardson and Virginia Spofford.**

Robert S. Pape Charitable Trust: **Lardyn Blanco, Molly Gallagher and Sarah Malone.**

Burtram J. Pratt Memorial - Cohasset Historical Society: **Mary Evans and Paul St. Pierre.**

Rotary Club of Cohasset: **Teresa Bellone, Lardyn Blanco, Emily Coggins, John Coffey, Ryan Ingram, Tessa Leahy, John McCarthy, Christina Pinkus, Colleen Richardson, John Rohrer, Virginia Spofford, Paul St. Pierre and Amanda Thompson.**

Valedictorian Award: **Caren Garber and Ryan Ingram.**

Stanton Family Scholarship: **Kacy Litchfield, Robert Silvia and Nicholas Zappolo.**

Special Recognition: **Charles Miller.**

Scott Sandblom Memorial Scholarship: **Emily Coggins.**

Fred Troy Memorial Scholarship: **Haley Haracz and Kara Wilcox.**

Mary E. (Beth) Goff Memorial Scholarship: **Ailida Tangherlini.**

Barbara Elizabeth Gurnis Memorial Scholarship: **Robert Meikleham.**

Lenny Kupsc Memorial Scholarship: **Benjamin Masotta.**

Justin Langham Memorial Scholarship: **Corbin Faber and Caitlin Hurley.**

Kurt Gritzen Memorial Scholarship: **Corbin Faber and Benjamin Masotta.**

Major William Arthur Memorial Scholarship: **Kacy Litchfield.**

C. P. Harvey Memorial Scholarship: **Charles Miller.**

Friends of Elder Affairs: **Austin Breslow.**

Spinnaker Scholarships: **Callie Barrett, Austin Breslow, Katherine Callahan, Michael Corry, Alyssa Hinman, Caitlin Hurley, Ryan Ingram, Elizabeth Landon, Tessa Leahy, Lacey Richardson and Rozanne Tehranian.**

Teen Ink Awards: **Kevin Barber, Laura Campedelli, Charles Miller, Trisha Reel and Amanda Thompson.**

Science Achievement Awards: **Emily Coggins, Brent Daly, Donald Dickinson, Caren Garber, Benjamin Masotta, Tristram Norman, Lara Novak, Colleen Richardson and Lauren Strazzulla.**

MAFLA Awards: **Sarah Brown, Trisha Reel, and Kara Wilcox.**

National French Contest: **Robert Brady, Trisha Reel and Owen Stevenson.**

Foreign Language Achievement: **Stephanie Fewsmith.**

Jennifer Wing Baird Citizenship Award: **Kyle Dattola-Harris.**

Cohasset Mariner Scholarship: **Austin Breslow.**

Noel Ripley Scholarship: **Myles Collins-Wooley and Jamie Genovese.**

William Ripley Scholarship: **Kevin Barber.**

President's Award for Educational Excellence: **Kevin Barber, Laura Campedelli, Caren Garber, Ryan Ingram, Colleen Richardson and Lauren Strazzulla.**

Principal's Leadership Award: **Caren Garber.**

M.S.S.A.A. Student Achievement Award; **Emma Simon.**

National Merit Letter of Commendation: **Kevin Barber, Laura Campedelli, Donald Dickinson, Caren Garber, Colleen Richardson and Amanda Thompson.**

National Merit Finalist Award: **Ryan Ingram.**

National Merit Scholarship: **Ryan Ingram.**

Pilgrim Arena Merit Scholarship: **Laura Campedelli.**

AFL CIO Scholarship Award: **Molly Gallager.**

Bausch & Lomb Science Award: **Sarah Brown.**

Dartmouth Book Award: **Alexandra Laas.**

Harvard Book Award: **Sarah Brown.**

Holy Cross Book Award: **Colin Dignam.**

Rensselaer Award: **Cameron Cope.**

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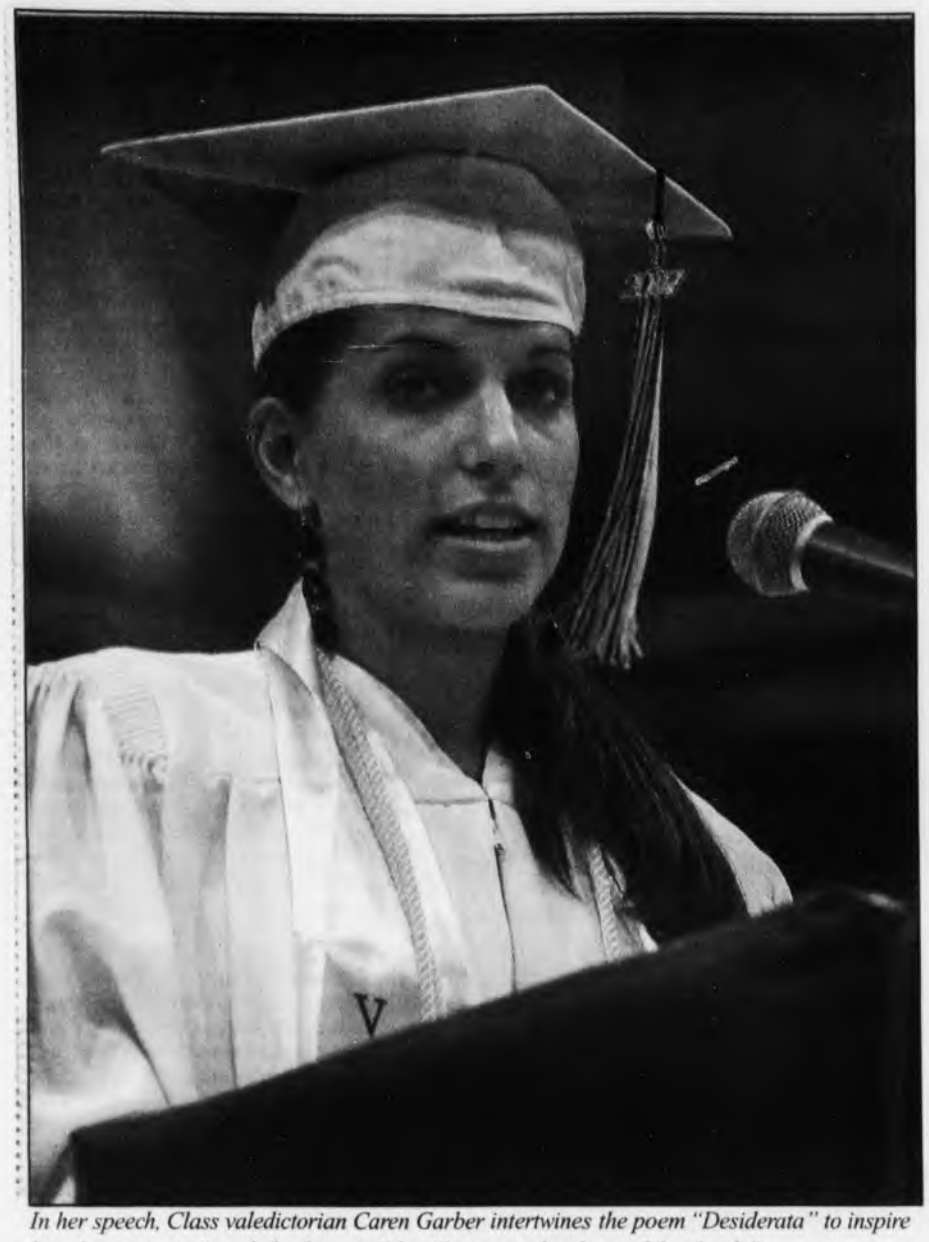
THE COHASSET MARINER CONGRATULATES



School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn congratulates Jeff Brown while awarding him his diploma Saturday.
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THE COHASSET HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2007

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Kevin James Barber
Mercedees Nancie Barnes-Jackson
Caroline Sheils Barrett
Ryan Joseph Barrow
Teresa Bellone
Lardyn Blanco
Robert Joseph Brady
Austin Jake Breslow
Jeffrey Edward Brown
Taylor Lauren Bukowski
Michael Grove Bunstein
Sarah-Beth Butman
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Colin James Conway
Michael Costello Corry
Brent Thomas Daly
Shalea Marie Daly
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Reed Thanet Wendorf-French
Kara Elizabeth Wilcox
Ellen Elizabeth Wise
Nicholas Michael Zappolo



In her speech, Class valedictorian Caren Garber intertwines the poem "Desiderata" to inspire her classmates to "reach for the stars" but "keep your head out of the clouds."



From left, Lindsay Durkin, Emily Coggins, Kara Wilcox, Karoline Holt and valedictorian Caren Garber cool off by the fan before the start of Saturday's graduation.



Christopher Ackley, left, and Kevin Barber, right, give themselves a well deserved round of applause before the start of graduation.



Christine Gritzan holds up an honorary diploma presented to her in memory of her son, Kurt, who succumbed to cancer in 2006.

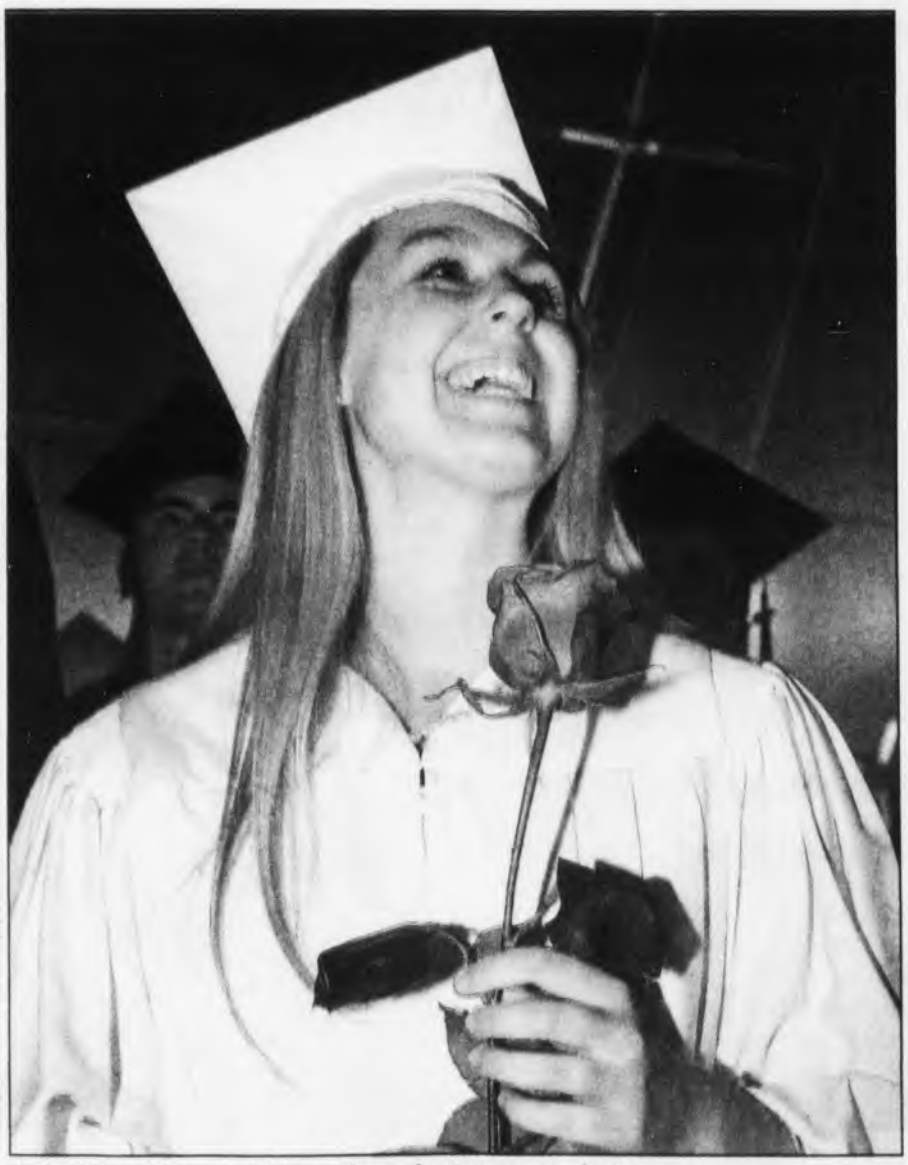


Callie Barrett gives a hug to Corbin Faber outside the Big Top at the Music Circus.

GRADUATES READY TO 'GET INTO THE GAME'

Class of 2007 closes high school chapter

Staff photos by Robin Chan



Taylor Bukowski beams with joy as the graduation ceremony begins.



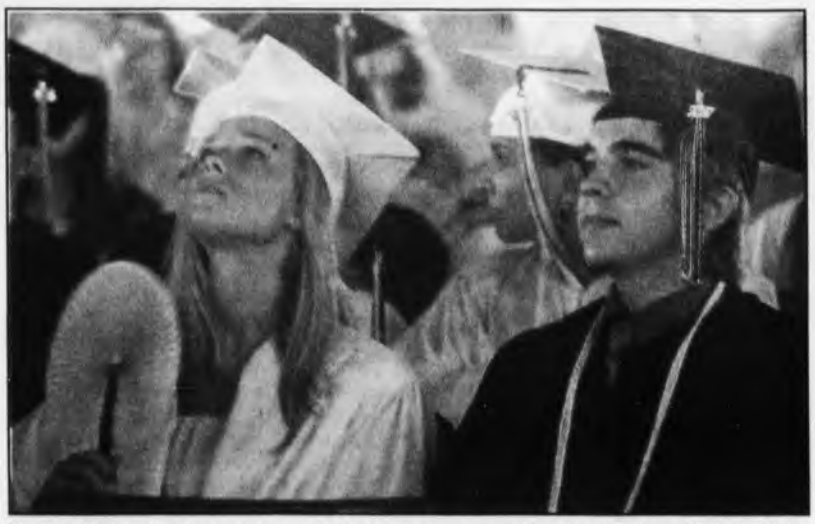
Anthony Fiore, right gives a friendly jab to Mike Bunstein, left, after he received his diploma.



Blain Morin acknowledges his Hawaiian heritage by wearing a lei that was imported from Honolulu.



Class valedictorian Ryan Ingram urges her classmates to "take a risk, to delve into the uncertain so that one day you might discover a real limitless sense of completeness."



Shalea Daly, left, tries to stay cool during the ceremony by fanning herself while Kyle Dattola-Harris, right, listens to the speeches.



Paul St. Pierre, framed by a sign congratulating the Class of 2007, cools down by chugging a bottle of water after the ceremony.



Mike Huntington holds his cap to his heart while singing the National Anthem with the rest of the class.



Deirdre Dorion, 10, sports her brother's graduation cap following Saturday's ceremony.



Junior, Samantha Williams, left, checks out Reed Wendorf-French's National Honor Society cords, while junior Christine Kent, waits to congratulate Reed.



Heather Sestito, left, helps out Jamie Genovese, right, with her tassel before gradation gets under way at the Music Circus.



School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn, left, congratulates Jeff Brown on receiving his diploma.



Joe Nuendorf acknowledges the crowd after he was honored for 26 years of service as a science teacher at the high school.

DESTINATIONS



STAFF PHOTOS BY MARK GARDNER

The North Front of Stowe School has played host to Hollywood movies, TV commercials as well as witnessing many important moments in history.

Former school still a place of learning

By Mark Gardner
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It's been nearly 20 years since I last visited my old school, Stowe (a private boarding school, called an independent or public school in the UK) set in the bucolic Buckinghamshire countryside of England.

On our first day at school, we were informed that we were to meet with the headmaster. We were fresh-faced kids, all somewhere around 12 years old, most of us terrified in the knowledge that this was where we would be spending the next five years, punctuated only by infrequent trips home to see our parents.

I chose Stowe for many reasons. Partly, for the un-public-school-like vision of allowing children to flourish in an environment that wasn't entirely academic. Sports, drama and music held equal sway with academics. It was also based more than 100 miles from home, thus allowing me a certain degree of independence from my parents. My other choice, Charterhouse, the school that fostered the careers of several members of the band Genesis, was only 15 minutes from home. For a boy descending ever deeper into the "terrible teen years," that was far too close for comfort.

So the headmaster had us all gather on the North Front steps of the famous old main building and stated, in a booming voice that echoed around the weathered Corinthian columns, "none of you gathered here will understand true beauty until you leave this place and one day return."

Of course such a grandiose statement was bound to fall on deaf ears. Indeed your author feels distinctly sheepish in having to admit spending more time using the ornate 17th Century buildings and the immaculate, Capability Brown-designed grounds as smoking hideaways and drinking holes. But such was a teenager's life at boarding school in the 1980s.

When we were sixth formers at Stowe (the US high school equivalent would be juniors and seniors) we often bragged about how we would return in convertible cars with cigarettes in one hand, and alcohol in the other. As it turned out, we first returned for the funeral of a fellow Stoic, tragically killed in an automobile accident whilst on a scholarship in the United States. None of us were in the mood to reflect on what it felt like to return to our old school, rather we pulled together as a class in our collective grief for our departed friend and his grieving family.

So when my wife suggested we return to Stowe during our trip to England this spring, I was initially reluctant, but then intrigued. Would I really appreciate the school's true beauty, would memories come flooding back of the many wonderful experiences I enjoyed during my tenure at Stowe, or would it simply be a sentimental trip down memory lane?

We drove up to the school from London. Thankfully, Stowe is not far from the capital, moreover, the weather was, for England at least, perfect. It was still and cool, with a slight mist hanging in the air. We turned into the main driveway and as we pulled around to the North Front my wife gasped, "I cannot believe this is where you went to school." I simply smiled. For me, it was a chance to catch up with some old ghosts.

I pointed out that the "Berlin scene" from "Raiders of the Lost Ark III" had been shot right where we were standing, as well as a scene from the Russell Crowe feature film "Proof of Life". But she didn't seem all that impressed. Rather she was trying to take in the surroundings — a main building built in the late 17th Century by Sir Richard Temple, later to become Lord Cobham; Nearly 700 acres of park-land-style gardens that were built by Capability Brown, gardens so widely admired that the poet Alexander Pope waxed lyrical about them. The gardens, more like an expansive park, are dotted with temples with names such as Temple of Concord, Fane of Pastoral Poetry, Temple of Ancient Virtue and Temple of Friendship. There are more than 40 monuments, arches, houses, temples and sites to see, all set around tranquil lakes and grasslands.

In 1997 the Stowe Trustees had to hand over the ownership and upkeep of the grounds to the National Trust as they had become too expensive for the school to maintain. And what an extraordinary job they have done.

The spring term had thankfully ended the previous day so we were able to wonder around the grounds and inside many of the building un-bothered. Certainly a flurry of wonderful memories did come flooding back to me, but I was also taken by how truly beautiful the place had become: the grounds, returned to their original glory; the main building where we ate as a school, the dining halls with murals on the ceilings, walls adorned with enormous oil paintings; the school church where we worshipped twice a week; and of course my old house, slightly updated from when I was there, but a place that still retained the spirit of yesteryear. We walked around the 11-acre lake, past the Temple of the Worthies, and strolled over the Palladium Bridge, thought to be haunted (according to school legend) by the headless horseman, and up into the surrounding fields. As we stood in the Elysian Fields, surrounded by sheep, my wife turned and, smiling cheekily noted, "it's nice, but it's no Sacred Heart."

The place that was my home away from home for five years between 1982 and 1987 truly was a place of exquisite beauty. And what's more, the general public can now experience that beauty for themselves. The gardens are open almost year around, the main buildings have tours at least twice a day during open season.

For years, Stowe was just a place I had to be, a place to get away from my parents, to learn, to have fun. Now it has become the place of tranquility and breathtaking beauty that my headmaster spoke of all those years ago.



A replica of a medieval throne is carved into an old tree that sits proudly in the Elysian Fields, part of the park-style gardens open to the public year around.

Did you know...

Famous Old Stoics include:
- Sir Richard Branson
- David Niven
- Roger Hodgson (founding member of Supertramp)
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

THURSDAY, MAY 24

1:29 p.m. **Forest Ave. and Old Coach Road**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

1:41 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

2:07 p.m. **School buildings**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

5:21 p.m. **Bancroft Way**, parking complaint; caller reports three cars are parked illegally.

5:30 p.m. **North Main St.**, officer reports a van was being driven with its slider door open; verbal warning issued.

5:34 p.m. **Brook St.**, caller reports that the front plate of his vehicle has been stolen; caller to meet with officer in the headquarters lobby.

5:56 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

5:56 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

6:21 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, mutual aid rendered to Hingham police for information dispersion.

6:31 p.m. **Reservoir Road**, suspicious activity; caller reports a silver Honda Civic being operated by an elderly man has passed his house about five times and he would like an officer to check it out.

7:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, Store manager requests an officer while they ask someone to leave.

7:49 p.m. **Howard Gleason Road**, well-being check requested.

8:39 p.m. **Diab Lane**, well-being check requested by caller who reports her neighbor standing naked in the driveway when she returned home from walking her dog.

9:13 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop; citation issued.

9:13 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports a blue two-door vehicle full of youths yelling for alcohol; officer reports both Cohasset stores are closed.

10:57 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

FRIDAY, MAY 25

1:30 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

1:30 a.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

5:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:35 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop; citation issued.

5:56 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

9:12 a.m. **Margin Court**, medical aid requested for person in respiratory distress; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

9:26 a.m. **Brook St.**, property recovered; carwash owner reports finding a license plate.

9:54 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

10:15 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

10:21 a.m. **King St.**, detail officer reports a motor vehicle accident without injuries.

11:09 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

11:24 a.m. **Kendall Village**, request for officer regarding a neighbor dispute.

12:44 p.m. **Pond St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop; citation issued.

1:47 p.m. **Grace Drive and Hull St.**, traffic stop; citation issued.

1:54 p.m. **Hull St. and Grace Drive**, traffic stop; citation issued.

2:26 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers; caller is concerned about youths jumping off the bridge.

2:34 p.m. **Hull St.**, officer reports a child has fallen off his bicycle and is injures; medic called to scene.

2:43 p.m. **Hingham** - Hewitt Cove Marina, medical aid requested.

4:34 p.m. **South Main St.**, minor motor vehicle accident without injuries reported.

5 p.m. **Pond St.**, escort; units detailed to assist with Cohasset High School prom.

5:23 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers; youths removed from the bridge.

5:42 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:32 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, medical aid requested for female who fainted; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

6:34 p.m. **Howard Gleason Road**, fire; officer reports motor vehicle leaking gas.

6:59 p.m. **Hull St.**, traffic enforcement.

8:02 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

8:13 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

10:28 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop; party summonsed on charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and speeding in violation of a special regulation.

11:11 p.m. **Forest Ave. and Forest Notch**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

11:20 p.m. **Cedar St.**, transport citizen.

11:21 p.m. **Border St.**, traffic stop; citation issued.

11:57 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, vandalism; caller reports youths tipped over porta pottys at construction site.

SATURDAY, MAY 26

1:12 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports 71-year-old male passed out in the driveway of Deer Hill School. Brought into headquarters for protective custody; father into headquarters to pick up son.

2:05 a.m. **North Main St. and Red Gate Lane**, officer reports abandoned bicycle on the side of the road; brought into station.

2:50 a.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers; several open cans of beer observed next to the group and in the roadway. Male parties are of legal age and deny the beer cans belong to them but will clean them up. All male parties are walking back to Scituate.

9:42 a.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:11 a.m. **Elm St.**, larceny; walk-in party reports a stolen bike.

10:22 a.m. **Stevens Lane**, animal complaint; walk-in party reports her light brown puppy with a green collar and rabies tag missing.

11:51 a.m. **King St.**, property damage reported; employee states that someone drove off with the gas hose; they stopped and dropped it, then left the scene.

1:46 p.m. **King St.**, property damage reported. Caller requests an officer regarding an earlier incident involving gas hose drive-off; advised.

2:51 p.m. **King St.**, officer out with a vehicle that has its door open and no one is around.

4:52 p.m. **Hull St.**, traffic enforcement.

4:55 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

5:02 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers; departmental action taken.

5:08 p.m. **Summer St.**, mutual aid rendered to Scituate police with a motor vehicle stop.

6:43 p.m. **Linden Drive**, walk-in with report of a lost cell phone.

7 p.m. **Elm St.**, Hull Police Dept. issued a be on the lookout announcement regarding a red Toyota pick up truck being operated by a possibly intoxicated person.

7:16 p.m. **Hull St.**, mutual aid rendered to Hingham police regarding a motor vehicle accident involving previously mentioned red Toyota pick up truck; operator arrested for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

8:34 p.m. **Elm St.**, caller reports being locked out of his house.

8:36 p.m. **Joy Place – Quincy**, Quincy Police Dept. requests a unit to retrieve a driver's license used by a teen-aged Cohasset resident who attempted to purchase alcohol in their town. The investigation officer reports he is in possession of the older brother's driver's license, which was used by the younger brother, and he will meet a Quincy officer at the Hingham line. Quincy police report they will be summonsing the Cohasset teen to Quincy District Court on felony charges for using a false identification to buy alcohol.

9:12 p.m. **South Main St.**, clerk reports vehicles are being parked in their parking lot but not going into the store.

9:34 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:42 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

9:46 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, hit and run with property damage; caller reports a vehicle was hit in front of his house and the vehicle involved left the scene. The vehicle is described as a greenish VW convertible with front-end damage; Hull Police Dept. notified and area search negative. Be on the look out alert issued to surrounding areas.

10:54 p.m. **North Main St.**, follow up investigation; officer reports finding the VW involved in previous hit and run incident. Sergeant advises to impound the VW as evidence and have it towed back to headquarters. The investigating officer also identified the driver and a summons will be sought for the Cohasset female for leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident and driving to endanger.

SUNDAY, MAY 27

9:54 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested by person who is very congested and wheezing; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

2:19 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in party requests to speak to an officer regarding their daughter, who took off in their motor vehicle without permission. Be on the look out alert issued to surrounding towns via teletype. The female involved has a violent history of using knives and drugs, as well as past suicide attempts. Female summonsed on charges of using a motor vehicle without authority.

3:04 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, property damage; caller reports that upon arriving home he discovered the wall in front of his home damaged as well as the bumper of the vehicle that hit it.

4:08 p.m. **South Main St. and Depot Court**, walk-in party reports a female in the square that appears to have been crying; investigating officer transported the female home. She is just having a bad day.

4:41 p.m. **Elm St.**, Hull Police Dept. issue a be on the lookout announcement regarding a larceny from Cumberland Farms. The vehicle, described as a blue station wagon, is heading towards Cohasset.

5:30 p.m. Summer St., animal complaint.

7 p.m. **North Main St.**, noise complaint; caller party states excessive loud music. Investigating officer reports it was a cookout and the noise was within reasonable limits.

7:10 p.m. **Beach St.**, missing person reported.

7:30 p.m. **Parker Ave.**, request for officer.

8:01 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking complaint; caller with complaint of motor vehicles parked illegally. Two vehicles tagged.

8:31 p.m. **North Main St.**, noise complaint; belligerent caller with second noise complaint on this location; officer talked to owners and they will turn down the music.

8:50 p.m. **King and Sohier streets**, suspicious activity reported.

8:59 p.m. **North Main St.**, parking enforcement; illegally parked vehicles belonging to persons attending a house party tagged. Officer reports one vehicle tagged for being in a restricted zone.

9:35 p.m. **North Main St.**, noise complaint; caller with complaint of loud party. Investigating officer spoke with owners and they will turn music off the night.

11:13 p.m. **Black Horse Lane**, suspicious activity reported; anonymous caller reports a gathering of teens on a dock and they are becoming noisy.

11:33 p.m. **North Main and Cedar streets**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

MONDAY, MAY 28

1:24 a.m. **HQ.**, missing person. Provincetown Police have located the motor vehicle. Motor vehicle will be towed to their impound lot. Provincetown Police do not have the motor vehicle. The tow was delayed due to a higher priority call. When they could get back to the scene, then motor vehicle was gone.

2:51 a.m. **Bayberry Lane**, B&E (in process), 911 caller states "someone is trying to break into her house". She can "hear someone at the window in the next room and her dogs are barking". No sign of forced entry.

8:26 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning. Officer transporting one female to Scituate.

9:14 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Craig T. Henderson, 425 Beechwood St., Cohasset. Charges: Operation of motor vehicle unlicensed, motor vehicle operator refuse to identify self, speeding in violation of special regulation, failure to wear seatbelt.

June is Home Safety Month

Hands-on approach against five leading home hazards

While most people claim they feel safest in their homes, Home Safety Council research shows that nearly 20,000 deaths and 21 million medical visits occur on average each year as a result of injuries in and around the home. During Home Safety Month in June, the Cohasset Fire Department is urging Cohasset residents to take simple steps to make their homes a safer environment from the five leading causes of home injury – falls, poisonings, fires and burns, choking/suffocation and drowning.

"During June, Cohasset Fire Department is working with the Home Safety Council to remind Cohasset residents about simple but potentially life-saving changes they can make in their homes today," said Chief Robert Silvia. "Creating a safe home doesn't require a lot of time or money, but home safety needs to be an ongoing priority to help avoid serious injuries."

Simple Tips to a Safer Home

New Home Safety Council research found that while the majority of U.S. adults think about home safety often, very few take action. The Cohasset Fire Department is joining the Council's *Hands on Home Safety* campaign, by asking families to make safety improvements in their homes this month, and throughout the year. Follow these simple steps to protect your family from the leading causes of home injury.

Prevent falls

- Have grab bars in the tub and shower.
- Have bright lights over stairs and steps and on landings.
- Have handrails on both sides of the stairs and steps.
- Use a ladder for climbing instead of a stool or furniture.
- Use baby gates at the top and bottom of the stairs if babies or toddlers live in or visit your home.

Prevent poisoning

- Lock poisons, cleaners, medications and all dangerous items in a place where children can't reach them.
- Keep all cleaners in their original containers. Do not mix them together.
- Use medications carefully. Follow the directions. Use child resistant lids.
- Install carbon monoxide detectors near sleeping areas.
- Call the Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222 if someone takes poison. This number will connect you to emergency help in your area.

Prevent fires and burns

- Have working smoke alarms and hold fire drills. If you build a new home, install fire sprinklers.
- Stay by the stove when cooking, especially when you are frying food.
- Keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn. Turn them off when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- If you smoke, smoke outside. Use deep ashtrays and put water in them before you empty them. Lock matches and lighters in a place where children can't reach them.
- Only light candles when an adult is in the room. Blow the candle out if you leave the room or go to sleep.

Prevent choking and suffocation

- Things that can fit through a toilet paper tube can cause a young child to choke. Keep coins, latex balloons and hard round foods, such as peanuts and hard candy, out of children's reach.
- Place children to bed on their backs. Don't put pillows, comforters or toys in cribs.
- Clip the loops in window cords and place them up high where children can't get them.
- Read the labels on toys, especially if they have small parts. Be sure your child is old enough to play with them.
- Tell children to sit down while they eat and to take small bites.

Be smart around sater

- Stay within an arm's length of children in and around water. This includes bathtubs, toilets, pools and spas – even buckets of water.
- Put a fence all the way around your pool or spa. Always keep the gate closed and locked.
- Empty large buckets and wading pools after using them. Keep them upside down when not in use.
- Make sure your children always swim with a grownup. No child or adult should swim alone.
- Keep your hot water at or below 120° F degrees to prevent burns.

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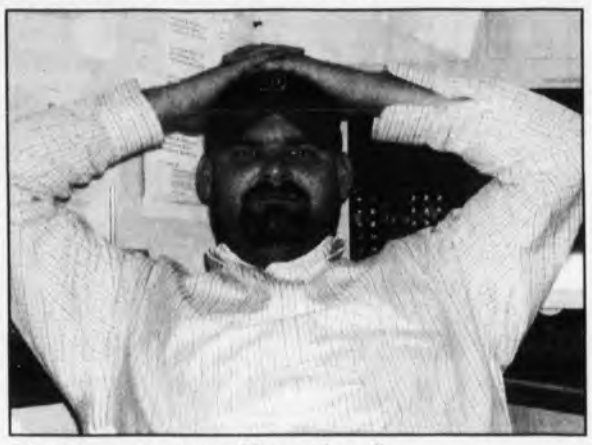
OBITUARY

Gerard Matthew ('Matt') Deveney

Talented musician, salesman

Gerard Matthew ("Matt") Deveney, beloved son of Gerry and Missy Deveney of Cohasset, loving fiancé of Keleigh Quinn, and devoted big brother of Sara M. Norris, Elizabeth A. Deveney and Grace M. Deveney, passed away on June 5, 2007 at the age of 35 after a heroic battle with cancer.

Matt grew up in Cohasset. He graduated from Cohasset High School in 1989, and the friendships formed during that time were maintained throughout his life. Matt found his life's passion at the age of 7 when his mother signed him up for his first piano lesson.



Matt Deveney is pictured here at his office.

A talented musician, Matt played the keyboard for several bands and performed regularly throughout the Boston area. Matt's favorite band was the Grateful Dead and he enjoyed jammin' as a part of several Grateful Dead cover bands, most recently Playin' Dead.

Matt spent his work life at the family business, Deveney and White Monument Company in Dorchester, Mass. An easy-going personality made Matt a natural salesman and excellent manager. Matt also enjoyed playing poker, going fishing, cruising in his boat, and taking road trips to concerts with friends.

In the fall of 2002, Matt traveled abroad to accomplish a remarkable feat: walking across Spain. In 30 days, Matt and his sister Grace walked 500 miles and had the adventure of their lives. He brought laughter, joy and comfort to all who knew him and he will be sorely missed.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday (June 9th) at South Shore Baptist Church in Hingham.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Attn: GIST Research/Dr. Demetri, 10 Brookline Place, West Brookline, MA 02445.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

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All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

During the week, you can pray with us online by visiting our website www.ststephenscohasset.org. There are several readings to listen to on topics of healing, spirituality, health, the environment, etc. You can also link to the website of our national church to learn more about what the Episcopal Church is about.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events and learn more about the parish including our Sunday programs for **children and teens**. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood. Appointments to speak to the staff can be made by calling or emailing. Inquirers welcome! Office hours are daily from 8:30 am until 2 pm.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Sunday, June 10th at 11 a.m.: Celebration of Vedanta Centre's 98th Anniversary.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

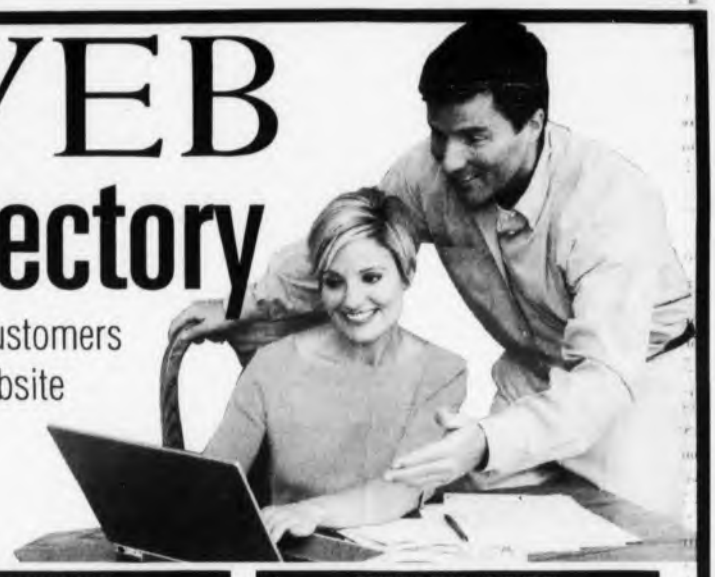
The Bible subjects for the rest of June will be: alia Mesmerism and Hypnotism, Denounced, God the Only Cause and Creator, God the Preserver of Man, Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 07P1292EP

In the Estate of
CHARLOTTE M. FRATUS
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death May 12, 2006

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that WINIFRED LEE DICKSON of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **AUGUST 1, 2007.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, May 31, 2007.

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Pictured left to right are Alfred Donovan, Joseph McElroy of Cohasset, Paul Salvas, John Crowley, Joseph Barbiere and Raymond Tremblay.

Talbot DAV Chapter installs officers

They meet at the Weymouth Heights Club, 598 North St., E. Weymouth at 1 p.m., the third Monday of Sept., Nov., Jan., March and May.

The Lt. Ralph Talbot DAV Chapter 65 recently installed its new slate of officers for the year July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. The Chapter supports disabled veterans in the communities of Abington, Cohasset, Hanover, Hanson, Hingham, Hull, Norwell, Pembroke, Scituate and Weymouth.

The command staff includes Paul Salvas, Commander; John Crowley, Senior-Vice; Richard Jennings, Junior-Vice; Joe McElroy, Adjutant; Alfred Donovan, Treasurer; Raymond Tremblay, Chaplain; Joseph Barbiere, Sergeant-At-Arms and Gordon O'Brien, Judge Advocate.

DAV Chapter #65 works for the physical, mental, emotional and economic rehabilitation of wounded and disabled veterans. In cooperation with its higher headquarters and other chapters, it is very active in supporting local VA hospitals and soldier's homes. The Chapter also contributes to a transportation program to get disabled veterans back and forth for medical services. The Ralph Talbot Chapter provides free assistance in processing disability applications and requests for rating adjustments. DAV Chapter 65 is an advocate for veterans and their families and endeavors to assure that the sacrifices of our American heroes, living and deceased, are not forgotten.

They meet at the Weymouth Heights Club, 598 North St., E. Weymouth at 1 p.m., the third Monday of Sept., Nov., Jan., March and May.

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Lunch with the author is June 22

Buttonwood Books & Toys will host a lunch with author, Linda Greenlaw at 11:30 a.m., Friday, June 22, at The River Club, 78 Border St., Scituate. Linda will discuss "Slipknot," the first book in her new mystery series featuring Jane Bunker, a former Miami detective who moves to Marine and becomes a marine investigator. Linda's nautical experience is instantly recognizable in the characters, the setting, and the plot.

She is the author of the best-sellers "The Hungry Ocean," "All Fisherman Are Liars," "The Lobster Chronicles" and "Recipes from a Very Small Island." Linda lives on Isle au Haut, Maine, where she captains a lobster boat.

Reservations and tickets cost $25 per person and are required for this event. The price of the ticket includes a luncheon buffet, tax and tip. A book special of 20 percent off "Slipknot" can be purchased for this event.

Tickets may be picked up at Buttonwood or send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your check to Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, MA. 02025.

For menu details, information, or to order a personalized or signed copy of the book, call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665.

Bird walk

A bird walk around Straits Pond, Hull and Cohasset is planned from 8 to 10 a.m., Sat., June 16. Meet Cohasset birder, Sally Avery, at 8 am at the base of Summit Avenue in Hull, near the Cohasset line. 781-383-6043.

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What's happening on the South Shore

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Tour is Taylor made

Music Circus welcomes 'Idol' winner June 16

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

"I think Jordin Sparks will win, but I'm not sure," said Taylor Hicks when asked who would succeed him as the new "American Idol" the day before the recent sixth season finale of the blockbuster television talent show.

"I'm a performance voter, not a contestant voter. There were some very talented people this season, so it hasn't always been easy to see who would win in the end," explained Hicks by telephone on May 22 on his way to Los Angeles to perform with other past Idols on the show launching this year's winner. "But Jordin has been consistently very good, and I think the voters will go with someone younger this season."

Hicks was right, of course, and the youngest winner in the show's history, 17-year-old Sparks, succeeded the oldest winner, Hicks, on May 23. When Hicks — who makes his first appearance at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset on June 16 — was named fifth-season winner in front of a worldwide television audience of 200 million viewers in 2006, he was just 29 years old, but his shock of prematurely gray hair — not to mention his R&B and soul-influenced singing style and unique "dance" moves — made him stand out long after judge Simon Cowell voted against Hicks even putting Hicks through to Hollywood after his first audition in Las Vegas.

"What you see is what you get with Simon, but he's really not that bad. If you can get past the Cowell scowl, then you're usually okay."

Fame is something the singer is OK with, too.

"Life moves so quickly. Sometimes I do miss my anonymity, but usually that's not a problem. When I'm home now, however, going out in public can be a chore. All in all, there's a lot of radiant, positive energy coming my way from people and that makes me feel very grateful for everything that's happened."

"You'll have to come to my show. I think that's the fun of seeing someone performing live. You never know what you're going to get.
— Taylor Hicks

Hicks' first post-Idol single, "Do I Make You Proud?" debuted at number one on the Billboard Hot 100. His latest album debuted at number two on the charts and went platinum in its second month. Hicks may be new to the charts, but his influences are people who spent a great deal of time there including Otis Redding, Ray Charles, and Joe Cocker.

"I completely connected to the emotional intensity of gospel, soul and blues at an early age. From there, I worked my way through the singer-songwriter era of the 1970s. That's where I pull a lot of my music from."

The music for his self-titled first Arista release — produced by Matt Serletic who has worked with Matchbox 20, Willie Nelson and Courtney Love — includes new songs "Dream Myself Awake" by Rob Thomas, "Places I've Been" by Diane Warren, and "The Right Place," written by Bryan Adams and Jim Vallance and originally intended for the late Ray Charles to record before his death.

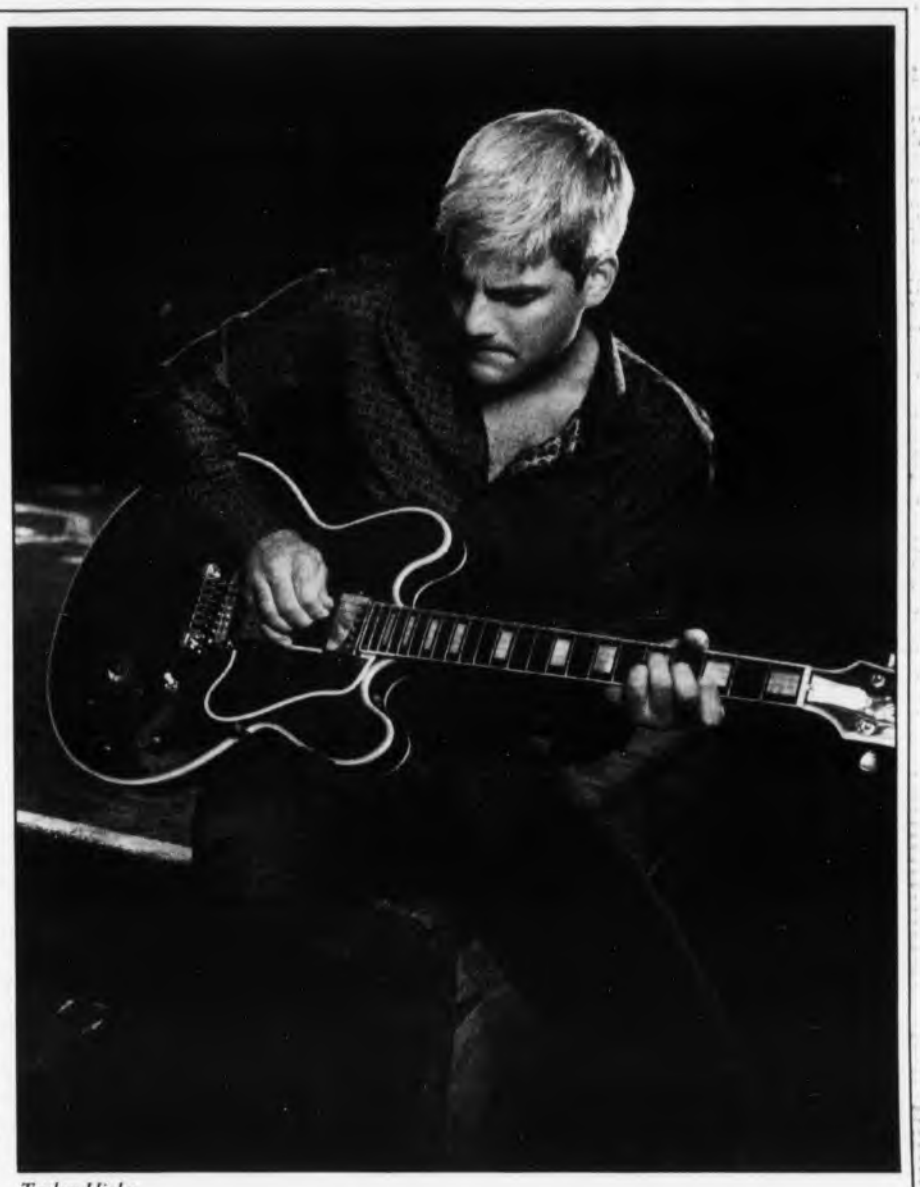
"There is a common thread to the music on this new album which is that it all represents a movement toward a modern R&B and Motown sound. It is an approach also being taken by artists like Joss Stone. People are really picking up on this new sound. There is an underground movement toward modern soul and I plan to be a part of it."

With his most avid followers already dubbed "The Soul Patrol," it is likely Hicks will have plenty of company on the road ahead.

"It's like sitting on a rocket ship. The amount of work you can do in one year is just amazing," says Hicks, whose latest album was released in December and whose inspirational book, "Heart Full of Soul" will be released by Crown Publishers on July 10. "I did two earlier albums on independent labels, but being on a major label is a whole new experience for me."

Unlike other "Idol" winners and most of his fellow contestants, the Alabama-born Hicks has been a professional musician since he was 18, singing in bars and nightclubs. When Hicks takes the stage these days, there are quite a few more people in the audience, but the pleasure he gets out of performing hasn't changed.

"I'm playing places that I've never even been before on this tour, and I'm loving every minute of it. The show is mine so I can do the music that I want and I can make it a little different every night so it keeps people coming back. I've always been very aware of a live audience and how important it is to give them a show they will enjoy."



Taylor Hicks

On the road since February with his first solo tour, Hicks has been performing a song list culled from his decade-long career.

"I'm playing some stuff that's from my earlier albums, songs from the new CD and also some really cool covers," says Hicks, while declining to be more specific. "You'll have to come to my show. I think that's the fun of seeing someone performing live. You never know what you're going to get. That's the idea I want to carry into every one of my shows."

Taylor Hicks will be at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset, on Saturday, June 16. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-931-2787 or go online at www.themusiccircus.org.

Movie review



Atsuko (voice of Megumi Hayashibara) hides from the bad guys at an amusement park.

Feel Jung again with 'Paprika'

Paprika (A)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

Forget spiders, ogres and pirates for a minute. The most whacked-out summer movie so far is "Paprika," a Japanese anime extravaganza that might be described as "Alice in Wonderland" for film-addicted grownups. We're surely not in Kansas anymore.

Directed and co-written by Satoshi Kon ("Tokyo Godfathers") and based on a novel by Yasutaka Tsutsui, "Paprika" may also remind some of the work of anime master Hayao Miyazaki ("Spirited Away," "Howl's Moving Castle").

As the action begins, we meet title character Paprika (Megumi Hayashibari), an attractive, daring young woman whose real-life alter ego is the psychiatrist-scientist Dr. Chiba.

With the aid of a device called a DC-Mini, Paprika enters other people's dreams and helps them with their psychological problems. Her latest client is Detective Kogawa (Akio Otsuka), who has been tormented by a recurring dream involving a foot chase and a shooting. When DC-Minis are stolen from the lab of the childlike genius Dr. Tokia (Toru Furuya), someone begins to insert himself into the dreams of others, causing the dreams to merge and often driving the dreamers insane.

If this is a woefully insufficient description of the metamorphosing, decidedly Jungian wonders of "Paprika," don't blame me. The film is the closest thing to experiencing a dream outside of the latest David Lynch offering. This is the sort of nesting-dolls-of-reality concept that Richard Linklater's "A Scanner Darkly" aspired to and failed to achieve.

A recurring image of a demented parade of confetti-pelted dolls, robots, appliances, half-dissected corpses and you-name-it is not something I am likely to forget anytime soon.

The key to most of the imagery in "Paprika" is movie history. In Kon's dream worlds, you will find references to "Tarzan" movies, Stanley Kubrick's "The Shining" (of course), "From Russia With Love," "Blade Runner," "Don't Look Now," "Peter Pan" and film noir. Paprika herself describes full-length dreams as "blockbusters."

In one scene, that lunatic parade pours out of a movie projection booth and streams across an auditorium. Kon and Tsutsui provide the voices of two mysteriously familiar bartenders in the film. An anime "Pan's Labyrinth" often reminiscent of the pop art of Takashi Murakami, "Paprika" is a psychedelic journey into the magical world of movies.

Buy the ticket.

Rated R. "Paprika" is in Japanese subtitles and contains violence, nudity and sexual situations.

Calendar of events

Thursday, June 7

Network4 Success, Business Networking, meeting the first Thursday of the month from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Plympton Public Library, Rt. 59, Plympton. Call Laura Joseph at 781-422-2294 or email at pfsdreamgalleries@yahoo.com or Lisa Krance at 781-582-2359.

The Alzheimer's Care Partners Group will meet on Thursday, June 7, 10:30 a.m. at The John Curtis Free Library, 534 Hanover St., (Route 139) Hanover. We are people who are participating in the care of someone with Alzheimer's Disease. We are an open group and welcome you to come join us free of charge. They meet the first Thursday of every month. For information, contact Penny Peterson, LCSW, at 781.659.2691.

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset, welcomes three debut authors on June 7 at 7 p.m. The authors, **Tish Cohen**, "Town House", **Patry Francis,** "The Liar's Diary" and **Jennifer McMahon,** "Promise Not to Tell" will discuss their books as well as the impact of blogging vis-à-vis their published novels. This is a free event and refreshments will be served. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a personalized or signed copy, call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Satch Romano's New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Starcreations Theater presents the musical **Cinderella** on June 7 and 8, at 5 p.m. held at the Reed Community House, 33A Summer St, Kingston. General admission $3. For reservations and more information, call 508-747-1234 or email info@starcreations.org

CALENDAR, see next page

Mark your calendar

EDAVILLE USA, Pine St., Carver. All Aboard For Thomas & Friends June 15-17 and 22-25. Enjoy a 20-minute ride with Thomas, meet Sir Topham Hatt, enjoy storytelling, live music and much more. For tickets and information visit www.ticketweb.com or call 866-468-7630 or visit www.thomasandfriends.com Tickets $16 for ages two and up. Advance purchase is recommended. Events are rain or shine.

THE MAXWELL CONSERVATION TRUST in Scituate is putting on a free Family Fun Day on June 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mt. Hope Improvement Society Building, at the corner of Clapp Road and Cedar Street in Scituate's West End. Free entertainment will be the focus of the celebration including guided hikes of the Litchfield property, a moon walk, face painting, "Max Pics" (pictures taking with Maxwell, the golden retriever that the trust is named for) and live music by Kathie Lee, Howard Mathews and Jessie and Loni Allen. Refreshments will be available for purchase. For further information, call Cynde Robbins on 781-545-4167.

TWENTY-THIRD FOYER FAMILY FAIR AND YARD SALE will be held on June 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Foyer of Charilty, 74 Hollett St.,, Scituate. Donations of quality new and used household items are needed and may be dropped at the Foyer Barn until June 10. This year's Raffle's grand prize is an Eight Day Holiday for Two in Ireland with airfare included. Call the Foyer for tickets at 781-545-1080.

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L. Knife & Son will cosponsor the **Summer Concert Series** for the 2007 season, with the Town of Plymouth Promotions Fund, the Plymouth Cultural Council and the Music Performance Funds. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin each Thursday at 7 p.m. beginning June 7, at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following Tuesday. June 7: **Don Besegai's Big Band.**

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53, Washington St. Pembroke. June 7 **Radio for the Blind** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

Friday June 8

Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor, Book signing by **Dennis Lehane** June 8, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Bestselling, Boston author (**Mystic River, Shutter Island** and **Gone, Baby, Gone**) For more information call 781-545-5011 or visit frontstreet-bookshop.com

The South Shore Art Center - *Visiting Artist Workshops 2007* includes five master classes in the visual arts. Instructors are offering an innovative array of workshop topics including landscape painting in oil, journal painting in watercolor, pastel painting, cyanotype, and drawing and painting the figure. Instructors include: **Linda Bond, Antonia Ramis Miguel, Peter Schroth, Doug Dawson, and Peter Madden**. All participating instructors' work will be on exhibition in the Bancroft Gallery. *Viewpoints: Visiting Artists Exhibition* will open Friday, June 8 and continue through July 15. For information or to register for any of the visiting artist workshops call 781/383-ARTS or visit www.ssac.org

South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Tales from the Wild With Barbara Devine, Senior Naturalist For children ages 3-5. Every Friday 10:30-11:00am (except holidays and vacation weeks) Free with admission Join us for stories ad tales about animals and nature. Please call in advance if you plan to attend. Limit 10 children

Tuscan House Restaurant, 58 E. Grove Street (Rt. 28) Middleboro, **Comedy Night** June 8, 7 p.m. featuring the comedy of **Mike Donovan, Jerry Thornton, Matt McArthur** and **Annette Pollack.** Cost: Complete dinner/show package $29.95. Advance reservations required by calling 508-923-0099 or 781-843-4833. For information visit www.myspace.com /annettepollack or **www.tuscan-houserestaurant.com**

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance June 8, with music by DJ Dave Becker from 7:30 p.m. to midnight at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Fee dance lesson by Dave Joubert from 7:30 to 8 p.m. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. For information call 781-331-0021 or wwwsouthshoresingles.org

Run of the Mill, 6 Spring Lane, Plymouth, June 8, 8:40 p.m. to closing **The VooDoo Doctors** with **Cajun Bob Wilson and Mike "Mad Dog" Landers** ,Cajun and Zydeco Rock, pop and blues.508-830-1262.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. June 8, **Infuse** 781-829-6999.

Monponsett Inn, 550 Monponsett Street, Halifax June 8, 7:30 p.m. **Splash**. 781-293-2116.

Mount Blue, 707 Main St. Norwell June 8, **Jah Spirit Reggae**.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke **Texas Hold Em** every Thursday night at 6:45 and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, June 8, **Covered in Funk**, Funk and rhythm and blues. Cover $6. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Saturday, June 9

5th Annual Stroller Stroll at Hanover Mall to raise funds for giraffe Omnibed for sick babies The Stroller Stroll will take place on Saturday, June 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hanover Mall. Pledge forms for the Stroller Stroll are available for download at **www.southshore-hospital.org/how_you_help/NICU_stroll.htm** or by calling Donna Shecrallah, membership services, at (781) 340-4170. Pledge forms are also available at Hanover Mall and will be available the day of the Stroller Stroll.

Abigail Adams Birthplace, 180 Norton St., North Weymouth **Abigail Adams Historical Society**, June 9, 1 to 4 p.m. Celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the founder of the Society. Free admission. 781-335-4205.

The Church of the Holy Nativity, Episcopal, Nevin Road and Columbian St., South Weymouth will hold a giant yard sale on Saturday, June 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (raindate June 16). Everything from household furniture, garden equipment, and yard care items to clothing, accessories, children's toys, and books will be available that day. Please contact Charlene Birkenhead or the church office for more details. The church is located behind the medical building at 851 Main Street, across from South Shore Hospital. For information, go to www.holynat.org or call 781-335-2030.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell presents **China Odyssey** artwork will be on display through June 23, in Vine Hall Gallery. Marshfield artist, **Flora Moynihan** captures the magic of China and Tibet through her paintings and photographs. Join the artist at her free opening reception on Saturday, **June 9** from 2 to 4 p.m. For information visit www.ssnsc.org or call 781-659-2559.

Second Annual Bluegrass On The Bogs 2007 June 9, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and June 10, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Edaville USA, Pine Street, Carver Cost and registration: Saturday $20, Sunday $15; camping $10 per person. http://www.edaville.com http://bluegrassonthebogs.org



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Dreamchasers Theater Arts Center will present four performances of the female version of "The Odd Couple" by Neil Simon on June 15, at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 16 at 2 and 7 p.m. and Sunday, June 17 at 2 p.m. A final dress rehearsal June 14, at 4 p.m. to which senior citizens are invited free of charge. Tickets are $10 general admission, $8 for senior citizens and students and $5 for Dreamchasers students. Tickets go on sale 30 minutes prior to each performance. All performances are held at Dreamchasers home, The Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main St., Norwell.
Starring in Dreamchasers production of "The Odd Couple" are Amanda Wilson of Hanover and Sinclair Dean of Cohasset. Rounding out the cast of young actors are Alexandria Huntington of Scituate, Corinne Manning and Tess Wenger of Norwell, Julia D'Allessandro of Marshfield, Emma Parrish of Duxbury, Richard Alcott of Rockland, and Andrew DeVitre of Cohasset.
For information call Dreamchasers at 508-224-4548.

The South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham, will feature the works of **Robert Beaulieu** of Scituate until Thursday, June 14. Hours are from Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 12 to 5 p.m. For additional information, please call 781-749-0430 or visit southstreet-gallery.com

Beneath the Streets of Boston exhibit through June 28 the Dolphin Gallery at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham will exhibit the stunningly realistic sepia-toned watercolors created by commercial and architectural illustrator Joe McKendry for his 2005 book *"Beneath the Streets of Boston: Building America's First Subway"*. The watercolor paintings resemble the archival photographs on which they're based and convey realistic views of the building of Boston's early public transit system. 781-741-1405 x 2600.

A Great Gatsby's Ball will be presented by South Shore Dancers on June 9, at the Cushing Center on Route 123 in Norwell. A tango lesson will be given at 7:30. Dancing from 8-11 pm. Black tie is suggested. Cost: $9 for members and $10 non-members. Reservations a must. Call Tom Osterland at 781 659-4703 or visit SouthShore Dancers.org.

Chilihead BBQ, 320 West Center St. (Rt 106), West Bridgewater, June 9, **Alan Qualtieri of Bag Full of Blues Solo** 508-941-0707 chiliheadbbq.com or myspace.com/bagfullofblues

Run of the Mill, 6 Spring Lane, Plymouth, offers traditional Irish Seisiun every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety, from sea chanteys, rebel songs and songs of loss, to jigs, reels and hornpipes, with great craic and sing-along. Admission is free. No cover. Come sing, come play, come listen. Call 508-830-1262.

French Memories Café, 175 South Main St, Cohasset. Every Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5 p.m. **Drift Away with Joe'n J.** 781-383-2216.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree June 9 **Radio For The Blind** 781-849-7007.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. June 9 **Shotgun Bandits**, 781-829-6999.

Monponsett Inn, 550 Monponsett Street, Halifax June 9, 7:30 p.m. **The Mandells**. 781-293-2116.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, June 9 **Jeff Pitchell & Texas**. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sunday, June 10

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, presents **The Dave Foley Band** every Sunday 781-335-9796. Shows 9:15p.m., no cover. www.nextpagecafe.com

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Theater review

Shedding 'Light' on relationships

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



PHOTOS BY JOAN MARCUS

Katie Clarke and David Burnham portray Clara and Fabrizio in "The Light in the Piazza" performance at the Boston Opera House.

If you read Elizabeth Spencer's 1960 novel, "The Light in the Piazza," or if you saw the 1962 film based on it, then you know the storyline of the 2005 Broadway musical of the same name now on national tour at Boston's Colonial Theatre. If you only know the show from its advertising campaign, however, then you may be in for a surprise. What at first appears to be a story of summer lovers set to music is actually the tale of how a mother reacts when her brain-injured 20-something daughter meets a handsome young suitor while on vacation in Italy.

Developed at the Intiman Playhouse in Seattle and the Goodman Theatre in Chicago before opening at Lincoln Center in April 2005, the musical is directed by Bartlett Sher, and features a book by Craig Lucas and music and lyrics by Adam Guettel, grandson of the legendary Richard Rodgers who collaborated on some of the best-loved Broadway musicals of all time including "Oklahoma!," "Carousel," "South Pacific," "The King and I," and "The Sound of Music." Winner of the 2005 Tony Awards for Best Original Score and Best Orchestrations, Guettel's score is lush and romantic, if sometimes also a bit overwrought and operatic even for this often implausible story.



Christine Andreas as Margaret Johnson

When we first meet Margaret Johnson and her daughter, Clara, they are sightseeing in Florence when they are quite literally set upon by a high-spirited Florentine who immediately has eyes only for the flaxen-haired Clara. In mere moments, he is singing to and with her although since all of "Il Mondo era Vuoto" and most of "Passeggiata" are in Italian, you may have no idea exactly what he is saying to express his seemingly automatic ardor.

In the beginning, and for some time, Margaret endeavors to keep the couple apart. She knows that the injuries her daughter sustained when a horse kicked her in the head at her 10th birthday party have left the young woman with the intellectual capacity of a 12-year-old, making an adult relationship problematic.

Broadway veteran Christine Andreas is terrific as the conflicted mother seeking to do what's right even if she is not always sure what that is. Andreas also movingly performs not one, but two of Guittel's best numbers, "Dividing Day" and the act two closer, "Fable."

The young leads are very effective, too. Katie Rose Clarke — direct from the Broadway production — displays both strong acting chops and a lovely voice as the confused Clara. David Burnham is visually perfect as Fabrizio Naccarelli, the young man whose love for Clara blinds him to what a life with her might really be like. With his movie star looks and a smile that would be the envy of an Osmond, Burnham makes it easy to see why Clara would fall for Fabrizio.

Burnham's pitch-perfect portrayal of a young man brimming over with passion, yet still restraining it to a loving, respectful level, may help explain Margaret's final decision, but it doesn't make clear that it was necessarily the right one. With the halting, awkward nature of the book for this "romantic musical," however, this doesn't seem too far off course from the rest of the show.

Like the performances, the technical credits for this tour are first-rate, especially the period costumes by Catherine Zuber and the mood-setting lighting by Christopher Akerlind of Michael Yeargen's sets.

"The Light in the Piazza" will be at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston St., Boston, through June 9. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-931-2787, or go online at www.broadway-acrossamerica.com



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The Ventress Library's Literary Discussion Group Please Remember hosts the fourth annual Bloomsday Celebration of James Joyce as the Saturdays At The Ventress Finale June 16. Bridgewater State College professor Dr. Michael Boyd and Irish literature scholar Dr. Garland Kimmer come to the Ventress Library on Saturday, June 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. to lead readings of James Joyce's "Ulysses." Follow in the footsteps of the book's principal character, Leopold Bloom, around the streets of Dublin in this modern retelling of Homer's "The Odyssey." Join Bloomsday celebrants around the world in remembering June 16, 1904. Dublin street maps, pub snacks, and copies of "Ulysses" will be available at the library. The annual Bloomsday event coincides with the finale of this season's "Saturdays at the Ventress Library" Knowledge of the literature discussed is helpful but not required. 1906 attire is optional. Free and open to the public. For further information call librarian Chris Woods at 781-834-5535, email at cwoods@ocln.org or visit ventresslibrary.org

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The Music Department at Hingham's historic Old Ship Church invites all would-be sailors and singers to a rollicking, participatory performance of Gilbert & Sullivan's HMS Pinafore at 4 p.m., Sunday June 10, in the meetinghouse. Tickets are $15, with proceeds to benefit the Church's general fund. The meetinghouse is handicap accessible, and children are especially welcome accompanied by adults. Directions are available from the church office during business hours at 781-749-1679, or online at www.oldshipchurch.org.

Thousands to Log Miles for Miracles at NSTAR's Walk for Children's Hospital Boston- Thousands of walkers from Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Hampshire will lace up their sneakers for the fifth annual NStar Walk for Children's Hospital Boston on Sunday, June 10 to raise money for pediatric research, patient care and community health programs. Families can register before the walk or on Sunday June 10 for either the 2- or 7-mile walk. Each adult walker must pledge to raise $100. Registration is $15 for adults; $5 for children 12 and under. The Walk festivities also include a "Kid's Corral" with games, face-painting, clowns, magician, performance by Girl Authority, treats and more. For information, visit www.childrenshospital.org/walk.

Weekend Spring Walk: Coastal Water Birds at Duxbury Beach on Sunday June 10, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Join Scott Hecker, Director of the Coastal Bird Conservation Program and Karen Kurkoski, Science Center Naturalist for a leisurely stroll through the dunes and along the bay and outer portions of Duxbury Beach in search of Coastal Water Birds. The Piping Plovers and the Least Terns will remain all summer, and build nests among the dune grasses and stones. New hatchlings may even be sighted. Explore the beaches for other critters and treasures brought in with the tides - fun for everyone! Meet at the far end of Powder Point Bridge. Call 781-659-2559 for directions and additional information. Cost $4 members/ $6 non members. Pre- register and prepayment required.

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Monday, June 11

South Shore Arts Center Festival, Cohasset Common, Cohasset **OffCommon Party**, a casual evening of art and entertainment Celebrating the 52nd Annual South Shore Art Center Arts Festival Friday, June 15, 7 p.m. Music by **Pan Loco Steel Drum Band** Hearty Barbeque Sampler, complimentary beer and wine Art and Jewelry Silent Auction $35 Members $45 nonmembers. **RSVP 781-383-2787 by June 11.**

Boston Early Music Festival presents 14 Concerts by preeminent international soloists and ensembles as part of week-long "Early Music Extravaganza" June 11-17. Alongside the exhibition are dozens of fringe concerts by established and emerging artists; scholarly symposia and public discussions on a variety of topics affecting the field of early music; Family Day programs; and Masterclasses by Festival artists. Full details on all events at the 2007 Boston Early Music Festival can be found at www.bemf.org, or call 617-661-1812 for a complete brochure.

Colonial Lantern Tours of Plymouth celebrate their 25th anniversary by offering a special **Evening Historical Walking Tour** program hosted by Pilgrim-costumed guides. Tours will run daily through November, departing from Plymouth Rock at 6 and 7:30 p.m. Special ticket prices are available for this walk at $15 for adults and $12 for children under 12. Tickets may be purchased from your guide, on-line at www.lanterntours.com at the Plymouth Visitor Center, or at John Carver Inn. For information or to arrange group reservations, call 774-454-8126.

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Norma McKenzie** will continue to exhibit her work for the month of June at the Tufts Library, 456 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-337-8134.

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Monday and is highly recommended for newcomers. All are welcome. For information, call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857.

Tuesday, June 12

Weymouth Voice of the Faithful June 12th meeting will be held in Fr. Bryson Hall at St. Albert the Great Church, 1130 Washington St,. East Weymouth. The meeting topic will be the showing of the video "Deliver Us From Evil." Refreshments will be served.

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Women of the South Shore If you love to sing come to the open rehearsals of The Island Grove Chorus- a women's acapella singing group. Meet at the United Church of Christ Route 18 in Abington, on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. Call Joanne 781-843-4355 or Judy 781-848-5843.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. June 12, Free **Texas Hold Em. With Northern Poker League.**

The Snug, 114 North St., Hingham, every Tuesday night 8:30 p.m. **Drift Away Trio** featuring **J Place, Joe Micarelli,** and **John Litwin.** No cover 781-749-9774.

Wednesday, June 13

Mayflower II's 50th Anniversary! When was the last time you were carded? Thanks to Eastern Bank, beginning June 13. through the end of the 2007 season, anyone born in 1957 is invited to visit Mayflower II for FREE. Valid ID required. Museum admission includes invitation to join us at State Pier between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for a piece of Anniversary cake. Joe Meany, the American cabin boy on Mayflower II's 1957 journey, will kick off the summer of special events.

South Shore Conservatory, 64 St. George St., Duxbury campus presents **The Celebrating 10 Years of Magic festival**, June 13, form 5 to 7 p.m., join current and former South Shore Conservatory students and their families in celebrating their 10th anniversary. The festival will include pizza, dessert, musical entertainment, face painting and children's activities. For further information or to RSVP, contact Betty Shed at 781-934-2731 ext. 19. The public is welcome to join the festivities.

The South Shore OCD Support Group holds monthly meetings for adults suffering from OCD, parents of children suffering from OCD or friends and family of adults suffering from OCD. Meetings are at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at the Duxbury Senior Community Center, 10 Mayflower St., Duxbury. (Route 3 to exit 10 east, to Tremont Street, (Rt. 3A North) to 10 Mayflower). The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 13, at 7 p.m. No cost. Wheelchair accessible. Call Barbara Lashley at 508 830-1630 for information.

Deborah McSorley-Kery, of McSorley-Kery Design, a full-service graphic design company in Milton, will be the featured speaker at the weekly breakfast meeting of The President's Club Chapter of Business Network International (BNI), on Wednesday, June 13 at 7 a.m. McSorley-Kery will discuss the importance and effect of professionally designed graphics in business communications.

The group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at Emerald Hall, 120 Bay State Drive, Braintree. Visitors are welcome. For information, contact Club President Norm Abrahamson at 781-828-2270 or by email at ngalaw@cantonlaw.net

Free alcoholism counseling: The FAMILY PROJECT is a research study which offers free treatment to find out whether adding family counseling to one-on-one recovery counseling leads to more sobriety for individuals with alcohol problems. Individuals ages 18-65 with a current alcohol problem who live with a family member other than a spouse are eligible. The study is conducted by researchers at Harvard Medical School and Bay State Community Services, Inc. For information, call the Family Project at Bay State Community Services at 617.694.2602.

The South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Feed the Animals an Ongoing Program every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Saturdays and Monday Holidays at 10 a.m. Free with admission.

Thursday, June 14

The next meeting of the Southeastern Massachusetts Mineral Club, will be held on Thursday, June 14, at 7:30 p.m. The biannual auction will take place at this time. The auction will be held at South Shore Natural Science Center at 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell. The public is invited. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served.

Hingham artist **Anita Franks** solo show "Dualities" may be viewed in the Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery from June 2 through June 29 during Library hours. There will be an Opening Reception for Anita Franks on Thursday, June 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. the public is invited to meet the artist. For information call 781-741-1405 or visit www.hinghamlibrary.org

Kilroy's Café, 132 East Howard St., Quincy. Open mike hosted by **Bag Full of Blues** June 1, at 8 p.m. no cover!

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke **Texas Hold Em** every Thursday night 6:45 and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. June 14 **Radio For the Blind.**

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, Stump Team Trivia at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.



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The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Satch Romano's New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam with at 9:15 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Friday, June 15

Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners, Braintree **Comedy Night** featuring **Jim Lauletta, Annette Pollack, Chris Bilello, Chris Chandler and host Jeff Clough.** Admission: $15. Advance reservations rquested by call 781-848-0300. For information visit jimbossteakandfin.com or myspace.com/annettepollack.

South Shore Arts Center Festival, Cohasset Common, Cohasset Friday, June 15, from 2 to 7 p.m.; Saturday, June 16, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, June 17, noon to 6 p.m. A free trolley shuttles visitors from nearby parking. A $5 entrance donation is requested. For information and directions, visit www.ssac.org or phone 781-383-2787. Arts Festival—2007 Dates *June 15, 16 & 17*

Single Executives Club Singles Dance June 15, 8:30 p.m. to midnight at the Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland Exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte. 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by award winning DJ Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes and match game prizes. Free dancing lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples age 30 and over. Admission before 9 p.m. is $10. Proper business-casual dress; collared dress shirt & slacks acceptable. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club. Visit www.se-4u.com or call 781-446-0234 for information.

Join members of the South Shore Democratic Caucus in honoring **Phil Johnston** for his distinguished public service with special guest **Senator Edward Kennedy** Friday, June 15 at the Braintree Sheraton Hotel, 37 Forbes Road, Braintree, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. cocktail hour, 7:30 p.m. dinner and presentations $50 per person RSVP to JimCantwell@GDC-Law.com or call 781-837-1960.

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TOPS, (take off pounds sensibly) a weight loss support group, meets on Fridays at the Duxbury COA on Mayflower St. Duxbury. Weigh-in 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. meeting 10 to 11 a.m. Interested? Call Vivian 508-746-3839.

Helen's Café, 16 Commercial St. Braintree, June 15, **Bag Full of Blues** 781-356-4311 http://www.myspace.com/bagfullofblues

Monponsett Inn, 550 Monponsett St., Halifax. celebrates the summer party with **The Baha Brothers** Friday, June 15, 7 p.m. Island Buffet Dinner and Dancing Advance tickets: $35 per person. 781-293-2116.

New England Singles Dances – ages 40 and over June 15, from 8 p.m. to midnight VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission $8 visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

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The South Shore Art Center - Visiting Artist Workshops 2007 includes five master classes in the visual arts. Instructors are offering an innovative array of workshop topics including landscape painting in oil, journal painting in watercolor, pastel painting, cyanotype, and drawing and painting the figure. Instructors include: Linda Bond, Antonia Ramis Miguel, Peter Schroth, Doug Dawson, and Peter Madden. All participating instructors' work will be on exhibition in the Bancroft Gallery. Viewpoints: Visiting Artists Exhibition will open Friday, June 8 and continue through July 15. For information or to register for any of the visiting artist workshops call 781/383-ARTS or visit www.ssac.org

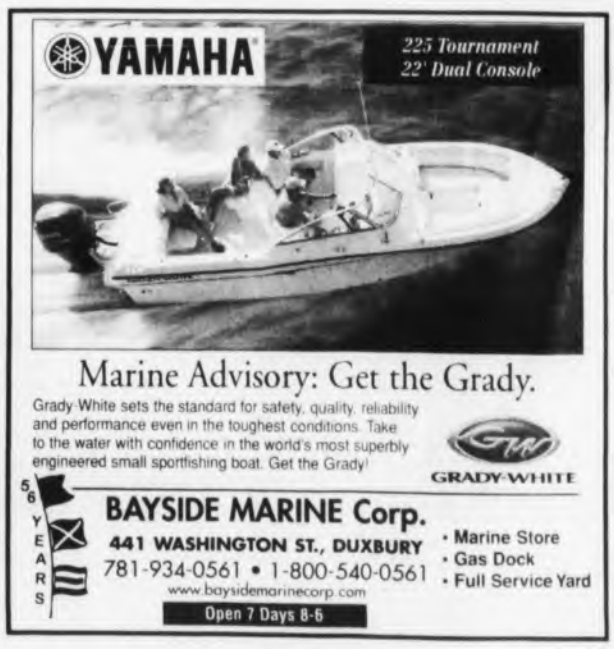
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Tuscan House Restaurant, 58 E. Grove Street (Rt. 28) Middleboro, Comedy Night June 8, 7 p.m. featuring the comedy of Mike Donovan, Jerry Thornton, Matt McArthur and Annette Pollack. Cost: Complete dinner/show package $29.95. Advance reservations required by calling 508-923-0099 or 781-843-4833. For information visit www.myspace.com/annettepollack or www.tuscanhouserestaurant.com





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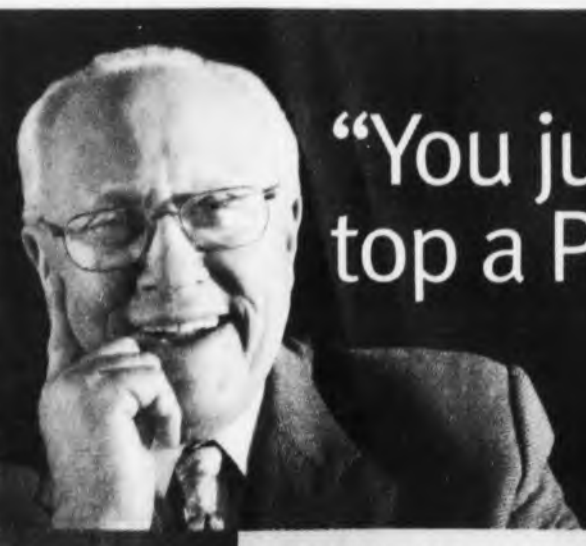
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Twice as nice

Laxers top Scituate in thriller to win 2nd straight state championship

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In a game full of back-and-forth runs, it was one single goal that decided it.

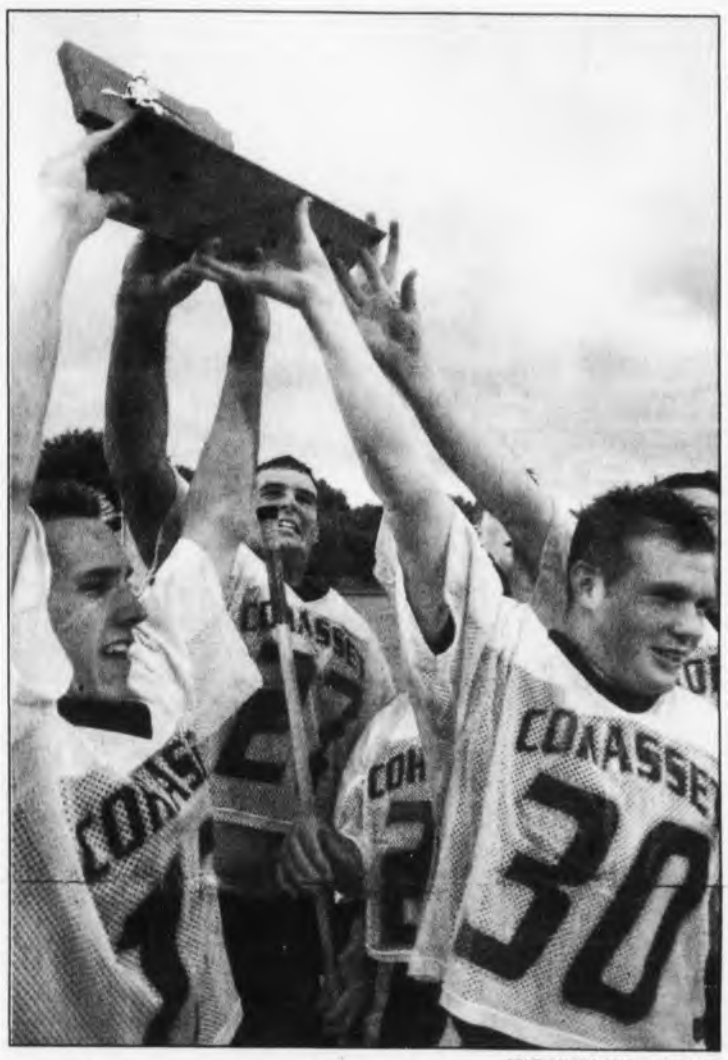
When Scituate sophomore Kyle Crowley scored on a remarkable individual effort with 5:11 remaining in Monday's Div. 3 state championship game at Cohasset High School to tie it at 14-14, the Sailors had momentum on their side.

Crowley's goal was the team's third — the first two coming from older brother Gary — in a span of 90 seconds, eliminating Cohasset's three-goal advantage. Scituate junior midfielder Pat Mahoney controlled the ensuing faceoff, and the Sailors had the majority of the possession for the last five minutes.

But it was the Skippers who took advantage of their opportunities down the stretch. Cohasset junior Mike Grimm ripped home his sixth goal of the game with 1:52 remaining, and a series of clutch defensive plays in the dying moments of the game gave the Skippers a 15-14 win and their second straight state championship.

The Sailors had their chance at the end. Coming out of a timeout with 56 seconds remaining, Gary Crowley had possession of the ball on the sideline to the left of Cohasset's goal and found himself 1-on-1 with Skippers senior defenseman Ryan Kuczinksi. Against Scituate's All-American middy, Kuczinski made a huge check to knock the ball loose, and his clearance set off a wild last 40 seconds to the game.

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STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

Skippers Mike Bunstein (left), Jake Cuneo (27) and Ryan Kuczinski (30) hoist the MIAA Division 3 boys lacrosse state championship trophy after Monday's incredible 15-14 win over Scituate.

What is the Troika?

Town committee could be unique

By Nancy White
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Troika.

In the Oxford English dictionary, the first definition for "troika" is "a Russian vehicle drawn by three horses abreast." As horses became less and less prevalent in the early 20th century, the word developed to mean "a group or set of three persons (rarely things) or categories of people associated in power; a three-person commission or administrative council."

The later definition aptly describes how it is used in Cohasset's political vernacular. Troika is the name of the committee comprised of the Chairman of the Selectmen, the Chairman of the Advisory Board and the Town Moderator.

""The Troika is a fancy word for describing a threesome," says former town moderator Bill Weeks, "it's jargon that developed over many years and I suppose it makes sense."

The role of the Troika is mainly to appoint citizens to be members of various boards. According to the latest Town Report, members of the Advisory Board, the Capital Budget Committee, the Bylaw Committee, the Design Review Board, the Alternative Energy Committee and the Committee to

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No horns to sound for Greenbush trains

'Quiet zone' approval process under way

By Mary Ford
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Throughout history, trains and horns have gone together. Books like "Hear that Lonesome Whistle Blow," songs like "Five Hundred Miles," and stations dubbed "whistle-stops" extol the nostalgia of what is likely to be on the South Shore, at least, a bygone era.

But, many believe, there is nothing romantic about the prospect of blaring train whistles through Greenbush's 28 remaining grade crossings, many of which are just a few feet from houses.

The Greenbush Quiet Zone, which is expected to receive approval from the Federal Railroad Administration, would be in effect 24 hours a day and cover the entire 17-mile length of the line.

Greenbush is the third leg of the Old Colony Railroad project; service on Greenbush was abandoned in 1959 about the time the Southeast Expressway opened. Greenbush service is slated to resume later this summer – almost exactly 10 years after service was restored on its sister lines Plymouth and Middleboro. Greenbush, which was delayed due to environmental issues and legal challenges, will be the only "Quiet Zone" of the three lines.

Constructing Greenbush with safety measures that could meet tough federal standards enacted with the Swift Act in the 1990s is a process that has been ongoing and has involved the affected towns along with state and federal agencies. The Swift Act, a federal law, essentially requires train horns be sounded at all public grade crossings unless a particular grade crossing is exempt from that rule. To be exempt, a grade crossing would have to have supplemental safety measures that are as effective as a train whistle.

According to published reports, the Swift Act was partially enacted in response to a federal study that showed a significant increase in train-car collisions at rail crossings in Florida communities with whistle bans.

In a letter last month, Hingham Town Administrator Charles J. Cristello, acting on behalf of the towns of Braintree, Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate, notified the FRA of the towns' intent to establish a "New Quiet Zone".

In his letter Cristello enumerated the safety enhancements being made by the MBTA, which is building and will operate the railroad. The safety measures, which Cristello states cost $80 million, are being done per agreements with the towns to "facilitate the corridor's qualification for a New Quiet Zone." They include:

- Constructing four grade separation projects (tunnel, bridges) that will eliminate eight grade crossings;
- Closing seven additional grade crossings

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COMMON OCCURRENCE



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Sammy Santos of BC Tent and Awning Company, Inc. drives a stake on Tuesday while setting up one of the tents for the South Shore Arts Festival. For more on the festival, see page 8.

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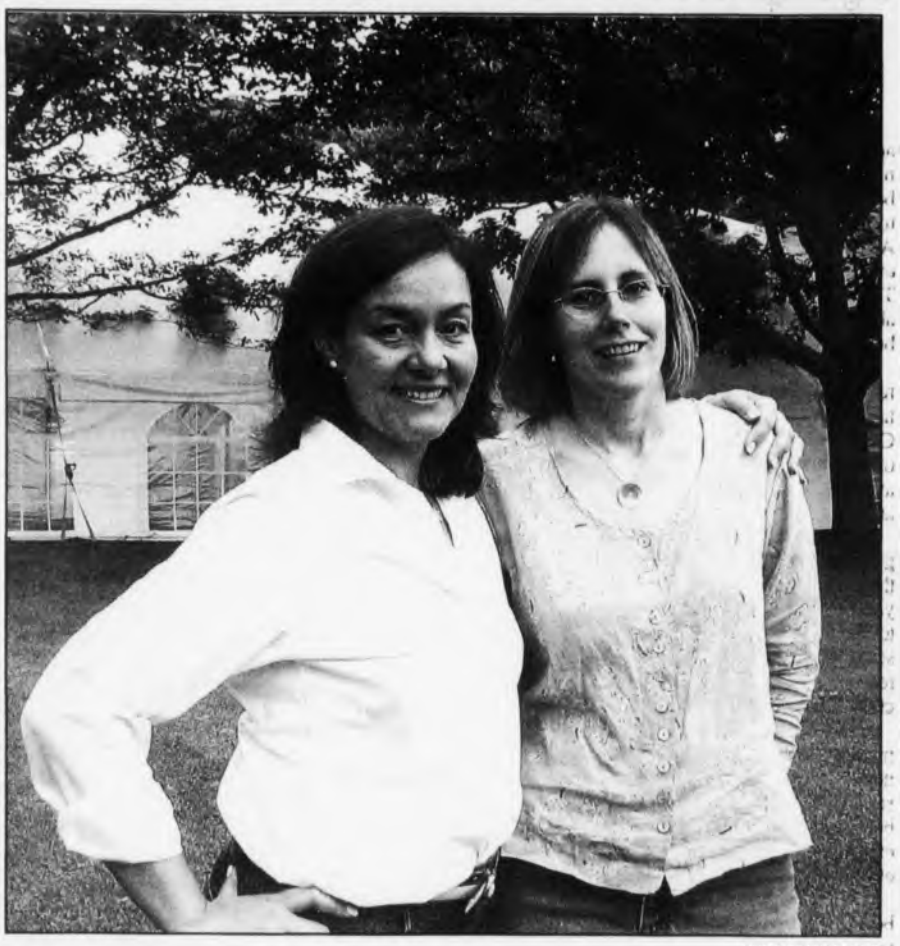
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PICTURE THIS/Diane Shipp and Diane Kennedy



PHOTO/MARY FORD

This week Mariner caught up with South Shore Arts Festival coordinators Diane Shipp, left, and Diane Kennedy, as they made final preparations for the weekend.

Names: Diane Shipp and Diane Kennedy.

Occupation: Assistant Festival Coordinator (DS). Arts Festival Coordinator and Assistant Director of the South Shore Art Center (DK).

Best day of your life: The day I married my husband (DS). Road trip with my brothers for Superbowl 38 (DK).

Best vacation: Mediterranean cruise with my family in 2006 (DS). Hawaii with my husband and kids (DK).

Favorite season: Summer (DS). Fall (DK).

Favorite holiday: Christmas (DS & DK).

Favorite junk food: Fried dough (DS). Kettle Korn, slightly sweet, slightly salty (DK).

Best book: "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini (DS). My piano "Fake Books" (DK).

Best movie or actor: Johnny Depp (DS). "Christmas Vacation" (DK).

Best TV show: Masterpiece Theater (DS). "The Office" and "Rescue Me" (DK).

Most memorable moments: The arrival of my three kids (DS). First ski run each winter! (DK).

Pet peeve: Rude people (DS). Arrogance (DK).

Goal: To help coordinate a successful Arts Festival (DS). No parking problems around the common this weekend. (Please take the trolleys!) (DK).

Person you'd most like to meet: Mother Teresa (DS). Bono (DK).

Biggest worry: Rain over Festival Weekend (DS). The War in Iraq (where my brother is for his third tour) (DK).

Best part of Cohasset: The wonderful Arts Festival volunteers (DS). The Arts Festival (and the ocean) (DK).

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Light shines on solar energy

Could reduce energy costs

By Nancy White
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With the summer solstice approaching next week, many minds are on the sun-drenched beach days ahead. Thoughts have turned to the sun as well at the Alternative Energy Committee, except in a much different way. The committee is exploring available solar energy options for town buildings.

To get the ball rolling, the AEC requested Herb Rice, a representative from Cape Cod-based Cotuit Solar, present an overview of current solar technology and available state and federal grants at their Tuesday evening meeting.

"The world receives more energy from the sun in just one hour than the world uses in a whole year, said Rice, "if we were able to capture just 1/8760th of the solar energy that the Earth receives, we'd be able to meet current energy uses."

The trick is to find the best methods and technology to harness the sun's energy. First, Rice said, is to promote conservation before implementing renewable energy technology like solar panels and wind turbines.

Once conservation efforts have been put into action, solar energy technology offers reasonable timeframes in which the investment will pay for itself, said Rice. In addition to cost savings on that level, state and federal programs offer incentives for households and municipalities to incorporate renewable energy.

There are different methods of capture solar energy: thermal and photovoltaic (PV). Thermal has up to 90 percent efficiency and is typically used to heat hot water, pools and homes. The collecting plates can be flat panels or evacuated tubes (glass tubes with metal rods). PV energy collectors have been around a long time, but they have improved over time, said Rice. The crystalline panels, flat panels with a checkerboard type surface, have an extremely long life. PV technology has a lower efficiency compared to thermal, at about 30 percent efficiency.

"Sustainability feels good," Rice said as one of the primary incentives to incorporate renewable energy practices, but there are economic reasons as well. A solar domestic hot water (SDHW) system offers a residence a payback within three to 12 years, while a PV system might pay for itself in an eight-to-15 year span.

The Massachusetts Technology Collaborative offers programs where a town can earn clean energy credits and matching grants. For residences and small businesses, there are federal and state tax breaks available if a PV or solar water heating system is installed.

At this point, the AEC is only investigating options for renewable solar energy. Possible locations for solar panels could be at the Middle-High School, the library or other town buildings. Other towns have installed smaller solar panel arrays at schools to be used as a learning tool, however, larger arrays tend to be more cost effective, said Rice.

The committee said they want to be sure there will be a return on any investment in alternative energy. The primary charge of the Alternative Energy Committee is to investigate alternative energy sources that could be implemented by the town.

The AEC is also pursuing the possibility of a wind turbine in Cohasset. Last month, a MET tower was installed on Turkey Hill. The MET tower is already collecting wind data, speed and direction, and over the next year the data will be analyzed to determine if a wind turbine is feasible. Possible sites include the Middle-High School and the Recycling Transfer Facility.

The Alternative Energy Committee (AEC) was formed officially at the 2005 Annual Town Meeting. Members include Mike Bliss, Rod Hobson, Robert Kinscherf, Luciano Lauretti, Jim Shipsky, Mimi White, and Andrew Willard.

The AEC meets regularly on the second Tuesday of every month.

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

June	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 14	11:14	9.1	11:24	10.9	4:54	-1.0	5:03	0.2
Sunrise: 5:06 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:21 p.m.*			
Fri. 15	—	—	12:09	9.1	5:48	-1.1	5:56	0.2
Sunrise: 5:06 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:21 p.m.*			
Sat. 16	12:17	10.8	1:02	9.1	6:40	-1.0	6:48	0.3
Sunrise: 5:06 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:22 p.m.*			
Sun. 17	1:09	10.6	1:54	9.0	7:31	-0.8	7:40	0.5
Sunrise: 5:06 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:22 p.m.*			
Mon. 18	2:01	10.2	2:45	8.8	8:1	-0.5	8:31	0.7
Sunrise: 5:06 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:22 p.m.*			
Tues. 19	2:52	9.8	3:35	8.7	9:10	-0.1	9:23	1.0
Sunrise: 5:06 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:23 p.m.*			
Wed. 20	3:44	9.3	4:24	8.6	9:58	0.4	10:16	1.3
Sunrise: 5:07 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:23 p.m.*			
Thurs. 21	4:36	8.8	5:14	8.5	10:47	0.8	11:10	1.5
Sunrise: 5:07 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:23 p.m.*			

Tides between Cohasset and Plymouth are within 10 min.

Department of Corrections

An article, which ran in last week's Mariner, "'Rosano Triangle' needs site plan review," warrants some clarification. The plans for the mixed-use building off 3A propose one curb cut onto Chief Justice Cushing Highway/Route 3A, which is the existing Rosano Lane, formerly Crocker Lane. The current plans propose that Rosano Lane will be turned into an "exit only" onto Route 3A.

The Mariner incorrectly reported the current plans included two curb cuts onto Route 3A. The Mariner regrets the error.

POLICE BEAT

Car break-ins being investigated

By Mary Ford
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Chief James Hussey said police are investigating three car break-ins that occurred last week. Two were on Lambert's Lane and one on Jerusalem Road, he said. The first call came in at about 7 a.m. on Friday (June 8). The victim reported that his wallet and cell phone were taken from his vehicle that had been left unlocked overnight in the driveway. The wallet contained credit cards and about $500 in cash.

The victim of the second incident reported two headrests that contained TV screens were taken. Again, the vehicle had been left unlocked.

In canvassing the area and talking to residents, police found another victim whose MP3 player was stolen. In that case, the thief may have gained entry to the vehicle through a door that was broken and did not lock.

"Detectives responded and took fingerprints," Hussey said. "The incidents are under investigation. We have a lead that we are following up on."

Hussey stressed that residents should lock their cars.

"Ninety-nine percent of the time they are fine if left overnight," he said. "But we don't want to make it easy for thieves." He said often thieves will try a door and if it is locked will walk away.

"You have a much better chance of not being a victim if you lock your vehicles," he said.

In a related matter about 7:45 p.m., Sunday (June 10), an officer following up on an earlier break-in to a motor vehicle was looking for subjects fitting a description provided to police when a couple of youths who saw the officer ran away. The officer caught up to the youths and spoke to them. Police are determining whether these individuals had anything to do with the car break-ins, Chief Hussey said.

Plant heist

Someone made off with about 100 annuals and several topiary trees from the Adrian Morris Salon, 103 Ripley Road, last week. Chief Hussey said officers surveyed other businesses in the area to see if any other plants were missing. The annuals were taken from behind the building and the topiary trees were in planters outside the front door. The total value of the plants was more than $375.

The incident was reported at 3:35 p.m. on Monday (June 4).

Hussey said police are seeking the assistance of the public. If anyone saw anything or has information pertaining to this crime, they should contact the police at 781-383-1055.

MV crash

A 1996 Lexus was hit from behind last week while turning into Hingham Lumber from Route 3A and ended up on the lawn of the business. Police said the Lexus, which had been traveling north on 3A, stopped to make a left into Hingham Lumber when a 1992 Nissan struck it from behind. The impact sent it across the street, witnesses said.

Police cited the operator of the Nissan for following too closely. Both operators were transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries and both cars had to be towed from the scene. The crash occurred at about 4:40 p.m. on Monday (June 4).

Identity theft

A local man came into the police station last Wednesday (June 6) to report that someone had recently attempted to establish a credit card account using his personal information. He notified Equifax, a company that provides credit card protection.

The man explained to police that three months ago he was photocopying some documents and inadvertently left one of the documents in the machine. When he realized his error, the copies were gone. He believes that could have been where the individual obtained his identifying information.

Police are following up on the matter, Hussey said.

Operator summonsed

A 22-year-old Weymouth man from Brazil involved in a single-car accident is being summonsed to court for failure to stay in marked lanes and for operating without a license.

Chief Hussey said officers responded to a radio call about the accident that occurred at just before 6 a.m. on Thursday (June 7) and found that a red Ford Focus had crashed into a utility pole on Cedar Street. When police arrived there were two males standing outside the car, one of whom was identified as the driver. He did not have a driver's license even though he entered the country three years ago.

EMTs checked both men out at the scene and neither was transported, Hussey said. The car was towed.

OUI arrest

An officer on patrol followed a car that was traveling about 50 mph eastbound on Sohier Street at about 9:30 p.m. last Thursday (June 7). As the car passed the Deer Hill School, the officer observed it travel over the centerline and then almost strike the island at the railroad crossing near the Music Circus. The officer pulled the car over after it turned right onto Ripley Road. Further observations led to the arrest of a 43-year-old Cohasset man for operating under the influence of alcohol (third offense). He was also cited for speeding and failure to stay within marked lanes.

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Sandy Beach will officially open for the 2007 summer season Saturday, June 16. Lifeguards will be on duty from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., daily through Labor Day, Sept. 3. Bathhouse facilities are available for use during the same hours. The following rules are issued to assure the safety of beach visitors and to protect the environment:

Prohibited:

- Alcoholic beverages.
- Dogs between 8:30 a.m. and sunset.
- Flotation devices.
- Glass containers.
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- Walking on dunes.
- Water craft in marked swim area.
- Fishing.
- Launching boats, canoes or kayaks.
- Scuba diving.

Allowed – only in orange cone marked area:

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- Hard balls.
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- Skimmers.

Beach visitors are invited to enjoy many days at the "Jewel of Cohasset" in a safe and environment-friendly manner.

POLICE BEAT

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No plates

A 34-year-old Cohasset man is being summonsed to court for operating an unregistered and uninsured motor vehicle on a suspended license.

A caller reported he had seen a man sitting in a green Mitsubishi Gallant that had no plates in the area of Doane and Beechwood streets.

The operator told police he was sitting there picking up a wireless signal. He said he just lived up the street and did not think there would be a problem driving a short distance.

Guest arrested

A 36-year-old New York City woman was charged with possession of marijuana Sunday morning after police went to her room at the Harbor Inn and could smell the odor of the drug.

Thirty minutes earlier at about 2:30 a.m. the dispatch center fielded noise complaint calls about a party in the motel parking lot. The group moved inside but other guests from an adjoining room complained about the noise. A hotel clerk called police for assistance.

When the officer knocked and the door opened, there was a strong smell of marijuana and there was a burning marijuana cigarette on the table, Chief Hussey said. Based on conversations with the five people in the room, a female was placed under arrest.

No insurance

A 45-year-old Milton man is being summonsed to court for having an unregistered motor vehicle on a public way. Police said the man asked an officer for directions to the Red Lion Inn and then pulled away quickly. A computer check on the plate revealed the insurance had been revoked. Sometime later, police found the car in the municipal parking lot and double checked the plate information and confiscated the plates. The car was towed.

Relieving himself

Police spoke to a man who relieved himself in the Sandy Beach parking lot on Monday afternoon (June 4). A caller notified police about 4:30 p.m. about the incident saying the man had urinated in front of him and his kids; the caller was able to provide police with the plate number of his car.

Police identified the owner of the vehicle and determined he had no criminal record. When contacted he told police he stopped at Sandy Beach to use the restroom and found it locked. Chief Hussey said he was very apologetic and remorseful; police gave the man a verbal warning.

Logan study results in less noise

By Carol Britton Meyer
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While unsuccessful in stopping the now-operational Logan Runway 1432, Cohasset and other communities are bound to reap benefits resulting from a Federal Aviation Administration-ordered noise study designed to help mitigate its impacts and to keep the skies quieter and safer.

Opponents of the controversial new 5,000-foot runway listed noise, air quality, and potential negative property value impacts as key issues during their fight to stop the runway out of concern that the project would result in many more flights annually over parts of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, and other communities.

The purpose of the $3 million Boston Overflight Noise Study, undertaken in conjunction with Massport and the Logan Airport Community Advisory Committee, was to find ways to reduce noise impacts from aircraft overflights to and from Logan Airport over the South Shore and other Greater Boston neighborhoods. Both Hingham and Cohasset are represented on the board, along with Weymouth, Hull, Quincy, Milton Chelsea, Everett, Dorchester, and South Boston, and other cities and towns.

The overflight noise study recommendations will reduce noise over North and South Shore communities by routing departing planes farther over the Atlantic and higher before crossing the shoreline and by routing arrivals into the airport over the water, said Selectman Ralph Dormitzer, an advisory committee member.

"The statistics developed by the consultants deal with the reduction in noise associated with overflights."
— Selectman Ralph Dormitzer

"The statistics developed by the consultants deal with the reduction in noise associated with overflights," Dormitzer said. " Therefore, many communities will experience the same number of flights but the number of flights generating noise above 50 decibels or 60 decibels will decrease as the planes will be higher."

The statistics only address noise not absolute numbers of flights, he said.

While Cohasset would experience a 42 percent reduction in overflights impacts, Hingham 53 percent, and Weymouth, 51 percent, - Hull would have a 17 percent reduction in overflights impacts, and Marshfield, 14 percent. Holbrook would experience 13 percent fewer overflight impacts and Quincy, 9 percent.

"Typically, a departing flight would, under the proposed changes, cross the shoreline about 4,000 feet higher than before and be directed with higher precision using on board computer controlled flight management systems," Dormitzer said.

While the results of the study come as good news to Hingham, Cohasset, and other communities which will experience significant decreases in the number of overflights, a challenge has arisen that could delay implementation of these measures. The towns of Marshfield and Hull want to delay the execution of Phase 1, which could take up to a year instead of implementation as early as September, officials say.

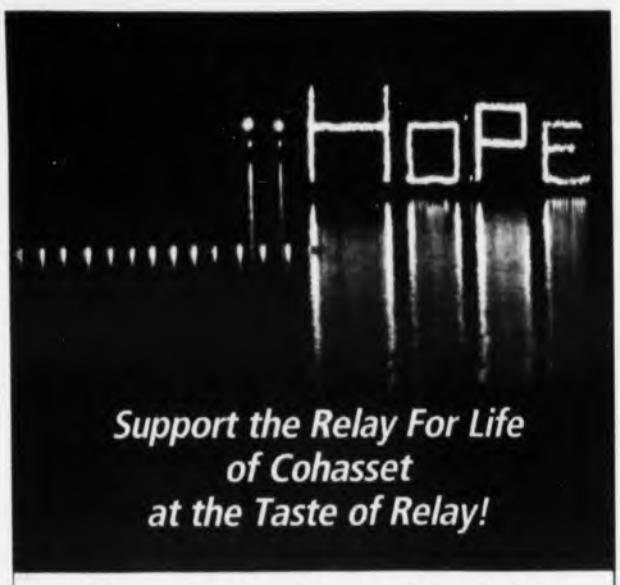
But Dormitzer does not think implementation would be delayed.

"I am not expecting the FAA to delay implementing the procedures as the noise statistics as developed by the consultants has undergone exhaustive quality control and the outcomes are overwhelmingly positive," Dormitzer said. "The procedures will be implemented in two stages, first by controller action which can be started in the fall following final procedure development and training and second, by the implementation of on-board flight management control starting in the spring of '08."

Straits Pond Watershed Association meeting

The Straits Pond Watershed Association will hold its annual meeting from 7 to 9 p.m., Monday, June 18, in the Selectmen's Room of Hull Town Hall. Among the items on the agenda is election of officers and a general discussion of the condition of Straits Pond. Among those presently serving as officers of the association are Cohasset residents Merle Graham, serving as Treasurer and Nancy Atwood, also serving on the executive board. The meeting is open to anyone interested in learning more about the pond and plans for its improvement.

For information call Lawry Reid at 781-92-8659 or send e-mail to viaspeech@comcast.net.



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Swim, bike and run for diabetes

Triathlon's proceeds benefit juvenile diabetes research

By Nancy White
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When Race Director Bill Burnett started thinking about putting together a triathlon in Cohasset, he wanted to create an event that would be fun, challenging and civic minded. In that spirit, he chose to donate all the net proceeds from the race to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

Type 1, or juvenile, diabetes affects millions of kids and adults in the United States, but it was one particular Cohasset kid who inspired race director Bill Burnett to dedicate the net proceeds from the race to the JDRF. Finn Doherty, a kindergartener at the Osgood School and friend of Burnett's twin girls, was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes just two weeks after his second birthday.

"Finn is the superhero in our everyday lives. Just about every parent who has a child with diabetes says that about their kid, but that is because it is true about every single one of them," says Suzy Doherty, Finn's mother.

"It's a great time to do a big push to raise money for Finn and for everybody else who deals with Type 1 everyday."
— Suzy Doherty, Finn's mother

Type 1 diabetes strikes children suddenly, makes them dependent on injected or pumped insulin for life, and carries the constant threat of devastating complications. Like others with juvenile diabetes, Finn and his parents must constantly monitor his insulin levels through pricking his finger about 10 times a day. Finn must wear a pump all day that constantly infuses insulin into his body and things like exercise, adrenaline and stress affect his blood sugars as well, making it very difficult to control.

"He refuses to let it get him down," Doherty says her son sees having diabetes as a part of his identity. "Although his condition interrupts his life at least every three hours or so, he just works and plays around it almost as if it is not there at all."

The devastating condition is diagnosed most often in childhood or adolescence, but it can strike adults as well. According to the JDRF website, type 1 diabetes is an auto-immune disease in which the body's immune system attacks and destroys the insulin-producing cells of the pancreas. While the causes of this process are not yet entirely understood, scientists believe that both genetic factors and environmental triggers are involved.

Doherty and her husband Sean are actively involved with the JDRF and its cause. Right now, there is no cure for type 1 diabetes but scientists are getting close, says Doherty.

"The cure for juvenile diabetes is not a pipe dream," says Doherty, however, researchers are now in one of the most expensive stages of medical research: clinical trials.

"It's a great time to do a big push to raise money for Finn and for everybody else who deals with Type 1 everyday," Doherty and her family are grateful for the Cohasset Triathlon's support of JDRF.

"One enormous benefit is to raise awareness for the condition in town and for the people who come to participate," says Doherty, "and every penny raised gets us that much closer to a cure."

With a full roster of 720 participating athletes and many sponsors, the Cohasset Triathlon should be able to pull together a fair amount of pennies for JDRF. In addition to proceeds from the race registrations, athletes are encouraged to seek sponsorships from friends and family. With weeks to go before the race, participants have raised over $16,000.

"JDRF would like to acknowledge and thank Bill Burnett and all the organizers of the Cohasset Triathlon for their dedication and efforts to help further our mission to find a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of research," says Lauren Shields, public outreach manager for JDRF, "since inception, JDRF has provided more than $1 billion to diabetes research worldwide. More than 80 percent of JDRF's expenditures directly support research and education about research."

To find out more information about Type 1 diabetes and JDRF, visit www.jdrf.org/baystate. For more information on the Cohasset Triathlon, visit www.cohassettri.com.

Cohasset Triathlon Fact Sheet

What: 1st Annual Cohasset Triathlon

When: Sunday, July 8, start at 8 a.m.

Where: Start and transition area will be at Sandy Beach

The Swim: The race begins with a 1/4-mile ocean swim off Sandy Beach.

The Bike: A 12-1/2-mile bike will follow the swim. The course will begin at the beach and will head down Atlantic Avenue to Border Street. Riders will continue down Border to Gannett Road. In North Scituate, the course makes a right on Main Street towards the Cohasset Town Common and continues to Route 228. Turn right on Route 228 to Jerusalem Road. The final stretch will take riders onto Jerusalem Road and finally back to the transition area at Sandy Beach.

The Run: A 3.2-mile run that will loop around Little Harbor. Runners will follow Nichols Road to Jerusalem Road and turn left. The course will take the runners around the Common to Beach Street. Runners will follow Beach Street to Atlantic Avenue with the finish just a short distance from the transition area.

How to register: The Triathlon has reached capacity at 720 runners, with a waiting list of over 200 athletes. Sign up early next year!

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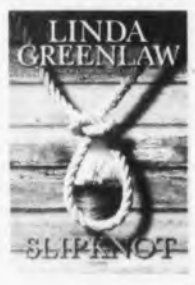
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BUSY WEEKEND

Hey Cohasset. Can you believe a half more day of school on Monday. Summer is here! This weekend has two big events going on, The Cohasset Relay For Life for the American Cancer Society and the Annual Art Festival on the Common. The Relay is this afternoon through tomorrow morning and is a great family event for a cause that we need to find a cure for. It is held at Alumni Field at the Middle/High School and the main events begin at 6 pm. The Art Festival is all weekend on the Common and is such a community event for all. Try to take them both in.

ALL-STAR

A very proud family sent me some news about their son to pass along. Congratulations to a very talented young man. **Chris Brown**, a freshman at Archbishop Williams High School in Braintree, earned his varsity letter this year in Lacrosse. Archbishop Williams had a record of 13 wins and 4 losses overall and 11-1 record in the Catholic Conference which earned it the right of Co-Champions in league play.

Chris, a defenseman, was recognized as a first team All Star in the Catholic Conference and was the only freshman chosen. He also was named an All-Star for Archbishop Williams. Bob Jordan, Archbishop's Lacrosse coach, said "he was a huge part in our success this year, as a freshman who started every game and played more than 90 percent of the minutes in every game this year."

BASS TOURNEY

The Cohasset Sons of American Legion will hold its Fourth Annual Striped Bass Tournament from sundown on Thursday, June 21st through 5 pm on Sunday, June 24th. The Tournament has been renamed to "The Chucky Rose Memorial Foolish BASStards Tournament in honor of Cohasset native, Charles Rose, who passed away in April of this year. The $25 entry fee includes a T-shirt, dinner at the Cohasset Legion on Sunday at 6 pm, trophies for the biggest bass caught on land and the biggest bass caught at sea. Entry forms are available at the legion post and you must enter and pay prior to fishing but there is no deadline on entry. Happy fishing!

DEAN'S LIST

Kristen James of Cohasset has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Fitchburg State College. Kristen, who had to attain a 3.2 or better for is honor, is majoring in computer science. Super news Kristen, I know you have a family and friends who are very proud.

RECENT GRAD

Congratulations to **Pam Haase** (CHS Class of 1990) of Pawtucket, R.I., on her recent graduation from the Harvard University Arnold Arboretum School of Landscape Design. Pam's mom is **Debbie Bates** of Cohasset and her grandmother was **Dorothy "Ma" Bates**, whom many will remember from her many years of teaching junior high math at CHS.

50 YEARS

Rodney and Marilyn Hobson of Deep Run are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary tomorrow. Rod and Marilyn moved to Cohasset in 1972 where they brought up five children, three who have now bought homes in town. The couple had ties to Cohasset when they were just a young couple. They held their wedding reception at Hugo's 50 years ago and always talked about living in town. They have been two very involved and active residents as well as two very good people. Congratulations to a wonderful couple from all of your family and friends.

BA DEGREE

Thomas Nicholas Anderson was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree from Connecticut College at the 89th commencement ceremony on May 20, 2007. Super news.

URSINUS COLLEGE

Matthew Joseph Davis graduated from Ursinus College with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology during commencement exercises on Saturday, May 12, on the college campus. A graduate of Cohasset High, he is the son of **Mr. & Mrs. Ray Davis**. Congratulations.

BBA & BFA

Megan Chastain, a 2003 graduate of Cohasset High School, received her Bachelor in Business Administration and Bachelor in Fine Arts from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas on May 19th. She has accepted an analyst position at Goldman Sachs in New York City. Congratulations on your success.

The Cohasset High School Swim Team Booster and Scholarship Committees have designated an annual scholarship in memory of **Bryan K. Bilton**, who died earlier this year. Bryan was a member of both the High School Swim and Dive Team, for which he served as Captain, and the Cohasset Summer League Swim Team throughout his years growing up in Cohasset. The recipient of the Bryan K. Bilton Memorial Swimming Scholarship must be a member of the Cohasset High School Swim team and share Bryan's enthusiasm for, and love of, this sport; must demonstrate leadership and commitment to the High School Swim Team; and, also be focused on academic achievement. This year this scholarship was awarded to two recipients — **Alyssa Campbell** and **Brent Daly**. Contributions to this Scholarship Fund in memory of Bryan may be made payable to the Cohasset High School Swim Team and sent to: Cohasset Schools Central Office for Business Administration, 143 Pond St., Cohasset, MA 02025. Please indicate Bryan K. Bilton Scholarship and note to the attention of Helen Daley, Chairman.

LAUNCH PARTY

The annual Cohasset Sailing Club Summer Launch Party is Saturday July 7th from 6 – 11pm. All adult members, parents of sailors and friends are invited to the lobster feast and auction to benefit the club. Dinner will be served from 6 until 8:30. The party is held at the CSC rain or shine; BYOB. Tickets are $50pp, payable to the Cohasset Sailing Club and are available by phoning **Joyce Driscoll** at 781-383-0122 or **Claudia McKeon** at 781-383-6125. Donations for auction items are welcome—please contact **Jim Porter** at 781-383-2029. See you on July 7th!

Today is a special day in our home. Daniel, my oldest son turns 17 today. We are all wishing you a special day Dan, we love you and are proud of you. Happy Birthday.

Also, a very special Fathers Day wish goes out to all the Dads everywhere this Sunday.

That is all for this week. Send in all of your summer time news to me no later than Tuesdays by 5:00 pm.

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ENGAGEMENT



Kristen Evans O'Connell and Will Banning

O'Connell – Banning

Mr. and Mrs. Michael O'Connell of Cohasset announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Evans O'Connell, to Will Banning, son of Bill and Martha Banning of Overland Park, Kan.

The bride-to-be attended Noble and Greenough School in Dedham and graduated from the Carroll School of Management at Boston College. She is employed in marketing for PUMA North America.

Her fiancé graduated from Rockhurst High School in Kansas City, Mo., and Boston College's School of Arts and Sciences. He works for Sun Life Financial, in Milwaukee, where they will reside.

A November 2007 wedding is planned.

Summer Carillon recitals to begin

Saint Stephen's Church will host its Summer Carillon Recitals each Sunday on Cohasset Common beginning June 24. The free recitals will take place rain or shine on the 57-bell Cohasset Carillon. Programs will be available at the recital. Take a blanket or chair and picnic supper to the church courtyard on Highland Ave., or to the Common.

Tower tours and carillon demonstrations will follow each concert. The schedule is as follows: June 24 – Tiffany Ng of Rochester, N.Y.; July 1 – Suzanne Magassey of Canberra, Australia; July 8 – The Groningen Duo: Adolf Rots and Auke de Boer of Groningen, The Netherlands; July 15 – Todd Fair of the Univ. of Denver, Colo.; July 22 – Lee Cobb, Assistant Carillonneur of the Historic Bok Sanctuary, Lake Wales, Fla.; July 29 – Patrick Macoska of Ann Arbor, Mich.; Aug. 5 – Judy Ogden of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Aug. 12: Sally Slade Warner, Carillonneur of Saint Stephen's Church, Cohasset.

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Cohasset's Beechwood Ballpark goes green

New field is taking shape

By Nancy White
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A 75-year-old in town is getting a facelift, it's not a citizen though; rather it's the Beechwood Ballpark, the oldest playing field in town. The project is nearing completion and Cohasset will have a new "green" field, both in a literal and figurative sense — the ballpark includes organic turf design and maintenance.

Located at the intersection of Beechwood and Doane streets, the new field will boast a basketball court, a baseball field, a soccer field and a playground. None of the pieces originally a part of the recreational, town-owned field has been lost, each piece has only been re-configured and enhanced.

Acquired by the town in 1932, little work has been done to the land besides regular maintenance since it was built, says Merle Brown, co-chair of the Beechwood Ballpark Committee. The committee was originally formed about two years ago to raise money to update the field. It was soon realized the great expense it would take to address the issues plaguing the field. The problems with the fields were numerous: drainage, an outdated playground, an irregular baseball field and a lack of sanitary facilities.

Brown has a lifelong connection with the field having lived within a 100 yards of it nearly his whole life. He grew up on the field playing pick-up baseball and other childhood games.

"Nothing was organized then," he says, but usually he could find a few friends to get a game started.

His grandfather, a selectman when the town was considering acquiring the parcel, originally opposed the town's purchase of the Beechwood park. Luckily, Brown says, after two rounds at Town Meeting voters approved the purchase of the lot. Now, two generations later, Brown is working to revitalize it.

The Beechwood Ballpark Committee received the financial backing they needed from Community Preservation funds. Town Meeting voters have appropriated more than $600,000 for the project. Initial estimates for the project ran at about $300,000, but when the project went out to bid the cost doubled. With the backing of Town Meeting, the project was able to break ground in December.

Designed by the BSC Group based in Norwell, the ballpark promised to be the showcase of the Cohasset's playing fields. It resolved the many issues that developed on the field over the years.

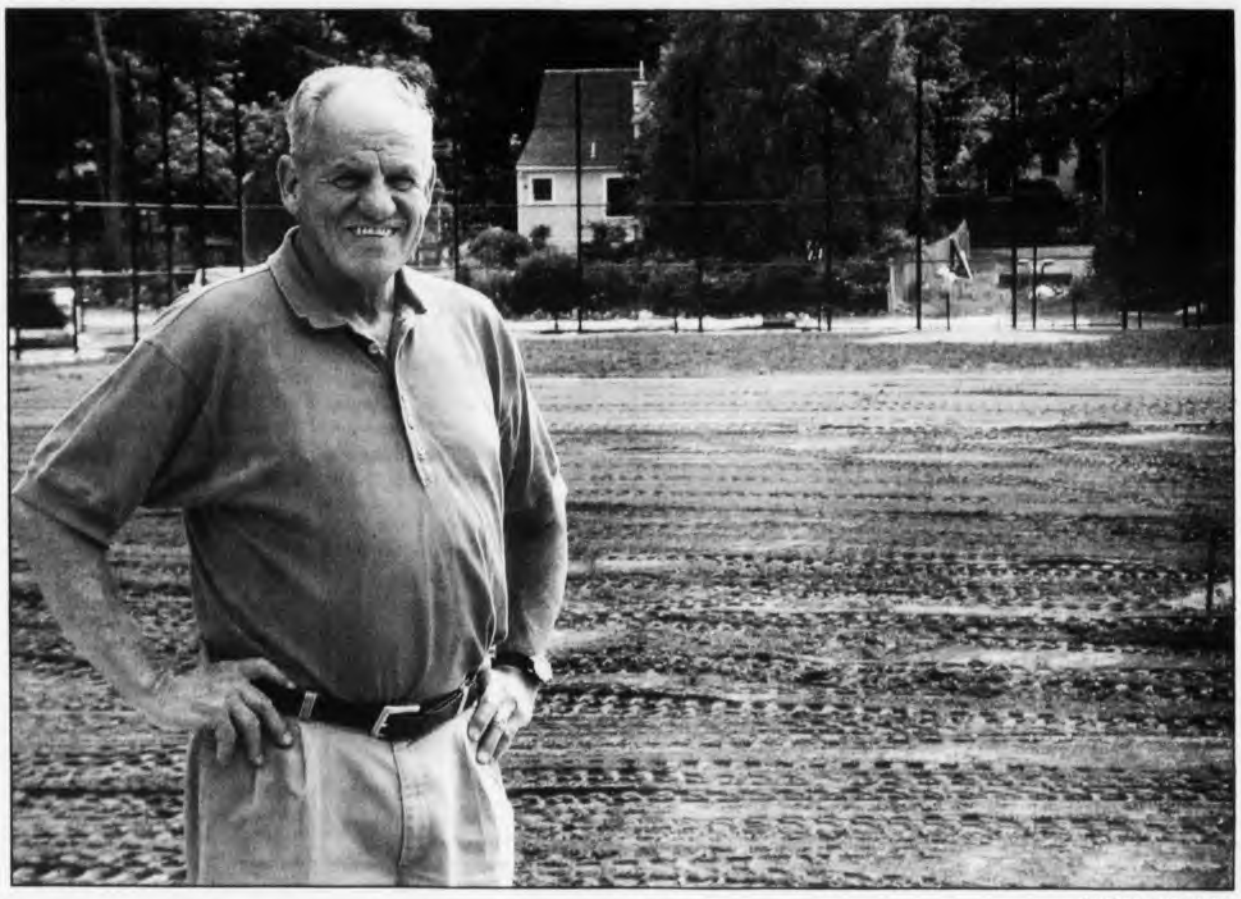
"The drainage wasn't sufficient on the old field. There was always a flood near second base, there was no where for [the water] to go," says Brown. To correct the problem, the entire field was leveled and drainage measures were installed. A level field took away another problem that had beleaguered centerfielders for decades — a gradual incline in the outfield.

Playground equipment was acquired from the Norwell-based Wearguard, which was selling off both its tot (under 3 years-old) and playground equipment. The new playground will be installed by the original equipment manufacturer on playground fiber, or soft wood chips that are splinter free. The playground has been relocated to the corner of Beechwood St. and Doane St. To accommodate the playground, Doane St. has been narrowed at the intersection to allow more space for the playground and to prevent cars from making a quick right onto Beechwood.

The showpiece of the field will undoubtedly be the baseball diamond. Currently only delineated in shades of brown, a field of dreams will begin to take shape in the coming weeks.

The orientation of the field has been changed to better utilize the roughly three-acre piece of land. Formerly, the baseball backstop, located on the corner of Doane and Beechwood streets, gave batters the chance for a right field home run just 90 feet away from home plate. To fix that problem, the backstop has been shifted counterclockwise 90 degrees in order to create a uniform 250 feet semicircle to delineate the outfield boundary.

Brown says the new field will be large enough to accommodate high school junior varsity games, as well as 13-14 year-old teams. A junior size soccer field will overlay the baseball diamond and a basketball court, complete with lights, will fit snugly behind left-center field. A small building behind the backstop will house a universal bathroom, storage and snack bar.



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Merle Brown, shown here at the Beechwood Ballpark, says the new field will be large enough to accommodate high school junior varsity games, as well as 13-14 year-old teams.

"The field will be for anyone that wants to use it."
— Merle Brown, ballpark committee

"The field will be for anyone that wants to use it," says Brown. He hopes that adult softball leagues, little league teams, Special Olympics and neighborhood families will utilize the field to the fullest extent.

The forward-thinking project is incorporating environmentally friendly practices, starting with the installation of a commercial sod, Sportsgrass. Traditional grass seeding to create an all-natural turf field would have taken up to three years to firmly take root, says Brown. By putting in the sod, the field looks to be ready as soon as July. The organic sod will use no chemicals or pesticides in the maintenance of the field creating a safer and healthier playing environment.

The downside to organic sod is the initial maintenance costs are higher in the first three years, however; the costs decrease as the sod takes root. Utilizing organic methods is especially important to this ballpark due to its location in the town watershed and proximity to Lily Pond.

That disadvantage has turned into an example of community cooperation to do what's best for the environment and the town. The Water Commission, in conjunction with its ongoing mission to protect Cohasset's water supply, has offered to pay for the additional costs of the organic sod and five-year maintenance program.

In a matter of years, the organic methods become cheaper annually than traditional chemical processes. The town should also see a decrease in irrigation costs, because an organic lawn root structure retains moisture longer.

"We're trying to make the field as low maintenance as possible," says Brown. Other low maintenance features include a timer for the basketball court lights, paint-free siding for the building and a sprinkler system.

"The area has been very cooperative," says Brown, "there's a lot of excitement now that we're near the end."

Community donations have added up to more than $25,000. The donated funds will be deducted from the CPC donation. To thank the community for their support and to celebrate the finished field, Brown plans to have a dedication ceremony in the late summer.

Members of the Beechwood Ballpark Committee include Merle Brown, Glenn Pratt (co-chair), Francis (Fay) Sargent, Fred Siegel, Lillian Curley, Lynne DeGiacomo, Michelle Loughlin, Ronnie McMorris.

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New elements for regional favorite

Dorothy Palmer award, more wearable art featured

By Nancy White
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Like art, the South Shore Art Center's Arts Festival is an ever-evolving entity; something new and creative is always on the horizon. This year's festival, which starts today, incorporates several new elements that promise to spice up the classic ingredients of the Arts Festival.

The three-day festival draws talented artists, musicians, and artisans from all over New England to the Cohasset Common. The juried art show, a display of sixty outstanding paintings, prints, photographs and three-dimensional works, is the focal point of the Festival. The highly selective exhibit, chosen by a three-person panel, includes the most outstanding pieces from over 400 entries.

A new painting prize has been incorporated into the juried show sponsored by Hingham artist Dorothy Palmer. The prize honors one single, outstanding painting. Palmer, a painter herself, exhibits her work nationally and internationally. Palmer names her lifelong "love of art, not just painting" as the primary reason she established the award.

"The point of this is to encourage other painters," says Palmer, who has found a consistent source of inspiration and creative support during her over fifty-year involvement with the Arts Festival and the South Shore Art Center.

Palmer chose "Forsythia and Pussywillow" by Kimberlee Alemian to be the first recipient of the Dorothy Palmer painting prize. She describes the painting as "well-proportioned and well-executed."

"This painting was particularly beautiful the way [Alemian] replicated the forsythia," says Palmer, who was intrigued with the way the light flowed through the painting, "I looked at the forsythia, and I could sense feeling coming through the way the paint flowed."

Alemian, a painter by passion and training, by happy coincidence also serves as the SSAC's graphic designer and webmaster.

"I was honored, just thrilled to win the prize. [Palmer] has a good eye and she's an artist herself, I've always admired her," Alemian says. Her inspiration for the painting was simple; she was struck by the color and fullness of the forsythia this spring so she wanted to capture that on canvas. She came across the pussywillow at Stop & Shop and wanted to combine the two colors. She set up a vase with the two flowers on a table covered with a blue cloth in her studio and went to work.

"I like to respond to something that's alive," naming landscapes, portraits and flowers as some of her favorite specimens. She says there is an intensity of capturing something alive, "you're not sure if it's going to be around in a day." For this painting her muse, the forsythia, only lasted about three days before wilting.

Palmer and Alemian will be among the thousands who are expected to flock to the Cohasset Common this weekend. New this year as well is an added emphasis on handcrafted, wearable art, which will be highlighted in a fashion show on Saturday at 1p.m. Many of the artisans featured have received national recognition for their crafts. Marie Galvin's handmade hats have been featured on "Good Morning America" and in "Women's Wear Daily." Deborah Frazier's painted scarves were featured at the Museum of Fine Arts exhibition, "Art in Bloom."

The wearable art ranges from the casual to the elegant: unique silk jackets, sturdy tote bags, functional aprons and charming children's clothes. Many favorite jewelry designers from years past will be returning to display their distinctive pieces.



COURTESY PHOTO

Hingham artist Dorothy Palmer poses with Kimberlee Alemian who is the first recipient of the Dorothy Palmer Award for her painting "Forsythia and Pussywillow."

"The quality of the art found at the festival has put us on the map, but people keep coming back because they discover that this is a delightful way to spend the day in a charming seaside town, enjoying gallery-quality craft and art, as well as top-notch music," says Diane Kennedy, the Arts Festival's primary organizer.

The Arts Festival has a full lineup of musical entertainment for visitors' listening pleasure. Many musicians are back this year "by popular demand," including the Cohasset High School's jazz ensemble, Cohasset's Rusty Skippers, the bluegrass quartet "Harvest," the traditional Irish band "The O'Reillys," as well as the jazz stylings of Hingham native Nat Seelen, just to name a few.

To round out the Arts Festival's appeal to all the senses, there will be a plethora of food vendors to satisfy any appetite. Festival staples, old-fashioned kettle corn, huge lobster rolls and strawberry shortcake will be available for when stomachs start growling.

For more information please contact the art center at (781) 383-2787 or visit its Web site at www.ssac.org.

About the Art Festival

- What: 52nd Annual South Shore Art Center's Festival on the Common
- Where: Cohasset Common
- When: Friday, June 15 from 2 to 7 p.m., Saturday June 16 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, June 17 from noon until 6 p.m.
- How much: Admission is free but a $5 donation is requested.
- Parking: Those planning to attend the Festival are encouraged to take advantage of the free trolley that will be running from satellite parking areas throughout the weekend. On Friday and Sunday there will be parking at the South Shore Music Circus on Sohier Street and Saturday there will be parking at the Deer Hill School, also on Sohier Street. Trolleys will run continuously throughout the duration of the Festival.
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The free event will feature activities such as sandcastle building, hot dog eating, waiter and waitress races and pet look-a-like contests. Entertainment, provided by several local bands, will include the sounds of reggae, Celtic music, rockabilly and classic rock. Local restaurants will present their tastiest offerings from fried clams to spring rolls. Artists will display a summersworth of their finest canvases and local shops will offer boutique clothing, nautical gifts, kites and much more.

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Members of each team will walk the track at the Cohasset High School sports field around the clock; all with the same goal of raising enough money to one day end cancer. Last year's relay raised a total of $160,000. This year's goal is $200,000.

Here is the schedule of events.

Friday

• 3 pm-The Relay For Life begins with the Team registration open.

• 4:30-6:30 p.m. — Children's tent open with a theme of "Fun in the Sun" Face Painting and Crafts

• 5 p.m. — Survivor Registration open

• 6 p.m. — Opening Ceremony with singing by Lisa Battista and Steven Gilbert, opening remarks, Survivors Story, Survivors and Caregivers Lap with a song dedication by Cohasset's own Lily Sestito, Team's Theme Lap.

• 6:45 p.m. —The Rusty Skippers Band Performs

• 6:45-8 p.m. —Taste Of The Relay

• 8 p.m. — Story Telling in the Children's Tent-Joan Marie Gorman

• 9 p.m. — Luminaria Ceremony-Bagpipes by Aaron Bagley

Saturday

• 8 a.m.— DJ with music, Ray Papile

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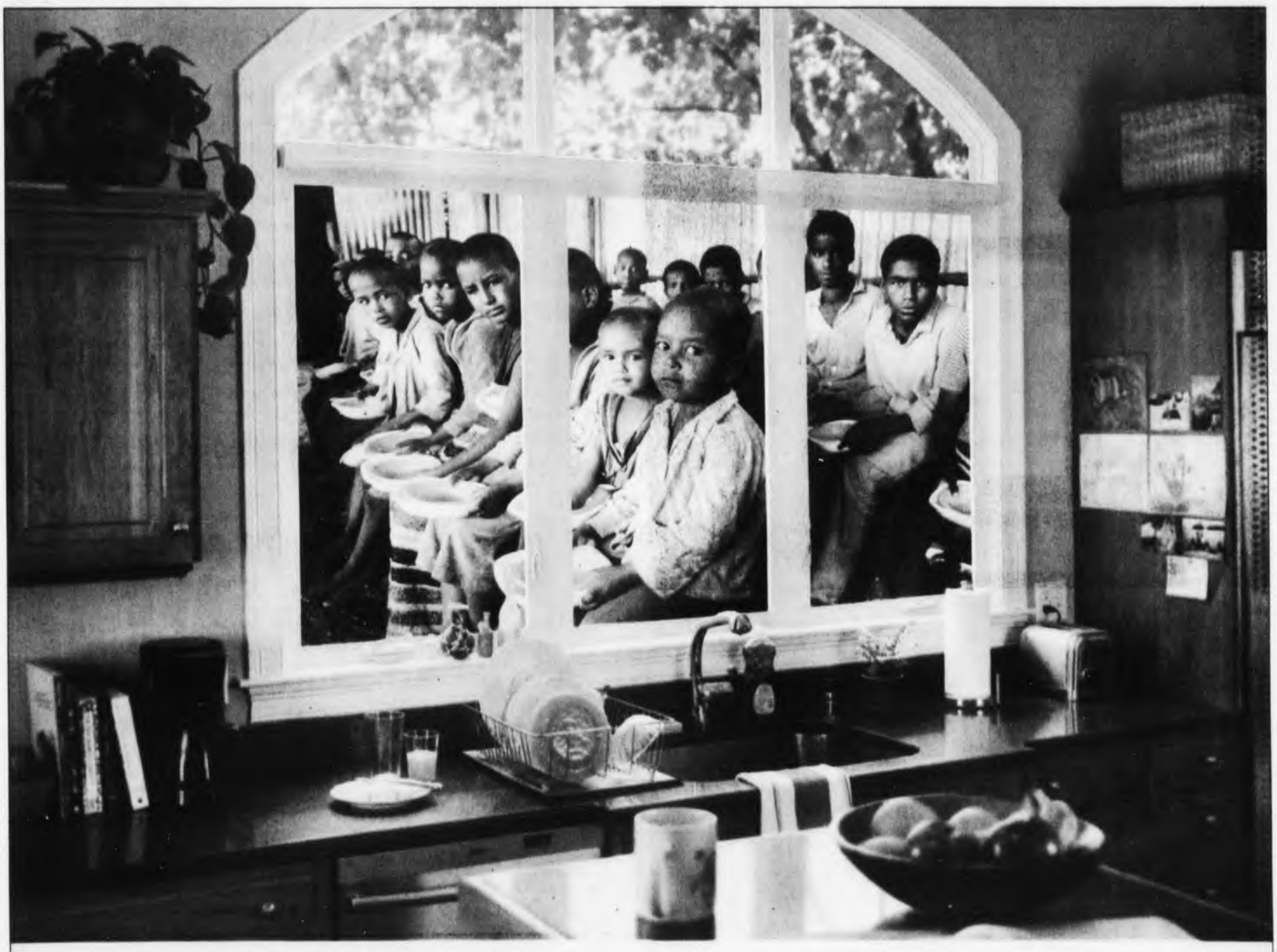
South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, is a summer destination for artists, art students and cultural enthusiasts. "Visiting Artist Workshops 2007" includes five master classes in the visual arts. Instructors are offering an array of workshop topics including landscape painting in oil, journal painting in watercolor, pastel painting, cyanotype, and drawing and painting the figure.

Instructors include: Linda Bond, Antonia Ramis Miguel, Peter Schroth, Doug Dawson and Peter Madden. All participating instructors' work will be on exhibition in the Bancroft Gallery. "Viewpoints: Visiting Artists Exhibition" continues through July 15.

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"No Train Horn" warning signs have been placed at grade crossings along the Greenbush line, including this one at the Hingham-Cohasset line on East Street near Cohasset's Woodside Cemetery. Officials are almost certain Greenbush will be designated a "New Quiet Zone" by the Federal Railroad Administration.

No horns to sound for Greenbush

FROM GREENBUSH, PAGE 1

• Installing four-quadrant gates with presence detection or curbed medians at 23 of the remaining grade crossings.

Alexander Macmillan, Hingham Greenbush coordinator, who has been involved with the project for years and testified before the FRA on the "Quiet Zone" issue, said the Swift Act made all rail crossings a federal concern.

He explained the five towns agreed to work together for one single quiet zone and hired a consultant to expedite the process. Hingham agreed to act at the "point person" on behalf of the towns to ensure that the criteria being put into the Greenbush data being sent to the FRA was exactly what each town negotiated.

"We were one of the first in the country to submit an application and as a result we got a great deal of attention from the FRA," Macmillan said. He explained that "new" rail lines such as Greenbush are a rarity. In most cases the FRA will be dealing with existing railroads that have no-whistle zones that now must retrofit their grade crossing safety measures to meet the new regulations.

Macmillan said from the beginning the Greenbush project was planned without train horns. Much of the line in Hingham cuts through a National Register Historic District, which is entitled to special protection. The MBTA realized early on that there would not be a permit issued for the project if train horns blared, he said. In other words, the impact on the historic district that includes dozens of antique homes would be too great to allow horns.

"Everyone wanted as safe a rail line as possible and the MBTA recognized that," Macmillan said. "From the very first it was clear that horns would not blow, so ways had to be found to adequately address the safety issues without horns or risk having no project."

Macmillan said the MBTA and the towns have become partners in the process of obtaining "Quiet Zone" status.

The partnering process was not always a smooth one, though. The MBTA wanted to construct standard grade crossings (with two arms instead of four), coupled with 100-foot long median barriers that would prevent a car from skirting around a closed gate to beat a train. The towns won that battle and in many of the grade crossings, four quadrant gates are being employed with much shorter medians or none at all.

"The FRA will be monitoring us very closely to see how it all works," Macmillan said. "The information gathered might be effective in other parts of the country."

Macmillan said the towns are nearly certain that the FRA will approve their "Quiet Zone" application.

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Orientation – Join the orientation for parents of first-year sailors and race team members, at 5 p.m., Thursday, June 21, on the deck of the Sailing Club.

Summer Launch Party – All adult members, parents of sailors, and friends are invited to the lobster feast and auction to benefit the club, which will be held from 6 to 11 p.m., Saturday July 7, at the Sailing Club, rain or shine. Dinner will be served from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets cost $50 and are available by phoning Joyce Driscoll at 781-383-0122 or Claudia McKeon at 781-383-6125.

The club has limited dock spaces available for individuals who would like to tie up their dinghies.

Donations for auction items are welcome. To donate call Jim Porter at 781-383-2029.

Instruction – Cohasset Sailing Club offers instruction in two categories: Junior, for youths ages 10 to 16 years old and Adult, for people age 17 and over. Training takes place on its fleet of nine 15-foot Capri 14, four Club 420s, and two lasers. The learning process includes a combination of classroom instruction and sailing. Adult training courses meet for 3 hours each Saturday morning for shore class and water training.

Dock Spaces – The club has limited dock spaces available for individuals who would like to tie up their dinghies. They can accommodate boats up to 12 feet in length and up to 5 feet in beam. No aluminum skiffs are allowed.

Free Sailing – The club offers the use of its fleet for free sailing to any member who has the necessary sailing knowledge. Free sailing is available from 5 to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 1:30 to 8 p.m. weekends.

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OPINION

GUEST EDITORIAL

It's good to be a dad

By Seth Jacobson
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As I carried my newborn son, Zachary into the Patriots Pro Shop at Gillette Stadium the other day, I couldn't help but tell him about where we were.

"Zachary," I said, "Look where we are! This is the home of daddy's favorite team, the New England Patriots! We're going into the pro shop to buy you a jersey!"

My wife looked on, shaking her head at my Patriots obsession. As we walked into the pro shop, I kept talking to Zachary.

"Look, Zachary! A Rodney Harrison throwback jersey! Look, Zachary! A picture of the kick Adam Vinatieri made in the snow game against the Raiders in 2001! Look Zachary! A picture of John Hannah!"

He just looked at me, drooling and gurgling, his big blue eyes shooting me a quizzical look.

It hit me at that point — the kid didn't understand a freakin' thing I was saying.

That didn't bother me, though. I was with my son at Gillette Stadium showing him the beloved team I grew up with. My dad did that with me years ago with the Patriots and the Red Sox and now it's my turn.

I still can't believe I became a dad eight weeks ago, but with Fathers Day right around the corner, it's becoming very real.

Needless to say, my Playstation use has drastically decreased, along with my sleeping time and my sanity. But it's all good— the little guy is the best thing that's ever happened to me.

I keep thinking of all the crazy things I did that my dad put up with and I can't help but think how the apple doesn't fall far from the tree.

Will Zachary ever become addicted to stealing flags off random roofs? Will he ever break into a restaurant and steal 16 cases of beer? Will he ever fall down a dune in the Caribbean and roll into a tourist's beachfront shack?

Not that I ever did any of those things. I just find myself wondering what kind of stuff he'll get himself into and deep down in my heart, I hope he does things differently than me.

Maybe he'll be a sweetheart like his mother.

My parents always told me when I was growing up that they hoped I'd have a kid just like me one day, so I could see what they were going through.

And now I do have a young son, but I can't tell if he's like me at this point. All he does is poop, eat, puke, sleep and yell at his stuffed Winnie The Pooh.

Some people would tell you that's exactly what I did in high school, but I beg to differ.

The bottom line is that I love being a father. I just don't really know what I'm doing yet. My wife tells me that when I talk to him, sometimes it sounds like I'm talking to a dog or a cat.

"He's not going to play fetch with you," she told me the other day.

Fetch or no fetch, everything seems pretty cool right now. Being a dad makes me appreciate what my dad did for me, along with all the other father figures in my life.

So to all the dads out there — and especially to my dad — I wish you all a happy Fathers Day.

Seth Jacobson is editor of the Canton Journal and the Stoughton Journal, two of the Hingham Journal's sister newspapers.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, June 18, 7:30 p.m.

Assessors, June 22, 8:30 a.m.

Board of Health, June 18, 7 p.m.

Cohasset Housing Partnership, June 21 and July 19, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, June 21, 7 p.m.

Elder Affairs, July 9, 9 a.m., 3 N. Main St.

Planning Board, June 19, 7 p.m. in the auditorium and June 20, 7 p.m. in the selectmen's office.

School Committee, June 20, 7 p.m. at the high school

Selectmen, June 18 & 25, 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, June 29, 11 a.m.

Stormwater Committee, June 19, 7 p.m.

Troika, June 322, 7:45 a.m.

Water Commission, 6 p.m., June 20 at the King St. plant

Zoning Board of Appeals, July 10, 7:30 p.m.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Heartfelt thanks for assistance

TO THE EDITOR:

Mr. Ward provided the Mariner with a copy of his letter for publication.

The purpose of my letter is to make you aware of a medical situation that occurred to me almost at the end of this year's Memorial Day parade at the Veterans Park. Those of us marching leave the Legion at approximately 8 a.m., and return to the park around 12 p.m. This was my 14th or 15th year marching. We have marched in all kinds of weather. This year was quite warm and muggy. We were all standing at attention and saluting when all of a sudden I couldn't focus, became very lightheaded, and my legs started shaking, and I felt I was going to collapse. I knew I had a problem but had no idea what it was. The following is what occurred from that point on.

Dr. Bobbie O'Pray noticed I was in trouble and came right over. She immediately called her husband Don Staszko and Dee Wigmore over to me to get to the Legion. Capt. Dan Brennock, USN (R) was holding me up, although I have no memory of that. Don and Dee got me to the Legion where Dr. Steve Golden, who happens to be my primary care physician, and Cdr. James Mensching, USNR, who was marching with us, and also is an emergency room doctor at South Shore, immediately started working on me. At that time the following Cohasset Firemen were also there and assisting. Chief Robert Silvia, Capt Paul Bilodeau, Lt. John Dockray, Firefighter James Fiori, Firefighter/medic Randy Belanger and Firefighter/medic Robert Forde. They were in the process of getting me stabilized. Cohasset Police Officer Edward Bagley also offered assistance. Then Engine 3 and Rescue 3 arrived. Those crews consisted of Capt. Francis Mahoney Jr., Firefighter James Curley, Firefighter/medic Robert Martin and Firefighter/medic Daniel Cunningham. After all were satisfied, I was transferred to South Shore by Firefighters Martin and Cunningham. While in the ambulance they checked all my signs, were satisfied that I was ready and we left. The back end of any ambulance seems almost like a mini emergency room. All my vitals were being checked during the trip.

After arriving at South Shore I was immediately placed in a room at the emergency floor, and was checked out thoroughly by a nurse and a doctor. I was there for about four hours. From what I was told I was extremely dehydrated. I needed to large IVs to get all the fluids back in. They also ran many tests on me.

This was not exactly how I planned on spending Memorial Day afternoon. I was looking forward to the Legion's wonderful buffet, and a cold beer. Oh, well. I just want to thank everyone who assisted me. If one has a problem, having three doctors and 10 firefighters and one police officer helping is certainly very welcome. We are very lucky having people like that here in town.

Peter J. Wood
77 Summer St.

LIBRARY CORNER

'Bothersome Man' featured on June 21

Independent Film Night — The library will show the independent film "The Bothersome Man" on Thursday, June 21st at 6pm in the Meeting Room. Free admission and refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Library Book Group — Join us for coffee and discussion of Anse Seierstad's book "The Bookseller of Kabul" on Wednesday, June 27 at 10 am in the Meeting Room. All are welcome.

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Knitting Group — The Knitting Group will meet on Wednesday June 20th in the Meeting Room. Edna Finegan of the Senior Knitting Group will be the instructor. Free. All knitting levels welcome!

MP3 Players Available for Checkout — The library has two MP3 players available to checkout. These devices are great for downloading audiobooks from the library's Overdrive Audiobook service. Listen to your favorite books while gardening, exercising or relaxing. Easy-to-read instructions make operating the player a cinch. Present your valid OCLN library card to the circulation desk to check one out.

FOR CHILDREN

Catch the Beat — Registration will begin Monday, June 25, for the 2007 Massachusetts statewide summer reading program, "Catch the Beat @ your Library".

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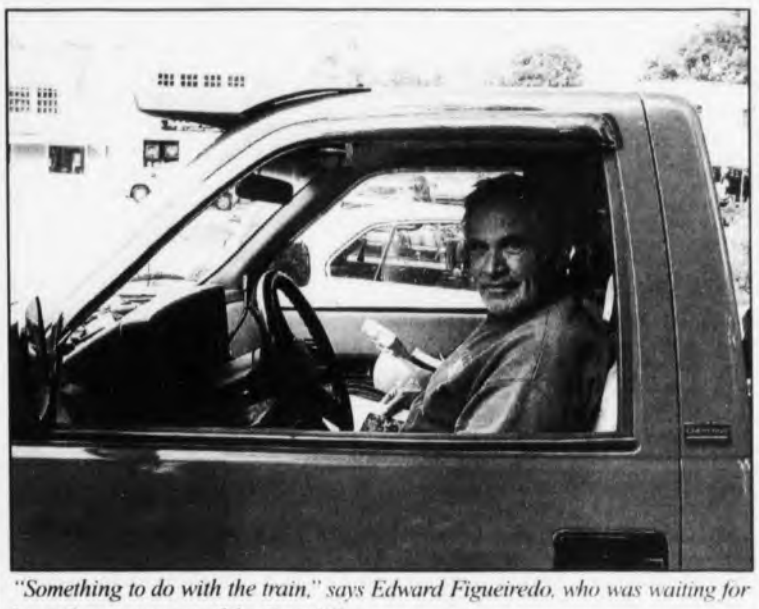
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What do you think Cohasset's Troika is?



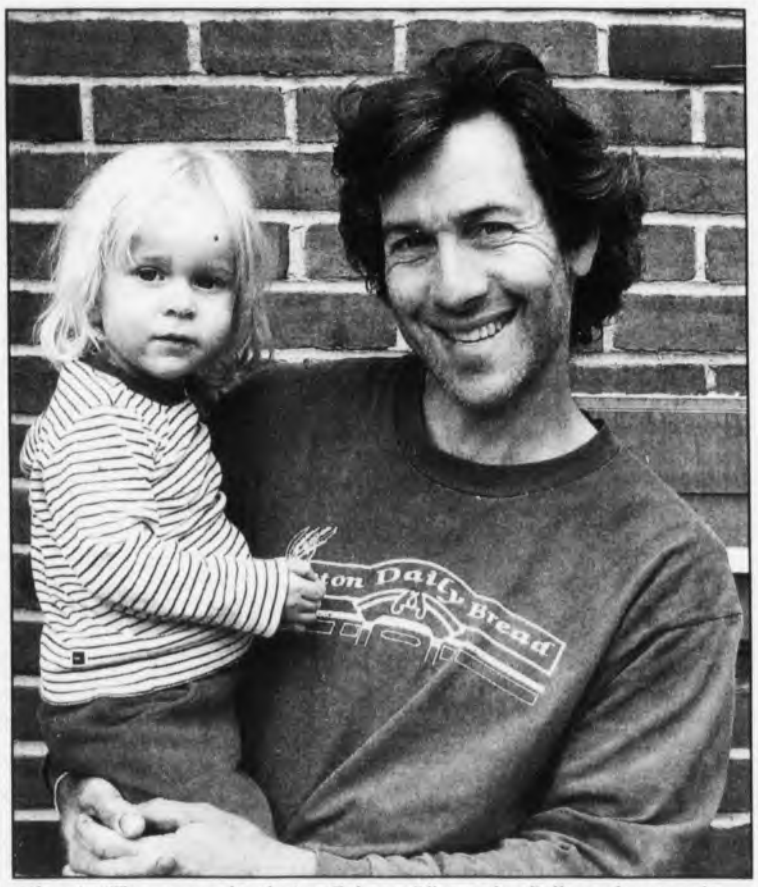
"On the train tracks where they used to turn the trains around," says Stephen Malcolm, who gave his answer in between taking orders at Atlantic Bagel.



"Something to do with the train," says Edward Figueiredo, who was waiting for his wife to come out of the Post Office.



"Three of something! But I'm not sure what," says Darilynn Evans, while hard at work at Darilynn's.



(Above) "Three towns bordering Cohasset?" says Jon Belber, educational director at Holly Hill Farms, as he walked through the Village with his daughter Nadia, 1-1/2.



(Right) "Three school buildings of Cohasset," says Officer Brian Peebles while supervising construction work on Elm Street.

Photos and interviews by Nancy White

The big story

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



(The following manuscript may, or could, have been transcribed from the tape of an all-news channel telecast last week. The channel is not identified.)

I'm in a helicopter high above the mansion where Paris Hilton has been holed up since the sheriff of Los Angeles County released her after she had served three days of a 21-day jail sentence. Adam, we haven't seen her for a while. Are you sure she is still in there?

I haven't seen her come out and neither have the paparazzi. They're still here.

(Shep, Congress just defeated the immigration bill. What shall we do?)

Don't bother me with trivia at a time like this, Harold. Can't you see I'm busy? Adam, who's in that van that just pulled through the gate. They look like they have uniforms on. Are they cops?

I don't know. I can't get near enough to tell. A bunch of reporters from Tokyo Asahi and Le Figaro are in the way.

Well, why don't you . . .

(Shep, President Putin just agreed to join President Bush in a defense system for Europe.)

Harold, I told you I'm busy on an important story. President Putin will just have to wait. Adam, I heard the judge has overruled the sheriff and has ordered Paris back to jail. Those may have been court officer in the van coming to take her back. Check on that, will you? Meanwhile, Geraldo had breakfast with the judge this morning. What did he tell you, Geraldo?

I've known the judge for many years, Shep, and he leaned over his French toast and sausages and whispered to me that . . .

(Shep, China just declared war on Taiwan.)

It'll keep. Go on, Geraldo.

My friend, the judge, whispered to me that he was going to rule on whatever is best for Paris and the community and if he doesn't let her go free he will send her back to jail for 21 or 45 days, depending on which one comes first.

There you go, another exclusive. I don't know how you do it, Geraldo.

(Shep, Iran just announced that it has the atom bomb and they're going to test in on Tel Aviv.)

Hold that for the six o'clock news, Harold. Maybe we can squeeze it in. Right now, we have an exclusive interview by Greta with the woman who sat next to Paris' maid on the bus that took her to work this morning. What did she tell you, Greta? How is Paris taking it?

She hadn't seen Paris yet, Shep, but she expected she would take it . . .

(Shep, someone just shot President Bush and the FBI has Osama bin Laden in custody.)

Be with you in a few minutes, Harold, we've got some important stuff going here. Go on, Greta.

like the thoroughbred that she is. She is a very misunderstood woman, Shep. That drunken driving rap. She was only taking medicine to a sick friend. And the charge that she was driving with her license revoked. She was.

(Shep, there's some new evidence in the case of that Natalee Holloway who disappeared in Aruba.)

Oh, no! Not another big story. I don't know if we can handle two at once, Greta! Greta! Where are you going?

A dad's perspective on parenting

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

Parenting up to a certain age is physically exhausting but relatively simple. You teach in black and white terms.

Last Sunday my sister-in-law gave a birthday present to my oldest daughter Caroline: a Dice-K tee shirt with number 18 on the back and "Red Sox" spelled out in Japanese characters. It was a great idea for a gift and we all fussed over it, including my nine-year-old, Mary.

"Hey that's just like the shirt Gramma and Grampa gave her last week," she said.

"Oh, I don't think so, ha ha," I said, pleading with my eyes not to persist.

"Yes it is," she persisted, annoyed that I could have forgotten already. "Remember Gramma said it only cost fourteen—"

"How 'bout some cupcakes!" I said.

Parenting up to a certain age is physically exhausting but relatively simple. You teach in black and white terms. Always be honest. Never put the cat in the microwave. Then just when you start getting enough sleep again the job becomes intellectually exhausting, because although like everyone else you have learned to navigate the gray areas and outright inconsistencies of the real world through years of trial and error, you are now expected to actually explain and defend the rules out loud to a newbie, which requires such hilariously tortured logic that you eventually lose all credibility with her.

For a year or two she tries to play along but it doesn't help. Once she discovers that rules have exceptions she becomes obsessed with unearthing every exception to every rule you've ever taught her.

"Dad, what would you do if I was kidnapped and they said I could only go if you put the cat in the microwave?"

"That would never happen honey."

"But what would you do?"

"I guess I'd have to put him in the microwave. But of course that would never—"

"What if he was already dead, and he wasn't your cat?"

"Honey I'm trying to drive."

"If you told me I had to rob a bank should I do it?"

"No."

"Even if you threatened to put our cat in the—"

"I'm turning on the radio now."

"Daddy I know this would never happen, but just, what if I kidnapped a cat and locked him in a bank—"

"La la la—"

"—and the President said you had to pay a million dollars or he would put Jesus in a microwave—"

"I'm getting out of the car now."

"We're on the highway Daddy."

These sadistic inquisitions may turn your brain to mush but at least during this phase the child still logs your answers and accepts them as authoritative. The next phase is worse, because she not only demands answers to impossible questions of ethics and manners but calls you on their stupidity. You've made a point of avoiding lawyers all your life and suddenly you live with Rudy Giuliani.

"So Dad, you're saying I'm not allowed to use that word because I'm a child and children don't talk like that. But the only reason they don't is because they aren't allowed to."

"Honey I'm trying to drive—"

"If children were allowed to say that word, then it's something children *would* say and it wouldn't be impolite anymore."

"La la la—"

"So by not allowing me to use that word you're making me impolite."

"I'm getting out now."

"We're in a car wash Dad."

Dishonest people are reviled, yet lying by omission is okay sometimes, and lying through your teeth is mandatory when talking to Aunt Jean. Just because everyone else has their nose pierced doesn't mean you should too; march to your own tune for God's sake. You don't like this shirt? I spent all weekend looking for a nice summer shirt for you. It's fine, trust me, it's what everyone else is wearing. If you eat french fries and cookies all day you'll get fat. Man those Bratz dolls are freakishly skinny. Honey we're late, would you just choose a pair of shoes already? Nobody cares how you look. Hang on, you can't go out with your hair like that— they'll think you escaped from an institution.

The morning it dawns on her that neither you nor her teachers nor any other adult can really explain why imaginary numbers are important, or why Paris Hilton is so famous, or how to endure a full day of adolescence without wishing the earth would open up and swallow you away from the pressures and the mocking laughter and unrequited desires of every kind — that's when the third and worst phase begins. The questions stop, the debating stops, and she simply pushes her boat off the dock and leaves you there to watch her float off into the storm on her own.

She won't sink, and in time she'll come back, I know. But she won't be the same. She'll be initiated, tempered like the rest of us.

It's no wonder we're so tolerant of our youngest child, even when she puts the cat in the microwave.

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John Lengyel lives in Cohasset, and is currently training hard for an August drive to Toronto with his oldest daughter by learning to distinguish between the voices of Gwen Stefani, Kelly Clarkson, Nelly Furtado, and Justin Timberlake.

Raising awareness about 'greenhouse' gases

Join Our Town again Monday when co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with JoAnn Mirise of Sustainable Cohasset to talk about the organization's efforts to increase awareness about greenhouse gases and what can be done to reduce them.

Discussion will cover how to reduce fuel consumption and other related topics.

Mirise authors a column on sustainable issues for the Cohasset Mariner. Her most recent column talked about pesticides and lawn care.

Tune in Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9p.m., all on Comcast channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and Stay informed!

'Happy Father's Day' from Osgood second graders

Mrs. Cook's second-graders at Osgood School share their Father's Day essays with Mariner readers.



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Lauren Cook's class at the Osgood School. Michael Tesauro, a new student who came after the class photo was taken, is pictured at lower right.

My dad is awesome. My dad is tall. His hair is dark and short. My dad has loving eyes. My dad has a great sense of humor. He likes to laugh. His smile is as bright as the sun. My dad is a chef. He does catering. He is the chef at parties. My dad also cooks at home. I love his meatballs. He takes care of our yard. My dad helps me solve problems. He helps with electronics. He is great at figuring things out on the computer. I enjoy playing baseball, soccer, basketball, football, volleyball, badminton, golf and tennis with my dad. My favorite thing to do is to go out to dinner with him. My dad makes me feel loved and special when he tells me he loves me and makes me a cake and when he calls me Princess. I love my dad!

— Lilly Ambrose

My dad is awesome. He has grey hair like my neighbor's cat, shiny hazel eyes and a face that I love. My dad is smart, funny, and as silly as a clown, and down to earth. My dad works as an electrician at the Town of Weymouth. At home my dad makes our home warm, like a dog on your lap. He lets me ride his lawn mower with him. On weekends he takes me out to breakfast and he always knows what I can do, like when it's safe to play on my driveway. My dad helps me do math, extra spelling words for my spelling test, and he also helps me learn how to ride a bike. I like helping my dad around the yard and making things with him, like paper boxes and wood boxes. I always love spending time with him. He helps me to be special (from him) by helping me learn right from wrong. He makes me feel loved a lot. My dad will always be in my heart and I love him!

— Leah Cook

My dad is great. He has black hair and he has nice eyes, as bright as his smile. My dad is funny and smart and he is also thoughtful and nice to everyone. My dad is a graphic designer. He is as creative as Frank Lloyd Wright. At home he cooks breakfast and sometimes he makes lunch. He takes care of our yard. I like to go to the little shed at the dump with him. My dad told me how to ride a bike and once he let me cut the grass. I enjoy playing chess with him and I love when he builds Legos with me. My dad makes me feel special and loved when he's proud of me and when he kisses me goodnight. I love my dad.

— Ryan Conforti

My dad is the best dad in the universe. My dad has some hair that is black and he has glasses. My dad has blue eyes that sparkle like the ocean. He is very smart and helpful and he is very nice. Loving me is what he does best! My dad works for Godwin Proctor in Boston. He is a lawyer. At home he fixes the TV when it is not turning on. My dad helps me when I fall down on my roller blades and he helps me when I get hurt. My dad loves playing street hockey with me and that makes me happy. He makes me feel loved and special when he kisses me goodnight and when he calls me Buddy. I love my dad so much!

— Will Englander

My dad is great. He's tall with brown and black hair. He has long legs. His arms are as long as a monkey. My dad is smart and kind. He lets me watch shows in the middle of his show. He is good at soccer and all sports. My dad goes to work in Watertown. Sometimes he goes to places that are far away. When he comes home I give him a big hug. He helps at home by taking care of the lawn. In the winter he uses a snow blower on the driveway first and then he makes a sledding track for us in the backyard. My dad helps me practice baseball and football. We practice batting and throwing. If I get hurt he takes care of me. He helps me figure out the TV and the computer. I enjoy when we go to the dump. I like sorting the glass bottles. We laugh together and he calls me 'Gav' too. I love to watch funny shows with him. My dad makes me feel loved and special when he says my prayers with me and when we do our secret handshake. I love my Dad.

— Gavin Dunkelberger

My dad is the best. My dad is super. He has nice brown hair and he has nice brown eyes, too. He looks as strong as a fearless tiger. My dad is funny. He laughs a lot when I make jokes and that makes me feel good. He's really smart and very friendly. For work he goes to Seattle. He is also my baseball and hockey coach. At home he helps by taking out the trash and taking me to school when my mom is at work. My dad teaches me how to hit the ball better. He also teaches me how to get a better slap shot. He helps by tying my skates at hockey games. I like when we go to Starland and ride the go-carts. I also like when he plays street hockey with me and my friends. My dad makes me feel loved and special when he calls me Buddy and when he gives me high 5's. My dad is so, so super!

— Kyle Ferreira

My dad is the best! My dad is as cuddly as my stuffed dogs. His eyes are as green as the sea and his smile shows how nice he is. My dad is as nice as a puppy. He's also funny and smart and kindhearted. My dad works in Boston and he is also a wonderful coach, "YES!" My dad mows the lawn at home and sometimes he does the dishes. My dad helps me with homework and helps me practice soccer. He also helps me pick out presents for birthdays. I enjoy when my dad plays soccer with me and when he plays board games with me. My dad makes me feel loved and special when he calls me Audie and when we play soccer without my three sisters. I love my dad sooo, sooo much.

— Audrey Hart

My dad is the best. My dad's eyes are as blue as the ocean. His hair is as black as a Chicago White Sox hat. His smile is as big as a whale. My dad is very smart about what he's doing. He is very funny when he tells jokes. He is as kind as a sports' coach. For work he goes to Boston and makes money. He works from six in the morning to six at night. My dad helps me by teaching me how to do some stuff on my homework that I don't know. When I don't know how to do something in a sport my dad helps me. I enjoy playing catch with him. I like going on vacations with my dad in the summer. My dad makes me feel loved and special by giving me hugs when he gets home from work everyday. I am happy when he reads to me after dinner. I love my dad.

— John Harzich

My dad is the best. My dad has short black hair and he has blackish eyes. When he doesn't shave his chin feels like a hedgehog. My dad has a big heart and he is very nice. I think he is thoughtful because he cares about other people. My dad works for Mercer HR Services near Boston. He has to travel a lot. He goes to places like China and Europe. My dad helps out at home by taking out the trash, scooping the dog poop and making sure the pool is clean and safe to swim in. My dad helps me by practicing baseball with me and helping me with my homework. I enjoy making pancakes with my dad and practicing baseball with him. My dad makes me feel loved and special when he says, "Goodnight Zack" and gives me a hug. My dad is great!

— Zack Herman

My dad is just right for me. My dad's eyes are as blue as can be. My dad's hair is as gray as a rainy day on the seashore, and he is as tall as a tree. My dad is funny and kind and he has the second funniest personality. His character is very cool. My dad works in California. He is a lawyer. He corrects papers and works on the computer a lot and works for a lot of companies. To help out at home my dad keeps me and my 2 brothers busy by playing with us, like playing board games like Gulo Gulo, or Scrabble Junior, or other fun or exciting games, or sports that are very fun. I have an exploding time with him. He helps me with football and soccer, and sometimes baseball, and with math homework. He is very, very smart cause he went to more than one college but not usually spelling homework but he still does it sometimes. I help him sometimes, like in dance. I try to teach him but he does not want to listen or learn how to play games that I learn in gym that he never learned like Four Corners in the dark, or just plain Four Corners. I enjoy when my dad takes me to baseball games, or Par-Tee, or a golf course, or the town pool, or the beach, or my favorite Starland, or my cousin's house, or his office. I only got to see his old one but I would like to see his new office. He said he got it clean 'cause it was a mess.' My dad makes me feel loved when he takes me places that the littler ones can't go. I love my dad!

— Keely Hunter

My dad is awesome. My dad has blue twinkling eyes. He has short brown hair and he is as tall as a house. My dad is funny, goofy and silly. He is also very smart. My dad works for a company called Bespak in England. So when he comes home I give him a big hug and tell him how much I missed him. At home my dad cleans up after meals and he helps take care of my sisters and me. Sometimes we go to the dump together. We practice football and baseball and he helps me learn strategies for Kung Fu. I enjoy going for bike rides with him and I like doing football and Legos with him. Whenever my dad is home we run down the street and back. My dad makes me feel loved by saying goodbye to me, whenever he leaves for England. He also makes me feel loved when he takes me to sports games like to Red Sox and Patriots' games. He is the best dad in the whole entire world!

— Matthew Keenan

My dad is very special. My dad has brown eyes and black hair like the night. My dad also has a beautiful smile. My dad is also cuddly like my teddy bear. My dad is loving, funny and smart. Everyone thinks he is nice and helpful. My dad does carpentry and he works everywhere. My dad takes care of me and my baby brother. He also helps out with the yard work, too. My dad helps me with my homework. Also, he first taught me how to ride a tricycle and then a two wheeler. I like to bike ride with my dad and play games with him. My dad makes me feel loved by kissing me goodnight every night. My dad also calls me Bubba and that makes me feel special and loved. I love my dad. I would never want another dad. I love him!!!

— Alyssa Lum

My dad is the best. My dad has blue eyes like the bluest sky. He has grayish black hair. His smile lights up the room. My dad has a very big heart. He is very smart and he is also funny. My dad works in Boston and he is a lawyer. He doesn't get home until late. At home my dad helps by mowing the lawn and he goes to the dump. My dad helps me with my homework and helped me learn how to ride a bike. He is also helping me with my soccer. I like when he helps me ice skate. Every Christmas he takes my whole family, except my mom, to Boston. We do a lot of fun things together. He makes me feel loved when he calls me Pumpkin, Princess and Carrot. I love it when he takes us down to the beach and tells me stories about when my parents went places. I really, really love my Dad!

— Kara Nelson

My Uncle Rob is important in my family even though he lives in New Jersey. His eyes and hair are as dark brown as a tree in the winter. His glasses have gold rings around them and make him look as wise as an owl. He is funny, silly and playful. My Uncle Robbie is a lawyer and works in New Jersey at court. He helps with the pool and cooks yummy lobsters on the stove. He came to the "Sweetheart Dance" just for me in his tuxedo and bowtie. When no one else wants to swim with me he does and we have a blast! I enjoy snuggling with him and I like when he tickles me. My uncle makes me feel special when he puts me on his lap and pretends I am food. I love my uncle!

— Dagny Nies

Who's awesome? My dad! My dad has black hair and my dad's eyes are brown like chocolate. He has a great smile. My dad is funny and cool and awesome. My dad makes lots and lots of money for other people. My dad is a good cook. He makes us breakfast. My dad helps me with my homework and softball. I like when my dad plays catch with me and it is really fun making pancakes with him. My dad makes me feel loved and special when he calls me Princess and Pumpkin and gives me Butterfly kisses and Eskimo kisses. My dad is the best dad in the world!

—Caroline O'Brien

My dad is awesome. My dad has brown hair, blue eyes and blond skin just like me. He is almost as tall as my kitchen ceiling. My dad is funny, smart and cool. My dad works on trailers at Drinkwater Trailers, in Pembroke. He makes sure that everything is in working order. At home he tucks me in, takes out the trash and helps pay the bills. My dad practices baseball with me and he helps me with my homework. He tells me funny stories about when he was a kid. I enjoy when we go to look at trains and I like going to work with him. We ride the fork lift together and he lets me drive the tractor with him. My dad makes me feel loved when he gives me kisses and hugs at night before I go to bed. My dad is great!

— Jeremy Otis

My dad is awesome. My dad has black hair, and hazel eyes and he is strong. My dad is funny and hard working. He is really, really loving and helpful. My dad works at Cohasset Collision Center. He fixes cars for 12 hours a day. He is very tired when he comes home. At home he washes the dishes and washes the clothes. Sometimes he makes dinner and gives our dog fresh water. My dad helps me with my homework and he tells me how to solve problems. He helps me with everything. I enjoy getting ice cream with my dad and I like when he watches me ride my bike. My dad makes me feel loved and special when he calls me Tori Bear. He always kisses me when he's going to work at 5 in the morning. I love my dad!!!

— Victoria Nicole Ross

My dad is the best. My dad has brown hair. He has brown eyes as dark as mud and tannish skin. My dad is very smart, funny, kind and generous. He helps me with baseball. My dad works at the South Shore Hospital. He is a M.D. He specializes in heart problems. My dad goes to the dump. My brother and I used to go with him to look in the boutique. He takes our family places for vacations. My dad helps me with my homework sometimes. My dad helped me learn how to ride a two wheeler. I enjoy playing baseball with him at home and with my baseball team. He is great at playing board games on rainy days. My dad makes me feel special because he takes me to Red Sox games, even though he's a Yankees' fan! When I'm sick he takes care of me. My dad rocks!

— Alexander Schubert

My dad is super. My dad has a bald spot in the middle of his head and the rest is brown hair. His eyes are like my brothers and he is handsome. He is sometimes goofy like a circus clown. He is very smart, friendly and helpful. My dad is the boss for his store. He works in Wellesley. He works too much, just like the President. At home he sometimes washes the dishes and he always washes our boat. My dad helps me get better at sports and he helps me with my math. I like when my dad takes me fishing. I enjoy playing sports with him. I like when he is home. I feel loved and special when my dad gives me a hug before he goes to work. He is the best dad in the world!

— Drew Skolnick

My dad is awesome. My dad has blue eyes like the ocean water. My dad is as nice as a guinea pig. My dad is as fast as a road runner. He is a scientist but mostly he does the school board meetings. At home he cleans the dishes and he does the dish washer. He helps me with my homework and he helps me build model airplanes. He helps me with plants. We plant carrots and peas together. I enjoy playing tag baseball and kickball with him. My dad makes me feel loved and special when he cuddles with me at night. My dad is the best!

— Michael Slanetz

My dad is cool. My dad is tall. My dad's hair is black as the night. I like my dad's hair. My dad is funny, cool and kind. He is helpful to everyone. My dad works at home on the computer and sometimes he has to go to restaurants to talk to people. At home he mows the lawn and he fixes things when they get broken. He teaches me how to do stuff like how to hit better in baseball. My dad makes me feel special when he comes to my baseball games. My dad makes me feel loved when he says, good night. I love my dad.

— Michael Tesauro

My dad is super! He has blue eyes just like me. He has silvery hair and he is tall. My dad is so funny and friendly and he is always so generous. He works at Boston with a company that makes razors and batteries. My dad helps at home by mowing the lawn and fixing faucets. My dad helps me with my homework and with computer problems. I enjoy playing baseball with my dad and catch with my dad. My dad makes me feel loved and special when he compliments me on how well I did at my dance performances and when I go ice skating with him. I love my Dad!

— Yvette Wenner

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HEALTH NOTES

Students' report is full of trash

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Recently the AP chemistry class at the Middle High School applied scientific method to an audit of cafeteria, classroom, office, and bathroom trash. Objectives were to heighten awareness of how much trash a system like a school creates and to clarify the difficulty of the process of separation and disposal. The audit would estimate the possible savings from recycling trash as opposed to merely taking it to bulk trash disposal at Rochester.

In all, approximately 28 bags of trash were taken from the high school cafeteria and brought to the Recycling Transfer Station (RTF) at Cedar Street for separation and analysis. The academic plus of the work is to teach students details about the classifications of recyclable materials and the multi-layered benefits of a recycling program. Hopefully we can all learn from these students.

The draft report as it arrived in the email last week had the essentials: materials to be used, procedures for conducting the audit, a list of metrics: weight of materials, estimate of total annual trash disposal for the school, cost, etc. Then an estimate of the amount of each separate waste component, such as mixed office paper, plastic film, bottles and cans, etc. resulted in 12 components in all.

Extrapolating the annual trash figure for the sample taken to that generated in a school year, the total trash generated by the Middle High School was estimated to be 547 tons. Using figures provided by the town, school and staff people knowledgeable in the process, the students were then able to estimate costs to dispose of recycled materials from the various constituents separated in their trash pile. They determined that the annual town cost of bulk disposal without recycling for the Middle High School is approximately $55,000 whereas the cost of the various components originally separated and left at the RTF would be $27,500.



Cohasset High students sort through 28 bags of trash at the RTF.

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The schools already recycle paper in the Abitibi program. However, the students learned that the school gets $5 and the RTF gets $17.50 per ton of paper. In short, the students' report makes several recommendations based on facts which any rational manager would seriously consider. Recommendations are limited to the school system, but relevance to the need for recycling for the entire town, and indeed for everyone, hung like a mantle over the entire undertaking.

We may be able to exist easily in our affluent enclave with little concern over the details of trash disposal, pollution and degradation of our environment, but our successors, the kids to whom we are leaving this legacy will have to learn to prepare for and live in a very different world in the future. For this reason, those whose responsibility for giving students the core essentials of science, technology, engineering and math, all important elements of the report cited, should be accorded our highest praise. The future is in their hands.

Students who wrote the report:: Sarah Brown, Cam Cope, Ryan Crough, Ian Cundall, Chloe Koines, Maura Regan, Jen Silvia, and Ann Thomae (AP Chemistry class 2007)

Audit Participants: Brian Adams, Sarah Brown, Cam Cope, Ian Cundall, Marc Fournier, Mark Kelly, Chloe Koines, Derek Lincoln, Maura Regan, Jen Silvia, Emma Simon, Dan Sullivan, Ann Thomae (AP class teacher and mentor)

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Troika could be unique among towns

FROM TROIKA, PAGE 1

Survey Structure and Function of Town Government are all appointed by the Troika.

To the best of Weeks' recollection, the establishment of the committee was approved at a "long ago Town Meeting." However, the town's general bylaws do not refer to the committee as the Troika. Instead, it is only referenced in its composite parts: "a committee consisting of the Moderator, the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee."

In Town Manager Bill Griffin's experience he has never run across a committee like Cohasset's Troika — in name or formation. In other towns the moderator alone typically makes appointments like the ones the Troika makes or, in some cases, the members are elected by general vote, he says.

"My first reaction was that I probably heard it wrong when someone referred to the 'Troika' the first time," he says.

How the committee was dubbed Troika is still unclear, but theories abound. It could have been a passing mention — in jest or in earnest — at a Selectmen's meeting to find a name for the committee and then "troika" just stuck. Troika could have carried over to Cohasset during the height of the Cold War, when troika was commonly used to describe Soviet Union leadership. Cohasset could have taken a page out of President Ronald Reagan's book as his three most senior advisors were referred to as the Troika. It could be that the board just needed a name and that was the first appropriate title to come to mind.

Although the committee has a curious name does not take away from the influence the Troika can have on prominent town boards. Together, they have the power to create either a cooperative board that is made up of members that complement each other or to fill the boards with people of like minds.

The Troika meets on an infrequent schedule when an appointment needs to be made, at the very least once a year. During Selectman Ralph Dormitzer's service as chairman last year he recalls only one formal meeting of the Troika and only a few appointments.

"My first reaction was that I probably heard it wrong when someone referred to the 'Troika' the first time."

— Town Manager Bill Griffin

Because the Troika's role is so specified and meets irregularly, it doesn't seem to fall into typical committee procedures. The Troika does post its meetings in accordance with the Open Meeting Law, however, the Town Clerk has no minutes on file for the Troika.

Besides a clear charge of appointing members of certain committees, there is no set of bylaws that govern the Troika. Whether a simple majority (two out of three members agreeing) or a super majority (a unanimous decision) seems to have historically been determined by the individual committee.

During Weeks' tenure as town moderator from 1981 to 1992 he created, by his estimation, a "pretty good system" where he took on the principle task of finding appropriate candidates for open seats. When he found a candidate he felt would be appropriate, he would arrange a meeting of the Troika so members could discuss the appointment. Weeks made it his policy that all three members of the Troika would have to unanimously agree to the appointment. He did not recall an instance where all three members could not agree.

The strength of the Troika diminishes when only a simple majority is required instead of an unanimous vote says Martha Gjesteby, former Selectman and Troika member, "when all had to agree you had to really work on it to reach a decision."

Dormitzer agrees, "it's unwise for a committee to have a two to one vote. With a unanimous vote no one feels disenfranchised."

During George Marlette's 12-year service as Town Moderator he says there was a number of two to one votes for appointments. Town Counsel was consulted on the issue and in lieu of any bylaw; they advised only a simple majority was required.

"The Troika was a little bit cumbersome," he says, arguing that historically the Town Moderator alone made the appointments and when the Troika was formed Cohasset was a much different town politically. Previous to the Town Manager Act, the Advisory Committee represented the "financial branch" of town. The committee was primarily responsible for presenting and creating the budget, Marlette says. He says while still a key committee they no longer have the same power invested in them.

"I always found it curious that the Chairman of the Advisory Committee votes on the Troika" to appoint the members of their own committee, or possible himself, he says. If the moderator alone was responsible for the appointments and was making ill-informed appointments, the general public could choose not to re-elect him, Marlette argues.

"Despite my reservations, serving on the Troika was a rewarding part of being moderator," he says, "we made many good appointments."

Current Town Moderator Daniel Evans likes the concept of the Troika, "three heads are better than one, and we get the benefit of three different points of view. In one sense, it epitomizes one of Cohasset's small town strengths, which is the ability of people who may have differing views on a variety of issues to work together constructively."

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SPORTS

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Town Commons

On the South Shore

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Twice as nice

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Scituate junior defenseman Ryan Woodford controlled the clearance attempt and carried the ball back into the attacking zone, but the Cohasset defense was again up to the task and managed to clear it back out. With 13 seconds left, a whistle gave Scituate the ball on the left side of the offensive zone.

Senior middy Sam Brigham picked it up and worked his way in for a contested shot, with Cohasset senior middy Dan Trendowicz playing tight defense. Brigham's shot whizzed inches over the crossbar, setting up one final, desperate attempt with three seconds remaining. Cohasset knocked down Kyle Crowley's pass from behind the net, and the horn sounded to the jubilation of those in white and the heartbreak of the boys in blue.

The most important play in that final minute came from Kuczinski.

"We knew the ball was somehow 'going to get to (Gary) Crowley, who, for my money, is the best offensive player in the state," said Cohasset head coach Stew Curran. "But we were fortunate Ryan Kuczinski just locked on and stripped him a couple times. And again, it was man-to-man. At that time, Ryan is real tired, Crowley's real tired, but our guy won and that was a battle that we needed at that point."

Curran's counterpart, Rick Bagby, said he was confident his team would bring it home after Kyle Crowley had scored his game-tying goal.

"I thought we were going to do it, yeah," Bagby said. "At that point, the momentum was on our side. I just thought if we shut them down and win the faceoff, we'd win the game. And we did (win the faceoff), and we didn't finish."

With that said, the game turned on an eight-minute stretch that preceded Scituate's three-goal run. The Sailors appeared to be firing on all cylinders at the beginning of the second half, as junior goalie Jake Gray made a couple big stops on Cohasset junior attackman Mark Flibotte while the Scituate attack went to work. Brigham, senior attackman Brendan Dickinson and sophomore attackman Greg Reynolds all scored in the first three minutes of the half to give Scituate an 11-7 lead.

Shortly thereafter, Cohasset called a timeout, and Flibotte and junior middy Peter Ernst both missed golden opportunities to score with seconds afterward. The tide appeared to be changing, however, and when Grimm assisted senior attackman Mike Bunstein's goal with 6:24 left in third, it kicked off a run of seven unanswered goals for the Skippers.

Less than two minutes after Bunstein's goal, Cohasset had already tied it at 11, with Flibotte scoring once and senior attackman Chris Davis hitting the cage twice in that span. By the end of the third, Grimm and Flibotte had scored again to make it 13-11 for Cohasset going into the fourth. One minute and 18 seconds into the fourth, Trendowicz assisted Flibotte for a three-goal advantage that ultimately proved a bit too large for Scituate to overcome.

"That 7-0 run killed us. It just got us in a hole," Bagby said. "We fought back and did a great job coming back. But, we're up 11-7 and then we're down 14-11. That's a huge swing."

Grimm and Flibotte proved nearly unstoppable when they got the ball with room to operate, as both finished the night with six goals and one assist. Grimm said afterward he and Flibotte feed off each other's play.

"He's an unbelievable player," Grimm said. "I've been playing with him for years. We live right next to each other and we've been playing backyard games forever. I love that kid, he's one of my best friends."

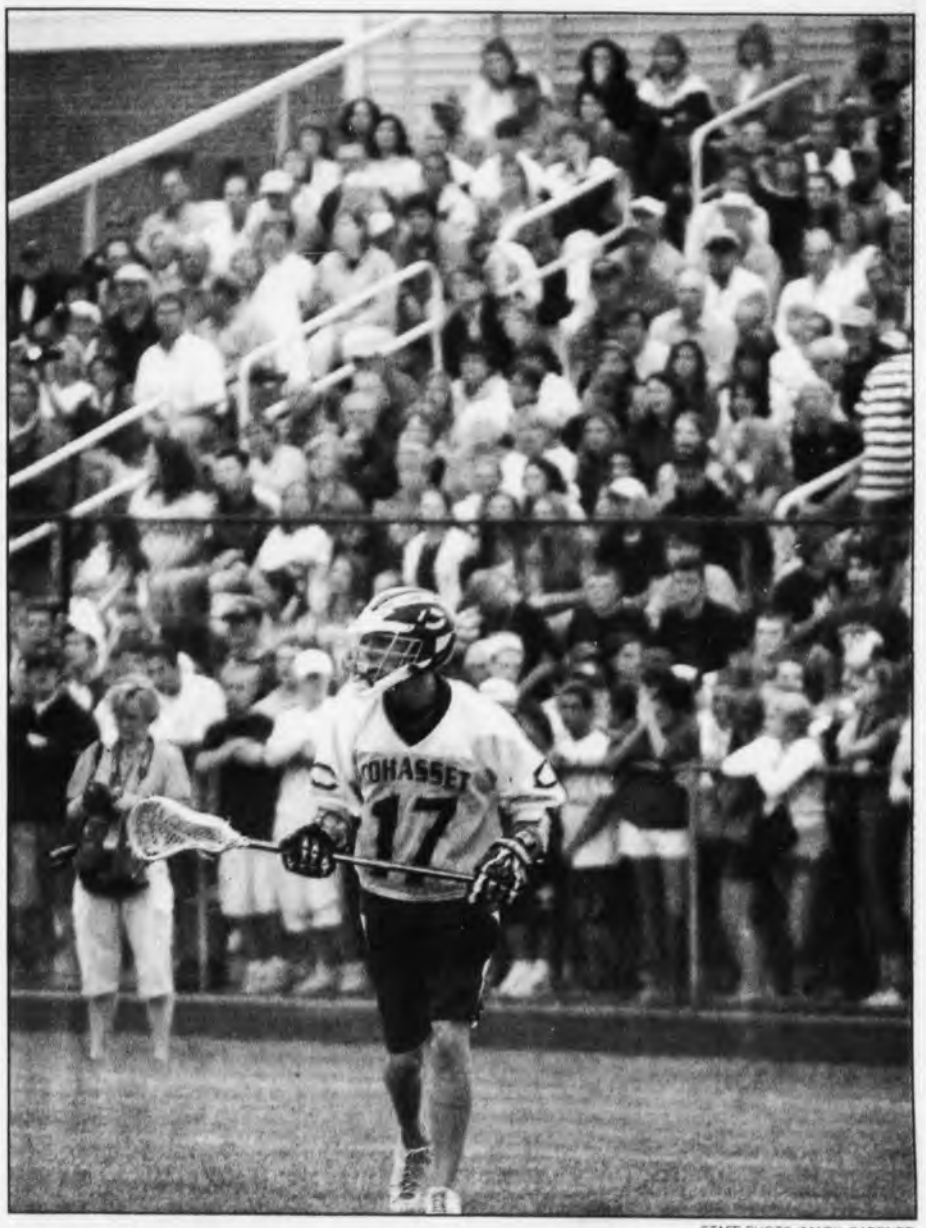
Gary Crowley and Dickinson each had four goals to lead Scituate, who faced a Skippers long-pole crew that did just enough to win. Cohasset needed others to step up in the absence of star defenseman Jeff Brown, and seniors Conor Holway, Bobby Meikleham and Kuczinski, along with junior Jake Cuneo, did enough to support their teammates in attack.

And so another chapter in the intense rivalry between Scituate and Cohasset has been added. The players and coaches know each other well, just adding to the excitement that games between the two teams have provided over the last few years.

"Scituate, I mean, I'm proud of the way those guys played," Curran said. "I know a lot of them like Rick knows my guys from indoors. He and I go back a ways. I know it was painful for them to lose, but I think the better team won today."

Bagby, meanwhile, reflected afterward on how far his program has come.

"Four years ago before I took over, we were 2-14," Bagby said. "We've been in the state's final eight the second year, final four last year and the finals this year. I guess we still have one step to go."



STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

The capacity, bi-partisan crowd at Alumni Field were treated to a show by Mike Bunstein and the rest of the Cohasset High boys lacrosse team.



The Skippers mob the field as they celebrate the 15-14 victory over Scituate to win the state title.

The unsung heroes

With the goals go the glory, but no lacrosse team is going to win anything without balance in its midfield and defense.

Junior goalie Nate Porter was money all season long for the Skippers, and made 11 saves in Monday's state championship win over Scituate. One of the steadiest long-sticks playing in front of Porter is senior Bobby Meikleham.

Meikleham's contributions have flown under the radar at times this season, but not to his coach, Stew Curran, who praised his versatility as part of Monday's winning effort.

"We moved him around a little bit and got a little more play out of him…He's a good player, underrated, but a great kid," Curran said. "Because of Bobby's ability to be flexible…We were able to do some things at the defensive end that not a lot of teams can do."

One of the reasons Cohasset was able to score seven straight goals in the third and fourth quarters was the work of junior middy PJ McCaw, particularly in the face-off circle. McCaw helped Cohasset win four out of six face-offs during that stretch, and his overall energy off the bench was a vital part of the Skippers' comeback.

"PJ's just a horse. He's big, strong, blue-collar, gets after it and hits anything that moves," Curran said. "I love the kid to death and he's going to have a big year for us next year."

- Mark Goodman



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Junior midfielder PJ McCaw lets one rip at the Scituate net during Monday's state championship game. McCaw's efforts on face-offs helped spur Cohasset's 7-0 run in the second half of the game.

Cohasset 15, Scituate 14

	1	2	3	4	Final
Scituate (16-4)	4	4	3	3	14
Cohasset (16-1)	4	3	6	2	15

Scoring

First Period
C – Mike Grimm, 0:56
C – Grimm (Mark Flibotte assist), 1:27
S – Brendan Dickinson (Gary Crowley), 4:18
S – Dickinson (Jake Gray), 7:45
S – Crowley, 8:23
S – Dickinson (Greg Reynolds), 9:11
C – Flibotte (Mike Bunstein), 9:36
C – Grimm, 10:42

Second Period
C – Flibotte (Chris Davis), 1:19
S – Crowley, 2:43
S – Kyle Crowley, 4:01
S – Nick Stella, 7:54
C – Flibotte (Bunstein), 9:28
S – Sam Brigham, 10:43
C – Grimm, 11:03

Third Period
S – Brigham, 1:21
S – Dickinson (K. Crowley), 2:36
S – Reynolds (K. Crowley), 2:59
C – Bunstein (Grimm), 5:36
C – Flibotte, 6:09
C – Davis (Flibotte), 6:38
C – Davis (Bunstein), 7:28
C – Grimm, 8:35
C – Flibotte (Bunstein), 11:52

Fourth Period
C – Flibotte (Dan Trendowicz), 1:18
S – G. Crowley, 5:20
S – G. Crowley, 6:12
S – K. Crowley, 6:49
C – Grimm, 10:08

Face-offs won (first half-second half-game): Cohasset, 9-8-17; Scituate, 8-7-15

Saves (first half-second half-game): Nate Porter (Cohasset), 6-5-11; Jake Gray (Scituate), 5-4-9

Scenes from a state championship



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Things were looking rather dire for Ryan Kuczinski and the Skippers when Scituate held a four-goal advantage early in the third period.



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Dan Trendowicz fights past a Scituate player in Monday's Div. 3 state championship game.



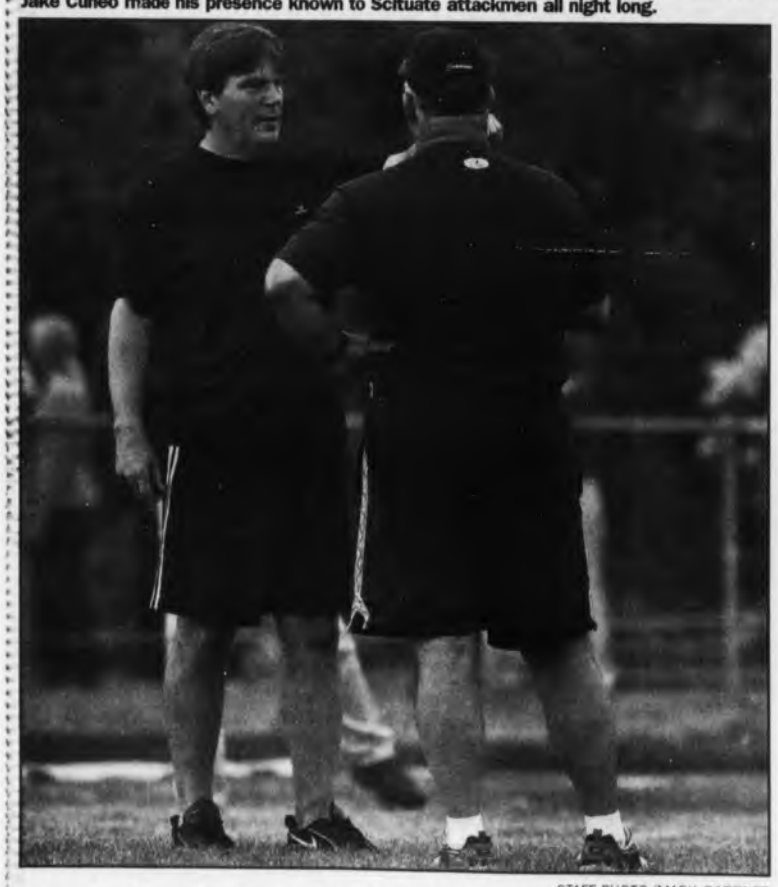
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Jake Cuneo made his presence known to Scituate attackmen all night long.



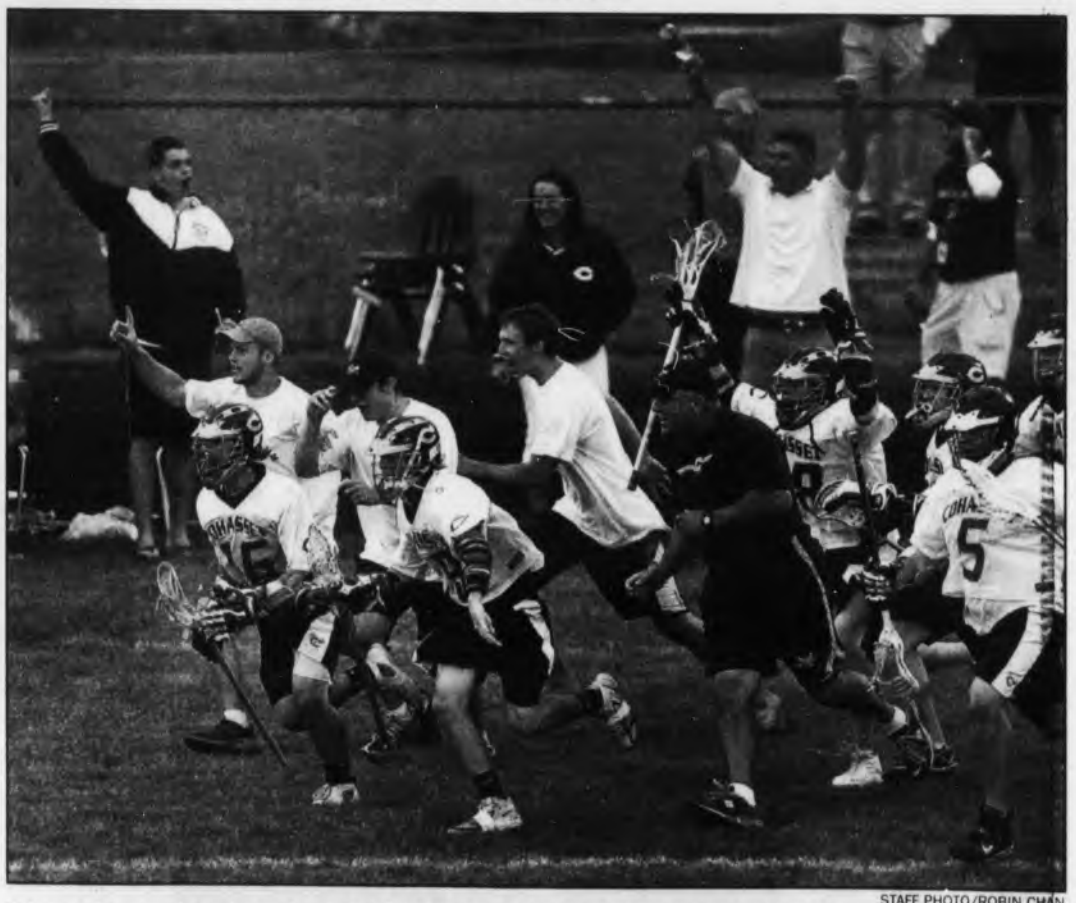
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Bobby Meikleham fends off Sailors attackman Nick Stella.



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Scituate head coach Rick Bagby (left) and Cohasset counterpart Stew Curran discuss the controversial "non-goal" at the half. A Cohasset goal just before the halftime whistle was disallowed, apparently because a Skippers player picked up the wrong ball coming out of a timeout. The ruling gave Scituate an 8-7 halftime lead.



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Skippers players and coaches rush onto the field following Cohasset's 15-14 win over archrival Scituate in the Div. 3 state championship game.

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Skippers top Hanover in semifinal

By Eric MacCarthy
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Mark Flibotte scores for Cohasset in last Friday's Div. 3 state semifinal.

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In Friday's Div. 3 state boys lacrosse semifinal contest between Hanover and Cohasset, both teams came in looking for a trip to the state championship game.

Unfortunately only one team was able to go, and for the third straight year the Cohasset Skippers advanced to the championship, this time after a 14-7 victory over the Indians.

The game looked about even for the first five minutes as both teams were able to move the ball but unable to score. Then without just under seven minutes left in the first quarter, Cohasset midfielder P.J. McCaw scored from way outside to put the first goal of the day up on the scoreboard.

A mere 20 seconds later, Cohasset junior attackman Mike Grimm scored his first of six goals on the day. The Skippers would put in two more goals in the quarter, both going to All-American junior Mark Flibotte from another All-American, senior captain Mike Bunstein.

After one quarter of play the Skippers were up 4-0 and things were not looking good for Hanover. Hanover did have many opportunities in the first but Cohasset junior goalkeeper Nate Porter had two nice saves to keep the zero up on the scoreboard for the Indians.

The second quarter went exactly like the first as Cohasset went on to score another four goals to Hanover's none. Grimm scored two and had an assist, Flibotte recorded a hat trick for the game with his third goal, again from Bunstein, who added had a goal of his own.

"That was a good first half," said Cohasset head coach Stew Curran. "I'll take that any day."

Cohasset senior captain Dan Trendowicz started off the second half with a goal, assisted by Bunstein. A few minutes later Bunstein got his fifth assist when he passed to Grimm for a goal. Bunstein would finish with an amazing seven assists.

With just over eight minutes left in the third quarter, Hanover sophomore attackman Pat Lawlor got his team on the board with a goal. Only a minute later, Hanover senior midfielder and captain John Nolan scored to give Hanover its second goal of the game.

Any Hanover hopes for a comeback were short lived, though, as Cohasset's Bunstein recorded a sixth assist to Grimm. To regain his team's 10-goal advantage, junior midfielder Chuck Czerkawski scored his first goal of the playoffs. Not only that, but Czerkawski also had a great game at the face-off spot.

"Czerkawski had been in a two-game slump, but he got of it today," said Curran. Later in the quarter, Grimm recorded his sixth goal with the assist from senior Chris Davis.

Hanover was able to score two more goals in the quarter and after three they trailed, 13-4. Senior midfielder Mark Jackson scored one of the goals, and fellow senior midfielder Gerald Zoppi scored a goal of his own.

In the fourth Cohasset attempted to play many of its reserves. In the final quarter, Hanover outscored Cohasset 3-1 as Cohasset's lone goal came from sophomore Andrew DiPaolo, who scored off Bunstein's seventh assist. Hanover's Lawlor scored his second goal of the contest, and senior attack man and captain Doug Carr scored two goals in the quarter.

Hanover had many more chances to score but was unable to get past the great goaltending of Porter. He continued to make fantastic saves in the fourth and made sure that lead did not get too small.

About his team's loss, Hanover head coach Paul Zaylor said, "They got ground balls we didn't; that's what the game comes down to." He did say though that he was happy with the team's season after making it this far.

Curran said, "Our ball movement was as good at it's been all year and we're ready for the championship game."

When Curran asked his team on Thursday if it was their final practice, the team said right back to him, "No."



Chuck Czerkawski starts up a Skipper attack against Hanover.



Nick Lieberman (left) keeps a close watch on a Hanover player.

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U11 laxers rock the jamboree

The Boys White U11 team rolled at last weekend's jamboree, defeating Plymouth 15-1, Scituate 6-3, and Hanover 5-3. Almost every player experienced a new position and several players lit up the scoreboards for the first time.

There were plenty of highlights that characterized what a fun day was had by all. To start with, Owen Burchill scored three goals and two assists in the day's first game and finished with one more score for the day. It was his birthday, and he celebrated.

Adam Benson had a monster day and was key in victories over Scituate and Hanover. Aggressive and fearless would describe his efforts. He totaled five goals and an assist in those two games.

Third graders AJ Kucinski, Dan Axelson and Jack Donohue all hopped into the cage for their first time and came up big with point blank shot stops, clears down the field, and a pass breakup on the crease; not to mention over 20 saves between the three of them. Kucinski also added three goals and three assists for the day, Axelson hit on three and one and Donohue played defense and midfield to round out his play for the day. Axelson also chose to pass to a teammate who hadn't scored during the season to give his teammate his first points of the year.

Other firsts included Luke O'Brien for a goal, Mike Yerardi playing attack who netted one and assisted another, Justin Fein who played great and aggressive defense added two scores to the days total, and Nick Lydon hit for two big ones in the first game.

The ever consistent and solid play of Ryan McElhinney was instrumental again for ball control and also good for a score. Levante Haber, Ian Kennedy, Cole Morrison and Sean Mavilia all showed their stuff as well with ball control and a little defense on both sides of the field. Connor Hayden netted three goals and an assist for the day and has really developed into the complete midfielder: face-offs, scoring ability, and defensive-minded.

He and Martin Buckley were all over the field and major reasons Cohasset was able to sweep its opponents. Buckley also added a pair of goals for the day.

Cameron Steele started a clear that went from the defensive side of the field after he picked up a ground ball, to a midfielder, to an attack. It was textbook and started with Steele. Also contributing in a big way was the Chris Lydon who played exceptional at defensive middy.



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The CYBSA baseball All-Stars in front of their very own Green Monster - the Barnes Monster, which features all of the players' names – at Saturday's CYBSA cookout and All-Star festivities.
The full list of Major League All-Stars: Baseball – (Red Sox) Shane Haggerty, Conor Dooley, John Mills, Andrew Fontaine. (Mets) Christian Davis, Connor O'Brien, Drew Nahill, Brendan O'Connell. (Pirates) Jamie Timothy, Michael O'Brien, Trevor Schramn, Joe Buckley. (Athletics) Kyle Healy, Craig Davis, Terence Doonan (Rangers) Nicky Tangherlini, Willy Brown, Ryan MacCarthy, Mickey Barry. (Cardinals) Colin Gideon-Murphy, Danny Barnes, Jack Kuppens, Alec Hurd. (Dodgers) Connor Goetz, Chris Brash, David Hill, Max Montgomery.
Softball – (Astros) Robin Spofford, Kayla Orner, Chrissy Secatore, Kaye Slamp, Shannon Ryan, Danielle Martin. (Blue Jays) Sara Campadelli, Christine Chase, Letra Kimia, Jen Mullin, Michaela Rattenbury, Colleen Ryan. (Devil Rays) Erica Botts, Christina Healy, Danielle Healy, Grace Pozniak, Christy Fitzgerald, Megan Green. (Phillies) Caitlin DeAngelis, Hayley Wheelwright, Michaela Brophy, Emily Baumgarten, Kayley Pinkus, Julia Canney.

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Sports Briefly

Sons of the American Legion to host bass tournament

The Cohasset Sons of the American Legion will host its fourth annual stripped bass tournament from sundown Thursday, June 21 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 24.

The tournament has been renamed The Chucky Rose Memorial "Foolish Bass-Tards" Tournament in honor of Cohasset native Charles Rose, a member of the Legion Post who passed away in April of this year. The $25 entry fee includes a t-shirt, dinner at the Cohasset Legion Post on Sunday at 6 p.m. and trophies for the biggest bass caught by land and biggest fish caught by sea.

Entry forms are available at the legion post and you must enter and pay prior to fishing but there is no deadline to enter.

Town soccer registration

Registration for Cohasset Town Soccer is now open for the 2007-08 fall/spring season, for kids in grades pre-K through 8th. Register on line at www.cohassetsoccer.com

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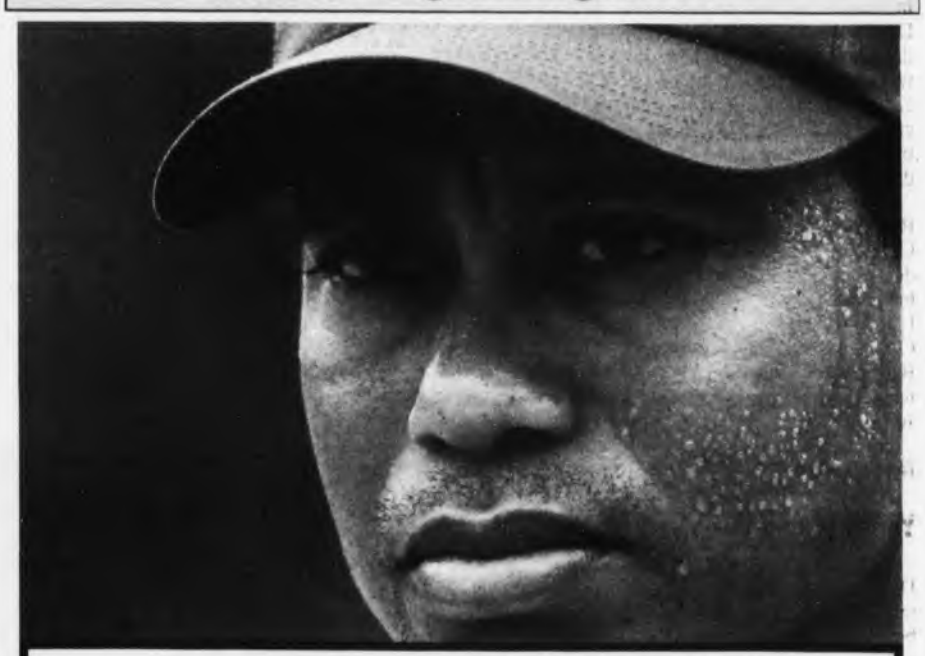
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SPORTS NOTES

South Shore Spartans tryouts

The South Shore Spartans boys soccer club will be holding tryouts for the boys U12 team. The tryouts will be open to all boys born Aug. 1, 1995 or later. Positions open are for goalkeepers and field players.

Tryouts will be held Tuesday, June 26 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, June 28 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. All tryouts will take place at the Osborne Field on Main Street in Norwell. Please bring a ball, water and goalie gloves if you are trying out for goalie.

For further information or directions, please contact head coach Douglas Price, (781)264-3453 or via email at southshorespartans@yahoo.com.

Charity Golf Tournament

The Plymouth Aero Club will host its annual charity golf tournament Sunday, June 24, at Squirrel Run Golf Course, 32 Elderberry Drive, Plymouth. Sign-in will be held beginning at 8 a.m., with a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

The fee is $75 per player or $300 per foursome and includes golf, cart, player package, prizes and the banquet. In addition, there will be a helicopter ball drop and an auction. Proceeds from the tournament will go to establishing aviation scholarships as well as gifts to various local organizations.

For information call Dave at Squirrel Run at 508-746-5001.

Summer basketball camps

Cohasset High School varsity basketball coach Dorian Bryant will offer two camps this summer for kids.

The Big Man & Point Guard Perimeter Camp, an intensive four-day camp, will be held July 10 through 13, for youths in grades 7-12. The Ultimate Development Camp is a two-day-a-week camp for five weeks, beginning July 2. Both camps are designed so that the camper receives quality instruction on basketball fundamentals.

Applications are at the Recreation Office at the Cohasset Town Hall or can be downloaded at www.cohasset-basketball.com. Go to Links/AAU Teams & Summer Camps/Cohasset Summer Basketball Camp. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, June 20.

For information e-mail coach Bryant at dorianbry@aol.com.

Youth tennis lessons

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer youth tennis lessons this summer for boys and girls ages 7 and older.

This seven-week program starts Monday, June 25, or Tuesday, June 26, with one-hour lessons meeting twice per week on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule. Various levels of instruction are available. The cost is $80 per participant. Registration will be held in Town Hall auditorium from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m., June 11 to 14, or from 5 to 7 p.m., June 12. You must register in person during the times listed above.

If you know your swim and/or sailing schedule prior to registering for tennis, it will be helpful, as the Rec Department has more scheduling latitude than either swim or sailing lessons.

Swim and Dive team tryouts

Cohasset Swim Team tryouts will be held Monday, June 18 from 3-5 p.m. at the swim center pool. Swimmers must be 6 years of age by July 1, 2007 and no older than 17. There are limited openings this year.

Cohasset Dive Team tryouts will also be held on the 18th from 5-7 p.m. at the swim center pool. Rain date for tryouts for both swim and dive will be held Tuesday, June 19 with same times.

Lifeguard Certificate Training Program

There has been an overwhelming response for the Lifeguard Certificate Training program and limited class space; therefore, applicants will be accepted on a first come/first served basis. Registrations must be accompanied with payments for the course.

The class will run from 2 to 6 p.m., Monday June 18, and from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 19, 20, 21, 22. All classes are mandatory without exception.

The LGCTP course fee is $235 for Cohasset Swim Center members and $285 for nonmembers. Checks should be made payable and mailed to the Cohasset Swim Center, P.O. Box 132, Cohasset, MA. 02025. Your reply must be postmarked by Monday, June 11. They apologize for the tight deadline.

The American Red Cross runs the course for people age 15 and up, however, to be a Professional Lifeguard in the State of Mass., you must be 16 years of age. This is found in the section of the Mass. State Regulations, 105 CMR: Dept of Public Health, Section 435.23: Lifeguards.

Materials for the course cost $80 and are purchased in advance and not refundable. Therefore if a registered applicant does not pass the Prerequisite Skills Test, they will be unable to refund $80 of their registration fee.

In order to pass the Prerequisite Skills Test, one must be able to swim 500 yards continuously using the following strokes in this order: 200 yards of front crawl using rhythmic breathing and a stabilizing, propellant kick; 100 yards of breaststroke; 200 yards of either front crawl using rhythmic breathing or breaststroke - the 200 yards may be a mixture of front crawl and breaststroke; then one must swim 20 yards using front crawl or breaststroke, surface dive to a depth of 7-to10-feet, retrieve a 10-pound object, return to the surface and swim 20 yards back to the starting point with the object.

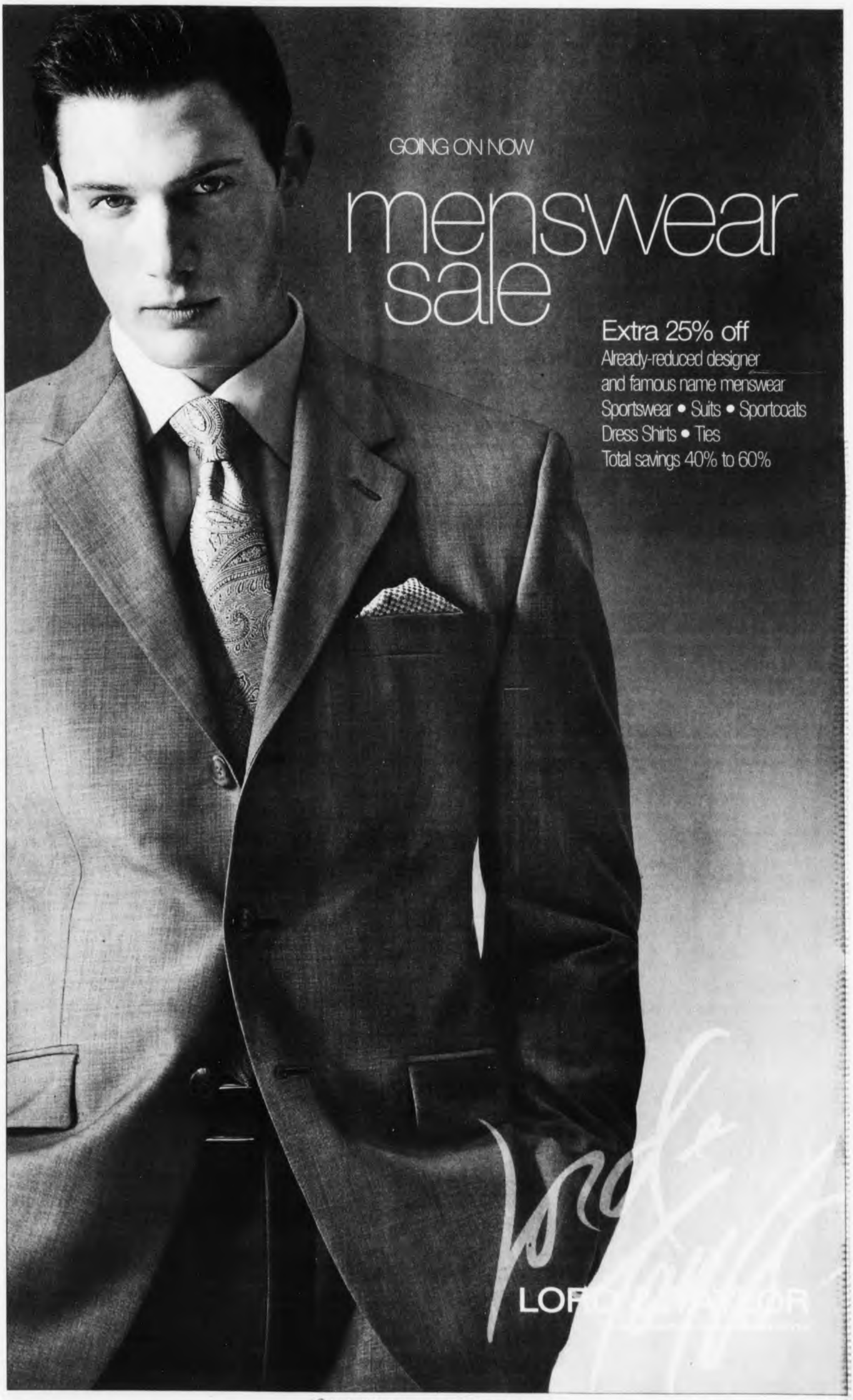
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For information send e-mails to Cohassetswimcenter@comcast.net.

Scituate Tennis Tournament

The Fourth Annual Scituate Tennis Tournament will be held June 16 for doubles, June 23 for singles, both adults and juniors. The cost is $40 per doubles team, $30 per singles player, with benefits going to Scituate Tennis. There will be prizes for winners and finalists. Players of all levels are welcome.

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IT'S HAPPENING

Mordecai Lincoln Bridge dedication

Arthur Granville, President of the Gulf Association, Inc., announces that at 1 p.m., Sunday, June 17, the Gulf Association will sponsor a brief ceremony to dedicate the bridge over the Mordecai Lincoln Road Dam in honor of Doug Amelang. Doug, who passed away last October, was a long-time resident of Mordecai Lincoln Road, a passionate protector of the environment, and a forceful engine for local action in the Gulf River neighborhood.

They will unveil a mounted plaque that reads: Amelang Bridge – In memory of Doug "Red" Amelang, who labored with great vision year after year to restore the Hunter's Pond dam and herring run. Every returning fish is a tribute to his determination. Dedicated by the Gulf River Association, 2007.

The Amelang family requested that the dedication ceremony be held on Father's Day in Doug's memory and everyone is invited.

The Gulf Association of Cohasset and Scituate was established in 1968 to protect and preserve the beautiful tidal estuary. The Association has been active in identifying and restricting sources of pollution on the marsh, in educating citizens as to the regulations which govern land and water use on the Gulf and its surrounding highlands, and in encouraging compliance and cooperation to protect this valuable natural resource.

Family Fun Day

Kick-off summer by attending a Family Fun Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, June 16, at the Mt. Hope Improvement Society at the corner of Cedar St. and Clapp Road in the west end of Scituate, which will be hosted by the Maxwell Conservation Trust in appreciation for the support it has received from South Shore residents to preserve open space.

The free event will provide fun for the whole family including guided hikes and scavenger hunts in the newly acquired Litchfield property, a moon walk, face painting, "Max pics" - photos taken with Maxwell, the Golden Retriever and mascot of the Maxwell Trust and the music of Kathie Lee and Somethin' Else.

Refreshments and a lunch of hot dogs with all the fixings will be available for a nominal fee.

For information call Cynde Robbins on 781-545-4167.

Drift Away to perform

Join Drift Away, with J Place, Joe Micarelli and John Litwin Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m., at the Snug, 114 North St., Hingham. No cover.

The band features a variety of smooth jazz, blues, soul and classic standards from the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's.

They also perform from 3 to 5 p.m., Saturdays at French Memories Café, 175 South Main St., Cohasset.

Wildlife programs

The New England Wildlife Center in its new 22,500 square foot "green" building in South Weymouth, will offer elementary and middle school students an opportunity during July and August to learn about science, nature and wildlife in a variety of workshops.

Seven unique educational workshops for one, two, three, and four days will be offered beginning Monday, July 9 and will run from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Workshops include "Puddle Jumping," an introduction to wetland habitats including vernal pools for children entering fifth, sixth and seventh grades; "Environmental Discovery," for first and second graders who will have fun learning about their surroundings and preserving the environment; "Where's Fred's Head?" that will take children entering fifth and sixth grade on an adventure to solve mysteries about wildlife, including interviews with scientists, veterinarians and field trips; "Walking with the Llamas," a five-hour hike with two Llamas through Bare Cove Park open to children entering fifth, sixth and seventh grades and three workshops for students entering third and fourth grades, including "Meet the Reptiles," "What's Under the Log?" and "Exploring with a Microscope."

Workshops will be offered by Dr. Greg Mertz, Director of the New England Wildlife Center, and Chief Veterinarian, Dr. Joe Martinez; two Weymouth High School science teachers and two additional educators that work with the New England Wildlife Center. Costs range from $50 to $230 depending on the number of days the workshops will run.

For information contact Dr. Jane Milley at 781-682-4878, ext. 123.

Tennis Benefit for Children's Hospital

Those wanting to play in the annual Cohasset Tennis Benefit for Children's Hospital can visit the Web site at cohassettennis-benefit.org and download the application, which is due Friday, June 22.

The tournament is a mixed-doubles format for all abilities and participants are determined on a first-come, first-served basis. Tennis takes place on private courts throughout Cohasset during the weekend of July 14th and 15th. The pre-tournament dinner and auction will take place Friday, July 13, at the Lightkeepers residence on Cohasset Harbor.

This charity benefit was originally started by Jesse Cox and her neighbors in the 1950s. It has since grown to include hundreds of players and a wide array of tennis abilities. In the past eight years, some $100,000 has been raised for Children's Hospital. This year's event will be channeled to the recently established Suicide Prevention Program at Children's.

For information about the tournament, to register, or to be added to the email distribution list, visit the Web site.

Blood drive

The Knights of Columbus and the American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, June 30, at Knights of Columbus Hall, 440 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Nearly 2,000 units of blood are needed each day to help those in need in the local community. It only takes about an hour of time and one small pinch to become a hero to someone in need.

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Lots of stars in school this week

LIFE AT CHS



CHRISTINE KENT

Congratulations boys' lacrosse! On Monday, Cohasset's star-studded team was able to retain their State Championship title, playing Scituate in what has been deemed one of the most thrilling games in Cohasset athletics. In addition to the outstanding sports talent displayed in the last few days it was a pleasantly surprising and entertaining weekend for those in the arts. Musical Theatre's show "Stage 161" delighted audiences with their upbeat renditions of hit musical numbers and homemade script. To my mum's dismay, I have subsequently altered my life goal to being a BROADWAY star! Just kidding, but the sounds of Little Orphan Annie definitely echo throughout my house.

Special congratulations to Amanda Simpson, whose faculty filled talent show was able to raise a nice chunk of change, which will be given to the Relay For Life charity. Who knew that, hidden behind the khaki pants and button up shirts, teachers are real people, or even better rock stars?! To quote a classic, "I love seeing a teacher outside of school. It's like seeing a dog walk on its hind legs," (*Mean Girls*).

Now, it's time for the rundown of the week:

• Monday, who could ignore the glorious victory for Cohasset in the State Championship Boys Lacrosse game against Scituate.

• Tuesday, I wrote my last Life at CHS column for this school year!

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• Wednesday, aside from a boring faculty meeting, the day was pretty uneventful.

• On Thursday, the torches were lit, as sixth graders competed in Olympic Day.

• Oh Friday, Friday… The eighth graders are scheduled to watch "Romeo and Juliet" before heading off to their pool party to celebrate their middle school finale! Also, Relay for Life all night charity event takes place, bringing together hundreds of townsfolk on the high school track.

• Saturday, students get their first taste of summer vacation!

• Monday, June 18… only two hours of school…time to whip out the Alice Cooper …" School's Out for the Summer!"

Well folks, my job here is done (at least for this year) as I turn off the computer and step outside into the sunny unknown! Until next year, have a safe and awesome summer!

Adios!

Two receive scholarships in memory of Bryan K. Bilton

An annual scholarship in memory of Bryan K. Bilton, who died earlier this year, has been designated by the Cohasset High School Swim Team Booster and Scholarship committees. Bryan was a member of both the High School Swim and Dive Team, for which he served as captain, and the Cohasset Summer League Swim Team throughout his years growing up in Cohasset. The recipient of the Bryan K. Bilton Memorial Swimming Scholarship must be a member of the Cohasset High School Swim team and share Bryan's enthusiasm for, and love of, this sport; must demonstrate leadership and commitment to the High School Swim Team; and, also be focused on academic achievement. This year the scholarship was awarded to two recipients: **Alyssa Campbell** and **Brent Daly.**

Contributions to this scholarship fund in memory of Bryan may be made payable to Cohasset High School Swim Team and sent to: Cohasset Schools, Central Office for Business Administration, 143 Pond St., Cohasset, MA 02025. Indicate Bryan Bilton Scholarship and note to the attention of Helen Daley, chairman.

Ride for Habitat is June 16 at Wompatuck Park

Join the Ride for Habitat June 16, beginning and ending at Wompatuck State Park.

The 50-mile circuit ride begins at 8 a.m. Check-in is at 6:30 a.m., followed by a safety briefing at 7:30 a.m. The 25-mile circuit ride begins at 10 a.m. Check-in as at 8:30 a.m., with a safety briefing at 9:30 a.m. There is a $25 registration fee for either ride. Both begin and end at Wompatuck. There will be on-course support at mile markers 10 and 25 (with beverages and fruit available) as well as rest stops with comfort stations. Safety vehicles will be on-hand to lend assistance as needed throughout the route. A barbecue will be held at noontime following the ride.

The registration from is available at www.sshabitat.org. For more information, call Jack Linskey, (781) 749-5035 or email Ed Martin at ed-martin@comcast.net. There is no minimum pledge amount. For more information about South Shore Habitat for Humanity, visit:

www.sshabitat.org.

Bird walk

A bird walk around Straits Pond, Hull and Cohasset is planned from 8 to 10 a.m., Sat., June 16. Meet Cohasset birder, Sally Avery, at 8 am at the base of Summit Avenue in Hull, near the Cohasset line. 781-383-6043.

Fax news of your event to 781-741-2931

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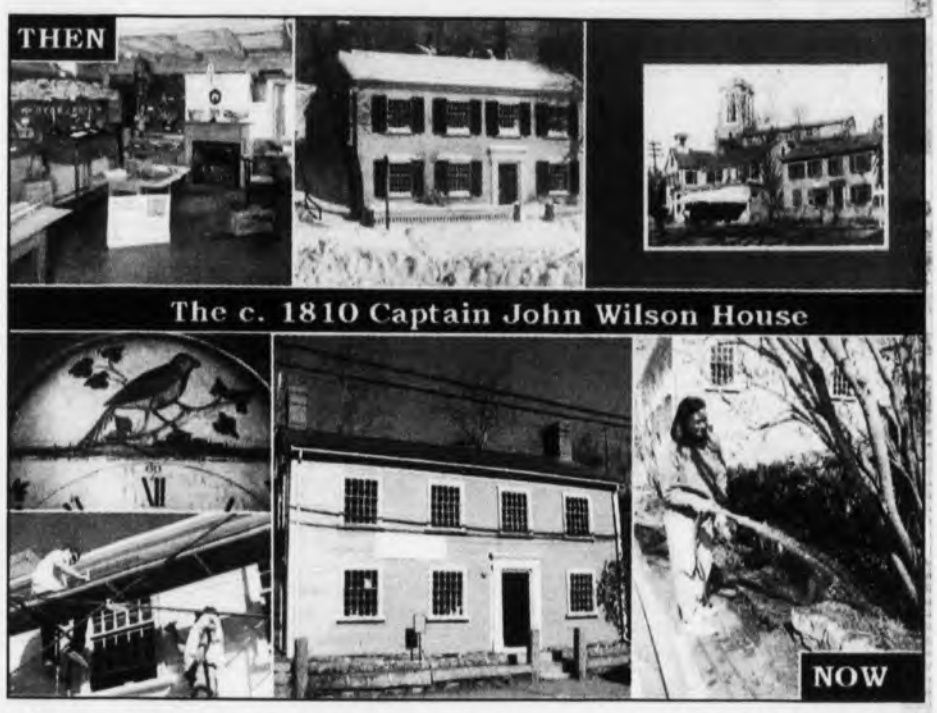
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The c. 1810 Captain John Wilson House

Our unique 1810 historic house reopens in conjunction with the Arts Festival on the Common. Please make it a point to stop by, have some cake, and see how Cohasset residents lived in the early 19th century.

The grand re-opening is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday (June 16). The historic house features new exhibits on the Wilson family and 19th century life in Cohasset.

Come see the sword left behind on Captain Wilson's ship by a British marine during the War of 1812. Learn how children played in the 19th century See how much life has changed in the last two centuries through historic artifacts, documents, furnishings and artwork.

Stop by on your way to the South Shore Arts Festival. The Captain John Wilson House is located at 4 Elm St.

Summer solstice

Almost 40 years ago, the people of Hingham generously raised funds to protect World's End from development, forever. Bring your family, friends, and picnic supper, and share in the annual Thank You celebration on the Summer Solstice, complete with music, drinks, dessert and a breathtaking sunset, from 6 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 21. The cost is $5 for members with a membership card and $10 for nonmembers. Admission is free for children under 12. To get to World's End, take Route 3A to Summer Street, to Martin's Lane to World's End. Visit thetrustees.org for details.

Pancake breakfast

Start your Father's Day off with a delicious pancake breakfast!

Sail Nantasket will be hosting the annual Father's Day Pancake Breakfast this Sunday, June 17th, from 8:30-11 am at the Hull Yacht Club, 5 Fitzpatrick Way, Hull. The public is welcome and all proceeds will benefit Sail Nantasket, a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to encouraging the sport of sailing and to administer and promote public participation in sailing related programs. A suggested donation of at least $5 will be collected at the door.



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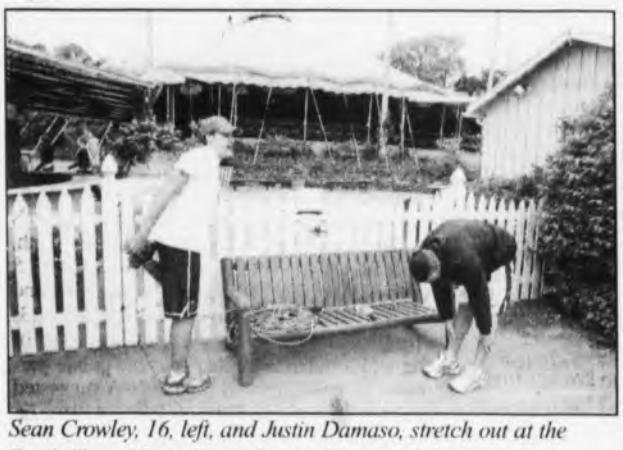
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Runners remember Clark

Chatterton Fund Run 'gives back to Cohasset'



PE teacher Michael Weydt stands with some of the young Fund Run participants. The event included a one-mile fun run for children.



Sean Crowley, 16, left, and Justin Damaso, stretch out at the South Shore Music Circus before the start of the race. Chatterton, long-time athletic director at CHS, passed away seven years ago.



Mia Donahue, 3, of Scituate reaches up to get some ice cream from Kelsie Litchfield, 17, of Scituate, who is Clark Chatterton's granddaughter. Mia's parents own Nona's in Hingham that provided ice cream for race participants.



Nicole Whitney helps Ted Straughn (Both of Cohasset) with his number before the start of Saturday's Clark Chatterton Fund Run.



Sallyann Chatterton gets a hug from Jill Patterson before the start of the race. The Clark Chatterton Fund Run is named in Sallyann's husband's honor.



Patrick Whamond, 6, right, of Hingham, cheers on his father Michael, left, as Michael strides toward the finish line. He finished with a time of 22:45 to finish second in his age group in the 3-1/5-mile run.



Mike Rooney of Bay State Service finds shelter in his van while keeping track of the times for the runners. Proceeds from the run go to the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund that enhances Cohasset's sports and recreational facilities.



Suellen Durkin of Cohasset finishes strong. She was the first female runner with a time of 24:59. Clark Chatteron, for whom the race is named, was a long-time and beloved athletic director at the high school.



Noel Hart, 8, of Cohasset, sprints down the homestretch during the run whose proceeds go to the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund that enhances Cohasset's sports and recreational facilities



Matt Gregory, 12, of Cohasset, takes a sip of his water after the race. He finished fourth in his age group with a time of 27:21.

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Cohasset Middle High School Principal Joel Antolini turns the corner to finish 10th overall with a time of 23:33.



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First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

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Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

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Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village. If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday.

During the week, you can pray with us online by visiting our website www.ststephenscohasset.org. There are several readings to listen to on topics of healing, spirituality, health, the environment, etc. You can also link to the website of our national church to learn more about what the Episcopal Church is about.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events and learn more about the parish including our Sunday programs for children and teens. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood. Appointments to speak to the staff can be made by calling or emailing. Inquirers welcome! Office hours are daily from 8:30 am until 2 pm.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Sunday, June 10th at 11 a.m.: Celebration of Vedanta Centre's 98th Anniversary.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Bible subjects for the rest of June will be: alia Mesmerism and Hypnotism, Denounced, God the Only Cause and Creator, God the Preserver of Man, Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?

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Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

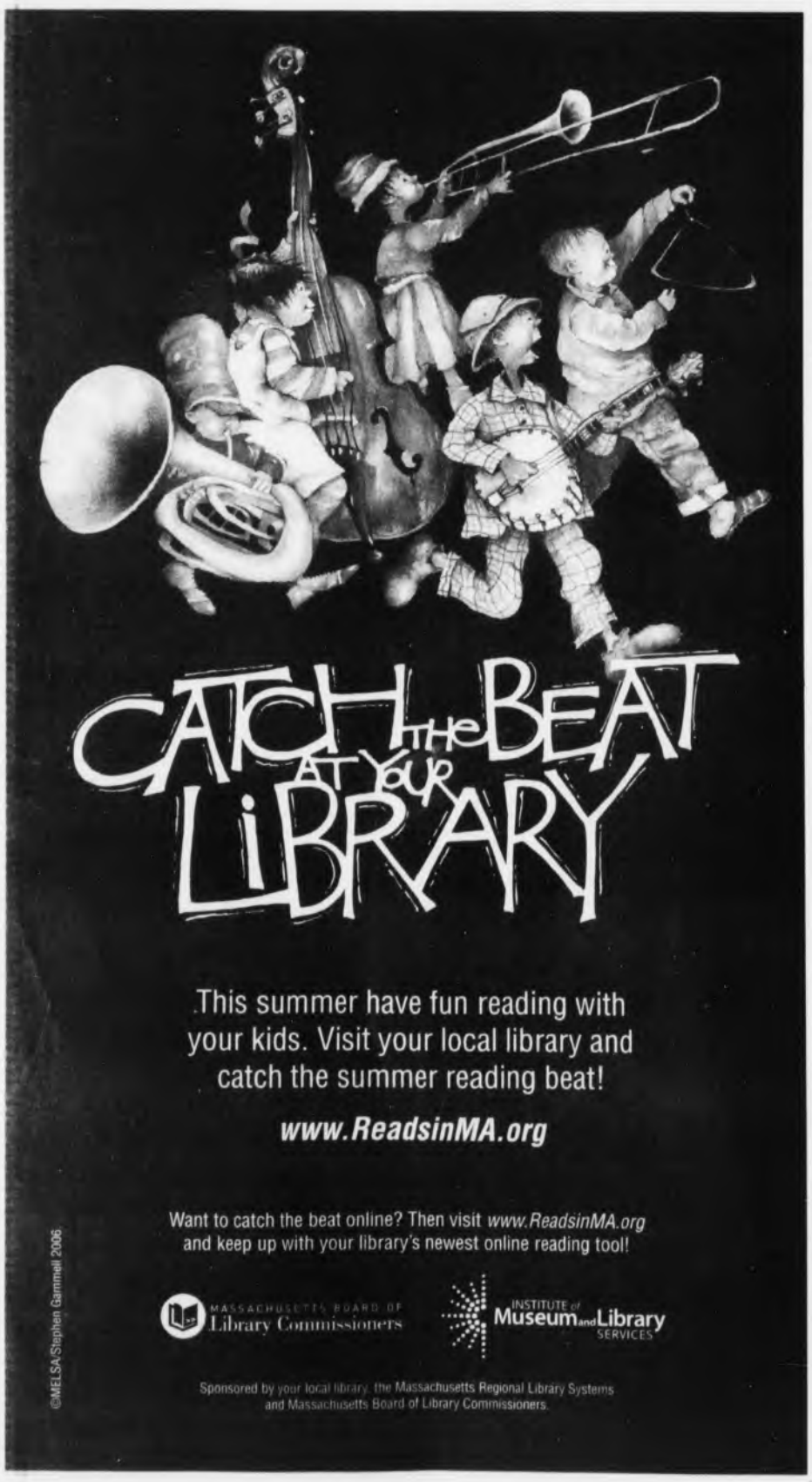


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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, MAY 28

9:58 a.m. **Elm St.**, property (recovered), walk in party reports she found the bike in front of her house and doesn't know who it belongs to. It's a small black and red SR Suntour.

12:34 p.m. **Summer St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, officer on scene requests R3 for an elderly man who is dehydrated.

12:40 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

5:19 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

5:38 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, property (recovered).

5:55 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, property (recovered), walk in party stated that she found a wallet near this location on 5/27. She dropped it off at the station.

7:45 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

7:50 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, larceny (report).

9:47 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:55 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

TUESDAY, MAY 29

12:57 a.m. **Hull St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, 884 off with erratic operator called in by Hingham. Arrest: John Edward Goncalves, 18, 467 Montello St., #1, Brockton. Charges: Possession of marijuana, marked lanes violation.

2:28 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

4:58 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, disturbance-drunks, transported SSH/ALS. 911 transfer from State Police. Caller states "there is a drunk boy in her house wreaking havoc". 17- year-old Norwell. Charges: Protective custody.

7:05 a.m. **South Main St.**, public service. South Main Street will be down to one lane from #197 about 100 yards.

7:32 a.m. **South Main St.**, fire, structure, 911 caller states she has "smoke in the basement". Box paged.

7:38 a.m. **King St.**, public service, lower King Street from CJC Highway to North Main is down to 1 lane.

9:18 a.m. **Beach St.**, missing person, missing person has been found. Mother has called to report she came home as of this morning.

9:30 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, civil matter, walk in party requests to speak to an officer.

10:42 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

10:42 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:54 a.m. **King St., and Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:32 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:40 p.m. **Pond St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:55 p.m. **Village Lane, Scituate**, well being check, transported SSH/BLS.

12:57 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, outside, 911 caller states there is a mulch fire in front of this location. E3 reports the fire was extinguished prior to their arrival.

1:16 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:30 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:40 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:56 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, officer out with a vehicle driving on a flat tire.

4:37 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, 911 caller reports a patient with an allergic reaction.

5:03 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, disabled motor vehicle, officer reports he is out with a disabled motor vehicle, nobody around.

5:42 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, well being check, caller requests a well being check on an elderly friend of hers that nobody can get a hold of.

6:52 p.m. **Cushing Rd., and Oak St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports a suspicious vehicle driving around the neighborhood looking for a male party that lives in the area. Unsure if they are looking to beat him up or make a drug deal of some sort.

7:13 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted.

7:34 p.m. **Mohawk Way**, fire, investigation, caller reports a very strong odor of gas inside his house as well as a smoke condition in the house, box has been struck. Fire Capt. reports plastic burning in the dishwasher.

8:18 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, hazard (traffic), caller reports a large tractor trailer parked on the side of 3A making it difficult for vehicle pulling out of the parking lot.

9:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, well being check, caller reports a male party walking in the road appears to be intoxicated. Officers out with the male party by the Hingham line. Officer transporting male party to Hull. Male party was not intoxicated he was just walking and talking on his cell phone, no problems.

9:31 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, 911 caller reports a resident not feeling well.

10:14 p.m. **Elm St.**, assist other Police Department. Dispatch received several 911 calls from residents in the town of Hull for a motor vehicle that crashed into a house and took off. Dispatcher was able to gather enough information and passed it along to Hull

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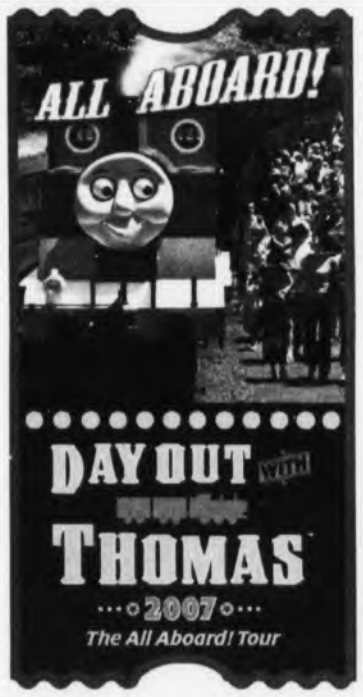


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In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death April 22, 2007

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that BARBARA A LETH of BRAINTREE in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

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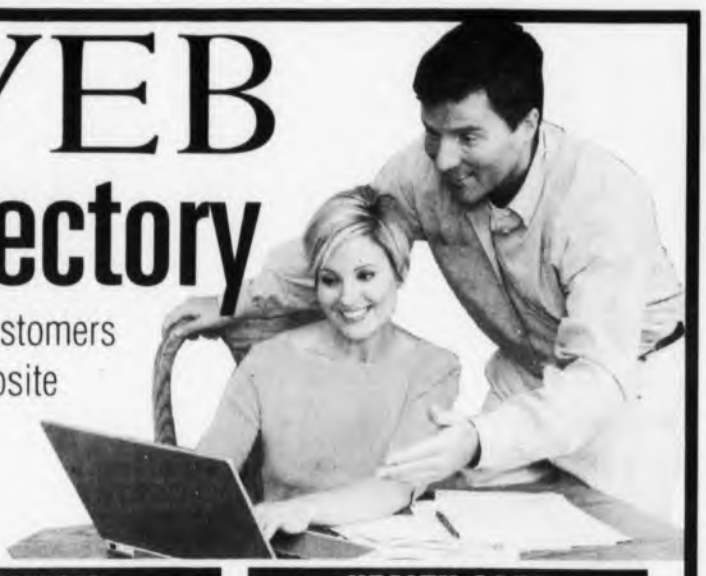
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Ryan Davis, of Hingham, died May 26, 2007.

In his short, wonderful life, Ryan Davis brought great happiness to so many people. The son of James and Janice Davis of Hingham, he was enthusiastically curious about the world around him.

As a young boy, he loved nature. He had a pet duck, several rabbits and a cockatiel named "Cookie," who sat on his shoulder as he rode his bike. He would shriek with delight as he tried to catch frogs at a pond in Barnstable, where he lived until he was 10.

As he progressed though elementary school, his interests shifted to math and science projects, which he would work on with great intensity into the early morning hours. During this time, his teachers would often ask him to mentor other students, as he had a kind and patient manner. He enthusiastically participated in the Odyssey of the Mind program.

Ryan was also an athlete. He was a member of the Cape Cod YMCA and Duxbury Dolphins swim teams. He played soccer in the Barnstable and Hingham town teams. An accomplished



Ryan Davis was a senior instructor at the Cohasset Sailing Club.

sailor, Ryan sailed at the Hyannis Yacht Club, the Lincoln Sailing Center and, most recently, he was a senior sailing instructor at the Cohasset Sailing Club.

Ryan attended Phillips Academy in Andover and MIT, where he planned to major in chemistry. Upon learning of Ryan's death, Barbara Chase, Head of School at Andover, wrote, "We remember Ryan as a brilliant, compassionate young man with tremendous potential – admired and loved by those who knew him. Whether in the classroom, where he excelled with a heavy load of the most advanced courses, or in community service, as a peer tutor or as a dormitory proctor, Ryan set and achieved high standards. He also distinguished himself through his humility, conscience and profound passion."

Ryan was a caring, sensitive son who had a dry sense of humor and an appreciation for life's ironies.

He leaves his parents, James and Janice Davis, of Hingham; three sisters, Caroline, Julie and Jenna, all of Hingham; his grandmother, Catherine M. Davis of Centerville, and many aunts, uncles and cousins. He also leaves his girlfriend of many years, Mailan Pham and his best friend, Pat McDermott.

All are invited to attend a memorial Mass for Ryan, which will be offered at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 16, at St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset. A reception in the Parish Hall will follow. Interment is private.

Donations in his memory may be made to Samaritans, Inc., Seventh Floor, 141 Tremont St., Boston, MA. 02111.

Tucker Collins

Chief of Pathology at Children's Hospital

Tucker Collins, M.D., PhD., age 54 of Cohasset, died June 8, 2007, suddenly, at home.

Dr. Collins was born and raised in Ohio. He attended Amherst College, Class of 1975 before graduating with his M.D. and PhD. from University of Rochester Medical School. He completed an internship, residency and fellowship at Brigham & Women's Hospital and became a full professor of Pathology. He was a Pew Scholar in Biomedical research and an established investigator of the American Heart Association, as well as past president of the American Society for Investigative Pathology. He became Chief of Pathology at Children's Hospital in Boston in 2001.

He leaves his wife, Mary J. Whitley; his daughter, Caroline Collins of Cohasset; his brother, Robert Duff Collins of Sharon. He was the brother of the late Catherine Leary.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Tuesday, June 19, 2007 in St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset. Private Interment at Woodside Cemetery.

Donations in his memory may be made to Children's Hospital Trust, 1 Autumn St., #731, Boston, MA. 02215-5301 or to the Cohasset Education Foundation, P.O. Box 309, Cohasset, MA. 02025.

Cathy J. Pryles

Employed by Boston Financial

Cathy J. Pryles, 56, of Hanover, formerly of Pembroke and Cohasset, died June 9, 2007, at Massachusetts General Hospital following a brief illness.

Born in Weymouth, she was the daughter of the late Arthur and Kay (Cheevers) Turner. Mrs. Pryles was raised and educated in Cohasset, and later lived in Pembroke before moving to Hanover 20 years ago.

She was a graduate of UMass-Amherst with a degree in English, and had been employed in the Utilization Review Department at Blue Cross/Blue Shield, as a customer service representative at Scudder Investments and then for Boston Financial in Quincy.

Mrs. Pryles was a former CCD teacher and lector at St. Mary Church in Hanover.

She leaves her husband, James K. Pryles; and two sons, Michael David Pryles and Kevin James Pryles, both of Hanover.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Mary of the Sacred Heart Church, Hanover. Interment in Hanover Center Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Sullivan Funeral Home, Hanover.

Memorial donations may be made to the Jimmy Fund, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 10 Brookline Place West, Sixth Floor, Brookline, MA 02445-7226.

Cecelia Sampson

Loved bowling

Cecelia (Barrows) Sampson, 92, of Cohasset, died May 27, 2007, at South Shore Hospital.

Mrs. Sampson was born and raised in Cohasset and graduated from Cohasset High School. After marrying her late husband, Mrs. Sampson moved to Hingham for 30 years, before returning to Cohasset in the early 1960s.

Mrs. Sampson was very involved with the Cohasset Senior Citizens and loved bowling, and was an active member of Cohasset Bowling League.

Wife of the late Kenneth Sampson, she leaves her niece, Margaret DeCouto; two nephews, Richard Barrows of Braintree and Bernard Barrows of Weymouth; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was the sister of the late Bernard Barrows, Frederick Barrows and Velmira Barrows.

Arrangements were made by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset. Interment at Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

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PD via radio while talking to 911 caller. Hull PD has the operator in custody.

11:14 p.m. **Pond St.**, disturbance, caller reports a vehicle just drove by and dropped off a group of youths and one of them is crying and screaming. Caller reports that the person in the vehicle was screaming "get back in the car" and then fled. Officers are out with parties involved and vehicle.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

12:36 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, well being check.

12:44 a.m. **Hull St.**, noise complaint, 2 callers complaining about the noise coming from Dinero's. Noise is from cleaning crew power washing vents and grease traps.

1:15 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious vehicle, a couple talking, sent on their way.

1:31 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:32 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks secure.

6:26 a.m. **Ripley Rd., and Tower Lane**, property (recovered), walk in party found a cell phone. Female party in HQ to pick up her daughter's cell phone.

8:48 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny (report), caller reports a vehicle driving off without paying for gas. Silver pick up truck with "Shea" written on the back, the plate given does not match. After further research dispatch found the plate similar to what the employee gave dispatch. Operator of the vehicle in question has been notified and states that he did pay the cashier 40 in cash. Officer reports they are waiting for the owner to arrive at the store to review tapes. It is confirmed employee error, the male party did pay for his fuel, no problems.

9:24 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Hull St.**, animal complaint, caller reports a baby deer laying in the middle of the road. The deer was not struck, it is just laying there.

10:45 a.m. **Bates Lane**, vandalism report, caller reports a home on Bates In was just egged. Officer reports vehicle with female driver possible male passenger known to department.

10:53 a.m. **Parking Way**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller reports minor motor vehicle crash at this location.

11:22 a.m. **Jerusalem Lane**, investigation, units to this residence for follow up investigation for suspect's vehicle.

11:48 a.m. **Jerusalem Road Drive**, suspicious activity, cell phone 911 caller reports she believes someone is in her house, there are tools laying on the front lawn and the door is open. All units off at the scene. Female was advised by dispatch to stay in her vehicle. Units have the area secured at this time.

12:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller reports a male party attempting to cash 2 false checks at this location, he did same yesterday. One male in custody for uttering false checks. Arrest: Damen Pettengill, 31, 89 Newfield St., Plymouth. Charges: Uttering false check, forgery of check, receiving stolen property of less than $250.

12:50 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, B&E of motor vehicle (report), caller reports she just returned back to her vehicle and found that her pocketbook has been stolen from her car. Female party is actually in Hingham, not Cohasset, Hingham PD notified responding.

1:22 p.m. **Smith Pl.**, animal bite, caller reports her elderly mother was just bitten by her neighbors boxers and is injured, victim was able to get the dog off of her by using her cane. The caller reports that the dog did tear her mother's dress and did puncture the skin.

5:37 p.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:37 p.m. **Nantasket Ave., Hull**, medical aid, transported QMC/ALS.

6:01 p.m. **Schofield Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:54 p.m. **Elm St.**, warrant services.

7:12 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, bloody nose.

9:01 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:07 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

9:58 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted.

10:07 p.m. **Lothrop Lane**, disturbance, caller reports loud kids hanging out at Sandy Cove, she reports a group of kids took her boat there the other night, she thinks it may be the same group of kids.

TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

JUNE 14-21, 2007

Theater review

Ending on a funny note

'Present Laughter' fills the bill at Huntington Theatre

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

When the Huntington Theatre Company had to postpone its planned revival of "Streamers" until next fall, Artistic Director Nicholas Martin quickly replaced the David Rabe drama with a classic Noel Coward comedy, "Present Laughter," and cast his old friend Victor Garber in the starring role. In doing so, Martin found a silver lining in what might otherwise have been a problem for the Huntington's 25th anniversary year and gave audiences the perfect production to close out a very impressive season.

Set in the 1930s London, "Present Laughter" is thought by many to be Coward's most autobiographical play. Written in 1939 and first produced on Broadway 61 years ago, it pulls back the curtain on a past-his-prime, but still devilishly charming matinee idol as he prepares to leave for six months on the road in Africa. The grueling repertory schedule that awaits him might be cause for concern some, but for Garry Essendine it will likely be a welcome respite from the whirlwind that is his complicated, complex personal life.

Victor Garber — known to audiences from feature films like "Legally Blonde," his five-year run on the ABC-TV drama "Alias" and Broadway roles in "Deathrap" and the 1994 revival of the musical "Damn Yankees" in which he played no less than the Devil himself — is masterful as the stylishly self-absorbed stage star. Like his friends, romantic conquests, and beleaguered household staff, you'll be hard-pressed to take your eyes off Essendine, even as he eyes himself in the mirror each and every chance he gets. Garber is a versatile actor, for sure, but his work in this role reminds us that he has more than enough star power to command center stage for close to three hours and make every minute fly by.



PHOTO BY T. CHARLES ERICKSON

The night before he's to sail to Africa on a six-month theatre tour, aging matinee idol Garry Essendine (Victor Garber) is exhausted by the demands of life including ex-wife Liz (Lisa Barnes) in the Huntington Theatre Company's production of "Present Laughter," directed by Nicholas Martin and running through June 17 at the Huntington's B.U. Theatre.



Hingham actress Alice Duffy portrays Lady Saltburn, in "Present Laughter."

Fittingly, Director Martin has given his leading man a company of supporting players whom a real-life Essendine himself would envy. As Essendine's ex-wife, Lisa Banes is divine as perhaps the only stalwart presence in his life. Her confident elegance and bemused outlook make her the perfect person to steady her ex, even when he seems determined to sink in the self-created drama that is his life.

Coward's wonderfully wicked way with words is in full evidence as the story unfolds and Essendine finds himself ensnared in a series of romantic entanglements. In just the few days left before he departs for Africa, Essendine must deal with visits from more than one woman who wants to seduce him including Daphne Stillington (Holley Fain), a young woman dazzled by his star power, and Joanna Lyppoatt (Pamela J. Gray), a manipulative maneater. He also has to deal with his own staff including a put-upon personal assistant, Monica Reed (Sarah Hudnut), a chainsmoking maid, Miss Erikson (local favorite Nancy E. Carroll), and his seen-and-done-it-all-before manservant, Fred (James Joseph O'Neill). As if that weren't enough, there's also a daft young playwright, Roland Maule (Brooks Ashmanskas, a 2007 Tony Award nominee for "Martin Short: Fame Becomes Me"), whose dementia adds another frenetic dimension to the already frenzied goings on in Essendine's posh London flat. I won't spoil it for those with tickets this weekend, but don't miss Ashmanskas's scene with Hingham actress Alice Duffy as Lady Saltburn, elderly aunt and guardian to Daphne. They are only together briefly, but what they do in that time is priceless.

Under Nicholas Martin's direction, a first-rate cast makes sure that the comedy comes because they take even the most farcical of the proceedings seriously, thus helping this stellar production avoid the pitfall of self-consciousness often common to Coward interpreters. Scenic designer Alexander Dodge has given Essendine a glorious London home complete with an over-sized painting of the lord of the manor done up as Hamlet. Mariann Verheyn has designed costumes that suit each character perfectly, and with help from Bloomingdale's at Chestnut Hill, has given Garber an array of the most elegant silk dressing gowns that seem to have come straight from Savile Row.

The Huntington Theatre Company's production of "Present Laughter" will be at the Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Avenue, through June 17. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-266-0800 or go online at huntingtontheatre.org.



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South Shore Arts Center Festival, Cohasset Common, Cohasset, June 15, from 2 to 7 p.m.;, June 16, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and June 17, noon to 6 p.m. A free trolley shuttles visitors from nearby parking. A $5 entrance donation is requested.

Fine craft artisans - 100 of them selling handmade jewelry, ceramics, clothing, fine art and photography, as well as home and garden products are the centerpiece of the South Shore Art Center Festival, now in its 52nd year. Entertainment, art demonstrations and hands-on activities will also be on-hand.

Festival food from lobster rolls and strawberry shortcake prepared by local church volunteers, to gyros and Greek salad, plus fried dough and, kettle corn has become a tradition at the annual Arts Festival, which is held on Father's Day weekend. For information and directions, visit www.ssac.org or phone 781-383-2787.







Calendar of events

Thursday, June 14

Meet the Artist features Charles Stockbridge. In collaboration with the Scituate Public Library, the Scituate Arts Association invites you to attend its next "Meet the Artist" Series, which will be held Thursday evening, June 14, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the library. **Charles Stockbridge,** a well-known Scituate artist and Front Street Art Gallery member, will conduct the featured demonstration

The next meeting of the Southeastern Massachusetts Mineral Club, will be held on Thursday, June 14, at 7:30 p.m. The biannual auction will take place at this time. The auction will be held at South Shore Natural Science Center at 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell. The public is invited. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served.

Hingham artist **Anita Franks** solo show "Dualities" may be viewed in the Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery from through June 29 during Library hours. There will be an opening reception for Anita Franks on Thursday, June 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. the public is invited to meet the artist. For information call 781-741-1405 or visit www.hinghamlibrary.org



Andrea Lovett

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Island Grove Park in Abington welcomes back storyteller **Andrea Lovett** and her story telling series Folktales From the Forest on the June 16 at 10 a.m. Free and open to the public. Lovetts brings new tales to tell and songs to sing. Morning stories are located in the gazebo. The park is located on both Lake St. and Park St., in Abington. 781-871-5892 or visit http://andrealovett.blogspot .com

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset June 14, at 8 p.m. **Trace Adkins**. Tickets $51.25 by calling Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com The South Shore Music Circus Box Office is open daily from noon until 6 p.m. for in-person sales only. For Group Sales ticket purchases, call 781-383-9860

L. Knife & Son will cosponsor the **Summer Concert Series** for the 2007 season, with the Town of Plymouth Promotions Fund, the Plymouth Cultural Council and the Music Performance Funds. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m., at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following Tuesday. June 14, **the Legion Bud Band**.

Kilroy's Café, 132 East Howard St., Quincy. Open mike hosted by **Bag Full of Blues** June 14, at 8 p.m. no cover!

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke **Texas Hold Em** every Thursday night 6:45 and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. June 14 **Radio For the Blind.**

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

Run of the Mill, 6 Spring Lane, Plymouth, June 14, **Martini Night** 508-830-1262.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Satch Romano's New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam with at 9:15 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Venus II, 277 Ocean St., Marshfield June 14, **DJ Jeff**. 781-837-6369.

Friday, June 15

Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners, Braintree **Comedy Night** featuring **Jim Lauletta, Annette Pollack, Chris Bilello, Chris Chandler and host Jeff Clough.** Admission: $15. Advance reservations rquested by call 781-848-0300. For information visit jimbossteakandfin.com or myspace.com/annettepollack.

EDAVILLE USA, Pine St., Carver. All Aboard For Thomas & Friends June 15-17 and 22-25. Enjoy a 20-minute ride with Thomas, meet SirTopham Hatt, enjoy storytelling, live music and much more. For tickets and information visit www.ticketweb.com or call 866-468-7630 or visit www.thomasandfriends.com Tickets $16 for ages two and up. Advance purchase is recommended. Events are rain or shine.

Mark your calendar

SCITUATE ART ASSOCIATION Art's Alive Weekend begins June 23, which includes an Open Studio Tour Show and Reception, Plein Air painting around Scituate Harbor and a Wet Paint show at the Front Street Gallery. For details see their web site at www.scituateart.com or contact Janet Cornacchio at jcornacch@aol.com or 781-545-7613.

SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY announces the 2007 season of *Evenings Under the Stars* at the Jane Carr Amphitheater, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham, and the Performing Arts Center, Alden Street, Duxbury. Black Sea Salsa Band kicks off the season at the Carr Amphitheater on July 7Ticket prices are $14 and $22 for evening performances, $15 (adults) and $5 (children) for Sunday mornings. Subscriptions are available. Tickets may be purchased online at www.southshoreconservatory.org, by phone at 781-749-7565, ext. 14, and in person at the Conservatory offices in Hingham and Duxbury. Call to request a brochure. All venues are wheelchair accessible.

TWENTY-THIRD FOYER FAMILY FAIR AND YARD SALE will be held on June 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Foyer of Charilty, 74 Hollett St.,, Scituate. Donations of quality new and used household items are needed and may be dropped at the Foyer Barn until June 10. This year's Raffle's grand prize is an Eight Day Holiday for Two in Ireland with airfare included. Call the Foyer for tickets at 781-545-1080.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance June 15, 8:30 p.m. to midnight at the Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland Exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte. 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by award winning DJ Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes and match game prizes. Free dancing lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples age 30 and over. Admission before 9 p.m. is $10. Proper business-casual dress; collared dress shirt & slacks acceptable. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club. Visit www.se-4u.com or call 781-446-0234 for information.

Join members of the South Shore Democratic Caucus in honoring **Phil Johnston** for his distinguished public service with special guests **Senator Edward Kennedy** and Governor Dukakis on June 15 at the Braintree Sheraton Hotel, 37 Forbes Road, Braintree, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. cocktail hour, 7:30 p.m. dinner and presentations $50 per person RSVP to JimCantwell@GDC-Law.com or call 781-837-1960.

TOPS, (take off pounds sensibly) a weight loss support group, meets on Fridays at the Duxbury COA on Mayflower St. Duxbury. Weigh-in 9 a.m. to

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Wrestling with success

Main event features Olympic gold medalist

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

As a 1996 Olympic Gold Medalist in free-style wrestling and the current star of Total Non-Stop Action Wrestling (TNA), which will set up its patented hexagonal ring at the South Shore Music Circus on June 22, Kurt Angle knows what it's like to be on top of both the amateur and professional wrestling worlds. He also knows first hand that success in one does not lead to success in the other.

"Very few amateur wrestlers make it at the professional level, because the latter is such a different experience. In amateur wrestling, you're there to win so you ignore the crowd and focus all your attention and energy on your opponent. At the professional level, it is just the opposite. Professional wrestling isn't fake, but there is a pre-determined winner of each match. The fans try and guess who is going to win, but half the time they're wrong, because a lot of what we do during a match is not pre-determined. At the professional level, it's all about moves that are sharp, snug and crisp. You have to focus on the crowd and feed off their energy as you use the match to tell a story. The wrestling has to be real, but you also have to be a good actor," said Angle by telephone from his Pittsburgh home last week.

If Angle's success in Atlanta 11 years ago cemented his status as one of the best American wrestlers of all time, then his six world championships, during eight years, with World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) made it clear that Angle is also one of the shining stars of pro wrestling.

When his eight-year relationship with WWE — and its mercurial owner Vince McMahon — tarnished last year, however, Angle was quickly signed by TNA to be a main event wrestler on its highly rated Spike TV program.



1996 Olympic gold Medalist freestyle wrestler Kurt Angle and Total Non-Stop Action Wrestling (TNA) will be at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset, on Thursday, June 22.

"I quit WWE because I was always on the road and I had no home life. For the first three years of her life, my daughter, Kyra, would call me 'Kurt,' whenever I was home. I think she thought I was just visiting the house. I had to remind her that I was 'Daddy.' I just really needed a break. I work less now, but I have a real role in the development and success of TNA."

And a chance at a healthier, more balanced life. Injuries that long ago left Angle with chronic neck pain also resulted in the Pennsylvania native becoming addicted to prescription pain medication. According to the 38-year-old Angle, WWE was not interested in seeing him address the problem. They were only interested in seeing their star in the ring.

"I had a real problem. My daily pill intake was astronomical. More often than not, I was wrestling for WWE while completely high on pain killers. Around this time, too, my sister died, and my wife and I separated. I was really down and I needed help, but the WWE wouldn't even give me three months off to go to rehab. They made me feel like a number and not a person. Vince McMahon has one of the greatest minds in pro wrestling and I give him a lot of credit for what he has done, but before I was through with them, WWE had taken just about everything they could from me, except my name."

Angle's name entered the history books in 1996 on a hot summer's day that he will never forget.

"Winning the Olympic gold medal was the realization of a dream I had since I was 5 years old. That experience was a feeling like none other, except maybe having my two children (son Kody was born in 2006) and kicking painkillers."

Angle may have stood alone on the gold medal podium, but he shared his other triumphs with his wife, Karen, whom he married on Dec. 19, 1998.

"I'm very lucky my wife took me back. She really helped me kick my addiction. Now I work with a team of doctors who are pain specialists. I take a pain blocker, which is non-addictive, instead of a pain killer. I feel so much better now. Things are going tremendously well and I have the full support of TNA."

In return, Angle gives the Nashville-based company his full professional focus.

"I'm always talking to the office about talent and storylines," explains Angle, who will wrestle the main event in Cohasset. "In TNA, we have more athleticism and some unbelievable wrestling. I'm committed to making TNA the biggest thing in pro wrestling."

Kurt Angle and Total Non-Stop Action Wrestling (TNA) will be at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset, on Thursday, June 22. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-931-2787 or go on online at www.themusiccircus.org

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The Ventress Library, Library Plaza Marshfield hosts the fourth annual **Bloomsday Celebration of James Joyce** as **Saturdays At The Ventress Finale** June 16. Bridgewater State College professor **Dr. Michael Boyd** and Irish literature scholar **Dr. Garland Kimmer** come to the Ventress Library on Saturday, June 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. to lead readings of James Joyce's "Ulysses." Follow in the footsteps of the book's principal character, Leopold Bloom, around the streets of Dublin in this modern retelling of Homer's "The Odyssey." Join Bloomsday celebrants around the world in remembering June 16, 1904. Dublin street maps, pub snacks, and copies of "Ulysses" will be available at the library. The annual Bloomsday event coincides with the finale of this season's "Saturdays at the Ventress Library" Knowledge of the literature discussed is helpful but not required. Come join in the discussion or just listen in the literary ambiance of the decorated Program Room. in 1906 attire is optional. Free and open to the public. For further information call librarian Chris Woods at 781-834-5535, email at cwoods@ocln.org or visit ventresslibrary.org

The Maxwell Conservation Trust in Scituate is putting on a free Family Fun Day on June 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mt. Hope Improvement Society Building, at the corner of Clapp Road and Cedar Street in Scituate's West End. Free entertainment will be the focus of the celebration including guided hikes of the Litchfield property, a moon walk, face painting, "Max Pics" (pictures taking with Maxwell, the golden retriever that the trust is named for) and live music by Kathie Lee, Howard Mathews and Jessie and Loni Allen. Refreshments will be available for purchase. For further information, call Cynde Robbins on 781-545-4167.

Bird walk around Straits Pond, Hull and Cohasset.from 8 to 10 a.m., June 16. Meet Cohasset birder, Sally Avery, at 8 a.m. at the base of Summit Ave. in Hull, near the Cohasset line. 781-383-6043.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell presents **China Odyssey** artwork will be on display through June 23, in Vine Hall Gallery. Marshfield artist, **Flora Moynihan** captures the magic of China and Tibet through her paintings and photographs. Join the artist at her free opening reception on Saturday, **June 9** from 2 to 4 p.m. For information visit www.ssnsc.org or call 781-659-2559.

Beneath the Streets of Boston exhibit through June 28 the Dolphin Gallery at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham will exhibit the stunningly realistic sepia-toned watercolors created by commercial and architectural illustrator Joe McKendry for his 2005 book *"Beneath the Streets of Boston: Building America's First Subway"*. The watercolor paintings resemble the archival photographs on which they're based and convey realistic views of the building of Boston's early public transit system. 781-741-1405 x 2600.

Run of the Mill, 6 Spring Lane, Plymouth, offers traditional Irish Seisiun every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety, from sea chanteys, rebel

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The South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham, presents an exhibit featuring paintings of scenes of Hingham Gardens by many local and regional plein-air artists. Artists will capture the colors of spring from now through June 12 and then they will submit their paintings to the South Street Gallery for the opening event which will take place at the South Street Gallery on Friday, June 15, from 6 to 9 p.m., refreshments will be served. The "Gardens of Hingham" will be on display from June 15 through July 1. Portion of all proceeds will be donated to the Hingham Historical Society. Hours are from Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 12 to 5 p.m. For additional information, call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.



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9:45 a.m. meeting 10 to 11 a.m. Interested? Call Vivian 508-746-3839.

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset June 15, at 8 p.m. **An Evening with John McDermott** Tickets $48.25/$34.25 by calling Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com The South Shore Music Circus Box Office is open daily from noon until 6 p.m. for in-person sales only. For Group Sales ticket purchases, call 781-383-9860.

Helen's Café, 16 Commercial St. Braintree, June 15, **Bag Full of Blues** 781-356-4311 http://www.myspace.com/bagfullofblues

JM PRODUCTIONS presents **Dane Vannatter Tony Bennett Show** June 15, at Raffael's Nantasket. Call 617-786-SHOW or visit www.jmproductionspresents.com

New England Singles Dances – ages 40 and over June 15, from 8 p.m. to midnight VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission $8 visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance. Friday, June 15, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St. Rockland. Exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte. 3. (781)446-0234. www.se-4u.com. Dancing with music by Award-winning DJ from 8:30-12:00 AM. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes, and match game prizes. Free dance lessons from 7:30-8:30. For singles & couples, 30+ years old. Split-the-pot drawing at 10. Cost is $10 before 9. Proper business-casual dress; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. June 15, **Spank** 781-829-6999.

Monponsett Inn, 550 Monponsett Street, Halifax, Friday, June 15, in the lounge, **Cruisin** at 7 p.m. 781-293-2116.

Venus II, 277 Ocean St., Marshfield June 15, **Elbow Room** 781-837-6369.

Run of the Mill, 6 Spring Lane, Plymouth, **Tex Mad Dog & the Cat** 508-830-1262.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, June 15 **Mission of Blues** blues Cover $6. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Saturday, June 16

The Plymouth Antiquarian Society will hold its **Hearth and Home tours** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee is $25 or $20 for members and includes a reception at the 1749 Spooner House. Explore selected areas of a range of private homes, dating from Colonial to contemporary times. For information, call Plymouth Antiquarian Society at 508-746-0012.

Buttonwood Books & Toys welcomes Hingham residents **Molly Manley** and **Janet Marshall** June 16, 10 a.m. at Buttonwood, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A in Cohasset. They will be reading from and speaking about their latest collaboration **On a Vineyard Veranda**, a picture book filled with catchy limericks and playful pictures about Martha's Vineyard. Free Event. If you are unable to attend and would like order a personalized and /or signed copy, call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

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New England Weather

The Old Ship Church Parish Hall in Hingham Square. Special guest award-winning songwriter John Schindler will open the concert. The Tickets are $5. Part of the proceeds will benefit the UUA/Unitarian Universalist Service Committee Gulf Coast Relief Fund to help some of the thousands of Hurricane Katrina survivors who are still struggling to rebuild their homes and get their lives back in order. For further information, contact New England Weather members Ken Porter,617-803-6612 or Mike Delaney, 857-939-8893.



John Schindler

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songs and songs of loss, to jigs, reels and hornpipes, with great craic and sing-along. Admission is free. No cover. Come sing, come play, come listen. Call 508-830-1262.

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset June 16, at 8 p.m. **Taylor Hicks**. Tickets $39.75 by calling Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com The South Shore Music Circus Box Office is open daily from noon until 6 p.m. for in-person sales only. For Group Sales ticket purchases, call 781-383-9860 .

The Hanover Bandstand Summer Concert series begins on Hanover Day from 7 to 9 p.m. June 16, with a concert by the **Southeastern Philharmonic Orchestra.** June 23 (Bonfire) Satuit Band will perform. Free and handicap accessible. Beginning in July concerts take place on Sundays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The Hanover bandstand is located on Route 139, Hanover Center. For information visit the bandstand web site at hanover-ma.gov

French Memories Café, 175 South Main St, Cohasset. Every Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5 p.m. **Drift Away with Joe'n J** will perform. 781-383-2216.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. June 16, **Double Take,** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, presents **Slo Burn** 781-335-9796. www.nextpagecafe.com

Venus II, 277 Ocean St., Marshfield June 16, **DJ Tom P** 781-837-6369.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, June 16 **Toni Lynn Washington**, blues. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sunday, June 17

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, presents **The Dave Foley Band** every Sunday 781-335-9796. Shows 9:15p.m., no cover. www.nextpagecafe.com



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Cole Bros. Circus of the Stars June 18 and 19. **Memorial Field** in Abington. Showtimes are 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Doors open at The Moto Tamdeonhouse. Acrobats of China, jugglers, aerial gymnasts, clowns, horses, flying trapeze, Asian elephants, prancing poodles, the human cannonball and much more. Adults $17 or kids age 2 to 12 $12 Reserved seat upgrade $3 VIP seat upgrade $5. For info call 1-800-796-5672 or visit gotothecircus.com Tickets on sale at Mikes and Daves Barbershop, Extra Space Storage, Douglas Jewelers and the committee ticket wagon. The circus is a major fund-raiser for Abington Fourth of July fireworks committee.

Tent Raising - Opening Day – 7 to 10 a.m. Cole Bros. Circus invites you to see the best free show on the planet. Witness the circus build a big top in just one morning. Bring your cameras. Best photo opportunities are from 8 to 10 a.m. Ample free parking. School buses and group tours are welcome. For guided tours, contact the Circus Marketing Director at least 24 hours in advance of opening day.

Monday, June 18

Boston Early Music Festival presents 14 Concerts by preeminent international soloists and ensembles as part of week-long "Early Music Extravaganza" June 11-17. Alongside the exhibition are dozens of fringe concerts by established and emerging artists; scholarly symposia and public discussions on a variety of topics affecting the field of early music; Family Day programs; and Masterclasses by Festival artists. Full details on all events at the 2007 Boston Early Music Festival can be found at www.bemf.org, or call 617-661-1812 for a complete brochure.

Colonial Lantern Tours of Plymouth celebrate their 25th anniversary by offering a special **Evening Historical Walking Tour** program hosted by Pilgrim-costumed guides. Tours will run daily through November, departing from Plymouth Rock at 6 and 7:30 p.m. Special ticket prices are available for this walk at $15 for adults and $12 for children under 12. Tickets may be purchased from your guide, online at www.lanterntours.com at the Plymouth Visitor Center, or at John Carver Inn. For information or to arrange group reservations, call 774-454-8126.

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Norma McKenzie** will continue to exhibit her work for the month of June at the Tufts Library, 456 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-337-8134.

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Monday and is highly recommended for newcomers. All are welcome. For information, call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857.

Tuesday, June 19

Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton. June 19, from 1 to 4 p.m. **the Olde Kids**, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era. Admission $5 per person. No smoking. Wheelchair accessible. 781-767-3911.

Oceanside 17 Studio & Gallery, 17 Rockland Circle., Hull, **Summer Days -New Paintings by Franny Andahazy** Hours: Tuesday through Sunday Call 781-773-1563. Accessible to all, no admission. June 8 to 27. 781-773-1563.

Call for entries

The North River Arts Society invites artists to enter the 2009 Art Calendar Competition and Exhibit. This competition is open to all artists, professional and amateur, working in 2D; painting, drawing, printmaking, and mixed media. No photography will be accepted into this exhibit. All art must be original work of the applicant, created without the aid of an instructor. Entries must be sent by July 9, 2007; those postmarked after July 9, 2007 will not be accepted. Send your completed entry packet to: NRAS Art Calendar Competition, P.O. Box 307, Marshfield Hills, MA 02051.Artists will be notified by July 30, 2007 as to whether or not they have been selected as a finalist in the exhibition. Sixty finalists will be selected for an exhibit, which will be held at the G.A.R. Hall Gallery from Sept. 14 - 23, 2007. Contact the NRAS office with any questions: 781-837-8091 or email: info@northriverarts.org. Details also available on website: www.northriverarts.org.



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Monponsett Inn, 550 Monponsett St., Halifax, celebrates the summer party with **The Baha Brothers** Friday, June 15, doors open at 7 p.m. Island buffet dinner and dancing. Advance tickets: $35 per person. 781-293-2116.

Women of the South Shore If you love to sing come to the open rehearsals of The Island Grove Chorus- a women's acapella singing group. Meet at the United Church of Christ Route 18 in Abington, on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. Call Joanne 781-843-4355 or Judy 781-848-5843.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. June 19 Free **Texas Hold Em. With Northern Poker League.**

The Snug, 114 North St., Hingham, every Tuesday night 8:30 p.m. **Drift Away Trio** featuring **J Place, Joe Micarelli**, and **John Litwin.** No cover 781-749-9774.

Wednesday, June 20

Duxbury Free Library and **Westwinds Bookshop** will present national author **Claire Cook** on her return visit to Duxbury. Cook will read from her newest novel, **Life's A Beach,** discuss her success and entertain attendees with her humor at 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 20, in the library's Merry Meeting Room. Free tickets for the event will be available at Westwinds Bookshop and the library circulation desk beginning May 30. This program is sure to be standing room only, so pick up tickets early. Tickets will be required for admission. For information about this event and other library programs, call 1-781-934-2721, ext. 104, or visit duxburyfreelibrary.org and follow the link.

***Mayflower II's* 50th Anniversary**! When was the last time you were carded? Thanks to Eastern Bank, beginning June 13. through the end of the 2007 season, anyone born in 1957 is invited to visit *Mayflower II* for FREE. *Valid ID required.* Museum admission includes invitation to join us at State Pier between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for a piece of Anniversary cake. Joe Meany, the American cabin boy on *Mayflower II's* 1957 journey, will kick off the summer of special events.

South Shore Conservatory, 64 St. George St., Duxbury campus presents **The Celebrating 10 Years of Magic festival**, June 13, form 5 to 7 p.m., join current and former South Shore Conservatory students and their families in celebrating their 10th anniversary. The festival will include pizza, dessert, musical entertainment, face painting and children's activities. For further information or to RSVP, contact Betty Shed at 781-934-2731 ext. 19. The public is welcome to join the festivities.

Free alcoholism counseling: The FAMILY PROJECT is a research study which offers free treatment to find out whether adding family counseling to one-on-one recovery counseling leads to more sobriety for individuals with alcohol problems. Individuals ages 18-65 with a current alcohol problem who live with a family member other than a spouse are eligible. The study is conducted by researchers at Harvard Medical School and Bay State Community Services, Inc. For information, call the Family Project at Bay State Community Services at 617.694.2602.

The South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Feed the Animals an Ongoing Program every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Saturdays and Monday Holidays at 10 a.m. Free with admission.



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The Pinehills Plymouth will celebrate the arts on Saturday, June 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. where more than 80 local and regional artists will display and sell their work at this year's third annual *Art on the Green.* Duxbury artists, Jodie Cash, Marla Bosworth, Gina Angell, and **Charles Sorrento** will all be taking part in *Art on the Green.* Cash features hand-made Kinsale Designs jewelry. Bosworth has created two lines of bath products (Back Porch Soap Co. and Bath Studio), which include soaps. Angell creates unique beads and beautiful jewelry. Sorrento just recently retired from teaching art and is pursuing his art fulltime. He uses oils, watercolor, pencil, pen and ink. Art on the Green will feature artists specializing in a wide variety disciplines including: oil painting, photography, gourd sculpture, contemporary portraits, jewelry design and much more. There will also be a special kid's area with entertainment and a place for kids to design a tie for dad – a Father's Day gift to remember for a lifetime! The steel drum band "Magic of Steel" will also be performing from 11a.m. to3 p.m. Free and open to the public. For information visit www.pinehills.com *Rain date:* Sunday, June 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, June 21

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands is organizing two cruises to Spectacle Island June 21. The boat leaves Rowes Wharf in downtown Boston (closest T, South Station on the Red Line). The first trip departs at 6 p.m. and arrives back at 8:30 p.m.; the second is from 6.30 to 9 p.m. Tickets can be bought at Rowes Wharf on the day from 5 p.m. (cash only). The cost is $20 for adults, $17 for seniors (65+) and Friends of the Boston Harbor Island members, $11 for children (3 – 12), while babies travel for free. No food or beverages available– bring a picnic. For information about Friends activities visit www.fbhi.org, and to check availability call 781-740-4290.

The Plymouth Farmers' Market - The cowbell will be rung to open the 2007 season at 2:30 p.m. The market is held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. **The Plymouth Farmers' Market** is organized to provide fresh, local, seasonal produce grown by regional family farmers to be sold directly to Plymouth area residents and visitors. Each week local farmers bring fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs, eggs, cut flowers and plants. Local food crafters bring cheeses, gelato, yogurt, jams, sauces, honey, grain side dishes, breads, baked goodies and other handmade sundries such as soaps, herbals, glass artwork and fresh caught lobsters. Go to enjoy the fresh produce and homemade goodies while listening to live music each week playing over Plymouth's inner harbor. Today's performer will be **Folk Harpist Shelley Otis**. For information, contact Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.

L. Knife & Son will cosponsor the **Summer Concert Series** for the 2007 season, with the Town of Plymouth Promotions Fund, the Plymouth Cultural Council and the Music Performance Funds. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin each Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following Tuesday. **June 21, Lenny Vaz German Band.**

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53, Washington St. Pembroke. June 21 **Living Proof** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Satch Romano's New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam featuring **Bangkok Blues Society** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.



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The Mt Hope Coffee House, corner of Clapp and Cedar streets, Scituate will be hosted by the **BearBones Band** on June 16 Other performers include Somethin' Else, Burning Moth, Andy Bergsten, Kathie Lee, Bob Garvin, David Smith, Donna Harrington, Wayne Frieden and Susie Arana. Doors open at 7 p.m., music 7:30 to 11 p.m. $5 at door. Proceeds to benefit Mt Hope Improvement Society Scholarship Fund. Open to everyone. Contact Walter or Chris for more info 781-544-3122.

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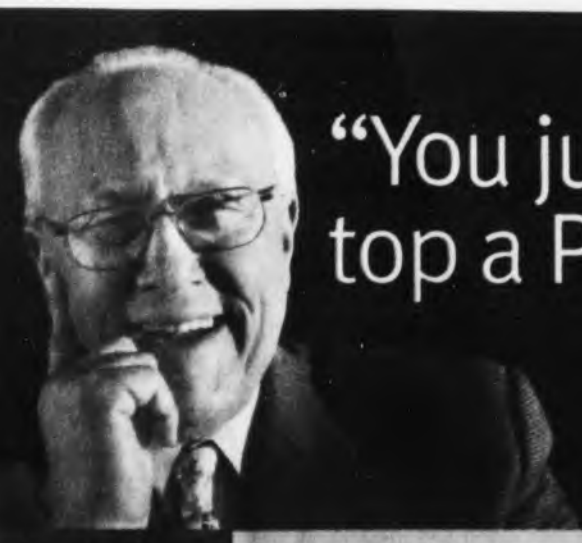


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Coast Guard honors lightkeepers with plaque

Artifacts of original Minot's searched for

By John Galluzzo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Word passed down through oral tradition tells residents of Cohasset and Scituate that the designer of the original Minot's Lighthouse was so embarrassed by its catastrophic failure during a storm on the night of April 16/17, 1851, that he ordered the entirety of the light's remains to be immediately salvaged from the sea floor and taken away. Historians are still trying to prove or disprove that story.

This week, the Coast Guard took up the challenge.

On Monday morning, the 175-foot buoy tender Abbie Burgess, homeported to Rockland, Maine, cruised from the Coast Guard's North End of Boston base of operations to the waters to the northwest of today's Minot Light, the granite structure that in 1860 replaced the lost tower. The trip that got the cutter there took a little more than an hour, but the road that brought the various players aboard the vessel that day stretched out much longer.

By requesting the right to place an underwater plaque somewhere on or near the site of the 1851 lighthouse tragedy in memory of lost lightkeepers Joseph Wilson and Joseph Antoine, the nonprofit Foundation for Coast Guard History set in motion a plan bigger than it ever imagined would take place.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Deck hands from the crew of USCGC Abbie Burgess prepare to lower the Foundation for Coast Guard History's plaque in memory of lightkeepers Joseph Wilson and Joseph Antoine as crowds look on.

Treating Treat's

ACE pond plan before selectmen

By Nancy White
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In the next few weeks, the Board of Selectmen will make a determination on whether the town is interested in implemeñting an Army Corps of Engineers' plan to revitalize Treat's Pond as a salt-marsh ecosystem. Treat's Pond is located on the ocean side of Atlantic Avenue, near White Head Road.

Treat's Pond current conditions are not characteristic of a thriving salt marsh. The area is dominated by phragmites, an invasive plant that prefers to grow in a mix of salt and fresh water. There is little tidal exchange between the ocean at Sandy Cove and the pond leaving much of the area stagnant. Right now a 24-inch diameter pipe is the only means of exchange, which is only opened intermittently by the Department of Public Works. The Army Corps objectives include increasing tidal exchange, reducing velocities, creating a sedimentation basin and providing a means of controlling water flow.

David Larsen, the Army Corps project manager, presented to the Selectmen and an audience of close to 20 residents four different alternatives to alleviate the problem. From the federal Army Corps standpoint the primary objective is to restore the salt marsh, but its efforts may have some side benefits for flooding and stormwater management.

The Army Corps laid out two alternatives the town could pursue, but it did not recommend either. The first option would be to take no action on the issue. In taking no action, Larsen said their

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Village vision

Merchants, property owners at meeting

By Nancy White
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When a group of diverse citizens with open minds and plenty of positive ideas meet there can only be positive results. On Tuesday evening, residents and interested parties got together in the Town Hall auditorium to discuss both the problems and possible solutions for the village business district.

"I lost a bet, I thought we'd only have single digit numbers tonight," joked a surprised Planning Board member Mike Westcott to open the meeting. He was pleasantly greeted with about two dozen interested citizens, merchants and property owners in attendance at the public kick-off meeting with the village consultant.

Angus Jennings, principal planner with Concord Square Development Company, started off the meeting by sharing his preliminary findings from 30 returned surveys. The results so far, he said, had not surprised them.

Businesses named visibility, vthe mix of surrounding businesses and the district's close proximity to municipal

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Rocky Lane hits some bumps

Guardrail out of place, residents say

By Nancy White
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Driving down North Main Street is one of the main streets in Cohasset. It is typically a pleasant drive with plenty of scenery: historic homes, a golf course and plenty of greenery make up the landscape. Many residents and visitors utilize the residential street as an alternative to well-trafficked Route 3A. The road leads right into the Cohasset Common and Village.

However, in recent months an "eyesore" has become a part of the landscape, right at the entrance to the cul-de-sac development on Rocky Lane. In late March, the entrance became flanked with two Corten steel guard rails the color of rust-orange.

"We're hearing from people all over town that they are horrible — the scale, the color everything about them is horrible," says Rocky Lane resident Leslie Armstrong. She and her neighbors in the nine-home development were taken aback when the guardrails were installed as the finishing touch on the MBTA-constructed bridge over the Greenbush tracks that now serves as the entrance drive to the Rocky Lane.

Since the installation they have met with Town Manager Bill Griffin and Greenbush liaisons, Tom Gruber and Mark Brennan, several times to find a way to have the guard rails removed and replaced with something more aesthetically pleasing.



PHOTO/MARY FORD

Rocky Lane neighbors say the scale and look of the new Corten steel guardrails is "horrible."

"It's not just Rocky Lane, it's the town," who are dealing with the out-of-character guard rails says Armstrong, "they're very visible."

Ironically enough, the Corten steel guardrails were not installed as leftovers from another job, or even haphazardly. The Corten steel guardrails were chosen after the Greenbush project went through a hearing process with the Army Corps of Engineers dealing with Section 106. Hearings and Section 106 are done in conjunction with major projects to minimize the visual and aesthetic impact on historic settings. The homes on North Main Street were

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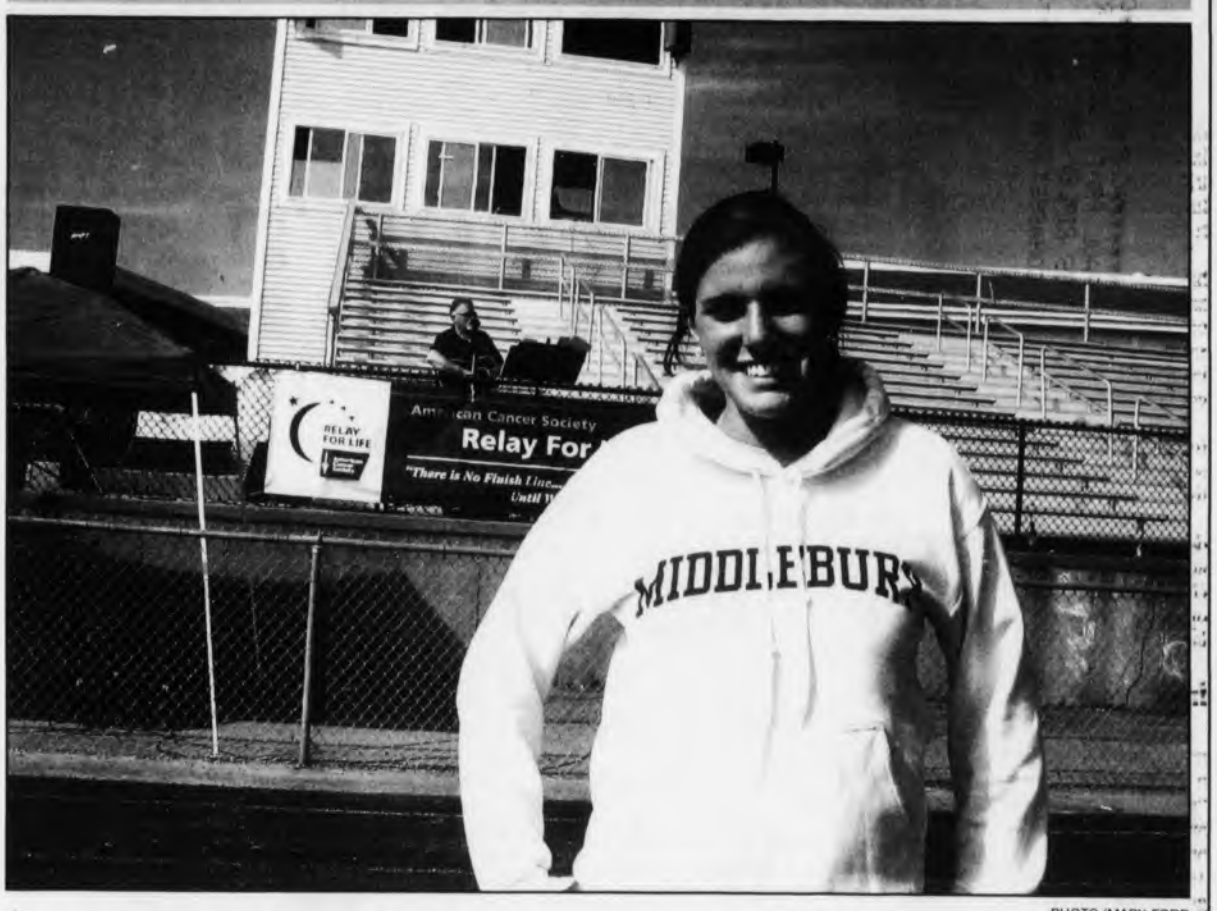
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The Mariner caught up with Relay For Life volunteer Mia Lieb-Lappen on Saturday morning as the Relay was wrapping up. For more coverage on this year's Relay For Life, see page 19.

Name: Mia Lieb-Lappen.

Occupation: Sophomore at Middlebury/ ACS Relay for Life Volunteer.

Best day of your life: My Bat-Mitzvah.

Best vacation: Family trip to Russia.

Favorite season: Ski season!

Favorite holiday: Yom Kippur.

Favorite junk food: Oreos.

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POLICE BEAT

Bee blamed for truck accident

By Mary Ford
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A man driving a pickup truck on Nichols Road told police a bee came into the cab and as he tried to whack it off his arm, he turned the wheel and went off the roadway.

The man was not injured but his 1999 Dodge pickup hit a tree and the impact tipped the vehicle onto its side, Chief James Hussey said. The rear window had to be broken so the man and his dog could slide out.

Nichols Road was shut down for a short time, but traffic was soon able to be directed around the accident, Hussey said.

The mishap, which Hussey described as "bizarre," occurred at about 9:48 a.m. on Tuesday (June 12). The man was cited for operating outside of marked lanes.

Intoxicated

A clerk at Cohasset Liquors notified police after turning away a customer who seemed "extremely" intoxicated and was stumbling on his way to his car at about 4 p.m., last Thursday (June 14), Chief Hussey said. The man got into his car and headed south on Route 3A. The dispatcher taking the call recognized the description of the vehicle as one that may have been involved with a hit and run incident involving property damage at Pratt Court earlier that afternoon.

Officers following the car on 3A saw it drift over the yellow line and noticed the damaged passenger side mirror that would have been consistent with the earlier hit and run.

The vehicle was pulled over at Tedeschi Plaza. Further investigation and observations by the officers resulted in the arrest of a 56-year-old Scituate man on charged of OUI (alcohol, second offense); leaving the scene of an accident; negligent operation of a motor vehicle; and marked lanes violation.

The man was able to make bail but police held him in protective custody at the station until he was OK to leave, Chief Hussey said.

Hydroplaning

Multiple 911 calls came into dispatch on Monday (June 11) at just past 9 p.m. reporting that a vehicle had crashed into a stone wall on Jerusalem Road. Chief Hussey said the vehicle was heading south at about the 700 block of Jerusalem Road when the operator lost control, went off the right side of the road making contact with the rock wall at a residence. He said there was extensive damage to the underside of the vehicle that had to be towed. There were no injuries but the operator was cited for driving at a speed that is greater than reasonable and proper for the conditions and for marked lanes violation.

Hussey said it had been raining and when the operator hit the brakes, he lost control and the vehicle hydroplaned.

Altercations

Some spirited fans at the Cohasset vs. Scituate state lacrosse championship game may have gotten into a minor altercation in the stands, police said. Detail officers reported a fight at just past 6 p.m. Monday (June 11). They also reported the situation was under control and that responding officers could cancel. By the time the officers got into the stands, it had stopped and was over, Chief Hussey said.

Two hours later, policed met with a mother at the school who said her son had been struck at the conclusion of the game during an altercation. The son had the first name of the other student, who was from Scituate, and police identified the student and talked to the parents, Hussey said.

Identity fraud

A walk-in to the police last week reported receiving a suspicious bill from a collection agency seeking more than $2,000 in outstanding phone bills dating back almost 10 years for an account in New York. The person who received the bill had never lived in New York and never had a phone there. The person wrote back to the collection agency about a potential mix-up. Then the agency came back asking for more information. The person is not sure the collection agency is legit and matter has been referred to the detectives, Chief Hussey said.

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Motorcyclist injured in 3A crash

Firefighters and paramedics from the Cohasset Fire Department arrived on scene and determined that the man needed immediate transport to a Boston trauma center.

At about 5:24 p.m., Tuesday, June 19, the Cohasset Police Department's Emergency Communications Center received multiple calls reporting a motorcycle crash with injuries on Route 3A at the intersection of Lower King Street.

Police Officers arriving on scene observed that a 74-year-old female from the town of Milton, who was operating a 1992 Volvo sedan, pulled out of Lower King Street, in front of a 49-year-old male from the town of Hull who was operating his 2004 Ducardi motorcycle north bound on Route 3A.

As a result of the female failing to yield to oncoming traffic, the motorcyclist appears to have locked his brakes up and was subsequently thrown over the handlebars of the motorcycle, striking the drivers door of the Volvo with his head and body.

Firefighters and paramedics from the Cohasset Fire Department arrived on scene and determined that the man needed immediate transport to a Boston trauma center. Boston Medflight was notified by the fire department and the male was airlifted to the Boston Medical Center. He has been hospitalized with traumatic injuries which have been determined to be non-life threatening.

The female operator of the Volvo was issued a motor vehicle citation for failing to yield for oncoming traffic. The male operator of the motorcycle was wearing a full-face helmet and protective leather clothing, which limited his injuries. The motorcycle was towed from the scene, and the Volvo was driven away. Traffic on Route 3A was disrupted for approximately one hour while to accident was investigated by the Cohasset Police Department.

DiNero's denied additional parking

Split vote keeps Hull St. parking restriction in place

By Nancy White
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"If the neighbors think it's helping then I think we should keep it the way it is."
— Selectman Ted Carr

In a split vote on Monday night, the Board of Selectman denied the creation of any new legal parking spaces on Hull Street for use by DiNero's Restaurant. Abutters attending the meeting were influential in showing the board what they see as a growing number of issues from traffic, parking, litter and noise.

The owner of the DiNero's, Frank Plotner, wrote to the Town Manager Bill Griffin to seek relief from a parking ban imposed on Hull Street from Grace Drive to the restaurant parking lot. He requested three additional spaces be authorized "to help with any overflow" from the restaurant's parking area.

Griffin had Police Chief James Hussey out to look at the area to see if three spots were feasible. In 2005, Hussey recommended the parking restrictions be placed on Hull Street due to cars parking over the fog line, blocking the travel lane and hindering the sight line of cars exiting Grace Drive. In his letter he states "a space of about 25 feet of overgrown bushes/weeds has been cut back" creating space for two vehicles without blocking the travel lane.

"If this section was kept clear of the overgrowth, two off-street parking spaces could be created," Hussey wrote. Griffin said that the Chief did not recommend or oppose the parking spaces; he indicated only that two spots were possible.

"All we're doing is legitimizing something that's happening anyway," said Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil, "I think engineering-wise, it's alright.

The neighbors seemed to be more concerned with the safety aspects of the parking. They attested that often on the restaurants' busy nights cars are parked on both sides of the street and visibility coming out of a private driveway and Grace Drive is limited.

Jim Reichardt of 3 Grace Drive, who has been vocal in the past concerning issues with DiNero's, questioned the boundary of his property and town property. The most up-to-date map outlining the road layout is from 1925.

"The road has been re-done, straightened out four or five times in my lifetime," said Reichardt. He also argued the parking spaces would hinder his sight line if exiting from his rear driveway.

Reichardt was also concerned at the way the overgrowth on Hull Street, which sits on town property, was cut back in essence making room for the additional parking spaces. Griffin addressed the issue with the manager of DiNero's earlier this year and requested the business refrain from removing or altering the vegetation on town property.

Other residents cited continuing problems in conjunction with the restaurant: cars coming into their driveway, litter from the complimentary mints and ashtrays being dumped on their lawns.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer made a motion to approve the two additional legal spots on Hull Street, "this does not feel bad to me," he said.

Selectman Paul Carlson felt he was not prepared to approve the parking spaces. He said he would have liked to see a representative from DiNero's at the meeting to address some of the residents' concerns.

Selectman Ted Carr said he was sympathetic to the neighbors and their situation, "I don't think not approving these parking spaces will be overly detrimental to DiNero's business. If the neighbors think it's helping then I think we should keep it the way it is."

The ultimate vote was 3-2 in favor of keeping the street parking restriction in place. Selectman Fred Koed voted with Carlson and Carr. Vanderweil and Dormitzer were the two votes in favor of additional parking spaces.

DiNero's has a history with parking problems, issues that have been aired previously in front of the Selectmen. In 2002 and 2005, the Selectmen denied DiNero's request for a Kenó license after abutters came out to argue the state lottery game could have a negative impact on the neighborhood and an already tight parking situation.

South Shore Tide Chart
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June	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 21	4:36	8.8	5:14	8.5	10:47	0.8	11:10	1.5
Sunrise: 5:07 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:23 p.m.*			
Fri. 22	5:29	8.4	6:03	8.4	11:36	1.2	—	—
Sunrise: 5:07 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:23 p.m.*			
Sat. 23	6:23	8.0	6:52	8.4	12:05	1.6	12:25	1.5
Sunrise: 5:07 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:23 p.m.*			
Sun. 24	7:18	7.8	7:40	8.5	1:01	1.6	1:15	1.7
Sunrise: 5:07 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:24 p.m.*			
Mon. 25	8:13	7.6	8:28	8.6	1:56	1.5	2:04	1.9
Sunrise: 5:08 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:24 p.m.*			
Tues. 26	9:06	7.6	9:15	8.7	2:48	1.3	2:53	1.9
Sunrise: 5:08 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:24 p.m.*			
Wed. 27	9:56	7.6	10:01	8.9	3:37	1.1	3:40	1.8
Sunrise: 5:09 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:24 p.m.*			
Thurs. 28	10:44	7.7	10:46	9.1	4:24	0.8	4:25	1.7
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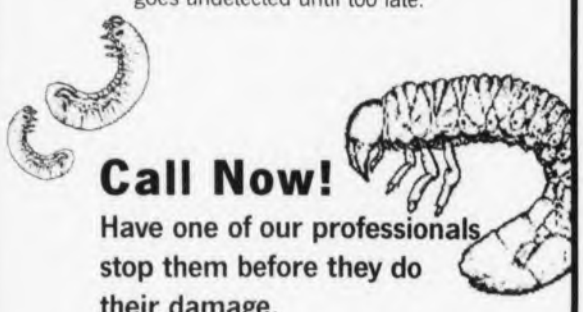


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POLICE BEAT

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Rolled

A 2000 Toyota Land Cruiser that had been left in neutral with the emergency brake on rolled slowly down Highland Avenue at about 3:50 p.m. last Friday (June 15) into a parked, gray Jeep. There was no damage to the Toyota and only slight damage to the Jeep, police said.

Medical issue

A reported erratic driver turned out to be a woman who had just left a medical appointment at which she had received drops in her eyes.

She told police she was fine and then the drops kicked in and she was having trouble seeing. She pulled over at Dunkin' Donuts.

Scituate police had notified Cohasset about a report of a vehicle "all over the road on 3A" heading toward Cohasset. The incident occurred Friday (June 15) at about 4:20 p.m.

She sat for a while and was fine, Hussey said.

Underage

A Cohasset youth is facing the charge of a minor transporting liquor after being found in Wheelwright Park with beer in his backpack.

Police responded to a youth complaint at the park last Friday (June 15) at about 9:30 p.m. Chief Hussey said police have had a number of complaints recently about teens in the park after dark with "unwanted activity" and asked neighbors to contact them.

Last Friday two bicycle patrols responded; some teens fled but the officers detained three males and one female. The teens were released to their parents and one of the boys was charged.

Dog hurt

Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy investigated the possibility that a dog on Oak Street was shot with a BB gun.

The dog had been on a run in the backyard for about an hour when its owner noticed two spots of blood on the dog's back.

The resident, who said he could not afford to take the dog to the veterinarian, reported the incident that occurred around noon Saturday (June 15) to police. Murphy followed up with the owner and made arrangements to have the dog examined by a veterinarian at no cost to determine the cause of the injury, Chief Hussey said. The dog "was a little freaked" and would not let the officer who responded near the wounds, Hussey said.

As it turned out the dog had been bitten by another animal, but the vet could not determine what kind of animal, Hussey said.

Cell phone

A cell phone may have caused an accident at 2 a.m. Sunday (June 17) on S. Main Street. Dispatch received a 911 call reporting a serious car accident and when police arrived the operator, a 22-year-old Hull man, was sitting on the ground and the 1995 Nissan was on its roof.

Police said the car was traveling northbound when it ran off the right side of the road, struck a small tree, then its passenger side wheels went up onto a ledge embankment, forcing the car to flip onto its roof. It then slid on its roof across the road into the southbound lane.

In interviewing the driver, police determined no alcohol was involved. He explained he had been on his cell phone at the time of the accident.

He was summonsed on charges of operating to endanger, speeding and operating outside marked lanes.

Hit & run

Police have no witnesses or suspect in an apparent hit and run accident last week. The victim reported that his 2006 Chrysler, which was parked on the southbound side of Ripley Road near the Post Office was struck sometime overnight June 13-14.

The driver's side mirror was smashed and there was a crease and dent on the driver's side door.

Police officers looked for evidence at the scene and knocked on doors seeking any witnesses. Anyone with information should contact the police at 781-383-1055.

Not road rage

Police said a reported road rage incident last week turned out to be a son who was following his father to the doctor's office. The incident occurred northbound on Route 3A just past the lights at Beechwood where the lanes narrow from two to one.

Chief Hussey said the son, in an apparent effort to stay behind his father's car, did not merge giving the impression to the caller that it was a road rage situation.

Police talked to the son and flushed out the situation, Hussey said. He was going to the doctor's and did not know where it was, so he was following his father who was planning to show him and keep going, hence the need for two cars.

Masked man

After investigating a report about a man "wearing a gas mask" while returning DVDs to the drop box at Blockbuster, police think the man was in fact wearing a medical mask because he has allergies.

The call came via Scituate police last Friday (June 15) about a man who fled after having just dropped something into the drop box; he was wearing a gas mask, the caller reported.

Cohasset police said a check of Blockbuster showed nothing unusual and the man's family had a Blockbuster account.

Chief Hussey said in this day and age anyone wearing a mask, even a medical one, can cause alarm.

Another bike down

A woman crashed her bicycle while trying to ride across the tracks at North Main Street near the golf club last week.

There have been multiple accidents at this location because of the angle of the tracks. Signs are posted, but that is not enough, Chief Hussey said. The woman involved in this accident was headed toward Hingham; she fell hard, hitting her head and knee, and had to be transported to the hospital. She was wearing a helmet, police said.

"This area needs to be addressed as soon as possible," Hussey said. "We hope that the MBTA can come up with a solution." Hussey said something needs to be done so that bicyclists cross the tracks at a right angle, which is the case, at most grade crossings. At North Main the tracks are not perpendicular to the road.

Blood drive

The Knights of Columbus and the American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, June 30, at Knights of Columbus Hall, 440 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Nearly 2,000 units of blood are needed each day to help those in need in the local community. It only takes about an hour of time and one small pinch to become a hero to someone in need.

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DA Keating Joins Partners in Prevention

District Attorney William R. Keating recently announced his affiliation with Partners in Prevention, a program of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association. The Partners in Prevention program seeks to enhance the health and wellness of youth in Cohasset and throughout the Commonwealth. It does so by providing schools, parents, students, and professionals who work with youth with accurate information on a range of issues in order to promote healthy lifestyles among adolescents.

Among the resources provided by Partners in Prevention is a list of speakers on various topics including substance abuse, eating disorders, drunk driving, sportsmanship and dating violence. In addition, the organization sponsors wellness workshops throughout the year, which inform educators of adolescent health issues.

District Attorney Keating's staff has been working on many of these issues in Norfolk County schools, including Cohasset Public Schools, where high school students recently attended the play "Consent," developed by the Norfolk District Attorney's office to illustrate the problem of sexual assaults associated with alcohol and teen parties.

The DA's programs will be augmented through the resources collected under the Partners in Prevention umbrella. Along with other District Attorneys, Partners in Prevention counts among its members the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Massachusetts Brain Injury Association, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Partnership for Drug Free America.

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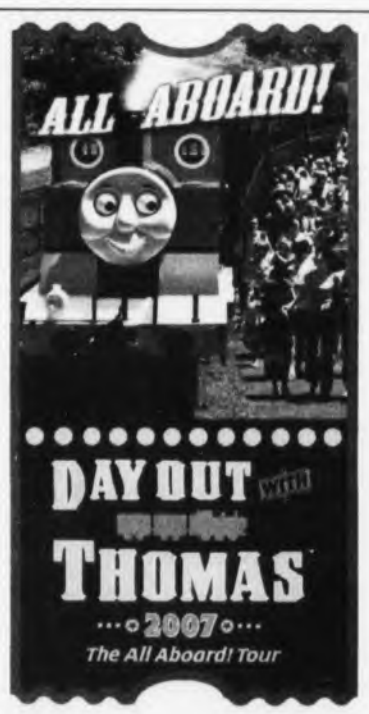


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Eighth-graders and high school sports

Policy floated to include them in CHS athletics

By Nancy White
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"This is a way for us to get younger kids interested in athletics."
— Athletic Director Ron Ford

Cohasset is a small high school but it has plentiful athletic talent. Given that Athletic Director Ron Ford would like to see eighth graders be offered the chance to participate in high school athletics. On Wednesday night, Ford came before the School Committee looking for approval of a grade-eight athletic policy. As a whole the committee had reservations about implementing the policy as it was.

As presented, Ford outlined the sports where eighth graders could participate either on junior varsity or varsity squads. Sports where there was extensive physical contact and helmets were worn (football, ice hockey and boys lacrosse) would not be appropriate for eighth graders, he said. The policy allowed eighth grade participation on varsity teams, which do not have junior varsity programs. Eighth graders had the opportunity to be moved up to varsity in some cases, if parents, coaches and Athletic Director were in agreement.

"This is a way for us to get younger kids interested in athletics," said Ford.

School Committee Member Lucia Flibotte said the policy was like "opening Pandora's box." She was concerned eighth grade participation may discourage the average high school athlete from trying out for the team.

"I feel bad for the junior or senior who will get displaced from a team," she said, "sports should be for everybody" although not everyone could be a star athlete. She feared high school students would simply decide not to try out for a team because they knew there was possibility an eighth grader could displace them.

Adrienne MacCarthy, member of the School Committee, did not have an issue with eighth graders being a part of a junior varsity team, particularly if a team needed to be filled out, but she did not want the policy to "sour some of the opportunities students think they have."

"I am not comfortable with any eighth grader bumping a high school student off a team," MacCarthy said.

Ideas were floated to see how the committee could best change the policy to address their concerns. Middle High-School principal Joel Antolini proposed an adding to the policy "no eighth grader would displace a high school athlete." MacCarthy recommended a separate policy about using eighth graders to fill out teams, who were struggling to make a roster. Chairman Rick Flynn suggested Ford come to the School Committee on a case-by-case basis if a team was looking short on numbers.

Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh once shared in the committee's concerns, however, in past experience in another school district she found including eighth graders in high school athletics turned out to be very successful.

"I've only seen good as a result of it," Walsh said getting eighth graders involved in athletics early on allowed talented students to develop to their full potential and worked to enhance school spirit and community. Ford agreed, by incorporating eighth graders in the high school program it might prevent students from leaving the district for private schools.

The committee determined more time and thought was needed to come to a consensus on the issue.

"One way or another we need a policy," said Ford. The School Committee will revisit the item at their next meeting on Monday, July 23 meeting.

MIAA enacts more stringent rules

High school athletes will now face more stringent rules regarding the use of illegal substances. For the upcoming academic year, the MIAA has revised its "chemical health rule" in its handbook to extend the period athletes could be subject to chemical health penalties (if found guilty) from the first allowable day in of fall practice (typically the third week in August) through the end of the academic year or final athletic competition of the year, whichever is later.

Athletic Director Ron Ford informed the School Committee of this significant change in the MIAA rules on Wednesday night. Formerly the MIAA athletes were simply subject to penalties if they were found with illegal substances or under the influence during the athlete's sport season.

"Broadening this window from 'in season' to the entire academic year reflects that chemical health of our students is not simply a seasonal concern," reads the MIAA rule change posted on its website. The rule change takes effect on July 1, 2007 and will be in place at least until June 30, 2009 when the MIAA rules are revisited.

The penalties if athletes are found to have used an illegal substance the athlete is suspended from 25 percent of the season's games, on the first offense, the penalty carries over from season to season. On the second offense, the penalty is suspension for 60 percent of games.

"Enforcement of the rule is going to be a major problem," said Ford, who was also disappointed with the timing of the rule change — after school and athletics have finished for the year.

The School Committee voted 4-0 (member Alfred Slanetz was not present) to include this rule change as an addendum to the Student Handbook.

"It promotes zero tolerance at all times, just another deterrent for the students," said School Committee member Adrienne MacCarthy.

Cohasset Carillon Recitals to begin

The first program on June 24 will be performed by Tiffany Ng, a student at the University of Rochester in New York.

The 83rd annual series of summer Carillon Recitals will be given on the 57-bell carillon in the tower of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church,, on eight successive Sunday evenings from 6 to 7, beginning June 24 and continuing through Aug. 12. The public is invited to attend, and may bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic suppers to Cohasset Common or to the church courtyard on Highland Avenue extension. Printed programs will be available in both locations. The concerts will take place rain or shine, and in case of bad weather, people may listen from parked cars. The hour-long concerts are free of charge. After each program the public is invited to tour the tower, view a demonstration of the instrument and play a tune on the bells if they wish.

The first program on June 24 will be performed by Tiffany Ng, a student at the University of Rochester in New York. Ng will play a varied program including arrangements, transcriptions of works by Ravel, Schubert, Beethoven and Hoagy Carmichael, and original carillon compositions by Flor Peeters, Peter Vermeersch, Geert D'hollander, Paul Coleman, Gary White and Emelien Allard.

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HAPPY SUMMER

Happy Summer Cohasset, it is now official. Last weekend was so wonderful here in town with the Relay For Life, Festival on The Common and all of the graduation and end of year parties. Enjoy the summer, take advantage of all those small moments and have safe and happy times for all. Send in news, celebration info and more.

ASP TRIP

A group of teens and adult advisors leave tomorrow morning at 6 am from St. Anthony's parking lot for Virginia with Cohasset Appalachia Service Project. They will be gone for a week helping to build, repair and make the lives of people in the Virginia area a bit better. This group is amazing and the stories that they have when they come home are truly inspiring. Come and say good-bye if you are awake!

RAFFLE RESULTS

The Cohasset Youth Softball and Baseball Association would like to thank all of its players, parents, friends and families for participating in the 2007 Calendar Card Fundraiser. The daily drawings began on June 1st and continue through June 30th with a $1000 prize. So far, many Cohasset residents have won and others from as far away as Indiana! The top three players who sold the most calendar cards and won prizes themselves are first place, **Trevor Tedeschi**; second place **Harrison Martin**; and third place **Will Schwartz**. Trevor sold 55 cards and won $300, Harrison sold $39 and won $200 and Will sold 38 cards and won $100. Thank you to all for making this fundraiser a great success. For daily winning results, check out the website at www.CYBSA.net.

TRANSFER SCHOLAR

Lesley College announces that **Deirdre D. Bigley** of Cohasset has been selected as a Transfer Scholar. Recipients of the Transfer Scholarship have demonstrated academic excellence at their previous collegiate institutions and displayed a strong commitment to their chosen field of study. Deirdre will begin her study at Lesley in the fall of 2007.

HONORS GRAD

Scott Duncan Faber was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree from Connecticut College at the 89th commencement ceremony on May 20, 2007. Scott was awarded a degree in Government and History with honors, and graduated *Cum Laude*.

Congratulations to you and good luck in your future.

LASELL COLLEGE

Michelle Lemaire of Cohasset made Lasell College's spring 2007 dean's list. A member of the Class of 2010, Michelle is majoring in fashion and retail merchandising. This was great news.

COOL RIDE



COURTESY PHOTO

Deer Hill students Emmy McGoldrick, Emma Davis, Carly Gunderson, Charlotte Allard and Allie O'Callaghan stand on the front bumper of Engine No. 1. The girls were the lucky recipients of the "Ride the Fire Truck to School" auction item donated by the Cohasset Fire Department at the recent benefit hosted by the Cohasset Education Foundation.

THAYER HONORS

The following Cohasset students at Thayer Academy were recognized for their hard efforts recently. **Christian W. Allard**, in grade 7, earned Honors for Academic Achievement and Honors for Effort. **Michelle Blanken**, in grade 6, earned Honors for Academic Achievement. **Claire E. Oswald**, in grade 7, earned Honors for Academic Achievement and Honors for Effort. **Emma Quigley**, in grade 8, earned Honors for Academic Achievement and Honors for Effort. **Derek A. Youngman**, in grade 8, earned Honors for Academic Achievement and Honors for Effort. Your families are all so proud of your work.

SYRACUSE STANDOUTS

Congratulations go out to **James Bertovich,** a senior majoring in industrial design and **Andrew Jerz**, a junior majoring in illustration, at the College of Visual and Performing Arts at Syracuse University. Both Cohasset residents were named to the 2007 Spring Semester dean's list. Super work gentlemen.

LAUNCH PARTY

All adult members, parents of sailors, and friends are invited to the lobster feast and auction to benefit the Sailing Club, which will be held from 6 to 11 p.m., Saturday July 7, at the club, rain or shine. Dinner will be served from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets cost $50 and are available by phoning Joyce Driscoll at 781-383-0122 or **Claudia McKeon** at 781-383-6125.

Donations for auction items are welcome. To donate call **Jim Porter** at 781-383-2029.

That is it for this week. Get me all of your news and information no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm.

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HOLLY HILL

Films on the Farm series to begin June 27

Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, will present Films on the Farm, a series of films about food and agriculture screened outside on the side of the Tomato Barn. Get a sitter, bring a picnic and lawn chairs and come check out these award winning films. Donations accepted to benefit Friends of Holly Hill Farm. Screenings begin at 8 p.m. There will be some concession stands available, including a visit from Nona's ice cream truck.

June 27: "The Future of Food" – There is a revolution happening in the farm fields and on the dinner tables of America, a revolution that is transforming the very nature of the food people eat. This documentary explores the truth behind the unlabeled, patented, genetically engineered foods that have quietly filled grocery store shelves for the past decade. It also examines the complex web of market and political forces that are changing what people eat as multi-national corporations seek to control the world's food system. Directed by Deborah Koons Garcia.

July 25: "King Corn" – In "King Corn," Ian Cheney and Curt Ellis, best friends from college on the West Coast, move to the heartland to learn where food comes from. With the help of skeptical neighbors, genetically-modified seeds, nitrogen fertilizers and powerful herbicides, they plan to grow a bumper crop of America's most productive, most subsidized grain on one acre of Iowa soil. But when they try to follow their pile of corn into the food system, what they find raises troubling questions about how people eat and farm. Directed by Aaron Woolf.

Aug. 22 double feature: "Beyond Organic: The Vision of Fairview Gardens" – "Beyond Organic" tells the story of Fairview Gardens and its long battle to survive in the face of rapid suburban development. It explores the efforts of Michael Ableman and his staff to diversify the farm, open it to educational programs for thousands of people – especially schoolchildren – and defend it against angry neighbors, hostile public officials and developers eager to re-zone the land for condominiums. Produced by PBS film maker John de Graaf and narrated by Meryl Streep.

"My Father's Garden" – An emotionally charged documentary about the use and misuse of technology on the American farm. In less than 50 years, the face of agriculture has been transformed by synthetic chemicals that have had a serious impact on the environment and on the health of farm families. This film tells the story of two farmers, different in all details, yet united by their common goal of producing healthy food. One of the farmers is the father of the filmmaker. Herbert Smith was a hero of his age: dedicated, innovative, a champion of the new miracle sprays of the 50s. His fate is the heart of this film. The other, Fred Kirschenmann of North Dakota, is a hero for our age. Faced with a shattered economy and the devastating environmental effects of conventional chemical farming, Kirschenmann steered his land through the transition to organic farming. Twenty years later, the Kirschenmann farm is a thriving testament to ingenuity, hard work and an understanding of nature. Directed by Miranda Smith, premiered at Sundance.

Beekeeping workshop is July 21

Friends of Holly Hill Farm, based at Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, is hosting a beekeeping workshop at 3 p.m., on Saturday July 21. The Basics of Beekeeping workshop for adults and families is open to anyone age 8 and older. Kids must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost is $18 for adults, $8 for children; or $15 adults, $5 kids, for members of Friends of Holly Hill Farm Inc. All proceeds will benefit Friends of Holly Hill Farm. Register in advance by email to hollyhillfarmer@yahoo.com or call 781-383-1455. The workshop is sponsored by Friends of Holly Hill Farm Inc., the non-profit branch of the farm.

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by Jim Sweeney



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Providing comfort to African children

Knitters at Cohasset shop create 700 dolls so far

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Her pictures showed the children holding the dolls high in the air, some cradling them like an infant, and others clutching them close.

At six-inches tall, the hundreds of colorful, knitted dolls that have taken up temporary residence at The Creative Stitch on King St (3A), don't seem like they could make an impact halfway around the world. But, each one of them will offer a piece of comfort and joy to the recipients: kids in Africa whose families have been affected by AIDS.

The "duduza," or comfort, dolls are made from yarn scraps and filled with polyester stuffing, so there is little or no cost. The pattern is simple making it a good beginner project and an easy one for the experienced. The knitting of the duduza dolls is part of a grassroots effort in support of a Vermont-based organization, CHABHA (Children Affected by HIV/AIDS).

CHABHA is a non-profit organization founded in 2002, whose mission is to raise awareness in the US about the plight of children in Africa and to support community-based projects in Namibia, South Africa and Rwanda. They have two requirements when choosing projects to provide funding to, says CHABHA board member Jane Davis. First, the projects need to aid children and families affected by the HIV/AIDS virus. Second, the initiatives need to be started in the African countries and run by the people who live there.

Davis recently returned from a trip to Rwanda and South Africa where she and CHABHA founder, Susanna Grannis, distributed four suitcases full of dolls to HIV/AIDS affected children. Most of the children she encountered have been orphaned by HIV/AIDS. Many of them suffered from the disease themselves. She met with the Friday morning knitting class at The Creative Stitch to share her experience, photos and insight. The informal discussion let local knitters who have contributed to the project know how much their effort means.

Despite the hardships the children face on daily basis, Davis said there is "still so much hope and so much joy" in the children. Upon receiving the dolls, some of the children would immediately bring them close to their heart.

"They can't eat a doll but they still need comfort," she said. She explained how in their short lives the children have seen more than their share of suffering, many living through the Rwandan genocide while others have lost their parents to AIDS.

Her pictures showed the children holding the dolls high in the air, some cradling them like an infant, and others clutching them close. Some knitters were able to pick out their own handmade dolls in the pictures making their efforts come full circle.

On this trip, the dolls were distributed to CHABHA supported organizations in both Rwanda and South African. The Rwandan organizations, Agape (or "love"), AJESOV (an acronym for Association of Volunteer Youth Helping Orphans Affected), hold weekly meetings with hundreds of kids. They gather each weekend to provide support and learn traditional songs and dance. Both organizations strive to provide for education, health care and food for struggling children.

Another Rwandan organization, Amahoro (or "peace"), was started by eight young people in their late teens. The founders has been orphaned by genocide and realized there were more kids, even younger than themselves, heading households. CHABHA gave them a stock of dolls to distribute during Amohoro's regular home visits.

"The whole idea of comfort is so appealing," said Davis, "[on a prior trip to Africa] I saw one toy in two weeks."

The duduza doll initiative has grown tremendously in the last year. On their last visit, CHABHA representatives arrived with 215 dolls and were confronted with a thousand children who each wanted one of their own. They vowed to return with more dolls.

Here in Cohasset, interest and participation in the making of the duduza dolls has spanned generations. Grandmothers, parents and high school students have contributed to the project. No one can resist the "cuteness" of the small, brightly colored dolls. Each doll is given a distinct personality, thanks for the creativity of the knitter.

"The dolls are infectious," said Staci Gilbert, a member of the Friday morning knitting class.

Kristen Ross, owner of the Creative Stitch, has over 700 dolls currently in boxes, baskets and bags in her store. She will continue to collect the dolls until she's told there is no longer a need.

Knitters who would like to participate in this grassroots effort can pick up a pattern and instructions at The Creative Stitch located at 152 King St. Instructions are also available www.creativestitchonline.com.

For more information on CHABHA, visit www.chabha.org



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The Creative Stitch's Friday morning knitting class has been leading the charge in getting other knitters involved in the "Duduza" doll effort. From left, Creative Stitch owner Kristen Ross, Ann Selinger, Lois Mosca, Staci Gilbert and Maria Gibson.



A sampling of the duduza dolls displayed at The Creative Stitch. The colorful dolls will bring a piece of comfort and joy to orphaned children in Africa. Local knitters have created over 700 so far.

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Cohasset Village vision comes into focus

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facilities as some of the positive aspects of the district. Challenges included customer parking, poor visibility from Route 3A (lack of signage) and limited traffic flow in the village.

The issues with parking were discussed at length. Jennings' team totaled up a 571 parking spaces in the downtown area, 272 were public and 299 were deemed private spaces. Jon Ford, a civil engineer from Morris Beacon Design working with Jennings, wanted to know about the quality of parking in the village. Members of the audience said there was not enough parking and it was not easy to get in and out of spaces.

"In order to add more spaces the most reasonable solution is on the one acre of town land" that runs alongside the train tracks behind the Red Lion Inn and Teen Center, said Jennings. To create a parking area, the piece of land consisting largely of ledge would necessitate blasting and cost about $600,000. The result would be between 40 to 50 additional spaces.

State-deemed "affordable units" are not found in the village district, however, it seemed all agreed the apartments there were as affordable as Cohasset gets.

"It wouldn't be inappropriate for the town to see the village as an affordable place to live," said Peter Brown, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee. Tom Callahan, Chairman of the Housing Partnership Committee, said his committee was not obsessing over the 40B unit count in the village, instead they wanted to look at a "Cohasset definition of affordable" by seeking out moderate priced housing.

"I'd like to see the village take a step up to the next level of charm. People come from all over, Cohasset is a destination spot."
— Darilynn Evans, owner of Darilynn's

Wayne Sawchuk, owner of 35-39 South Main St., said in order to have the needed housing units in the village, the town needs to allow new construction and make renovations easier. He stressed a change in the 40,000-square-foot requirement in the village zoning bylaws prohibits adding multi-family dwellings in the downtown business district on lots less than that size needs to be proposed by the fall Town Meeting.

Keeping the charming character of the village is a top priority for Jennings and his team, one that goes hand in hand with maintaining a viable business district.

"I'd like to see the village take a step up to the next level of charm. People come from all over, Cohasset is a destination spot," said Darilynn Evans, owner of the gift store Darilynn's. She suggested something be done to unify the area, whether it be planters or banners, "it shouldn't be only up to the merchants."

Westcott proposed a village merchant organization could be formed to address issues like Evans and create a unifying look for the village.

Many property owners discussed specific plans for their property in the next few years, most included a residential element. Sawchuk briefly described his plans as having "two fronts," one facing South Main Street and the other facing the town parking lot. His plans include second and third floor housing with commercial space on the first floor. A proposed walkway connecting the town lot and the main street was just what the village needs, said Jennings.

For those properties on Ripley Road, near the train, Epiphany Design owner also suggested sprucing up the rear of the buildings to create a pleasant view for commuters. Others in attendance suggested groups of property owners get together to discuss possible improvements in an area that would affect positively the individual properties and the village as a whole.

"Through this process current ideas can be advanced forward and new ideas can come forward," said Jennings, who hopes the public involvement with the project will continue through out the summer.

In conjunction with this initiative, the town, with the help of Concord Square, is seeking a Priority Development Fund grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development. If awarded, the grant funds would allow the town to seek the services of architectural design firm. The retention of an architectural firm would enable the production of high quality, design guidelines and provide original renderings of the village. An architect will be able to make recommendations for specific design guidelines, setbacks and rooflines in the village. The town has heard favorable reviews for the application and expects to hear back on the grant award in the near future.

Jennings and his team will give the Planning Board periodic updates over the next month as they research and have new information. Another large public meeting will be scheduled during the week of July 23.

Neighbors rocked by look of new guardrail

FROM ROCKY LANE, PAGE 1

determined to be in a historic district and the MBTA were directed to use dark colored fence or other fixtures so that they would not visually detract from the historic setting. The MBTA was subsequently permitted to use the Corten steel guardrails.

Although Armstrong did not live in her current home on Rocky Lane when the Section 106 hearings took place, she says many of her neighbors participated. Now, they are asking "what was the point of the hearings if the guardrails were not going to be aesthetically pleasing?"

"We feel we've been let down by the town and the MBTA," says Armstrong.

Part of the problem, in Armstrong's eyes, is the juxtaposition of the modern materials utilized for the bridge and the more "antique" looking guardrail.

"The structure of the bridge is quite modern. There's no unity, no cohesiveness between the two materials," explains Armstrong. While the entrance to Rocky Lane abuts the historic district, the lane itself and bridge construction were not subject to the same historic district requirements.

The bridge was built with gray concrete and black fencing and railing creating a "non-harmonious result," as Tom Gruber, Greenbush liaison, stated in his letter to representatives at Army Corps of Engineers and the Massachusetts Historical Commission (it was under the authority of these agencies that resulted in the use of Corten steel in historic districts) concerning the issue.

"In this suburban area we have a bridge with black fencing and railings connecting to a rust-orange Corten guardrail on either side of the bridge," wrote Gruber, "the residents have all objected strongly to the color of the Corten guard rail as not fitting aesthetically with the black fencing and bridge railing as well as the neighborhood setting."

"We have this huge guardrail — it's bigger than what you see on the highway," says Armstrong, who also humorously notes the abundance of five road signs on the short bridge to quiet Rocky Lane, "there are three stop signs and two signs that warn you a stop sign is ahead!"

The issue is currently at a high pitch because the Corten guardrails were placed incorrectly and will need to be moved to make room for a sidewalk. As the MBTA construction begins to wrap up with service beginning in the fall, the residents and the town see this as an opportunity as a one-time chance to correct the problem.

"The Greenbush Project has informed us that since the use of the Corten guardrail in historic areas was a project-wide decision, they are unwilling to make the change to another style on a case-by-case basis," states Town Manager Bill Griffin's letter to State Representative Garrett Bradley on the issue. However, the town is waiting to hear back from the Massachusetts Historical Commission and the Army Corps.

Armstrong and the other residents would like to see the guardrails replaced (ideally) with guardrails constructed from heavy wood timbers. If that's not possible, "black guardrails to match everything on the bridge."

"We've really dealt with a lot, everybody [on Rocky Lane] is on the same page," says Armstrong.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Where you live

Have you ever wondered why the brick on Marshfield High School does not match? We think about that every time we take Route 3A from the Cohasset Mariner office in Hingham Square and pass by MHS on our way to our Marshfield headquarters on Enterprise Drive on production days.

We are not sure what the thinking was in Marshfield when that town added onto its high school and decided not to match the brick. There could be some valid reasons such as cost and availability of the old brick. But, sadly, the two parts of the high school – old and new – do not match, leaving passersby like us wondering why.

Here in Cohasset on Rocky Lane a guardrail has been installed on the new bridge that just does not "fit."

Rocky Lane residents realized this early on and are taking steps to make sure their voices are heard and the guardrail is changed before it becomes a permanent part of the landscape.

Although the old English proverb "A man's home is his castle" has nothing to do with property values and neighborhoods – if it were coined today, it could have that interpretation.

There is little in life that is as valuable as one's home and neighborhood. We all want safe places to live and raise our families. Where and how we live is part of our value system and the heart of the "American dream." That is why we care so much when something interferes with that security and serenity. And yes, "looks" matter. Cohasset would not be the place that it is if no one cared about appearances.

On Rocky Lane, a balance needed to be struck between aesthetics and safety. No one is arguing about the need for the guardrail but no one wants to live with an "eyesore". The rust-orange steel guardrails have become just that and are a blot on the North Main Street landscape.

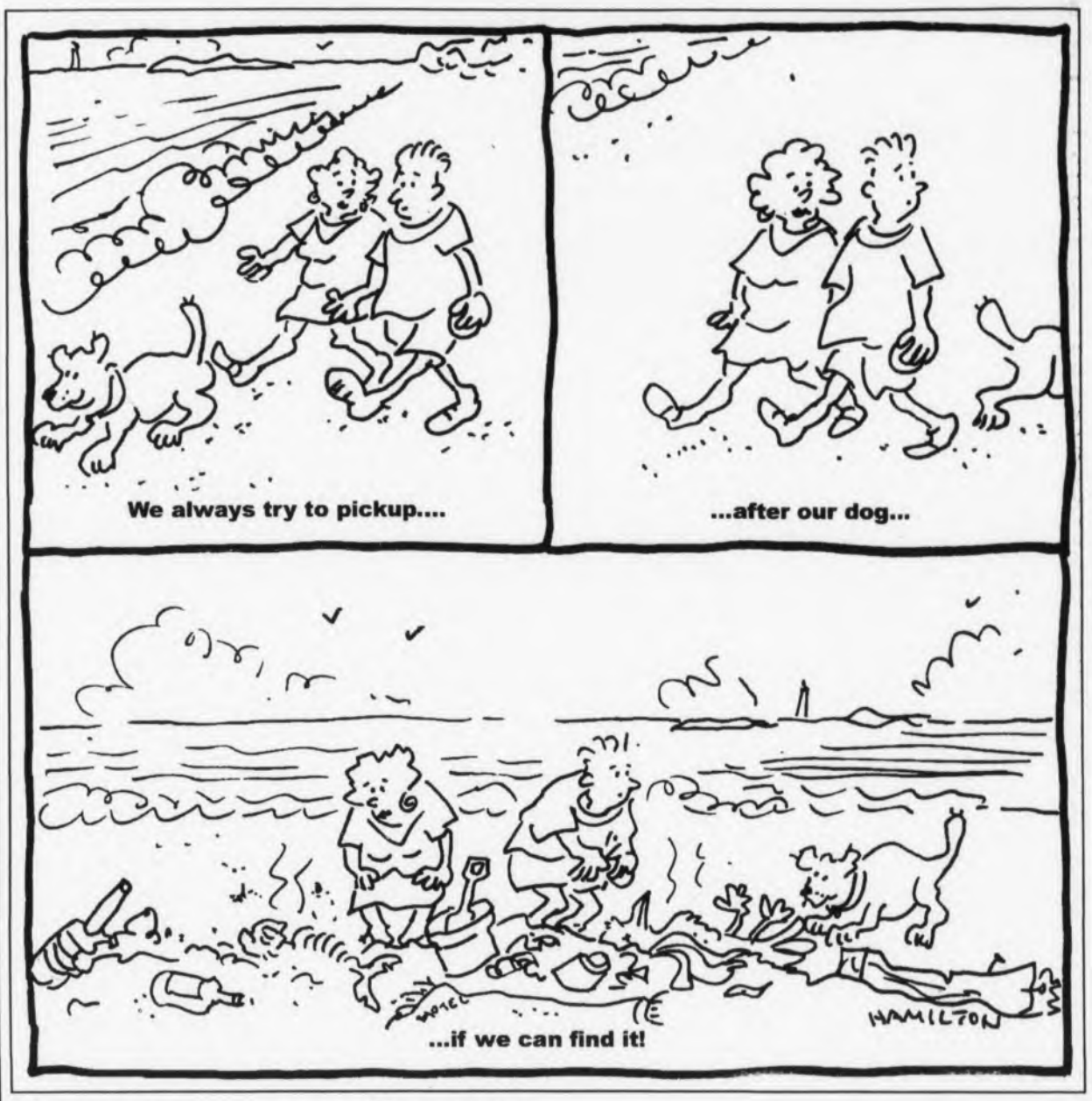
Part of the problem, the neighbors explain, is the juxtaposition of the modern materials used for the bridge – gray concrete and black fencing — and the "antique-looking" guardrail.

The good news is there could be a window of opportunity here to make things right. The rust-orange guardrails were placed incorrectly and have to be moved to make room for a sidewalk.

The MBTA has said the Corten guardrails were a project-wide decision and is unwilling to make a change, according to Town Manager Bill Griffin, who has written to state Rep. Garrett Bradley on the issue. The town is also waiting to hear back from the Massachusetts Historical Commission and the Army Corps of Engineers.

We hope the issue can be resolved and "quieter" guardrails installed that do not look out-of-place.

Otherwise, passersby will be scratching their heads for years to come and wondering "why did they do that?"



MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Board of Health, July 23, 7 p.m.

Cohasset Housing Partnership, July 19, 7 p.m.

Elder Affairs, July 9, at 9 a.m., 3 N. Main St.

Harbor Health Committee, June 25, at 7:30 p.m.

Library Trustees, July 11, at 7 p.m. at the library.

Selectmen, June 25, July 9 & 23, 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, June 29, at 11 a.m.

Sewer Commission and Water Commission, July 5, 2 p.m., Town Hall.

Stormwater Committee, July 10 & 24, 7 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, July 10, at 7:30 p.m.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Many to thank for spectacular Arts Festival!

TO THE EDITOR:

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We are grateful for the support of the Plymouth County Development Council, the local cultural councils of Abington, Braintree, Duxbury, Hingham, Hull, Marshfield, Norwell, Rockland, and, our friends at the Cohasset Cultural Council who understand the importance of the arts in shaping a community. The cultural councils are all local agencies supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

A very special debt of gratitude is owed to the neighbors of the Common who are inconvenienced by the traffic and the crowds and to all at the Town Hall, DPW and Police and Fire Department who help to make our job a bit easier. Our volunteers are fabulous and truly hold things together during the weekend and we very much appreciate their being a part of the Arts Festival.

Our exhibiting artists and artisans consistently regard the Arts Festival as their favorite show—nice people, supportive customers, and a most beautiful setting. The Art Center relies on the Arts Festival as its major fundraiser each year and we sincerely appreciate being able to host the event on the Common.

Diane Kennedy and Diane Shipp
South Shore Art Center

Stay tuned for triathlon updates

TO THE EDITOR:

On Sunday morning of July 8th, Cohasset will welcome more than 900 athletes, volunteers, and spectators to the 1st annual Cohasset Sprint Triathlon. This event is particularly important because 100 percent of the proceeds will go directly to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. As Event Director of the race, I have been overwelmed by the incredible support from the town and triathletes across the Boston metro area. It's obvious that Cohasset and the charity we support are a big draw!

Please be on the lookout in the next edition or two of the Mariner, as you will see specific details about the course, the parking, and road closures during the race. For additional information about the race or if you are interested in volunteering please see the event website at: www.cohassettri.com

Thank you in advance for your support!

Bill Burnett
Event Director

Former Police Chief named Veterans Agent

Cohasset veterans can be rest assured they have a place to go when in need of assistance. This week, Town Manager Bill Griffin announced the appointment of former Police Chief Robert W. Jackson to be the Cohasset's Director of Veteran's Services.

Jackson follows in the footsteps of the late Mary Jeanette Murray, Cohasset's longtime state representative, who served as veteran's agent in 2006. Murray passed away in October at the age of 81.

A decorated Vietnam veteran, Jackson served in the U.S. Navy for over two decades, eventually becoming a commanding officer. He joined the Cohasset police force in 1978 and rose to the rank of Police Chief in 2002. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in political science and a bachelor of science degree in law enforcement.

"I was impressed with Bob's commitment to serve the needs of Cohasset veterans and to be available on an as needed basis to provide them guidance," said Griffin, who also noted Jackson was "well-respected among the veterans in the community."

The annual stipend for the part-time position is $1,600.

Jackson plans to consult with the Scituate veterans' agent to come up to speed on veterans' services issues and will also reach out to the state veterans service department for guidance, Griffin said. In addition, Jackson will attend the first annual V-8 Veterans Summit held in Hingham on Monday, June 25.

In accordance to the Town Manager Act, the Board of Selectmen had 15 days to reject Griffin's appointment, however, the Selectmen unanimously waived that right on Monday night.

GAR Hall site of historic summit

On Monday, June 25 representatives from local veterans organizations will join municipal, state, and federal legislators for the first annual "V-8 Veterans Summit" at GAR Hall, 358 Main St., in Hingham. The summit will run from 6 to 9pm and will include representatives from the eight-town, Plymouth-Norfolk Senatorial District.

The purpose of the summit is to ensure that all veterans service officers and organizations are aware of the services available to returning veterans from the Global War on Terrorism, to discuss what additional services may be needed to better support deployed servicemembers and to enhance communication with elected officials.

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Elm St. work not part of Festival

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Revitalization moves on – The old adage of "Be careful what you wish for..." is very true. As we mentioned in previous articles, we are in the process of finishing up the Revitalization project, quickly, we had hoped. However, sometimes things move too fast. Last Thursday at the end of the day we received an email from the contractor that they were scheduled to scrape the old asphalt from Brook and Elm streets on Saturday. What could be worse than having a contractor in Town during the Arts Festival? So, we immediately called the contractor and said no dice. Friday morning during our 6 a.m. morning constitutional walk, we ran into the contractor who said they were going to do the work on that same day, last Friday, June 15. Well, at least Friday was better than Saturday. We told the contractor that they could go ahead as long as they were completed by early afternoon. At 5:30 p.m. they were still at it, finally finishing about 6 p.m. When all was said and done it was a long day for the contractor, but they were pretty much out of the way for the Arts Festival. And, lo and behold this Monday, June 18th both streets were graded and the base coat of asphalt was put into place. What a dramatic change from Friday to Monday! We do appreciate everyone putting up with the dust over the past weekend.

By the way, we don't know if you noticed, but the two new lilac trees we added last year in the brick area at the corner of Main and Elm streets really look spectacular. They bloomed just in time for the Arts Festival. Not a bad touch for the center of the Village.

Forest Avenue sidewalk and paving – Most of the ledge has been removed from the sidewalk areas along Forest Avenue. The major knob of ledge remaining is at the Main Street end of Forest Avenue has yet to be dealt with. Discussions are underway to determine the best way to remove this large knob of stone. Possibly, blasting may be our only choice. We are waiting to hear from the contractor. Grading of the new sidewalk surface has now begun. Coordination meetings are underway with the sidewalk construction contractors as well as the contractors working on street construction to synchronize the various tasks so that this large project can be accomplished as efficiently as possible.



What a difference a day makes! Elm Street in the Village is now paved.



New sidewalk on Border Street.

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Ledge removed across from Wheelwright Park.

MBTA stuff – CBB continues to work in the vicinity of the station, on King Street and in the Town Parking Lot. They have pretty much removed the ledge that must be removed adjacent to the Teen Center. The next step will be paving this new parking area. At the same time the MBTA will be adding a sidewalk along Pleasant St. at the Pleasant St. edge of the Town Parking Lot. This sidewalk will allow safe passage at the Depot Court / Pleasant Street intersection near the temporary jersey barriers located there now. After the sidewalk is completed, the jersey barriers will be removed.

The MBTA continues to rework the drainage at Lower King Street and the tracks. The MBTA has also added new drainage at the entrance to Woodside Cemetery to eliminate the water that currently puddles there.

We continue to build a "Punch List" of the smaller items that need attention before the MBTA can call the project finished. The MBTA assures us that these items will receive their attention after their "major" items are complete.

Harbor wall – The contractor laid the new asphalt sidewalk between the boat yard and Atlantica on this past Tuesday. As you can see from the photo, it looks quite a bit different than before.

The new fence that will separate the walkway from the harbor is being fabricated and will be installed as soon as possible.

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All hail the weekend warrior

TALES FROM THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT



DIANE K. DANIELSON

Last week I received an email about tryouts for a women's soccer league. My fingers flew to my keyboard: "what time, where, and when are the games?" But a twinge in my right knee reminded me that I only lasted four games this winter before a collision sidelined me for the entire spring season. Before that, it was numerous ankle injuries to which my orthopedic surgeon would shake his head and say, "I don't know how you play soccer, let alone wear high heels with these ankles." (I had to confess I was willing to sacrifice the latter, if it meant I could still play the former.)

Thus, it was with a heavy heart that I changed my reply to, "Thanks, but I'm going to pass." However, it brought to mind a blog posting I'd written a few years ago. Back then, soccer was the one thing that kept me going when times were really tough. So, I'd like to dedicate the following to all my fellow "Weekend Warriors." May we all age gracefully and with a minimal amount of arthroscopic surgery.

Sometimes it feels like life is nothing more than one big ordeal after another, full of unending obstacles, objections and obstructions at every turn. It doesn't matter if it's your biggest client, daycare provider or soon to be ex-boyfriend, nothing good ever follows the question, "Can we talk?" And on days when it seems that everyone wants to "talk," it's all I can do to keep from putting my fingers in my ears, closing my eyes, and saying "nah nah nah nah nah, I can't hear you!" just to keep out the negativity.

Sometimes, when the challenges seem too big and the tasks too arduous, my Inner Self will want to surrender, and that's when I need my Weekend Warrior the most.

Now I have friends who combat negativity by meditating or doing yoga. But that's too much focus on my Inner Self. Instead, when the world is crashing down around me, I call upon my Weekend Warrior — the part of my "self" that chooses to de-stress by battling it out on the soccer field. After all, I'm pretty sure my Inner Self is much too wishy-washy for life's real hurdles. My Weekend Warrior, on the other hand, goes by the mantra, "That which does not kill us makes us stronger." *(At least that's what I tell myself whenever I end up in the emergency room.)*

To the people who say, "I don't see how you could possibly succeed at this new venture," my Inner Self might respond, "You're right; neither do I," and give up. Yet, my Weekend Warrior is more likely to stick out her tongue and say, "If someone like you could see that, then it would've been done already." To those who tell me, "You can't go it alone," my Inner Self agrees and considers joining the first team that comes along. My Weekend Warrior may also agree, but then she would go out and build her own team.

Sometimes, when the challenges seem too big and the tasks too arduous, my Inner Self will want to surrender, and that's when I need my Weekend Warrior the most. Because it's my Weekend Warrior who straps on the ankle brace, laces up the cleats, and heads out to the soccer field on yet another cold, rainy, Sunday morning. It's my Weekend Warrior who recovers from a sprained ankle by playing goalie instead of my typical field position. And, it's my Weekend Warrior who defends the goal by taking a bodily blow from an attacker head-on, leaving me flat on my back, wondering if the stars I'm seeing may be some indication that perhaps that wasn't my brightest move.

That's when my Inner Self kicks in to lament that the rain has now turned to sleet and that I'm lying in the goose droppings that blanket the field. It's also my Inner Self who thinks, "I'm too old for this," and considers retiring her number.

Fortunately, it's my Weekend Warrior who realizes (now that all feeling is starting to come back to my body) that I'm actually gripping the ball in my frozen fingers, and that it's not in the goal. Because of my Weekend Warrior, I can now crawl to my feet, punt the ball away, and look my attacker right in the eye. And it's definitely my Weekend Warrior who causes me to mutter under my breath, *"Just bring it on, baby ... I stopped you once, and I can do it again..."*

So, while it's finally time for me to hang up my cleats, I want to salute the rest of the Weekend Warriors out there. Because we know that the strength is not behind the blows we take, but within ourselves each and every time we stand up again, whether it's on the playing field, in the office or in our personal lives.

Diane K. Danielson is a Cohasset resident and the author of the upcoming book "The Savvy Gal's Guide to Online Networking (or What Would Jane Austen Do?)," who one week after officially retiring from soccer has been tearing apart her basement looking for her tennis racquet. For more of Diane's random musings visit www.womensDISH.com.

Down with trans fats!

HENSHAW



TOM HENSHAW

Whenever we go to the Marshfield Fair, the first thing a friend of mine does is make a beeline for the truck where they sell French fried potatoes right out of the bubbling Crisco, calories, cholesterol and all.

I usually turn away at that point because I can't bear to watch what my friend is doing to her shapely tummy.

She also drinks Diet Coke, which I find amusing as well as bemusing. But we won't go into that because she occasionally reads this column and I don't want to get yelled at for giving away her dietary secrets.

I was reminded of our forays into the culinary delights and perils of the Marshfield Fair when I picked up the Herald and the Globe last Sunday to find major feature stories on the evils that could befall diners on junk food.

"Trans fats" being a new one on me, I turned to my trusty scientific dictionary, which, I regret to report, wasn't much help.

The Herald devoted almost a full page to the dangers inherent in a children's menu that contained chicken fingers, thick pan pizza, creamy macaroni and cheese, hamburgers, French fries and sundaes.

That I can understand, having brought up a child whose dietary needs growing up consisted of hamburger, coke and French fries and little else, whether it be in a Burger King or a restaurant where hamburger was called "Salisbury steak" so that they could raise the price on the menu.

The Globe story recounted the problems restaurateurs in the People's Republic of Brookline are having in meeting the terms of a new town ordinance that forbids the use of something called "trans fats" in their cooking after November, 2008.

"Trans fats" being a new one on me, I turned to my trusty scientific dictionary, which, I regret to report, wasn't much help.

"A trans fatty acid (commonly shortened to trans fat) is an unsaturated fatty acid whose molecules contain trans double bonds between carbon atoms, which makes the molecule less kinked compared to those of 'cis fat.'"

Huh? Now I know why I flunked chemistry!

Actually, most trans fats seem to be artificial, made when manufacturers add hydrogen to vegetable oil, turning the liquid oil to solid fats to increase the shelf life and the flavor of the foods, mostly fried and baked, that contain them.

So far, only Big Brother in Brookline has made it a rule that restaurants must not use trans fats or else. But remember how we laughed when the People's Republic banned the use of tobacco in all workplaces. Remember that as you sneak off into the woods to light up a Lucky.

There is legislation awaiting passage in the State Legislature requiring restaurants to put nutrition information, including the use of trans fats in their kitchens, on menus across the state. When that passes, can outright prohibition be far behind?

Me? When the Marshfield Fair rolls around this summer, I may try some of those trans fat-laden — but tasty — French fries myself, just to thumb my nose at Big Brother.

LIBRARY CORNER

Kids! Register for summer reading program

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Visit the library web site: cohassetlibrary.com for full summer details.

Register for summer reading program — Registration will begin Monday, June 25, for the Massachusetts statewide summer reading program for children, "Catch the Beat @ your library."

Library Book Group – Join others for coffee and discussion of Anse Seierstad's book "The Bookseller of Kabul" at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, June 27, in the Meeting Room. All are welcome.

New Books – Although school is out for the summer, it's never too early to start thinking about college applications and exams. The reference collection has these new titles for patrons to use in the library: Princeton Review's "Cracking the GMAT," 2008 edition; Princeton Review's "Cracking the SAT," 2008 edition with CD; Princeton Review's "Cracking the GED"; and Princeton Review's "12 Practice Tests for the AP Exam." Also available is Barron's 27th edition of the "Profiles of American Colleges."

Movie Matinee – The library will offer a free viewing of the movie "Driving Miss Daisy," starring Jessica Tandy and Morgan Freeman, at 11 a.m., on Friday, July 6. Light refreshments will be provided courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Movie site license is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and Cohasset Democratic Town Committee.

Library Database – Looking for suggestions for summer reading? Try logging on to NoveList through the library's Web site. NoveList can help patrons find their next book to read. The database, accessible from a home or office computer as well as in the library, allows patrons to search for favorite authors, award winner lists and reading group discussion guides. Each title's entry has a brief description, full text review when available and author information. Go to cohassetlibrary.org and click on Good Books. Have a Cohasset library card number handy to access this incredible resource.

Author Visit – A visit from author David Hosp will take place at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, July 11. Hosp will appear, courtesy of Buttonwood Books, at the library to talk about his latest book "Innocence," his third legal thriller coming out this summer. Be one of the first to purchase and have the book signed by the author at this event. Light refreshments will be provided courtesy of the Friends of the Library. The event is free.

Book Sale – Going to the beach and need a book to read? Traveling and need a good paperback to bring along? The Book Sale shelf in the Community Room has wonderful summer reading material for a terrific price. Paperbacks and cassette tapes are 25 cents while hardcover, audiobooks, DVDs and CDs are $1. A great bargain for great summer reading.

Raising awareness about 'greenhouse' gases

Join Our Town again Monday when co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with JoAnn Mirise of Sustainable Cohasset to talk about the organization's efforts to increase awareness about greenhouse gases and what can be done to reduce them.

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Discussion will cover how to reduce fuel consumption and other related topics.

Mirise authors a column on sustainable issues for the Cohasset Mariner. Her most recent column talked about pesticides and lawn care.

Tune in Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9p.m., all on Comcast channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and Stay informed!

Treat's Pond could get makeover

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findings concluded that bacteria concentrations in the pond and at the current discharge point would continue to exceed accepted standards. The salt marsh would likely continue its demise.

The second option would be to install a box culvert at Sandy Cove. This option was more expensive and did not perform as well as the recommend options.

The two most viable options, Larsen said, would be to install a large pipe from Treat's Pond to discharge at either the inner harbor (via Atlantic Avenue) or the outer harbor (via Whitehead Road and Whale Meadow).

"Both options perform very well and will give us the restoration we want," said Larsen. However, the two workable options both had their advantages and disadvantages.

If an underground piping were installed to go out to the outer harbor, there were real estate complications, "we would need easements from private property owners," Larsen said. Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said he knew of at least one property owner who was adverse to the idea of a pipe under his/her driveway. If the pipe was installed via Atlantic Avenue, the majority of the land needed would be on town property.

But, the pipe into the inner harbor raised environmental concerns. The Harbor Health Committee had serious objections to the path of the pipe, in fact, Chris Evans, member of the Harbor Health Committee, reported the committee had voted unanimously against any additional discharge into the harbor that would add freshwater, stormwater and/or pollution into the harbor, including the option proposed by the Army Corps.

Fresh water, bacteria and nitrates would be added to the already suffering harbor, Evans said. In addition, the committee has found that parts of the inner harbor do not flush with the tide, which would leave the discharge with a considerable residence time.

"The town needs to stop looking at the harbor as a body of water that can be a dumping ground for fresh water," said Karen Quigley, Chairman of the Harbor Health Committee.

However, Larsen said the amount of freshwater and bacteria contributing to the harbor's saltwater system would be minimal. Once restored, Treat's Pond will largely consist of saltwater.

In addition, Quigley said the town should take this opportunity to address some major stormwater issues that plague the area.

"It's important to recognize that the goal here is not only the restoration of Treats, but also a solution to stormwater issues," Quigley said, even though stormwater issues are not within the purview of the Army Corps, the town is dealing with both issues and should be looking for solutions.

Quigley also pointed out that "for fairness" she wondered if members of the Cohasset Yacht Club and nearby residents of the inner harbor had been asked to weigh in on the issue.

"I am concerned we're moving the problem from one area to another," added David Farrag, Chairman of the Conservation Commission.

Some audience members asked if the pipe could be moved further out into the harbor, but Larsen said the cost of extending the pipe would be restrictive.

Concerns were raised as to whether hooking up the homes in Little Harbor onto the town sewer system would decrease the amount of bacteria in Treat's Pond. "I wish we were in 2011 having this conversation" when all Little Harbor homes are expected to be hooked up to town sewer, said one resident. While it may make a small difference, Larsen said it would not be the answer to the marsh's problems, "we're not trying to solve a bacteria problem, we're trying to restore the salt marsh."

By mid-July the Army Corps needs to know if Cohasset is serious about the project, but it's not just a matter of determining which option would best suit town interests, there is a financial commitment on the town's part as well.

Ultimately 35 percent of funding has to the come from non-federal sources, primarily municipal and state funds, said Dormitzer. From current estimates for any of the options that 35 percent could total more than $400,000.

Jason Burtner of Coastal Zone Management, a state agency whose mission is to balance the impacts of human activity with the protection of coastal and marine resources, said some funding resources could be available by grants or by appealing to local legislation. If town funds were to be used, the fall special Town Meeting would need to allocate the amount.

Marty Nee, Chairman of the Stormwater Committee, said this opportunity might be the best offer the town will get. The area in question is one of the more significant flooding areas in town and the town should take advantage of the 65 percent federal match, other options to alleviate flooding will likely be closer to 100 percent town paid, he said, "no solution is the worst solution," Nee said.

Dormitzer suggested the other selectmen walk the route around Treat's Pond to get a better sense of the area and proposals. The Selectmen will continue their discussion on Treat's Pond at their next scheduled meeting on Monday, June 25 at 7p.m.

HEALTH NOTES

Arboviruses passed on to humans

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

For some time now, Massachusetts has had a warning network dedicated to the dissemination of information about arboviruses (short for Arthropod or insect borne viruses), which live in bugs; mosquitoes and ticks, and are passed onto humans through feeding bites. Arboviruses we hear the most about are West Nile (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). Defense against these viruses take two paths, depending on the activities of the carriers. Protection from tick borne infections is best accomplished through use of protective clothing and personal inspections after suspected exposure. Avoid the outdoors at dusk and dawn; wear long sleeved pants and shirts when in the woods; and use insect repellant.

Mosquito-borne viruses are another matter. Always remove or empty regularly any sources of standing water such as birdbaths, wading pools, old pots or planters that hold water. Generally, spraying to suppress mosquitoes has questionable effectiveness and should be used only after getting conclusive evidence that the virus exists in bird populations where mosquitoes could spread the virus to people nearby. A far better approach, and that used by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) is to track the existence of the virus in birds which act as reservoirs for transmission to humans.

Fortunately, the DPH has for some time had a network of health care personnel throughout the state: the Massachusetts Health & Homeland Alert Network (HHAN) provides secure web-based communication and information-sharing for the state. Cities and towns including Cohasset use the HHAN to support emergency and bioterrorism preparedness efforts, including emergency alerts, response planning, educational services, laboratory reporting, and epidemiological investigation and now disease surveillance including arbovirus oversight and reporting.

The first weekly Arbovirus surveillance report arrived at the Board of Health on June 14. The information contained was in two tables. The first table was intended to provide data on the overall incidence of WNV and EEE in birds in Massachusetts. The information is submitted to the Center for Disease Control for comparison and correlation with other states. The report was based on surveillance for the week of, June 3 - June 9 in which birds were tested for WNV; mosquitoes, horses / other mammals and humans were tested for WNV and EEE.

The second table contained data from the ten commonwealth towns reporting and submitting the largest number of birds susceptible to WNV (blue jays, crows, robins). This table was intended to identify the location of clusters of virus positive birds in terms of geography so that if necessary, resources could be allocated to the appropriate area. Of all the 396 birds tested, none tested positive.

This is the information that planners need to prepare for outbreaks of arthropod borne illnesses. For recorded information regarding WNV and EEE, or to report a dead bird, call the MDPH Public Health Information line: 1-866-MASS-WNV (1-866-627-7968) Web Page http://westnile.ashton-web.com/

If you think you may have symptoms of WNV or EEE, see your physician immediately. Be prepared to answer questions about your medical history: The following information is critical for accurate interpretation of test results: Date of onset of disease symptoms, Date of specimen collection, any unusual immunological status of patient (e.g. immunosuppression), travel history, vaccination history (e.g., vaccination against yellow fever, Japanese encephalitis or Central European encephalitis), Disease history (e.g., previous history of viral encephalitis or Dengue fever), brief clinical summary including suspected diagnosis (e.g., encephalitis or meningitis).

Illness from arboviruses is rare, but can be particularly serious, so it's better to be careful about your health if you think you may have been exposed.

If you have any questions, please contact the public Health nurse at the Cohasset Board of Health 781 383-2210.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Avian Surveillance		Equine Mammal Surveillance	
Number of Dead Bird Reports	396	Number of Mammal Specimens Tested	0
Number of Birds Tested	22	Number of WNV Positive Horses	0
Number of WNV Positive Birds	0	Number of EEE Positive Horses	0
Mosquito Surveillance		**Human Surveillance**	
Number of Mosquito Pools Tested	173	Number of Human Specimens Tested	16
Number of WNV Positive Pools	0	Number of Human WNV Cases	0
Number of EEEV Positive Pools	0	Number of Human EEE Cases	0

Tables showing the first weekly Arbovirus surveillance report.

Senate approves Maritime Trail funding

Massachusetts Senate has approved an amendment, sponsored by Senate Minority Whip Robert Hedlund, restoring funding for the creation and implementation of a trail that connects Hull with other maritime museums from as far north as Amesbury to as far south as Westport.

The amendment received bipartisan support and was adopted on the second day of debate on the proposed fiscal 2008 state budget. The amendment sought to reinstate tourism funding that has been absent since fiscal 2006 and which was neglected in Gov. Deval Patrick's proposed fiscal 08 budget.

The Maritime Trail has been an important project for the town of Hull and Hedlund has fought for funding of the trail, offering amendments, over the last three budgets.

Hedlund said, "We have a rich, coastal, maritime history in New England, especially in the Commonwealth, and the creation of a trail that connects the history and culture of our communities is a smart plan to bring in tourism."

The groundwork and creation of the Maritime Trail has taken nearly six years to be developed. Conceived as a trail similar to Boston's Freedom Trail, the Maritime Trail will link Hull Lifesaving Museum with the Cape Cod Natural History Museum, Cohasset Historical Society and Maritime Museum, Custom House Museum, Essex Shipbuilding Museum, Jones River Landing, Massachusetts Bay Maritime Artisans and Saugus Ironworks.

Lory Newmyer, executive director of the Hull Lifesaving Museum said, "The enthusiasm and leadership of Sen. Robert Hedlund regarding this project has been extraordinary. He has a deep understanding and appreciation of the Commonwealth's broad and varied maritime heritage, and has worked to generate state-wide support for the comprehensive trail that will tell this compelling story."

The Maritime Trail was not included in the Governor's budget, nor in the House Ways and Means Budget. Since the language was included in Senate Ways and Means Budget only, the language will be subject to approval by Conference Committee and if retained, will be included in the final version of the Legislature's budget sent to Gov. Patrick.

The measure will take effect pending a signature by Gov. Patrick upon final approval of the state budget.

Sandy Beach open for summer

Sandy Beach is officially open for the 2007 summer season. Lifeguards will be on duty from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., daily through Labor Day, Sept. 3. Bathhouse facilities are available for use during the same hours. The following rules are issued to assure the safety of beach visitors and to protect the environment:

Prohibited:
- Alcoholic beverages.
- Dogs between 8:30 a.m. and sunset.
- Flotation devices.
- Glass containers.
- Open fires.
- Rock climbing.
- Walking on dunes.
- Water craft in marked swim area.
- Fishing.
- Launching boats, canoes or kayaks.
- Scuba diving.



Allowed – only in orange cone marked area:
- Frisbees.
- Hard balls.
- Kites.
- Skimmers.

Beach visitors are invited to enjoy many days at the "Jewel of Cohasset" in a safe and environment-friendly manner.







PHOTO/NANCY WHITE

Scott and Tucker O'Day relax in their revamped living room. WHDH Channel 7's "Room for Improvement" helped the couple achieve their vision for a "light, casual and relaxed" atmosphere with a contemporary feel. The designers used existing pieces in the O'Days' home and added unique accessories that spiced up the area.

Room change-up

Cohasset homeowners get a 'room for improvement'

By Nancy White
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Imagine leaving your house one day and returning to find an entire room of your house completely different. That's exactly what happened to Scott and Tucker O'Day on Tuesday, but they did have some prior notice. They and their home will be featured on WHDH Channel 7's feature segment "Room for Improvement."

The O'Days are used to change. They've moved from Scituate to Norwell to Weymouth before finally settling in Cohasset a year ago. Immediately they went to work on changing their new home on Hill Street, re-doing each room to suit their own style and taste. But when they reached the room that essentially serves as the entrance way to their home, they were stuck.

"You get to the point where you don't trust your own judgment," says Scott. As a result, the room was left largely empty, with only a couch and some paintings as decorations.

"When we walked by, we tried to shield our eyes," says Tucker. The room became lost space in their new home. But it isn't like they didn't make an effort. Tucker had her husband move furniture in and out of the room in an attempt to find the right mix of pieces for the room. Nothing seemed to work.

Tucker says, for her, the room had some major design challenges. For starters, it has an odd shape, narrower in one area and wider in another. A large part of one wall was a picture window and the opposite wall had a red brick fireplace and double-size entry way opening it to the dining room.

"We wanted something that was open, light, casual and relaxed, but with a more contemporary feel."
— Tucker O'Day, homeowner

"I was tired of looking at this room," says Tucker, so she wrote to Channel 7's "Room for Improvement" including the reasons why she needed help and pictures of the troublesome room. To her and her husband's surprise they were chosen to be on the show, "I can't believe we were picked, but it did make my life a lot less stressful" says Scott, who wasn't interested in moving another piece of furniture into or out of the room.

"Room for Improvement" is Channel 7's popular news feature segment that takes ordinary homeowners who are looking to re-design or improve a space in their home or office. The design team will work within the homeowner's budget to help transform a space into an ideal area. Channel 7 provides the professional design service and labor.

Robin Pelissier, owner of the downtown Hingham store Robin's Nest, was the interior designer for the O'Days' revamped living and dining room. She and a design team met with Tucker about a month ago to walk-thru the rooms and discuss what they envisioned.

"We wanted something that was open, light, casual and relaxed, but with a more contemporary feel," says Tucker, "we also wanted something low maintenance." Luckily, Pelissier knew exactly what the O'Days meant, "they spent maybe an hour here at the house —obviously they have a very good eye."

When the day came for the complete makeover to begin, Scott and Tucker had to make themselves scarce while the room was put together. Their return home and reaction to the room will be seen when the segment airs on Channel 7 in the next few weeks.

"We loved it, it's beyond what we expected," says Tucker, "they thought of everything."

The design elements came partially from existing furniture and accessory pieces in the house and some elements were new. The L-shaped couch, which the O'Days nearly gave away for use at a friend's vacation home, became the primary seating area for the living room. Blinds were added to the picture windows in the living and dining rooms, "we're not in a fishbowl anymore," says Scott. A custom rug and fresh paint were added to the room. The old red brick fireplace gained new life with a coating of bright white paint. Pellissier incorporated pillows she found upstairs in to the dining room, put candy from the kitchen in a dish and took some family photos from other parts of the room.

Unique and contemporary accessories added modernity, without forsaking comfort in the space, exactly what the O'Days were looking for in the room.

"Sometimes all you need is a fresh set of eyes," says Tucker, "they really listened to what we had to say."

Despite their happiness with their new living and dining space, they are still ready for more change. They plan to tackle the master bedroom and bath next.

"It's never ending," says Scott, with a hint of a groan.

The O'Days' "Room for Improvement" segment will appear on Channel 7 during the first week of July.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Prairie, 22 Little Harbor, $13,000, replace existing shed as per plans approved by ConComm; Heileman, 14 Stockbridge St., $8,600, 16 squares asphalt roofing; Dormitzer, 111 Atlantic Ave., $1,000, 20 foot by 40 foot tent from June 8 through June 11; Fitzsimmons, 116 Doane St., $500, repair/replace wood side walling on one side of house; Fitzgerald, 56 Red Gate Lane, $5,075, 11 squares asphalt roofing;

Centeio, 470 King St., $25,000, repair/renovate basement room due to water damage; Avila Construction, 15 Heritage Lane, $525,000, new home; Wellman, 53 Highland Ave., $150,000, remodel kitchen, bathroom and garage; add one story off kitchen, remodel second floor bath; and Cundall/Stenbeck, 140 Pond St., $9,000, install 14 foot by 20 foot shed.

Marlette, 31 Rustic Drive, $17,000, kitchen and bath remodel; Mineck, 419 Jerusalem Road, $30,000, replace old Anderson casement windows with new; Cohasset Housing Authority, 60 Elm St., $500,000, 600 squares side walling, replace existing windows; Dionsio, 365 Beechwood St., $90,000, side wall house, garage, new front, basement doors, new trim and replacement windows, remodel second floor bath;

Nelson, 264 Jerusalem Road,$35,000, 300 square foot second floor addition, new master bedroom, replace sunroom windows, new roof, new windows at entry; Henderson, 430 So. Main St., U-2, $4,000, install partition and window on third floor; and Cohasset Yacht Club, 99 Howard Gleason Road, 16 by 16 and 30 by 50 tents June 29 and 30.

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Legion earns 1st win of season

Editor's note: *This report was provided by the Cohasset Post 118 coaching staff.*

Cohasset Post 118 picked up its first win of the season Monday over Holbrook by a score of 7-4 in American Legion action.

Post 118, which draws from Cohasset and Scituate, got another excellent pitching performance from Brian Hill. Hill pitched a complete game, giving up four runs on eight hits with 11 strikeouts.

Holbrook scored one unearned run in the top of the fourth inning to take the lead, 1-0. In the bottom of the fourth, Justin Whyte led off with a single and advanced to second when Kyle Pinkus reached first on an error. Marcus Joyce also reached first on another error to load the bases.

Whyte scored on a single by Brad Sportack to make the score 1-1. Jeff Simpson reached first on a fielders choice to score Pinkus for a 2-1 lead after four innings. In the bottom of the fifth inning, Ryan Little singled and Coady Morgan reached first on an error. Whyte singled to score Little, and Michael Signorelli followed with a double to plate Morgan. To cap the rally, Pinkus singled to score Whyte and Signorelli also scored on a throwing error to make the score 6-1.

In the top of the sixth, Holbrook picked up three runs, of which two were unearned, to make the score 6-4. In the bottom of the frame, Morgan led off with a single and stole second base. Whyte singled to score Morgan to account for the final score.

The win brought Post 118's record to 1-5 going into Wednesday's game against Braintree, played after the Mariner went to press. The team kicks off a three-game homestand at Scituate High School Friday when it hosts Quincy; first pitch is scheduled for 5:45 p.m. Sunday, West Roxbury comes to SHS for a 4 p.m. game, while Post 118 hosts defending state champion Milton at 5:45 on Monday at SHS.

Following is a recap of the rest of the team's season to date:

Milton 12, Post 118 1

In the opening game of the season, Milton defeated Post 118, 12-1. Joyce made the start on the mound, going five innings and giving up eight runs with seven strikeouts. Joyce pitched well but the fielding and mental errors proved costly.

The offensive highlight for the team was Pat Doonan's double, which scored Whyte from second.

Canton 6, Post 118 2

Post 118's Ryan Ferriter pitched four innings giving up six runs, six hits and striking out four. Sam DeGiacomo shut down Canton in the last two innings, but it wasn't enough. Offensively, in the seventh inning, Hill scored on a double

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Girls tennis All-Scholastic team

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Unlike individual league all-star teams, we did not choose our team in deference to event considerations. Instead the only criteria we considered was overall value these athletes had to their respective teams.

In the end; however, the sports staff at Community Newspaper Company (CNC) had to make some tough decisions and we do feel secure that we chose the top public school girls tennis players for this honor.

This is the CNC All-Scholastic girls tennis team comprised of athletes from the following schools: Taunton, Apponequet, Bridgewater-Raynham, Randolph, Avon, Whitman-Hanson, Hanover, Marshfield, Weymouth, Braintree, Plymouth, West Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Old Rochester, Norwell, Wareham, Scituate, Hingham, Abington, Rockland, Silver Lake, Oliver Ames, Pembroke, Holbrook, Carver, Cohasset, Duxbury, Norton and Mansfield.

Singles

Meg Anderson – Junior Singles – Cohasset

Made the jump from doubles to first singles and handled it quite well, losing only two matches the entire season… A three-time Mariner All-Scholastic… Anderson won the

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Meg Anderson approaches the net for an overhand smash during a state tournament match against Hopkinton. The Skippers junior lost just twice all season at first singles.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Post 118's Pat Doonan, making a catch for CHS during the spring.

Local 9 look to move on in '08

By Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset High baseball team expected better.

There's way around that fact after the Skippers finished an unsatisfactory 5-13. In the South Shore League, Cohasset was 2-12. And the team's five wins were against rather weak teams, as only one of them (Sacred Heart) advanced to the state tournament.

"It was very disappointing," said head coach Al Gallotta about his team's season. "Qualifying for the tournament was a very realistic goal and we had all established that thought."

As a whole, the team had many issues and made mistakes that they were unable to overcome. One point that Gallota focused on was his team's poor baserunning throughout the season. The team constantly took themselves out of scoring opportunities with careless baserunning blunders. The Skippers could have used some of those runs because in four games this season, they lost by only one run.

Gallotta also said that the addition of East Bridgewater may have contributed to his team's struggles. Although he felt his team got stronger from the year before, it wasn't enough for the much stronger league.

"With the addition of EB the league became just that much stronger from top to bottom," Gallotta said.

One thing that almost the entire team struggled with was offensive production. The Skippers were never able to truly find their groove, and as a team they hit only .224. Gallotta accompanied this with the fact that five of his returning starters from last year hit significantly worse than last year.

Two juniors, though, established themselves as true varsity players this year, making the jump from the junior varsity team they were on last year. First baseman Kenny Muir was probably the biggest reason Cohasset was able to stay in games early in the season due to his ability to drive in runs. Chris Rose, who played a multitude of positions for Cohasset, was a catalyst for the team. He led the team in batting average and also had a penchant for knocking in runs.

Another junior, Pat Doonan, who was on varsity last year, also had a breakthrough season and really earned a starting position. Also a varsity player from last year and a junior, Kyle Pinkus had a great season leading the team in runs batted in. Muir, Rose, Doonan, and Pinkus will have to all be catalysts next year as seniors for this Cohasset team.

Nick Zappolo, Corbin Faber, Fletcher Smalzel, and John Harrington were the four seniors on the team and were true leaders. Every one of them contributed to the team in their own way. Zappolo, who missed the majority of last year with a leg injury, came back in full swing this year at his shortstop position. Faber once again had a solid season playing a couple positions, but really established himself as a firm second baseman. Smalzel also had another good season as a Skipper over at the hot corner, third base. Harrington finally broke through this season as an overall good starting pitcher. He had two starts and recorded his first win as a Skipper.

"They're a good group of kids. Each had rough spots, but all handled them very well and maturely," said Gallotta about his seniors. "If they came out of the game, they knew why they were and what for."

Gallotta will look to get even more production out of his seniors next spring. With the team only losing four players, the expectations for next year should be just as high, only this time Cohasset will look to answer these expectations.



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South Shore Community Center gymnasts (back row, left to right): Emily Podurgiel, Jessica Davis, Meghan Steeves, Abby Concannon, Read McNichols, Juliette Karp; (front row, left to right): Micaela Durkin, Kelsey McCunney, Grace Barlow, Amber Silvia, Jillian Crawford, Christina Tedeschi.

Local gymnasts shine in season finale

Twelve gymnasts with the South Shore Community Center traveled to Ohrenberger Gymnastics in West Roxbury for their final competition of the season. All of the young ladies performed well.

Top performers in the 11-year age group are as follows:

Abby Concannon of Hingham was first in the all-around and first on beam (8.0) and bars (9.0), third on vault (7.9) and fifth on floor exercise (7.7).

Micaela Durkin was fifth on beam (7.1) and vault (7.7), and sixth on bars (7.2).

Emily Podurgiel of Scituate was sixth in the all-around, fourth on floor (7.8), beam (7.2) and vault (7.85).

Christina Tedeschi finished first on the vault (8.15), while Kelsey McCunney finished third on beam (7.4) and fifth on bars (7.4).

In the 12-year age group:

Amber Silvia won the all-around and took first on floor (8.2), beam (8.3) and bar (8.85), and third on the vault (8.0).

Hingham's Read McNichols was sixth in the all-around, third on beam (7.0), fourth on vault (7.5) and fifth on floor (7.4). Meghan Steeves, also of Hingham, was second on the beam (7.2).

Top performers in the 13-and-up age division include:

Jillian Crawford placed sixth on the balance beam. Juliette Karp was third on floor (7.65) and beam (7.75), and fourth on bars (8.45).

Jessica Davis of Hull took fifth in the all-around, third on the vault (7.95) and fourth on the beam (7.7).

Hingham's Grace Barlow was third in the all-around, second on beam (7.8) and bars (8.75), fourth on the vault (7.8) and sixth on the floor.

Girls tennis All-Scholastic team

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last eight matches of her season to lead Cohasset to a 17-1 regular season record and a berth in the Div. 2 South semifinals…Included in that stretch were wins over fellow All-Scholastics Becca Winans (Duxbury) and Ali Lund (Hingham), and straight set wins in the state tournament against good opponents from Fairhaven, Dover-Sherborn and Hopkinton…Won two matches in the state individual tournament before running into eventual sectional champion Susan Bitetti of Norwell…The top player on a Skippers squad that again won a share of the South Shore League title with Norwell…Also plays soccer for CHS

Sally Meehan – Junior
Singles – Cohasset

Like former doubles partner and fellow All-Scholastic Meg Anderson, Meehan stepped up to singles this spring and had a great season…A three-time Mariner All-Scholastic…Was undefeated for the season until a tough three-set loss in the Div. 2 South semifinals against Hopkinton…That was Meehan's first loss in a third set that decided a match, having gone 5-0 in those situations up to that point…Earned a couple strong wins over Hingham that helped hand the Harborwomen their only two regular season losses of the season…Also plays field hockey for CHS

Becca Winans – Junior
First singles – Duxbury

Was among the top singles players in the Patriot League this season, which says a lot considering the talent in the league…Winans' only league losses (four) came against the PL undefeated Katie Prichard of Scituate and Hingham's Ali Lund…Winans' Green Dragons finished behind only these two squads in the PL standings at 7-4…A talented player in several aspects of the game, Winans picked up big wins in a pair of matches against Marshfield and hung in with tough squads from Cohasset and Norwell…The PL All-star still has one more year left to play on the Duxbury courts.

Ali Lund – Sophomore
First singles – Hingham

The Harborwomen welcomed this youngster with open arms after she spent her freshman season playing on a team in Florida…Lund quickly became one of the most feared players in the Patriot League, her lone pair of losses coming in instant-classic matches against Scituate unbeaten Katie Prichard…Lund's strong play at singles helped guide her squad to an undefeated PL title (12-0), edging their rival Sailors for the crown…At 13-2 overall, the Harborwomen drew the No. 6 seed in the Div. 1 South tourney and bested teams from Dennis-Yarmouth and Marshfield to reach the semifinals, where they were edged by Needham, 4-1…Hingham finished the season at 15-3.

Sara Yeransian – Junior
First singles – Mansfield

At the number one spot, Yeransian was on top of her game all season long…Sporting one of the fiercest forehands in the South, Yeransian swung her racquet to the tune of a 15-2 regular season record this season…She was named Hockomock League MVP after compiling a 16-3 overall record, a year after she went 19-1 as a sophomore…She was named captain for her final year at Mansfield and will continue to play tennis year round at the Easton tennis club and in USTA tournaments.

Amelia Mattern – Junior
Second singles – Marshfield

Got through the regular season unscathed compiling a 16-0 record from the No. 2 singles spot…A two-year varsity player for the Lady Rams, Mattern spent each of the last season at third singles before making the jump this spring…And boy did it help Marshfield…Behind the consistent play of Mattern, the Lady Rams won the Atlantic Coast League North Div. title (12-1) in their first season back and earned the No. 3 seed in the Div. 1 South tourney, reaching the quarterfinals before finishing the spring with a 19-2 record…Marshfield breezed through Mansfield before getting edged by fellow South Shore powers Hingham (4-1)…Just a junior, Mattern—an ACL All-star—still has a senior season to look forward to next spring.

Susan Bitetti – Junior
(Capt.)
Singles – Norwell

Three-time South sectional individual champion had another undefeated season for the Clippers, leading the team to a share of the South Shore League crown with Cohasset…Bitetti didn't lose a single set in team match play this year, and breezed through the individual sectional in similar fashion…Only loss of the year came in state individual semifinals to eventual champion Lauren Hollender of Newton South…Plays throughout the year in USTA tournaments and is one of the top-ranked players in New England for her age group…Bitetti comes from a true tennis family: older siblings Sara and Sam were both standouts at NHS as well.

Caseley Brodie-Gifford – Senior
First singles – Old Rochester

Brodie-Gifford, who went undefeated in league play the past two years, quickly cemented her status as the premier singles player in the South Coast Conference by winning her first three matches this season without dropping a single game…Her only two losses were to Dartmouth's highly-touted Amy Lopes in non-league matches…At the MIAA South Sectional tournament, Brodie-Gifford advanced to the third round before falling in straight sets to Bishop Feehan's Darcy Demers…"It's very hard to play against Caseley. She's not a power tennis player, but she gets everything back and plays a very heady game," ORR head coach Bob Hohne said.

Michaela Shoemaker – Junior
Second singles – Old Rochester

Shoemaker overcame most of her opponents this season with solid ground strokes, a reliable service game, and a calm on-court demeanor…A fine student in the classroom, Shoemaker figures to play a key role for Old Rochester next year, possibly at #1 singles as the heir apparent to Brodie-Gifford…The promising junior's most impressive match may have been a dominant 6-0, 6-0 victory over Dighton-Rehoboth's Haley Manchester that helped the Lady Bulldogs rebound from their only league defeat to rival Apponequet.

Alex Dalton – Sophomore
First singles – Oliver Ames

The younger of the two Dalton sisters ensured that the families legacy lived on…In a tough season for the girl tennis team, Dalton was a nearly unbeatable force losing to fellow all-scholastic Sara Yeransian of Mansfield and Stoughton's Nealie Kaplan…She finished the season 15-3 for the struggling Tigers…Dalton will serve as captain of the Tigers next season as just a junior..Alex will continue her playing career this summer at the Weymouth tennis club honing her trade in anticipation of next spring's battles.

Eden Marrano – Freshman
First singles – Pembroke

She was only a freshman this season, but her stellar play thrust her into the spotlight, and boosted the Titans to places unseen before…For the season Marrano was 17-1 at the top singles spot, including big wins over the top players from perennial powers Duxbury, and Hingham…The Titans earned their first ever tournament berth this year, and picked up a win in the state tournament thanks to her efforts, and they also won the Patriot League's Fisher Division…"Having Eden as our #1 has changed the entire organization of our team. Other players can play opponents of their skill level instead of playing people who out match them," head coach Meredith Fogarty said…In the coming years Pembroke, and the rest of the South Shore can expect even more success, and a possible run at an individual title.

Kate O'Connor – Freshman
Singles – Scituate

The Sailors had a few questions in singles due to graduation, but O'Connor ably answered them with big win after big win throughout the season…Perhaps the most memorable among those were two three-set wins against Duxbury in the span of five days, both giving Scituate a 3-2 win over its Patriot League rival…Also recorded impressive straight set wins over opponents from Norwell and league champion Hingham down the stretch…O'Connor capped off her season with a straight set win against Norwell in a Div. 2 South first round match, ultimately won by the Clippers, 3-2…Will team with fellow All-Scholastic Katie Pritchard as the foundation of next year's Sailors squad

Katie Pritchard – Junior
Singles – Scituate

After two seasons of playing second singles, Pritchard stepped into the top spot this season and went undefeated in Patriot League play…Only losses of the season came against fellow All-Scholastic Susan Bitetti of Norwell…Won two matches in the individual South sectional tournament, after winning three and advancing to the quarterfinals as a sophomore…Pritchard recorded a pair of impressive straight set wins against Duxbury to help earn the Sailors a couple 3-2 wins over their PL rivals, while also winning in straight sets twice against Hingham in 3-2 team losses to the league champion Harborwomen



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Cohasset junior second singles Sally Meehan went undefeated in regular season play for the Skippers.

Amanda Albuquerque – Sophomore
First singles – Weymouth

It wasn't certain at the beginning of the year if she would be coming out for the team, because of her other tennis commitments…Albuquerque is a member of the Nick Bolliteri tennis academy, and a nationally ranked by the USTA in the under-16 category, as a result of those commitments she was unable to participate in the Individual tournament, where she could have made some noise…She was a big reason for the success of the Wildcats who earned a tournament berth, and then rode a wave of success to the sectional finals…She lost only one match, which she later avenged in the final against Needham…She was a Bay State first team all-star, and won an astounding 16 sets (out of a possible 42) by a score of 6-0.

Doubles

Krista Vreeland / Kaylene O'Brien
First doubles – Hingham

What a difference experience makes…In their second straight season playing together at first doubles, these senior captains breezed through their competition this regular season, going undefeated to help guide Hingham to a Patriot League crown (11-0)…The two-time PL All-stars nailed down two big wins in matches against rival Scituate, edging the Sailors for league supremacy…Both very skilled on the court, Vreeland and O'Brien's consistent play helped the No. 6 seeded Harborwomen reach the semifinals of the Div. 1 South tourney…There, the squad was edged in a 4-1 decision…Their departure from HHS leaves a big void to be filled at doubles next spring.

Caroline Bagby /Ally Niemann
First doubles – Marshfield

These senior captains were tough to beat on the doubles front this spring…Playing with different partners at doubles last season, the pair teamed up this spring and were about as solid a duo as you can get…Both four-year varsity players, Bagby and Niemann complimented each other very well on the court and combined to go undefeated throughout the regular season and qualify for play in the South Doubles tourney…There, the ACL All-Stars reached the second round of play…Bagby and Niemann's consistency on the court led to a season in which the Lady Rams won their first Atlantic Coast League North Div. title (12-1) since rejoining the league this spring…The squad was seeded third in the Div. 1 South tourney (18-1) and reached the quarterfinals…The pair leaves a big void to fill at doubles next spring.

Kyle MacDonald/Lauren Anderson
First doubles – Old Rochester

Undefeated at 19-0 during the regular season, MacDonald and Anderson were a resourceful pairing who used teamwork, strong net play and precise passing shots to overwhelm opponents…Even when they were not at their best, the pairing found a way to emerge victorious…Their most memorable win may have been a three-set dogfight against Fairhaven's Kelly McCann/Allison Furtado that set the stage for the team's SCC championship-clinching win over Seekonk four days later…At the MIAA South Sectionals, MacDonald and Anderson, seeded fourth, advanced all the way to the quarterfinals before succumbing in straight sets to fifth-seeded Amanda Smith and Kathleen Colpoys of Notre Dame.

Allison White and Christina Cady
Second doubles – Old Rochester

Old Rochester's second doubles pairing was nearly as dominant as MacDonald and Anderson, losing just one match and finishing the regular season with an impressive 14-1 mark…The two recent graduates improved with each match and were the darlings of the MIAA South Sectionals, winning all three of their preliminary round matches before falling in the quarterfinals to eventual champs Sandra Hyams and Rachel Bergeron of Needham… "They were the talk of the tournament," Hohne said.

Meg Dempsey/Sam Norton
First doubles – Weymouth

This duo was one of the top doubles pairings in the south this year, and their performance was a big reason for the Wildcats meteoric rise up the local tennis ladder. Dempsey and Norton won their first five matches of the season, including a win over state champion Needham, that duo's only loss of the year…They also had win streaks of five or more two other times during the year…Their efforts earned them second team All-star honors by the Bay State League as they helped Weymouth to a 13-3 regular season record, and four tournament wins before falling to Needham in the finals…At the individual tournament they reached the finals, before falling. Next season this group should be capable of producing even bigger things.

Honorable Mentions:

Singles

Eddie Hoey – Sr. – First singles – Carver

Maddy Altholtz – Fr. – Third singles – Cohasset

Kyra Holmquest – Jr. – First singles – Marshfield

Katherine Kelley – Jr. – Second singles – Norwell

Nicky Wetherbee – Jr. – Second singles – Pembroke

Sarah Forman – So. – First singles – Plymouth North

Shelley Hanscom – Sr. – First singles – Rockland

Emily Warnock – Jr. – Second singles – Silver Lake

Melissa Kimball – Jr. – Third Singles – Weymouth

Melissa Dempsey – Jr. – Second Singles – Weymouth

Doubles

Brittany Sherwood/Kristen Cullity – First doubles – Carver

Tory Anderson/Catherine Dunphy – First doubles – Duxbury

Amanda Higginbottom/Anna Lane – First doubles – Hanover

Julie Larson/Caitlin Henricksen – Second doubles – Marshfield

Marissa Dalferro/Rachel Thomas – First doubles – Norwell

Emily Werner/Brittany Cangemi – First doubles – Scituate

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Legion earns 1st win of season

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by DeGiacomo to left center. DeGiacomo then scored on a single by Tommy Chase.

Morrisette 2, Post 118 1

Post 118 wasted a great effort from Hill, who went the distance, giving up four hits and striking out eight batters. He had excellent control and did an outstanding job mixing up his pitches. Morrisette scored both runs in the first inning, and one was unearned.

In the sixth inning, Joyce led off with a single and Doonan laid down a great bunt for a hit. Joyce then scored on a single by Whyte. Post 118 had its chances, but stranded nine runners on base. The team had eight hits, but could not get a big hit at the right time.

Stoughton 11, Post 118 7

Stoughton got off to a quick start, scoring one run in the first inning and three more in the second. In the bottom of the second, Kenny Muir led off with a walk for Post 118. Ferriter singled and Brad Sportack walked to load the bases. Jeff Simpson singled to score Muir and Ferriter. Doonan then singled to score Sportack. Chase then walked and Justin Whyte singled to score Simpson and Doonan and Post 118 had the lead at 5-4.

Stoughton scored a pair of runs in the third and fourth innings each to regain the lead, 8-5. In the bottom of the fifth, Simpson and Doonan led off with back-to-back singles. Then Whyte singled to score both Simpson and Doonan to make the score 8-7 after four innings.

Stoughton picked up three more runs in the sixth and the game was called after six innings due to darkness.

Weymouth 4, Post 118 1

DeGiacomo made his first start of the season, going the distance and giving up four runs on five hits with two strikeouts. DeGiacomo gave a strong effort but walks and mental errors proved costly once again.

Post 118 scored its only run in the fifth inning. Signorelli singled to left and moved to third on a single by Robert Dongara. Signorelli scored on a groundball to shortstop by Hill. Defensively, Post 118 turned three double plays in the game.

Sports Notes

CYBSA thanks

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association would like to thank all of its players, parents, friends and families for participating in the 2007 Calendar Card fundraiser. The daily drawings began on June 1 and will end on June 30 with a $1,000 grand prize.

So far, many winners have been from Cohasset and as far away as Indiana. The top three players who sold the most calendar cards and won prizes themselves are (first place) Trevor Tedeschi, (second place) Harrison Martin and (third place) Will Schwartz. Trevor sold 55 cards and won $300, Harrison sold 39 cards and won $200 and Will sold 38 cards and won $100.

The CYBSA would like to thank everyone for making this fundraiser a big success. For daily winning results, check out the organization's web site: CYBSA.net.

Town soccer registration

Registration for Cohasset Town Soccer is now open for the 2007-08 fall/spring season, for kids in grades pre-K through 8th. Register on line at www.cohassetsoccer.com

South Shore Spartans tryouts

The South Shore Spartans boys soccer club will be holding tryouts for the boys U12 team. The tryouts will be open to all boys born Aug. 1, 1995 or later. Positions open are for goalkeepers and field players.

Tryouts will be held Tuesday, June 26 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, June 28 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. All tryouts will take place at the Osborne Field on Main Street in Norwell. Please bring a ball, water and goalie gloves if you are trying out for goalie.

For further information or directions, please contact head coach Douglas Price, (781)264-3453 or via email at southshorespartans@yahoo.com

Summer basketball camps

Cohasset High School varsity basketball coach Dorian Bryant will offer two camps this summer for kids.

The Big Man & Point Guard Perimeter Camp, an intensive four-day camp, will be held July 10 through 13, for youths in grades 7-12. The Ultimate Development Camp is a two-day-a-week camp for five weeks, beginning July 2. Both camps are designed so that the camper receives quality instruction on basketball fundamentals.

Applications are at the Recreation Office at the Cohasset Town Hall or can be downloaded at www.cohasset-basketball.com. Go to Links/AAU Teams & Summer Camps/Cohasset Summer Basketball Camp. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, June 20.

For information e-mail coach Bryant at dorianbry@aol.com.

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Cohasset Triathlon Fact Sheet

What: 1st Annual Cohasset Triathlon

When: Sunday, July 8, start at 8 a.m.

Where: Start and transition area will be at Sandy Beach

The Swim: The race begins with a 1/4-mile ocean swim off Sandy Beach.

The Bike: A 12-1/2-mile bike will follow the swim. The course will begin at the beach and will head down Atlantic Avenue to Border Street. Riders will continue down Border to Gannett Road. In North Scituate, the course makes a right on Main Street towards the Cohasset Town Common and continues to Route 228. Turn right on Route 228 to Jerusalem Road. The final stretch will take riders onto Jerusalem Road and finally back to the transition area at Sandy Beach.

The Run: A 3.2-mile run that will loop around Little Harbor. Runners will follow Nichols Road to Jerusalem Road and turn left. The course will take the runners around the Common to Beach Street. Runners will follow Beach Street to Atlantic Avenue with the finish just a short distance from the transition area.

How to register: The Triathlon has reached capacity at 720 runners, with a waiting list of over 200 athletes. Sign up early next year!

Volunteers: E-mail billburnett@cohassettri.com for information on how you can help.

Charity bike ride

The Dick Melloni Youth Foundation (DMYF) kicks off the fall season with its annual Foundation Fifty-Five Charity Bicycle Ride to be held Sunday, Sept. 16.

The ride begins at the quaint Onset Harbor Pier in Onset and proceeds through 55-miles of Upper Cape Cod's most beautiful cycling beginning with the Cape Cod Canal. After enjoying the view of Cape Cod Bay from Scussett Beach, riders will proceed toward breathtaking vistas of the Plymouth Harbor and waterfront. Then, on to the Myles Standish State Park for a spectacular roll through the unspoiled State Forest, and back to Onset for post-ride check-in and festivities that include therapeutic massage, prizes, and a grand all-you-can eat pizza party.

Ample parking, clearly marked routes, maps, sag wagons, mobile tech support and first aid are provided. Rest stops have food, water and rest rooms.

Registration is $40 plus $250 in minimum fundraising contributions. All participants registered prior to Aug. 1 that meet the minimum fundraising requirements receive a professional quality cycling jersey with cool sublimated graphics unique to this year's event and a tote bag filled with useful and fun bicycling items. Late registrations are accepted, however, at that time jerseys are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

A full 100 percent of the proceeds from this fundraising event will directly support established DMYF programs for youths, including the "Lids-4-Kids" bicycling helmet safety program, the DMYF Child Literacy Program, and our "CARBS" (Children Always Ride Buckled Safely) Program to promote child car seat safety to name a few.

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IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JULY 25, 2007**.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based. within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

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Searching for artifacts of original Minot Light

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"Many people see the placing of the plaque as the icing on the cake," said Vic Mastone, director of the Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources. "But in reality it was the flour that was thrown in to get the batter started."

Mastone, who had often thought of conducting an archaeological survey of the debris field of the 1851 tragedy, met with the Coast Guard's Atlantic Area Historian, Dr. William Thiesen, and together they began assembling a team that could pull off such an event with benefits that would affect the working lives of dozens of service personnel. The proposed archaeological site visit would serve as a training mission — or, rather, a collection of training exercises — for Coast Guard divers, the buoy tender's crew, and even an anti-terrorism robotics specialist.

The 11 divers, gathered from Maritime Safety and Security Teams (MSSTs) in Boston, New York and San Diego, stood to be the stars of the show. Their mission was to lay out a searchable grid under the guidance of Mastone and Lieutenant (junior grade) Keith Meverden, a primary investigator working for the Coast Guard's Sector Lake Michigan out of Madison, Wisc., and then explore the sea floor for any signs of the lighthouse's remains. The Abbie Burgess' crew played a supporting role, offering an excellent platform from which the divers could operate on the tender's spacious buoy deck.

What was the end value of the exercise to the divers and the tender crew? Should the need ever arise, the divers have now had valuable in-the-water experience laying out a searchable pattern on the sea floor, the methodology of which could theoretically be applied to a search for a lost boat or plane, and the tender crew is now trained in how to support the divers in such an effort.

As Mastone said, "The archaeology is just the fun part. There are much more important things happening here than a search for artifacts."

Monday's dives returned immediate results. Splashing into unseasonably warm 59-degree waters the divers laid their grid, familiarized themselves with the bottom, reported excellent visibility up to 15 feet, and began their search. Magnetometer scans of the area earlier in the spring showed a significant magnetic anomaly southwest of the lighthouse that helped define the original search area.

As the divers ascended from their first plunge, Meverden approached retired Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officer Sandy Schwaab.

"How big would a power cable be for a light like this one?" he asked.

"Oh, about three or four inches in diameter," Schwaab answered.

"Well, we think they've found it."

But the rest of the day's dives proved a bit more frustrating. An iron ladder, bits of an iron grate, and some iron poles raised hopes, but not eyebrows. The big score, the lighthouse's lantern room, still remained undocumented.

Adjusting their field for day two on Tuesday, the divers enjoyed the added "eyes" of MSST Boston's "ROV," or remotely operated vehicle, guided by GM1 Carl Shipley. Intending to send the small, twin-propeller robot to work near the divers, Shipley found that the current near the light was too strong for the device. Instead of fighting it, he let the current take it the way it wanted to, away from the ledge. Serendipitously, his resignation to temporarily submit to the power of the sea led to the most considerable discovery of the week, as the ROV cast its lights on a gathering of suspected tools and other construction materials. The divers marked the site for further exploration later in the week.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Chief Warrant Officer Paul Dilger, commanding officer of the buoy tender Abbie Burgess (right), discusses plans for the first day's operations with dive team leader Lieutenant (junior grade) Keith Wilkins.

On Wednesday morning, dive operations halted for a remembrance ceremony for the two lightkeepers lost in the 1851 storm. Thiesen, Schwaab, Coast Guard Historian Dr. Robert Browning and others spoke briefly before the deck crew of the Abbie Burgess prepared the 5,000 pound "sinker" to which the Foundation for Coast Guard History's plaque was affixed for dropping over the port side. Once the stone was safely in place and ready for its final descent, Chief Warrant Officer Paul Dilger, commanding officer of the tender, offered a brief and final salute.

"Keeper Antoine, Keeper Wilson, your sacrifices have not been forgotten, and they will not be forgotten. May you rest in peace." The Coast Guard personnel saluted as "Taps" was played and the sinker was released into the ocean, ultimately landing squarely between rocks on the sea floor, 31 feet below.

With the ceremony completed, the divers returned to work, and the gathered historians and archaeologists continued their discussions. All agreed that if enough archaeological evidence could be produced from the dives, an extension of the National Register of Historic Places designation for Minot's Lighthouse should be sought to include the debris field. Mastone, too, dreamed of another major possibility, an underwater preserve that could feature an historic trail for divers.

"The plaque sitting on the bottom has me thinking that we could have markers leading recreational divers from the plaque to say an artifact 20 feet away," he said. "From there, they could find the next item of interest, and so on." Should Mastone's office have the chance to create it, the preserve would be the first of its kind in Massachusetts waters.

And the placing of the plaque came with other "firsts" as well. "This is the Coast Guard's first step in recognizing the losses of lighthouse keepers," said Coast Guard Historian Dr. Robert Browning. "I think that we're going to try to do a lot more of these events in the future."



Two of the 11 Coast Guard divers involved with this week's Minot's Light dive embark on their next exploration of the sea floor.

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A fitting feat

Relay for Life continues to remember, honor

By Mary Ford
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When Cohasset's Alumni Field was built about a dozen years ago, it was envisioned that it would be the scene of many an athletic contest.

However, the high school field — home to the recent CHS Lacrosse state champions — has doubled over the years as the setting for Cohasset's Relay For Life, where teams compete for a common goal: raising money to fight cancer.

In fact Cohasset High lacrosse defenseman, Nick Lieberman, who will be a sophomore in the fall, traded in his cleats for sneakers Friday and Saturday while he became part of another team, "All Ryled Up," that incorporated his grandmother's maiden name, Ryle.

"There is a history of cancer in my family," Nick said, explaining that for him the luminaria ceremony that takes place Friday evening was the most moving. There was a "bunch" of luminaria bags with candles in memory of his grandmother, he said. Nick, who also plays football for the Skippers, was also a volunteer helping with setting up and "taking down" the Relay.

This year's Relay, the 12th annual in Cohasset, was the "best event we have had," said Relay chairman Harry St. Onge. "We had more survivors and more supporters attend," he said. "I have always said there are two parts to the relay. The first is the fund raising and the second is participation and creating awareness about cancer. We were successful on both parts. We raised more money last year but this year's event was special. It is always rewarding when people, who experienced the event for the first time, tell you how much it meant to them."

First-time team "Gems and Jewels" from Scituate is a case in point. The team had 25 registered but more arrived on Friday evening.

"I participated last year as part of a different team," says Allison Crowell. But when her friend Paula Jewell was diagnosed with breast cancer in February, Crowell formed the "Gems and Jewels."

"It was just unbelievable how many people rallied to support us," she said. Crowell explained that Jewell provided the inspiration for the team. However, the team was also dedicated to another friend and young mother who was recently diagnosed with lymphoma.

Crowell explained the team is for friends and family who are the "gems and jewels in our lives." The team received a Bronze Award for raising between $2,500 and $5,000. The team raised upwards of $4,000, Crowell said.

Craig Bleicken was back for his 10th year as a relay volunteer. He said seeing cancer survivors come back provides inspiration.

Last year he recalled when cancer survivor Katie Egan, who was then a Hingham High junior, spoke at the relay. A few years earlier while at Foster Elementary, Katie's school organized the relay team, the "Yellow Polka-dotted Penguins" in her honor. Katie is headed to Boston College this fall.

"Seeing her come back and speak made it all worthwhile," Bleicken said.

St. Onge, the relay chairman, put it best: "We continue to celebrate life and hope for the future."

More than $110,000 for the Relay has been raised so far. The highest money raising team was "Springtime for Shelly" for the adult teams and "Marga-Relay-Ville" for the youth teams. The "Most Enthusiastic" was Notrahs Forget Noone and the "Best Campsite" was Mighty Energizers.

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In May 1985, Dr. Gordon Klatt took the first step of his 24-hour walk/jog/run around a Tacoma, Wash. track and raised $27,000 to support the American Cancer Society. Today more than 4,500 Relays, which are sponsored by the American Cancer Society, take place annually across the country, raising upwards of $300 million. Cohasset's Relay draws participants from Cohasset, Hingham, Hull and Scituate.



Kate Martin, right, holds the luminaria bag as Daniel Luscombe, 3, does his part for the Relay. The overnight event was held at Alumni Field.

Photos by Craig Goedecke



Hope Demers, 2, who is part of the 2007 Dream Team, is pushed around the track by her mom Cathy Demaris and her mom's friend Laurie Hall.



Relay participants light the luminaria at 9 p.m. Friday evening.



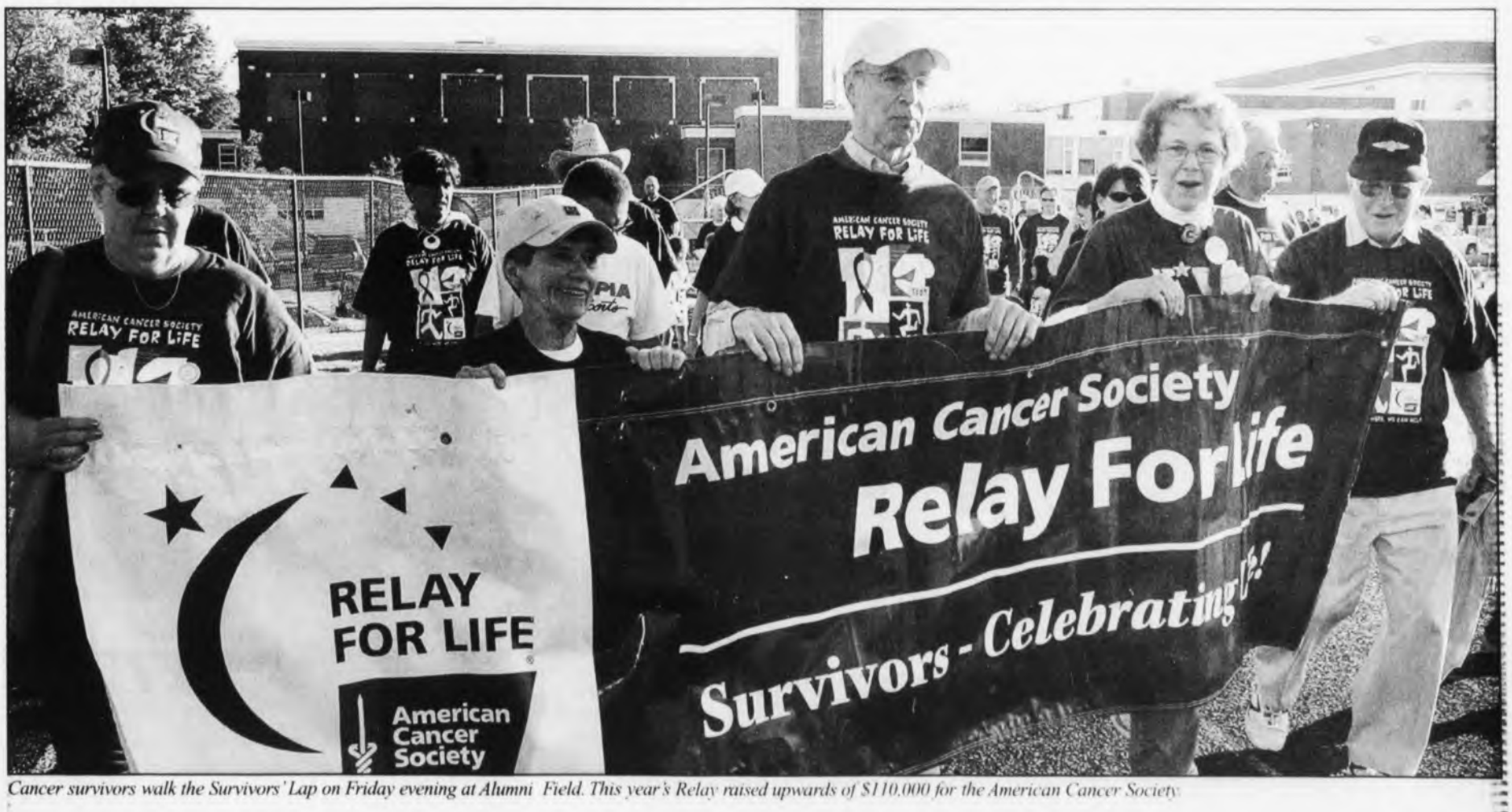
Laurie Berlinguet, a five-year breast cancer survivor, watches the opening ceremony Friday evening with her husband Paul and mother-in-law Judy Emery.



Greg O'Brien of Cohasset flips some burgers while at the Relay For Life at Alumni Field on Friday.



Relay chairman Harry St. Onge speaks to participants during opening ceremonies on Friday.



Cancer survivors walk the Survivors' Lap on Friday evening at Alumni Field. This year's Relay raised upwards of $110,000 for the American Cancer Society.

DESTINATIONS

Paris: a city of misconceptions

By Emily Dumas
CORRESPONDENT

A few hours after booking my trip to Paris in January, I made a stop at my neighborhood Borders. I stocked up on Fodor's Paris, and grabbed every map off the shelf. I bought a language book and a menu decipherer. I studied the customs, read memoirs of ex-patriots, and was determined to fit in. I thought I knew everything there was to know about being a savvy vacationer in Paris, but I was wrong. While Paris has many nicknames, as an American traveler, I would add another: the City of Misconceptions.

Misconception No. 1: All Parisians hate Americans.

I was a little wary about my trip, after reading in almost every guidebook that the French have little patience with American visitors. They could pick you out of a crowd, seasoned traveler writers claimed, even if you didn't own a single fanny pack. But I found that the French exuded friendliness, and were entirely appreciative as long as I made an attempt at the language. My travel companion was my mother and while she had a few years of rusty high school French under her belt, I could barely utter a terribly pronounced "Bonjour" without blushing. But I found as long as I could freely use the basics — "si'il vous plait (please), "merci" (thank you), "Bonjour" (hello) and "au revoir" (goodbye) — the French couldn't help but smile. Even when my mother one time asked for a dress instead of a jug of tap water, our waiter couldn't have been more polite.



One of the many streetside cafes, perfect for a quick croissant or a salade nicoise.



The author and her mother Carol in front of Notre Dame Cathedral.

No. 2: The Mona Lisa is overrated. Get in and get out, but only if you can survive throngs of Japanese tourists.

My mother and I decided that while we didn't want to spend an eternity in the Louvre, if we had come back to the States without a glimpse at Da Vinci's most famous work, my father might disown us. Since the Lourve is open on Wednesdays until 9:45 pm, the best strategy is to go late. For the record the Mona Lisa is breathtaking and bigger than my guidebooks inferred. At such a late hour, there were no large tour groups or even cameras flashing, as photography was forbidden. I was able to get five feet away from the Plexi-glass enclosed masterpiece, lost in her dreamy stare. It was a moment I would never forget.

No. 3: The French like to dress up therefore shorts and sneakers are taboo.

Weeks before our trip, my mother and I spent long hours thinking up the right outfits and trying to find the correct shoes to bring to ensure that we would exude Parisian chic. While the French like to look nice, they have no problem with sneakers or jeans. What we did notice was that French women always wear nice shoes. Whether it was a 20-something or octogenarian, their shoes were leather, heeled, and fabulous.

No. 4: Stick to an agenda, use your Zagat, or else you will waste precious sightseeing time.

By the third day, Mom and I were ready to burn our Zagat dining guide. For us, Paris was all about being spontaneous. While we did thoroughly enjoy our five-course meals at the Zagat-rated restaurants, some of our best meals were at small streetside cafes.

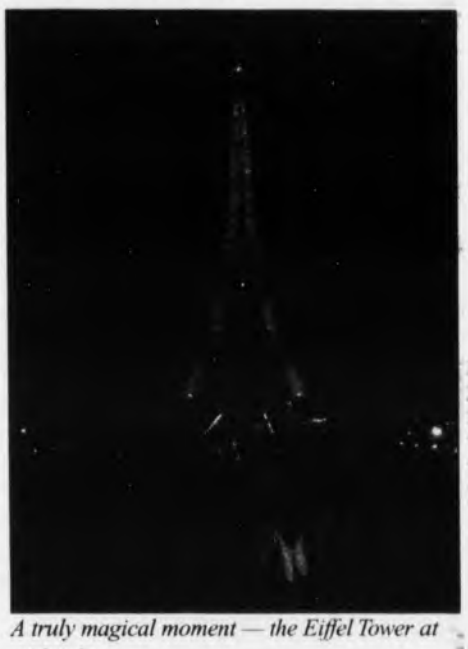
The French can eat forever. They believe in the quality of the dining, not the quantity. Portions are small but no one ever goes hungry. If you don't ask for l'addition (the check), the waiter will not bring it. Thus we usually spent two or more hours eating just one course and enjoying a single carafe of wine. Mom and I would talk, eat, and observe the hustle and bustle that is quintessential Paris.

One night at a café, an Italian man, by himself, started a conversation with us. He was tri-lingual and a traveling businessman who spent his year traveling between Milan, Paris, and New York. Our conversation was peppered with English, French and Italian and it was at this point, as we successfully navigated this language triathlon, that we felt truly European.

No. 5 The Eiffel Tower is a must see, but the area is choked with sightseers.

I spent the last fleeting moments of my 24th birthday in front of the Eiffel Tower.

My mother's Uncle Tom, who was also vacationing in the city, had just taken us out to dinner. When we told him we wanted to see the famous landmark, he begged us not to go, suggesting that the area was dark and could be dangerous at night for two women travelers. So we promised him we would head back to the hotel and bid him adieu. But like wicked and conspiring children, my mother and I just looked at each other. "We're doing it," we said and bordered the train to the Trocodero, the plaza toted as the best place to see the tower from afar. As we exited the Metro, and rounded the corner, the lighted Tour Eiffel arose from the midnight darkness. For that one moment, Paris existed only for my mother and me.



A truly magical moment — the Eiffel Tower at midnight.



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Our World summer activities

Our World, Children's Global Discovery Museum is at 100 Sohier St. in Cohasset. For information or to register for any of the following activities, call 781-383-3198 or visit ourworld3.homestead.com/.

Nature Month – June is nature month in the weekly camp, for children ages 3 to 5, held from 9:30 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday.

Music Circus Children's Program – This weekly-themed camp, based on the children's program at the Music Circus, begins in July and will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Thursday will include the children's show at the Music Circus.

Vocalmotion – Children from birth through the age of 4 are invited to join Sharon Chase for some wiggly, giggly musical fun in Vocalmotion each Thursday from July 19 through Sept. 6.

One Creative Place at Our World – This program for children ages 3 and 1/2 through 7, will be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays. **Around the World in Four Weeks** will be held June 19, 26 and July 10 and 17 and **Spanish Time Fun in More Ways** will be held July 24, 31 and Aug. 7 and 14.

Mystery Book Club – Children age 7 to 9 are invited to join the "Nancy Drew Clue Crew," which will meet from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays from June 26 through July 24.

Auditions scheduled for

Hull Performing Arts, Inc. announces auditions for "Learning About Your Own World" by Thomson Jaffe. This play is the winner of HPA's 2007 Playwriting Contest.

Auditions will take place at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., at 7 p.m., on Friday June 29. The cast calls for five teenage girls and one 40-plus-year-old woman as a mom. Performances will be at Fort Revere in August.

Call 781-925-2406 for directions and more information.

This project is funded, in part, by a grant from the Hull Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Writers Group

Grub Street South at Buttonwood is a collaboration between Grub Street, Boston's only independent writing center, and Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, and is designed for writers of all levels. On Tuesday, June 26, at 7 p.m., instructors will be members of The Writers' Group, and their topic will be "How to Run a Successful Writers Group." Avoid the criticism while benefiting from the critique.

The Writers' Group consists of four local women who will share how they encourage, give feedback and offer critique as they create their literary lives. Members are Lisa Marnell, P. Amy MacKinnon, Hannah Roveto and Lynne Reeves Griffin.

Grub Street events are free, however reservations are requested, and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 781-383-2665.

Garage dance

There will be a dance at the Garage from 7 to 10 p.m., on Friday, July 20. Students in grades six through eight are welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold.

This is not a school function.

Junior sailing

Hull Yacht Club classes will take place 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. Session I, June 25 through July 6; Session II, July 9 through July 20; and Session III, July 23 through Aug. 17. Session III requires prior participation in Session I or II. Fee is $50/week including use of an N-10. Learn to Sail program is open to children 8 years of age and older or those who have completed second grade.

For more information on the program, visit the Junior Sailing section of the Hull Yacht Club Web site at hullyc.org/sailpgm; call Lisa Campbell at 781-925-5561, lcampbell13@hotmail.com; or Joanne Pearson, 781-864-9300, jmocp@comcast.net.

Drift Away to perform

Join Drift Away, with J Place, Joe Micarelli and John Litwin Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m., at the Snug, 114 North St., Hingham. No cover.

The band features a variety of smooth jazz, blues, soul and classic standards from the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's.

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Kaitlin Thurlow, a staff member at the South Shore Arts Center, works on her painting of the common during the Arts Festival.



Hope Macdonald, 2, and Kathryn Maull, 6, both of Marshfield, and her sister Jayna Maull, 10, reach out to grab a handful of refreshing cool water from a Zwinkler Outdoor Shower which was being sold by Zwinkler Garden Art from West Harwich.

Festival weekend was fabulous



Katie McKeon, 8, of Cohasset, holds onto Phoebe, a Chihuahua, while Snickers is held by Stephen Bumstead, 15, also of Cohasset. They kids were enjoying the arts festival with their dogs that attracted a lot of attention.



Delores Leary of Scituate admires the stained glass mosaic by Lorie Reilly of Somerville-based Mosaica Botanica.



Michelle Pearson, 18, of Hanover, is framed within a quilt inside the main exhibition tent at the South Shore Arts Festival on Cohasset Common. The quilt, "Compass Rose of the Sea," was made by Claire Watts of Cohasset.

Staff photos by Robin Chan



Katherine Carbonaro, 12, left, of Wellesley, returns the favor and adds Cool Whip to the nose of her friend Mackenzie Axelson, 11, right, of Cohasset. The girls were enjoying strawberry shortcake at the Strawberry Fest at Second Congregational Church.



While talking on her cell phone, Tracy Scatterday of Allston is framed inside a Moongate Birdfeeder created by Jim Schneider.



Silvia Downing, 7, of Scituate, gets her caricature done on her birthday (Saturday). Paula Carter of Belfast, Maine is the artist.



Taylor Campbell, 4, of Lowell, gets her silhouette made by Jean Comerford of Silhouette Portraits.



Joseph Protulis, 7, of Cohasset shakes the claw of Charlotte Reel, 18, of Cohasset, who was dressed as a lobster advertising the lobster rolls offered across the street at First Parish House. The lobster rolls are an annual Festival treat provided by First Parish Church.



Patti Knowles of Sarasota, Fla., and a former member of Second Congregational Church, makes strawberry shortcakes at the Strawberry Festival. The hands in the foreground belong to Claudia Story.



Paige Wanner, 5, of Duxbury, plucks the strings of a double bass after the performance of "Be Seriously Unserious" on Saturday at the South Shore Arts Festival.



Hilary Merzbacher of Norwell and an intern at the South Shore Arts Center checks out paintings that were sold in the main exhibition tent where juried art and a members' show were exhibited.

Annual arts event is feast for the senses



Emma Lasky, 4, of Hull colors in her sky while working on her artwork in the kids' tent at the festival.



A festival-goer centers his attention on "Bob's Retirement" by Jannis Mattox that was on display inside the main exhibition tent.



Emma Pinkham, 16, of Hingham, gazes in the mirror to see how a headband designed by Marie Galvin of Boston looks on her. Emma's friend Charlotte Reel, 18 (arms showing) finds a bunch of headbands that she wanted to try.

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Ken Vallario of Hull provides the legs for the portrait "Best in Show," by Tim Wolfe. Wolfe's painting was among the winners in the 10th Congressional District Art Show.



Kara May, 6, of Hingham, has her face painted by Courtney Culhane, 15, of Cohasset.



Lisa Betteridge of Duxbury checks out the lovely silks on sale by Silk Designs by Deborah Frazier of Framingham.



Judy Ward of Cohasset looks over the decorative menorahs and other candleholders, like this one shaped as Noah's Art. Piper Strong of Vermont-based Strong Metal Works was selling the art.

OBITUARY

John T. Day Jr.

Attorney in real estate conveyance field

John T. Day Jr., 55, of Hingham, died suddenly June 12, 2007.

Born in Boston, he was the son of Margaret (O'Connor) Day of Cohasset and the late John T. Day. He had been a Hingham resident for 18 years.

Mr. Day was a graduate of Boston College High School, Boston College and Suffolk Law School. He was an attorney in the real estate conveyance field in the Greater Metro Boston area, and was a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association.

His focus and passion were his family, and Mr. Day was a loving husband, father, son, brother, uncle and friend. He enjoyed being involved with his children in their various activities, and either coached or assisted with their soccer, basketball and hockey leagues. He enjoyed tennis, running, sailing and anything to do with the water. He took great pride in his family name. He was named after his Dad, who was also an attorney, and he in turn gave his name to one of his sons.

Mr. Day was gentle, happy, generous with his time and resources, warm and had a silly sense of humor. He enjoyed socializing and entertaining friends. He was a fan of Boston sports teams, including the Red Sox, Patriots and Boston College football.

He leaves his wife, Kathleen A. (Madden) Day; his children, John T. Day III, Patrick Madden Day and Colleen O'Connor Day, all of Hingham; his mother; his sisters, Carron Day of Florida and Janet DeCourcey of Hingham; and his brothers, William J. Day of Louisiana, Thomas Day of North Reading and Michael P. Day of Andover.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Paul Church in Hingham. Interment in St. Paul's Cemetery, Hingham. Arrangements were handled by Pyne Keohane Funeral Home, Hingham.

Memorial donations may be made to Boston College High School Scholarship Fund, 150 Morrissey Blvd., Boston, MA 02125.

Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, June 24, 2007

10 a.m. - Worship in the Meeting House - "A Service of Music and Poetry"

Led by our Music and Worship Committee

Summer services begin July 8 and run through August 26. All begin at 9AM and are in the Meeting House. They are informal, intergenerational, and inviting! The July 8 service will be led by the Women's Spirit Group!

Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull and Acting Director of Religious Education Nan Moore are in Portland, Oregon this week, participating in the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universlist Association.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

During the week, you can pray with us online by visiting our website www.ststephenscohasset.org. There are several readings to listen to on topics of healing, spirituality, health, the environment, etc. You can also link to the website of our national church to learn more about what the Episcopal Church is about.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events and learn more about the parish including our Sunday programs for **children and teens**. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood. Appointments to speak to the staff can be made by calling or emailing. Inquirers welcome! Office hours are daily from 8:30 am until 2 pm.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

POLICE/FIRE LOG

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

10:43 p.m. **Hanover PD.**, bolo announcement, bolo from Hanover PD., regarding recent robbery. Occurred approximately 9. A robbery occurred at Game Stop on Route 53 (Washington Street) in Hanover. Suspect described as a white male, 6'1"-6'3" mid 20's, wearing a gray sweatshirt, baseball cap, sunglasses and blue latex gloves. Suspect directed the cahier to remove all money from register and place in a bag, and then directed her to lay on the ground. Suspect fled in a blue Mercury Sedan, unknown plate, unknown direction of travel.

11:42 p.m. **King St.**, officer wanted, caller states him and his dog were run off the road and requests an officer. Officer states the caller is legally blind, officer will drive him back to his father's house off North Main Street. Officer reports this party has been drinking and he refused to get out at this father's house. 27-year-old Braintree man in protective custody.

THURSDAY, MAY 31

1:36 a.m. **North Main St.**, noise complaint, caller states in his neighbors driveway there has been a car there for a half hour with people inside having a conversation and they woke up his family. Officer reports it was a man on his cell phone, he will take the conversation inside.

6:48 a.m. **North Main St., and Cedar St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, transported SSH/BLS, caller reports she saw a pick up truck go off the road as it passed her going the opposite direction. Officer reports the truck has gone off the road into a tree, a wrecker will be needed to pull it out of a ditch.

7:40 a.m. **Windy Hill Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports there is a raccoon sleeping in his backyard.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny. Wind: Light. Temp: 70.

8:54 a.m. **Windy Hill Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports a sick raccoon in her backyard.

9:23 a.m. **North Main St.**, officer wanted, caller reports debris in the roadway.

9:58 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

1:35 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, noise complaint, resident is reporting a loud group on Pleasant Street.

2:14 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, disturbance, caller reports a group being loud in the area.

2:29 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, motor vehicle stop, 31-year-old Scituate man summoned on charges: Operating motor vehicle with revoked license as HTO.

2:36 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

3:08 p.m. **South Main St.**, animal complaint, caller reports a dog in the center of town.

4:32 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

4:44 p.m. **Elm St.**, lost property, lost cell phone, lost at school by son.

4:58 p.m. **King St.**, larceny, calling party wants to report her prescription stolen.

5:01 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, disturbance – neighborhood, calling party stated that there were three teens with lacrosse sticks walking by her house causing a disturbance.

11:06 p.m. **Pond St.**, noise complaint, caller complains of noise coming from a party at this location. Arrest: Anthony L. DiPaolo, 18, 43 Pond St., Cohasset. Charges: Person under 21 in possession of liquor, disorderly conduct, furnishing liquor to minors. Also, Cohasset male, 43 Pond St., summoned on charges of furnishing liquor to minors.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

1:02 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

1:03 a.m. **Deer Hill and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:08 a.m. **Elm St.**, property damage, prisoner damage cell 1 and is being held without bail.

7:34 a.m. **Pond St., and Chief Justice Cushing Way**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:50 a.m. **Border St.**, notification, caller just wanted it logged that he was down the public dock yesterday and he noticed his cooler was missing. It is a red boat cooler. He thinks kids may have taken it, in it were some beers and sodas.

10:22 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

12:53 p.m. **Norwell PD.**, bolo announcement regarding shoplifting. Incident of shoplifting from a supermarket has occurred twice, same plate and motor vehicle. Plate is stolen out of Boston attached to a red Toyota Camry. Reported male party 40's, 5'10" med, dark skin, light/med brown hair and false teeth. Motor vehicle last seen heading North on Route 53.

4:39 p.m. **Pond St.**, property (recovered).

5:45 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, downed tree.

5:47 p.m. **Hillside Drive**, downed power lines.

6:05 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:11 p.m. **Highland Crossing**, mutual aid to Scituate for smoke in the building. E2 reports lightening strike.

6:30 p.m. **Doane St., and Beechwood St.**, downed power lines, caller reports low hanging wires.

7:01 p.m. **Parker Ave.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports car traveling at high rate of speed.

8:15 p.m. **Wheelwright Park**, building checks, area check secure.

10:04 p.m. **Wheelwright Park Rd.**, disturbance.

10:23 p.m. **Black Horse Lane**, disturbance, caller reports that kids are causing a disturbance in the area. 884 and 882 detailed to area. 884 reports that he will be coming in with a drunk 16-year-old male in protective custody. Youth released to his mother at 11:20. Juvenile protective custody. Age: 16.

10:43 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:05 p.m. **Black Horse Lane**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:39 p.m. **Black Horse Lane**, disturbance, group of kids behind house.

11:40 p.m. **Black Horse Lane**, disturbance.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

12:22 a.m. **North Main St.**, building checks.

12:46 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, motor vehicle stop.

1:19 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, open door/window.

7:26 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, animal complaint, caller states "there is a large dead raccoon in the roadway.

8 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, animal complaint.

8 a.m. **Summer St.**, parking complaint, Cohasset Fire is reporting motor vehicle parked in the roadway.

8 a.m. Weather: Cloudy. Wind: Light. Temp: 78.

8:21 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, notification, caller would like the tree checked in the area of 455 Beechwood Street for safety.

9:54 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

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10:04 a.m. **Elm St.**, identity theft/fraud, party in HQ requesting to talk to an officer.

10:04 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, caller reports flowers and flower boxes were taken from the rear of his shop.

10:43 a.m. **Border St.**, property (lost), party in reporting her son's bike is missing. Bike has been located.

11:06 a.m. **Bancroft Way**, parking complaint, caller is reporting fire units can not get through the roadway due to the parking of motor vehicle.

12:13 p.m. **Black Horse Lane**, officer wanted, caller is requesting to see an officer.

12:35 p.m. **South Main St.**, disturbance.

1:57 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, disturbance, caller would like the youths that are skateboarding moved along.

2:22 p.m. **Bancroft Way**, parking complaint, motor vehicle blocking the roadway.

4:16 p.m. Atlantic Ave., parking complaint, caller reported cars parked illegally at this location. 884 detailed to scene. Cars cleared from bridge.

5:07 p.m. **Summer St., and Black Horse Lane**, traffic complaint, tree company working in the roadway. Sgt. advised them to move equipment out of road or they will need a traffic detail.

5:12 p.m. **Summer St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:09 p.m. **Red Gate Lane**, downed power lines.

6:16 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, fire, investigation, reported house hit by lightening, no smoke, no fire reported.

6:41 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, downed power lines, reported downed power line. Fire Chief investigated. It is a cable wire, secured.

6:42 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, downed power lines, reported downed power line. Fire Chief investigated. Reports it is a cable line and will need the cable company to respond to secure the wire. Unable to contact cable company. National Grid has been notified for large branch on line.

7:21 p.m. **Grace Drive and Hull St.**, parking complaint, tagging illegally parked cars.

7:32 p.m. **King St., and Pond St.**, suspicious activity.

7:57 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

7:59 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:14 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

10:17 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:38 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Lower King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

12:37 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:38 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:55 a.m. **Summer St.**, suspicious person, 2 kids ran behind the funeral home. Area checked; building secure. No one in the area now.

12:57 a.m. **Summer St.**, noise complaint, caller reports loud group in front of the legion. Caller called back reporting group has left the area. All quiet.

1:45 a.m. **Cushing Rd.**, assist other Police Department.

1:48 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person.

3:24 a.m. **Depot Ct., and Pleasant St.**, investigation. Party summoned on charges: Uninsured motor vehicle.

7:14 a.m. **HQ.**, property (recovered), license turned in. Male party notified.

9:38 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

9:38 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:53 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS. Scituate PD states they got a call from a party down Sandy Beach that a person fell off their bike and bumped their head. That calling party thought they were in Scituate.

9:58 a.m. **King St.**, property (recovered), calling party reports they found a wallet in the parking lot of this location.

11:02 a.m. **North Main St.**, notification, caller from East Street next to the train tracks reported some of the bicyclists were falling when riding over the train tracks, they are not there now, she states they are not paying attention. Checked the area, they are no longer around.

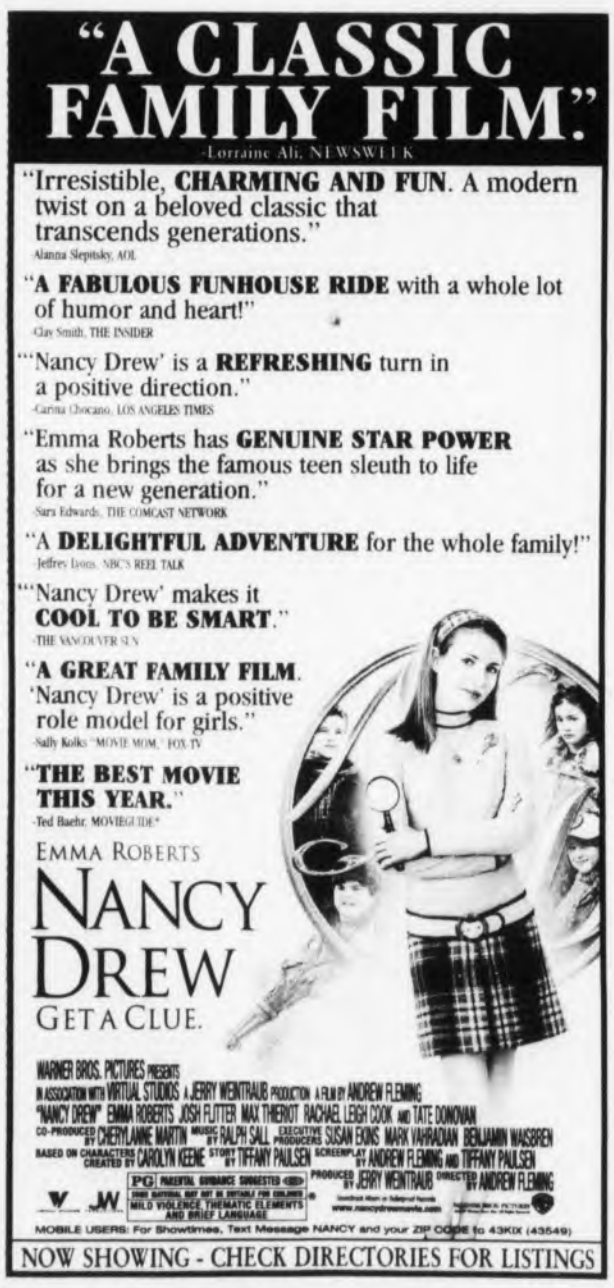
12:06 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist other Police Department.

12:30 p.m. **Summer St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, walk in party reports he hit a car in front of this location and there was no one around.

12:44 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, animal complaint, caller reports a dog wondering around the Stop & Shop parking lot.

12:45 p.m. **Tupelo Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports she has had a raccoon in the basement since last night, she has locked it in an eve. ACO notified, he will call her.

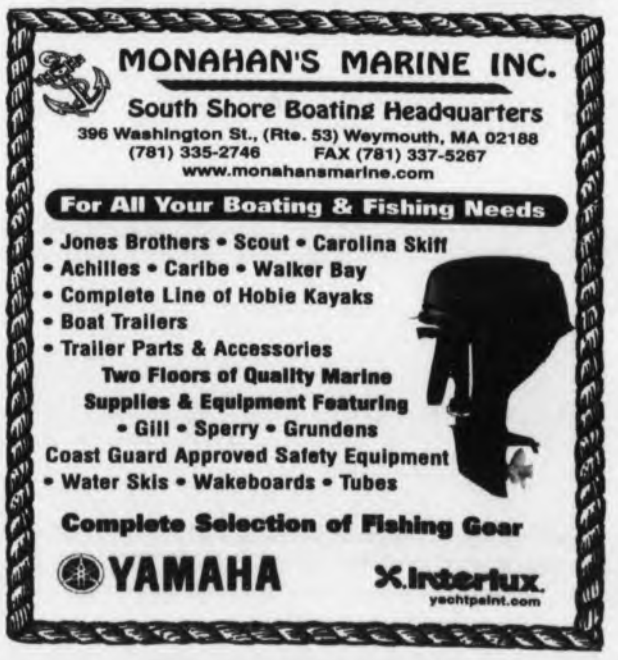
1:32 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, officer wanted, 911 caller states the girls from earlier are hanging out in front of her driveway. One of them is on a bicycle.











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What's happening on the South Shore

JUNE 21-29, 2007

Calendar of events



Painting by Sue Charles

The watercolor paintings of Burton Longenbach and Betty Rogers are featured downstairs, in the Conservatory's South Shore Music Circus Gallery. Admission to both galleries is free. Summer gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on concert days. The gallery is a partnership between South Shore Conservatory and South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. For directions, visit southshore conservatory.org or call 781-749-7565, ext. 10.

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Thursday, June 21

The Trustees of Reservations will hold its annual **Summer Solstice** event at **World's End** in Hingham on June 21, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Forty years ago, the people of Hingham generously raised funds to protect World's End forever. Bring your family and picnic and share in our annual "thank you" celebration complete with music, drinks, and a great sunset. Admission: Trustees of Reservations members $5, Nonmembers $10, Children 12 and under are free. For information call 781-740-6665 or 781-740-7233.

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands is organizing two cruises to Spectacle Island June 21. The boat leaves Rowes Wharf in downtown Boston (closest T, South Station on the Red Line). The first trip departs at 6 p.m. and arrives back at 8:30 p.m.; the second is from 6.30 to 9 p.m. Tickets can be bought at Rowes Wharf on the day from 5 p.m. (cash only). The cost is $20 for adults, $17 for seniors (65+) and Friends of the Boston Harbor Island members, $11 for children (3 – 12), while babies travel for free. No food or beverages available– bring a picnic. For information about Friends activities visit www.fbhi.org, and to check availability call 781-740-4290.

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The Plymouth Farmers' Market - The cowbell will be rung to open the 2007 season at 2:30 p.m. The market is held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. **The Plymouth Farmers' Market** is organized to provide fresh, local, seasonal produce grown by regional family farmers to be sold directly to Plymouth area residents and visitors. Each week local farmers bring fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs, eggs, cut flowers and plants. Local food crafters bring cheeses, gelato, yogurt, jams, sauces, honey, grain side dishes, breads, baked goodies and other handmade sundries such as soaps, herbals, glass artwork and fresh caught lobsters. Go to enjoy the fresh produce and homemade goodies while listening to live music each week playing over Plymouth's inner harbor. Today's performer will be **Folk Harpist Shelley Otis**. For information, contact Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.

L. Knife & Son will cosponsor the **Summer Concert Series** for the 2007 season, with the Town of Plymouth Promotions Fund, the Plymouth Cultural Council and the Music Performance Funds. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin each Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following Tuesday. **June 21, Lenny Vaz German Band.**

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53, Washington St. Pembroke. June 21 **Living Proof** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue** Blues Jam featuring **Bangkok Blues Society** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.



Avenue X

2007 Project Arts in Plymouth Free Summer Concert Series, Pilgrim Memorial Park, Water Street, Plymouth. June 27, 50th Celebration of Mayflower II hosted by WATD's Ed & George, 6:30 p.m. Avenue X, 8 p.m. Dale & the Dude. For information visit www.projectarts.com

Dale & the Dude

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Annette Pollack, producer of Annette's Comedy Asylum, with Frank Santorelli.

Big show, big names, big laughs

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Boston television legend Rex Trailer and Frank Santorelli from HBO's just-wrapped "The Sopranos" will join South Shore comics Annette Pollack and Matt McArthur of Braintree and "America's Funniest Mom" finalist Christine Hurley of Plymouth on Friday evening for "Comedy Night" at the Hong Kong City Restaurant and Roseland function hall in Taunton.

"This is the biggest show of the year, with the biggest names," explained Pollack last week by telephone. "We've done shows in the upstairs function rooms at Roseland, but this time we're in the ballroom. Roseland is a quite historic venue. Many years ago, people like Glenn Miller and Frank Sinatra headlined at the old Roseland."

Pollack, a certified public accountant by day, has performed and booked comedy under her "Annette's Comedy Asylum" banner since 1993 when she began appearing regularly at Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant in Braintree.

"I would never have believed it if someone told me back then that I would still be playing Jimbo's almost 15 years after my first appearance there. My approach is to book based on what will work best for each gig," says Pollack who recently presented a night of comedy — also featuring Trailer and Santorelli — at Phillips Old Colony House in Dorchester. "In Taunton, the wonderful and wonderfully funny Harrison Stebbins will host the show for me."



Matt Mcarthur



Rex Trailer

And some familiar faces will share the microphone.

"People will recognize Frank Santorelli immediately. He played the bartender at the Bada Bing on the 'The Sopranos' and he has done a lot of other television. We also have Rex Trailer who hosted 'Boom Town' on WBZ-TV in Boston for 20 years. Rex doesn't do stand-up, but he will sing and play the guitar. Matt McArthur is a very bright young comic who, like me, is from Braintree and Christine Hurley is just hysterical. It's going to be a great show."

Pollack has been making audiences laugh for almost 15 years now, but there was a time when she thought a calculator, not a comedian, would be her closest colleague.

"I used to go the old Ding Ho Comedy Club in Cambridge back in the early 1980s and enjoy guys like Jimmy Tingle, Steven Wright, Steve Sweeney, and my personal favorite, Don Gavin. Back then, I had no idea that I would ever do comedy. My dad was my best friend and he made a living as a pianist for 60 years, however, and I think may have gotten the entertainment gene from him."

Her late father may have been her inspiration, but Pollack's mentor was another local comic.

"When I started thinking that maybe I was funny, I turned to George MacDonald, a good friend, and asked him how I could pursue a career in comedy. He suggested I take a course at the Cambridge Center for Adult Education. I took a workshop on stand-up comedy, but at first I was just terrible. If I start something, however, I stick with it, so I didn't give up. I took more classes and kept writing and editing my material. One lesson I learned early on was that people at comedy clubs have the attention span of gnats."

With featured roles in films like "Celtic Pride" and on television shows like "Just Shoot Me," not to mention commercials on her resume, some might suggest that Pollack leave the South Shore behind for show business. She's hearing none of it.

"I have a house and two dogs. The dogs are my life, so I wouldn't even consider going on the road full-time," says Pollack whose comedy is based on her observations and her own life "My nephew, Jon Pollack, is a television producer in Los Angeles and has worked on shows like 'Spin City' 'Joey', and 'Father of the Pride', but I'm happy right where I am."

"Comedy Night," with Frank Santorelli, Rex Trailer, Christine Hurley, Harrison Stebbins, Matt McArthur, and Annette Pollack, is set for Friday, June 22 at Hong Kong City and Roseland function hall, 174 Broadway (Route 138) in Taunton. For tickets and information, call 508-822-2888 or 781-843-4833. Annette Pollack will next appear at Jimbo's Steak & Fin, 405 Franklin St., Braintree on July 13. For information, visit www.myspace.com/annettepollack.



Christine Hurley



Harrison Stebbins

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell Center, June 21 at 9 p.m. **Union Jack**, a classic rock band, plays rock favorites from the 60s, 70s and 80s. Joining the band will be guitarist **David Porter,** who has performed with numerous popular rock groups in the Boston area. Reservations are recommended by calling 781-659-0050. For information, visit unionjackband.org or mountblue.com.

Friday June 22

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Venice, a Timeless Wonder, two floors of oil paintings and prints by **Kevin M. O'Hare** of East Bridgewater will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, through June 26. Exhibit may be viewed Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke **Texas Hold Em** every Thursday night at 6:45 and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

CALENDAR, see next page

Mark your calendar

SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY announces the 2007 season of *Evenings Under the Stars* at the Jane Carr Amphitheater, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham, and the Performing Arts Center, Alden Street, Duxbury. Black Sea Salsa Band kicks off the season at the Carr Amphitheater on July 7Ticket prices are $14 and $22 for evening performances, $15 (adults) and $5 (children) for Sunday mornings. Subscriptions are available. Tickets may be purchased online at www.southshoreconservatory.org, by phone at 781-749-7565, ext. 14, and in person at the Conservatory offices in Hingham and Duxbury. Call to request a brochure. All venues are wheelchair accessible.

TEA WITH ISABELLA AT THE WEBSTER ESTATE Daniel Webster Estate, Marshfield, July 11, 2 to 4 p.m. arrive by 1:45 p.m. Spend a summer afternoon visiting with Isabella Stewart Gardner, America's first patroness of the arts and "The Queen of Back Bay."Cambridge actress, Jessa Piaia, will portray "Mrs. Jack", one of the most fascinating ladies in American history, and then, a lovely Victorian Tea will follow. Tickets $18. Space is very limited. (Tickets must be prepaid - No tickets will be sold at the door). ,DanielWebsterEstate.org Call for tickets 781-837-2403.

THE COMPANY THEATRE IN NORWELL, presents its summer musical, MISS SAIGON, opening Friday, July 27 and running through Sunday, Aug. 19.Tickets priced at $30-$32 are on sale at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companytheatre.com.

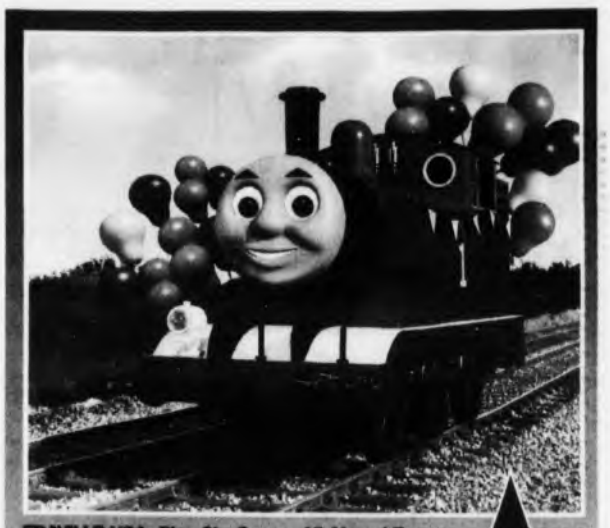
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EDAVILLE USA, Pine St., Carver. All Aboard For Thomas & Friends June 15-17 and June 22-25. Enjoy a 20-minute ride with Thomas, meet SirTopham Hatt, Enjoy storytelling, live music and much more. For tickets and information visit www.ticketweb.com or call 866-468-7630 or visit www.thomasandfriends.com Tickets $16 for ages two and up. Advance purchase is recommended. Events are rain or shine.

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Buttonwood Books & Toys hosts **Lunch with the Author** featuring **Linda Greenlaw** on June 22, 11:30 a.m. at The River Club, 78 Border St. Scituate. Greenlaw will be discussing "Slipknot", the first book in her new mystery series featuring Jane Bunker, a former Miami detective. Reservations and tickets, $25 per person, are required for this event. Ticket price includes luncheon buffet (call Buttonwood for menu details), tax and tip. Book Special: 20 percent off "Slipknot" purchased for this event. Tickets may be picked up at Buttonwood or send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your check to Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset, MA 02025. If you are unable to attend the event and would like to order a personalized or signed copy, call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

Thomas the Tank Engine rolls into Carver for the **Day Out With Thomas 2007: All Aboard Tour**. The event, which takes place June 22-25, will be hosted by Edaville USA, www.edaville.com, at Pine Street in Carver. The approximately 25-minute train ride with Thomas the Tank Engine will depart every 40 minutes, rain or shine, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily. Tickets for the Day Out With Thomas 2007: All Aboard Tour are $16 for ages 2 and up. Tickets are on sale and are available by calling toll-free 866-468-7630 or logging onto www.ticketweb.com. For information and directions, contact Edaville USA at 877-edaville or visit www.edaville.com.

Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor, June 22 at 6 p.m. **Jan Brogan** will be signing her thriller: **Yesterday's Fatal.** Brogan's third thriller is "A breakneck ride through Providence' s crime world…will have readers holding on tight." 781-545-5011 orfrontstreetbookshop.com

The Mighty HouseRockers, Weymouth **Relay for Life Benefit for Breast Cancer,** June 22, 9 p.m. Weymouth High School, 1 Wildcat Way, Weymouth, MA 02190. Info contact Mary Ficociello weymouthrelayforlife@hotmail.com or Satch Romano, 781-258-5232.

The South Shore Art Center - *Visiting Artist Workshops 2007* includes five master classes in the visual arts. Instructors are offering an innovative array of workshop topics including landscape painting in oil, journal painting in watercolor, pastel painting, cyanotype, and drawing and painting the figure. Instructors include: **Linda Bond, Antonia Ramis Miguel, Peter Schroth, Doug Dawson, and Peter Madden**. All participating instructors' work will be on exhibition in the Bancroft Gallery. *Viewpoints: Visiting Artists Exhibition* through July 15. For information or to register for any of the visiting artist workshops call 781/383-ARTS or visit www.ssac.org

South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Tales from the Wild With Barbara Devine, Senior Naturalist For children ages 3-5. Every Friday 10:30-11:00am (except holidays and vacation weeks) Free with admission Join us for stories ad tales about animals and nature. Please call in advance if you plan to attend. Limit 10 children

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset June 22, at 7:30 p.m. **TNA Total Nonstop Action Wrestling** Tickets $46.25/$32.25 by calling Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com The South Shore Music Circus Box Office is open daily from noon until 6 p.m. for in-person sales only. For Group Sales ticket purchases, call 781-383-9860 .

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance June 22, with music by **DJ Dee Dee Rose from** 7:30 p.m. to midnight at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Fee dance lesson by Dave Joubert from 7:30 to 8 p.m. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. For information call 781-331-0021 or wwwsouthshoresingles.org

Run of the Mill, 6 Spring Lane, Plymouth, June 22, 9 p.m. to closing **The Hot Sauce Band** 508-830-1262.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. June 22, **Clubba Lang** 781-829-6999.

Monponsett Inn, 550 Monponsett Street, Halifax June 22, 7:30 p.m. **Joey Canzano**. 781-293-2116.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, June 22 **"Undaunted" Professor Harp**. 781-335-9796.

Venus II, Marshfield, June 22, Playing on the first floor - **Kindred Spirit rock show,** a high-energy three-piece rock band featuring a group of well-established New England musicians who have electrified audiences all over the country. The band doesn't just play songs, they perform them; thrilling crowds everywhere with their infectious melodic rock sound. The band is playing at the Venus II in Marshfield on June 22 and July 28. Playing on the second floor **DJ Tom.**

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, June 22, **Soul Ambition,** soul and funk Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Saturday, June 23

Scituate Art Association Art's Alive Weekend begins June 23, which includes an Open Studio Tour Show and Reception, Plein Air painting around Scituate Harbor and a Wet Paint show at the Front Street Gallery. For details see their web site at www.scituateart.com or contact Janet Cornacchio at jcornacch@aol.com or 781-545-7613.

The New England Sarcoidosis Society will hold its first annual **Art Show and Auction benefit** at the Sheraton-Ferncroft Resort in Danvers June 23. A preview will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will include refreshments. The art auction will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. A partial list of the artwork being supplied by Ross Galleries includes works by: Wooster Scott, Max, Orlando, Ebgi, Lena Lui, Kincaide, Rockwell, Disney cells and many others. Admission is $25 each or $40 per couple, which includes refreshments and door prizes. For advance tickets or advertising/sponsorship information call Mark Timmons at 978-745-0634.

Town of Plympton's 300th Birthday celebration. June 23 events include: **Colonel Bailey's 2nd Militia Encampment** on Ball Fields behind Town House from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and from 2 to 5 p.m. **Battle re-enactment** on Town Green following the parade. **Tercentennial Parade** kicks off at 11 a.m. at the intersection of Brook Street and Upland Road. Parade route right on Brook St, Colchester Road, Mayflower Road, right on Main Street, to Town Green. **Mad Dog, Tex and the Cat** perform at the Upland Club at 8 p.m. June 24, Old Home Day 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Town Green on Rt. 58. Enjoy a chicken barbeque, hamburgers, hot dogs, live music, family games, peting zoo, pony rides and face painting. Picnic lunches welcome. Antique House and Garden Tour from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. $20 in advance $25 day of tour. Call 582-2140 for information. Adult horse-shoe tournament 11:30 a.m. behind Town House. Adult softball championship game 2:30 p.m. Holt Field behind Town House.

First Baptist Church, 580 Webster St. Hanover, will host a block party featuring **Spongebob Squarepants** and a Christian rock group from Sharon, **Crown of Thorns,** June 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Also, games and prizes for kids, face painting, pictures with Spongebob, Ding Dong the Clown, dunk tank, hot dogs and hamburgers, bake table, and a Christian book table. Everyone is welcome. Free admission.

Duval Dance Studio will present their annual recital June 23, at Hingham High School. This year's show, "Dancing Through the Decades", will showcase the entire cast of dancers in an afternoon performance at 1 p.m. and an evening performance at 4 p.m.

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, welcomes Scituate resident and author, Arthur Roberts, on Sat., June 23, at 10 a.m. to discuss "The History of Scituate", the second book in his "New England Local History Series". Roberts describes Scituate's evolution through the centuries from a New England seaside village, with only nine homes in 1634, to the present day suburban town with nearly 20,000 inhabitants. The book is filled with vintage pictures and little known facts about this coastal community. Chapters include a brief biography of Chief Justice Cushing, (Chief Justice Cushing Highway is the formal name for the local stretch of 3A), churches, industry and education. Robert's goal to make history approachable, relevant and readable to people of all ages, is achieved in this compact book. This is a free event, if you are unable to attend and would like to order a signed copy please call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

French Memories Café, 175 South Main St, Cohasset. Every Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5 p.m. **Drift Away with Joe'n J** will perform. 781-383-2216.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. June 23 **Jon Frattasio & Friends** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, presents June 23 **Cindy Daley Band** 781-335-9796. www.nextpage-cafe.com

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Theater review

Remembering 'RFK'

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

The 2008 Presidential primaries are still months away, but already you can't turn on C-Span or CNN without seeing the current crop of Democratic and Republican candidates. Some are more slick than others, but all seem programmed and on script at all times.

In "RFK" — a stirring one-man show about the late Robert F. Kennedy now at Boston's Stuart Street Playhouse — we are reminded that politicians weren't always this way. Robert F. Kennedy — one of the two younger brothers of President John F. Kennedy and himself a candidate for the 1968 Democratic Presidential nomination — was different. He was passionate, idealistic and headstrong and those traits were clear to all who admired him and those who did not.

Written and performed by Jack Holmes, "RFK" is the story of Robert F. Kennedy's last four years. As the play opens, it is the day in 1964 when President Lyndon B. Johnson called the then 35-year-old Kennedy to tell him he would not be Johnson's choice for running mate that year. The news does not really surprise Kennedy, because he had a very strained relationship with the Texan who was his brother's vice president. Kennedy soon resigns as Attorney General. If LBJ doesn't want him on his ticket, then he isn't going to stay in Johnson's cabinet.

As RFK once said, "Life has a way of forcing changes on us." At the outset we see a Bobby Kennedy still grieving the loss of his assassinated brother, still at odds with the man who replaced JFK in the White House, and unsure of where he himself should go next.



Jack Holmes portrays the late Robert F. Kennedy in "RFK" playing at Boston's Stuart Street Playhouse through July 1.

Where he went next was head-on into a race for the Senate in New York, where, despite having been raised in the state, he was labeled a carpetbagger. The Kennedys after all were from Massachusetts and some believed they should stay right here. Kennedy is a skillful campaigner, however, not to mention scrappy, and he is eventually elected to the United States Senate from New York.

There he joins brother, Teddy, who had been elected to JFK's Senate seat in 1962. We learn, they pass notes to each other during Senate hearings and that while Teddy may be younger in age, he has seniority in the senate, and is perhaps better-suited to the job.

Admirers of our longtime senior senator will enjoy that he is presented here as a loving brother and a man of great humor. Also included here are Jacqueline Bouvier, whom RFK meets when his brother brings her to Hyannisport for the first time, his sisters Eunice, Pat, Rosemary, and Jean, and, of course, his parents Ambassador Joseph P. and Rose Kennedy. Holmes also has tender, telling passages relating RFK's love for Ethel Skakel, his wife and mother to his 11 children. There are passing references to RFK's love for the opposite sex and rumors about his relationship with Marilyn Monroe, but it is clear that RFK's real passion was for Ethel.

With his wife's unswerving support and the love and devotion of their ever-growing family, RFK was able to pursue his dream of making a difference for America. His opposition to the war in Vietnam, his strong leadership in the civil rights movement, and his advocacy for equal justice for all, resonate today as much as they did in the 1960s.

Whether he is taking on organized crime in Senate hearings, interrupting his own campaign rally to bring news of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., delivering a stirring speech against apartheid in South Africa, or simply looking after a member of his own family, RFK - often described as the most ruthless of the Kennedys — is shown here to be more than just a powerful man. He is shown to be a man of powerful, deeply held convictions.

Holmes is clearly a well-researched Kennedy-ophile. He's also a fairly good likeness for the slenderest of the second generation Kennedy men, although the hair he familiarly runs his fingers through is definitely too long. Holmes has also done a good job on that familiar, famous accent. All that said, while Holmes suggests Bobby Kennedy, he falls just short of ever really becoming the character. In addition, like all one-character shows this one has to cover a lot of territory in a through a single performer. Some of the text works very well and seems very naturalistic, and some it seems a bit contrived.

Despite some awkward script transitions from misty memories to strongly worded diatribes, Holmes ultimately does a wonderful job providing a clear look at a very complex man. Director Seth Greenleaf keeps Holmes in frequent motion and makes good use of Neil Patel's simple, but evocative set which serves as everything from RFK's office to a television studio and his Hickory Hill home. David Weiner's lighting design adds mood to the proceedings.

"RFK" is at the Stuart Street Playhouse, 200 Stuart St., Boston, for a limited run. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 1-800-447-7400 or go online at stuartstreetplayhouse.com

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Venus II, 277 Ocean St., Marshfield, will host the Kindred Spirit rock show, a high-energy three-piece rock band featuring a group of well-established New England musicians who have electrified audiences all over the country. The band doesn't just play songs, they perform them; thrilling crowds everywhere with their infectious melodic rock sound. The band is also playing at the Venus II in Marshfield July 28. 781-837-6369.

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Dave Associates of Scituate, Del Preiser of Hanover, Scott Armstrong Hanover, Michael Doherty of Cohasset and Bob Hoffman of Norwell along with guitarist David Porter will be performing at Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell Center on June 21, at 9 p.m. Reservations recommended by calling 781-659-0050.

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Old Ship Parish House, 107 Main St., Hingham, will feature musician **Chuck McDermott** and members from the bands **Low Tide** and **Broken Curfew,** June 23 from 7 to 10:30 p.m. Admission of $10will be paid for at the door. Home baked food will be available for a minimal purchase. Activities will include a raffle for Red Sox Tickets; Video iPod, Framed Edward Hopper reproduction and print on canvas and more. Commemorative items will be for sale at the event including t-shirts; sweatshirts; tote bags, bumper stickers and postcards. Children are welcome. Complimentary childcare is available .Proceeds support the efforts and work of the Friends for Juvenile Justice For directions to Old Ship call 781-749-1679.

Twenty Third Annual Foyer of Charity Family Fun Fair and Yard Sale will be held on June 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Foyer, 74 Hollett St., Scituate. Household treasures at bargain prices, children's games, pony rides, cookout, bake sale and more.

The Evening Garden Club of Plymouth presents a self-guided garden tour of nine gardens from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 23. Tickets are $20, which includes a box lunch (with ticket purchased by June 13). For further information, call: Deb at 508-747 3433, Katherine at 508-747 3855 or Lorne at 508-224 3409.

The Hanover Bandstand Summer Concert June 23 7 to 9 p.m. (Bonfire) **Satuit Band** will perform. Free and handicap accessible. Beginning in July concerts take place on Sundays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The Hanover bandstand is located on Route 139, Hanover Center. For information visit the bandstand web site at hanover-ma.gov

Venus II, 277 Ocean St., Marshfield June 23, **DJ Tom P** 781-837-6369.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, June 23 **The Love Dogs** – rhythm and blues. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sunday, June 24

The Town of Plympton Library Association (TOPLA) will hold a book sale during the town's tercentennial celebration on June 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the library parking lot. In case of the rain the sale will be held in the library meeting room. Proceeds from the sale will benefit TOPLA's ongoing projects.

Summer Adoption Day at the Hull Seaside Animal Rescue June 24, from 1 to 3 p.m. at 50 L Street. Many feline companions are waiting for a great home. This is no-kill shelter with cats free from cages and house trained. Visit www.hsar.org or call 877-378-1195.

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South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset June 24, at 7:30 p.m. **the Charlie Daniels Band** Tickets $51.25/$37.35 by calling Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com The South Shore Music Circus Box Office is open daily from noon until 6 p.m. for in-person sales only. For Group Sales ticket purchases, call 781-383-9860

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, presents **The Dave Foley Band** every Sunday 781-335-9796. Shows 9:15p.m., no cover. www.nextpagecafe.com

Monday, June 25

Colonial Lantern Tours of Plymouth celebrate their 25th anniversary by offering a special **Evening Historical Walking Tour** program hosted by Pilgrim-costumed guides. Tours will run daily through November, departing from Plymouth Rock at 6 and 7:30 p.m. Special ticket prices are available for this walk at $15 for adults and $12 for children under 12. Tickets may be purchased from your guide, on-line at www.lanterntours.com at the Plymouth Visitor Center, or at John Carver Inn. For information or to arrange group reservations, call 774-454-8126.

South Shore Conservatory's Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery features the paintings of Marshfield artist **Sue Charles** through July 25. The watercolor paintings of **Burton Longenbach** and **Betty Rogers** are featured downstairs, in the Conservatory's South Shore Music Circus Gallery. Admission to both galleries is free. Summer gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on concert days. The gallery is a partnership between South Shore Conservatory and South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. For directions, visit southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565, ext. 10.

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Norma McKenzie** will continue to exhibit her work for the month of June at the Tufts Library, 456 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-337-8134.

Venus II, 277 Ocean St., Marshfield June 25 Texas Hold-Em Poker 781-837-6369.

Tuesday, June 26

Summer In The City begins June 21 at the **Boston Harbor Hotel**, Rowes Wharf, Boston, featuring four free nights of weekly entertainment through Aug. 31. On Tuesday nights **Summer Soul** with rhythm and blues and soul performers, Wednesday nights will feature **Summer Swing,** with the big band sounds of **White Heat Orchestra** "Blues Barge – a floating stage anchored behind the hotel. On Thursday and Friday nights, **Movies by Moonlight,** where classic films are projected onto a giant screen positioned on one of the most scenic outlook

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Oceanside 17 Studio & Gallery, 17 Rockland Circle., Hull, **Summer Days -New Paintings by Franny Andahazy** Hours: Tuesday through Sunday Call 781-773-1563. Accessible to all, no admission. June 8 to 27. 781-773-1563.

Women of the South Shore If you love to sing come to the open rehearsals of The Island Grove Chorus- a women's acapella singing group. Meet at the United Church of Christ Route 18 in Abington, on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. Call Joanne 781-843-4355 or Judy 781-848-5843.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. June 26 Free **Texas Hold Em. With Northern Poker League.**

The Snug, 114 North St., Hingham, every Tuesday night 8:30 p.m. **Drift Away Trio** featuring **J Place, Joe Micarelli**, and **John Litwin.** No cover 781-749-9774.

Venus II, 277 Ocean St., Marshfield June 26 **Family Style Family Feud** 781-837-6369.

Grub Street South at Buttonwood is a collaboration between Grub Street, Boston's only independent writing center, and Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw' s Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset, and is designed for writers of all levels. On June 26 at 7 p.m. the instructors will be members of "The Writers' Group and their topic is - How to Run a Successful Writers Group: Avoid the criticism while benefiting from the critique! The Writers' Group consists of four local women who will share how they encourage, give feedback, and offer critique as they create their unique literary lives. Members are: Lisa Marnell, P. Amy MacKinnon, Hannah Roveto, Lynne Reeves Griffin. Grub Street events are free, however, reservations are requested, and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

Wednesday, June 27

2007 Project Arts of Plymouth Free Summer Concert Series, Pilgrim Memorial Park, Water Street, Plymouth. June 27, **50th Celebration of Mayflower II** hosted by **WATD's Ed & George,** 6:30 p.m. **Avenue X**. 8 p.m. **Dale & the Duds**. For information visit www.projectarts.com

Holly Hill Farm of Cohasset presents **Films On The Farm**, a series of films about food and agriculture screened outside on the side of the Tomato Barn. Bring a picnic and lawn chairs and come check out these award winning films. Donations accepted to benefit The Friends of Holly Hill Farm. Screenings begin at 8 p.m. 236 Jerusalem RD. Cohasset.

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Venus II, 277 Ocean St., Marshfield June 27 **Texas Hold-Em Poker** 781-837-6369.

Thursday, June 28

Duxbury Free Library is heating up the season and catching the beat with a Cajun zydeco musical performance of **The Voo Doo Doctors** and **The Hot Sauce Band**. Thursday, June 28, at 7 p.m., music lovers of all ages are invited to the Duxbury Free Library for an evening concert of rollicking tunes. Local musicians **Mike Landers, Bob Wilson, Ned Frye** and **Paul Foley** will entertain the audience with accordions, guitars, blues harp and more. Free tickets will be needed and may be picked up at the library or reserved online at duxburyfreelibrary.org, click on calendar and follow the link.

Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. NYT Bestselling Author, **William Martin** signs **The Lost Constitution** June 28 at 6 p.m. Peter Fallon and Evangeline Carrington are back. Join them on another treasure hunt—this time for a lost, annotated draft of the Constitution. To reserve a book or for more information 781-545-5011 or frontstreetbookshop.com

The Plymouth Farmers' Market, held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. June 28 performers are **Tiffany Rozenas,** Celtic fiddler from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and **Ray Papile,** easy listening from 4:40 to 6:30 p.m. For information, contact Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.

Monponsett Inn, 550 Monponsett Street, Halifax June 28, 7:30 p.m. **The Mandell's** 781-293-2116.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. June 28, **Living Proof** 781-829-6999.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke **Texas Hold Em** every Thursday night at 6:45 and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue** Blues Jam featuring **Lisa Marie & All Shook Up** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Friday, June 29

Balancepoint Studios, 31 Schooset St., Pembroke, will be hosting a **Mediation and Guided Imagery** workshop titled **Angels Speak** at 7 p.m. Class will be run by **Dawne Corti-Migre,** an expert for more than 20 years in the wellness field. If you are looking to bring some relaxation and clarity into your life, call Dawne for more information at 617-750-8101.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance. Friday, June 29, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St. Rockland. Exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte. 3. (781)446-0234. www.se-4u.com. Dancing with music by Award-winning DJ from 8:30-12:00 AM. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes, and match game prizes. Free dance lessons from 7:30-8:30. For singles & couples, 30+ years old. Split-the-pot drawing at 10. Cost is $10 before 9. Proper business-casual dress; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club.

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset June 29, at 8 p.m. **An Evening with comedian Ron White** Tickets $45. by calling Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com The South Shore Music Circus Box Office is open daily from noon until 6 p.m. for in-person sales only. For Group Sales ticket purchases, call 781-383-9860

New England Singles Dances – ages 40 and over June 29, from 8 p.m. to midnight Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, MA. DJ. Admission $12. visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. June 29 **Chubba Lang** 781-829-6999.

Monponsett Inn, 550 Monponsett Street, Halifax June 29, 7:30 p.m. **Joey Canzano** 781-293-2116.

Run of the Mill, 6 Spring Lane, Plymouth, June 29, 9 p.m. to closing **Ted and Paul** 508-830-1262.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, June 29 **Jump City** 781-335-9796.

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Scituate Art Association - Arts Alive

Scituate Art Association Art's Alive Weekend begins June 23, which includes an Open Studio Tour Show and Reception, Plein Air painting around Scituate Harbor and a Wet Paint show at the Front Street Gallery. For details see their web site at www.scituateart.com or contact Janet Cornacchio at jcornacch@aol.com or 781-545-7613.



Schedule:
June 23
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Plein Air Painting.
Demonstrations 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at specific sites
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Front Street Gallery open Gallery New Members Show
1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Preview of Open Studio Tour Artist works. Open to public, open bids to silent auction,
The Ellis House
June 23
Saturday 7 to 9 p.m. Reception and Final Bids of Open Studio Tour art.
The Ellis House
June 24, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tour Studio Brochures
Brochures available for pick up. Children's activities planned.
Front Street Art Gallery
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Demonstrations, at noon, at specific sites
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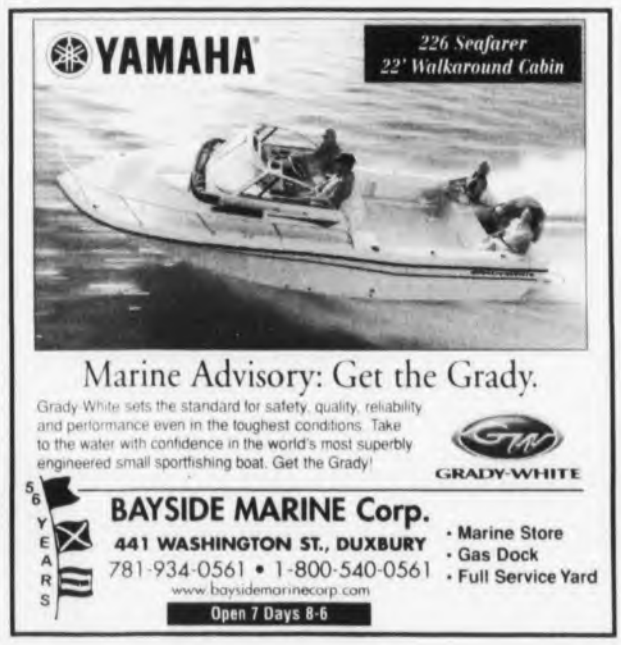


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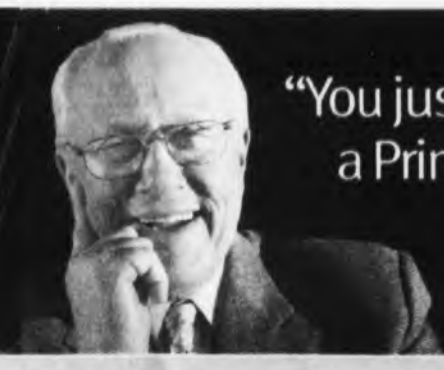
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Faith Waltman of Epiphany Designs looks over some of her necklaces. The one on the left contains three shades of freshwater pearl and Swarovski crystals. The middle necklace and bracelet set has an assortment of gemstones including ruby, tourmaline, sapphire and apatite. On the right is a three-stranded ruby zoisite and amethyst necklace.

Village shop offers jewelry, art

Epiphany Designs opens on Ripley Road

By Nancy White
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Finding the right piece of jewelry for that special occasion, whether it's a gift or otherwise, can be a trying process. Locating a unique painting or photo for a prominent wall in your home — a piece you can be proud to display — can take searching. For both situations, Faith Waltman, owner of the Village's newest store Epiphany Designs, hopes her shop can be the solution.

"Since coming to Cohasset I'm very excited and enthused by the business development plan the town has underway."
— Faith Waltman, owner

With an eye for beauty and a keen sense for quality art, Waltman has set up shop at 103 Ripley Road. Her art and artisan gallery has been open merely two weeks, but she's ready to become a village staple.

"I'd like to become a go-to place when people need to get a present for a special event or for themselves."

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Budget benefit

Purchase of streetlights possible

By Nancy White
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When the sun sets on Cohasset, the streets are illuminated by the glow of hundreds of streetlights. The lights are often taken for granted, but the town pays a substantial amount annual cost, over $70,000, to light and maintain the 508 streetlights. However, if the town purchased the streetlights from National Grid there is a potential for significant savings.

At the fall 2006 Town Meeting, voters appropriated $8,000 to hire a consultant to undertake an economic analysis of the proposed town purchase of streetlights. George Woodbury of LightSmart Energy Consulting Services presented his findings to the Selectmen on Monday night.

"Acquisition will result in immediate savings," said Woodbury. If the town purchased all the streetlights, the town's annual payment for street lighting service would be reduced by approximately $32,360 per year, from $71,030 to $38,670, his research indicated. Once the street light purchase is paid off, the savings will increase over time.

The initial purchase price is around $57,000, which could be financed through appropriation, bonding (short-term or long-term lease) or cash reserves. The savings generated from the switch in ownership would recover this cost in just over 26 months.

Woodbury cautioned the Selectmen to

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Smoking ban at Sandy Beach?

See readers' responses, page 12

By Nancy White
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Smoking is no longer in vogue. No longer do hostesses ask "smoking or non" when trying to get a table at a Massachusetts restaurant. In Massachusetts, smoking has been banned in all workplaces, including restaurants, since 2004. A national movement to further eradicate smoking from public places is well underway. The new frontier is beaches.

A letter received on May 22 by the Board of Selectmen office strongly suggests that a no smoking ban be put in place at Sandy Beach. The anonymous letter is simply signed "Friends of the Beach." It seems the letter was spurred on by a May 13 Boston Globe article about a Windham, New Hampshire beach considering banning smoking on their town beach. After the article appeared in the Boston Globe, Windham selectmen voted to approve the smoking ban on the beach.

Many beaches in Southern California have already adopted the smoking ban and towns peppered throughout New England are following suit.

...among the reasons listed to ban smoking are: the litter produced from cigarette butts, the stench of tobacco smoke, and exposure of second-hand smoke to young children who frequent the beach.

"It's way past time that Cohasset took immediate steps to do what's right and protect the health and beauty of our citizens and natural resources," states the anonymous letter. The letter refers to smokers as "nicotine addicted polluters" and lists among the reasons to ban smoking is the litter produced from cigarette butts, the stench of tobacco smoke, and exposure of second-hand smoke to young children who frequent the beach.

Currently, there is no by-law in place

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Gerard Linskey, executive VP, treasurer, and CFO of Pilgrim Bank, puts up a train safety poster in the lobby of the village branch.

Training for the train

Police launch poster campaign with local merchants

By Nancy White
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Like the "Little Engine That Could," there is no stopping the Greenbush commuter train scheduled to begin regular service in the fall. Beginning the week of July 9 and continuing throughout the summer commuter test trains will be making multiple daily trips from South Station to Scituate.

The Cohasset Police force is working diligently to get the word out to residents about the impending train and what precautions they should take to keep themselves safe. For the past year they have been imple-

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PICTURE THIS/Allison Walsh and Paul St. Pierre



PHOTO/MARY FORD

The Mariner caught up with Allison Walsh and Paul St. Pierre at the Cohasset Recreation Department Summer Playground Program being held at Deer Hill School. For more about Summer Rec., see page 23.

Names: Allison Walsh and Paul St. Pierre.

Occupation: Coordinator for the 3-5 year old Cohasset Rec. Program (Allison). Cohasset Rec. Counselor (Paul).

Best day of your life: The day I got engaged! (Allison). Graduation (Paul).

Best vacation: Two-week tour of Italy (Allison). Atlantis (Paul).

Favorite season: Fall (Allison). Summer (Paul).

Favorite holiday: Christmas (Allison and Paul).

Favorite junk food: Doritos (Allison and Paul).

Best book or magazine: People Magazine, I love to read about gossip! (Allison). "Hatchet," by Gary Paulsen (Paul).

Best movie: Chevy Chase's "Christmas Vacation" (Allison). "Wedding Crashers" (Paul).

Best TV show: "Dancing with the Stars" and watching Red Sox games (Allison). "The Office" (Paul).

Most embarrassing moment: Walking through a glass door (Allison). I tackled a woman at night whom I didn't know thinking it was my friend (Paul).

Pet Peeve: People who are never on time (Allison). Putting gas in my truck (Paul).

Goal: To get a pay raise (Allison). Graduate college in four years (Paul).

Person I'd like to meet: Josh Beckett of the Red Sox (Allison). Dane Cook (Paul).

Biggest worry: Making enough money (Allison). I have none (Paul).

Best part of Cohasset: Working at Cohasset Rec.! (Allison). Beechwood (Paul).

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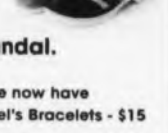


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Police investigating overnight burglary

Cohasset Police Department Criminal Investigation Division detectives are investigating an overnight burglary that resulted in the larceny of electronic equipment from a residence on Beechwood Street in Cohasset. Preliminary investigation revealed that the house was burglarized between 11:30 p.m., June 19, and 8:15 a.m., June 20. The point of entry is believed to be an unsecured door leading into the kitchen of the victim's residence. The residence was entered while the victim was sleeping.

Detectives believe that this incident is consistent with a series of other similar overnight burglaries that have occurred across the South Shore over the course of the past five months. Cohasset detectives are working with detectives from the other affected communities and are pooling evidence in an attempt to progress the investigation. Residents are reminded to secure their doors and windows at night and are asked to report any suspicious behavior, unusual noises or suspicious vehicles (moving slowly, driving without lights, etc.) to the police department immediately.

Police Chief James Hussey said most burglaries occur during the daytime when no one is home. "This type is a lot different – because there is more of a chance for the homeowner to confront the intruder."

"...there is more of a chance for the homeowner to confront the intruder."

— Police Chief James Hussey

Hussey said residents should lock first floor doors and windows and report anything unusual, even a dog barking in the middle of the night if that is not the norm. For those without air conditioning Hussey said some hardware stores sell devices that will prevent a window from being opened enough that someone could climb through.

Any information concerning this incident should be provided to the Cohasset Police Department CID at 781-383-1055, ext. 1047 .

Small boat overturns

The Cohasset Emergency Dispatch Center received a report of an overturned boat in the area of the Cunningham Bridge on Atlantic Avenue in Cohasset at approximately 8:25 p.m., Monday, June 25.

Members of the Cohasset Police Department and the Cohasset Fire Department were immediately dispatched to the scene. The first police officers to respond discovered five people in the water, most without life jackets, clinging to an overturned skiff, which was approximately 9 feet in length and powered by a very small gas engine.

Rescuers from the police and fire departments were able to pull all of the people from the water, which included two teenaged girls, two men, and a 12-year-old boy. One of the men was transported by Cohasset Fire Department ambulance to the South Shore Hospital for observation. The others were treated on scene for minor injuries and assisted home.

As a result of a preliminary inquiry, Cohasset Police Officers were able to determine that the people on board the skiff are renting a summer home in the area of Atlantic Avenue. These people, who were unfamiliar with the turbulent water and currents in the vicinity of Cunningham Bridge and Little Harbor, attempted to negotiate a ride through rapid whitewater in a borrowed vessel that appeared to be too small and underpowered for the conditions which they were faced with, resulting in the skiff becoming flooded and overturned.

"In this situation, the people had no idea of the waterways around them and thought they would take a little boat trip," Police Chief James Hussey said. "They were totally clueless of the tidal problems under the bridge, got caught up and the boat flipped."

The Cohasset Police have notified the Massachusetts Environmental Police Department and the Cohasset Harbormaster. These agencies will be reviewing the circumstances surrounding this incident.

POLICE BEAT

Police calls, crashes climb as summer starts

By Mary Ford
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There was a spate of motor vehicle crashes over the past 1-1/2 weeks.

• At just past 11 a.m. on Monday (June 18), a 1994 Toyota was waiting to make a left into the parking lot at the 160 block of King Street when a 2005 Nissan, which was also headed south, rear-ended it. As it turned out the driver of the Toyota, who was a 23-year-old Weymouth man, did not have a license and will be summonsed to court for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. The driver of the Nissan was cited for failure to use care when stopping. The Nissan had to be towed.

• A truck carrying loam rolled onto its side on Whitehead Road last Thursday (June 21). Police and fire responded and when they arrived the driver of the PA Landers truck was lying on the ground complaining of pain in his leg. OSHA was contacted as was the DEP and Board of Health. There was some leakage of hydraulic fluid but it was small enough not to be of major concern, Chief Hussey said. A landscaping crew at the site contained the spill immediately. Apparently the truck was dumping screened loam and may have been parked at an angle so when the dump body was raised it flipped onto its passenger side. The truck driver was taken to the hospital to be checked out, Chief Hussey said. OSHA is investigating and will determine if the truck was overloaded.

• Last Thursday (June 20) at just before 6 p.m. police said a 2005 Toyota was heading east on Pond Street through the green light at Route 3A when a 1998 Jeep traveling west did not yield as it attempted to turn left onto Route 3A and hit the Toyota. The operator of the Jeep was cited for failure to yield to oncoming traffic. Both cars were "hit pretty solid" and had to be towed from the scene, Chief Hussey said. One of the operators was treated at the scene and the other was transported home. No one was taken to the hospital.

• The driver of a 2002 Dodge was cited for failure to yield and use caution after it backed up into a 1999 Ford. The Dodge was backing out of one of the angled spaces along South Main Street on the French Memories side in the Village when it hit the passenger side of the Ford that was traveling on S. Main. The mishap occurred last Friday (June 22) at 11:36 a.m.

• A man was charged with drunk driving following an accident at about 3:30 a.m. on Saturday (June 23) on Route 3A near Whitney Woods. When police arrived a Ford Escort with a man in the front seat was off the road and had struck a stonewall. After speaking to the operator and making other observations, officers determined he was operating under the influence of alcohol and arrested him. He was charged with OUI (second offense) and marked lanes violation. The 23-year-old Hingham man was transported to the hospital with injuries that were not life threatening, police said.

Houses egged

Police received two reports of houses being egged last week but in both cases the victims did not want to see an officer and just wanted the incidents logged. Chief Hussey said the incidents could be something to do with an ongoing dispute between kids. The houses were on different streets (Church Street and Bates Lane), which are in the same neighborhood. "We assume if it gets to the next level, the homeowners will want to get us more involved," he said.

Outdoor furniture

Outdoor furniture including chairs, a bench and a table have gone missing from the former Henry's Root Beer stand in two separate incidents on June 17 and 18, police said. "The table and chairs went one day and the bench the next," Chief Hussey said. The incidents are under investigation.

Phone threats

Police are investigating two telephone threat complaints – which are unrelated.

In the first instance a resident answered the phone at 2:40 a.m. on June 18 and the male voice on the other end said "Who is this?" The resident replied, "you called here, so who are you?"

Apparently the caller then made a threat. The resident was advised of steps that can be taken through Verizon's unlawful call center. The number the caller used was private and did not show up on caller ID.

In an unrelated incident, police spoke to a youth and his father about the youth making harassing phone calls to another teen that he knew. On Sunday, the mother of the victim talked to police who went to the offending youth's house and sat down with the teen and his father who assured police that the behavior would not be repeated.

Stolen cell phone

Police are investigating a stolen cell phone that the thief apparently has used to make calls. The girl whose cell phone is missing was not sure were she "lost it" and thought it was in her father's car. Her father had been out of town for several days. When he returned, they called her cell phone number and a person answered it and said he would return it by bringing it to the school. It has not been returned. Since the phone went missing, the girl has received a bill with charges for downloads and calls that she did not make, Chief Hussey said.

Protective custody

Police took an 18-year-old Scituate teen into protective custody following a complaint about a loud house party on Church Street on Monday (June 18) at about 11 p.m. Chief Hussey said a neighbor came into the station to complain about the party and officers went to the house and initially could not make contact with the homeowners. However, the officers saw a young man outside and determined he had been drinking. Hussey said the teen told police he was heading home and started walking toward a vehicle so police took him into protective custody.

Officers did eventually make contact with the homeowner who had returned home to find that the son had some friends over and sent them home.

The Scituate teen had no alcohol in his possession but because of the state he was in, he was taken into custody, Hussey said.

Intoxicated man

An intoxicated man who is known to local police as having alcohol problems "slept it off" at the station after being reported as harassing customers at Stop & Shop on Tuesday (June 19). Chief Hussey said police received a call from the manager. The man, who lives in Scituate and is in his 60s, was apparently lying on the bench and would talk incoherently to people as they walked by.

Truck window

A walk-in to the police station on Wednesday (June 20) reported the rear window to his truck had been smashed with a can of ginger ale that exploded and spewed all over the inside of the vehicle. The truck owner told police he believed his girlfriend's ex-boyfriend was responsible. Police are investigating.

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South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

June-July	AM	HIGH Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	AM	LOW Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 28	10:44	7.7	10:46	9.1	4:24	0.8	4:25	1.7
Sunrise: 5:09 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:24 p.m.*			
Fri. 29	11:29	7.9	11:30	9.4	5:08	0.6	5:10	1.5
Sunrise: 5:09 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:24 p.m.*			
Sat. 30	—	—	12:12	8.0	5:51	0.3	5:54	1.4
Sunrise: 5:10 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:24 p.m.*			
Sun. 1	12:12	9.6	12:54	8.2	6:33	0.1	6:38	1.2
Sunrise: 5:10 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:23 p.m.*			
Mon. 2	12:55	9.7	1:36	8.4	7:15	-0.1	7:32	1.0
Sunrise: 5:11 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:23 p.m.*			
Tues. 3	1:39	9.8	2:19	8.7	7:58	-0.2	8:09	0.8
Sunrise: 5:11 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:23 p.m.*			
Wed. 4	2:25	9.8	3:03	8.9	8:42	-0.3	8:57	0.6
Sunrise: 5:12 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:23 p.m.*			
Thurs. 5	3:13	9.7	3:49	9.2	9:28	-0.3	9:49	0.5
Sunrise: 5:13 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:23 p.m.*			

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Hingham resident tapped by GateHouse

By Jon Chesto
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GateHouse Media's New England division has tapped a former top executive at one of its biggest rivals to be its new chief operating officer.

Rick Daniels of Hingham, a former president and general manager of The Boston Globe, started meeting with GateHouse managers on Friday and will begin his job on a full-time basis on July 16. He will report to Kirk Davis, the CEO of GateHouse Media New England.

Daniels, 50, joins at a time when GateHouse has been growing steadily in the region. The company first entered New England a year ago with its acquisition of two media companies that included The Patriot Ledger, The Enterprise and the Community Newspaper Co. group of papers that includes the Hingham Journal. Fairport, N.Y.-based GateHouse has since acquired dailies in Taunton, Fall River, Norwich, Conn., and several weeklies in the region.

Davis said Daniels will provide valuable management experience and knowledge of the local market as the company looks to strengthen the coordination among its nine dailies and more than 100 weeklies in New England and expand its multimedia products on the Internet.

"I've had the pleasure of knowing Rick for a few years," Davis said. "We've developed a good professional rapport. It was in that setting that I realized that we share many common beliefs about what needs to be happening in the media. ...He has a great style about him, a great perspective on the business."

Daniels replaces Greg Rush, the former chief operating officer for GateHouse Media New England who left the company earlier this month. Daniels will work out of GateHouse New England's headquarters in Needham.



Rick Daniels of Hingham is chief operating officer of GateHouse.

"He has a great style about him, a great perspective on the business."
— Kirk Davis, CEO of GateHouse

Daniels worked at the Globe or for a Globe affiliate since 1983, when he joined the paper after three years at a major consulting firm. He steadily rose to a top executive level where he helped oversee several expansion projects for the paper while it was under its previous owners, Affiliated Publications, and its current parent, The New York Times Co.

During his time with the Globe, Daniels helped the paper launch the boston.com Web site, enter the direct mail business, invest in the company that owns the Boston Red Sox and a majority stake of New England Sports Network, and buy a minority stake in the Boston Metro.

Davis said Daniels' experience in those ventures will be invaluable for helping GateHouse develop new ways to grow revenue.

"He'll be helpful in strengthening the foundation of the company so we can grow more effectively and capitalize on new opportunities," Davis said. "He's a big thinker and he'll see directions that we can go in that will provide new avenues for growth."

Daniels was president and general manager of the Globe from early 2001 to January 2006. At that time he became president of Boston Globe Media, which includes the local media investments that are affiliated with the Globe.

Daniels left that job in August, and has since been working as a consultant and a guest instructor at Northeastern University.

Daniels said he's looking forward to working with a company that focuses on local news and advertising. He said the Globe has tried to become locally oriented, but it faces a challenge because most of the GateHouse papers are more firmly entrenched in their respective communities.

"It's very difficult without the kind of assets on the ground that GateHouse has," Daniels said.

He said he's also impressed with GateHouse's commitment to expanding its online and video products.

"All of us in the media have to have a fluency in multi-media," Daniels said. "If I didn't see that enthusiasm expand into every branch of the media that the business needs, I don't think I would have been particularly interested in the job. ... I have not been this excited about anything professionally for a long time."

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Selectmen support suspension of 'unfriendly 40B'

The Board of Selectmen has put its weight behind a grassroots effort to suspend the state law 40B as it applies to comprehensive permits not supported by the town, or as they are commonly referred to as "unfriendly 40B" projects. The selectmen recently received a letter from Walpole's Board of Selectmen urging them to write to their legislative delegation seeking support for the moratorium on 40B.

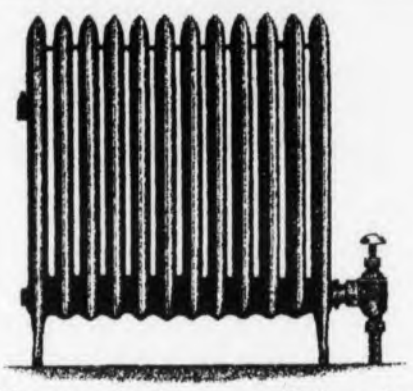
Cohasset's selectmen voted unanimously to get behind the effort. As a result the selectmen wrote to Senator Robert Hedlund and Representative Garrett Bradley last week.

"The Board truly understands the need for affordable housing for all citizens; however it has now become widely recognized that the law is simply not being applied as fully intended across the Commonwealth," stated the letter. They cited the strain large 40B developments could have on town services, including schools, public safety and other local services. Selectmen made clear they were not seeking to eliminate Chapter 40B completely, instead a suspension of projects not supported by the town.

The Housing Partnership Committee is actively pursuing possible locations for smaller affordable housing projects, these projects would likely be under local initiative program (LIPs), which are often referred to as "friendly 40B" projects.

Under Chapter 40B, a state law, a town's zoning board can approve affordable housing developments under flexible rules if at least 20-25 percent of the units have long-term affordability restrictions. Towns that are under the 10 percent threshold of their housing stock deemed as affordable by state standards are vulnerable to 40-B projects. Cohasset currently has 76 units (or 2.8 percent) of affordable housing.

It is unlikely that any change or suspension of the 40B regulations would retroactively apply to an already town permitted project, said Town Manager Bill Griffin.



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STAY COOL

Hi Cohasset. Here is hoping that today is in fact, cooler than the last few days. I know that I for one, as continue to do some recovering from surgery complications was way too hot. I hope that anyone out there who has issues with the heat was able to stay cool somehow and if you needed any help, it came your way.

For those of you who were upset that your news was not here over the last several weeks, please know that I do feel bad but due to some issues, was a bit under the weather. I know it sometimes makes people feel better to yell or send an email to reprimand but better yet would be to resend the item and I will get it in, I promise. Thank you to all who did understand.

I want to send out a very Happy Fourth of July message to all next week. Stay safe, enjoy parades, fireworks and cookouts and most of all, have fun.

ASP RETURNS

Cohasset ASP will be arriving home on Sunday either late afternoon or early evening and it would be great to have many join us at St. Anthony's parking lot to welcome them home. If you would to know around what time, send me an email on Sunday around 3 or so and I will try to give you a time: aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com

TEAM SPIRIT

On Sunday, Cohasset's 12-year-old Williamsport Team beat Hingham American 9 to 5 to win its first game of the Williamsport Tournament. On Monday night, the team took on Stoughton and beat them 10-0 after 5 by slaughter rule. The next game is Saturday, June 30 in Stoughton at noon. Come out and support the team! Team spirit is so great.

PRE-PROM DVDS

Senior Parents who are interested in purchasing a DVD or Video of the 2007 CHS Pre Prom Reception from May 25th can do so by calling Shaun Galvin at 781-424-2197, or by email at shaun_galvin@yahoo.com. The cost is $20 each and you can also send your request by mail with a check for $20 per DVD or Video to: Shaun Galvin 573 Broad Street Unit 326 Cohasset, MA 02025.

DERBY STANDOUT

Deven Koswick from here in Cohasset has been named to the Headmaster's List First Honors at Derby Academy. A qualifying student who has achieved and A-(90) or better in all academic subjects has qualified for this. Her classmates voted her this year to the Student Council for grade 7. The council gives a student leadership opportunities to improve life at Derby for students and teachers alike. Deven also received coaches' awards in lacrosse. This award is in recognition of an athlete's contribution to a team's success as demonstrated through significant efforts benefiting all who partook: self-



Deven Koswick is a star in the classroom and on the athletic field at Derby Academy.

lessness, skill, thoughtfulness, daily endeavor, attitude and a genuine love of the game. Deven also served as Captain of the Basketball Team this past winter. Great year, Deven. Your family and friends are so proud of you.

MALI INTERN

Sarah Noble, a member of the class of 2008 at Connecticut College, is spending the summer interning for the Coalition des Ong Africines en Faveur des Enfants (CONAFE/CANGOC) in Bamako, Mali. Sarah, a 2004 graduate of Cohasset High School, is the daughter of **Howie and Stephanie Noble** of Cohasset. She interns through Connecticut College's Toor Cummings Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts, a highly selective, academically rigorous program that was created to give students the opportunity to internationalize any major. To complete the program, students must acquire foreign language oral proficiency; complete an overseas internship in their discipline and in the foreign language of the chosen country and present a capstone senior integrative project. This was very interesting news Sarah, you should be very proud of yourself as I am sure your family is. Great job.

PSYCHOLOGY INTERN

Ashley Faber, a member of the class of 2008 at Connecticut College, is spending the summer interning for the Boston University Department of Psychology. Ashley, a 2004 graduate of Cohasset High School, is the daughter of **Stephen and Lesley Faber** of Cohasset. She interns through Connecticut College's Certificate Program in Community Action and Public Policy (PICA). Congratulations on this wonderful news Ashley.

HIGH HONORS

Hats off for **Daniel Sullivan**, a post-graduate student at New Hampton School in New Hampton, N.H.! Daniel, who is the son of **Michael and Mary Sullivan** of Cohasset, has been placed on the high honor roll for the spring term. Daniel also participated in varsity golf this term.

That is all the news for this week. Send it all in to me next week by Tuesday at 5.

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Kelly-Marie O'Donnell and Daniel Ruane

O'Donnell – Ruane

Kevin and Donna O'Donnell of Cohasset announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly-Marie O'Donnell to Daniel Ruane, son of Frank and Susan Ruane of Brielle, N.J.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Cohasset High School and the University of Vermont. She is currently employed as a sales representative for Lorillard Corporation in Stowe, Vermont.

Her fiancé graduated from Manasquan High School in New Jersey and the University of Vermont. He is currently employed as a golf pro for Stowe Country Club in Vermont.

An Oct. 2007 wedding is planned in Cohasset.

Our World Museum to host summer activities

Our World, Children's Global Discovery Museum is at 100 Sohier St. in Cohasset. For information or to register for any of the following activities, call 781-383-3198 or visit ourworld3.homestead.com/.

Music Circus Children's Program – This weekly-themed camp, based on the children's program at the Music Circus, begins in July and will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Thursday will include the children's show at the Music Circus.

Vocalmotion – Children from birth through the age of 4 are invited to join Sharon Chase for some wiggly, giggly musical fun in Vocalmotion each Thursday from July 19 through Sept. 6.

One Creative Place at Our World – This program for children ages 3 and 1/2 through 7, will be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays. **Around the World in Four Weeks** will be held June 19, 26 and July 10 and 17 and **Spanish Time Fun in More Ways** will be held July 24, 31 and Aug. 7 and 14.

Mystery Book Club – Children age 7 to 9 are invited to join the "Nancy Drew Clue Crew," which will meet from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays from June 26 through July 24.

David Hosp to discuss his new book at library

Paul Pratt Memorial Library and Buttonwood Books will welcome Cohasset resident David Hosp at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, July 11, at Paul Pratt Library, 35 Ripley Road. Hosp will discuss his new book, "Innocence," a new legal thriller inspired by the author's own experience as an attorney for the "Innocence Project."

With "Innocence," Hosp returns to Boston and lawyer Scott Finn, the protagonist from his first book, "Dark Harbor." Finn has left the high brow Boston legal community and has hung his shingle as a solo practitioner. The differences between billing the company's time and being a rainmaker responsible for the daily expenses and staff are enormous. When the bottom line is your own, there is less time for benevolent gestures. An attorney from his old firm, who does pro bono work for the Innocence Project, approaches Finn. He is asked to litigate an appeal on a 15-year-old case. Finn wrestles with his conscience and his wallet, but events happen that shake his world. He becomes invested and things happen when Finn is on board. "Innocence" is certain to be the talked about thriller of the summer – hard hitting, well written, great characters.

Hosp is a lawyer and a partner in the trial department at Goodwin Procter LLP, one of Boston's oldest and largest law firms. He is a graduate of Dartmouth College and George Washington University Law School.

Refreshments will be served at this free event. Anyone unable to attend who would like to order a personalized and/or signed copy, can call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 or order online at buttonwoodbooks.com.

Beekeeping workshop July 21 at Holly Hill

Friends of Holly Hill Farm, based at Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, is hosting a beekeeping workshop at 3 p.m., on Saturday July 21. The Basics of Beekeeping workshop for adults and families is open to anyone age 8 and older. Kids must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost is $18 for adults, $8 for children; or $15 adults, $5 kids, for members of Friends of Holly Hill Farm Inc. All proceeds will benefit Friends of Holly Hill Farm. Register in advance by email to hollyhillfarmer@yahoo.com or call 781-383-1455. The workshop is sponsored by Friends of Holly Hill Farm Inc., the non-profit branch of the farm.

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Police launch poster campaign with local merchants

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menting programs sponsored by Operation Lifesaver, an international organization devoted to education about train and grade crossing safety.

This week, the police department began a new phase — a community poster campaign involving local businesses. Officers dropped posters off with merchants and requested they be hung up in storefront windows.

"It's a community effort. It can't just be the police. It has to involve the schools, the merchants and the community-at-large," says Sergeant Bill Quigley, "the more information we can get out to residents, the better off we'll be."

Residents should take the time to read the informational poster as they shop in the Village or stop for a cup of coffee.

"We can't stress enough that the town now has live tracks," says Quigley, "drivers need to really pay attention and take a strong look both ways when crossing the tracks."

Live tracks mean drivers and pedestrians need to get used to grade crossing. Cohasset's grade crossings are located on North Main Street, lower King Street, Sohier Street, Beechwood Street and Pond Street. Safety measures include leaving at least 15 feet between the hood of their car and the track. Trains are typically three feet wider than the tracks. Cars should never try to go around lowered gates, or try to drive under the gates as they drop to a lowered position.

Important to note is for safety reasons, as not all grade crossing warning systems are operational, train horns will be sounded as the train approaches street crossings throughout the summer. Flagmen will be employed at grade crossings to stop roadway traffic until the warning systems are thoroughly tested and placed in operation. The establishment of a quiet zone for the entire Greenbush line is currently in the works.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Dispatch Supervisor Thomas Wigmore chats with retired Police Chief Brian Noonan, who was working a detail in the Village on Wednesday. Wigmore was distributing train safety posters to local businesses, including French Memories, shown at left.

In the meantime, Quigley suggests drivers and those traversing the road should turn down their car radios or ipods when approaching the tracks so they can hear the horns of an approaching train.

The test trains serve a dual purpose. First, to properly test the railroad signal system to ensure it is fully operational and second, to train the crews that will be operating the trains. The trains will begin running at a relatively slow pace (10 miles per hours) then ramp up to a more standard speed of 60 miles per hours towards September, says Quigley.

"The poster campaign is just more education to alert residents to the fact [the train] is coming very shortly and they need to take proper caution and not take unnecessary risks," says Police Chief James Hussey.

The MBTA and all five Greenbush towns have embraced the Operation Lifesaver program. During the school year, Officer Lisa Matos who was specially trained by Operation Lifesaver visited every school classroom to talk to them about train safety. Each presentation was designed to be age-appropriate.

In addition to educational outreach, Cohasset Police have adopted a tough zero tolerance policy for individuals who are found trespassing or walking on the tracks, says Hussey.

"This is matter of life being saved and we want to make sure it's clearly understood that's it very dangerous," to linger on the tracks, he says, "we are going to seek criminal complaints against anyone we find trespassing on the MBTA right of way."

Residents are encouraged residents to call the non-emergency police line if they see person(s) on the track not wearing orange emergency vests signifying they are MBTA-related personnel.

Operation Lifesaver is a non-profit, international continuing public education program first established in 1972 to end collisions, deaths and injuries at places where roadways cross train tracks, and on railroad rights-of-way. Operation Lifesaver programs are sponsored cooperatively by federal, state, and local government agencies; highway safety organizations, and the nation's railroads.

For more information about Operation Lifesaver, visit www.oli.org.

Triathlon ready to roll

Safety plan is being put in place

By Nancy White
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The first annual Cohasset Triathlon is gearing up for a big splash — and it won't just be the 720 athletes hitting the water. Race day is Sunday, July 8 and event director Bill Burnett couldn't be more excited about how the triathlon has come together.

"Never did I imagine the Triathlon being where it is today," said Burnett at the Board of Selectmen meeting on Monday night. With hundreds of athletes, scores of volunteers, generous sponsors and a deserving charity, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), the Triathlon is set to be everything Burnett could have hoped for nine months ago when he approached the Selectmen about the Cohasset Triathlon.

"Everything is coming together," said Burnett. An integral part of the event is ensuring the safety of both athletes and residents. In that spirit, Burnett along with Police Chief James Hussey, police Sergeant Bill Quigley, Fire Chief Robert Silvia and EMS coordinator John Dockray came before the Selectmen to discuss the safety plan drafted for the Triathlon.

"We have a safe plan designed to keep residents and athletes as safe as possible," said Hussey. The plan calls for 15 detail officers to assist with traffic with some handling multiple locations during the three-leg race. Two motorcycle officers will patrol the course.

Paramedics and fire officials will be standing by at Sandy Beach. The Fire Department has made arrangements to have three ambulances available in the event of an emergency. One will be stationed at Sandy Beach, one will travel the route and another will be left at the Fire Station on Elm Street.

"We want people out there in their lawn chairs cheering on the athletes."
— Bill Burnett, event director

"We don't want to strip resources of the Town of Cohasset for the race," said Silvia, but he believes the plan strikes a balance between providing for the town and ensuring the safety of race participants, "I think we'll be more than adequately prepared for all instances."

Two thousand water bottles have been donated by O Water to fend off athlete dehydration. Water stops will be set up throughout the course. The railroad tracks on North Main Street, which have been the site of a few bicycle accidents, will have rubber mat placed over them to prevent bicycle tires from getting stuck in the track.

The triathlon racecourse, portions of which are spread throughout Cohasset and parts of Hingham and Scituate, may inconvenience residents during the morning hours. Atlantic Avenue from Beach Street to Jerusalem Road will be closed from 7:45a.m. to approximately 11:30a.m. Sandy Beach will still be open to the public, but can only be accessed before 7:45a.m. Residents of the portion of Atlantic Avenue will be accommodated, with the help of the detail officers, if they need to get in or out of their homes during the race.

Burnett has sent out more than 75 mailings to Sandy Beach area households, "we're trying to be proactive, but some people are going to be inconvenienced."

In addition, residents should be aware parking in the Village from Dependable Cleaners to the Cohasset Hardware building will be blocked off from 8a.m. to 11:30a.m. Having cars backing out into the street with the athletes racing would create a dangerous situation, Hussey said.

Despite the minor inconveniences, Burnett hopes that many residents in the Sandy Beach area and throughout Cohasset will be part of one of the most important pieces of a successful race — spectators, "we want people out there in their lawn chairs cheering on the athletes."

Twenty percent of the Triathlon's athletes hail from Cohasset, others are from around the greater Boston area, and some are coming from as far as California, Texas and even Germany. There is an even split of male and female athletes.

Burnett's idea for a Cohasset Triathlon started when he first moved to Cohasset, "I knew the town would make a perfect venue for a multi-sport event." He mulled over the idea for the last couple of ideas and decided to "take the plunge this year." With challenging hills, scenic streets and a pristine beach, Burnett knew the Cohasset Triathlon had the possibility to be an attractive locale. His registration numbers are an indication he was right.

All net proceeds from the race, including athlete's sponsorships, will be donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Burnett predicts the ultimate donation to be around $50,000.

"It sounds like a win-win event," said Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil.

To find out more about the event, visit www.cohassettri.com.

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By which two of the keepers, Joseph Wilson and Joseph Antonio, lost their lives.

From the Archives is a weekly feature provided by Cohasset Historical Society.

Did you know that divers currently search the depths of the ocean just off Cohasset shore for the famed First Minot's Light?

Pictured above, the lighthouse was originally built on steel pile legs cemented into the ledge below. Letters from the Historical Society's archives from Captain William H. Swift of the Army Corps of Engineers to Captain John Wilson indicate that Swift was concerned with the safety of the lighthouse.

On at least four occasions, one as early as 1849, Swift inquired about the structure and how it was faring through the icy, stormy winter. Swift's fears were not unfounded, for only a month after his last letter, the lighthouse did indeed collapse, and with it took the lives of the two assistant lightkeepers.

You can see these letters for yourself! Stop by the newly opened Captain John Wilson House at 4 Elm Street where these letters are on display. The Wilson House is open Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 4:30 pm and on Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm.

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Auditions tonight in Hull

Hull Performing Arts, Inc. announces auditions for "Learning About Your Own World" by Thomson Jaffe. This play is the winner of HPA's 2007 Playwriting Contest.

Auditions will take place at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., at 7 p.m., on Friday June 29. The cast calls for five teenage girls and one 40-plus-year-old woman as a mom. Performances will be at Fort Revere in August.

Call 781-925-2406 for directions and more information.

This project is funded, in part, by a grant from the Hull Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.





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Epiphany Designs opens on Ripley Road

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says Waltman. With a selection of handcrafted jewelry, color-filled paintings by local artists and photography that captures New England's coastal beauty, Waltman offers a bit of every taste and style.

Epiphany Designs' basic philosophy is to provide a high quality product in an affordable range of prices. Five artisans, including Waltman, handcraft the distinctive collection of jewelry she displays in the store. By cutting out a "middle-man" and buying her materials in bulk to get discounts, Waltman says she is able to keep her products affordable.

However, she does not skimp on materials. Waltman only uses genuine gemstones, never glass or imitation. For the crystals that make their way into many of her creations, she only uses Swarovski.

"In my designs the range is from simple and classic to pieces that are a little more forward, a little more modern and a little more adventurous," says Whitman. Her pieces vary from chunky necklaces that will complement a summer dress to elaborate bridal pieces complete with freshwater pearls and crystals.

Among her trademark pieces are the "Anytime, any place and with anything," or Triple-A, bracelets which are designed to be worn exactly as the moniker implies. They are suitable for any occasion, whether it's a t-shirt or a cocktail dress. Each one has a different combination of multi-colored gems. They are delicate and refined, but not too fussy, Waltman says.

In addition the jewelry displayed in the shop, Waltman loves working with customers to customize a piece of jewelry — "they come in, we sit down with my design boards and play," she says with a smile. If customers are interested, she will teach them how to make their own jewelry. Waltman will also repair vintage (or otherwise) jewelry.

Epiphany Designs highlights other local jewelry artisans as well. The funky and colorful necklaces designed by Hullonian Paula Campbell are on display. While Debby Brams' individually handcrafted clay beads result in one-of-a-kind pieces. Lauren Waltman designs jewelry with young, casual, busy women in mind.

On the wall surrounding the jewelry cases is the artwork of local artists and photographers. Each piece is hand chosen by Waltman and she's proud to say, "by and large the artist featured here are well known." She typically will rotate the artists and offerings on a seasonal basis and hopes to have gallery nights periodically. The offerings range in mediums from canvas oil paintings to hand-painted vases to stained glass panes.

Peggy Roth Major from Scituate captures the beauty of the ocean and beach in many of her photos. One of Waltman's bestsellers is Major's photo "Rainbow Wave." The handcrafted stained glass pieces by Laurence E. McInnis hang in the window to capture the light — and perhaps they eye of passers-by. J. Marshall Dyke's rainbow abstracts beg to be a focal point in someone's living room.

Epiphany Designs got its start in Hull, but Waltman hopes to make a home amid the "supportive business community" of Cohasset village.



STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

Faith Waltman, owner of Epiphany Designs, surrounds herself with works of beauty including Marilyn Reisberg's goldleaf and color decorated vases, and paintings from Stephen Boczanowski (top left and top right) of Norwell; J. Marshall Dyke (bottom left) of Hull; and Brooks Kelly (bottom right) of Pembroke.



Faith Waltman holds her AAA bracelet line, which stands for Anytime, Anywhere and with Anything, from jeans to cocktail dresses. Some of the gemstones include ruby, amethyst, sapphire, tanzanite, garnet, labradorite, kyanite, and iolite.

"Since coming to Cohasset I'm very excited and enthused by the business development plan the town has underway," says Waltman, who attended the public kick-off meeting with the village consultant, Concord Square Development Company, along with two dozen other village merchants and property owners last week. She plans to do her part to make her store inviting and aesthetically pleasing. Part of her efforts, she says, will be making the back of her store as "lovely as the front of the store."

With the Greenbush train just steps from her rear exit, "so close I could hand a sandwich to a passenger," she hopes to capitalize on the daily commuter exposure the back of her store will get when the train begins regular service in the fall.

"Right now it is everyone's tacky backyard," says Waltman. Her backyard plans include an Epiphany Designs sign, with a spotlight, potted plants, a wrought iron table with an umbrella and a window box.

"We could go a long way in making it a nice place," says Waltman. It seems she's well on her way.

Launch Party is July 7

The Cohasset Sailing Club is a non-profit organization that exists to serve the citizens of Cohasset. For information on any of the following events visit cohassetsailingclub.com/.

Summer Launch Party – All adult members, parents of sailors, and friends are invited to the lobster feast and auction to benefit the club, which will be held from 6 to 11 p.m., Saturday July 7, at the Sailing Club, rain or shine. Dinner will be served from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets cost $50 and are available by phoning Joyce Driscoll at 781-383-0122 or Claudia McKeon at 781-383-6125.

Donations for auction items are welcome. To donate call Jim Porter at 781-383-2029.

Instruction – Cohasset Sailing Club offers instruction in two categories: Junior, for youths ages 10 to 16 years old and Adult, for people age 17 and over. Training takes place on its fleet of nine 15-foot Capri 14, four Club 420s, and two lasers. The learning process includes a combination of classroom instruction and sailing. Adult training courses meet for 3 hours each Saturday morning for shore class and water training.

Dock Spaces – The club has limited dock spaces available for individuals who would like to tie up their dinghies. They can accommodate boats up to 12 feet in length and up to 5 feet in beam. No aluminum skiffs are allowed.

Free Sailing – The club offers the use of its fleet for free sailing to any member who has the necessary sailing knowledge. Free sailing is available from 5 to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 1:30 to 8 p.m. weekends.









OPINION

EDITORIAL

Open for discussion

The more the public knows, the better.

The state's Open Meeting Law was established to make sure citizens had access to all town government meetings. Beyond just allowing residents to sit in the same room as elected officials and listen to their discussion, the law was also intended to make sure decisions were discussed and made in a public setting. In other words, members of a board of selectmen couldn't call each other on the phone or send out e-mail the night before a big meeting and iron everything out so once they got to the board room they were ready to vote.

Last week, the State Administration and Regulatory Oversight Committee heard testimony from opponents to a number of bills that would increase fines and penalties for those who violated the state's Open Meeting Law.

If passed, penalties could include a $1,000 fine to a government body for not abiding by the law and $500 for each member who attended the meeting.

Imagine that; the Open Meeting Law would actually have some teeth.

Right now it's a joke, and many town boards and officials across the state don't really pay much attention to what they're required to do by law. And why should they? If they're found in violation of the law, the harshest of penalties has been a slap on the wrist from the local District Attorney's office and in some rare cases town officials are forced to read an apology during a meeting.

Big deal.

More needs to be done to make sure government officials are conducting business above board. In this age of e-mail, text messaging and instant messaging, the growing fear is that town government is being conducted in a vacuum.

Conducting the town's business comes with the responsibility of spending taxpayers' hard-earned money and keeping the public adequately and appropriately informed.

There are some town officials who might argue that they know best and the public doesn't need to know everything that's going on behind the scenes. But the intent of the Open Meeting Law is to make sure the process is out in the open.

We have not found this in Cohasset but in some towns executive sessions have been more of an excuse for officials to kick the press and the public out of the room so they can get down to real business. There are seven specific exemptions listed under the current Open Meeting Law. "Pending litigation" and "possible litigation" are popular phrases thrown out there as a reason to go into executive session, since practically anything could lead to a lawsuit.

We don't think the intent of the Open Meeting Law was to give town officials an excuse to end a meeting by kicking everyone out and closing the doors.

The Massachusetts Association of School Committees and the groups that represent municipal government aren't going to like having a law on the books that actually holds them accountable to the Open Meeting Law, but the public deserves to know what's going on.

The Open Meeting Law also covers rules and regulations governing the posting of meetings and the recording of minutes from meetings. While issues relating to posting of meeting times and places are few and far between, there is a real inconsistency across the board in how meeting minutes are managed. Some boards do a better job than others, and some are not holding up their end of the bargain when it comes to maintaining these crucial public records.

The Open Meeting Law has a lot of legs to it, and it can be confusing. We shouldn't assume every new town official, or even every veteran town official, knows every aspect of the law. Education is the key here, and making sure there are workshops and information packets distributed on a regular basis would help keep town officials from accidentally violating the Open Meeting Law.

But stricter penalties and hefty fines would go a long way toward preventing further abuses of the law and ensuring that the process is indeed conducted in a public setting.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:
Board of Health, July 23, 7 p.m.
Cohasset Housing Partnership, July 19, 7 p.m.
Elder Affairs, July 9, at 9 a.m., 3 N. Main St.
Harbor Health Committee, June 25, at 7:30 p.m.
Library Trustees, July 11, at 7 p.m. at the library.
Planning Board, July 11, 7 p.m.
Selectmen, July 9 & 23, 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, June 29, at 11 a.m.
Sewer Commission and Water Commission, July 5, 2 p.m., Town Hall.
Stormwater Committee, July 10 & 24, 7 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals, July 10, at 7:30 p.m.
All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Some training for the Cohasset Triathalon don't mind the chilly water



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cor-ten steel guardrails

TO THE EDITOR:

Critics of the Cor-Ten guardrails should keep in mind the maxim: "Be careful what you wish for; you might get it"! Wishing for and working for an alternative might result in zinc coated metal that eventually rusts, especially where damaged, or in painted metal that in time badly needs painting that always is tardily done, or in wood that will reveal its own problems in time. There is no alternative as satisfactory in the long term as CorTen, which weathers to an attractive rusty chocolate brown, never needs painting or maintenance, and blends well with almost everything, but especially with nature.

Unfortunately in a society bent on instant gratification, it looks terrible for a while. But patience is rewarded, that is why it is so well liked by those familiar with its ultimate attractiveness; and its practicality, despite its somewhat elevated cost and initial ugliness.

A good example of thoughtful architectural design and tasteful exploitation of natural features is the famous and well loved five mile Recreation Path in Stowe, Vermont, which crisscrosses several times a roughly parallel small river. All of the footbridges are of Cor Ten, which complements beautifully the abundant greenery, flowering shrubs, the babbling brook, the occasional pasture etc. It is widely used in outdoor sculpture, as well as in bridges and other exposed steelwork.

Fortunately, it is unlikely that the State will change its well-considered specifications. There were good reasons for not choosing one of the less expensive alternatives.

R. Murray Campbell
217 Jerusalem Road

HEALTH NOTES

Change on local and planetary scale

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

If you Google the phrase "*shift happens video*," you'll be taken to a wake up call about the future. A nine-minute presentation thrusts you into the reality of change on our planet, no more than in the area of health. Only this week in Massachusetts, every person is now officially required to have medical care insurance; an issue for a future Health Notes. Every day we see more evidence of change. This week we learn that long-term diagnosis and treatment of Lyme disease is in question; that extended periods of treatment with antibiotics may prove harmful. Change is everywhere. There is even a center for studying health system change to inform policy makers about how local and national changes in the financing and delivery of health care affect people. They do research and analysis to develop policy decisions, to improve the health of the American public. Also, the CDC lists five changes, which represent threats to health in America.

- Emerging infectious diseases (SARS, monkeypox, pandemic influenza)
- Terrorism
- Environmental threats (hurricanes, wildfires, toxic chemical spills)
- Lifestyle choices (tobacco use, poor nutrition, lack of physical fitness)
- Aging population

Habits change too slowly. We can all do things to respond to these threats to keep us healthy. For example, changes in the way infectious diseases are transmitted are forcing new procedures for insuring against contagion. We learn from recent news that biotic resistant Staphylococcus is more prevalent outside of the hospital environment. Thus, the need to be more careful about personal contact, i.e. good hygiene, like washing our hands. And antibacterial soap is no longer strongly recommended by doctors as before because it may promote resistance in bacteria. Instead the use of antibacterial wipes has been cited as preferable in many situations.

Terrorism is no longer something that happens elsewhere. Every day we hear of someone who has succumbed to the tensions of modern society and its supercharged pace of living. We must be aware that such tensions may be causing individuals near us to act irrationally and we should be prepared to take action if we observe cues which signal aberrant behavior. It's hard to be specific about such things, but if you see a neighbor or acquaintance change habits, it may be appropriate to discuss it with a friend you trust. Many of life's tragedies have been preceded by changes in behavior of the participants.

Even here in environmentally sensitive Cohasset, we have contamination troubles. Obvious threats are from polluted water, but the use of some common garden pesticides has been associated with nerve damage in humans. We should read the labels and ask our land care specialists about their knowledge of the stuff they put on our lawns and gardens. And perhaps be less casual about the disposition of the things we throw away.

And our lifestyle: diet, the temptation to eat and too much, to walk too little. Is now a good time to think about making some changes?

Advice to the elderly: Keep your perspective and take the right pills in the right order. As folks get older, their needs and attitudes change. For example, they have a greater assortment of pills and periodic activities to slow aging. The use of calendar boxes to store pills is an aid to health care, which has benefits to anyone taking more than two pills daily.

Changes in our society and the world are going on at an ever-increasing rate. Many are adapting and many are not; a cause for tensions all by itself. No easy answers exist but it's helpful to recognize and accept the fact that the pace is and will be accelerating everywhere from now on.

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Hull using Black Rock Beach

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Black Rock Beach goings on — We have had quite a few calls at Town Hall regarding the work currently underway at Black Rock Beach. This is a Town of Hull project and has absolutely nothing to do with the Town of Cohasset. Hull did get a permit from the Cohasset Conservation Commission to do the work in the beach area.

The Town of Hull received a grant to rebuild a seawall at the base of Green Hill from the same pool of State funds that helped Cohasset rebuild its seawalls. (Green Hill in Hull is the large residential hill just north of Black Rock Beach.) The only way for Hull to access this work site is from Black Rock Beach at low tide. This is why using the Black Rock Beach area is so essential. To give you an idea of the scale of this project they will be installing 10,000 tons of stone to rebuild the seawall to protect the homes on Green Hill. That's a lot of stone!

On Wednesday, June 27th we attended a meeting with the Hull DPW, the contractor, and the project-engineering consultant to see if we could get a few changes to lessen the Cohasset impacts. They agreed to several additional measures that should make the project less intrusive and safer for Cohasset. The equipment and porta-potty, shown in the photos, which are stored near the corner of Jerusalem Road and Forest Avenue will be moved to a visually less intrusive area of the beach. Based on the tides they will need to make trips with large trucks along the beach back and forth to the construction site. When they are moving equipment they will have the pathway marked with cones to alert beachgoers to the dangers. The cones will be removed at night. The construction personnel will alert beach goers when material will be moved across the beach. However, it would be best if Cohasset residents would use the portion of the beach along Jerusalem Road out of any area of construction, if at all possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, we suggest you call Marc Fournier, Director Hull Department of Public Works at 781-925-0900.



Rocky Beach – Green Hill: The porta-potty and equipment will be moved to a less intrusive area of the beach.



Sidewalk grading on Forest Avenue is making good progress.

Greenbush – The MBTA has told us that we are about to see the start of a lot of activity on the tracks. On or about July 9th they will begin track grinding. This is a very interesting process. You may remember that, early on, we talked about how short lengths of rail were welded into longer strings of rail. These "strings" were then laid on the railroad ties and welded together. However, there is no assurance that these welded joints are really smooth. So, the MBTA will be driving special purpose machines called track grinders along the tracks. These grinders will grind the surface of the rail to a consistent smoothness from one end to the other. If they didn't perform this operation there would still be small uneven places on the rails that would cause vibration aboard the rail cars as well as additional noise for the abutters who happen to be close to any uneven spots.

Another little known fact is that after rails have been in use for extensive periods of time, the normal wear and tear of service tends to make them become uneven. The MBTA and most railroads have internal standards regarding the smoothness of their rails and will periodically regrind their rails back to a smooth condition. Likewise, after extensive service, the wheels of the train cars tend to develop flat spots or go out of round. They are also periodically reground back to a smooth condition.

We also understand that the MBTA will be operating regular train equipment on the tracks starting on or about July 19th, as they continue their testing. The equipment you are likely to see will be a diesel electric locomotive and a single passenger car, called a control car. The control car is a very unique car. From the outside it looks just like an ordinary passenger car. But, it has a set of engineers controls duplicated in a special compartment at the end of the car. The reason is that the train will not be turned around between trips. The locomotive will pull the train cars in one direction and push them in the other direction. But if the engineer is confined to the locomotive when it is pushing the train, he (or she) won't be able to have a view of the tracks. The locomotive has been built so that it can be operated from within the locomotive or remotely from the control car. So, when the locomotive operates pushing the train it will be operated from the control car, which will now be at the front of the train.

The new traffic lights have now been installed at the Forest/ King /N. Main streets intersection. For know, the lights are set to blink red in all directions continuing the four way stop we have become used to. (Although, one resident reported to us a driver approaching this intersection from King Street just sailed through the intersection without hitting the brakes — not even a little bit. Please, please take care when driving through a construction zone. One bit of carelessness can be catastrophic.)

Forest Avenue – Last week we talked about the possibility of blasting to remove the last knob of ledge from the Forest Avenue sidewalk area. It now looks like we will be blasting, since according to the experts, this will be the safest way to get rid of this ledge. Before blasting begins, nine homes will need an insurance inspection to document the pre-blasting condition to protect the homeowners. This inspection and documentation is done at the expense of the contractor. By the way, all blasting done in Cohasset is tightly regulated by state law and is done under the control of the Cohasset Fire Department. They issue the blasting permits only after all of the permitting requirements have been satisfied. Further, they usually have Fire Department personnel on site during any blasting.

Grading for the sidewalk continues to make good progress. The areas where the sidewalk will be laid are becoming quite visible as you drive up and down Forest Avenue. The old street surface will be ground and repaved during July and August.

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Doing away with voicemail

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Who among us hasn't lapsed into muttering a string of four-letter, Anglo-Saxon functional verbs when confronted by a recorded voice...

If I lived in Boston and Tom Menino was running for another term as mayor I'd vote early and often for him, which I'm told is an old Boston tradition. In fact, every time I picked up the telephone and made a call I'd drop another ballot in the box for Tom.

I was reading the other day where he has banned the use of voicemail among the underlings in his administration if they want to keep their jobs long enough to attain pensionhood. I can even forgive Tommy a mumble or two if he sticks to his guns.

Who among us hasn't lapsed into muttering a string of four-letter, Anglo-Saxon functional verbs when confronted by a recorded voice instructing: "If you know the person's extension number . . ." or "Press one for English, press two for . . ."

Tommy, the Globe told me last week, was converted from the robotic to the human side when he called his Office of Business Services and had to sit there and wait while a recorded voice went through a long list of options available to him.

"That was the end of it," said the mayor.

Thereafter, he said, when he runs into the same recorded instructions, "I'll leave them a message saying, 'You're obviously not a part of the Menino Administration. Why don't you call me back and tell me who you're working for.'"

I hope whoever winds up running to be the first mayor of Braintree is reading this and thinking of the number of readers of voting age who may be doing it too while nodding their heads in agreement. But I digress . . .

I'm no rookie when it comes to telephones. I go back to the days when you picked up the phone and an operator asked you: "Number, please?" I can remember dialing VIctor for Braintree, GRanite for Quincy and EDgewater for Weymouth.

What a joy it was to make a phone call and know that a real person would answer it and maybe exchange a few pleasantries with you before putting you through to another real person, the one you wanted to talk to in the first place.

Now that I have reached an age when I can remember a "number please" girl, I have been relieved of any duties involving our phone. As a result, we have one of those wireless gadgets you can carry anywhere as long as you don't get too far from the house.

The buttons are on the inside of the instrument. When one end is held to my ear, the other end is not long enough to reach my mouth so I am constantly shouting into it. If I press it too close to my cheek, it frequently hangs up on me.

This is the situation when I make my weekly call to the drug store to renew some prescriptions. The automatic recorder requires me to take the phone from my ear and push the buttons for the numbers of the 'scripts and the pickup time.

If I'm not careful, I'll press the wrong button or, worse, I'll hang up on myself. Don't laugh. I've done it quite a few times, turning what used to be a two-minute request into a 20 minute struggle with my own telephone.

If Tom Menino ever tires of being mayor, I hope he opens a drug store.

Smiles, everyone, smiles

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

Remember that a horn is for warning other drivers of your approach, not for expressing displeasure with their audacity in merging onto the highway between you and the car you're pushing.

The Massachusetts population continues to drop as jobs migrate elsewhere, housing costs remain high, and roaming packs of border collies take their toll. The problem is apparently so serious that within a decade the state's economy may depend primarily on tourism rather than Megabucks ticket sales. Meanwhile New Englanders in general and Bostonians in particular have a reputation for being cold and snobbish, which isn't going to help us win the heart and mind of Joe Redstate from Backwater USA, is it? So I've put together a list of changes we need to make to show the world that Massachusetts is a friendly place, especially if you already have friends here and play decent tennis.

On the Road — I'm sure we could all stand another lesson in safe, courteous driving. My tip for the week is to follow the car in front of you close enough to make efficient use of space on the road, but not so close that you are actually pushing the car forward at your preferred speed. Although native Bay Staters have learned to see this practice for the gas-saving opportunity that it is, it tends to make newcomers nervous. Grandmother types, mostly. If you must tail gate always use the "three second rule": when a car pulls out into the passing lane ahead of you, at least three seconds should elapse before you attempt to crawl up its tailpipe, high beams a-flashing. Another rule of thumb is that as you weave in and out of traffic you should signal your intent to change lanes no later than one second after you begin to lurch sideways.

Remember that a horn is for warning other drivers of your approach, not for expressing displeasure with their audacity in merging onto the highway between you and the car you're pushing. That is what your middle finger is for.

Having grown up here, you and I know where we're going of course, but for the benefit of out-of-staters we should make it our goal to translate all road signs into intelligible English by the time North Koreans land on Mars. It would also be nice to add name signs indicating which road you're currently driving on. I hear that when you get lost, determining where you are can be quite helpful.

In the Schools — The Revolutionary War was fun, and important to those of us who lived through it, sure. But Massachusetts schools should not devote more class time to the Boston Tea Party than, say, math. I think that has been a mistake. Five people died during the Boston Massacre, okay? Five. And they were probably months away from contracting typhoid anyway. Let's move on.

Local Dialect —I think it would help dispel the idea that we're mired in the last century if we stopped calling drinking fountains "bubblers," carbonated beverages "tonics," and Ted Kennedy "Senator."

Biting Insects — This may be a dumb question, but is there a good reason we haven't eradicated mosquitoes yet? Are we afraid they may be an integral part of some ecosystem? Because I'd be happy to hang a bat feeder on my deck if it meant I could eat barbecued chicken that didn't taste like DEET.

Understanding Other Sports — For the sake of our future we need to knuckle under and try to get into the minds of NASCAR fans. A Prilosec commercial that's been airing a lot recently shows a fortyish woman camped out on the infield of a race-track high-fiving her husband as cars go by, as if it's not the 800th time they've gone by like that. What makes this woman tick, besides Prilosec? Car racing fans can't all be lobotomized. I'm convinced there's something important here that we're missing.

I get the same feeling from cricket highlights. The goal of the bowler (pitcher) is to knock down the wicket, and the goal of the batsman is to defend the wicket while dressed as the Michelin Man. That defense seems to consist of bunting the ball over and over for about a week. Each time the ball dribbles away from the batsman in no particular direction the crowd goes "oooooooooo", while all the women on Prilosec high-five their husbands. I can understand why South Africans and Indians might have been motivated to play cricket a century ago when the British were threatening them with guns, but now? Why not play something fun and healthy, like flaming street hockey? The point is, if we're ever going to make foreigners feel accepted here we need to know why they are so weird.

I don't need a Harvard MBA to know that local economies always cycle up and down, and that the Massachusetts whaling industry is due for a major rebound. Until then though, let's show visitors and new residents the better angels of our nature. Befriend one today. She just might turn out to have a terrific net game.

John Lengyel is a North Shore native. In 1999 he was amazed to discover that not only did people live on the South Shore, but they had organized themselves into towns and even a few country clubs. He's been subsisting on JJ's ice cream sandwiches ever since.

LIBRARY CORNER

Library closing

July 4 holiday

Holiday Closing – The library will be closed July 4 for Independence Day.

MamaSteph – Music for young children. Meets Mondays, July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, at 10:30 a.m. in the Story Room. Funded by Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Puzzle Club – For grades three and up. Meets Mondays, July 9, 16, 23, 30 and Aug. 6, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Story Room. Registration is not required. Prompt pick up is expected. Funded by Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Free Tuesday Family Performances – 6 p.m. in the Meeting Room.

July 10: Magic by Scott Jameson

July 17: Jay Mankita – musician/storyteller.

Aug. 14: Activated Storytellers – more Quizzical Quests.

Funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Story & Craft – Thursdays, July 19 and 26, and Aug. 2 and 9. Sign up for Story & Craft beginning Friday July 6. Registration can be by telephone, in person or online. To register online, go to cohassetlibrary.org, click on calendar, click on July 19, either a.m. or p.m. Fill in the form with child's name and age, telephone number and email address. Remember this is a four-week commitment. For more information, call Mrs. Moody at 781-383-1348, ext. 3 or email smoody@ocln.org.

FOR ADULTS

Genealogy Databases – Beginning July 1, Cohasset library cardholders will have access to two new databases: HeritageQuest Online and Ancestry Library Editions from ProQuest Information and Learning. These electronic databases are terrific for researching vital records, census information and search genealogical and local history book collections. Access the HeritageQuest database remotely from home, office or at the library through the library Web site, cohassetlibrary.org. Ancestry.com's database is only available in the library. For help in accessing these new tools, call the reference desk at 383-1348.

Movie Matinee – The library will offer a free viewing of the movie "Driving Miss Daisy" starring Jessica Tandy and Morgan Freeman at the library at 11 a.m., on Friday, July 6. Light refreshments will be provided courtesy of the Friends of the Library. The movie site license is sponsored by Friends of the Library and Cohasset Democratic Town Committee.

CHS Class of 2007 graduation on Our Town

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Join Our Town Monday when co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo take viewers back to Saturday, June 2: the Cohasset High School Class of 2007 graduation at the South Shore Music Circus.

Tune in Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9p.m., all on Comcast channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and Stay informed!

Field of Honor flags pickup

Thomas Wigmore of the Sons of the American Legion and organizer of the Field of Honor installed over Memorial Day, has announced that those who paid for flags may pick them up from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday (July 2) behind the Paul Pratt Library on Ripley Road near the playground.

Should smoking be banned at Sandy Beach?

Role model

I do think that smoking should be banned, mostly because of the "role model" issue.

— Mimi White

Unenforceable

Us reformed tobacco smokers are often the most strongly opposed to smoking in public places, and the most realistically aware of the health effects of second-hand as well as first-hand smoke. But the public places we concern ourselves with are either enclosed or open space where crowding might subject non-smokers to other people's smoke. But to ban it on a wide-open space like Sandy Beach is a needless interference with personal choice to harm oneself with smoking while having no significant effect on others, besides being unenforceable. And unenforceable rules encourage disrespect for all rules.

— R. Murray Campbell

Filthy habit

At about 10 years old, I was walking barefoot on the sidewalk in Brant Rock and stepped on a smoldering cigarette. It hurt like *#&@. I have never smoked a cigarette and think it is a filthy, self-destructive habit. We all subsidize lung disease medical costs of smokers. The fewer places people can smoke; the better. I also agree with those who think the Rocky Lane guardrail is ugly and out of character with the local surroundings.

— Joe McElroy

A stretch

Maybe a designated smoking area, but trying to ban smoking in a public outdoor setting, I think, is a stretch. Sitting next to a person that smokes, even outside, can be annoying but it is a "public" beach. What next banning over weight people in Speedo's

— Roger Hill

'Down wind'

Smoking on the beach can be annoying, but unlike a restaurant, you can move and get away from it if it's blowing at you. I doubt that banning it would be enforceable. Who would do that? Let's just ask that smokers be considerate of others "down wind" and dispose of the remains responsibly.

— Marsha Silvia

Outdoors

FULL DISCLOSURE: I am 61, smoked for many years, do not smoke any more.] I don't see the sustainable argument for not letting people smoke on the beach. It's the outdoors. You can — and should — police the litter problem, but the second-hand smoke issue does not exist in the open air environment, and to ban smoking for the reason that it models undesirable adult behavior — well then, why not ban people being jerks? Or rude? Or any number of other unpleasant things?

— Agnes McCann

Ban it

I think smoking on and sandy beach should be banned. Smoking adults and teenagers are not setting a good example for the children on the beach.

Also, non-smokers are taking in second-hand smoke. Smokers are free to smoke in areas where they are not exposing others to smoke. It is not necessary to allow smoking in family-orientated areas.

I think banning smoking on Sandy Beach is feasible because the beach smokers are a minority and their arguments would not stand up to the large amount of non-smokers and parents with young children.

— Fiona McBride

Human conscience

There are many reasons why I think smoking on Sandy Beach should be banned. For those of us with respiratory problems it causes discomfort and we are forced to move. Children see smoking and it can influence their future choices related to tobacco. The butts left behind pollute the beach and can be consumed by birds and dogs. I hate to impose yet another rule but I think this is a health and environmental problem that needs to be addressed. Enforcing this ban should be based on the human conscience.

Thank you for asking.

— Betsy Connolly

Offensive

I truly shrink from curtailing the personal rights of others in what is becoming an increasingly regulated society. Yet is it a "right" to blow smelly smoke around a crystalline environment and bury butts in the sand?

Although it can be said that secondhand smoke is less a threat on the beach than it is in the Red Lion or Atlantica, I can inhale smoke from that lady's cigarette 50 yards to windward if the breeze is just right. I should not be forced to do that. And there is something especially offensive about looking out at Minot's light across pristine blue water and smelling a stale Philip Morris at the same time.

People struggle for years to quit the habit. I know that I did. So let's not penalize those who have won the battle. If smokers want to light up at the beach, let them do it in their own cars — with the windows rolled up.

But feasible? Who knows? I question that such a rule could ever be enforced.

— Nancy Garrison

Too much

To ban would necessitate creating another town law, which someone would have to enforce. It certainly would stretch the duties of lifeguards. Too, too much.

— Margy Charles

Mandatory

I say smoking on the beach should be mandatory, then we can have races to see what kills you first: skin cancer or lung cancer.

— Lance Norris

Family friendly

I'm all for banning smoking on Sandy Beach — would make for a more family friendly environment.

— Motoko T. Deane

Move upwind

I doubt if you can ban outdoor smoking any more successfully than you can ban halitosis. Just move upwind. They'll get the idea eventually.

— John Hartshorne

Policy OK

I would suggest a "policy" not a law, in effect during the hours the lifeguards are on duty (similar to the dog policy).

—Rick Shea

Six-pack abs

For six months I've worked to maintain my six-pack abs and golden skin undertones so that I could be smokin' on Sandy Beach come July, and now some prudes want to take away my right to be hot? You'll have to pry the Coppertone out of my cold, dead hands you flabby-bunned oppressors!

— John Lengyel

Not feasible

Regarding the feasibility of No Smoking Sandy Beach: It would be great but I'm afraid it wouldn't be feasible, especially since so much of the smoking and debris accumulation occurs in the evening when the beach is unmanned and not subject to constant monitoring.

— Tana Carlson

Extinguish!

I would love to see all butts on cigs extinguished! Especially since finding several butts/filters in the sand, in the parking lot and in trashcans! Since smokers on Sandy have not been responsible in disposing of their butts, banning butts should be acted upon. A big question — who/how to impose this restriction?

— Mary Cirafice

Health issue

I believe that smoking should be banned on Sandy Beach. As has been widely publicized, secondary smoke is a major contributor to many health diseases. The causal effects have been deemed to be even more intense than earlier anticipated and more harmful to children. Children are in frequent numbers at the beach and their proximity to secondary smoke — often to those who are not even related to these children — is a major health issue. They appear to be more at risk than adults and putting their health at risk during a time of recreation seems ludicrous.

However, even more important in my mind for eliminating smoking on the beach is the litter that such a habit causes. I have read that smoking is now the number one issue in causing litter, particularly the cigarette butts which are "flicked" indiscriminately after the smoker is finished. I pickup anywhere from 10-20 cigarette butts from my driveway each week. I find that smokers have a general disregard for others around them, and I would be hesitant to put the beauty and safety of Sandy Beach on smokers who have a demonstrated a general disregard for others.

— Roger Crafts

TAKE PART

The Cohasset Mariner is building a Readers Advisory Network of e-mail addresses so we can more frequently involve our readers in the content of the newspaper. Readers, who join the network, may be asked for reactions to stories, ideas for stories or follow-ups, for a digital "person on the street" interview, or for a community commentary.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the network, email Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com. She will answer any questions that you may have. The Mariner promises to remove you immediately from the Readers Advisory Network if you request that we do.

Smoking ban at Sandy Beach

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for Cohasset's public outdoor spaces, except if associated with an eating establishment, says Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik.

However, Sandy Beach is not a public space. The beach is privately owned and maintained by the Sandy Beach Association. The adjacent parking lot is owned and maintained by the Town. The Trustees of Sandy Beach would need to vote to implement a smoking ban on the beach. Separately, or in conjunction, the town could vote to ban smoking in the parking lot area as well. It's unclear whether the issue would have to go to Town Meeting or if it could be made by the Board of Selectmen.

"Personally, I would be in favor of a smoke-free beach," said Robin Lawrence, President of the Sandy Beach Association, in a phone interview, "the only issue would be enforcement of the regulation." Lifeguards are hired to ensure the safety of all beachgoers and enforcing a "no smoking" policy could detract from their primary responsibility, Lawrence said.

"Certainly it's a nuisance thing, especially if you're downwind" from a smoker, Lawrence said. But, whether or not it's a health issue is still up in the air.

"I don't know of any data available that has studied outdoor second hand smoke," said Godzik, but said there could possibly be a risk. He suggested Sandy Beach could follow what some other towns have implemented and designate a small area as a "smoking area" on the beach.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' votes on one roll call and local senators' votes on three roll calls from the week of June 18-22.

ALLOW CITIES AND TOWNS TO JOIN STATE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN (H 4110)

House 149-1, approved and sent to the Senate a bill allowing cities and towns to enroll their local employees in the Group Insurance Commission (GIC) - the state-operated group insurance plan. Supporters said that the bill would give local employees more plans and better coverage from which to choose. They noted that the switch to the GIC would save money for many cities and towns through reduced administrative costs and lower cost plans negotiated by the state which has increased purchasing power. The lone opponent offered no arguments. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill allowing cities and towns to enroll their local employees in the state-operated group insurance plan. A "No" vote is against allowing it).

BAN INTERNET HUNTING (S 2273)

Senate 34-0, approved and sent to the House a bill banning "Internet hunting" - the practice of using a mouse click on a home computer to kill confined animals on a distant game ranch. Trophy mounts of the animal are often prepared and shipped to the customer. The measure imposes up to a 2.5 year prison sentence and/or $2,500 fine on violators. Supporters said that the bill was filed at the request of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and noted that 22 states have already outlawed this controversial and inhumane Internet practice. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill).

TAX CREDITS FOR MAKING FILMS IN MASSACHUSETTS (H 4084)

Senate 31-3, approved a bill removing the $700 million per film cap on tax credits that the state gives movie production companies which make films on location in Massachusetts. A law approved in November 2005 provides tax credits and other incentives to these companies but also includes a $700 million cap on the credits. Supporters said that the tax credits and other incentives have generated million of dollars in revenue for local businesses and state tax coffers. They argued that unless the cap is lifted, Massachusetts will continue to lose millions of dollars in business, jobs and taxes to Connecticut, Rhode Island and other states that offer more tax credits and incentives than the Bay State. Some opponents said that the state should not offer tax credits to a wealthy, private entertainment industry while education, human service programs and local aid are still severely underfunded. Others said that the tax credits are simply another example of "corporate welfare" that helps a narrow business sector and urged the House to approve more broad-based tax relief for small businesses. The House has approved a different version of the proposal and the Senate version now goes to the House for consideration. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill lifting the $700 million cap on tax credits for film companies. A "No" vote is against the bill).

TAX INCENTIVES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES (S 2275)

Senate 5-29, rejected a new proposal providing tax credits for small businesses that have annual sales of less than $5 million and create at least five jobs in a year. The measure was proposed to replace the bill offering increased tax credits to movie production companies that make films on location in Massachusetts. Supporters of the new proposal offering tax credits for job creation said that it would create long-term jobs across the state instead of one-time, short-term jobs on a movie set primarily in the Boston area. They argued that the state should help Main Street instead of Hollywood Boulevard. Opponents of the new proposal said that it is irresponsible to replace the proven movie production tax credit with an unproven but well-intentioned job creation measure. They argued that the new proposal should be considered on its own merits in the future when more information is available on its costs and how many jobs it would create. (A "Yes" vote is for the new proposal providing tax credits for small businesses that create jobs. A "No" vote is against the new proposal and favors the bill providing increased tax credits to movie production companies that make films on location in Massachusetts).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

LAID OFF TEACHERS AND TEACHER EVALUATIONS (H 392) - The Education Committee held a hearing on bills requiring that hiring preference for teaching positions be given to teachers who were laid off as a result of budget cuts (H 392) and requiring the state Department of Education to establish a program that would allow pupils and parents to evaluate local teachers (H 517).

REQUIRE THAT NEW HOMES BE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE (S 745) - The Housing Committee is considering a proposal requiring that all newly constructed houses include a flat entrance to accommodate the use of a wheelchair, scooter or other device that helps a person with mobility problems. The measure also mandates that the kitchen, bathroom, living room, laundry room and at least two bedrooms be located on the first floor. The measure is sponsored by private citizen Brian Coppola.

PROPERTY TAX HIKES AND REDUCTIONS (S 1702) - The Revenue Committee heard testimony on legislation sponsored by Citizens For Limited Taxation (CLT) limiting cities and towns to one override election per year and allowing an underride election in all communities. Override elections are on proposals that would raise property taxes while underride elections are on measures that would reduce them.

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Peter Trovato, director of the Massachusetts Soldiers Legacy Fund, speaks to attendees at the V-8 Veterans Summit on Monday at the GAR Hall on Main Street in Hingham.

Attacking ways to help veterans

By Ryan Bray
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They came from all over the South Shore, some from Scituate, others from Hingham, Cohasset, Hull and other towns within the congressional district.

Some came to discuss increased medical services for veterans through the United States Office of Veterans Affairs, while still others came to discuss how to best serve active soldiers who will soon return home from military duty.

But for whatever reason the 30 to 40 veterans agents and veteran group representatives came out to the Hingham GAR Hall for the first annual V-8 Veterans Summit Monday, they all shared a common goal of reaching out to one another.

The summit brought representatives from veterans organizations in Scituate, Hull, Hingham, Cohasset, Weymouth, Marshfield, Duxbury and Norwell together for the first time in an open setting to discuss a regional approach to improve veterans services throughout the district. In attendance from Cohasset were Veterans Agent Robert Jackson, Tom Wigmore and Barry Butman of the Sons of the American Legion, Deirdre Wigmore of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary, Legion Commander Steve Wigmore and Joe McElroy of the Disabled American Vets (DAV) Chapter #65.

Conley Ford, commander of the American Legion Post #144 in Scituate and the principle organizer of the summit, cited Monday's summit as a jumping off point toward tackling veterans issues regionally across town lines.

"We hope we can create a roadmap so that veterans can find help when they need it," Ford said.

Ford said he was inspired to pull together the summit after attending a recent fundraiser with representatives from different veterans groups across the district. After noticing the lack of interaction between members of the different groups, he organized the summit with the help of Hingham/Hull Veterans Agent Mike Cunningham and Major Bill Ramsey of Hingham.

Veterans and representatives from the Blue Star Mothers and various American Legion and VFW posts met with local veterans agents and state representatives to discuss numerous veterans related issues, among them how to provide better care to veterans through the Office of Veterans Affairs to how to accommodate future veterans who will return home after service.

Marshfield Veterans Agent Dick Martin raised issue with services administered through the VA, saying its broad scope often times excludes many veterans who are in need of extended medical care. He said transportation for veterans has also proven to be an issue.

"The VA covers veterans' transportation needs if they're 100 percent disabled, but if they're not, what do we do?" Martin asked.

Hingham resident Jim Claypoole, a veteran who helped form the Hingham Veterans Council, talked about the council's independent efforts to raise money and help aid veterans outside of the funding allocated for veterans services through the town. He recommended that other municipalities work to enact similar councils to help take care of their local veterans' needs, including transportation.

"We approach our issues horizontally," Claypoole said. "We fund ourselves and are able to take action on our own without waiting around to be told what to do."

Others in attendance Monday discussed the need to be proactive in serving the needs of tomorrow's veterans, an issue veterans acknowledged as having been a problem in the past.

"We had a horrible time with how we treated our returning Vietnam veterans," said Reverend Gerry Hickey, chaplain of the American Legion Post # 144 in Scituate. "It's a black spot in our history. We need to do a better job of reaching out."

"We need to go out and get the vets," said George Earle, commander of the American Legion Post in Marshfield. "We can't just wait for them to come to us.' Earle suggested that towns form subcommittees to address their specific veterans issues.

Marybeth O'Sullivan, an outreach advisor for Veterans Upward Bound at UMass Boston, said the issue of supporting veterans also extends to female vets, less than half of which are registered to receive federal and state benefits.

"We're coming right out to the communities and asking 'Do you know a female vet,'" O'Sullivan said. "We need your help, because we just aren't seeing the numbers. Our veterans are going to need the services we can help provide, but we can't get to them."

Veterans also addressed the issue of job security for vets in the reserve who are called out to active duty. Jim Borowski, ombudsman for the Massachusetts Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), said he'd like to see more done to protect the jobs of those veterans who are forced to leave work for service for extended periods of time.

"A lot of things can happen in 12 months," Borowski said. "Too often people leave work to serve, only to find the door closed on them when they return home."

Norwell Veterans Agent Dick Caldwell agreed, saying the issue of job security can often be of particular concern for small business owners.

"Not only do they risk losing their businesses, but they're fined for the work they don't finish before serving," Caldwell said. "What do we do for them?"

Veterans, organizers and state officials left the summit with hopes that the issues brought forth can be addressed further to better represent current and future veterans. State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, said while state officials have been proactive in drafting legislation such as the Welcome Home Bill to better aid veterans, the summit showed that there is still more that can be done on a local level.

"I thought it was wise for them to put this together," Bradley said following the summit. "We're trying to pass what we think is helpful legislation, but I think what we saw here tonight was a disconnect among the municipalities. We'll continue to work on it.

"The conflict that is ongoing is going to be ongoing for some time, and these issues discussed here tonight need to be addressed," said State Sen. Bob Hedlund, R-Weymouth.



Maura McGowan Yanosick, who is president of the Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of the Blue Star Mothers of America, addresses concerns and challenges facing families of troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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More school security cameras

The School Committee and the Cohasset Teachers Association have reached a memorandum of understanding concerning the use of video surveillance cameras. At their recent meeting on June 20, the committee voted 4-0 (member Alfred Slanetz was not present) to approve the agreement.

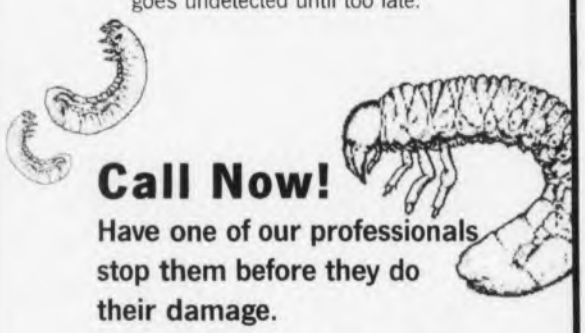
"Video surveillance is new to all of us," said Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh. Details of use and access had to be hashed out. The language concerning the use of covert cameras needed to be very clear, said Walsh. She reported the schools were in the process of ordering decals for the doors so students, teachers, parents and the community is aware of the surveillance cameras.

In related news, Walsh recommended the purchase of 12 additional cameras to be installed at all three schools. The cameras would be put in locations where there is currently no video coverage. No additional service or computer systems are required. The School Committee approved the expenditure with a 4-0 vote. The total cost for the 12 cameras is $21,305.

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Selectmen support Treat's Pond restoration

No vote on where to place pipe outfall

By Nancy White
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Is Treat's Pond historically a salt marsh?

Is discharging more potentially polluted bacteria into the inner harbor the best solution?

Should Cohasset take advantage of a partially federally funded project that may help remediate flooding and stormwater issues?

These are just some of the questions raised by abutters, concerned citizens and the Board of Selectmen at Monday night's continued discussion of what to do with Treat's Pond. Residents presented new information, some of which gave the selectmen pause on a night they were scheduled to make a decision on the Army Corps of Engineers' proposed methods of restoring Treat's Pond.

In the end, the Selectmen determined in a 4-0 vote (Selectmen Ralph Dormitzer recused himself from the discussion and vote) to communicate the town's interest in the project should the federal funds come through in this year's allocation cycle. They did not determine which of the proposed restoration methods would be best for the town.

The Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) is proposing a 65 percent federally funded project designed to restore Treat's Pond to its natural state as a salt marsh. The marsh currently is dominated by phragmites and does not have enough saltwater exchange with the ocean making it a prime place for bacterial growth.

Treat's Pond is located on the ocean side of Atlantic Avenue, just past Whitehead Road, in an area prone to flooding and stormwater problems.

The two ACE recommended options are to install a large pipe from Treat's Pond to discharge at either the inner harbor (via Atlantic Avenue) or the outer harbor (via Whitehead Road and Whale Meadow). Environmental concerns were raised for the inner harbor outfall, while the Whale Meadow route would be difficult due to real estate complications.

Jim Drysdale, a member of the Stormwater Committee, suggested the Selectmen look for alternative methods to restore the pond and address the chronic flooding problems in the area. The purview of the ACE is to solely restore the salt marsh. Although David Larsen, ACE project manager, said last week the project may have some side benefits for flooding and stormwater remediation, it is not their main concern.

A cheaper way to address the "big problem" of flooding might be extending the current pipe which discharges into Sandy Cove, proposed Drysdale. An extension of the pipe may cost roughly $3,000 while the proposed collaboration with the ACE would require close to $400,000 of non-federal funds (a combination of state or municipal funding).

"If restoration of the pond is the objective, we should do a natural restoration with a normal outlet," said Drysdale.

However, Peter Whittemore of 47 Elm Court cast a shadow of doubt that perhaps Treat's Pond has never been a salt marsh.

"In the 1920s it had beautiful black ice and people used to ice skate all winter long," said Whittemore, "I know it didn't go up and down with the tide."

Historical and geological evidence to suggest Treat's Pond was not a saltwater marsh and never had been one is available, he said. He encouraged the Selectmen to look further into the issue by requesting more geological tests.

"Turning a fresh water marsh into a saltwater marsh is like putting swim fins on a rooster and calling it a seagull," he said.

The discussion continued with Charles Humphreys, an attorney representing Peter Roy of 49 Margin St., who found a sense of disconcertment with the project.

"You can't on the one hand clean up the harbor and on the other allow putrefied water from the pond be discharged in it," he said. He also was concerned his client had not been informed of the project until last week when his office found out "by chance." Humphreys said the option bringing the outfall pipe to the inner harbor would use a piece of property owned by Roy.

"It's an absolute violation of due process," said Humphreys, "my client will use every means available to him to fight this proposal."

A former New York congressman and abutter to Treat's Pond, Amo Houghton, advised the Selectmen to decide first and foremost if they want to do the project at all — and soon. Congressman Bill Delahunt, who has supported the project, is under a lot of pressure from other communities requesting federal funding, he said.

Despite the sense of urgency, Karen Quigley, chairman of the Harbor Health Committee, feared the ACE proposals did not address what she sees as heart of the issue, — stormwater pollution.

"We're merely taking stormwater from one area to another. We know more now than we did when the project started" concerning stormwater issues, Quigley said.

But, Selectmen Vice Chairman Ted Carr saw the opportunity as one the Town of Cohasset would be remiss to pass up.

"It's more than the restoration," it's an opportunity we couldn't afford on our own," Carr said and made a motion to communicate interest to Congressman Delahunt for the project.

Selectmen Fred Koed discussed some reservations about dumping more possibly contaminated water into the harbor and said he would like to determine if, in fact, Treat's Pond was historically a saltwater marsh.

"It's a complicated system like Jacob's Meadow," he said and did not want to move the problem from one area to another.

The Selectmen will seek more information from the Army Corps. on Treat's Pond in the upcoming weeks, including how the proposed outfall pipes will look in the proposed areas.

Dormitzer to seek official Ethics Commission ruling

Ralph Dormitzer recused himself from the discussion of Treat's Pond. He said he had received two emails since the initial discussion on Treat's Pond, one anonymous and one signed, accusing him of having a conflict of interest. According to Dormitzer, the grounds of the conflict of interest are he would have financial gain if the Treat's Pond restoration were completed.

"It's a stretch," Dormitzer said in a phone interview. Although Dormitzer resides on Atlantic Avenue, he says he is neither affected by the flooding of Treat's Pond nor a direct abutter to Treat's Pond.

To be on the safe side, he consulted Town Counsel and was advised to recuse himself from the Treat's Pond discussion and vote. He plans to write to the Ethics Commission to get an official ruling on whether he does have conflict of interest violation.



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A large upcoming first grade class led Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan and Superintendent Denise Walsh to ask the School Committee for some budget juggling. The fall first grade class is 150 students, with the current configuration of six teachers class size would be 25 students. Parent surveys indicated class size was a concern. With an additional teacher (seven classrooms) the class size would be reduced to 21 or 22 students.

Sheehan and Walsh proposed using a portion of the full-day kindergarten tuition, which pays for itself, to provide funding for an additional first-grade teacher. Walsh said this move was an indication of how much the school is reliant on budget offsets, like tuitions, fees and donations. This move would result in some balancing in the budget and it was likely the budget for supplies for the full-day kindergarten program would be decreased.

"The committee needs to be cognizant of the fact we're using that money," said Walsh. Although no vote was taken, the consensus of the committee was an additional first grade teacher would make a significant difference and agreed to fund the teacher's salary using the full kindergarten tuition funds.

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Avalon issued DEP notice of non-compliance

Water Commission requested audit

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The Avalon project has hit another bump in the road to breaking ground.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has issued a Notice of Non-compliance for the site. The notice comes as a result of a DEP audit performed recently on the Avalon property and outlines certain tests, analysis and reporting that will need to be completed in the next 60 days, or by August 19.

"My reading of it is there are some open questions in the minds of the DEP," said Avalon Vice President of development Scott Dale in a phone interview, "there are answers to their questions and they are going to be found and reported."

The Water Commission requested the audit in the early spring out of their long concern hazardous contamination remained on the site from the prior owners.

"For years the Water Commission has been concerned the owner's consultants did not properly characterize the site and the owners were not properly advised on clean-up measures," said Water Commissioner John McNabb, "I guess we were right."

The notice of non-compliance outlines four areas where the Avalon site was in violation for DEP requirements, including not adequately defining the nature and extent of contamination of the site, especially in terms of seep/surface water and shallow soil.

Avalon was given two options to achieve compliance. Dale said they would pursue the most "expeditious one," which includes a revision of the documents previously submitted to address the DEP's concerns. The other option would be to retract the existing reports and, essentially, start over again.

Webb-Norfolk Conveyor, an airport conveyor belt manufacturer, occupied the site from 1975 to 1995. The DEP's report stated Webb-Norfolk had a "long history of oil and hazardous materials use marked by poor storage and disposal practices," citing several DEP violations over the years.

According to McNabb, the DEP does not review the reports submitted by privatized sites, like Avalon. There is a public process in which the reports are available for review, but the DEP is not involved. The only way the reports are reviewed by DEP is if an audit is requested and performed.

The Water Commission has particular concern that contaminated runoff could end up in Lily Pond, the town's water supply. McNabb said the Commission is not concerned with punitive measures, rather that the site is adequately delineated and cleaned up prior to construction. If that does not happen, there could be mobilization of contaminates on the site that could end up in Lily Pond.

"There are answers to their questions and they are going to be found and reported."
— Scott Dale, Avalon

Several minor clean-ups have been performed on the site, Dale said. Avalon inherited much of the DEP reporting failings outlined in the notice of non-compliance from the former owners, said Dale. He does not believe additional clean-up will be required on the site.

"All [contamination] source areas were identified and remediated," said Dale, "it's a case of being 100 percent sure now and going forward."

The Avalon project was issued a comprehensive permit from the ZBA more than three years ago. It was approved as a 40-B project. Under Chapter 40B, a state law, a town's zoning board can approve affordable housing developments under flexible rules if at least 20-25 percent of the units have long-term affordability restrictions. Towns that are under the 10 percent threshold of their housing stock deemed as affordable by state standards are vulnerable to 40-B projects.

"The DEP is being very cautious and the Water Commission is being very cautious," said Dale, "we're going to leave no question unanswered and it will create a level of comfort for us too."

Buying streetlights could help the bottom line

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take into account a certain amount of "risk" inherent in the proposal. In purchasing the lights, they would also be undertaking the responsibility for maintenance.

"Citizens are going to call you to complain instead of the National Grid if a light is out at the end of their driveway," he said. In his experience with other towns, the savings outweighed the additional burden.

To continue with the purchase, the town needs to outline how it plans to deal with routine maintenance issues. In some towns, they have employed the department of public works tree specialists to change light bulbs and other minor repairs. Other towns have contracted local municipal light companies to perform maintenance; the closest municipal light plant is in Hingham.

Woodbury advocated minimizing lighting where the town could and reducing street light wattage.

"Generally speaking, towns are way overlit," said Woodbury, which leads to glare on the street and for drivers, "if you reduce wattages, people can actually see better." Although Cohasset has fairly new light fixtures that are not as bright as other communities, the town could see even more savings if energy efficient improvements were made to the streetlights.

Fifty-one communities across the Commonwealth have purchased their streetlights. More than a dozen municipalities are in the process. If the selectmen decide to pursue the purchase, Woodbury would see Cohasset through the process, which he said could be completed by December.

The Selectmen did not make a decision but took the proposal under advisement.

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Kyle Pinkus had a pair of walks, an RBI and a run scored in Post 118's close loss to defending Zone champion Milton.



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Ryan Ferriter, shown above in action for Scituate High School in April, pitched well in a loss to Braintree last week.

Legion fall short in upset bid

Post 118 nearly knocks off Milton

In an exciting back-and-forth game Monday, defending Zone champion Milton defeated Cohasset Post 118 by a score of 9-7.

Sam DeGiacomo went 4 2/3 innings, giving up six runs on eight hits with three strikeouts in a solid outing. Marcus Joyce came in to relieve DeGiacomo and gave up three runs on two hits with one strikeout. Undefeated Milton scored one run in the second and three runs in the third inning to take a 4-0 lead in the game.

In the bottom of the third inning, with two outs, Ryan Little walked and Robert Dongara singled to put runners on first and second. Justin Whyte doubled to score both Little and Dongara to make the score 4-2.

In the bottom of the fourth, Kyle Pinkus led off with a walk and scored on a double by Coady Morgan. Morgan advanced to third base on a ground ball by Tommy Chase. Morgan then scored on a perfectly executed suicide squeeze play by Brad Sportack to tie the score at 4-4 after four.

In the fifth inning, Milton scored two runs to take a 6-4 lead. In the bottom of the frame, Little doubled and Michael Signorelli doubled off the right field fence to score Little to make the score 6-5. In the next inning, Milton scored three runs to make it 9-5.

Pat Doonan led off the bottom of the seventh with a walk and scored on another double by Whyte off the left-center fence to make it 9-6. Signorelli singled and Whyte advanced to

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Little leaguers making waves

Cohasset 2-0 in Williamsport tourney

The Cohasset Williamsport Little League is off to a 2-0 start in this year's District 8 tournament, thanks to wins over Hingham American and Stoughton National.

Cohasset will take on fellow undefeated Milton National tomorrow (June 30) at noon at Elm Street park in Stoughton. A victory will see Cohasset advance in the winners bracket to play next Friday; a loss will drop the team into the losers bracket, where they would play Monday. The competition is a double-elimination tournament.

For all the latest, log on to the Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association's web site, www.cybsa.net, and look for another story in next week's Mariner.

Cohasset 9,
Hingham American 5

The team kicked off its tournament Sunday against Hingham American with a big come-from-behind win. The veteran Cohasset squad came back from a 4-1 deficit to capture an opening game victory 9-5.

Jamie Timothy pitched 5 2/3 innings, changing speeds and mixing in a few curveballs before giving way to Nick Tangherlini to get the last out. Kyle Healy led the offense with a two-run triple in the fourth and a solo home run in the fifth.

Timothy and Christian Davis added two hits apiece, and Jack Kuppens, Connor Goetz (who will be on the mound tomorrow against Miltion National) and Tangherlini all had extra-base hits. Defensively, Shane Haggerty was a vacuum at shortstop and Conor Dooley made a nice diving catch in right for Cohasset.

Cohasset 10,
Stoughton National 0

The "Williamsport 12" had the bats come alive again Monday night, exploding for 10 runs in a five-inning game stopped due to the slaughter rule. Tangherlini and Goetz each had a homer, and Goetz missed a second by inches. Once again, Healy came up big at the plate as did Danny Barnes.

Pitching in his first game of the tournament, Haggerty was outstanding, throwing only 48 pitches. Even more impressively, 40 of those 48 pitches were strikes. Tough defense from Colin Gideon-Murphy, Timothy, Davis and Dooley supported Haggerty's shutout. Goetz called a great game behind the plate, mixing in Haggerty's curveball debut.

The full roster is as follows: Danny Barnes, Christian Davis, Conor Dooley, Colin Gideon-Murphy, Connor Goetz, Shane Haggerty, Kyle Healy, Jack Kuppens, Connor O'Brien, Michael O'Brien, Nick Tangherlini, Jamie Timothy. Manager: Kevin Dooley. Coach: Pete Timothy.

The CYBSA web site and sports editor Mark Goodman contributed to this report.

Youth football clinic

Any boys or girls entering grades 4-8 this fall are invited to take part in the First Annual Cohasset High School Football Youth Clinic. This is a one-day skills clinic that emphasizes fun and will help anyone become a better football player.

Applications can be found in the Recreation Department's summer mailing or they can be obtained at the Sci-Coh football web site, www.scicohfootball.com. If you have any questions, contact CHS head football coach Pete Afanasiw at pafanasiw@cohassetk12.org.



STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

Cohasset's Mark Flibotte (14) had 64 goals and 40 assists this season.

Hard work pays off for Flibotte, Bunstein

Cohasset lax duo named to All-American team

By Mark Goodman
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Ask Cohasset High boys lacrosse coach Stew Curran about Mark Flibotte, and one of the first things the coach will say about his senior-to-be attackman is his unassuming nature.

Rarely was that more apparent than when Curran went to Flibotte's home recently to tell him he had been named an All-American.

As Curran recalled Thursday, Flibotte's immediate response to the news was, "Did you watch that Duke game yesterday?"

"Mark is such a humble kid," Curran said. "A play that [Max] Quinzani made (in the Duke game) was more important to him at that time than any personal award."

Joining Flibotte on the All-American squad was fellow attackman Mike Bunstein, who just graduated from CHS and will play lacrosse for Lasell College in Newton. In four years, Bunstein has gone from a freshman who couldn't make varsity to a 31-goal, 69-assist focal point for a state champion.

Curran offered high praise for Bunstein, comparing his role with the Skippers this season to that of a certain Super Bowl-winning quarterback in Foxboro.

"In a way, he was our Tom Brady on offense," said the coach. "[Attackman Mike] Grimm and Flibotte got a lot of notoriety, but with Bunny, the ball went through his stick and good things always happened."

Curran said the time and effort both boys have put into the sport are major reasons for their success. Both have played for the Black Jacks and Fighting Clams club teams, and are regulars at various summer camps and winter indoor leagues.

The result has been a deadly efficient combination in attack. Flibotte was also a 100-point scorer this spring with 64 goals and 40 assists, and a lot of goals were a result of pinpoint passes from Bunstein.

"Mark is a smart, good athlete, and he works hard. He knows what he needs to work on; he's strong with his right and left hand," Curran said. "Mike had the good sense to get the ball to Mark near the net, because he always knew how to put in the back of the net."

Curran said he has been fielding queries about Flibotte from a number of strong lacrosse programs in the Ivy League and NESCAC, including Brown, Wesleyan and Bowdoin. McGill University in Montreal, host to one of top college lacrosse programs in Canada, has also shown interest, Curran said.

The fact that his players are earning All-American status and

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All-Scholastic boys tennis team

3 Skippers named as Honorable Mentions

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Unlike individual league all-star teams, we did not choose our team in deference to event considerations. Instead the only criteria we considered was overall value these athletes had to their respective teams.

In the end; however, the sports staff at Community Newspaper Company (CNC) had to make some tough decisions and we do feel secure that we chose the top public school boys tennis players for this honor.

This is the CNC All-Scholastic boys tennis team comprised of athletes from the following schools: Taunton, Apponequet, Bridgewater-Raynham, Randolph, Avon, Whitman-Hanson, Hanover, Marshfield, Weymouth, Braintree, Plymouth, West Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Old Rochester, Norwell, Wareham, Scituate, Hingham, Abington, Rockland, Silver Lake, Oliver Ames, Pembroke, Holbrook, Carver, Cohasset, Duxbury, Norton and Mansfield.

Next week, softball.



STAFF FILE PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Blain Morin was a steady performer at second singles for the Skippers this season. He and the first doubles team of Chris Donze and Ivan Sceery are honorable mentions to this year's CNC All-Scholastic boys tennis team.

Singles

Rich Durham – Senior (Capt.)
Singles – Braintree

Durham was a significant part of a program revival that saw the Wamps in contention for a state tournament berth for most of the season…Best win of the season came on May 14, as he defeated Newton North's Mike Wong in straight sets. Wong was the 7-seed at this year's MIAA South individual tournament…In that competition, Durham won two matches before running into Needham's Gregg Weinman, the Rockets' best player and overall 3-seed in the tournament…Also played tough during team match play against Framingham's Eric Fandel, the South sectional's 6-seed…Coach Mike Pelletier referred to Durham this spring as "arguably the best tennis player the Wamps have ever had."

Alex Chin – Sophomore
First singles – Hingham

Was a force on the courts this spring for the 15-2 Harbormen…A two-year player at singles, Chin is making his second-straight appearance on the All-Scholastic squad after a season in which he registered only one regular season loss at his position…His powerful and consistent play helped the Hingham boys capture an undefeated Patriot League Keenan Div. crown (12-0) and reach the semifinals in the Div. 1 South Sectional tourney, where Hingham was edged by the top seed and eventual state champs, Falmouth, 3-2…The two-time PL All-star also played in the State Individual tourney and reached the quarterfinals before falling to the top seed…Just a sophomore, expect to hear much more from Chin over his next two years at HHS.

Matt Chin – Senior (Capt.)
Second singles – Hingham

Teamed with his younger brother in creating one of the most formidable 1-2 punches on the South Shore tennis scene…Also a two-year starter, Chin also registered just one regular season loss, it coming in the team's lone setback of the spring, a 3-2 edging by Norwell…A two-year Patriot League All-star, Chin's solid play helped the Harbormen go 15-2 this season, reaching the Div. 1 South semifinals for the second-straight year…There, the Hingham boys were edged by unbeaten Falmouth (3-2), the eventual state champs…A force during the regular season, Chin helped the Harbormen capture the PL Keenan Div. crown with an unbeaten 12-0 mark…The captain also played in the State Individual tourney and reached the round of 16 before falling to the fourth seed…Chin leaves big shoes to fill at his position next spring.

Brett Goverman – Senior (Captain)
First singles – Mansfield

Mansfield coach Peter Larsen knows to have a successful season you need a dominating number one, and for the last three years he has had that in Goverman…As only a freshman, Goverman achieved his first all-star nod…He continued the trend by qualifying for the team each additional season…This year armed with a powerful overhand serve and a menacing and much improved backhand, he finished with a 16-3 record... For the Tigers he was more than a great tennis player but also a role model and a great leader who demanded the best from his teammates.

Rob Ankner – Junior
Singles – Norwell

A top-of-the-lineup player on most other teams, Ankner went undefeated at second singles to help lead the Clippers to their second straight Div. 2 South title…Can hit for power from the baseline and play at net with his height and impressive athleticism…Won critical matches in sectional semifinal against Dover-Sherborn and sectional final against Cape Cod Academy, both 3-2 wins for Norwell. The win against D-S came in three sets after Ankner dropped the first was down 0-3 in the second…Also scored a big victory against fellow All-Scholastic Matt Chin of Hingham, the Harborman's only loss of the season…Ankner also plays basketball for NHS

Ryan Sweeney – Senior (Capt.)
Singles – Norwell

2007 was another exemplary season for Sweeney, one of the best players in the program's history…Went undefeated in team match play, and advanced to the quarterfinals of the MIAA South individual tournament before losing a well-contested match to eventual finalist Joe Delinks of Falmouth…Sweeney won a three-set match against Cape Cod Academy to give Norwell a 3-2 win and its second straight Div. 2 South sectional title…Earned the Clippers' lone point in 3-1 state semifinal loss to eventual champion Winchester…Sweeney also won in three sets against Hingham's Alex Chin, the fellow All-Scholastic's only loss of the season

Regis Chang – Junior
First singles – Old Rochester

Frustrated opponents with his unshakeable on-court demeanor, and then wore them down with a relentlessly solid ground game…Finished this season a perfect 15-0 in league play and 21-3 overall including state tournament action…A bright and talented student, Chang should return at #1 singles next season for the Bulldogs and likely will be ranked among the top four or five players in the state…A quiet team leader who let his racket do most of the talking…Loves to travel to the U.S. Open tennis tournament during the summer, not to watch the main draw, but the grittier qualifying matches leading up to it.

Jordan Sattelmair – Senior
Second singles – Old Rochester

Compiled a remarkable 64-4 career record over four seasons and went 16-2 and 19-3 overall including state tourney action…Played some of his very best tennis in his final campaign as a Bulldog, including a huge win over Coyle-Cassidy's highly-touted Corey Sherman that helped the Bulldogs advance to the semis of the MIAA south sectional tourney…Along with Chang was named to the All-SCC first team each of the past two seasons…The Emerson-bound senior, who plans to study communications, dominated opponents with a booming serve and ability to run opponents all over the court with his crisp groundstrokes…His steady play and leadership will be difficult to replace next season.

Chris Marrano – Junior
Singles – Pembroke

Persistence paid off for Pembroke head coach Dave Rix…Last off season he tried to persuade Marrano to join the team but he was unable to...This year he tried again to get the home schooled junior onto the squad, and it worked…All that ensued from there was a 17-3 record from the Titans top singles player, including wins over top players from Duxbury, Hanover and Westwood in the tournament…He was a Patriot League All-Star this season and helped the Titans to the Patriot League's Fisher Division championship, and a second straight tournament berth…Rix cited his positive attitude and work ethic as being one of his best attributes… "He was a huge factor in our success, every time he stepped on the court I knew we had a chance to take a point."

Chris Nelson – Sophomore
Singles – Scituate

Made the move up from third to first singles and submitted a strong season, earning Nelson Patriot League All-Star honors (one of four Sailors to earn the honor)…Picked up key wins against good opponents from Hanover and Duxbury to help lead Scituate back to the Div. 2 state tournament…In the postseason, Nelson cruised past his opponent from Dedham as part of the Sailors' 4-1 win, their first in tournament play in three years…During the regular season, Nelson took then-undefeated Alex Chin of Hingham into the third set before losing…Nelson, who also plays soccer for SHS, won a match in the South individual tournament

Doubles

Teddy Geldmacher/ Stephan Seman – First doubles – Duxbury

This pair was one of the best in the Patriot League this season after getting off to a slow start…Sidelined during the preseason with mononucleosis, Geldmacher, a senior, needed some time to get into the swing of things with Seman, a junior, but it didn't take long for the duo to start shining…Behind the solid performance of this pair, the Dragons racked up a 13-5 regular season record…Four of the five losses came via 3-2 decisions, including two defeats at the hands of Hingham, who edged the Dragons for the PL crown (8-3)…The Dragons qualified for play in the Div. 1 South tourney and bested Natick before falling to eventual finalists, Brookline…The Patriot League All-star doubles team also participated in the State Individual tourney, where they reached the quarterfinal round…There, Geldmacher and Seman were edged by Sharon's top duo…Geldmacher will be lost to graduation, but Seman returns for one more season at DHS.

Trevor Marsden/ John Ripple – First doubles – Hingham

After playing a year together at second doubles, this senior/sophomore duo made the jump to first doubles and it was a virtually seamless transition…The Patriot League All-stars stormed through the regular season, picking up big wins along the way…The Harbormen pair's familiarity with one another on the court was evident in their wins, which included a pair of spirited matches with Duxbury's All-Scholastic duo…Marsden and Ripple also collected a victory against Norwell's top pair in the team's lone loss of the regular season…Consistency on the doubles front helped the Hingham boys capture the Patriot League Keenan Div. crown (12-0) and reach the Div. 1 South team semifinals for the second-straight season…There, Harbormen duo picked up a victory despite the team's 3-2 edging to eventual state champs, Falmouth…The team loses Marsden to graduation, while Ripple still has two more seasons at HHS.

Mike Kramer/Andy Bogaty Seniors – Norwell

The Clippers' senior duo made the move up from second doubles and won a number of key matches en route to the team's second straight Div. 2 South championship…Won competitive matches against Scituate and Westwood in the state tournament; the win against the Sailors' Patriot League all-star duo of Ian Thomson and Andy McCourt was the third of the year for Kramer and Bogaty…Played tough in 4-6, 4-6 loss to Hingham duo Trevor Marsden and John Ripple, also All-Scholastics…Went undefeated in South Shore League play this season…Kramer was also an All-Scholastic for basketball last winter

Jeff Barrett/Aaron Janik First doubles – Old Rochester

Finished this season with a 10-5 mark overall, and a sparkling 8-1 record in league play…Got off to a slow start as a pairing but eventually developed a solid on-court chemistry and were named co-winners of the coach's award for 'Most Improved Player' at season's end…Played some of their most inspiring power tennis at this year's MIAA south sectionals, defeating Barnstable's Bryce Kalzer and John Morgan, 6-1, 6-4... Highlight of the regular season was an impressive two-match run featuring a hard-fought, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 victory over Apponequet's Eric Card and Ben Hurd and a decisive 6-2, 6-2 win over Tom Hatch and Greg Moraes of Bishop Stang the next day.

Honorable Mentions:

Singles
Eddie Hoey – Sr. – First singles – Carver
Blain Morin – Sr. (Capt.) – Second singles – Cohasset
Sean Burke – First singles – Duxbury
Charlie Edlund – Sr. (Capt.) – First singles – Hanover
Kenny Weiand – Soph. – First singles – Marshfield
Matt Lee – junior – Second singles – Pembroke
Jimmy Mongello – Sr. – First singles – Plymouth North
Juan Orjuela – Sr. – First singles – Whitman-Hanson

Doubles
Chris Donze/Ivan Sceery – First doubles – Cohasset
Bobby Hurley/Alex Langley – First doubles – Marshfield
Matt Breen/Geoff Pisarkiewicz – Second doubles – Norwell
Phil Lewis/Paul McMorrow –First Doubles – Pembroke
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South Shore Spartans tryouts

The South Shore Spartans boys soccer club will be holding tryouts for the boys U12 team. The tryouts will be open to all boys born Aug. 1, 1995 or later. Positions open are for goalkeepers and field players.

Tryouts will be held Tuesday, June 26 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, June 28 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. All tryouts will take place at the Osborne Field on Main Street in Norwell. Please bring a ball, water and goalie gloves if you are trying out for goalie.

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third. Then Pinkus and Morgan both walked to bring home Whyte and make the score 9-7. With the bases loaded and two outs, Chase smashed a line drive right at the second baseman to end the game. If the ball goes through, Post 118 would have come away with at least a tie and probably a win with the speedy Morgan on first.

At the halfway point of the season, Cohasset Post 118 is 2-8. After hosting Canton tomorrow (June 29) at 5:45 at Scituate High School, Post 118 kick off a stretch of three games in as many days Sunday when Morrisette comes to SHS for a 5 p.m. game. On Monday, the team travels to Stoughton for a 5:45 contest, followed by another home game Tuesday at 5:45 against Weymouth.

Quincy 10, Post 118 7

Quincy, one of the best teams in the Zone this season, defeated Cohasset last Friday. Joyce went 4 1/3 innings, giving up six hits and striking out two batters. Joyce had an excellent curveball going all night, but eight walks and a number of fielding errors proved too costly.

Quincy got two in the first inning. In the bottom of the first, Doonan singled and scored on a double to deep right-center by Dongara. Then Little doubled to score Dongara. Little moved to third base on a ground ball by Whyte and scored on a wild pitch as Cohasset took the lead, 3-2.

Quincy added two runs in the third and three in the fifth to make the score 7 -3. In the bottom of the fifth, Dongara reached on an error and scored on a double by Whyte to make the score 7-4. Quincy picked up three more runs in the sixth, which ultimately proved to be too much to overcome.

In the bottom of the sixth inning, Chris Barrow reached on a walk and advanced to second on a single by Doonan. Dongara singled to score Barrow and Doonan. Dongara advanced to second base on a passed ball. Little singled and Whyte received an intentional walk to load the bases. Signorelli singled through the hole in shortstop to score Dongara to make the final score 10-7.

Braintree 7, Post 118 4

Ryan Ferriter went the distance last Wednesday against Braintree Post 86, giving up seven runs on five hits and five strikeouts in a strong effort.

In the first inning Braintree had back-to-back doubles to take a 1-0 lead. In the top of the second, Signorelli led off with a double to the fence in left field and scored on another double deep to left center by Pinkus to make the score 1-1 after two innings.

Braintree loaded the bases in the bottom of the third on three walks and the number seven batter, Dan Pasquantonio, hit a grand slam deep over the centerfield fence to make the score 6-1 as Braintree netted one run earlier in the inning. In the fourth inning, Jeff Simpson led off with a single and scored on a single by Chase and a fielding error allowed Chase to advance to second. Chase scored on a hard-hit single by Pinkus to make the score 6-3.

In the bottom of the fourth Braintree picked up a solo run to make the score 7-3. Doonan led off the sixth with a walk and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Simpson. Doonan scored on a single by Signorelli to account for the game's final run.

Post 118 9, West Roxbury 4

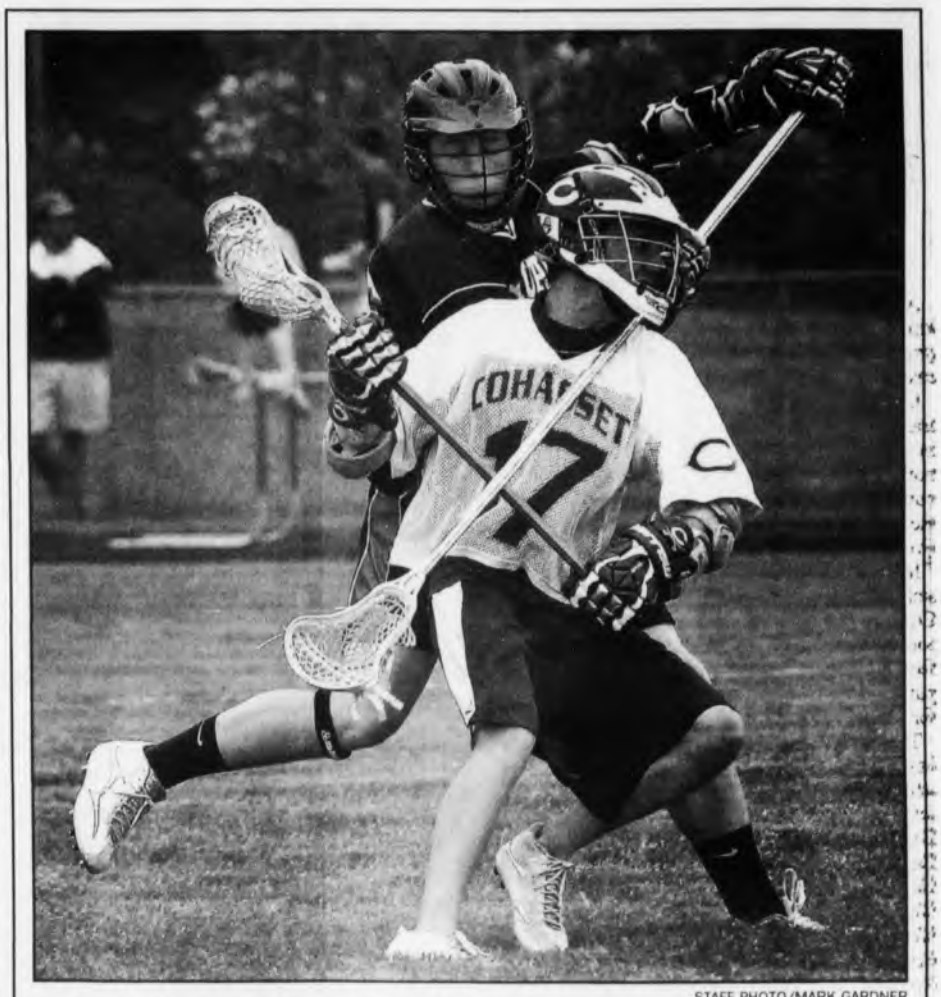
Post 118 picked up its second win of the season behind another strong performance by Brian Hill, whose record improved to 2-1. Hill pitched a complete game, giving up four runs with six hits and striking out six batters.

In the bottom of the first inning, Doonan led off with a walk and scored on a single by Whyte. Then Signorelli singled and Pinkus walked to load the bases. Whyte scored on a wild pitch to make the score 2-0. Morgan then doubled to score Signorelli and Pinkus to make the score 4-0 after one inning.

DeGiacomo laid down a great bunt hit down the first base line to start things off in the second. DeGiacomo advanced to second on a ground ball, and Dongara singled to put runners on first and third base. DeGiacomo scored on a double steal to make the score 5-0 after two innings.

With two outs in the fourth, Chase tripled down the right field line and Dongara walked to put runners on first and third. Chase scored on another double steal to make the score 6-1 after four innings. West Roxbury scored three runs on four hits in the fifth to pull within two, 6-4.

In the bottom of the sixth inning, Dongara led off with a single and stole second base. He thenscored on a single by Signorelli. Kyle Pinkus doubled to put runners on second and third. Signorelli and Pinkus scored on another double by Morgan to make the final score 9-4.



STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

Mike Bunstein (17) scored 31 goals and added 69 assists for Cohasset this spring.

Hard work pays off for Flibotte, Bunstein

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garnering attention from strong college programs, Curran said, is a testament to their lacrosse upbringing within the town's youth system.

"I wish I could take the credit for it, but it all starts with the youth program," Curran said. "We have a really solid commitment at the youth level. These kids come into the high school program with very good skills."

Don't be surprised if Cohasset has two representatives on next year's All-American team. Flibotte, of course, will be back, as is Grimm, another attackman that Curran felt had an All-American caliber season. Led by those two, the Skippers figure to continue putting up the goals next spring.

Sports Notes

The Cohasset Recreation Commission is accepting registrations for the following summer sports schools and clinics. Each sport program has a separate brochure and registration sheet and all are available in the foyer of Cohasset Town Hall, right outside the recreation office.

Checks for each week-long sports opportunity is generally payable to the individual camp providing the service. For information call (781)383-4109.

Youth Lacrosse Clinic – This one-week clinic, for boys and girls entering grades 3 through 6 in the fall, will take place from 8 to 10 a.m., Monday, July 23 through Friday, July 27, at Milliken Field in Cohasset. While the program is run by the Cohasset Recreation Department, it is open to players from other communities. The Buick brothers will direct the program this year.

Sessions are held rain or shine in all conditions except lightning. Players need full equipment. Participating girls need a stick, goggles and a mouth guard. Participating boys will need a helmet, including a mouthpiece, gloves, arm and shoulder pads and a stick. Players should also take water, juice or sports drink to each day's session. The fee is $85.

Soccer Camp – South Shore Soccer Camp's week-long clinic for children ages 7 to 14 will be held from 9 to 4 p.m., Monday, July 30 through Friday, Aug. 3. The fee is $255 per participant with a $20 discount for the second child. The fee includes a camp shirt for each participant, available the first day of camp. Space is limited; early registration is advised.

Soccer Squirts – South Shore Soccer Camp's week-long Soccer Squirts Clinic for children ages 4 and 5 will run from 8 to 9:30 a.m., Monday, Aug. 1 through Friday, Aug. 5. The fee is $85 per participant and includes a camp shirt and appropriated-size soccer ball for each participant, both available the first day of camp. Space is limited; early registration is advised.

Town soccer registration

Registration for Cohasset Town Soccer is now open for the 2007-08 fall/spring season, for kids in grades pre-K through 8th. Register on line at www.cohassetsoccer.com

Cohasset Triathlon Fact Sheet

What: 1st Annual Cohasset Triathlon

When: Sunday, July 8, start at 8 a.m.

Where: Start and transition area will be at Sandy Beach

The Swim: The race begins with a 1/4-mile ocean swim off Sandy Beach.

The Bike: A 12-1/2-mile bike will follow the swim. The course will begin at the beach and will head down Atlantic Avenue to Border Street. Riders will continue down Border to Gannett Road. In North Scituate, the course makes a right on Main Street towards the Cohasset Town Common and continues to Route 228. Turn right on Route 228 to Jerusalem Road. The final stretch will take riders onto Jerusalem Road and finally back to the transition area at Sandy Beach.

The Run: A 3.2-mile run that will loop around Little Harbor. Runners will follow Nichols Road to Jerusalem Road and turn left. The course will take the runners around the Common to Beach Street. Runners will follow Beach Street to Atlantic Avenue with the finish just a short distance from the transition area.

How to register: The Triathlon has reached capacity at 720 runners, with a waiting list of over 200 athletes. Sign up early next year!

Volunteers: E-mail billburnett@cohassettri.com for information on how you can help.

Sports e-mail mgoodman@cnc.com

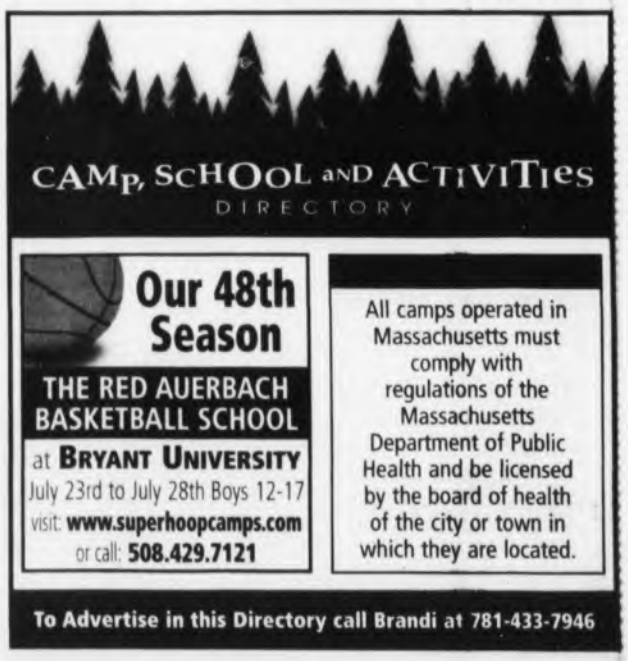












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Austin Breslow of Cohasset, accepts a Senate citation from Mark Skala, editor in chief of Community Newspaper Co. Austin was one of 13 winners of The Best & The Brightest recognition program who were honored at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell last week.

Best & Brightest take home awards

13 winners chosen by community leaders

Want to see who won and why these kids are so impressive? Check out a video of The Best & The Brightest at: www.cohassetmariner.com

By Beth Doyle
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Thirteen local students were honored by Community Newspaper Co. as The Best & The Brightest in an award ceremony last week.

The Best & The Brightest is a recognition program designed to spotlight outstanding young adults in communities covered by CNC's local newspapers. Readers were invited to nominate individuals between the ages of 16 and 21 who deserved to be honored, whether for academic achievement, volunteerism, athletic prowess, artistic acumen or the pursuit of excellence in another field. It was sponsored this year by Jordan Hospital.

The 13 winners, chosen by a selection committee of community leaders, were featured in a special section that was published the first week of June.

The winners are: Corey Belaief, of Plymouth; Brittany Bergquist, of Norwell; Austin Breslow, of Cohasset; Emily Felix, of Kingston; Joshua Goldman, of Weymouth; Chris Kasper, of Scituate; Rory McGuire, of Braintree; Timothy O'Mara, of Hanover; Jay Ribeiro, of Wareham; Kelly Ryan, of Hingham; Katelyn Sassorossi, of Pembroke; Lija Treibergs, of Duxbury; and Joshua Warren, of Marshfield.

WCVB-TV Meteorologist Mike Wankum was the keynote speaker at the ceremony, held at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell.

He entertained the students, their families and guests with stories of Darwin award winners. As the Darwin Award books explain, "the awards honor people who ensure the long-term survival of the human race by removing themselves from the gene pool in a sublimely idiotic fashion."

While Wankum advised the students to avoid becoming Darwin award winners, he did challenge them to not be afraid to make mistakes.

"You can't experience the mountains if you don't have valleys. I salute you, commend you, and challenge you to think outside the box. Many great adventures start with a mistake. Perfectly planned expeditions are rarely written about.

"Thinking outside the box means you will make mistakes. Reach a little higher and you might fall, but your accomplishments will be so much sweeter," Wankum said.

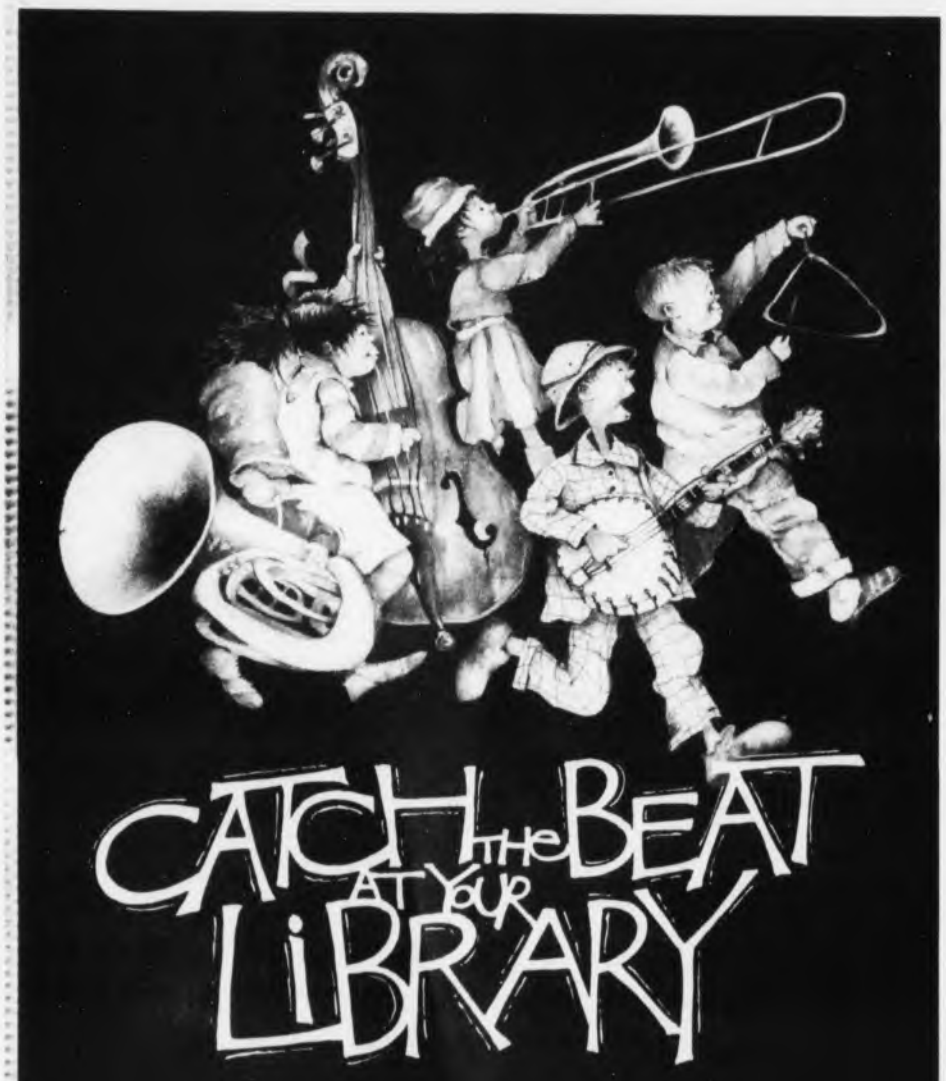
The students received gifts from CNC and Jordan Hospital and a citation of recognition from the Massachusetts Senate, sent by Senate President Therese Murray.

Charity Golf Tournament July 30 in Cohasset

Norwell Visiting Nurse Association's ninth annual Charity Golf Tournament is set for Monday, July 30 at Cohasset Golf Club, Lamberts Lane in Cohasset. Rain date will be Monday, Aug. 20. This event, which takes place on a private Donald Ross-style course, is the Norwell VNA's biggest fundraiser of the year. All proceeds benefit the association in its ongoing efforts to provide low cost, quality healthcare to South Shore residents.

Registration for the tournament will take place at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at noon. Tickets for the tournament are $185 per person and include lunch, unlimited use of the practice range and putting area, along with a sit-down dinner prepared by an award-winning chef. Separate, dinner-only reservations are available for $50 per person. The event will also include a raffle and silent auction, featuring a variety of prizes.

Make checks payable to the Friends of the Norwell VNA. For more information call Carey at 781-610-1422 or email jcarey@nvna.org.



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Police calls, crashes climb as summer starts

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Traffic stop

A Cohasset man was arrested following a traffic stop for speeding on Lamberts Lane on Saturday (June 23). As it turned out, the 51-year-old man, whose car was clocked as traveling at 49 mph, had a suspended license so he was taken into custody.

Junior operator

A junior operator, meaning the teen has had his license less than 6 months, was cited for having a group of teens in the car, a violation of the junior operator law.

The incident occurred while police were investigating a complaint about a large party at Sandy Cove at about 10 p.m. Wednesday (June 20). When officers responded they found two cars on Atlantic Avenue that were parked in somewhat of a haphazard fashion, Chief Hussey said. The officers waited a while and then had the cars towed and notified the registered owners. They also stopped a car with a bunch of teens inside and spoke with the driver, who turned out to be a junior operator. Although there did not appear to be any alcohol involved in the traffic stop, police believe the teens were part of the group that had been at Sandy Cove. They notified the parents of the teens in the car to pick them up and allowed the driver to leave with a citation. Chief Hussey said he urges all parents to make themselves familiar with junior operator driving restrictions.

Bike mishaps

Three riders in the benefit bike ride for Multiple Sclerosis fell when they entered the Sandy Beach parking lot, which was serving as a rest stop for the ride on Saturday. The people organizing the event asked that the far gate be opened for the water stop but the riders apparently did not realize there was a speed bump inside the gate until a few of the first riders went down. One of the participants had to be transported to the hospital and the other two were treated at the scene. Organizers warned subsequent riders about the speed bump, police said.

Underage party

Teens took off when police responded to a complaint about a loud house party on Black Horse Lane. Chief Hussey said this is the second time in recent weeks police have been called to the area about underage drinking. "This time we have a specific location and I will be speaking to the residents of the house," he said. After the call came in at 11:40 p.m. Monday (June 18), officers came across two teens who had run from the house and appeared to be intoxicated. One of the teens was walking on Summer Street toward Border Street and the other was near the woods. One was taken home because his mother was at home and the other was taken to the station where his father picked him up. "Now that we have an address (on Black Horse), I will be speaking to the homeowner," Hussey said.

Missing bike

Police said a bicycle that had been reported stolen was located in the woods behind the Village Deli on Tuesday (June 19) at about 10 a.m. The bike had been reported as missing about three weeks ago. Chief Hussey said it appears that whoever took the bike used it and left it behind the butcher shop. It was in good condition and was returned to its owner.

It's Happening

Blood drive Saturday

The Knights of Columbus and the American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, June 30, at Knights of Columbus Hall, 440 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Nearly 2,000 units of blood are needed each day to help those in need in the local community.

Anyone 17 years of age or older, weighing 110 pounds or more and feeling in good health may be eligible to give blood. For information call 800-448-3543 or visit newenglandblood.org.

Drift Away to perform

Join Drift Away, with J Place, Joe Micarelli and John Litwin Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m., at the Snug, 114 North St., Hingham. No cover.

The band features a variety of smooth jazz, blues, soul and classic standards from the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's.

They also perform from 3 to 5 p.m., Saturdays at French Memories Café, 175 South Main St., Cohasset.

Garage dance

There will be a dance at the Garage from 7 to 10 p.m., on Friday, July 20. Students in grades six through eight are welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold.

This is not a school function.

Dog obedience classes offered

Cohasset Recreation Department will offer dog obedience classes taught by Happy Dog Training School.

Beginner and advanced classes will take place Monday evenings on the Town Common in Cohasset. Fee is $110 for five classes, one hour per week program. Dog owners are required to have their dogs' shots/inoculations up to date.

To register, call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109. Classes are limited in size and participants will be accepted on a first call, first enrolled basis. Sessions are started about every five weeks and callers will be enrolled in the next available session during the summer.

Fitness hike to be held at Wompatuck State Park

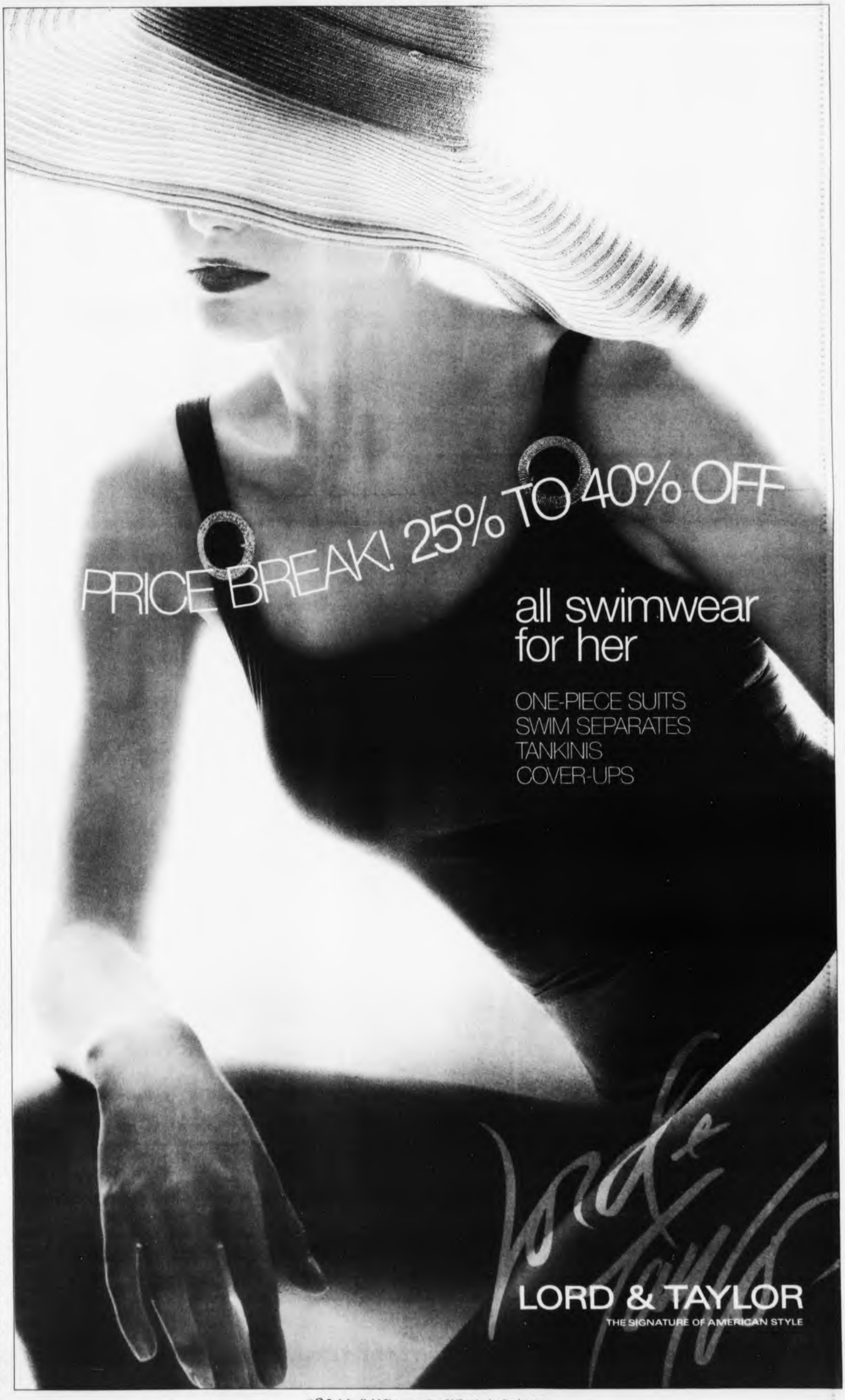
Join a nature interpreter for a 5-mile hike within the beautiful Wompatuck State Park at 1 Union St. beginning at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 30. All ages are welcome to join this free event, which will include hiking with stops along the way to identify various species of plants. Be sure to bring plenty of water and dress for the weather. Participants will hike at a comfortable pace for 2 to 2.5 hours. For information or directions call 781-749-7160.

Buttonwood Books to host adult book group

The Buttonwood Book Group for Adults will meet at 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 10, at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Shaw's Plaza off Route 3A.

The selected book is "Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China" by Jung Chang. The facilitator is Sarah Duffield. No reservations are necessary. All are welcome to join. For information call Buttonwood Books & Toys at 781-383-2665.

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Miles Morin, 9, flies as high as he can on the swing set at Deer Hill School. This week was the first week of the Cohasset Recreation summer program.

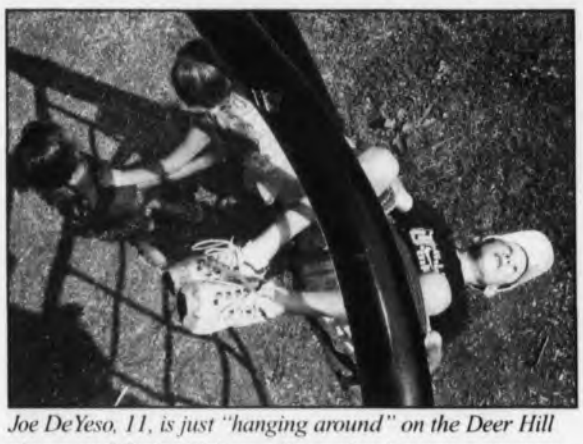


The children sit entranced by the red-footed tortoise that was a part of Rainforest Shows. Polly Pfau holds up the tortoise for all to see.

Summer play, summer fun

Rec sponsors Playground Program

Staff photos by Robin Chan



Joe DeYeso, 11, is just "hanging around" on the Deer Hill playground during Cohasset Recreation's summer program.



Colby Litchfield, 7, wears the latest style of rainforest neck-wear—an Argentine Boa Constrictor.



Higher! Counselor Ian Kidder obliged Ben Plourde, 6, with a gigantic push to launch him into in the air during Summer Playground at Deer Hill School.



Will Norton bravely dons a snake skin at the Rainforest Show that visited Cohasset Rec summer program Wednesday. Kids got an up close look at rainforest animals.



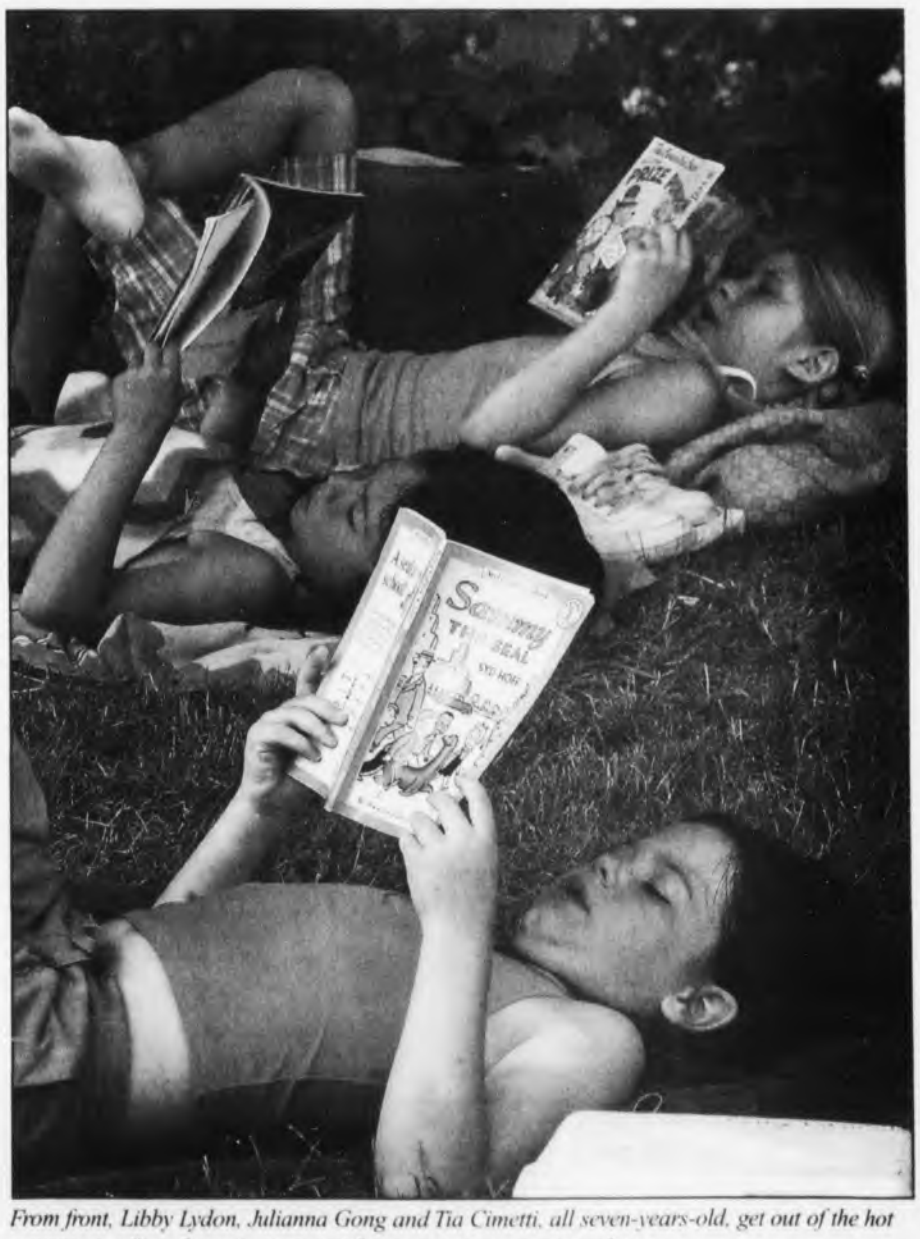
Jake Fox, left, and Allie Olson laugh while Polly Pfau of Rainforest Shows shows off her a red-footed tortoise during a reptile show Wednesday at Cohasset Recreation Summer Playground Program.



It was Christmas in June for a few minutes as counselor Maggie Pilczak reads "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" to a group of girls taking seeking solace from the summer heat. From left, Caroline Patterson, 7, Lilly Patterson, 7, Colby Litchfield, 7, Kayla Lincoln, 7, Courtney Lincoln, 5, and Lauren Fein, 5.



Games of MASH pass the time for summer friends (from left) Shea Kearney, 9, Meagan Rosano, 9, Megan Fitzgerald, 9, and counselor Blair Corcoran.



From front, Libby Lydon, Julianna Gong and Tia Cimetti, all seven-years-old, get out of the hot summer sun for a few minutes to catch up on some summer reading.

DESTINATIONS

Warming up to Boulder year round

By Jennifer Skala

Plenty of us here on the east coast are quick to think of Colorado as a winter wonderland. While that description may be accurate for a few months every year, many cities in the Rocky Mountain state experience more than 300 days of gorgeous sunshine. Boulder is one such place.

Located just 35 miles outside of the capital city of Denver, Boulder is a beautiful college town set in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. Boulder is the perfect destination for the outdoorsy type, although there's something to offer for everyone. With its pleasant weather and countless trails, the city is amenable for walking, running, hiking, and biking.

A great spot for any and all of these activities is Chautauqua Park, a National Historic Landmark located in Boulder. The 40-acre park is made up of green fields, community buildings, rental cottages, and miles of hiking trails. With trails winding beneath the legendary Flatirons rock formations, the park's amazing vistas will delight both shutterbugs and nature buffs. Even novice hikers can enjoy the park on some of Chautauqua's easier trails. In addition to the great outdoors, the Chautauqua also offers a variety of entertainment and educational classes throughout the summer.



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Taken along a trail at Chautauqua Park, with the legendary Flatirons rock formations in the background

To ease the body's adjustment into the higher altitude, visitors should drink plenty of water and refrain from too much physical activity the first day or two in Boulder.

For the more retail-minded Boulder visitor, the Pearl Street Mall is a must-see. This outdoor pedestrian mall is four blocks of shops and restaurants. The mall's perfectly manicured walkways offer a sunny alternative to the loud, florescent-lit setting of most indoor shopping centers. The Pearl Street Mall is also a popular spot to find musicians and sidewalk performers.

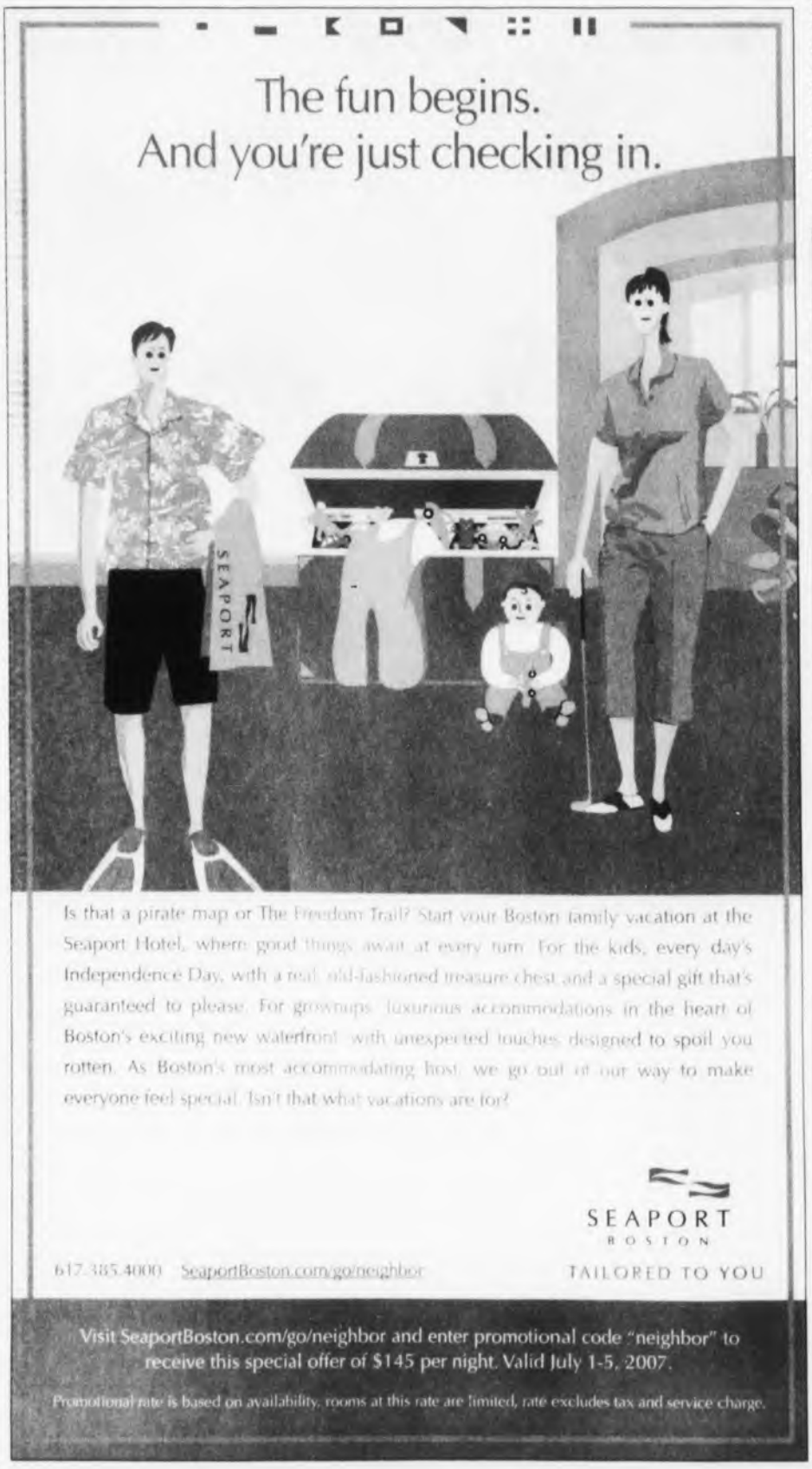
As a true college town, Boulder has a lot of pride for the local team — The University of Colorado Buffaloes. With the university's main campus located in Boulder, touches of CU can be found all over. In fact, daring students even painted "CU" onto the face of one of the Flatirons in the 1940s. The graffiti was painted over in the 1970s, but the nod to CU can still be faintly seen.

The CU campus is beautiful and sprawling — and it doesn't hurt that the breathtaking Rockies can be seen in the distance. For more shopping and dining, try the area of town called University Hill, located right off campus. If traveling to Boulder during football season, definitely stop to root on the home team at the impressive Folsom Field.

A word of warning before venturing to Boulder: be prepared for the high altitude! At 5,430 feet above sea level, Boulder's high elevation causes a decreased level of oxygen in the atmosphere. To ease the body's adjustment into the higher altitude, visitors should drink plenty of water and refrain from too much physical activity the first day or two in Boulder.

Although Boulder may be a popular spot in the winter, its seasonal weather and countless attractions make it an inviting destination all year round.

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Mary M. (Martin) Hicks

Loved bridge, golf and dancing

Mary M. (Martin) Hicks, 86, of Hull died Wednesday at home after a long illness.

Mrs. Hicks, a homemaker, was born a coalminer's daughter in Kingston, Pennsylvania, where she was raised and educated. She married fighter pilot Warren Hicks at the beginning of World War II and moved to a lakeside log cabin in New Jersey (25 miles west of New York City) after the war. There, she spent 30 years raising seven children.

Mrs. Hicks then spent 20 years in Florida, where she pursued with her husband mutual passions for bridge, golf and dancing. She also enjoyed knitting and was a voracious reader and an occasional "granny sitter" for her friends' mothers.



Mary M. (Martin) Hicks

Since returning north eight years ago, she has lived in Rockland and Cohasset as well as Hull, making many friends at the Cohasset Senior Center.

Wife of the late Warren F. Hicks, she leaves her daughters Molly Pierson and her husband Wigmore of Cohasset and Patricia O'Rourke and her husband, James of Hull; sons Michael and his wife Arlene of Florida, Martin and his wife Lynn of Vancouver, B.C., Edward and his wife Geri of Oconomowac, Wisc., and Daniel of Hull. She was also the mother of the late Timothy.

Mrs. Hicks is also survived by 17 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

A funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Anthony's Church, 128 S. Main St., Cohasset.

Burial will be at Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Arrangements were made by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Bernadette J. McAuliffe

Funeral Mass Saturday

Bernadette J. (McWeeny) McAuliffe, 93, of Cohasset, died peacefully June 2, 2007, surrounded by her children.

Mrs. McAuliffe was the daughter of the late Marcus W. and Marie C. (Thornton) McWeeny.

Wife of the late Joseph E. McAuliffe, she leaves her children, Joan M. McAuliffe of Hull, Mary Elizabeth O'Brien and her husband, William, of Barnstable Village, John Joseph and his wife, Hawley Hilton McAuliffe, of Greenwich, Conn., and Ellen M. Morrissey of Cohasset; and five grandsons, Sean, William and Christopher O'Brien and Hilton and Justin McAuliffe.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., on Saturday, June 30, at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset. Visiting hours at McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset, will be from 4 to 8 p.m., on Friday, June 29. Interment in Mount Wollaston Cemetery, Quincy.



Bernadette J. McAuliffe

Australian will play varied program on Carillon

The second program in the 83rd season of Summer Carillon Recitals on the Cohasset carillon will be presented at 6 p.m., on Sunday, July 1, by Suzanne Magassy of Canberra, Australia. Magassy's varied program will include original compositions for carillon by John Courter, Gary White and Leen 't Hart, transcriptions from the classics by Van den Gheyn, Telemann, Mozart and Rossini, and arrangements from "My Fair Lady" and "Jesus Christ Superstar."

The hour-long recital is free of charge. It will take place regardless of weather conditions. In case of rain, the bells may be heard from parked cars. Printed programs, schedules and brochures will be distributed on the Cohasset Common, and will also be available in a stand by the courtyard of St. Stephen's Church on Highland Avenue extension. Listeners are invited to bring chairs, blankets and picnics to the common or the church courtyard. Following the program, the tower will be open to visitors for a demonstration by the carillonneur and a look at the bells.

For more information, call St. Stephen's Church at 781-383-1083; the church carillonneur, Sally Slade Warner at 978-475-2599; or the assistant carillonneur, Mary Kennedy at 781-383-9599.





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Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

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Summer services begin July 8 and run through August 26! All begin at 9 AM and are in the Meeting House.

They are informal, intergenerational, and inviting!

There will be no service on Sunday, July 1.

On July 8, a service on "Friendship" will be led by the Women's Spirit Group. Come join us!

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

If you are summering in Cohasset, you are very welcome to join us in worship.

If you are a resident of Cohasset or any nearby towns and you are looking for a church, please feel free to stop by this summer and learn about our programs and services for adults, youth and children.

Our summer services are Sunday at 8 am and 9:30 am and Wednesday 9:30 Eucharist with healing service.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood. Appointments to speak to the staff can be made by calling or emailing. Office hours are daily from 8:30 am until 2:00 pm, noon on Friday.

Bible studies continue throughout the summer on Saturday morning at 7:00 am. Christian meditation continues every Monday at 4 pm at church.

The following Sundays have a family service at 9:30 with shorter readings and family friendly sermons built around a special theme:

- July 15th: Neighborhood Sunday (Good Samaritan)
- July 29th: Knock, Knock, Who's there? Sunday (Knock and you will receive)
- August 5th: Treasure Island Sunday (How are we rich toward God)
- August 19th: Stormy Sunday (How do we interpret the current times)

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

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Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mfond@cnc.com

Police/Fire Log

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

2:47 p.m. **South Main St.**, A&B with dangerous weapon, caller from the South Shore Hospital report two stabbing victims that state it happened at the above location. 884 to South Shore Hospital to get more information. Det. Sgt. Lennon has been notified. Chief has also been notified. 888 detailed to the Citgo to secure the scene. 886 and 882 assisting with neighborhood canvas. Administrative message put out to surrounding towns and over south district – bolo for suspect. 886 and 882 out with subject at Oak Street. Administrative message sent out canceling bolo. 882 clear at Oak Street.

4:09 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, civil matter, subject in station reporting disagreement about property lines. Officer advised it was a civil matter.

7:53 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a silver jeep Grand Cherokee weaving over the line and that it blew the light at King and Pond. Area search negative.

10:04 p.m. Wheelwright Park, building checks.

MONDAY, JUNE 4

1:51 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy and Route 228**, caller reports traffic and street lights are out in the area; Hingham Police Dept. notified.

5:43 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

8 a.m. **Headquarters**, weather: rain; wind: gusty; temperature: 72 degrees

9:15 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, report of motor vehicle accident without injuries.

11:12 a.m. **Old Oaken Bucket Road**, mutual aid rendered to Norwell for ambulance to assist with motor vehicle accident.

1:44 p.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious motor vehicle reported.

3:26 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, clerk at Exxon reports a tan Dodge Durango involved in a gas drive-off valued at $9.97; Scituate Police notified.

3:35 p.m. **Ripley Road**, larceny; caller reports bushes and trees have been stolen from his business.

4:32 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious person reported. Caller states a man urinated in the parking lot in front of himself and his children and left via Atlantic Ave., heading towards town.

4:41 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, multiple callers report a motor vehicle accident with injuries; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

4:56 p.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, suspicious activity; caller reports youths climbing on construction equipment left on site.

6:07 p.m. **Collier Ave.**, fire; Scituate Fire Dept. requests mutual aid engine for a house fire.

7:33 p.m. **Trysting Place - Scituate**, mutual aid ambulance rendered to Scituate police to transport person to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

10:03 p.m. **Border St.**, request for officer regarding a male party who locked his keys in his car and was drinking earlier and is unable to attain cab service; services rendered. Car will be kept at location overnight.

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

1:11 a.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

3:17 a.m. **Cedar Acres Lane**, noise complaint; caller reports people working on a motor. Investigating officer reports the noise is from a fan being used to clear smoke from a room due to a problem with a wood burning stove.

8:25 a.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, noise complaint; caller reports a plane flying low at 4 a.m.

10:13 a.m. **West Gate Lane**, caller reports a downed wire; National Grid notified and responding.

10:14 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer to Cohasset High School to reset Defib alarm.

1:13 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

3:18 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested.

4:45 p.m. **Bancroft Road**, medical aid requested for a 4-year-old female with a plastic toy trumpet stuck to her lip.

5:14 p.m. **South Main St.**, panic alarm activation; resident reports she has movers at the house and the alarm was accidental.

5:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports a vehicle smoking in the parking lot in front of Papa Gino's; units at the scene find nothing there.

6:10 p.m. **Spring and Pond streets**, hazard; caller reports the lights at the train tracks are flashing but the gates aren't moving and drivers aren't sure what to do. Officer on scene requests notifying the MBTA.

7:43 p.m. **Elm St.**, warrant services. Weymouth Police Dept. reports they have a party in custody that Cohasset Police Dept. has warrants out on; detective paged.

8:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, larceny; caller reports a white Chevy pick up truck involved in a gas drive off valued at $40, but has no information on direction of travel or license plate number because she was busy with customers in line.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

7:21 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, erratic motor vehicle operation; Scituate Police Dept. report a possible intoxicated driver operating a postal truck.

8:09 a.m. **Reservoir Road**, medical aid requested.

8:29 a.m. **Pond St.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

8:43 a.m. **Deep Run**, caller reports an odor coming from her stove; possibly propane.

11:04 a.m. **Black Horse Lane**, caller reports his nephew vandalized his motor vehicle due to an earlier incident; responding officer spoke with family and they will take care the situation.

11:53 a.m. **Elm St.**, be on the look out announcement issued by State Police for a Scituate man, who was in Provincetown, June 4, and came in contact with his ex-girlfriend. He then engaged her in a physical altercation and when she tried to flee, he grabbed her, forcing her into his vehicle, a 2006 gray Toyota Tundra. At first she was unable to get away because the vehicle was moving, but when the vehicle got to the blocked exit of the municipal parking lot, she was able to exit the vehicle and run. He then broke through the parking lot arm block and eluded police.

Provincetown Police Dept. holds the felony warrant. Additionally, Hingham Police advise that a similar incident occurred in their town with the same male party and an ex-girlfriend and Mass. State Parole holds a parole violation warrant. The male party, who lives in Scituate, could pass through town and is considered possibly armed.

12:01 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, alarm co. reports fire alarm activation coming from a basement smoke detector. Officer reports alarm was set off by workers and will reset it.

1:58 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid requested.

2:34 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, traffic enforcement.

2:46 p.m. **Elm St.**, identity theft/fraud; walk-in party requests to speak to an officer regarding identity theft.

3:26 p.m. **Brewster Road and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

3:36 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

5:14 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious motor vehicle; walk-in party reports a black sedan parked across the street in an odd spot. Investigation officer reports owner's driveway is being paved.

6:14 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious motor vehicle parked at location for a while; found to belong to an engineer for the construction work.

6:15 p.m. **Pond St.**, well-being check requested by party concerned for her mother, who she hasn't been able to reach; party is home and all is well.

6:32 p.m. **Hillside Drive**, larceny reported; investigated.

6:48 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

7:10 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

7:26 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

8:40 p.m. **Country Way – Scituate**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

9:14 p.m. **Wheelwright Park**, officer reports building checked; secure.

10:08 p.m. **Doane St.**, parking violation; parking ticket issued.

10:23 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

10:53 p.m. **Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

11:06 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

11:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

5:55 a.m. **Cedar St.**, motor vehicle accident; no injuries reported. Caller of second vehicle called and stated she was involved in an accident and the driver of the first vehicle asked her not to call the police. A 22-year-old female summonsed on charges of marked lanes violation and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

12:59 p.m. **Forest Ave. and Jerusalem Road**, caller reports a maroon car parked and in the way of traffic; caller called back later to state the car is gone now, it ran out of gas and was only parked at the location for 20 minutes.

1:58 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

3:04 p.m. **Short St.**, caller reports she stayed at her sister's for a few days and returned home to find her sliding glass door forced open. She requests an officer to investigate. Officer reports noth-

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ing has been taken and there were cleaners there earlier who may have left the door open.

3:38 p.m. **South Main St.**, report of motor vehicle accident without injuries.

5:19 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, trespassing reported.

5:55 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:09 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious motor vehicle reported.

6:28 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, disturbance reported; spoke to party about riding his dirt bike on the road.

9:24 p.m. **Ripley Road and Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop; arrest: Charles D. Spinzola, 43, 25 Elm Court, Cohasset. Charges: Operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, third offense; marked lanes violation and speeding in violation of a special regulation.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

12:15 a.m. **South Main St.**, open door/window reported; message left for contact person.

7 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, break and entry to a motor vehicle; caller states they "want to be connected to the police," but would not give any information as to the nature of the emergency.

7:03 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, assist citizen; caller states he was "ripped off."

7:07 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, 911 caller reports a TV was stolen from her motor vehicle.

2:14 p.m. **Pond St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

2:39 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in party requests to speak with an officer.

2:50 p.m. **Surry Drive**, suspicious activity; caller reports a woman is cutting her neighbor's flowers and putting them into her car.

4:38 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers; gathering dispersed.

5:22 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, request for officer.

5:50 p.m. **Doane and Beechwood streets**, suspicious activity; caller reports that a male in a green Mitsubishi Gallant is sitting in the area and vehicle is missing plates. A 34-year-old Cohasset man summonsed on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

7:47 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious activity; report of solicitor in area without a license. Party sent on their way.

8:22 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

8:48 p.m. **Grace Drive and Hull St.**, parking enforcement; ticket issued.

9:03 p.m. **Wheelwright Park**, officer reports building checked; secure.

10:19 p.m. **King and Sohier streets**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

10:56 p.m. **Wheelwright Park**, officer reports building checked; secure.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

12:28 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller states a motor vehicle rear-ended his motor vehicle in front of Stars in Hingham and headed towards Cohasset. Officer reports motor vehicle in the driveway. Hingham requests to contact the resident and will respond.

1:37 a.m. **Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop.

1:53 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, public services rendered.

3:27 a.m. **North Main St.**, caller requests medical aid for a party with a head injury and a positive ETOH; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

6:44 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, animal complaint; 911 transfer from state – language barrier. The 911 caller states an animal is crossing the road and causing traffic to swerve to avoid it; area search negative.

9:08 a.m. **Tad Lane**, parking complaint; caller states that cars are blocking the street.

11:20 a.m. **North Main St.**, animal complaint; report of missing 4-year-old Siamese cat.

12:26 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, erratic motor vehicle reported; services rendered.

1:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, property recovered.

7:57 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

8:31 p.m. **Hull St. and Grace Drive**, parking enforcement; two vehicles tagged.

8:46 p.m. **Beach St. and Atlantic Ave.**, disturbance; caller reports hearing a loud argument. Gone on arrival.

11:21 p.m. **Wheelwright Park**, officer reports buildings checked; secure.

11:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road**, traffic stop; citation issued.

11:33 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

11:34 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

12:26 a.m. **Black Horse Lane**, walk-in party reports that someone threw beer at his motor vehicle; no visible damage to motor vehicle.

12:33 a.m. **Black Horse Lane**, area searched for parties involved in previous incident; gone on arrival.

12:56 a.m. **Headquarters**, motor vehicle stop; information logged.

2:33 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, outside fire; call directly to Fire Headquarters reports a portapotty fire.

2:36 a.m. **Elm St.**, noise complaint; clerk states several guest are "partying" in the parking lot. Everyone moved back inside and peace restored.

3:02 a.m. **Elm St.**, noise complaint; clerk reports that the party has moved inside. Clerk went on to state that his policy is to call the police if an adjoining room complains twice. Officer broke the party up. Arrest: Hillary R. Schupf, 36, 1 Bank 30, New York, N.Y. Charges: Possession of a class D substance.

3:23 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid requested for a prisoner; patient refusal.

7:06 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, investigation; officer canvassing neighborhood.

7:13 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports erratic operation of a blue pick up truck headed south.

7:25 a.m. Lamberts Lane, past break and entry to a motor vehicle reported; investigated.

9:50 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle violations; vehicle impounded. A 45-year-old Milton man summonsed on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

Legal Notices

JONES ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 07P1325EP

In the Estate of
CONSTANCE S. JONES
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death March 7, 1999

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that JUDITH W. O'DONOVAN of CARVER in the County of PLYMOUTH or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON JULY 18, 2007.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, May 31, 2007.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11359946
Cohasset Mariner 6/29/07

SEL/RFPS
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET, MA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
LEASE OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY FOR WIRELESS TOWER & ANTENNAE

The Town of Cohasset seeks sealed proposals of the lease of a portion of town-owned land for erecting, operating, and maintaining wireless communication towers and antennae and related equipment at two sites as follows:

Site A:Public Works Facility, 81 Cedar Street
Site B:Police/Fire Station, 44 Elm Street

Bidders may submit proposals on one or both sites. The town and the successful bidder shall enter into a five (5) year lease with an option in favor of the bidder to extend the same for as many as three additional five (5) year terms, for a total lease term of twenty (20) years.

A copy of the request for proposals may be obtained by writing William R. Griffin, Town Manager, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025, by calling (781) 383-4105, or by e-mail at wgriffin@townofcohasset.org. Proposals will be due no later than Monday, July 16, 2007 at 12:00 PM at the above address.

AD#11367780
Cohasset Mariner 6/29, 7/6/07

SEL/378 JERUSALEM RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
Board of Selectmen
Public Hearing Notice
Pole Hearings

The Cohasset Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 9th, 2007 at 7:20PM in the Selectmen's Office, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, to consider the petition of the Massachusetts Electric Company to install an electrical duct bank across the street from handhole 29 (existing) to a new handhole, 29-A to provide upgraded electrical service to 378 Jerusalem Road. The public is invited to offer public input on this proposal in writing in advance of the public hearing or in person at the hearing.

Board of Selectmen

AD#11361854
Cohasset Mariner 6/29/07

ZBA/187 BEECHWOOD ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **July 10th , at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7.2 and §12.4 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Merope Dayos**, seeks to raze the existing single-family home and construct a new single-family, two bedroom home at **187 Beechwood Street**. According to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-05-15.

AD#11361455
Cohasset Mariner 6/29/07

ZBA/42 ATLANTIC AVE.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **July 10th at 8:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal** of the Building Commissioner's decision that the lot at 42 Atlantic Ave. does not have frontage, as well as any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Peter A. Cundall and Ann C. Stenbeck**, are the owners of **42 Atlantic Ave.**, according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-06-14b.

AD#11363368
Cohasset Mariner 6/29/07

ZBA/31 ATLANTIC AVE.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **July 10th , at 8:00 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7.2 and §8.8, and §7.1.13, and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Douglas and Maria Dubiel**, seek to relocate the driveway at **31 Atlantic Ave**. According to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-06-14.

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TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

JUNE 28 - JULY 6, 2007

McCartney comes of age

Now 20, boy band star is ready to rock

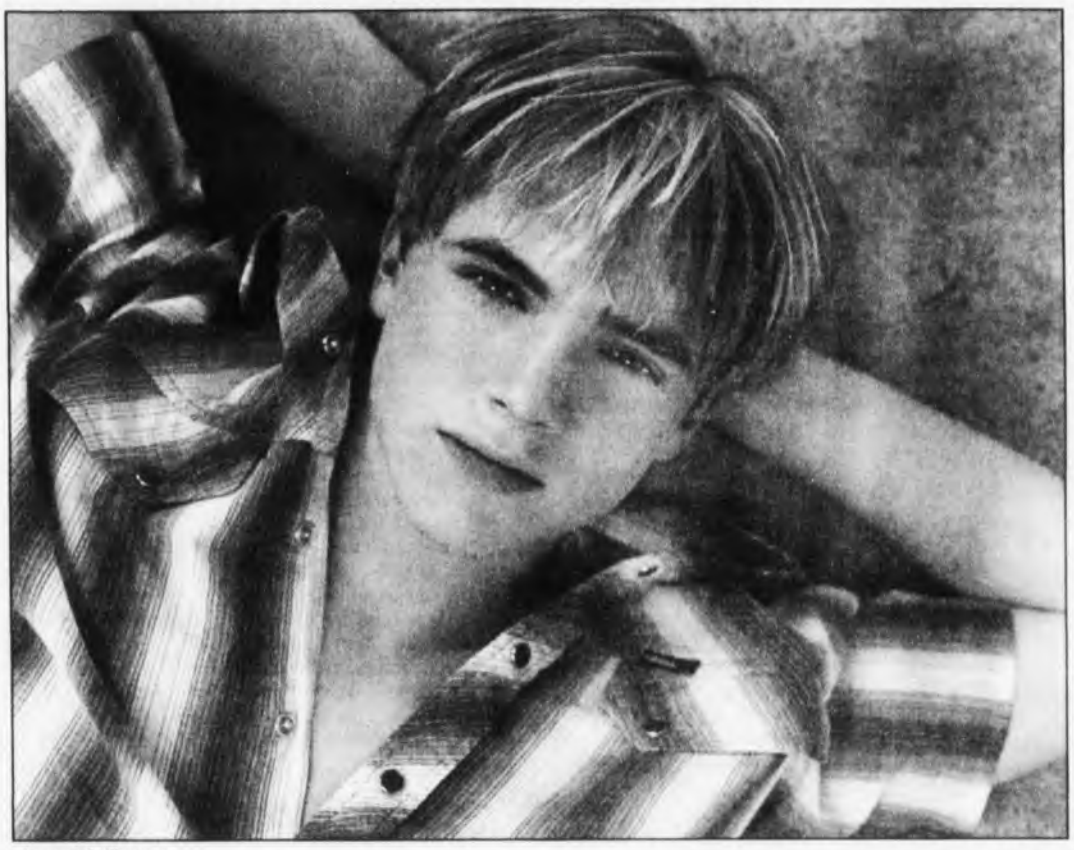
By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

More than a decade into a career as a singer and actor that saw him earn his first platinum album as part of the boy band "Dream Street" when he was just 12-years-old, Jesse McCartney clearly knows not only what it takes to achieve show business success, but also how to sustain it. McCartney — who will perform in concert at the South Shore Music Circus on July 6 — released his second solo album, "Right Where You Want Me", last fall and is already at work on his third due next year from Hollywood Records.

"I did all the writing for the current album during the 'Beautiful Soul' tour," explained McCartney, 20, recently by telephone, "Vocally it is similar to my first album, but it also has more of a rock edge."

When the title track of his 2004 platinum selling release, "Beautiful Soul", hit number five on the singles charts, the Westchester, N.Y. native knew that the fans he made during "Dream Street" and his three-year-run on ABC-TV's "All My Children" as "Adam Chandler, Jr.," a role that earned him two back to back Daytime Emmy nominations as Best Younger Actor, were very much still in his corner.

"On 'Beautiful Soul,' I was a new artist and so I had few expectations," he said. "With the success of that record, I guess I quickly realized that I could be doing this for a while. I had started writing music maybe three or four years ago about the same time that I started getting the songs together for the first album. I'm very into rhythm singing, so I write with that in mind."



Jesse McCartney

When it came to his second album, "Right Where You Want Me," McCartney co-wrote every track, but one, with his guitarist and musical director Dory Lobel, and also re-teamed with Adam Watts and Andy Dodd, the songwriters behind "Beautiful Soul".

"I wanted to take my music a step forward from 'Beautiful Soul' to show some growth and maturity. It's the difference between being 15 and 20. At the same time, I think my fans have grown up as well and those that liked the first album will like the second one, too. It is very melodic."

McCartney — currently playing a series of tour dates in Italy before heading to Cohasset next week — has earned an American following not just from his music, but also from acting roles on the short-lived WB series, "Summerland," and in other television and film projects.

"I wouldn't have wanted to go right into another series right after 'Summerland.' Television is a great cross-promotion for my music, though, so I would never say never to another TV series, but I would like to concentrate more on films. When I get home, I'm meeting with a bunch of directors. I'm in love with a couple of independent films right now so that is a direction I want to explore. I'd also love to do another stint on Broadway," says McCarthy who appeared with Roger Daltrey in a "A Christmas Carol" in New York in 1997.

The young performer admits to some disappointment when he lost the role of Linc Larkin in the upcoming feature film version of the Broadway musical "Hairspray" to "High School Musical" star Zac Efron, his "Summerland" co-star.

"I wanted to work with John Travolta so I was interested in doing that movie, but Zac is a friend so I am happy for him. He'll be terrific in the role. Disney has talked to me about doing the feature film version of 'High School Musical,' but that's not for me. I thought about it, but I decided I didn't want to do something where I wouldn't be comfortable. I'm not bashing 'High School Musical'. It is hugely popular, but it is not my style."

While he waits for the right film project to come along, McCartney is busy on tour and also writing and recording new music.

"I'm stoked. I've never been happier in my life," says McCartney. "I've let the pressure go completely. I'm just enjoying playing with my band. For me, it isn't about money or fame. If that doesn't happen then it doesn't happen. What it's really all about is the love of the music."

Jesse McCartney will be at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset, on Friday, July 6, along with The Jonas Brothers and Girl Authority. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-931-2787 or go online at themusiccircus.org.

Movie review



Daniel (Dan Futterman) and Mariane Pearl (Angelina Jolie) share a quiet, romantic dinner, shortly before tragic events change their lives.

'Heart' ache

"A Mighty Heart" (B-)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

A terrible title, a difficult subject, "A Mighty Heart" is a hard sell in spite of solid work by Angelina Jolie.

In the role of Marianne Pearl, the pregnant, French-born wife of doomed American journalist Daniel Pearl (Dan Futterman), Jolie displays grace, wisdom, strength and turmoil. It's a role certain to receive a Golden Globe nomination from the celebrity-crazed Hollywood Foreign Press Association and continues the image makeover from Jolie's Billy-Bob's-Bride-of-Blood days to Evita-meets-Mother-Teresa-like ambassador of good will (Brad Pitt is one of the film's producers).

Directed by the prolific, maddeningly eclectic Michael Winterbottom ("24 Hour Party People," "In This World," "9 Songs"), "A Mighty Heart" demonstrates much of what Winterbottom has learned shooting on streets all over the world, using portable equipment and available light. As a display of guerilla filmmaking art, "A Mighty Heart" is brilliant.

As garden-variety docudrama with expository voiceovers and captions, it is more conventional and somewhat less impressive. The film begins with the reasons the happy-as-clams Pearls are in Karachi, Pakistan in 2002 and their credentials. He works for the Wall Street Journal; she for a French radio station.

The beautiful, Paris-raised Marianne, who has an Afro-Cuban mother and Dutch father (Jolie's accent is hard to pin down), is five months pregnant and radiantly happy. The couple share a gated home with Asra Nomani (Archie Panjabi), a beautiful Muslim-Indian journalist who also works for the Wall Street Journal, where Daniel, who is Jewish, has been on staff since 1990.

Soon, Daniel, who was supposed to meet a Sheik Gilani at a restaurant, is kidnapped by extremists angered by U.S. treatment of Muslim detainees and the long, hostage nightmare ensues.

"A Mighty Heart" blends actual footage of Pakistani President Musharraf and former Secretary of State Colin Powell, for example, with street action shot by Marcel Zyskind ("Tristram Shandy") and achieves a powerful level of you-are-there immediacy. But because of the structure of the film, which was adapted by John Orloff ("Band of Brothers") from the book by Marianne Pearl, Jolie's performance is somewhat monotonous, running the gamut from distraught to extremely distraught.

Plus, we see altogether too many wistful flashbacks and too much fiddling with cell phones and reading of e-mails. The film's air of dreadful inevitability, compounded by the often-dolorous background music, is squirm-inducing, and the game of peek-a-boo with the video of Pearl's beheading is deplorable.

In the supporting cast, Will Patton is reptilian as a U.S. Consulate executive, and Irrfan Khan ("The Warrior"), as a dogged Pakistani cop, once again shows us why he should be an international movie star.

"A Mighty Heart" is wrenching. How could it not be? But it is not great.

Rated R. "A Mighty Heart" contains emotionally-wrenching scenes.

Calendar of events

Thursday, June 28

Duxbury Free Library is heating up the season and catching the beat with a Cajun zydeco musical performance of **The Voo Doo Doctors** and **The Hot Sauce Band**. Thursday, June 28, at 7 p.m., music lovers of all ages are invited to the Duxbury Free Library for an evening concert of rollicking tunes. Local musicians **Mike Landers, Bob Wilson, Ned Frye** and **Paul Foley** will entertain the audience with accordions, guitars, blues harp and more. Free tickets will be needed and may be picked up at the library or reserved online at duxburyfreelibrary.org, click on calendar and follow the link.

Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. NYT Bestselling Author, **William Martin** signs **The Lost Constitution** June 28 at 6 p.m. Peter Fallon and Evangeline Carrington are back. Join them on another treasure hunt—this time for a lost, annotated draft of the Constitution. To reserve a book or for more information 781-545-5011 or frontstreet-bookshop.com

The Plymouth Farmers' Market, held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. June 28 performers are **Tiffany Rozenas,** Celtic fiddler from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and **Ray Papile,** easy listening from 4:40 to 6:30 p.m. For information, contact Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.

The Brockton Fair, off Route 123, returns for its 133rd year from June 28-July 8. In addition to our midway full of rides, other featured entertainment includes a surprise filled magic show, exciting demolition derby, and fireworks displays. For information, visit www.brocktonfair.com.

Summer In The City at the **Boston Harbor Hotel**, Blues Barge, a floating stage behind the hotel, Boston. June 28, from 6 to 10 p.m. blues performance by **The Duke Robillard Band.** Visit bhh.com for info.

The Hat Trick Theatre Company of Plymouth continues its 2007 season with Noel Coward's charming and witty farce Blithe Spirit. The play starts at 7:30 pm. Performances are held at Kendall Hall, First Parish Church of Plymouth, Town Square, Plymouth. Tickets are $15, $12 for seniors. For reservations, call 508-747-6856.

Monponsett Inn, 550 Monponsett Street, Halifax June 28, 7:30 p.m. **The Mandell's** 781-293-2116.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. June 28, **Living Proof** 781-829-6999.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke **Texas Hold Em** every Thursday night at 6:45 and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue** Blues Jam featuring **Lisa Marie & All Shook Up** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Friday, June 29

The Sparrow House in Plymouth will feature a photography exhibit June 29 through Aug. 31 by Marshfield resident Mike Sleeper. The opening is tonight from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Sparrow House, 42 Summer St. For information, call 508-747-1240.

Hanover Mall, Rt. 53, Washington St., Hanover. Meet and greet four of the **New England Patriot's Cheerleaders** at center court. From 2 to 5 p.m. June 29.

CALENDAR, See Next Page



BEST BET

Paul Arsenault, "Seaside on the 4th", oil, 12"x10" The South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham presents an exhibit that will feature paintings that capture the spirit of Old Glory by many local and regional plein-air artists. The opening event will take place at the South Street Gallery on July 6, from 6 to 9 p.m., refreshments will be served. "Flag Paintings" will be on display throughout July.

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BEST BET

Continued from previous page

Summer In The City at the **Boston Harbor Hotel**, Rowes Wharf, Boston June 29, at dusk **Movies by Moonlight/ Goodbye, Mr. Chips.**

Grand Opening of **ArtSisters** will be held on Friday June 29, at 763 Country Way, North Scituate Village. Children's Art Table and art games will take place from noon to 4 p.m. There will be an evening reception between 5 and 8 p.m. with music, refreshments and special offers in the gallery. The Artful Sisters, Judy Rossman and Barbara Demery, have joined forces to open "ArtSisters", an eclectic gallery of art and wares, including pottery, home accessories, jewelry, paintings, embellished clothing and found object sculpture. For information: 781-545-5967 or 781-545-3171.

Oceanside 17 Studio & Gallery, 17 Rockland Circle, Hull. **Rustic Works** featuring Oil Paintings by **Nancy Colella** and Sculptural Fish by **Conny Hatch**. Also showing paintings by **Franny Andahazy** and featured gallery artists June 29 through July 18. Opening reception Friday, June 29, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Reception catering by Saporito's Florence Club Cafe. 781-773-1563. Open: Wednesday-Sunday accessible to all, no admission.

Balancepoint Studios, 31 Schooset St., Pembroke, will be hosting a **Mediation and Guided Imagery** workshop titled **Angels Speak** at 7 p.m. Class will be run by **Dawne Corti-Migre**, an expert for more than 20 years in the wellness field. If you are looking to bring some relaxation and clarity into your life, call Dawne for more information at 617-750-8101.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance. Friday, June 29, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St. Rockland. Exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte. 3. (781)446-0234. www.se-4u.com. Dancing with music by Award-winning DJ from 8:30-12:00 AM. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes, and match game prizes. Free dance lessons from 7:30-8:30. For singles & couples, 30+ years old. Split-the-pot drawing at 10. Cost is $10 before 9. Proper business-casual dress; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club.

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset June 29, at 8 p.m. **An Evening with comedian Ron White** Tickets $45, by calling Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com The South Shore Music Circus Box Office is open daily from noon until 6 p.m. for in-person sales only. For Group Sales ticket purchases, call 781-383-9860

New England Singles Dances – ages 40 and over June 29, from 8 p.m. to midnight Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, MA. DJ. Admission $12. visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

All Seasons Restaurant & Sports Lounge, 327 Plymouth St., Halifax June 29, **Taint.** 781-293-4135

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. June 29 **Chubba Lang** 781-829-6999.

Monponsett Inn, 550 Monponsett Street, Halifax June 29, 7:30 p.m. **Joey Canzano** 781-293-2116.

Run of the Mill, 6 Spring Lane, Plymouth, June 29, 9 p.m. to closing **Paul and Dave** 508-830-1262.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, June 29 **Jump City** 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, June 29, **The Spurs** –vintage western swing, roadhouse boagie. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Saturday, June 30

Fireworks celebration in Braintree - June 30, dusk, high school field. From noon-4 p.m. at the high school field, there will be an all-day flea market, a Touch-a-Truck event, amusement rides, entertainment and more; **fireworks** will be set off at dusk.

Fireworks in Weymouth: The annual celebration and fireworks will be held June 30, at the George Lane Beach. The fireworks will be set off around dusk.

The Pilgrim Festival Chorus will perform **Strictly Broadway: A Dessert Theater** on June 30, at 7 p.m. at Judson Hall, on the grounds of First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 41 Westerly Road, Plymouth. Tickets. are $12 in advance and $15 at the door. Advance tickets are available by calling Meredith Hutchings at 508-746-5314; and from PFC members.

Scituate Harbor Summer Music Series will present a free concert featuring **The Gathering**, a nine-piece band playing rock, blues and swing music. Also appearing will be **Matt Chase** playing original songs from the recently released CD "The concert will take place from 5:30 to 9 p.m., on June 30, at **Scituate Harbor Bandstand** on Cole Parkway. Some seating is available, however beach chairs are welcome.



South Shore Conservatory Faculty Jazz Band. From left to right, John Krahmer, Mark Campbell, Chris Rathbun, Ed Sorrentino and John Vanderpool.

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South Shore Conservatory will support Hingham's Fourth of July celebration at Hingham Harbor on Sunday, July 1st with Music at the Bandstand featuring the Hingham High School Jazz Band at 4 p.m.; South Shore Conservatory Honors Jazz Band 5 p.m.; South Shore Conservatory Faculty Jazz Band 6 p.m. and The Disclaimers- Jazz and Rock Band at 7 p.m. This event will kick off the Conservatory's summer concert series, Evening Under the Stars, which includes seven performances for both adults and children. Tickets on sale at the bandstand. For information, contact Laura Carleton at 781-749-7565 ext 14 or lauracarleton@southshoreconservatory.org.

Club Ex Fitness & Nutrition, 649 Oak St., E. Bridgewater is hosting a **free open house June 30** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free workouts, tanning, free babysitting, free training seminar. Joining fee is waived for One day only. More than $5,000 in prizes will be given away.

Susan G Komen Breast Cancer Three-Day Walk Team Fundraiser, "Simply the Breast" 7 to 11:30 p.m. June 30, Knight of Columbus, 48 Schoosett St., Route 139 - Pembroke. Tickets: $30. DJ, comedians, raffles, and more. Comedians: **Jim Dunn, Annette Pollack, Tommy Dunham and Dave Rattigan**. For tickets call Christine DiPrizio 781-294-7110, Erika Keefe 781-293-3691 or 781-843-4833

CONCERT POSTPONED

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset June 30, at 8 p.m.Hootie & The Blowfish. Tickets $47.75 by calling Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com **Customers with tickets should hold on to tthem until reschedule date has been announced.** The South Shore Music Circus Box Office is open daily from noon until 6 p.m. for in-person sales only.

All Seasons Restaurant & Sports Lounge, 327 Plymouth St., Halifax June 30, **Sage** 781-293-4135

French Memories Café, 175 South Main St, Cohasset. Every Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5 p.m. **Drift Away with Joe'n J** will perform. 781-383-2216.

Run of the Mill, 6 Spring Lane, Plymouth, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. June 30, Celtic Seisiun 508-830-1262.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. June 30 **Strange Medicine** 781-829-6999.

Monponsett Inn, 550 Monponsett Street, Halifax June 30, 7:30 p.m. **Joey Canzano** 781-293-2116.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, June 30 **Steve Smith & The Nakeds,** funk, soul and rhythm and blues. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sunday, July 1

Fireworks In Hingham: The fireworks sponsored by the Hingham Lions Club will take place at the Hingham Bathing Beach around 9 p.m. Rain date is July 2.

The Hanover Bandstand Summer Concert July 1, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. **Pink Cadillac** will perform. Free and handicap accessible. The Hanover bandstand is located on Route 139, Hanover Center. For information visit the bandstand web site at hanover-ma.gov

Corner Stone Lodge, 585 Washington St., Duxbury, July 1, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. All you can eat breakfast. Adults $7, seniors $6 and children age 12 and under $5. Open to the public.

CALENDAR, see next page

Theater review

Humor heats up the Huntington stage

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



Kiki and Herb are the alter egos of Justin Bond and Kenny Mellman.

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When most of us think of theater at this time of year, we think of the Cape Playhouse or maybe Wellfleet. Don't head to the Sagamore bridge just yet, however, because the Huntington Theatre Company is heating up the early summer with "Kiki & Herb: Alive from Broadway," an outrageously funny addition to a memorable season, now at Boston's Calderwood Pavilion.

Booze-soaked songstress Kiki DuRane and her accompanist, Herb, have been performing together for over 50 years and can trace their friendship back even further, much further if their patter is to be believed. In reality, Kiki and Herb are the alter egos of Justin Bond and Kenny Mellman who have been earning raves on the New York cabaret scene since 1992.

As Kiki explains, she and Herb first met at the birth of Jesus. She isn't kidding either. She and Herb share the stage with a stuffed cow that they say they first met in the manger. Kiki and Herb are old, for sure, but their material is as fresh, funny and clever as any being performed today. If you want to enjoy them fully, however, you would be well advised to check your political correctness at the door.

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Arriving here earlier this month just three days after the Broadway mounting of this show lost the Tony Award for Best Special Theatrical Event to ventriloquist Jay Johnson for "Jay Johnson: The Two and Only," Kiki was still mad on opening night in Boston.

"We lost the Tony to a puppet. And the winner put the Tony in my face and asked me if I wanted to kiss it," says Kiki, before explaining what she had told Johnson he could kiss in response to his offer. Kiki speaks her mind on everything from her happiness over the recent death of Moral Majority founder Jerry Falwell to the current Pope's fashion choices. "He wears Prada shoes, which just goes to show that the Devil really does wear Prada."

When she herself isn't pontificating on world events, Kiki is singing in a voice that strongly suggests that she may have had vocal training from Carol Channing, that is if she weren't old enough to have babysat for the "Hello, Dolly!" star. As played by Mellman, Herb not only offers Kiki the perfect amount of piano panache to go along with her ribaldry, but also a deadpan devotion that may leave you wishing you had a Herb at your side.

Kiki & Herb may be vintage cabaret performers, but their musical selections are often as contemporary as their social commentary. They pay their own unique homage to Radiohead and The Scissor Sisters and dip further back to prove themselves every bit the equal of Pat Benatar with their take on "Love is a Battlefield." If you were buying albums at Strawberries in Downtown Crossing in the 1980s, then you will also appreciate what they do with Dan Fogelberg's "Same Old Lang Syne" and the classic Bonnie Tyler anthem, "Total Eclipse of the Heart."

Longevity in any business usually requires reinvention, something that Kiki & Herb do masterfully thanks to the considerable performing and writing talents of Bond and Mellman. The rest of the summer theater season can wait. Don't miss this one!

The Huntington Theatre Company will present "Kiki & Herb: Alive from Broadway" at the Stanford Calderwood Pavilion, 527 Tremont St., Boston, through June 30. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-266-0800 or go online at huntingtontheatre.org.



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TThe Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents the Fat City Band, with their blues, rhythm and blues and rock sound. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Reunions

CONCORD-CARLISLE CLASS OF 1975 Reunion Weekend is June 29 - July 1.The schedule of events and registration form have been posted on www.NortheastProPhoto.com. For info contact Larry Smith 781-572-1100; lsmith@cranberryhill.com; Janet Carmichael Ciummei - 978-263-551-Janet@NortheastProPhoto.com; Margaret Callahan Heigl, mheigl@carlisle.mec.edu; Doug Systrom 508-904-9859 dougsystrom@gmail.com; and Lindsey Brown klbva@verizon.net

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL – All class reunion Oct. 13, 2007, social hour 6 p.m. dinner catered by Fasano Caterers at 7 p.m. at the Sons of Italy Hall, King Hill Road, Braintree. $30 per person. Call Barbara Johnson at 617-479-3604.

ROCKLAND HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1972 Reunion, Oct. 20, 2007, from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel, Rockland. Contact Fran Carriere - franc516@aol.com or 781-878-4832 or Bill Holland – cycling53@comcast.net or 781-740-5070.



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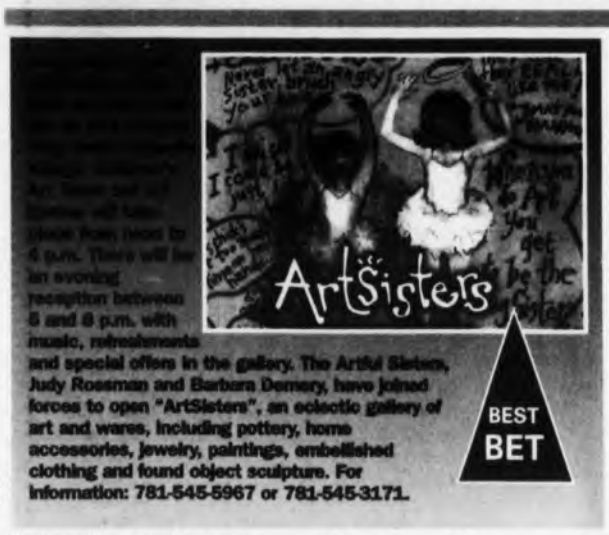
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ArtSisters reception Friday, June 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. with music, refreshments and special offers in the gallery. The Artful Sisters, Judy Rossman and Barbara Demery, have joined forces to open "ArtSisters", an eclectic gallery of art and wares, including pottery, home accessories, jewelry, paintings, embellished clothing and found object sculpture. For information: 781-545-5967 or 781-545-3171.

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Abigail Adams Birthplace, 180 Norton St., N. Weymouth, opens for the season, 180 Norton St., July 1 through Labor Day (Sept. 3) Thursday through Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. or by appointment $5 per adult/$1 for children under 12 781-335-4205.

Major John Bradford Homestead, Kingston. Enjoy food, raffles and good people in the setting of the 17th century homestead. Each Sunday a different group of people volunteer to provide a delicious and different breakfast menu. The proceeds benefit the Bradford Homestead. Each breakfast is $8 per person, $4 for children under 10, and free to children under 4 years. Season tickets for members are $50 for eight breakfast.

Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., Weymouth, **Summer Celebration, a** multi-media art show featuring New England's artists: **Steve Boczanowski, Edwina Caci, J. Marshall Dyke, Vincent Elliot, Isabel Shamitz, Michelle, McEwen, Marilyn Reisberg, Charyl Weissbach, Kathy Ferrara, Daniel Myers, Christopher Myers, Anet Paglierani, P. Anthony Visco, William Beyer, George Hartley, Deborah Drew** and **Stanley Krupa.** Hours Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Free admission. 781-331-3384 information.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, presents **The Dave Foley Band** every Sunday 781-335-9796. Shows 9:15p.m., no cover. www.nextpagecafe.com

Monday, July 2

Colonial Lantern Tours of Plymouth celebrate their 25th anniversary by offering a special **Evening Historical Walking Tour** program hosted by Pilgrim-costumed guides. Tours will run daily through November, departing from Plymouth Rock at 6 and 7:30 p.m. Special ticket prices are available for this walk at $15 for adults and $12 for children under 12. Tickets may be purchased from your guide, on-line at www.lanterntours.com at the Plymouth Visitor Center, or at John Carver Inn. For information or to arrange group reservations, call 774-454-8126.

South Shore Conservatory's Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery features the paintings of Marshfield artist **Sue Charles** through July 25. The watercolor paintings of **Burton Longenbach** and **Betty Rogers** are featured downstairs, in the Conservatory's South Shore Music Circus Gallery. Admission to both galleries is free. Summer gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on concert days. The gallery is a partnership between South Shore Conservatory and South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. For directions, visit southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565, ext. 10.

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Terry Chase** will exhibit her work for the months of July and August at the Tufts Library, 456 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-337-8134.

Venus II, 277 Ocean St., Marshfield July 2 **Texas Hold-Em Poker** 781-837-6369.

Tuesday, July 3

Abington Night Before the Fourth Fireworks, Memorial Field, behind Frolio Jr. High, Washington St., Abington. Gates open at 5 p.m. with the fireworks at 9:30 p.m. Rain date July 5.

Island Grove Park, located on both Lake St and Park St, Abington July 3, at 10 a.m. storyteller **Andrea Lovett** and her storytelling series **Folktales From the Forest.** Free and open to the public. 781-871-5892 or visit http://andrealovett.blogspot.com

Summer In The City at the **Boston Harbor Hotel**, Intrigue Café Terrace, Rowes Wharf, Boston. On Tuesday from 6 to 10 p.m. Summer Swing with the big band sounds of **World Premier Band July 3**. For info visit bhh.com

Oceanside 17 Studio & Gallery, 17 Rockland Circle., Hull, **Summer Days -New Paintings by Franny Andahazy** Hours: Tuesday through Sunday Call 781-773-1563. Accessible to all, no admission. June 8 to 27. 781-773-1563.

Women of the South Shore If you love to sing come to the open rehearsals of The Island Grove Chorus- a women's acapella singing group. Meet at the United Church of Christ Route 18 in Abington, on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. Call Joanne 781-843-4355 or Judy 781-848-5843.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. July 3 Free **Texas Hold Em. With Northern Poker League.**

The Snug, 114 North St., Hingham, every Tuesday night 8:30 p.m. **Drift Away Trio** featuring **J Place, Joe Micarelli,** and **John Litwin.** No cover 781-749-9774.

Venus II, 277 Ocean St., Marshfield July 3 **Family Style Family Feud** 781-837-6369.

Wednesday, July 4

Halifax in Lights Celebration, July 4. Events all day beginning at 10 a.m. on the Town Green. Fireworks at 9:15 p.m. behind the elementary school. Rain date July 7. For the list of events visit halifaxfireworks.com

Parade in Hull: The 17th annual Neighborhood Fourth of July parade begins at 10 a.m. at the Hampton Circle playground. Larry Robicheau of Moreland Avenue is this year's parade marshal. Participants are requested to wear red, white and blue, if possible, and bring flags. For more details, call 781 925-5142.

Town of Duxbury, Fourth of July parade 2 to 4 p.m. beginning at Hall's Corner via Washington Street to Duxbury High School.

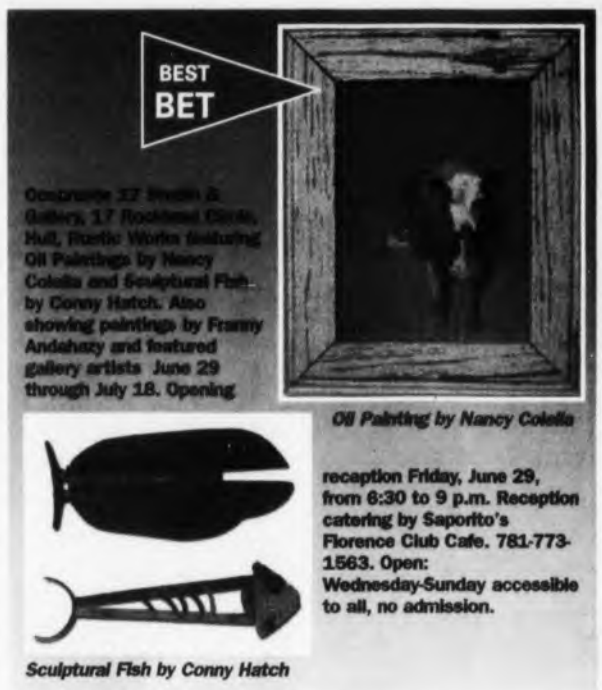
Plymouth's Fourth of July parade begins at 9:30 a.m. The parade starts at Cordage Park Marketplace on Court Street in North Plymouth and winds its way down Court Street through downtown Plymouth and Main Street. The route continues onto Main Street Extension, turning left onto Water Street. The reviewing stand is located next to Plymouth Rock. **The Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra** will entertain the evening crowd and perform the Independence Day concert on the waterfront. This concert is scheduled to begin at 7:15 p.m., and will take place at the bottom of Coles Hill. **The fireworks** will begin between 9:15 and 9:30 p.m. The fireworks are lit off on a barge in Plymouth Harbor and can be seen from many vantage points around town. For details, visit www.july4plymouth.com or call the hotline at 508-746-1838.

Fourth of July events in Hingham 7 a.m. — Hingham Recreation Commission Road Race; 7 to 9:45 a.m. or until the pancakes run out — Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast at Hingham Common, Middle and Main streets; 9 a.m. — Open House at the Old Ship Meeting House, 90 Main St; 10 a.m. — parade with the theme "Preserve the Tradition." Starts at Hingham High School on Pleasant Street and ends at Station Street.

South Shore Conservatory will support **Hingham's Fourth of July celebration at Hingham Harbor** on July1, with Music at the Bandstand featuring the **Hingham High School Jazz Band** at 4 p.m.; **South Shore Conservatory Honors Jazz Band** 5 p.m.; **South Shore Conservatory Faculty Jazz Band** 6 p.m. and **The Disclaimers- Jazz and Rock Band** at 7 p.m. This event will kick off the Conservatory's summer concert series, "Evening Under the Stars," which includes seven performances for both adults and children. Tickets on sale at the bandstand. For information, contact Laura Carleton at 781-749-7565 ext 14 or lauracarleton@southshoreconservatory.org.

Programs in Quincy: At the Old House, 135 Adams St., at noon and 3 p.m., **re-enact the passage of the Declaration of Independence at the Second Continental Congress.** You will assume the role of a delegate and participate in a debate led by John Adams. On the grounds of the Beale Estate, 181 Adams St., at 7 p.m., there will be a program on "Jefferson and Adams: A Revolutionary Dialogue," a dramatization of the remarkable friendship between two presidents of the United States. Street parking is available for both events, which are free and open to the public.

The Wareham Historical Society will hold its **30th annual Antique Show** July 4, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine, on the Village Green, Main Street, Wareham. Admission is $3 and includes a tour of Fearing Tavern Museum. Francis McNamee will be giving appraisals at $5 per object or three for $10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Oceanside 17 Studio & Gallery, 17 Rockland Circle, Hull, Rustic Works featuring Oil Paintings by Nancy Colella and Sculptural Fish by Conny Hatch. Also showing paintings by Franny Andahazy and featured gallery artists June 29 through July 18. Opening reception Friday, June 29, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Reception catering by Saporito's Florence Club Cafe. 781-773-1563. Open: Wednesday-Sunday accessible to all, no admission.

Oil Painting by Nancy Colella

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Thursday, July 5

NETWORK 4 SUCCESS - Meets and the third Thursday of each month for lunch at the Halifax Country Club Route 58 in Halifax from noon to 1:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at the Plympton Library, Route 58 in Plympton, from 5 to 6 p.m. Lunch extra. Organizer: Laura Joseph 781-422-2294 cell 774-266-3614.

Summer In The City at the **Boston Harbor Hotel**, Blues Barge, a floating stage behind the hotel, Boston. July 5, from 6 to 10 p.m. blues performance by **James Montgomery Band.** Visit bhh.com for info.

The Plymouth Farmers' Market from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. Each week local farmers bring fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs, eggs, cut flowers and plants. Local food crafters bring cheeses, gelato, yogurt, jams, sauces, honey, grain side dishes, breads, baked goodies and other handmade sundries such as soaps, herbals, glass artwork and fresh caught lobsters. Listento live music each week playing over Plymouth's inner harbor. July 5 performer will be **Susan Lindsay and friends, Irish sounds.** For information, contact Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.

L. Knife & Son will cosponsor the **Summer Concert Series** for the 2007 season, with the Town of Plymouth Promotions Fund, the Plymouth Cultural Council and the Music Performance Funds. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m., at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following Tuesday. July 5 see the **Legion Bud Band**.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue** Blues Jam featuring **The Houserockers** July 5 at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Friday July 6

The 1699 Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield, will host an **old-fashioned New England clam bake**, beginning at 6 pm. Lobsters, steamers, corn on the cob, all of the traditional fixins' of clam bakes from your youth will be on hand. Take family, friends, and your appetite as you enjoy the food and hospitality. Let your vacation weekend wind down in grand style. To make reservations, call the Winslow House at 781-837-5753 or e-mail mark.schmidt@winslowhouse.org.



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Mark your calendar

SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY announces the 2007 season of *Evenings Under the Stars* at the Jane Carr Amphitheater, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham, and the Performing Arts Center, Alden Street, Duxbury. Black Sea Salsa Band kicks off the season at the Carr Amphitheater on July 7Ticket prices are $14 and $22 for evening performances, $15 (adults) and $5 (children) for Sunday mornings. Subscriptions are available. Tickets may be purchased online at www.southshoreconservatory.org, by phone at 781-749-7565, ext. 14, and in person at the Conservatory offices in Hingham and Duxbury. Call to request a brochure. All venues are wheelchair accessible.

TEA WITH ISABELLA AT THE WEBSTER ESTATE Daniel Webster Estate, Marshfield, July 11, 2 to 4 p.m. arrive by 1:45 p.m. Spend a summer afternoon visiting with Isabella Stewart Gardner, America's first patroness of the arts and "The Queen of Back Bay." Cambridge actress, Jessa Piaia, will portray "Mrs. Jack," one of the most fascinating ladies in American history, and then, a lovely Victorian Tea will follow. Tickets $18. Space is very limited. (Tickets must be prepaid - No tickets will be sold at the door). .DanielWebsterEstate.org Call for tickets 781-837-2403.

THE COMPANY THEATRE IN NORWELL, presents its summer musical, MISS SAIGON, opening Friday, July 27 and running through Sunday, Aug. 19. Tickets priced at $30-$32 are on sale at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companytheatre.com.

THE NORTH & SOUTH RIVER'S WATERSHED ASSOCIATION will hold the 17th Annual Great River Race on July 28. All skill levels, from novice to racer, are invited to take part in the race. Non-motorized vessels including canoes, kayaks, and rowboats participate in the race piloted by people of all ages. (Participants 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult.) Pre-Registration recommended. To download the registration form on line go to www.nsrwa.org



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Friday, July 13, 7 pm, Duxbury
Saturday, July 14, 7:00 pm, Hingham



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Friday, July 20, 7 pm, Duxbury
Saturday, July 21, 7:00 pm, Hingham



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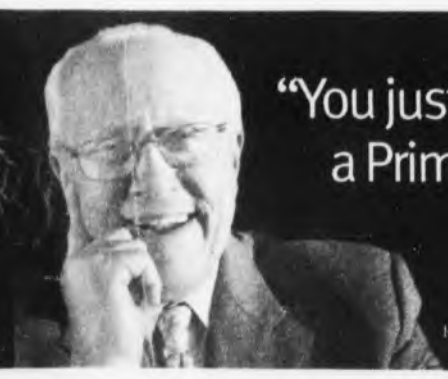
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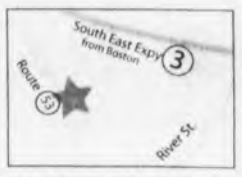
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Ready. Set. Go!

Cohasset Tri set for Sunday

By Nancy White
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For 720 athletes, Sunday will begin with anything but a lazy morning. The inaugural Cohasset Triathlon will have athletes dive into the cool waters off Sandy Beach then pedal and pound the picturesque streets of Cohasset come 8a.m. on Sunday.

"I have been taken back by the 'buzz' the Triathlon has created in town."
— Bill Burnett, race director

After months of planning with town and community officials, Race Director Bill Burnett hopes the race goes off without a hitch. A safety plan is in place with the police and fire departments. Details and logistics have been worked out over thousands of phone calls and e-mails.

"I have been taken back by the 'buzz' the Triathlon has created in town. I love seeing people swimming, biking, and running to prepare for the event. It's got a real good feel to it," says Burnett. The course, which Burnett says puts Cohasset's best features front and center, will start and finish at Sandy Beach. The bike portion will take athletes along Cohasset's shoreline and through its historic districts while the running leg stars Little Harbor.

Amid the 720 participants, 20 percent hailing from Cohasset, is a hometown Ironman triathlete, Rob Simms. The Cohasset Triathlon will serve a stepping stone to Simms' participation in his fifth Ironman triathlon on July 22 in Lake Placid, N.Y. What many people would consider a hobby, Simms participation in Ironman triathlons has evolved into a way of life.

"There's a fair amount of suffering in an Ironman," he says with a big grin on his face. For him, the motivation to compete and to train is the same as participating in any longer distance endurance event, "the longer the distance, the harder the effort, the bigger the payoff."

An Ironman triathlon is arguably the most grueling athletic competition in the world and officially the longest distance triathlon one can participate in. Over a punishing 140 miles Ironman

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Ironman triathlete, Rob Simms of Cohasset, at left, stands beside Race Director Bill Burnett, at Sandy Beach where Sunday's inaugural Cohasset Triathlon begins and ends.

Little Harbor bids are in

Sewer expansion to begin this month

By Nancy White
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The Little Harbor sewer expansion is gearing up to start in the coming month. The long awaited project will result in 485 additional homes on town sewer and an updated (and expanded) wastewater treatment plant.

The town has received two bids on the wastewater treatment plant expansion and a total of 12 bids on the collection system portion of the project, said Town Manager Bill Griffin. Some water main replacement and drainage work was wrapped up into the bid. Earlier this week, bids and references were checked for the low bidders.

"Though we are still reviewing the many bids received, it does appear that the project came in well within our project budget, so that is very good news," said Griffin in an e-mail earlier this week.

Town Meeting has allocated $15.2 million for the Little Harbor sewer expansion project. Little Harbor homeowners will reap the benefit of the sewer expansion but also bear the burden of paying for it. The project timeline should have all homes hooked up to the town sewer by 2011. The homeowners will pay a sewer betterment fee over a twenty-year period.

At the recent annual Town Meeting, voters approved a $1 million allocation to devote to water main replacement and drainage improvements for the flooding prone district.

"There are some big names competing for the bid," said Sewer Commission Chairman Sean Cunning, which led to competitive pricing, "it's looking good."

The Water and Sewer Commissions met jointly on Thursday afternoon (after

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Navy veteran to help local veterans

Robert Jackson appointed to post

By Nancy White
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Fireworks, parades, cookouts and red, white and blue decorations are Americans' way of showing how proud we are to live in this country. The Fourth of July is an annual reminder of how much patriotism is still alive. But none of the freedoms and liberties celebrated would be possible without the armed services unwavering diligence to protect them.

Robert W. Jackson, Cohasset's recently appointed Director of Veterans' Services, hopes to return the favor by aiding the town's veterans in getting government benefits they deserve.

"When I came back from Vietnam there was not much of a safety net for returning veterans," said Jackson. Now, there are more services and benefits available for veterans, Jackson said, but knowing what they are and how to get them is an entirely new problem.

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Robert Jackson, who served in the U.S. Navy both on active duty and in the reserves, is the town's new veterans agent. Jackson says he wants to help Cohasset's veterans take advantage of state and federal benefits.

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PICTURE THIS/Meg Anderson and Ryan Crough



PHOTO/MARY FORD

The Mariner caught up with instructors Meg Anderson and Ryan Crough at the Cohasset Sailing Club this week. A "Launch Party" at the sailing club is being held Saturday evening for adult members, parents of sailors, and friends that includes a lobster feast and auction to benefit the club. Call Joyce Driscoll at 781-383-0122 or Claudia McKeon at 781-383-6125 for tickets and information.

Names: Meg Anderson and Ryan Crough

Occupation: Sailing instructors at the Cohasset Sailing Club.

Best day of your life: Any day I am on ASP (Meg). Every day (Ryan).

Best vacation: New Zealand (Meg). Skiing in Colorado (Ryan).

Favorite season: Summer (Meg and Ryan).

Favorite holiday: Christmas (Meg and Ryan).

Favorite junk food or meal: Mint chocolate chip ice cream (Meg). Lobster (Ryan).

Best book: "My Sister's Keeper," by Jodi Picoult (Meg). "Mystic River," by Dennis Lehane (Ryan).

Best movie or actor: Leonardo DiCaprio (Meg). "Spy Game," (Ryan).

Best TV show: "Grey's Anatomy" (Meg). "Seinfeld" (Ryan).

Most embarrassing moment: Getting stuck on a mark in a 420 at the Junior Olympics in Marblehead with Nate (Ryan).

Most memorable moment: Sailing with Jackie at Marblehead Race Week (Meg).

Pet Peeve: Disorganization (Meg). Little sisters (Ryan).

Goal: To get married and have a family some day (Meg).

Getting into a good college (Ryan).

Person you would most like to meet: Lindsay Davenport (Meg). My great grandfathers (Ryan).

Biggest worry: Applying to colleges (Meg). Choosing a career path (Ryan).

Best part of Cohasset: The harbor and the beaches (Meg). The Sailing Club (Ryan).

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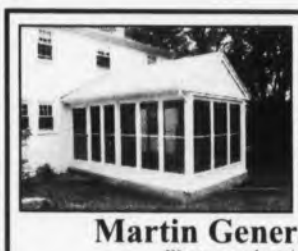
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West Corner culvert repairs coming

Construction could begin next year

By Nancy White
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At the public meeting, several people in attendance expressed concern over the nearby misalignment of Jerusalem Road and the island facing it at the intersection of Route 228.

Three towns have come together to solve a mutual problem. In a cooperative effort, Cohasset, Hingham and Hull have joined forces to reconstruct the West Corner culvert. Funding for the multi-million dollar project was hard to come by and each town wouldn't have been able to repair the bridge on their own.

Now, after years of hard work by citizens, town officials and residents, the design plans for the culvert reconstruction are underway and 25 percent complete. Work is expected to commence as early as next year.

A Mass Highway report in 2000 rated the bridge in poor condition and in need of repair. The now 99-year-old bridge was in desperate need of repair. The bridge passed over the connection between Straights Pond and the Weir River Estuary. While the bridge is primarily a public safety issue, replacement of the culvert—including installing new, wider tidal gates—is expected to increase tidal flow and salinity in Straights Pond and improve the quality of the pond and the neighboring residents.

Because of its unique location, ownership of the culvert is 50 percent Hull, and 25 percent each Cohasset and Hingham. West Corner isn't located west of anywhere, rather it is where East Hingham, South Hull and North Cohasset meet. It was originally called West's Corner after Charles West who operated a general store there a century ago.

Back in April, the Massachusetts Highway Department held a public hearing at Hingham Town Hall to discuss the plans and hear community concerns. Representing Cohasset, Conservation Agent Ed Graham attended the public meeting. In a letter to Town Manager Bill Griffin, he wrote engineering work would continue through December 2007 and, if required, another Mass Highway meeting with the three towns would be scheduled.

The construction schedule will require a closure of the bridge and traffic will be detoured. Traffic coming from Route 228 will be re-routed along Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Avenue. Route 3A and George Washington Boulevard will also be signed as detour routes. The detours could last as long as three months.

"Using Jerusalem Road will in my opinion cause a serious impact on residents entering and leaving their homes. The Town should examine the problem well," stated Graham in a letter to the Town Manager.

At the public meeting, several people in attendance expressed concern over the nearby misalignment of Jerusalem Road and the island facing it at the intersection of Route 228. The lack of sidewalks and crosswalks to facilitate pedestrian and bicycle connectivity was also brought up, reported Town Manager Bill Griffin at the June 18 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. The Town of Hingham suggested they and the town of Cohasset share the cost for design services to alleviate the problem, said Griffin.

"I would recommend we move ahead in this cooperative effort to improve this intersection at the same time the culvert is replaced," stated Griffin in a memo to the Selectmen. Cohasset's portion would come out of the state Chapter 90 funds. The Board of Selectmen agreed unanimously to approve the expenditure. The expense to the town is estimated to be between $5,000 and $7,500.

Funding for the project, with a price tag of $2.7 million, has slowly been coming together over a period of years. In 2004, Senator Robert Hedlund and Representative Garrett Bradley secured state bonding authorizations totaling $1 million to help fund the culvert project. In 2006, Hedlund and Bradley again helped to secure state Mass Highway funding. They worked with the former State Secretary of Transportation John Cogliano to expand the scope of work so the culvert replacement project would meet criteria for state participation in the project. There is a federal commitment for $700,000 for the project.

The three towns are responsible for the cost of the design work for the culvert reconstruction; Town Meeting appropriated $25,000 for engineering costs for the West Corner culvert reconstruction in 2004. Grants have helped with the remaining costs.

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

July	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 5	3:13	9.7	3:49	9.2	9:28	-0.3	9:49	0.5
Sunrise: 5:13 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:23 p.m.*			
Fri. 6	4:04	9.5	4:38	9.4	10:16	-0.1	10:43	0.4
Sunrise: 5:13 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:22 p.m.*			
Sat. 7	4:58	9.2	5:29	9.6	11:07	0.1	11:41	0.3
Sunrise: 5:14 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:22 p.m.*			
Sun. 8	5:56	8.9	6:24	9.8	—	—	12:01	0.3
Sunrise: 5:15 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:22 p.m.*			
Mon. 9	6:57	8.7	7:20	10.0	12:41	0.2	12:57	0.5
Sunrise: 5:15 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:21 p.m.*			
Tues. 10	7:59	8.5	8:19	10.1	1:43	0.0	1:55	0.6
Sunrise: 5:16 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:21 p.m.*			
Wed. 11	9:02	8.5	9:17	10.2	2:45	-0.2	2:54	0.7
Sunrise: 5:17 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:20 p.m.*			
Thurs. 12	10:04	8.5	10:15	10.3	3:44	-0.4	3:52	0.6
Sunrise: 5:17 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:20 p.m.*			

Tides between Cohasset and Plymouth are within 10 min.

POLICE BEAT

Noisy underage party leads to charges

By Mary Ford
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Police broke up a noisy underage party at about 7:50 p.m. Tuesday (June 26) on Black Rock Road. Officers, who were responding to a complaint about the party, came across "multiple young people" outside a house and observed a couple of them drinking alcohol, Chief James Hussey said. Police arrested two Quincy teens and charged them with being minors in possession of alcohol.

They also confiscated a keg of beer as part of the investigation and identified the person who purchased it. Police are summonsing the person who bought the keg, a 21-year-old Cohasset resident, and they are also summonsing to court the teen that lived at the house where the party was taking place. Both will face the charge of furnishing alcohol to persons under 21. Police identified others present at the party, took their names, and contacted their parents, Hussey said.

Erratic driver

A cell caller helped police stop a woman who was allegedly driving erratically last Friday (June 29) at about 1:20 p.m. The caller observed a green Ford Escort station wagon with New Hampshire tags cause a near accident on Route 3A; the caller then reported seeing the car turn right onto Beechwood Street. An officer in an unmarked vehicle (he was conducting warrant service) was parked on Beechwood near Mill Lane and saw the Escort turn right up Bound Brook Lane. The officer stopped the car and identified the woman, a 40-year-old Plymouth resident. Chief Hussey said she told the officer she had an expired license and was unable to produce the registration. A computer check revealed she had been charged with unlicensed operation in Rhode Island and that her New Hampshire license had been suspended. Based on those facts, the officer placed her under arrest and charged her with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

OUI arrest

A 48-year-old Hull woman is facing drunk driving charges following an accident on King Street on Tuesday (June 26) at 7:30 p.m.

Dispatch received a 911 call about a car that had driven into a parked tractor-trailer truck. When officers arrived they saw the truck parked off to the side of the 100 block of King Street (3A) with its flashers on. There was a green Ford sedan in the parking lot with extensive damage to the passenger side. The truck operator reported he was outside the truck and was not hurt when the Ford sedan struck his truck.

Based on their conversation with the woman and observations from the witness who saw her driving, police determined the woman was operating under the influence of alcohol. EMTs evaluated her at the scene and then she was brought the station. She was charged with OUI, driving to endanger and failure to stay in marked lanes.

Run off road

A motorist told police he had to swerve to avoid an oncoming car and drove off the road and into a tree at about the 300 block of Jerusalem Road on Tuesday (June 26) at about 7:30 p.m. The victim, who was transported to the hospital and was complaining of back and neck pain, described the other vehicle as a dark-colored SUV with one headlight out. The car had crossed into his lane.

Chief Hussey said there was no contact between the SUV and the man's car, which sustained front-end damage and had to be towed from the scene. The accident is under investigation.

Stolen bike

Last week a mother and son went to police headquarters to report that the boy's bicycle had been stolen at Sandy Beach. The boy left the bike unlocked in the rack and when he returned the bicycle was gone, Chief Hussey said. The bike is described as green in color with a banana seat and large butterfly handlebars. Hussey said police checked the garage at the station where bikes are stored that have been located and it was not there. "We're asking anyone who has seen the bike to report that to police," he said. The incident, which was reported at 6 p.m. Monday (June 25), is under investigation.

Cat attack

A cat apparently attacked its owner who lives in the Harborview Apartments off Elm Street on Monday (June 25) at about 1 p.m. The cat was also reported to have attacked the woman that does the laundry there. The cat owner was transported to the hospital and treated for a cat bite. The cat is in the custody of a relative until the owner makes a determination whether to keep the animal or have it put down, Chief Hussey said.

Hit and run

Hingham police reported a hit and run involving two cars at about 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday (June 26) in the vicinity of Hull Street and Grace Drive. Hingham police followed the car as it drove toward Hull onto Nantasket Avenue and then onto Berkley Street. The driver turned out to be a junior operator who was transporting four passengers, none of whom met the requirements to allow the teenage driver to operate the vehicle legally.

Chief Hussey said the teen said he knew he "had gotten close" to the car on Hull Street but did not think he had actually hit the car. The alleged incident occurred on the Cohasset side of Hull Street so Cohasset cited the teen, who lives in Brockton, for driving outside the junior operator license parameters. Hussey said the damage to the victim's car was minimal but the officer did observe that the vehicles had made contact so the teen was also cited for leaving the scene after causing property damage.

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PICTURE THIS/Meg Anderson and Ryan Crough



PHOTO/MARY FORD

The Mariner caught up with instructors Meg Anderson and Ryan Crough at the Cohasset Sailing Club this week. A "Launch Party" at the sailing club is being held Saturday evening for adult members, parents of sailors, and friends that includes a lobster feast and auction to benefit the club. Call Joyce Driscoll at 781-383-0122 or Claudia McKeon at 781-383-6125 for tickets and information.

Names: Meg Anderson and Ryan Crough

Occupation: Sailing instructors at the Cohasset Sailing Club.

Best day of your life: Any day I am on ASP (Meg). Every day (Ryan).

Best vacation: New Zealand (Meg). Skiing in Colorado (Ryan).

Favorite season: Summer (Meg and Ryan).

Favorite holiday: Christmas (Meg and Ryan).

Favorite junk food or meal: Mint chocolate chip ice cream (Meg). Lobster (Ryan).

Best book: "My Sister's Keeper," by Jodi Picoult (Meg). "Mystic River," by Dennis Lehane (Ryan).

Best movie or actor: Leonardo DiCaprio (Meg). "Spy Game," (Ryan).

Best TV show: "Grey's Anatomy" (Meg). "Seinfeld" (Ryan).

Most embarrassing moment: Getting stuck on a mark in a 420 at the Junior Olympics in Marblehead with Nate (Ryan).

Most memorable moment: Sailing with Jackie at Marblehead Race Week (Meg).

Pet Peeve: Disorganization (Meg). Little sisters (Ryan).

Goal: To get married and have a family some day (Meg).

Getting into a good college (Ryan).

Person you would most like to meet: Lindsay Davenport (Meg). My great grandfathers (Ryan).

Biggest worry: Applying to colleges (Meg). Choosing a career path (Ryan).

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West Corner culvert repairs coming

Construction could begin next year

By Nancy White
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At the public meeting, several people in attendance expressed concern over the nearby misalignment of Jerusalem Road and the island facing it at the intersection of Route 228.

Three towns have come together to solve a mutual problem. In a cooperative effort, Cohasset, Hingham and Hull have joined forces to reconstruct the West Corner culvert. Funding for the multi-million dollar project was hard to come by and each town wouldn't have been able to repair the bridge on their own.

Now, after years of hard work by citizens, town officials and residents, the design plans for the culvert reconstruction are underway and 25 percent complete. Work is expected to commence as early as next year.

A Mass Highway report in 2000 rated the bridge in poor condition and in need of repair. The now 99-year-old bridge was in desperate need of repair. The bridge passed over the connection between Straights Pond and the Weir River Estuary. While the bridge is primarily a public safety issue, replacement of the culvert—including installing new, wider tidal gates—is expected to increase tidal flow and salinity in Straights Pond and improve the quality of the pond and the neighboring residents .

Because of its unique location, ownership of the culvert is 50 percent Hull, and 25 percent each Cohasset and Hingham. West Corner isn't located west of anywhere, rather it is where East Hingham, South Hull and North Cohasset meet. It was originally called West's Corner after Charles West who operated a general store there a century ago.

Back in April, the Massachusetts Highway Department held a public hearing at Hingham Town Hall to discuss the plans and hear community concerns. Representing Cohasset, Conservation Agent Ed Graham attended the public meeting. In a letter to Town Manager Bill Griffin, he wrote engineering work would continue through December 2007 and, if required, another Mass Highway meeting with the three towns would be scheduled.

The construction schedule will require a closure of the bridge and traffic will be detoured. Traffic coming from Route 228 will be re-routed along Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Avenue. Route 3A and George Washington Boulevard will also be signed as detour routes. The detours could last as long as three months.

"Using Jerusalem Road will in my opinion cause a serious impact on residents entering and leaving their homes. The Town should examine the problem well," stated Graham in a letter to the Town Manager.

At the public meeting, several people in attendance expressed concern over the nearby misalignment of Jerusalem Road and the island facing it at the intersection of Route 228. The lack of sidewalks and crosswalks to facilitate pedestrian and bicycle connectivity was also brought up, reported Town Manager Bill Griffin at the June 18 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. The Town of Hingham suggested they and the town of Cohasset share the cost for design services to alleviate the problem, said Griffin.

"I would recommend we move ahead in this cooperative effort to improve this intersection at the same time the culvert is replaced," stated Griffin in a memo to the Selectmen. Cohasset's portion would come out of the state Chapter 90 funds. The Board of Selectmen agreed unanimously to approve the expenditure. The expense to the town is estimated to be between $5,000 and $7,500.

Funding for the project, with a price tag of $2.7 million, has slowly been coming together over a period of years. In 2004, Senator Robert Hedlund and Representative Garrett Bradley secured state bonding authorizations totaling $1 million to help fund the culvert project. In 2006, Hedlund and Bradley again helped to secure state Mass Highway funding. They worked with the former State Secretary of Transportation John Cogliano to expand the scope of work so the culvert replacement project would meet criteria for state participation in the project. There is a federal commitment for $700,000 for the project.

The three towns are responsible for the cost of the design work for the culvert reconstruction; Town Meeting appropriated $25,000 for engineering costs for the West Corner culvert reconstruction in 2004. Grants have helped with the remaining costs.

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

July	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 5	3:13	9.7	3:49	9.2	9:28	-0.3	9:49	0.5
Sunrise: 5:13 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:23 p.m.*			
Fri. 6	4:04	9.5	4:38	9.4	10:16	-0.1	10:43	0.4
Sunrise: 5:13 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:22 p.m.*			
Sat. 7	4:58	9.2	5:29	9.6	11:07	0.1	11:41	0.3
Sunrise: 5:14 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:22 p.m.*			
Sun. 8	5:56	8.9	6:24	9.8	—	—	12:01	0.3
Sunrise: 5:15 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:22 p.m.*			
Mon. 9	6:57	8.7	7:20	10.0	12:41	0.2	12:57	0.5
Sunrise: 5:15 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:21 p.m.*			
Tues. 10	7:59	8.5	8:19	10.1	1:43	0.0	1:55	0.6
Sunrise: 5:16 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:21 p.m.*			
Wed. 11	9:02	8.5	9:17	10.2	2:45	-0.2	2:54	0.7
Sunrise: 5:17 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:20 p.m.*			
Thurs. 12	10:04	8.5	10:15	10.3	3:44	-0.4	3:52	0.6
Sunrise: 5:17 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:20 p.m.*			

Tides between Cohasset and Plymouth are within 10 min.

POLICE BEAT

Noisy underage party leads to charges

By Mary Ford
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Police broke up a noisy underage party at about 7:50 p.m. Tuesday (June 26) on Black Rock Road. Officers, who were responding to a complaint about the party, came across "multiple young people" outside a house and observed a couple of them drinking alcohol, Chief James Hussey said. Police arrested two Quincy teens and charged them with being minors in possession of alcohol.

They also confiscated a keg of beer as part of the investigation and identified the person who purchased it. Police are summonsing the person who bought the keg, a 21-year-old Cohasset resident, and they are also summonsing to court the teen that lived at the house where the party was taking place. Both will face the charge of furnishing alcohol to persons under 21. Police identified others present at the party, took their names, and contacted their parents, Hussey said.

Erratic driver

A cell caller helped police stop a woman who was allegedly driving erratically last Friday (June 29) at about 1:20 p.m. The caller observed a green Ford Escort station wagon with New Hampshire tags cause a near accident on Route 3A; the caller then reported seeing the car turn right onto Beechwood Street. An officer in an unmarked vehicle (he was conducting warrant service) was parked on Beechwood near Mill Lane and saw the Escort turn right up Bound Brook Lane. The officer stopped the car and identified the woman, a 40-year-old Plymouth resident. Chief Hussey said she told the officer she had an expired license and was unable to produce the registration. A computer check revealed she had been charged with unlicensed operation in Rhode Island and that her New Hampshire license had been suspended. Based on those facts, the officer placed her under arrest and charged her with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

OUI arrest

A 48-year-old Hull woman is facing drunk driving charges following an accident on King Street on Tuesday (June 26) at 7:30 p.m.

Dispatch received a 911 call about a car that had driven into a parked tractor-trailer truck. When officers arrived they saw the truck parked off to the side of the 100 block of King Street (3A) with its flashers on. There was a green Ford sedan in the parking lot with extensive damage to the passenger side. The truck operator reported he was outside the truck and was not hurt when the Ford sedan struck his truck.

Based on their conversation with the woman and observations from the witness who saw her driving, police determined the woman was operating under the influence of alcohol. EMTs evaluated her at the scene and then she was brought the station. She was charged with OUI, driving to endanger and failure to stay in marked lanes.

Run off road

A motorist told police he had to swerve to avoid an oncoming car and drove off the road and into a tree at about the 300 block of Jerusalem Road on Tuesday (June 26) at about 7:30 p.m. The victim, who was transported to the hospital and was complaining of back and neck pain, described the other vehicle as a dark-colored SUV with one headlight out. The car had crossed into his lane.

Chief Hussey said there was no contact between the SUV and the man's car, which sustained front-end damage and had to be towed from the scene. The accident is under investigation.

Stolen bike

Last week a mother and son went to police headquarters to report that the boy's bicycle had been stolen at Sandy Beach. The boy left the bike unlocked in the rack and when he returned the bicycle was gone, Chief Hussey said. The bike is described as green in color with a banana seat and large butterfly handlebars. Hussey said police checked the garage at the station where bikes are stored that have been located and it was not there. "We're asking anyone who has seen the bike to report that to police," he said. The incident, which was reported at 6 p.m. Monday (June 25), is under investigation.

Cat attack

A cat apparently attacked its owner who lives in the Harborview Apartments off Elm Street on Monday (June 25) at about 1 p.m. The cat was also reported to have attacked the woman that does the laundry there. The cat owner was transported to the hospital and treated for a cat bite. The cat is in the custody of a relative until the owner makes a determination whether to keep the animal or have it put down, Chief Hussey said.

Hit and run

Hingham police reported a hit and run involving two cars at about 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday (June 26) in the vicinity of Hull Street and Grace Drive. Hingham police followed the car as it drove toward Hull onto Nantasket Avenue and then onto Berkley Street. The driver turned out to be a junior operator who was transporting four passengers, none of whom met the requirements to allow the teenage driver to operate the vehicle legally.

Chief Hussey said the teen said he knew he "had gotten close" to the car on Hull Street but did not think he had actually hit the car. The alleged incident occurred on the Cohasset side of Hull Street so Cohasset cited the teen, who lives in Brockton, for driving outside the junior operator license parameters. Hussey said the damage to the victim's car was minimal but the officer did observe that the vehicles had made contact so the teen was also cited for leaving the scene after causing property damage.

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Little Harbor sewer expansion to begin

FROM HARBOR, PAGE 1

the Mariner went to press) to discuss and vote on a recommendation for bid award. The Town Manager will make the final decision on the bid award, and then the DEP must also approve the contractor, Griffin said.

The town has received all necessary permits to move forward with the project, pending the award of the bids and approval of the contractors by the DEP, Griffin said.

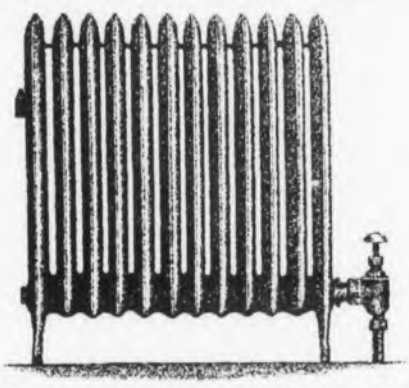
The town sewer expansion to include the Little Harbor district, an addition of 485 homes and 150,000 gallons per day, was mandated by the state through the Second Amended Final Judgment. The agreement goes all the way back to the late 70s, it was handed down by the state as a means of implementing the Clean Waters Act. In 1979, a complaint was filed alleging violation of the Act, which could have cost the town $10,000 per day in fines. As part of the settlement, the town consented to enter the Judgment.

In 1980, the town and the state agreed on the terms of the Judgment, but it was again amended in 1994 and 1997, when it became the Second Amended Judgment. It was modified again in 1998 and then, in 2006, underwent its final amendment.

"Though we are still reviewing the many bids received, it does appear that the project came in well within our project budget, so that is very good news."
— Bill Griffin, Town Manager

As a result of the Judgment, the town embarked on two sewer projects, including an expansion of the Central Sewer District and the North Cohasset sewer project, which allowed residents to tie-in to capacity at the Hull treatment facility.

The Sewer Commission plans to tackle the wastewater treatment plant upgrade as early as possible in the project. They have said previously the updates to the plant will, in addition to increasing the capacity of the plant, alleviate the overflow incidents in Jacob's Meadow and the surrounding residences.



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Navy veteran to help local veterans

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"I want to help them navigate bureaucracy and get what they are entitled to from the federal and state government," said Jackson.

Jackson is a longtime Cohasset resident. He graduated from Cohasset High School in 1966 then went on to graduate from the University of Virginia in 1970 with a bachelor of arts in foreign affairs. In 1978, he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from Northeastern University in criminal justice. He served four years on active duty in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. After his active duty he joined the Naval Reserves, until his retirement with the rank of captain in 2000.

In addition, Jackson served on the Cohasset Police force for 26 years until he retired from his position of Police Chief in 2004.

Jackson has wasted no time getting his feet wet. He has already received phone calls from veterans seeking assistance. The first annual V-8 Veterans Summit held in Hingham on June 25 gave Jackson the opportunity to get some points of contact and hear about some of the issues facing veterans today.

"It was very worthwhile," noted Jackson.

Town Manager Bill Griffin announced his appointment of Jackson at the June 18 meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

"I am very confident that Mr. Jackson will represent the needs and interests of Cohasset veterans in his capacity of director," stated Griffin in a memo to the Selectmen. In accordance to the Town Manager Act, the Board of Selectmen had 15 days to reject Griffin's appointment, however, the Selectmen unanimously waived that right on their June 18 meeting.

"I want veterans to feel comfortable coming to me for help."
— Robert Jackson, veterans agent

"I was impressed with Bob's commitment to serve the needs of Cohasset veterans and to be available on an as needed basis to provide them guidance," said Griffin in an e-mail, who also noted Jackson was "well-respected among the veterans in the community."

As a case in point, Griffin said one of the other applicants told him during the interview process that if Jackson had applied for the position, he would support Jackson's appointment.

Jackson is looking forward to helping Cohasset's veterans to take advantage of the state and federal benefits, whether it's for education, employment or medical assistance. He hopes to keep the process as low key and private as possible.

"I want veterans to feel comfortable coming to me for help," he said. The annual stipend for the part-time position is $1,600.

Jackson follows in the footsteps of the late Mary Jeanette Murray, Cohasset's longtime state representative, who served as veteran's agent in 2006. Murray passed away in October at the age of 81. He has long been interested in the position; he applied for the job at the time Murray was appointed in 2004.

"I thought it was something I could do to give back to the community," said Jackson.

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The hour-long recital is free of charge. It will take place regardless of weather conditions. In case of rain, the bells may be heard from parked cars. Printed programs, schedules and descriptive brochures will be distributed on the Cohasset Common, and will also be available in a stand by the courtyard of St. Stephen's Church on Highland Avenue extension. Listeners are invited to bring chairs, blankets and picnics to the common or the church courtyard. Following the recital, visitors will be welcome to climb the tower for a demonstration of the instrument, and to view the bells.

For more information, call St. Stephen's Church at 781-383-1083 weekdays between 9 a.m. and noon; St. Stephen's Church carillonneur Sally Slade Warner at 978-475-2599; or assistant carillonneur, Mary Kennedy at 781-383-9599.

Water bill woes

Commission vows to correct problem

By Nancy White
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The next billing cycle will be shorter to limit it to 180 days in total across two completed billing periods.

Cohasset Water users recently received their quarterly bills — the first bill to include the rate increase passed at the March 31 Annual Town Meeting. Some residents were taken aback at how much water they had used in the last quarter— and how much their bill had skyrocketed. Even with the rate increase passed a Town Meeting in late March to explain the charge increase, some households were left scratching their heads to explain the atypical usage.

But the Water Commission quickly realized the issue and has vowed to correct the affected users. In a letter to water users dated June 19, the Water Commission names a "greater than 90 day billing cycle (for the Fourth Quarter, Fiscal Year 2007 bills)" as the culprit for the skewed usage and subsequent billing issues.

The longer billing cycle resulted in approximately 350 households showing greater than 2,000 cubic feet of usage where there was otherwise no history of that volume, the letter states. As a result, the cubic feet in excess of 2,000 cubic feet was charged at the higher second tier rate.

The Water Commission's new rate structure, effective April 15, has two rate tiers. For usage less than or equal to 2,000 cubic feet per quarter, the rate is $5.16 per cubic feet. The second tier, which begins at 2,001 cubic feet per quarter, doubles the rate to $10.32 per cubic foot. This is the first billing quarter where the new rate structure has taken effect.

The Water Commission is taking measures to compensate affected residents. The next billing cycle will be shorter to limit it to 180 days in total across two completed billing periods.

"Usage and billed amount should be similarly reduced" in the upcoming quarterly bill, states the letter.

For households where usage exceeding 2,000 cubic feet was not typical, residents will see a credit for the difference on their next quarterly bill. The shorter quarterly cycle should "even out" residents' bills.

"Our goal is to have 90 days in a quarter to the greatest extent possible," says Water Commissioner Nathaniel Palmer, but when a labor-intensive, time consuming process is involved it doesn't always go to plan.

The process was delayed this quarter due to insufficient help for the meter reading process, which Water Commissioner John McNabb says the Water Commission was not aware of at the time. The issue is not expected to occur again, according to the letter.

The water quarterly billing cycles roughly run from February to April, May to July, August to October, November to January. Although different households will have different start and end dates for the quarter, all water bills are sent out on the same day, says Palmer.

Although Town Meeting voted to authorize the water rate increase effective as of April 15, 2007, the rate is applicable for the entire billable quarter.

"The rate applies to the date of the bill, not the date of usage," says Palmer. The reason being it would be impossible for the Water Department to determine how many gallons were used previous to April 15 and how many were used after the effective date, Palmer says. Water users should have also noticed a new line item on the bills—the fire protection charge, which for most residences is $15 per quarter.

Residents concerned with any aspect of their bills, or if they have questions about their water service are encouraged to notify the Water Department at (781) 383-0057

"People don't realize how seriously we take their concerns," says Palmer.

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GREAT FOURTH

Hey Cohasset, I hope everyone has had a wonderful Fourth of July week and enjoyed the holiday in whatever way you celebrated. The parades were wonderful, weather sort of held off and fun was had in celebration with fireworks, family and friends. The summer now seems to go in a super fast mode so make sure to enjoy it!

TRIPLE WINNER

Congratulations go out to all the winners of the Cohasset Little League Calendar Drawing for the month of June, especially to **Wayne Robbins** as he won not once but three times, including the final drawing of $1000. All of the winners and players are smiling, great job by all.

HARRY POTTER

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, celebrates the release of "Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows" by J.K. Rowling on July 21 with a party on Fri., July 20 at 10 p.m. Many wonderful and magical events are planned for the evening. A substitute teacher for the Care of Magical Creatures will be available with some of her favorite Hogwarts pets: a Great Horned Owl, a Screech Owl, a Black Rat Snake, a toad and a rat. Other party plans include Harry Potter Trivia and Crossword, the showing of a Harry potter movie, activities, raffles, and arts and crafts. Light refreshments will be served. We invite everyone to come in costume. Buttonwood is offering a 20 percent discount off the cover price of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows". Books purchased in advance will receive a ticket that will determine book distribution at 12:01 AM. An adult must accompany all children. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Please call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com to order your copy if unable to attend.

LOCKS OF LOVE

Christine Guinee of Cohasset recently had her hair cut and donated her ponytail to the Locks of Love Foundation in Lake Worth, Florida. The web address is www.locksoflove.org This is the third time Christine has donated her hair to this wonderful organization. The Foundation requires the hair to be at least 10 inches long (this year, the hairdresser cut 13 inches)! It takes an average of 3-4 hair donations to make just one wig for a child going through chemotherapy treatments. Christine is 10 years old and a student at Deer Hill School entering fifth grade in September. She is always so excited when her hair is long enough to cut and send it to Locks of Love. She is a member of the Cohasset Swim Team and said that it was so easy to put her swim cap on this week now that her hair is so short! This was wonderful news Christine and you should be so proud as we know your family and friends are.



Christine Guinee shows off the ponytail she donated to Locks of Love, a non-profit organization that helps children with medical hair loss. This is the third time Christine has donated her hair to Locks of Love.

PHYSICS STAR

Congratulations to **Timothy Smith** from here in Cohasset, a 2007 graduate of Boston High School, recently won a special award at Senior Class Night, an evening set aside to celebrate and reward its seniors. Timothy won an Excellence Award in Physics, naming him best in his class. Super work!



Timothy Smith was tops in his class in physics at BC High.

MUSICAL

Something that will be fun for all and is coming up very soon is the Cohasset Dramatic Club's performances of Disney's "High School Musical" in conjunction with the Cohasset Recreation Department. The dates are July 20 at 10 am and 7:30 pm, July 21 at 7:30 pm and July 22 at 2 pm. The show is going to be held at Cohasset Middle-High School at 143 Pond St. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased in advance at Buttonwood Books, Front Street Books in Scituate Harbor or by calling 617-697-2115. You may also purchase tickets at the door. Grab family and friends and come to one musical and wonderful event that everyone will enjoy!

HATS ON DISPLAY

Check out the Historical Society's summer hat exhibit located at the Pratt Building and is open Monday thru Friday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sixty hats are on exhibit spanning from the 1860s to the 1960s. It is a fascinating display and worth the time to go and visit.

That is all for this week. All news should be sent in no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm.

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LIBRARY CORNER

Meet author of legal thriller

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information or to sign up for classes, call 781-383-1348 or visit gwalsh@ocln.org.

Author Visit – Mark your calendars for 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 11, for a special visit from author David Hosp, who will appear courtesy of Buttonwood Books, to talk about his latest book "Innocence," his third legal thriller, which will be released this summer. Be one of the first to purchase and have the book signed by the author at this special free event. Light refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Great Decisions Group – The Paul Pratt Library will host the Great Decisions reading discussion group this fall. Developed by the Foreign Policy Association, this free study group aims to discuss, debate and learn about foreign policy issues. The program is designed to encourage debate and discussion of the important global issues of our time. The group will meet Sundays at the library beginning Sept. 9, for approximately eight weeks. A Briefing Book will be distributed in August for registered participants. To register, call or visit the library or visit cohassetlibrary.org and click on Calendar. Click on the September calendar, then click on Sept. 9 Limited to 15 participants.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film, "Mother of Mine," at 6 p.m., Thursday, July 19, in the Meeting Room. Light refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library. Free admission.

Yard Sale Benefit – The Sunrise Assisted Living Facility in Cohasset will host a yard sale and family fun day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, July 14, to benefit the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Funds raised will benefit the library's outreach program. Donations of gently used items, which are greatly appreciated, can be dropped off between Monday, July 9 and Friday, July 13, at Sunrise of Cohasset, 125 King St., Cohasset.

FOR CHILDREN

Magic Show – Catch the Beat at your library with a magic show performed by Scott Jameson at 6 p.m., Tuesday, July 10 in the Meeting Room. All ages welcome. Space is limited. A book raffle begins at 6:55 p.m. Generously funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

MamaSteph – Music for young children. Meets at 10:30 a.m., Mondays, July 9, 16, 23 and 30, in the Story Room. Come sing and dance, all ages and communities welcome. No registration required. Funded by Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Puzzle Club – For grades three and up. Meets from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Mondays, July 9, 16, 23, 30 and Aug. 6, in the Story Room. Many new puzzles. Registration is not required. Prompt pick up is expected. Funded by Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Chess Club – For experienced chess players in grade 3 and up. Meets from 3 to 4:30 p.m., Wednesdays, July 11, 18, 25 and Aug. 1 and 8, in the Story Room. Bring your chess board and your best strategies. To register on-line, go to www.cohassetlibrary.org. Click calendar, click July 11 and fill out the registration form. Funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library. For information, call Mrs. Moody at 781-383-1348, ext. 3 or e-mail smoody@ocln.org.

Story & Craft – Story & Craft is a four-week program for Cohasset residents ages 3 to 6. Each week a theme is explored through literature, music, and craft. Held Thursdays, July 19 and 26, and Aug. 2 and 9. Sign up for Story & Craft for either 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m. Registration can be by telephone, in person or on line. To register on line, go to cohassetlibrary.org, click on calendar, click on July 19, either a.m. or p.m. Fill in the form with child's name and age, telephone number and e-mail address. For information, call Mrs. Moody at 781-383-1348, ext. 3 or e-mail smoody@ocln.org.

Decorating Contest – Catch the Beat at your library by decorating a peacock or parrot using markers, glitter, beads, pipe cleaners, tissue paper and things found in nature to create a totally new bird that reflects your personality. Templates are on Mrs. Moody's desk. Winners in all age groups. Contest ends Friday, Aug. 3. Winners will be called.

Music Contest – Catch the Beat at your library by writing new words to "Yankee Doodle Dandy." The words should reflect how you feel about or how you interpret the Catch the Beat at your Library program. This contest is open to all students. Leave your songs in the contest basket on Mrs. Moody's desk. Winners in all age groups. Contest ends Friday, Aug. 3.





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BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Students celebrate trees with songs

The Annual Arbor Day Celebrations were held recently at Osgood and Deer Hill schools. The children assembled with their teachers outside the school and began the program with the Pledge of Allegiance and a beautiful rendition of the opening song, "All American You and Me."

The children then quietly listened as Principal Janet Sheehan welcomed their parents and friends to the celebration. Sheehan spoke about the importance of Arbor Day and introduced guest speaker, Mary Eisenhaure, the President of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset. Eisenhaure introduced a giant "Treeture," who paid a special visit to Cohasset for the day. The "Treeture," played by Garden Club member, Judy Dickstein magically appeared after the children chanted in unison the words "plant a tree!"

The children were asked if they knew why they thought trees were so important, to which one child thoughtfully replied "because they relieve stress!" Eisenhaure explained that in lieu of planting a tree at the Osgood, the Community Garden Club donated a Donald Wyman Crabapple tree, which has been planted in the Deer Hill courtyard to replace an older tree that died last winter.

The program also included a special tribute and fond farewell to Mrs. Jeanne Free, who retired in June after 24 years of dedicated service in Cohasset.

To close the program, the children performed a wonderful medley of songs. All in all, the celebration was as the second grade proclaimed in song, "A Perfect Summer Day."



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Junior Gardeners of the Community Garden Club stand in front of the new crabapple tree



PHOTO/AMY OSTEN

The "Treeture," played by Community Garden Club member, Judy Dickstein, magically appeared after the children chanted in unison the words "plant a tree!"



PHOTO/AMY OSTEN

Lydia Vigneau and Samantha Kehoe sing "All American, You and Me" at the beginning of the program.



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Front row, from left, Brian Doyle and Jimmy Norton, and back row, Thomas Guinee, Cal Osten and Will Greer, sing during the Arbor Day celebration sponsored by the Community Garden Club.

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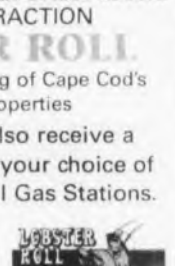
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EDITORIAL

Neighborhood watch

Cohasset is off the beaten path, which could explain why our town has not seen the number of housebreaks and car break-ins that have plagued neighboring towns, like Hingham.

But no matter how "tucked away" Cohasset is, it is not immune to crime and did experience a recent "breaking and entering" in the nighttime on Beechwood Street when the residents were at home, asleep.

Home invasions of any type are upsetting and can leave the residents feeling violated, afraid, and angry. But brazen thieves entering homes at night when people are sleeping are the most frightening because of the potential for a confrontation with the homeowner or homeowner's family.

Therefore, it is critically important for residents to report anything that is out of the ordinary to the police — even the sound of a dog barking if that is unusual for the time of day or night.

As citizens, sometimes we hesitate to call police because we do not want to bother them and think perhaps what we have observed is really nothing at all.

However, police will tell you right away that they are paid to be bothered by concerned citizens. In fact tips from members of the public – who can be the eyes and ears for police when they are not there — can help stop crimes ranging from drunk drivers to potential burglaries.

A cell caller alerted police to an erratic driver last week who turned out to be operating without a license, an "arrestable" offense.

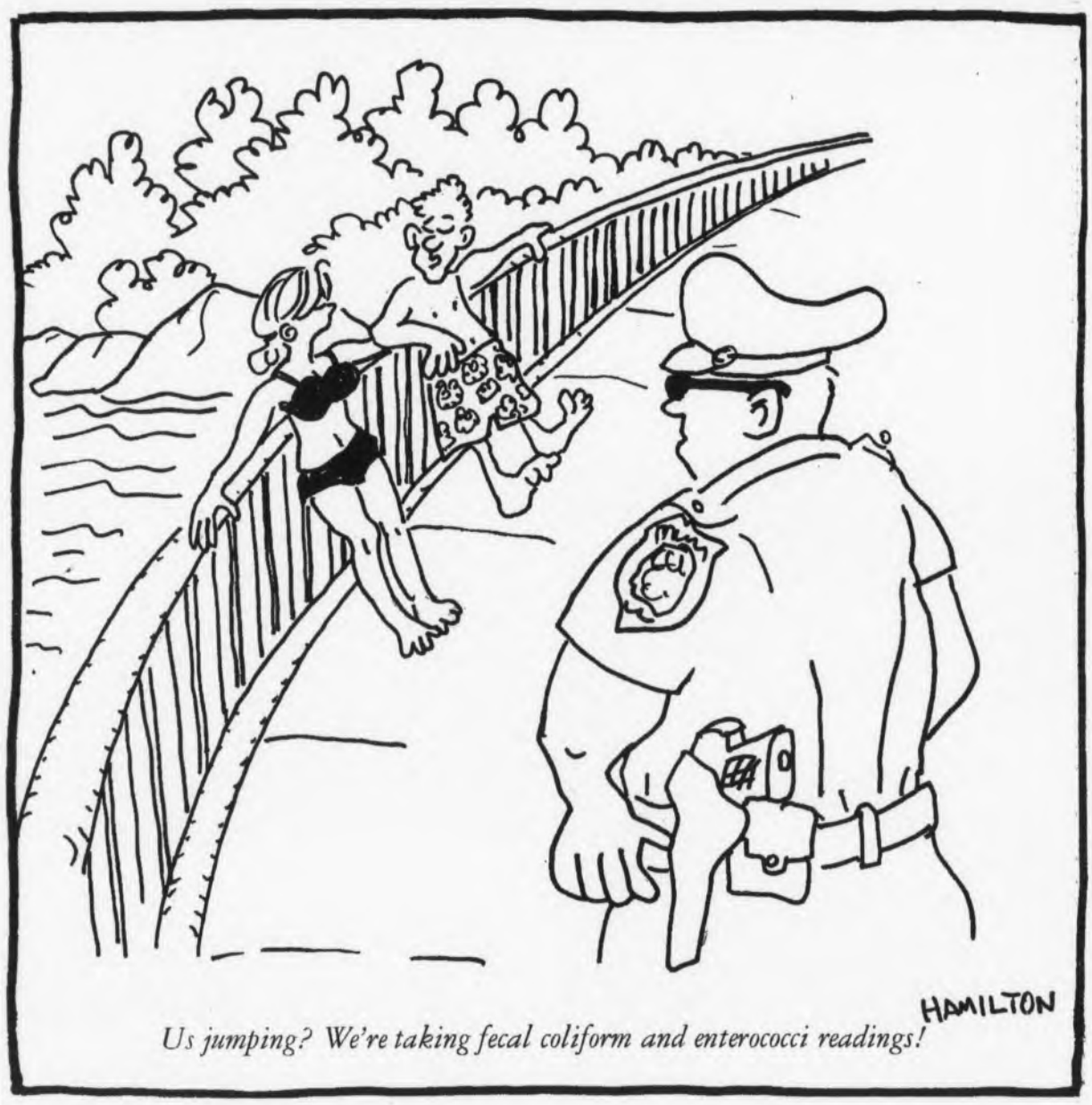
This past week in Hingham, two residents in separate incidents alerted police to the unusual. At 1:40 a.m., one saw two young people enter her neighbor's open garage and open the car door; the other resident called dispatch at 3:30 a.m. after hearing a car alarm sounding and witnessing two youths running down the street. Both incidents were reported in the middle of the night and the witnesses provided police with as much detail as possible.

Sadly the suspects in these crimes were not out-of-towners but were all "home grown" teenagers from Hingham and Cohasset. In both cases these youths are now facing the serious felony charges of breaking and entering in the nighttime and receiving stolen property.

As a deterrent against a potential burglary, we all also need to lock our cars and lock our doors and windows, even when we are at home. If it is hot, there are devices sold at hardware stores that allow a window to be open partway but will not allow it to be opened wide enough for someone to crawl through.

Feeling safe at home is key to our quality of life. We should not be lulled into a false sense of security because we live in such a beautiful, quiet town.

We have a highly trained and dedicated police force ready to help. Give police a call if you see or hear something and provide as much information as you can. It is a good way to keep drunk drivers off our roads and thieves out of our neighborhoods.



Us jumping? We're taking fecal coliform and enterococci readings!

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Board of Health, July 23, 7 p.m.

Cable Advisory Committee, July 19 & July 26, 7:30 p.m.

Cohasset Housing Partnership, July 19, 7 p.m.

Elder Affairs, July 9, at 9 a.m., 3 N. Main St.

Harbor Committee, July 10, 7 p.m.

Harbor Health Committee, June 25, at 7:30 p.m.

Housing Authority, July 10, 1 p.m., 60 Elm St.

Library Trustees, July 11, at 7 p.m. at the library.

Planning Board, July 11, 7 p.m.

School Committee, July 23, 7 p.m., at the high school.

Selectmen, July 9 & 23, 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, June 29, at 11 a.m.

Stormwater Committee, July 10 & 24, 7 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, July 10, at 7:30 p.m.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cohasset Police Association treats our seniors!

On behalf of the Board of Cohasset Elder Affairs and Cohasset's Senior Citizens, I would like to thank the Cohasset Policemen's Association for the wonderful First Annual Father's Day Cook-out that they hosted at the Senior Center on June 12.

Starting at 7:30 a.m. with Lisa Matos (arriving in a truck) the fun began. Food was unloaded, the grill arrived and at noontime more than 70 seniors were provided with a delicious and abundant meal. Our policemen/women cooked, served and cleaned smiling all the while. Tom Wigmore and Jim Armstrong could be professional chefs.

A highlight for all of us was when Chief Hussey introduced officers and gave a brief biography and told us their position in the department. One senior was heard to say — "I feel so safe."

Our thanks also to Diane Kennedy and the members of the Cohasset Cultural Council for awarding CEA a grant which allowed us to present professional actor, Richard Clark, in performing, "And Now — Mark Twain" following the delightful lunch. All who attended had a wonderful time. It was also great to have so many of the Chanticleers and Old Goats in attendance.

As I am completing my first year as the Director of Cohasset Elder Affairs, I would like to thank every community agency and in particular, the South Shore Playhouse Associates, for your wonderful support of our seniors. This is a small town filled with people with large hearts.

Linda Elworthy
Director of Cohasset Elder Affairs.

Changes that matter are the hardest

TOWARD A SUSTAINABLE COHASSET

JoAnn Mirise

There is tremendous discomfort involved in breaking old ways, which are often rooted in habit, convenience and entitlement.

A number of years ago I signed my parents up for a fruit-of-the-month club as a gift for Christmas. I got a call one late spring day from my mother who wanted some advice on how to eat a papaya, a fruit she had never tried before. She grew up during a time when people ate what they could grow nearby, so trying food from far away places quite often made her suspect.

I suggested a drizzle of lime and a sprinkle of salt, and wished her luck. I later found out she invited the neighbor ladies, also new to papaya, over for a sample. It seemed that trying out the unknown was better done with friends.

These were the same ladies with whom, over the years, my mother shared many a kitchen table conversation as my sisters and I listened in. Laughter filled the table. Food was shared. Stories were told of the ups and downs of life. Tips on gardening, cooking and canning were weaved in along the way. I wouldn't know it then, but these are some of my most memorable and comforting experiences.

For a long time, I never quite understood why some people, especially those from my parent's and grandparent's generation, never ventured far from their local influences and simple ways. As for me, I couldn't get far enough away in order to try new things. The reason, I now realize was simply because I could, and they couldn't.

It seems unreal to think it has only been about 40 years since refrigeration, agribusiness, the national highway system, and air travel blurred the natural boundaries of geography and culture. Also during this time, the economy flourished due to unrenewable cheap energy (oil), and established a massive middle class that could take advantage of these once excessively expensive options. And take advantage we do. In fact, it seems it's what we do better than any other nation, to the point that we now mentor emerging countries in our shortsighted, unsustainable ways.

People often ask me what it is that we can do to make the biggest impact on improving our world and protecting our environment. Without hesitation I answer "Live more locally." By choosing to live, work, shop and run our daily life closer to where we call hcome, we can deeply effect the rate at which we are using up our natural resources and contributing to global warming.

With the single initiative of living locally we directly address two of the biggest areas of environmental offense and energy overconsumption, which are transportation and agriculture. And at the same time we can precipitate positive changes in so many other areas such as community, local economy and personal health.

As much as I am all for the incremental changes we are trying to incorporate into our lives such as replacing our light bulbs, driving hybrids, carrying reusable bags, buying Energy Star appliances etc., I would be failing as a steward of this movement if I suggested this was even close to enough. Trying to "green" our current system of growth-at-any-cost and rampant consumerism only perpetuates the problem. We should be envisioning alternatives that don't have the same liabilities. One of my favorite quotes from a popular writer on energy topics is "Would the USA be a better place if we could run Wal-Mart and Las Vegas on wind power? I don't think so."

But the big changes that really matter are the hardest ones to implement. There is tremendous discomfort involved in breaking

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Street work at Lower King finishing up

MAKING TRACKS

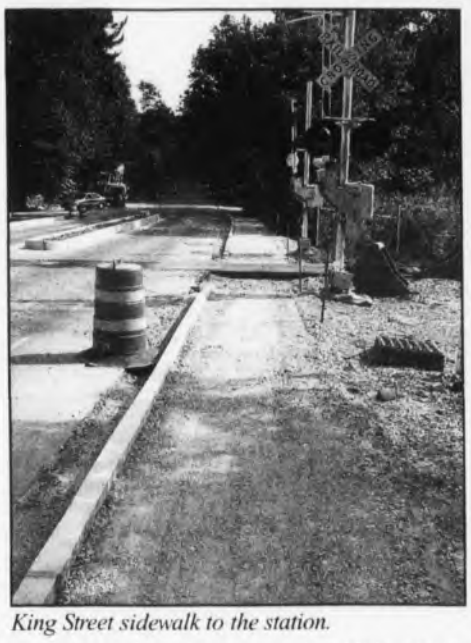
TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Greenbush – CBB should be finishing up the street work at Lower King Street shortly. The new traffic light is poised for operation and the preparation for sidewalks at the Forest/Main/King intersection is complete. The MBTA is constructing (at our expense) the portion of sidewalk from the Forest/Main intersection across the tracks, including a special pedestrian crossing, to Laugelle Lane. This fall, the Town will be constructing the remainder of the sidewalk to the station.

We have spoken several times about the bicycle hazard at the North Main Street railroad crossing near Woodside Cemetery. Due to the shallow angle of the road to the tracks, the flange way (the groove in the crossing that accommodates the flanges on the train wheels) captures the skinny bike tires and generally causes bikes to stop instantly and possibly flip the rider over the handlebars. As you can imagine this is a serious danger for bike riders. There have been numerous bike accidents here, even with the large illuminated warning signs no either side of the crossing. We suppose that the reason the signage is not effective is that bike riders tend to ride with their heads down. One resident has added a bit of local flavor with their own sign posted at the crossing.

Work continues at the station with lots more to be done. We have added a photo of the view up the ramp that will lead from the parking lot to the station platform. Due to the fact that there is a vernal pool right in front of the platform, the walk from the edge of the parking lot to the platform will be fairly lengthy to go around the vernal pool. The ramp in the photo is on the platform side of the vernal pool and connects the platform it o the parking lot sidewalk.

At Beechwood Street, the Water Department is working to upgrade the water lines. It is unfortunate that they must tear up the new MBTA paving. But, we also just found out that there may be a problem with the MBTA's work at the cross-



King Street sidewalk to the station.

ing that could require them to do additional digging as well. So, look for quite a bit more construction at this crossing.

Revitalization – Near Flemings on the edge of Elm Street there are two electric poles. One is a new pole and the other the old one that needs to be removed. But, there is a rub. If you look up at the top of the old pole you will see lots of equipment mounted there. What you are looking at are three transformers that are used exclusively to provide the electrical power for Tedeschi's. These transformers need to be moved from the old pole to the new pole, before the old pole can be removed. But, cutting the power off to Tedeschi's during business hours "is not a good thing." So, we have worked with the power company and they will make the change-over next Friday, July 6th at 11p.m. That way, no customers will be inconvenienced and all the refrigerator doors will be closed, maintaining the internal temperature and protecting Tedeschi's inventory.



Station ramp under construction.



New unofficial warning sign at the Woodside grade crossing.

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Mentioning the unmentionables

THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT

DIANE K. DANIELSON



However, there's just something so un-La Perla about bidding for "unmentionables" on an auction site...

Did you know that you could buy underwear on eBay? This was news to me until I discovered that the only place to find my all-time favorite, now-discontinued line of "unmentionables" was from an eBay retailer. The thought of having to actually find something new was daunting, and that was how I found myself surfing the web in hopes of discovering some store with a leftover cache.

Now, I'm a reluctant shopper in general and would've put the whole endeavor off longer, but my mother was adamant that if I ever got in an accident, I wouldn't want anyone to see the sad, sad state of my undergarments. Frankly, I used to not care; but on my last trip to the emergency room straight from the soccer field, I found I was less worried about my knee than the fact that the cute ER doc had to touch my unshaved leg.

Unfortunately, my joy at getting some hits on Google for the right make and model was short-lived when the only available options were on eBay. Now, I know that eBay features actual retailers and that it's not always used stuff. However, there's just something so un-La Perla about bidding for "unmentionables" on an auction site. It's not only one gigantic step below the Victoria Secret's clearance sale catalog; but it feels too personal, as if somebody is literally going through their underwear drawer and mailing it to me. Now it might not bother most people, but the only underwear I want to touch besides mine would be those owned by people I've given birth to, and even then it's questionable on occasion.

So, while I was trying to decide whether I should bid, I was interrupted by an important call concerning someone else's "unmentionables." Apparently, one of my single mom friends, upon her daughter's return from a visit with her father, had found an extra piece of clothing in her child's suitcase: a pair of female underwear (adult-sized) that must have gotten mixed up in the wash. (Note to friend: ex-husband does get extra credit for actually sending the child home with clean laundry!)

"Granny panty or thong?" This was my first question.

"Granny, definitely Granny."

"Size?"

"Larger than mine," replied my very relieved friend.

Now, my first reaction, which is not always my most mature one, was to mail it back to her ex with a note enclosed saying, "I see London, I see France, I've seen your girlfriend's underpants." Fortunately for my friend, we were able to convene a few more single parents to discuss other alternatives. We dismissed selling it on eBay (yet another suggestion from Yours Truly); or sending the child back with a leopard-print thong in her suitcase. We all agreed that it violates all single parenthood ethics to ever use your child as a go-between for anything (Note to Alec Baldwin: this includes misplaced anger, too!). Besides, the new girlfriend was probably not worth the price of a good piece of lingerie. My friend ultimately decided to simply throw the panties out and make no mention of them.

Her reasoning? Retaliation in any form is short-lived, but taking the high road will mean that from this point forward, whenever she gets annoyed with her ex, she would have the solace of knowing that her replacement wears granny panties in a size larger than her. As for me, I hope that given the same circumstances I, too, would choose the high road; but in the meantime, I'm still here waiting to see if I'm the highest bid on eBay. Just in the off chance that I ever run in to that cute ER doc again.

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HEALTH NOTES

Increasing awareness about skin cancer

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Five years ago in July, Health Notes ran a column on skin cancer. It contained a quiz asking questions about your risk factors for getting skin cancer and assigning scores for the answers; factors like hair and eye color, whether you had freckles, do you have an inside or outside job. The intent was to demonstrate that some people are more susceptible to skin cancer than others. Generally those who are more susceptib1e: spend a lot of time in the sun or have been sunburned; have light-colored skin, hair and eyes; have a family member with skin cancer; or are over age 50.

Over the 5 years since our last report, statistics on the war against skin cancer have changed:

- Expected deaths from skin cancer in 2002 were 9600; in 2007, 8110
- New cases of invasive melanoma expected in 2002 were 53,000; in 2007, 108,230

The figures tell us two things: that more people are getting the message about skin cancer, and that it's possible to reduce mortality if the symptoms are recognized and early treatment obtained. A third fact: after age *50,* many parts of the human body don't work as well, including the skin in its role as a protection from sun. Therefore checks are required more often.

Exposure to ultraviolet radiation of the sun is the most important factor in determining a person's risk of skin cancer. Persons susceptible to moles or brown spots, may have a predisposition

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to melanoma or mole cancer, the most serious form of skin cancer. Suspicious moles can be observed using:

The "ABCD" of dangerous mole detection:

- Asymmetry - The shape of one half does not match the other
- Border - Edges are often ragged, notched, blurred or irregular in outline
- Color - The color is uneven. Shades of black, brown and tan may be present
- Diameter - There is a change in size, usually an increase.

Experienced skin specialists may be able to distinguish moles, which are precursors to cancer, and those with light skin and hair or other risk factors may want to be checked. Those with few risk factors may only need to get regular checkups from their doctor.

In 2002, we also used sunscreen differently. Then, Sun Protection Factor (the SPF on the label) of 30 was recommended. Increasingly, with the increase in melanoma, sunscreens have improved and the available SPF numbers have gone higher. Now 45 is not uncommon if unattractive when applied. Accordingly, sunless tanning has become popular and lotions are being sold as more effective and safer in creating a tanned look than staying out in the dangerous old sun. The problem is that most people are exposed to the sun and without the protection of a reasonably high SPF number, they are at some risk. A recent survey has found that, although sunless tanning lotions will give one a tan lasting about a week, any sun blockage within the lotion itself only lasts until the next showerbath or water immersion. Moreover, less than half of these sunless tanners profess to have any blockage at all. And only a fraction of them contain an SPF number. The Food and Drug Administration has mandated that sun-tanning preparations containing no sunscreen have a warning label. Response to such labeling has been spotty. Either the warning was not present or the label was almost invisible and only a few more than half even complied. And so the trend has been to go with a more potent blocker, but to use it less frequently, or to use a skin dye and hope for a miracle.

Some things change and some don't: In 2002, Dr. Kenneth Reed, a local dermatologist spoke about sunscreen. His recommendation: Use SPF 30, and everybody, especially children, will have less risk later on in life if the first application is rubbed in at least 15 minutes before going outside and reapplied every few hours if they are sweating or swimming. Good advice today.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

No respite from Paris

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I first heard of Paris Hilton a few years ago when a friend of mine told me she and her boy friend du jour were performing on a sex tape that was playing the Internet circuit and I'd better get cracking and critique it before it wore out. The tape, not Paris.

I did and, as one who has been known to surf Cinemax in the early morning hours for a Shannon Tweed marathon, frankly I was disappointed. The notorious Paris Hilton sex tape would never win an Academy Award. Unless, of course, Larry Flynt was on the voting panel.

Since then, I don't recall picking up a newspaper or a magazine or tuning in to CNN or the Fox Channel without seeing Paris — fully clothed, well, partly — acting (?) with Nicole Ritchie in "The Simple Life," or doing whatever it is that the beautiful people do when they have too much booze, money and time on their hands.

I thought I was going to have a respite from Paris when she went into the slammer and managed to smuggle word out to Barbara Walters that she had found God and was turning her life around, all the little things that prisoners read from cue cards after the cell door closes behind them.

Barbara thought she had locked up the first interview with Paris after she left the joint but the ex-con fooled Babs as well as Dianne Sawyer and Greta Van Whatshername by appearing on CNN to answer the penetrating questions of Larry King.

"The whole thing somehow was beneath me," sniffed Barbara.

I don't usually watch Larry King because most of the time there is something pretty good on HBO at 9 o'clock but this time I did because I felt the need to learn how Paris found God when she and the Deity are not known to hang out in the same places, also I wanted to hear her voice, the sex tape lacking audio.

I knew the interview was going to be good, if not necessarily accurate, when Paris described the prison strip search as "the most humiliating experience of my life. Doing that in front to someone you don't even know. It's pretty embarrassing." At another point in the interview, Paris, whose 23 days in the slam grew out of a conviction for driving under the influence, told Larry with a straight face that she never uses drugs, doesn't drink a lot and really shouldn't be tagged with the party girl label. Larry appeared to be too stunned to ask a follow up the question.

About a half hour into the interview, I sensed that Larry had used up all the questions he had planned and was now winging it. "A couple more segments to go," he said to no one in particular. He seemed to be resisting the urge to look at his watch.

That's when I cut away to Cinemax. Maybe they were showing an old Shannon Tweed movie.

CHS Class of 2007 graduation on Our Town

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Cohasset Tri set for Sunday

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athletes must test their bodies and minds.

Simms always did a lot of running, but got into triathlons about 10 years ago. Then, "one thing led to another" and he began to train for Ironman triathlons. Now, at age 52, he doesn't plan on curbing his Ironman competitions any time soon.

"You learn about your own personal limits, it's an interesting exploration — cuts down on the psychiatric bills," Simms jokes, "it's not all masochistic suffering that crazy people do," rather it is a personal test of endurance, he says.

The Ironman race got its start on the Hawaiian island of Oahu in 1978. Now, Ironman triathlons are held all over the world. An Ironman race begins with a 2.4-mile swim, then a 112-mile bike and concludes with a 26.2- mile marathon run.

In comparison, the Cohasset Triathlon is considered a short distance triathlon at 15 miles combining the swim, bike and run legs. But the shorter distance presents it's own set of challenges to overcome and tricks an athlete can do to improve their performance.

"You can do pretty well in a triathlon if you're mediocre at all three events," says Simms, the reason being no major time is lost in any one leg. A collegiate swimmer's athleticism doesn't always translate to great runner or cyclist, he says, which may put them at a slight disadvantage. But there are ways to make up bits of time along the way.

"One of the keys to short distance triathlons is the transitions," says Simms. An expeditious transition from the beach to the bicycle could cut minutes off a total time.

Each of a triathlon's three legs requires specific equipment. Given the coolness of the water many athletes will be wearing wetsuits on Sunday morning. Before they jump on their bicycle, they will need to locate it among hundreds of other bicycles, then shed their wetsuits and put on cycling footwear. After the 12.5-mile bike, athletes return to Sandy Beach to ditch their bikes and switch to running sneakers.

"Athletes should practice their transitions, it's easy time to pay attention to," and an extra minute gained there could spell the difference between a winning and losing time, says Simms.

Transitions isn't just about equipment, athletes also need to train their bodies to run after biking. Although both activities use leg muscles, the actions and muscles used are different.

"The first time you get off the bike and get ready to run, your legs are like leadweights," Simms says. But with a little training, your body can learn to adjust to the activity transition. The athlete should come out of the swim "feeling refreshed," says Simms, "for that first leg you want to swim efficiently and conserve energy," he advises.

When in peak training mode for an upcoming Ironman, swimming, biking and running becomes like a part-time job for him. Sessions add up to about 20 hours per week. He'll swim 100 laps in the South Shore YMCA pool or head up to Walden Pond with a wetsuit. Or do double sessions of swimming in the morning and running in the evening.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Ironman triathlete Rob Simms, who will compete on Sunday, says one of the keys to short distance triathlons is the transitions and an expeditious transition from the beach to the bicycle could cut minutes off a total time.

When race day comes, Simms tries to enjoy each part of the race as he's doing it, "I think of myself as a swimmer in the water, a biker on the bike and a runner while I'm running." He only begins to look ahead to the next leg as he completes the one he's in.

"It doesn't matter if you are in the best of shape, something could go wrong," says Simms, "but that's the fun part — the uncertainty."

Of course, like in the planning of the triathlon, being well prepared for race challenges helps. Weather is always an unknown until the day of the race, but athletes can train to be able to adapt to the conditions. Getting proper hydration during a race and getting proper nourishment is a must.

For those residents tinkering with the idea of participating in next year's Cohasset Triathlon, sign up early. Registrations were full by mid-April this year — three months before the race.

"Seek out advice from people who have done it, figure out a time and place to swim. It pays to have a coach to help organize training time and exercises," he advises newcomers to the sport.

"The popularity of triathlons is exploding," says Simms, whose wife will take on the Cohasset course as her first triathlon. The Cohasset Tri was particularly appealing because of its hometown location and its charitable element — all net proceeds and sponsorships will be donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

"The Cohasset Triathlon is destined to become a classic," says Simms. With full capacity registrations in its first year, which is highly unusual, the Cohasset Triathlon is already well on its way to becoming a staple in the event calendar.

One-time bacteria spike closes beach

Black Rock beach re-opened Thursday

By Nancy White
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"Historically, this is very unusual for this site."
— Health Inspector Tara Tradd

Summer is finally here. For many that means hitting the beach for some sun and water fun. Those doing just that at Black Rock beach on Tuesday afternoon were informed the beach was closed for swimming due to high bacteria levels. However, the water was re-sampled on that same day and the count came back significantly lower and the beach was re-opened on Thursday.

"Historically, this is very unusual for this site," said Health Inspector Tara Tradd. The beach is located in North Cohasset, near Hull's Atlantic Avenue. The open water beach is typically flushed with each tide.

Tradd sampled the water on Monday and sent the sample off to G&L Labs in Quincy. The results were 116 colonies of enterococci per 100 milliliters. If tests reveal a one-time "spike" of more than 104 colonies of enterococci per 100 milliliters of water beaches are closed. Tradd immediately went to the beach to post signs and inform beachgoers of the closure. One child complained his legs were burning.

Tradd re-sampled the water on Tuesday afternoon. The results came back "great" with an enterococci reading of less than 2.

Tradd hasn't been able to determine the cause for the atypical results earlier in the week. She consulted with Hull's board of health and its beaches were fine. But she said they did not take their samples until Tuesday when Tradd did the re-sample. Scituate did not sample until Thursday morning.

"If something was going on out there Monday would have been the day," said Tradd. When taking the sample on Monday, Tradd observed a boat off the beach and it is possible its head was left open or they discharged too close to the shore, she said.

The Board of Health takes weekly samples of the waters and beaches around town. The results are posted on the Health effects related to swimming in polluted waters could include ear infections, conjunctivitis and rashes. The most common ailment is gastro-intestinal disorders, stemming from swimmers swallowing water.

For more information on beach closures, please contact the board of health at (781) 383-4116.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about this week's report, e-mail us at beaconhill@aol.com or call us at (617)720-1562.
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FOLD LOCAL PENSION SYSTEMS INTO STATE PENSION SYSTEM (H 4125)

House 134-17, approved and sent to the Senate legislation requiring the assets of 25 local and county pension systems to be folded into and managed by the state pension fund. The 25 systems do not meet the legislation's requirements to continue to operate their own systems. The bill provides for state management of any systems with earnings two percent or more lower than the state's pearcentage of return over the past ten years and which are not meeting newly-established parameters to pay off their unfunded liabilities. Current law allows but does not require all local pension systems to have a portion or all of their assets invested with the state fund. Supporters said that the legislation would increase the investment return for these underperforming local pension systems by an estimated $100 million and would lower property taxes in many of the affected communities. They noted that the $50 billion state pension fund is superbly managed and has more leverage with investment firms. They argued that these local systems would have generated an additional $700 million if they had been operated by the state over the past several years. Some opponents said that the legislation is another example of the state unnecessarily taking away power from local communities. Others noted that the proposal affects a small number of communities and would not generate sufficient extra revenue to lower property taxes. The Senate later on a voice vote, without a roll call, gave initial approval to its own version of the measure. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill requiring the assets of 25 local and county pension systems to be folded into and managed by the state pension fund. A "No" vote is against the bill).

REDUCE THE NUMBER OF LOCAL SYSTEMS FOLDED INTO THE STATE SYSTEM (H 4125) — **Present**

House 36-117, rejected an amendment that would reduce from 25 to 12 the number of local and county pension systems that would be folded into and managed by the state pension fund. The bill provides for state management of any systems with earnings two percent or more lower than the state's percentage of return over the past ten years and with funding of 65 percent or less of their unfunded liability. The amendment changes the funding formula and "captures" systems that have funded 60 percent instead of 65 percent of their unfunded state liability. Amendment supporters said that lowering this bar would allow 13 more systems to continue to run their own pension funds and not be taken over by the state. They argued that systems that are funded at 60 percent are on target and should not be punished. Amendment opponents said that the amendment waters down the bill and allows 13 underperforming systems to continue to be operated locally. They argued that the full 25 systems should be folded into the state's fund in order to generate more income and save taxpayers money. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment that would reduce from 25 to 12 the number of local and county pension systems that would be folded into and managed by the state pension fund. A "No" vote is against the reduction).

RENAME LEGISLATION "AN ACT RELATIVE TO UNDERPERFORMING PENSIONS FUNDS" (H 4125) — **Present**

House 18-133, rejected an amendment that would change the name of the pension fund legislation from "a bill to reduce the stress on local property taxes through enhanced pension fund investment" to "a bill relative to underperforming pension funds." Amendment supporters called for "truth in labeling" and said that the title of the bill is misleading and would result in voters believing that it would reduce property taxes in all cities and towns. They noted that the bill only applies to a few communities and does not even guarantee property tax relief in those communities. Amendment opponents said that this frivolous amendment is silly and is wasting the time of the House. They noted that there are more important matters to consider than this meaningless name change. (A "Yes" vote is for changing the name of the pension fund legislation to "a bill relative to underperforming pension funds." A "No" vote is against the name change).

DIVEST STATE FUNDS FROM COMPANIES CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN SUDAN (S 2255) — **Y**

Senate 36-0, approved and sent to the House a bill ordering the $50 billion state pension fund to divest itself of any investments in companies that do business in Sudan. Supporters said that this is a moral issue and urged the state not to help the Sudanese government fund its genocide campaign in Darfur that has killed up to 300,000 people and displaced up to two million from their homes. Michael Travaglini, executive director of the state's pension board, at a public hearing in March reluctantly opposed the bill. He noted that the board's main job is to maximize profits from investments but said that the board would quickly divest the funds if the proposal becomes law. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill ordering the $50 billion state pension fund to divest itself of any investments in companies that do business in Sudan).

DIVEST FROM ALL TERRORIST NATIONS (S 2255) — **Y**

Senate 8-28, rejected an amendment ordering the $50 billion state pension fund to divest itself of any corporation that does business with a government designated by the U.S. State Department as a sponsor of terrorism including Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan and Syria. The amendment does allow investments in these corporations if a majority of the treasurer's investment advisory council votes to allow it. Amendment supporters said that they support the Darfur divestment but argued that is just as important to divest funds from these four other terrorist nations. They noted that these five nations are among the most dangerous in the world and should not be rewarded by the state of Massachusetts. Some amendment opponents said that they would support the expanded divestiture but urged that the Senate wait until bills dealing separately with this expansion issue are considered later in the year. Others said that Darfur divestment comes first because there is genocide taking place. Some indicated that no research has been done to determine how much money the expanded divestiture would cost the pension fund. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment divesting the state's pension fund of any corporation that does business with the five terrorist nations. A "No" vote is against the amendment and supports only the Sudan divestiture).

DIVEST FROM IRAN (S 2255) — **Y**

Senate 7-29, rejected an amendment requiring the state's pension fund to divest its holdings in companies doing business with Iran. This restriction would be in addition to the Darfur divestiture. Amendment supporters said that Iran is the most evil nation in the world and should not receive any support from Massachusetts' pension fund. They noted that Iran is working toward developing a nuclear bomb and has threatened to destroy Israel. Amendment opponents repeated their prior arguments and urged that the Senate to wait until a bill dealing separately with the Iran issue is considered later in the year. They indicated that no research has been done to determine how much money the expanded divestiture would cost the pension fund. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment requiring the state's pension fund to divest its holdings in companies doing business with Iran. A "No" vote is against the amendment and supports only the Sudan divestiture).

ALLOW CITIES AND TOWNS TO JOIN STATE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN (S 2279) — **Y**

Senate 35-0, approved its own version of a House-approved bill allowing cities and towns to enroll their local employees in the Group Insurance Commission (GIC) - the state-operated group insurance plan. Supporters said that the bill would give local employees better coverage and a wider choice of lower cost plans that would be negotiated by the state which has increased purchasing power. They noted that it would also save cities and towns administrative costs. The House approved a different version of the bill and the Senate version now goes to the House for consideration. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill allowing cities and towns to enroll their local employees in the state-operated group insurance plan).

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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As the Society plans its summer of 2008 exhibit we need your help. Do you have a yellow polka dot bikini (or any other bathing suit that recalls the past) that you would like to donate to the Society's textile collection? If so, please contact us at 781-383-1434.

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Changes that matter are the hardest

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old ways, which are often rooted in habit, convenience and entitlement. Today at the grocery, I chose to put a lovely Forelle pear back on the shelf when I read that it came from South Africa. I wanted that delicious looking pear. But really, is a pear worth the resources it took to get the 7,800 miles to Hingham, Mass.? Think of all the spewing emissions from whatever combination of jet, container ship and truck that it took to make the trip.

I chose to put back the pear. I witness people making these types of choices every day. If we all made these choices together, with intention and consistency, we might actually have a chance of protecting our ability to choose at all.

JoAnn Mirise lives and works in Cohasset, and tries to run the rest of her life nearby. This article is part one of a two-part article on living locally.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Moravec, 100 Pond St., U-52, $16,500, remodel bathroom; Mcelhinney, 145 Fairoaks Lane, $7,000, new deck; DiPaolo, 43 Pond St., $43,000, replace windows and doors, renovate family room and kitchen; Avotins, 274 Forest Ave., $68,000, complete remodeling of kitchen and bath; Mastromarino, 52 Fairoaks Lane, $12,000, demolish bathroom and rebuild; Giles, 43 Reservoir Road, $9,874, replace windows; Griffin, 43 Elm Court, $2,500, sheetrock basement ceiling;

Fernald, 350 Forest Ave., $9,574, replace windows; Wilson, 39 Bancroft Road, $4,889, replace windows; Clark, 262 Jerusalem Road, $5,000, 4 sq. sidewall, scrape and prime, second floor window; Duckwalk Realty/Lipsett, 85 Elm St., $4,600, 6 sq. sidewall, repair and replace sofits/fascia; Kard, 18 Little Harbor, $5,000, demolish existing house; Fusco, 4 Surrey Drive, $60,000, add 14 by 24 foot family room as per plans; Gregory, 600 Jerusalem Road, $10,000, gut garage due to fire damage;

McElgunn, 306 Fairoaks, $8,500, 14 sq. asphalt roofing; Babka, 258 Forest Ave., $25,000, remodel existing space to provide for full bath; Pond St. LLC, 63 Windy Hill, $7,000, add 12 by 15 foot sun room, 11 by 22 foot deck, two baths and a new kitchen; Corcoran, 301 King St., $18,000, roofing and siding and Prescott, 150 Pond St., $12,000, replace windows and front door.

La Leche League to meet July 10

Attention pregnant and breastfeeding mothers: La Leche League will hold a meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 10, in the Hingham Public Library at 66 Leavitt St. in Hingham. The discussion topics are "The Art of Breastfeeding," "Avoiding Difficulties" and "Nutrition & Weaning."

La Leche League is a non-profit international organization, which offers information, education and support for breastfeeding and parenting. Meetings are free. Pregnant and nursing mothers are encouraged to attend. Babies are always welcome.

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Taking a step back

MIAA to move softball pitching rubber 3 feet back for next season

By Nick French
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Now that the high school softball season is over many kids will put the gloves and bats away until next spring, but for the pitchers of local high school teams it is time to get to work on a new challenge.

Last month the MIAA voted to move the pitching rubber back three feet, from 40 to 43 feet, in an effort to improve safety for the pitchers.

The distance at the collegiate level is 43 feet, and every summer there are high school seniors who go to work in preparing for the extra three feet.

Five years ago Abington's Kaitlyn Gambino was an all-scholastic hurler who was preparing for a career at Bridgewater State. She said the extra three feet wasn't as big an adjustment as she thought it would be, but it required a lot more work.

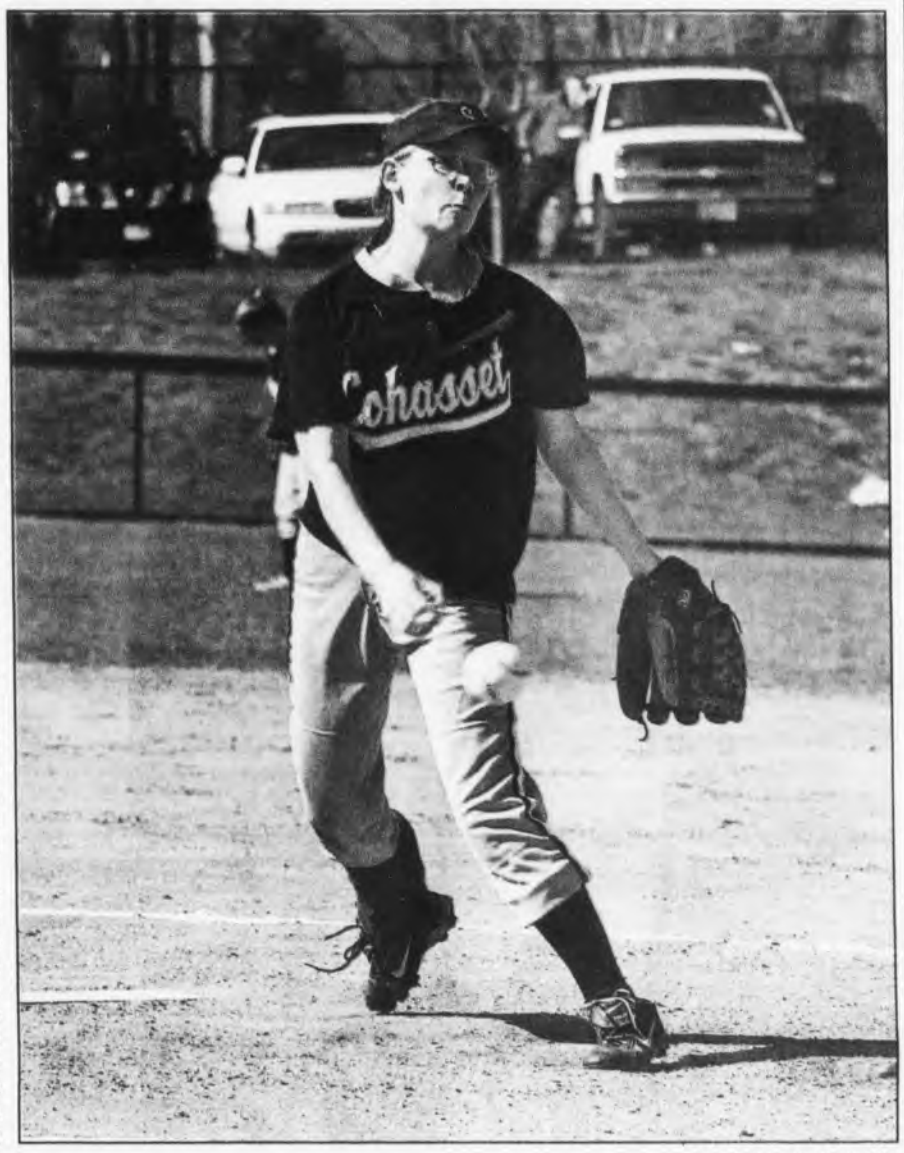
As a high school pitcher she said she pitched a lot with her upper body, but learned how to use her legs more in preparing for the longer distance, she threw and ran five times a week the summer before college, but it paid off as she was the conference rookie of the year as a freshman, leading the league in ERA and wins, while earning first team all-conference honors.

"Going from 40 to 43 feet was an adjustment but it wasn't as bad as I anticipated. I ended up not minding the 43 feet," she said.

Today she is a pitching instructor on the South Shore, and will be directly involved with a lot of girls who will be making the adjustment on the high school level.

She says many girls have the same problem she did in high school, not using their legs enough, which can cause injury.

"I teach about 30 different girls right now and a lot of them come to me not knowing how to correctly use their lower half to gain power. I do a lot of drills with my girls now that I learned in college. If they start at an early age using their legs with a pitch they are going to save their rotator cuff," she said.



FILE PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Cohasset's Virginia Spofford pitches to a Carver opponent during a game this spring. Beginning next season, the high school softball pitching rubber will move back from 40 to 43 feet away from home plate.

"You are not going to see scores go from 1-0 to 10-8. You might see a pitchers duel at 3-2 but the pitchers will still have all the control of the game from 43 feet away."

Rich Paulhus, Framingham State head softball coach

In 1985 the NCAA decided to move the pitching rubber from 40 to 43 feet to promote more offense, not safety purposes. It's still a pitching dominant game, and was for a long time, but the offenses are starting to catch up.

"You are not going to see scores go from 1-0 to 10-8. You might see a pitchers duel at 3-2 but the pitchers will still have all the control of the game from 43 feet away," Framingham St. head softball coach Rich Paulhus said. "I think there will be some advantage to pitchers who can throw everything. The extra distance will help move their pitches (drops, curves, rises). The kids who rely on just a 40 feet fastball will need to work harder and develop.

Most of the breaking pitches, such as the drop, the curve, and the rise will move more with the extra three feet, because of the spin on the ball, so the consensus among most is that the being a well rounded pitcher who has multiple pitches to go to will give a pitcher the best chance to succeed from the further distance.

There's no doubt the college coaches in the area are a little happier about the rule. Bringing in a Massachusetts high school pitcher to a Division II or III school will make for an easier transition to the college game, and during the recruiting process they'll be able to see them from the college distance.

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All-Scholastic softball team

Cohasset's Christina Pinkus among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Unlike individual league all-star teams, we did not choose our team in deference to event considerations. Instead the only criteria we considered was overall value these athletes had to their respective teams.

In the end; however, the sports staff at Community Newspaper Company (CNC) had to make some tough decisions and we do feel secure that we chose the top public school softball players for this honor.

It should be noted due to the large number of athletes in the Community Newspaper Company region, we split the athletes into two teams for softball: North and South. This is the Community Newspaper Company North softball squad comprised of athletes from Hanover, Marshfield, Weymouth, Braintree, Norwell, Scituate, Hingham, Abington, Rockland, Silver Lake, Pembroke, Cohasset and Duxbury.

Next week: baseball.

Christina Pinkus – Senior Pitcher/First base – Cohasset

There was little that Pinkus didn't do in leading Cohasset to the Div. 3 South semifinals…On the mound, the lefty won nine games, saved two more, and struck out 120 batters in 111 innings while compiling a 1.80 ERA…The numbers get even

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FILE PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Winning nine games and batting .500 were among the many contributions Christina Pinkus made to Cohasset's sectional semifinal season.



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CHAMPION

Cohasset's Eliza Murphy, 11, was the Junior singles champion at the Scituate Town Tennis Tournament on June 23.

Little Leaguers on a roll

Still undefeated in District 8 play

Cohasset now advances to the final four of the winners bracket in District 8. The next opponent will be Weymouth American on tonight (July 6) in Stoughton at 6 p.m.

Once again it took all 12 players for the Cohasset Williamsport Little League team to beat a very solid Milton National squad, 4-1, in Saturday's District 8 winners bracket action.

Connor Goetz took the mound and threw a complete game four-hitter, striking out 12. Other standouts for Cohasset include Shane Haggerty and Nick Tangherlini, as both hit home runs. For Tangherlini, it was his second of the competition.

Jamie Timothy singled home Christian Davis in the first, after Davis' lead off double. Connor O'Brien beat out an infield single in the fifth and scored on a Tangherlini single.

Defensively, when Goetz was not striking out the Milton batters, Mike O'Brien, Tangherlini and Haggerty were solid for Cohasset. But it was first baseman Kyle Healy who came up with the play of the game in the top of the sixth. Milton got its leadoff hitter, and the next batter squibbed a roller down third, and the throw over Healy's head at first. He quickly retrieved the errant throw and threw out the runner trying to advance to second.

Goetz took matters into his own hands and struck out the last two batters.

The players and coaches appreciate the support from a large contingent of Cohasset fans, friends and family. Cohasset now advances to the final four of the winners bracket in District 8. The next opponent will be Weymouth American on tonight (July 6) in Stoughton at 6 p.m.

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This report was written taken from the CYBSA website, www.cybsa.net.

All-Scholastic softball team

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better at the dish: .500 batting average, six home runs and 25 RBI…Drove in three runs and got the win on the mound in Skippers' postseason-clinching win over Holbrook…Pitched a three-hitter in Skippers' 1-0 tournament loss to eventual sectional champion West Bridgewater…Pinkus will play on scholarship for Div. 1 Wagner College in Manhattan…Said Cohasset coach Deb Bostwick after the season: "She's an incredible softball player and we'll miss her very much next season."

Kelsea Cheney – Sophomore
Shortstop – Abington

While she comes from good lineage, her sister Britney was a star shortstop for the Green Wave, Kelsea has made a name for her own this year as one of the most feared hitters, and best defensive shortstops in the area…This season she helped lead the Green Wave to a 16-4 record, and a berth in the sectional semifinals. While being named a South Shore League all-star…She batted .472 this season with 11 RBI and a home run…Her biggest hit of the year came in the win over Hanover when she belted a two RBI double…She's also a standout basketball and soccer player for the Green Wave earning League all-star honors in both.

Kerri McDonough – Freshman
Pitcher – Abington

Pitching was a question mark at the start of the year, but it was soon discovered that head coach Steve Kingman has the answer in the circle for another few years…McDonough burst onto the scene and carried the Green Wave to a sixth straight South Shore League title, and a berth in the south sectional semifinals…Her best game came in the extra inning win over Hanover where she got out of a bases loaded jam in the seventh inning, before her team won it in the eighth…On the year she was 14-4 with a 1.59 ERA while earning South Shore League all-star honors…When she's not playing softball she's also a member of the soccer and basketball team's in Abington… She can only get better as she learns how to pitch and should be a force in the circle for years to come.

Treasa O'Neil – Senior
Catcher – Abington

There was nobody coach Steve Kingman wanted up the bat more than O'Neil in a tight situation…She was Ms. Clutch for the Green Wave this year, coming up with four game winning hits, and numerous others that started rallies, and put runs on the board in the early innings…Her toughness was never questioned, and in the tournament she badly sprained her ankle against Hanover and caught the semifinal game with a hockey puck on the bottom of her shoe. ..She batted .420 on the year, while leading the team in RBI and was the perfect batterymate for a freshman pitcher…She was also a star basketball player for the Green Wave this winter...She's an honor roll student who will attend Worcester St. next fall.

Liz DiMascio – Sophomore
Pitcher – Braintree

Followed impressive freshman campaign with an even better sophomore season, earning All-Scholastic and Bay State Conference All-Star first team nods in both years…Went 10-3 with a 0.54 ERA this spring, striking out an unbelievable 165 batters in 90 innings; included in those numbers was a no-hitter against Weymouth…Tossed a two-hit shutout with 12 K's in Div. 1 South first round win over Wareham, and struck out 11 hitters the next night in a tough luck 2-0 loss to eventual sectional finalist New Bedford…Won back-to-back 1-0 decisions against Duxbury and Archbishop Williams in the Wamps' Memorial Day Classic…Served as a team tri-captain despite being only a sophomore…DiMascio also plays volleyball for BHS

Laura McDonough – Sophomore
Shortstop – Braintree

Stepped into the starting shortstop role this season and, needless to say, handled it quite well…Bay State Conference first-team All-Star hit third for the Wamps and batted .507 with two homers and 18 RBI, all team bests…One of those home runs was a key two-run blast in a 4-1 win over Newton North…Knocked in a pair of runs in 4-0 tournament victory over Wareham…In addition to her prowess at the plate, McDonough played an excellent shortstop, displaying good range and committing just one error in 22 games…One of Braintree's three captains this season, along with fellow All-Scholastics Liz DiMascio and Jacqui Saluti…The return of these three, and the rest of Braintree's roster, give the Wamps hope for building off this season's surprising 19-3 record

Jacqui Saluti – Junior
First base – Braintree

Another Wamp that excelled in her first season as a full-time starter, Saluti was named to the Bay State Conference All-Star first team this spring…Helped solidify the middle of Braintree's line-up with a .446 batting average that included two home runs (tied for the team lead) and 16 RBI (second on the Wamps)…Had four hits in a game against Brookline in May…Scored the lone run in Braintree's win over Archbishop Williams in the Wamps' Memorial Day Classic championship game…Saluti also wielded a solid glove at first base…Served as a tri-captain

Casey Ducinski – Sophomore
Pitcher – Duxbury

Had some big shoes to fill on the mound after pitching behind her sister last season but Ducinski was up for the challenge…Just a sophomore, the second-year varsity player was the leading pitcher in the Patriot League this season with a 0.71 ERA while going 13-7 and striking out 125 batters…Ducinski saw some action on the mound last season but primarily played in right field before going full-time this spring…The PL All-star picked up huge wins at Abington and Hanover and of her six losses, four were decided by a single run…Her consistency on the mound helped the Lady Dragons go 9-2 in the league, tying Silver Lake for the Keenan Div. title…The squad was 16-7 overall this spring, qualifying for the Div. 2 South tourney…Just as sophomore, Ducinski still has plenty of pitching to do at DHS.

Kayla Mackey – Junior
Shortstop – Duxbury

Made the difficult leap from first base to shortstop this season and did it virtually seamlessly…A two-year starter for the Lady Dragons, Mackey was dangerous on many levels…The team's cleanup hitter this season, Mackey boasted a .485 average for Duxbury, who were co-champs of the Patriot League's Keenan Div (9-2)…The junior was also among her team's RBI leaders with 21 on the spring…Was an essential part of a strong infield, rarely making an error at her very busy shortstop position…Her smooth play on the field helped the Lady Dragons go 16-6 in the regular season and qualify for postseason play in the Div. 2 South tourney…There, the squad was edged by Dedham…A PL All-star this season, Mackey returns to the field next spring.

Lesley Guenard – Junior
Shortstop – Hanover

A two-year starter at the shortstop position, Guenard led the Patriot League in hitting this season with a .548 average and three homeruns…The team's lead-off hitter, Guenard also had 12 RBI and stole 23 bases, helping the Lady Indians capture the PL Fisher Div. title (11-1)…To date, she has more than 100 hits for her career and is the first junior at Hanover to do so…The Lady Indians also boasted a very solid defense and Guenard was a major reason why…The junior rarely made errors this season from the very active shortstop position and was named to the PL All-star team for the third-straight year…Just a junior, Guenard will return to HHS as a three-sport captain in soccer, basketball, and softball next year.

Kristie DuVal – Senior (Capt.)
Pitcher – Hanover

Saw limited time over the last two years behind All-Scholastic Ashley Messina but stepped into the spotlight this season as the team's ace…DuVal surged through her first 11 games going undefeated before getting touched for a trio of losses down the stretch…But her strong pitching helped guide the Lady Indians to an 11-1 league record, winning the Fisher Div. title…Not an overpowering pitcher, DuVal's greatest strength was in her off-speed pitching and great changeup…The senior struck out more than 50 batters this season by keeping hitters off-balance…DuVal finished as the league's second-best hurler with a 1.25 ERA…Tossed a gem in a hard-luck eight-inning loss to rival Abington in the quarterfinals of the Div. 2 South tourney, with Hanover finishing with an 18-4 record this spring…A field hockey and basketball player at HHS, DuVal leaves holes to fill on all three fields next year.

Michelle Montillio – Sophomore
Centerfield – Hanover

Used primarily as a pinch runner last spring, Montillio stepped into her starting role nicely this spring…Her great speed only added more depth to the top of Hanover's lethal lineup as Montillio hit behind Guenard (second in the order)…Montillio hit .534 for the Lady Indians this season, belting one homerun and driving in a dozen baserunners from the No. 2 spot in the order…Also a very solid defensive player, Montillio's quickness allowed her to cover a lot of ground in centerfield this spring…The Patriot League All-star's play was essential to Hanover's run to another league crown (11-1) in the Fisher Div., while the squad also reached the quarterfinals of the Div. 2 South tourney…There, the Lady Indians were edged in 5-3 extra-inning decision despite a double from Montillio…Also a soccer and basketball player at HHS, Montillio returns to all three fields next year.

Katie Stanley – Sophomore
Pitcher – Silver Lake

Stanley is a major reason the Silver Lake softball finished the season 16-4 and atop the Patriot League West Division… She is just four wins shy of the Silver Lake school record of 28 wins with an entire two years to break the record…Stanley received a spot on this season's Patriot League All-Star team…Her pitching allowed the Lakers to qualify for the state tournament for the 17th consecutive season… "For two straight years we asked her to step up and get wins for us, and she's done that," head coach Mike Brennan said… "She's an outstanding player."

Mackenzie O'Dea – Junior
Second base – Weymouth

The resurgence of Weymouth softball that found the Wildcats in the tournament for the first time in 12 years had a lot to do with O'Dea…She batted .431 on the year, scoring 15 runs and driving in 13…led the team in hits, walks, and doubles, while being named the Bay State League Carey Division MVP and a first team all-conference selection…Her best game came in the tournament clincher against Newton North when she had three hits, two runs scored and an RBI…Defensively she was solid at second…She was a team captain as a junior, and will assume the same role next season…She is an honor roll student, and a class officer who also coaches in the Weymouth Youth League.

Jess Dion – Senior
Catcher – Weymouth

Numbers don't jump out when you look at this defensive specialist, but with catchers there are other more important things than batting average. Dion was a senior leader on a Wildcats squad that went to the tournament for the first time in 12 years, after coming so close the last two seasons…She was the Wildcats biggest source of power, and run producer, leading the team in triples, and RBI, with 15. She was also selfless enough to lead the team in sacrifice bunts…She was a four year starter and a Bay State league all-star this season…She's an honor roll student who earned the Weymouth youth softball league scholarship for her volunteer work coaching future Wildcats…Said Coach Kate Daley, "Statistics do not do justice to what Jess Dion brings to our team. She is our vocal leader, who calls pitches, and comes through in clutch situations."

Honorable Mention:

Sabrina Thompson – Jr. – First Base – Abington
Cassie Degrenier – Fr. – Second base – Braintree
Virginia Spofford – Sr. – Pitcher/OF – Cohasset
Sam Lenhardt – Sr. – Centerfield – Duxbury
Nicole Forlizzi – Jr. – Second base – Duxbury
Kelly DuVal – Fr. – Catcher – Hanover
Laura Giberson – Jr. – Catcher – Hingham
Emma Lennon – Sr. (Capt.) – Outfield – Marshfield
Liz Ropi – Sr. – Catcher – Norwell
Liz Mulready – Jr. – Second base – Rockland
Kelly Naegelin – Fr. – Pitcher – Scituate
Izzy Ramsdell – Sr. (Capt.) – First base/Shortstop – Silver Lake



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Cohasset's Danny Martin goes up for a blocked shot during a game against Abington in December.
Next week, CHS boys basketball coach Dorian Bryant holds his Big Man and Point Guard camp at the high school. Look to next week's Mariner for a story and photos.

On the blog…

The latest entries in the Mariner's sports blog: the Americans' debacle in Venezuela (soccer, of course), and the tale of an addiction to fantasy baseball.

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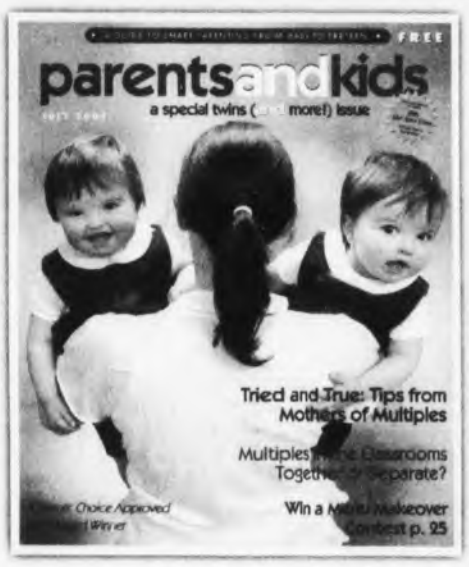
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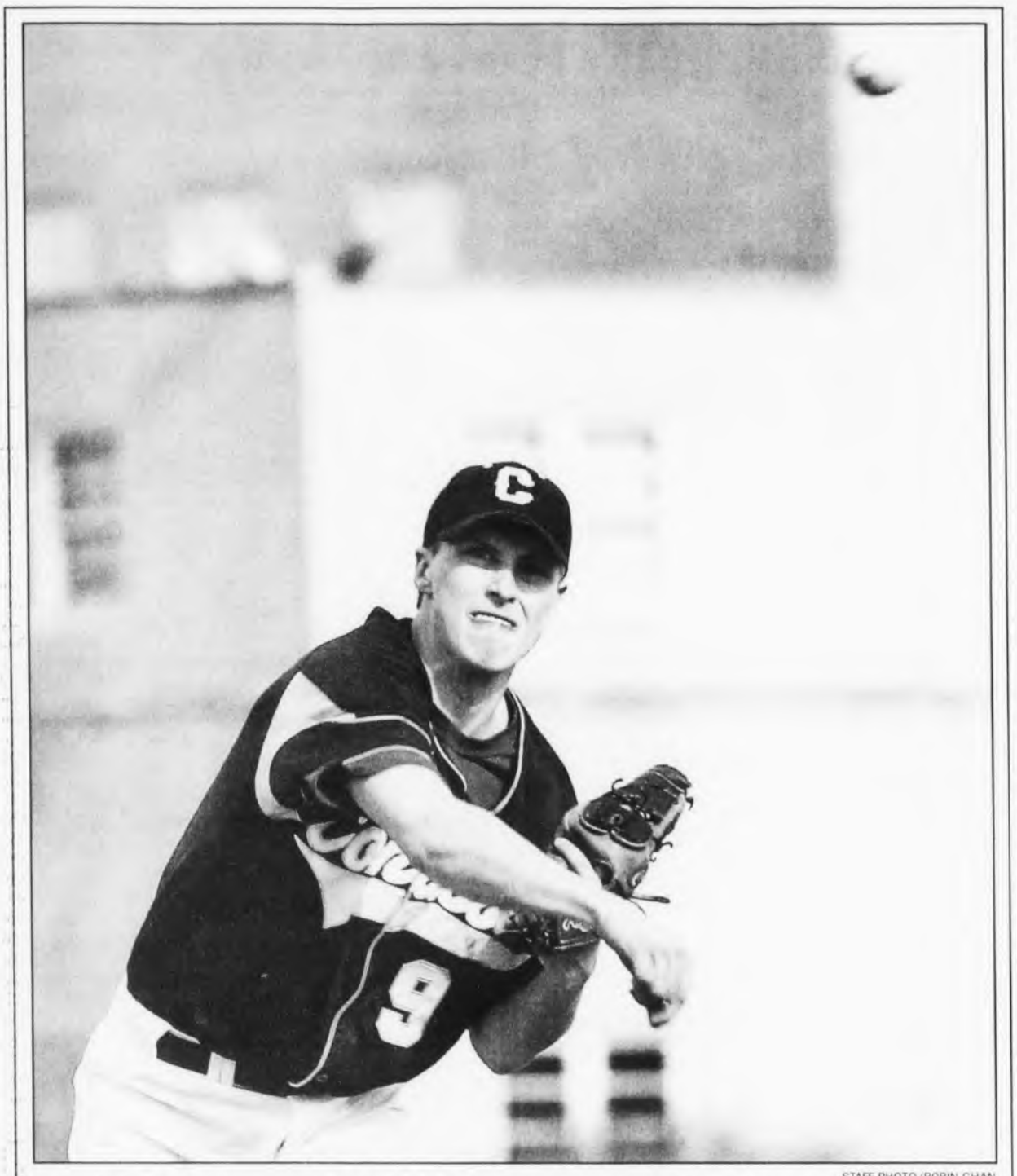
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Cohasset's Fletcher Smalzel makes the throw to first during a game against Sacred Heart this spring. Next week, CNC announces its All-Scholastic baseball team.

Local gymnasts stand out at state championships

The Level 6 and Level 7 teams at Head Over Heels Gymnastics in Norwell had a great showing at their recent state championships. Both teams placed fourth in the state, with many individual and event champions.

In the Level 7 competition, Duxbury's Alex Watts took home the gold medal on the floor exercise in her age group, as well as fourth place on vault, second on bars and second in the all-around. Hingham's Lindsey Constantine also earned a gold medal on the floor exercise for her respective age category, as well as the silver on the vault. She placed sixth in the all-around.

Hanover's Kaitlyn Powers placed fourth on the uneven bars, floor exercise and all-around. Rebecca Saran of Pembroke took home the silver medal on bars for her age division and fifth in the all-around.

Other members of the fourth place Level 7 team included Duxbury's Alissa Watts, and Samantha Sprague and Madeline Ward, both of Norwell.

At the Level 6 meet, Pembroke's Jessica Gratzer was named Level 6 state champion, taking home the gold in the all-around and uneven bars, as well as third place on vault and floor exercise. Scituate's Boryana Doyle took home the bronze medal on the floor and placed sixth in the overall competition.

Elizabeth Mahoney of Hanson became the state uneven bar champion, taking home the gold in that event as well as earning fourth place in the all-around. Victoria Gately, also of Hanson, placed fourth on the uneven bars in her age division.

Jennifer Sullivan of Hanover was named Level 6 state floor exercise champion, taking home the gold on that event as well as third place on bars, fourth on beam and third in all-around.

Marshfield's Canyon Volpe placed third on the vault, second on floor, and fifth in the all-around. Other members of the fourth place Level 6 team include Kelsey Billings (Kingston), Taryn Urbanus (Quincy) and Kathryn Meschino (Hull).

Taking a step back

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"It will make the transition easier when the kids go to college," Paulhus said.

But he also says that the actual transition shouldn't be too hard for those who are dedicated to throwing as much as possible to get used to the distance.

"I have my recruits use as much free time as possible during the summer to throw from 43 feet," Paulhus said. "Once Fall ball gets here, the pitchers are throwing everyday and adapt with little time."

Paulhus thinks the success pitchers have next year will be based on just how hard they work, an annual theme that doesn't really matter whether the mound is 40, 43, or 400 feet away.

"The girls that have a lot of strikeouts put a lot of hard work into their pitching and that is why they dominate. They are going to continue to put the hard work in no matter what distance they are throwing, so if they have the determination to succeed and be a dominating pitcher, they are going to do it no matter what distance you put them at."

One such pitcher is Taunton's Erin Wade, the Tigers captured the Division 1 state championship this year, with Wade in the circle, and should be front runners again.

Wade has pitched at 43 feet for her summer team and found little trouble.

"She liked it, her ball moved a lot more," Tiger head coach Dave Lewry said.

Lewry wonders about the lower levels though, particularly JV and freshmen who are coming up to the high school.

"There are so few eighth graders who can throw strikes I think the lower levels, they're going to get tattooed. I'm glad I'm not coaching freshmen."

Whatever the results are, it's sure to bring a big fervor come next spring, though after a season or two to get used to things it will probably become as natural as anything else in the game.

"Who knows, maybe a few years from now we'll forget we ever played at 40 feet," Lewry said.

SPORTS BRIEFLY

The Cohasset Recreation Commission is accepting registrations for the following summer sports schools and clinics. Each sport program has a separate brochure and registration sheet and all are available in the foyer of Cohasset Town Hall, right outside the recreation office.

Checks for each week-long sports opportunity is generally payable to the individual camp providing the service. For information call (781)383-4109.

Youth Lacrosse Clinic – This one-week clinic, for boys and girls entering grades 3 through 6 in the fall, will take place from 8 to 10 a.m., Monday, July 23 through Friday, July 27, at Milliken Field in Cohasset. While the program is run by the Cohasset Recreation Department, it is open to players from other communities. The Buick brothers will direct the program this year.

Sessions are held rain or shine in all conditions except lightning. Players need full equipment. Participating girls need a stick, goggles and a mouth guard. Participating boys will need a helmet, including a mouthpiece, gloves, arm and shoulder pads and a stick. Players should also take water, juice or sports drink to each day's session. The fee is $85.

Soccer Camp – South Shore Soccer Camp's week-long clinic for children ages 7 to 14 will be held from 9 to 4 p.m., Monday, July 30 through Friday, Aug. 3. The fee is $255 per participant with a $20 discount for the second child. The fee includes a camp shirt for each participant, available the first day of camp. Space is limited; early registration is advised.

Soccer Squirts – South Shore Soccer Camp's week-long Soccer Squirts Clinic for children ages 4 and 5 will run from 8 to 9:30 a.m., Monday, Aug. 1 through Friday, Aug. 5. The fee is $85 per participant and includes a camp shirt and appropriated-size soccer ball for each participant, both available the first day of camp. Space is limited; early registration is advised.

Town soccer registration

Registration for Cohasset Town Soccer is now open for the 2007-08 fall/spring season, for kids in grades pre-K through 8th. Register on line at www.cohassetsoccer.com

Cohasset Triathlon Fact Sheet

What: 1st Annual Cohasset Triathlon

When: Sunday, July 8, start at 8 a.m.

Where: Start and transition area will be at Sandy Beach

The Swim: The race begins with a 1/4-mile ocean swim off Sandy Beach.

The Bike: A 12-1/2-mile bike will follow the swim. The course will begin at the beach and will head down Atlantic Avenue to Border Street. Riders will continue down Border to Gannett Road. In North Scituate, the course makes a right on Main Street towards the Cohasset Town Common and continues to Route 228. Turn right on Route 228 to Jerusalem Road. The final stretch will take riders onto Jerusalem Road and finally back to the transition area at Sandy Beach.

The Run: A 3.2-mile run that will loop around Little Harbor. Runners will follow Nichols Road to Jerusalem Road and turn left. The course will take the runners around the Common to Beach Street. Runners will follow Beach Street to Atlantic Avenue with the finish just a short distance from the transition area.

Norwell VNA to host 9th annual charity golf tournament

Who: Norwell Visiting Nurse Association

What: 9th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

When: Monday, July 30. Registration,11 a.m.; shotgun start, noon. Rain date: Monday, Aug. 20.

Where: Cohasset Golf Club, 175 Lambert's Lane, Cohasset.

Cost: $185 per golfer. Sponsorship opportunities for golfers and non-players available.

Registration: Jeanne Carey, Norwell Visiting Nurse Association, 91 Longwater Circle, Norwell, MA 02061. Phone: (781)610-1422. Email: jcarey@nvna.org. Website: www.nvna.org/donations/donations-golf-sponsorship.htm.

This event, which takes place on a beautiful, private Donald Ross-style course, is the Norwell VNA's biggest fundraiser of the year. Last year's event raised nearly $30,000 for the organization. All proceeds benefit the association in its ongoing efforts to provide low cost, quality healthcare to South Shore residents.

The Norwell Visiting Nurse Association, located in Norwell and serving the South Shore, provides nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, nutritional counseling, home health aides/homemakers and a variety of support services and programs to patients of all ages and for all needs. The Norwell VNA has been serving the community since 1920 providing services to residents in Norwell, Scituate, Abington, Braintree, Cohasset, Duxbury, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Kingston, Marshfield, Pembroke, Quincy, Rockland, Weymouth and Whitman.

For more information about the Norwell VNA and its services, please visit the web site at www.nvna.org *or call 781-659-2342.*

Umpiring clinic

The Merrimack Valley Umpires Association (MVUA) announces that an umpiring clinic for adult men, women and teenagers over 16, who want to be trained as certified – patched - baseball umpires, will be held for seven weeks from 6 to 9 p.m., each Thursday beginning July 12, at St. Mary of the Assumption School at 301 Haverhill St., in Lawrence. The 2007 official Major League Baseball umpire's exam will be administered at the end of the class. Since Major League Baseball had changed the MLB rules this year, the first time in many years, the new 2007 rules will be covered.

The MVUA provides umpires to all levels of baseball from college, Mass. high school games, N.H. high school and middle school games, AAU, Babe Ruth to Little League in Mass and New Hampshire. The MVUA has been providing quality umpires to this area for more than 50 years and is the oldest umpiring organization in Mass.

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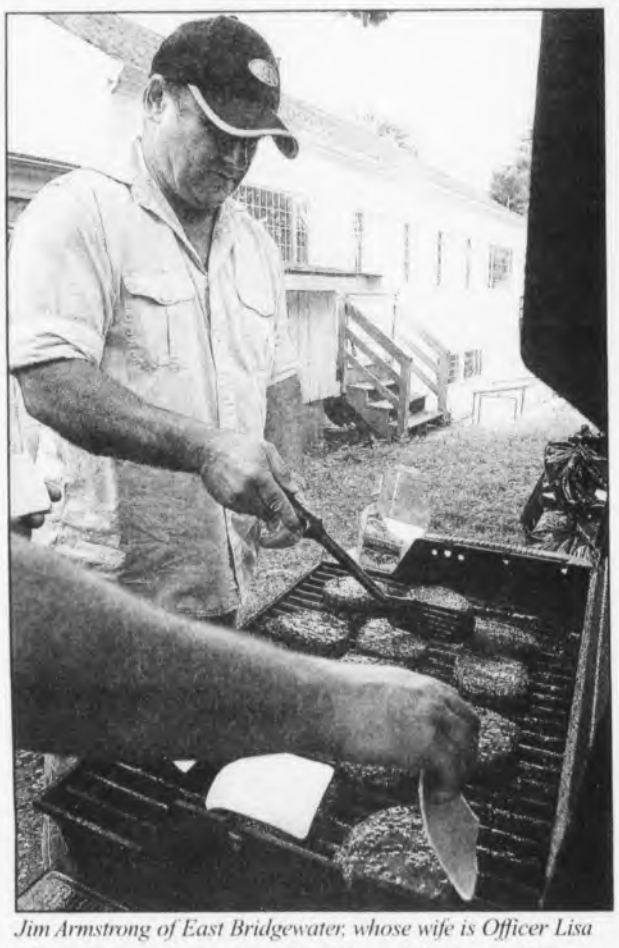


Jane O'Brien, left, and Trudy Salerno, right, assemble cheeseburgers for themselves after feeding the seniors, while Officer Lisa Matos (in the background) goes outside to pick up some more burgers.



Police Chief James Hussey chats with Tilly Nardo, left, during the barbecue sponsored by the Cohasset Police Association at the Senior Center last month. Margaret Bily, center, listens in on the conversation.

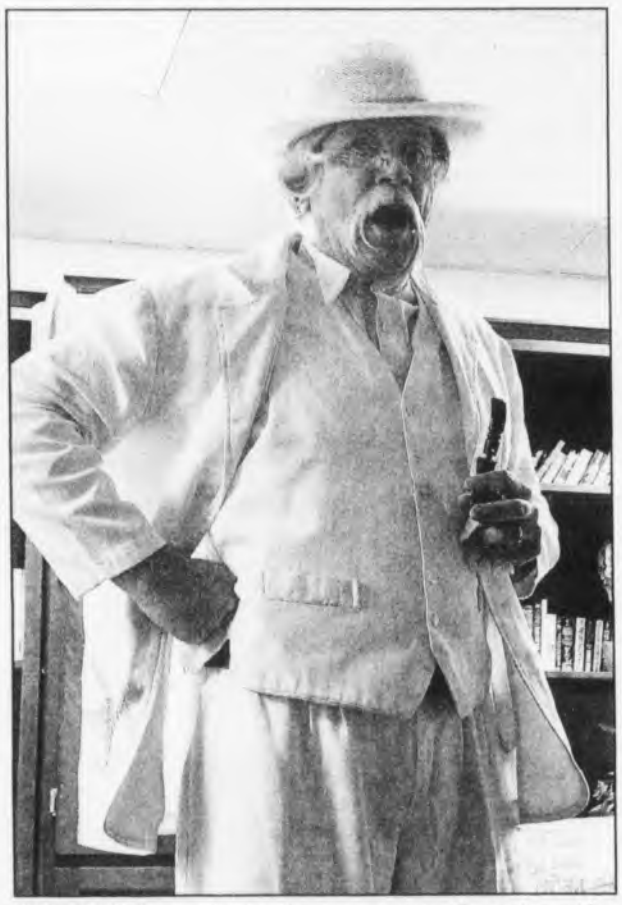
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Jim Armstrong of East Bridgewater, whose wife is Officer Lisa Matos, helps make burgers while Dispatch Supervisor Tom Wigmore (arm shown) adds some cheese during the first annual Father's Day cookout at the Senior Center.



Police Chief James Hussey, who is an honorary member of the non-profit Cohasset Police Association that sponsored the barbecue, leads the singing of "Happy Birthday" for Louise Ward, front left, who recently turned 92.



Richard Clark, a professional actor, entertains the seniors with his impression of Mark Twain following lunch. Clark's visit was made possible with a grant from the Cohasset Cultural Council.



Linda Ellworthy, director of Elder Affairs, sports a Goofy hat while getting Cool Whip for the desserts. Linda said, "Days like this make me goofy!"



Madeline Hargadon takes a hot dog for herself from Police Officer Christy Tarantino during a barbecue at the Community Center that was sponsored by the Cohasset Police Association, a non-profit organization that sponsors events and scholarships.



Police Officer Christy Tarantino helps get the dessert ready by placing the biscuits for strawberry shortcakes on a tray held by Tom Wigmore.

Boston Pops program to benefit South Shore Art Center

Multiple Tony Award nominee Marin Mazzie joins Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops in a performance featuring well-known hits from Broadway musicals and Hollywood movies. The concert will be held at 7 p.m., Saturday, July 28, at the South Shore Music Circus and all ticket proceeds will support the exhibitions and education programs of the South Shore Art Center. This is the fourth annual South Shore visit of the Boston Pops and conductor Keith Lockhart.

"There is nothing quite like hearing the Boston Pops at the Music Circus," says Sarah Hannan, executive director of the South Shore Art Center. "You literally feel as if you are in the orchestra, as no seat is more than 50-feet from the stage. Veteran Boston Pops audience-members rave about the intimacy of the Music Circus. Add to that the wonderful personality of Keith Lockhart, a Broadway superstar, and a program of blockbuster music and it's most definitely an evening to remember."

Concert tickets are $90.75 or $76.75 and are available at the South Shore Music Circus Box Office at 130 Sohier St., off Route 3A in Cohasset or through Ticketmaster at Ticketmaster.com. A limited number of premium concert packages are available through the South Shore Art Center, 781-383-2787 and include preferred seating and a post-concert reception with Keith Lockhart. The gala celebration is sponsored by Rockland Trust.



Keith Lockhart will lead the Boston Pops in a musical tribute to Broadway and Hollywood, Saturday July 28, at the South Shore Music Circus.



Broadway sensation Marin Mazzie will perform with the Boston Pops and Keith Lockhart, Saturday July 28, at the South Shore Music Circus.

It's Happening

Dog obedience classes offered

Cohasset Recreation Department will offer dog obedience classes taught by Happy Dog Training School.

Beginner and advanced classes will take place Monday evenings on the Town Common in Cohasset. Fee is $110 for five classes, one hour per week program. Dog owners are required to have their dogs' shots/inoculations up to date.

To register, call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109. Classes are limited in size and participants will be accepted on a first call, first enrolled basis. Sessions are started about every five weeks and callers will be enrolled in the next available session during the summer.

Beekeeping workshop July 21 at Holly Hill

Friends of Holly Hill Farm, based at Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, is hosting a beekeeping workshop at 3 p.m., on Saturday July 21. The Basics of Beekeeping workshop for adults and families is open to anyone age 8 and older. Kids must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost is $18 for adults, $8 for children; or $15 adults, $5 kids, for members of Friends of Holly Hill Farm Inc. All proceeds will benefit Friends of Holly Hill Farm. Register in advance by email to hollyhillfarmer@yahoo.com or call 781-383-1455. The workshop is sponsored by Friends of Holly Hill Farm Inc., the nonprofit branch of the farm.

Adult sailing

Have you always wanted to learn to sail? The Hull Yacht Club will offer evening adult sailing lessons beginning the week of July 9. You will learn everything you need to know to handle a small boat, including principles of sailing, rules of the road, safety on the water, knots and how to read the weather.

The six-week program will run from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Each class will have a maximum of three members. The cost is $250. Lifejackets are required. The Hull Yacht Club is at 5 Fitzpatrick Way in Hull. For information contact Debbie Cook at 781-383-6313.

Disney's High School Musical

Disney's "High School Musical," presented by the Cohasset Dramatic Club in conjunction with the Cohasset Recreation Department will take place at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Friday, July 20; 7:30 p.m., Saturday, July 21 and 2 p.m., Sunday, July 22, at Cohasset Middle-High School, 143 Pond St., Cohasset.

Tickets cost $10 and may be purchased in advance at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate or by calling 617-697-2115. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Pre-prom reception DVDs and videos available

Senior parents interested in purchasing a DVD or video of the 2007 Cohasset High School Pre-prom reception can call Shaun Galvin at 781-424-2197 or e-mail requests to shaun_galvin@yahoo.com. The cost is $20.

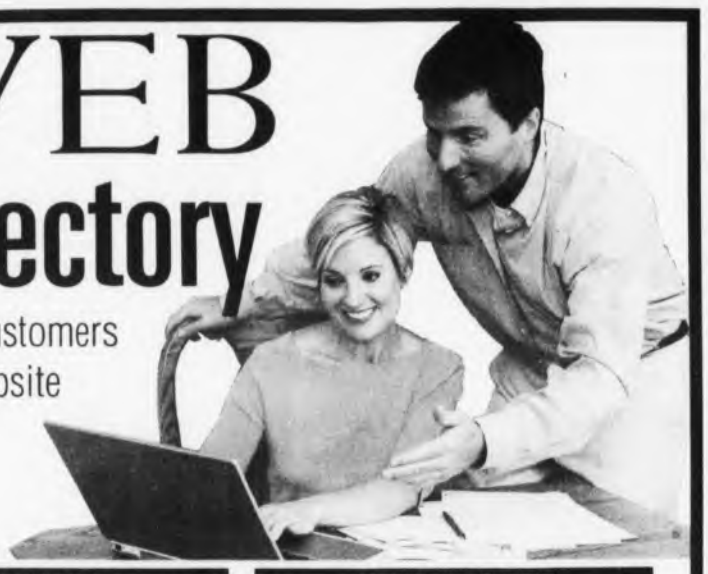


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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

10:04 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, break and entry to a motor vehicle. Caller reports her son's car was broken into early in the morning; detectives paged.

11:06 a.m. **Briarwood Lane**, parking complaint; caller reports people parked illegally; six cars tagged.

11:30 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, investigation; officer canvassing neighborhood.

11:40 a.m. **Pond St.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

2:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

2:45 p.m. **Briarwood Lane**, parking complaint; three cars tagged.

4:47 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid requested for pregnant woman stung by a bee; just swelling at this time.

4:55 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in medical; man with fish hook in his hand.

7:42 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, request for officer regarding an earlier incident. Officer reports two youths saw him and took off running. Both are white males; one wearing a white shirt with number 23 and other wearing a green Celtics shirt. The caller believes one of the male parties has something to do with an earlier call. Hingham Police Dept. offered assistance and will send a unit to help look for the individuals. Officers will be off with the subjects on Lamberts Lane.

10:13 p.m. **Sohier St. and North Main St.**, disabled motor vehicle; services rendered.

11:23 p.m. **Elm St.**, notification; walk-in party reports she will be staying with her mother for about three weeks.

MONDAY, JUNE 11

12:47 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop.

1:05 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

1:22 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

1:26 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

2:41 a.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

2:43 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

8 a.m. **Headquarters**, weather: sunny; wind: light; temperature: 78 degrees

9:29 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

9:30 a.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:54 a.m. **Elm St.**, property recovered.

11:32 a.m. **Black Horse Lane**, vandalism; caller reports broken bottles in woods by driveway.

3:32 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, investigation conducted.

6:09 p.m. **South Main St.**, 911 caller reports assault in progress. Investigating officer reports the man involved fled in a green Ford Escort, possibly heading back to Hingham; Hingham Police Dept. notified. Vehicle found in driveway of man's home by Hingham Police Dept. Victim in headquarters for emergency restraining order. Hingham man arrested on charges of assault and battery.

6:09 p.m. **Pond St. – High School**, detail officer reports a fight in the stands; peace restored.

6:30 p.m. **Pond St. – High School**, detail officers report a lost child; child found after a few minutes.

7:45 p.m. **Pond St. – High School**, detail officers report a lost child; child found.

8:07 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in party would like to speak to an officer about a parking situation.

8:15 p.m. **Pond St.**, detail officers report a fight in the stands.

9:05 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, motor vehicle accident, multiple callers report a car vs. a wall. No injuries reported.

10:32 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:40 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

1:07 a.m. **King St.**, suspicious motor vehicle reported.

1:23 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

1:24 a.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

6:33 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:53 a.m. **King St.**, Elder adult reported missing.

7 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop and tow.

7:09 a.m. **King St.**, suspicious activity; officer reports it is not a break-in.

8:36 a.m. **Brook St.**, Fire Dept. notified that the street will be closed; also Border and South Main streets are down to one lane.

8:58 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

9:08 a.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:48 a.m. **Nichols Road**, motor vehicle accident and rollover; caller reports a truck has rolled over onto the driver's side and the driver is still inside the vehicle. The road will be shut down starting at number 91. Wrecker on scene and has the vehicle.

10:27 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid requested for woman with a laceration.

11:44 a.m. **Border St.**, parking complaint; Harbormaster reports she has received complaints about two trucks with trailers parked on the bridge, making it hard for vehicles to pass.

2:51 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking violation; traffic citation issued.

2:59 p.m. **King St.**, request for officer.

3:15 p.m. **Border St.**, medical aid requested for elderly woman with rapid heartbeat; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

6:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, property recovered; wallet dropped off at headquarters. Owner notified and will pick it up later.

8:06 p.m. **Parker Ave.**, traffic complaint; caller reports that a vehicle speeding. Operator of the vehicle was identified and her parents notified. Parents will handle.

9:40 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

10:44 p.m. **Elm St.**, disturbance; caller reports family trouble. Officers spoke with both parties; peace restored.

10:53 p.m. **Black Horse Lane**, caller reports disturbance caused by teens gathering; responding officers sent the teens on their way.

11:35 p.m. **Wheelwright Park**, officer reports building checked; secure.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

12:52 a.m. **Cedarledge Village**, neighborhood disturbance reported; gone on arrival.

5:07 a.m. **Wheelwright Park**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

6:10 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St.**, traffic stop; citation issued.

6:51 a.m. **King St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

12:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, parking complaint; caller reports cars parked in handicap spaces. Responding officer reports finding no violators.

1:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, suspicious activity; caller reports a man in a minivan with Penn. Registration getting gas and there are three laptop computers, all running, in his vehicle and they find this suspicious. Responding officer reports many Comcast vans and trucks are in the area working.

2:31 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, notification; caller reports bumping into another vehicle with her car, getting nervous, and going home. She left her information with the dispatcher in case anyone calls to report a hit and run at this location.

2:34 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested for an elderly woman possibly having a stroke; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

3:03 p.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

3:12 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

3:25 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

4:25 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement; no violations.

5:54 p.m. **Bayberry Lane**, caller reports a fire in her oven; services rendered.

9:27 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

9:33 p.m. **Deer Hill/Osgood schools**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14

12:32 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

12:33 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

1:42 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, public service; area checks secure.

3:56 a.m. **Headquarters**, assist citizen; caller reports he has a message on his cell phone about his wallet being found.

7 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic enforcement.

7:03 a.m. **Headquarters**, walk-in party requests advice "from a professional about what questions to ask a security camera company." Questions answered.

7:21 a.m. **King St.**, public service; caller reports he has permission from the building owner to enter the business to check a water problem and his entering may cause the burglar alarm to activate.

7:33 a.m. **King St.**, public service; water problem in lower part of building.

11:39 a.m. **Buttonwood Lane**, medical aid requested for woman with chest pain; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

12:05 p.m. **Ripley Road**, motor vehicle hit and run; walk-in party reports his vehicle was sideswiped by the operator of another vehicle, which fled the scene.

2:26 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, request for officer regarding ex-husband; restraining order expired.

2:40 p.m. **Pratt Court**, erratic motor vehicle operation; caller reports a green Toyota Camry drove into a sign, knocking it down and the operator of the vehicle then fled the scene.

3:52 p.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, suspicious activity; walk-in party requests to speak with an officer regarding a suspicious incident.

4:17 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, erratic motor vehicle operation; caller reports an extremely intoxicated man left the package store, got into his vehicle and drove off. Units out with vehicle. Arrest: Michael F. Mahony Jr., 56, 817 Country Way, Scituate. Charges: Operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, second offense; leaving the scene of property damage; negligent operation of a motor vehicle; possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle; marked lanes violation and license not in possession.

5:55 p.m. **Pratt Court**, follow-up investigation and photographs taken by officer.

6:55 p.m. **Forest Notch**, request for officer; special assignment conducted in unmarked cruiser.

7:12 p.m. **Border St.**, parking complaint; caller reports a vehicle pulled in and parked in a handicap parking space with no permit.

8:10 p.m. **Elm St.**, mutual aid

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Noisy underage party leads to charges

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Smashed window

Police are investigating a report of a smashed rear window to a resident's 2005 Lexus on Atlantic Avenue. The call came in at about 5:30 p.m. last Thursday (June 28). The caller said she had used the car earlier that day and the window was not broken at that time. The officer looked inside the car and could not find a rock or other instrument that would have caused the damage. Police also spoke with neighbors to see if they had heard or seen anything. Chief Hussey said there is no further evidence at this time but the matter is still under investigation.

Fence broken

An 81-year-old driver accidentally hit the gas pedal instead of the brake while pulling into an angled parking space on Elm Street at the harbor. Police said he drove up onto the curb and into the fence on Tuesday (June 26) at about 2:50 p.m. He was not cited but will be responsible for repairs to the damaged property, Chief Hussey said.

Car 'eggings'

Police are investigating two new reports of cars being egged in town and will determine if these incidents are connected to other recent incidents. Chief Hussey said police have identified suspects in the recent, prior "eggings" that took place a couple of weeks ago. "We are looking to bring some closure to this," he said.



Marion Boris is all smiles after all the candles were lit on the cake for her 100th birthday party at Sunrise Assisted Living last Friday.

Cohasset's newest centenarian!

Marion Boris celebrates 100th birthday at Sunrise

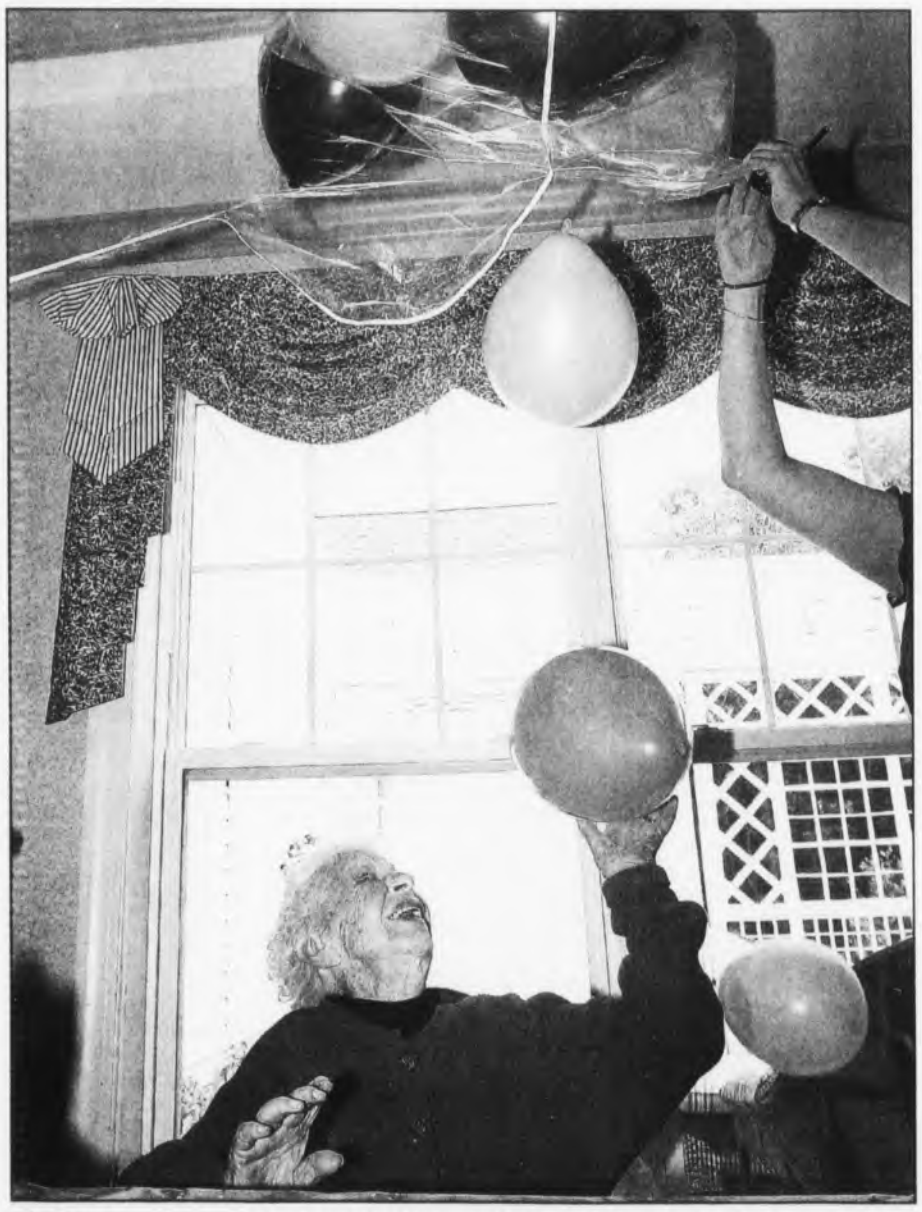


Wearing a birthday tiara, Marion Boris shows off the pair of earrings she received as a gift on her special day.



Karen Piantedosi, care manager at Sunrise Assisted Living in Cohasset, signs Marion's birthday card celebrating her 100 years.

Staff photos by Robin Chan



The birthday girl, Marion Boris, bats the balloons which were released and added a special touch to her celebration.



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First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

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Led by the Women's Spirit Group

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All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

If you are summering in Cohasset, you are very welcome to join us in worship.

If you are a resident of Cohasset or any nearby towns and you are looking for a church, please feel free to stop by this summer and learn about our programs and services for adults, youth and children.

Our summer services are Sunday at 8 am and 9:30 am and Wednesday 9:30 Eucharist with healing service.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood. Appointments to speak to the staff can be made by calling or emailing. Office hours are daily from 8:30 am until 2:00 pm, noon on Friday.

Bible studies continue throughout the summer on Saturday morning at 7:00 am. Christian meditation continues every Monday at 4 pm at church.

The following Sundays have a family service at 9:30 with shorter readings and family friendly sermons built around a special theme:

- July 15th: Neighborhood Sunday (Good Samaritan)
- July 29th: Knock, Knock, Who's there? Sunday (Knock and you will receive)
- August 5th: Treasure Island Sunday (How are we rich toward God)
- August 19th: Stormy Sunday (How do we interpret the current times)

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

On Friday nights, there will be light refreshments at 6 p.m. and Services will be start at 6:30 in the David C. Carr Sukat Shalom (weather permitting) at the side of the building.

There will be no Saturday morning services in July.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

Legal Notices

SEL/RFPS

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET, MA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
LEASE OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY FOR WIRELESS TOWER & ANTENNAE

The Town of Cohasset seeks sealed proposals of the lease of a portion of town-owned land for erecting, operating, and maintaining wireless communication towers and antennae and related equipment at two sites as follows:

Site A:Public Works Facility, 81 Cedar Street
Site B:Police/Fire Station, 44 Elm Street

Bidders may submit proposals on one or both sites. The town and the successful bidder shall enter into a five (5) year lease with an option in favor of the bidder to extend the same for as many as three additional five (5) year terms, for a total lease term of twenty (20) years.

A copy of the request for proposals may be obtained by writing William R. Griffin, Town Manager, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025, by calling (781) 383-4105, or by e-mail at wgriffin@townofcohasset.org. Proposals will be due no later than Monday, July 16, 2007 at 12:00 PM at the above address.

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Cohasset Mariner 6/29, 7/6/07

To Place A Legal Ad Call Mary (781) 433-7902

POLICE/FIRE LOG

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rendered to Scituate police involving a shoplifting in progress. Scituate police notified via radio by dispatcher.

8:46 p.m. **Elm St.**, protective custody; male prisoner has been bailed by the Bail Commissioner, but will be placed in protective custody due to his state of intoxication. Male prisoner released to the custody of his father.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15

12:22 a.m. **Grace Drive**, suspicious motor vehicle; caller reports a blue Jeep parked on the side of the road, a couple of youths got out of the Jeep and into a silver Buick.

12:42 a.m. **Jerusalem Road and Bow St.**, public service; minor flooding reported. High tide has passed and the water is receding.

1:41 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

1:41 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

6:55 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement.

7:08 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic enforcement.

7:21 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop and tow due to revoked registration; citation issued and operator transported to Scituate.

7:25 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, assist citizen.

9:28 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, road rage; caller reports a beige truck swerving all over Route 3A, attempting to run her vehicle off the road. Units out with the vehicle; verbal warning issued.

9:35 a.m. **Osgood School**, all police units to school for training.

12:06 p.m. **Margin Court**, medical aid requested for a young boy who fell off the swing set, hurting his arm; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

3:20 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, suspicious activity; caller reports a man dropped something in the drop box wearing a gas mask. Scituate Police Dept. notified via radio; officer reports nothing suspicious in the box. Scituate police officer in the party question.

3:49 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, bicycle officer reports a minor accident. A motor vehicle rolled into an unattended motor vehicle on a hill; officer reports minor damage. Information exchanged.

4:23 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, erratic motor vehicle operation; Scituate Police Dept. reports receiving a call regarding an erratic driver on Route 3A entering Cohasset. Officer sent to lower King St., to wait for vehicle to pass through; vehicle pulled into Dunkin Donuts and the caller flagged down the officer. The motor vehicle operator checks out okay, although she has a medical issue which as recently been addressed. Verbal warning issued.

5:52 p.m. **Town parking lot**, parking complaint; caller reports he lives above Atlantic Bagel and parks his car in the town parking lot. The car has been blocked by another vehicle; officer requests a tow.

6:21 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:49 p.m. **North Main St.**, a beige pocketbook was found on the town common and taken to headquarters by an officer. Identification of the owner found in the wallet and owner notified; bag returned with nothing missing.

7:10 p.m. **Nantasket Ave. – Hull**, medical aid requested for man having seizures; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

8:30 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, animal complaint; caller reports a skunk has been sitting by her back door off and on for the past three days and has been sitting there today for the past half hour. She called and left a message for the Animal Control Officer.

9:29 p.m. **Wheelwright Park**, suspicious activity; caller reports a number of teens, possibly with alcohol. Officers detailed to the area, finding three boys and one girl. One boy summonsed for being under 21 with possession of alcohol. All teens transported to headquarters for parents to pick up.

9:31 p.m. **Pond St.**, walk-in female reports her son's backpack stolen with an iPod and a cell phone inside. Officer to conduct follow up investigation.

10:23 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

1:03 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued for illegal parking.

1:11 a.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

1:24 a.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports open door by boiler room; secured.

1:26 a.m. **King St.**, noise complaint due to loud party.

1:41 a.m. **Elm St.**, noise complaint; clerk reports a group of guests are being loud and disturbing other guests.

2 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; not secured due to the cancer walk.

7:18 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement; all traffic within acceptable limits.

10:44 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, noise complaint; caller reports loud music. While on phone the music was turned down; caller advised to call back if there are any more problems.

10:45 a.m. **School buildings**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

11:15 a.m. **North Main St.**, parking complaint; caller reports a vehicle blocking her entire driveway. She has no idea who the car belongs to and the keys are still inside.

12:17 p.m. **Oak St.**, suspicious activity; caller requests an officer regarding her dog being shot, possibly by a BB gun. There is blood on the dog's back, but the responding officer reports the dog will not let him near the wounds to check them. Animal Control Officer notified.

12:48 p.m. **North Main St.**, parking complaint; caller reports vehicle parking all over and blocking crosswalks.

1:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, disturbance; caller reports a driver from her day program for mentally-challenged adults was transporting a male to South Shore Hospital and she had to pull over because he having some anger issues and is becoming violent. Officers are attempting to calm the male subject down and the ambulance will transport him to South Shore Hospital.

2:22 p.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid requested for female riding a bike on railroad tracks who fell. Sergeant reports she has cuts and bruises and hit her head very hard; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

JULY 5-13, 2007

PROPS TO 'MISS SAIGON'

Company Theatre production features authentic helicopter

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

There will be a cast of 41 local performers in the upcoming Company Theatre production of "Miss Saigon," but the biggest star in the show won't have a speaking role — unless you count the sound effect of a helicopter blade as dialogue — and will be coming all the way from Connecticut to appear in Norwell. In keeping with the original Broadway production of the musical, an authentic Vietnam War-era "Huey" helicopter will be used in the famous scene depicting the evacuation of the last Americans from Saigon.

"I hate to see a show rely on a prop, but this one so captures the emotion of a very big day in American and Vietnamese history," explained Company Co-Artistic Director Zoe Bradford by telephone last week from her home in Hingham. "In order to capture the excitement of that moment, you have to see it. You have to have a real 'Huey' on stage. I researched getting other helicopter parts or imitations, but I always knew I wanted a real 'Huey.'After quite a bit of research, and getting nowhere, one was finally found in Connecticut at the Rocky Hill Town Theatre. It had been used in their production of 'Miss Saigon.' It wasn't easy getting it here, but a good friend finally brought it up to us on a flatbed truck. We'll have to cut it down some to fit on our stage, but fortunately our former technical director Bob Grazioso has come out of retirement to help us. He has been invaluable on this project."

What Bradford didn't realize at first was that the helicopter was more than just an out-of-service chopper, it was also a piece of history.

"When we finally got the 'Huey' up here we learned that it had been in service in Vietnam and came complete with M-16 bullet holes. It is so much more than just a prop, it is a real Vietnam war relic. It has its own aura of tragedy all over it. It is profound to work with a piece like this," says Bradford of the helicopter which was first purchased by the Connecticut Theatre from a Pennsylvania military storage facility. "We all have great respect for history. We hold things like this in great reverence."

While "Miss Saigon" has always garnered attention for the helicopter and other elaborate props, the show has also earned acclaim for its score by Claude-Michel Schonberg and Alain Boubil and lyrics by Boubil and Richard Maltby Jr. It premiered at London's Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, on September 20, 1989, running for 10 years. It opened at New York's Broadway Theatre on April 11, 1991, and closed on January 28, 2001, after 4,092 performances. It was the second major triumph for Schonberg and Boubil, the creative team behind "Les Miserables."

A contemporary retelling of the opera "Madame Butterfly" by Giacomo Puccini, "Miss Saigon" — set in 1970's Saigon during the Vietnam War —tells the tale of a doomed romance between a Vietnamese bar girl and an American GI.



From left, Zoe Bradford, Michael Warner of Holbrook and James Valentin of Weymouth.

"My Co-Artistic Directors Jordie Saucerman, Michael Joseph and I have been drawn to the piece for a long time," says Bradford, who is co-directing with Saucerman while Joseph serves as music director. "I love this show. It is a great love story and one of sacrifice and passion. I've wanted to do this show since I first saw it on Broadway. For our production, we have assembled a terrific cast, many of whom are new to the Company Theatre."

There will be some familiar faces, too, with Weymouth's John King in the lead role of the Engineer, a French-Vietnamese nightclub owner who forces his dance hall girls into prostitution. For King, who has starred in many Company productions, this lead role is less traditional leading man than those he usually plays.

"I had my eye on the engineer, because I knew it would be a fun role and not just the typical male ingénue. There is depth to the engineer. He has a very three-dimensional quality. The audience sees him as seedy, but they still root for him," explained King by telephone last week. "The Engineer can be scum, but somehow there is still a likeable side to him. He does what he does to survive and to try and realize his dream of coming to America. He acts like a jerk most of the time, but when he is faced with any kind of real power he backs down because he is really a coward."

He's also a new kind of character for King, seen in Boston last season in "1776" at the Lyric Stage and "The Bubbly Black Girl Sheds her Chameleon Skin" at Speakeasy.

"I played Chinese for a split second in Company's production of 'Gloryland' a few years back, but the engineer is really my first Asian character. He's also my first pimp. Where else but on stage could I get to work so closely with so many beautiful girls and not get in trouble?"

For King, who has sung everything from Sondheim and Kander & Ebb to Rodgers and Hammerstein and Elton John, the music of "Miss Saigon" had great appeal, too.

"I really like this score a great deal and we have some beautiful voices in our cast, too, which makes it all the better," says King, who will perform the show-stopping "The American Dream" atop a vintage 1955 dark blue Buick convertible acquired along with the helicopter.

Bradford, Saucerman, Joseph, and choreographer Sally Ashton Forrest have held not only rehearsals with King and his fellow cast members, but also discussions of the musical's more serious moments. In addition to choreographing and staging the show, Ashton Forrest is bringing her knowledge and expertise of Asian culture to the project, having been associated with the Martial Arts Center in Braintree since 1997 and now serving as an instructor and third degree black belt holder there. Her awareness of Asian traditions, culture, and martial arts has been particularly helpful when stage combat needed to be applied, according to Bradford.

"When we're performing, we will be thinking of all the people who fought and died in Vietnam. We also know we will very likely have some veterans of the war in our audience and we will be very respectful of them. This show is a very splashy, entertaining musical, but it also conveys a deeper message, too, in the way it deals with a tumultuous part of history," says Bradford. "We're not just doing musical theater. We're here to honor those who fought in Vietnam and the children left behind after the War. As we have told our cast, 'You can sing lyrics well, but if you don't understand them we won't have a masterpiece, just a really good show.' We all want 'Miss Saigon' to be a masterpiece."

"Miss Saigon" will be at the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell, from July 27 to Aug. 19. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 781-871-2787 or go online at companytheatre.com



Kneeling in front, from left: Michael Warner of Holbrook and Jennifer Schaffer of Brookline. In the rear (L-R): Kira Cowan (Boston), Dave Brenner (Randolph), Scott Saponsk (Hull), Jocelyn White (Hanover), Matthew Maggio (Braintree), John King (Weymouth), Kristen Huberdeau (Weymouth).

Movie review

Prescription for anger

SiCKO (A-)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

America: Land of the Free, Home of the Brave and the Place Where You May Go Broke if You Get Sick.

P.S.: France takes far better care of its citizens, and even the prisoners at Gitmo get better health care than we do.

More "Bowling for Columbine" than "Fahrenheit 9/11," "SiCKO" adopts a muted version of muckraker Michael Moore's usually scathing tone to shed light on a shameful truth of American society. Namely, that we have allowed the profit motive to keep us from taking care of our sick in a civilized manner.

Opening with George W. Bush idiotically lamenting that OB-GYNs can't "spread their love" (for fear of lawsuits, presumably), we see an American citizen self-suturing a horrific gash because he is one of millions without health insurance, and cannot afford to pay for care.

Here's what we've come to: Some elderly have to choose between food and medication. A young single mother sneaks across the border from Detroit into Canada and pretends to be a Canadian citizen in order to get free health care and medicine for her kids.

But "SiCKO" isn't about Americans who don't have health insurance. It's about those who do, including a man who slices the tops off of two fingers and is given a choice.



Michael Moore visits Paris to research part of his expose on America's health-care system.

Fix one finger for $60,000 or the other for $12,000. Bingo, he chooses the $12,000 solution and will live the rest of his life without a piece of himself. This is not a choice this man would have had to make in any other major Western nation.

How come we don't have universal health care? We wuz robbed, and it looks like Tricky Dicky Nixon, who started this HMO thing with a fat cat contributor, was a crook after all.

Meet retirement-ready Donna and her husband. They've worked all their lives, but have had to sell their home and move into their daughter's storage room because of health-care co-pays.

Say hello to Doug, who was told his infant daughter she could have only one cochlear implant.

As Moore, who combines the DNA of Upton Sinclair and Woody Allen, demonstrates, Congress and the president are on the health-care-pharma-company payrolls. The film's big showcase involves rescue workers from Ground Zero, who are being bled dry by the health-care costs they have incurred due to respiratory and other ailments.

Moore engineers a reversal, chartering a boat and taking people to Cuba, where citizens have universal health care (a trip for which Moore is being investigated by the feds).

Lo and behold, an inhaler that costs $125 here, costs 5 cents there. The patient plans to fill a suitcase.

Like "An Inconvenient Truth," "SiCKO" is a civics-minded, revelatory teaching tool. The aim, of course, is to make learning fun, but if the lessons of "SiCKO" are too sickening to be fun or funny, they're still worth learning.

Rated PG-13. "SiCKO" contains foul language and a scene of gross imagery.

Calendar of events

Thursday, July 5

NETWORK 4 SUCCESS - Meets the first Thursday of each month at the Plympton Library, Route 58 in Plympton, from 5 to 6 p.m. and the third Thursday of each month for lunch at the Halifax Country Club Route 58 in Halifax from noon to 1:30 p.m. Lunch extra. Organizer: Laura Joseph 781-422-2294 cell 774-266-3614.

Summer In The City at the **Boston Harbor Hotel**, Blues Barge, a floating stage behind the hotel, Boston. July 5, from 6 to 10 p.m. blues performance by **James Montgomery Band.** Visit bhh.com for info.

The Hat Trick Theatre Company of Plymouth continues its 2007 season with Noel Coward's charming and witty farce **Blithe Spirit.** July 5, 6, 7, and 8. The play starts at 7:30 pm. Performances are held at Kendall Hall, First Parish Church of Plymouth, Town Square, Plymouth. Tickets are $15, $12 for seniors. For reservations, call 508-747-6856.

CALENDAR, see next page

Mark your calendar

THE PLYMOUTH INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL (July 18-22) kicks off with its opening night reception on Wednesday, July 18 at 7 p.m. at the Memorial Hall Blue Room. Live Cuban band, hors d'oeuvres. $50/$75 (supporter level). Celebrate film at the Awards Night, Saturday, July 21 at John Caver Inn, 7pm. $25/$40 supporter level. For more information on PIFF and a complete listing of films visit www.plyfilmfest.org

THE COMPANY THEATRE IN NORWELL, presents its summer musical, MISS SAIGON, opening Friday, July 27 and running through Sunday, Aug. 19.Tickets priced at $30-$32 are on sale at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companytheatre.com.

SOUTH SHORE MUSIC CIRCUS, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset July 19, 8 p.m. **Liza Minnelli** Tickets $78.75/$64.75 by calling Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com The South Shore Music Circus Box Office is open daily from noon until 6 p.m. for in-person sales only. For Group Sales ticket purchases, call 781-383-9860.

THE NORTH & SOUTH RIVER'S WATERSHED ASSOCIATION will hold the 17th Annual Great River Race on July 28. All skill levels, from novice to racer, are invited to take part in the race. Non-motorized vessels including canoes, kayaks, and rowboats participate in the race piloted by people of all ages. (Participants 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult.) Pre-Registration recommended. To download the registration form on line go to www.nsrwa.org

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The Hingham Public Library's Dolphin Gallery, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham is showing the Massachusetts land and seascape paintings of Hingham artist Jack Dickerson through July 26. His paintings may be viewed during regular library hours. 781-741-1405, ext. 2600 or visit hinghamlibrary.org



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The Plymouth Farmers' Market from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. Each week local farmers bring fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs, eggs, cut flowers and plants. Local food crafters bring cheeses, gelato, yogurt, jams, sauces, honey, grain side dishes, breads, baked goodies and other handmade sundries such as soaps, herbals, glass artwork and fresh caught lobsters. Listento live music each week playing over Plymouth's inner harbor. July 5 performer will be **Susan Lindsay and friends, Irish sounds.** For information, contact Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.

L. Knife & Son will cosponsor the **Summer Concert Series** for the 2007 season, with the Town of Plymouth Promotions Fund, the Plymouth Cultural Council and the Music Performance Funds. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m., at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following Tuesday. July 5 see the **Legion Bud Band**.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. July 5 **Radio For The Blind** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue** Blues Jam featuring **The Houserockers** July 5 at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Friday July 6

The 1699 Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield, will host an **old-fashioned New England clam bake**, beginning at 6 pm. Lobsters, steamers, corn on the cob, all of the traditional fixins' of clam bakes from your youth will be on hand. Take family, friends, and your appetite as you enjoy the food and hospitality. Let your vacation weekend wind down in grand style. To make reservations, call the Winslow House at 781-837-5753 or e-mail mark.schmidt@winslowhouse.org.

Ventress Memorial Library. 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. **Second annual Lemonade Days** on four Friday mornings in July (July 6, 13, 20 and 27) from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Stop by the Ventress "Tiki" Cafe for a complimentary glass of lemonade, complete with straw. While sipping, browse through a stack of used books available to purchase for beach and pool-side reading. Children's books and videos will also be sold. All proceeds benefit the library through the Friends group. For information contact Chris Woods at 781-834-5535, e-mail malib@ocln.org or visit ventresslibrary.org

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The South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham, presents an exhibit that will feature paintings that capture the spirit of Old Glory by many local and regional plein-air artists. The opening event, which will take place at the South Street Gallery on July 6, from 6 to 9 p.m., refreshments will be served. "Flag Paintings" will be on display throughout July.

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset July 6, 8 p.m. **Jesse McCartney** with **The Jonas Brother** and **Girl Authority** $47.75/$33.75 by calling Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com The South Shore Music Circus Box Office is open daily from noon until 6 p.m. for in-person sales only. For Group Sales ticket purchases, call 781-383-9860

Summer In The City at the **Boston Harbor Hotel**, Rowes Wharf, Boston July 6, at dusk Movies by Moonlight/**Vertigo.**

The South Shore Art Center - Visiting Artist Workshops 2007 includes five master classes in the visual arts. Instructors are offering an innovative array of workshop topics including landscape painting in oil, journal painting in watercolor, pastel painting, cyanotype, and drawing and painting the figure. Instructors include: **Linda Bond, Antonia Ramis Miguel, Peter Schroth, Doug Dawson, and Peter Madden**. All participating instructors' work will be on exhibition in the Bancroft Gallery. Viewpoints: Visiting Artists Exhibition through July 15. For information or to register for any of the visiting artist workshops call 781/383-ARTS or visit www.ssac.org

New England Singles Dances – ages 40 and over July 6, from 8 p.m. at the VFW, 30 Central St, Abington. Light buffet. **DJ Paul DiPanfilo**. $8. Visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com or call 617-325-4900.

South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Tales from the Wild With Barbara Devine, Senior Naturalist For children ages 3-5. Every Friday 10:30-11:00am (except holidays and vacation weeks) Free with admission Join us for stories ad tales about animals and nature. Please call in advance if you plan to attend. Limit 10 children



Jen Foster

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2007 Project Arts of Plymouth Free Summer Concert Series, Pilgrim Memorial Park, Water Street, Plymouth. July 11, Nashville Chix Who Rock Night 6:30 p.m., Grace Morrison; 7 p.m., Jen Foster; 8 p.m., 2 Chix & A Drum. For information visit www.projectarts.com

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Saturday, July 7

Greek Festival: Taverna 2007 July 7 and 8. Rain or Shine. Enjoy food, fun and music at Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham. Sponsored by Panagia Greek Orthodox Church.

The Brockton Fair, off Route 123, returns for its 133rd year through July 8. In addition to our midway full of rides, other featured entertainment includes a surprise filled magic show, exciting demolition derby, and fireworks displays. For information, visit www.brocktonfair.com.

South Shore Conservatory - *Evenings Under the Stars* takes place at the Jane Carr Amphitheater, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham, and the Performing Arts Center, Alden Street, Duxbury. Black Sea Salsa Band kicks off the season at the Carr Amphitheater on July 7 Ticket prices are $14 and $22 for evening performances, $15 (adults) and $5 (children) for Sunday mornings. Subscriptions are available. Tickets may be purchased online at www.southshore-conservatory.org, by phone at 781-749-7565, ext. 14, and in person at the Conservatory offices in Hingham and Duxbury. Call to request a brochure. All venues are wheelchair accessible.

The Annual Cohasset Sailing Club Summer Launch Party - LobsterFeast and Auction takes place July 7, from 6 to 11 p.m. All adult members, parents of sailors and friends are invited to the lobster feast and auction to benefit the club. Dinner will be served from 6 until 8:30 p.m. The party is held at the CSC rain or shine; BYOB. Tickets are $50 and are available by phoning Joyce Driscoll 781-383-0122 or Claudia McKeon 781-383-6125.

The Hingham Public Library's Dolphin Gallery, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham is showing the Massachusetts land and seascape paintings of Hingham artist **Jack Dickerson** through July 26. His paintings may be viewed during regular library hours. 781-741-1405, ext. 2600 or visit hinghamlibrary.org

Chilihead BBQ, 320 West Center St., (Rt. 106), West Bridgewater July 7, **Alan Qualtieri of Bag Full of Blues Solo.** 508-991-0707 or chiliheadbbq.com

All Seasons Restaurant & Sports Lounge, 327 Plymouth St., Halifax July 7, **Dark Waters** 781-293-4135

French Memories Café, 175 South Main St, Cohasset. Every Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5 p.m. **Drift Away with Joe'n J** will perform. 781-383-2216.

Run of the Mill, 6 Spring Lane, Plymouth, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. July 7 **Celtic Seisiun** 508-830-1262.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. July 7 **Double Take** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, July 7, **Erin and the Soul Drivers.** No cover. 781-335-9796.

Sweet Fordy's, 290 Center St. (Rte 36), Pembroke, July 7, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. **Wine and Pastry Tasting** 781-294-8550.



Black Sea Salsa Band

Evenings Under the Stars

The South Shore Conservatory announces its 2007 season of Evenings Under the Stars at the Jane Carr Amphitheater, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham, and the Performing Arts Center, Alden Street, Duxbury.

Black Sea Salsa Band kicks off the season at the Carr Amphitheater on July 7, featuring Latin-inspired music including samba, cha cha, mambo, guaracha, calypso, jive, bomba, funk and line dance. The 14-piece band of percussion, guitar, brass, woodwind, piano and four vocalists will be joined on stage by professional salsa dancers. Dancing is encouraged for audience members who can't sit still.



Beth MacLeod as Carmen

Carmen, Georges Bizet's most popular and colorful opera, will be presented on July 13, in Duxbury and July 14, in Hingham, with Beth MacLeod of Duxbury in the title role. The cast includes singers from Opera by the Bay, guest artists and a chorus of South Shore singers. Katherine Kilburn of the Greater New Haven Chamber Orchestra conducts.

The Evenings Under the Stars Festival Orchestra, with Nicholas Palmer conducting, brings the series to a close on a high note, and for the first time the Orchestra will present the concert in Duxbury, on July 20, in addition to the traditional finale in Hingham, on July 21. The concert features Glinka's *Ruslan and Ludmilla Overture*, followed by Rachmaninoff's *Piano Concerto No. 2*, featuring Anita Chen, winner of the Solo Competition in last summer's Duxbury Music Festival. The program concludes with Dvorak's *Symphony No. 8 in G Major*.

The audience is encouraged to come early for concert previews at 6 pm.

The July 7 preview features a demo and mini dance lesson by Extreme Dance Sport, and the previews of Carmen and the *EUS* Festival Orchestra feature Katherine Kilburn and Nicholas Palmer respectively, presenting introductions to the evenings' performances. Opening Acts at 6:30 feature performances by South Shore Conservatory faculty and students. Concert time is 7 pm.

Sunday mornings are especially for kids with nationally-acclaimed Grammy winner ***Bill Harley*** presenting his unique and hilarious blend of songs and stories on July 8. On July 15, Conservatory musicians invite all kids on stage as they build a band, one instrument at a time, with the help of their young assistants. Children (and adults) will have a blast as they learn about instruments, participate in music-making and join in the grand finale. Sunday morning performances are at 10 a.m. in the Carr Amphitheater in Hingham.



Bill Harley

Ticket prices are $14 and $22 for evening performances, $15 (adults) and $5 (children) for Sunday mornings. Subscriptions are available. Tickets may be purchased online at southshore-conservatory.org by phone at 781-749-7565, ext. 14, and in person at the Conservatory offices in Hingham and Duxbury. Call to request a brochure. All venues are wheelchair accessible.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, July 7, **Commander Cody and His Lost Planet Airmen**, roadhouse, boogie. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sunday, July 8

Greek Festival: Taverna 2007 July 7 and 8. Rain or Shine. Enjoy food, fun and music at Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham. Sponsored by Panagia Greek Orthodox Church.

The Pilgrim Breakfast, returns to the 1677 Harlow Old Fort House, 119 Sandwich St. (Rt. 3A) after a year's absence. The 74th annual fund-raiser for the Plymouth Antiquarian Society will be held Sunday, July 8, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the historic home. Cost is a donation of $9 per adult, $5 for children under 12 and $25 for a family of four (two adults and two children). For information or directions, call 508-746-0012.

South Shore Conservatory presents Grammy winning recording artist **Bill Harley** in concert at the Jane Carr Amphitheater, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham, July 8, at 10 a.m. This concert is presented in conjunction with the Conservatory's *Evenings Under the Stars* concert series, which offers programs especially for kids on two Sunday mornings in July. Tickets at $15 for adults and $5 for children, may be purchased online at southshoreconservatory.org, by phone at 781-749-7565, ext. 14, and in person at the Conservatory offices in Hingham and Duxbury. Call or visit the website for information on all **Evenings Under the Stars** performances. The Carr Amphithaeater is wheelchair accessible.

The Hanover Bandstand Summer Concert July 8, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. **Rusty Skipper Band** will perform. Free and handicap accessible. The Hanover bandstand is located on Route 139, Hanover Center. For information visit the bandstand web site at hanover-ma.gov

Abigail Adams Birthplace, 180 Norton St., N. Weymouth, opens for the season, 180 Norton St., July 1 through Labor Day (Sept. 3) Thursday through Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. or by appointment $5 per adult/$1 for children under 12 781-335-4205.

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Many plants and flowers frame this antique Cape in Scituate which is one of the seven gardens on the 26th Annual Garden Tour, South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell, scheduled for July 11, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and includes gardens in both Norwell and Scituate. Ticket prices are $18 members, $20 non-members and $25 day of the tour. Purchase tickets at the Science Center during business hours, by mail or telephone. For your convenience, tickets may be purchased by credit card by calling the Science Center at 781-659-2559. For additional information, call 781-659-2559) or visit ssnsc.org

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Major John Bradford Homestead, Kingston. Enjoy food, raffles and good people in the setting of the 17th century homestead. Each Sunday a different group of people volunteer to provide a delicious and different breakfast menu. The proceeds benefit the Bradford Homestead. Each breakfast is $8 per person, $4 for children under 10, and free to children under 4 years. Season tickets for members are $50 for eight breakfast.

Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., Weymouth, **Summer Celebration, a** multi-media art show featuring New England's artists: **Steve Boczanowski, Edwina Caci, J. Marshall Dyke, Vincent Elliot, Isabel Shamitz, Michelle, McEwen, Marilyn Reisberg, Charyl Weissbach, Kathy Ferrara, Daniel Myers, Christopher Myers, Anet Paglierani, P. Anthony Visco, William Beyer, George Hartley, Deborah Drew** and **Stanley Krupa.** Hours Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Free admission. 781-331-3384 information.

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset July 8, 7:30 p.m. **The Robert Cray Band with James Hunter** Tickets $51.25/$37.25 by calling Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com The South Shore Music Circus Box Office is open daily from noon until 6 p.m. for in-person sales only. For Group Sales ticket purchases, call 781-383-9860

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, presents **The Dave Foley Band** every Sunday 781-335-9796. Shows 9:15p.m. No cover. www.nextpagecafe.com

Monday, July 9

Colonial Lantern Tours of Plymouth celebrate their 25th anniversary by offering a special **Evening Historical Walking Tour** program hosted by Pilgrim-costumed guides. Tours will run daily through November, departing from Plymouth Rock at 6 and 7:30 p.m. Special ticket prices are available for this walk at $15 for adults and $12 for children under 12. Tickets may be purchased from your guide, on-line at www.lanterntours.com at the Plymouth Visitor Center, or at John Carver Inn. For information or to arrange group reservations, call 774-454-8126.

South Shore Conservatory's Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery features the paintings of Marshfield artist **Sue Charles** through July 25. The watercolor paintings of **Burton Longenbach** and **Betty Rogers** are featured downstairs, in the Conservatory's South Shore Music Circus Gallery. Admission to both galleries is free. Summer gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on concert days. The gallery is a partnership between South Shore Conservatory and South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. For directions, visit southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565, ext. 10.

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Terry Chase** will exhibit her work for the months of July and August at the Tufts Library, 456 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-337-8134.

Venus II, 277 Ocean St., Marshfield July 9, **Texas Hold-Em Poker** 781-837-6369.

Tuesday, July 10

Mayflower II's 50th Anniversary! When was the last time you were carded? Thanks to Eastern Bank, beginning June 13. through the end of the 2007 season, anyone born in 1957 is invited to visit *Mayflower II* for FREE. Valid ID required. Museum admission includes invitation to join us at State Pier between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for a piece of Anniversary cake. Joe Meany, the American cabin boy on *Mayflower II's* 1957 journey, will kick off the summer of special events.

The Bar Association of Norfolk County will offer a **free evening legal clinic** at Quincy District Court, July 10 from 6 to 8 p.m. Call Adrienne C. Clarke at 617-471-9693 for information.

Twilight Tales, an evening story time program for children ages 3-6 will held on Tuesdays in July beginning on July 10 at the James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St. in Norwell Center. The free 45 -minute program of stories and songs begins at 7 p.m. on July 10, 17, 24 and 31. Children may wear their pajamas to the library. Call 781-659-7100 to register for each program. www.jameslibrary.org for information.

The Buttonwood Book Group for Adults will meet on July 10, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. The selected book is "Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China" by Jung Chang. The facilitator is Ms. Sarah Duffield. No reservations are necessary. All are welcome. Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 if you have any questions.

Women of the South Shore If you love to sing come to the open rehearsals of The Island Grove Chorus- a women's acapella singing group. Meet at the United Church of Christ Route 18 in Abington, on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. Call Joanne 781-843-4355 or Judy 781-848-5843.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. July10 Free **Texas Hold Em. with Northern Poker League.**

The Snug, 114 North St., Hingham, every Tuesday night 8:30 p.m. **Drift Away Trio** featuring **J Place, Joe Micarelli**, and **John Litwin.** No cover 781-749-9774.

Venus II, 277 Ocean St., Marshfield July 11 **Family Style Family Feud** 781-837-6369.

Wednesday, July11

Tea With Isabella at The Webster Estate Daniel Webster Estate, Marshfield, July 11, 2 to 4 p.m. arrive by 1:45 p.m. Spend a summer afternoon visiting with Isabella Stewart Gardner, America's first patroness of the arts and "The Queen of Back Bay."Cambridge actress, Jessa Piaia, will portray "Mrs. Jack", one of the most fascinating ladies in American history, and then, a lovely Victorian Tea will follow. Tickets $18. Space is very limited. (Tickets must be prepaid - No tickets will be sold at the door). .DanielWebsterEstate.org__Call for tickets 781-837-2403.

South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell, presents its **26th Annual Garden Tour,** July 11, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The tour is self-guided; meander among gardens in both Norwell and Scituate, featuring unusual plantings, herb and butterfly gardens or a garden along the North River. Local artists will also be painting "plein air." A variety of raffles featuring garden accessories will be available along with light refreshments at the Science Center from 2 to 4 p.m. Ticket prices are $18 members, $20 non-members and $25 day of the tour. Purchase tickets at the Science Center during business hours, by mail or telephone. For your convenience, tickets may be purchased by credit card by calling the Science Center at 781-659-2559. For additional information, call 781-659-2559 or visit ssnsc.org

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library and Buttonwood Books welcome Cohasset resident **David Hosp** on July 11, 7 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Library, 35 Ripley Rd. Cohasset. Hosp will be discussing his new book, **Innocence**, his riveting new legal thriller inspired by the author's own experience as an attorney for the renowned Refreshments will be served. This is a free event. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a personalized and/or signed copy, call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com

The South Shore OCD Support Group holds monthly meetings for adults suffering from OCD, parents of children suffering from OCD or friends and family of adults suffering from OCD. Meetings are at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at the Duxbury Senior Community Center, 10 Mayflower St., Duxbury. (Route 3 to exit 10 east, to Tremont Street, (RT 3A North) to 10 Mayflower). The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 11, at 7 p.m. No cost. Wheelchair accessible. Call Barbara Lashley at 508 830-1630 for information.

Summer In The City at the **Boston Harbor Hotel**, Intrigue Café Terrace, Rowes Wharf, Boston. On Wednesday nights, big band sounds of White Heat Orchestra. Visit bhh.com for info.

2007 Project Arts of Plymouth Free Summer Concert Series, Pilgrim Memorial Park, Water Street, Plymouth. July 11, **Nashville Chix Who Rock Night** 6:30 p.m. **Grace Morrison**; 7 p.m. **Jen Foster**; 8 p.m. **2 Chix & A Drum**. For information visit www.projectarts.com

The Red Parrot, 258 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Every Wednesday night (weather permitting) at 7 p.m. **Drift Away Trio** outside on the deck. 781-925-1115.

Thursday, July 12

The Plymouth Farmers' Market, held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. July 13 performers are **Tiffany Rozenas,** Celtic fiddler from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and **Ray Papile,** easy listening from 4:40 to 6:30 p.m. For information, contact Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. July 12, **Radio for the Blind** 781-829-6999.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke **Texas Hold Em** every Thursday night at 6:45 and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

Friday, July 13

The Sparrow House, 42 Summer St. in Plymouth will feature a photography exhibit through Aug. 31 by Marshfield resident **Mike Sleeper.** For information, call 508-747-1240.

Oceanside 17 Studio & Gallery, 17 Rockland Circle, Hull, **Rustic Works** featuring Oil Paintings by **Nancy Colella** and Sculptural Fish by **Conny Hatch**. Also showing paintings by **Franny Andahazy** and featured gallery artists through July 18. 781-773-1563. Open: Wednesday-Sunday accessible to all, no admission.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance July 13, with The DJ: **Jim Hislop** from 7:30 p.m. to midnight at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission: $7 SSS Members, $10 Non-members Doors open 7:15 p.m. Free dance lesson 7:30 to 8 p.m. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. Free snacks & coffee, cash bar. Dress to impress. 781-331-0021 http://www.southshoresingles.org

New England Singles Dances – ages 40 and over July 13, from 8 p.m. to midnight Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, MA. DJ. **Admission $12.** visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. July 13, **Chain Drive** 781-829-6999.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, July 13, **Swinging Steaks**, alternative country rock. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com



'Girl Authority' takes charge

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

By the time headliner Jesse McCartney takes the stage at the South Shore Music Circus on Friday night, his young, mostly female fans should be worked up to a feverish frenzy thanks to not one, but two opening acts. Joseph, Kevin and Nicholas Jonas — known to the tween legions as "Jonas Brothers" — will rock out with music from their 2006 debut album, "It's About Time," and perhaps a few songs from their eponymous second CD set for release in August from Hollywood Records. And, just to balance the boy band power of the Jonas Brothers and "Dream Street" alum McCartney, "Girl Authority" will shake up the Tent with their youth-infused covers of songs like "Car Wash," "Holiday," and "Dancin' in the Street."

A group of nine girls (ages 10-15) from Sudbury who met on the community theater circuit, "Girl Authority" has become so popular that their label, Rounder Records, just last month announced plans to partner with PorchLight Entertainment for a licensing and branding deal to co-develop a television series, specials, and direct-to-video programming for the young singers. While the girls prefer keep their full identities private, they do not shy away from the spotlight.

"The music is based on what each of our voices brings to the group," explained Kate, "The Party Girl," recently by telephone from her home on the North Shore. "My song is 'Holiday,' because, like all our songs, it is fun and energetic."

It is also well suited to the role the sixth-grader plays in the group.

"I am 'The Party Girl' and she is me. I'm very social. I host a lot of parties at my house and I love to dance. I can't live without being around people."

Should the time come when the music stops and the party's over, Kate says she will be ready.

"I was a model before, so if this doesn't work out, I'll go back to print and commercials, but if I can't sing anymore for some reason, then I'll be a teacher."

Girl Authority will join Jesse McCartney and the Jonas Brothers at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset, on July 6 at 8 p.m. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-931-2787 or go online at themusiccircus.org.

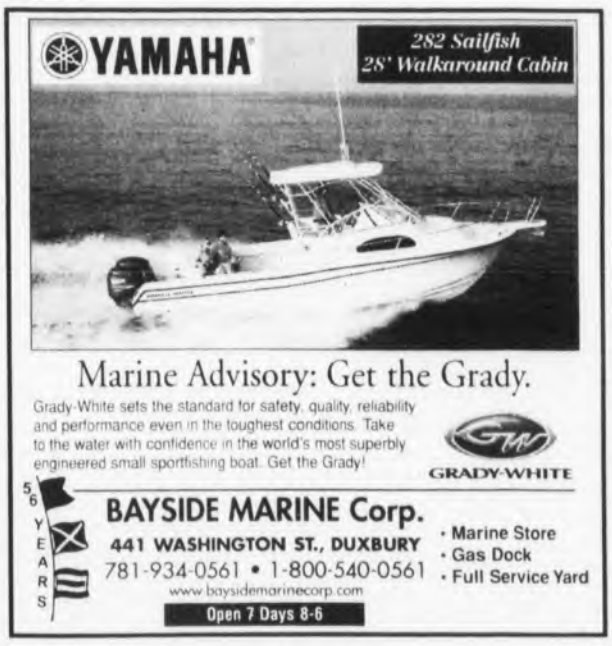
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Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. **Deadline is Friday at noon.** *Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at townonline.com — click on your town — then click the entertainment tab.*



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A Pilgrim maiden prepares to serve homemade cod cakes, baked beans, scrambled eggs and muffins during the Pilgrim Breakfast. This year's traditional New England breakfast will be dished up on Sunday, July 8, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the 1677 Harlow Old Fort House in Plymouth. Call 508-746-0012 or contact pasm@verizon.net for more information.





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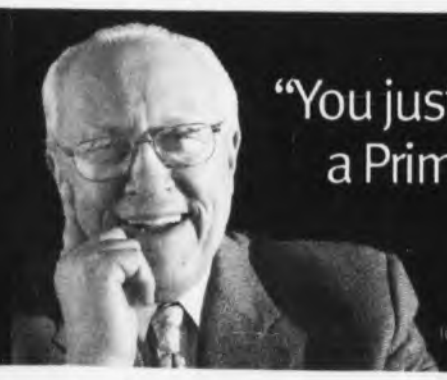
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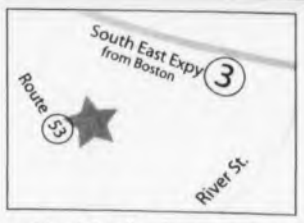
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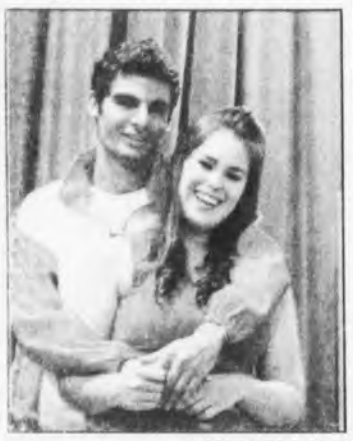
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Perfect day ends in tragedy

Triathlon marred by participant's death

By Nancy White
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Sunday started out perfectly — calm winds, low seas, ocean water in the mid-60s and hundreds of athletes, including more than100 Cohasset residents, gearing up for the 15-mile course that lay ahead of them.

"I couldn't have asked for a better day," said Cohasset Tri Race Director Bill Burnett in an interview Tuesday.

Then, shortly after 8a.m., emergencies in the first leg of the event, called to action volunteer lifeguards, the harbormaster boats and paramedics on duty. Four triathletes were pulled from the water off Cohasset's Sandy Beach in a 45-minute time span.

One of those athletes, a 38-year-old Newton man, died at South Shore Hospital on Sunday. A 40-year-old woman experienced a "cardiac event" and remains in the hospital. Although race officials and police will not release the names of the victims at the request of the families, published reports indicate the male victim was Joseph J. Lyons Jr., of Newton.

The water start was staggered in six waves, or heats, each with less than 150 participants. Lyons was among the first group to hit the waves.

An eyewitness on the shore, Mary Cirafice of Cohasset, watched the race on the right side of the beach where the triathletes entered the water. As the majority of the first heat rounded the first buoy marker, a man began having trouble. She observed other partici-

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For readers' thoughts on the triathlon, see pages 10-14.

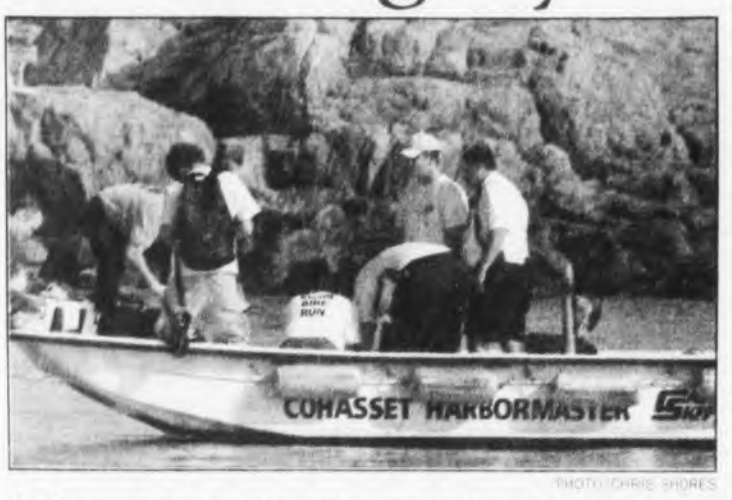


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EMTs jump on board a Cohasset Harbormaster boat to help a participant during Sunday's first Cohasset Tri. A 38-year-old Newton man died following the swimming leg of the race and a 40-year-old woman is still hospitalized.

Unlocking history

Restored Capt. John Wilson House open to public

By Nancy White
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Amid the bustling Cohasset village is a chance to journey into the 19th century — a step back to when the fishing industry prospered and nine children lived in a two-bedroom house. The Historical Society's Captain John Wilson House has re-opened to the public after four long years of restoration work.

"There's a lot of mystery we're trying to solve with the house."
— Laura Abrams, assistant curator

The house is steeped in history and was, unfortunately, steeped onto a rock ledge face when it was built in 1810. Shipwrights David Nichols sold the house to Captain Wilson for a mere $475. The precarious location, just inches from the ledge, created a drainage problem around the house and perpetual water damage. With new piping to draw the water away from the house and a complete restoration, right down to the original paint colors, has revealed a historically accurate structure that is as good as it ever was.

With completely re-vamped exhibits, the Wilson House is ready to welcome history buffs and curious minds alike. The prime piece of real estate at the juncture of South Main Street and Elm Street has been interpreted to represent a storied history of the Wilson family, Cohasset and the typical nineteenth century family.

"The more we find out about Captain Wilson, the more questions we have," says Laura Abrams, the Historical Society's assistant curator. Finding out about Captain Wilson, the man and his family, has proved to be a continually intriguing process for Society.

"We feel there is more information and more [artifacts] out there, it's an ongoing research project," says Abrams. Why did Wilson live in such a modest home, cramped with nine children, when the fishing industry was booming? Why did an Army Corps of Engineers captain write to Wilson about his concerns of the original Minot Lighthouse? Did he take any action? Curious still is there is little known about Captain Wilson's wife who was left for likely months at a time while Wilson embarked on long fishing expeditions. These are just some of the mysteries left for Abrams and the Society to uncover.

In their search, they regularly check

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Upstairs the Wilson House is interpreted as a modest 19th-century home, like the one the Wilsons would have lived in. The sitting room features a piano made by Samuel Bates as a wedding gift in 1845 for his daughter, Johanna. The room's artifacts are arranged in such a way so that the viewer feels like someone just left the room.

Possible budget shortfall

Early projections could mean $400K override

By Nancy White
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Preliminary projections for Fiscal 2009 show a shortfall of $410,000, which could mean an override vote at the spring 2008 Town Meeting.

At the request of the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager Bill Griffin and Director of Finance Mike Buckley worked up a forecast for revenue and expenditure in next year.

"We did not make broad assumptions," said Griffin, who indicated in fiscal 2008 the town saw greater increases in state allocations and local receipts than was expected.

"These are very preliminary projects and are subject to change (both good and bad) as time goes by," Griffin said in an e-mail this week, "that is especially the case with state aid, over the past six years we have seen state aid cut, state aid level funded, state aid increased and state aid increased more than we thought would occur."

The conservative revenue numbers included a 5 percent increase in Chapter 70 funds as opposed to and 8.8 percent increase in fiscal 2008. Local receipts jumped 5.62 percent in fiscal 2008, but the town has projected a 1.23 percent increase for fiscal 2009. Tax levy will have $500,000 in new growth revenue. No Proposition 2 1/2 is assumed.

Department heads worked up their projected budgets for fiscal 2009. From preliminary operating budgets, the general government operating budget has a projected increase of 3.5 percent. The school budget is projected to increase 6 percent in the upcoming fiscal year.

With fiscal 2007 books just ending June 30) and fiscal 2008 barely begun, Griffin reminded the Selectmen the numbers are only rough estimates.

"We have assumed a certain level of expenditure based on past trends. We continually examine ways to save money and tighten the belt, especially since especially since we have brought

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PICTURE THIS/David Littlefield



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This week, the Mariner caught up with the "Sausage Guy," David Littlefield, who recently opened The Boys of Summer Ice Cream Co. in the former Henry's Rootbeer Stand site on Pleasant Street.

Name: David Littlefield

Occupation: The Sausage Guy.

Best day of your life: My wedding day and the births of my three kids.

Best vacation: Cape Cod with my family.

Favorite season: Fall when the Red Sox win.

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving.

Favorite junk food: Popeye's Fried Chicken.

Best magazine: Boston Magazine.

Best movie: "Fever Pitch."

Best TV show: "Dead Wood."

Most embarrassing moment: Dumping two ounces of salt into a recipe on live T.V.!

Pet Peeve: Keeping things clean!

Goal: To meet my daily challenges.

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Pest Management

All three school buildings in town now have indoor and outdoor plans to deal with mosquitoes and other potentially harmful insects. In accordance with the Children and Families Protection Act schools seeking pesticide applications from the state as a preventative measure are required to file an integrated pest management program with the state. The objective is to limit children's exposure to pesticides and to keep the athletic fields and playgrounds safe. Facility Manager Brian Adams created a separate plan for each school. Residents and parents can view the plan(s) by visiting http://massnrc.org/ipm/ and clicking "Locate a Plan."

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

July	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 12	10:04	8.5	10:15	10.3	3:44	-0.4	3:52	0.6
Sunrise: 5:17 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:20 p.m.*			
Fri. 13	11:02	8.6	11:11	10.4	4:41	-0.5	4:48	0.5
Sunrise: 5:18 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:19 p.m.*			
Sat. 14	11:56	8.8	—	—	5:34	-0.6	5:41	0.5
Sunrise: 5:19 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:19 p.m.*			
Sun. 15	12:04	10.3	12:46	8.8	6:24	-0.6	6:32	0.5
Sunrise: 5:20 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:18 p.m.*			
Mon. 16	12:54	10.2	1:34	8.9	7:12	-0.5	7:21	0.5
Sunrise: 5:21 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:17 p.m.*			
Tues. 17	1:42	9.9	2:19	8.9	7:57	-0.2	8:08	0.7
Sunrise: 5:21 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:17 p.m.*			
Wed. 18	2:28	9.6	3:03	8.8	8:40	0.1	8:56	0.9
Sunrise: 5:22 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:16 p.m.*			
Thurs. 19	3:14	9.1	3:46	8.7	9:23	0.5	9:43	1.1
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'White cloud' descends on gas station

36 treated, 1 transported to hospital

By Nancy White
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Sunday was a non-stop morning for the Fire Department. After assisting the Triathlon, units were called to respond to a chemical spill at Leo's Exxon. Potassium bicarbonate, a white powder often used for fire protection, was disperses under the gas station's canopy in under two seconds.

Self-serve gas stations must be equipped with a fire protections system to keep "amateur" gas pumpers safe, said Fire Chief Robert Silvia. Twelve dry powder systems are positioned in the canopy above the gas stations. The fire protection system went off without "apparent reason" and fire officials are still investigating. A mechanical malfunction likely is the cause, said Silvia.

Shortly before 11:30a.m., the dispatcher received several 911 calls from the Leo's Exxon located at the corner of Beechwood Street and Route 3A. What was described as a "white cloud descending" upon the area caused immediate confusion. People tried to get out of the white cloud by seeking cover inside the convenience store, which brought some of the substance into the store. The entire area, the people at the gas station, the cars and some food inside the convenience store and Dunkin Donuts were covered with the potassium bicarbonate.

"It was nothing hazardous, just a respiratory irritant," said Silvia. Potassium bicarbonate is in essence baking soda, it is a non-toxic and often used as a food additive. In the fire protection industry it is called "purple K."

The Fire Department took all necessary precautions. A total of 36 people were treated with first aid on the scene. One older female with a history of respiratory problems was taken to South Shore Hospital on a precaution, said Silvia.

The Board of Health, Dr. Joseph Godzik, Chairman Peggy Chapman and Health Inspector Tara Tradd, arrived on the scene before noontime.

"Any loose food that was not completely sealed and any open drinking cups were thrown out," said Tradd. Sealed packages were wiped down. The gas station, convenience store and Dunkin Donuts were closed until the following morning. Tradd inspected the store before they opened at 5a.m.

The people were instructed to go home and shower immediately, said Chapman. About 10 cars were affected by the potassium bicarbonate, she said. Cars under the canopy were more severely impacted because they had their window and doors open. The very fine white substance was both inside and outside their vehicles, she said.

A hazmat team was notified but did not need to respond. The Department of Environmental Protection was contacted. The concern was with the runoff of the water during clean-up because if a large concentration reached a stream or other body of water the pH would be altered and could kill fish, said Silvia. A copious amount of water was used to dilute the water.

An environmental clean-up company, Cyn Environmental, was hired by the gas station owner for the clean-up effort and used industrial vacuums and other methods to prevent the runoff from getting into the storm drains. The clean-up contractor had direct communication with the DEP. The two on-site catch basins are dry wells and do not lead to any streams or rivers, said Silvia.

14-, 15-year olds identified in burglaries

Scituate Police will be seeking similar charges against the youths for a number of overnight burglaries occurring in their town.

On July 11, Cohasset and Scituate Police detectives, working jointly on an investigation into a series of overnight burglaries in Cohasset and Scituate, conducted interviews in furtherance of the investigation. Information developed as a result of these interviews led to the identification of two Cohasset juvenile males, 14 and 15 years of age, for whom Cohasset Police will seek criminal charges for the June 20th burglary of a Beechwood Street residence during the early morning hours. The investigation also led to the recovery of property stolen from the Beechwood Street residence. Scituate Police will be seeking similar charges against the youths for a number of overnight burglaries occurring in their town.

The investigation also led to both youths being implicated in the arson of a portable toilet located at the Beechwood Street ball field during the month of June. Cohasset Police will seek additional charges against both youths in connection with this incident.

Both incidents remain under investigation and charges against other subjects may be forthcoming.

Police Beat

Chief: fireworks are illegal in Massachusetts

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This week's police log is full of complaints about fireworks called in by a number of residents. Police Chief James Hussey said it is illegal to purchase or possess fireworks in Massachusetts. That is not the case in New Hampshire and some southern states, he said. "We know people bring them into our state, especially around the Fourth of July," he said. "Our biggest concern is people's safety. We do not think setting off fireworks is a safe activity for families to be involved in."

Hussey said in most cases when police respond to a fireworks complaint, the officers confiscate the fireworks. However, if police have dealt with the individuals before, they could seek a criminal complaint.

He said police will usually give the people a warning the first time. "However, we are very concerned with kids around that someone could get hurt."

Hussey urged residents to continue to call the police if they hear fireworks going off. "It is our intent, at a minimum, to confiscate the fireworks and we could seek a criminal complaint," he said.

Suspicious vehicle

Police were not able to locate a "suspicious vehicle" reported by a caller last week (July 3) at 4 a.m. The Boston Globe delivery service reported that someone was following the "female delivery person." Police also checked on the welfare of a second female delivery person and were not able to find the car for which there was not a good description, Chief Hussey said.

Hussey speculated that it is possible someone in a car saw the delivery persons going in and out of driveways and thought someone was prowling around the area.

Vandalism

A 20-year-old and a 19-year-old who work at a local restaurant had a verbal argument last week (July 3) that resulted in the 20-year-old damaging the passenger-side mirror on the teen's car, police said. Chief Hussey said the one who did the damage admitted to it and he and the 19-year-old have made an agreement for him to pay for the damage.

In an unrelated incident, police received a radio call about a vehicle vandalized on Lighthouse Lane, which is on Government Island. The damage was to the side mirrors on the vehicle. When the call came in an officer recalled seeing several kids in the area earlier "messing around near the boats at the Sailing Club," Chief Hussey said. He remembered who they were, located them and one of the teens made an admission about breaking the mirrors. The victim is getting a damage estimate and the teen responsible for the vandalism will pay for it. A deadline was arranged and if not met, the teen will be summonsed to court, Hussey said.

Pitched tent

Family members from Montana that had been driving across country pulled over on Route 3A last week (3:18 p.m. on July 4) in Hingham near the Cohasset line and pitched a tent where they planned to spend the night, police said. Cohasset notified Hingham police and the family was directed to Wompatuck State Park.

Hit & Run

A person who works at Shaw's Plaza reported that his car, a 1997 Honda Civic, which was parked there, was damaged sometime between noon and 6 p.m. on July 4. Investigation revealed a small dent on the driver's side fender. There was no debris at the scene, police said.

Doorbells rung

Several youths who were running through the Fair Oaks Lane neighborhood ringing doorbells and then taking off, were brought to the station where their parents picked them up, police said. As many as 10-15 kids may have been involved in all and three to four were found and brought to the station. Police talked to the parents to ensure that a message was sent about stopping this behavior, Chief Hussey said. He said at least one resident, an elderly woman, was upset.

K-9 unit

A Scituate K-9 unit found two 14-year-old Cohasset boys sought for breaking and entering of a vehicle on Summer Street in Scituate. The boys were located in the Church Street area of Cohasset and were taken into custody by Scituate police. The incident occurred July 7 at about 4:30 a.m.

Drifting kayak

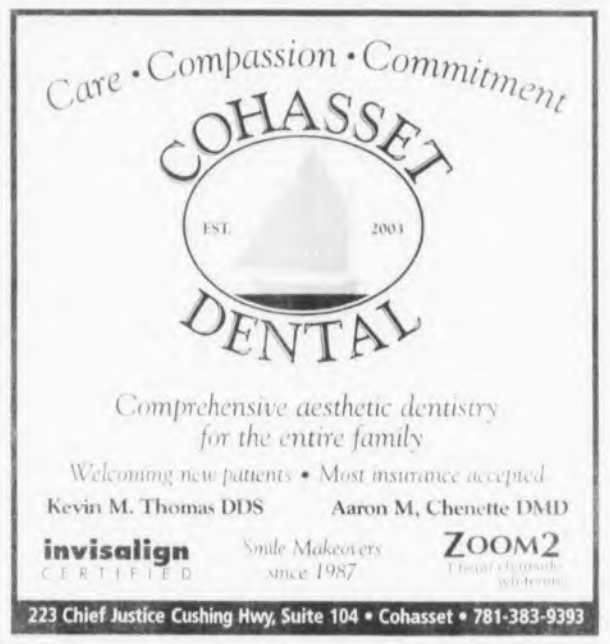
A drifting kayak off Jerusalem Road with a paddle, fishing rod and boat ladder inside caused concern last week (about 3 p.m., July 7) because public safety officials thought the owner may have fallen overboard. The Coast Guard was notified, as were the fire and police chiefs. However, the owner was soon located and told to pick up his kayak at the Harbormaster's station.















TODAY'S MORTGAGE MARKET

by Jim Sweeney

Reasons for Buying Now!!!



I start working with many of my clients before they contact a realtor and begin looking at homes on the market. When they do start shopping, they have an understanding of all the steps between shopping and closing, the maximum mortgage amount they can obtain using different mortgage programs, the monthly payments, and the closing costs they can expect. They also have my advice to "Buy Now" as a response to thinking that "I missed out on a good time to buy a few years ago" and "I want to wait until the values are going up." A few years ago, home prices were at an all-time high and rising, homes for sale were purchased quickly, leaving you with fewer choices and the risk of being outbid on the homes you did like. The need to act fast in the market often meant you paid too much for a home that wasn't quite what you wanted and the nervous feeling you paid too much. These "good times" weren't good for everyone. Although the early buyers are now in homes worth much more than they paid, later buyers saw prices continue to increase and then retreat to their purchase price, and the very late buyers wish they could "Buy Now" as you can. I do read the various predictions that some areas might see slightly lower prices in 2007. I also read opinions that prices may start up in late 2007, and some that say the market will not change until 2008 or 2009. In any case, "Waiting for prices to go up" doesn't make much sense. In the worst case, waiting means the price of the $400,000 house you could purchase today goes up 5% to $420,000 and then you buy. Waiting may make no difference, if the price goes down 5% and you wait until prices start going up and pay $400,000 next year. Every prediction I do read is an opinion of when and not if prices will go up. In the long run, everyone seems to agree that the value of real estate will continue to increase as it always has.

Making the decision to "Buy Now" means you can take advantage of the excellent selection of property for sale and find a home you like in your preferred location. The advantages of home ownership have remained intact. Home Ownership and its accompanying tax advantages still represent a long-term investment in your future. The privacy, stability, ability to customize a larger living area to your liking, and feeling the pride of ownership has not changed. If you are ready to "Buy Now", consider the disadvantages of waiting. If you are not sure you are ready, I will be glad to evaluate your situation or advise you on the steps to prepare yourself.

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Hardware store decision delayed

Special meeting set for July 17

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"I'm sorry to have them wait, but we have agreed to expedite the decision."
— Woody Chittick, ZBA chairman

The Zoning Board of Appeals decision on the Cohasset Hardware building proposed renovation will have to wait a few more days. An apparent mix-up within the board on who was supposed to write the draft decision scheduled to be deliberated on Tuesday evening led to the delay.

The public hearing on the Hardware store was closed at last month's meeting of the ZBA (June 6). Jim and Tina Watson, owners of the building, are seeking to turn the iconic village building into two retail spaces on the first floor and four one-bedroom apartments split between the second and third floors. In order to execute their plans, the ZBA will need to grant both a special permit to allow multi-family dwellings on the second and third floor as well as a variance to get around the 40,000 square foot lot restriction.

When the hearing closed, the applicants were told to expect a decision on the application at the next ZBA meeting July 10. Two members of the board were assigned to work on the draft decision: Barbara Power and Charles Higginson. It seems neither one realized he/she was supposed to write it.

Chairman Woody Chittick called the situation "a fluke" when reached for comment on Wednesday. "It's very unusual for people to have expected a decision and not get it," he said. He could not recall a recent example in the last few years.

"This really is unacceptable," said Tina Watson, after waiting over two hours to hear the decision. Although the deliberation for the hardware store was scheduled for 9:30p.m., the discussion did not begin until close to 11p.m. Members of the ZBA confirmed they did not need any more information from the applicant when asked by a frustrated Jim Watson.

Chittick said he was not aware a decision would not be forthcoming until the ZBA discussion late in the evening; otherwise he would have let the applicants know earlier.

"I'm sorry to have them wait, but we have agreed to expedite the decision," said Chittick, "in the giant scheme of things they probably lost a week."

The ZBA will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, July 17 at 8p.m. to deliberate and vote on a decision.

Perfect day ends in tragedy

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pants swimming along with the man to bring him to the closest rescue board. Shortly after, he was transferred to the boat. The swimmer was discolored and being worked on, she said.

From Cirafice's vantage point, it looked like the emergency medical supplies, like a defibrillator, were all on shore, not on the boat. Officials could not confirm if the boats were equipped with medical supplies. The Harbormaster Department has declined to comment on any of the triathlon events. The man was brought to shore by the harbormaster boat and eventually carried to the Advanced Life Support ambulance.

Cohasset Fire Chief Robert Silvia said a paramedic team under the leadership of emergency doctor Michael Hughes treated and stabilized the man before heading to South Shore Hospital.

"Anything that could be done was being done in the back of the ambulance," said Silvia, the ambulances are equipped like a mini-emergency room.

"Unfortunately, the male was not resuscitated and was pronounced dead," stated a press release from the Cohasset Triathlon on Monday. Officials do not yet know the cause of death.

"We have to wait and see what the reports say," said Burnett, the race director. An autopsy will be performed on the victim. Until the report is finished, any attribution of death is "speculation," he said.

The water portion of the event was well choreographed with racers leaving the beach in five-minute intervals. Each group had a different colored swimming cap. The water had very few waves and there was only a light wind. There was space to minimize confusion, said a 25 year veteran triathlete and Cohasset resident Greg Weissman.

"Typically [in other triathlons] there are three-minute spaces between waves," said Weissman, "There was more than enough time between the waves."

Hingham resident Adrienne Fowkes, like many of Cohasset Triathlon's 720 registered participants, was a first time triathlon participant. An avid runner, Fowkes said she knew the swimming portion was not going to be her strongest leg.

"I never once felt unsafe in the water," she said there were kayaks, the harbormaster and other safety boats, "I felt people were watching us."

Fowkes witnessed the safety precautions at work when she slowed down to allow a struggling woman to be pulled onto a kayak. Triathletes surrounding the woman in trouble flagged down help, she said.

"I can't say enough how well organized the course was, it could have been mass pandemonium and it wasn't. Not only the race volunteers and other officials, there were so many people out on the course cheering us on," said Fowkes. "It felt like the whole town was out to support the athletes."

Fowkes was not alone in praising the organization of the triathlon; the Cohasset Mariner received dozens of e-mails from both experienced and first time triathloners commending the Cohasset Tri. Many expressed their sadness and shock at the man's death, but hoped it would not prevent the event from returning next year.

"Personally, I'm going to sit back and look at what we can do better. When I started organizing this triathlon, I had every intention of making it an annual event," said Burnett, listing the positive aspects of the race as created a community spirit throughout town, getting families together for the day, having family members train together, "it got people to do something they wouldn't have thought of doing otherwise. It was a good day for Cohasset."

However, the tragedy has made the triathlon's success bittersweet for him.

"I feel no joy today, just a lot of sadness," he said, "my heart goes out to the victim's family."

An investigation and thorough review of the organization, planning and strategies used at Sunday's triathlon is underway, said Cohasset Town Manager Bill Griffin at Monday night's meeting of the Board of Selectmen. The investigation will take time, he said, and the determinations will be reported back to the Selectmen at a later date.

The Cohasset Triathlon was a sanctioned USA Triathlon event. A lengthy document (about 15 pages) with details about the course and safety measures in place must be completed and approved, said Burnett. A sanction from USA Triathlon means the event has met all the guidelines and expectations the organization has set out.

Despite the tragedy in the water, Burnett said he would not do anything differently in the water portion of the event.

"We were well prepared, but I didn't think we would have to go to the level we did," said Burnett.

The Board of Selectmen, which approved the organization of the race back in the fall, will review the report and determine if the race will be allowed to continue.

"Event was extremely successful, I'd love to see a repeat of it next year," said Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil in a phone interview, "the organization was outstanding, the public safety was outstanding. It is unfortunate that somebody had a cardiac arrest while participating, but we were well prepared."

The Sandy Beach Association, which privately owns the beach, gave their permission for the triathlon to use the beach. However, Sandy Beach Association President Robin Lawrence said they did not provide lifeguards for the event, although a few of the lifeguards employed by the SBA volunteered for the swim portion of the event.

More than $45,000 was raised to benefit the Triathlon's charity, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Many competitors say they are looking forward to next year's event.

"The sadness I have at the tragic death of a participant is a painful reminder that life can be short and unpredictable and I plan to spend it by continuing to challenge myself, hopefully at the second Annual Cohasset Tri," said Cohasset resident Deb Bowen.

Possible Budget shortfall

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the last two budgets to town meeting in a balanced format," Griffin said.

He and other department heads will be looking to increase revenues by making sure our fees are up to date to match the level of expenditure.

"We hope to find ways to address [the $410,000 shortfall]," said Griffin. The projections will be updated as more information becomes available.

"I am always happier to later say we have more money than we thought rather than less. My fingers are always crossed," he said.

Status of various committees to be reviewed

The Board of Selectmen plans to review the status of advisory committees established by the Selectmen in the past. Chairman Gary Vanderweil proposed a motion to review the charges and goals of the committee as well as set a timeline for the completion of those goals.

"We need to have a timeline and goals for these committees," to give them focus and direction, "as opposed to being open ended," said Vanderweil. The Selectmen have asked the committees come before them in September.

The committees include the Cable Advisory Committee, the Housing Partnership Committee, the Economic Development Committee, the Stormwater Management Committee, the Harbor Health Committee, the Long Range Budget Committee and the Technology Committee. Each committee was established by a vote of the Selectmen and the Selectmen appoint the members.

Beach, RTF permits on sale

The "all facility sticker" for the fiscal 2008 is on sale during normal business hours at Town Hall and at the DPW garage on weekends, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sticker prices are $50 for residents under the age of 60 and $15 for seniors. This sticker will allow access to the Recycling Transfer Facility and Sandy Beach, as well as parking at all areas in town that require a sticker.

Residents are encouraged to purchase stickers through the mail by providing the appropriate fee, a copy of a current registration and a self-addressed return envelope.









Coast Guard investigating commuter boat collision

By Mary Ford
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"The inside was a mess from the bow of the Laura coming through the windows into the ceiling area."
— Tom Maloney, commuter

Those who travel from Hingham to Boston on the commuter boat will be the first to tell you, it is the best way to get to work.

With the resumption of train service on the Greenbush line still several months away, the only alternative is fighting gridlock on Route 3 and the Southeast Expressway.

But Tuesday's 6:50 a.m. commute for those on the Massachusetts, a Hingham commuter boat operated by Mass Bay Lines, was anything but smooth.

On its way from Hingham to Boston in heavy fog, the Massachusetts and another commuter boat, the Laura, which operated by Boston Harbor Cruises, collided in Boston Harbor. The Laura, which was on its way back to Hingham with a crew of four on board, crashed through the windows near the bow of the Massachusetts which had 151passengers. The crash occurred near the Long Island Bridge.

"Glass, metal and ceiling tiles came crashing through the bow of the boat," said commuter Tom Maloney of Hingham, who, an hour later, was still shaking while sitting at his desk in his office in Boston. "Thank God, no one was sitting in that corner."

The Coast Guard, which is investigating the incident, said no one was seriously injured. Both the 88-foot Massachusetts and the Laura suffered water damage above the water line and did not take on any water.

Spokesperson Petty Officer Zach Zubricki said the Coast Guard received a call at 7:30 a.m. from Coast Guard employees that were taking the ferry to their jobs in Boston.

The Massachusetts, which was inbound, made it safely to Rowe's Wharf. The outbound Laura, which was heading back to Hingham, went to a pier in Charlestown.

Several witnesses said a third boat, a smaller recreational-type vessel, that was reported as being in the vicinity of the two ferries was involved. Zubricki said the Coast Guard is investigating those reports as well as whether the fog was a factor. The Coast Guard launched two 25-foot rescue boats as a precaution, he said.

Both crews will be drug and alcohol tested, which is routine in these incidents, Zubricki said.

Maloney, the Hingham commuter, said it was close call for a male passenger, who was seated in the center bow of the Massachusetts, very close to the impact point. The outside of the boat did not appear to be as badly damaged as the inside. "The inside was a mess from the bow of the Laura coming through the windows into the ceiling area," he said.

Charles Clapp, who has taken the commuter boat for about 15 years and was seated in the back of the Massachusetts, said he was surprised that with GPS technology, the collision was not avoided. Tuesday morning the Massachusetts missed the main opening under the Long Island Bridge and was put into reverse and then went through, he said. "The commuter boat route is pretty well warn," Clapp said "It seemed odd with the GPS technology to miss the bridge opening." The Massachusetts stopped, backed up and then went through. Ten minutes later, the boat was put in neutral and then reverse just before contact occurred.

"I heard the crunch and I stood up to take a look," said Clapp, who is 6 ft., 6 ins. tall. He said right away he knew it was the Laura, which is one of the older commuter boats and has a metal bow. He said usually boats pass portside to portside not starboard to starboard. Clapp said he was not sure what happened or if the Massachusetts turned at the last minute.

He said the passengers remained calm and put on their lifejackets. "I finished my coffee and finished reading the paper," Clapp said.

Clapp said he has no plans to stop taking the ferry. "What should I do – get on the Southeast Expressway and feel safer? No!" he said.

Bill Spence, president of Mass Bay Lines Inc., which has operated ferry service since 1963, said the Laura went right through the windows of the Massachusetts. Spence said he was waiting to speak to the captain to get a full report and declined to speculate on the cause of the collision, although he had also heard that a third vessel could have played a role.

Joe Pesaturo, who is the press secretary for the MBTA, which has a contract with Boston Harbor Cruises to provide the ferry service, said one person had minor cuts on his hands but declined medical attention. He estimated the damage to the Laura as being $10,000.

Mass Bay Lines, which is a subcontractor to Boston Harbor Cruises, did not have a damage estimate immediately available.

Pesaturo said the 600-passenger Salacia and 350-passenger James J. Doherty would be inserted into the schedule in place of the Massachusetts and the Laura.

The Massachusetts, which returned to service the beginning of June, as sidelined a year ago after a fire in the engine room. That incident occurred during the afternoon commute back to Hingham. Ironically all the passengers aboard the Massachusetts were transferred to the Laura.

Mark DeGiacomo of Cohasset was on the "next" boat last June during the fire when passengers on the Aurora saw the Massachusetts dead in the water with smoke billowing out and Tuesday morning when his boat pulled onto Rowes Wharf behind the Massachusetts.

"As we walked down the dock it was clear something was going on. Police, fire and Coast Guard personal were everywhere. There were still people on the Massachusetts wearing life jackets," DeGiacomo said.

Martha Bewick of Harbor Consultancy International, a consultant to ferry boat systems said commuter boats are very safe.

"In terms of safety, until the three fatal US ferry accidents in the past several years (Staten Island ferry, Baltimore Harbor water taxi, and a Lake George roll-over), there had been no fatalities in the US ferry industry since World War II," she said. "This is due to the excellent management of the ferry operators throughout the US, the training, and the monitoring of the ferry industry by the Coast Guard.

"You can compare this with annual fatalities on highways, and at railroad grade crossings, and on other transportation modes. Even skateboards and bathtubs!" she said.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Heavy fog may have played a factor in the collision that damaged the Massachusetts, shown here at Rowes Wharf. The Coast Guard is investigating.



A view of the inside of the Massachusetts looking out through its damaged bow. One person sustained minor injuries, officials said.



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Christopher Roy described as 'exemplary student-athlete'

AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

SUMMERTIME

Hello Cohasset. Is everyone enjoying the summer? From the looks of things around town, it is a great summer for all. Whether at the beach, Town Pool, Harbor or in the yard with the hose, everyone looks so happy. Summer camps and programs look and sound like so much fun and the weather is not too bad. Stay safe, use sunscreen and enjoy every day. Encourage everyone to practice safe train crossing safety as well even before the train gets here. Send in some happy news about some summertime events along with photos or upcoming plans, we all love to hear about them.

I have to pass on some "great work" news to **Bill Burnett** and all the people who helped with Cohasset's first Triathalon held last Sunday. It was run it what seemed like true organization and motivation and I was so impressed by all.

SCHOLAR-ATHLETE

On Friday, June 1, **Christopher Roy** graduated from Lawrence Academy during the school's 214th commencement exercises in Groton, Massachusetts. At graduation, Chris was named a co-recipient of The Raymond A. Ilg, Jr. Award for outstanding qualities as an interscholastic athlete.

Earning a place on the academic honor roll for several terms, and on the high honor roll during his senior year, Chris served the school community as a proctor in his dormitory. He was a four-year member of the football and wrestling teams, earning awards in both sports. For his performance on the football team, he earned honorable mention from the Independent School League (ISL) as a junior and, the following season, was named to the All-ISL team and given the Coaches' Award for team spirit. He capped off his wrestling career at Lawrence Academy by winning his weight class's ISL championship match at the Graves-Kelsey tournament, earning the team's title of MVP and All-ISL honors. A three-time MVP, two-time captain, and junior year ISL honorable mention recipient, Chris placed in the league tournament each of his four years and was ultimately ranked fifth at 171 lbs. by the New England Prep School Athletic Council. In his senior year, he was undefeated in league matches and 26-3 overall. Like other athletes at Lawrence Academy who are encouraged to study dance, Chris accepted that challenge by both choreographing and performing a solo piece at a term-ending concert.

During his Winterims, two-week experiential learning sessions in March, Chris assisted in classrooms of underprivileged preschool children at the Lowell Head Start program and challenged himself with a rock- and ice-climbing program. Most recently he explored the topics of propaganda and persuasion in films, joining others in scripting and shooting a short persuasive video documentary as a final project. Chris, whom his advisor calls "an exemplary student-athlete," is the son of **Susan Roy-Reposa** of Hingham and **Peter Roy** of Cohasset. He will attend Trinity College in the fall, where he will continue wrestling.

ST. ANDREWS

Seth Cutler, son of the **Rev. and Mrs. E. Clifford Cutler**, formerly of Cohasset, graduated from the University of St. Andrews during ceremonies conducted on June 19-22. Seth earned an Honors Degree in Geography. He was among 1,362 students who received undergraduate degrees from the university at its campus overlooking the North Sea in east-central Scotland. Beginning in the fall, Seth will begin graduate study in Cities, Culture, and Social Change at King's College London. This was great news for us to hear Seth, congratulations.

U. NEW HAVEN

Congratulations and best wishes go out to **William R. Prendergast,** a Cohasset resident who graduated from the University of New Haven during spring commencement held on May 26, 2007 with a Bachelor of Science in communication. Super news William, good luck in the future.

HONORS

Cameron Cunningham, a Cohasset resident is attending The Master's School in West Simsbury, Conn. Cameron just finished his junior year and received 3rd Quarter High Honors and 4th Quarter Honors. Congratulations, Cameron.

B.U. NEWS

Caroline B. Steele, a resident of Cohasset, has recently been named to the dean's list at Boston University for the Spring semester. Caroline, this is super.

Also, Boston University awarded academic degrees in May to graduates including **Stephanie C. Hoskin**, Mus.M in music education, and **Anne C. Barber**, B.S.B in business administration and management. Congratulations to all.

DEAN'S LIST

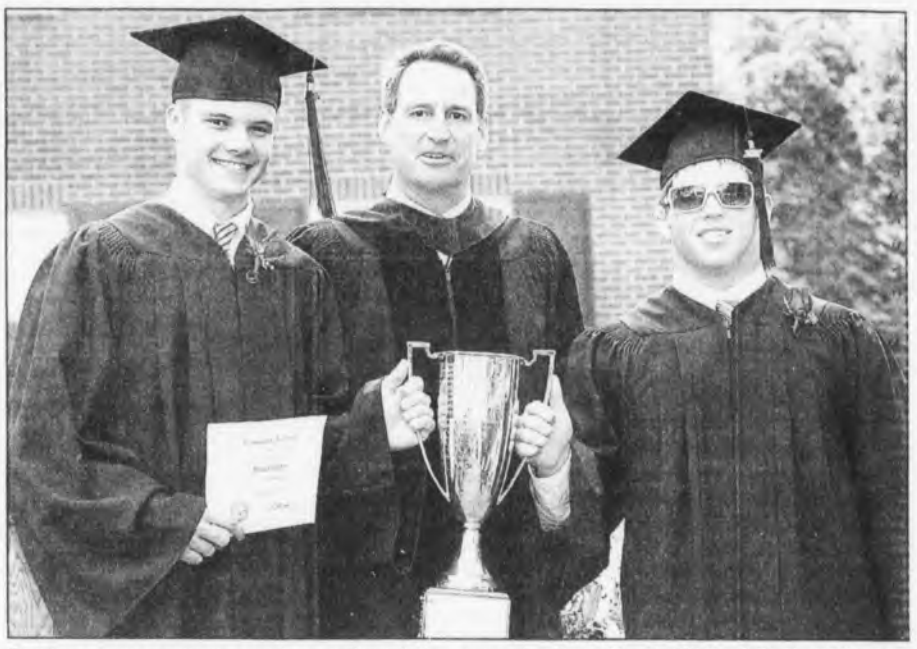
The University of Hartford is pleased to announce its dean's list for Spring '07 that included Cohasset's **Thomas Morgan**.

Catherine Calorio, Class of '09, attends Assumption College and was named to the dean's list for the Spring 2007 semester.

Congratulations Tom and Catherine!

TUFTS HONORS

Cohasset's **Brendon C. Barrett** and **Barry C. Tufts** earned academic honors at Northeastern University for the spring semester. Both have been named to the dean's list. Brendon is majoring in criminal justice and Barry is a political science major. To attain this honor, students must have a quality point average of 3.25 or greater out of a possible 4.0. Keep up the good work!



During commencement exercises on June 1, Lawrence Academy Head of School D. Scott Wiggins presented co-recipients Chris Roy, son of Peter Roy of Cohasset, (right) and Drew Gallagher of Lowell an award recognizing their outstanding qualities as athletes.

BENTLEY STANDOUTS

Courtney Hurley, a junior, and **Brandon Smith**, a sophomore, have been named to the dean's list at Bentley College. To achieve dean's list status at Bentley students need an overall average of 3.3 or higher. Congratulations!

MASSASOIT HONORS

Hats off to Cohasset's **Daniel J. Roth** on attaining dean's list status at Massasoit Community College for the spring semester.

ON STAGE

"Disney's High School Musical" is coming to town through the Cohasset Dramatic Club in conjunction with the Cohasset Recreation Department. The dates are July 20 at 10 am and 7:30 pm, July 21 at 7:30 pm and July 22 at 2 pm. The show is going to be held at Cohasset Middle-High School at 143 Pond St. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased in advance at Buttonwood Books, Front Street Books in Scituate or by calling 617-697-2115. You may also purchase tickets at the door. Grab family and friends and come to one musical and wonderful event that everyone will enjoy! The cast of this show has been working so hard and the end result will be fun, music-filled and a treat for all to enjoy.

HARRY POTTER

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, celebrates the release of "Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows" by J.K. Rowling with a party on Fri., July 20 at 10 p.m. Many wonderful and magical events are planned for the evening. A substitute teacher for the Care of Magical Creatures will be available with some of her favorite Hogwarts pets: a Great Horned Owl, a Screech Owl, a Black Rat Snake, a toad and a rat. Other party plans include Harry Potter Trivia and Crossword, the showing of a Harry potter movie, activities, raffles, and arts and crafts. Light refreshments will be served. We invite everyone to come in costume. Buttonwood is offering a 20 percent discount off the cover price of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows". Books purchased in advance will receive a ticket that will determine book distribution at 12:01 a.m. All children must be accompanied by an adult. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Please call 1-781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com to order your copy if unable to attend.

That is it for the news this week. Send it all to me no later than 5:00 on Tuesdays.

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Restored Capt. John Wilson House open to public

FROM WILSON HOUSE, PAGE 1

eBay for long lost Wilson items and have contacts in the historic preservation world. By sheer luck they came across a church tax receipt signed by Captain Wilson for sale on eBay. Much of the Wilson family objects were donated to the Historical Society by Captain Wilson's descendents.

A labor of love has brought the Wilson House to its now pristine and historically accurate state. The new displays keep preservation in mind, says Abrams. Acid-free paper is used where appropriate and some objects will be removed from the site during the off-season.

In Captain Wilson's day, the one room first floor served as a ship's chandlery. Now, the first floor is devoted to the life and objects of the Wilson family and how this one family fit in to the larger fabric of 19th-century Cohasset.

Captain Wilson's maritime tools represent a booming fishing trade; Cohasset was one of the largest in Massachusetts during its heyday. A display case houses a British Marine's cutlass that was mistakenly left on Captain Wilson's ship when the British boarded it during the War of 1812. A letter from an Army Corps of Engineers captain, William Swift, concerns the precarious structure of the original Minot Light. A small section is dedicated to the second and third generations of the Wilson family who also lived at 4 Elm Street. Then, a small table shows the many faces of the Wilson house — a teahouse, a photographer's studio, a tailors shop, a candy store and an ice cream parlor.

On the second floor, the house has been interpreted as a typical early 19th-century home. What was once a "catch all" for historic household objects, says Abrams, has been re-designed to incorporate pre-1860 pieces. A children's room, a kitchen, a sitting room and a tiny "master suite" all feature period objects gleaned from the Historical Society's vast collections. Although none of the second floor objects are linked to Captain Wilson and his family, all illustrate a life the life they (and other Cohasset families) lived.

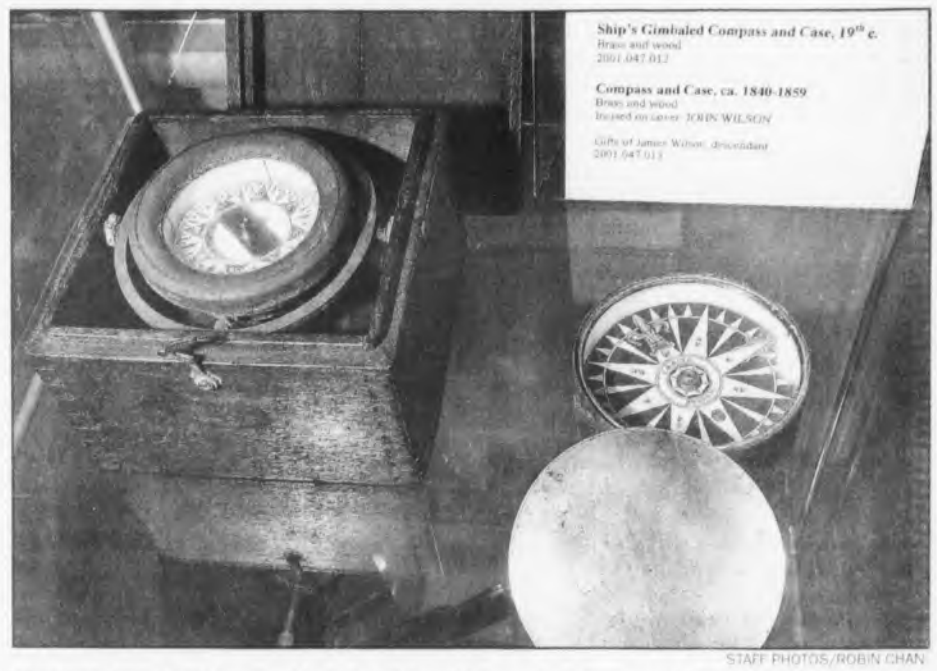
"We tried to comb the collection and find things that were appropriate," says Abrams, who has been involved in building the exhibits for two years, "we tried to get it right."

Unexpected and unique objects are infused throughout the rooms — an antique bread toaster, needlework of the Cohasset Common, a bed warmer and various books and games. A built-in grandfather clock and a piano, both made by another prominent Cohasset village resident, Samuel Bates, anchor the sitting room.

Interestingly left absent from the house is a washroom, "there's a lot of mystery we're trying to solve with the house," says Abrams. The Historical Society hopes with time more pieces of the Captain Wilson's puzzle will come to light, but in the meantime they are happy to usher visitors around the house or let them explore the exhibits in leisure.

The restoration of the Wilson House was funded by Community Preservation funds with the support of Town Meeting. William McGaw donated the structure to the Cohasset Historical Society in 1936. Since becoming stewards the Society has been determined to take every precaution to preserve it and ensure its past is never forgotten.

The Captain John Wilson House is open to the public Tuesday thru Friday 1 to 4:30p.m. and Saturday 10a.m.-2p.m. from June until September. The nearby Maritime Musuem (next door to the Wilson House) is open the same hours. Admission is free, but donations are always welcome. For more information, visit www.cohassethistoricalsociety.org or call 781-383-1434.



STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

The first floor of the Historical Society's Wilson House tells the story of Captain Wilson and his family, and their role in greater Cohasset events. Captain Wilson's compass and case is the only item inscribed with John Wilson's name on it. The Wilson House has been completely renovated over the last four years and is now open to the public this summer.



The 19th-century family is working on baking an apple pie in the kitchen of the Wilson home. Women spent the majority of their time in the kitchen cooking for their families. All the artifacts on the second floor are dated pre-1860.



John Wilson's family bible which dates back to approximately 1885 is on display at the Capt. John Wilson house which is now open.

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School is in session

CDC presents 'High School Musical' next weekend

By Nancy White
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School is out for the summer, but for the kids involved in the Cohasset Dramatic Club's summer program, they couldn't be more excited about going back. Next weekend, the curtain will go up on "High School Musical," the stage version of the popular Disney Channel original movie.

"It's our biggest summer show to date," says Susan Jaffe, producer of the production and CDC president. The cast is made up of 53 kids from six South Shore towns and range from 8 to 18 years of age. For four years running, the CDC has put on a summer drama program in conjunction with Cohasset Recreation. Last year, when the CDC found out the rights were available for the "High School Musical," they sent in a request right away, "we knew we wanted to do this show," says Jaffe.

The plot, which director Lisa Pratt describes as a "modern day, G-rated 'Grease,'" takes place at East High School. The story follows two high school students, Gabriella Montez and Troy Bolton, as they try to break out of social stereotypes. Brainy Gabriella and basketball star Troy make an unlikely couple when they audition for the school musical — to the shock of their friends. The school's theatrically talented twins, Ryan and Sharpay, attempt to thwart Gabriella and Troy in the pursuit of lead parts.

"The characterizations are very similar to the movie," says Jaffe, with some of the smaller parts having a larger presence on stage.

For the most part, audience will delight in a stage version very much like the famed movie but some elements were altered to make the show "stage ready." Along the way, the cast and crew plan to surprise the audience with a little flair of their own.



PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

The high energy cast of "High School Musical" gets a jump start at rehearsal this week. The CDC's summer production will take to the Cohasset High stage next weekend, July 20-22. From left, Matt McCarty, Logan Pratt, Madison Rockwell, Andrew DiVitre, Betsy Crawford and Ryan Barrow.

A new classmate, Jackie Scott, joins the ranks and serves as the school's PA announcer.

"Inside of the school she's a geek, kinda clumsy, but once she gets in front of the microphone she becomes cool," says Anne Chapman, who recently graduated from Cohasset High, of her character. Without a movie comparison, Chapman got the chance to define her character, "I love the movie, but [the stage version] is definitely better than the movie."

The score and the music arrangements incorporate the larger cast, not just the leads, in most of the songs and there are more lyrics to each of the songs, Chapman says.

Audiences can expect big dance numbers choreographed by Tina Fabrizio, who added a little bit of her own style to the upbeat (and catchy) songs. Parent and CDC volunteer Jen Piepenbrink says, with a smile, her whole family has been singing the songs non-stop for weeks, "you know it's bad when your husband starts singing along."

In addition, audiences will be treated to two new songs not featured in the movie version, "Cellular Fusion" and "Counting on You."

The cast has been working very hard in the weeks leading up to the premiere, pulling double rehearsal sessions most of this past week. Decked out in red and white costumes, the East High Wildcat colors, the cast was practicing their dance moves and song lyrics before rehearsal officially began on Tuesday night.

"They have worked harder than any other cast before," says Jaffe and the cast says it is ready to deliver a top-notch show.

"There's a lot of expectation with the show, so many little kids worship it," says Andrew DiVitre, who plays the lead role

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'High School Musical' next weekend

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of Troy Bolton, who hopes to bring his own personality to the character.

"We want to play our parts but we also want to be ourselves," adds Madison Rockwell of Hanover who plays the female lead of Gabriella. Both Andrew and Madison are playing their first lead roles in a theatre production and they say they couldn't have asked for more perfect parts, "we both know the movie forwards and backwards," says Madison.

The annual summer program brings many repeat participants who share a flair for the dramatic.

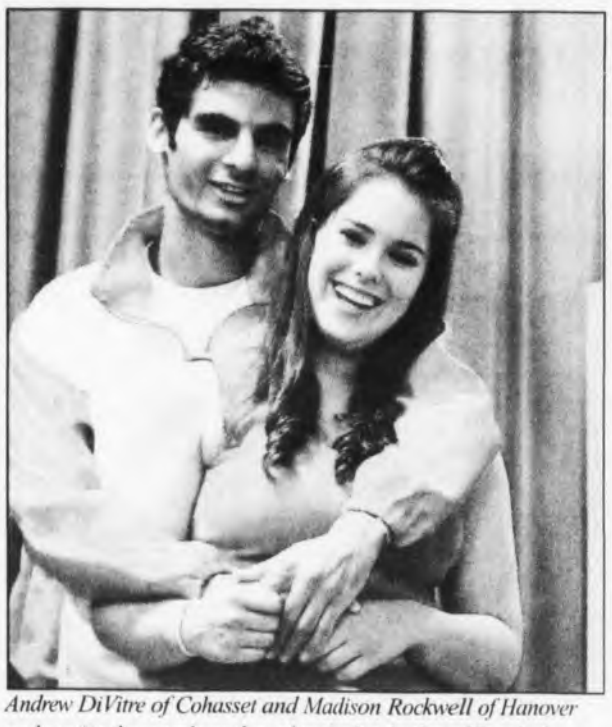
"The kids have a great deal of fun together. The friendships made here extend beyond the show," says Pratt. The kids go on to star in high school productions and some even come back to do CDC productions during the school year.

Although the CDC has called the Town Hall its home for many years, fittingly enough, "High School Musical" will be performed at Cohasset High.

"We know it's going to be a big crowd," says parent and volunteer Piepenbrink, "the air-conditioning is going be great."

The CDC is already gearing up for it upcoming season and have already selected the plays for next year. In the fall they will present a small cast production of the comedy "Moon over Buffalo." In the spring they plan on bringing out all the stops for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

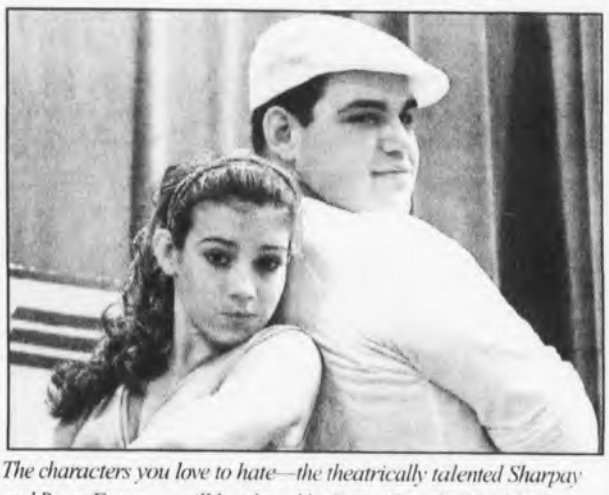
"High School Musical On Stage" will be presented on July 20 at 10a.m. and 7:30p.m., July 21at 7:30p.m. and a Sunday matinee on July 22. Performances will be held at Cohasset High School. Tickets are $10. They can be purchased in advance by calling 617-697-2115, or visiting Buttonwood Books in Cohasset or Front Street Books in Scituate. Tickets will also be available at the door.



Andrew DiVitre of Cohasset and Madison Rockwell of Hanover make quite the couple as they play the lead roles of Troy Bolton and Gabriella Montez. Both are playing their first lead roles in a theatre production and know the movie forwards and backwards.



Thomson Jaffe of Cohasset & Matt McCarty of Marshfield "know a secret" about the upcoming show "High School Musical."

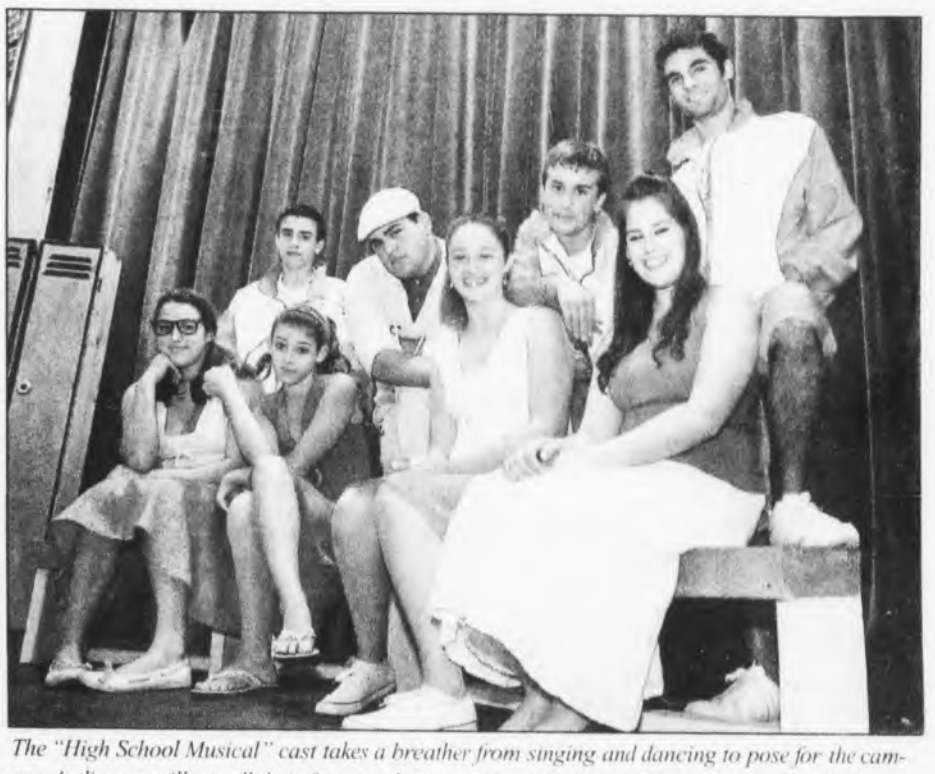


The characters you love to hate—the theatrically talented Sharpay and Ryan Evans — will be played by Betsy Crawford and Ryan Barrow in the CDC's summer production of "High School Musical."



PHOTOS/LAURA SINCLAIR

The East High Wildcats are ready to take the stage by storm in next weekend's production of "High School Musical" at the Cohasset High School auditorium. From left, Thomson Jaffe, Madison Rockwell, Logan Pratt, Will McDonald, Andrew DiVitre and Matt McCarty, in front, Ryan Barrow and Betsy Crawford.



The "High School Musical" cast takes a breather from singing and dancing to pose for the camera. Audiences will see all their favorite characters from the Disney Channel movie. In the front row, Thomson Jaffe, Betsy Crawford, Logan Pratt and Madison Rockwell, in the back row, Will McDonald, Ryan Barrow, Matt McCarty and Andrew DiVitre.

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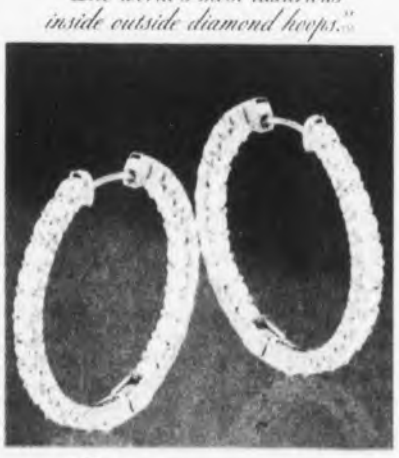
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Readers Advisory Network

In the newspaper business, editors and reporters are trained to expect the unexpected. We are not producing a magazine that can be planned for months in advance, but "news"-papers that cover both regular and "breaking" news stories.

However, with that being said, breaking news is always challenging because there is no lead-time and there is a tremendous sense of urgency to get as much information compiled as quickly as possible.

While the Cohasset Mariner is a weekly paper, we now have a web site "www.cohassetmariner.com" where we endeavor to post stories as they come in. Our web site, which continues to evolve, is a 24/7 operation!

About three years ago we started a Readers Advisory Network for both the Cohasset Mariner and the Hingham Journal, which are produced out of the same office in Hingham Square by essentially the same team. The RAN is compiled of email addresses of those who have signed up and enables us to send out a "broadcast" email seeking commentary, reaction or tips on news stories. Those who sign up only participate if and when they want to. If they do not have any information or thoughts for a commentary or story, they simply do not reply to the email. We also will remove anyone from the RAN if he or she requests that we do.

This week was a challenging one for us but one that was made easier by members of our RAN that helped us out. On Sunday there was the Cohasset Tri, which from the vast majority of accounts was a terrific day, although marred by the tragic death of a competitor and the injuries of two others, one of whom is still hospitalized. We put out a broadcast email to our RAN networks in both Cohasset and Hingham to find out any information we could from spectators and participants. We have been quite literally overwhelmed by the response – dozens and dozens replied and sent in upwards of 12,000 words on the Triathlon.

Tuesday morning two Hingham commuter boats collided in Boston Harbor. Once again, we used our RANs in Cohasset and Hingham as a resource and received first-hand accounts and photographs, many of which commuters took using their cell phones. Through contacts from RAN members we were able to talk to people on the commuter boat Massachusetts, as well as some commuters on the next boat. (Last June, we used the RAN to help us with our story on the commuter boat fire).

We have also used the RAN in the past for commentary, such as "Should smoking be allowed at Sandy Beach?" and "What makes Cohasset Village special?" We also used it for people to share their flood stories after the Mother's Day storm of 2006.

The RAN is a great way, we think, to involve our readers in the content of the newspaper and this week that has, once again, proved to be the case.

If you would like to join our RAN team, please send Mary Ford an email at mford@cnc.com.

When we send a broadcast email message, we send it so no one else receives your email address. We promise not to share your email address with anyone.

As an editor's note, due to the overwhelming response to our request for feedback on the triathlon, many of the commentaries in this week's issue had to be shortened for space reasons; others had to be left out altogether. Some came as letters to the editor. We tried to be fair and balanced. We will post all the commentaries and letters on line at www.cohassetmariner.com on the opinions page.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:
Advisory Committee, July 18, 7 p.m.
Alternative Energy Committee, July 17, 7:30 p.m.
Board of Health, July 23, 7 p.m.
Cable Advisory Committee, July 19 & July 26, 7:30 p.m.
Cohasset Housing Partnership, July 19, 7 p.m.
Conservation Commission, July 19, 7 p.m.
School Committee, July 23, 7 p.m., at the high school.
Selectmen, July 23 and Aug. 6, 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, July 21, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., auditorium; and Aug. 13, 6 p.m.
Stormwater Committee, July 24, 7 p.m.
Troika, July 20, 7:45 a.m.
ZBA, July 17, 8 p.m. and Aug. 6, 7:30 p.m.
All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rescue workers never forget

TO THE EDITOR:

When does human life stop being so important? When does a recreation event become more important than human life?

To a rescue worker, nothing is more important than human life. To a rescue worker, saving that life is the most important thing.

RESCUE by definition: deliver from danger or evil. Liberate n. act of rescuing.

LIBERATE by definition: means to set free.

Are we now a society that accepts loss of life? "Only a small percentage suffered," so we can call this recreation event a success? Am I hearing you correctly?! Only "one" person died. That person was a husband, father, and a son probably going home to a wonderful barbecue and celebration. He died at Sandy Beach, sacred ground to Cohasset. What's that you say? You can't wait for next year! I'm glad your dreams are full of happy thoughts.

You see, a rescue worker has restless nights. A rescue worker never forgets, and is always thinking of how to do better. I think it will be a long time before all the lifeguards, EMTs, fire department, police department, Harbormaster, volunteers and all those people who still value human life get themselves a good night's rest, with pleasant dreams.

Susan O'Brien
3 N. Main St.

Brought town together

TO THE EDITOR:

We are deeply grateful to Bill Burnett and his amazing team of volunteers for creating an extraordinary event to benefit juvenile diabetes research. Bill did more to raise awareness and understanding of juvenile diabetes in this last year working on the Tri than we could have ever imagined. When publicizing the event, he made JDRF front and center at every turn. The Tri raised over $45,000 dollars, which will go directly toward research that will help improve and possibly save the lives of countless people.

On a sad note, our hearts are heavy and our prayers are with the family of the athlete who died during the Tri. It is a tragedy that this could happen to someone going to such lengths to help a worthy cause.

Let us not forget in the wake of this unfortunate situation that the Cohasset Tri was an event that brought a town together to help hundreds achieve personal goals and raise money for the millions that struggle with juvenile diabetes every day.

Suzy and Sean Doherty
(parents of 6-year-old juvenile diabetic, Finn)
50 Atlantic Ave.

Taking stock, celebrating life

TO THE EDITOR:

The death of one of my fellow competitors yesterday morning at the triathlon was truly a tragedy. I, as I know was the case for everyone there, was deeply touched by such an unfortunate and untimely passing. Just as all of us shared in the camaraderie and good feeling that was so much a part of the event, so we were all equally moved by the terrible fate that befell one of us, even if most of us did not know or had ever met him. It was one of those moments in life when you are forced to take stock of all we have, and to understand what a gift life itself is.

However, I genuinely hope, as I'm sure our departed comrade would had he survived to race another day, that his passing will not completely overshadow the remarkable excitement, "buzz", and true joie de vivre that was so much a part of this event.

The first Cohasset Triathlon was an amazing celebration of the incredibly beautiful town we are so fortunate to live in. It somehow engendered a sense of community and shared experience unlike anything I have experienced in the years I have lived in and around town. And, in the end, despite the tragedy that befell one of us and touched all of us, the day was in fact an amazing celebration of life. The best way for us to honor our departed friend will be to race here again next year, to have even more of Cohasset come out to enjoy the festivities, to cheer on and support all the racers from inside and outside of town, to help raise even more money for such a worthy cause, and most importantly to join in this celebration of life itself.

Larry Lieberman
30 Parker Ave.

Keep the spirit of the Triathlon alive

TO THE EDITOR:

After more than 25 years of triathlon racing, I wanted to add some perspective to the Cohasset Triathlon last weekend.

We all have been deeply moved by the tragic death of one of the participants, and our thoughts are with his family during this difficult time.

Triathlons were founded in the 70's in San Diego and have become almost cult-like with tens of thousands of participants worldwide each year. The tragedy of this weekend only reminds us of the inherent risks of all sports, not just triathlons. Having participated in countless triathlons over the years, I was extremely impressed with the attention to detail regarding logistics, including the five-minute spacing in the swim, allowing more room for everyone, and I think the organizers should be commended for their efforts. Overall, this was a terrific event!

Right after the race I overheard multiple compliments from fellow racers about the volunteers, participants, and overall spirit of the race. I think Cohasset showed its true colors on Sunday with its warm welcome, and encouraging cheers to 700-plus racers.

If you have never seen a triathlon, and you should, it's inspiring to watch people accomplish something that they never thought was possible.

I hope we will all have the opportunity again in Cohasset next year.

Greg Weissman
84 Elm Street

Disruptions need to be minimized

TO THE EDITOR:

Over the past 8-10 years, living in Cohasset in the Spring through the late Fall can be a challenge for anyone who drives. The one thing certain is that major roads in the Town and out to Route 3A can be closed or have long delays due to the construction activities of the Water Department, the Rail Line construction, etc., including special "events" such as the Triathlon. There has to be a way to minimize, schedule or locate these activities to reduce the adverse impacts that has become a way of life in Cohasset, a way of life that really detracts from living here.

When one comes back from running an errand and finds no way to get to their house and has to park and walk home, that really is unacceptable, especially for seniors. Increased sensitivity by Town Fathers relative to ongoing, perpetual and special events and their impact on quality of life for residents is needed. It's not

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Old sycamore tree must go

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

You may have noticed that one of the four giant sycamore trees in the Town Parking Lot looks terrible. The whole side of the tree facing the parking lot is essentially dead. There is one live limb toward the railroad tracks. We have had a variety of specialists look at the tree with an eye toward trying to save it. In the opinions of our Tree Warden and two arborists the tree is a hazard and cannot be saved. One of the things we looked at was the possibility of pruning the dead wood and letting the numerous new sprouts grow. However, we are told that sprouts don't mature into decent limbs, and the new sprouts will make it look like a giant lollypop. In addition, the interior of the tree has quite a bit of internal decay, and is structurally weakened. So, we are better off biting the bullet, removing the tree and replanting a new tree. That way, a new tree, with a smaller root structure can adapt to the site as it matures. Sycamore trees are very fast growers, so it will still take years to achieve the same stature as the dead tree. But, it's about the best we can do.

Now things really get interesting. When we went to check the availability of a new sycamore tree (also known as a buttonwood) we were hit by a twist of fate. It seems that sycamore trees grow so fast that they have been placed on the invasive species list of the Commonwealth and can no longer be brought into the state. But we were able to find a London plane tree, which is a cross between an oriental sycamore and an American sycamore, at a local nursery. To the novice, the London plane tree is indistinguishable from a sycamore. It has similar large leaves; the same beautiful mottled bark and will grow to a similar size.

One arborist who looked at the tree feels confident that the work the MBTA did in the parking lot disturbed the root structure and caused the tree to weaken appreciably. Consequently, we asked the MBTA to reimburse us for the loss of the tree, but they said no. So, it looks like we'll be replacing the tree in the near future. But, keeping what little green we have in the asphalt expanse of the Town Parking Lot just seems like the right thing to do.

The Great Manhole Hunt — One of the little tasks that had to be done before the old asphalt on Forest Avenue is removed is locating the manholes that have been hidden under the street for years. Whenever a storm drainage pipe changes its direction, even minutely or two or more pipes connect an underground structure must be buried so that these points can be accessed for maintenance purposes. Each of these access points has a manhole covered by a cast iron manhole cover. Now the plot thickens…When these manholes were first installed, the covers were set flush to the pavement. But, over the years Forest Avenue was repaved, repaved and repaved. To save money, the manhole covers were not raised back to be level flush with the top of the new paving. So, now we must locate all of these buried manholes so that we know where they are prior to the new paving. If we don't locate them the grinding operation to remove the old asphalt may tear up these underground structures. That is not a good thing and will add to the project cost to repair them.

Thus, this past week the DPW began the Great Manhole Hunt. They used a metal detector to locate the cast iron covers and then removed between 6 inches to over a foot of asphalt to verify the manhole location. This needs to be repeated at each possible manhole location before the road is ground.



Old giant sycamore has to come down.

Harbor Wall Fence — This past week the contractor who did the harbor wall repair between Atlantica and the Mill River Marina began installation of the new fencing along the new sidewalk. The enclosed photo shows the work in progress. You may note that for the initial installation the contractor is only completing every other section with both the wood and metal parts. Later on, the contractor will be adding the intervening wood components. Ultimately, copper caps will be added to each supporting vertical post.

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New wall and harbor fence along Border Street.



Edge of Manhole Cover Lurking Below the Roadway.

A great event that should continue

COMMENTARY

ANDREW QUIGLEY

I am writing both as a lifelong athlete and as a first-time triathlon participant with regard to the tragic circumstances of Sunday's Cohasset triathlon.

First of all, the event was the most well run and well organized of its kind in which I ever have participated. Public safety personnel and volunteers were everywhere to ensure the safety of all of the athletes.

Second, a quick note about my personal views about health and safety: I think the seat belt law should be mandatory; trans fats should be banned; smoking should be banned at Sandy Beach; and the tough new laws pertaining to young people and speeding are good. In short, when it comes to matters of public health and safety, I'm a 9.99 on a scale of 10.

Third, however, there is no degree of preparation for any sporting event, whether it's Little League baseball or a triathlon that can take into account the human element, namely, whether this will be the day that the one in a million (or whatever) chance for a tragedy might occur.

All of us who took part in the triathlon knew that this would be a physical challenge, whether we were pushing ourselves to the max to finish in the top three in our age group or those such as myself who simply wanted to give it a try. But whether we run the Rotary Club's annual 10K or play pickup basketball for the better part of 90 minutes, all of us realize that no matter what kind of physical condition we may be in, if it's our time to go because of some heretofore undetected heart problem (such as Reggie Lewis), or hardening of the arteries (such as 1970s running guru Jim Fixx, who died of a heart attack while on a jog), or a freak accident (such as the high school hockey player who was struck by a puck in his chest a couple of years ago, stopping his heart), that's the risk we take for pushing our bodies beyond our normal limits.

Those who talk of not allowing the event to go forward next year may as well suggest that none of us get out of bed in the morning because the sky might fall in.

First timers such as myself found Sunday's triathlon, which was enjoyed by many hundreds of others besides the triathletes, to be both exhilarating and more difficult than we imagined; we'll be better prepared for it next year. On the other hand, when we saw the headline in Monday's Globe about the death of one of our fellow competitors, it dealt a blow to our gut. Still, if one were to have asked all 700 of the triathletes in Sunday's race whether the event should be cancelled in the future if someone were to fall victim to a tragedy, there isn't one of us who would answer in the affirmative.

Those who talk of not allowing the event to go forward next year may as well suggest that none of us get out of bed in the morning because the sky might fall in. Sunday's triathlon was a positive event for the entire community. Though the death of one of our fellow competitors cast a sad pall over the experience, it should serve to make us realize how fragile our existence on this earth is. Looking for blame is a fruitless exercise because there is no blame to be found.

I don't mean to sound trite, but the last thing I would want to see happen if something happened to me on a race course would be for my bad fortune to result in the denial of the pursuit of happiness for others. As my mother often told me, as she was dying of breast cancer: Live life to the fullest because life is for the living.

Andrew Quigley lives at 38 Jerusalem Road.

Words, words, words

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



See what happens when you have too much time on your hands.

Researchers at the University of Texas at Austin spent their spare time from 1998 to 2004 counting words as they tumbled from the lips of 396 students, 210 of them women and 186 of the other persuasion.

Their finding, published in Science magazine the other day with all the fanfare of Darwin announcing a new theory of evolution, was that the erstwhile strong, silent men and their others, significant or not, each utter the same average 16,000 words a day.

This, of course, flies in the face of the 2006 book, "The Female Brain," by neuropsychiatries Louann Brizendine, which theorized that female yakkers outyakked their male counterparts, 20,000 to 7,000.

"It's been a common belief but it just didn't fit," said James Pennebaker, one of those who had six years on his hands in which to count, and neurolinguistics experts have been assured that the old theory has been deleted from future editions.

I ask you, who says feminism is dead? And while we're at it, what is neurolinguistics? I speak as one who has devoted a lifetime to words when I say I never heard of it. But I digress…

The 16,000 word daily average sent me to the calculator where I discovered that averages out to 666.67 words an hour, 11.11 words a minute and 0.19 words a second, which in turn drove me to the Guinness Book of Records.

The world record for talking apparently is held by a fellow named Steve Woodmore of Orpington, England, who spit out 595 words in 56.01 seconds, or 637.4 a minute, on Sept. 22, 1990, during the British TV show "Motor Mouth."

Now there's a show for American TV to consider when those survivor shows run out of places to survive in.

The American record seems to be the property of one John Moschilla, who did 545 words in 55.8 seconds, or 585 a minute, in Los Angeles on May 4, 1988.

Strangely enough, I was unable to find any women record-holders, unless you can count Adrian Hilton, who was either an Englishman or an Englishwoman; you can't really tell from the name.

Anyhow, he or she recited the complete works of Shakespeare in 110 hours, 46 minutes, at a Shakespeare Festival in London On July 16-21, 1987, which Guinness accepts as the world record for reading aloud.

Me? I still have a hankering for the strong, silent types, like Calvin Coolidge, who would have been my favorite president if he weren't a Republican.

They say Silent Cal went to church one day and when he returned home his wife asked him what the preacher's sermon was about.

"Sin," said Cal.

"What did he say about it?"

"He's agin it."

Cal was attending a dinner one day when the woman seated next to him bet she would make him say three words. Cal waited until the dinner was over and they were leaving.

"You lose," he said.

And when Dorothy Parker, the writer with the acid wit, heard that Cal had died, she asked, "How could they tell."

Notice there is no Silent Sal.

LIBRARY CORNER

Great Decisions discussion group to start

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information or to sign up for classes, call 781-383-1348 or visit gwalsh@ocln.org.

Great Decisions Group – Paul Pratt Library will host the Great Decisions reading discussion group this fall. Developed by the Foreign Policy Association, this study group aims to discuss, debate and learn about foreign policy issues. The program is designed to encourage debate and discussion of the global issues. The group will meet Sundays at the library beginning Sept. 9, for approximately eight weeks. A Briefing Book will be distributed in August for registered participants. To register, call or visit the library or visit cohassetlibrary.org and click on Calendar. Click on the September calendar, then click on Sept. 9. The group is limited to 15 participants.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film, "Mother of Mine," at 6 p.m., on Thursday, July 19, in the Meeting Room. Light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library. Admission is free.

Yard Sale Benefit – Sunrise Assisted Living Facility in Cohasset will host a yard sale and family fun day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, July 14, to benefit Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Funds raised will benefit the library's outreach program. Donations of gently used items can be dropped off between through Friday, July 13, at Sunrise of Cohasset, 125 King St., Cohasset.

Library Book Group – Join others for coffee and discussion of Peter Mayle's book "A Year in Provence" at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, July 25, in the Meeting Room. All are welcome.

FOR CHILDREN

MamaSteph – Music for young children. Meets at 10:30 a.m., Mondays, July 16, 23 and 30, in the Story Room. Come sing and dance, all ages and communities welcome. No registration required. Funded by Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Puzzle Club – For grades three and up. Meets from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Mondays, July 16, 23, 30 and Aug. 6, in the Story Room. Many new puzzles. Registration is not required. Prompt pick up is expected. Funded by Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Chess Club – For experienced chess players in grade 3 and up. Meets from 3 to 4:30 p.m., Wednesdays, July 18, 25 and Aug. 1 and 8, in the Story Room. Bring your chess board and your best strategies. To register online, go to www.cohassetlibrary.org. Click calendar, click July 11 and fill out the registration form. Funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library. For information, call Mrs. Moody at 781-383-1348, ext. 3 or e-mail smoody@ocln.org.

In tribute

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

When I learned that a man had died during Sunday's triathlon I felt sick, as everyone from Bill Burnett on down surely did. For days I've wondered how this could have happened. The race was extremely well organized and run; the weather was just about perfect. Very skilled people were on hand in case emergencies arose. There was every reason to expect the event itself would go as smoothly as the planning evidently had.

Instead it's been a sad, thoughtful week. The family's wish to grieve privately means we still know very little about our fellow triathlete, but what I'd like to say is that he was brave. He died trying to do a difficult thing for a good cause.

Our stories can end in so many ignoble, uninspiring ways, as random victims of nature or human malice. My prayer today is this: when I pass on, please let it be from pushing too hard, giving too much, aiming perhaps a little too high. A life spent on defense, idling, warm in my comfort zone, a risk-free, joy-free existence isn't for me, and it wasn't for Joseph either.

John Lengyel's column appears every other week in the Mariner.

Readers share their thoughts on the triathlon

Editor's note: Reader responses were edited for space reasons. Nearly all shared their concern for the man who died and the other two injured participants. The Mariner will try to post the complete responses on www.cohassetmariner.com

First triathlon

I just wanted to let you know what a great experience I had in my first triathlon. The Cohasset event was very well organized and executed. I raced with friends from work and we all met afterwards feeling proud of our efforts. Of course I am deeply saddened by the racer who lost his life and I hope that we can run the event in the future in his honor.

—Tim Hanson

Contagious enthusiasm

The extraordinary enthusiasm around the race was contagious and reflects the pride Cohasset residents have in their community and their beautiful town. I have participated in a number of sprint triathlons and the race organizers should be recognized for their vision, dedication and for the Herculean tasks they undertook to deliver an enjoyable and successful event. Due to a nagging injury, the race was difficult for me, but the pre-race buzz and day of the race energy I experienced clearly spilled over from participants to spectators alike.

—Susan Franklin

First-timer

As a first time triathlon participant and a resident of Cohasset, I cannot even begin to describe the thrill I experienced to be a part of the first ever triathlon in Cohasset! My husband, who was a spectator, could not stop talking about the race — saying "this is the best thing that has ever happened in Cohasset; they have to do this every year"!

Wouldn't it be wonderful if the recipient charity for next year's Cohasset TRI would be a scholarship/trust fund for the deceased gentleman's children/family? I heard this idea from a fellow Cohasset resident and could not agree more!

—Gwen Fitzgerald

Yearly tradition

I have been doing triathalons for over 20 years and this one was run exceptionally well. I hope the race continues on and it becomes a yearly tradition.

—Bill Cavanaro

Together

We have always wanted to do a triathlon together….Bill Burnett gave us that opportunity in our own backyard. Not only did he organize a great race, he managed to raise over $45,000 for juverüile diabetes. Bill's enthusiasm for the event inspired an entire community. Over the past few months you couldn't help but notice the growing number of people in town that were running, biking, or swimming in the early morning hours in preparation for the triathlon. We haven't witnessed any other event in town over the past six years that has motivated and rallied more people to a common good.

—Sarah and Gabriel Gomez

Praises for event

I just wanted to pass along my praises for the Cohasset Tri. As a participant it seemed to run perfectly. Bill did an unbelievable job! It was very sad that a fellow racer died, but I would hope that this would not hamper the town from hosting the event over the coming years.

—Garrick J. Towle

Great town

Cohasset is a great town to have this event in. I thank the residents around the entire course for their encouragement and I imagine they would welcome this event back again.

—Curt Dukeshire

Impressive

I have participated in different triathalons over the past 25 years and this event was as impressively organized and well run as any in which I have participated and many of these have been USTS events. I certainly hope that this will be a sustainable annual event.

—Steve Golden

Premier event

My family and I have had the great benefit of competing in the sport of Triathlon for nearly 20 years in races throughout the country. I can honestly say that Sunday's premier event in Cohasset was one of the finest, safest, well organized races I have ever competed in.

The helpful signage…the defective pavement markings…the railroad coverings...the shallow, close-to-shore swim course…the extensive Police Details…the enthusiastic crowd support and picturesque course layout…the multiple Water stops and Aid stations….all made up a terrific, safe and competitive race. The tragic loss that was suffered in Sunday's event should not diminish all of the hard work and tremendous sacrifice that Bill and his team of volunteers made to allow hundreds of athletes to do what they love best…chase their dreams.

—John Cavanaro

Great event

This was a great event for me as a first time triathalon participant. The course was well laid out and the event was highly organized. It is a great event for the town.

—Tom Koncius

Beautiful course

I have done several triathlons and I thought this was one of the most beautiful courses with friendly participants and volunteers. I don't want to minimize in anyway the sorrow the family of the man who died must be experiencing. The tragedy reminds you of the inherent risks in all sports and life.

—Mary Walters

First time

I competed in Triathlon this past Sunday. It was my first, so I can't compare it to others. I would say that it appeared to me to be very well organized with plenty of medical support as well as rescue personnel in the water.

— Doug Mclellan



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS SHORES

A group of female competitors make their way through the water in the first leg of the Cohasset Tri on Sunday as a kayaker watches close by.

My first, her third

My wife Judy and I participated in the race — it was my first triathlon experience and her 3rd.

Judy did extremely well...a second place finish for overall women! Judy has raced before — 4 marathons, her previous 2 triathlons; none have been more meaningful and rewarding than this one. We are truly grateful to have had the opportunity to race, especially in our town. Judy and I would like to express our sincerest thanks to Bill Burnett for organizing, all the volunteers for executing, and the town for hosting (and of course the many others who helped to make the race a success). We hope to have the opportunity again in the future.

—Jon and Judy Stavis

Sadness

Sunday's triathlon meant immeasurable sadness for all due to the death of a participant. The event also meant great hope for a worthy cause due to the overwhelming response by participants, volunteers and our town. As a competitor I was proud of the funds earned, and the exposure gained for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. It is inspiring to see people go so far out of their way to make a difference around them. Thank you to the race organizers, the volunteers, the spectators who cheered (yes, it makes a big difference), and to all officials who made this event happen. It was a day of pride, tempered by tragedy, for all involved.

—Christine Cunning

Huge tragedy

First and foremost it is obviously a HUGE tragedy that a life was lost in Cohasset's first Triathlon. I really hope that after we all evaluate how we can make this event even better, that the town of Cohasset will allow this event to take place for many, many more years to come. As a first time participant, I would love to say what a very special event this was for me and I was just blown away with how it brought together so many people in such a positive manner. The fact that this first year event raised over $46,000 for Juvenile Diabetes is just amazing!

—Courtney Craft-Finn

Proud to take part

I was proud to participate in and complete Cohasset's inaugural triathlon as a resident of our small town.

The triathlon was a wonderful athletic event highlighting our old-fashioned common, scenic coastline and quaint Sandy Beach.

The day was perfect and I thank all race organizers, volunteers, sponsors, emergency personnel and supporters who made the entire event such an overwhelming success.

—Charlie Downing

Unified town

The countless hours that Bill and his endless team of volunteers paid off with a very well orchestrated event: arrival and registration were easy, each heat started in a timely manner and the transitions between events ran smoothly. As a regular jogger but first-time triathlete, I loved training for the triathlon and expanding my interest in sports to biking and swimming. The event provided a means to unify the town, to meet others and work toward a mutual, positive goal. My sadness for the family of the man who died extends to the all of the organizers and volunteers who did all possible to make the Cohasset triathlon a fun, safe event. I do hope that the Cohasset triathlon will continue for years to come.

—Carolyn Coffey

Unifying event

I got goose bumps when I entered the water for the Cohasset Tri, not because the water was cold, but because the event was such a showcase for what makes us love this town: geographical beauty, camaraderie, and a desire to make a difference in our world and in ourselves. The race brought me closer to friends and neighbors as we trained together in the weeks prior, and to friends and neighbors who gave of their time to volunteer or line the course to cheer us on race day. As saddened as I was by the tragic events of race day, I hope that we remember to honor his memory by continuing this race and the spirit that brought us all together.

— Dale Haver

Exciting event

It was the most exciting event I have seen in town in quite a while, on par with the annual road race. The volunteers did a great job planning and executing the event and the EMTs/Police, and Fire Departments were true professionals. Although the triathlon was tinged with tragedy, I hope we can continue the race in future years, perhaps in honor of the fallen athlete and his family.

—Doug Fitzgerald

Fantastic event

As a lifelong Cohasset resident, I was truly proud as I made my way through the course to see how much the entire town had rallied around us. People were out cheering with signs, others had their stereo systems blasting great music to keep us going, and some even made use of their hoses and sprinklers to keep us cool as we neared the finish! There were many Cohasset residents among the volunteers and safety officials who were all enthusiastic and helpful throughout the day, as well as many who donated generously in support of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. This was truly a fantastic event not only for the triathletes that participated in it, but also for the Town of Cohasset, and of course the JDRF.

—Lindy Holway

Showcased town

Few events could so effectively showcase all that is so special about our town: its scenic beauty, its energy, and most importantly its camaraderie, as evidenced by the overwhelming number of people that volunteered, cheered, and participated in this first annual event.

No one exemplifies these qualities like the tireless, dedicated, and contagiously enthusiastic Bill Burnett. All of us who swam, biked, and ran yesterday are grateful for the spirit of the very few like Bill who selflessly take on such a challenge. Like most of the participants, he was motivated by the fact that this event and its goal (raising money to find a cure for diabetes) really meant something.

—Barbara Wipf

Devastating tragedy

What a truly devastating tragedy to have lost someone during such a spectacular, perfectly organized event that is for such a great cause. Everyone who knows Bill Burnett knows that he put his heart and soul into this triathlon for the benefit of Juvenile Diabetes research and for Cohasset. I think that's a huge part of what made this a special event for our town. Unfortunately, there's nothing that could have been done to prevent this from happening – it was a random, awful tragedy. I hope the town will allow this great event to go on for years to come.

—Laurie Stanton

Great cause

We both participated in the Cohasset Triathlon. We could not have dreamed of a better experience for our very first triathlon. The day was beautiful, the course was challenging and scenic, the fans were supportive, and the event was so well organized from start to finish. We were thrilled to be a part of it all and for such a great cause! We hope to do it again next year.

—Todd & Pam Marshman

Well organized

The individual groups cheering and encouraging as I rode up South Main Street, the crowds cheering the runners at the corner of Highland and Beach, coupled with a beautiful day, a picture-perfect venue, and a really well organized event made for an incredible first mini-triathlon for me, though I am so shocked and saddened about the athlete who died.

— George Baumgarten

Third triathlon

The Cohasset race was my third triathlon, the other two being Hyannis and Duxbury. I thought that Bill and his race coordinators did an outstanding and above average job organizing and planning this race. Cohasset is truly a perfect venue for this type of event, and I feel that the race is a positive addition to our town.

— Nora Speer

Natural assets

What an outstanding and well-orchestrated race that made for a thoroughly enjoyable event for the two of us — both doing our first triathlon. This was a great way to share Cohasset's wonderful natural assets by both land and sea.

—Terry and Connor Green

Volunteers

It was wonderful to see so many volunteers from Cohasset at Sandy Beach, as well as, seeing my family and friends and so many families from the community along the bike/run route cheering us on. I hope Cohasset will allow this great event to continue in the spirit it was intended for years to come. I was very sad to hear the tragic news about the man that died and my heart goes out to his loved ones. I can only hope such a loss never happens again.

—Michele Sacks

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Autos OF THE Week

CAR

2005 Mini Cooper



Convertible, silver, 22k miles. #441745

$25,950

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM LETTERS, PAGE 10

"this" or "that" specific activity or special event—its the cumulative, ongoing impact I'm addressing. We all talk about this unique Cohasset living challenge but it goes on year after year after year. I thought I would write about it for a change! I'm sure anyone who lives in Cohasset and drives knows the problem or nuisance, depending upon perspective!

Richard E Brooks
68 Nichols Road

Medical support, exceptional

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to thank Bill Burnett and his army of volunteers for making the first Cohasset triathlon a great success. I appreciated the detailed planning and smooth operation. The town provided excellent logistic support. I enjoyed seeing people training for the event. I hope the triathlon will become a local sporting tradition like the Cohasset Road Race, the Relay for Life and the Thanksgiving Run. These activities bring the community together, get people out exercising and showcase the town's beautiful scenery.

The unfortunate events during the swim were uncommon. The medical support provided by emergency physician Dr. Mike Hughes and the paramedics was exceptional.

Jim Mitterando
8 Stevens Lane

Knowledgeable participant praises race

TO THE EDITOR:

I participated in the triathlon and it was my fourth race — all different courses. I am scheduled to complete two more races this year, so, although I am certainly no expert, I consider myself a knowledgeable participant. I am truly shocked that the swim event would have caused any problem, as it was one of the easiest swims I have done. The water was very calm. The distance was short. Due to the tides, you could run about half way in and half way out of the water. The actual swimming was probably equivalent to 6 or 7 laps at a 25-yard pool. The official distance of .28 miles is about 10 laps.

I thought the race was run superbly — particularly for a first time event. The one change I will recommend for next year was simply related to the transition area in which bike locations were assigned to coordinate with the swim waves. I don't like that because each wave of swimmers roughly leaves the water together and thus we are all in the transition area together, which adds to the congestion. Again, this is a minor, technical nuance.

It is very unfortunate that this tragedy occurred and I know I speak for the entire town in saying how sorry I am for the family. But I strongly believe there was more than enough safety measures in place throughout the entire race and think that Bill Burnett and the entire team did an incredible job. Separating this terrible loss from the rest of the event (which I know is difficult to do), I think this was an incredible showcase for out town. I heard many, many athletes praising all aspects of the course (although the hills on the run were universally cursed) and looking forward to next year's race.

One final note, I'm 35, so the fatality must have occurred during my wave of the swim. I did not encounter any more bumping or jostling during the swim than is typical when 96 people (the size of this wave) enter the water at the same time. I have heard rumors at other triathlons of being swam over, kicked, etc., but none of this happened to me Sunday.

Mike Krumsiek
392 Beechwood St.

An amazing experience!

TO THE EDITOR:

I think I speak for all of the almost 600 athletes who competed in Sunday's Triathlon at Sandy Beach when I say that the entire experience was amazing!

We were all saddened to hear about the tragedy of our fellow athlete and our condolences go out to his family.

I would like to personally thank Bill Burnett for all of the hard work and dedication that went into making this race such a success. This race was as professional as it gets and to only be in its first year, it was really remarkable to see it all come together so well. It was by far the best race I have ever competed in. From the perfectly executed start of 6 waves of swimmers on the beach, to all of the hundreds of volunteers, the well marked out and organized transition area, and the "x" outs on all of the potholes, cracks & other possible road hazards, the entire race was smooth, safe, and fun for the competitors.

The camaraderie among the athletes was amazing. It was hard not to catch the "tri-fever" that took over the town by the end of May. At any given time over the past 8 weeks there were groups of people out there practicing the swim course, bikers all over the road each nodding and extending a friendly wave to those passing the opposite way, and of course the runners. There are always runners out on our beautiful roads, but leading up to this race, we all knew that we were training for a similar goal. The competitors all came together sharing training tips and joining in the excitement of the race. It was fantastic to be a part of the buzz.

I would also like to thank the Cohasset community for coming out in droves to support us. I have never had so many spectators and fans out on a racecourse in my life. The Cohasset Common looked like it does during the Thursday Farmers' Market — it was packed with cheering fans. All along the steamy run course there were plenty of spectators handing out water not only at designated water stations, but from their homes, too. It was much appreciated. Bill did such a fantastic job of informing the community about the event. This was clearly reflected in the vast number of spectators all throughout the town. It was so fun to have everyone out there cheering us on. I loved every second of it.

So thank you, Thank You, THANK YOU!! to Bill Burnett for pulling together this athletic town and turning it into a community. Job well done!

Amy Farber
Cohasset Tri Participant
12 Ripley Road

Continue the Triathlon

TO THE EDITOR:

We recently moved our family within Cohasset and were introduced to new neighbors, Bill and Sig Burnett. Months earlier I had signed up for the Cohasset Triathlon both as a fitness benchmark and to support the good cause. It was immediately apparent to me when I met Bill that he was passionate about the JDRF cause, even though this does not afflict his immediate family, and about the spectacle of the Triathlon itself in our scenic town.

Bill had, as I understand it, envisaged such an event for four years. I couldn't begin to speculate on how much personal and family time he committed to coordinating this huge logistical undertaking. Yet he successfully organized the community around this event.

Dozens of volunteers accomplished the labor intensive tasks of setting up the transition area barricades and bike racks, and even used kids' sidewalk chalk to alert participants as to rocks protruding from the sand near the parking lot. Dozens more were on hand during the race and spectators lined the course in support. I expect the mechanical efforts paled in comparison to the administrative tasks of coordinating with the USAT, JDRF and local officials and registering and communicating with more than 700 participants who quickly filled the ranks to capacity months in advance of race day.

It was Bill's initiative and leadership that pulled both our community and our visitors together for the race. The amount of money Bill raised for JDRF is astounding, and I think goes to demonstrate the amount of good will he put forth. It is incredibly tragic that a participant lost his life on that day. I know that all closely involved offer their deepest sympathies and have themselves been severely impacted by this tragedy.

I've only just gotten to know Bill, but I know he organized this event out of the charity and responsibility he carries in his daily life. I'm sure we all hope that Bill continues to do extraordinary things. We should offer our full support and encouragement toward continuing this event for the benefit of our broader community, and in that spirit, make it that much more special.

Stuart Sanderson
115 Linden Drive

Well organized event

TO THE EDITOR:

We are all very, very upset about what happened but I'm writing to you because I think it is important that people are aware of how well organized and planned this event was. This was the first tri I have competed in so I don't have much to compare it to, but from my perspective, communication was excellent prior to the race; we received multiple emails from the race director, Bill Burnett, regarding what to expect, how to prepare, etc. There were a lot of opportunities to learn more about the course, including a pre-race meeting last Sunday morning at Sandy Beach to help people better understand how everything was going to work. Bill emailed us numerous times to let us know what to expect with respect to the tide level, as well as that the buoys had been set up a few weeks ago so we could practice the swim. I, along with many others, was out there every day for the last week and a half swimming the course to prepare myself. (It was very unexpectedly scary the first time in the open water so I really wanted to be ready for anything.) I know that you do not always have the opportunity to practice the course ahead of time, so this was great.

Also, I'd like to note that, while I was preparing, the lifeguards at Sandy could not have been more helpful — twice one of them (a male, I don't know his name) came out on his surfboard to make sure I was doing all right in the course of my practice swim. He talked to me while I swam and it helped a lot. Also, I know they went through the course with other individuals who asked them to join them on their swims. They definitely worked harder in the last few weeks than they probably expected when they signed up to guard this summer (I know they had someone cramp up and had to rescue her one day)! So they should be commended too — although they did not work the race, they were very supportive during the weeks prior.

In addition, LuluLemon, one of the race sponsors, presented a tri clinic a couple of months ago to help people get ready.

I know that Mr. Burnett worked very hard and raised a ton of money for a very good cause and I just want to make sure that in the wake of this tragedy all of the careful thought he put into making the tri a success does not go unapplauded. It was a beautiful day, the water was calm and (relatively!) warm and I felt the race was very well organized. As a competitor, there were no unexpected surprises.

Katie Sutton
Hingham

New poles, lights near MBTA station

Five new poles for additional lighting will be constructed on North Main Street in conjunction with the MBTA station. The Board of Selectmen conditionally approved a revised petition from Mass Electric pending additional details on the lighting.

National Grid will own the poles and lights and the town will be paying the electric bill. The purpose of the new lights is to illuminate the new islands near the train tracks. The lights will have a downward focus.

The Selectmen's particular concern regarding new light fixtures is they are currently considering a purchase of street lights from National Grid as a possible money-saving venture.

Vice Chairman Ted Carr requested Mass Electric provide an approximate radius for the lights' glow, indicating five lights may be too many.

The representative from Mass Electric agreed to work with Greenbush liason, Mark Brennan, to pin down the radius and wattage to be used for the street lights.

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Readers share their thoughts on the triathlon

FROM TRIATHLON, PAGE 12

Organization exemplary

I swam the last wave (relay and senior competitors) and found the swim to be orderly. The concern that there would be a lot of congestion in the water is not unique to Cohasset — all triathalons have a degree of bumping as the swimmers start out before they find their rhythm and place in the water. Rounding the turning buoy to swim back to the beach, I heard a kayaker offer assistance to anyone who cared to hang on the kayak for a breather. The five-minute interval between waves didn't pose an overlapping problem from where I stood before our last wave went in.

I thought Bill Burnett's organization of this event was exemplary from the briefing on the beach to the bus pick-up of competitors and spectators to return to their cars at the Music Circus.

— Jim Hamilton

Great cause

We participated in the triathlon at Sandy Beach. It was wonderful to see the town come together for such an event, cheer on all our peers or even just familiar faces. The enthusiasm and hustle and bustle around town before, during and after the event was fantastic! Mr. Burnett and all the volunteers did a great job for a great cause.

— Kim and Tom Spicer

Proud

It was so great to see so many people from different perspectives come together and execute such a great event. This was a truly grass roots driven affair that created a buzz across the South Shore and echoed by the 700 plus participants on race day. As the course dipped into all three towns, the supporters in Hull, Cohasset and Scituate were behind everyone and made the day that much more enjoyable. Three cheers to Bill Burnett, the town and volunteer crew that made this happen – I was very proud to be from Cohasset and have a connection to this great team.

—Willy Fox

Great crowds

While I was anxious about this upcoming event, my fears were assuaged as I biked into Sandy Beach 7:00 Sunday morning and greeted by calm and collective staff running the event. From volunteers helping me plug my handlebars (as I didn't know what that meant) to people taking my empty water bottles it was a day to remember. The Cohasset crowds were great cheering me on and the police did a great job directing traffic. The event was extremely well run, all operations were so smooth, the volunteers were extremely helpful and the music lifted my spirits. While I have been running for about 30 years, the Cohasset Triathlon was my first triathlon and will not be my last.

— Mary Sheridan

Outstanding job

I participated in the triathalon—it was my first and the beginning of more. Bill Burnett did an outstanding job. Everything was extremely organized, the volunteers were very helpful and overall it was a great experience. The double bonus of it all is that raised over $40K for a great cause. My hat is off to Bill and his team of volunteers. Look forward to participating next year!

— Laura J. Stone

Professionalism

As a Cohasset resident and triathlon participant this past weekend, I couldn't be more pleased with the professionalism of the Triathlon Committee and the volunteers. Of course as a first time event there are some logistical elements which may require some minor tweaking, but I'm sure those elements will be cared for over the next few weeks and months.

—Bill Doyle

60 triathlons

I have participated in over 60 triathlons spanning 10 plus years and I can say unequivocally that this was one of the best organized and safest I have competed in. The tremendous popularity of triathlons, especially for shorter distance events like the Cohasset Triathlon may unfortunately attract individuals who overestimate their abilities. Any endurance event comes with risk of personal injury which participants must and do hopefully acknowledge before signing up. Race organizers like Bill should be commended for minimizing those risks as best they can. I sincerely hope the event will be allowed to continue and that the town continues its support for Bill and the event he devoted so much work and energy to.

—Robert W. Simms, M.D.

Great opportunity

The race was a great opportunity to challenge yourself as well as bond with other people in town who were competing (or planning to watch and cheer). There was so much buzz and excitement leading up to the race and it was fun to be a part of that. Being able to enjoy and share the sense of accomplishment we all felt afterwards — regardless of our finishing time and place — was great as well.

— Jennifer Lankow

Top notch

I've done probably 20-30 tri's over the last 5 years, and this was a first rate event, absolutely top notch. The fact that it was this good, and in its first year, and from a first time race director is truly amazing. The buzz around town was awesome, and I even think this event had a bigger "feel" to it than the road race in April (which going what 25 years now?) Tragedies like this do happen however, (thankfully at a low incidence), and in most situations it has nothing to do at all with the race organization.

— John Flanagan



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A female competitor races along the bike leg of the Cohasset Tri. Triathlons include swimming, biking and running races.

Admiration

There are many people who have ideas and few, like Bill Burnett who have the talent, energy and courage to follow through with their vision and execute an event like the Cohasset Triathlon. I witnessed the tremendous amount of time and dedication that Bill offered to creating this event for our community. I have a great deal of admiration for his commitment and determination to his dream of holding a triathlon in Cohasset. The event was a huge success for Bill, Cohasset, the over 700 athletes who participated, the volunteers, the spectators and for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

— Catherine O'Callaghan

Role model

As a mother, I love being able to model a fit lifestyle for my kids, and the event (and all the buzz leading up to it!) provided them a great example of moms and dads that they know getting out there and working hard to be healthy…and having tons of fun doing it! It was also great for my son to see how happy I was just to finish.

I'm a back-of-the-packer, and it was much better for me to show him that sports and athletics can be fun even if you're not the star of the team, rather than just give him another Mom Lecture. Seeing an event like this in our own backyard was a wonderful way to expose our kids to all the fun that being healthy and taking care of your body can be.

— Mel Barrett

Special day

I have competed in a few triathlons, including last year's race in Hull. The Cohasset Tri was a fantastic experience. I had my doubts about how smoothly things would go in the morning with the number of racers versus the number that were at Hull (approximately 450). Even with more racers in Cohasset things were infinitely smoother and more organized.

Being able to compete in the event in my town with many friends competing as well was incredibly fun and made for a special day. I look forward to the opportunity to compete again next year.

— Dave Frederick

Incredible job

Bill Burnett did an incredible job of organizing it right down to the last detail. For example; the big signs clearly denoting the swim area, and the time between swim groups was intelligently considered so that the water was not to crowded at any given time. A lot of stress was relieved in assigning each athlete his own labeled bike space in the transition area. Volunteers located at key important areas on the bike course were well prepared to caution us and point out the way. Mile markers for the run course allowed us to pace ourselves. Plenty of water was available during the run and some spectators were there t help with water hoses to cool us down if wanted.

The website was informative and easy to navigate and the pysch sheet was a great touch. I referred to both often to look for changes and additions. The pre-race meeting was also informative and appreciated. My experience with the volunteers, athletes and officials was one that made me proud to be an athlete and to live in Cohasset. They were considerate, enthusiastic and professional.

I am deeply sympathetic to the tragedies associated with the triathlon. My prayers are with their families.

— Kimberlee Alemian

Best organized

I have participated in 40-50 races in my lifetime, including marathons, 10Ks, swimming and Bike Races. Sunday's Cohasset Triathlon was BY FAR the best organized, most professionally run event I have ever encountered.

From the start to the finish, there were friendly volunteers at every turn, showing racers the way. The start/transition areas were well organized and looked great. The swim went off in 6 different stages to spread out the number of swimmers in the water at any 1 time. On the course, EVERY pothole, bump and crack was clearly marked. Even the train tracks on North Main Street which have caused issues for cyclists in the past had been dealt with: bikes were rerouted to hit them straight on, and with a plush mat to carry riders over the tracks with no trouble.

— Brad Thomas

Grew up here

I grew up here in Cohasset and had never done a triathlon before. I had the most incredible time swimming, biking and running/walking in my hometown and all for such a great cause. I felt such wonderful support from family, friends and all the volunteers yesterday.

— Abigail Hobson Alves

Important cause

The sun shone brightly on a beautiful, calm day. I stood on the beach with hundreds of others – excited, nervous and proud. Excited to challenge myself physically and mentally, nervous to do something I have never done before, and proud to know people like Bill Burnett, and many of the other volunteers, who have the energy and enthusiasm to create a great day in support of an important cause. The sadness I have at the tragic death of a participant is a painful reminder that life can be short and unpredictable and I plan to spend it by continuing to challenge myself, hopefully at the second Annual Cohasset Tri.

—Deb Bowen

Wondering 'why'

I've participated in many of these kind of races over the years and have experienced varying degrees of race organization. When I heard that Bill Burnett was contemplating a triathlon in Cohasset I called him to warn him how much work is involved in orchestrating this kind of event. Bill and his team did an amazing job in my opinion and as a result this was one of the most well organized events I've ever participated in — the course was blanketed with volunteers and public safety workers. The swim course was set up weeks in advance to give people a chance to practice, and a special pre-race session was offered last week with professionals available to answer questions about the race and what to expect on race day. The water conditions [in the] morning were near perfect for swimming and the starting waves were well-spaced out. It seems to me that what happened was one of those senseless tragedies that leaves you shaking your head wondering "why".

— Matt Steele

Hooked

What a day. My relay partner and I are hooked. As first timers in such an event, the competition and fan support along all legs of the race were tremendous. My kids made signs and I got a high five from my wife coming out of the water. Everybody was so supportive. Our accomplishment was pushing our hardest and completing the race; which will not be our last.

—Stuart Sanderson

First time

I participated in the event this year and would love to see it come back. Like the annual road race, participants and the cheerers have a good time. One nice thing about this is that it covers so much ground. A wider range of people can sit on their front lawns and watch/cheer.

— David E. Lord

Well run

Though marred by an incredibly tragic death, the race was amazingly well run, showcased the best of our town, and our residents. I am a resident and participated. I got a flat in my tire on Rte.228 and a race volunteer and Cohasset resident, literally gave his car to a complete stranger, me, so that I could drive to get assistance in picking up my bike! If that's not a strong endorsement to the kind of town we live in, I don't know what is!

We had over 15 family and friends drive down for a day of cheering and BBQ'g. It was a great day, and I hope the town will support its renewal.

— Al Stefan

Greatly enjoyed

My name is Chelsea Grossman, a 19-year-old from Cohasset who participated in the triathlon yesterday. I just want to say that it was an exhilarating experience I greatly enjoyed. For me, it was a test to show what my body and mind are capable of and I feel not only accomplished, but also truly proud for having completed it.

Despite the tragedy that occurred during the swim, I thought it was a well-organized event with a perfect combination of swimming, biking, and running to challenge athletes.

— Chelsea Grossman

Success

I thought the first Cohasset Tri was a huge success. I participated in the relay and had a great time. The day was very well organized and laid out well. Many thanks to Bill Burnett for all his hard work in putting this event together.

—Shelly Mahoney

Family day

It was great to be part of the Cohasset Tri. Not only is Cohasset a wonderful venue for the event, but it is a perfect family activity. My daughter, my husband and I all had an awesome race! And my other two kids are looking forward to participating next year.

— The Healys

Unforgettable

The Cohasset Tri was an unforgettable experience for me. Right from the onset of the announcement of the tri it became the talk of the town. The tri brought everyone in the community together from the participants, volunteers, spectators, neighbors, friends and family and people of all ages.

—Deb Donahue

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Matt Mercurio

Matt was born in Boston and has lived in Braintree since 1986, and has been involved in Braintree town sports such as hockey, baseball, basketball and soccer in all of his years growing up. Attended Morrison Elementary School, moved on to East Middle School, then to Blue Hills Regional High School. From there he finished up at ITT Technical Institute of Technology for Computer Networking Systems. Matt started in the automobile business in October of 2005 and recently joined the Prime Motor Group's first store in Massachusetts, Prime Infiniti of Hanover. Matt is looking forward to servicing his customers with his excellence in knowledge of the Infiniti product, and his pride in service after the sale.

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Village venture

$25,000 state grant to look at housing possibilities

By Nancy White
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"If we do this right by the time we get to Town Meeting everyone who has a strong interest in the village has been part of this process."
–Angus Jennings, village consultant

The issue of housing in the village — what's there and what possible — is at the forefront of the village consulting project. As the project reaches its halfway point, the town just received a significant boost in funding to explore housing and architectural possibilities, as well as an in-depth market analysis.

In conjunction with this initiative, the town, with the help of its consultant firm, Concord Square Development Company, applied for a Priority Development Fund grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development. Last week, the $25,000 grant came through allowing the project to expand its purview to include architectural renderings and more detailed design guidelines.

The grant nearly doubles the project budget. $30,000 in funds was initially approved at last fall's special Town Meeting.

Angus Jennings, principal planner at Concord Square Development Company, has tapped Carr, Lynch and Sandell, a Cambridge-based architectural firm, for the project. James Sandell, a principal for the firm, is also a Cohasset resident who has done substantial work in Cohasset, said Jennings.

"They will bring tremendous depth to the project design and end result," said Jennings in a phone interview. Jennings expects the architect to make recommendations for specific design guidelines, setbacks and rooflines in the village.

The architect will be able to graphically depict design objectives to make the language of the bylaws and the intent of the bylaw changes more visual. The renderings will be rough conceptual drawings to show the type of development that will strengthen the overall vitality of the village, said Jennings.

For example, one of the key concepts is creating a second front for the part of the village facing the town parking lot will be portrayed in schematic form by the consultants. Portion of the village in the public realm (i.e. sidewalks, signage, lighting, pedestrian connections) will be focused on as well.

"If someone wants to invest in the village, they'll want to build something worth their while," and the drawings and proposal of design guidelines will help set parameters for development and what will work best in the village business district, explained Jennings. In addition to the illustrations, Carr, Lynch and Sandell will review and provide "a critical analysis of the zoning bylaws," said Jennings.

Phase one of the project — defining the existing conditions of the village — is substantially complete, Jenning told the Planning Board on Wednesday evening. Through their research they have determined what was up to now an illusive number—there are 29 rentals and 15 temporary units (from the Red Lion Inn) in the village area. Phase two will have the consultants drafting policies and bylaws that will need to be complete by early September to get on the fall special Town Meeting warrant.

Jennings reported his team is on schedule to present draft zoning bylaws and suggested changes by September 1. He expects to bring his conceptual zoning ideas before the Planning Board in August, hear feedback from the board and the public, and then follow up with more firm language as Labor Day approaches.

Concord Square hopes to continue to include the public, from property owners to merchants to concerned citizens, through a series of public forums. He plans on appearing at every Planning Board meeting to discuss the project status.

"If we do this right by the time we get to Town Meeting everyone who has a strong interest in the village has been part of this process," said Jennings.

"The simpler the zoning bylaws can be proposed, the better," said Planning Board Chairman Al Moore, indicating the intent of longer bylaws get lost in verbiage. Zoning bylaw additions and changes require a two-thirds approval from Town Meeting.

A design workshop, scheduled for late August (date and time yet to be determined), with Carr, Lynch and Sandell will be "an opportunity for landowners, business owners and concerned citizens to come together with town officials to look in detail at what they would like to see happening in existing buildings and lots," said Jennings.

Health Notes

Fight the bite: Prevent EEE and West Nile Virus

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

EEE is considered the worst type of encephalitis. The mortality rate is about 35 percent in humans and even higher in horses. It is especially bad in children.

Think West Nile virus is "old news"? Think insect repellent is too much trouble? … Think again!

On July 4th, 2007 a mosquito sample was collected in the town of Raynham in Bristol County. The sample included Culiseta melanura mosquitoes, which are considered bird and not people biters. While this is an early appearance for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), overall mosquito numbers are down for this time of year.

EEE is considered the worst type of encephalitis. The mortality rate is about 35 percent in humans and even higher in horses. It is especially bad in children. Fortunately, large and widespread outbreaks are uncommon; the 24 years between 1961 and 1985 produced only 99 confirmed human cases in the United States. In 2006, several human cases of EEE were confirmed in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, prompting public safety fears after several fatalities. Five human cases including one death have been reported in Massachusetts.

However, mortality statistics tell us that West Nile Virus (WNV) is the greater threat. WNV mortality rate in the U.S. has been about 5 to 10 percent. WNV has been documented in the U.S. since 1999 and has been found in all 48 mainland US states, Washington DC and Puerto Rico. Number of humans affected and the areas of intense activity change from year to year.

WNV is more serious to older patients. Last year Massachusetts reported 4,269 human cases with many more fever cases unreported — the second highest total of WNV cases in the U.S. so far, and an increase of about 1200 cases from the previous year. Cases have already been reported in 2007.

Notice! Don't expect spraying by mosquito control programs to do very much about lessening the chances of infection by either virus! At best they only destroy some existing mosquitoes and some larvae, the effect lasting no more than a few days. They also give incautious people a 'safe' feeling so they neglect to use real preventative measures: insect repellent and treatment of clothing.

Use Insect Repellent! We all know the excuses – "I forgot to bring it with me…", "It smells yucky…", "Isn't that stuff bad for you?"… Instead, try these suggestions:

Make it easy. Put repellent in convenient places — on the patio, with your camping equipment, in your backpack – so you'll have it when you need it. It's worth that extra minute to go back and grab repellent, rather than risk getting West Nile fever and feeling bad for weeks or even getting a more serious disease.

Check out the available repellents. Many repellents, such as those containing low concentrations of DEET and those with picaridin, have no scent, or very little, except for mosquitos which don't like it. Repellents do not kill mosquitoes. The active ingredients in repellents make the person unattractive for feeding. Repellents are effective only at short distances from the treated surface, so you may still see mosquitoes flying nearby. Repellants may need to be re-applied if you spend more than a few hours outdoors. Always follow the directions.

Let's put things in perspective — What's *bad* for you is getting a WNV infection. All repellents registered by EPA are tested for both efficacy and safety, and the standards for safety are very high. It is estimated that there have been billions of applications of DEET since it was introduced over 50 years ago. Always follow label instructions (such as keep out of eyes, mouth; wash off when returning indoors). They are important tools to keep you safe from the very clear risk of WNV present throughout the mainland US. For more details about DEET and other repellents see the EPA's Web site.

A little known but very useful trick: Look for permethrin to treat clothing that you wear outdoors a lot, as well as gear (tents etc.) Permethrin treatment lasts through several washings and can also help protect you from ticks and other blood-sucking bugs. Again, follow label instructions.

Mosquito-Proof Your Home! Make sure you don't have standing water around that can give mosquitoes a place to breed. Empty those flowerpot saucers and buckets; clean forgotten swimming pools and gutters. Also make sure your window and door screens are in good shape, keeping mosquitoes outside.

See the Mass. WNV Web site for maps showing WNV human infections each year by county.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Please follow Little Harbor rules

To all boaters and residents of Little Harbor, as you are aware, Little Harbor is very special and hopefully always will be. However, the harbor will need the cooperation of all to keep it that way.

The following bylaws were voted at town meeting so that the people who like to swim, sail, kayak, canoe and enjoy other water activities, without the concern of fast operating powerboats, could enjoy the harbor.

Article 7, section 32 states: "Jet skis, surf jets, and water bikes shall not be operated at a speed in excess of twelve miles per hour while in the confines of the harbor."

Article 9, section 5 states: "No person shall operate a boat in Little Harbor white towing a water skier, aqua plane or other similar device except on even numbered days." An easy reminder is even: fast and odd: slow.

In addition, Little Harbor has a wide variety of birdlife, many of whom nest on the islands and rocks. Recently, the terns have resumed nesting in the harbor, which is a very welcome sight after many years of absence. It is important to their species that these nests are not disturbed.

And lastly, in spring and late summer many shore birds find Little Harbor's sand flats a vital feeding ground on their long migration as far as Central and South America. Dogs running and chasing them, although fun for the dog, interrupt their ability to build the necessary fat and energy reserves to continue migrating. Please respect their need to feed and rest in order to prepare for the long trip south.

Letter signed in support of Treat's Pond project

The Board of Selectmen have penned and signed a letter to US Representative William Delahunt to convey its support for additional funding to restore Treat's Pond. Vice Chairman Ted Carr wrote the letter on behalf of the Selectmen.

"…the Board of Selectmen have met and voted to support the Army Corps project provided that Federal funding for the Section 206 project be available this year," states the letter.

Although the Selectmen wrote to communicate support of the project and $700,000 federal funding, the method the project will implement is yet to be determined. Viable proposals include a pipe with an outfall in the inner harbor or a pipe to the outer harbor (via Whale Meadow).

If the federal funds come through, the project and the town's matching funds will need approval at a future Town Meeting. The town appropriation is estimated to be around $400,000.

A $250,000 congressional appropriation was initially provided to the town so the Army Corps of Engineers could begin the planning of the project. The addition $700,000 federal funds, coupled with the town funds would complete the project. In addition to restoring the salt marsh, the Army Corps has said the project would relieve some of the flooding in the area during major storm events.





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Three women exit the water and head for their bikes Sunday morning at Sandy Beach during the triathlon.

Going the distance

Over 100 Cohasset athletes complete Sunday's triathlon

By Mark Goodman
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Nearly 600 athletes finished Cohasset's first ever triathlon Sunday morning, with 105 of them hailing from the host town.

And three of those Cohasset residents – John Flanagan, Rob Simms and Theodore Noon – finished in the top-10.

Flanagan completed the quarter-mile swim, 12.5-mile bike ride, and 3.2-mile run in 1:01:15, good enough for fourth place overall. Simms finished seventh with a time of 1:02:23, with Noon finishing 10th at 1:04:15.

Cohasset's Judy Stavis, meanwhile, was the second woman (and 43rd athlete overall) to cross the finish line, finishing with a time of 1:10:47. Stavis' husband, Jon – who finished just over five minutes after Judy – said in an email to the Mariner the event was a memorable one.

"From the moment we arrived on race day, everything went smoothly," Stavis said. "Anything we needed was there, from information beforehand to refreshment after - all due to the extremely hard work of the organizers and volunteers."

The rest of the top-10 Cohasset finishers included John Cavanaro (1:09:30), Jim Mitterando (1:10:48), Kevin Wrenn (1:12:08), Greg Weissman (1:12:42), Nils Sceery (1:12:52), and Dale Haver (1:12:52).



Cohasset's Gwen Fitzgerald begins the cycling portion of Sunday's triathlon. After a quarter-mile swim, a 12.5-mile bike ride awaited the athletes, followed by a 3.2-mile run.

Wrenn, running his second triathlon (the first coming last year in Hull), said he was pleased to come in 63rd place overall.

"I was surprisingly happy with the swim and bike parts of it. The run was a little more difficult than I expected it to be, but overall I'm pleased," Wrenn said Wednesday. "Normally in running races with 700 or so participants I come in around 200th, so this was a good finish for me."

The experience level of Sunday's participants varied greatly. Many, like Pam and Todd Marshman of Cohasset, were new to the triathlon experience.

"We could not have dreamed

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Bay State Games

The following Cohasset residents are participating in the ongoing Bay State Games, which conclude July 22:

Brian Hill (baseball), Lindsay Hill (lacrosse), Amy Meikleham (lacrosse), Nate Porter (lacrosse).

Anyone with a story and/or photos that they would like to share from their experiences at the Games can contact sports editor Mark Goodman via email at mgoodman@cnc.com.

The list above was provided by the Bay State Games and was accurate as of June 29. If you don't see your name above, drop us a line at the email address above.

Legion team can't hold on

Upset bid against Braintree falls short

By Win Bates
CORRESPONDENT

It has not been the best of seasons for the Cohasset American Legion Post 118 baseball team this summer, but when Post 118 scored a pair of runs in the bottom of the first inning to take a 2-0 lead over perennial power Braintree in Monday's Zone 6 East clash at Scituate High School, there was hope for a major upset for the home team.

But visiting Post 86 didn't let that happen. Braintree scored single runs in the second and third innings to pull even and then broke the tie to take the lead for good with a pair of runs in the fifth to go on to a 5-2 win and maintain its grip on second place in the zone.

Overall, it was a good performance for Post 118, who hung tight with one of the top teams in the area. Unfortunately, Cohasset couldn't score any more runs against Braintree's ace right-hander Dan Newman after the first inning.

"Our hitting has been our strength all season and our pitching has been our weakness," said Post 118 coach Bill Signorelli. "Tonight we got a strong performance from Jeff Simpson in his first start of the season, but we didn't hit in the clutch when we had chances to score more runs."

The game got off to a promising start for the hosts when they reached Newman for a pair of runs in the first inning. Pat Doonan led off with a double to the left-field fence and took third on Robert Dongara's single to center.

Dongara went all the way to second on the throw to the plate, but when Newman struck out the next two batters, it looked like he might get out of the jam unscathed.

However, an error on Mike Signorelli's ground ball scored Doonan to make it 1-0, and Dongara scored on a wild pitch to give Cohasset a 2-0 lead and the upset possibility was there.

Braintree cut the lead in half in its next at-bat when Chris Dominguez led off with a single, stole second and went to third on a wild pitch. He scored on Dan Gaughan's single.

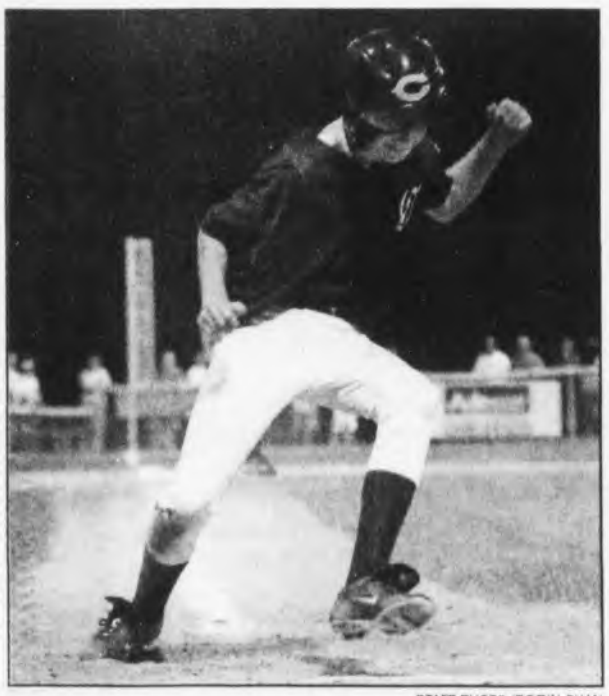
Braintree tied it in the next inning when Ryan Urso walked, went to second on a wild pitch and scored on Kevin Lyons' single off the fence in center field. A good relay from Chris Morgan to Marcus Joyce to Doonan nailed Lyons trying to stretch the hit into a double, but the game was now tied.

Meanwhile, Cohasset couldn't get the lead back even though it had hits in each of the next four innings after scoring the two runs in the first. A one-out single in the second by Ken Muir yielded nothing for Post 118, and Cohasset also failed to score in each of the next three innings despite leadoff singles in each inning.

Ryan Little led off the third with a single, but Newman got the next three batters. Morgan started the fourth with a single, but was then erased attempting to steal second.

After Braintree took the lead in the top of the fifth, Doonan led off the fifth with a bunt single and Justin White drew a two-out walk, but Newman got Signorelli to ground out into a force play, and that would be Cohasset's last chance as Newman retired the last seven batters he faced to complete a seven-hitter and improve his

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Conor Dooley pumps his fist as he crosses home plate with his team's first run of the game Wednesday night against Braintree American. Cohasset scored again in that top of the fifth to tie the game at 2-2, but Braintree pushed across four runs in the bottom of the frame to earn a 6-2 victory.

Little leaguers still in the mix

Cohasset Williamsport squad beats Weymouth, falls to Braintree

The Cohasset Williamsport team hung on for a hard fought 6-5 victory Friday night over archrival Weymouth American in Stoughton. With the win Cohasset advanced to the finals of the winner's bracket. Wednesday night, July 11, the squad lost, 6-2, to perennial favorite Braintree American at Hollingsworth Field in Braintree.

Having defeated the hard-hitting Weymouth squad in the Distrct 8 11-year-old finals last year Cohasset knew it had to be on top of its game this time around. Christian Davis, as he has done every game in this tournament, led off the first inning with a single. Nick Tangherlini followed with his third home run of the tournament to give Cohasset an early 2-0 lead.

In the top of the second inning, Weymouth responded with a solo home run of its own to close the deficit to 2-1.

With two outs and nobody on in the bottom of the second inning, Davis and Tangherlini each singled allowing Connor Goetz an opportunity to knock in a run. With the count 3-and-1, Goetz drilled his second home run of the tournament to deep center giving Cohasset a 5-1 lead.

Weymouth wouldn't go away though as it scratched out two more runs to cut the lead to 5-3.

Cohasset managed a very important insurance run in the fourth as Goetz (four RBI) knocked in Davis (three hits) for a 6-3 lead.

In the top of the fifth with Jamie Timothy nearing his limit in pitches, Weymouth got two men on base. Tangherlini relieved Timothy, and after allowing a single to make it 6-5 he worked his way out of the inning stranding two runners on base.

Cohasset entered the final inning clinging to a 6-5 lead. With sweat pouring down and fans pacing the parking lot, Tangherlini walked the first batter and the next batter singled. With runners on first and second, no outs and Weymouth's #3 hitter up at the plate, Tangherlini fell behind 3-0 on the batter. After inducing a foul ball and a called strike the Weymouth player lined a shot to the left field gap. Luckily for the hometown team Jack Kuppens raced over and snagged the liner and then fired a bullet to Colin Gideon-Murphy at second doubling the runner off of second base for a much needed double play. Tangherlini with a very large smile back on his face, induced a fly ball to Connor O'Brien in right field to secure the 6-5 victory.

As usual for Cohasset all 12 players contributed in different ways. Danny Barnes, Mike O'Brien, Davis and O'Brien all tracked down flies in the outfield. Shane Haggerty held down the fort at the shortstop position, with a highlight film diving stop of a potential single up the middle. Timothy gaining his second victory of the tourney, while Tangherlini picked up his second save.

Date and location for the Cohasset Williamsport team's next game was unavailable as of press time. Log on to www.cybsa.net for up-to-date information.

Over 100 Cohasset athletes complete Sunday's triathlon

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of a better experience for our very first triathlon," Pam Marshman said in an email to the Mariner. "The day was beautiful, the course was challenging and scenic, the fans were supportive, and the event was so well organized from start to finish. We were thrilled to be a part of it all and for such a great cause! We hope to do it again next year."

Similar sentiments were expressed Wednesday by Weissman, who competed in his first Ironman Triathlon in Hawaii in 1982. A competitive swimmer at the time for Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Weissman was intrigued by the grueling challenge that event offers: a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride, ending with a 26.2-mile marathon run.

As for Sunday's event, Weissman – who has done similar races in Duxbury and Hull, and will do them again in September – said one of the things that struck him was the support from the fans that lined the roads of the town throughout the course.

"I thought it was great to see Cohasset come together to cheer and encourage everybody," Weissman said. "It showed the true colors of Cohasset, in a positive light."



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Braintree's Karen MacDonald starts to take off her wetsuit as she hits Sandy Beach in preparation for the bike portion of the event.



Geoffrey Wilson of Hingham negotiates the cycling portion of the triathlon.



Keith Putnam of Marstons Mills finished fifth overall in 1:01:33.

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Football equipment for registered football players for the upcoming 2007 Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football season will be handed out by grade/team on Saturday, Aug. 4, according to the following schedule:

7:30 to 8:20 a.m.: 8th Grade – "A" Sharks

8:20 to 9:10 a.m.: 7th Grade – "A" Stingrays

9:10 to 10 a.m.: 6th Grade – "B" Sharks

10 to 10:50 a.m.: 5th Grade – "B" Stingrays

10:50 to 11:40 a.m.: 4th Grade – "C" Sharks

11:40 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: 3rd Grade – "C" Stingrays

Each player must report during their designated time. Official practice starts for all players at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 13. All players must have their equipment by the start of practice. It will not be handed out starting Aug. 13.

A $300 refundable deposit (made out to SYF) is required at the time of equipment pick-up. All equipment will be handed out at the equipment shed located at the back of Scituate High School. For further information on Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football & Cheerleading, please go to www.scicohfootball.com or call the hotlines with any questions: football, (781)556-0215 or cheerleading (781)556-0216.

Volunteers: If you have not already signed up, there will also be an opportunity for parents to sign up as volunteers for the upcoming season. The program will be looking for parents to be game day volunteers, assist with fundraising activities, as well as be a team parent for the season. It takes hundreds of volunteer hours to ensure a successful season; please consider this and volunteer to help.

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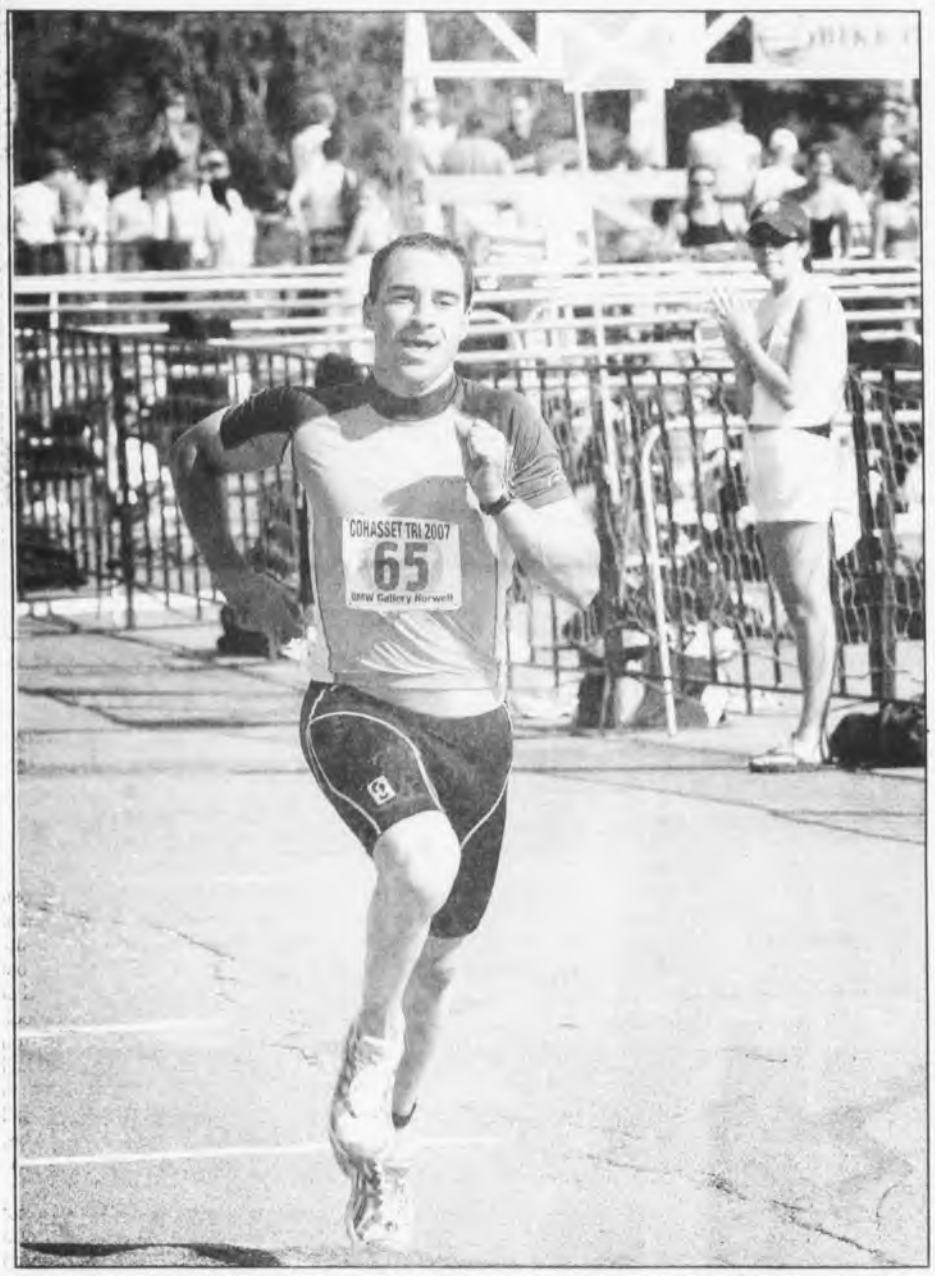
The first group of male competitors hit the ocean to start the first Cohasset Triathlon Sunday morning. A group of competitors went out every five minutes.



Henry Disano of Scituate heads from the water to his bike to start the second leg of the triathlon.

Cohasset Triathlon at Sandy Beach

Sunday, July 8



Scituate's Joe Walsmith is about to cross the finish line in second place out of the 594 athletes that finished the race. Walsmith's time of 1:00:39 was behind only Scott Colton of Riviera Beach, Fla. (56:47).



Cohasset's Judy Stavis crosses the finish line with a time of 1:10:47, second place among women and 43rd overall.

Staff photos by Chris Shores



A good crowd was on hand to cheer Whitman's Pamela Roesch, who was the first woman to finish with a time of 1:09:37.

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record to 4-1.

The decisive rally for Braintree in the top of the fifth saw P.J. Mullin get it going by beating out a bunt, and he made it all the way to third when Tom Huddleston followed with a bunt base hit.

Ryan Urso's sacrifice fly scored Mullin to give Post 86 a 3-2 lead, and after Brendan Wheeler walked and Lyons was hit by a pitch to load the bases, Dominguez hit into a strange 4-6-5 double play after Doonan dropped his pop fly, but then picked up the ball, forced Lyons at second and then threw out Wheeler trying to advance to third.

However, because the play at third was a tag play and Huddleston scored before Wheeler was tagged out, the run counted and Braintree was up 4-2. Braintree's final run in the sixth came when Cam Fox singled, stole second and went to third on a throwing error on the steal, and scored on a sacrifice fly by Gaughan.

Simpson scattered 10 hits as he also went the distance, walking five and striking out six in a solid effort against one of the zone's top hitting teams.

"Jeff did a nice job against a very good Braintree team," said coach Signorelli, whose team is now 4-13. "He has been pitching in relief for us, but we gave him the start tonight and he held them down pretty good."

Signorelli is optimistic about the future for Post 118.

"Everyone who is on this team now is eligible to play next year, and we may have a few other players on the team next year who didn't play for us for one reason or another this year," said the head coach. "I really believe if we have all the players I think we will have, we will finish above .500 and make the playoffs next year."

Post 118 19, Holbrook 13

This report submitted by the Cohasset Post 118 coaching staff.

"I really believe if we have all the players I think we will have, we will finish above .500 and make the playoffs next year."
Post 118 coach Bill Signorelli

In a dramatic comeback win Cohasset Post 118 beat Holbrook last Friday, 19-13, by scoring 12 runs in the top of the seventh inning.

Sam DeGiacomo pitched five innings, giving up seven runs on eleven hits striking out three. Simpson pitched one inning, giving up five runs on three hits and striking out one batter. Coady Morgan picked up the win in relief, pitching one inning and giving up one run on two hits.

In the bottom of the sixth, Holbrook picked up five runs on three hits and three walks to take a 12-7 lead. And then came the rally to end all rallies.

In the seventh inning, Justin Whyte was hit by a pitch, Michael Signorelli singled and Pinkus was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Chris Barrow singled to score Whyte to make the score 12-8. Brad Sportack singled to score Signorelli and Pinkus to make it 12-10. Joyce singled to score Barrow and Sportack to tie the score at 12-12.

Simpson singled and Morgan walked to load the bases again. Little walked to score Joyce and to take the lead 13-12. Whyte singled to score Simpson to make it 14-12. Signorelli singled to score Morgan and Little to make it 16-12. Barrow singled to score Whyte to make it 17-12. Joyce capped it with a double to score Signorelli and Barrow.

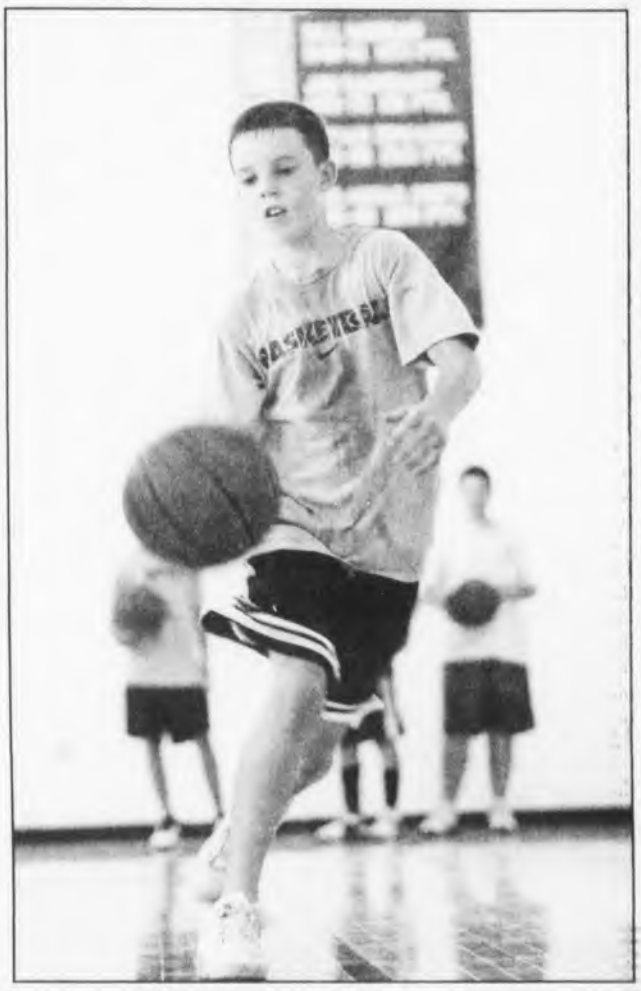


Camp-goers listen and observe Wednesday morning as CHS boys basketball coach Dorian Bryant teaches the finer points of the drop step move, just one of many lessons Bryant is covering at his Big Man and Point Guard basketball camp this week at the high school.

Gone campin'

All this week, Cohasset High School boys basketball coach Dorian Bryant has been conducting a Big Man and Point Guard Camp at CHS. Young players from across the South Shore have turned out to learn many of the skills that helped make Bryant a standout during his days at CHS in the 90's.

Staff photos by Chris Shores



Cohasset's Connor O'Brien works on his ball-handling skills during Wednesday's session of the Big Man and Point Guard Camp at Cohasset High School.

Youth football clinic

Any boys or girls entering grades 4-8 this fall are invited to take part in the First Annual Cohasset High School Football Youth Clinic on Aug. 18. This is a one-day skills clinic that emphasizes fun and will help anyone become a better football player.

Applications can be found in the Recreation Department's summer mailing or they can be obtained at the Sci-Coh football web site, www.scicohfootball.com. If you have any questions, contact CHS head football coach Pete Afanasiw at pafanasiw@cohassetk12.org.

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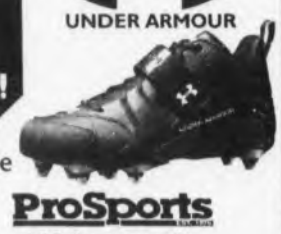
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From the Archives of the Cohasset Historical Society

From the Archives is a weekly feature provided by Cohasset Historical Society

On July 16, 1953, the Cohasset Historical Society sponsored a landmark tour highlighting 14 historic properties in Cohasset. On that day, the public was invited to tour the interiors of the properties as well as the exterior spaces. Artifacts from the Historical Society's collection relating to the properties were placed on display within each house. In addition, guests were entertained by docents who shared legends about the houses on the tour.

Today, we invite you to drive, bike or stroll along the shore and see how many of the homes you can locate. With the aid of the 1953 tour map and the map key below you should have some success.

Captain John Wilson House – At 4 Elm St., the house is a village colonial of unusual design. Its ground floor was used as a ship's chandlery.

Job Turner House – At 181 Border St., this house was floated by barge from Boston to Cohasset then moved twice. Its present site is believed to have been the summer camping grounds of the Quonahassit Indians.

Aubrey Crocker House – At 40 Parker Ave., this was once the home of Cohasset Colonials and the Hagerty Company.

Government Island – This was the assembly site for Minot's Light and provides a fine view of Cohasset Harbor.

Old Salt House and Landing – At 40 Border St., the house and landing are nostalgic reminders of the bustling fishing and shipbuilding days when salt works played an important part in the town's livelihood.

John Bates Ship Chandlery – Once located on Border St., the building was moved in the 1950's to Elm Street and now houses the Cohasset Historical Society's Maritime Museum.

The Independence Building – At 24 South Main St., this building was Cohasset's first fire station, which later housed the police department and town jail.

49 Margin St. – The location of a shipyard and later Clarence W. Barron's Victorian mansion.

Lothrop-Whittington House – At 159 Atlantic Ave., this building was an inn in 1849 when survivors of Cohasset's worst shipwreck, the Brig St. John, were brought there.

Susan Higginson Nash House – At 255 Atlantic Ave., this house was built in 1720 and moved from Norwell.

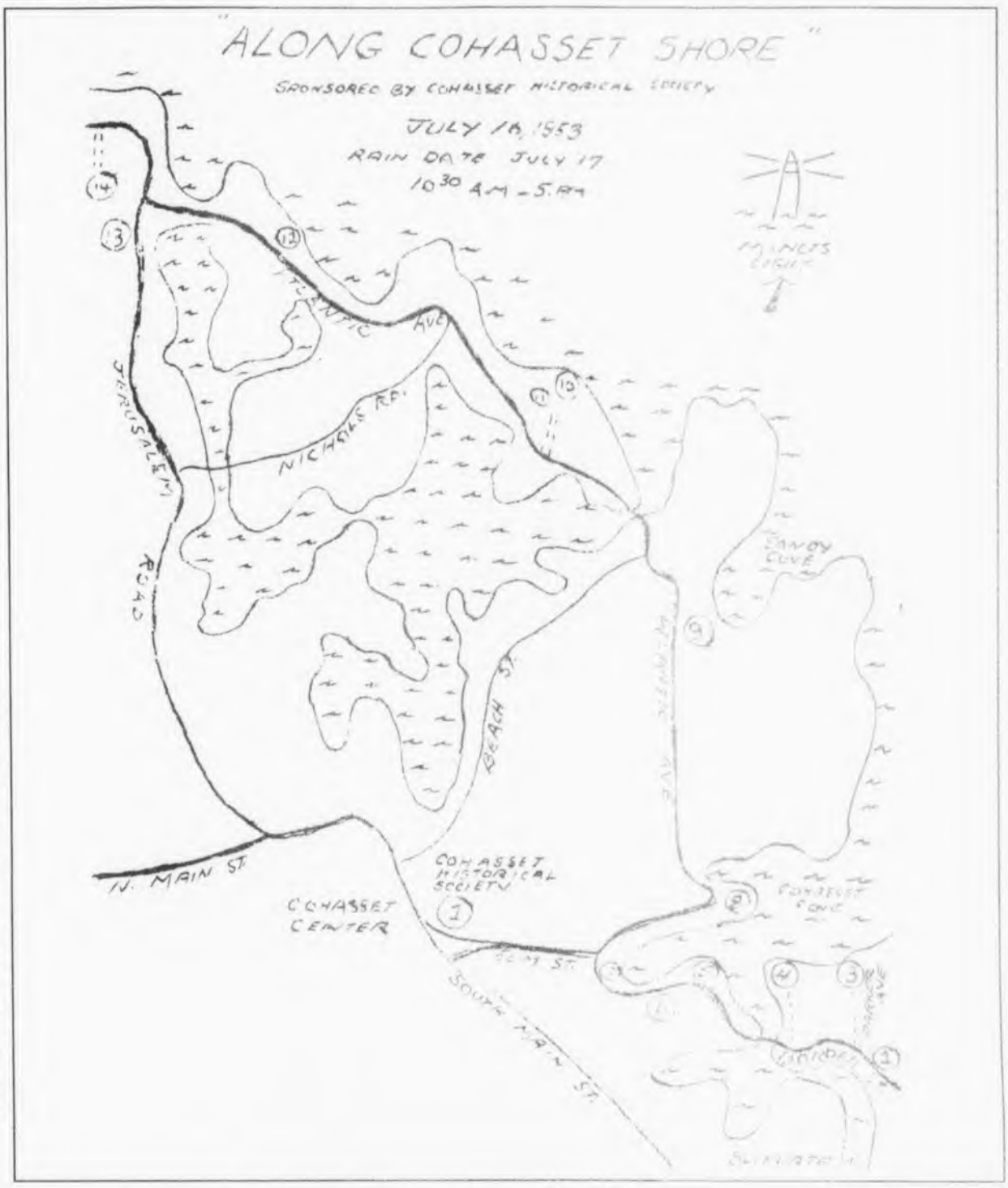
Chauncy Nash House – At 257 Atlantic Ave., built circa 1740 in New Hampshire and moved to Cohasset in 1925.

The Boathouse – At 311 Jerusalem Road, this building was built by Matthew Luce, an early summer resident circa 1870 and was favorite gathering place for sportsman during the coot shooting season.

278 Jerusalem Road – Home to one of the Hanlon brothers, whose summer acrobatic studio was located on Ripley Road, this house, originally an 1830's Cape Cod cottage, was enlarged by the Hanlons by pushing the first story high in air and adding another floor beneath.

Deep Run – A barn converted by architect Royal Barry Wills shortly after World War II for his summer home, this relatively modern house serves as a pleasant and fitting setting for the close of the tour of Cohasset's coast.

For information about these properties or other properties in Cohasset, call the Society at 781-383-1434 or stop by the Pratt Building at 106 S. Main St., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.





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It's Happening

Beekeeping workshop July 21 at Holly Hill

Friends of Holly Hill Farm, based at Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, is hosting a beekeeping workshop at 3 p.m., on Saturday July 21. The Basics of Beekeeping workshop for adults and families is open to anyone age 8 and older. Kids must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost is $18 for adults, $8 for children; or $15 adults, $5 kids, for members of Friends of Holly Hill Farm Inc. All proceeds will benefit Friends of Holly Hill Farm. Register in advance by email to hollyhillfarmer@yahoo.com or call 781-383-1455. The workshop is sponsored by Friends of Holly Hill Farm Inc., the nonprofit branch of the farm.

Garage dance

There will be a dance at the Garage from 7 to 10 p.m., on Friday, July 20. Students in grades six through eight are welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold.

This is not a school function.

Dinner with author

Buttonwood Books & Toys hosts "Dinner with the Author" on Tue. Jul. 31, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza. Featured author is Min Jin Lee discussing "Free Food For Millionaires", the #1 Book Sense Pick for May 2007. This remarkable debut novel explores with amazing detail the many issues experienced by immigrants, particularly between generations. Her heroine, a smart, Ivy League educated, Korean immigrant, named Casey Han, leads her rich cast of characters. Casey is kicked out of the house after a fight with her old-world father. Her journey towards self- sufficiency is poignant, enlightening and thoroughly enjoyable. Min Jin Lee was born in South Korea. She went to Yale, and then attended Georgetown Law School. She has received numerous awards for her writing and her work has been featured on NPR's "Selected Shorts". Reservations & Tickets are required. A light dinner (wraps, wine/soft drink, dessert and coffee) will be served, and there is a nominal fee of $7. Please call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 to reserve.

Adult sailing

Have you always wanted to learn to sail? The Hull Yacht Club will offer evening adult sailing lessons beginning the week of July 9. You will learn everything you need to know to handle a small boat, including principles of sailing, rules of the road, safety on the water, knots and how to read the weather.

The six-week program will run from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Each class will have a maximum of three members. The cost is $250. Lifejackets are required. The Hull Yacht Club is at 5 Fitzpatrick Way in Hull. For information contact Debbie Cook at 781-383-6313.

Republican events

GOP 8, a coalition of South Shore Republican Town Committees, is sponsoring an informative social event at the Black Rock House in Hingham July 25 from 6 to 9 p.m. The guest of honor will be Charles Baker, President and CEO of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, a major non-profit health plan in New England

GOP 8 consists of the Republican Town Committees of Scituate, Hull, Marshfield, Duxbury, Norwell, Weymouth, Hingham and Cohasset, which support Republican candidates and activism in the region.

For tickets and other information visit gop8.com or call David Grossack at 617-965-9300.

Cookout — The Hingham Republican Town Committee meets the third Monday of each month. A beachfront cookout for the eight towns in the Plymouth Senatorial District is in the planning stage. The towns in the district include Weymouth, Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Scituate, Marshfield, Norwell and Duxbury. The general public is also invited.

State Republican Committee Chairman, Phil Torkildsen, as well as potential presidential candidates, have been invited to speak at the event planned for Sunday, Aug. 19, at the home of committee member, Donald Hussey. For information call 781-749-0817.

Magic Show in July

Hingham Permanent Firefighters Association will sponsor a Magic Show, featuring the Magic of Lyn, at 7 p.m., on Saturday, July 21, at Hingham High School.

A Program Book will be published, and businesses and residents are asked to contribute. Proceeds will support the betterment of the organization.

Blue Ribbon Members Show

All artists are invited to display their work in a summer art exhibition. The Blue Ribbon Members' Show at South Shore Art Center will be on display, in both the Bancroft and Dillon Galleries, from July 20 through Sept. 2. All members of the Art Center, including children and teens, are invited to submit to this annual Members' Show, one work, not previously exhibited at the SSAC or at the Arts Festival.

Membership is open to all and may be obtained when work is brought to the Art Center. Drop-off dates are: Monday, July 16, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Tuesday, July 17, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Work may be dropped off at the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. A $10 fee is payable upon delivery of the artwork, and SSAC memberships, valid for one year, are $20 for youth and seniors, $30 for individuals and $48 for families. In addition to the opportunity to display work, membership benefits include discounts on courses and workshops and special events.

The Blue Ribbon Members' Show will open from 6 to 8 p.m., on Friday, July 20. The opening reception is a chance to gather with other artists, their families and friends.

For more information, call 781-383-2787 or visit ssac.org.

Summer Carillon

Saint Stephen's Church is hosting its Summer Carillon Recitals each Sunday on Cohasset Common. The free recitals will take place rain or shine on the 57-bell Cohasset Carillon. Programs will be available at the recital. Take a blanket or chair and picnic supper to the church courtyard on Highland Ave., or to the Common.

Tower tours and carillon demonstrations will follow each concert. The schedule is as follows: July 15 – Todd Fair of the Univ. of Denver, Colo.; July 22 – Lee Cobb, Assistant Carillonneur of the Historic Bok Sanctuary, Lake Wales, Fla.; July 29 – Patrick Macoska of Ann Arbor, Mich.; Aug. 5 – Judy Ogden of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Aug. 12: Sally Slade Warner, Carillonneur of Saint Stephen's Church, Cohasset.

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Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, July 15:

9 a.m. - Worship in the Meeting House - "America and the World" Led by Dr. Lincoln Bloomfield

Summer services run through August 26. All begin at 9 a.m. and are in the Meeting House. They are informal, intergenerational, and inviting! Come join us!

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave. in Cohasset Village.

If you are summering in Cohasset, you are very welcome to join us in worship.

If you are a resident of Cohasset or any nearby towns and you are looking for a church, please feel free to stop by this summer and learn about our programs and services for adults, youth and children.

Our summer services are Sunday at 8 and 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday 9:30 Eucharist with healing service.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood. Appointments to speak to the staff can be made by calling or emailing. Office hours are daily, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., noon on Friday.

Bible studies continue throughout the summer on Saturday morning at 7:00 am. Christian meditation continues every Monday at 4 p.m. at church.

The following Sundays have a family service at 9:30 with shorter readings and family friendly sermons built around a special theme:

- July 15th: Neighborhood Sunday (Good Samaritan)
- July 29th: Knock, Knock, Who's there? Sunday (Knock and you will receive)
- August 5th: Treasure Island Sunday (How are we rich toward God)
- August 19th: Stormy Sunday (How do we interpret the current times)

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

On Friday nights, there will be light refreshments at 6 p.m. and Services will be start at 6:30 in the David C. Carr Sukat Shalom (weather permitting) at the side of the building. There will be no Saturday morning services in July.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

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Metaxia Pappas, left, dances the Kalamatiamo with Andrea White, right, and others during the Greek Taverna at Glastonbury Abbey on Sunday.



Peter Stathopoulos helps cook some beef and lamb mixture for gyros during the Greek Taverna.



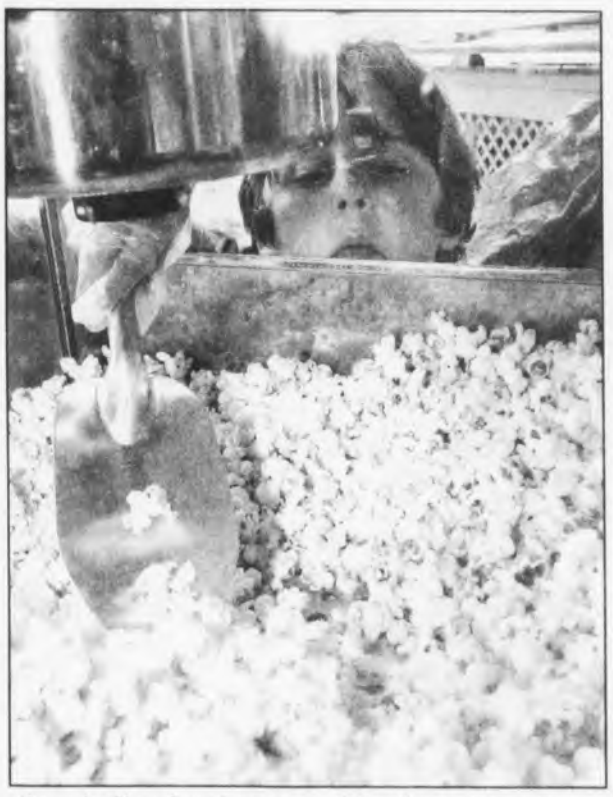
Petrina Pappas, 22, makes a hair-wrap in the Greek colors for Samantha Murphy, 10, during the Greek Taverna over the weekend. The Taverna is sponsored by the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church in Cohasset.



From left, Michael Schwartz, 5, Halli Vickers, 1-1/2, Mackenzie Murphy, 2-1/2, Chloe Vickers, 13, and Samantha Murphy, 10, dance in a circle to some festive Greek music.



The hands of Elizabeth Mitterando, 6, and her mom, Julie, are a blur of motion while playing paddy cake during the Greek Taverna which is put on annually by the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church in Cohasset.



Alexander Shooshan, 6, tries to peek into the popcorn making machine while helping himself to some.



Aliana Marinos, 7, colors in her Greek flag during the Taverna.



(Left) Melissa Goldman gets some baklava, while her son Jacob, 9, right, watches and waits.

Staff photos by Robin Chan



Father John Maheras' son-in-law, Patrick Austin, right, secures the 65-lb. lamb which had been cooking slowly on the coals for the rotisserie while Andrew Leneweaver looks on.



Paul Cotton tries a piece of his daughter, Meg's baklava during the annual Greek Taverna held over the weekend.

Boston Pops program to benefit South Shore Art Center

Multiple Tony Award nominee Marin Mazzie joins Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops in a performance featuring well-known hits from Broadway musicals and Hollywood movies. The concert will be held at 7 p.m., Saturday, July 28, at the South Shore Music Circus and all ticket proceeds will support the exhibitions and education programs of the South Shore Art Center. This is the fourth annual South Shore visit of the Boston Pops and conductor Keith Lockhart.

"There is nothing quite like hearing the Boston Pops at the Music Circus," says Sarah Hannan, executive director of the South Shore Art Center. "You literally feel as if you are in the orchestra, as no seat is more than 50-feet from the stage. Veteran Boston Pops audience-members rave about the intimacy of the Music Circus. Add to that the wonderful personality of Keith Lockhart, a Broadway superstar, and a program of blockbuster music and it's most definitely an evening to remember."

Concert tickets are $90.75 or $76.75 and are available at the South Shore Music Circus Box Office at 130 Sohier St., off Route 3A in Cohasset or through Ticketmaster at Ticketmaster.com. A limited number of premium concert packages are available through the South Shore Art Center, 781-383-2787 and include preferred seating and a post-concert reception with Keith Lockhart. The gala celebration is sponsored by Rockland Trust.



Keith Lockhart will lead the Boston Pops in a musical tribute to Broadway and Hollywood, Saturday July 28, at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset.

Norwell VNA to host golf tournament

Norwell Visiting Nurse Association will host the ninth annual Charity Golf Tournament on Monday, July 30. Registration is at 11 a.m., and shotgun start at noon. Rain date is Aug. 20. The tournament will take place at Cohasset Golf Club, 175 Lambert's Lane, Cohasset. Cost is $185 per golfer. Sponsorship opportunities for golfers and non-players are available.

To register, contact Jeanne Carey, Norwell Visiting Nurse Association, 91 Longwater Circle, Norwell, MA 02061; call 781-610-1422; email, jcarey@nvna.org; or visit the Web site at nvna.org/donations/donations-golfsponsorship.

This event, which takes place on a private Donald Ross-style course, is the Norwell VNA's biggest fundraiser of the year. Last year's event raised nearly $30,000 for the organization. All proceeds benefit the association in its ongoing efforts to provide low cost, quality healthcare to South Shore residents.

Dog obedience classes offered

Cohasset Recreation Department will offer dog obedience classes taught by Happy Dog Training School.

Beginner and advanced classes will take place Monday evenings on the Town Common in Cohasset. Fee is $110 for five classes, one hour per week program. Dog owners are required to have their dogs' shots/inoculations up to date.

To register, call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109. Classes are limited in size and participants will be accepted on a first call, first enrolled basis. Sessions are started about every five weeks and callers will be enrolled in the next available session during the summer.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

2:40 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint; caller reports trying to leave for work but her vehicle is being blocked in by another parked vehicle.

4:05 p.m. **Parker Ave.**, parking complaint; caller reports a commercial vehicle parked at the boat ramp all day without a sticker.

5:26 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, parking complaint; caller reports a neighbor is holding a party and cars are parked facing the wrong way, as well as on the corner, making it hard to see when pulling out. Responding officer reports some of the cars will be moved into the driveway and another neighbor offered their driveway for parking the rest of the cars.

5:33 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement.

6:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, suspicious person; caller requests an officer regarding an elderly lady who shops there, appears intoxicated, and is driving. Responding officer will transport the woman home and her vehicle will be parked in the Stop & Shop parking lot overnight.

7:11 p.m. **Winter St.**, be on the look out alert issued by Weymouth Police Dept., regarding a computer and printer stolen from the rear shipment door of the Weymouth Wal-Mart.

10:07 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports school checked; secure.

10:15 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

10:17 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

12:42 a.m. **School buildings**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

1:07 a.m. **Summer St.**, disturbance; caller reports a large group gathering and possible fighting; officer reports the group was having a conversation and they have been moved along, no problems.

1:26 a.m. **North Main St.**, disturbance; caller reports a large group of youths gathering at the concession stand.

1:37 a.m. **North Main St.**, disturbance; caller reports the large group of youths has returned.

1:49 a.m. **King St.**, Sergeant reports being out with a suspicious male.

2:01 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle accident and rollover; caller reports an accident in front of her house. She believes there are injuries as the accident appears to be serious. Sergeant on scene reports this is a rollover; one transported to SSH/ALS. A 23-years old male summonsed on charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle, marked lanes violation and speeding.

7:29 a.m. **Border St.**, motor vehicle hit and run; caller reports her vehicle was struck overnight. Responding officer reports minor damage; no reported needed.

8:51 a.m. **Sohier St.**, medical aid requested by a male stung by a bee who is allergic to bee stings; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

11:09 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, caller reports larceny of property.

3:13 p.m. **Ripley Road**, parking complaint; caller reports she can't see to pull out of her driveway safely due to the number of cars parked for the Arts Festival.

3:23 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint; caller reports cars parked on the Cunningham Bridge throughout the day with no parking signs posted. Responding officer reports no one is parked on the bridge, but there are cars further down which are being moved.

3:40 p.m. **Elm St.**, animal complaint; officer reports a dog ran out after him on the police motorcycle, nearly biting him on his leg. The dog was not on a leash; officer states this is a leash law violation.

3:42 p.m. **Ripley Road**, parking complaint; caller reports a vehicle blocking one of his driveways. Officer states there was a no parking sign, but it is missing from the post and will be replaced. Caller advised that there is room to pull out and the officer will try to locate the owner of the car blocking the driveway.

4:57 p.m. **Parker Ave.**, request for officer regarding a barrel, which they want moved by the Highway Dept. Officer isn't sure if the barrel belongs to the Highway Dept. or has something to do with the boats and will leave a note for the day shift to contact the Highway Dept.

7:25 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking violation; four vehicles tagged.

7:55 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, animal complaint; caller reports a large turtle trying to cross the road just past the knoll in the southbound lane, causing cars to swerve in an effort to avoid hitting it. Area searches negative.

8:19 p.m. **Old Coach Road**, animal complaint; caller reports a seagull with an injured wing in his yard; Animal Control Officer reports there is no place to bring the bird at this time and if it is still there in the morning, he will retrieve it.

10:05 p.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

10:21 p.m. Border St., suspicious activity; youths with alcohol reported driving a motor vehicle into Scituate; Scituate Police Dept. notified.

10:28 p.m. **King St.**, public service; caller reports locking herself out of her vehicle. McBrien's told her it would take 45 to 60 minutes to respond and she requests an officer.

11:10 p.m. **Holly Lane**, public service; lift and assist.

11:12 p.m. **North Main St.**, noise complaint; caller reports people being loud outside and thinks it is two people yelling at each other. Responding officer reports a verbal argument; peace restored.

11:42 p.m. **Grace Drive**, caller reports three men in a car pulled into her driveway, laughing and tossing bottles out of the vehicle and onto her driveway. She would like the information logged in case it happens again.

MONDAY, JUNE 18

12:09 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

12:54 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

12:55 a.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

12:56 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

7:51 a.m. **Bates Lane**, caller requests to have it logged that his house was egged overnight; he doesn't want to see an officer, just wants the incident on record.

7:52 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports large cardboard boxes in the middle of Route 3A.

8:12 a.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic hazard; caller reports the lights are still blinking from the Music Circus.

8:19 a.m. **Summer St.**, medical aid requested.

10:37 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, caller reports another piece of outdoor furniture has been stolen.

10:58 a.m. **Church St.**, caller reports her house was egged last night. This is the second call about egging and the OIC has been notified.

11:04 a.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in party requests to speak with an officer regarding threats.

11:09 a.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle accident, 23-year-old Weymouth man summonsed on charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

12:23 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, parking complaint; caller reports motor vehicles parked at the top of the hill.

12:26 p.m. **Fernway**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

1:27 p.m. **Parker Ave.**, request for officer; caller reports a motor vehicle "flew" down the street very fast. The vehicle is still at the end of the street.

1:42 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers; officer reports removing a group of jumpers from the bridge.

3:32 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

3:32 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

4:38 p.m. **Lambert's Lane**, traffic enforcement.

4:54 p.m. **Margin St.**, traffic complaint; caller reports a large truck parked on the streets on the bad curve, holding up traffic.

4:58 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers; officer reports removing a group of jumpers from the bridge.

5:09 p.m. **Nichols Road**, public service; officer to serve court papers.

5:22 p.m. **Ledgewood Drive**, animal complaint; caller reports a coyote running around at the house next door and he doesn't look well.

6:52 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

7:38 p.m. **Ledgewood Drive**, caller reports his daughter's cell phone was stolen recently and they received a statement with several downloads to the phone which were done by the person who stole it. Whoever stole the phone has charged money for downloads and also was making calls; report to follow.

9:04 p.m. **Deer Hill and Osgood schools**, officer reports buildings checked; secure.

9:49 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, assist motorist; officer is attempting to help a motorist who has locked their keys in their truck.

11:04 p.m. **Church St.**, disturbance-drunks; party reports his neighbor is having a large house party and there is a large group of youths drinking. Officer reports he is coming in with an 18-year-old Scituate man in protective custody at this time, other units are still tied up.

11:40 p.m. **Black Horse Lane**, disturbance-drunks; caller reports a loud house party with a lot of yelling and screaming; officers report they have a female in the woods that was left behind when everyone else took off running. The responding officer reports they are transporting female to her residence on Pond St., and the other officer is transporting a male to his residence on Clay Spring Road.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

1:44 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

8:11 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

9:45 a.m. **Linden Drive**, caller reports neighbor's alarm activated and woke them up this morning; she states

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no one is home and the garage door is open. Responding officer reports the house is secure and the garage door is now closed.

9:58 a.m. **Summer St.**, property recovered; caller states he reported a bicycle missing two or three weeks ago and it has been recovered, someone found it in the woods behind the butcher shop.

11:23 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle accident. Walk-in party reports being involved in a motor vehicle accident at 10:25 a.m. The reporting party also stated they exchanged paperwork at the scene and they just want it on record.

11:31 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, disturbance-drunks; employee states there is a man outside who appears intoxicated and is harassing customers. Officer reports taking a 62-year-old Scituate man into protective custody.

12:19 p.m. **Jerusalem Road and Red Gate Lane**, suspicious activity; DPW requests a cruiser to this location. Caller reports someone is emptying a green substance into the catch basin and no one has permission to dump anything. Officer reports the substance is water from a power washer.

12:28 p.m. **Aaron River Road**, officer reports building checked; secure.

1:14 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, fire; caller reports a strong odor of burning wires coming from the back of the store and the phones are dead. All companies will be tied up at the scene and all power to the store shut down. E3 reports a faulty telephone wire component.

1:56 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, annoying phone calls reported.

2:45 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance-bridge jumpers; Harbormaster reports receiving numerous complaints regarding jumpers on the bridge.

3:54 p.m. **Elm St.**, property recovered; wallet found by officer from the Hull Police Dept. Woman came into Headquarters to pick it up.

5:06 p.m. **Elm St.**, be on the look out announcement issued by Scituate Police Dept. for a woman with three outstanding warrants who may be working in the area of Black Horse Lane.

5:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and lower King St.**, multiple calls report a motor vehicle accident involving a motorcycle. Units on scene request detectives be notified for photos. Landing zone secured for med flight; officer advises there is a lacrosse game on the field and players are being cleared. Med flight landed safely.

6:11 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle accident without injuries reported.

9:15 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

9:22 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:58 p.m. **Cedar St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

10:37 p.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

11:05 p.m. **Cedar St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

11:16 p.m. **Border St.**, abandoned bike; caller reports a ten speed bike in the middle of the road; bike moved to side of road and Scituate Police Dept. advised.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

12:56 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

12:57 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

8:19 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, past break and entry; caller reports his house was broken into overnight while they were sleeping.

8:23 a.m. **King St.**, past break and entry; caller reports their property was broke into overnight and items were stolen. Officer requests the parent of a youth in town to come to the residence to meet and the property owner regarding this incident. Parent responding.

8:51 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, vandalism report; caller wanted it logged that her rear windshield wiper was stolen from her vehicle overnight.

8:59 a.m. **Ledgewood Drive**, fire investigation; caller reports her carbon monoxide alarms have activated.

11:26 a.m. **South Main St.**, vandalism report; walk-in party reports the rear window on his pick up truck was smashed last night and there were items left inside his vehicle. He also states he knows who is responsible because he almost had a confrontation with the suspect on this date.

11:27 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, property recovered; caller reports items in front of her house. Responding officer will see if the items are related to a previous incident.

12:05 p.m. **Hull St. - Hingham**, investigation; officer to conduct follow-up investigation and to speak to a possible suspect.

12:16 p.m. **Rustic Drive**, property lost; caller reports losing her cell phone.

1:04 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle violations; walk-in party reports a vehicle being driven erratically and cutting her off.

5:10 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement.

5:34 p.m. **North Main St. and Depot Court**, traffic enforcement.

6:23 p.m. **Elm St.**, follow up investigation conducted.

7:32 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, confused person; caller reports an elderly female walking along Route 3A who appears to be confused and disheveled. Responding officer reports he is out with the female on Route 3A and will transport to Walgreens for her to be picked up by her brother.

9:23 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested.

9:41 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

9:46 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

9:54 p.m. **Lothrop Lane**, disturbance-drunks; caller reports a very large party at Sandy Cove; Cohasset Harbormaster notified via radio and will respond. Sergeant requests two tow trucks. All units tied up with parties involved. A group is running from Sandy Cove. Two vehicles towed for restricted parking and all parties involved sent on their way. One male was picked up from the scene by his parent.

10:23 p.m. **Meadow Lane and Atlantic Ave.**, traffic stop; citation issued for junior operator license violations.

10:40 p.m. **King St.**, open door/window; walk-in party reports a business with an open door and all lights off. It appears no one is around. Responding officers reports all is well; there are employees on scene.

10:48 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:49 p.m. **Sohier St.** officer reports building checked; secure.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

12:05 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, mutual aid - police.

12:44 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

12:45 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

6:33 a.m. **Pond St. and Lantern Lane**, vandalism report; walk-in party reports broken glass in roadway; one beer bottle smashed.

7:09 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement.

7:41 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, mutual aid – police; caller reports a red Jeep off the road between Cohasset Knoll and Hingham Animal Clinic. Hingham notified.

9:59 a.m. **Ripley Road**, suspicious motor vehicle reported.

11:55 a.m. **Howard Gleason Road**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

12:58 p.m. **South Main St.**, fire investigation; caller reports her daughter called her at work to tell her there is flooding in their house. E1 reports they have shut the water off.

2:09 p.m. **Border St.**, medical aid requested for young boy involved in a bicycle accident; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS. Parent notified and will respond to South Shore Hospital.

2:23 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

2:29 p.m. **Elm St.**, larceny report; walk-in party requests to speak with an officer regarding missing items.

2:58 p.m. **Whitehead Road**, motor vehicle roll over; several callers reports a PA Landers Truck has rolled over and are requesting medical aid. OSHA and Board of Health notified; will report to scene. Scituate Rescue transporting drive to South Shore Hospital/ALS with injuries.

4:09 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, caller requests an officer regarding a large piece of construction equipment left on his lawn.

4:43 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers; officer reports removing a group of youths from the bridge.

5:07 p.m. **Town Schools**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

5:56 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St.**, several callers report a motor vehicle accident with injuries; one 911 caller reports the accident to be serious.

9:47 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

10:41 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

12:36 a.m. **Headquarters**, Mutual aid to Scituate Police Dept. regarding a motor vehicle they are looking for.

1:01 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Route 228**, motor vehicle being operated erratically headed towards Hingham; Hingham notified.

1:15 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, assist citizen.

6:55 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement.

7:39 a.m. **Beaver Dam Road – Scituate**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

8:53 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller reports receiving annoying phone calls and would like to see an officer.

9:19 a.m. **North Main St.**, caller reports she would like to see an officer regarding vandalism to her property.

9:27 a.m. **Summer St.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

11:28 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle accident; no injuries reported.

11:36 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle accident; no injuries reported. Responding officers report this accident has occurred at the same location as the previous one.

12:05 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious activity; walk-in party reports he cleans the pool at a home which is vacant, the front door is open and a man is sitting in the bushes behind the house. Address does not exist and this call is unfounded.

12:21 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious activity; Sergeant reports this is the location for the previous call regarding an open door to a vacant house with a blue bike in driveway and male in bushes behind the house; wrong address was provided and units are investigating open door.

6:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, Hingham Police Dept. reports an erratic motor vehicle operator traveling along Route 3A into Cohasset; the blue Buick appears to have youths and Hingham Police Dept. reports they were passing other vehicles. Caller who contacted Hingham reports they took a left onto Pond St., and later called to report they took a left onto Clay Spring Road and he has lost them. Officers out with the vehicle on Clay Spring Road and Arrowood Street.

8:01 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking violation; officer reports six vehicles tagged.

11:31 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

11:32 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

11:41 p.m. **Arrowood St.**, traffic complaint; caller would like it logged that a flatbed tow truck from 3A Towing has been around the neighborhood for several days and when it passes, it speeds down the street.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

12:25 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

12:26 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

12:29 a.m. **King St.**, suspicious activity reported.

12:50 a.m. **Doane and Beechwood streets**, report of traffic cones placed across the roadway; officer moved the cones back to where they belong.

1:07 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, suspicious activity reported.

2:40 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested; transported to Quincy Hospital/ALS.

3:27 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle vs. stone wall; Scituate Rescue transported one man to South Shore Hospital/ALS and motor vehicle towed by McBrien's. Arrest: John J. Hurley III, 23, 12 Planters Lane, Hingham. Charges: Operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol – second offense and marked lanes violation.

5:03 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop; citation issued.

7:40 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports a gas drive-off; motor vehicle is a tan van with a canoe on top. Spoke with party at Dunkin' Donuts; party will return to pay.

8:42 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, medical aid requested for cyclist down in the parking lot; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

8:54 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, medical aid; Hull R2 responded to a second fallen cyclist.

9:15 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, medical aid; 30-year-old woman with elbow and possible ankle injuries.

11:21 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

11:26 a.m. **North Main St. and Ripley Road**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

11:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid requested by several callers for an elderly woman passed out in her vehicle.

1:13 p.m. **Margin Court**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

2:10 p.m. **Glades Road**, medical aid requested by Scituate for kayaker in the water. Scituate and Cohasset Harbormasters responding; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

2:51 p.m. **Beach St. and Highland Ave.**, citizen reports a motor vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed; vehicle has two bikes on the back. Officers checked area and found nothing.

3:54 p.m. **Border St.**, caller reports a group of girls jumping from the bridge; responding officer reports the two girls have been spoken to and are leaving the bridge.

4:26 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement.

4:46 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Gregory R. Hoffman, 51, 12 Lamberts Lane, Cohasset. Charges: Speeding and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

6:36 p.m. **Elm St.**, disturbance; caller reports a loud party with people swearing and yelling. He also reports he heard someone yell "call the cops." The responding officer reports this is a small dispute at a graduation party and everything has been resolved. Peace restored.

6:42 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

8:05 p.m. **Hull St. and Grace Drive**, parking violation; three vehicles tagged.

9 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, animal complaint; caller reports a dog is lingering outside her fence, making her dogs go crazy. Caller will check for tags. The calling party arrived at headquarters with the dog, which has a collar, but no tags. The Animal Control Officer has been notified and will pick the dog up.

9:19 p.m. **Red Gate Lane**, suspicious activity; caller reports his neighbors are out of town, but their children are there and one of their friends backed over the caller's lawn, driving erratically down the street. Officers have been advised to keep an eye on the house.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

9:23 a.m. **Norfolk Road**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

10:29 a.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

1:48 p.m. **Kendall Village**, request for officer regarding a civil matter.

2:16 p.m. **Border St.**, caller reports youths jumping off the bridge and harassing motorists.

3:57 p.m. **Nantasket Ave.**, mutual aid rendered to Hull for medical.

8:08 p.m. **Smith Place**, caller requests an officer regarding threats made against her son.

9:26 p.m. **Elm St.** request for officer.

10 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

10:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

11:20 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

MONDAY, JUNE 25

12:45 a.m. **Cedar St.**, motor vehicle stop.

1:42 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

5:59 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

8:03 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

10:49 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller requests medical aid for a man who passed out and it appears as if his eyes rolled into the back of his head. The man later regained consciousness and was breathing, but could not talk; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

2:19 p.m. **Sohier St.**, speed board placed in front of Deer Hill School.

2:41 p.m. **Doane St.**, animal complaint; party reports his dog was injured by another dog.

2:44 p.m. **King St.**, traffic complaint; request for radar stand.

4:14 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, animal complaint; caller reports a cat was hit by a car and is still alive.

6 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in party reports a bike stolen from Sandy Beach; described as a custom-made bike with a green banana seat and butterfly handle bars.

6:57 p.m. **Hull St. and Grace Drive**, parking complaint.

7:10 p.m. **Elm St.**, suspicious activity; caller reports a possible attempt to break-in. Responding officer reports it was not a attempted break-in; just water damage.

8:43 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, water rescue; caller reports a boat flipped over under the Cunningham Bridge; officers report five people in the water. Fire reports the five people have been pulled out of the water and rescue will treat three people on scene. Three people later transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

9:54 p.m. **Border St.**, caller reports youths jumping off the bridge.

11:59 p.m. **Border St.**, suspicious activity; Scituate Police Dept. reports a red Jeep with loud youths; gone on arrival.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

1:14 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

1:14 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

6:02 a.m. **Aberdeen Drive**, mutual aid rendered to Scituate.

7:07 a.m. **Brook St.**, public service; road closed.

7:16 a.m. **Border St.**, public service; travel lane reduced to one lane between Border and Summer streets and the Atlantica.

10:12 a.m. **James Lane**, fire investigation; carbon monoxide alarm activation investigated by E3.

10:27 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, visiting nurse requests medical aid for her patient with an infected wound; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

12:14 p.m. **Sheldon Road**, neighborhood disturbance; caller reports a large truck parked in the middle of the road, attempting to make a delivery; another resident asked him to move the truck and a verbal argument ensued. Officers report there is no problem and the driver will return to make the delivery later.

Legal Notices

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LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department

NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 07P1584EP

In the Estate of FRANCIS J. MCNULTY
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death
April 26, 2007

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that MARJORIE C. SULLIVAN of MILTON in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **AUGUST 15, 2007.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

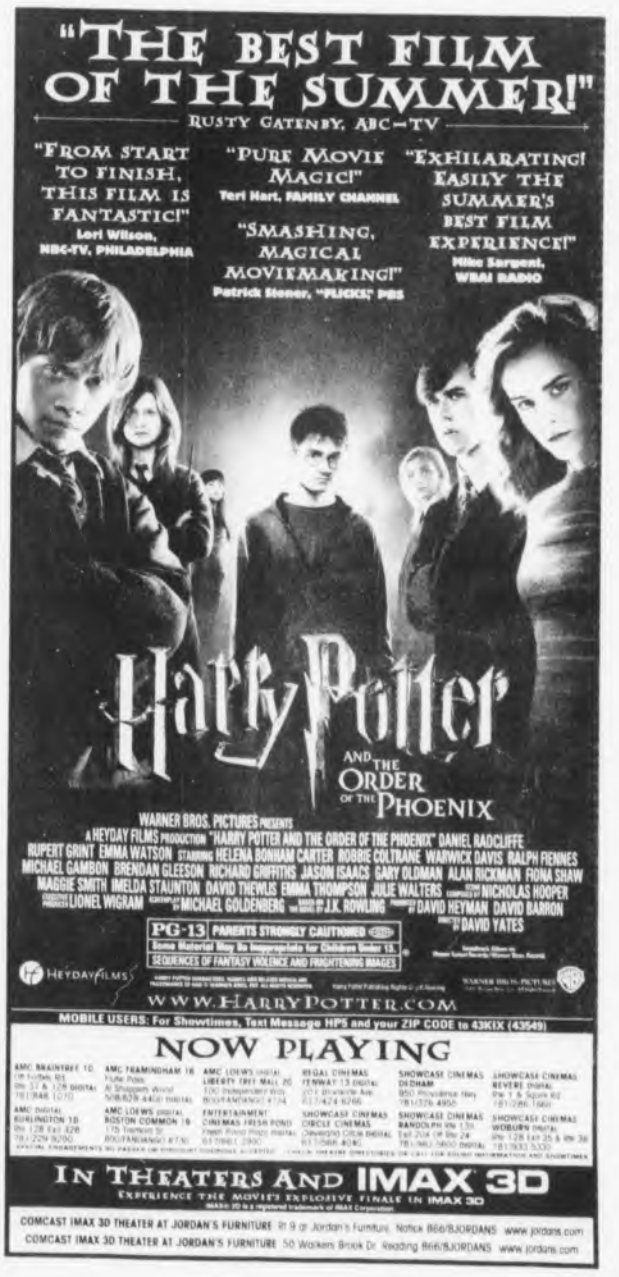
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What's happening on the South Shore

JULY 12- 20, 2007

Minnelli's star still shining

New show puts old friend in the spotlight

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

As a show business legend who almost always plays to sold-out houses, Liza Minnelli could easily ignore the many interview requests she receives in advance of a concert like the one she will give at the South Shore Music Circus on Thursday, July 19. But Minnelli did not become a legend by resting on her laurels, or by resting at all, it would seem. Even while vacationing in southern California after a just-concluded 21-city tour of South America, she is on the telephone and eager to talk.

And with good reason — Minnelli is bringing a brand new show to Cohasset, inspired by the late singer, dancer, pianist, and composer Kay Thompson, who also happened to be Minnelli's godmother.

"When Kay Thompson held me at my christening, I knew my life was going to be wonderful," says Minnelli. "Kay Thompson was a great, great woman and just the most brilliant performer. There were no body mics in those days and that meant that performers mostly stood still when they sang, but that wasn't going to work for Kay. She found a way to hang mics all over the stage so that she could keep moving while she sang. Her point was that you never stop moving and you never stop trying to entertain people."

Born in 1908, Thompson began her career in the 1930s as a singer and choral director for radio. By 1943, she had found her way to MGM Studios where she quickly became a vocal arranger for some of the biggest movie musicals of the day and a vocal coach to stars like Lena Horne, Frank Sinatra and Minnelli's own mother, Judy Garland. By the late 1940s, Thompson left MGM to create her own nightclub act with Andy Williams and his brothers whom she had discovered while working on the feature film "The Harvey Girls" in 1946. Billed simply as "Kay Thompson & The Williams Brothers," the act played a host of nightclubs nationwide, earning critical acclaim and a loyal fan base with their jazz-based harmonies and flamboyant performance style. And if that weren't enough, Thompson — who called the New York's Plaza Hotel home — was also the author of the best-selling "Eloise" series of children's books which feature the adventures of a precocious 6-year-old based on none other than the young Minnelli.

"My parents (Garland and film director Vincente Minnelli) took me to see Kay when I was about 2 years old and I have never forgotten it," recalls Minnelli, who has also recorded an album of Thompson's music. "She was a dear, dear friend of both of them and one of the greatest gifts I ever got in life was when they made Kay my godmother. She was sensational. She did all of those wonderful arrangements for MGM and then she did her incredible nightclub act, which was made up mostly of her original music. And, because I loved Kay so much, it is marvelous to have this chance to do this."



Liza Minnelli

Even for a veteran performer like the 61-year-old Minnelli, who never shies away from work, learning Thompson's songs was a challenge.

"The music is very difficult. You have to be right on pitch and you have to be thinking all the time. The greatest thing is that it still works and it is marvelous to do," the singer and actress says of the show, which is set to be filmed for Showtime in the coming months.

While preparing for her current tour, Minnelli — who has Emmy, Tony, Grammy and Golden Globe awards on her mantel, not to mention a Best Actress Oscar for her portrayal of Sally Bowles in the 1972 feature film "Cabaret" — made sure she was in good and familiar company.

"I'm working with Ron Lewis, one of the greatest choreographers in the world. He redefined dancing. Ron and I did 'The Act' on Broadway almost 30 years ago and we've worked together many times since. For this new show, he based the choreography on what works best with the music and, of course, for me. I trust him completely."

Trust is important to Minnelli, who always makes sure to surround herself with pros like her longtime music director Bill LaVorgna, a drummer who also played in her mother's band, and a certain dance instructor whom she also met through her parents.

"I go to a great jazz dance class for two hours every day. My teacher is a gentleman named Luigi who teaches what is called the Luigi jazz technique, which has really been invaluable to me. Luigi is 81 years old and danced in almost all of my parents' movies. He is like an uncle to me and he keeps me well."

In addition to paying tribute to Thompson — who lived with her in her New York penthouse in the final years before her death nine years ago at age 90 — Minnelli also plans to perform plenty of the songs she herself made famous.

"There won't be any opening act. I'm doing the whole damn show," she says with a hearty laugh. "I've got four guys with me who are terrific singers and dancers. We'll do two sets so there will be time for stuff of mine, too, including songs from 'Cabaret' and my other movies and, of course, from Broadway. I want people to come away feeling 'Holy Christ, I've been entertained.'"

Liza Minnelli will be at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset, on Thursday, July 19, and the Cape Cod Melody Tent Saturday, July 21. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-931-2787 or go online at themusiccircus.org or melodytent.org and 617-931-2000.

Movie review



Daughter and mother, Constance and Ann (real-life daughter and mother Natasha Richardson and Vanessa Redgrave), share a happy memory.

Old stars twinkle in 'Evening'

Evening (B-)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

Dearly beloved, we are gathered at "Evening" to celebrate mothers and daughters, real and fictional, and a wedding.

Part "The Notebook," part "The Hours," "Evening" features Vanessa Redgrave and daughter Natasha Richardson and Meryl Streep and daughter Mamie Gummer in its cast. The film is a series of flashbacks to the past life of queenly matriarch Ann Grant Lord (Redgrave) as she lay dying in her bed.

The film will undoubtedly resonate with baby boomers who have dealt with the illnesses and deaths of parents.

Much of the action in the flashbacks involves a flurry of activity surrounding the wedding of the patrician Lila Wittenborn (Gummer) to someone who doesn't count very much in the action in and around a gorgeous home on the Newport, R.I. coast. The young Ann (Claire Danes, who in no way resembles Redgrave) arrives from bohemian Greenwich Village to serve as maid of honor. Ann is introduced to young physician Harris Arden (Patrick Wilson). Yes, all the characters in "Evening" have names out of a social register.

Ann also babysits Lila's annoying brother Buddy (Hugh Dancy), a sodden runt who is the family embarrassment and a wannabe writer, although he hasn't written anything because he is too intimidated by the great authors of the world.

Further caveats: The film is based on a 1998 novel by Susan Minot that would have had Oprah's Book Club foaming at the mouth in ecstasy. It was adapted to the screen by Minot and novelist Michael Cunningham ("The Hours") and suggests a "Cries and Whispers" spread in Architectural Digest.

In one scene, Harris names a star after Ann. A shot of Danes reclining in a flowing white chemise on a sailboat at sunset looks like an ad campaign for a new fragrance called "Thin."

In the present, Ann's grown daughters Constance (Richardson) and Nina (Toni Collette) share duties and tangle a bit. Nina is pregnant, but not sure she wants to have a child with her current flame, a musician named Luc (Ebon Moss-Bachrach).

Ninety minutes into "Evening," Streep finally appears, dripping pearls, as the older Lila and gives the film a huge lift. She climbs into bed with her dying friend to giggle and reminisce. Streep and Redgrave act rings around the kids. Also excellent is Eileen Atkins as Ann's Irish night nurse.

"Evening" was directed by Lajos Koltai, a Budapest-born cinematographer whose previous directing credit was the 2005 Holocaust drama "Fateless." If you get bored by the characters in his new film, as I did, you can admire the pretty pictures.

Rated PG-13. "Evening" contains sexually suggestive scenes.

Calendar of events

Thursday, July 12

The Plymouth Farmers' Market, held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. July 12 performers are **Tiffany Rozenas,** Celtic fiddler from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and **Ray Papile,** easy listening from 4:40 to 6:30 p.m. For information, contact Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.

L. Knife & Son will cosponsor the **Summer Concert Series** for the 2007 season, with the Town of Plymouth Promotions Fund, the Plymouth Cultural Council and the Music Performance Funds. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m., at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following Tuesday. July 12: **Don Besegai's Big Band.**

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth. **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue** Blues Jam featuring **Robin & the Ripchordz** July 12 at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. July 12, **Radio for the Blind** 781-829-6999.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke **Texas Hold Em** every Thursday night at 6:45 and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

Friday, July 13

Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. Second annual Lemonade Days on Friday mornings in July (July 13, 20 and 27) from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Stop by the Ventress "Tiki" Cafe for a complimentary glass of lemonade, complete with straw. While sipping, browse through a stack of used books available to purchase for beach and pool-side reading. Children's books and videos will also be sold. All proceeds benefit the library through the Friends group. For information contact Chris Woods at 781-834-5535, e-mail malib@oeln.org or visit ventresslibrary.org.

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Mark your calendar

THE COMPANY THEATRE IN NORWELL, presents its summer musical, MISS SAIGON, opening Friday, July 27 and running through Sunday, Aug. 19. Tickets priced at $30-$32 are on sale at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781.871.2787 and online at companytheatre.com.

THE NORTH & SOUTH RIVER'S WATERSHED ASSOCIATION will hold the 17th Annual Great River Race on July 28. All skill levels, from novice to racer, are invited to take part in the race. Non-motorized vessels including canoes, kayaks, and rowboats participate in the race piloted by people of all ages. (Participants 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult.) Pre-Registration recommended. To download the registration form on line go to www.nsrwa.org

AN EVENING OF JAZZ, RHYTHM & BLUES fundraising event Sept. 22. Music by the Bellevue Cadillac. Silent and live auction, hors d' oeuvre's and buffet dinner prepared by The Catered Affair. Cash bar and dancing. Event held at the Hingham Armory. Tickets are $75 per person. All proceeds to benefit a Habitat home in Hingham. For advance ticket sales, auction donations, to be a program sponsor or volunteer to help. Contact nldevine@gmail.com.

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The Sparrow House in Plymouth will feature a photography exhibit through Aug. 31 by Marshfield resident **Mike Sleeper.** The opening is tonight from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Sparrow House, 42 Summer St. For information, call 508-747-1240.

Oceanside 17 Studio & Gallery, 17 Rockland Circle, Hull. **Rustic Works** featuring Oil Paintings by **Nancy Colella** and Sculptural Fish by **Conny Hatch**. Also showing paintings by **Franny Andahazy** and featured gallery artists through July 18. 781-773-1563. Open: Wednesday-Sunday accessible to all, no admission.

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Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant, Braintree Five Corners, Braintree. July 13, 9 p.m. **Comedy Night** featuring **John Turco** along with **Annette Pollack, Barry Kneller, Bill Farrell, Linda Belt, Pat McLoud, Joe Calapai** and your host, **Roman Pierce**. Admission $15. Produced by Annette's Comedy Asylum. Advance reservations requested by calling 781-848-0300.



South Shore Conservatory presents Build A Band, a musical program for families, at the Jane Carr Amphitheater, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham, Sunday, July 15, at 10 am. This concert is presented in conjunction with the Conservatory's Evenings Under the Stars concert series, which offers programs especially for kids and families on two Sunday mornings in July. Advance purchase tickets at $15 for adults and $5 for children ($17 and $5 at the gate), may be purchased online at www.southshoreconservatory.org, by phone at 781-749-7565, ext. 14, and in person at the Conservatory offices in Hingham and Duxbury. Call or visit the website for information on all Evenings Under the Stars performances. The Carr Amphithaeater is wheelchair accessible.

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South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance July 13, with The DJ: **Jim Hislop** from 7:30 p.m. to midnight at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission: $7 SSS Members, $10 Non-members Doors open 7:15 p.m. Free dance lesson 7:30 to 8 p.m. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. Free snacks & coffee, cash bar. Dress to impress. 781-331-0021 http://www.south shoresingles.org

New England Singles Dances – ages 40 and over July 13, from 8 p.m. to midnight Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, MA. DJ. **Admission $12.** visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. July 13, **Chain Drive** 781-829-6999.

Monponsett Inn, 550 Monponsett Street, Halifax July 13, 7:30 p.m. **Joey Canzanno** 781-293-2116.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke **Texas Hold Em** every Thursday night at 6:45 and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

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The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, July 13, **Beale St. Band** at 9:15 p.m. p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset July 13, 8 p.m. **Comedian Kathy Griffin** Tickets $53.50/$39.50 by calling Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com The South Shore Music Circus Box Office is open daily from noon until 6 p.m. for in-person sales only. For Group Sales ticket purchases, call 781-383-9860 .

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, July 13, **Swinging Steaks**, alternative country rock. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com



John Turco Bill Farrell Pat McLoud

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Saturday, July 14

The Hingham Public Library's Dolphin Gallery, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham is showing the Massachusetts land and seascape paintings of Hingham artist **Jack Dickerson** through July 26. His paintings may be viewed during regular library hours. 781-741-1405, ext. 2600 or visit hinghamlibrary.org

Monponsett Inn, 550 Monponsett Street, Halifax July 14, 7:30 p.m. **Dick Mandell** 781-293-2116.

French Memories Café, 175 South Main St, Cohasset. Every Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5 p.m. **Drift Away with Joe'n J** will perform. 781-383-2216.

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset July 14, 8 p.m. **Trisha Yearwood** Tickets $42.25 by calling Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com The South Shore Music Circus Box Office is open daily from noon until 6 p.m. for in-person sales only. For Group Sales ticket purchases, call 781-383-9860.

Run of the Mill, 6 Spring Lane, Plymouth, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. July 14 **Celtic Seisiun** 508-830-1262.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. July 14 **Jon Frattasio's Key West Party** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, July 14, **The Mudskippers.** No cover. 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, July 14, **Bellevue Cadillac**, swing rhythm and blues. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Down East Dancers Country Dance will be held July 14, at the Taunton Elks Lodge, 119 High St., Taunton. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Couples and Line dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight with DJ and Dance Instructor, Donna Shea. Potluck snacks, raffle, cash bar. Admission is $6. 508-680-6736 or 781-925-1170. or downeastdancers.com

Sunday, July 15

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That's why they call it the blues

Festival plays Memorial Hall July14

By Emily Wilcox
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PLYMOUTH – It was an outgrowth of agony, a eulogy to hopes that got smashed to smithereens, a tribute to tribulation. African Americans gave birth to it, nurtured it and raised it from the dust of poverty and oppression. When folks spoke of having a fit of the "blue devils" when they felt pangs of despair, it was a done deal. They would call this the blues.

The blues became the signature song of the downtrodden. Its universal pathos pulled suits, hard hats, aprons and heels to its edges, everyone straining to hear this music that transformed pain into something smoky and cool, rough around the edges and powerful as a typhoon.

At 7:30 p.m., Saturday, July 14, Loretta Laroche Productions will present the First Annual Blues Festival at Plymouth's Memorial Hall. This four-hour power play will include blues greats from the past and present, including James Montgomery Bluesband, Diane Blue, Professor Harp, the Chris Fitz Band, Luther Guitar Jr. Johnson, music prodigy Grace Kelly and Plymouth's own Tall Richard.

Tickets are $25 for general admission and $50 for Gold Circle seating, and are available at the Plymouth Hall box office at 50 Court St., online at www.plymouthhall.com, or by calling 508-747-1340. Tickets are also available at all Strawberries and FYE locations.

"The whole idea is to give the community different styles of music," Loretta Laroche Productions President Erik Christensen said. "Five years ago, we brought in Peter Wolf and it was a smashing success. We've had Bo Diddley years back. I like the blues. I really wanted old school and new school to meet."



PHOTO COURTESY C. FITZ

Chris Fitz Band is one of several blues bands that will tear up the stage at Memorial Hall, Saturday, July 14.



PHOTO COURTESY J. MONTGOMERY

James Montgomery of James Montgomery Blues Band will deliver the blues next Saturday at Memorial Hall.

Blues greats, Luther Guitar Jr. Johnson, Professor harp and James Montgomery need no introduction.

But for the uninitiated, Johnson is an animal on guitar, drawing off his Mississippi roots that stretch all the way to Chicago. Weaned on Southern blues in the 1940s, he played with Magic Sam in the 1960s, and was a valued member of the Muddy Water's band from 1972 to 1980. Johnson has appeared on several Nighthawks albums, and continues to rip it up on stage, whipping crowds into frenzy.

Montgomery empowers the microphone with his mind-blowing harp and singing. His tireless dedication to the needy makes him lovable and accessible to boot; he is known for hosting benefit concerts that have raised thousands upon thousands of dollars for wonderful causes. You name the artist, Montgomery has likely trained or played with him or her, from Bonnie Raitte to John Lee Hooker, to Gregg Allman and Kid Rock.

Professor Harp started out as a rock drummer in the '60s before he witnessed George Allen Harmonica Smith's performance during a Boston blues revival. That was all it took for Harp to hang up his sticks in favor of the harmonica. Harp is known for his no-frills, Texas-style approach, enhanced by a Leslie speaker sound system that gives his sound a Hammond organ timbre. In short, he's an innovator.

Christensen noted that Diane Blue is a former computer geek who fled the techie world to become a blues singer and harpist. At 5-feet-nothing, Blue may seem diminutive, but her giant voice commands the stage. She plays harmonica like she was born on the bayou.

Chris Fitz is another newcomer whose showmanship comes alive through his amazing guitar licks and his vocals. In the 1990s, Fitz was known for his work with the band, Vykki Vox and the Soul Searchers, before he set out on his own in the Chris Fitz Band. That was 12 years ago, and today Fitz is known for his signature explosive blues. His band has toured Europe, won multiple awards and sold 10,000 copies of its studio albums.

Tall Richard is the likable genius behind the harmonica who has been keeping local music alive through an open mic jam at Kiskadee Coffee shop in downtown Plymouth every week. Richard is famous for his band, Tall Richard and the Nightowls, his Hawaiian shirts, zandanas, and his amazing talent as a harpist. He may make it look easy, but he trained for years with Muddy Waters harmonica player Jerry Portnoy. To say Richard is a seasoned musician is a ridiculous understatement. His talent is as tall as he is.

"I saw him last year," Christensen said. "I can't believe his singing. It's old school blues."

The Blues Festival is already creating quite a buzz. Christensen said he's received such a positive response, he plans to hold a bluesfest every year. WBOS DJ Holly Harris will host Saturday's show.

"We're going to help the blues," Christensen added. "There's an actual foundation that helps the artists. We're giving $10 from every ticket to that cause."

Music Unlimited has also donated a guitar to the cause.

For more information on the blues festival, or other upcoming shows at Memorial Hall, visit www.plymouthhall.com.

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concert series, which offers programs especially for kids and families on two Sunday mornings in July. Advance purchase tickets at $15 for adults and $5 for children ($17 and $5 at the gate), may be purchased online at southshoreconservatory.org, by phone at 781-749-7565, ext. 14, and in person at the Conservatory offices in Hingham and Duxbury. Call or visit the website for information on all *Evenings Under the Stars* performances. The Carr Amphithaeater is wheelchair accessible.

Abigail Adams Birthplace, 180 Norton St., N. Weymouth, opens for the season, 180 Norton St., July 1 through Labor Day (Sept. 3) Thursday through Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. or by appointment $5 per adult/$1 for children under 12 781-335-4205.

Christmas in July Event to be held on July 15 from noon to 6 p.m. at 65 Gorham Avenue in Pembroke. Come shop from a variety of vendors including Creative Memories, Partylite, Avon, Tupperware, Mary Kay, Traveling Vineyard, Tastefully Simple, Stampin Up and more. Raffles and snacks. For more info contact Kathy at kathyscraps@msn.com.

Jumpin' Juba will perform Sunday, July 15 from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Crane Public Library, 40 Washington Street, Quincy. 617-376-1301.

Four new exhibitions opening at Fuller Craft Museum July 15. An opening reception will be held from 2-5 p.m. for "Ali's Light: The Cloth Paintings of Alison Cann- Clift, 1976-2006," June 30-Oct. 21; "Thomas Hill: Drawing on Muybridge," June 30 - Nov. 4; "Sense of Place: The Glass Sculpture of Marc Petrovic," July 7 - Nov. 11, and Art ASPIRE (After-School Programs Integrating Residencies and Education), June 30 - Nov. 4, showcasing the young artists in this innovative, community-based Fuller Craft program. The opening reception for the summer exhibitions will be Sunday, July 15, from 2-5 p.m. The Fuller Craft Museum is located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton. 508-588-6000.

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset July 15, 7:30 p.m. **Josh Turner** Tickets $47.75/$33.75 by calling Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com The South Shore Music Circus Box Office is open daily from noon until 6 p.m. for in-person sales only. For Group Sales ticket purchases, call 781-383-9860.

The Hanover Bandstand Summer Concert July 15, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. **Sharon Community Band** will perform. Free and handicap accessible. The Hanover bandstand is located on Route 139, Hanover Center. For information visit the bandstand web site at hanoverma.gov

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, every Sunday **Dave Foley**, acoustic jam, 9 p.m. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Monday, July 16

The South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham, presents an exhibit that will feature paintings that capture the spirit of Old Glory by many local and regional plein-air artists. "Flag Paintings" will be on display throughout July.

***Mayflower II's* 50th Anniversary!** When was the last time you were carded? Thanks to Eastern Bank, through the end of the 2007 season, anyone born in 1957 is invited to visit *Mayflower II* for FREE. Valid ID required. Museum admission includes invitation to join us at State Pier between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for a piece of Anniversary cake. Joe Meany, the American cabin boy on *Mayflower II's* 1957 journey, will kick off the summer of special events.

Tuesday, July 17

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Terry Chase** will exhibit her work for the months of July and August at the Tufts Library, 456 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-337-8134.

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The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra, playing music of the big band era performs at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Campus St. Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month July 17, from 1 to 4 p.m. Donation $5 per person. All welcome. No smoking. Wheel chair accessible. 781-341-2016.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. July 17, **Free Texas Hold'Em with Northern Poker League** 781-829-6999.

Wednesday, July 18

Kayak World's End – Hingham Join a naturalist guide and explore the rich and varied habitats of this unique peninsula. Discover spider crabs and sea pickle, egrets and estuaries, rolling hills and rocky shorelines. Participants will learn basic paddling techniques, local ecology, and the natural history of World's End while taking in spectacular views of Boston Harbor. 2.5 hour trips depart twice a day, Wednesday-Sunday from the World's End Ranger Station, July 11-mid-Oct. Equipment provided; tandem kayaks available. Call 781-740-7233 or 781-740-6665 for reservations; messages returned. The Trustees of Reservations Members: Adult $30, Child (under 15) $15. Nonmembers: Adult $35, Child $18. Limit 10 per tour. Visit thetrustees.org for further information.

The Plymouth Independent Film Festival (July 18-22) kicks off with its opening night reception on Wednesday, July 18 at 7 p.m. at the Memorial Hall Blue Room. Live Cuban band, hors d'oeuvres. $50/$75 (supporter level). Celebrate film at the Awards Night, Saturday, July 21 at John Caver Inn, 7pm. $25/$40 supporter level. For more information on PIFF and a complete listing of films visit www.plyfilmfest.org

2007 Project Arts of Plymouth Free Summer Concert Series, Pilgrim Memorial Park, Water Street, Plymouth.July 18, 6:30 p.m. **Tiffany Park**, 7:15 p.m. **Botelho Brothers**, 8 p.m. **Patty Larkin**. For information visit www.projectarts.com

Larry Czech, CPA, of Lawrence E. Czech CPA, Inc. with offices at 78 Hancock Street in Braintree, will be the featured speaker at the weekly breakfast meeting of The President's Club Chapter of Business Network International (BNI), on July 18 at 7 a.m. The President's Club Chapter of BNI is comprised of leading business people from Quincy, Holbrook, Braintree, Weymouth, Hingham, Stoughton, Canton, Hull, Randolph, Milton, Hanover, Brockton and Dorchester, but welcomes anyone who works or lives in southeastern Massachusetts. The group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at Emerald Hall, 120 Bay State Drive, Braintree. Visitors are welcome. For information, contact Club President Norm Abrahamson at 781-828-2270 or by email at ngalaw@canton-law.net

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset July 18, 8 p.m. **JoJo.** Tickets $48.25/$34.25 by calling Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com The South Shore Music Circus Box Office is open daily from noon until 6 p.m. for in-person sales only. For Group Sales ticket purchases, call 781-383-9860.

The Red Parrot, 258 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Every Wednesday night (weather permitting) at 7 p.m. **Drift Away Trio** outside on the deck. 781-925-1115.

Thursday, July 19

The Plymouth Farmers' Market, held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. July 19 performer is **Shelley Otis,** folk harpist from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and **Ray Papile,** easy listening from 4:40 to 6:30 p.m. For information, contact Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.

L. Knife & Son will cosponsor the **Summer Concert Series** for the 2007 season, with the Town of Plymouth Promotions Fund, the Plymouth Cultural Council and the Music Performance Funds. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m., at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following Tuesday. July 19: Johnny Souza Quintet.

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Network4Success Business to Business Networking Group meets the First Thursday of the month at the Plympton Library from 5 to 6 p.m. and the third Thursday of the month at the Halifax Country Club from noon to 1:30 p.m.

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The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. July 13, **Chain Drive** 781-829-6999.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke **Texas Hold Em** every Thursday night at 6:45 and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. July 19 **Living Proof** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue** Blues Jam featuring **Ryan Fardy** July 19, at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Friday, July 20

Barnes & Noble, Derby Street Shoppes, 96 Derby St., Hingham, will stay open late on July 20, to Sell Copies of **Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows** at the Stroke of Midnight. Barnes & Noble will host special Midnight Magic Costume Party starting at 9 p.m. on July 20. The store will hold a Midnight Magic Costume Party with special Harry Potter events. Come dressed as your favorite Harry Potter character for a night of enchanting activities, spellbinding prizes, photo opportunities, unique items for sale, and even more magic!

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset celebrates the release of **Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows** by J.K. Rowling with a party on July 20 at 10 p.m. Many wonderful and magical events are planned for the evening. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited to come in costume. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Free and open to the public. Call Buttonwood 781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com to order your copy if unable to attend.

Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate, Harry Potter Magical Midnight Party. **July 20:** 11 p.m. Come dressed as your favorite Harry Potter character and hob-nob with fellow wizards. **Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows** will materialize at the stroke of midnight. There's still time to pre-order your copy at 25% off (offer good ONLY thru Sunday July 22. Then, full cover price). For information or to pre-order, call Front Street Book Shop at 781-545-5011 or email frontstreetbookshop.com.

The Cohasset Dramatic Club in conjunction with the **Cohasset Recreation Department** presents **Disney High School Musical** July 20 at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. July 21 at 7:30 p.m. July 22 at 2 p.m. at Cohasset Middle-High School, 143 Pond St., Cohasset. Tickets $10. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate or by calling 617-697-2115. Tickets also available at the door.

Tuscan House Restaurant, 58 E. Grove Street (Rt. 28) Middleboro. July 20, 7 p.m. **Dinner/show** Comedy Night featuring **Frank Santorelli** along with **Annette Pollack, Bobby Giardini, Dave McDonough** and hosted by **Ben Hague.** Produced by Annette's Comedy Asylum. Advance reservations required by calling 508-923-0099 or 781-843-4833 myspace.com/annettepollack or tuscanhouserestaurant.com

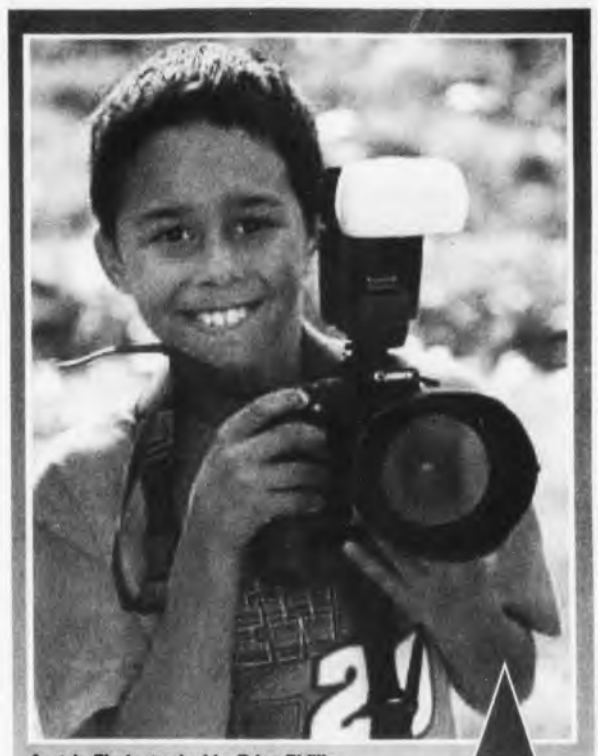
New England Singles Dances – ages 40 and over July 20, from 8 p.m. to midnight VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington. Light buffet. **DJ Paul DiPanfilo** Admisstion $8. Visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. July 20 **Spank** 781-829-6999.

Monponsett Inn, 550 Monponsett Street, Halifax July 20, 7:30 p.m. **Cruisin** 781-293-2116.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, July 20, **Mojo Kings** No cover. 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, July 20, **Young Neal & The Vipers**, blues and rock. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com



Angel - Photographed by Brian Phillips

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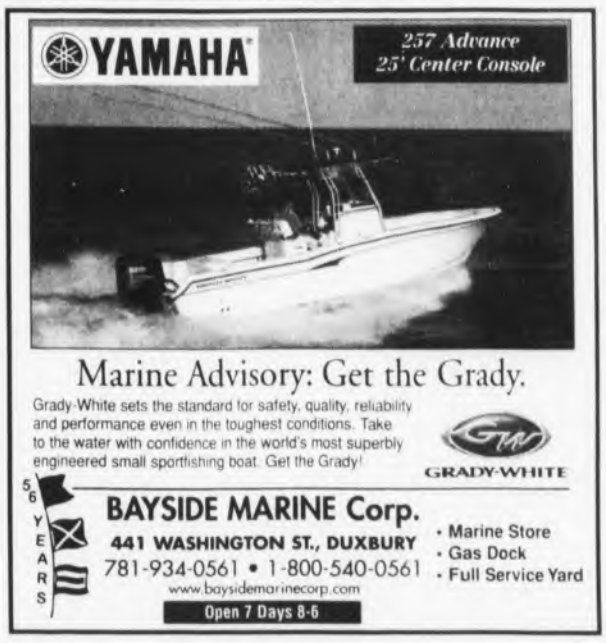


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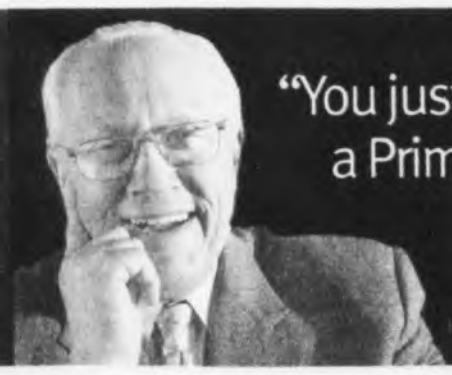
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Police and the MBTA are warning people to stay off the train tracks. MBTA Transit Police and local police are pledging to arrest anyone who violates this directive.

No trespassing on tracks

Test runs are starting up

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Stay off the tracks!

Anyone caught walking on railroad property, including the train tracks, for any reason whatsoever is risking not only his or her safety but also arrest.

Test train runs (the first took place on May 19) were scheduled to start again as early as this week, along with signal light and guardrail testing to ensure the devices meet safety standards. Test trains may operate at any time, day or evening, seven days a week, and will not operate on a set schedule. This means that adults, children and pets should stay off and away from the tracks at all times and that vehicles should not stop on the tracks under any circumstances.

In an effort to prevent deaths or serious injuries along the 18-mile railway traversing from Scituate to Braintree and on to South Station, MBTA Transit Police and local police are pledging to arrest anyone who violates this directive.

"Nobody wants to see anybody get killed or injured," said Tom Carroll, community liaison for Greenbush contractor Cashman Balfour Beatty during a recent press conference to which all five towns affected by Greenbush rail service were invited. "We need to get the word out."

Now, that the Greenbush line is an active railway, the Cohasset Police Department, under the leadership of Chief James Hussey, has adopted a "no tolerance" policy when it comes to rail safety. This means that anyone caught on the tracks (or inside the fences or the tunnel) will be arrested for trespassing, which comes with a $100 fine under state law.

"We will have a zero tolerance policy and will seek criminal complaints against anyone trespassing," Hussey

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Restaurant, apartments are planned

Cohasset Hardware building variance finally approved

By Nancy White
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It's difficult to imagine the village without the iconic Cohasset Hardware building. Since the 1920s the Cohasset Hardware sign has greeted visitors and residents as they drive down North Main Street. But, in the coming months Cohasset should be on the lookout for change at 40 South Main St.

"This has been our home for 50 years and we're appreciative of the board's consideration."
— Jim Watson, owner

After several bumps in the road, the Zoning Board of Appeals at last granted Jim and Tina Watson, owners of the building, the variance needed for them to move forward with their proposed renovation for the building.

The village building will remain as commercial space on the first floor and the second and third floors will be transformed into four one-bedroom apartments split between the floors.

Stella, a South End restaurant, has expressed interest in the first floor of the building, said Tina Watson. The owner of Stella came to the Watsons about opening a Cohasset branch. Stella's website states it offers "affordable and approachable cuisine in a chic

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Lockhart enjoys 'intimate' Music Circus setting

Art Center ready to Pops!

By Nancy White
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Oscar Tony and Keith are coming to Cohasset.

This year, Boston Pops conductor Keith Lockhart will lead the orchestra in rousing renditions of Oscar and Tony winning music. For the fourth year running, the renowned orchestra is coming the South Shore Music Circus as a fundraiser for the South Shore Arts Center on Saturday, July 28.

For the Pops, the Music Circus setting is a far cry from their typical venues — large theatres and outdoor amphitheatres — making it a special experience.

"It is the only time the Pops, at least in my time, has played in a theatre in the round," says Lockhart, "it's not a structure meant for an orchestral performance."

But that doesn't stop the Pops from putting on an extraordinary show; in fact it may even enhance it. Lockhart describes the setting as "intimate" for both the musicians and the audience members.

"You can feel the audience sharing in the performance," says Lockhart. No seat under the tent is more than 50 feet from the stage; it is the closest audience members can get to the orchestra anywhere.

"It's the most exciting atmosphere I have ever experienced with Lockhart and the Pops," says Frank Neer, President of the Board of Directors for the SSAC who also serves on the Board of Directors for the South Shore Playhouse Associates that owns and operates the Music Circus and Cape Cod Melody Tent, "you feel like you are in the orchestra."

The first year the Pops came to Cohasset, Lockhart and the orchestra were "a little apprehensive" about playing both in close quarters and in such a small theatre. The apprehension soon faded and now each year they look forward to the unique musical experience the Music Circus offers.

This year's show is drawn from the Pops upcoming CD release featuring the stage and screen classics; it will feature the vocal talents of Broadway star Marin Mazzie.

"The program dictated the type of performer we needed.



Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, shown here in July 2005, will return to the Music Circus for the fourth consecutive summer July 28. Audiences can view them in a musical tribute to Broadway and Hollywood as multiple Tony award winner Marin Mazzie

She's a major league diva star and the audience loves her," says Lockhart. Mazzie is a multi-Tony award nominee who is currently starring in "Spamalot" on Broadway.

One of the Music Circus's distinctive qualities is the round stage. Lockhart laments the fact his orchestra is so large it spills out beyond the country portion of the stage making rotation impossible. The lack of rotation forces him to have

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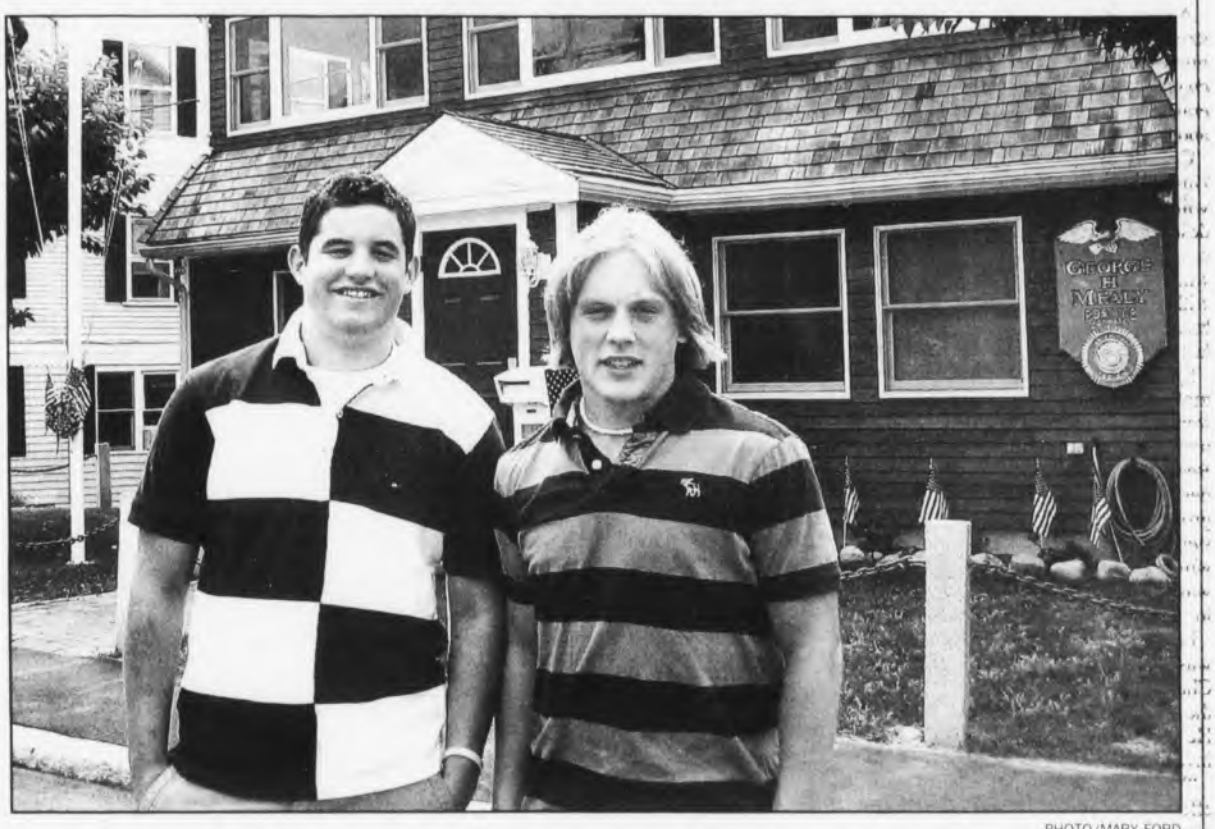
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Eric MacCarthy and Alex Goetz are standing outside the American Legion hall on Summer Street. The American Legion sponsors Boys State, which Eric and Alex both attended in June. To read about their experience see page 11.

Names: Eric MacCarthy and Alex Goetz.

Occupation: Students and recent participants at Boys State.

Best day of your life: The day the Red Sox won the World Series (Eric). When I moved from Brewster to Cohasset (Alex).

Best vacation: White water rafting trip in the Grand Canyon (Eric). St. Croix with my family (Alex).

Favorite season: Winter (Eric) Spring (Alex).

Favorite holiday: Christmas (Eric and Alex).

Favorite meal: Buffalo chicken calzone (Eric). Filet Mignon and garlic mashed potatoes (Alex).

Best book: "Harry Potter," series by J. K. Rowling (Eric). "Alive," by Piers Paul Read (Alex).

Best movie: "Talladega Nights" (Eric). "Braveheart" (Alex).

Best TV show: "Seinfeld" (Eric). "CSI" (Alex).

Pet peeve: Kids running at the pool (Eric). Cocky people (Alex).

Most Memorable Moment: Attending Game 5 of the 2004 ALCS (Eric). Going to Australia and New Zealand with the People to People Student Ambassador Program (Alex).

Goal: To become a prominent sports writer (Eric). Become very successful in life and have a good family. (Alex).

Person you'd most like to meet: Albert Pujols of the St. Louis Cardinals (Eric). Ted Williams, Jennifer Garner and my Cherokee relatives (Alex).

Biggest worry: I won't go to the right college (Eric). Getting into a good school (Alex).

Best part of Cohasset: The ocean (Eric). That it is small and everyone is like a family (Alex).

Cable committee doubles in size

All three were appointed to the board in a unanimous motion and will join its current members.

The Cable Advisory Committee doubled in size in one fell swoop at the Selectmen's meeting last week. A few weeks ago, the town requested interested citizens to come forward. Bob Pattison, Jr., Gregory Wojcieszak, and James Morrison, Jr. sent a letters of interest and interviewed with the Board of Selectmen. All three were appointed to the board in a unanimous motion and will join its current members.

The charge of the Cable Advisory Committee is to advise the Selectmen on matters related to cable, from license transfer, merger, assignment or original issuance. The committee serves as a liaison between cable customers and the cable company on issues relating to quality of service, among other things. The Committee is designed to have a minimum of five members and a maximum of seven members.

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

July	AM	HIGH Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	AM	LOW Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 19	3:14	9.1	3:46	8.7	9:23	0.5	9:43	1.1
Sunrise: 5:23 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:15 p.m.*			
Fri. 20	4:00	8.7	4:29	8.6	10:06	0.9	10:32	1.3
Sunrise: 5:24 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:14 p.m.*			
Sat. 21	4:49	8.2	5:14	8.5	10:51	1.3	11:23	1.5
Sunrise: 5:25 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:14 p.m.*			
Sun. 22	5:39	7.8	6:02	8.4	11:37	1.6	—	—
Sunrise: 5:26 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:13 p.m.*			
Mon. 23	6:33	7.5	6:51	8.4	12:16	1.6	12:27	1.9
Sunrise: 5:27 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:12 p.m.*			
Tues. 24	7:29	7.3	7:43	8.4	1:11	1.6	1:19	2.1
Sunrise: 5:28 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:11 p.m.*			
Wed. 25	8:25	7.3	8:35	8.6	2:06	1.5	2:11	2.1
Sunrise: 5:29 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:10 p.m.*			
Thurs. 26	9:19	7.4	9:26	8.8	3:00	1.3	3:03	1.9
Sunrise: 5:30 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:09 p.m.*			

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Youths linked to break-ins

By Ryan Bray
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After months of investigating a string of break-ins, three juveniles from Cohasset will be charged in connection with several of the robberies in Scituate and one in Cohasset.

Cohasset Police Chief James Hussey said the three juveniles will be charged with malicious destruction of property for setting fire to an outdoor toilet, while only two will be charged with burglary for a late night break in on Beechwood Street last month.

Sgt. Det. Greg Lennon said the malicious destruction charges stemmed from a June 20 incident where an outdoor toilet at the Beechwood Street ball field was destroyed and burnt to the ground. The burglary charge stemmed from a later incident in which a Beechwood Street home was the site of a late night-break in.

Lennon said a laptop computer was confiscated from a home on Church Street in connection with the Beechwood Street burglary. He said Cohasset Police are still investigating the robbery.

"We're making additional efforts to uncover more stolen property," he said.

Lt. Detective Mike Stewart of the Scituate Police Department said Scituate Police will also charge two of the juveniles, ages 14 and 15, with multiple counts of burglary stemming from several break-ins in Scituate's West End, while the other 14-year-old will face one burglary charge. Each count carries a maximum 20-year prison sentence, Stewart said.

Two of the juveniles were arrested for an attempted breaking and entering of a motor vehicle on Cherry Lane in Scituate on July 7. In that incident, a resident allegedly witnessed the youths in the act of breaking into his car. The suspects fled to a home about a half-mile away on Church Street in Cohasset, where they were later tracked down with the help of the department's K-9 unit.

Stewart said after further investigation, police found that the two juveniles had also broken into a house on nearby Indian Winds Drive before moving to Cherry Lane.

"It was a lot of risk for very little reward."

— Scituate Police Lt. Detective Mike Stewart

"We found it was the same kids on the same night," Stewart said.

On July 11, police executed a search warrant on the house on Church Street, where Stewart said police uncovered a number of items allegedly stolen in different robberies over the past three months. Among the items recovered by police included customized knives allegedly stolen from a vehicle across the street from the attempted Cherry Lane break-in and a laptop computer linked to the Beechwood Street robbery in Cohasset. Police also recovered a couple hundred dollars in cash.

"It was a lot of risk for very little reward," Stewart said.

Stewart said the three juveniles are cooperating with police and that officers are still recovering stolen materials linked to the robberies. He said the juveniles are lucky not to have encountered other potential consequences commonly associated with late night break-ins, namely run-ins with defensive homeowners.

"It's a very dangerous thing entering people's homes at night, because anything can happen," he said. "People are very protective of their homes and their property."

Over the past three to four months, police have been investigating a series of robberies in Cohasset, Scituate, Marshfield and Hingham. While the Beechwood Street break-in has been the only reported burglary in Cohasset, Scituate Police have responded to a series of reports from residents in the West End regarding late night break-ins on Summer Street and neighboring areas. In each instance, items such as wallets, cash and small electronic items like iPods sitting in plain view were taken. Stewart said all of the break-ins occurred between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m. and that suspects allegedly entered the houses through unlocked front doors and windows.

Being alert to inquisitive callers

By Mary Ford
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A walk-in to the police station last week reported receiving a strange phone call from someone with a "foreign voice" asking if the house was for sale, police said. Although, police have not had any reports of similar incidents, Chief James Hussey urges residents to contact police if a stranger starts asking personal questions over the phone.

He explained that sometimes a caller will chat with someone for a while to build a rapport and then try to get his or her personal information that could be used in a potential fraud situation. "Anytime you get a call from someone you are not familiar with who starts asking questions you are not interested in answering it could be cause for alarm," Hussey said.

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On the tracks

Two boys found walking on the railroad tracks last week were given a verbal no-trespassing warning, Chief Hussey said. He explained, however, that going forward police would seek fines and criminal complaints against anyone trespassing along or on the tracks. (*See story, page one*). Hussey said police would be holding more outreach programs with the community to alert citizens to the danger of walking along the right-of-way. He said the MBTA is in the process of posting no-trespassing signs.

Medical issue

A woman who was later discovered to have a medical issue nearly hit a sheriff conducting a traffic detail on Forest Avenue last week. Chief Hussey said the officer reported that the female operator came so close that she nearly hit him. Officers responded and pulled her over; at first they thought she was intoxicated. She was also evaluated by medics and it was determined she had an equilibrium problem, said police, who confirmed there were no alcohol or drugs involved. The officers escorted her to her house, Hussey said. The incident occurred at about 2:10 p.m. on Tuesday (July 10).

Minors with beer

Police have been conducting regular patrols in Wheelwright Park because of youth complaints in the area over the past four to six weeks. On July 12 at about 8:15 p.m. officers on bicycle patrol were riding through the park and came across two minors with beer. Chief Hussey said it appeared the officers found them at the beginning of the teens' evening as they had only one open container of beer with them. The rest of the beer was in a car which belonged to one of the teens.

Hussey said two 19-year-olds would be summonsed to court on the charge of being minors in possession of alcohol. One of the mothers took the boys home that night and the car remained locked up at the park.

Window broken

Police have identified some "people of interest" and continue to investigate an incident of vandalism at Tedeschi's in the village involving a rock that was thrown through a glass panel in the door. The incident occurred at about 12:30 a.m. on Friday (July 13). There was some work being done overnight at the convenience store and the video cameras were shut down. Police have recovered the rock and there was also some blood on the window. "We are looking at some young men that were seen in the area during that timeframe," Chief Hussey said. He explained police found the youths of interest and delivered one of them to a parent.

Purse stolen

A woman's purse that was reported stolen from an unlocked car parked on South Main Street just outside the Village area at about 9 a.m. on Friday (July 13) was later found in the vicinity of St. Anthony's, police said. Everything inside the purse, including credit cards was recovered except for cash and a check made out to the victim. Police believe the purse was taken after midnight and have collected some evidence. "We are going to see if some individuals that we know were in the area that night might somehow have been involved," Chief Hussey said.

Raccoons

Police created a way for a family of raccoons in a dumpster by Leo's Exxon last week to climb out. The officers had responded to a call about raccoons being stuck inside.

Village MVA

A motorist was cited for making an improper left-hand turn and for failure to use care while backing up following an accident in Cohasset Village at about 4 p.m. on Friday (July 13). Police said a 2000 Dodge was heading northbound on South Main Street approaching the area of Elm Street when a 2003 Toyota, traveling southbound, made an improper left-hand turn into one of the angled spaces by Cohasset Hardware. When the driver of the Toyota tried to back up to straighten out, the Toyota hit the Dodge.

Parking overflow

Several cars that were parking at the library because the Music Circus lot was full parked in a haphazard fashion, blocking fire lanes last Friday (July 13).

Chief Hussey explained the Music Circus has an agreement with the library to use the lot for overflow parking. But apparently on this night, the cars arrived before the attendant that controls the parking and parked in a disorganized fashion around the library. Police called the fire department, which found that emergency vehicles could still squeeze by if necessary. The violators were ticketed, police said.

Blocked hydrant

A car was tagged for blocking a fire hydrant in front of the Red Lion Inn last week. Police made an effort to find the owner of the vehicle so it did not have to be towed from the scene, police said. Chief Hussey said motorists should not block hydrants or fire lanes because it is a safety issue.

"Even if you think it will be just for 30 seconds, sometimes that time drags on," he said. "It is not that hard to find a legal spot and walking the extra 50 yards is healthy for all of us."

Hit & run

A motorist reported that she was backing out of a parking space in Shaw's Plaza when someone hit her car and took off. The incident was reported at about 4:40 p.m. on Wednesday (July11). The victim was able to provide a description of the other car including plate number. The driver will be cited with leaving the scene after property damage.

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Trespassing on tracks will not be tolerated

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said. "We want to make sure people realize the seriousness and danger on the tracks."

Children and adults are also warned to never run across the tracks when they see a train coming, even if it appears to be a great distance away, and never to place objects on the tracks. Objects that are struck with such force will shatter, and the debris could cause personal injury or even derail a train. Likewise, objects should never be thrown at a train because they could hurt or distract the engineer or come back at the thrower at the speed at which the train is traveling.

All five towns served by the Greenbush line — Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate, Weymouth, and Braintree — have requested that the entire line be declared a "quiet zone." This means that whistles won't be sounded except in an emergency. The final step in the process, gaining Federal Railroad Administration approval, is in the works. "It is a no-whistle zone, and it is very important for people to realize why they should stay off the tracks and not walk on the right-of-way," Carroll said.

Train whistles are ordinarily blown when approaching a grade crossing; but due to the many grade crossings within a short distance along the Greenbush line, a waiver is being sought to provide relief from incessant whistle blowing.

Local police in all five communities are working with the MBTA to educate residents and others passing through these communities to keep off the tracks and to enforce the no trespassing law both during the trial runs and once commuter rail service is up and running.

"We will have a zero tolerance policy and will seek criminal complaints against anyone trespassing."
— Police Chief James Hussey

"We are looking to build on our partnership with the law enforcement agencies in each town to keep people from trespassing," Transit Police Lt. Joseph O'Connor said at the press conference. "We have heard from construction workers that they have seen people riding their bikes along the right-of-way and people walking their dogs on the tracks [in a number of areas]. This is a violation of the law, and the law will be enforced. Our concerted goal is to save lives and to educate people about the law."

Transit police and local police departments are relying on residents to report people who trespass on the Greenbush line in an effort to keep everyone safe.

O'Connor said that residents should not underestimate the dangers posed by commuter rail. "If people are out on the tracks and they have a headset on or are listening to an I-Pod, they won't hear the train coming," he said.

Due to the dangers posed by rail restoration, the National Transportation Safety Bureau requires communities offering rail service to present the "Operation Lifesaver" train safety program to both children and adults. The program's motto is: "Don't be fooled. Always expect a train. Stay off. Stay away. Stay alive." The program emphasizes the importance of obeying signal lights at railroad street crossings to avoid being struck by a train and not walking on railway beds.

O'Connor urged parents to discuss train safety with their children to keep them from being seriously hurt or killed. "They need to sit down with their children and talk with them, like they would if they were talking about the dangers of drugs and alcohol," he said.

Operation Lifesaver is a nationwide non-profit public awareness program that delivers a safety message to young people, business leaders, driving schoolteachers, professional truck drivers, and school bus drivers. The program teaches grade crossing safety. Due to an increase in the number of people killed and injured on railroad right-of-ways, Operation Lifesaver is now working to educate the public about pedestrian safety.

One of the most sobering facts is that a commuter rail train traveling at 55 mph takes a mile to come to a complete stop, as compared with 200 feet for a car moving at the same speed.

It's been nearly 50 years since the last commuter train passed through Cohasset, so Greenbush restoration will take some getting used to. One of the most graphic examples of the serious dangers posed by the restoration of rail service is that a train colliding with a car would squash it like a car driving over a soda can.

Trains have the right of way, and they can come at any time. The trains are also wider than they appear, with a three-foot hangover on both sides of the tracks.

The T will offer 12 round trips on the Greenbush line between Scituate and South Station on weekdays, excluding holidays. The trains will run between 5:45 a.m. and 11 p.m. A one-way trip from Scituate to South Station is expected to take 59 minutes.

Weymouth News staff writer Ed Baker and Cohasset Mariner editor Mary Ford also contributed to this report.

More test trains are coming

The public is urged to watch out for multiple trains on tracks in Hingham, Braintree, Cohasset, Weymouth, and Scituate effective immediately.

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and its commuter rail service provider, Massachusetts Bay Commuter Railroad Company, announced recently that trains will start riding on the rails of the restored Greenbush line every day beginning as early as this week. The targeted start date for Greenbush commuter rail service is Sept. 29.

As a result of this activity, the MBTA and MBCR urge residents in Hingham, Braintree, Weymouth, Scituate, and Cohasset to be alert at all times to the potential presence of trains on the tracks at grade crossings and the potential hazard to trespassers who might live near or walk along the rail right-of-way.

"We urge residents in Greenbush communities to remember that even when trains are not on the tracks, a high level of attentiveness is necessary because commuter trains run quieter and faster than many people realize," said MBCR General Manager James F. O'Leary. "In addition, residents must recognize that the warning provided by flashing lights and ringing bells at grade crossings should be obeyed at all times."

The MBTA and MBCR recently launched an outreach and education program that will teach residents about safety around the rails. This effort is targeted toward school children, business associations, and senior citizen groups and will continue throughout the summer and fall months.

Both the MBTA and MBCR are committed to providing resources to all of the Greenbush communities that will ensure public safety.

"Even though [regular] service on the line will not begin until this Fall, the commuter line tracks and [test] trains should be taken as seriously, in the safety perspective, as regular running trains," said Julianne Klimetz on behalf of MBCR and the MBTA.

MBCR is in partnership with Veolia Transportation, one of Europe's largest passenger transportation companies; Bombardier Transportation, the world's leader in the manufacture and maintenance of passenger rail vehicles; and Alternate Concepts, a Boston-based transportation operations and consulting firm with expertise in the design, operation and maintenance of rail transit systems.

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Rep. Garrett Bradley shares budget information

Bradley is currently lobbying for a bill on retired teachers' health insurance that he hopes will help the bottom line.

State Representative Garrett Bradley stopped in at the School Committee meeting recently to talk about the upcoming fiscal year's budget. Although the State House is still finalizing the numbers, Bradley said Cohasset's funding would be unlikely to change drastically.

"The budget reported as early as next week, local aid are the numbers as we move forward," said Bradley.

Cohasset received a 9.2 percent increase in their Chapter 70 funding for a total of $1,696,971. Lottery aid has dropped off a bit in the past year, said Bradley. Even still, Cohasset will see a 1.3 percent increase over last year's allotment, or $474,221. Additional assistance totaling $166,099 was level funded.

"We know local aid hasn't been where you want," but he is working to find ancillary items to help fund towns and schools. Bradley is currently lobbying for a bill on retired teachers' health insurance that he hopes will help the bottom line.

Due to early retirements there has been a large increase in teachers' health insurance assessments that are billed back to the towns. For example, Cohasset allows teachers upon retirement to go into the state insurance pool until 65, when they are Medicare eligible. Cohasset has a 70/30 split for teachers' health insurance, meaning the town pays 70 percent of the cost with the teacher picking up 30 percent. But when the teacher retires, he or she goes into the state system where the split is 90/10. The town, in this case Cohasset, has to pick up the additional 20 percent that shows up as an annual assessment of $750,000.

Retired teachers currently in the state system would be grandfathered and new retirees would remain under their contracted split. Over a period of years, Bradley said, the assessment will be reduced to zero thereby increasing the community's local aid.


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Films on the farm

Documentaries highlight 'growing' problems

By Nancy White
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Holly Hill Farms is re-inventing the drive-in movie. For two more nights this summer, Holly Hill will transform their red Tomato Barn into a movie screen, light their backyard with citronella candles, and in the waning sun of a summer day show a documentary about agriculture in America.

"It's an interesting way to bring people to the farm during the summer," says farm manager and film series organizer, Ben Wolbach, "we want people to see the farm as a destination during the summer."

This is the first year the Friends of Holly Hill farm has organized the "Films on the Farm" series.

"It's a great way to get the word out about problems in the farming industry," says Wolbach, "a film says a lot quickly and does most of the work for you."

Holly Hill Farm at 236 Jerusalem Road is an organic farm. It is a for-profit business dedicated to growing high quality organic vegetables to local businesses. Holly Hill grows vegetables on about four acres of land in the heart of Cohasset. The Friends of the Holly Hill Farm is a non-profit organization devoted to protecting open space and running educational programs using the resources of Holly Hill Farm.

"The two organizations complement each other," says Wolbach, each of the educational programs offered for kids and adults teach about farming and how people can grow organic vegetables in their own garden.

The film series was born out of Wolbach's passion for film. Combining his film interest with his passion for farming seemed a natural fit, he says. His brother works in the film industry and bringing agriculturally minded films to the farm setting is a way to raise awareness of the Holly Hill organic farm and the greater farming industry, says Wolbach.

Wolbach spent time looking at film showings at recent environmental film festivals, then narrowing the options to those dealing with agriculture. He chose films that personalized the farm industry, but portrayed some of the growing problems cropping up American agriculture.

The first night of the film series on June 27 more than 20 people attended to view "The Future of Food," a film exploring the truth behind the unlabeled, patented, genetically engineered foods filling American's grocery store shelves.

Next Wednesday, July 25, "King Corn," will be shown on the Holly Hill barn. The movie follows the interesting tale of two college friends who decide post-graduation to grow an acre of corn in Iowa, and then follow their pile of corn into the food system. They use genetically modified seeds, nitrogen fertilizers and powerful herbicides to grow their grain. What they find raises questions about how we eat — and how we farm, "it's a really fun window into a big issue," says Wolbach.



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Farm managers Hannah Hobbs, left, and Ben Wolbach, right, hold a movie poster for "King Corn" while sitting with a number of products that have corn in it. The movie will be played at 8 p.m., July 25 at Holly Hill Farms. The products are gasoline with ethanol, corn tortilla chips, corn flour, ketchup with high fructose corn syrup, and natural feed grain used for chickens. Corn can also be found in feed grain for cows and pigs. It can also be found in dog food, cat food, cereal, corn oil, cheap beer, and many processed foods such as cookies, soda and fruit juice.

"Right now, there is a lot of focus on the merits of eating local [and organic] food and people are excited about it. It's a great opportunity for people to see more about of it at the farm."

-Ben Wolbach, farm manager

Like the drive-in movies of old, a double feature will be shown on the night of Wednesday, August 22. Two shorter films will be shown. "Beyond Organic: The Vision of Fairview Gardens" follows the story of a Southern California farm's long battle to survive in rapid suburban development.

"I really wanted to show this movie because here we are [Holly Hill Farms] farming in the suburb of Cohasset," says Wolbach.

"My Father's Garden," the second half of the double feature, tells the story of two innovators — Herbert Smith, a champion of the 1950's "miracle sprays" and the birth of conventional chemical farming methods and Fred Kirschenmann, the organic farmer of today. The documentary is directed by Smith's daughter and shows the devastating health effects the chemical sprays has had on farmers.

"Right now, there is a lot of focus on the merits of eating local [and organic] food and people are excited about it," says Wolbach, "it's a great opportunity for people to see more about of it at the farm."

"There's a disassociation within our culture between food and farming," says educational director, Jon Belber, "we try to teach where food comes from." The films give Holly Hill Farm a context in the bigger picture and movement of sustainable living, Belber says.

Because of the complexity of the films, children may not fully appreciate the movies. Wolbach hopes to put together a separate film series for children in the future of more age-appropriate films.

However, "Films on the Farm" has elements to bring out the kid in each of us. Wolbach has arranged for the Nona's Ice Cream truck to visit Holly Hill before the film begins. Attendees are invited to come early with a picnic dinner and bring lawn chairs or a blanket to optimize comfort. Long sleeves and pants may make the viewing more comfortable, advised Wolbach.

The films showings begin at 8p.m. and end "when the fireflies come out," says Wolbach.

"Films on the Farm" will be held on Wednesday, July 25 and August 22 (double feature). Holly Hill Farms is located at 236 Jerusalem Road. For more information call 781-383-1455.

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SUMMER FUN

Hello Cohasset. We still have more of a summer to keep it growing and that is good enough for me. We have a lot of plays and shows to see so make sure this weekend to come and join the shows. August has a number of classes and shows that can be signed up for as some of the other programs slow down so always make sure to see it all.

HOME AGAIN

A huge Welcome Home goes out to Miss **Colby Callahan** who arrived home on July 19th from her 15-day delegation in Australia as a People to People Student Ambassador . She had an incredible journey that so many cannot wait to hear about! Every time her family spoke with her, she was so excited and thrilled. She kept thanking her mom and dad over and over for the opportunity to take part in this wonderful program. Colby's Mom (**Kim**) and Dad (**Charlie**) and her little brother **Seth** are so happy that she is home and are going to enjoy the rest of the summer as she shares all her stories with them. Cohasset welcomes you home as well Colby, we are all very proud of you!

WILDCATS!

Ok Cohasset, this is the weekend that the Wildcats have arrived and will be performing at the Cohasset Middle High School auditorium. That's right, "Disney's High School Musical" is coming to town through the Cohasset Dramatic Club in conjunction with the Cohasset Recreation Department. The dates are July 20th at 10 a.m. and 7:30 pm, July 21 at 7:30 p.m. and July 22 at 2 p.m. .Tickets are $10 and may be purchased in advance at Buttonwood Books, Front Street Books in Scituate or by calling 617-697-2115. You may also purchase tickets at the door.

Grab family and friends and come to one musical and wonderful event that everyone will enjoy! The cast of this show has been working so hard and the end result will be fun, music-filled and a treat for all to enjoy. Come dressed in the Wildcat colors of red and white to really get into the groove!

FITNESS PROGRAM

Mr. Kevin Dykas, our very popular gym teacher at the Osgood School is holding a three-day fitness program at the Deer Hill School gym/field on Aug. 13,14 and 15th through the Cohasset Recreation Department/One Creative Place. Spaces are still available for this for ages 4-9 and you may register for 1,2 or all 3 days by going to the Recreation Department at Town Hall, calling 781-383-4109 or 781-383-2211 or by going to www.onecreativeplace.net.

CURRY NEWS

Curry College in Milton announced that the following Cohasset residents received degrees on May 20 and we want to recognize them. Congratulations to **Margariata Barry**, who received a Master of Education degree; **Alexis Devine**, Bachelor of Arts; **Helen Pitts**, also a Bachelor of Arts degree; and **Leigh-Anne Walsh** with aBachelor of Arts as well. Best of luck to all!

Curry College also released the College Dean's List for the Spring 2007 term and Cohasset residents **Brian Paul Denoncourt**, **Alexis Christina Devine** and **Samuel McGrath Kusek** were named to the list. Super work to all three of you in this success.

ON STAGE

Cohasset resident **Sam Game** will perform in "The Merry Wives of Windsor" and "The Mystery of Edwin Drood" as part of Lyric First Stage 2007, a teen intensive theater program at The Lyric Stage Company of Boston from Aug. 8-12. The Lyric Stage Company of Boston is located at 140 Clarendon St. in Boston's Copley Square and tickets are $8 for students and $12 for adults. For more information or to order tickets call 617-585-5678 or log on to their website at www.lyric-stage.com

HONK!

Tickets are now on sale for The Family Performing Arts and Kidspot's production of the musical **HONK!** Based on Hans Christian Andersen's "The Ugly Duckling," HONK! is an international award-winning comic musical. Performances are at the air-conditioned Duxbury Performing Arts Center, Alden Street, Duxbury, July 27th and 28th at 7:30pm. Tickets may be purchased at the door. For information, please call **781-826-8550.** Tickets are $12 for adults and $10 for students and seniors. This cast consists of 80 children ages 6-14 from nine towns across the South Shore and Cohasset resident **Rebecca Fredey** is one of those children.

TENNIS PARTNERS



Two of the A Division semifinalists Molly Adams and Brian Hill are all smiles before their match against tournament winners Rob Silva and Lisa Thule in the Cohasset Benefit Tennis Tournament over the weekend. Proceeds from this year's CBTT benefit the newly created Suicide Prevention Program at Children's Hospital. For more photos, see page 28.

MARITIME ACADEMY

Congratulations go out to Cadet 1st Class **Alexander Schmidt** who graduated from Massachusetts Maritime Academy on Saturday, June 16, 2007 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Safety & Environmental Protection.

LIBRARY POLICY

An important policy change is being reported from the Cohasset Paul Pratt Memorial Library! Due to the overwhelming support of the free Tuesday evening family programs and to maintain a safe environment, the library is going to have to limit the number of participants to 60 as in accordance with the Massachusetts State Building Code, Section 106.5. Free tickets for each performance will be available at the Circulation Desk beginning the Wednesday before the performance. This will be on a first come, first served basis.

PRESIDENT'S LIST

Great job to Cohasset resident **Ian Charles Kidder,** who was named to Plymouth State University's President's List for the spring semester of the 2006-2007 academic year. Congratulations!

UVM HONORS

Here are some more Cohasset residents who were recognized at the University of Vermont for achieving dean's list for the spring, 2007 semester. **Alexander Berg**, who is majoring in Business Administration; **Matthew Fithian**, who is majoring in biology; and Monica Picard, who is majoring in Social Work, all accomplished this recognition. Congratulations.

DEAN'S LIST

William Prendergast of Cohasset was named to the dean's list at the University of New Haven for the 2007 spring semester. Full time undergraduate students must have a 3.50 or better cumulative grade point average for the semester to be eligible for the dean's list.

MERRIMACK

Danielle Hinman of Cohasset received a bachelor of arts degree from Merrimack College at the 57th commencement exercises on Sunday, May 20.

BENTLEY COLLEGE

The following students from Cohasset were named to the dean's list at Bentley College, where they achieved outstanding academic achievement in the 2007 spring semester.

Courtney Hurley, a junior majoring in undecided business.

Brandon Smith, a sophomore majoring in finance.

BC HIGH HONORS

The following students from Cohasset earned honors at Boston College High School.

HIGH HONORS: **Thomas J. Chase**, Class of 2008; **Alan T. Kershaw**, Class of 2008; **Eric Peter Vanderpool**, Class of 2009; **Keegan Robert Flynn**, Class of 2010; **Paul Oliver Forrer**, Class of 2010; **David M. Hernon**, Class of 2010; **John McHugh Kearney**, Class of 2010; **Robert Christopher McCunney**, Class of 2010; and **Maxwell Otto Shipp**, Class of 2010. For high honors, a student must have at least a 3.80 quality point average.

HONORS: **Alexander Shipp**, Class of 2008; **Andrew Michael Cantillon**, Class of 2010; and **Thomas Joseph Pecca**, Class of 2010. For honors, a student must receive a quality point average of at least 3.2.

Congratulations, all!

That is all for this week. Please send me all your news no later that Tuesdays by 5 pm and we can get it in that week.

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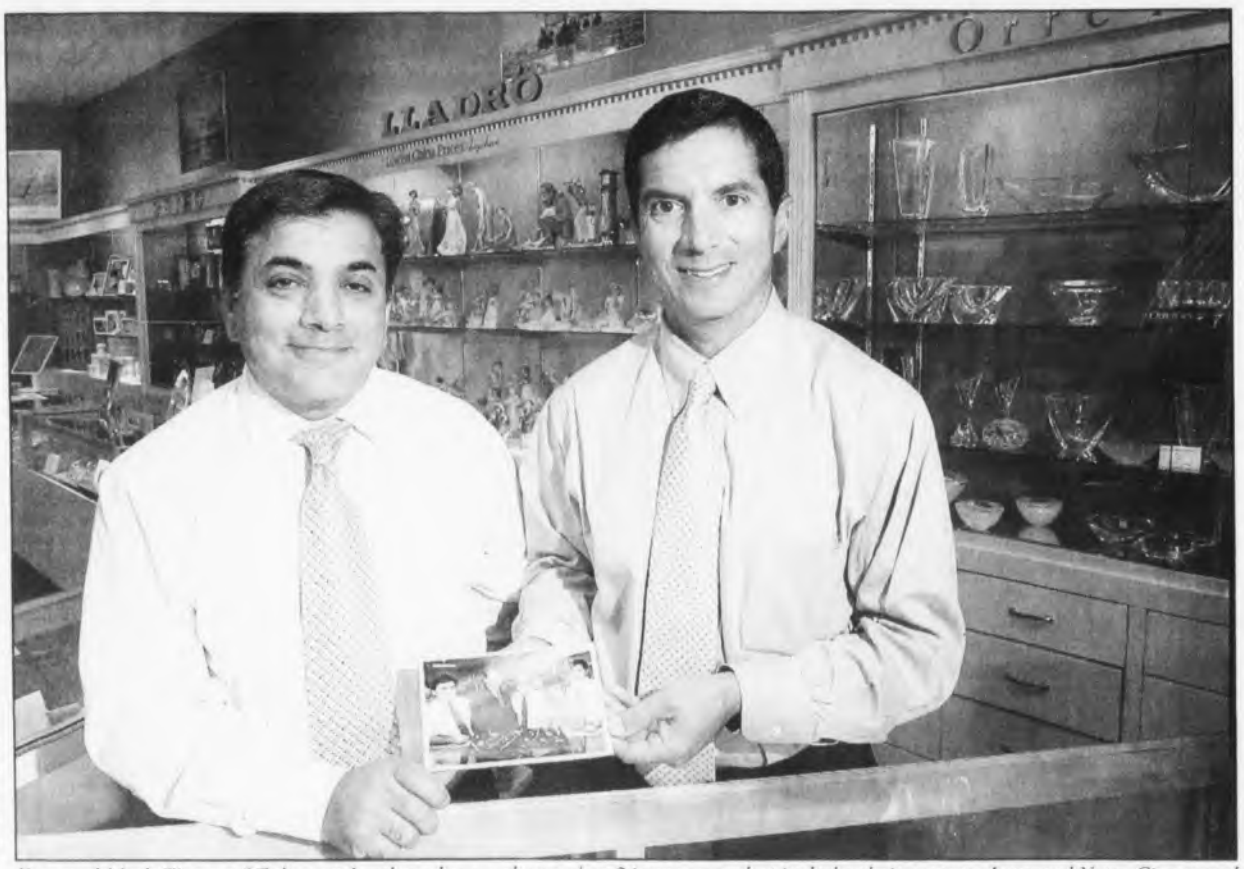


A rare gem: Cohasset Jewelers celebrates 25 years

By Nancy White
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On July 1, 1982 Cohasset Jewelers opened its doors for business and now, a quarter-century later, the family-owned business is still going strong. The Cirone family has grown the business over the last 25 years into a store South Shore residents turn to when looking for a special piece of jewelry.

"I love Cohasset and the community on the South Shore."
— Mark Cirone, Cohasset Jewelers



Don and Mark Cirone of Cohasset Jewelers show a photo taken 24 years ago that includes their parents Jerry and Netta Cirone and the then president of the South Shore Art Center.

Owner Mark Cirone has developed a philosophy to provide "surprisingly affordable, quality jewelry." He has even has the phrase trademark showing his dedication to its meaning.

"I love Cohasset and the community on the South Shore," says Cirone who grew up in Hingham, works in Cohasset and now lives in Scituate.

Cirone has been with the store since opening day. Cohasset Jewelers, which is located in Tedeschi Plaza, had its beginnings long before coming to Cohasset. After almost 30 years in the Jeweler's Building, Cirone's father, Jerry, decided to move his business to the South Shore. Increasing costs of doing business and the traffic hassle of going in and out of Boston made the move appealing. Jerry Cirone brought his jewelry experience to a pre-existing but struggling jewelry business in Cohasset and renamed it Cohasset Jewelers. Don Cirone, Mark's brother, joined the team a year and half after opening and now serves as the bench jeweler.

"It took us a few years to figure out the taste of Cohasset," says Cirone since the Boston-based business had a much broader spectrum of customers. But once they did the business began to grow and his customers began to trust him with their important jewelry purchases. He is proud of the fact customers feel comfortable handing him a $30,000 watch to be repaired without asking for a receipt.

Over the years, Cohasset Jewelers has grown with its hometown. Cirone says his customers have grown more jewelry savvy and now he carries more fashion forward pieces.

One of the integral and unique aspects of Cohasset Jewelers is 80 percent of the jewelry underneath the sparkling glass counters is made on the premises. In a rear workshop, Don Cirone creates rings, necklaces, bracelets and custom jewelry for the store and clientele. They buy their composite parts to create the jewelry directly from the manufacturer.

"If you are manufacturing the jewelry, you can control the quality and keep the prices low — we cut out the middle man," says Cirone. If a customer needs a repair or purchase the same day, Cohasset Jewelers can complete it.

Today's Cohasset Jewelers is a much different one than 1982's Cohasset Jewelers. There is more of a focus on the fine jewelry, "more important jewelry," Cirone says. High quality diamonds and naturally colored gemstones are two of the hallmarks of his jewelry.

"You won't find any blue black sapphires or light mossy green emeralds or brownish yellow diamonds in our cases," says Cirone, the displays are full of the truest colors of gemstones. But, Cirone is careful to note there is something for everyone with prices ranging from $50 to $50,000.

When Cohasset Jewelers opened on the South Shore, Cirone says they were the pioneers of the marketing idea of "off-price discount jewelry" to the area, beating department store prices and mall "fast-food jewelry stores" in quality and price everyday.

"People learn and realize and come to trust," says Cirone after they don't get the same service and knowledge from a jewelry store.

Cirone is passionate about all types of jewelry, but his first love is estate jewelry. On a typical day he sees two to three people looking to sell estate jewelry. Estate jewelry is a broad term for pre-owned pieces. He will buy the pieces or re-set them in a way better suited for the customer. Finding older jewelry from the days when most jewelry was meticulously handcrafted is a constant search. Some estate jewelry he displays in the store and other pieces he will sell to area jewelers.

Another focus at Cohasset Jewelers is philanthropy — in the last few years they have donated more than $44,000 to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, the largest private funding source for breast cancer research and community outreach programs. One hundred percent of the proceeds from a pink ribbon pin designed by Cohasset Jewelers — pink cubic Zirconia set in 14-karat gold.

To celebrate 25 years of business in Cohasset, Cohasset Jewelers is currently holding a merchandise sale.

Swim Center

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The Cohasset Swim Center is at 89 Sohier St., Cohasset. For information on the following programs, call 781-383-9463 or visit cohassetswimcenter.com.

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Deep Water Power Aerobics – Held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:15 until 2 p.m., deep Water Power Aerobics is a new program this season. This high intensity total body-conditioning workout, held in deep water, includes cardiovascular and muscular strengthening, toning and stretching. This class provides the opportunity to perform exercises without straining. Great for circulation, improving overall fitness and well-being. Floatation belts and resistive equipment will be used. Trish Berube, a Certified Water Aerobics Instructor, also leads this class. The cost is $3 per class. No pre-registration necessary. Just walk in and pay at the front desk.

Friday Fun Night – Join C.S.C. for a night of pool games and activities, pizza, wiffle ball, volleyball and more from 6 to 9 p.m., Friday, August 3. Pool games will begin at 6 p.m., followed by pizza, more games, and activities, all with prizes. Sign up at the front desk. The cost is $4 per person or $15 per family in advance, and $5 per person or $18 per family at the door. Bring beverages, salads and other pizza accompaniments. They will provide the pizza and dessert.

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Matt Mercurio
Matt was born in Boston and has lived in Braintree since 1986, and has been involved in Braintree town sports such as hockey, baseball, basketball and soccer in all of his years growing up. Attended Morrison Elementary School, moved on to East Middle School, then to Blue Hills Regional High School. From there he finished up at ITT Technical Institute of Technology for Computer Networking Systems. Matt started in the automobile business in October of 2005 and recently joined the Prime Motor Group's first store in Massachusetts, Prime Infiniti of Hanover. Matt is looking forward to servicing his customers with his excellence in knowledge of the Infiniti product, and his pride in service after the sale.
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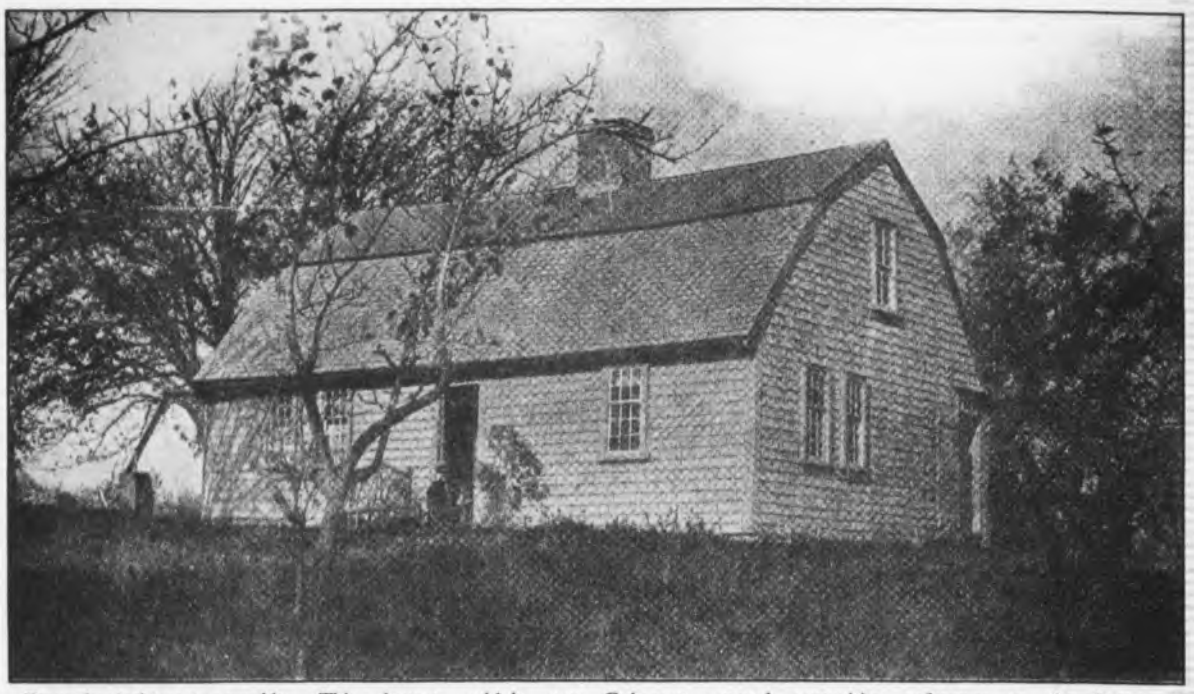
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From the Archives is a weekly feature provided by Cohasset Historical Society.

The house pictured above once stood on the property located at the site of 411 South Main St. Although this house was destroyed by fire in 1919, and prior to the fire was not very remarkable, it continues to be the subject of numerous calls to the Society every year.

This house, which was built ca. 1717, is unique because of its connection to one of our most beloved U. S. presidents.

Its builder, Mordecai Lincoln, was the great-great-great-grandfather of Abraham Lincoln. Mordecai owned and operated gristmills on the Cohasset-Scituate boundary line. His son, Isaac, for whom Mordecai built the house, served the town of Cohasset several capacities including moderator, town clerk, selectman, assessor and school committee member and at one point was described as the "father of Cohasset". Next time you are in Washington DC be sure to stop by Ford's Theater and take a look at the exhibit which contains President Lincoln's genealogy which includes Mordecai, Isaac and a reference to the house in Cohasset.

Stop by and visit the Capt. John Wilson House and Maritime museum in the Village. The museums are open Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 781-383-1434 for more information about the Cohasset Historical Society.

A 'Wicked Big Rock' Walk is Aug. 4

Join Mass Audubon educator, John Galluzzo, at 9 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 4, for a geology lesson on the run as he seeks the biggest freestanding rocks around: the glacial erratic boulders of the South Shore. The beauty of these anomalies is that they've each become landmarks for generations of local residents. Each one – House Rock, King Rock, Ode's Den, and others from Cohasset to Hull to Weymouth – has its own human story to tell.

"Wicked Big Rock Walk" will depart from Mass Audubon's North River Wildlife Sanctuary and the fee is $12 for Mass Audubon members and $15 for nonmembers. Pre-registration is required. Attendees are reminded to dress appropriately for the weather. For directions to the North River Wildlife Sanctuary or for information, contact John Galluzzo at 781-837-9400.

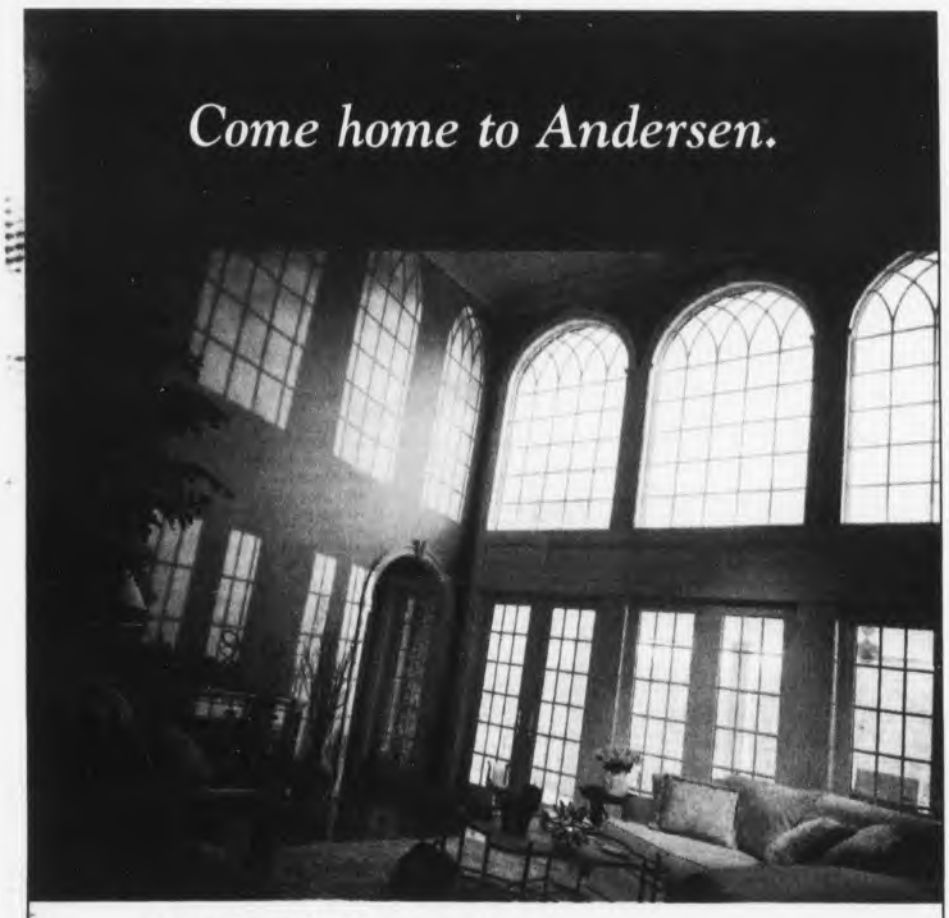
Harry Potter party planned for Buttonwood

Buttonwood Books & Toys at Shaw's Plaza will celebrate release of "Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows," by J.K. Rowling with a free party at 10 p.m., Friday, July 20. A substitute teacher for the Care of Magical Creatures will be available with some of her favorite Hogwarts pets, such as a Great Horned Owl, Screech Owl, Black Rat Snake, toad and a rat.

Other party plans include Harry Potter Trivia and Crossword, the showing of a Harry Potter movie, activities, raffles and arts and crafts. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited to come in costume.

Buttonwood is offering a 20 percent discount off the cover price of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows." Books purchased in advance will receive a ticket that will determine book distribution at 12:01 a.m. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

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CSCR UPDATE

CHLOE KOINES

During the first two weeks of training, students learned how to test water samples for enterococci bacteria, nitrates, chlorophyll A and pH.

As the lazy days of summer roll along, students at the Center for Student Coastal Research have been hard at work. CSCR is a nonprofit organization with a central mission to educate students and young adults in the environmental sciences. One of the most exciting and motivating aspects of our projects is that real people in the community and in state government want our results. Over 40 students are working on nine different projects, five of which are wetland sites. The CSCR staff also includes eight Cohasset High School teachers, three professional scientists and three other teachers from the area.

During the first two weeks of training, students learned how to test water samples for enterococci bacteria, nitrates, chlorophyll A and pH. Students also learned how to collect, process and document samples according to rigid protocols established by the Department of Environmental Protection.

CSCR's two main areas of concern are storm water runoff and tidal flushing, both of which can affect the bacteria levels in bodies of water. Students are currently engaged in several projects, including monitoring Little Harbor, Gulf River, James Brook and the Parker Avenue Cut. Also, a small group of students is working alongside the Board of Health to test samples from Cohasset's six swimming areas to determine if the bacteria levels are safe. The underlying purpose of this duplication of sampling is to prove that CSCR students have the ability and facilities to produce bacteria data comparable to a professional lab. In addition, a CSCR staff has recently been formed to work on organization, fundraising and public relations.

Finally, we have been given a significant grant by Microsoft, Coastal Zone Management and the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. These much-needed funds have allowed further investigation of the Gulf River, James Brook and Cohasset Harbor, and will allow CSCR to operate on a year-round basis. As the summer progresses, we hope to raise awareness of CSCR and increase our influence in the community. For more information, please visit our Web site a cscr.org.



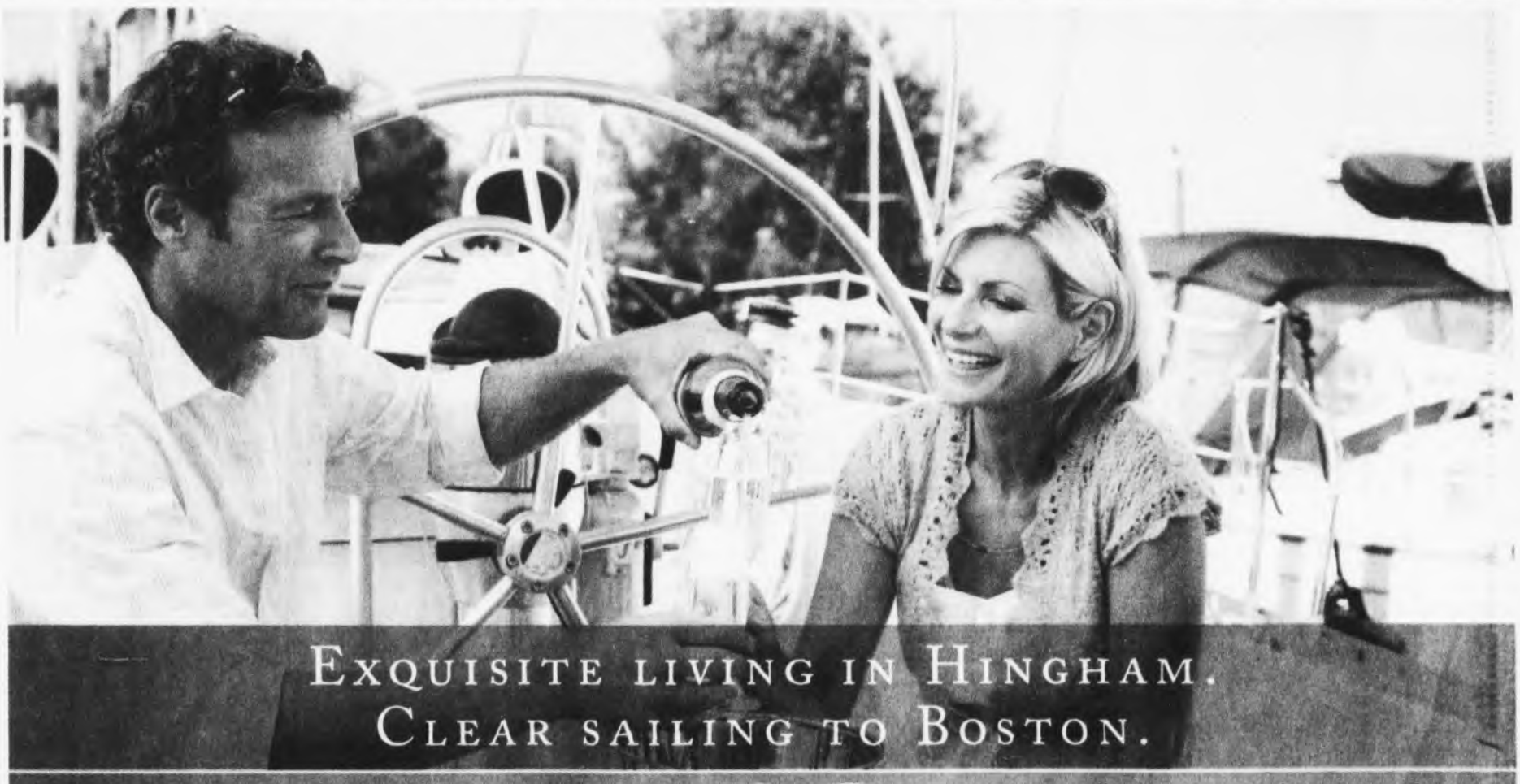
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EDITORIAL

Stay off the tracks

As early as this week, test trains were expected to roll.

The tentative start date for Greenbush commuter service is Sept. 29.

While the tracks may look appealing to walk along — they can be a very dangerous place.

It is time for Cohasset residents to have a sit-down conversation with members of their family and talk about the train and staying off the tracks.

Many communities have been living with commuter rail or freight trains through their entire existence. There are towns in the Midwest and West that were built around train stations and therefore did not become actual communities after the train barreled through.

Here in Cohasset regular commuter service was abandoned in 1959. So those who lived here at the time and would be able to remember the train would have to be at least in their mid 50s. That means that 2-1/2 generations have been born and raised, and others have moved in without having any "train experience" in terms of their town and neighborhoods.

In short, we are not used to having trains and many of us will not comprehend their awesome force, speed and size until they travel through town.

There are those in Cohasset and area towns who bemoan the fact that Greenbush is making a comeback; there are others who welcome convenient commuter rail service from here to Boston.

But no matter what side of the train debate residents are on – we can all agree that safety is paramount.

Here at the Mariner we do not want to cover any train-versus-pedestrian, train-versus-bicycle, or train-versus-automobile stories. In train accidents, it is very likely the train would "win" and the person walking, riding a bike, or people inside the car would "lose."

Train facts and tips

The Operation Lifesaver rail safety program offers the following railroad safety facts and tips:

- Modern trains are quieter than ever, with no telltale "clackety-clack." An approaching train will always be closer and moving faster than you think.
- Railroad tracks, trestles, yards, and equipment are private property.
- Trespassers are subject to arrest and fines.
- Never drive, ride a bike, or walk around a lowered railroad crossing gate.
- Always wait for the train to pass and for the gates to be raised.
- Trains cannot stop quickly. A freight train moving at 55 mph, or an eight-car passenger train moving at 60 mph, can take a mile or more to stop.
- Don't walk, run, cycle, or operate all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on railroad property, including tracks, or through tunnels.
- Cross the tracks only at designated pedestrian or roadway crossings.
- Never play or walk on the tracks.
- Observe all warning signs and signals.
- Don't hunt, fish, or jump around railroad trestles. There is only enough clearance on tracks for a train to pass. Trestles are not meant to be sidewalks or pedestrian bridges.
- Don't attempt to hop aboard railroad equipment at any time. A slip of the foot can cost you a limb, or your life.
- Be aware that trains do not always follow set schedules. Any time is train time.
- Don't skateboard or Rollerblade on station platforms or in parking lots.
- Always stand behind the yellow platform stripe.

Operation Lifesaver is a national, non-profit, public education program dedicated to ending collisions, deaths, and injuries at grade crossings and along railroad rights-of-way.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:
Assessors, July 23, 4p.m, July 27, 8:30 a.m.
Board of Health, July 23, 7 p.m.
Cable Advisory Committee, July 26, 7:30 p.m.
Economic Development Committee, July 25, 7:15 p.m.
Harbor Committee, Aug. 14, 7 p.m.
Library Trustees, Aug. 8, 7 p.m. at the library.
Planning Board, July 25, 7 p.m.
School Committee, July 23, 7 p.m., at the high school.
Selectmen, July 23 and Aug. 6, 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, July 21, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., auditorium; and Aug. 13, 6 p.m.
Stormwater Committee, July 24, 7 p.m.
ZBA, Aug. 6, 7:30 p.m.
All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

ZBA finally grants variance for Cohasset Hardware redevelopment



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you, Cohasset

TO THE EDITOR:

I am heartened by the outpouring of appreciation and support for the inaugural Cohasset Sprint Triathlon. Thanks to all of you who called, emailed and sent notes to this paper and me with your exceptional feedback.

In the span of just four hours on Sunday morning, July 8, something special was created by many of you reading this column now – our town pulled together in force to support a fantastic charity and cheer the racers to the finish line. So many racers were blown away by the unbelievable support along the racecourse.

I am proud of the fact that the race made a positive impact on so many lives. From one racer who said he is a "better husband and father" to another who said it stood alone as the "best accomplishment" of her life. The race created new friendships and brought families together. The race opened the doors to our incredible community and put Cohasset on the map.

There are countless people who played a role in building this successful event. My team Deb Thomas, Scott Bates, Joe Carrabes, Bill Burnett Sr., and Steve Upson who helped make sure things went smoothly on race day. The safety team led by Chief Hussey, Chief Silvia, Sgt Quigley, Lt. Dockray and Dr. Michael Hughes who provided first class safety for the racers. To Joe Mahoney, Kari O'Donnell, Laurie Regan, Catherine O'Callaghan, Bill Good and Miranda Burnett who worked long hours during race weekend. To the over 125 volunteers (I wish there was room to list all of your names!) who directed and helped the racers at every turn. And, to my wife, Sigrid, who stood by me during the 10 months of planning and organizing the race.

Finally, a special thanks goes out to the town Selectmen, Town Manager Bill Griffin and President of the Sandy Beach Association Robin Lawrence who provided me an opportunity to inspire people to take on a new challenge.

Back in my home state of Michigan, Mitch Album, a sports columnist for the city newspaper, once wrote "the way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to your community around you and devote yourself to creating something that give you purpose and meaning." On Sunday morning, July 8, I think we all would agree with Mitch.

Bill Burnett
Race Director
11 Linden Drive

Sharing in the 'positives'

TO THE EDITOR:

I am adding my voice to the positive reaction to last week's Cohasset Triathlon. As a Cohasset resident and someone who has been running marathons, biathlons and triathlons since 1983, I cannot over emphasis the professionalism and planning of Bill Burnett, his staff and volunteers.

On a personal level, during my "wave" two of my fellow swimmers who were struggling in the water, were quickly attended to and pulled from the ocean. After the race as I was talking with other competitors, similar praise was expressed and comments around the beauty of the course (Cohasset) were expressed.

Although it is never easy to hear about fellow participants being hurt or in the case the death of a fellow competitor, we should all share in the "positives" of last Sunday. I am already looking forward to next year's race and have emailed information to friends across the country about the race.

Michael Mellone
66 Nichols Road

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'Will it be trick or Treat's?'

COMMENTARY

PETER G. WHITTEMORE

A proposal to alter Treat's Pond and the watershed overflow outlets to Sandy Cove has been quietly promoted to the Army Corps of Engineers and the Board of Selectmen by a few property owners at the affected end of the beach and in the storm water flood-prone area. The only plan that the Army Corps can justify funding is one that creates a new connection between Treat's Pond and the Harbor. I believe this project should not and will not survive under the sunlight of fully transparent public scrutiny, but the public needs to be properly informed and encouraged to voice their concern prior to a Town Meeting vote to appropriate as much as $400,000 for this boondoggle.

Open-minded members of the Board of Selectmen have expressed questions about the nature of the watershed area that includes Treat's Pond. The recollections of people who have grown up in Cohasset and in that area are unanimous: it has always been fresh water. I have gathered written statements from people aged 90 years young and younger about skating on the pond on beautiful black fresh water ice, and remembering the fresh water wildlife and vegetation that dwelled in that habitat. This distinction is crucial to the Army Corps of Engineers' ability to funnel money into the project under their Saltwater Marsh Restoration mandate. They are not funded to touch storm water remediation or fresh water marsh restoration.

An anecdotal memoir written by a resident in the 1940s about a time in the 1840s (40 years before she was born) has been put forward as proof that Treat's Pond was originally saltwater. This cannot be considered historically concrete enough to justify a complete watershed rearrangement as proposed by Mr. Dormitzer and his fellow petitioners as well as by the Army Corps. The memoir speaks of being able to row a boat from Sandy Cove to Treat's Pond. Anyone can row a boat up the Charles River but that doesn't make it salt water. A County Atlas at the Cohasset Historical Society dated 1876 clearly shows an open tributary from Treat's Pond to Sandy Cove, so any notion that a storm of 1851 or 1852 closed off the pond from its former "saltwater" status is not supported by

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Grinding up Forest Avenue

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN



The road grinder can remove as much as 10 inches of old pavement and reduce it to rubble.



This week the grinder encountered so much ledge it wore right through the grinder teeth.

Forest Avenue – Mass Pavement Reclamation, Inc. has begun the serious work of reclaiming the old paving on Forest Avenue. The very large grinder that you see will remove as much as 10 inches of old pavement and reduce it to rubble. This machine is so powerful that it will even grind through ledge. After a day or two of grinding we found out the hard way that the road consists primarily of asphalt and ledge. This past Tuesday the grinder encountered so much ledge that it wore right through the grinder teeth. So, the machine will sit for a while so it can be repaired.

As an interesting aside, the material that is being removed is highly sought after for use as a base for roadways, since it can be compacted into a very firm base. So, it is highly sought after and in our case, the grindings are being stored at the DPW yard for subsequent use by the Town.

We apologize to the Town, especially to those who routinely travel Forest Avenue for the giant mess that is being created. But, no one ever said it this project would be pretty. Because of the hills and lack of visibility on Forest Avenue, we have had as many as four police details to control the traffic. It might be a good idea to avoid Forest Avenue if you possibly can. For the time being, it will be much quicker to by-pass this road entirely for anyone traveling through. But, if you cannot avoid Forest Avenue, please, please drive slowly.

James Brook, Stewart Brook, & Jacobs Meadow — Over the years there has been a lot of discussion and about James Brook, its terminus at Jacobs Meadow and the harbor, and projects associated with these areas. So, just where is James Brook? James Brook starts at Sanctuary Pond that is between North Main Street, Route 3A and Lower King Street. Sanctuary Pond is part of a conservation area of about 16 acres owned by the Trustees of Reservations. The pond, itself, is between 3 and 4 acres in area, plus associated wetlands. James Brook flows generally southeastward toward Town, following the railroad right of way. Behind the N. Main Street baseball fields it meanders a bit and then crosses under Sohier Street, and flows behind the library to Smith Place. At Smith Place, James Brook goes underground and crosses Pleasant Street to an area behind the ice cream shop. James Brook takes an abrupt turn to the left and crosses under the railroad tracks and the Town Parking Lot on its way to Main Street, flowing approximately under the walkway between the gas station and the bagel shop. At Main Street it makes three more abrupt turns. One onto South Main going toward the Red Lion, another, left onto Brook Street and a third, a right turn to an open channel between the lawyer's office and the Masonic Building. (If we haven't lost you yet, James Brook is now at Jacobs Meadow.) Jacobs Meadow is the large marsh/meadow edged by Summer St., S. Main Street, Elm Street and Border Street. The water from Jacobs Meadow flows out to the harbor under Border Street and the new Veteran's Park.

James Brook carries rainwater from Lower King Street on the Hingham end, Heather Drive, and possibly beyond, to the north, and from Scituate Hill to the southwest. (Scituate Hill is where the Brass Kettle Building and the medical building are located.) You can think of James Brook as being in the bottom of a small valley, collecting storm water from all of the areas surrounding it. Its total watershed is quite large and encompasses most of the areas surrounding North Main Street, parts of Forest Ave. and some portions of 3A

But, James Brook is not the only water feeding Jacobs Meadow. Stewart Brook (sometimes referred to a Stewart's Brook) is the other source of water. Stewart Brook has two legs that ultimately merge together. The first begins at Ellms Meadow (the meadow used for ice skating in the winter), which is near Cushing Road and Spring Street at the railroad closure. Stewart Brook flows from Ellms Meadow, under Spring Street and then turns and flows under the railroad tracks, adjacent to St. Anthony's Rectory where it crosses S. Main Street underground. While underground it partially crosses under St. Anthony's parking lot, makes a left turn and flows in the open behind the home at 134 S. Main St. into Jacobs Meadow.

The other leg of Stewart Brook starts in the vicinity of Castle Road near the railroad tracks and follows the tracks down to the leg of Spring Street still open to traffic. From there it passes under spring St and joins with the Ellms Meadow branch near St. Anthony's Rectory.

So after all of this tedious description, where does Stewart Brook get its water? Primarily from rainwater as it drains all of the area from 100 Pond Street and South Main to at least Castle Road. It also drains Lantern Lane, and the hillside area.

Now you might ask, what's the big deal? Well the Town and the MBTA have spent lots of money on the various parts of James and Stewart brooks to improve the drainage performance of these watersheds, yet there are still issues. Why? We'll talk about some of these issues in future articles, but at least for now you know where these brooks are and where the water they deliver to Jacobs Meadow comes from. We would have preferred to have a map for this discussion, but its details became unreadable when reduced to fit with our article.

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Here come da (TV) judge

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I haven't had much to do with judges, the courtroom kind, for the past 25 or so years.

Once I was summoned for jury duty at the courthouse in Dedham.

"What do you do for a living?" asked the judge.

"I write."

"Thanks for coming," said the judge. "Next."

I went home.

Another time, I was covering a voting fraud trial in Quincy District Court when Judge Al Kramer asked me and Pat Desmond, the Ledger reporter, to testify in tandem if we thought the voting instructions were complicated enough so that 500 votes could be counted for the wrong candidate.

We said they were and I guess Judge Al believed us because nobody went to jail.

Again, I was covering a trial in federal court in Boston one time and I got there early to get a good seat when I became aware that the defendant in the trial before ours was Ralph Rhodes, my cousin several times removed, who stood accused of growing marijuana on his farm out in Colrain.

It was comforting to learn that there were other black sheep in the family.

Ralph and I were cutting up family touches when his lawyer, Nancy Gertner, intervened and shooed me back into press row with the admonition never to talk to her client.

Nancy is now a federal judge herself, although I don't think cousin Ralph's case had anything to do with it.

I bring up the subject of judges because they have been in the news lately — not only in the news but making it.

It used to be said that a judge was a lawyer who knew a governor. Now it's a lawyer who not only knew a governor but a TV producer, as well.

The latest judge to go from the bench to the tube is Larry Seidlin, the Florida judge who auditioned by crying on cue during the Anna Nicole Smith soap opera titled, "Who's my baby's Daddy?" He's in training as we speak for a potential CBS series in 2008.

The leading practitioner of judging for television viewers is Judy Sheindlin, who can be seen hereabouts as Judge Judy every afternoon on Channel 4 browbeating those who appear before her and occasionally sharing the tube with a celebrity, like Hollywood hooker Divine Brown of Hugh Grant fame.

Judge Judy's talent as an entertainer is said to bring her — get this now — $25 million a year. In hockey, they have bench-clearing brawls. In TV jurisprudence they have bench-clearing paydays.

Almost all the judges you see on TV are signed by syndicates and their shows sold to the channels individually.

For instance, Judge Glenda Hatchett (Channel 25) works for the Sony TV syndicate as does Judge Maria Lopez (Channel 38), a local starlet who demonstrated toughness in her audition by intimidating an assistant DA and softness by going easy on a child molester.

Sony is now hoping to land another star in Judge David Young, who is said to have knocked their socks off in his audition by jailing two America West airline pilots who tried to fly drunk.

And that doesn't include Judge Marilyn Milian of the People's Court (Channel 38), Judge Greg Mathis (38), Judge Joe Brown (38), Judge Lynn Toler of Divorce Court (25), Judge Cristina Perez of Cristina's Court (25) or Judge Alex Ferrer (25).

Learning about government at Boys' State

COMMENTARY

ERIC MACCARTHY AND ALEX GOETZ

We now know how important it is for us to value the importance and the difficulty of government in today's world.

Have you ever heard of Boys' State? No? Well, neither had we until we were offered the opportunity to attend the Massachusetts Boys' State, sponsored by the American Legion at Stonehill College, this past June 9 through 15. Boys' State is a program run through the American Legion, which was founded in 1919 to promote patriotism, to create equitable treatment for all war veterans and to strengthen national security. The Boy's State program was established over 50 years ago. "Boys' State developed from the concept that youth should be offered a better perspective of the practical operations of government; that the individual is an integral part and commensurately responsible for the character and success of his government." In short, their goal is to teach young men about government, its structure and leadership. For one week at Stonehill College, with close to 400 other high school juniors, we experienced a great opportunity, which taught us the importance of our involvement in government and leadership. We were selected by the school to attend as the two representatives of Cohasset High School and our costs were fully funded by the Cohasset chapter of the American Legion George H. Mealy Post 118.

At Boys' State we both had different, but equally important, experiences. We met many new friends from around the state who had similar interests and who were just as excited about being selected as we were. Beginning at registration, everyone at Boys' State was split up into counties, towns or cities, and political parties, either Federalist or Nationalist. Everyone rooms with a person from their town but from the opposite party. Each town had about three counselors that keep everything organized. The counselors are graduates of the program, some of them only a year removed while others have been volunteering for years to give back what Boys' State provided them.

Our day was split up into mealtimes, recreation periods, municipal meetings, party conventions, mini-courses, electives and a general education period. During the recreation period kids played different sports and competed against other towns. Some kids though ran a Boys' State newspaper, called The Citizen, which reported on everything that occurred during the week. In municipal meetings we worked together to solve issues that were given to our town and had to work with a budget. During general education a speaker always came and talked to us about government and leadership. One night we received a visit from Gov. Deval Patrick who spoke to us about his road to success and plans for our state during his term as governor. Mini-courses were short sessions about different topics and electives were a little bit longer sessions but there were only three to choose from: Law, Government and Economics. Finally, there were party conventions where we elected our candidates for statewide office and created our party's platforms with stances on different topics that surround our government today.

Although we both had different experiences, we both came away learning a lot. We now know how important it is for us to value the importance and the difficulty of government in today's world. We are sure to carry our experiences with us as we move into the next chapters of our lives. We would like to thank the George H. Mealy Post 118 for giving us the opportunity to attend Boys' State 2007.

Eric MacCarthy and Alex Goetz are high school students and Cohasset residents.

LIBRARY CORNER

Mayle's book topic of discussion

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information or to sign up for classes, call 781-383-1348 or visit gwalsh@ocln.org.

Library Book Group – Join others for coffee and discussion of Peter Mayle's book "A Year in Provence" at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, July 25, in the Meeting Room. All are welcome.

Great Decisions Group – Register now to participate in the Great Decisions Group. To register, call or visit the library, or visit cohassetlibrary.org and click on Calendar; click on the September calendar; then click on Sept. 9. The group is free, and limited to 15 participants.

Movie Matinee – The library will show the film "Casablanca" starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman at 11 a.m., on Friday, Aug. 3. Admission is free, and light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library.

New Titles – New audiobooks are now available to checkout: "Peony in Love" by Lisa See and "New England White" by Stephen Carter. Also available on DVD is "Saturday Night Live: The complete first season 1975-1976." To place a hold on any of these titles, call or visit the library or place a hold online through the library's Web site at cohassetlibrary.org.

FOR CHILDREN

Policy Change – Due to the overwhelming support of the free Tuesday evening family programs, and to maintain a safe environment, the library has to limit the number of participants to 60 as in accordance with the Massachusetts State Building Code, Section 106.5. Free tickets for each performance will be available at the Circulation Desk beginning the Wednesday before the performance. This will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Act!vated Storytellers – After a two-year wait, the Act!vated Storytellers are back on the East Coast and will perform at Paul Pratt Memorial Library in July and again in August. Catch the Beat @ Your Library with a "Quizzical Quest" performed by the Act!vated Storytellers at 6 p.m., on Tuesday, July 24, in the Meeting Room. Free tickets for this event are currently available at the Circulation Desk. Tickets must be picked up by a family member and may not be picked up for friends. Book raffle will begin at 6:55 p.m. Funded by the Friends of Cohasset Library.

MamaSteph – Music for young children. Meets at 10:30 a.m., Mondays in July. All ages and communities are welcome to come sing and dance. Registration is not required. Funded by Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Puzzle Club – For grades three and up. Meets from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Mondays, July 23, 30 and Aug. 6, in the Story Room. Many new puzzles are available. Registration is not required. Prompt pick up is expected. Funded by Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Decorating Contest – Catch the Beat at Your Library by decorating a peacock or parrot using markers, glitter, beads, pipe cleaners, tissue paper and things found in nature to create a new bird that reflects one's personality. Templates are on Mrs. Moody's desk. Winners will be from all age groups. Contest ends Friday, Aug. 3, and winners will be called.

Music Contest – Catch the Beat at Your Library by writing new words to "Yankee Doodle Dandy." The words should reflect how one feels about or how one interprets the Catch the Beat at Your Library program. This contest is open to all students. Leave songs in the contest basket on Mrs. Moody's desk. Winners will be from all age groups. Contest ends Friday, Aug. 3.

CHS Class of 2007 graduation on Our Town

Join Our Town Monday when co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo take viewers back to Saturday, June 2: the Cohasset High School Class of 2007 graduation at the South Shore Music Circus.

Tune in Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9p.m., all on Comcast channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and Stay informed!

Beach, RTF permits on sale

The "all facility sticker" for fiscal 2008 is on sale during normal business hours at Town Hall and at the DPW garage on weekends, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sticker prices are $50 for residents under the age of 60 and $15 for seniors. This sticker will allow access to the Recycling Transfer Facility and Sandy Beach, as well as parking at all areas in town that require a sticker.

Restaurant, apartments planned for Cohasset Hardware site

FROM RESTAURANT, PAGE 1

environment, using the freshest ingredients to create inspired pastas, pizzas, roasts and braises representing virtually every region of Italy." Tina Watson described the fare as "eclectic."

"I think you'll be pleased with what we're going to do," said Tina Watson.

The variance granted gives relief from the land limitation bylaw. In the town's bylaws for the village business district, multi-family dwellings, or apartments, are allowed by special permit if the building lot is over 40,000 square feet. If a building lot is less than 40,000 square feet, like the hardware store and all of the other village buildings, the ZBA needs to grant relief from the bylaw.

Back in early May, the Watsons applied for a special permit. The ZBA determined a special permit was not necessary and what they really needed was the variance from the 40,000 square foot bylaw. A variance is a more stringent application process with more guidelines.

Key to the approval of the special permit and the variance is proving the applicant would be deprived of reasonable use of the building. The strongest argument for the approval was that many (or perhaps most) of the buildings in the village business district already have apartments on the second floor. Concord Square Development, the town's village consultant, was able to provide the ZBA with an accurate count of apartments in the downtown area (29 rental units). This piece of information was influential in showing the board the hardware store building was one of the few buildings without apartments on the second floor.

"Essentially we need to recognize this is a unique building. I think the town wants [the building] to be preserved and in that I believe it deserves a variance," said ZBA member Ben Lacy.

The ZBA's approval was issued with some conditions. A full Planning Board site plan review is required, with any substantive changes coming before the ZBA again, as determined by the Building Inspector. A comprehensive sprinkler system would be installed and approved by Fire Department officials. The roof, which the plans showed being raised eight inches, can only be raised at most a foot.

"This has been our home for 50 years and we're appreciative of the board's consideration," said Jim Watson. The approval, he said, means the building could remain in his family for the foreseeable future.

CLF's Beechwood St. parking lot approved

The Cohasset Land Foundation got a green light from the Planning Board for its proposed common driveway and gravel parking lot for a future park off Beechwood Street. Previously, the CLF came before the Board with a Form A application and the board requested CLF to come back with a layout of the common drive, which includes the addition of a water main.

Glenn Pratt, Chairman of the Water Commission, discussed the need for a larger water main in the area to feed into the fire hydrant. After a brief discussion, the Planning Board voted unanimously to approve the revised plans.

The CLF expects to close on the property on July 31 and then move forward with its laid out plans for the 37.5 acres. Osborne Ingram, current owner of the property, stipulates in the purchase and sale agreement that 50 percent of the land remains undeveloped and be a park named in Ingram's father's honor. The park will be roughly 22 acres and include a gravel parking lot for public use. Voters at the Annual Town Meeting allocated $40,000 of CPC funds for the project.

The not-for-profit CLF plans to subdivide the property. According to plans laid out for the Selectmen and the public in recent months, the land will be split between the Vedanta Center (6.25 acres), the three buildable lots (6 acres) and the remainder, roughly 25 acres will be open space and/or conservation land. The three buildable lots will be sold to fund the entire land purchase price of $1.25 million.

Cook Estate's public hearings nearing a close

The development proposed by Abbott Real Estate and Development is nearing the end of the public hearing process. At the Planning Board meeting on July 11, drainage, development entrance and exit widths and a new home design were the major topics of discussion. The town's engineer consultant, John Modelewski, will continue to iron out details on the technical aspect of the project with the developers.

The new home design will be approximately 2000 square feet and will serve as the development's primary option. The smaller one-story design (originally the designs were 2,200 square feet and up) is a result of a fair amount of market interest in smaller homes.

The name of the new development when the homes go to market will be the Cook Estate, developers said.

GOP 8 hosts event at Black Rock July 25

GOP 8, a coalition of South Shore Republican town committees, is sponsoring an informative social event at Black Rock House in Hingham from 6 to 9 p.m., on July 25. Guest of honor will be Charles Baker, president and chief executive officer of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, a nonprofit health plan in New England.

As a result of these accomplishments, many in the Republican Party have been mentioning Baker as a possible candidate to challenge Gov. Patrick in 2010.

Under Baker's leadership, Harvard Pilgrim has placed first in the country for three consecutive years for annual ranking of health plans for member satisfaction and clinical effectiveness by the National Committee for Quality Assurance. The company has also been rated among the "Best Places to Work" for five consecutive years by the Boston Business Journal. As a result of these accomplishments, many in the Republican Party have been mentioning Baker as a possible candidate to challenge Gov. Patrick in 2010.

GOP 8 consists of the Republican town committees of Scituate, Hull, Marshfield, Duxbury, Norwell, Weymouth, Hingham and Cohasset, which support Republican candidates and activism in the region.

For tickets and other information, visit gop8.com or call David Grossack at 617-965-9300.

Garage dance

There will be a dance at the Garage from 7 to 10 p.m., on Friday, July 20. Students in grades six through eight are welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold.

This is not a school function.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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July 9-13, 2007



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If you have any questions about this week's report, e-mail us at beaconhill@aol.com or call us at (617)720-1562.

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By Bob Katzen

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' votes on two roll calls from the week of July 9-13. There were no roll calls in the Senate last week.

IDENTITY THEFT (H 4144)

House 155-0, approved a bill aimed at stopping identity theft and preventing an impostor from opening a new credit account using stolen personal information. The measure has been proposed for many years but it gained steam this year following the revelation by Attorney General Martha Coakley that she was a victim of identity theft and the disclosure by TJX Cos. that credit card information was stolen from its computers. A key provision of the legislation allows a consumer to temporarily "freeze" his or her credit report and prevent the three major credit bureaus from issuing the report without his or her consent. Consumers would be issued a PIN number to temporarily unfreeze their credit reports when they apply for credit. Most companies will not issue credit without a credit report and would deny an impostor's application for credit when a credit report is frozen. The one-time cost to the consumer to freeze his or her credit report is $5. Consumers would also be required to pay $5 each time they unfreeze the account. Companies would be prohibited from charging a fee to victims of identity theft or their spouses. The measure also requires all businesses and state and local governments to notify consumers quickly when there has been a breach of security that might compromise a customer's privacy and establishes strict procedures to be followed when they dispose of paper documents and computerized data that contain personal information. Supporters said that identity theft is now a major problem and has affected the lives of many people across the nation. They noted that Massachusetts is lagging behind more than 30 states that have laws dealing with this crime. Only final Senate approval is needed prior to the proposal going to Gov. Deval Patrick. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill).

MORE TAX CREDITS FOR COMPANIES MAKING FILMS IN MASSACHUSETTS (S 2288)

House 148-4, approved a bill lifting until 2022 the $700 million per film cap on tax credits that the state gives movie production companies which make films on location in Massachusetts. The Senate approved the measure on a voice vote and sent it to the governor. A law approved in November 2005 provides tax credits and other incentives to these companies but also includes a $700 million cap on the credits. Supporters said that the initial law has brought in more revenue in the past year from moviemakers than in the combined seven years prior to its approval. They argued that the $700 million cap should be lifted because neighboring states like Rhode Island and Connecticut now offer more tax credits and incentives than Massachusetts. They said that unless the cap is lifted, Massachusetts will continue to lose millions of dollars in business, jobs and taxes to other states. Some opponents said that the state should not offer tax credits to a wealthy, private entertainment industry while education, human service programs and local aid are still severely underfunded. Others said that the tax credits are simply another example of "corporate welfare" that helps a narrow business sector and urged the Legislature to instead approve more broad-based tax relief for small businesses. The House on June 13 approved a similar version of the bill on a 153-1 roll call. (Both roll calls are listed below. The first one is from June 13 and the second one is from last week. A "Yes" vote is for the bill lifting the $700 million cap. A "No" vote is against the bill).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

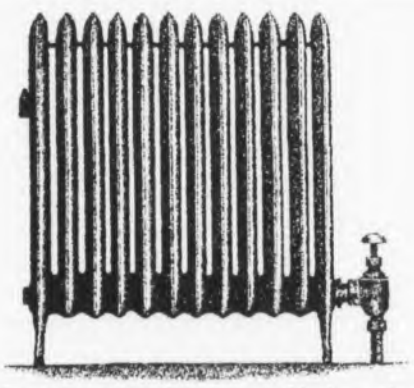
GIVE STATE EMPLOYEES 12 PAID DAYS OFF ANNUALLY TO VOLUNTEER - Gov. Patrick held a rally at the Statehouse to encourage state workers to participate in the newly-expanded State Employees Serving as Volunteers (SERV) program. Patrick issued an executive order to expand this program that began under former Gov. William Weld as a limited one that allowed state workers only to volunteer as mentors at schools. Executive orders do not need legislative approval. Patrick's SERV now gives a day off each month to an estimated 50,000 state workers to volunteer at a public entity, including public schools, or an accredited non-profit organization while still collecting their full state salary and benefits. The program provides a list of dozens of approved organizations and allows workers to request permission to work at an organization not on the list. Many activities are prohibited including participation in recreational or athletic activities, fundraising, politics, pro-choice or pro-life organizations and programs designed to promote religious belief. The SERV website says: "The program goal is to encourage state employees to serve as volunteers within Massachusetts communities thereby helping to improve the educational and economic interests of the Commonwealth and to help create a more just society." Supporters say that the program includes a strict system and safeguards to prevent any abuse. Critics say that it is unfair to pay state workers to volunteer while collecting hard-earned taxpayers' dollars. Some say that the program invites abuse and predicted that a lot of workers will volunteer on Mondays and Fridays. Details on the program and the list of allowed and excluded organizations can be found online at: www.mass.gov/Ehrd/docs/policies/leave/serv_guidelines.doc

STATE BUDGET (H 4141) - Gov. Patrick signed into law a $26.8 billion fiscal 2008 state budget. The governor vetoed some $41 million in spending. The Legislature is reviewing the vetoes. A two-thirds vote of each branch is needed in order to override a veto.

DIABETES, COMMISSION ON BLACK MALES AND DAY CARE CENTERS - The Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities held a hearing on legislation allowing schools to examine some overweight students for diabetes (S 99). The proposal applies to pupils whose body mass index (BMI) is at or above the 95th percentile as determined by the National Center for Disease Control. BMI is a measure of body fat based on height and weight. The Committee is also considering a bill requiring that public schools list the amount of carbohydrates contained in all food products served to diabetic children and teachers (H 123); creating a permanent 21-member Commission on the Social Status of Black Males (S 2182) and requiring all day care centers to have cameras and listening devices installed in every room except restrooms (H 124). The proposal exempts private home day care centers with less than five children.

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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'Will it be trick or Treat's?'

FROM TREAT, PAGE 10

documented fact. This should be considered along with a government survey map dated 1852, from Reverend Bigelow's supervised "History of Cohasset," which also shows the tributary and mentions no clam-digging or lobstering nor any salt evaporation vats at Treat's Pond. There's a reason why we call it a pond.

Setting aside for the moment any debate of the supposed "salt water" content, modern historians like to talk about the attempt to study and recover a "usable past." The stagecoach days were interesting, but not so usable today. The train – we'll see. But to propose to restore the Treat's Pond/Sandy Cove watershed area to its pre-1850 state would be to remove 60 percent of the houses that now exist there. Is that a usable past to which we should return?

I submit the real question is how to help Treat's Pond self-remediate. The sewering of the area for which funding has been approved by Town Meeting vote, to be completed in 2-3 years, will start to alleviate the saturation of soil that failing leachate and cesspool systems have created. These systems were designed for dry weather summer use only and for decades now have been overburdened and added to with year-round fluent usage. Basically the sponge is full and can't dry out to handle the overflow. Why should the town pay for more than that until we see how it helps? Storm water remediation and filtration techniques, such as those used by the Water Department are available, attractive and affordable for the area residents to finance for themselves. As a rule it is environmentally unethical to take fluid from one watershed area and send it to a completely separate, in this case to Cohasset Harbor, area without concern for cross contamination, or for raising the level of fresh water burden on and already overburdened area. In fact, who's to say that Cohasset Harbor water would be such a gift to Treat's Pond? The fishermen know that as it stands now the Harbor cannot even flush itself out.

I have gathered written statements from people aged 90 years young and younger about skating on the pond on beautiful black fresh water ice, and remembering the fresh water wildlife and vegetation that dwelled in that habitat.

Until the sewer project now underway and the storm water committee recommendations to come have had a chance to show results, the logical helping hand we can give Treat's Pond is to extend the overflow outlet pipe at that end of the beach as has been done at the Lothrop Lane end and to harvest and clean out the congesting weeds in Treat's Pond.

Peter Whittemore lives on Elm Court.

Letters to the Editor

FROM LETTERS, PAGE 10

Recreation thanks sponsors of Playground Program

To the Editor:

As we approach the halfway point of this summer, the Cohasset Recreation Commission extends their most sincere gratitude to the following businesses and civic organizations for their financial support for our seven-week playground program:

Goodwin Graphics, Pilgrim Bank, Stop & Shop, Cohasset Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9146, Kristine A. Grazioso DMD, Feng Shui Restaurant, South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset Collision Inc., George H. Mealy Post #118, Fiori's Exxon, The Good Sport, Goodale Insurance Agency, Lehr and Barnes Insurance Agency and MKR Building Solutions.

Via sponsorship generosity, community interest and support we were able to enhance our ability to serve the community through our day camp-like seven week Playground Program for children ages 3 1/2 through 12 years.

Playground Program sponsors names/logos are printed on all the children's and staff's T-shirts – approximately 250 shirts total. Further, sponsors are listed on many of our year round publications. Sponsorships are available starting in March of each year by calling the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 781-383-4109 for letters and information.

Our deepest gratitude is extended on behalf of the children, parents and playground staff to this year's sponsors.

Jack Worley
Recreation Department
Director

Wellspring Executive Director is honored



Vinny Harte, Executive Director Wellspring

Wellspring now has a thrift shop in Hingham as well as in Hull, a food pantry with daytime and evening hours and offers year-round computer classes at the Hull center.

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International awarded Wellspring Executive Director Vinny Harte the honor of selection as a Paul Harris Fellow. The award is presented in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world.

Harte accepted the award on behalf of Wellspring Multi-Service Center at a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Hingham.

Harte started at Wellspring in 2003 and during his tenure has initiated new programs and expanded services including the Hand In Hand residence, the Ticket to Ride transportation program and the Pathways to Success by 21 adult education program. Wellspring now has a thrift shop in Hingham as well as in Hull, a food pantry with daytime and evening hours and offers year-round computer classes at the Hull center.

Wellspring is a private, nonprofit, multi-service organization located in Hull. Wellspring's mission is to provide support and skills to people facing challenges to their financial, physical or emotional well being in order to help them achieve independence and self-sufficiency.

It is the aim of all Wellspring programs to reach beyond providing emergency services to help people to become more independent and productive members of the community. For information call 781-925-3211, or contact monica@wellspringhull.org.

Wellspring honored with grant from Governor

Wellspring Multi-Service Center was recently honored with a grant from the Patrick-Murray Inaugural Committee Foundation. The Patrick-Murray committee is distributing more than $500,000 left over from this year's inauguration to nonprofit organizations exemplifying excellence in their field.

Of the 1,500 Massachusetts nonprofit organizations that applied for this funding, only 215 were selected and Wellspring was the only organization from the South Shore.

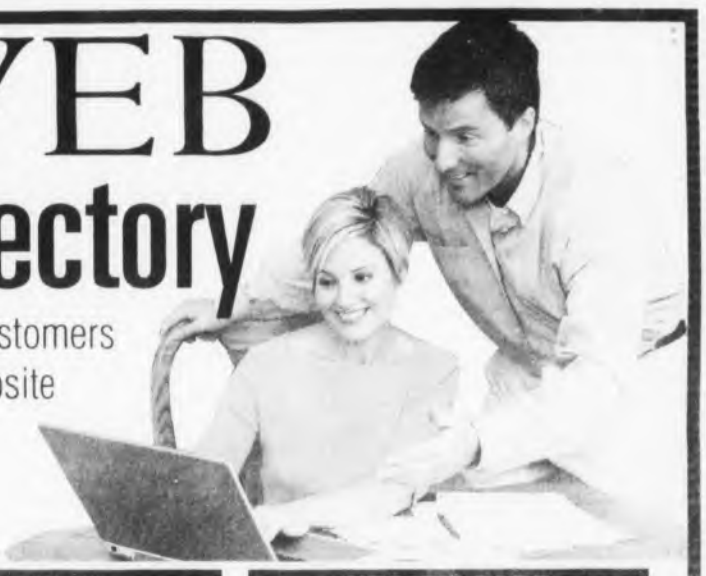
"We are grateful for the support of the Governor and honored to be selected for this award," said Vinny Harte, Executive Director of Wellspring. "The contribution and affirmation that this grant imparts will help us continue to lend a hand up to the hundreds of South Shore neighbors who need our help."

"We are grateful for the support of the Governor and honored to be selected for this award."
— Vinny Harte, Executive Director of Wellspring

According to Liz Morningstar, co-chair of the Patrick/Murray Inaugural Committee, "Each organization chosen is a vital member of the Massachusetts community whose work epitomizes the compassion, creativity, and strength of our state. We tried to ensure that the money was awarded as resourcefully as possible," said Morningstar. "The many deserving charities that applied for funding are not only a testament to the vitality and imagination of Massachusetts' charitable community, but also to the overwhelming need of thousands of our fellow citizens."

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Health Notes

Let's us know what you think about Adopt-A-Street guidelines

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Several weeks ago, local resident Jim French met with the Selectmen to discuss the possibility of establishing a local "Adopt-A-Street" litter clean up program. At that time, the board expressed support for such a program and requested that our staff work with Jim to develop the details. Accordingly, an outline for the program was established as follows:

Draft "Adopt-A-Street" guidelines including program safety rules for volunteers and a program application/agreement.

Tara Tradd at the Board of Health will be the contact person for the town to keep track of volunteer groups and selected clean-up locations.

Jim French and Tara Tradd will identify areas of town most in need of adoption, and Jim will reach out to local companies and organizations to promote the program. This is where we'll need your help: Call or email the BoH about suggested Adopt-A-Street locations.

Qualifications:

Those who are proud of their neighborhoods and wish to enlist their neighbors in keeping it up. We'd also like to know where you think the DPW – an already overworked agency that spends many hours picking up other people's trash– should concentrate. Remember, there are other agencies in town that own large tracts of property, visited by most of us, which need picking up occasionally. If you'd really like the town to start cleaning up other people's property, say so – at Town Meeting – and be ready to pay for it. Also, to meet state guidelines, the BoH will provide safety vests, gloves and bags to the volunteer groups, and will also erect a sign at the adopted area recognizing the adopting group.

BoH proposes the following Statement of Commitment:

"The Town of Cohasset 'Adopt A Street Program' is a partnership between the Town of Cohasset and volunteers in an effort to keep our community clean, safe and attractive. By working together we can continue to provide a beautiful environment in which to live and raise a family. The program also educates and encourages people to stop littering and take pride in their community."

We envision that any group or local company willing to make the expected commitment described below can adopt a street, portion of a street, park or public area. Volunteers from civic and conservation organizations, social clubs, neighborhood associations, individual families, churches, school groups, private employers and employer groups are encouraged to participate. Also, individuals or families may adopt an area in their neighborhood and not be bound to the formal program provisions below.

What is expected?

Adopting groups are expected to adopt a street, portion of a street, park or public area for at least a two-year period. The group is expected to pick up litter in their adopted area at least once every two months, with particular emphasis on holiday weekends and summer months.

Adopting groups are also expected to follow safety rules given to them by the program coordinator, which is available at the BoH. They must provide adult supervision to groups of children under the age of 18, and program participants must be at least 11 years old. They should wear appropriate clothing, including safety vests and gloves to be provided by the town, provide their own drinking water and first aid kits, and they should alert the program coordinator if they find a safety hazard in their area.

Adopting groups should appoint a liaison that will work with the BoH coordinator, to confirm the area to be cleaned. The liaison should notify the program coordinator when and where the group cleaned, who participated, and any concerns that requires the town's attention.

The cleanup

It is up to the adopting group to organize themselves. During regular business hours, the adopting group will obtain trash bags, reflective vests and gloves from the Department of Public Works. The volunteer liaison will then call the Department of Public Works to make arrangements to have the trash bags picked up if necessary.

Mutually agreed ground rules, a copy of which may be obtained at the Board of Health, are a part of the commitment by the town and participants.

Let the Board of Health know what you think of the idea.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Toothpaste warning from Board of Health

The following was provided by the Cohasset Board of Health.

U.S. Food & Drug Administration has issued two warnings this month about certain toothpastes manufactured in China and South Africa that may contain a toxic chemical called diethylene glycol.

In the United States, these products are typically being sold at dollar-type discount stores, convenience stores and small food markets.

Suspect tubes of toothpaste have reportedly been found in Somerville and Sturbridge, as well as in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Florida.

As of June 8, there were no U.S. reports of poisonings from toothpaste containing DEG. The chemical, which is commonly found in antifreeze, is sometimes used illegally as an inexpensive sweetener and thickening agent.

Residents should throw away or return to the store for refund:

1) Any toothpaste labeled as "Made in China."

2) Any fake "Colgate" toothpaste, which is:

- Labeled as "Manufactured in South Africa."
- A 5-ounce or 100 ml tube.
- Contains misspelled words on the label, including "South African Dental Assoxiation," "SOUTH AFRLCA" and "isclinically."

For more information, call Cohasset Board of Health at 781-383-4116.

Harborview Apartments get state funding for facelift

Subsidy and project funds give 60 Elm St. a boost

By Nancy White
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"The residents were so happy when the windows were put in, they're glad to put up with the remainder of the construction inconveniences."
— Kate Luna, Cohasset Housing Authority

The state has reached out a helping hand to 64 seniors living in Cohasset. With the help of Cohasset's state legislative delegation, the town's only affordable housing units, the Harborview complex at 60 Elm St., will soon have new doors and a re-paved parking lot, in addition to a $50,000 past-due state subsidy.

"We're very happy," said Kate Luna, managing agent for the Housing Authority. The grant and subsidy come on the heels of a resident's letter to state Rep. Garrett Bradley detailing numerous problems with the facility. As a result, Bradley visited the site to see for himself.

"What I found was a driveway that became frozen and therefore dangerous to walk on, bills that needed state assistance to meet and slider doors that would never open in time in a fire," stated Bradley in a press release. Following his visit, he contacted Governor Patrick's office that in turn sent Associate Director Amy Schectman from the Division of Public Housing and Rental Assistance. After seeing the need, Schectman and Bradley worked with the Housing Authority to identify funds.

A $50,000 past-due subsidy from the Department of Housing and Community Development was awarded in late June. The award allowed the outstanding invoices, the largest of which was for a water bill, to be paid in full. The state-funded housing required regular subsidies because the rent alone does not cover all the expenses, said Luna.

Previously, a building envelope project was undertaken with the help of both a state modernization grant and Community Preservation Act funds. The in process project involves new siding, windows, doors and roofing, said Luna. The state approved an expansion of the project to include new patio doors to replace difficult to open sliders. In the spring, the parking lot and driveway will to re-paved to make it safer for residents and visitors.

"The residents were so happy when the windows were put in, they're glad to put up with the remainder of the construction inconveniences," said Luna. The contractor has made an effort to limit the construction intrusiveness by spending only one day in each apartment.

The Harborview complex at 60 Elm St. consists of 64 units of subsidized housing in 16 buildings. The units are for income qualifying senior citizens 60 and older. There are also 12 units for the developmentally disabled. The complex was built with state funds in 1974.

Since that time, it remains the only housing units that "count" toward the town's affordable housing inventory in the eyes of the state.

Aquarion calls for voluntary outdoor water conservation

Aquarion Water Co. of Massachusetts is calling for its Hingham, Hull and North Cohasset customers to voluntarily reduce outdoor watering activities, effective immediately. The move is due to high water demands the company has experienced along with the recent weather patterns consisting of extended hot and dry periods.

During this period of voluntary conservation, Aquarion suggests that customers limit outside watering to every other day and take other conservation actions listed below.

If the voluntary measures do not reduce demand, Aquarion will implement the second phase of its water management program, which requires mandatory outside water use restrictions. During this phase outside usage is limited to watering by hand and only on odd or even numbered calendar days that corresponds to an odd or even numbered street address.

The third phase of the program does not permit any outside water usage. "These voluntary outdoor water use restrictions are being placed into effect now to help us manage our MA DEP Water Management Act Registration, the low rainfall and warm weather," said Larry Bingaman, Aquarion senior vice president, operations. "Under the Water Management Act, Aquarion is only allowed to pump an average 3.51 million gallons per day on an annual basis," he said. "During the summer, we have found that water usage will about double, and most of that increase is due to outside watering." For the past few weeks, Aquarion's water production has ranged from 4.0 MGD to more than 5.0 MGD.

"Due to the lack of rain and high water demands, Accord Pond is about 60 percent full, compared to normal levels of about 70 percent for this time of the year," Bingaman said. "However, a couple of steady rainfall events could bring the pond to normal. With everyone's voluntary help now, we can conserve a precious resource and not go to mandatory restrictions."

Aquarion recommends several ways to use water wisely outdoors and inside the home to help in the water conservation effort:

- Water lawns and gardens only when they need it. Don't follow a set watering schedule. Water grass and plants by hand only when they show signs of wilting. An easy way to tell if a lawn requires water is to step on the grass and then step back. If the grass stays flat, then it needs to be watered. If the grass springs up, it still has plenty of moisture.
- Deep soak lawns and gardens when they are watered.
- Water by hand long enough for the moisture to soak down to the roots where it will do the most good. In this way, the lawn will develop a deeper root system that requires less watering and is more disease resistant.
- Water during the cooler parts of the day to avoid evaporation. Heat and wind will rob lawns and gardens of water before it can be used. Watering before 9 a.m. or after 6 p.m. helps to prevent evaporation.
- Automatic sprinkler systems should be set for manual operation. This prevents needless watering when it is raining or when there has been adequate rainfall. Be sure to direct all sprinklers so that water contact is with vegetation and not wasted on sidewalks, streets or driveway.
- Hand held watering is strongly encouraged. Hand watering allows one to direct water to the specific area that needs water. Don't leave a garden hose unattended. More than 600 gallons of water can be wasted in only a few hours.
- Repair all leaks indoors and outside. A dripping faucet that leaks one drop per second wastes about 2,700 gallons per year.

Other indoor conservation tips: Avoid running dishwashers and washing machines with partial loads. Turn off the water while shaving, brushing teeth and washing face or hands. Fill water jugs and refrigerate to avoid running the water to get it cold.

For more information and conservation tips, visit the Web site at aquarionwater.com.



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Keith Lockhart and Broadway star Faith Prince in the July 2004 concert.



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Broadway star Liz Callaway joins Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops at the South Shore Music Circus in the July 2005 concert.

Lockhart enjoys 'intimate' Music Circus setting

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of the first rotating orchestra," he says seriously, but then laughs, "hope springs eternal."

The "Tribute to Oscar and Tony" Pops tour features a "cinematic sing along" where Lockhart will give the audience the opportunity to be a part of the show. They have put together a compilation of well-known movie songs, including "Over the Rainbow" from "Wizard of Oz" and "As Time Goes By" from "Casablanca."

"It's a cool thing," and it may be even cooler in the Music Circus's small setting, he says.

The intimate setting takes on a new level when Lockhart attends an after-party held at the South Shore Arts Center. The party offers him a chance to visit with about 200 audience members post-performance.

"Normally the audience is just made up of faces in the crowd — you don't get the chance to meet them, thank them for their support and hear what they thought of the concert," says the genial maestro. In past years, Lockhart has ditched his concert tuxedo for the comfort of a pair of chinos and a brightly colored Hawaiian shirt before arriving at the after-party held at the South Shore Arts Center.

"You can feel the audience sharing in the performance."

— Keith Lockhart, Boston Pops

This year's after-party is a tribute to the night's musical performance; organizers hope to bring out the glitz and glamour of Hollywood and Broadway, including a red carpet entrance and special decorations, "we want guests to feel like they are coming to a Hollywood premiere," says SSAC assistant director Diane Kennedy.

The whole night is about the musical arts supporting the visual arts and bringing two pillars of Cohasset arts together for one night. In past years the Boston Pops event has raised $40,000 for the Arts Center's year round programming.

"Every concert ticket sold helps the Arts Center out," says Kennedy, "it helps us meet the demands of our arts education and exhibition programs."

The SSAC hopes to continue bringing Lockhart and the Pops to Cohasset each summer. "this is the fourth annual concert and we're already looking forward to the fifth annual," says Neer.

Boston Pops concert tickets are still available in person at the South Shore Music Circus box office or through Ticketmaster (www.ticketmaster.com or 617-731-2787). A limited number of Pops Gala tickets ($300 pp, including the after-party at the SSAC and concert) are available through the Arts Center, 781-383-2787.



PHOTO/RICHARD GREEN

Ayla Brown of Wrentham, a finalist on American Idol, sings the National Anthem with Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops at the Music Circus concert last July. The sold-out concert also featured Rockapella.

Macoska will play sixth carillon recital

Patrick Macoska, carillonneur at St. Mary of Redford Roman Catholic Church, Detroit, Mich., will play the sixth recital in the 83rd annual series of Summer Carillon Recitals on the carillon of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, on Sunday, July 29. Featured will be original carillon music by Leen't Hart, Ronald Barnes and John Courter, a group of hymn arrangements and a group of Scott Joplin rags.

The hour-long recital begins at 6 p.m., and is free of charge. It will take place regardless of weather conditions. In case of rain, the bells may be heard from parked cars. Printed programs, schedules and brochures will be distributed on Cohasset Common, and will also be available in a stand by the courtyard of St. Stephen's Church on Highland Avenue extension. Listeners are invited to bring chairs, blankets and picnics to the common or the church courtyard. Following the program, the tower will be open to visitors for a demonstration by the carillonneur and a look at the bells.

More information may be obtained by calling St. Stephen's Church at 781-383-1083, church carillonneur Sally Slade Warner at 978-475-2599 or assistant carillonneur Mary Kennedy at 781-383-9599.

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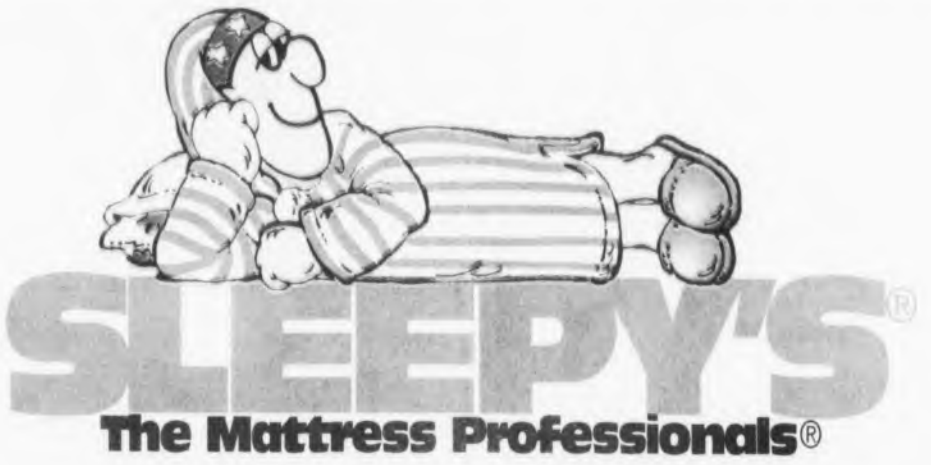
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LOUNGIN' ON THE BAY



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Jack Murphy and Will Evans of the Cohasset Yacht Club catch some rays last Thursday on a windless day during the Hingham Regatta.

Cohasset U12 softball on a roll this summer

These girls have played as a team for only a few weeks, and were inspired by the coaching of Mike Mullin, Laura Chase and Mark Healy.

The Cohasset U12 Williamsport softball team brought Cohasset softball further than any team in Cohasset history, winning the Williamsport U12 Division 8 championship.

The series started in Dudley against the Dudley all-star team, with Christine Chase pitching Cohasset to a 7-5 win. Jen Mullin had crisp fielding to snag line drives down the third base line, and led the team in two rallies (with two outs) to tie the score going into the sixth and final inning. Cohasset scored two runs in the top of the 6th to win.

Danielle Healy looked like "Spiderwoman" on first with beautiful stretches to catch everything thrown her way. Christina Healy kept the runners in check with strong defensive play in left field. This was an exciting back-and-forth game that had the fans on the edge of their seats.

The girls next played a formidable Plymouth team in Sandwich. In spite of a big rally in the fourth inning, Cohasset fell short, 12-5.

The girls were not deterred and next faced Dudley again in Hingham. Cohasset was at the top of its game, with several fabulous plays. The pitchers were Caitlin DeAngelis and Mullin. DeAngelis also had a big hit early in the game to start a strong rally. An agile and poised Leitra Kimla beat a run down between second and third base, and went on to steal home. Christine Secatore showed some deft fielding at second.

Cohasset was leading until the top of the sixth when Dudley scored five runs and went up by three. However, Cohasset responded with four runs, with Kate Sookiasian knocking in the winning run with a monster hit to left field. Sookiasian was strong in the field, too, making a critical outfield catch on tip of her toes in the sixth inning. Cohasset won the game, 10-9.

The girls avenged the loss to Plymouth, in Plymouth, by beating them on Monday the 16th. This 4-3 win secured a spot in the state sectional finals. Chase continued her accurate, bullet-fast pitching for 10 strikeouts in a pitchers' duel. Hitters Michaela Rattanbury and Scarlett McQuade had strong singles and were sent home by a Kimla line drive. DeAngelis brought Leitra home with a hit, followed by slugger Grace Pozniak sending DeAngelis in to score.

The girls were undaunted by the previous Plymouth game, kept their cool and gave the white-knuckled fans an example of softball at its best. This game secured Cohasset's berth in the state sectional tournament final.

Despite an incredible double play by Kayla Orner (left field catch to tag second base with bases loaded), the polished Lynn Wyonna team, with faultless defense ended the ride for Cohasset under the lights at Worcester State College.

These girls have played as a team for only a few weeks, and were inspired by the wonderful coaching of Mike Mullin, Laura Chase and Mark Healy. Barbara Mullin ensured that the extensive paperwork was in order and Mark Chase advised the team on the Williamsport procedures.

The team will continue to play travel softball locally through the end of July.

Legion finish summer on a winning note

Cohasset Post 118 finished its season with a three-game winning streak, culminating with an 8-1 defeat of Stoughton Monday night.

The team got another outstanding pitching performance from Brian Hill, who gave up one unearned run on five hits and struck out seven batters. With the win, Hill finished the season with a 4-2 record.

Stoughton picked up its only run in the first inning to take an early 1-0 lead. In the bottom of the fifth, Post 118 exploded for all eight of its runs. Cohasset loaded the bases when Coady Morgan walked, Kenny Muir hit a double to deep center field, and Pat Doonan was hit by a pitch.

Tommy Chase singled to score Morgan to make it 1-1. Ryan Little reached on a fielder's choice to plate Muir and make the score 2-1. Justin Whyte reached on another fielder's choice to score Doonan and make it 3-1. Singles by Michael Signorelli and Chris Barrow each drove in a run, and a Robert Dongara groundout to first scored Signorelli to make it 6-1.

Morgan singled to score Barrow, who stole second, for the seventh run. Doonan singled to score Morgan to make the score 8-1 after five innings. In the seventh inning, with two runners on, Ryan Ferriter, playing left field, threw a strike to Signorelli to throw out the runner for the last out of the game.

Cohasset Post 118 won its last three games and four of its last six games. For the season the team finished 7-13.

Post 118 3, Quincy 1

In an outstanding pitching performance by Ferriter, Cohasset Post 118 started its season-ending run with a win over Quincy last Wednesday. Ferriter gave up only one run on three hits and struck out five batters in a complete game.

In the second inning, Quincy got on board with a solo home run to deep left field. In the third, Justin Whyte reached first base on a fielder's choice and scored on a triple by Signorelli to the right center field gap to tie the score at 1-1 after three innings.

In the fifth, Little led off with a walk and advanced to second as Signorelli reached first on a throwing error by the third baseman. Kyle Pinkus singled to score Little which made the score 2-1 after five innings. In the seventh inning, Pinkus singled and advanced to second on a perfect sacrifice bunt by Morgan. Chase singled to score Pinkus to make the final score 3-1.

Post 118 7, Morrissette 4

Cohasset Post 118 defeated Morrissette Friday behind the excellent pitching of Sam DeGiacomo. DeGiacomo gave up four runs on seven hits and struck out three batters in six innings. In the bottom of the seventh inning, Jeff Simpson came in and worked out of a jam to pick up the save.

In the first inning, Doonan singled and advanced to second on a ground ball by Chase to the pitcher on a hit and run. Doonan scored on a single by Whyte to make the score 1-0. In the second inning, Pinkus, Morgan and Dongara all singled to load the bases. Pat Doonan doubled to deep left center to plate to clear the bases and make the score 4-0. Chase followed with a single to score Doonan.

Morrissete picked up one run in the bottom of the second and

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Zeke Martin and Caesar Chanlatte meet on the line of scrimmage during Outlaws practice last Thursday at Manomet Elementary School in Plymouth.

South Shore Outlaws are hungry

Plymouth-based semipro football team looks to rebound from tough 2006 season

By Mark Goodman
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After an undefeated 2005 regular season that saw it advance to the league championship game – where it lost 7-0 – the semiprofessional South Shore Outlaws football team dropped to 3-7.

That, coupled with the fact that the Outlaws went 0-9 in their inaugural New England Football League (NEFL) season in 2003 and followed it up with a 5-5 playoff season in '04, is indicative of the culture of the sport at this level, said Outlaws owner and general manager Ron Rezendes.

"Guys have jobs or family situations that change. It's kind of up-and-down with semipro football," Rezendes said Friday. "That's the nature of it."

With that said Rezendes believes the Outlaws will turn things back around this season.

"We've picked up some real good players to fill some gaps," Rezendes said.

Among those players are linebacker Hank Andersom (Duxbury), who recently performed in the NFL pre-draft scouting combine; defensive end Nick Tam (Plymouth), who was part of a U.S. All-Star team that played in Europe; and quarterback Matt Letourneau (Brockton).

There are six players - Curtis Archie, fullback Jay Callahan (Taunton), wide receiver Cesar Chanlatte (Plymouth), nose tackle Luis Martins (Brockton), cornerback Brian Rezendes (Plymouth) and offensive lineman Eric Krall (Kingston) – that have been with the team since its inception four years ago.

The Outlaws players range in age from 18- to 37-year old. Ross Anderson, who makes the commute from Connecticut to the team's games and plays on the team's extra point unit.

"Our age and experience level is pretty well mixed," Ron Rezendes said. "I think the mix of ages keeps the team balanced and helps stabilize the team."

Offensive coordinator John Tossetti, one of the Outlaws'

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All-Scholastic girls track team

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Unlike individual league all-star teams, we did not choose our team in deference to event considerations. Instead the only criteria we considered was overall value these athletes had to their respective teams.

In the end; however, the sports staff at Community Newspaper Company (CNC) had to make some tough decisions and we do feel secure that we chose the top public school girls track athletes for this honor.

It should be noted due to the large number of athletes in the Community Newspaper Company region, we split the athletes into two teams for girls track: North and South. This is the Community Newspaper Company North girls track squad comprised of athletes from Hanover, Marshfield, Weymouth, Braintree, Norwell, Scituate, Hingham, Abington, Rockland, Silver Lake, Pembroke, Cohasset and Duxbury.

Amy Caldwell – Senior
800 meters/mile – Braintree

Set a pair of school records this spring to cap an exemplary high school athletics career…One week after breaking the Wamps' record in the 800 (2:17), Caldwell put her name atop the BHS record books in the mile (5:15); both records were over two decades old…Both times would have put her in the top-10 at All-States…Bay State Conference All-Star has also run the 200, 400 and two-mile for Braintree…In case you haven't heard, Caldwell also plays a little soccer. It is on the pitch where the *Parade* All-American will continue her athletic endeavors at Boston College.

Jacky Hull – Sophomore
200 and 400 meters – Braintree

Talented sprinter a major reason for the Wamps' recent resurgence in track and field…Bay State Conference All-Star finished with the league's best times in the 200 (25.91) and 400 (59.6)…Finished third in the Div. 1 state meet 200-meter race (26.41) to qualify for All-States, where she finished 11th with the same time…All told, Hull went 13-1 in her dual meet races this season…Also ran an impressive 12.9 in the 100-meter dash during the regular season…Hull also plays field hockey and runs indoor track for BHS.

Stephanie Boss – Junior
100 meters – Hingham

Just call them the Big Red Machine…Hingham was absolutely dominant on the South Shore sprinting scene this season thanks in large part to Boss' consistent performances in the dash…The junior was one of three talented 100-meter runners for the Harborwomen and was the top finisher among the pack at the Div. 3 State Meet, winning the event in 12.83…Her finish there was essential to the Harborwomen wrapping up the team title at the meet…She advanced to the All-State Championships and finished seventh overall (12.9)…Boss was second at the Patriot League Championships (12.86) to teammate Molly O'Dea…Ran a leg on Hingham's 4x100-meter relay, which won the title at the Patriot League Meet and was third at the Div. 3 States and 10th at All-States…Boss will be among the top returnees to the indoor and outdoor track teams next year.

Molly O'Dea – Freshman
100 meters – Hingham

Talk about an exciting debut, O'Dea surged to the 100-meter title at the Patriot League Championships (12.75)…Went undefeated in the league and against her Hingham teammates before Boss edged her at the Div. 3 State Meet…There, O'Dea finished second in 13.06…The freshman was an essential part of a Hingham team that won the Patriot League crown (8-0), State Relay title, and Div. 3 State titles this spring…The Patriot League All-star took second at the State Coaches Invite (12.67) and won 100-meter titles at the Freshman/Sophomore Meet (12.83) and Route 228 Meet (13.14)…Ran a leg on the Hingham 4x100-meter relay that finished third at the State Meet and 10th at All-States…Just a freshman, O'Dea has a lot of running left to do at HHS.

Brigid Koenen – Sophomore
300-meter hurdles – Hingham

This sophomore was the top 300-meter hurdler in the Patriot League this season winning the event at the Championships with a time of 48.17…Koenen took fourth in the event (47.64) at the Div. 3 State Meet, which Hingham won…This qualified the sophomore for the All-State Championships…Also a talented triple jumper, Koenen placed fourth in the event at the Patriot League championships (30-01)…Ran a leg on Hingham's 4x400-meter relay team, which won the Patriot League Meet title and finished fifth at the Div. 3 State Meet…Just a sophomore, Koenen still has a lot of running to do at HHS.

Shauna McNiff – Sophomore
Mile – Hingham

This talented young runner was the best miler in the Patriot League this spring…The sophomore won the mile event at the Patriot League Championships (5:28.48)…She went onto take sixth at the Div. 3 State Meet (5:22.51), just missing a trip to the All-States…McNiff's top six placement at the States helped the Harborwomen team capture the team title, its first in the program's history…McNiff also ran a leg on Hingham's 4x800-meter relay squad, which was tops at the Div. 3 States and 13th at the All-State Championships…A three-season runner in cross country and indoor track, the Patriot League All-star still has two more years to run at HHS.

Katelyn Allen – Senior
Multi-event – Marshfield

The Lady Rams finished second overall in the final Atlantic Coast League standings (7-1) and Allen was a major reason why…The ACL All-star routinely competed in three to four events in dual meets this spring and consistently scored points in all of them…Allen was a standout in the 800 meters and long jump, but also competed in the shot put and on relay teams…Nearly went undefeated the 800 meters and long jump in every meet this season, taking first in both events against everyone but Dennis-Yarmouth and Falmouth, making Allen the leading point-getter for Marshfield…Won the long jump title at the ACL Championships with a seasonal best leap of 16-4.5…Was also second in the 800 meters (2:24.2)…Qualified for the Div. 2 Meet in the 800 meters and long jump but did not compete…A cross country and indoor track runner as well, Allen will look to continue her career in college.

Molly Shanley – Junior
Distance – Marshfield

A consistent performer on the distance front, Shanley was the Atlantic Coast League champion in the two mile this spring (11:56.09)…Competed in the mile at the Div. 2 State Meet and finished a strong third in her best time of the year (5:23.76)… Finished 20th in the event at the All-State Championships (5:40.06)…Swept the mile and two mile events in a pair of regular season meets this spring, and routinely finished first in one or during the rest of the spring, helping the Lady Rams finish second overall in the league (7-1), first within their own North Division…Also anchored home the team's winning Distance Medley Relay at the Div. 2 State Relays with a 5:27.27 mile…An ACL All-star in cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track, Shanley will return to captain all three teams next year.

Taylor Aizenstadt – Sophomore
Triple/high jump – Norwell

Clippers' sophomore emerged as one of the area's best jumpers in her first season of high school track…Aizenstadt was the Div. 4 state champion in the triple jump, with her leap of 35-9.25 rating over seven inches higher than the next competitor…Took second in that meet in the high jump (5-3)…Qualified for All-States in both events…During the regular season, Aizenstadt had a career high triple jump of 36-4…South Shore League All-Star also won the triple jump at the freshman/sophomore state meet, breaking the meet record in the process…Aizenstadt also plays basketball at NHS.

Berkley Hall – Freshman
Triple Jump/Hurdles – Pembroke

A terrific all-around athlete, having earned all-scholastic honors in gymnastics and volleyball, Hall really shined this spring for the Titans…Hall qualified for all-states in two events as a freshman, finishing eighth in the hurdles. She also finished second at the Division 4 meet in the 100 hurdles, and third in the triple jump…She was also second in both events at the Patriot League meet, which earned her All-Star recognition…Hall was voted team MVP, and will be around for three more years to make a run at state titles…Head coach Greg Zopatti said, "She's a very gifted athlete, she could play any sport. She's very coachable and works real hard."

Kathryn Nathan – Sophomore
800 meters – Pembroke

Nathan turned in a solid season that culminated in the Division 4 meet where she finished second with a time of 2:20.68, which was good enough to qualify her for All-States…In that meet she ran a personal best 2:18.56, which was good for 11th place…She set a meet record at the Freshman-Sophomore meet in winning the 800 meters…In the Patriot league meet she won

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Cohasset's Corinna Durham qualified for All-States in the 300-meter hurdles and is an honorable mention for this year's All-Scholastic girls track team.

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both the 800 meters and the long jump and earned league All-Star honors as a result…Nathan is also a member of the soccer and indoor track teams at Pembroke.

Jackie Bohenek – Junior
400 meters – Rockland

The top 400-meter runner on the South Shore this season, Bohenek went undefeated in the 400 meters this season in the Patriot League and won the title at the league championships (59.95)…The junior has yet to be beaten in the league in the 400, going unbeaten as a freshman and this season…Missed her sophomore season due to injury…Also won the triple jump at the Patriot League Meet (33-8)…Bohenek took second in the 400 meters at the Div. 4 State Meet (59.22) and sixth in the triple jump (34-6)…Advanced to the All-State Championships in the 400 meters and took 13th overall in 59.44…Ran at New Englands in her freshman season…Also a talented cross country runner and basketball player, Bohenek will return to all three squads next year at RHS.

Sarah Rogers – Sophomore
Long jump – Silver Lake

According to her coach Rogers is the true definition of an All-Scholastic… "She is a very smart kid on and off the athletic field," head coach Joe Darche said…Rogers placed 20th in the long jump at All-States with a distance of 15 feet, 5 1/4 inches…She finished fourth in the long jump (15 feet, 10 1/2 inches) at the Division 2 State Meet…Rogers finished fifth in the 200-meter dash (28.34 seconds) and fourth in the long jump (14 feet, 7 1/2 inches) at the Patriot League Meet…She is one also one of the fastest sprinters and hurlders for the Lakers…Rogers received a spot on Patriot League All-Star team for the spring…She is also a standout soccer player for the Lakers.

Relays

4x100 – Hingham
Stephanie Boss – Junior
Molly O'Dea – Freshman
Abby Glenzel – Senior
Anna Uretsky – Senior

This quartet was the top 4x100-meter relay squad in the area going undefeated in the Patriot League and winning the event at the Patriot League Championships (51.07)…The girls went onto finish third in the event at the Div. 3 State Meet (50.27), qualifying them for the All-State Championships and setting a new HHS record…There, the girls were 10th in 50.49…The group won the 4x200-meter relay at the Div. 2 State Relays, tying the HHS record…Boss, O'Dea, and Uretsky were among the top 100-meter runners in the league this season, while Glenzel was the league's best 100-meter hurdler, winning the event at the league meet…Glenzel and Uretsky leave big voids to fill on the relay, but Boss and O'Dea are among the top returning athletes to the relay and the Hingham team.

4x400 – Weymouth
Emily Clark – Freshman
Jenn Bell – Sophomore
Kayla Sullivan – Sophomore
Sam Bennett – Sophomore

This young and talented group has a chance to be very special down the road…This group was named to the Bay State League All-Star team for running the fastest time in the league at 4:09 against perennial power Newton North…They ran a 4:08.36 at the Class A meet, which was good for fifth place and a berth in the All-States meet…At All-States they came in eighth with a time of 4:06.29, which earned them a berth in the New England meet…They were the first Weymouth team ever to qualify for New Englands…They broke their own school record for a fourth time of 4:03.14 at the New England meet.

4x800 – Hingham
Maggie O'Connell – Junior
Mackenzie Lussier – Sophomore
Caryn Miller – Junior
Shauna McNiff – Junior

This foursome was tops at the Div. 3 State Meet this season, winning the event in 9:48.22 to help guide the Hingham girls to their first state title…The relay earned a bid to the All-State Championships and took 13th in 9:59.73…This same quartet won the 4x800 at the Div. 3 State Relays, helping the Harborwomen take home the team title…O'Connell, Miller, and Lussier all ran the 800 meters during the regular season and went 2, 3, 4 at the Patriot League Championships… McNiff was among the top mile runners in the league this spring, winning the event at the championships…The all underclassmen quartet will return to track team next year.

Honorable Mentions:

Corinna Durham – Jr. – 300-meter hurdles – Cohasset

Tina Meade – Sr. (Captain) – Two-mile – Hingham

Anna Uretsky – Sr. (Captain) – 100-meter hurdles – Hingham

Abby Glenzel – Sr. (Captain) – 100-meter hurdles – Hingham

Julie McCauley – Fr. – 100 meters – Marshfield

Marissa Bonito – Jr. – Mile – Rockland

Kristen Mahoney – Junior – Two mile –Weymouth

Sam Bennett – Sophomore – 400 meters – Weymouth

Carolyn Connolly – Sophomore – 800 meters – Weymouth

Jenn Bell – Sophomore – High jump – Weymouth

4x400-meter relay –Kathleen O'Neill, Brigid Koenen, Jill MacArthur, Julie Nielsen – Hingham

Bay State Games 2007

The annual Bay State Games got rolling last week, and while a handful including hockey has yet to begin many of the sports began Thursday and concluded Sunday.

Brian Hill Jr. pitched five solid innings and got the only win for the South Coast baseball team that finished 1-3 last week at Bentley College.

In boys basketball, the 11/12th grade group from the Southeast which featured Braintree's Brian Ellis, Weymouth and BC High's Nick Schmiemann and Scituate natives Alex Danowski and Sean McCarthy, captured the gold medal. The Southeast girls squad featuring a pair of Abington natives in Joelle Belotti, and Erin Gillis took home gold has well. The Coastal squad finished in third with the Bronze medal as Molly Cahill (Halifax), Marie Freitas (Easton), Nicole Marotta (Bridgewater), and Kelly O'Neil (Bridgewater) contributed to the effort.

Scituate's Bobby Corbin, meanwhile, participated in the junior wrestling competition at UMass Boston on July 13. Corbin finished in third place for his division to earn a medal.

On the softball field the Southeast team ended up with the silver medal. The roster was loaded with locals including Mackenzie O'Dea, Jess Gillis, Sarah McIssac, and Jill Coyle of Weymouth, Megan Walsh and Julianne Barry of Randolph, Emily Donovan, Jacqui Saluti, and Alison Saluti of Braintree. Abington's Laura Pistorino also took part, and her older sister Julie served as an assistant coach.

Hingham natives Federico Kelly, and Joseph Eisenbies, along with Weymouth's Joe Delaney helped the Southeast's soccer squad capture the gold.

On the lacrosse field the combined team of Southeast/Coastal finished with the gold. Among the locals on this combined squad included Kelsey Riley, Liz Fitzgerald, Paige Burns (Hingham) Kara O'Connell (Norwell), Kerry Kiley, Cara Pisano (Mansfield), and Kim and Katie Stazinski (Pembroke).

On the boys side, the Coastal squad came up short in the finals, and settled for silver. Matt Donovan (Kingston), Nick Beattie Elwin McCarthy (Duxbury), Andrew Bourget (Mansfield), Brian Josephine (Plymouth) Brad Gordon, Scott Peacock, and Steve Burgess (Bridgewater) all contributed.

The Southeast team finished with the bronze medal, and featured a quartet of Braintree natives in Brendan Dalton, Ryan Holbrook, Kevin Lydon and Christian Sullivan. Dalton contributed two goals and an assist in the bronze medal game, while Lydon had two goals and three assists. Holbrook and Sullivan anchored the Southeast defense.

CNC sports editor Nick French compiled this report; Mariner sports editor Mark Goodman contributed.



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Cohasset's Brian Hill Jr. earned the only win for the South Coast baseball team at this summer's Bay State Games.

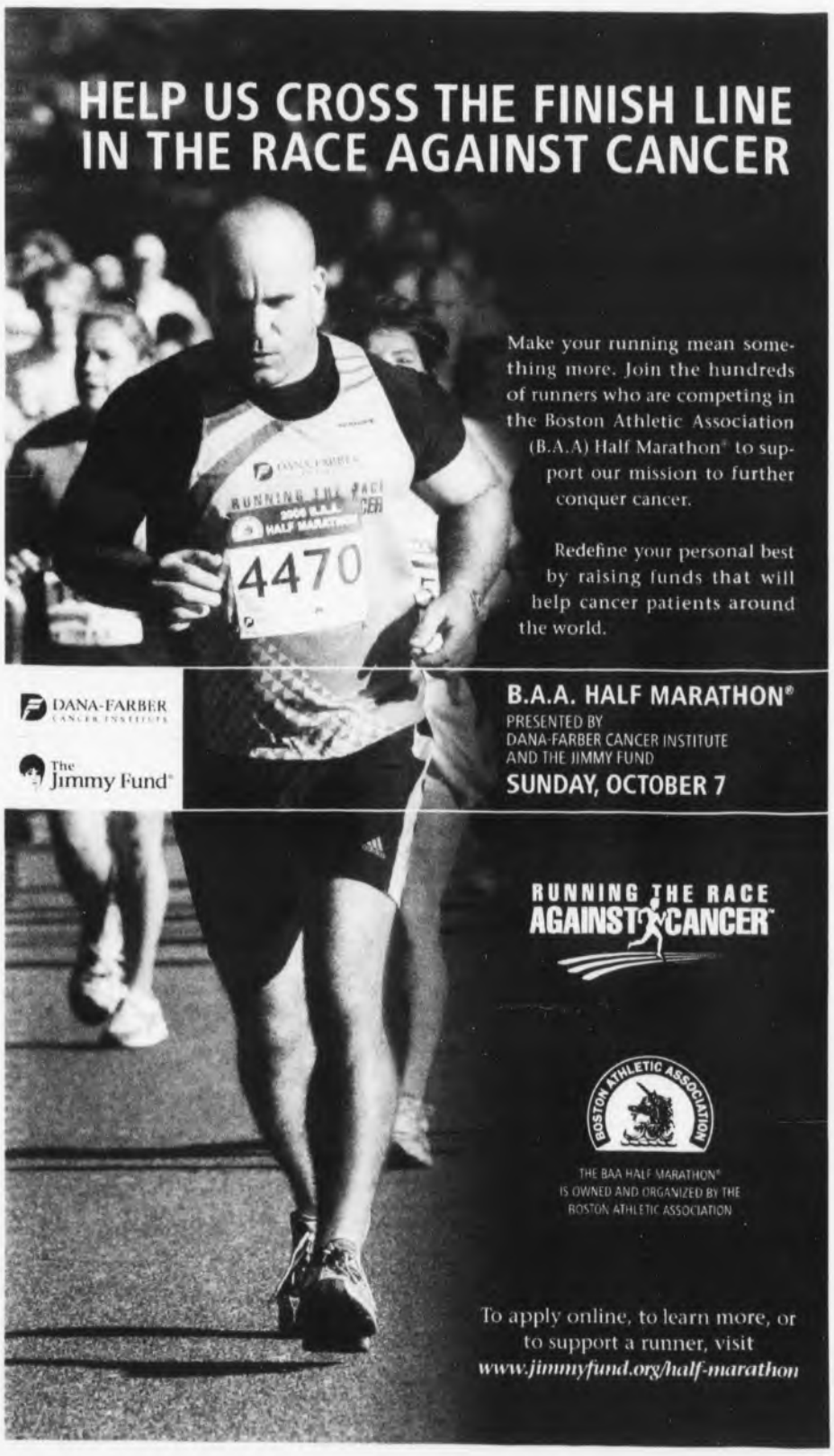
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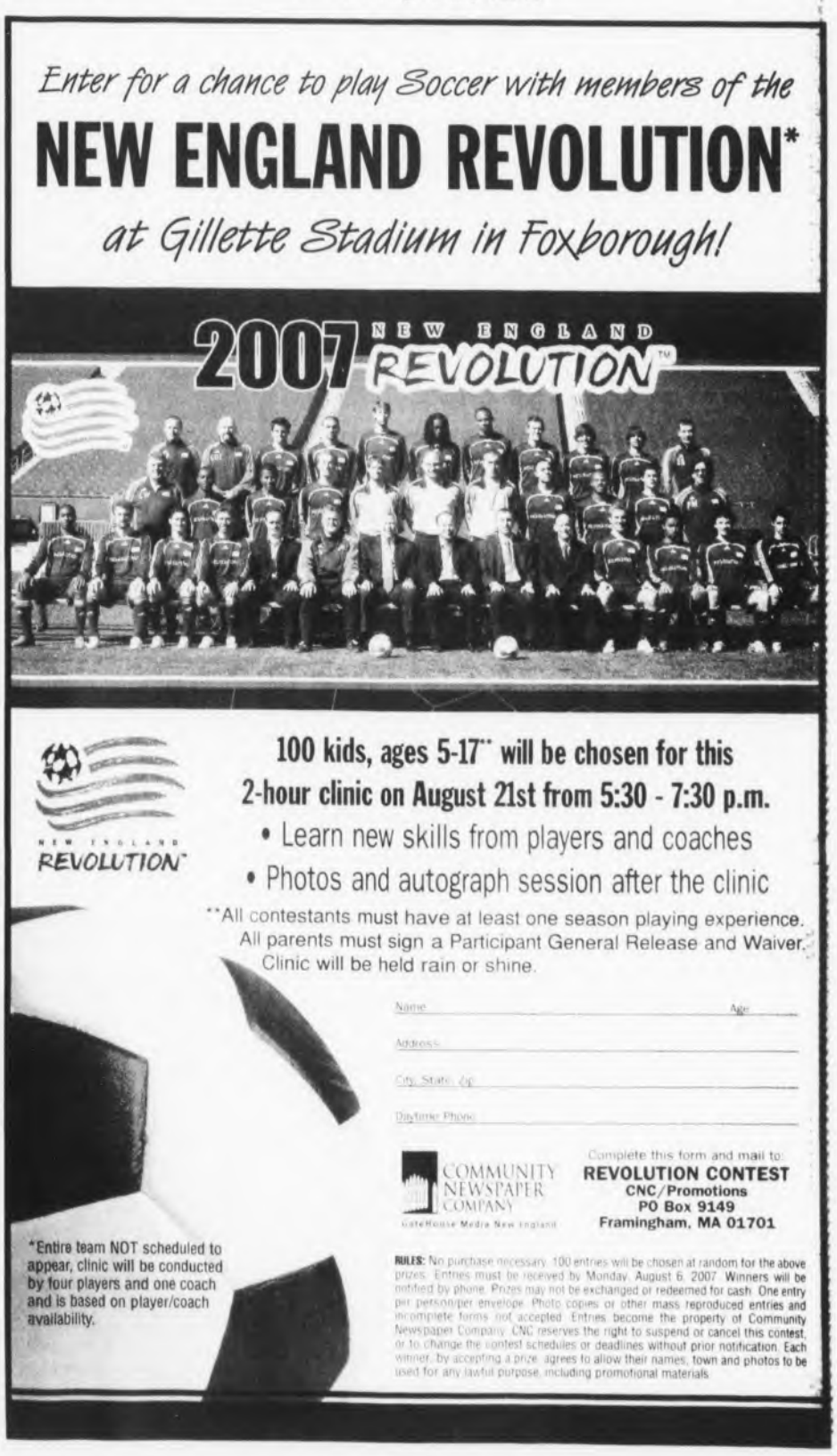
Registration for Cohasset Town Soccer is now open for the 2007-08 fall/spring season, for kids in grades pre-K through 8th. Register on line at www.cohassetsoccer.com

Youth football clinic

Any boys or girls entering grades 4-8 this fall are invited to take part in the First Annual Cohasset High School Football Youth Clinic on Aug. 18. This is a one-day skills clinic that emphasizes fun and will help anyone become a better football player.

Applications can be found in the Recreation Department's summer mailing or they can be obtained at the Sci-Coh football web site, www.scicohfootball.com. If you have any questions, contact CHS head football coach Pete Afanasiw at pafanasiw@cohassetk12.org.





South Shore Outlaws are hungry

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original players in '03, hopes Letourneau can lead a rejuvenation on the offensive side of the ball. Offense was a team strength in its undefeated regular season of '05, but took a hit last season due to a loss of significant personnel.

Look for weekly updates on the South Shore Outlaws throughout the season.

Rezendes said linemen Kris Barry (Wareham), Jake Santos (Taunton), Joe Virden (Brockton) and Rory Thomas (Wareham) are among the key players up front that will protect Letourneau and open holes for four-year veteran running back Brian Lewis (Plymouth). Tight end Dave Rodrigues (Wareham) is another important cog in the offense, while John Carpenter (Plymouth) returns as the Outlaws' kicker.

Second-year head coach Greg Lowspeid also serves as the Outlaws' defensive coordinator, and he has several key returning starters at his disposal. Leading the battle in the trenches are defensive ends Derek Bruno and Dave Reed (both of Plymouth), and defensive tackles Steve Medeiros and Wes Swain (both of Wareham). Mike Ross (Plymouth) plays some defensive end and outside linebacker, with inside linebackers Matt Costello (Wareham) and Peter Kane (Plymouth) patrolling the middle.

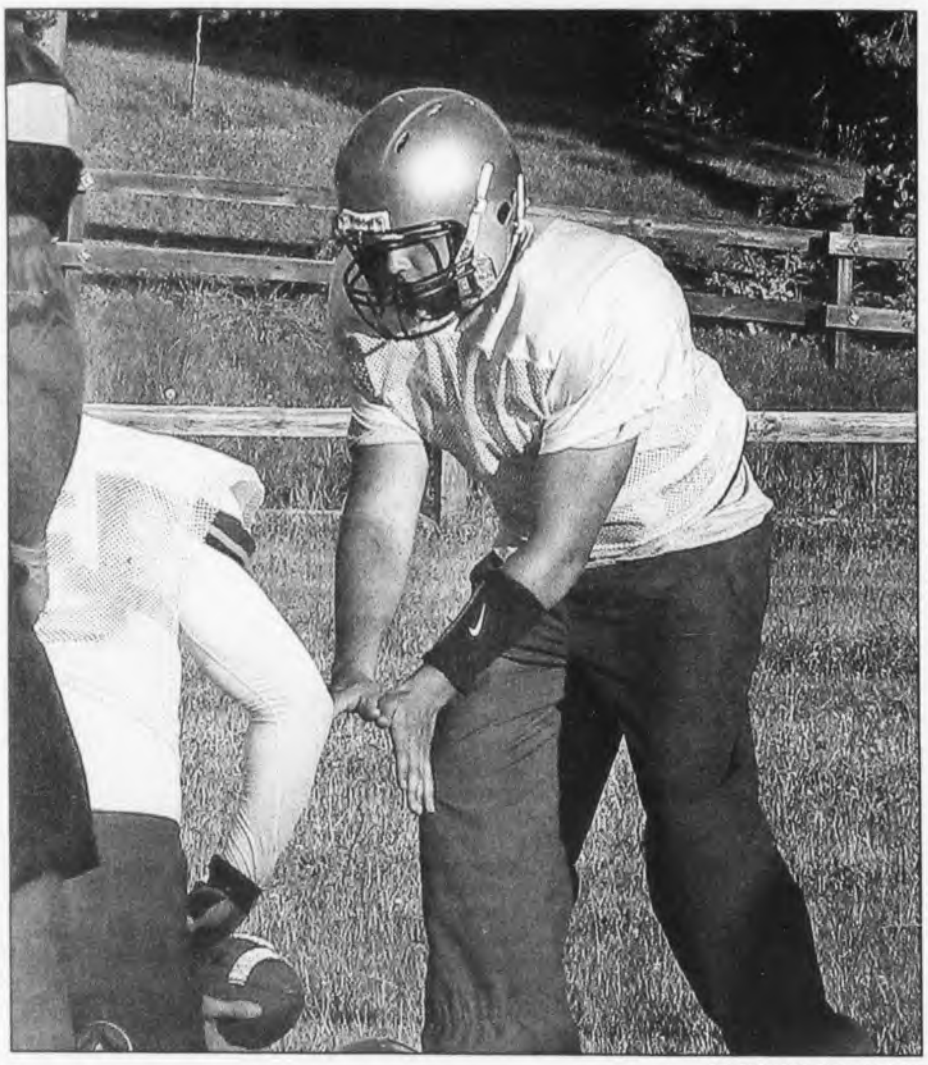
Cornerback Eddy Holmes (Roslindale) will help lead the secondary. Carpenter also serves as the Outlaws' punter.

The NEFL is split into three conferences: the Colonial Conference (AAA), North Atlantic Conference (AA) and Maritime Conference (A). Each conference is split into two divisions.

The Outlaws play in the North Atlantic, Pioneer Division. The Outlaws are one of five Massachusetts-based teams in the Pioneer, including the defending AA-champion North Attleboro Renegades.

The Outlaws open their 10-game schedule this Saturday, July 21, at 7 p.m. against the Whaling City Clippers at Plymouth South High School, the Outlaws' home field.

For information, log on to the Outlaws' Web site, www.ssoutlaws.com, or the NEFL's site, www.newenglandfootballleague.com.



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Quarterback Matt Letourneau calls signals during Outlaws practice last Thursday.

Dream season ends for Little Leaguers

Despite a masterful pitching performance by Jamie Timothy, Cohasset's Williamsport Little League season came to an end Sunday night with a 1-0 loss to Braintree American.

Timothy took the ball to the mound with the confidence and experience to silent the powerful Braintree bats, and he did. The only blemish on the night was a leadoff home run to the number eight batter for Braintree (Cam Gilbert) in the third inning. The rest of the night, Timothy kept the middle of Braintree's order off balance with a variety of breaking balls and change-ups.

Timothy was helped in the field by the stellar fielding of Kyle Healy, Mike O'Brien, Shane Haggerty, Nick Tangherlini and the strong arm of Connor Goetz behind the plate.

The baseball gods were not in Cohasset's favor on this night, as with any good team you also need to be lucky, and there was no luck in this game. Colin Gideon-Murphy hit a potential game-tying homerun only to have Braintree's Zach Hellested leap over the fence and make a brilliant catch in centerfield.

Later in the game, Haggerty lined a two-out single and then Healy followed with a line drive down the leftfield line. Haggerty, motoring around the bases, was being waved home with the tying run when the ball became lodged under the fence in leftfield. The ball was ruled dead and Haggerty was sent back to third, a very questionable call but by rule an umpire's judgement call. Braintree's Joe Chaisson retired the next batter to survive the fourth.

Cohasset did not manage another baserunner the rest of the game and Chaisson pitched a complete game shutout. Christian Davis (two), Haggerty and Healy had the only Cohasset hits on the night. Braintree American now advances to the final 16 in the Massachusetts Little League Tournament.

This group of 12 teammates represented the town of Cohasset with extraordinary class and sportsmanship and played an excellent brand of baseball in the meantime. They should be proud of what they have accomplished, not only this year but since they won their first district championship as 9-year olds.

Trevor Schramn should be included in this group as well, as he was a big part of both championships, as 9-year olds and last year's 11-year old championship team.

This report courtesy of the CYBSA website, www.cybsa.net.

Sci/Coh Youth Football Equipment Handout

Football equipment for registered football players for the upcoming 2007 Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football season will be handed out by grade/team on Saturday, Aug. 4, according to the following schedule:

7:30 to 8:20 a.m.: 8th Grade – "A" Sharks

8:20 to 9:10 a.m.: 7th Grade – "A" Stingrays

9:10 to 10 a.m.: 6th Grade – "B" Sharks

10 to 10:50 a.m.: 5th Grade – "B" Stingrays

10:50 to 11:40 a.m.: 4th Grade – "C" Sharks

11:40 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: 3rd Grade – "C" Stingrays

Each player must report during their designated time. Official practice starts for all players at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 13. All players must have their equipment by the start of practice. It will not be handed out starting Aug. 13.

A $300 refundable deposit (made out to SYF) is required at the time of equipment pick-up. All equipment will be handed out at the equipment shed located at the back of Scituate High School. For further information on Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football & Cheerleading, please go to www.scicohfootball.com or call the hotlines with any questions: football, (781)556-0215 or cheerleading (781)556-0216.

Legion finish summer on a winning note

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one run in the third to make the score 5-2. In the fourth inning, Dongara hit a bomb to the right center field fence for a triple. Muir hit a sacrifice fly to score Dongara and make it 6-2 after four innings.

In the top of the fifth inning, Whyte and Signorelli both walked and Pinkus singled to load the bases. Morgan grounded out to second to score Whyte and make it 7-2. In the bottom of the inning, Morrissette picked up one run to make the score 7-3. Morrissette picked up one more run in the seventh to make the final score 7-4.

SUMMERFEST SUPERB DEALS



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WOMPATUCK

Pony rides Sunday at Visitor Center

Wompatuck State Park Department of Conservation and Recreation will hold the following summer programs. All programs are free and open to the public. An adult must accompany children. All programs meet at the Visitor Center on Union Street unless otherwise indicated. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. For information or to register call 781-749-7160 or visit www.mass.gov/dcr. Wompatuck State Park is at Union St., off Route 3, in Hingham. Reasonable accommodations are available upon request.

JULY EVENTS

Weekly Walk – Held at 10 a.m., Saturday, **July 21**, in the Visitor Center. For all ages. Join them for a two-and-a-half to three-mile walk that explores some little-known trails in Wompatuck. They'll cover a bit of history and some plant identification along the way.

Pony rides — The Well Dressed Pony Company to their Visitor Center from 3 to 4 p.m., Sunday, July 22, to give pony rides to kids. This is a free event that includes a brief talk about how to care for ponies. Bring the whole family for this fun event.

All Programs are free and open to the public. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations are available upon request. For information call 781-749-7160.

Unsolved Mystery – Held at 12 p.m., Sunday, **July 22**, in the Visitor Center. For Ages 6 to 12. Are you a detective? Join an interpreter in solving one of the park's mysteries that looks at how different animals at Wompatuck stay alive.

Musical Concert — A free concert will be held at 7 p.m., Friday, July 27, in the Visitor Center of Wompatuck State Park with a performance by the Neustadter Trio, a family who has been entertaining a variety of audiences for more than ten years. Bring the whole family to Wompatuck for this fantastic performance by talented musicians. The Neustadter Trio has several CDs out of classic encores and easy listening tunes.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Kids and Nature Exploration – Held from 10 to11:30 a.m. each Monday in July, this program is designed for children ages 7 to12 to explore the natural world of Wompatuck State Park. Each week, the walk will focus on a different theme and topic and will include activities such as ponding, birding, looking for bugs and other fun things. Cancelled in the event of rain.

Kaleidoscope Kids – Held from 10 to 11 a.m., each Tuesday in July for pre-school age children ages 3 to 6 only, and a parent or caregiver. Join the park interpreter for some fun that is just for the little ones. Each week they will explore a fun topic by reading a story, exploring the world around us and completing a fun craft project. Each week there is a different theme. Held rain or shine.

Friday Family Campfire – Join the interpreter for a family fun campfire from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., **July 20**. They will roast marshmallows, tell stories, play games and enjoy a crackling fire. Wear weather-appropriate clothing and bring something to sit on. Program will be cancelled in the event of rain. Meet in campground at site R75.

Fridays Night Hike – Take a walk in the woods with the interpreter from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., **July 27**. No flashlights allowed. Learn about how animals of the night use their senses to survive in the dark. Program will be cancelled in the event of rain.

Saturday Junior Rangers – Held from 1 to 2 p.m. throughout July, this program is for children ages 8 to14. You will receive your official junior ranger activity guide, complete a fun activity with the park interpreter and be on your way to earning your junior ranger patch and certificate. Held rain or shine.

Charity Golf Tournament July 30 in Cohasset

Norwell Visiting Nurse Association's ninth annual Charity Golf Tournament is set for Monday, July 30 at Cohasset Golf Club, Lamberts Lane in Cohasset. Rain date will be Monday, Aug. 20. This event, which takes place on a private Donald Ross-style course, is the Norwell VNA's biggest fundraiser of the year. All proceeds benefit the association in its ongoing efforts to provide low cost, quality healthcare to South Shore residents.

Registration for the tournament will take place at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at noon. Tickets for the tournament are $185 per person and include lunch, unlimited use of the practice range and putting area, along with a sit-down dinner prepared by an award-winning chef. Separate, dinner-only reservations are available for $50 per person. The event will also include a raffle and silent auction, featuring a variety of prizes.

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Sponsorship options available at the tournament include a Platinum Sponsorship for $10,000, a Gold Sponsorship for $5,000, a Silver Sponsorship for $2,500 and a Bronze Sponsorship for $1,500. Hole Sponsorship, Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive Contests are also available for $250, and a Small Business Sponsorship is available for $100. Awards for contests holes and winning foursomes will be distributed during dinner.

Additionally, everyone who participates in the Charity Golf Tournament will have a "shot" to win a new car. The lucky golfer who sinks a hole-in-one at a predetermined Par 3 hole during the tournament will "score" his/her chance to "drive" home in style.

"The Norwell VNA Golf Tournament is a wonderful opportunity for the community to give back to an organization that has touched so many lives on the South Shore," said Jeanne Carey, development director at Norwell VNA. "This year's golf tournament will be chaired by a longtime friend of the organization, Thomas Williams, Esq. We are fortunate to have a dedicated and energetic group of committee members planning this year's tournament."

Make checks payable to the Friends of the Norwell VNA. For more information call Carey at 781-610-1422 or email jcarey@nvna.org.

Summer trunk show at Marshfield gift boutique

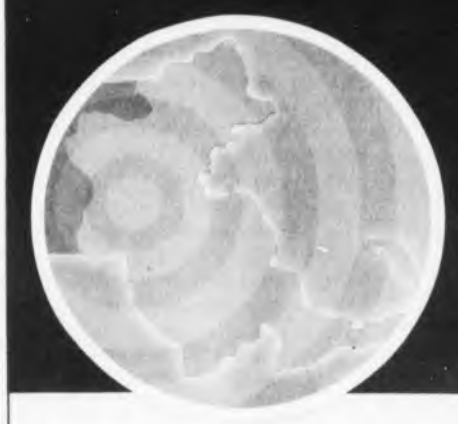
Halifax resident and Marshfield's newest downtown storeowner, Sarah Nobles, will be hosting a trunk show on Saturday, July 21, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Mono Mono Boutique, at 1871A Ocean St., will host local designers of handmade handbags, belts, hair accessories and jewelry who will be showcasing their entire Summer lines. The featured local designers include I Dream of Jewelry and Liz Pink by Riverside Designs. Mono Mono Boutique, located near the intersection of Ocean Street and Webster Street, features trendy upscale gifts for all occasions.

Defined by a commitment to customer service, Mono Mono offers customers a highly distinctive product mix based on gifts for celebrations. Their focus is on gifts for the celebrations in life; new babies, new homes, new marriages, birthdays and holidays. The staff enjoys helping customers find the appropriate present for the appropriate occasion, with many products handmade and monogrammed, totally one of a kind.

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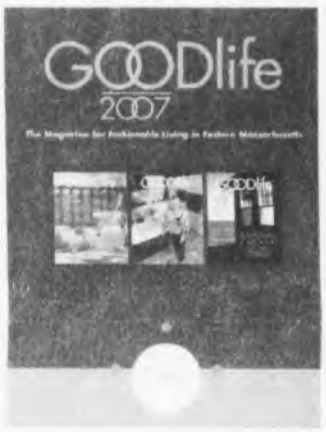


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Back to School

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Hat Day heralds High School Musical'

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The actors in the Cohasset Dramatic Club's "High School Musical" pose for a group shot in front of Town Hall before their hat parade at the Farmers Market to promote the show. Tickets cost $10 and may be purchased in advance at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate or by calling 617-697-2115. Tickets will also be available at the door.



(Right) Mary Lengyel, 9, tries to keep her hat up which was weighed down by a bounty of gumdrops during the hat parade at the Farmers Market to promote the Cohasset Dramatic Club's summer production "High School Musical."

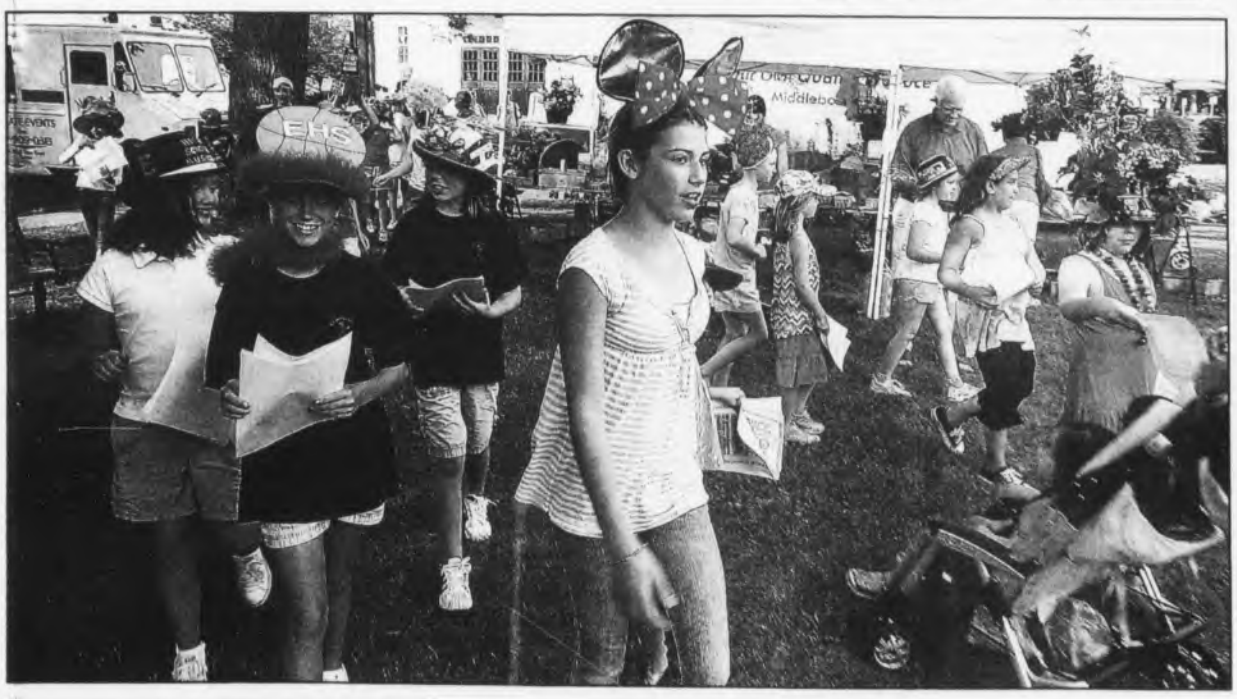
(Below) Actors fan out from Town Hall with fliers to promote "High School Musical" which is on stage at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Friday, July 20; 7:30 p.m., Saturday, July 21 and 2 p.m., Sunday, July 22, at Cohasset Middle-High School, 143 Pond St., Cohasset.

Staff photos/Robin Chan



Dagny Nies, 8, sports a towering hat at the Farmers Market while helping to promote the Cohasset Drama Club's summer program production, "High School Musical." The program is conducted in conjunction with the Cohasset Recreation Department.

Brianna Fabrizio, 7, looks out the door of Cohasset Town Hall while waiting for other members of the Cohasset Dramatic Club to arrive for the Hat Parade to promote "High School Musical" which is on stage this weekend.



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WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, July 15:

9 a.m. - Worship in the Meeting House - "America and the World" Led by Dr. Lincoln Bloomfield

Summer services run through August 26. All begin at 9 AM and are in the Meeting House. They are informal, intergenerational, and inviting! Come join us!

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road. 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

If you are summering in Cohasset, you are very welcome to join us in worship. If you are a resident of Cohasset or any nearby towns and you are looking for a church, please feel free to stop by this summer and learn about our programs and services for adults, youth and children.

Our summer services are Sunday at 8 am and 9:30 am and Wednesday 9:30 Eucharist with healing service.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood. Appointments to speak to the staff can be made by calling or emailing. Office hours are daily from 8:30 am until 2:00 pm, noon on Friday.

Bible studies continue throughout the summer on Saturday morning at 7:00 am. Christian meditation continues every Monday at 4 pm at church.

The following Sundays have a family service at 9:30 with shorter readings and family friendly sermons built around a special theme:

July 15th: *Neighborhood Sunday* (Good Samaritan)

July 29th: *Knock, Knock, Who's there? Sunday* (Knock and you will receive)

August 5th: *Treasure Island Sunday* (How are we rich toward God)

August 19th: *Stormy Sunday* (How do we interpret the current times)

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

On Friday nights, there will be light refreshments at 6 p.m. and Services will be start at 6:30 in the David C. Carr Sukat Shalom (weather permitting) at the side of the building. There will be no Saturday morning services in July.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

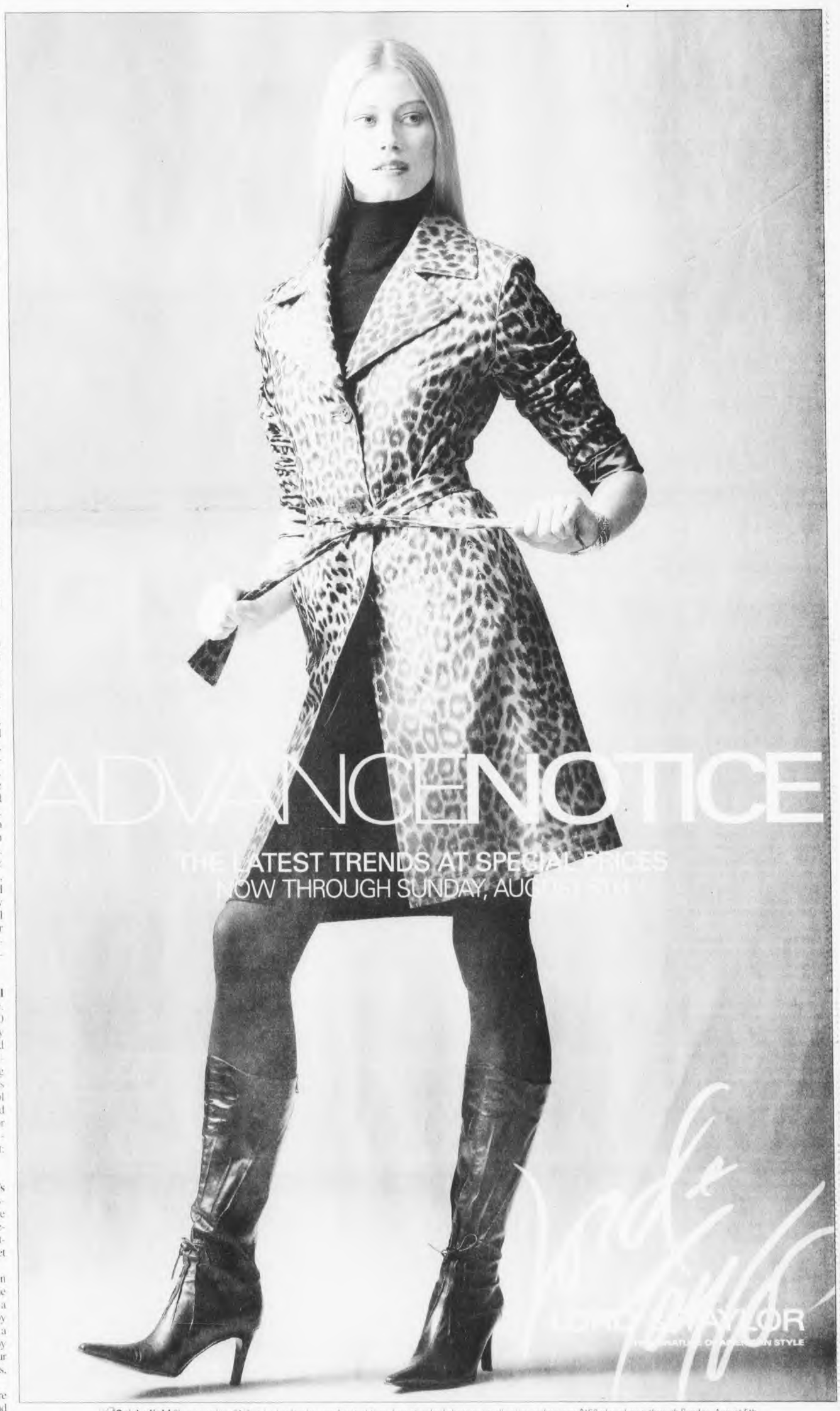
First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

South Shore Preparatory Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Jim de Veer, clerk, 781-982-0653). Sunday services July 1-Aug. 26 will be held from 10-11 a.m. at the Pembroke Meeting House.

Jehovah's Witnesses: 90 Ward St., 749-5777; Sunday services: 9:30 a.m.; Watchtower study, Sunday, 10:20 a.m.; congregation book study, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.; ministry school, Thursday, 7:25 p.m., with service meeting at 8:15 p.m.; free Bible courses are offered weekly.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

1:07 p.m. **Elm St.**, animal bite; caller reports being bitten in the face by her cat and the woman who does her laundry was also bitten; Animal Control Officer responding to the scene. One victim checked by medics; one victim transported to South Shore Hospital.

1:28 p.m. **Hull St. and Grace Drive**, Hingham Police Dept. reports one of their unmarked units witnessed a hit and run accident in Cohasset and suspect the person involved fled towards Hull; Hingham detective is out with the victim and both Hingham and Hull units are out with the suspect in Hull. Brockton teen summonsed on charges of leaving the scene of property damage and violation of junior license operator restrictions by transporting a passenger under the age of 18.

1:33 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid requested for person having a heart attack; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

1:53 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, E3 reports extinguishing a mulch fire.

2 p.m. **Border St.**, bridge jumpers; Sergeant reports clearing a group of youths from the bridge.

2:49 p.m. **Summer St.**, motor vehicle vs. fence reported; no injuries reported. Units request a tow truck and the DPW to place barrels at this location where the vehicle went through the fence. Vehicle in now drivable and once removed units clear.

2:58 p.m. **King St.**, caller reports her vehicle was egged and would like to speak with an officer.

6:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports several cars egged overnight; would like to speak with an officer.

7:23 p.m. **King St.**, 911 caller reports a motor vehicle drove into a parked tractor trailer truck. Responding officer requests a tow truck for the car. Arrest: Ann C. Waters, 16 Kenton Ave., Hull. Charges: Operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, negligent operation of a motor vehicle and marked lanes violation.

9:24 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, caller repots he was run off the road by another vehicle, hit a tree and is injured; Rescue will prepare the victim for transport to the hospital. The suspect vehicle that ran the victim off the road described as a dark colored SUV with on headlight out; Scituate Police Dept. notified.

9:49 p.m. **Black Rock Road**, disturbance-drunks; caller reports a party in the woods at the end of the road; there are two vehicles parked in the woods with no one around them. Arrest: Scott G. Wakefield IV, 8 Myrtle St., Quincy. Charges: Person under 21 with possession of alcohol. Arrest: Steven M. Abrams, 8 Myrtle St., Quincy. Charges: Person under 21 with possession of alcohol. Two Cohasset teenage boys summonsed on charges of selling/delivering alcohol to a person under 21.

10:24 p.m. **Border St.**, caller reports a group of youths at the mill bridge are causing a disturbance and they appear to be intoxicated. Area checked by harbormaster; all is quiet.

11:25 p.m. **White Head Road**, domestic disturbance.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

12:43 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

12:44 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

1:18 a.m. **Jerusalem and Nichols roads**, property recovered; license plate found.

6:53 a.m. **King St. and Rose Hill Lane**, caller reports "he hit a deer." The deer fled into the woods; motor vehicle operator to headquarters for an officer to view damage to the vehicle.

10 a.m. **Hill St.**, fire investigation; several 911 callers report a large gas main has been broken; police on scene report a major gas leak and the road will be closed. KeySpan notified and responding with a priority one response; Fire Capt. taking command of the scene. National Grid requested to the scene; Fire Capt. requests power to be shut off to the residence.

11:07 a.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in medical to Fire Dept. headquarters.

3:01 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., caller reports a brush fire at this location; E1 reports an area of mulch on fire.

4:19 p.m. **Beach St. and Atlantic Ave.**, caller reports the large pot at this location has been hit; responding officer confirms and DPW notified.

4:23 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, caller reports he is unable to contact his wife and requests a welfare check on her. Responding officer reports the wife has been located and she will contact her husband.

5:52 p.m. **South Main St.**, vehicle blocking fire hydrant tagged.

6:05 p.m. **Forest Ave. and Old Coach Road**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

9:39 p.m. **Summer St.**, irate caller with complaint of a dog near him; threatening to take care of it himself. Officer spoke with party.

10:03 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:06 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:08 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

10:14 p.m. **Hull St. and Jerusalem Road**, Sergeant reports a possible fight.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

12:54 a.m. **Hull St.**, 883 reports a large gathering in the lot; Hingham police notified.

12:57 a.m. **Hull St.**, Scituate Police Dept. reports a fight in progress; 883 is already on scene.

1 a.m. **Hull St.**, medical aid; 883 requests R3 to scene for a fight in progress; Hingham Fire Dept. will also respond. A 17-year-old boy transported to hospital with injuries from the fight; father will take custody of the boy and R3 will not be transporting. Per P82, R3 will transport; patient aboard R3.

1:03 a.m. **Hull St.**, fight; 883 reports fight in progress; requests R3. Hingham and Hull notified; youths are fleeing the scene into Hull.

1:46 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

1:47 a.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

Highland Court, animal complaint; caller states "The neighbor's dog has been barking for hours." Resident contacted by telephone and she will check on the dog.

6:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:42 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

6:50 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, larceny; caller reports her grill stolen sometime overnight.

1:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, fight; several callers reports a fight in progress. Responding officer requests business owner to the scene. Callers report three females fist-fighting; officers request Rescue to the scene. Cohasset woman summonsed on charges of assault and battery, disorderly conduct and threatening to commit a crime.

2:03 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

4:32 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, be on the look out announcement issued by Hull Police for a gray mini van with a male driver involved in an assault over a parking space in Hull.

4:33 p.m. **Jerusalem Road and Bow St.**, officer out with the vehicle Hull Police Dept. involved in the be on the look out announcement.

4:48 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, well-being check; doctor's office reports the person at this address called their office with a medical problem and they haven't been able to contact him for a couple of hours; phone company reports the resident's phone is off the hook.

5:19 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in party requests to speak with an officer regarding the past fight involving three females.

5:26 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller reports the back windshield of her motor vehicle has been damaged; states she used the car earlier and it wasn't broken at the time, but she walked down to the beach a short while ago.

7:36 p.m. **Hull St.**, walk-in party requests to speak with an officer.

8:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, parking violation; caller reports a blue pick up truck parked next to her in a handicap parking space with no handicap plate or placard and an expired inspection sticker. Officer reports citation given for parking in a handicap space and a written warning issued for the expired sticker.

8:37 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, erratic operation; caller reports a white Jeep occupied by two males speeding down the street, heading towards the water.

8:55 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop; on the way to check on the Turkey Hill area the officer made a motor vehicle stop at routes 3A and 228; the vehicle was heading into Hingham; citation issued for red light violation and operating defective equipment.

9:13 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

10:15 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:19 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

11:16 p.m. **Turkey Hill Lane**, officer reports building checked; secure.

11:17 p.m. **Winter St.**, be on the look out announcement issued from Weymouth Police Dept. regarding a missing woman with blonde hair, who was last spoken to by her husband around 2:30 p.m. She never picked up her children from the babysitter and the vehicle she was driving was towed by Hull Police tonight at about 8:30 p.m. She as the operator of the motor vehicle, but refused transport from Hull. She will not return messages left on her cell phone and she could possible be on foot in the Hull, Hingham or Cohasset area.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

12 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, mutual aid rendered to Weymouth police regarding the missing woman whose cell phone was traced back to th Turkey Hill Tower; they request a check of the area and hotels in town.

12:22 a.m. **Border St.**, mutual aid rendered to Scituate police regarding a large house party; standing by the line.

12:31 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

12:32 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

1:07 a.m. **Headquarters**, Weymouth Police cancel the be on the look out announcement issued for the missing woman and say thank for the assistance; located by Hull Police Dept.

1:08 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, suspicious motor vehicle reported.

6:29 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement.

7:10 a.m. **Forest Ave. and North Main St.**, Fire Chief reports the intersection is a mess because the construction crew has started working without the detail officers; construction company will stop working until the detail officers arrive.

7:34 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle accident without injuries reported.

8 a.m. **Headquarters**, weather: cloudy; wind: light; temperature: 72 degrees.

9:46 a.m. **Ripley Road**, motor vehicle accident without injuries reported by the post office.

12:32 p.m. **Cedar St.**, medical aid requested by OnStar for person having a medical problem at Cedar and Hull streets; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

12:54 p.m. **Evergreen Lane**, animal complaint; Animal Control Officer notified to remove a bat from a residence. Bat dropped off at state lab.

1:02 p.m. **King St.**, resident reports a cement pillar was struck in front of his house; contractor will replace.

1:55 p.m. **Turkey Hill Lane**, vandalism reported.

2:19 p.m. **Bay Ridge Road**, medical aid requested by OnStar; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

4:51 p.m. **Howe Road**, animal complaint; caller reports she has two baby ducks in her pool and can not get them out. The mother duck is also in the pool trying to get the babies out; Animal Control Officer will give the party a call.

4:57 p.m. **Nantasket and Park avenues**, mutual aid rendered to Hull Police; they report apprehending three subjects involved in a robbery.

5:06 p.m. **Hull St.**, Hingham detective reports an arrest warrant being served; Cohasset officers requested to cover the area for a while.

5:09 p.m. **Pond St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:24 p.m. **North Main St. and Rocky Lane**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

9:13 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

9:28 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

9:29 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:37 p.m. **Cedar St.**, suspicious activity; caller reports a green SUV full of girls pulled up in front of his house and tried to take the green guy that says "Slow Down" in his driveway. Because it is chained down, they took the flag off it instead.

10:12 p.m. **Sohier St. and Ripley Road**, traffic enforcement.

10:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, notification; caller reports while picking her son up from work at Blockbuster Video she watched approximately three people who looked underage purchase alcohol from the liquor store and she didn't call until she was home; just wants the incident logged.

11:36 p.m. **Sohier and King streets**, traffic enforcement.

10:48 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

11:11 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

11:12 p.m. **Wheelwright Park**, officer reports building checked; secure.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

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SATURDAY, JUNE 30

10:43 a.m. **Bow St.**, request for officer regarding an ongoing neighbor dispute.

11:37 a.m. **Highland Ave.**, noise complaint; caller reports the air conditioner at Town Hall is very loud and is supposed to be shut off on the weekend, but is not.

11:42 a.m. **Margin and Stockbridge streets**, multiple 911 callers request medical aid for a person who fell off their bicycle; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

11:44 a.m. **Parker Ave.**, parking complaint; caller requests an officer to check stickers. Four citations issued.

1:13 p.m. **Castle Road**, suspicious activity; caller reports his neighbor phoned him to let him know that someone in a blue pick up truck dumped fence debris on his property and on the road.

1:20 p.m. **Beechwood St. and Bound Brook Lane**, erratic operation; caller reports a woman in a green Escort cut off two vehicles, almost causing an accident and turned right onto Beechwood St. Arrest: Correen A. Demers, 54 Taylor Ave., Plymouth. Charges: Unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

2:48 p.m. **Bancroft Road and Bancroft Way**, parking complaint; caller reports cars parked on both sides of the street, making it hard for emergency vehicles to get by. Officer states it is parking for the softball game and all units are aware.

2:51 p.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle accident without injuries; walk-in parties report a past accident and want it logged for insurance purposes. Officer reports the damage was under $1,000.

5:48 p.m. **White Head Road**, medical aid requested by wife for her husband not feeling well; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

6:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

8:17 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in with request for medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

8:27 p.m. King St., suspicious activity reported.

8:30 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, suspicious activity; caller reports people walking their dog allowed the dog to go to the bathroom on her property.

8:56 p.m. **Elm St.**, lost property; caller reports her daughter lost her Coach Clutch purse with $1,500 and a debit card inside at a restaurant in Cohasset.

9:13 p.m. **Sanctuary Pond Road**, medical aid requested for a two-year-old who fell off a step.

9:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports backing into an unoccupied parked car in the parking lot and would like to speak to an officer about reporting it.

9:32 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

9:39 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

SUNDAY, JULY 1

12 a.m. **Headquarters**, weather: cloudy; wind: light; temperature: 64 degrees.

1:26 a.m. **Deer Hill/Osgood schools**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

1:33 a.m. **Turkey Hill antenna**, officer reports building checked; secure.

1:35 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

2:59 a.m. **South Main St.**, open door/window reported; secured.

3:40 a.m. **North River Road**, mutual aid rendered to Scituate police; unit requested for back-up.

7:20 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, follow-up investigation conducted.

10:28 a.m. **Elm St.**, lost property; caller reports he lost his gold Seiko watch with two diamonds at the 12 o'clock position.

10:49 a.m. **Doane St.**, lost property; walk-in reports she her wallet was lost or stolen, possibly at the Mobil gas station in Cohasset or at the parking area at the Driftway in Scituate.

11 a.m. **Grace Drive**, mutual aid rendered to Hingham police with possible warrant delivery service.

11:33 a.m. **South Main St.**, larceny; walk-in party reports her son's green Schwinn Mountain bike stolen.

11:39 a.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious motor vehicle reported parked off to the side.

12:30 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

12:45 p.m. **Wheelwright Park**, officer reports building checked; secure.

3:09 p.m. **Elm St.**, caller reports losing her keys; described as Jeep keys on a Toyota keychain with Weymouth club and Stop & Shop card on it.

3:45 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

6 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement; no violators.

7:38 p.m. **Ripley Road**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

9:52 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, animal complaint; Jack Russell terrier found.

SUNDAY, JULY 1

12 a.m. **Headquarters**, weather: cloudy; wind: light; temperature: 64 degrees.

1:26 a.m. **Deer Hill/Osgood schools**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

1:33 a.m. **Turkey Hill antenna**, officer reports building checked; secure.

1:35 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

2:59 a.m. **South Main St.**, open door/window reported; secured.

3:40 a.m. **North River Road**, mutual aid rendered to Scituate police; unit requested for back-up.

7:20 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, follow-up investigation conducted.

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11:39 a.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious motor vehicle reported parked off to the side.

12:30 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

12:45 p.m. **Wheelwright Park**, officer reports building checked; secure.

3:09 p.m. **Elm St.**, caller reports losing her keys; described as Jeep keys on a Toyota keychain with Weymouth club and Stop & Shop card on it.

3:45 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

6 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement; no violators.

7:38 p.m. **Ripley Road**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

9:52 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, animal complaint; Jack Russell terrier found.

MONDAY, JULY 2

12:31 a.m. **Pond St.** - High School, officer reports building checked; secure.

12:32 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

1:45 a.m. **Wood Way**, noise complaint; caller states there is loud music in the area; area checked secure.

1:57 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports buildings checked; secure.

2:32 a.m. **Joy Place**, noise complaint; caller reports a car alarm sounding off. Officer spoke to resident.

2:38 a.m. **Beach St.**, noise complaint; caller reports a car alarm sounding off; appears to be previously reported car alarm.

2:47 a.m. **Beach St.**, noise complaint; caller reports the car alarm previously reported sounding off again; officer checking area advised.

7:32 a.m. **Stevens Lane**, animal complaint; caller reports a raccoon in her house overnight; referred to Animal Control Officer.

8:30 a.m. **Nichols Road**, animal complaint; caller reports her small black and white terrier got out of the house overnight.

9:25 a.m. **Cedar St.**, medical aid requested for 2 1/2-year-old with nose injury; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

9:40 a.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, three-car accident without injuries reported.

10:51 a.m. **Ash St.**, walk-in party reports lost trailer plate.

12:42 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, animal complaint; caller reports a sick cat in their yard. Referred to Animal Control Officer.

2:50 p.m. **Hull Shore Drive**, mutual medical aid requested for a 5-year old boy with arm caught in door.

3:40 p.m. **Margin St.**, citizen assisted; caller requests to speak to an officer regarding her 8-month-old dog being hit by a motor vehicle.

3:57 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

4:42 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid requested for elderly woman not feeling well; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

5:55 p.m. **Bancroft Road**, neighborhood disturbance; caller reports youths skateboarding in the tennis courts and states they are not supposed to be there. Youths sent on their way.

6:18 p.m. **Jerusalem and Howe roads**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:44 p.m. **Pond St.** - High School, officer reports building checked; secure.

7:41 p.m. **Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

8 p.m. **Sohier St.** – Deer Hill School, officer reports school checked; building secure.

8:14 p.m. **Hull St.**, traffic stop; citation issued.

8:38 p.m. **Depot Court and North Main St.**, traffic stop; citation issued.

8:47 p.m. **Pond St.**, fireworks complaint; caller reports a neighbor is lighting off fireworks and she is afraid of the sparks flying around and something catching on fire.

8:54 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

9:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

9:11 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports buildings checked; secure.

9:19 p.m. **Roses Lane**, medical aid requested for a 76-year-old woman who fell.

9:27 p.m. **Sohier St.** – Deer Hill School, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:47 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, caller reports a man driving a BMW is weaving down Forest Ave.

11:29 p.m. **Pond St.**, fireworks complaint; spoken to.

TUESDAY, JULY 3

12:58 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, Scituate Police in position to assist the state with a pursuit by radio; the pursuit is on Route 139 and may continue to the Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Motor vehicle later stopped in Marshfield.

1:30 a.m. **Pond St.** - High School, officer reports building checked; secure.

1:32 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

1:46 a.m. **King St.**, citizen assisted.

4:01 a.m. **Pond St.**, Boston Globe Delivery Service states, "Someone is following the female delivery person." Responding officer reports no motor vehicles in the area, spoke to the female party and she is fine.

4:26 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, citizen assisted; officer to check well-being of second female delivery person. She is fine.

7:17 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St.**, traffic stop; citation issued.

7:39 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

8 a.m. **Headquarters**, weather: sunny; temperature: 69 degrees.

8:42 a.m. **White Head Road**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

8:59 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

9:43 a.m. **Headquarters**, be on the look out announcement issued by Rockland Police Dept., Hingham Police Dept. has subject in custody at Main and High streets.

11:12 a.m. **Pond St.**, parking complaint; caller reports vehicles are parked on both sides of roadway.

12 p.m. **Summer St.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

12:47 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports a small brush fire; extinguished.

1:49 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller reports several youths on the bridge.

2:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports a dog is locked inside a motor vehicle.

2:23 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint.

4:45 p.m. **Bayberry Lane**, citizen transported.

5:52 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking enforcement; one vehicle tagged.

6:04 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, female caller reports a possibly sick raccoon is walking down the road; unit sent to investigate.

7:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, vandalism report; caller reports his car was vandalized and he would like to see an officer. Party being summonsed.

8:09 p.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, 911 caller reports a missing child. The child is a 10-year-old boy with short black hair wearing a Red Sox shirt and blue shorts. Officers and the Fire Dept. report the child has been found.

8:56 p.m. **Front St.**, mutual aid to Scituate for unknown medical; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

9:36 p.m. **Forest Ave. and Old Coach Road**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

9:40 p.m. **Forest Ave. and Jerusalem Road**, neighborhood disturbance reported; units out at this location for a bonfire. Fire extinguished and gathering dispersed.

9:55 p.m. **Bayberry Lane**, fireworks complaint; caller reports fireworks going off in her neighborhood. Fireworks have stopped.

10:24 p.m. **Black Rock Road and Jerusalem Road**, caller reports fireworks going off in the area; officer spoke with parties involved and the fireworks have stopped.

10:50 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, open door/window; building secured.

11:15 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

11:19 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

11:20 p.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, suspicious activity reported.

11:35 p.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, vandalism report; caller reports his car was vandalized in the parking lot. Male party will be summonsed.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

12:16 a.m. **Headquarters**, citizen assisted; walk-in female requests information on a previous incident.

12:52 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

2:02 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

2:23 a.m. **Border St.**, noise complaint; caller states, "There are fireworks going off." Spent firecrackers found in the parking lot, but the responding officer found no one found in the area.

3:18 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, mutual aid – police; officer reports a the operator of motor vehicle parked on the side of the roadway has pitched a tent; Hingham notified and will direct parties involved to the state park.

6:10 a.m. **Headquarters**, citizen assisted; caller reports losing his key on the beach and requests assistance gaining entry to his motor vehicle; advised to contact McBrien's Towing. He did not accept that advice and hung up.

7:19 a.m. **Hull St.**, mutual aid – police; Hull reports a motor vehicle pursuit in progress beginning at Hull St., and continuing to Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., to the Hingham rotary and heading north on the Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. Motor vehicle crashed in Weymouth by Dependable Cleaners, then crashed at Bridge and North streets. The male party escaped on foot; the crime is kidnapping. Hull and Weymouth police are attempting to locate the male party; a Hull unit has the victim.

8 a.m. **Headquarters**, weather: sunny; temperature: 72 degrees.

8:40 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid requested.

10:37 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and lower King St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

11:32 a.m. **School buildings**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

2:48 pm. **Margin St.**, parking complaint.

4:28 p.m. **Forest Notch**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

6:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle hit and run reported.

7:42 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

8:20 p.m. **Turkey Hill antenna**, officer reports building checked; secure.

8:29 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

8:38 p.m. **Turkey Hill Lane**, antenna site appears secure.

8:56 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

9:16 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, fireworks complaint; caller reports his neighbors are lighting off rockets and is afraid they are going to catch her house on fire.

9:31 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, disturbance; caller reports a group of youths are ringing door bells, knocking on doors, and running. Officer is coming in with four to call parents.

10:07 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, noise complaint; caller reports a neighbor is having a party, which has been going since this morning, the music is still loud, and she would like it to be quiet. The responding officer reports this is a small party, the outside music has been shut off, and everyone is inside.

10:29 p.m. **Jerusalem and Black Rock roads**, noise complaint; caller reports fireworks going off for the past hour.

10:43 p.m. **Reservoir Road**, noise complaint, caller reports someone in the neighborhood was shooting off fireworks; it has stopped but she would like to have an officer check the area.

11:21 p.m. **Forest Ave. and Jerusalem Road**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

THURSDAY, JULY 5

12:45 a.m. **Summer St.**, suspicious people reported; dispersed gathering.

1:13 a.m. **Pond St.** - High School, officer reports building checked; secure.

1:13 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

1:14 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

1:31 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, Hingham Police Dept. reports a motor vehicle hit a tree and left the scene with front end damage in the direction of Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.

6:51 a.m. **Headquarters**, walk-in party requests to speak with the officer involved in an incident on July 3.

7:21 a.m. **Stanton Road**, structure fire; caller reports smoke in her basement.

7:38 a.m. **King St.**, suspicious activity reported.

8:53 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, medical aid requested.

10:31 a.m. **School buildings**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

11:22 a.m. **Lantern Lane**, suspicious activity reported.

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MINECK ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 07P1531EP

In the Estate of JOHN D. MINECK
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death May 24, 2007

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that DIANE M. MINECK of WEST HARTFORD in the State of CONNECTICUT and EDWARD MINECK of ROCHESTER in the State of NEW YORK and RAYMOND E. MINECK of YORKTOWN in the State of VIRGINIA or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **AUGUST 15, 2007.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, June 26, 2007.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

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This Grinder Pump Forum is being scheduled by the Cohasset Sewer Commission to give area vendors an opportunity to display their wastewater pumping systems to Town Residents and the Sewer Commission. If you are a designated future sewer user for the upcoming sewer expansion efforts in the Little Harbor, Atlantic Avenue or Deep Run/Rust Way Sewer Districts, this forum will be a good opportunity for you to examine several pump types and manufacturers for your future connections to the low pressure sewer system.

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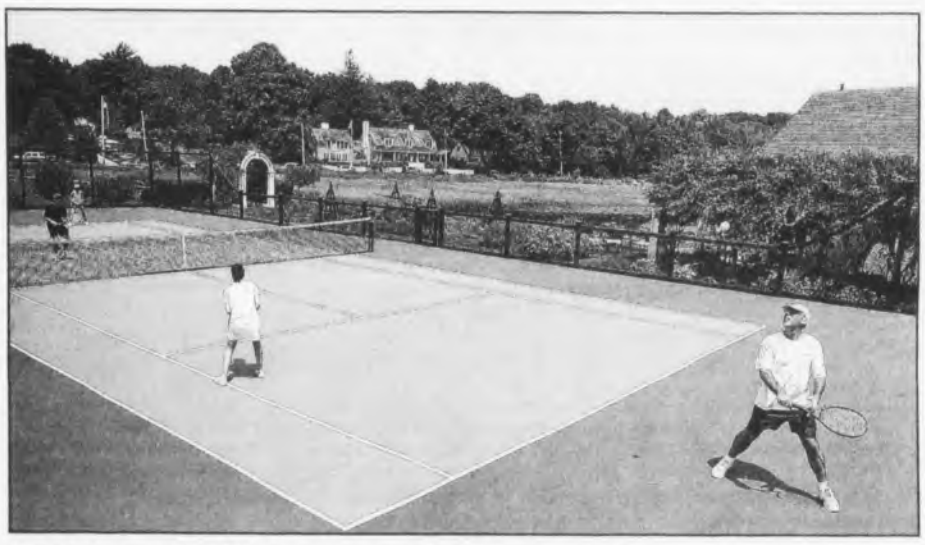
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Serving a great cause

Tennis benefit for Children's Hospital



Karen Sugar of Scituate goes up for a serve on the impeccably kept courts at the Roy residence during the Cohasset Benefit Tennis Tournament. Organizers hope to raise $15,000-$20,000 this year.



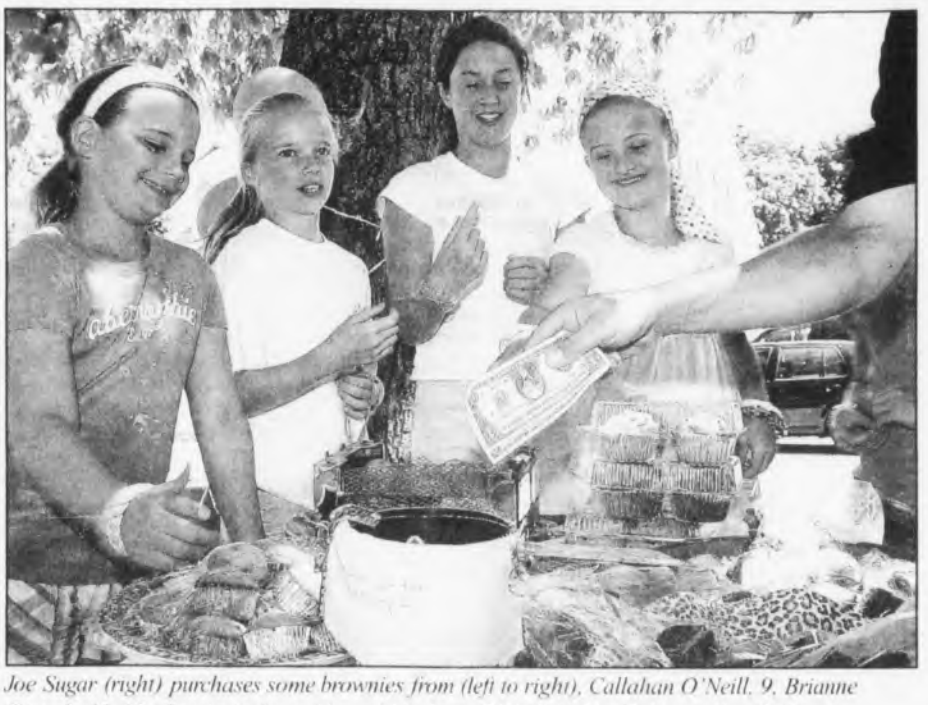
Nick Anderson, right, of Cohasset, goes back to hit a volley while Karen and Joe sugar of Scituate wait for his return during their match in the annual Cohasset Benefit Tennis Tournament. This year's event benefits the newly created Suicide Prevention Program at Children's Hospital.



Sandy Crough of Cohasset, and a veteran Cohasset Benefit Tennis Tournament participant of 18 years, reaches for the ball while practicing her net game on the O'Neill courts before her match.



Nick Anderson of Cohasset gives a high-five to his partner Corey Axelson during the second set. They have played in the tournament for the past five or six years. Matches were played July 14 & 15 on privately owned courts around town.



Joe Sugar (right) purchases some brownies from (left to right), Callahan O'Neill, 9, Brianne Crough, 11; Mackenzie Axelson, 11; and Madigan O'Neill, 9. The Cohasset Benefit Tennis Tournament for Children's Hospital has raised more than $100,000 over the years.



Sue Sookiasian, left, a member of the tennis tournament committee, watches the Sullivans (in the background) take on Sandy Crough and Erik Golz in their second match of the day. This year's event benefits the newly created Suicide Prevention Program at Children's Hospital.

Staff photos by Robin Chan



Bill Kelley of Cohasset updates the consolation bracket after the first round of matches. The tournament began in the 1950s when resident Jesse Bancroft Cox rallied friends and neighbors for a weekend of tennis to benefit Children's Hospital.



Ryan Provenzano of Hull, returns a serve back to their opponents while his partner Kathleen Lawlor of Hingham waits for action to come her way during the second set of their match.



Paul Sullivan of Cohasset goes up for a serve in the first set of his match. The Sullivans have participated in the benefit tennis tournament for 15 years. Proceeds from this year's event benefit the newly created Suicide Prevention Program at Children's Hospital.



Joe Sugar of Scituate reaches out and tries to make a save along the alley in the second set of a match at the Roy residence on Saturday. The tournament was held over Saturday and Sunday at privately owned courts around town.



Nancy Froio of Cohasset picks up the items the tennis tournament participants received. The annual event has raised upwards of $100,000 for Children's Hospital over the years.

TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

At home singing opera

Quincy's Barbara Quintiliani performs with BMO

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

South Shore opera fans will have a chance to see and hear one of their own next month when Quincy's Barbara Quintiliani appears in the Boston Midsummer Opera (BMO) production of "The Tales of Offenbach" — a revue of the operas of Jacques Offenbach — at Boston University's Tsai Performance Center.

"We don't do much Offenbach these days, but he was a rock star as an opera composer in 19th century Paris," says Quintiliani of the Frenchman whose comic operas rivaled the serious works of Gounod and Meyerbeer in their time. "This music is perfect for the summer. And what this staging by BMO does is showcase some wonderful New England talent singing some really beautiful music."

Performed with a full orchestra, conducted by Susan Davenny-Wyner, "The Tales of Offenbach" was conceived by BMO Artistic Director Drew Minter as a program that would be both humorous and touching, featuring selections from Offenbach's best-known comic operas including "La Perichole," "The Brigands," "The Tales of Hoffman" and "Orpheus in the Underworld." Performed in English and French, the production marks Quintiliani's debut with the composer.

"This is my first experience singing Offenbach. I usually sing Verdi and the Italian repertoire. This will be my first time singing French opera on stage. I will be singing the role of Antonia in 'The Tales of Hoffman,' which is based on the life of E.T.A. Hoffman, a composer, doctor, and amateur physicist."

When the three-performance run ends, the 30-year-old Quintiliani — a young dramatic soprano who made her professional debut opposite Placido Domingo in the 2002 Washington National Opera production of Mozart's "Indomeneo" — will prepare for a fall trip that just may launch her on the next phase of what is shaping up to be a very promising career on the world opera stage.

"In September, I have been invited to audition for La Scala, The Rome Opera, and Pietro San Carlos in Naples. These opportunities came about because I won first place in the Francisco Vinas voice competition in Barcelona last year," explained Quintiliani by telephone last week from her home. "I won the Verdi Prize and the Prize of the Public, becoming the first American in 20 years to win."



Barbara Quintiliani

The recognition was just the most recent for the New England Conservatory graduate. When she was just 22, Quintiliani took first place in the Boston region of the Metropolitan Opera Competition and went on to win the grand prize at the nationals. Quintiliani also counts the much-coveted opportunity to sing with Domingo as an early career high which she will never forget.

"I loved that experience. That was the first time I actually sang a role with arias onstage. The company didn't treat its young artists as apprentices, but as professionals who were there to do a job. I was in the second cast, but they did give me a stage rehearsal, and Placido Domingo himself came in to work with me on our scenes together. It was a sink-or-swim situation, and it brought me up to the next level."

It also gave her a chance to see an opera legend at close range.

"Being on stage with Placido Domingo is a lesson in life and art. He defies all the odds as a tenor to still be singing as well as he does in his 60s. He is an artist of the finest quality. He still takes voice lessons all the time and he still willingly takes direction. He also crosses all barriers to sing with pop stars and to get to know just about everybody. When I worked with Domingo, he had Al Pacino, who is a big opera fan, hanging around backstage waiting for him. Domingo is just amazing."

Opera first amazed Quintiliani when she was just a teenager.

"My stepfather was in the military so we were living in Virginia when I first discovered my voice at Bayside High School in Virginia Beach. I needed a fine arts credit to graduate, so they put me in the chorus. I wasn't very happy about that so I spent my time passing notes. But then the teacher made some of us learn the solo in the Faure Requiem in order to get a passing grade. I was 16 and I remember thinking 'Are you kidding me?' I thought Barbra Streisand was classical music. I had never heard that kind of music, and about the only soprano singing I had ever heard was on a cartoon soundtrack, so I just went in and mimicked that sound. I thought everyone would just laugh at me. Instead someone asked me who I studied voice with. I didn't even know you could study voice."

Shortly after, Quintiliani was taken to see a production of "Carmen" at the Virginia Opera.

"It sucked the wind out of me in a good way. I thought, 'Wow, I really want to do this.' It gave me a purpose in life. They let me into the School for the Performing Arts, and I was on my way. Singing brought me positive responses the way nothing else in my life ever could have. Whether it is a birthday party or at the Met, singing just makes me unbelievably happy."

While pursuing a career in opera may require her to travel the world, Quintiliani has no plans to leave the South Shore where her family has lived for several generations.

"My grandfather, Bruno Quintiliani, made his living as a stone cutter in the Quincy Quarries. He and his brother, Luigi, also operated Quintiliani Granite in Quincy for many years. My grandfather also loved music and art. I understand he used to listen to Enrico Caruso records while he worked in his basement," says Quintiliani. "I will travel the world to sing, but my home will always be here."

("The Tales of Offenbach" will be performed Aug. 1, 3, and 5, at the Tsai Performance Center at Boston University, 685 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston. For tickets and information, call 617-227-0442 or go online at bostonmidsummeropera.org.)

Calendar of events

JULY 19- 27, 2007

Thursday, July 19

The Plymouth Farmers' Market, held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. July 19 performer is **Shelley Otis,** folk harpist from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. For information, contact Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.

L. Knife & Son will cosponsor the **Summer Concert Series** for the 2007 season, with the Town of Plymouth Promotions Fund, the Plymouth Cultural Council and the Music Performance Funds. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m., at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following Tuesday. July 19: **Johnny Souza Quintet.**

The Plymouth Independent Film Festival takes place July 18-22. For information on PIFF and a complete listing of films and locations, visit www.plyfilmfest.org.

Network4Success Business to Business Networking Group meets the First Thursday of the month at the Plympton Library from 5 to 6 p.m. and the third Thursday of the month at the Halifax Country Club from noon to 1:30 p.m.

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset July 19, 8 p.m. **Liza Minnelli** Tickets $78.75/$64.75 by calling Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com The South Shore Music Circus Box Office is open daily from noon until 6 p.m.

CALENDAR,

Mark your calendar

SUMMER JAM 2007 features tributes to the **Grateful Dead** and **Allman Brothers.** Celebrating the anniversary of the famous Summer Jam at Watkins Glen on July 28, 1973, **Playin' Dead** (Boston's ultimate Grateful Dead Tribute) and **The Peacheaters,** (the Allman's tribute). Show starts at 7:30 p.m., July 28, at Plymouth Memorial Hall in Plymouth. Tickets are priced at $30 for Gold Circle Seating and $20 for General Admission. Tickets are on sale at the Plymouth Memorial Hall box-office at 50 Court Street in Plymouth, by phone at 1-508-747-1340 & 1-866-468-7619, online at www.plymouthhall.com, and all FYE and Strawberries outlets.

THE NORTH & SOUTH RIVER'S WATERSHED ASSOCIATION will hold the 17th Annual Great River Race on July 28. All skill levels, from novice to racer, are invited to take part in the race. Non-motorized vessels including canoes, kayaks, and rowboats participate in the race piloted by people of all ages. (Participants 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult.) Pre-Registration recommended. To download the registration form visit nsrwa.org



THIRD ANNUAL ST JUDE HIGHLAND GAMES, Aug. 4, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Shea Memorial Field, Weymouth. Free admission. For information visit stjudehighlandgames.com

AN EVENING OF JAZZ, RHYTHM & BLUES fundraising event Sept. 22. Music by the Bellevue Cadillac. Silent and live auction, hors d' oeuvre's and buffet dinner prepared by The Catered Affair. Cash bar and dancing. Event held at the Hingham Armory. Tickets are $75 per person. All proceeds to benefit a Habitat home in Hingham. For advance ticket sales, auction donations, to be a program sponsor or volunteer to help. Contact nldevine@gmail.com

Movie review



Sirius Black (Gary Oldman) and Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe) must get over their fear of Lord Voldemort.

'Phoenix' rises

"Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" (B+)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

The trouble with Harry in "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" is fear, repression, suspicion, resentment, sexual longing and....Did I mention fear? In short, adolescence.

As if that were not enough, Harry (17-year-old Daniel Radcliffe) has just been expelled from Hogwarts and must confront that acne of the soul also known as He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named a.k.a. Lord Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes). Voldemort is back, as anyone who saw the previous installments in this remarkable series based on the bestsellers of J.K. Rowling, knows.

Voldemort's baleful influence is already everywhere. The Ministry of Magic has installed one Dolores Umbridge (Imelda Staunton) at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Dolores is pretty evil in pink and a stickler for bogus rules. For Umbridge, criticism of any of her policies is the equivalent of disloyalty. Hmmm, where have I heard this before? Minister of Magic Cornelius Fudge (Robert Hardy) has smeared Harry's name, accusing him and the venerable Albus Dumbledore (Michael Gambon in a dressing gown) of nefarious doings. Harry is forced to lead a rebellion of Hogwarts students and form Dumbledore's (rebel) Army in the hopes of repelling the Dark Lord's Death Eaters.

Compared to "Transformers," "The Order of the Phoenix" is a virtual Dickens novel on the big screen. More than a little redolent of "Oliver Twist" and "David Copperfield" and featuring such Dickens-meets-Ian Fleming names as Severus Snape (Alan Rickman), Sirius Black (Gary Oldman), Luna Lovegood (newcomer Evanna Lynch) and — ahem — Nymphadora Tonks (Natalia Tena), "Harry Potter" movies are cotton candy for the literati.

Yes, Harry, who is noticeably shorter than Hermione Granger (a charming Emma Watson) and Ron Weasley (the talented Rupert Grint), gets to snog with Cho Chang (Katie Leung) in this outing. And, yes, the whole series is a metaphor for growing up, and, yes, there are "Thestrals," Centaurs and a Giant... Oh, my.

But it's the love of language that gets me every time, that and the way Rickman gets more mileage out of a syllable than any living actor. Staunton, for her part, punctuates every evil decree with a high-pitched giggle. For me, one of the best metaphors for these "Harry Potter" films are those talking books and letters. This is story-telling come to life.

First-time "Potter" director David Yates, a TV veteran, does not screw it up. The climactic showdown suggests the light-saber duel between Obi-Wan Kenobi and Darth Vader, and as that implies, some elements in this fifth installment in the series have a familiar face. But "Harry" is still going strong.

Best of all? Quidditch season has been cancelled.

Rated PG-13, "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" contains violence and some gore.

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for in-person sales only. For Group Sales ticket purchases, call 781-383-9860.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. July 13, **Chain Drive** 781-829-6999.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke **Texas Hold Em** every Thursday night at 6:45 and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. July 19 **Living Proof** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue** Blues Jam featuring **Ryan Fardy** July 19, at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Friday, July 20

North and South River Watershed Association is sponsoring **A Family Beach Walk And Scavenger Hunt:** from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, July 20. Make it a family affair to discover the nature of the beach. Board member, **Carolyn Sones**, and Watershed Ecologist, **Sara Grady** will lead this walk to explore the high tide wrack line at Rexhame Beach and the tide pools at Beetle's Rock. Bring buckets and dip nets. Pre-registration is required, as space in limited to 20 people. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Suggested donation is $5 per adult person. Meet at the Rexhame Beach parking lot. 781-659-8168 or visit nsrwa.org for information.

The Plymouth Independent Film Festival takes place July 18-22. For information on PIFF and a complete listing of films and locations, visit plyfilmfest.org

Evenings Under the Stars, Performing Arts Center, Duxbury, 7 p.m. July 20, **EUS Festival Orchestra.** Tickets $5 to $22 by calling 781-749-7565x14.

Barnes & Noble, Derby Street Shoppes, 96 Derby St., Hingham, will stay open late on July 20, to sell copies of **Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows** at the Stroke of Midnight. Barnes & Noble will host special Midnight Magic Costume Party starting at 9 p.m. on July 20. The store will hold a Midnight Magic Costume Party with special Harry Potter events. Come dressed as your favorite Harry Potter character for a night of enchanting activities, spellbinding prizes, photo oppor tunities, unique items for sale, and even more magic!

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset celebrates the release of **Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows** by J.K. Rowling with a party on July 20 at 10 p.m. Many wonderful and magical events are planned for the evening. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited to come in costume. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Free and open to the public. Call Buttonwood 781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com to order your copy if unable to attend.

Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate, Harry Potter Magical Midnight Party. **July 20:** 11 p.m. Come dressed as your favorite Harry Potter character and hob-nob with fellow wizards. **Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows** will materialize at the stroke of midnight. There's still time to pre-order your copy at 25% off (offer good ONLY thru Sunday July 22. Then, full cover price). For information or to pre-order, call Front Street Book Shop at 781-545-5011 or email frontstreetbookshop.com.

The Cohasset Dramatic Club in conjunction with the **Cohasset Recreation Department** presents **Disney High School Musical** July 20 at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. July 21 at 7:30 p.m. July 22 at 2 p.m. at Cohasset Middle-High School, 143 Pond St., Cohasset. Tickets $10. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate or by calling 617-697-2115. Tickets also available at the door.

Tuscan House Restaurant, 58 E. Grove Street (Rt. 28) Middleboro. July 20, 7 p.m. **Dinner/show** Comedy Night featuring **Frank Santorelli** along with **Annette Pollack, Bobby Giardini, Dave McDonough** and hosted by **Ben Hague.** Produced by Annette's Comedy Asylum. Advance reservations required by calling 508-923-0099 or 781-843-4833 myspace.com/annette pollack or tuscanhouserestaurant .com

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset July 20, 8 p.m. **An Evening with Abba The Tour**. Tickets $47.25/$33.25 by calling Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com The South Shore Music Circus Box Office is open daily from noon until 6 p.m. for in-person sales only. For Group Sales ticket purchases, call 781-383-9860.

New England Singles Dances – ages 40 and over July 20, from 8 p.m. to midnight VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington. Light buffet. **DJ Paul DiPanfilo** Admisstion $8. Visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. July 20 **Spank** 781-829-6999.

Monponsett Inn, 550 Monponsett Street, Halifax July 20, 7:30 p.m. **Cruisin** 781-293-2116.

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell, July 21, **HRT,** all women rock band from southeastern Massachusetts.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, July 20, **Mojo Kings** No cover. 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, July 20, **Young Neal & The Vipers**, blues and rock. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Saturday, July 21

Art on the Avenue is featuring displays of colorful painted furniture by **Theo Page**, distinguished folk art masks by **Linda Smyth** and whimsical mixed media paintings by **Brooks Kelly** from July 21 thru Aug. 25. **Art on the Avenue** is open weekends and holidays, during the summer season, from 11a.m. to 5 p.m. The gallery is also home to Schneider and her artist husband Bill Smyth, so please feel free to drop by or to call to come by at any time. 781-925-5619, e/mail: info@lenoreschneider.com or visit lenoreschneider.com

Basics of Beekeeping workshop for adults and families. Saturday July 21, 3 pm at Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Rd Cohasset This workshop is open to anyone age 8 and up. Kids must be accompanied by an adult. Price: $18 adults, $8 kids or $15 adults $5 kids for members of Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc. (all proceeds benefit Friends of Holly Hill Farm) Register in advance by contacting us. Email: hollyhillfarmer@yahoo.com or phone: 781-383-1455 Workshop sponsored by Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc., the non-profit branch of the farm.

The annual fair and flea market sponsored by the happy hearts senior club of Berkley will be held on July 21(rain date July 22 or 28) at the Berkley Common (one mile from Rt. 24, exit 11). It is open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. with free admission. Many dealer tables, crafts, white elephant table-new and used items. New this year is a book sale including tapes, CDs, DVDs and children's game table. Homemade baked goods, jams, jelly. Dealer space is available for $20. Call Pat at 508-824-5745 for information.

The Hull Knights of Columbus is having a **Country Western dinner dance** July 21at 7 p.m. at K of C hall, 440 Nantasket Ave. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. Music for dancing will be provided by Mary Vacca's Country Band. The charge is $20 per person. For reservations call 782-925-1712.

The Boys and Girls Club of Marshfield will be holding a Texas Hold'em tournament at Mad Fish in Humarock on July 21. The buy-in is $100. Registration starts at 6pm and playing begins promptly at 7pm. Pre-registration is strongly suggested. For information, call the club at 834-CLUB or register online at Boysandgirlsclub ofmarshfield .com

Island Grove Park located on Lake Street and Park Street, Abington. July 21 at 7 p.m. **Storytelling Campfire** Join storyteller Andrea Lovett. Free and open to the public. 781-871-5892.

Keep Mayflower II Afloat for another 50 years fundraiser. Dinner on the waterfront at 6 p.m. Tickets $250 per person by contacting Anne Phelan at 508-746-1622 ext. 8222.

Mono Mono Boutique, at 1871A Ocean St., Marshfield, will host local designers of hand-made handbags, belts, hair accessories and jewelry who will be showcasing their entire summer lines. The featured local designers include I Dream of Jewelry and Liz Pink by Riverside Designs. Mono Mono Boutique, located near the intersection of Ocean Street and Webster Street, features trendy upscale gifts for all occasions. July 21, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served all day.

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The Plymouth Independent Film Festival (July 18-22) Celebrate film at the Awards Night, Saturday, July 21 at John Caver Inn, 7pm. $25/$40 supporter level. For information on PIFF and a complete listing of films visit www.plyfilmfest.org

The Hingham Public Library's Dolphin Gallery, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham is showing the Massachusetts land and seascape paintings of Hingham artist **Jack Dickerson** through July 26. His paintings may be viewed during regular library hours. 781-741-1405, ext. 2600 or visit hinghamlibrary.org

Singles Executives Club Singles Dance, July 21, 8:30 p.m. to midnight at **Pembroke Country Club**, 94 West. Elm St., Pembroke, Dance music by DJ, complimentary hors d'oeuvres from 9 to 10 p.m. Numerous free door prizes and match game for more prizes. Proper business-casual dress, dress shirt and slacks acceptable. For singles and couples age 35 and older. Admission is $10 all night. 781-446-0234. se-4u.com

Joe's American Bar & Grill, 2087 Washington St., Hanover July 21, **Bag Full of Blues** 781-878-1234.myspace.com/bag-fullofblues

Monponsett Inn, 550 Monponsett Street, Halifax July 21, 7:30 p.m. **Jim Sylvia** 781-293-2116.

French Memories Café, 175 South Main St, Cohasset. Every Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5 p.m. **Drift Away with Joe'n J** will perform. 781-383-2216.

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset July 21, 8 p.m. **Jim Gaffigan**. Tickets $56.25/$42.25 by calling Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com The South Shore Music Circus Box Office is open daily from noon until 6 p.m. for in-person sales only. For Group Sales ticket purchases, call 781-383-9860.

Run of the Mill, 6 Spring Lane, Plymouth, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. July 21 **Celtic Seisiun** 508-830-1262.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. July 21 **Johnny Vance Band** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, July 21, **Dave & The Goliaths** No cover. 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, July 21, **Roger Ceresi All Starz,** blues/rock.Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@ aol.com



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Performing in Kidspot's production of HONK! Standing: Behind piano center – Haley Johnson of Marshfield plays IDA. Left of piano – Jessi Tassini of Scituate plays Cat Crony. Right of piano – Matt Markella of plays Ugly. Seated: Left, Matt Huang of Duxbury plays Bullfrog. Right – Isabel Murphy of Duxbury plays Duckling.
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Sunday, July 22

Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Mayflower II with Songs of the Spirit and the Sea performed by **Geoff Kaufman** Musician in Residence. Old Mystic Seaport July 22 7:30 p.m. First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Top of Town Square, Plymouth. Free to the public. Sponsored by the James Spooner Fund of First Parish Church

Band Concert at Pope Nursing Home, 140 Webb St Weymouth. **Taunton Band** will be performing July 22, from 3 to 5 p.m. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy music and light refreshments.

Mayflower II sails once again from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. July 22. The 26-person crew along with the eight remaining 1957 crewmembers will sail out to Cape Cod Bay

South Shore Conservatory's Duxbury Music Festival begins July 22 with an opening concert at the Performing Arts Center at 6 p.m. and continues with daily events through Aug. 3. The Festival brings Carnegie Hall-quality chamber music to the South Shore. Sunday, July 22, 6 p.m. Opening Faculty Chamber Concert - $25/$20 Duxbury Performing Arts Center (PAC) program: *Poulenc, Liebermann and Brahms*

Abigail Adams Birthplace, 180 Norton St., N. Weymouth, opens for the season, 180 Norton St., July 1 through Labor Day (Sept. 3) Thursday through Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. or by appointment $5 per adult/$1 for children under 12 781-335-4205.

Four new exhibitions opening at Fuller Craft Museum "Ali's Light: The Cloth Paintings of Alison Cann- Clift, 1976-2006," June 30-Oct. 21; "Thomas Hill: Drawing on Muybridge," June 30 - Nov. 4; "Sense of Place: The Glass Sculpture of Marc Petrovic," July 7 - Nov. 11, and Art ASPIRE (After-School Programs Integrating Residencies and Education), June 30 - Nov. 4, showcasing the young artists in this innovative, community-based Fuller Craft program. The opening reception for the summer exhibitions will be Sunday, July 15, from 2-5 p.m. The Fuller Craft Museum is located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton. 508-588-6000.

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset July 22, 7:30 p.m. **Kenny G.** Tickets $56.25/$42.25 by calling Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com The South Shore Music Circus Box Office is open daily from noon until 6 p.m. for in-person sales only. For Group Sales ticket purchases, call 781-383-9860.

The Hanover Bandstand Summer Concert July 22, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. **Nowheremen** will perform. Free and handicap accessible. The Hanover bandstand is located on Route 139, Hanover Center. For information visit the bandstand web site at hanover-ma.gov

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, every Sunday **Dave Foley**, acoustic jam, 9 p.m. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Monday, July 23

The South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham, presents an exhibit that will feature paintings that capture the spirit of Old Glory by many local and regional plein-air artists. "Flag Paintings" will be on display throughout July.

The Sparrow House in Plymouth will feature a photography exhibit through Aug. 31 by Marshfield resident **Mike Sleeper.** The opening is tonight from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Sparrow House, 42 Summer St. For information, call 508-747-1240.

Mayflower II's 50th Anniversary! When was the last time you were carded? Thanks to Eastern Bank, through the end of the 2007 season, anyone born in

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Lenore Schneider, artist and owner, w/ Ms Goff, a visitor from Thailand, viewing the current work of the featured artists

Art on the Avenue is featuring displays of colorful painted furniture by Theo Page, distinguished folk art masks by Linda Smyth and whimsical mixed media paintings by Brooks Kelly from July 21 thru Aug. 25. Art on the Avenue is open weekends and holidays, during the summer season, from 11a.m. to 5 p.m. The gallery is also home to Schneider and her artist husband Bill Smyth, so please feel free to drop by or to call to come by at any time. 781-925-5619, e/mail: info@lenoreschneider.com or visit lenoreschneider.com



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The Company Theatre in Norwell, presents the summer musical, Miss Saigon, opening Friday, July 27 and running through Sunday, Aug. 19. Tickets priced at $30-$32 are on sale at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companytheatre.com

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1957 is invited to visit *Mayflower II* for FREE. Valid ID required. Museum admission includes invitation to join us at State Pier between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for a piece of Anniversary cake. Joe Meany, the American cabin boy on *Mayflower II's* 1957 journey, will kick off the summer of special events.

Tuesday, July 24

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Terry Chase** will exhibit her work for the months of July and August at the Tufts Library, 456 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-337-8134.

Photography exhibit features portraits of children awaiting adoption local photographers have volunteered their time to create the **Heart Gallery,** a striking collection of photographs of children in the Massachusetts foster care system. The traveling 2007 Heart Gallery will be exhibited at South Shore Plaza, in Braintree July 17 through Aug. 14. The 45 children featured in the Heart Gallery are between the ages of 3 and 16, and have been waiting for at least one year to find a family to call their own. They are school-aged children, sibling groups, children of color of all ages, and children with emotional, intellectual and physical difficulties or disabilities. For information on the Heart Gallery, or on the process of adopting a child from foster care, contact MARE at 617-54-ADOPT (617-542-3678) or visit www.mareinc.org

TheSnug, 114 North St., Hingham, 8:30 p.m. July 24 and 31, **Drift Away Trio with John Litwin on drums.** 781-749-9774.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. July 24. **Free Texas Hold'Em with Northern Poker League** 781-829-6999.

Wednesday, July 25

Kayak World's End – Hingham Join a naturalist guide and explore the rich and varied habitats of this unique peninsula. Discover spider crabs and sea pickle, egrets and estuaries, rolling hills and rocky shorelines. Participants will learn basic paddling techniques, local ecology, and the natural history of World's End while taking in spectacular views of Boston Harbor. 2.5 hour trips depart twice a day, Wednesday-Sunday from the World's End Ranger Station, July 11-mid-Oct. Equipment provided; tandem kayaks available. Call 781-740-7233 or 781-740-6665 for reservations; messages returned. The Trustees of Reservations Members: Adult $30, Child (under 15) $15. Nonmembers: Adult $35, Child $18. Limit 10 per tour. Visit thetrustees.org for further information

2007 Project Arts of Plymouth Free Summer Concert Series, Pilgrim Memorial Park, Water Street, Plymouth. July 25, 6:30 p.m. **Ellis Paul** 8 p.m. **John Hammond.** For information visit www.projectarts.com

The Red Parrot, 258 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Every Wednesday night (weather permitting) at 7 p.m. **Drift Away Trio** outside on the deck. 781-925-1115.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, every Wednesday **Manic Oppression** at 9:15 p.m. p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Thursday, July 26

The Plymouth Farmers' Market, held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. July 26 performers are **Tiffany Rozenas,** Celtic fiddler from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and **Taran2ulas,** Roots Blues, easy listening from 4:40 to 6:30 p.m. For information, contact Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.

L. Knife & Son will cosponsor the **Summer Concert Series** for the 2007 season, with the Town of Plymouth Promotions Fund, the Plymouth Cultural Council and the Music Performance Funds. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m., at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following Tuesday. July 26, **Legion Bud Band.**

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset July 26, 7:30 p.m. **Comedian Brian Regan.** Tickets $55/$41 by calling Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com The South Shore Music Circus Box Office is open daily from noon until 6 p.m. for in-person sales only. For Group Sales ticket purchases, call 781-383-9860.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St. Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue** Blues Jam featuring **Track 44** July 26 at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. July 26, **Radio for the Blind** 781-829-6999.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke **Texas Hold Em** every Thursday night at 6:45 and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

Friday, July 27

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South Shore Singles will sponsor our semi-monthly, smoke-free dance July 27 with the DJ: **Dee Dee Rose** from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St. Abington. Admission: $7 SSS Members, $10 Non-members Doors open 7:15 p.m. Free Dance lesson 7:30 to 8:00 by Dee Dee Rose. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. Free snacks & coffee, cash bar. Dress to impress. Info: 781-331-0021.southshoresingles.org

Down East Dancers Country Dance will be held July 27, at the Taunton Elks Lodge, 119 High St., Taunton. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Couples and Line dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight with DJ and Dance Instructor, Dave Pytka. Potluck snacks, raffle, cash bar. $6. 508-680-6736 or 781-925-1170. downeastdancers.com

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Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. Second annual Lemonade Days on Friday mornings in July (July 20 and 27) from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Stop by the Ventress "Tiki" Cafe for a complimentary glass of lemonade, complete with straw. While sipping, browse through a stack of used books available to purchase for beach and pool-side reading. Children's books and videos will also be sold. All proceeds benefit the library through the Friends group. For information contact Chris Woods at 781-834-5535, e-mail malib@ocln.org or visit ventresslibrary.org

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset July 27, 8 p.m. **George Carlin - adult content.** Tickets $57.50/$43.50 by calling Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com The South Shore Music Circus Box Office is open daily from noon until 6 p.m. for in-person sales only. For Group Sales ticket purchases, call 781-383-9860.

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The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, July 27, **Lil'Anne 8 Hot Cayenne,** exde-co/cajun. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com



Evenings Under the Stars, Jane Carr Amphitheater, Hingham, 7 p.m. July 21, EUS Festival Orchestra. Tickets $5 to $22 by calling 781-749-7565x14.

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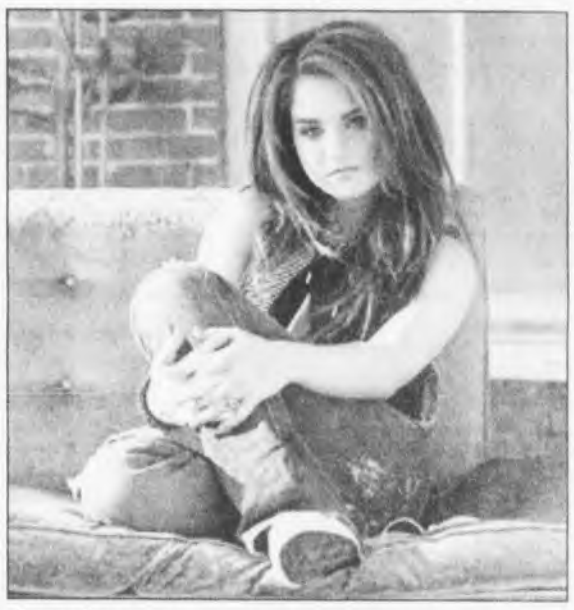
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JoJo is on the go-go

From music to movies, local teen star on the rise

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



Joanna Levesque

Like most typical Foxborough teenagers, Joanna Levesque likes to hang out at the mall. Unlike most girls her age, however, Joanna – a pop and R&B singer and actress who, under the stage name "JoJo," has released two platinum-selling albums on the Universal Motown label — sometimes signs autographs while she's shopping.

"People shouldn't be surprised to see me at the South Shore Plaza. I love the Plaza, especially Rock Bottom. That's where I went on my very first date," explained JoJo by telephone from Los Angeles recently. "I always have fun with my friends when I'm home."

Some of those friends may be in the audience when JoJo plays the South Shore Music Circus on July 18 and the Cape Cod Melody Tent on July 22 in support of her second album, "The High Road," which was released last fall.

"I did my first album, 'JoJo,' when I was 12, and then I took time off from recording to do two movies, so this second album reflects who I am today. My music has a pop sensibility with a soulful sound to it," says the 16-year-old, who had her first number one single, "Leave (Get Out)," before she was out of junior high. "I won't go back into the studio for another year and a half. I want to be the best I can be so I want to finish high school and then do the third album."

These days, JoJo spends more time on a tour bus than on a school bus. In her just-completed sophomore year with the Laurel Springs School distance learning program, however, she still managed to keep straight A's on her report card.

"School is a very big part of my life. I'm home schooled and my tutor is wonderful. I feel very fortunate with everything that is happening for me, but I know I also have to focus on high school and I do. I love history. It is my favorite subject," says JoJo. "My favorite phrase is 'Impossible is Nothing.' I definitely want to be more than just a singer. And, as of now, I really want to go to college."

With recently completed tour dates in Mexico, Europe, Africa and the U.K., and with U.S. dates ahead for this summer and beyond, JoJo may have to squeeze in the SATs between concerts. Last summer, the first single from her second album, "Too Little, Too Late," was released to radio stations. The single debuted at number 90 on the Billboard Hot 100 and in its fifth week on the chart rose from number 60 to number three before eventually landing at number one — the biggest jump ever in Billboard history. Her latest single, "Anything," was released in June, and features a sample from the Toto hit, "Africa." JoJo doesn't only like to sample other artists on her recordings, she also likes to listen to them, too.

"Right now, I'm listening to Soul Child, The Dixie Chicks, R Kelly, and Jill Scott. I also like Daughtry quite a bit. It doesn't matter whether its rock, country or reggae. I like all kinds of music."

That interest came along early in life for the young singer. JoJo's mother, Diana Levesque, is a church soloist and a trained musical theater performer who would practice everything from hymns to arias while a young Joanna watched, listened, and learned. Eventually, she imitated her mother's vocal range and also the vocal stylings of legends like Ella Fitzgerald, Whitney Houston, Etta James, and Aretha Franklin. Eager to perform outside her own living room, JoJo convinced her mother to let her audition for CBS-TV's "Kids Say the Darndest Things" when it came to Boston in the late 1990s. She impressed the producers and was given a slot on the program. When the show's host, Bill Cosby, asked her to sing something, JoJo offered up the Aretha Franklin anthem, "Respect," which won her a standing ovation from the packed Faneuil Hall audience. An invitation to appear on "Oprah" soon followed.

"I've always been singing. I can remember as far back as when I was two years old, I would sing nursery rhymes and I would do riffs on them that would make them jazzy and more R&B. When it comes to performing, I don't remember ever having any fear."

JoJo is the first to admit that her life is not that of an ordinary teenager.

"I remember going to my first KISS Concert at the Tweeter Center eight years ago. And last year, I got to perform at the same show. It was wild. The whole thing was just very cool."

Having spent more than half her life in show business, JoJo knows how to remain cool even when she's working with an Academy Award-winning actor.

"In 'RV,' I played Robin Williams's daughter, which was a great opportunity for me. Robin is such an incredible person and he was great to work with. I'm really good friends with his daughter, too," says JoJo, who also co-starred with Emma Roberts and Sara Paxton in the 2006 release "Aquamarine." While she continues to read movie scripts, JoJo turned down the title role in the Disney Channel's "Hannah Montana" series, preferring to concentrate on her singing career.

"Music is just something I have to do daily. It sounds cheesy, but music is my life."

JoJo will be at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset, on Wednesday, July 18. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-931-2787, or go online at themusiccircus.org. JoJo will also be at the Cape Cod Melody Tent, 21 West Main St., Hyannis, on Sunday, July 22. For tickets, visit the box office, call 508-775-5630 or go online at melodytent.org



Ellis Paul

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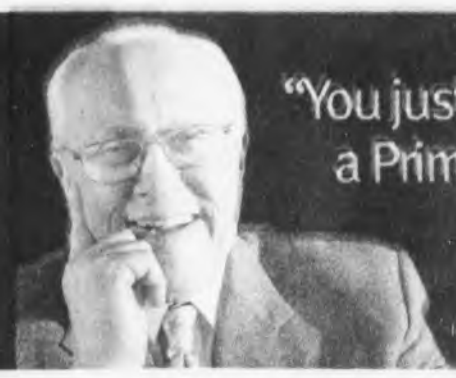
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A recently planted line of Northern Green arborvitae has created a screening effect for Nick and Debbie Pitaro who didn't use their back deck for almost two summers because neither of them could stand looking out at the new view of the tracks.

Trees help screen train tracks

N. Main Street couple gains greener view

By Nancy White
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For the Pitaros their backyard had always been a sanctuary. A place where Nick Pitaro could tend to his garden or enjoy a summer dinner with his wife, Debbie, on the back deck. It was a quiet backyard abutting a forest full of wildlife.

"We used to have deer. Wild turkeys would come right up to the window and beautiful birds," says Debbie Pitaro. But when the MBTA began restoring the Greenbush tracks directly behind their North Main Street home the wild animals began disappearing. In its place were noise, litter and an "eyesore" of a view, she says. They didn't use their back deck for almost two summers because neither of them could stand looking out at the new view.

Trees Now used a computer program to generate a digital depiction of the site with different tree options.

It became abundantly clear the train was coming despite assurances from a real estate agent 10 years ago that the South Shore commuter rail branch "would never happen," Debbie Pitaro says.

But, even more than the view, Debbie Pitaro says her husband had a health scare last year and she believes it was partly due to the MBTA's construction. She felt they needed to do something to protect their house from the noise, view and pollution generated from the train. The solution revealed itself when Debbie Pitaro saw a television advertisement for Trees Now, a Plainville-based company specializes in planting and transplanting large, mature trees.

Last week the Pitaros had Trees Now remove their old dying trees and install 31 new trees to create a 12-foot screen along the MBTA-installed chain link fence. In a matter of just one week, the Pitaros had a green screen to mitigate rail noise and block the view of the tracks.

"I didn't really know how much it bothered us, even coming down the driveway would get me upset — it was really offensive," says Debbie Pitaro. The property is more feel away from the warning signal pole, which will have red flashing lights once the train is fully operational.

For weeks the Pitaros worked with the Jerry Ouellette, manager at Trees Now, to determine the best combination of trees to suit their needs.

"We want to understand what our customers would like to do and what

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Church signage

Board's thoughts all over the map

By Nancy White
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More than 20 years ago, the set designers for the "Witches of Eastwick" constructed a black and white sign to be placed at the entrance of Cohasset's historic Meeting House on the Town Common. The First Parish Church adopted the 3-1/2 foot high sign when the Hollywood film crew vacated Cohasset. Now, the First Parish Church would like to change the sign to a more appropriate location and to a more effective size.

"I don't want to look at a sign as I drive up and down the street."
— Selectman Ralph Dormitzer

Parish member Woody Chittick came before the Board of Selectmen on Monday night to convey the church's thoughts. The Meeting House sits on town-owned land, which Chittick felt necessitated Selectmen approval for the sign change. First Parish has already received approval from the Common Historic District Commission.

Chittick explained the parish board had two major problems with the sign. First, the sign is in a poor location to be read and viewed from passersby on North Main St. and William Long Road. The sign is located just 42 inches from the side of the building, parallel to the street and the wall of the building. The location makes the contents of the sign hard to read; "the sign kind of disappears" into its surroundings, said Chittick.

Second, the existing signs display area is very small, only 5.4 square feet of display space. The total square footage is 10.5 square feet. Chittick went around to all seven of the town's churches to compare signs and the First Parish's sign had the smallest on all counts.

"There's no sign that cries out this is a

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Cohasset family devoted to cancer research cause

By Nancy White
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The closest the Pan Mass Challenge route will come to Cohasset is Lakeville and Wareham, but for many its cause — cancer research — is very close to home. For the Vitello family, raising money for cancer research is a family affair. Peter Vitello will bike ride in the PMC for the eighth time this year, while Jacqui Vitello is an organizer for the Relay For Life. Their two children, eight-year-old Amanda and three-year-old Peter, support their parents along the way.

"We want to do what we can, while we can," says Peter Vitello of his family's involvement. "we're glad we are capable of raising money and awareness."

Both have seen the devastating effects of cancer. Jacqui's father, Robert Goyette, lost his battle with bladder cancer in 1998. While Peter's mother, Mac, is a two-time cancer survivor. Seeing cancer in their families propelled them to join the fight to eradicate the disease. In his eight years participating in the PMC, Peter has raised close to $20,000. Peter will tackle the course alongside his brother Paul. This will be Paul's ninth PMC bike ride.

The PMC is the largest athletic fundraising event in the nation, on Aug. 4 and 5 more than 5,000 riders will take to the streets of eastern Massachusetts on nine different routes. The money raised by the individual riders will benefit the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Jimmy Fund. It is one of the most efficient fundraisers with 99 cents of every dollar pledged going to cancer research.

"Every penny counts, anything people can give makes a difference," says Jacqui.

The Vitellos want to make sure their children understand why their parents are so involved with the Relay For Life

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Peter Vitello (front) is seen here with his wife, Jacqui, and children, Peter (2) and Amanda, will participate in his eighth Pan-Mass Challenge Aug. 4 & 5.

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PICTURE THIS/Maura, Colin and Delia Regan



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Maura, Colin and Delia Regan were on duty at the Cohasset Swim Center on Monday morning when the Mariner stopped by. For photos of Swim Center team practices and lessons, see sports.

Names: Maura, Colin, and Delia Regan.

Occupation: Cohasset Swim Center Lifeguards.

Best day of your life: First day of work with my brother and sister at CSC (Maura). Getting into college (Delia & Colin).

Best vacation: Ireland (All).

Favorite season: Summer (All).

Favorite holiday: Christmas (Colin & Maura). Fourth of July (Delia).

Favorite junk food: Popcorn (Maura). Doritos (Colin). Smartfood (Delia).

Best book (or magazine): "Catcher In The Rye," by J. D. Salinger (Maura). "Mystic River," by Dennis Lehane (Colin). "To Kill a Mockingbird," by Harper Lee (Delia).

Best movie: "Holy Grail" (Maura). "The Departed" (Colin). "Airplane" (Delia).

Best TV show: "Arrested Development" (Maura). "Curb Your Enthusiasm" (Colin). "The Office" (Delia).

Most Memorable Moment: Going to a Red Sox play off game (Maura). Seeing Steven Tyler at the movie theaters (Colin). Living in Italy (Delia).

Pet peeve: Cocky people (Maura). Kids who wear shirts in the pool, regular t-shirts (Colin). Speedo tanlines (Delia).

Goal: To get into a good college (Maura). To learn how to play the guitar (Colin). To get a good job after college (Delia).

Person you'd most like to meet: John Clease (Maura). Larry David (Colin). Jackie O. (Delia).

Biggest worry: Not getting into a good college (Maura). Global warming (Colin). Summer ending (Delia).

Best part of Cohasset: Cohasset Swim Center (Maura & Delia). The town pool, of course (Colin).

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The expiration date of the beach and Recycling Transfer Facility permits was June 30. The "all facility sticker" is on sale during normal business hours at Town Hall and at the DPW garage on weekends, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sticker prices are the same as last year – $50 for residents under the age of 60 and $15 for seniors. This sticker allows access to the Recycling Transfer Facility and Sandy Beach, as well as parking at all areas in town that require a sticker.

In addition, residents are required to purchase special bags in which to dispose of all trash that cannot be recycled. These bags are offered at the Department of Public Works building and various locations throughout the town. All commercial contractors and vehicles registered in a business name should pick up their stickers at the Department of Public Works.

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Mixed-use TOD gearing up

Permit process could begin next month

By Nancy White
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They are proposing a mixed-use development with over 32,000 square feet of retail/commercial space on the first floors and 13 rental units on the second floor.

Cohasset's first and likely only Transit Oriented District, or TOD, could be going before the Planning Board begin its formal permitting process as early as next month. A vibrant cluster of restaurants, shops and apartments could replace the currently barren site off Route 3A adjacent to the new MBTA station within the next year.

"The boats are gone, the buildings are gone and with apologies to those who cared, MaryLou's is gone," said Geoffrey Wolf to open the informal presentation. Wolf is the Senior Vice President for New Jersey-based Connell Real Estate & Development Co., whose affiliate Connell Cohasset Greenbush LLC now owns and will develop the five-acre property.

The developers plan to file formally with the town in the next two weeks to begin the site plan review and special permit process. They are proposing a mixed-use development with more than 32,000 square feet of retail/commercial space on the first floors and 13 rental units on the second floor. None of the retail spaces have been tenanted yet.

For the past 18 months since acquiring the site, Connell has been working to clean up the site, from demolition to minor oil spill remediation. The property, once home to a boatyard, a small strip mall and a florist/greenery, is now a flat wasteland waiting to be built on. If not for the permitting process, Wolf said the company was more or less ready to break ground tomorrow.

The Connell developers have gone to "great pains" to have the plans 100 percent compliant with the town's TOD zoning bylaws enacted by the town at the 2006 Annual Town Meeting. With that in mind, they hope to avoid a trip to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The architecture of the development was described as having a "village flavor" and a "Main Street USA feel" to it. The anchor of the development will be a clock tower and other high points of the building will have cupolas.

"To me, it feels a bit more like Virginia than New England," said Planning Board member Mike Westcott of the architecture, but the developers did not agree.

The second floor apartments will be rental units, with a monthly rental between $1200 and $1700. Eight of the apartments will be two-bedrooms, while five will be one-bedrooms. The apartments will likely be "a little oversize" due to design restrictions, said Wolf.

Already one of the chief concerns of the Planning Board is the traffic implication for the TOD development. As it stands now, the shopping development will have a separate entrance than the MBTA parking lot.

"I really hoped you would be tying into the T driveway," said member Stuart Ivimey. Wolf explained the engineering of the driveway made tying in impossible; a pocket of wetlands complicated the designs. A driveway connection between the TOD and the parking lot will be established. The MBTA parking lot entrance will be a signaled intersection, while the TOD entrance will not be. This issue will no doubt be well vetted in the public hearing process.

If the permitting process goes well, Connell developers hope to begin moving dirt on the site before the winter frost sets in (around November) and be open for business within a year, said Wolf. With the MBTA scheduled to begin regular commuter service sometime this fall, the developers would like to be "up and running as quickly as possible," said Wolf.

New poles, lights near MBTA station

National Grid will own the poles and lights and the town will be paying the electric bill.

Five new poles for additional lighting will be constructed on North Main Street in conjunction with the MBTA station. The Board of Selectmen conditionally approved a revised petition from Mass Electric pending additional details on the lighting.

National Grid will own the poles and lights and the town will be paying the electric bill. The purpose of the new lights is to illuminate the new islands near the train tracks. The lights will have a downward focus.

The Selectmen's particular concern regarding new light fixtures is they are currently considering a purchase of street lights from National Grid as a possible money-saving venture.

Vice Chairman Ted Carr requested Mass Electric provide an approximate radius for the lights' glow, indicating five lights may be too many.

The representative from Mass Electric agreed to work with Greenbush liason, Mark Brennan, to pin down the radius and wattage to be used for the street lights.

POLICE BEAT

Car swerves and flips on side

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There were no apparent injuries after a car traveling southbound on Route 3A swerved to avoid a collision and flipped onto its passenger side, police said. The accident occurred at about 6:10 a.m. on Monday (July 16) near the entrance to Golden Living (former Cohasset Knoll).

Police Chief James Hussey said the 2005 Toyota swerved to avoid a 2000 Infinity that was exiting out of the driveway. However, the vehicles collided and after contact, the Toyota rolled up on its side.

The operator of the Infinity was cited for failure to yield to oncoming traffic, Hussey said. Both vehicles were towed and no one was hurt, he said.

Avoiding animal

At about 1:50 a.m. on Friday (July 20) a 2003 Toyota was heading west bound on Atlantic Avenue when an animal ran in front of the vehicle, the driver swerved to avoid the animal and hit a pole, Chief Hussey said. There was no injury to the driver, who had just gotten off work, and no determination that speed was involved. Police did make note that the road surface was wet, Hussey said. National Grid was notified about damage to the pole.

Mini-bikes

There were two complaints about mini-bikes in the log over the past week, although one incident did not in fact involve bikes but four-wheelers.

In the first incident, police received a complaint about a youth on a mini-bike riding up and down Doane Street. The caller stated it was too noisy and wanted it to stop.

Mini-bikes are motorized bicycles whose engines are less than 50 cubic centimeters in size, Chief Hussey said. Operating a motorized bike on a public way is allowed if the operator has a learner's permit or driver's license and is wearing a helmet. If there is a passenger, he or she also must be wearing a helmet. Motorized bikes cannot travel on bicycle paths and must follow the rules of the road. Violators can be subject to a $25 fine that increases with each subsequent offense.

Even if a mini-biker is following the rules, police can ask him or her to stop if the noise is unreasonable and at a time of day (such as bed time) where there is an expectation of peace and quiet.

Go-karts, however, are not allowed on public ways and are not considered a motorized bike.

Police received a complaint last Friday about four-wheelers going up and down the street in the area of Beechwood Street and Mill Lane. The officer spoke to the boys, who when he arrived were working on the vehicles, and explained they cannot be operated on a public way. There have been no further problems, Chief Hussey said.

Suspended registration

At about 12:30 p.m. on Saturday (July 21), an officer on radar patrol near Beechwood Street and Norman Todd Road clocked a vehicle going 12 miles over the 30 mph speed limit. The officer, who could not go after the vehicle because someone had stopped to ask for directions, ran the plate number and the computer revealed the car was unregistered. The owner of the vehicle, who lives in Whitman, will be summonsed to court for allowing an unregistered motor vehicle to be driven. It was not clear if he was driving when radar clocked the car as speeding, police said.

Side mirror damaged

Police think a motorist hit the side mirror to a car parked in the Swim Center lot. Police do not think it was done intentionally because if a vandal had smashed it, the glass would have been more severely broken. There were "spider-like" cracks in the mirror. "It looks like someone hit the mirror when trying to pull out and did not make themselves known," Chief Hussey said. The mother of a lifeguard reported the incident at 2:45 p.m. on Monday (July 16) after her daughter returned home with the car.

Chief Hussey urged motorists to leave a note if they damage another vehicle and the operator is not around.

Rock incident

In a confusing log entry, a caller reported that grass and leaves were being dumped illegally. An officer stopped the 1998 black pickup truck on South Main Street and further investigation revealed that the truck had not dumped any grass or leaves but the operator did take a number of rocks from the property.

The truck driver said he had permission to do so, but the person at the property off Beechwood Street could not confirm that and did not want to press charges. The incident occurred last Tuesday (July 17) at about 1:30 p.m.

Trash dumping

The owner of a business on Ripley Road told police that someone had illegally used his dumpster. The owner of the trash was identified through items in the trash and it turned out it was his son who threw the trash into the dumpster.

The business owner did not wish to press charges. Chief Hussey explained that illegally dumping trash into or onto someone else's property can be a criminal charge.

The dumpster owner was asked to keep his dumpster covered, Hussey said. The incident was reported at about 2 p.m. on Thursday (July 19).

Kayak mishap

An overturned two-person kayak off Jerusalem Road turned out to be a minor incident. The two kayakers were able to right their kayak, get back in and were never in any distress, police said. A caller reported the overturned kayak at about 6:50 p.m. on Wednesday (July 18).

Human Service Career Opportunities

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Affordable housing plan moves forward

Three units possible on Jerusalem Road

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The Housing Partnership Committee has received approval from the Board of Selectmen to move forward with its plan for three affordable housing units on a town owned property at 821 Jerusalem Road.

A small step in a big job was made on Monday night. The Housing Partnership Committee has received approval from the Board of Selectmen to move forward with its plan for three affordable housing units on a town owned property on Jerusalem Road.

Back in April, the Housing Partnership came to the Selectmen asking them to hold off on taking any action in regard to the property; the Selectmen agreed. Chairman Tom Callahan wrote to the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to find out if it would deem the proposed units affordable and allow them to count toward Cohasset's affordable housing stock.

Callahan reported the DHCD has given him verbal assurances that the three units would count as affordable under the state's 40-B regulation. Currently the house at 821 Jerusalem Road is a two-family house. The Housing Partnership would like to see the house re-configured to a three-unit building.

"Because of land acquisition cost, this [type of project] is very difficult," said Callahan, "it's a positive opportunity and we should take it while its here."

The Town currently owns the piece of property at 821 Jerusalem Road and the Selectmen had a number of options for it besides developing affordable housing. The town foreclosed on the property in May 2005 due to non-payment of property taxes. The property could have been put out to auction or remained in the hands of the town (one tenant is currently paying rent to the town).

In addition, the daughter of the previous owner of the house has offered to pay all the back property taxes in order to keep the house in her family. However, her petition to vacate the final judgment was not received within a year's time of the foreclosure. Her appeal to the Land Court was denied earlier this month, and on Monday night the Selectmen affirmed the court's decision in a 4-0 vote.

"This project is not going to hit a financial home run," said Callahan, but the aim would be for the town to recoup the back taxes on the property, approximately $70,000.

The next step in the process is to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to local developers. Parameters would be set for the developers including one two-bedroom apartment, staying roughly within the footprint and establishing a town sewer connection. The Housing Partnership would ensure all permits were in place before selling the building to the developer. The committee plans to get the project approved as a Local Initiative Project (LIP), or "friendly 40-B," by the DHCD. The project would then need approval from Town Meeting.

If the LIP is not approved, Callahan said there is a Plan B. The town could continue to rent the building, sell it or hand over the building to the Housing Authority and seek Community Preservation money to renovate the building.

If all goes well, the project could come to fruition in early 2008.

Callahan also requested the Selectmen to reduce the number of people on the committee from 10 to nine. He reported the committee was having difficulty achieving six members for a quorum, the new structure would require a five-member quorum to conduct business. The Selectmen voted 4-0 to approve the change. (Selectman Fred Koed was not present at the meeting).

BUILDING PERMITS

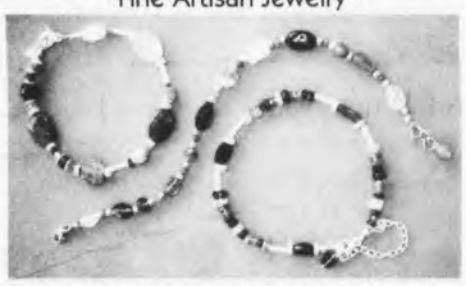
The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Fred Higgins, 251 King St., $6,000, build a 10 foot by 24 foot screen porch on footings; Parcel Two Realty, 825 CJC Hwy., $1,461, 30 foot by 50 foot frame tent; Robert Schwandt, 51 Beach St., $1,000,000, construct new home; Weeks, 802 Jerusalem Road, $9,000, kitchen, bath remodel; Cameron, 50 Jerusalem Road, $15,000, replace existing kitchen cabinets, countertops; Fitzgerald, 33 Rocky Lane, $10,000, new bathroom; Lynch, 10 Stevens Lane, $1,500, extend chimney with 10-inch flue liner; Howe Estate, 30 Diab Lane, $44,500, roofing; Kathleen Mansfield, 35 Arrowwood, $50,000, new windows, rehab bath and kitchen; Pinel, 188 So. Main St., $2,600, tool shed; Willard, 37 Stockbridge St., $140,000, complete remodel; Crafts, 156 No. Main St., $8,550, roof – 16 squares; McNamara, 150 Beach St., $2,500, repair rot on shed; re-side, re-roof; Murphy, 46 Margin St., $11,000, replace two bow-front windows and slider; McGovern, 40 Stockbridge St., $8,580, roof – 21 squares; Fitzgerald, 516 CJC Hwy., $2,000, new shed; McCarthy, 155 Fair Oaks Lane, $13,600, construct 14 foot by 16 foot deck, replace decking and railing to existing deck; McElhinney, 145 Fair Oaks Lane, $34,000, in-ground Fiberglass swimming pool; Beiche, 5 Ledgewood Farm Road, $20,000, in-ground pool; and Whitney, 50 Margin St., $27,000, 12 foot by 12 foot screen porch with second floor 12 foot by 12 foot deck.

Also: Hillier, 303 Forest Ave., $100,000 demolish and reconstruct barn; Deane, 90 Gammons Road, $30,000, in-ground pool; Cohasset Water, 339 King St., $145,000, extend foundation, block walls, roof, siding; DiModica, 184 Atlantic Ave., $350,000, three-car garage/pool house; DiNunzio, 365 Beechwood St., $17,000, 20 squares red cedar roofing; Janssens, 20 Nichols Road, $6,000, remove bathroom, add new window; Young Berford LLC, 34 Elm St., $3,500, hanging wooden sign; Cohasset Lightkeepers, 15 Lighthouse Lane, $345, 16 foot by 16 foot tent for July 20 through July 23; Cohasset Lightkeepers, 15 Lighthouse Lane, $1,000, 16 foot by 16 foot and 16 foot by 32 foot tents for July 27 through July 29; Cohasset Lightkeepers, 15 Lighthouse Lane, $1,000, 16 foot by 16 foot and 16 foot by 32 foot tents for July 19 through July 20; Cohasset Harbor Inn, 124 Elm St., $1,056, 30 foot by 40 foot tent for July 14 and 15; Brown, 60 Deep Run, $60,000, kitchen remodel; O'Brien, 62 Jerusalem Road, $9,000, 9 squares cedar roofing; Tierney, 217 So. Main St., $4,000, 10 foot by 14 foot shed, replace three windows; Murphy, 508 Beechwood St., $5,000, replace windows, siding on second floor; Rath, 10 Stevens Lane, $75,000, remodel two bathrooms, hardwood floors in two bedrooms, hall, finish third floor; DeMurias, 310 Beechwood St., $15,000, 8 foot by 16 foot deck off rear garage to match existing; Ferreira, 295 Beechwood St., $10,000, sunroom/porch; Sears, 17 Deep Run, $400,000, construct two-story addition as per plans submitted.

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Wanted: Red Lion Inn manager

Lapse in management concerns town officials

By Nancy White
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The Red Lion Inn, an anchor in the Cohasset Village and in its history, is looking for a new manager. To the Board of Selectmen and town officials this is a concern. Since May, the establishment has been without a reliable contact on the liquor license application. In Cohasset, the Board of Selectmen is the liquor license authority. The town communicated to the inn their concerns with the lack of consistent management at the inn, including fire safety issues brought up by fire officials.

Michael Hayes, attorney representing the Red Lion Inn, came before the Selectmen on Monday to convey the Inn's point of view.

"I understand the town's frustration at the lack of identifiable leadership," said Hayes, "it is the nature of the business and of the Red Lion Inn that there is lots of change."

Fire Chief Robert Silvia and Fire Inspector Capt. Mark Trask have relayed concerns to Town Manager Bill Griffin over a series of fire alarm and related incidents at the establishment. Hayes agreed to have a meeting with the fire officials at the earliest convenience.

The Red Lion Inn had applied for a liquor license change of manager with the public hearing scheduled for Monday night. However, late last week Griffin was informed the proposed manager had decided to take another position. Hayes said the proposed manager has a "meltdown in the kitchen" on his first busy night and quit. Another short-lived manager held the position before him.

Until a new manager is in place and acclimated to the position, the owner of the Red Lion Inn, Gerd Ordelheide, will be running the day-to-day operations of the Red Lion. He will stay on through the summer, said Hayes.

"I understand the town's frustration at the lack of identifiable leadership."
— Michael Hayes, attorney for Red Lion Inn

"We're trying to stay on top of this," and expect to have a new manager in place in the next two weeks, Hayes said.

Selectmen Ralph Dormitzer suggested the Inn "take the time to find someone new" and not rush to find a replacement so quickly. Griffin advised Hayes to find a top internal candidate to fulfill managerial duties in the future, in case a lapse in management occurs again.

"We need someone to hang around and do a good job," said Hayes. He will keep Griffin apprised of the situation and will come before the Board for the liquor license application once a new manager is in place.

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

July	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 26	9:19	7.4	9:26	8.8	3:00	1.3	3:03	1.9
Sunrise: 5:30 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:09 p.m.*			
Fri. 27	10:11	7.6	10:15	9.1	3:50	1.0	3:53	1.7
Sunrise: 5:31 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:08 p.m.*			
Sat. 28	10:58	7.9	11:02	9.5	4:38	0.6	4:41	1.4
Sunrise: 5:32 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:07 p.m.*			
Sun. 29	11:43	8.2	11:48	9.8	5:23	0.2	5:28	1.0
Sunrise: 5:33 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:06 p.m.*			
Mon. 30	—		12:26	8.6	6:06	-0.2	6:14	0.6
Sunrise: 5:34 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:05 p.m.*			
Tues. 31	12:33	10.0	1:09	9.0	6:49	-0.5	7:01	0.3
Sunrise: 5:35 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:04 p.m.*			
Wed. 1	1:18	10.2	1:52	9.4	7:33	-0.6	7:48	0.0
Sunrise: 5:36 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:03 p.m.*			
Thurs. 2	2:05	10.1	2:36	9.7	8:17	-0.7	8:37	-0.2
Sunrise: 5:37 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:02 p.m.*			

Tides between Cohasset and Plymouth are within 10 min.

Selectmen endorse wind turbine legislation

The Alternative Energy Committee is actively looking at wind turbines as a source of energy for town buildings. They are currently collecting wind data from a 165-foot MET tower on Turkey Hill and are drafting a zoning bylaw for wind turbines for fall Town Meeting.

In its research it has discovered towns without municipal light companies are at a disadvantage when it come to excess energy. Towns with municipal light companies are able to sell excess energy generated back to National Grid for a profit. For towns without municipal light companies, like Cohasset, electricity generated but not used on sit is bought by the National Grid for one rate then sold back to the Town for a higher rate.

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To alleviate the problem, there is a "net metering bill" proposed in the state Senate. The billing would allow a meter to read both ways, so when more energy is put into the grid than taken out; a credit is given to the Town. Conversely, if more energy is taken out than is put into the grid, the Town is billed.

The Board of Selectmen voted 4-0 (Selectman Fred Koed was not present) to write to state legislators endorsing the proposed legislation.

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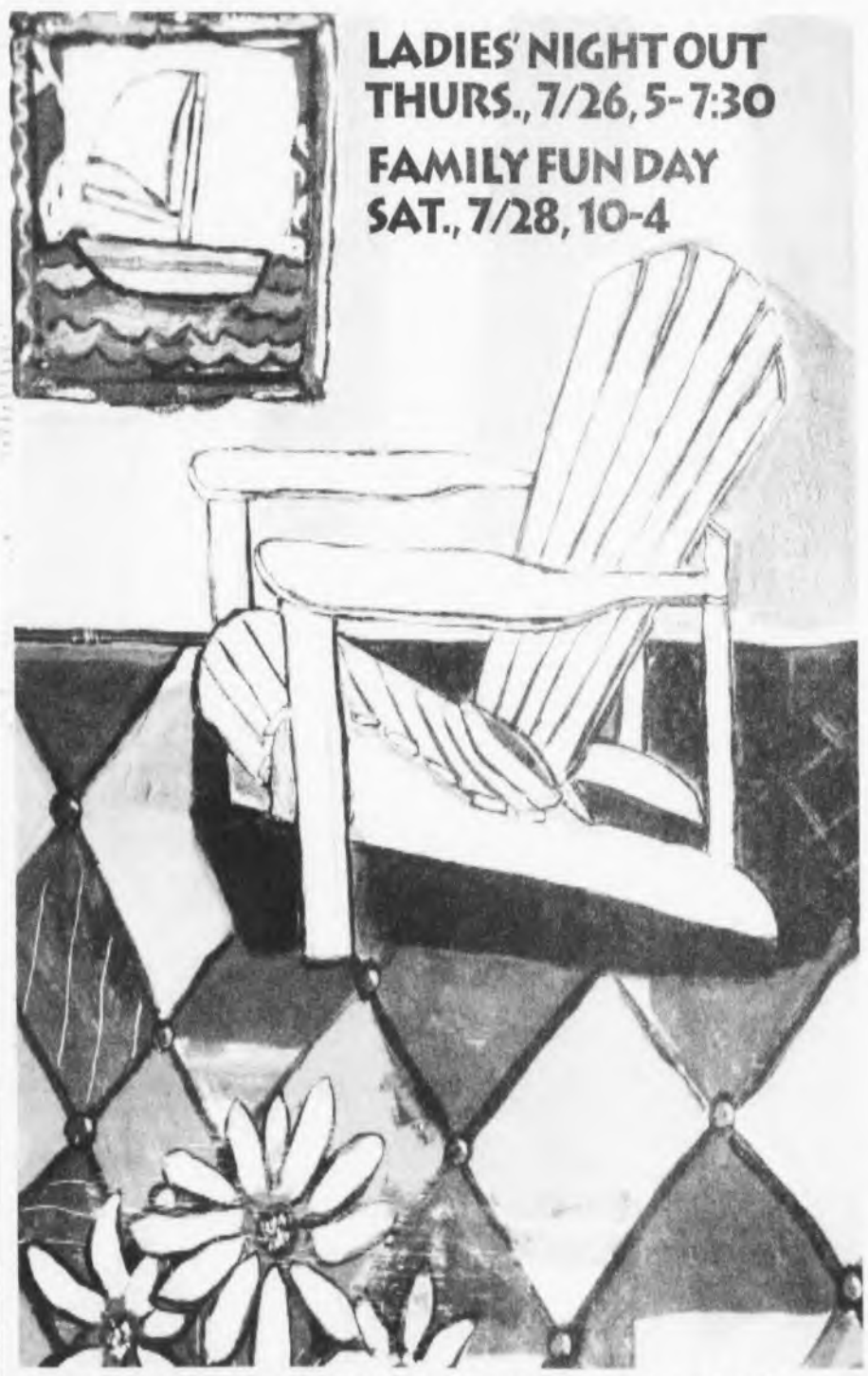
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Hello Cohasset. Ahhh, the hazy, lazy days of summer are here. A bit humid, some rain this weekend and back to normal for next week. Send in all of your summer news, events and photos and let us all here what types of things are happening.

NEW ARRIVAL

David Ames and his wife **Tanya** have welcomed a bouncing baby boy into their family!

Wyllys Lincoln Ames arrived at precisely 1:19 p.m. on June 20 at South Shore Hospital. He weighed in at a hefty 11 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 22-1/2 inches in length.

Available for lots of extra hugs are grandparents **August Rettkowski and Janice Gillissen** of Byfield, Mass. and **Aubin and Lincoln Ames** of Montclair, N.J.

David, Tanya and Wyllys live in Scituate. David is a science teacher at Cohasset High and helped lead the student effort to build the CO2 cube this past spring!

GENEROUS GIFT

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library would like to thank Sunrise Assisted Living Center for its generous gift of $300. The money was raised at Sunrise's recent yard sale and will help fund the library's outreach program. One service provided under the outreach program is delivering library materials to homebound residents. The money raised will also go towards purchasing favorite titles on audiobook and large print.

IN THE PMC

Dan Williams, a lifelong resident of Cohasset, completed the Plymouth Police Academy in June and was appointed as a Permanent Intermittent Police Officer to begin working in early July. As well, Dan was accepted into Suffolk University Law School, and this Fall he will begin his legal studies. Both are important to him in building a broad and deep background in criminal law. He has been on bicycle patrol in town, and is an avid bicycle rider who will be bicycling with his friend and next-door neighbor **Will Prendergast** to raise money for cancer research and treatment. He must raise $3000 to ride the 200-mile run. Anyone interested in donating to this to help him reach this goal can contribute online at pmc.org/egifts, or gifts may be mailed to 217 North Main St., made out to PMC.

COLGATE GRAD

Lindsay R. Grossman, daughter of **Jeffrey R. Grossman and Christina F. Grossman** and **Kathleen Prevett and James Prevett**, was awarded a bachelor of arts by Colgate University Sunday, May 20. Lindsay majored in environmental geography and was also a member of the women's varsity tennis team. Congratulations on this news and good luck with all your future endeavors.

35TH REUNION

Here is some information for all CHS graduates of 1972. Cohasset High School Class of 1972 is planning a reunion for Oct. 26, 2007. More information is available at www.Classmates.com and will be updated regularly. Organizers are trying to locate classmates. Please log on to the Classmates web site and become a member so that you can be reached and received notice of updates . You can also contact: www.Tessahoc72@yahoo.com. If you are a friend or family member of a CHS 72 graduate who is out of the area, please pass this on.

COLLEGE NEWS

We have a number of Cohasset residents who have named to various college dean's lists, graduated recently or otherwise been recognized. Fantastic work to all of them who are listed here as well as to all the students who are not.

Matthew Joseph Davis was named to the dean's list at Ursinus College for the spring 2007 semester and is a member of the Class of 2007. Matthew majored in biology. Super news.

The following students were named to the University of Massachusetts Boston Dean's List for the Spring, 2007 semester. Congratulations to **Katherine Schroeder**, **Abigail Coakley, Patrick Reardon, Peter Kovach** and **Kathryn Hines**.



Team members from Quincy through the lower Cape, standing from left to right: Joyce Healy, Stephanie O'Brien, Lauren Luscombe, Elizabeth Barger, Coach John Mucko, Coach Marcia Breen-Roussos, Penny Ackerly, Ashley Hamilton, Susan Dempsey, Donna Nickerson, Team Manager Sherri Vallie, Mamie Lippert-kneeling, Cohasset's Kara Protulis and Dianne Daley. Missing from the photo is Roger Collard.

This list of students are from Connecticut College and were also named to the dean's list for the 2007 Spring semester. **Thomas N. Anderson**, class of 2007 and **Ashley M. Faber**, class of 2008 were named to the dean's list with a grade point average of 3.3 or higher and **Scott D. Faber**, class of 2007 achieved dean's high honors with a grade point average of 3.7-4.0. Amazing work to you all.

READ TO RIDE

Christa Hagearty, President of Dependable Cleaners, announced recent winners in the Read to Ride summer reading incentive program. One of this week's contest winners is 12-year-old **Anya Gruber** of Cohasset. Anya will be entering the eighth grade at Cohasset Middle School this fall. Her winning entry form was for reading "The Fairies of Nutfolk Wood" by Barb Bentler Ullman.

Read to Ride is a summer tradition in the Gruber family. Last summer, Anya's sister Sarah won a new bike, which she in turn donated to the Boys & Girls Club of Allston-Brighton. Anya loves to read and visits the library at least once a week. She is a regular participant in the program and is very excited that she won. "Read to Ride is a great program," her mother Elizabeth said. "The prospect of winning a bike is certainly very exciting, and my kids look forward to the contest every summer."

TEAM HAS PIZAZZ!

Cohasset's **Kara Protulis** is a member of Pizazz, a newly-formed adult theatre on ice skating team, which meets at the Pilgrim Arena in Hingham and is off to a great start, having won silver medals in the Choreographic Exercise short program and the Theatre On Ice short program at the 2007 International Theatre On Ice championships held recently at the John Gallo Rink in Bourne.

Coached by **Marcia Breen-Roussos** of Norwell and **John Mucko** of Quincy, the team was critiqued by judges from thirteen states, plus France. Twenty-six teams competed in five levels, with programs encompassing jazz, ballet, adagio, free style, ice dance and acting.

Thousands of spectators attended the championships and were wildly enthusiastic. Theatre On Ice is the wave of the future for figure skating and is growing so rapidly that there are presently 50 known teams competing with many more starting up.

NEW SHOW

The train is coming! To get the latest updates be sure to watch Our Town starting Monday when **Pat Martin** and **Mark DeGiacomo** sit down with Greenbush liaison **Tom Gruber** and talk about train safety, train work and when the train might actually be starting. The show airs on Channel 10. See page 11 for more details.

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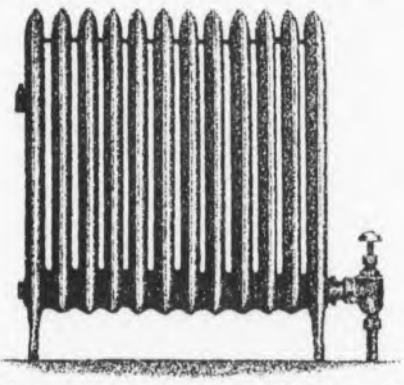


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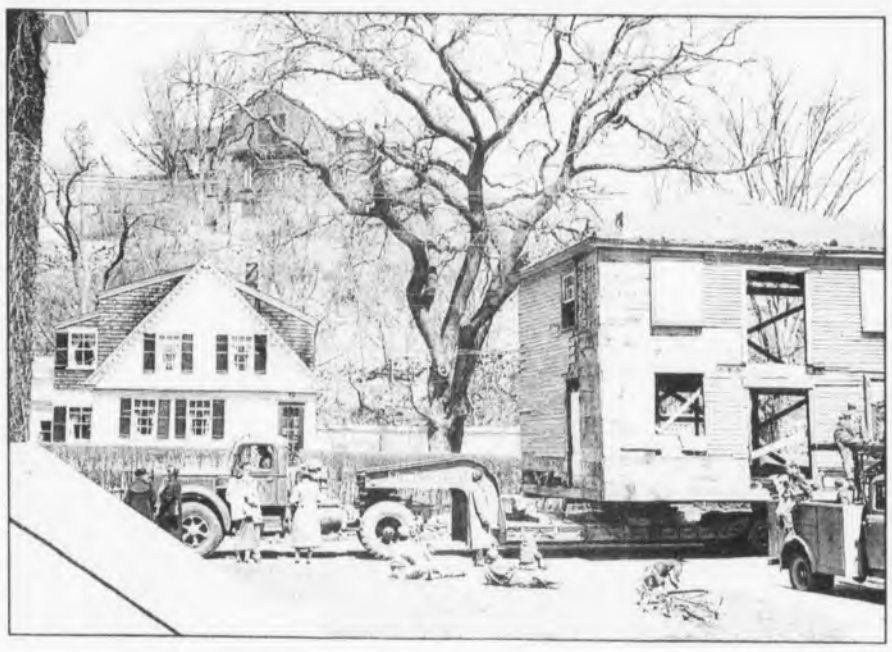
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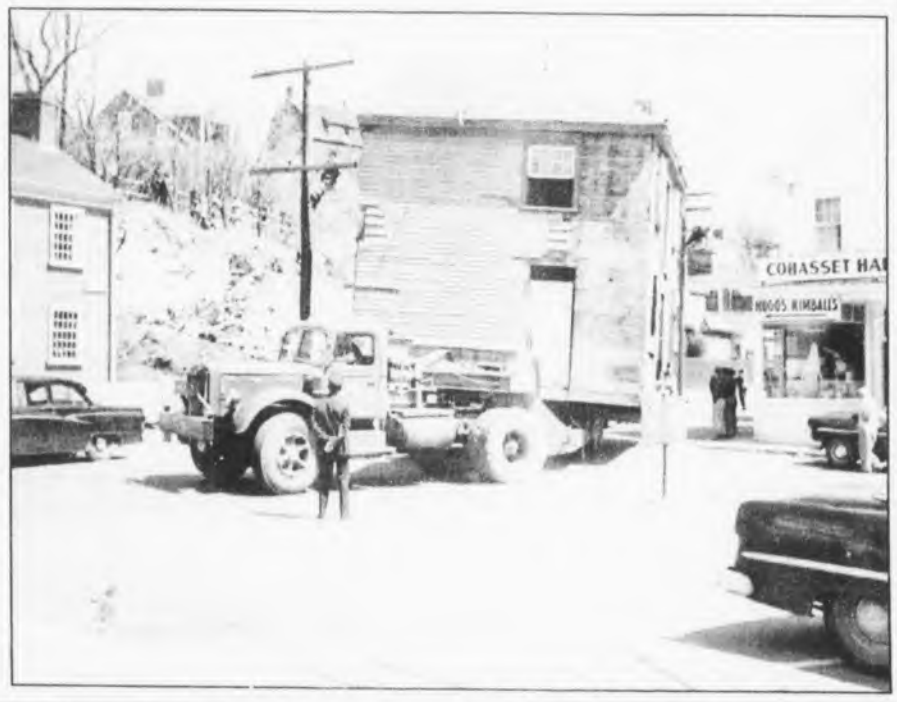
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From the Archives of the Cohasset Historical Society

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It has been quite a while since the Town of Cohasset saw a move as huge as this one. The Cohasset Historical Society's Maritime Museum, also known as the Bates Ship Chandlery, was once located at the harbor on Border Street. Built in the mid-1750s by Samuel Bates, it served as a company store and counting house for the Bates fishing business until John Bates died in 1882. Financier Clarence W. Barron purchased the chandlery in 1912 and his daughter, Jessie Cox and her husband, William Cox donated the building to the Historical Society in 1954. Two years later it was moved to its present location on Elm Street.

Currently undergoing a restoration, the Maritime is open for visitors Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop by before the museum closes at the end of September. From ship's models to salvaged objects from shipwrecks off the Cohasset coast, and even a legendary ghost, you never know what you'll see at the Maritime Museum.

Stop by and visit the Capt. John Wilson House and Maritime museum in the Village. The museums are open Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 781-383-1434 for more information about the Cohasset Historical Society.

Our World

Mark calendar for Exotic Animal Show

Our World, Children's Global Discovery Museum is at 100 Sohier St. in Cohasset. For information or to register for any of the following activities, call 781-383-3198 or visit: ourworld3.homestead.com/.

Upcoming events at Our World Museum in Cohasset include:

Exotic Animal Show – Aug. 10, at 10:30 a.m. to noon. The show will include 13 different animals from around the world. Some of the animals will include a 5-foot long iguana, a leopard gecko, a large African millipede, a rare albino hedgehog and many more. At the end of the show every child will get to handle and feed the animals. A snack will be provided as well. Cost is $15 for members or $20 non-members. Space is limited, so call 781-383-3198 to reserve a spot.

Birthdays – Museum staff does set-up, clean-up and everything in between. Decorations, napkins, plates and cups are provided. People bring cake and whatever they want to serve. Call 781-383-3198 to reserve the day.

Rentals – People can rent space for their next event. There is a full kitchen, large function room, use of the exhibit and theater. It is a $150 for two hours, plus an hour set-up and an hour cleanup.

Senior Scene

Abbey cookout is Aug. 1

Upcoming Cohasset senior events. Call 781-383-9112 as soon as possible to register.

Glastonbury Abbey Annual Cookout Lunch. Aug. 1, at noon Transportation provided.

Watch Your Step Program offered by the Norwell Visiting Nurse Association Aug. 3, at 9:30 a.m. at Cohasset Elder Affairs. The Program will consist of a 45 minute presentation on fall prevention followed by a screening of each participant's fall risk. This program is open to seniors from every community. You must pre-register.

Allerton House in Hingham has invited our seniors for a cookout and entertainment Aug. 15 at noon. Transportation will be provided.

The Spirit of Boston Lobster Luncheon Cruise Sept. 14. Enjoy fresh New England lobster while taking in the sights of Historic Boston Harbor. The lunch is a seasonal lobster clambake lunch buffet. Departure: 10 a.m. from St. Anthony's. Cost is $78. Flyers detailing the whole experience available at Cohasset Elder Affairs. A 50 percent payment due at registration.

Bird life van trip

Join Mass Audubon educator and Hull historian John Galluzzo from 9 to 11 a.m., on Sunday, Aug. 5, for a van trip along the coastline to find the history and wildlife of the Hull shore. The trip will include visits to historic and natural sites from the Weir River to Pemberton Point.

The fee for this program is $12 for Mass Audubon members and $15 for non-members. Pre-registration is required.

For directions to the North River Wildlife Sanctuary or for an alternate meeting place, Call Galluzzo at 781-837-9400.

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First Parish Church would like to change the orientation of its sign and make it larger, but no taller. The issue came before the Board of Selectmen on Monday night.

Selectmen not of common mind on church sign

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church," said Chittick, indicating anecdotal evidence newcomers to the town have a difficult time discerning the building is a church, rather than a meeting house or historic building.

The proposed sign change would re-orient the sign 90 degrees to face oncoming traffic and move the sign away from the building to be better seen. The proposed sign would remain five feet tall, but be enlarged laterally, from three feet to approximately six feet.

If the new sign is approved the First Parish Church would include the names of the minister and education director, in addition to as well as the church name, religious affiliation and service times. The color scheme would remain a black background with white lettering, to match the meeting house architecture.

Selectmen Ralph Dormitzer was unsure if the proposed signage was the best solution, he suggested something small be done in addition to the current sign, like the small sign at the First Parish House across the street.

"I don't want to look at a sign as I drive up and down the street," Dormitzer said.

Chairman Gary Vanderweil put the church in the "big picture." The Meeting House and the town common is one of Cohasset's best known locations, he said, and did not think the sign was subtle enough.

"This is a monstrosity," said Vanderweil.

Chittick said the proposal was what the Parish would prefer but "it was not an all or nothing thing." Multiple options were offered in addition to the proposal. Selectman Paul Carlson suggested the orientation remain the same, while the sign was moved closer to the street. Selectmen Ted Carr said he would vote for the switch in orientation with a similar look and size of the current sign. With so many differing ideas and Selectman Fred Koed absent from the meeting, the Selectmen decided to postpone their decision on the sign.

"Let's wait for a full house," said Vanderweil. The sign will be discussed again at the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen. The Selectmen would need to approve or deny the proposed plan, if any changes were made the revised plan would have to go back to the Common Historic District for approval. Then the First Parish Church would seek zoning relief from sign bylaws from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Cohasset family devoted to cancer research cause

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and the PMC. Amanda, now eight years old, has been coming to the Relay and the PMC practically her whole life.

"When we were growing up we were never exposed to [these type of events], now there's such an awareness," says Jacqui, who has been involved with the Relay for 10 years and each year the kids come along, "when our children are our age, I want there to be no such thing as cancer."

The grueling 192-mile bike ride, split over two days, travels from Sturbridge to Provincetown, with an overnight stay at Mass Maritime Academy in Bourne. The course is broken up with water stops every 20 miles. Jacqui and the kids will go out and meet Peter along the route. They travel from water stop to water stop to cheer him on. The kids make t-shirts to show their support.

The water stops manned by volunteers, many are cancer survivors, make an impression on Peter every year.

"They remind me why I'm doing this and make me keep going. It's for the people who have suffered or are suffering, I do it for them," explains Peter, "everyone there has something in common, cancer unfortunately touches everybody."

The strenuous journey takes a toll on the bikers, Peter tries to keep his suffering in perspective, "sore muscles go away but a lot of times cancer doesn't."

"The [volunteers] give you so much support, you run into different people, you share stories, it's tough to put [the experience] into words," says Peter, whose parents will be volunteering at the Bourne site for the fifth year in a row.

"The sheer number of volunteers and their willingness to do anything is inspiring, many of them had a harder task than the riders," says another Cohasset resident, Bill Doyle, who will be participating in his second PMC. Last year, he biked the one-day version of the course, but this year he wanted to do more. His goal is to raise $7000, for a two-year total of $10,000. He bikes in tribute to his aunt, a breast cancer survivor.

Both Peter Vitello and Doyle have been amazed with the generosity and support from friends, family and the community.

"We're so close to a cure now, the PMC's slogan 'closer by the mile' really is true," says Peter.

If you would like to donate to Peter Vitello or Bill Doyle's Pan-Mass Challenge bike ride to benefit the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through its Jimmy Fund, visit www.pmc.org.



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The Pan-Mass Challenge water stops manned by volunteers, many of whom are cancer survivors, make an impression on Peter Vitello every year. "They remind me why I'm doing this and make me keep going. It's for the people who have suffered or are suffering, I do it for them," explains Peter, "everyone there has something in common, cancer unfortunately touches everybody."

"...when our children are our age, I want there to be no such thing as cancer."

— Peter Vitello, PMC participant

Cohasset residents to ride in Pan-Massachusetts Challenge

Nine Cohasset residents will ride in the Pan-Massachusetts Challenge, the nation's original bike-a-thon for charity that today raises more money than any other athletic fundraising event in the country. The ride will take place Aug. 4 and 5. Cohasset riders will be among the more than 5,000 cyclists riding in the 28th annual event with the collective goal of raising $27 million for adult and pediatric cancer research and care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through its Jimmy Fund.

The PMC has contributed more than $171 million to the Jimmy Fund since its 1980 inception. Last year, the PMC gave 99 cents of every rider-raised dollar directly to the Jimmy Fund, a rate of fundraising efficiency that is nearly unequaled within the $1 billion athletic fundraising event industry. The PMC is the largest contributor to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's $1 billion capital campaign.

Pan-Massachusetts Challenge is a fully supported bike-a-thon – with food and water stops, mechanical and medical assistance, luggage transportation and lodging – that runs through 43 towns across Massachusetts. Two-day rides include the original 192-mile Sturbridge to Provincetown route; 180-mile Sturbridge-Bourne-Wellesley route; 163-mile Wellesley-Bourne-Provincetown route; or the 153-mile Wellesley-Bourne-Wellesley route. One-day riders cycle the 111-mile Sturbridge-Bourne route; the 84-mile Wellesley-Bourne route; the 69-mile Bourne-Wellesley Sunday volunteer route; or the new 47-mile Wellesley-Wellesley Sunday loop. Cyclists are required to raise between $1,000 and $3,600 to ride in the PMC, depending on the chosen route, yet the average PMC cyclist raises $5,500.

The PMC is sponsored by the Boston Red Sox, Overstock.com and Covidien. To become a volunteer, a virtual rider or make a financial contribution to a rider from a local town, visit pmc.org or call 800-WE-CYCLE. Checks can be made payable to PMC, 77 Fourth Ave., Needham, MA 02494.

Cohasset riders include: Kelly Antonuccio, Dan Counihan, William Doyle, Lorraine Healy, Mark Healy, Susan McMackin, William Prendergast, Peter Vitello and Daniel Williams.

Author Valerie Block to speak at Buttonwood

Buttonwood Books & Toys welcomes novelist Valerie Block at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Aug. 2, at Buttonwood, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset. Block will discuss her book, "Don't Make A Scene," her novel about life, love and the movies.

Diane Kurasik is a relatively happy 39-year-old single woman living in New York City. However, happy and content are momentary stages in life. As she is pondering the predictability of her work and wondering if she needs something more challenging, an eviction notice arrives in her mailbox. Upheaval, like the muses, never arrives alone. Housing, work, family and romance all demand equal attention. Her life, which was a one-act play, has evolved into a full movie. "Don't Make a Scene" is a witty, lighthearted story filled with laugh out loud moments.

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Jerry Ouellette, right, shown here with Nick Destito, left, both of Trees Now, used a computer program to generate a digital depiction of the Pitaros' North Main Street backyard with different tree options. "The main goal was to create a noise mitigation and screening effect so [the Pitaros] didn't have to look at the berm eyesore," says Ouellette.

Trees Now helps N. Main Street couple screen tracks

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they need to do," says Ouellette. Ouellette listened the Pitaros' concerns and desires to come up with the best solution. He shared his knowledge of trees and plantings, showed them other similar type screenings the company had done.

"Homeowners typically have a myopic understanding of trees," and Ouellette. Trees Now can guide them through the endless forest of options, "trees can really change the character of a home."

Trees Now used a computer program to generate a digital depiction of the site with different tree options. Together, the Pitaros and Ouellette determined the Northern Green arborvitae would work best for their situation, 27 were planted along the property edge.

"The main goal was to create a noise mitigation and screening effect so [the Pitaros] didn't have to look at the berm eyesore," says Ouellette, "the arborvitae has thick branches that overlap to provide a strong matting."

The arborvitae is compact too, so the trees could be planted almost directly next to the fencing. Right now, they stand about 12 feet but will grown almost double in size to about 20 to 25 feet in height.

"You won't even be able to see the double decker train when that starts going through," says Nick Destito, owner of Trees Now. A Colorado blue spruce and a white pine were planted to add to the texture of the screen. Several plants and trees were moved from other parts of the yard and re-planted.

"If you add trees to your home, you add value to your home forever," says Ouellette.

Trees Now has been in business for more than 20 years. Originally, Destito ran a complete tree service business, where his company (Destito Trees) would remove, install, and transplant trees. But when the equipment and insurance became too much, he decided to branch off and establish a niche company after 10 years in complete tree service. Trees Now has sub-contractors to remove the trees and focuses on design, installation and transplant of mature trees. They buy and sell trees and have several of their own tree farms where they can pick and choose specimen trees for their clients.

Destito and Ouellette have already received several calls from other train abutters interested in doing similar projects in their backyards bordering the train tracks.

"The best thing is coming in the driveway and not seeing that horror show," says Debbie Pitaro, who calls herself a happy customer, "it really makes a difference, even if you have to get a second mortgage, it's worth it."

"It's so nice to be seeing green instead of track," seconds Nick Pitaro.

Legion seeking donations for those deployed

The George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118 is seeking donations of toiletries and other items for those deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Donations may be dropped off at the Legion Post on Summer Street daily after 3 p.m. or at Pilgrim Cooperative Bank branches on 3A or in the village.

Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks should be made out to the Sons of the American Legion, with "Soldiers Project" written in the memo line on the check. Checks can be mailed to Sons of the American Legion, PO Box 118, Cohasset, MA 02025. The following items are being collected at the American Legion for deployed servicemen and women:

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Uncommon request

In a world where signs constantly compete to get our attention – it is refreshing that in Cohasset, a church sign on the historic Town Common would be at topic before the Board of Selectmen.

Indeed, our culture is completely sign-oriented whether that be telling us where and how long to park, or letting the public know what sports team we support by advertising that on our baseball caps or T-shirts. Often before children can talk, they recognize advertising symbols such as the "Golden Arches" or the Target bull's eye.

Cohasset is no stranger to signs. They are all over the place. Take a walk through the village and check out all the messages we are being sent!

Along Route 3A, it is even more evident. In fact, to compete, organizations such as the South Shore Arts Center or Cohasset Dramatic Club will install temporary signs at a key spot such as Sohier Street and Route 3A to make sure motorists' eyes are drawn there and people know about the Festival on the Common or latest CDC production.

It is all part of the American way.

But Cohasset Common, which is at the heart of the local Cohasset Common Historic District, is an oasis from all that. It is not only pristine but represents a simpler time. In the center of the Common stands — what, we believe, is one of the most beautiful churches in all New England — the First Parish meetinghouse.

The Common is also a busy place. It hosts the Village Fair, Farmer's Market and the Festival on the Common, as well as being the site of pickup football matches or a game of catch, or a place where one can sit and reflect by the pond. However, those activities don't detract but add to the sense that the Common is part of Cohasset and belongs to us all.

Therefore, while to an outsider discussion about a church sign might seem trivial, in Cohasset it shows how town officials and the members of First Parish fully understand the value of Cohasset Common.

Common "signs" have come up before and can be a good thing. Years ago, a local resident proposed signs that were installed on backs of the benches at the pond that explain why people should not feed the ducks. He was propelled into action after seeing a rare bird that had decided not to migrate for the winter given the ample amount of bread being provided.

First Parish wants to change the orientation of its existing sign, which is just 42 inches from the church, parallel to the street and side of the building, and make the sign larger but no taller.

We applaud First Parish for bringing the matter of a new church sign before the Board of Selectmen on Monday where our Selectmen gave the proposal "mixed reviews." Selectmen postponed their decision and took the issue under advisement.

Here at the Mariner, we do not have an opinion on the appropriateness of the sign but we are happy town and church officials understand changes to the look of the Town Common are weighty matters.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:
Alternative Energy Committee, Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, all at 7:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission, Aug. 27, 7 p.m.
Harbor Committee, Aug. 14, 7 p.m.
Library Trustees, Aug. 8, 7 p.m. at the library.
Planning Board, Aug. 1, 7 p.m.
Selectmen, Aug. 6, 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, and Aug. 13, 6 p.m.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'An environmental disaster'

TO THE EDITOR:

It is well recognized that Treat's Pond is an environmental disaster. It is choked with phragmite, has high readings for enterococci bacteria, is a breeding ground for mosquitoes, is a fire hazard when the phragmite turns to straw in the fall and is inadequate as storage for storm water runoff, with the result that homes along Atlantic Avenue are regularly flooded during rain events.

The Army Corps of Engineers has proposed a major remediation of the pond by restoring its tidal connection to the ocean and creating two-way flow — salt water into the pond and fresh water out. The benefits of this proposal will be a reduction in the phragmite now choking the pond, near elimination of the bacterial pollution, elimination of the mosquito habitat, reduction in fire hazard, improved flood control for Atlantic Avenue and restoration of the pond as an estuarine habitat for shellfish, finfish and waterfowl.

The Corps has thoroughly researched this proposal with detailed studies of tidal flow rates; water quality effects, including potential bacteria counts in dry and wet weather; pond and tidal elevations; impacts on tidal waters; and mean pond elevations based on tidal variation.

The Federal Government will provide 65 percent of the funding for the project, with the remainder to be raised locally through State grants or appropriations and Town funding. The probable Town percentage is in the range of 10 to 20 percent of the total estimated cost of $1,620,000.

The question has been raised as to whether or not Treat's Pond was ever a salt marsh. It is clear from the evidence that it was. The US Coast Guard maps of 1853 for this area and other charts as well show the connection between inner Sandy Cove and Treat's Pond. Moreover, high tides were and are four to five feet above the ground elevation of the pond. It doesn't take a degree in physics to appreciate that this differential would result in a substantial flow of salt water into the pond.

Two good examples of this phenomenon are the flow at high tide into Little Harbor under Cunningham Bridge and the flow into the Gulf River under Mill Bridge. The phragmite invasion is a relatively new phenomenon, and anecdotal evidence supports the conclusion that the pond was once free of phragmite and was a successful estuarine habitat. A good example of a successful habitat is the pocket marsh at the beginning of Atlantic Avenue opposite Howard Gleason Road. Saltwater invades the marsh at high tides, cleaning the marsh while keeping the phragmite at bay, and the marsh grasses act as a natural rain garden for storm runoff. We would expect the same results from a restored Treat's Pond, with the additional benefit of reduced flooding of homes during storm events.

The appropriation for the Federal share of the project is supported by the Army Corps and by our representatives in Congress. Our Legislative representatives support the State share. We are optimistic that the Town of Cohasset will support its share of this highly worthwhile project. We look forward to support from the people of Cohasset.

Amo Houghton
for the Treat's Pond Task Force

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COMMENTARY

MARTIN NEE

In my view, the flooding at Treats Pond is identical to the situation now impacting areas surrounding James Brook, Jacobs Meadow, Deep Run, Straits Pond and others.

I live along a drainage cut that feeds Treats Pond, so I was delighted to see a commentary in last week's Mariner attempting to shed "sunlight" and full public "transparency and scrutiny" on the Treats Pond issue. While I disagree with the solution that was proposed, I think closer public scrutiny will reveal the complexities of the problem at hand and lead to more effective and innovative solutions than what was proposed. Throughout the entire Town of Cohasset, serious, chronic and recurrent flooding and water pollution problems are damaging homes and posing public health threats — and the Treats Pond situation is a prime example.

In my view, the flooding at Treats Pond is identical to the situation now impacting areas surrounding James Brook, Jacobs Meadow, Deep Run, Straits Pond and others. The culprit in each case has been decades of building roads, driveways, sidewalks and rooftop structures, combined with the clearing of wooded areas without appropriately controlling run-off. When it rains, incredibly large volumes of stormwater run along the surface picking up pollution from antiquated septic systems and other sources without the benefit of the earth's natural filtration system. Eventually the stormwater dumps into the same old drainage systems, which were never designed to handle the surge, and we are left with the unintended and expensive consequences we are facing today.

While the causes of major flooding problems may be identical, effective solutions to them often have their own unique set of challenges. Quick, inexpensive and un-engineered fixes for serious flooding problems like the one presented in the previous commentary, have had a history of failure all over town. And according to environmentalists, habitats destroyed by phragmites like Treats Pond, are not capable of "self-remediating" them-

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The walls of the channel by the Legion Hall are collapsing.



At the edge of the harbor, flapper gates flank the SRT (self-regulating tide) gate in the center.

How water drains from Jacobs Meadow

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Water Department Work – As a public service, we thought that you might like to know the schedule for the current water main construction work being done by Cohasset Water Department. So here it is:

- Beechwood Street: July 5 to Aug. 10
- Bailey Road: Aug. 10 to Sept. 25
- Ridgetop Road: Aug. 10 to Sept. 25
- Arrowwood Street: Aug. 10 to Sept. 25
- Buttonwood Lane; Sept. 11-25
- Lincoln Lane: Sept. 25 to Dec. 2

Final paving will not be started until May 2008. Although delaying the final paving may not seem to make sense, it really is the smart thing to do. Experience shows that spending money now to do the final paving rather than waiting until the ground has a chance to really settle is money wasted. A much better and longer lasting paving job will be obtained if the inevitable settling is allowed to happen. So, there may be a little unevenness in the roads where new water lines have been constructed until final paving next spring.

More on James Brook – Last week we gave you a quick overview of James and Stewart brooks. We showed that the water from these two brooks enters Jacobs Meadow, drains to the harbor and comes from as far, to the Hingham end, as Lower King St. and as far, to the Scituate end, as Castle Road, and possibly beyond. This week, we'd like to talk about how the water drains from Jacobs Meadow out to the harbor.

First, keep in mind that water can only exit to the harbor when the water level in the meadow is higher than the water level in the harbor. Jacobs Meadow drains into an open channel at the Legion Hall and then goes underground in pipes until it gets to the harbor. If you look carefully at this channel, you will be able to see that the walls are in the process of collapsing. And, there is debris in the bottom of the channel. Both of these reduce the amount of storm water that can be released to the harbor as well as reduce the salt water that can be moved back into the meadow.

At the edge of the harbor, just beyond the new Veteran's Memorial is the terminus for three underground outfall pipes. Two of these pipes (48 ins. and 66 ins. in diameter) have flapper gates. So what are flapper gates? Simply put, they are one-way gates. They are big steel flaps with hinges at the top that cover the harbor side of the pipes. When the water in the harbor is low enough, the water from the meadow forces the flaps to open and, presto, water goes from the meadow to the harbor. When the water in the harbor rises they close and no water can flow back into the meadow.

Now, the third pipe, in the center, is terminated in an entirely different way. It has a very special device called a SRT (Self Regulating Tide) gate. In addition to letting water flow from the meadow to the harbor just like the flapper gates, it also lets an adjustable amount of salt water from the harbor back into the meadow. Why would we ever want to do this? Jacobs Meadow is a saltwater meadow. Years ago, the meadow was open to the harbor, so salt water could flow freely up into the meadow to maintain a healthy saltwater meadow environment. Now, the meadow is mostly fresh water so the invasive fresh water plants, particularly phragmites, have taken over. The reintroduction of limited amounts of salt water into the meadow is an attempt to restore the saltwater habitat and reduce the phragmites. For a variety of reasons, which we'll discuss in later articles, this has not been very effective.

If you are still with us, let's talk about what the weaknesses in the present meadow to harbor outfall might be. One of the projects, which have been identified by the Town to improve meadow drain performance, is re-engineering and reconstructing this channel and its flow control mechanisms. This alone could permit about 20 percent more storm water to exit to the harbor when necessary and create the opportunity for a like increase of salt water into Jacobs Meadow for meadow restoration. So why don't we do it? Well, like all major projects it takes money. The Town has applied for a MEMA / FEMA (Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency / Federal Emergency Management Agency) grant under their flood damage mitigation program. We were not awarded a grant in the initial go around, but are still working toward possible later funding.

Forest Avenue – Of the 4,950 feet of Forest Avenue, starting at N. Main Street that will be reclaimed, about 2,400 feet have been completed, as we write this article. (Reclaiming is removing all of the old asphalt down to the road understructure.) By the time you read this a base coat of asphalt should be laid on this first reclaimed portion. As the roadway reclamation and base coat work proceeds, the road should become less of a hazard zone and a bit easier on our vehicles. Around the end of the end of the month all of the reclamation should be finished and the base coat added. About the same time, we should begin cold planning the Northern end of the roadway. (Cold planning is removing only the top surface of the old asphalt to allow a new top coat to be laid without raising the finished road height.)

After the base coat is laid, the curb construction will start, as a prelude to sidewalk construction. The entire project is still on schedule for completion around October, but is still weather dependent. Above all things, as the paving progresses, please remember this is still a work zone. Keep your speed down and stay alert for workmen and other construction hazards.

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All about the Lincolns

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

As faithful readers of this column know, I have an almost pathological need to not spend money. When I make an honest ranking of my favorite activities these days, not spending money comes in at number four. It's really flown up the charts since I got married, going from number eight billion to the fourth spot in just under 14 years.

I'll give you an example. I took my seven-year-old daughter to a matinee for her birthday, and as we passed the concessions stand she asked for an enormous bag of Skittles. My normal reaction would have been to double over laughing, but because it was her birthday, and because she had brought $4 of her own money I got her the Skittles.

About half way through the movie I heard the unmistakable sound of 97 Skittles clacking onto the floor beneath her seat. She looked at me in horror, and even in the dark I could tell she was close to tears. So I smiled and told her not to worry, got out of my seat, and crouched down to pick up all the fallen Skittles, rubbing each one on my shirt a bit before carefully placing it back in her bag.

"Good as new," I said, and took my seat again as she resumed her snacking.

A few minutes passed.

"Dad," she whispered, "they gave me an M&M instead of a Skittle."

"Oh yeah?" I said. "I guess that happens sometimes. It's like a little prize."

"They gave me some gum too."

"Hey look at Nancy Drew up there."

"Is this a marble?"

"No more talking now honey. Those ushers carry mace."

I realize that some would call me cheap. I think it's more accurate to say I'm incredibly cheap. Of course if I put half the thought and energy I devote to not spending money into making *more* money I wouldn't have to not spend so much. But I suppose I'm someone who was brought up to believe that asking for a raise is a little haughty, especially when you spend your work day making personal calls and plotting to sabotage your manager's vacation plans. So instead I buy three gallons of loss-leader milk from Tedeschi's and call it a day.

It's not that I don't like hard work or money itself. I've always had lots of entrepreneurial drive. The problem is that my business sense never evolved beyond the second grade level. Remember when you believed that any odd piece of junk was highly valuable and rare? My daughter fishes rusty bottle caps out of the dirt and takes them home as if they're ancient roman coins. I used to think my collection of various-sized cardboard tubes was my ticket out of the middle class. When that didn't work I tried lemonade stands, hot dog stands — would you buy a hot dog from a grubby-looking boy at the end of his driveway? One saint of a truck driver did. I can only assume he was ravenous from all the amphetamines and regretted his decision 10 or 15 miles down the road.

I wasn't any brighter in college when I ran my own bike tune-up business from my dorm room on weekends. For seven or eight hours that could have been spent studying fluid dynamics I would repack bearings, adjust breaks and shifters, and thoroughly clean all the surfaces of one bike, charging $20 for this service. I think I made a better hourly wage collecting cardboard tubes. Within a month I had people flocking to me to fix up their bikes, so I assumed I had this phenomenal business going. It never occurred to me to do the "revenue minus expenses equals profit" math. Yet on Monday I'd be back programming a computer to find the highest known prime number. Apparently it's 17, by the way.

I've always been an idiot when it comes to making money, so not spending it has become a kind of second career for me. Supposedly this is how old New England families became wealthy, but so far I haven't been as happy with the results. What I have gained is an appreciation for all the good things in life that money can't buy, like a kiss from my daughter, a beautiful sunset, or a perfect skipping stone from Rocky Beach. You know the wicked smooth, flat kind I mean? I can't help wondering how much you could get for a bag of those things.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset. He expects to lose his shirt on another lemonade stand in August, but is optimistic that his '87 Toyota will fetch a pretty penny once it's given antique status in 2012.

LIBRARY CORNER

Register for Great Decisions Group

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information or to sign up for classes, call 781-383-1348 or visit gwalsh@ocln.org.

Great Decisions Group – Register now to participate in the Great Decisions Group. To register, call or visit the library, or visit cohassetlibrary.org and click on Calendar; click on the September calendar; then click on Sept. 9. The group is free, and limited to 15 participants.

Movie Matinee – The library will show the film "Casablanca" starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman at 11 a.m., on Friday, Aug. 3. Admission is free, and light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library.

New Titles – Check out these summer books: Daniel Silva's "The Secret Servant"; Eric Jay Dolin's "Leviathan: The History of Whaling in America"; and William Kent Krueger's book "Thunder Bay."

Museum Passes – When making plans for summer fun, don't forget about the library's museum passes. There are passes to the following Boston institutions: Children's Museum, Museum of Science, Museum of Art, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Harvard Museum of Natural History and Boston By Foot. Other local museums include the Maritime and Irish Mossing Museum in Scituate; Plimoth Plantation; and Roger Williams Park and Zoo in Providence, R.I. These passes are available to Cohasset Library cardholders only. Call or reserve a pass soon.

FOR CHILDREN

Animal Adventures – Catch the Beat at Your Library with a hands-on live animal show presented by Animal Adventures, a family zoo and science center, on Tuesday, July 31, at 4 p.m. Suitable for ages 6 and younger; and at 6 p.m., for ages 7 and older. Free tickets are available at the Circulation Desk while they last. A book raffle will begin at 6:55 p.m. Funded by Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Last Chance – Last chance to Catch the Beat at Your Library with MamaSteph will be at 10:30 a.m., on Monday, July 30. Come sing and dance one last time. MamaSteph will return in October and November. All ages and all communities welcome. Registration is not required. Funded by the Friends of Cohasset Library.

Puzzle Club – Catch the Beat at Your Library with Mrs. Murphy and the Puzzle Club from 6 to 7:30 p.m., on Mondays, July 30, and Aug. 6 in the Story Room. There are many new puzzles. Registration is not required. Prompt pick up is expected. Funded by Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Decorating Contest – Catch the Beat at Your Library by decorating a peacock or parrot using markers, glitter, beads, pipe cleaners, tissue paper and things found in nature to create a new bird that reflects one's personality. Templates are on Mrs. Moody's desk. Winners will be from all age groups. Contest ends Friday, Aug. 3, and winners will be called.

Music Contest – Catch the Beat at Your Library by writing new words to "Yankee Doodle Dandy." The words should reflect how one feels about or how one interprets the Catch the Beat at Your Library program. This contest is open to all students. Leave songs in the contest basket on Mrs. Moody's desk. Winners will be from all age groups. Contest ends Friday, Aug. 3.

Harry Potter

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I wrote a book once --- or, rather, I was part of a team that wrote it.

It was called "The Torch Is Passed," the story of the Kennedy assassination and funeral, and along with Saul Pett, Hugh Mulligan and Sid Moody, I was sequestered in a Manhattan hotel room for the better part of two weeks to get the manuscript to the publisher by Christmas.

We did and I was told it eventually sold four million copies --- by mail order, which kept it off the bestseller lists. And we got a flat fee for writing it, which tells you why I'm not living in Duxbury or Cohasset right now.

I thought four million was a pretty good two week's work until last week when I learned that J. K. Rowling's "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" had a first printing of 12 million, which went on sale last Saturday at 12:01 a.m. and may have sold out by dawn, for all I know.

If you think you've seen the last of Harry Potter, be advised that there are still two movies to go...

So far the previous six volumes in the Harry Potter series have sold 325 million copies in 64 languages and made Rowling the richest woman in all of Britain, even wealthier than the queen. She could live in Duxbury or Cohasset any time she wished. In fact, she could buy Duxbury or Cohasset. Or both.

I can't think of a more eagerly awaited book than volume seven of the Potter series, unless it was Bill Clinton's memoirs, particularly among those pundits with prurient interests who first thumbed through the pages to find the chapter on Monica Lewinsky.

In Harry's case, the first thing the new reader went for was the final chapter to see who survived the expected mayhem and was hoping to find the Potters, Harry and Ginny, and the kids, visiting their in-laws, the Weasleys, Ron and Hermione, and their offspring.

In some places, they were offering the services of grief counselors for the kids, just in case Harry or Ron or Hermione turned out to be one of the two major characters J. K. Rowley predicted would die in volume seven. They didn't.

If you think you've seen the last of Harry Potter, be advised that there are still two movies to go and the last one, "Harry Potter and the Order of Phoenix," brought in $140 million in its first week and is still packing them into theaters all over the country and abroad.

A theme park, "The Wizarding World of Harry Potter," is abuilding in Orlando, Fla., with an opening expected in next year, $18.8 million has been spent on Harry Potter cookies, candy and gum since 2002, and you can get an official Harry Potter wand for $29.50 and a "sorting hat" for $39.99.

A few years ago, I was browsing a used book sale at the Clift Rogers Library in Marshfield when I came across a copy of "The Torch Is Passed." Naturally, I had to have it. When I got to the girl who was taking the money, I couldn't resist.

"I wrote that," I said.

"That's nice," she said. "That'll be a dollar, please."

That's the one thrill J. K. Rowling might never know.

Train talk on Our Town

Join co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo this week for a new show when they sit down with the Special Assistant to the Town Manager for Greenbush Affairs, Tom Gruber, to discuss the final preparations for the coming of the train.

Tom outlines the work left to be done, safety concerns for residents and a realistic starting date for trips to Boston to begin. Tune in to the new show, starting Monday July 30 at 9pm on Comcast channel 10.

Tune in Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9p.m., all on Comcast channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and Stay informed!

It's Happening

Seaside Road Race set for Sept. 1

Hull Academic Support Coalition will host its annual road race on Saturday, Sept. 1. The Nantasket Seaside Road Race is a scenic 4-mile run starting at Hull High School, going along Main Street in Hull Village, along the water overlooking Boston Harbor and Hull Bay, then turning up and over Allerton Hill, back along Allerton Harbor finishing back at Hull High School. This event attracts runners from all over the Boston and South Shore area.

Nantasket Seaside Road Race begins at 8 a.m. at Hull High School, 180 Main St. Participants may register online before Aug. 26 on the Town of Hull Web site, townofhull.ma.us, racersresource.com or coolrunning.com. The entry fee for this race is $15. Day of race registration opens at 6:30 a.m. at Hull High School and the fee is $20. T-shirts are given to all runners and walkers. An award ceremony will follow the race at the finish line at Hull High School.

All proceeds from this race will fund academic enrichment grants for the Hull Public Schools. Hull Academic Support Coalition is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to support and promote academics in the Hull Public Schools. HASC has provided more than $120,000 in grant money to support teacher-initiated academic enrichment projects through the grant program.

Participants may call race director Kristen Evans at 781-925-2720 for more information.

Double feature at Holly Hill Farms

Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, is presenting Films on the Farm, a series of films about food and agriculture screened outside on the side of the Tomato Barn. Get a sitter, bring a picnic and lawn chairs and come check out these award winning films. Donations accepted to benefit Friends of Holly Hill Farm. Screenings begin at 8 p.m. There will be some concession stands available, including a visit from Nona's ice cream truck.

Aug. 22 double feature: "Beyond Organic: The Vision of Fairview Gardens" – "Beyond Organic" tells the story of Fairview Gardens and its long battle to survive in the face of rapid suburban development. It explores the efforts of Michael Ableman and his staff to diversify the farm, open it to educational programs for thousands of people – especially schoolchildren – and defend it against angry neighbors, hostile public officials and developers eager to re-zone the land for condominiums. Produced by PBS film maker John de Graaf and narrated by Meryl Streep.

"My Father's Garden" – An emotionally charged documentary about the use and misuse of technology on the American farm. In less than 50 years, the face of agriculture has been transformed by synthetic chemicals that have had a serious impact on the environment and on the health of farm families. This film tells the story of two farmers, different in all details, yet united by their common goal of producing healthy food. One of the farmers is the father of the filmmaker. Herbert Smith was a hero of his age: dedicated, innovative, a champion of the new miracle sprays of the 50s. His fate is the heart of this film. The other, Fred Kirschenmann of North Dakota, is a hero for our age. Faced with a shattered economy and the devastating environmental effects of conventional chemical farming, Kirschenmann steered his land through the transition to organic farming. Twenty years later, the Kirschenmann farm is a thriving testament to ingenuity, hard work and an understanding of nature. Directed by Miranda Smith, premiered at Sundance.

Watercolor sketching

Sketching is the artist's means of taking notes. Known for its portability and versatility, watercolor is an ideal sketch medium – through spontaneous color-mixing and fluid mark-making, an artist can quickly commit a momentary vision to paper.

Watercolorist Linda Bond will instruct a weekend workshop from Friday Aug. 3 through Sunday, Aug. 5, offering students with and without watercolor experience, the opportunity to experiment with the medium. Working both outdoors, and in the studios at South Shore Art Center, students will gain experience capturing form, texture and color, while maintaining a sense of atmosphere and immediacy. An artist and instructor, Bond is the recipient of numerous grants and fellowships, and is currently a professor at Massachusetts College of Art.

To register for this class, which costs $275 for the weekend, call 781-383-2787 or visit ssac.org.

South Shore Art Center is at 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset Village. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Monday through Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m., on Sunday.

Dinner with author

Buttonwood Books & Toys hosts "Dinner with the Author" on Tue. Jul. 31, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza. Featured author is Min Jin Lee discussing "Free Food For Millionaires", the #1 Book Sense Pick for May 2007. This remarkable debut novel explores with amazing detail the many issues experienced by immigrants, particularly between generations. Her heroine, a smart, Ivy League educated, Korean immigrant, named Casey Han, leads her rich cast of characters. Casey is kicked out of the house after a fight with her old-world father. Her journey towards self- sufficiency is poignant, enlightening and thoroughly enjoyable. Min Jin Lee was born in South Korea. She went to Yale, and then attended Georgetown Law School. She has received numerous awards for her writing and her work has been featured on NPR's "Selected Shorts". Reservations & Tickets are required. A light dinner (wraps, wine/soft drink, dessert and coffee) will be served, and there is a nominal fee of $7. Please call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 to reserve.

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Summerfest in downtown Hingham

Summerfest in historic Downtown Hingham continues on Saturday July 28, with Family Fun Day – a mid-summer community get-together with little surprises around every corner. Larabelle the Clown returns for her fourth Summerfest. Children chat with Larabelle while she turns a balloon into a creative shape just for them. Look for the colorful clown on South Street from 10 a.m. to noon. Across the street, dogs and owners will be lining up for the first annual Dog-Owner Look Alike Contest at 10 a.m. According to Kim Sylvester of Maggie's Dog House, "Even the slightest resemblance qualifies for a delicious prize. This is a fun way to end a morning walk on the Harbor."

Live music on Bowl & Board plaza will lighten one's step as you shop for bargains on Saturday. Music continues in to the evening at the Snug Irish Pub just a few doors away on North Street. This Hingham tradition brings everyone together mid-summer for sidewalk sales, socializing, games and surprises around every corner.

Below is a partial listing of Saturday's family fun. Visit the Hingham Downtown Association Web site for a complete schedule and a list of participating shops at discoverhingham.com

10 a.m. – Maggie's Dog House. Dog and Owner Look-Alike Contest with treats for all entrants. Come share your good looks with us. Judging by 10:30 a.m.

10 a.m. to noon – Chel Bella and Zuzu's Sisters: Larabelle the Clown shaping creative balloons for children.

10 a.m. – Talbots: Goodie bags for children while supplies last.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Sensational Toys: Crafts and water table fun for kids.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Hingham Gift Co.: Bow making demonstrations. Refreshments for all ages and pets too.

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Kate Dickerson Design: Face painting for children.

11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. – The Snug Irish Pub: Lunch special at The Snug. Bring in your receipt from a downtown purchase during Summerfest and receive a free appetizer.

Noon to 2 p.m. – Maggie's Dog House: Jessica Falzone, owner of A Pet's Peeve Mobile Pet Salon, demonstrates how to properly care for your dog's nails.

2:30 p.m. – Maggie's Dog House: Terry Haskins, professional dog trainer and owner of Sit Means Sit, demonstrates the results of training on his own amazing dogs.

1 to 4 p.m. – Dot Gallery: Art project for all ages with local artist and new gallery owner Gary Nisbet.

2 p.m. – Loring Theatre Movie Matinee: "Sicko," a Michael Moore documentary.

9:30 p.m. – Live Music at The Snug Irish Pub: The Snug brings families and friends together to share good times and memories.

Come downtown on **Friday** for Summerfest and stay a while longer for:

12:15 to 12:45 p.m. – Pre-School Puppet Show with Pat Boylan: "The Three Little Pigs" and other stories for ages 2 through 6. Cost is $3 per person. Hingham Community Center, South Street.

2 p.m. – Movie Matinee: "Sicko," a Michael Moore documentary at Loring Theater on Main Street.

9 p.m. – Live Music at The Snug Irish Pub.

Meet dog trainer Terry Haskins at Summerfest — "First, you wanted a best friend to share your life with. Then you discovered you don't speak the same language. Now, you're both getting frustrated trying to communicate. You are not alone," said Terry Haskins, certified professional trainer. Haskins, who offers dog training services with SitMeansSit.com, will demonstrate the results of training on his own dogs.

See this expert dog trainer at work at 2:30 p.m., on Saturday, July 28, at Summerfest. Meet at Maggie's Dog House on South Street in downtown Hingham.

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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' votes on two roll calls and local senators' votes on three roll calls from the week of July 16-20.

ALLOW CITIES AND TOWNS TO JOIN STATE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN (H 4110)

House 154-0, Senate 34-0, approved and sent to Gov. Deval Patrick a bill allowing cities and towns to enroll their local employees in the state-operated group health insurance plan. Supporters said that the bill would give local employees more plans and broader coverage from which to choose. They noted that the switch to the state plan would save money for many cities and towns through reduced administrative costs and lower cost plans negotiated by the state which has increased purchasing power. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill allowing cities and towns to enroll their local employees in the state-operated group health insurance plan).

FOLD LOCAL PENSION SYSTEMS INTO STATE PENSION SYSTEM (H 4125)

House 140-14, approved (Senate approved on a voice vote without a roll call) and sent to the governor legislation requiring the assets of 157 city and town pension systems to be folded into and managed by the state pension fund. The 157 systems include 19 individual cities or towns and 138 cities and towns that are currently part of six county systems. The systems do not meet the legislation's requirements to continue to operate independently. The bill provides for state management of any system with earnings two percent or more lower than the state's average percentage of return over the past ten years and which are not meeting newly-established parameters to pay off their unfunded liabilities. Current law allows but does not require all local pension systems to join the state system. Supporters said that the legislation would easily increase investment returns for these underperforming local pension systems by an estimated $100 million and would lower property taxes in many of the communities. They noted that the $50 billion state pension fund is superbly managed and has more leverage in dealing with investment firms. They argued that these local systems would have generated an additional $700 million if they had been operated by the state over the past several years. Some opponents said that the legislation is another example of the state unnecessarily taking away power from local communities. Others noted that the proposal would not generate sufficient extra revenue to lower property taxes. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill requiring the assets of 157 pension systems to be folded into and managed by the state pension fund. A "No" vote is against the bill).

JURY DUTY (S 2261)

Senate 34-0, approved a bill changing the current law that exempts people who are called for jury duty from being called again during the three calendar years following the date of service. The bill would reduce the length of the exemption by allowing jurors to be called again three years from the date of their service. For example, under current law, a juror who served in May 2007 would be exempt until May 2011. Under the bill, the same juror would be exempt only until May 2010. Supporters said that Suffolk County has a severe juror shortage that is caused by a rise in violent crimes and the exemption from jury duty of the growing number of students and people who do not speak English. They argued that without the change, the county would run out of jurors in three months. They noted that this would lead to delayed trials and demands by defense attorneys to let accused rapists and murderers out on bail. The House has already approved the bill. Only final House and Senate approval are necessary prior to the measure going to Gov. Patrick. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill).

IDENTITY THEFT (H 4144)

Senate 34-0, approved (House approved on a voice vote without a roll call) and sent to Gov. Patrick a bill aimed at stopping identity theft and preventing an impostor from opening a new credit account using stolen personal information. A key provision allows a consumer to temporarily "freeze" his or her credit report and prevent the three major credit bureaus from issuing the report without his or her consent. Consumers would be issued a PIN number to temporarily unfreeze their credit reports when they apply for credit. Most companies will not issue credit without a credit report and would deny an impostor's application for credit when a credit report is frozen. The one-time cost to the consumer to freeze his or her credit report is $5. Consumers would also be required to pay $5 each time they unfreeze the account. Companies would be prohibited from charging a fee to victims of identity theft or their spouses. The measure also requires all businesses and state and local governments to notify consumers quickly when there has been a breach of security that might compromise a customer's privacy. Supporters said that identity theft is now a major problem and has affected the lives of many people across the nation. They noted that Massachusetts is lagging behind more than 30 states that have laws dealing with this crime. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

FORM PUBLIC EMPLOYEE UNIONS WITHOUT ELECTIONS (H 2465) – The Senate approved a bill changing the way that public employee unions can be formed in Massachusetts. Under current law, if 30 percent of workers sign cards indicating their support for forming a union, a secret ballot election is held and a union is formed if workers approve the formation at the election. The bill would create another option that automatically creates a union without a secret ballot election if a majority of workers sign cards. The measure has already been approved by the House and only final House and Senate approval are necessary prior to the proposal going to the governor.

BAN INTERNET HUNTING (S 2273) – The House gave initial approval to a Senate-approved bill banning "Internet hunting" – the practice of using a mouse click on a home computer to kill confined animals on a distant game ranch. Trophy mounts of the animal are often prepared and shipped to the customer. The measure imposes up to a 2.5 year prison sentence and/or $2,500 fine on violators. The bill was filed at the request of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Some 22 states have already outlawed this controversial practice.

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Time to give 'going local' a try

TOWARD A SUSTAINABLE COHASSET

JoAnn Mirise

By promoting the practice of eating locally grown foods that are in season, she has, by example, shown that living sustainably does not mean deprivation and compromise.

I have never had a hero. This hasn't posed much of a problem throughout life except in those rare instances in school when asked to write an essay on the subject. Once when I tried to write about how it was impossible for any one person to live up to the loaded meaning of that word, my teacher asked me to re-do the assignment because she thought I wasn't trying hard enough. There had to be someone I considered heroic. I did what any self-serving kid would do who wanted to get out of the seventh grade with their GPA intact. I made up something. It was a creative writing class after all.

These days, the closest I come to hero worship is my ongoing list of people (living or dead) who I would invite to my ultimate dinner party. And although some guests would be far from typical hero-material with their sordid backgrounds or controversial beliefs, they all exemplified at some point in their life a combination of passion, integrity, courage and perseverance.

Guests have come and gone on my list over the years but one that has remained is Alice Waters, local foods advocate and renowned chef at Chez Panisse in Berkeley, Calif. I would simply love to spend an evening surrounded by her intention of living the good life. This woman is one part style, one part talent and one big, heaping scoop of heart. By promoting the practice of eating locally grown foods that are in season, she has, by example, shown that living sustainably does not mean deprivation and compromise. In fact, she has proven the opposite. Life is far richer, far more joyful when lived in harmony with the earth.

One of my favorite stories about Alice occurred when her daughter, Fanny, went off to Yale in 2001. Alice was disturbed by the food options that would be provided to her daughter in the dining hall. She went to the university president with a proposal. The goal would be to not only provide wholesome, natural foods, but to also bring students closer to the land and sources of what they eat. Despite the assumptions that kids wouldn't give up their pizza and hotdogs, the university, in partnership with local Connecticut farms and chefs, launched the Yale Sustainability Project.

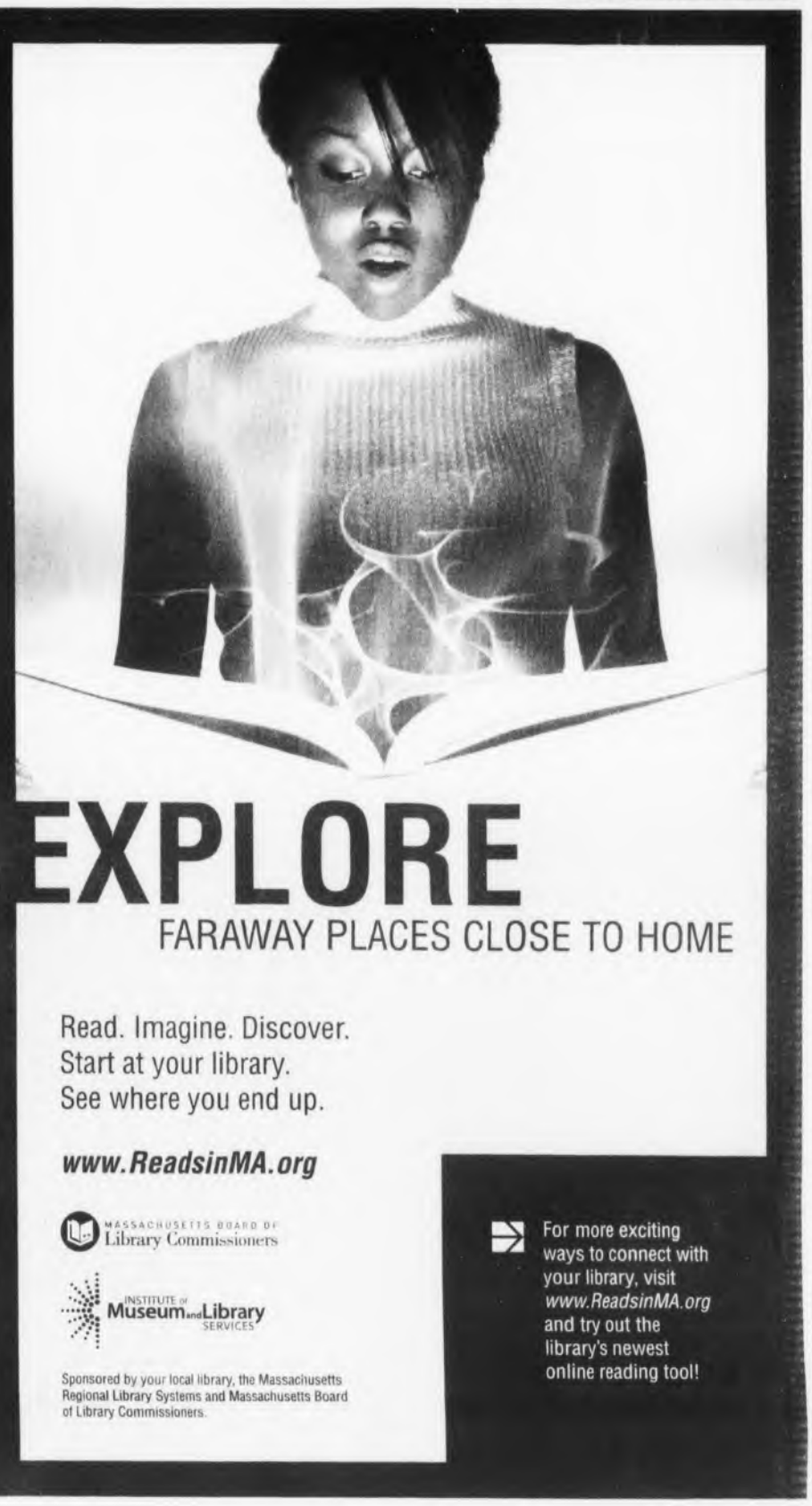
The students came in droves to chow down on parsnips and potato puree in the winter and mixed greens with roasted shallot vinaigrette in the spring. Some students resorted to faking the IDs necessary to get into the particular dining hall that was piloting the program just to eat the homegrown, home-cooked goodness. As a result of the project, there is now a one-acre farm on campus, and popular accredited academic courses, informal workshops, and campus events highlighting food and responsible agriculture.

Around the country, the word is spreading. Demand is growing for fruits and vegetables raised without genetic modification and pesticides, and meat and fish raised in clean, humane environments. The impact of the resources and waste involved in packaging and transporting food around the globe is becoming a factor in our decision-making process at the market. And a consciousness is developing that our processed, fast-food culture is an empty proposition. Furthermore, the myth that buying organic and local foods is a luxury available to an elitist few is finally being debunked. Safe, fresh, delicious food without the agribusiness baggage is our right. We owe it to ourselves to accept nothing less.

With New England poised for the height of harvest, now is the time to give "going local" a try. Farmers markets and community farms are the best way to get started. By going to resources such as Localharvest.org you can locate local sources of most things on your shopping list. A good rule is to start with what you can buy nearest to you and move further from there. I buy a large percentage of my vegetables and fruits from farmers markets. And if I'm lucky my backyard garden will reward me with lots of tomatoes and squash. My eggs come from a small operation in Rockland and are available through the natural food store in town. I go a little further for grains and cheese, which originate in Vermont.

And then there are the items, which rack up the miles that I have yet to break up with: wine from California, bananas from Peru, avocados from Mexico, and chocolate from anywhere. I suppose this is the reason I am keeping my ultimate dinner party list up-to-date. I never know when I might have to call upon one of my guests for inspiration when faced with a tough decision. It's not a perfect approach, but at least it's more than I was doing yesterday.

JoAnn Mirise lives in Cohasset. This article concludes a two-part article on living locally.



HEALTH NOTES

Reality check: It's a dangerous world

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Perhaps the first thing we should be emphasizing is vigilance.

Maybe, it's Chicken Little calling.

Usually, this column has been an orderly arrangement of facts stolen from various authorities describing an infirmity, its cause, and symptoms with perhaps a few words about how many others are afflicted and finally, what you might do to rid yourself of it. However, as has been said: things are changing ever more rapidly. Recently, the Board of Health has been receiving increasingly frequent notifications of unhealthy conditions from which we are supposed to be protecting ourselves. Perhaps the first thing we should be emphasizing is vigilance.

Recently, it's food-borne illnesses.

Two recent incidents are particularly disturbing. Robert's American Gourmet brand Veggie Booty has been associated with Salmonella. Most persons infected with salmonella develop diarrhea, fever, and abdominal cramps 12 to 72 hours after infection. The illness usually lasts four to seven days, and most persons recover without treatment. Illnesses associated with this product have been reported in Massachusetts.

A second report, the recent recall of Castleberrys food products (virtually the entire line) associated with botulism. All forms of botulism can be fatal and are considered medical emergencies. Food-borne botulism can be especially dangerous because many people can be poisoned by eating a contaminated food, although, the present recall was based on four cases of the illness. The classic symptoms of botulism include double vision, blurred vision, drooping eyelids, slurred speech, difficulty swallowing, dry mouth, and muscle weakness. All are symptoms of the muscle paralysis caused by the bacterial toxin. If untreated, these symptoms may progress to cause paralysis of the arms, legs, trunk and respiratory muscles. In food-borne botulism, symptoms generally begin 18 to 36 hours after eating a contaminated food, but they can occur as early as six hours or as late as 10 days. Untreated, the affliction is fatal. Illnesses associated with this product have been reported in Indiana and Texas.

Cooking and Food Preparation:

Vigilance is also important at home, for example when cooking.

First: Proper heating and reheating will kill food borne bacteria. However, some food borne bacteria produce poisons or toxins that are not destroyed by high cooking temperatures if the food is left out at room temperature for an extended period of time. An example is the food borne bacteria staphylococcus. This bacterium produces a toxin that can develop in cooked foods that sit out at room temperature for more than two hours.

Also: **Keep everything clean**. Wash hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds before starting to prepare a meal and after handling raw meat or poultry. Cover long hair with a net or scarf, and be sure that any open sores or cuts on the hands are completely covered. If the sore or cut is infected, stay out of the kitchen.

Wash countertops with a solution of 5 milliliters (1 teaspoon) of chlorine bleach to about 1 liter (1 quart) of water or with a commercial kitchen cleaning agent diluted according to product directions. They're the most effective at getting rid of bacteria.

Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. Use a thermometer with a small-diameter stem to ensure that meats are completely cooked. Insert the thermometer 1 to 2 inches into the center of the food and wait 30 seconds to ensure an accurate measurement. Beef (including ground beef), lamb, and pork should be cooked to at least 71 C (160 F); whole poultry and thighs to 82 C (180 F); poultry breasts to 77 C (170 F); and ground chicken or turkey to 74 C (165 F). Don't eat poultry that is pink inside.

So, it comes down to ordering our lives to avoid the things we can and cope with those we can't. Meanwhile enjoy the weather, eat well, but prudently, and have fun.

By the way: Since we're keeping up about things sanitary: recently seen about Town: two dog mess removal trucks: Back Yard Butler and Doody Calls. This **not** an endorsement.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

A taxpayer's 'Treat' indeed

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selves, as was suggested. Unfortunately for us taxpayers, problems of this magnitude usually involve money.

On the other hand, creative and innovative solutions like the Army Corps of Engineers' proposal for Treats Pond ought to be considered very carefully by the taxpaying public. After all, the Federal Government will pay 65 percent of the total cost of this project; and with state matching grants, we could potentially save 80 percent of the entire project cost or perhaps even more. It's no wonder coastal communities throughout Massachusetts are scrambling to take advantage of the Army Corps' salt marsh restoration program.

If we can protect Cohasset Harbor and combine best management practices for pollution prevention and run-off control with federal and state funded programs to solve otherwise Town funded liabilities, then it seems like a better way to go.

In the meantime, phragmites have destroyed the fond memories of ice skating on Treats Pond. Today it exists as a neglected environmental ruin. And our children may find better ice skating conditions on the heavily polluted and dangerously flooded back yards of Cohasset taxpayers all over town.

Martin A. Nee lives at 109 Atlantic Ave.

Mr. Nee, who is a member of Cohasset's Stormwater Management Committee, said his views do not necessarily reflect those of the committee.

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South Rail eyes Greenbush as model train

By Ed Baker
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Southeastern Massachusetts' community leaders are trying to decide if the MBTA's Greenbush commuter rail design should be replicated in the T's South Coast Rail project.

Officials from several cities and towns along the proposed South Coast Rail enjoyed a train ride on the Greenbush line last Friday with Bernard Cohen, State Secretary of Transportation and Public Works, to help them understand how the project was built.

"Thank you for joining us today," Cohen said inside a train coach as it chugged to its first stop in Weymouth Landing. "This is a great opportunity for us to see a commuter line that has something in common with the South Coast Rail project that we are looking to build. I hope you will all learn something."

The South Coast Rail will extend from Boston's South Station to New Bedford when it is completed.

Greenbush extends from South Station in Boston and rolls through Braintree, Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset, and Scituate and includes passenger stations in each town.

"This is a great opportunity for us to see a commuter line that has something in common with the South Coast Rail project that we are looking to build."

— Bernard Cohen, State Secretary of Transportation and Public Works

New Bedford Mayor Scott Lang said commuter rail service in southeastern Massachusetts will give a much needed economic boost to the region.

"The city wants to be connected by rail," he said during a stop at Weymouth Landing station. "I came here today to get a feel for the logistics of building a railway line and how mitigation would be done on a rail project.

MBTA Project Director James Eng said construction workers took many steps to address environmental concerns such as excess train noise and wetlands encroachment while Greenbush was constructed.

"If 1,000 square feet of wetlands was taken, there was 2,000 square feet of wetlands created," he said.

Additional efforts to protect wildlife habitat include the installation of culverts underneath the railroad tracks for turtles and small creatures to use.

Eng said many people initially opposed the Greenbush before it was built.

"I don't want to give you hints," he said to the entourage with a smile. "But a lot of the mitigation issues have been addressed."

Some of the mitigation concerns addressed included the prevention of nighttime light pollution from lamps at T stations and reduction of train noise with sound barriers.

"The lights here in the parking lot at this station do not shine into the neighborhood," Eng said during a stop at West Hingham Station. "They shine downward."



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The grounds of the Cohasset Golf Club whiz by officials from the state and the South Coast Rail project on a recent test run on the Greenbush Line.

The T plans to shut off lights at its stations when train service ends at 11:45 p.m. each night.

Efforts by the T to reduce noise from speeding trains include the placement of ballast mats on fencing in some locations along the Greenbush line. The T plans to further reduce train noise by keeping its locomotive engines turned off at its layover facility in Scituate unless the temperature is below 10 degrees.

Train engineers will further keep noise to a minimum by not blowing train whistles except during an emergency.

South Coast Rail Manager Kristina Egan said southeastern Massachusetts residents and community leaders view the forthcoming rail project as an economic boon to their region.

"What some people are trying to do down there is cluster new homes around the T station," she said. "People want to be able to live or work in close proximity to the T stations. They are looking for economic development down there."

Egan said some south coast residents are concerned about having railroad tracks too close to their homes.

"We do have an active task force that is addressing the neighbors' concerns," he said. "There is a lot of support for the rail line."

Cohen said the Greenbush rail line is a good model for the South Coast Rail project to follow.

"The sound barriers have mitigated the train vibrations," he said. "Everything looks good and real attractive."



State Transportation Secretary Bernard Cohen at Scituate's Greenbush station.



"Noise walls" along the Greenbush line neighborhoods, like this one in Cohasset, will help buffer the sound of trains.



A Cohasset grade crossing is observed by officials on the Greenbush train.





Taking another look at Wompatuck State Park

Offers plenty of fun for the family

By Sam Butterfield
CORRESPONDENT

This summer Wompatuck State Park has stepped up its offerings.

The 4000-acre plus park which extends into Hingham, Cohasset, Norwell, and Scituate has dozens of free programs this summer for all ages and tastes, says Interpreter Mary Brennan, 29.

"I don't think many people realize how much is going on, especially the free stuff for mothers and caregivers with children," Brennan says.

Although July is winding down, an unlit night hike through Wompatuck to observe nocturnal animals is planned on the 27th.

Brennan, who is originally from the Berkshires, explained one goal of the state Department of Conservation and Recreation – which oversees the state parks — is to offer interesting programs for all.

An example is the park history nights that focus on "the park's stories," she says. For instance, few probably know that the park once housed a functioning ice shop at the turn of the 20th century or was home to a log cabin that belonged to a world-renowned hunter.

The park also offers "frogging," mountain biking, camping, hiking, and rock-climbing.

Brennan says one of the park's main objectives is to offer a place that is very child friendly, which is part of the reason the park has stepped up security and safety precautions this summer.

Brennan said there is always an EPO (environmental police officer) on duty as well as one park ranger, and one interpretive ranger.

"It's understandable that people are scared to be in here by themselves because it's kind of backwoods," she said. "But the programs we're offering are very family oriented, Wompatuck is getting a facelift and the DCR has invested in both safety and security."

In addition to the staff, which is always on duty, there are also 10 maintenance workers and a second interpretive ranger and park ranger who work part time.

Wompatuck has a rich history. Josiah Wompatuck gave the park to the town of Hingham in the 17th century. Through the years it has always been rugged and wild but has been home to a variety of things, from light industry to military complexes. The park, like Bare Cove, Hingham's other large park, served as a military installation from 1943 to 1967 before it was returned to the state.

Its military days are still evident throughout the park as bunkers and concrete structures dot the landscape. The park's history dates to long before Mr. Wompatuck, however. It is home to large glacial deposits, which mark the park in various spots. The rock formations are dramatic and jagged and pose an exciting challenge to adrenaline seekers.

What is the park's most appealing feature? That's up to each visitor, though Brennan ventured that "There are some really, really cool hiking trails and if you take the time to get off the beaten path, there are some very beautiful places."

Wompatuck is also one of the few local parks that offers camping with electrical hookups, a dumping station and hot showers. These facilities are open from April 15 to Nov. 1 and see a fair amount of use all summer from people who are visiting the area from all across the United States and Canada.



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Reese Williams, 4, and Bradley Goodwin, 4, work on their arts and crafts during the Kaleidoscope program at Wompatuck State Park.

"I don't think many people realize how much is going on, especially the free stuff for mothers and caregivers with children."
– Mary Brennan, interpreter



Wompatuck State Park Interpreter Mary Brennan tells a story during the Kaleidoscope program at the Visitors Center on Tuesday morning.

Activities to choose from this summer

Wompatuck State Park Department of Conservation and Recreation will hold the following summer programs. All programs are free and open to the public. An adult must accompany children. All programs meet at the Visitor Center on Union Street unless otherwise indicated. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. For information or to register call 781-749-7160 or email Mary Brennan at: mbrennan@ mpsd.org

Glimpse of the past— Join others at 1 p.m., on Sunday, Aug. 5, at the Visitor Center at Wompatuck State Park for a look into Wompatuck's military history as an Ammunition Depot. Several veterans who were stationed there will tell of their experiences at Wompatuck State Park in the 1940s. This is an opportunity to learn about America's past!

History Bike Ride — 5:30- 6:30 p.m. Friday (July 28) — For all ages. Join an interpreter on a bike ride through Wompatuck and learn about the history of the park. Be sure to bring water and insect repellent.

Free Musical Concert 7- 9 p.m., Friday (July 28) — Come to the Visitor Center for FREE musical concert put on by the Neustadter Trio, a family who's been entertaining a variety of audiences for more than 10 years. Bring the whole family to Wompatuck for this fantastic performance by talented musicians. The Neustadter Trio has several CDs out of classic encores and easy listening tunes.

Night Hike — 8:30 - 9:30 p.m., Friday (July 28) — Take a walk in the woods with the Interpreter – no flashlights allowed! We will learn about how animals of the night use their senses to survive in the dark. Program cancelled in the event of rain.

Weekly Walk — 10 - 11:30a.m. Sunday (July 29) — For all ages. Join us for a two and a half to three mile walk that explores some little known trails in Wompatuck. They'll be stories of Wompatuck's history and some plant identification along the way. Meet at the Visitor Center.

Arts and Crafts —1 – 2p.m., Sunday (July 29), Ages 3-6. Join an interpreter in an hour of arts and crafts at Wompatuck. This is just for the little ones and an adult! Meet at the Visitor Center.

Kids and Nature Exploration – Held from 10 to11:30 a.m. each Monday, this program is designed for children ages 7 to12 to explore the natural world of Wompatuck State Park. Each week, the walk will focus on a different theme and topic and will include activities such as ponding, birding, looking for bugs and other fun things. Cancelled in the event of rain.

Kaleidoscope Kids – Held from 10 to 11 a.m., each Tuesday for pre-school age children ages 3 to 6 only, and a parent or caregiver. Join the park interpreter for some fun that is just for the little ones. Each week they will explore a fun topic by reading a story, exploring the world around us and completing a fun craft project. Each week there is a different theme. Held rain or shine.

Fridays Night Hike – Take a walk in the woods with the interpreter from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.. No flashlights allowed. Learn about how animals of the night use their senses to survive in the dark. Program will be cancelled in the event of rain.

Saturday Junior Rangers – Held from 1 to 2 p.m. throughout July, this program is for children ages 8 to14. You will receive your official junior ranger activity guide, complete a fun activity with the park interpreter and be on your way to earning your junior ranger patch and certificate. Held rain or shine.

'Watch Your Step' program offered

The Norwell Visiting Nurse Association to offer "Watch Your Step" Program on Friday, Aug. 3, at Cohasset Elder Affairs, from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

The goal of the Watch Your Step program is to provide education as well as health and promotion activities targeted to reduce falls and fall related injuries. The program will include a 45 minute presentation on fall prevention, followed by a screening of the participants fall risk. Participants will be given a score as to their overall stability and safety. Attendees will receive Home Safety and Fall Prevention literature with specific strategies to increase safety within the community.

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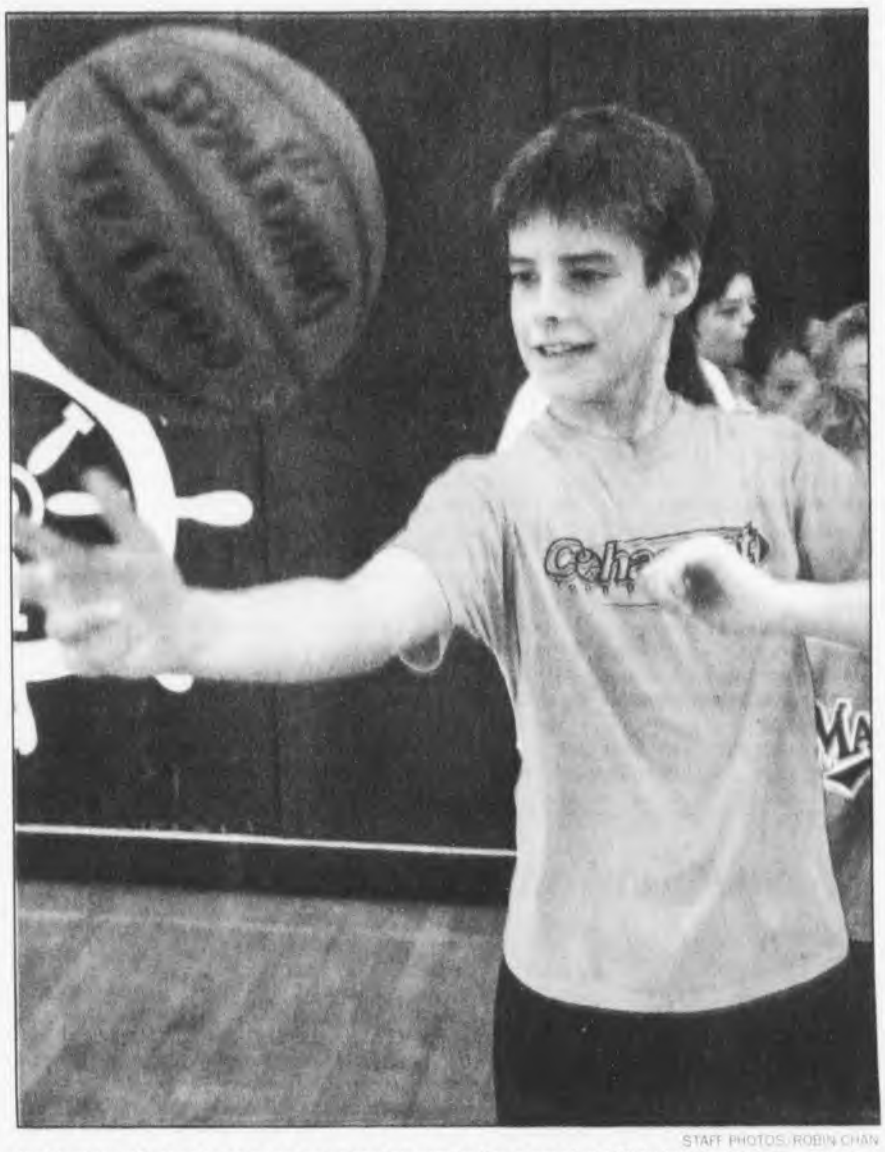
On the South Shore

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SHOWING THEIR STUFF



Caroline Farren, 10, fires off a shot during a shooting drill at lacrosse camp on Wednesday. For more photos from Wednesday's session, see page 20.



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Joe Buckley, 11, tries to spin the ball along his arm before a passing drill during basketball camp at Cohasset High School on Friday. See page 23 for more photos.

Cohasset Triathlon results

Below are the names and times of all the Cohasset residents who completed the Cohasset Triathlon July 8.

NAME	TIME
John Flanagan	1:01:15
Rob Simms	1:02:23
Theodore Noon	1:04:15
John Cavanaro	1:09:30
Judith Stavis	1:10:47
Jim Mitterando	1:10:48
Kevin Wrenn	1:12:08
Gregory Weissman	1:12:42
Nils Sceery	1:12:52
Dale Haver	1:12:52
Kevin Norgeot	1:13:25
Bradford Thomas	1:13:48
John Montgomery	1:14:50
Adam Farber	1:15:11
Bill Cavanaro	1:15:23
Bill Mattey	1:15:59
Jonathan Stavis	1:16:10
Kim Spicer	1:16:18
Anthony Miller	1:16:44
Thomas Spicer	1:17:11
Michael Norton	1:17:23
Amy Farber	1:17:27
Michael Krumsiek	1:17:29
Jeannie Demurias	1:17:48
Gabriel Gomez	1:17:49
Matthew Steele	1:17:51
John Lengyel	1:18:09
Patrick Waters	1:18:26
Eileen Norton	1:18:48
John McCarthy Sr.	1:18:48
David Frederick	1:18:53
Carolyn Coffey	1:18:54
Brian Murphy	1:19:21
Matthew Witkos	1:19:48
Willy Fox	1:20:07
Daniel McCarran	1:20:26
Timothy Hanson	1:20:27
S. Wiley Wakeman	1:20:41
Curt Dukeshire	1:20:56
Theodore Webster	1:21:02
Jennifer Lankow	1:21:05
Patricia Berube	1:21:17
Gregory Wipf	1:21:27
Peter Deininger	1:21:41
Barbara Wipf	1:21:52
Michael Fechter	1:22:16
Linda Simms	1:22:44
Courtney Craft-Finn	1:22:45
Justin Golden	1:22:46
Lorraine Healy	1:22:51
Mary Sheridan	1:23:02
Cathy Forest	1:23:35
Neely Wakeman	1:24:10
Aaron Albright	1:24:37
Stephen O'Duggan	1:25:22
Debra Bowen	1:25:25
Laurie Stanton	1:26:22
George Baumgarten	1:26:28
Andrew Quigley	1:27:09
Chelsea Grossman	1:27:09
Nora Speer	1:27:19
Douglas McLellan	1:27:29
Timothy Stanton	1:27:43
Laura Stone	1:28:42
Nancy Fox	1:29:01
Paul Appleton	1:29:02
Sarah Gomez	1:29:43
Christine Cunning	1:30:02
Peter Robinson	1:30:04
Sandra Cavanaro	1:30:59
Diane Johnston	1:31:25
John Morgan	1:31:40
David Lord	1:31:51
John Dunn	1:32:07
Morgan McCarthy	1:32:33
Connor Green	1:32:36
Thomas Koncius	1:33:05
Nancy Whelan	1:33:42
Pamela Marshman	1:33:43
Lindy Fitzgerald	1:33:46
Todd Marshman	1:34:01
Steven Golden	1:34:26
Almis Kuolas	1:34:33
Garrick Towle	1:34:34
Leesa Bleicken	1:34:57
Linda Fechter	1:35:36
Stephen Hines	1:36:01
Deborah Donahue	1:36:17
Kevin Butler	1:37:14
Susan Franklin	1:37:23
Douglas Johnston	1:37:48
Kim Alemian	1:37:54
William Doyle	1:38:24
Maureen Faherty	1:39:12
Gwen Fitzgerald	1:39:22
Larry Lieberman	1:39:22
Michael Mellone	1:39:50
Melissa Barrett	1:39:53
Michele Sacks	1:41:45
Charlie Downing	1:41:56
Stephen Brown	1:44:44
Abigail Alves	1:46:05
Terry Green	1:47:34
Paul Berube	1:48:28
Valerie Colliton	1:53:53

Pirates win Major League championship

This report originally appeared on the CYBSA web site, www.cybsa.net.

For all you long suffering fellow Pirates fans, past players and casual admirers the Pirates have finally ended the long drought. They are the 2007 Cohasset Major League champions.

The Pirates entered the playoffs as fifth seed and never looked back. The first playoff game was a victory against the Mets, winning 10-2 with exceptional pitching from Jamie Timothy and great hitting by Trevor Schramn, collecting five RBI.

Round 2 was against the Cardinals. The series went down to the wire of the third game. Game 1 was a narrow 8-7 Cardinals win, thanks to a Jack Kuppens walk-off home run. Derek Buffum was masterful for the Pirates, pitching five very tough innings and allowing only one run.

Game 2 was all Pirates, winning 14-2. Mike O'Brien had a huge evening, going 3-for-4 including a home run. The other big hitters that night were rookie Jeff Powers going 3-for-4 and knocking in several runs in the process.

Game 3 was uphill all the way. The Cardinals went up 5-0 by the end of the second inning. The Pirates added a run in the third courtesy of a Joe Buckley double. In the fourth inning, the Pirates added one more run with nice hitting by Alex Lauretti and Tom Ryan to inch closer to make it 5-2.

The fifth inning is when the wind shifted into the Pirates' sails, scoring four runs and taking the lead 6-5. Then in the sixth inning the bats stayed alive, scoring another four runs. The sixth inning heroics included Pat Fedele with his biggest hit of his young career and Tom Powers singling to center. The Pirates win 10-7 to advance to the Championship Series.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Pirates' players and coaches celebrate after winning the Major League championship.

Round 3

Game 1, Dodgers win 5-2. Chris Brash put the game away with a three-run home run in the bottom of the fifth inning.

The Pirates knew there was only one way Game 2 had to end in order to keep the championship dream alive. They started off the first inning with one run and kept the bats going by getting seven more in the second. Timothy ruled the hill with five strikeouts and superior defense in the field allowing no runs to score in the first five innings for the Dodgers. The Pirates' bats came alive again in the 5th inning scoring 6 more runs. Final score Pirates 14 – Dodgers 2.

Game 3 was played on a perfect night for baseball: great temperatures, a huge crowd standing around the field. Liam O'Connell announcing the game ... perfect. Once the players were introduced and the national anthem played with the flag blowing in the gentle breeze the Dodgers took the field.

The Pirates got on the board early with Timothy hitting a home run and bringing home O'Brien. Buffum, Powers and Buckley continuing the inning with hits, making it 4-0.

Buckley pitched superbly (as he has done all season long), keeping the Dodgers off the board for the first two innings. The Dodgers brought in their ace pitcher in the second inning to try to stop the Pirates, but Timothy hit another home run sending O'Brien home and making the score 6-0.

The Dodgers battled back in the third, getting two runs. In the fourth, Timothy hit a clutch single, plating O'Brien for the third time. The Dodgers got three runs in the bottom of the fourth and added one more in the fifth to make it 7-6.

With a one-run lead the Pirates brought in O'Brien to close the game. The veteran went up against the top three batters in the Dodgers' lineup. First, the lead-off hitter hit a pop-up to second base, where Schramn made a diving catch.

After an intentional walk, O'Brien induced a dramatic double play to end the game. Pirates win!

Richie's Run, Aug. 2

Richie's Run, a USA Track & Field sanctioned event for boys and girls age 2-18, will take place Thursday, Aug. 2 at Scituate High School. Registration begins at 4:30 pm.

The event includes a variety of races, and this year a 40-yard dash is being added. Winners of that race will win a cash prize.

Richie's Run is organized in the memory of Richie Minehan, who died suddenly seven years ago. He played football for SHS as well as for Plymouth State. The event raises money for a scholarship to a graduating senior of SHS.

Entry is $5 per participant or $10 per family. For more information, log on to www.richierun.org.

Cohasset Cobras play ball in Cooperstown

A group of Cohasset boys, aged 10-13, recently returned from a week of playing baseball in Cooperstown, NY, home to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

This team, the sixth Cohasset team to play in this tournament in as many years, was made up of Christopher Brash, Christopher Sylvia, Alec Hurd, Derrick Buffam, Evan Yeager, Harrison Durant, Steven Maher, Rocco Laugelle, Jack Leffel, Charlie Blackington and Steven Iantosca.

The team was coached by Mike Maher, Jay Blackington and Johnny Maher (a three-year alum of this tournament).

Ninety-six teams from around the country traveled to the middle of New York State to play in the world's largest baseball tournament. Most of the teams were club or AAU teams, having played dozens of games together.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Cohasset Cobras

The Cobras had their first complete team practice in Cooperstown and were witness to some spectacular youth baseball action. Although they lost every game, the Cobras that ended the week were far better ball players than they were at their first game. Learning about secondary leads, picking off base runners, pitching from the stretch and much more made the Dreamspark baseball experience a learning experience.

Coach Maher said, "I prepared the boys for the level of competition that they would be facing. My goal was to improve each boys' ability and have them return to Cohasset better ball players then when they arrived in Cooperstown.

"I told them to focus on execution and limit the mental mistakes. Physical mistakes happen. But if they could reduce the amount of mental errors in any given game, then regardless of the score, they were winners. I was feeling down for the boys after a particularly brutal game, and then Jack Leffel came up to me and thanked me for bringing him to Cooperstown. He said he was having so much fun. That made the week for me."

Baseball highlights include Chris Brash's home run, Harrison Durant's pitching, Rocco Laugelle in the outfield, Steven Maher's double, Evan Yeager's play at short stop and in the outfield, 10 year olds Charlie Blackington and Steven Iantosca standing tall against the competitive 12-13 years both on the mound and at the plate, Jack Leffel's left field catch, Alec Hurd behind the plate, catching, for every inning but 2, Chris Sylvia playing second base for the first time, and Derrick Buffam pitching and playing short.

The Cooperstown Dreamspark experience is so much more than baseball. New friends are made and existing friendships are strengthened through the bond of spending the week together. The Cohasset boys met kids from the Carolinas, Texas, Hawaii (yes, there were two teams from Hawaii), California, Utah, etc. Kids trade pins and say "Hey, where are you from?" The team traveled together to the Baseball Hall of Fame where Harrison Durant's great uncle, Peter Gammons, was honored.

The team bunked together in a cabin and ate together with other teams in the mess tent. It was definitely a week to remember.

Tough start for Outlaws

Open season with 10-7 loss

By Michael Raciti
CORRESPONDENT

PLYMOUTH - The South Shore Outlaws semiprofessional football team kicked off its season Saturday night with a bittersweet home loss to the Whaling City Clippers at Plymouth South High School.

"I can't get [the loss] out of my head, but at the same time I also can't stop thinking about how well our defense played," general manager Ron Rezendes said the day after the 10-7 nail biter.

Despite a defensive effort, which included two interceptions, several big hits and timely sacks, the offense never got its gears working, forcing the team to rely on its only defensive score, a 97-yard touchdown interception by Joune Frasier.

The offense struggled from the start of the game. In an early series it opted to go for a fourth-and-short on its own 25-yard line. Failing to convert the Outlaws handed their opposition the ball just outside of the red zone with a clean set of downs.

It didn't take long for the Clippers to take advantage, as they scored on a deep pass play to go up 7-0.

After the Outlaws were forced to punt, Whaling City began the drive that ended in the Frasier pickoff. The interception was the result of excellent pass-rush defense by the Outlaws who forced the Clippers quarterback to roll out of the pocket and make a helpless attempt at his own end zone, only to be greeted by the hands of Frasier who completed the athletic play by joining the Outlaw cheerleaders with a fan pleasing pom-pom photo shoot.

After tying the game at seven apiece, Frasier and the Outlaw faithful had plenty to cheer about as the defense continued to pressure the Clippers offense. Meanwhile, the Outlaws offense continued to sputter.

Quarterback Matt Letourneau experienced trouble locating open receivers, but despite the struggles he managed to move the team within field-goal range with a combination of scrambles and handoffs to his backfield tandem of Brian Lewis and Luis Gonzalzes. Kicker John Carpenter couldn't convert though as the Clippers partially blocked the ball, and the game remained tied.

The Clippers took over and struck quickly, picking up 48 yards on a first down pass. Outlaws' captain Brian Rezendes and his defense were not ready to let the Clippers take the lead quite yet though. In a similar play to Frasier's interception, the Clippers quarterback rolled to his right and rushed his pass after being chased out of the pocket. Rezendes got in its path and tacked on a 23-yard return to give the Outlaws' offense a shot at adding to their first half score. Time ran short, and the teams headed to their locker rooms, still in the midst of an even ballgame.

The second half didn't start well as Letourneau threw an interception of his own. But the defense stepped up again behind a Hank Anderson sack, throwing the Clippers' quarterback 20 yards behind the line of scrimmage. On the ensuing play, it was Anderson again who was responsible for putting up a wall on a Clippers' rush attempt, collecting one of his 11 tackles.

"He was outstanding, it was exciting to watch him play," Rezendes said about Anderson. "We have high expectations for him and some of the other guys."

After the Outlaws' offense went four-and-out, Steve Medieros scooped up a Clippers' fumble to put the Outlaws back on the field. The offensive woes continued though, as the draw play that proved reliable in the first half suddenly became ineffective. The Clippers got the ball back and took the lead on a field goal, going up 10-7.

On the Clippers' next drive, defensive end Dave Reed came up with a big sack to force a long field goal attempt. Rezendes had other ideas though as he picked up his ninth field goal block in five years with the Outlaws, keeping his team within striking distance.

While the ingredients for a comeback lay on the cutting board, the offensive just wasn't sharp enough to make the cut in their first game.

"I would've hoped to for the W, to start on a positive note," Rezendes said. "But there was some good to come out of this game too. This is a very good team but football is a funny game, anything can happen."

Rezendes says this year's schedule is particularly tough, but he considers the Outlaws one of the top teams in the New England Football League.

This weekend the Outlaws travel across the border to face the Woonsocket Sentinels. Rather than a Saturday night game though the game against the team from Rhode Island will take place Sunday, July 29, at Barry Field. The game is at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, the Outlaws return home to host the Southern New England Rage at Plymouth South High School. The game is a 7 p.m. Admission is $5.

Sci/Coh Youth Football Equipment Handout

Football equipment for registered football players for the upcoming 2007 Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football season will be handed out by grade/team on Saturday, Aug. 4, according to the following schedule:

7:30 to 8:20 a.m.: 8th Grade – "A" Sharks

8:20 to 9:10 a.m.: 7th Grade – "A" Stingrays

9:10 to 10 a.m.: 6th Grade – "B" Sharks

10 to 10:50 a.m.: 5th Grade – "B" Stingrays

10:50 to 11:40 a.m.: 4th Grade – "C" Sharks

11:40 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: 3rd Grade – "C" Stingrays

Each player must report during their designated time. Official practice starts for all players at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 13. All players must have their equipment by the start of practice. It will not be handed out starting Aug. 13.

A $300 refundable deposit (made out to SYF) is required at the time of equipment pick-up. All equipment will be handed out at the equipment shed located at the back of Scituate High School. For further information on Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football & Cheerleading, please go to www.scicohfootball.com or call the hotlines with any questions: football, (781)556-0215 or cheerleading (781)556-0216.

Volunteers: If you have not already signed up, there will also be an opportunity for parents to sign up as volunteers for the upcoming season. The program will be looking for parents to be game day volunteers, assist with fundraising activities, as well as be a team parent for the season. It takes hundreds of volunteer hours to ensure a successful season; please consider this and volunteer to help.

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Katie Talarri, 8, leads the pack during a swimming class at the Cohasset Swim Center Tuesday morning.



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Sophie Matthews, 8, watches on as her swim classmates finish their lap at the Cohasset Swim Center Tuesday morning.

Kissick qualifies for NE Meet

WEYMOUTH - Cohasset's Hope Kissick, Scituate's Brian McGuiness and Norwell's Danny Caldwell and Peter McDonald are among 18 members of the Weymouth Waves to qualify for the 2007 New England Long Course Open Championships that will held this weekend (July 27-30) at Harvard University's Boldgett Pool.

For the Waves, who swim out of the Weymouth Club, it will mark the conclusion of the Long Course season. The team will then have a break from the competitive season until the second week of September when it opens the Short Course season.

Of the five local competitors:

The 13-year-old Kissick will compete in the 100 and 200 breaststroke and the 50 freestyle

The 17-year-old McGuiness has qualified for the 50, 100, 200, 400, and 1500 freestyles

The 14-year-old Caldwell will be one of the busiest swimmers competing as he is entered in the 50, 100, 200, 400 and 1500 freestyles, the 200 and 400 individual medleys, the 100 and 200 breaststrokes, and the 100 and 200 flies.

And, the 13-year-old McDonald is entered in the 100 and 200 breaststroke and the 100 and 200 individual medleys

Hingham's Milou Lammers, a 14-year-old who has qualified for three events—the 50 freestyle as well as the 100 and 200 breaststroke.

"It has been an awesome (long course) season," said Waves head coach Mike Riley. "Among our highlights were our ninth-place finish out of 26 teams at the Eastern Invitational Meet in Greensboro, NC plus, for the first time ever, we had three swimmers qualify for the Super Sectionals at Maryland."

Of the 18 Weymouth Wave swimmers who will be competing this weekend, 10 are women, while eight are men.

In alphabetical order, the women swimmers are:

Rose Buckley (Brockton)...the 50 freestyle.

Caitlin Cronin (Kingston)...the 50, 100, 200, and 400 freestyle as well as the 100 and 200 backstroke.

Anne Kaduboski (Dedham)... 100 and 200 fly, the 100 and 200 backstroke, the 100 and 200 fly and the 400 individual medley

Katherine Kenney (Dedham)... the 50, 100, and 200 freestyle and the 200 individual medley

Milou Lammers (Hingham)... the 100 and 200 breaststroke and the 100 and 200 backstroke

Clarissa Palmer (Randolph)... the 50 freestyle

Jeri Rosenberg (Canton)...the 100 backstroke

Samantha Sliwinski (Weymouth)...the 50, 100, and 200 freestyle and the 100 and 200 backstroke

Alyssa Stevens (Quincy)...the 50 and 100 freestyle

In addition to Caldwell, McGuiness, and McDonald, the other men swimmers, in alphabetical order are

Kevin Boddie (Weymouth)... 200 breaststroke

Charles Clark (Weymouth)... 100 and 200 freestyles and the 100 fly

Chris Horan (Hanover)...the 100 and 200 freestyles

Kyle Ripley (Weymouth)...200 breaststroke and 400 individual medley

Ian Sliwinski (Weymouth)...50, 100, and 200 freestyle and 100 and 200 backstroke.

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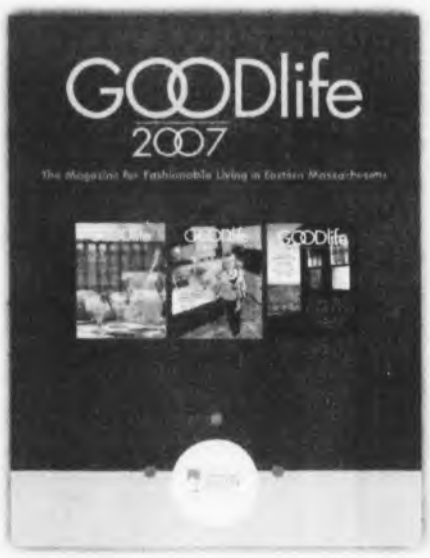
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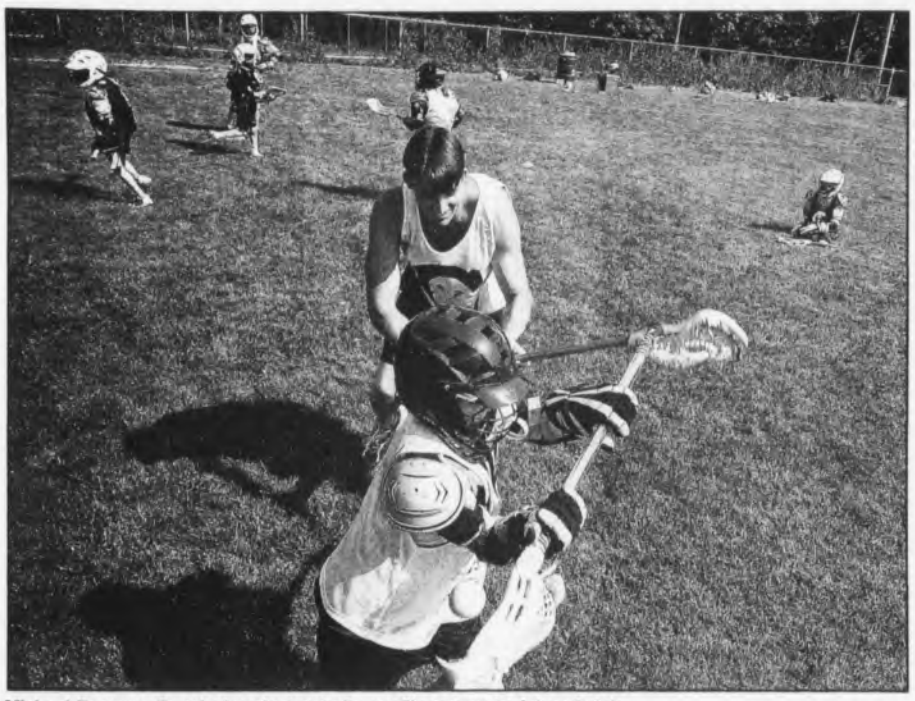
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Summer re-laxing

Lacrosse has become a year-round sport in Cohasset, evidenced in part by this week's camp, sponsored by the Cohasset Recreation Department. Here's some of the action from Wednesday's session.



Michael Desauro, 8, gets knocked out of a cradling game by Jaime Buick.



(Right) Lisa Spirito, right, shows Maggie Queenan, 8, where to hold her top hand to maximize the strength of her shot during a shooting drill.

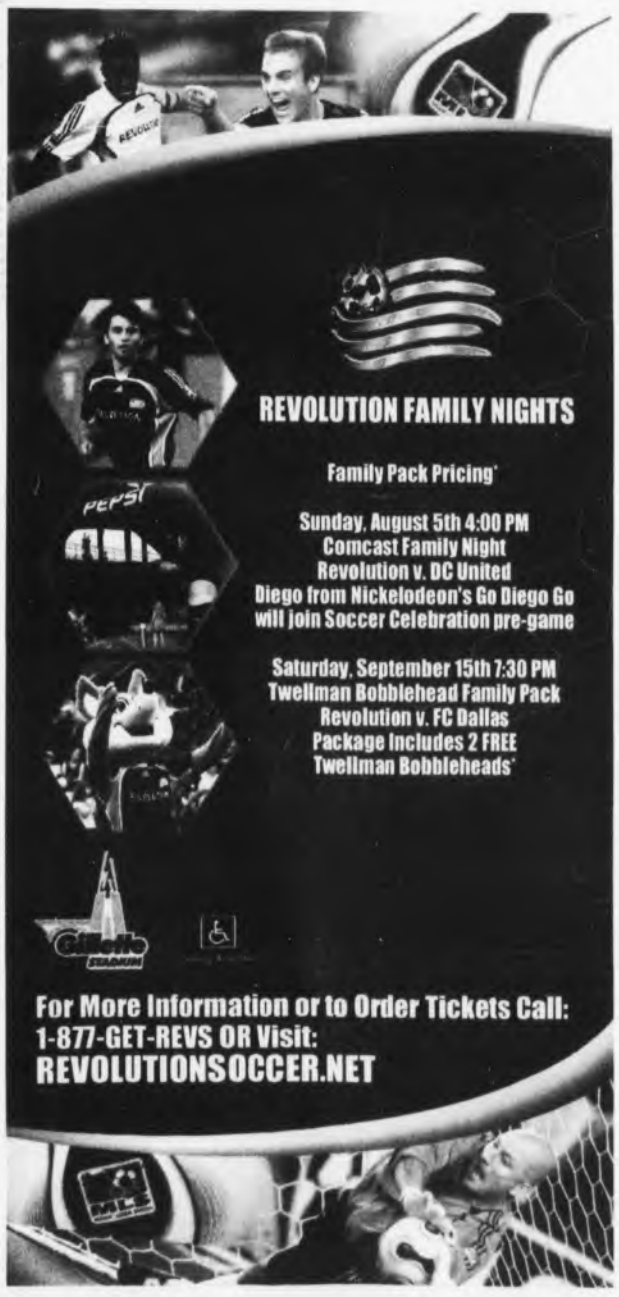
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Ryan Golz, 8, gets ready during a water break.



Michael McKelvey, 8, does his best to quickly get the ball off to a teammate during a drill at lacrosse camp on Wednesday.



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FOCUS ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Education fuels president of Bridgewater State College

By Janice Nickerson
ENTERPRISE CORRESPONDENT

BRIDGEWATER - After graduating from high school in Wareham in the 1960s, Dana Mohler-Faria found himself in South Dakota for four years refueling planes.

The first person in his family to graduate from high school - his father worked in construction and his mother in cranberry bogs - he had joined the Air Force Reserves, but had no intention of going to college.

But those four years, from 1966 to 1970, were pivotal in his life.

Mohler-Faria said it was there that he was encouraged to go back to school by another Air Force reservist, Albert Kelley, who was a few years older. Kelley pushed him to attend college, and as a result, Mohler-Faria took two classes at Black Hill State College, then returned to Massachusetts to further his education.

That encouragement was a turning point in the path which, years later, led him to become head of the largest of the nine Massachusetts state colleges and the fourth largest of the state's 29 public colleges and universities.

As the 11th president of Bridgewater State College and its first president of color, Mohler-Faria, 59, has recently been tapped by Gov. Deval Patrick in a volunteer role to evaluate the state's education structure from pre-kindergarten through college.

Mohler-Faria met the governor last summer, when then-candidate Patrick toured the college campus on the campaign trail.

Mohler-Faria describes it as "the day I drank the Kool-Aid." He said he spent 1 1/2 hours with the candidate and discovered similarities in background, style and ideology.

It seemed like a good fit: The second Cape Verdean in the country to attain the position of college president, and the second African-American governor in the country.

"It was like looking in a mirror," Mohler-Faria said. Both were acutely aware the main difference in their lives that allowed them to succeed, he said.

"Education transformed our lives," said Mohler-Faria, who said he found a connection to Patrick, "and I think he saw the same in me."

Given their close ties, there has even been public speculation that Mohler-Faria may leave Bridgewater State to take on a full-time role in the Patrick administration. That speculation has been fueled by his recent hiring of a full-time chief of staff, Kendra Medville, who coordinated higher education study groups, and previously acted as a finance consultant for the new governor.

But Mohler-Faria flatly dispels such rumors, saying he plans to return to his full-time duties at the college this summer. His new chief of staff will assist him in preparing education advisory reports for the governor, attending meetings and collating the information from around the state.

Back to school

When he returned to Massachusetts from South Dakota, Mohler-Faira entered Cape Cod Community College, earning his associate's degree and taking a position in the college administrative office. It was that college's president, James Hill, who first suggested that he might do well with a career as an educator, and perhaps as a college president.

Mohler-Faira went on to Boston University, where he earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees in African-American Studies and U.S. History.

Then he juggled the commute between his family on Cape Cod, his work at Wachusett Community College, and earning his doctorate at UMass Amherst in 1984. Bryan Baldwin, Mohler-Faria's spokesman, joked that "he said he went through many cars."

Today, Mohler-Faira maintains that frantic pace. A hard person to catch up with, his days are timed precisely to the minute. But between train time, phone time and all that lays on his plate between work in Boston and Bridgewater, he still finds a few mornings every week to drive his 15-year-old son, Jonathan, to high school.

Sleeping usually about five hours a night, his day can begin as early as 4 a.m. Baldwin says it's not unusual to get an e-mail from the president written in the early hours of the morning.

"I get e-mail from him at all times of the day and night," he said.

Those who work with him describe him as a great humanist, and he takes his position very seriously, referring to his career as something other than a job.

"This is personal," he said. "This isn't a job or profession. I do what I have been called to do."

As for retirement, he doesn't appear to be thinking about that either.

"I think all of my life I will be engaged in education," he says.

He still has a lot of plans for Bridgewater State. For one, the college is now examining the possibilities of the college attaining university status. The change would bring university level courses to the school and funding from foundations for research to Bridgewater State.

Mohler-Faria has emphatically said, however, that "what we will not do is increase costs to students."



Dana Mohler-Faria

A big job

The position and responsibilities held by Mohler-Faria are daunting. He is responsible for the overall management and leadership of a 270-acre institution with approximately 10,000 students, 1,000-plus employees, 34 buildings, and an annual operating budget in excess of $100 million. He also has executive oversight of an academic program with 291 full-time faculty and four schools, is chief fundraiser for a private endowment of more than $15 million, and is principal institutional liaison to members of the Massachusetts General Court and executive departments.

The president maintains his involvement in Connect, a partnership of public higher education institutions in southeastern Massachusetts, which he founded.

His achievements are no less than remarkable. After taking the oath as president of the college in 2002, one of his goals was faculty expansion. He has managed to increase faculty by about 20 percent during his tenure, and hopes to bring the total to 340 by 2011 while holding the number of new students fairly constant.

He still lectures as often as he can at the college, where he worked for 11 years as vice president of administration and finance. It was during that time he negotiated a $7 million agreement with the MBTA that resulted in a direct link to Boston.

He also he developed fiscal controls at the college that earned him the praise of state auditors and arranged the purchase of the Dr. Albert Hunt Elementary School from the town, said Baldwin.

That he is working alongside the governor to bring about changes in Massachusetts education is like frosting on the cake to Bridgewater State student body and faculty - some of whom call him doctor, others call him Dana, and there are those who refer to him warmly as DMF.

It's not hard to understand how he was guided into his present position by following his own powerful mantra: "Work hard, invest in your education, and never forget the strengths and energies you can derive from your own family and community."

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Plymouth Campus	Thursday, August 16	6:00 PM

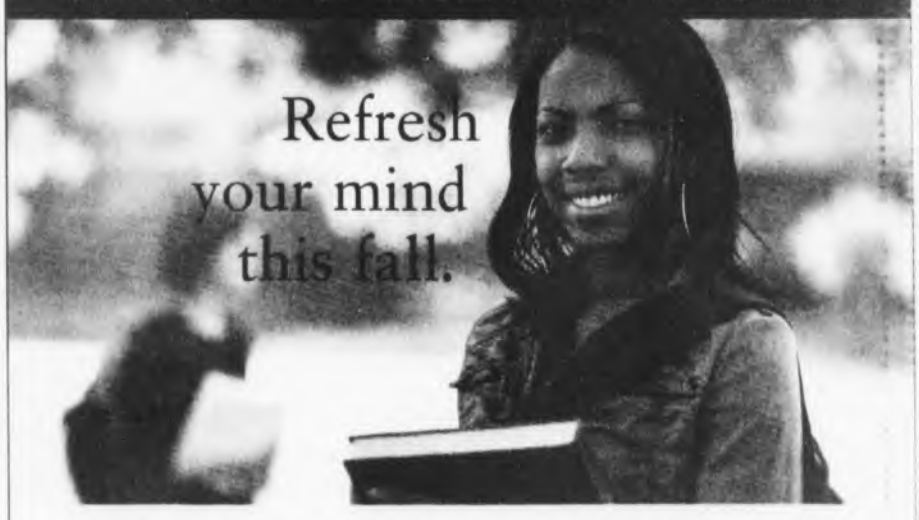
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OBITUARIES

Thelma E. Caswell

Former kindergarten teacher

Thelma E. Caswell, 96, of Swampscott, died July 4, 2007, at Queen Anne Nursing Home in Hingham.

Born in Lynn, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Jenny Latter. She attended Lynn schools and graduated from Lynn Classical High School, Class of 1929.

Mrs. Caswell organized and was a teacher at Tiny Tot Kindergarten, located at First Methodist Church, and later at Christ Church United Methodist, for many years.

She was an active member at the First Methodist Church, which merged with St. Paul's Methodist Church and Christ Church United, later to become Grace United Methodist Church. She and her husband attended church regularly until Mrs. Caswell had trouble walking.

She was active in many other church and civic organizations, and served as president of Quid Nunc Circle at Christ Church United for several years.

Mrs. Caswell lived with her husband in their home in Swampscott until December 2006, when her health problems necessitated hospital or nursing home care. Her husband, 101, cared for her until his death in April 2007.

Wife of the late Howard T. Caswell Sr., she leaves her children, Priscilla D. Daniels of Cohasset and Howard T. Caswell Jr. of Franklin, N.H.; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and a sister-in-law, Dorothy Latter of Lynn.

Parker Funeral Home in Lynn handled the arrangements. Interment was in Pine Grove Cemetery.

Irene C. MacIver

Former waitress at Hugo's Lighthouse

Irene C. (Cummings) MacIver, 84, of Hingham, died July 22, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. MacIver worked at the Hingham Shipyard for the war effort during World War II as a riveter and ammunitions manufacturer. She had been a Hingham resident for 21 years.

She had been employed as a waitress at Hugo's Lighthouse Restaurant in Cohasset and the Cozy Nook in Hull. She retired in 1984.

Mrs. MacIver was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary at the George Mealy Post in Cohasset.

Wife of the late Edmund H. MacIver, she leaves her children, Wayne J. MacIver of Kingston, Joyce M. Foster of Pembroke, Deborah A. (MacIver) Cornacchini of Dedham, Bruce D. MacIver of Hingham and Thomas R. MacIver of Hull; her sister, Phyllis Cummings of Quincy; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was the mother of the late Warren E. MacIver, and the sister of the late Ethel Gebhardt and Leo Cummings.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., on Friday, July 27, at St. Paul Church in Hingham. Visiting hours will be from 4 to 8 p.m., on Thursday, July 26, at Pyne Keohane Funeral Home, 21 Emerald St., Hingham. Interment in St. Paul's Cemetery, Hingham.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, Central New England Region, 18 Tremont St., #700, Boston, MA 02108.

Anne M. Hayes

Past member of the Cohasset Golf Club and CYC

Anne M. (Merrick) Hayes, 94 of Cohasset, died July 20, 2007 at the Life Care Center of the South Shore in Scituate.

Mrs. Hayes was born and raised in Boston. She graduated from Girl's Latin School in 1929 and went on to graduate from Emmanuel College in 1933. Mrs. Hayes then worked for Maginnis & Walsh Architects in Boston before marrying her late husband. Mrs. Hayes served as a former member of the Board of Trustee's for the South Shore Music Circus. She was also a past member of the Cohasset Golf Club and the Cohasset Yacht Club. Mrs. Hayes was also an avid gardener and truly enjoyed her garden. She also traveled extensively.

Wife of the late Attorney John J. Hayes, Jr., she leaves her children Roberta Macaya of Costa Rica, Attorney John J. III, of Boston & Beaune', France, Anastasia Hayes of Staten Island, N.Y., Kit Coffey of Cohasset, Gretchen Hayes Fenimore of Charleston, S.C.; a brother, David Merrick of Naples, Fla.; a sister, Kay Hannon of Noank, Conn.; seven grandchildren, Roman, Margarita, Alexandra, Anastasia, Montgomery, Alex and John, as well as nine great-grandchildren.

She was the sister of the late late Robert, Frank, John, Joseph and Ned Merrick and the late Alice Seridel.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on July 24, 2007 in St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset, handled the arrangements. Interment Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Donations in Mrs. Hayes' memory may be made to Fr. Waldron's "People In Need", St. Patrick's Church, 10 Magazine St., Roxbury, Ma 02119

Paul J. Thurlow

Member of Millwright Local 1121

Paul J. Thurlow, 71, of Scituate, formerly of Hingham, died July 20, 2007, at South Shore Hospital.

Mr. Thurlow served in the U.S. Army in the 11th Airborne Division in Korea. He had worked as a member of Millwright Local 1121.

He leaves his wife, Carole A. (Mulcahy) Thurlow; his children, Rachel E. Thurlow of Boston, Ann C. Connors of Norwood and Kaitlin B. Thurlow of Cohasset; and his grandchildren, William P. and Alison J. Connors of Norwood.

A memorial service was held at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Memorial donations may be made to Scituate Council on Aging, 27 Brook St., Scituate, MA 02066.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

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Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

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Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

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If you are summering in Cohasset, you are very welcome to join us in worship.

If you are a resident of Cohasset or any nearby towns and you are looking for a church, please feel free to stop by this summer and learn about our programs and services for adults, youth and children.

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To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood. Appointments to speak to the staff can be made by calling or emailing. Office hours are daily from 8:30 am until 2 pm, noon on Friday.

Bible studies continue throughout the summer on Saturday morning at 7:00 am. Christian meditation continues every Monday at 4 pm at church.

The following Sundays have a family service at 9:30 with shorter readings and family friendly sermons built around a special theme:

July 29th: Knock, Knock, Who's there? Sunday (Knock and you will receive)

August 5th: Treasure Island Sunday (How are we rich toward God)

August 19th: Stormy Sunday (How do we interpret the current times)

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

On Friday nights, there will be light refreshments at 6 p.m. and Services will be start at 6:30 in the David C. Carr Sukat Shalom (weather permitting) at the side of the building.

There will be no Saturday morning services in July.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative, Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan. Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

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Changes to the worship guide may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

Judy Ogden to play Cohasset bells

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The hour-long recital begins at 6 p.m., and is free of charge. It will take place regardless of weather conditions. In case of rain, the bells may be heard from your parked cars. Printed programs, schedules and brochures will be distributed on the Cohasset Common, and will also be available in a stand by the courtyard of St. Stephen's Church on Highland Avenue extension. Listeners are invited to bring chairs, blankets, and picnics to the common or the church courtyard. Following the program, the tower will be open to visitors for a demonstration by the carillonneur and a look at the bells.

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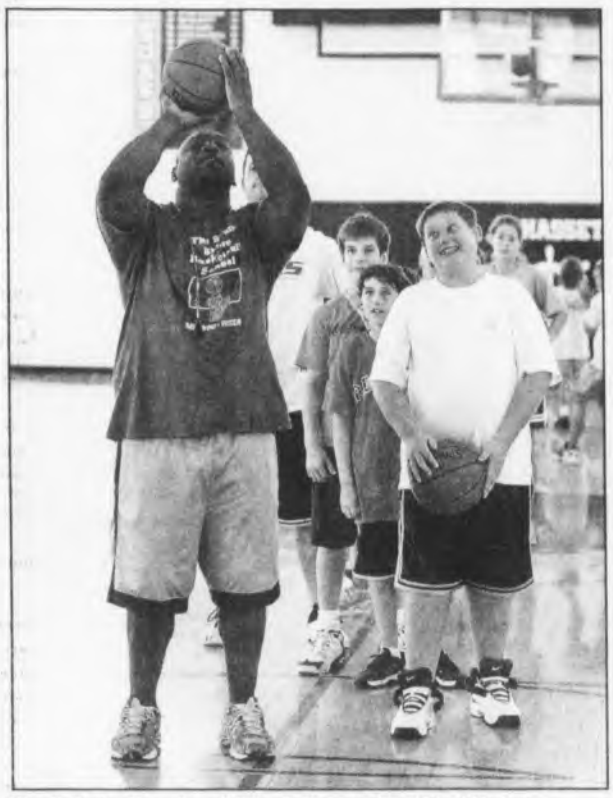
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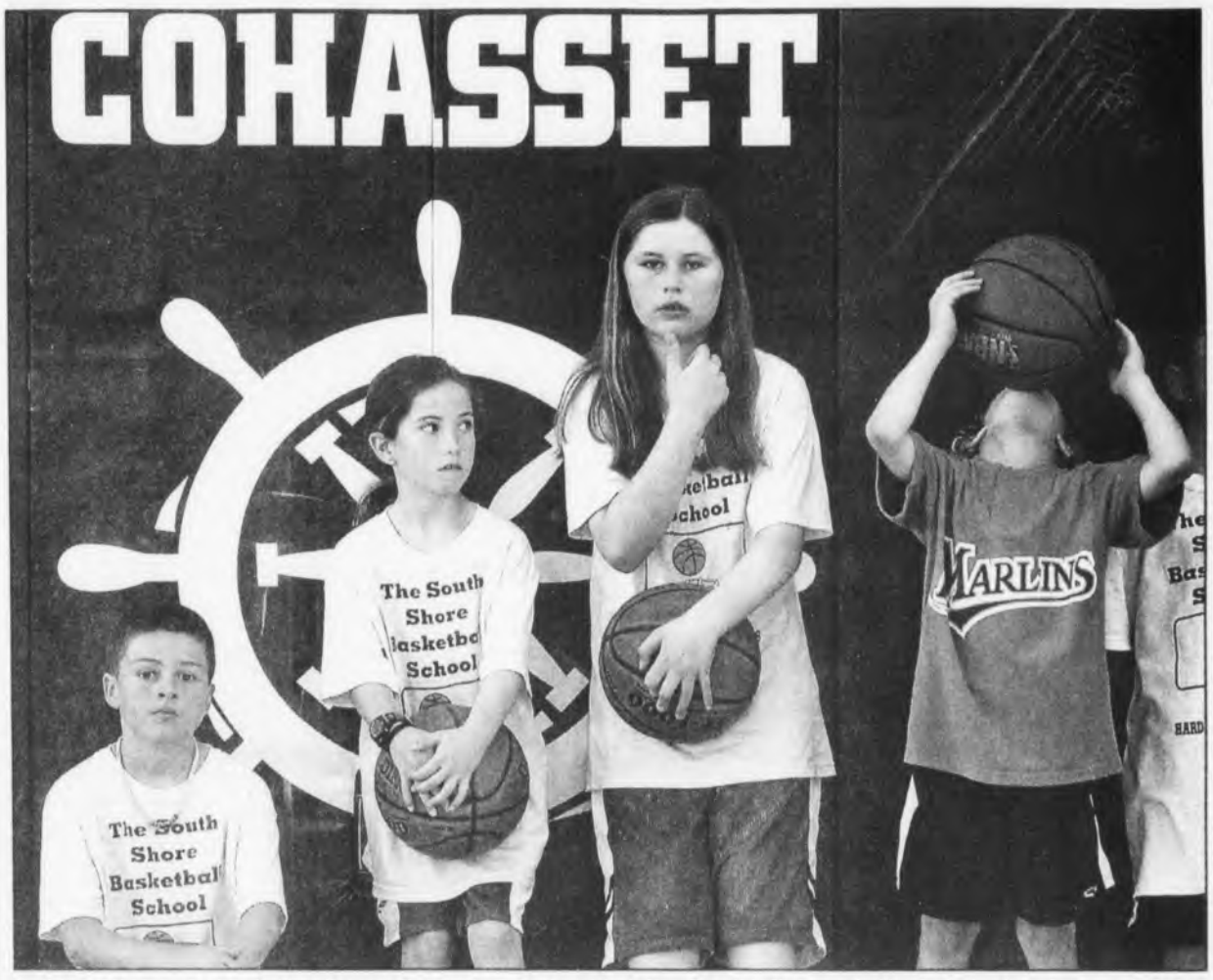
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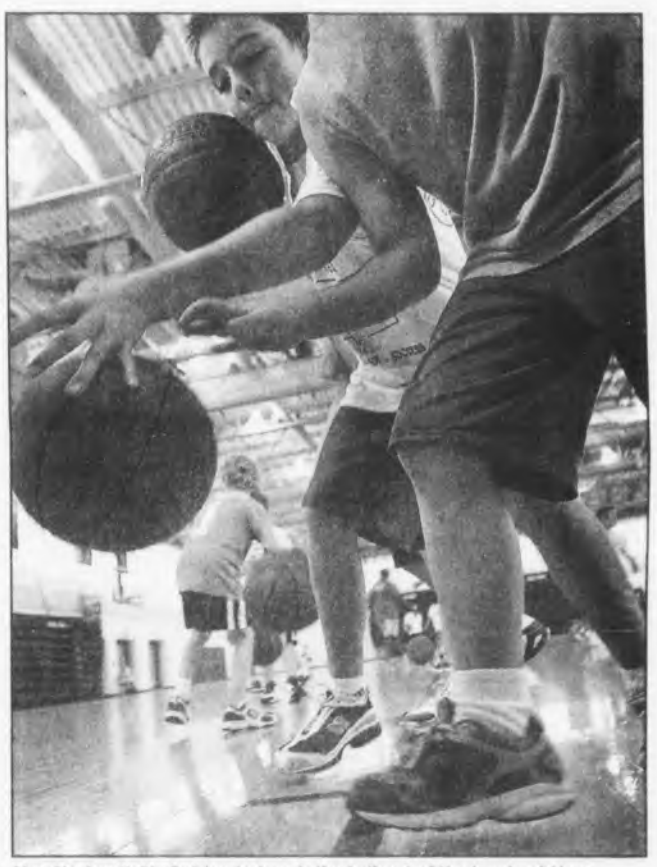
Coach Dorian Bryant methodically lines up his shot while James Lydon, 13, hopes for a miss during a game of Knockout.



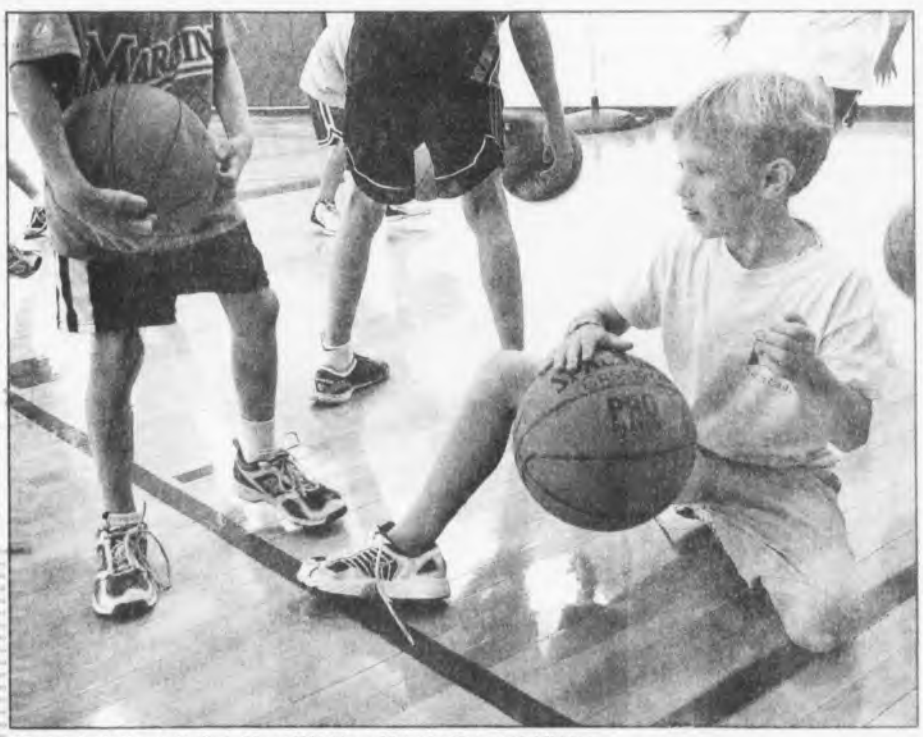
(Left to right) Ethan Avotins, 9, Shea Kearney, 9, Tracy Fogarty, 9, and Jack Nee, 8, wait in their own fashion for instructions from coach Dorian Bryant during camp.



Cole Morrison, 10, takes a shot during a game of Knockout.



Alex Norton (left), 9, tries to knock the ball out of the hands of Liam McDonald, 8, during a dribbling game.



Above: Jack Speer, 8, finds himself in the midst of a forest of dribblers.

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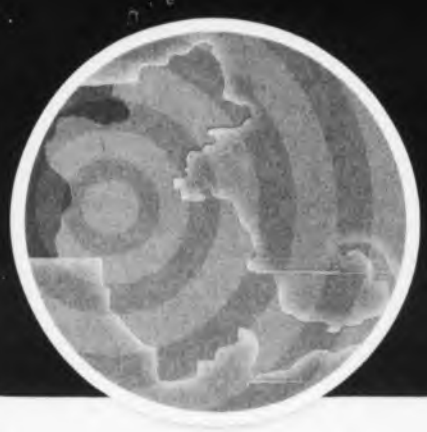
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

THURSDAY, JULY 5

2:13 p.m. **Ripley and Sohier streets**, suspicious activity; caller reports a man in a red Ford with Florida plates staring at her 15-year-old daughter in a strange way while she was at the library. He is there again, starting at her daughter while sitting in his car playing loud music and appears to be intoxicated.

3:02 p.m. **Pond St.**, medical aid requested for person who fell and hit their head.

4:09 p.m. **Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports while driving on a street that narrows to one lane, he was cut off and forced to the side of the road; parties spoken to.

4:31 p.m. **Beechwood and King streets**, traffic complaint; caller requests an officer to help with heavy traffic in the area.

6:54 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, gas drive off reported; responding officer has contacted the owner of the motor vehicle and they will return to pay the bill.

9:13 p.m. **Sohier St.** – Deer Hill School, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:34 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller reports he is in a vehicle with his girlfriend who is intoxicated and will not pull over. He is not from the area and doesn't know where he is; girlfriend pulled over after Maple Lane and he took the keys away. Hull Police Dept. notified and out with vehicle; Cohasset units also on scene.

10:29 p.m. **Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious person; caller reports a suspicious-looking man is walking in the road with traffic in the dark.

10:53 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious activity reported.

11:48 p.m. **Elm St.**, suspicious activity; caller reports a SUV parked in the lot with the motor running and a man sleeping inside.

FRIDAY, JULY 6

1:06 a.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious motor vehicle reported.

8:17 a.m. **Deep Run**, medical aid requested for person who cut their wrist on a broken glass shower door; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

11:07 a.m. **Mill Lane**, walk-in party reports lost trailer plate.

12:14 p.m. **Howard Gleason Road**, medical aid requested for 8-year-old with an allergic reaction; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

1:40 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance; group of jumpers removed by officer from the bridge.

2:55 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, disturbance; walk-in party reports a group of youths at the above location

3:11 p.m. **Sohier St.**, noise complaint; caller reports loud music in area. Responding officer reports the music is from South Shore Music Circus and is due to loud base; manager of SSMC spoken to.

3:19 p.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, disturbance; large group of jumpers removed by officer from the bridge.

3:50 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance; officer cleared group of jumpers from the bridge.

4:35 p.m. **Linden Circle**, animal complaint; injured bird reported under trampoline; referred to Animal Control Officer.

4:51 p.m. **Howe and Jerusalem roads**, traffic enforcement; two written warnings issued.

6:48 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, animal complaint; caller reports he has found a lost Jack Russell terrier with an electric fence collar and is taking him home.

7:56 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, larceny; clerk reports a gas drive-off; owner of motor vehicle contacted and asked to call the station.

9:30 p.m. **Doane and Beechwood streets**, animal complaint; officer waved down regarding an animal that was hit.

10:07 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

10:22 p.m. **Border St. and Parker Ave.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

11:29 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in party requests an officer regarding a motor vehicle that was hit at the SSMC.

SATURDAY, JULY 7

4:36 a.m. **Pond St.** - High School, officer reports building checked; secure.

4:37 a.m. **Church St.**, mutual aid – police; Scituate Police Dept. reports receiving a call from a Summer St., Scituate resident reporting two youths are inside his motor vehicle, which is parked in his driveway. Scituate requests Cohasset units respond to Church St.; Scituate police K-9 unit tracked the youths to a house on Church St., and has custody of the two youths for breaking and entering a motor vehicle.

11:02 a.m. **South Main St.**, manager requests to speak with an officer regarding a bad check.

11:47 a.m. **Green St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

11:57 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

12:03 a.m. **Surry Drive**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

12:11 a.m. **Norman Todd Road**, neighborhood disturbance; caller reports her neighbor is outside yelling at other neighbors and acting strange.

1:53 p.m. **Border St.**, bridge jumpers; Sergeant reports clearing a group of jumpers from the bridge.

2:28 p.m. **Border St.**, bridge jumpers; Officer reports being out at the bridge with a group of youths.

2:32 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, erratic motor vehicle operation; caller reports two motorcycles speeding.

2:48 p.m. **Sohier St.**, downed tree reported; Dept. of Public Works notified.

3:06 p.m. **George Washington Blvd., and Rockland Circle**, mutual aid - medical; Hull requests Rescue 3 for a motor vehicle accident.

3:07 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, kayak found drifting; caller reports a White Ocean dive kayak in the water with a paddle, fishing rod, and boat ladder inside. Coast Guard, fire chief, and police chief notified. Party involved advised of the situation and told he could pick up his kayak at the harbormaster's station. Coast Guard called search off and deemed it a false alarm.

4:44 p.m. **Elm St.**, citizen assisted; called directly into fire headquarters; E3 to assist and elderly woman.

7:32 p.m. **Sohier St.**, disturbance; caller reports public drinking in the parking lot. Sergeant reports they are all adults and have been advised.

8:14 p.m. **Turkey Hill antenna**, officer reports building checked; secure.

8:31 p.m. **Linden Drive**, domestic disturbance reported.

9:32 p.m. **Sohier St.**, fireworks complaint.

9:39 p.m. **Deer Hill/Osgood schools**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

9:53 p.m. **Deer Hill School**, open door/window; secured.

9:59 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

10:24 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, citizen assisted; caller reports a possibly intoxicated man hitchhiking. One person transported to Church St.

10:42 p.m. **Aaron River Road**, disturbance; caller reports youths partying in the woods; officers spoke with several young adults. There is no alcohol present, they are on a nature walk.

11:56 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle accident without injuries reported; information exchange handled by parties involved.

SUNDAY, JULY 8

12:47 a.m. **Ripley Road**, mutual aid rendered to Hingham Police Dept. regarding vandalism to a motor vehicle on July 7.

1:19 a.m. **Pond St.** - High School, officer reports building checked; secure.

1:20 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

1:21 a.m. **Sohier St.** – Deer Hill School, red light on the side of building reported flashing.

1:50 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

7:05 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid requested by 911 caller who reports she has been vomiting; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

7:36 a.m. **Sohier St.**, medical aid; car 20 reports a runner down between South Shore Music Circus and the Common; Rescue 3A responding.

8:17 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, medical aid requested; harbormaster reports pulling one person from the water. Harbormaster reports a "man down," and in cardiac arrest in the boat; CPR in progress. Rescue 3 to South Shore Hospital/ALS with CPR in progress.

8:32 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, harbormaster reports bringing a person having a panic attack in by the boat; detail rescue on scene at the time. Rescue 3A transporting person to South Shore Hospital.

8:33 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, harbormaster reports bringing another person who is having a panic attack in by the boat; South Shore Ambulance transporting person to South Shore Hospital.

8:34 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, harbormaster reports a possible cardiac arrest; Hull Rescue 2 responding. It is not a cardiac arrest at this time; Rescue 2 transporting to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

8:47 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, Fire Chief requesting an ambulance for exhaustion; Hingham medics responding and transporting to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

8:55 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, fire chief requests E2 with two medics for coverage.

9:53 a.m. **Stoneleigh Road**, medical aid requested for 89-year-old man with a dislocated shoulder; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

11:22 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, several 911 callers reports a chemical spill and smoke; location box struck. This is a large chemical spill and people have inhaled chemicals and the chemicals are in the food as well; command requests a second ambulance to the scene. Scituate Rescue 1 responding; Board of Health notified and responding. Plymouth County Control notified for a Hazardous Material Team. Dept. of Environmental Protection also notified; one person transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

11:48 a.m. **King St.**, suspicious activity; caller reports a young female attempted to break into the lockers at the gym, gave a false name, and fled.

12:51 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports a strange smell in the basement; possibly some type of chemical.

1:28 p.m. **Norfolk and Cushing roads**, suspicious motor vehicle; caller reports a white work van is parked on the side of the road and the man inside seems suspicious.

2:09 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, parking complaint.

2:34 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint; caller reports vehicles without parking stickers present.

3:18 p.m. **Border St.**, animal complaint; walk-in party reports a dog locked inside a motor vehicle.

9:07 p.m. **Aaron River Road**, fireworks complaint.

MONDAY, JULY 9

8:31 a.m. **Lower King St.**, detail officer advised above location down to one lane accessible from 3A only, not Main Street, notified fire dept.

9 a.m. **Reservoir Rd.**, speed board has been removed.

9:30 a.m. **Ripley Rd., and Smith Pl.**, speed board has been placed at this location.

11:43 a.m. **Joy Pl.**, downed power lines.

12:06 p.m. Officer Wanted. Female walk-in party reports her ex-husband was supposed to bring her children to her today and has not. She has attempted to contact him by phone and he will not answer. Rockland PD has checked on the children at the residence. The power went out in Rockland last night and the clock did not reset, this was an accident and all is fine.

4:39 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, officer wanted, caller reports a piece of equipment was dumped in her yard and would like to see an officer. The piece of equipment belongs to a construction company, the water dept. was contacted and will attempt to get a hold of someone to remove it.

5:20 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid.

5:38 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:15 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:25 p.m. **Depot Ct., and Pleasant St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:53 p.m. **A St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, mutual aid to Hull.

7:31 p.m. **North Main St.**, officer wanted, caller reports they ran over a cover and are at Robbin's Garage.

7:47 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, animal complaint.

8:04 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, officer wanted in regards to neighbor dispute.

8:20 p.m. **Beechwood St., and South Main St.**, fire, brush, caller reports a branch on fire because of a telephone wire. National Grid notified.

8:30 p.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, fireworks, caller reports fireworks going off at the field.

9:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medial aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:50 p.m. **South Main St.**, disturbance, caller reports kids jumping on cars.

10:43 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:44 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:46 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:06 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Surry Drive**, disturbance, caller states that she thinks group of kids are firing things off in the street.

11:27 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, vandalism report, caller reports his pot at the end of his driveway was struck, he will call tomorrow for a report.

TUESDAY, JULY 10

12:51 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks secure.

1:07 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, door propped open, interior checks secure, several windows open, screens covering same, door has been secured.

1:51 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

3:33 a.m. **South Main St.**, caller states "there are lights on on the top floor of the house across the street". Caller knows the residents are away. House checks secure.

3:39 a.m. **South Main St.**, 911 caller states "the transformer across the street has blown up and is on fire". National Grid notified.

3:50 a.m. **South Main St.**, resident requests a check of the electric connection as it "sparked", when the power went out.

7:28 a.m. **White Head Rd.**, fire alarm activation, 2 calls from Black Lab Alarm reporting fire alarm activation. Police on scene report possible cause, a hair dryer.

9:23 a.m. **Forest Ave., and North Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports a worker has fallen and injured his knee bad.

9:44 a.m. **School Buildings**, officer reports school buildings check ok all secure.

9:54 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, buildings check secure.

1:56 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic motor vehicle operation, caller reports a vehicle all over the road swerving and slowing down and speeding up. Vehicle is just crossing into Scituate. Medics have checked the female, officer is following her home.

2:12 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, sheriff on detail at this location reports a female operating a vehicle almost hit him. Officer has stopped the vehicle and she appears to be intoxicated. Officer requesting the medics to this location. Units report this may be some type of medical issue.

2:57 p.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, traffic enforcement assignment.

4:26 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, animal complaint, caller reports a raccoon in the dumpster at this location. Officer states the raccoon is injured, ACO has been notified. Officer states this issue has been resolved.

4:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, animal complaint, caller reports there is a baby raccoon behind this location that looks like it is struggling. ACO was notified of this. Officer states the problem has been handled.

4:59 p.m. **Pleasant St., and Depot Ct.**, traffic enforcement assignment.

5:58 p.m. **North Main St.**, trespassing, two juvenile males found walking down MBTA rail tracks. Officer advised both boys not to walk down the tracks. Verbal warning on trespassing.



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Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 07P1696EP

In the Estate of TUCKER COLLINS
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death June 8, 2007

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that MARY J. WHITLEY of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

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WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, July 16, 2007.

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What's happening on the South Shore

JULY 26 - AUGUST 3, 2007

Musical scores a hit

Boston Pops salutes 'Oscar' and 'Tony'

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

When Maestro Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra take the stage at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset on Saturday night they will be joined by Broadway favorite Marin Mazzie.

"Our summer tour this year is in support of our latest album, 'Oscar and Tony: The Boston Pops Salutes the Best of Broadway and Hollywood,' which will be released on the Boston Pops label later this summer. We're doing music from an array of Academy Award-winning movies and Tony Award-winning Broadway shows of the last half-century including 'Ben-Hur' and '42nd Street,' which was both a hit movie in 1933 and the 1981 Tony Award winner for Best Musical," explained Lockhart by telephone from Tanglewood in Lenox last Friday. The great thing about having Marin Mazzie performing live with us is her amazing vocal repertoire. On this tour, we're able to balance our 'Salute to Oscar and Tony' with more Broadway music which Marin, of course, does so beautifully."

The Cohasset concert, which for the fourth straight year will benefit the South Shore Arts Center of Cohasset, will require Mazzie, a Tony Award-nominee for her performance in the 1999 revival of "Kiss Me Kate" whose other Broadway credits include "Passion," "Ragtime," to take time off from her current Broadway gig, playing the Lady of the Lake in "Monty Python's Spamalot."

"I'm missing two shows on Saturday. I fly to Boston in the morning, then I take a bus to Cohasset to do the Pops concert that evening. Right after the concert, I'm taking the bus back to Boston because I have a flight to New York first thing Sunday morning. I have a matinee and an evening performance of 'Spamalot' on Sunday. It is going to be one busy weekend."

Mazzie, who made her Boston Pops debut at the 1998 Fourth of July concert on Boston's Esplanade and has since appeared with the orchestra several more times, is so eager to work with Lockhart and company again that she doesn't mind juggling her Broadway schedule.

"There is just nothing else like singing with the most famous Pops orchestra in the world. I've known about the Boston Pops for my whole life and working with them is never less than thrilling," said Mazzie by telephone last week from her home in New York. "When I negotiated my 'Spamalot' contract, I made sure to have some 'outs.' I'm missing some shows this summer, but it is definitely worth it. I'll be doing some great songs in Cohasset, including 'So In Love' from 'Kiss Me Kate,' 'Losing My Mind' from 'Follies,' 'As If We Never Said Goodbye' from 'Sunset Boulevard,' and 'Everything's Coming Up Roses' from 'Gypsy.'"



Keith Lockhart will lead the Boston Pops in a musical tribute to Broadway and Hollywood, Saturday July 28 at the South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset.



Broadway sensation Marin Mazzie will perform with the Boston Pops and Keith Lockhart, at the South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset.

When selecting the award-winning movie music for the new album, Lockhart naturally turned to the catalogue of Boston Pops Laureate Conductor John Williams, the five-time Oscar winning film composer ("Jaws," "Star Wars," "E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial") who preceded Lockhart on the podium.

"The Orchestra has done so much of John's music over the years and recorded a great deal of it, too. We talked to John, though, and decided that we would do a piece of music from 'Schindler's List' that has only been recorded once before, on the film's soundtrack."

Selecting Broadway music posed another kind of challenge.

"So much of contemporary Broadway, like 'Hairspray,' is not orchestral. We were able to include the overture from 'The Producers' and a few other things, but for the most part the album is skewed toward film."

On Aug. 26, Mazzie is slated to re-team with her "Kiss Me Kate" co-star, Tony Award-winner Brian Stokes Mitchell, for an all-Gershwin concert with the Pops at Tanglewood. Before Lockhart brings the orchestra back to its summer home, however, there are tour stops to be made in Hyannis, on Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket, and in New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

The Pops fourth visit to the Music Circus is once again a benefit for the South Shore Arts Center in Cohasset. It is also a chance for Lockhart, who in 1995 became the 20th conductor of the Boston Pops since its founding in 1885, to bring the orchestra to visit thousands of its closest friends.

"In Cohasset, we'll be playing to very much a hometown audience. We tour farther afield to stay in front of people who maybe only know us from our albums and TV. The great thing about touring with the Pops, however, is that it always feels like we're playing to a hometown crowd even in Idaho, because everyone knows us from the Fourth of July concerts."

And Lockhart, who has also served as Music Director of the Utah Symphony since 1998, plans to keep it that way.

"We try to mix up the score over the course of our season, but always do 'Stars and Stripes Forever.' I don't think we'd be allowed off the stage without doing that one."

The Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra will appear at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier Street, Cohasset, on July 28. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-931-2787 or go online at themusiccircus.org. A limited number of Pops Gala tickets, which for $300 per person include the concert and a Red Carpet-complete post-show party at the South Shore Arts Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, are available by calling 781-383-2787 or going online at ssac.org

Movie review

'Talk' about a good film

"Talk to Me" (B+)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

A "Good Morning Vietnam" for the civil rights movement, "Talk to Me" tells a unique story in spite of that dangerously shopworn title. It is also an acting powerhouse driven by real-life American history of the 1960s, '70s and '80s.

At the epicenter of the film's pop cultural and political upheavals is its protagonist, the hilariously profane and provocative convict Ralph Waldo "Petey" Greene (Don Cheadle in an Academy Award-caliber, Richard Pryor-esque performance).

When we first meet Petey, he's in a closet off the warden's office, entertaining his fellow Washington, D.C.-area inmates at Lorton Penitentiary playing DJ on the prison PA system.

"Wake up!" is only one of Petey's galvanizing mantras. Petey's in jail doing "a nickel to a dime" (5 to 10 years). He wears a paisley ascot and waistcoat, outward signs of his idiosyncratic self. When Dewey Hughes (Chiwetel Ejiofor), the fiercely proud, radio-executive brother of an inmate, shows up on visiting hours, Petey accosts the young, handsome black man, calling him a Sidney Poitier wannabe, using much ruder terms, and demanding a job as a DJ when he gets out of the joint.

A short time later, Petey and his beloved Vernell (Taraji P. Henson of "Hustle & Flow"), looking ready to audition for "The Mack" and "Foxy Brown," respectively, arrive at WOL-AM in D.C., where the most popular DJ is a smooth operator known as the Nighthawk (Cedric the Entertainer). They proceed to wreak havoc. Most offended is station owner E.G. Sonderling (Martin Sheen), who is concerned about falling ratings and whom Petey irreverently nicknames "Blue Blazes" (Petey also nicknames Dewey, "Mr. Tibbs"). Soon, Petey is "the prophet of the streets," a Washington, D.C.-area radio legend and oracle.

Among his most notable achievements are helping to calm Washington, D.C., in the wake of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the imprint he left on shock jocks the world over. Among his worst are blowing a shot on "The Tonight Show" by deliberately insulting the audience and host Johnny Carson and drinking himself into oblivion.

Cheadle and Ejiofor are absolutely riveting in their roles. "Talk to Me" covers much the same ground as the overrated 2006 release "Dreamgirls" and is far superior to it. If "Talk to Me" has a flaw, it is that Petey is Petey from beginning to end. The character does not change much over time. The times change to accommodate him. I get that, but dramatically the lack of any character arc is a problem.

Still, everyone involved can be proud of "Talk to Me."

As Petey might say, raise your fists, y'all.

Rated R. "Talk to Me" contains objectionable language and sexual situations.



Washington D.C. deejay Petey Greene (Don Cheadle) always tells his listeners what's on his mind.

Calendar of events

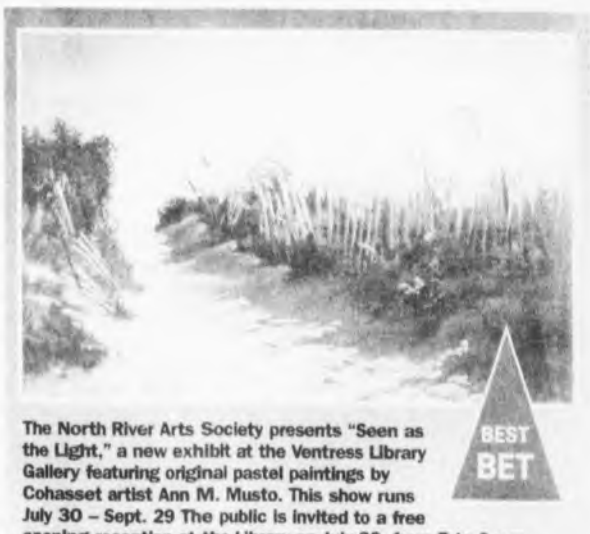
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Thursday, July 26

GIRLS NIGHT OUT" Fashion Show presented by Buckles & Boards Ski and Fashion Shop of Marshfield July 26, at 7 p.m. at the Daniel Webster Estate, 238 Webster St, Marshfield. Proceeds benefit **Daniel Webster Estate.** Tickets $22. Tickets May be Purchased at Buckles & Boards, Rte 139, Marshfield or call Virginia at 781-837-2403.

The Plymouth Farmers' Market, held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. July 26 performers are **Tiffany Rozenas,** Celtic fiddler from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and **Taran2ulas,** Roots-Blues, easy listening from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. For information contact Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-0962.

CALENDAR



The North River Arts Society presents "Seen as the Light," a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery featuring original pastel paintings by Cohasset artist Ann M. Musto. This show runs July 30 – Sept. 29 The public is invited to a free opening reception at the Library on July 30, from 7 to 9 p.m. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster Street, Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: info@northriverarts.org.

BEST BET

TOWN COMMONS JULY 26 - AUGUST 3, 2007



BEST BET

Duxbury artist Bettina M. Lesieur will host her Fourth Annual Summer Art Exhibition at her gallery, located at 301 Saint George St., in Duxbury. The exhibition is open to the public. All are welcome to meet the artist Bettina M. Lesieur on Friday, Aug. 3, at an opening gala reception from 6 to 10 p.m. Local songwriter and musician Molly Jewel will provide the musical backdrop for the evening's festivities. The exhibit will continue on Aug. 4 and 5, and Aug.10, 11, and 12 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Lesieur Gallery is also open by appointment. For information on the artist's work or this exhibition, contact the gallery at 781-934-5103 or visit bettinalesieur .com. The gallery is not handicap accessible at this time.



Bettina M. Lesieur

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L. Knife & Son will cosponsor the **Summer Concert Series** for the 2007 season, with the Town of Plymouth Promotions Fund, the Plymouth Cultural Council and the Music Performance Funds. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m., at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following Tuesday. July 26, **Legion Bud Band.**

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset July 26, 7:30 p.m. **Comedian Brian Regan.** Tickets $55/$41 by calling Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com The South Shore Music Circus Box Office is open daily from noon until 6 p.m. for in-person sales only. For Group Sales ticket purchases, call 781-383-9860.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue** Blues Jam featuring **Track 44** July 26 at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. July 26, **Radio for the Blind** 781-829-6999.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke **Texas Hold Em** every Thursday night at 6:45 and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

Friday, July 27

HONK! Tickets are now on sale for **The Family Performing Arts and Kidspot's** production of the award-winning comic musical HONK! Performances are at the air-conditioned Duxbury Performing Arts Center, Alden St., Duxbury, on July 27 and 28 at 7:30 p.m. All seating is general admission, and tickets may be purchased at the door. If you wish to reserve tickets, or would like more information, call 781-826-8550. Tickets are $12 for adults and $10 for students and seniors. The cast consists of 80 children ages 6 to 14 from nine towns across the South Shore: Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth, and Scituate.

South Shore Singles will sponsor our semi-monthly, smoke-free dance July 27 with the DJ: **Dee Dee Rose** from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St. Abington. Admission: $7 SSS Members, $10 Non-members Doors open 7:15 p.m. Free Dance lesson 7:30 to 8:00 by Dee Dee Rose. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. Free snacks & coffee, cash bar. Dress to impress. Info: 781-331-0021.southshoresingles.org

Down East Dancers Country Dance will be held July 27, at the Taunton Elks Lodge, 119 High St., Taunton. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Couples and Line dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight with DJ and Dance Instructor, Dave Pytka. Potluck snacks, raffle, cash bar. $6. 508-680-6736 or 781-925-1170. downeastdancers.com

The Company Theatre in Norwell, presents its summer musical, **Miss Saigon**, opening Friday, July 27 and running through Sunday, Aug. 19. Tickets priced at $30-$32 are on sale at The Company Theatre boxoffice located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companytheatre.com

Ventress Memorial Library. 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. Second annual Lemonade Days on Friday mornings in July (July 27) from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Stop by the Ventress "Tiki" Cafe for a complimentary glass of lemonade, complete with straw. While sipping, browse through a stack of used books available to purchase for beach and pool-side reading. Children's books and videos will also be sold. All proceeds benefit the library through the Friends group. For information contact Chris Woods at 781-834-5535, e-mail malib@ocln.org or visit ventresslibrary.org

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset July 27, 8 p.m. **George Carlin - adult content.** Tickets $57.50/$43.50 by calling Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com The South Shore Music Circus Box Office is open daily from noon until 6 p.m. for in-person sales only. For Group Sales ticket purchases, call 781-383-9860.

The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. July 27, **Clubba Lang**781-829-6999.

Monponsett Inn. 550 Monponsett Street, Halifax July 27, 7:30 p.m. **Cruisin** 781-293-2116.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke **Texas Hold Em** every Thursday night at 6:45 and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

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The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, July 27, **Walk That Walk** at 9:15 p.m. p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, July 27, **Lil'Anne 8 Hot Cayenne,** exdeco/cajun. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Saturday, July 28

The South Shore Conservatory's Duxbury Music Festival second week features concerts on the Millennium Green, master classes open to the public, student recitals, in-home chamber concerts, a student competition and Winners Concert. **Red White and Blue on the Green** will be a festive evening beginning at 6 p.m. on July 28 of music by DMF faculty members celebrating American music. Preceded by a reception under the tent catered by The Chef's Table, the evening will feature work by Copland, Gershwin and other American favorites. Tickets at duxburymusicfestival.org or at the Ellison Center in Duxbury. For detailed schedule, visit duxburymusicfestival.org or call 781.934.2731, ext. 10.

The North & South River's Watershed Association will hold the 17th Annual Great River Race on July 28. All skill levels, from novice to racer, are invited to take part in the race. Non-motorized vessels including canoes, kayaks, and rowboats participate in the race piloted by people of all ages. (Participants 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult.) Pre-Registration recommended. To download the registration form visit nsrwa.org

Edaville USA, Rt. 58, Carver. **Jay Jay The Jet Plane** July 28-30 and Aug. 3 through 5, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. edaville.com Shows will be performed throughout the day. Admission is $16 for anyone ages 2 and over. Admission includes unlimited access to all rides and attractions including the live stage show and a two-mile train ride through the cranberry plantation. Free parking. Visit Edaville.com or call 877-edaville.

The North River Arts Society presents **My Perspective: Space, Light and Shapes**, an exhibit of original works by *Vcevold Strekalovsky* from July 28 - Sept. 27. at the Dolphin Gallery located at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. Open Monday through Thursday from. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Call the library to confirm current hours: 781-741-1405. For information, contact the NRAS Office at 781-837-8091.

Summer Jam 2007 features tributes to the **Grateful Dead** and **Allman Brothers.** Celebrating the anniversary of the famous Summer Jam at Watkins Glen on July 28, 1973, **PLAYIN' DEAD** (Boston's ultimate Grateful Dead Tribute) and **THE PEACHEATERS**, the Allman's tribute will revive the good vibes with a phenomenal show at 7:30 p.m. , July 28, at Plymouth Memorial Hall in Plymouth. Tickets are priced at $30 for Gold Circle Seating and $20 for General Admission. Tickets are on sale at the Plymouth Memorial Hall boxoffice at 50 Court Street in Plymouth, by phone at 1-508-747-1340 & 1-866-468-7619, online at plymouthhall.com, and all FYE and Strawberries outlets.

The Boston Pops Espanade Orchestra Keith Lockhart, conductor **Marin Mazzie,** vocalist A Tribute to "Oscar & Tony" Music from Hollywood and Broadway A concert to benefit the South Shore Art Center July 28, 7 p.m. South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset. Tickets: Concert tickets are $90.75/$76.75 and are available in person at the South Shore Music Circus Box Office, 130 Sohier St. (off 3A), Cohasset, themusiccircus.org Phone and online orders can be made through Ticketmaster, 617-731-2787 or ticketmaster.com. A limited number of premium concert packages are available through the South Shore Art Center, 781-383-2787, and include preferred seating and a post-concert reception with Keith Lockhart.

CALENDAR, see next page

Mark your calendar

PEMBROKE ARTS FESTIVAL, Pembroke Town Green. Aug. 4 and 5. Visit pembrokeartsfestival.org for a complete schedule of events.

SCITUATE'S HERITAGE DAYS 2007, Scituate Harbor, Aug. 3, 4 and 5. Music, food crafts and more. Visit scituatechamber.org for a complete schedule of events.

THIRD ANNUAL ST JUDE HIGHLAND GAMES, Aug. 4, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Shea Memorial Field, Weymouth. Free admission. For information visit stjudehighlandgames.com



Olympic Gold medalist, Misty May-Treanor

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AN EVENING OF JAZZ, RHYTHM & BLUES fundraising event Sept. 22. Music by the Bellevue Cadillac. Silent and live auction, hors d' oeuvre's and buffet dinner prepared by The Catered Affair. Cash bar and dancing. Event held at the Hingham Armory. Tickets are $75 per person. All proceeds to benefit a Habitat home in Hingham. For advance ticket sales, auction donations, to be a program sponsor or volunteer to help. Contact nldevine@gmail.com

NANTASKET SEASIDE ROAD RACE takes place Saturday, Sept. 1, Entry Fee: $15. Pre-Registration (before Aug. 26) $20 Day of Race Registration (Registration opens at 6:30 a.m.) Scenic 4-mile seaside run. Participants may register online at www.town.hull.ma.us: (Click on Nantasket Seaside Road race under News and Announcements on right hand column on home page) www.racersresource.com www.coolrunning.com Any questions, contact Race Director: Kristen Evans at 781-925-2720.

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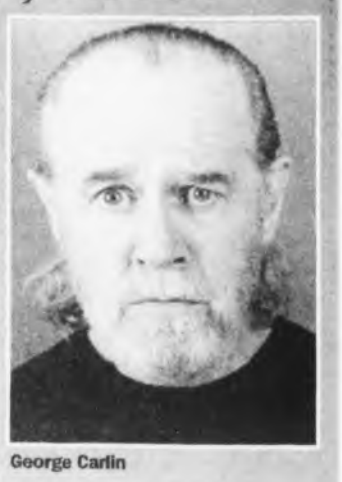
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THE BAY PLAYERS announce open auditions for the world premiere production of SEMMELWEIS, an original musical play, written by Joseph Shrand M.D. of Marshfield, and directed by Peter Kates of Norwell. Auditions will be held Monday, Aug. 13, and Tuesday, Aug. 14, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Furnace Brook Middle School, 530 Furnace St., Marshfield. Rehearsals will begin in September. Performances will take place in November, at the Furnace Brook Middle School in Marshfield. SEMMELWEIS is a poignant drama of medical and social intolerance, set in Vienna in the early 1850s. The cast includes five principal men, five principal women, one girl (8-10 years old) and a small chorus, which includes children as well as adults. Come prepared with a musical audition piece. This is your chance to be in on the creation of a new theatrical piece. For information, call 1-800-290-6825 or visit bayplayers.org or email info@bayplayers.org.

Classic Carlin

Comedian an authority on funny business

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



George Carlin

Much has changed about the world since George Carlin first burst onto the national scene in the 1960s with frequent stand-up comedy appearances on "The Ed Sullivan Show" and "The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson." Fast forward 40 years, however, and Carlin — who plays the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset on Friday and the Cape Cod Melody Tent in Hyannis on Sunday — remains a fierce, and fiercely funny, counter-culture icon still telling it like he sees it.

"The American people aren't worth saving. Let's just start with that. When you're born in this world, you're given a ticket to the freak show. When you're born in America, you're given a front row seat," explained by Carlin recently by telephone. "My brother pointed out to me a long time ago that, when it comes to material, Americans will never let me down. He was right. They never have. America is a freak show, just a big goofy circus."

Since 1977, Carlin has offered up his observations of life under the big top in regular HBO specials, all 13 of which will be released in October in a DVD box set, "George Carlin: All My Stuff," to mark Carlin's 50th anniversary in show business. He's on tour now with material that will eventually be used in his next HBO special.

"In my current show, I'm talking about what people say and don't question — everything from secular beliefs to removing hats in church. I like to question authority."

The 70-year-old Carlin hasn't always just questioned authority; he's also had his share of run-ins with it. In 1972, he was jailed on indecency charges in Milwaukee after a show. Just a year later, Carlin's now legendary, and some might even say infamous, "Filthy Words" routine was aired on a New York radio station, resulting in the Federal Communications Commission filing obscenity charges against the station. A long legal battle ensued, eventually reaching the Supreme Court which upheld restrictions on broadcasting profanities when children were likely to be tuning in.

After a clean-shaven start in the 1960s, Carlin became a classic bearded, long-haired, earring-wearing hippy by the early 1970s. Over the years, his look has changed and so has his approach to his work.

"I used to always describe myself as a comedian who wrote his own material. Now I describe myself as a writer who performs his own material, not just a comedian. What I do is see the world, rethink it my way, and then give it back to my audience."

Carlin is well aware that his audience is often well aware of him.

"Thanks to HBO, I have hardcore fans from every era. I have to give them everything I have on stage, because for them the show they're at is the show they have been waiting for. You have to come out full of energy. You can't rest on the show you did the night before or the week before. It is the show you're doing right then that is most important."

With that in mind, three-time Grammy Award-winner Carlin is always certain to remain current. Doing that means work, something which doesn't bother the New York-born comic, actor, and author of books including "Braindroppings," "Napalm & Silly Putty" and "When Will Jesus Bring the Porkchops?."

While playing some 100 tour dates each year, Carlin often travels by limousines instead of planes so he can work on his laptop on the drive. He also carries a hand-held recorder with him at all times to capture his thoughts and ideas. Carlin also keeps more than 2,500 files on his computer, including jokes, which may or may not make it into his act and also material for his books.

"New material is how you last in this business. I have no hobbies or leisure activities that I enjoy. I read newspapers, magazines and the Internet to get a feeling for what it is people are being distracted by. I have curiosity in the distractions of everyday life," says Carlin. "My greatest joy is working at the computer with my ideas. What happens is when I'm on the computer, looking at files, things stand out. You just know what is a more pregnant idea or thought and you think, 'Wait 'til I tell them that.'"

George Carlin will be at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset, on July 27, at 8 p.m. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-931-2787, or go online at themusiccircus.org. Carlin will be at the Cape Cod Melody Tent, 21 West Main St., Hyannis, on July 29, for one show only at 5 p.m. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 1-800-347-0808, or go online at melodytent.org.

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Zack Ebin Hui-Min Wang

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South Shore Conservatory presents Violinist Zack Ebin in concert with Pianist Hui-Min Wang on July 29, 7 p.m. in the Jane Carr Amphitheater in Hingham. The free concert features the music of Mozart, Dvorak, Bach and Massenet. The handicapped-accessible amphitheater is located at One Conservatory Drive. For directions to the Conservatory's Hingham campus, visit southshoreconservatory.org.

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The British Beer Company, Rt. 53 Washington St., Pembroke. July 28, **Explosivo** 781-829-6999.

Monponsett Inn, 550 Monponsett Street, Halifax July 28, **Cruisin** 7:30 p.m. 781-293-2116.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, July 28, **Hoodoo Relvelator** No cover. 781-335-9796.

Run of the Mill, 6 Spring Lane, Plymouth, offers **traditional Irish Seisiun** from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety, from sea chanteys, rebel songs and songs of loss, to jigs, reels and hornpipes, with great craic and singalong. Admission is free. No cover. Go sing, go play, go listen. Call 508-830-1262.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, July 28, **Sugar Ray and The Blue Tones**, blues. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sunday, July 29

The second in a series of four public Japanese tea ceremonies will be held at **The Art Complex Museum** on July 29, at 2 p.m. a family tea will take place in the tea hut located on the museum grounds. **Tea presenter Aiko Rogers** will explain the ceremony and answer questions. The program is conducted in one of the very few tea huts in New England, called Shofan, Wind-in-the-Pines Hut. It is authentic except that two sides are open for viewing. The hut was designed by the Japanese artist Sano Gofu, built in Kyoto and reassembled at the museum in 1975. Ms Rogers will explain the ceremony and answer questions. Admission is free but seating is limited and available on a first-come basis. Guests are advised to dress for the weather. In case of rain the presentation will take place inside the museum which is located off Rte 3A at 189 Alden Street.

The South Shore Conservatory's Duxbury Music Festival Sunday In The Park begins at 11 a.m. on July 29, on the Millennium Green and features a music marathon by faculty and students who will perform favorite works or test potential favorites. Bring a picnic. Approximate ending time 2 p.m. For detailed schedule, visit duxburymusicfestival,.org or call 781.934.2731, ext. 10.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St. in Duxbury, in the exhibit, **On Their Own: Susan Jane Belton**, July 29 through Oct. 7, A reception is planned for Sunday, Sept. 23, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. 781-934-6634 x 12 phone

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JunglePlex, Plymouth will host the **First Annual Summer Sizzle Cook-Off** July 29, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The day is designed around food, family and fun with live music by **Third Left** and **Situation. Radio Disney** will present a kid's production and enjoy a dance performance by DanceStarz Academy. Visit Jungleplex.com

Edaville USA, Rt. 58, Carver. **Jay Jay The Jet Plane** July 28-30 and Aug. 3 through 5, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. edaville.com Shows will be performed throughout the day. Admission is $16 for anyone ages 2 and over. Admission includes unlimited access to all rides and attractions including the live stage show and a two-mile train ride through the cranberry plantation. Free parking. Visit Edaville.com or call 877-edaville.

Abington Summer Concert Series on Sunday, July 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. **Jumpin' Juba** will perform at the Millennium Memorial Complex Bandstand at Abington High School, off Route 18. The rain date: Wednesday, Aug. 1. 781-878-8521.

The Hanover Bandstand Summer Concert July 29, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. **Dale and the Duds** will perform. Free and handicap accessible. The Hanover bandstand is located on Route 139, Hanover Center. For information visit the bandstand web site at hanover-ma.gov

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset July 29, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. **An Evening with Comedian Bill Crosby.** Tickets $41.25 by calling Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com The South Shore Music Circus Box Office is open daily from noon until 6 p.m. for in-person sales only. For Group Sales ticket purchases, call 781-383-9860.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, every Sunday **Dave Foley**, acoustic jam, 9 p.m. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Monday, July 30

The South Shore Conservatory's Duxbury Music Festival Monday, July 30 at 4 pm, talented students will perform chamber works in preparation for the competition. Other students will perform on Tuesday, July 31 at 4:30 pm. Both are free. For detailed schedule, visit duxburymusicfestival.org or call 781.934.2731, ext. 10.

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Mount Blue Summer Party, 707 Main St., Norwell. Celebrate their 10th anniversary by tasting wines, beer, spirits, food and music featuring **The Joe Leary Band**, **3 South Band** and **The Johnny Vance Band**. Reserve your space on guest list by calling 781-659-0050. Admission $50 per person. Donations from proceeds will benefit Norwell and South Shore charities.

The North River Arts Society presents ***Seen as the Light***, a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery featuring original pastel paintings by Cohasset artist **Ann M. Musto.** This show runs ***July 30 – Sept. 29 The public is invited to a free opening reception at the Library on July 30, from 7 to 9 p.m.*** Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster Street, Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: info@northriverarts.org.

New Beginnings, a nonprofit, nonsectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, has helped more than 9,400 south shore residents start a new life over the past 20 years. New Beginnings meets at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and is highly recommended for newcomers. All are welcome. For information, call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857.

Tuesday, July 31

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Buttonwood Books & Toys hosts **Dinner with the Author** on July 31, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset. Featured author is Min Jin Lee discussing **Free Food For Millionaires.** This Reservations and tickets are required. A light dinner (wraps, wine/soft drink, dessert and coffee) will be served, and there is a nominal fee of $7. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to reserve.

Wednesday, Aug. 1

The South Shore Conservatory's Duxbury Music Festival – Aug. 1, hear chamber music as it was meant to be performed, in homes. Four Duxbury residents will open their homes for a reception and musical interlude. Sponsored by Mollie Dunn, Barbara and Fred Clifford, Judi and Terry Vose and Chris and Tom Swem. Tickets at duxburymusicfestival.org or at the Ellison Center. For detailed schedule, visit duxburymusicfestival.org or call 781.934.2731, ext. 10.

Kayak World's End – Hingham Join a naturalist guide and explore the rich and varied habitats of this unique peninsula. Discover spider crabs and sea pickle, egrets and estuaries, rolling hills and rocky shorelines. Participants will learn basic paddling techniques, local ecology, and the natural history of World's End while taking in spectacular views of Boston Harbor. 2.5 hour trips depart twice a day, Wednesday-Sunday from the World's End Ranger Station, July 11-mid-Oct. Equipment provided; tandem kayaks available. Call 781-740-7233 or 781-740-6665 for reservations; messages returned. The Trustees of Reservations Members: Adult $30, Child (under 15) $15. Nonmembers: Adult $35, Child $18. Limit 10 per tour. Visit thetrustees.org for further information.

2007 Project Arts of Plymouth Free Summer Concert Series, Pilgrim Memorial Park, Water Street, Plymouth, Aug. 1, 6:30 p.m. Tex, **Mad Dog & the Cat** 8 p.m. **Jonathan Edwards** For information visit www.projectarts.com

The Red Parrot, 258 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Every Wednesday night (weather permitting) at 7 p.m. **Drift Away Trio** outside on the deck. 781-925-1115.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, every Wednesday **Manic Oppression** at 9:15 p.m. p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Thursday, Aug. 2

The South Shore Conservatory's Duxbury Music Festival Aug.2, South Shore Conservatory welcomes you to the chamber music competition at the Ellison Center for the Arts. Experience the energy the competing with the thrill of excellence and the hope of youth, as the Duxbury Music Festival students compete for scholarship prizes and performance opportunities. For detailed schedule, visit duxburymusicfestival.org or call 781.934.2731, ext. 10.

Buttonwood Books & Toys welcomes novelist **Valerie Block** on Aug. 2, at 7 p.m. at Buttonwood, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. Block will be discussing her book, **Don't Make A Scene**, her clever and funny novel about life, love and the movies This is a free event and refreshments will be served. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a signed copy, call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

Sandhillettes 58th Birthday Party, Barker Tavern, Aug. 2, cocktails at 6:30 p.m. Dinner at 7:30 p.m. **Millie Farrell's Production of Rompin-N-Stompin**. Tickets $38 per person by calling Ann Diamond at 781-545-4483 or Maryellen Harrington at 781-378-8294.

Network4Success Business to Business Networking Group meets the First Thursday of the month at the Plympton Library from 5 to 6 p.m. and the third Thursday of the month at the Halifax Country Club from noon to 1:30 p.m.

The Plymouth Farmers' Market, held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. Aug. 2 **easy listening with Ray Papile.** For information, contact Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.



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North & South Rivers Watershed Association's 17th Annual Great River Race All skill levels, from novice to racer, are invited to take part in the race. Non-motorized vessels including canoes, kayaks, and rowboats participate in the race piloted by people of all ages. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Registration on the race day will be $30, regardless of membership status. Non-registered boaters must arrive by 8:15 am to ensure participation in the race. To download the registration form on line go to www.nsrwa.org or call Association at 781-659-8168 or e-mail at paula@nsrwa.org



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The North River Arts Society presents "My Perspective: Space, Light and Shapes", an exhibit of original works by Vcevold Strekalovsky at the Dolphin Gallery located at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. This exhibit will run from July 28 - Sept. 27. The library gallery is open Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 1-5 p.m. Call the library to confirm current hours: 781-741-1405. For information, contact the NRAS Office at 781-837-8091.

L. Knife & Son will cosponsor the **Summer Concert Series** for the 2007 season, with the Town of Plymouth Promotions Fund, the Plymouth Cultural Council and the Music Performance Funds. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m., at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following Tuesday, Aug. 2 **Don Besegai'sBig Band.**

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday. **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue** Blues Jam featuring **Driving Blind** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 2, **Driving Blind** 781-829-6999.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke **Texas Hold Em** every Thursday night at 6:45 and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

Friday, Aug. 3

The South Shore Conservatory's Duxbury Music Festival Aug. 3, the winners concert will feature full performances by the Winners of the competition as well as a performance of Saint-Saens' Carnival of Animals. The evening will feature students, faculty and invited guests at their best. Tickets at duxburymusicfestival.org or at the Ellison Center. For detailed schedule, visit duxburymusicfestival.org or call 781.934.2731, ext. 10.

Pembroke Arts Festival, Pembroke Center Gala preview and awards presentation 8 to 10 p.m. Aug. 3. Under the Tent and outdoor entertainment Aug. 4 and 5 beginning at 9:45 a.m. Visit pembrokeartsfestival.org for complete schedule.

The Mistakes Madeline Made by Elizabeth Meriwether on Aug. 3, at the Hingham Town Hall, 210 Central St., Hingham. This one-night only event begins at 8 p.m. and includes an admission fee of $5. The Caffeinated Company includes Austin Breslow of Cohasset, Nicole Campbell of Weymouth, Debra Greene of Hull, Greg Josselyn of Hanover, Nick Montagna of Plymouth, Megan Phelps of Carver, and Justin Selig of Hull. For information, visit caffeinatedcompany.com.



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Summer Jam 2007 features tributes to the Grateful Dead and Allman Brothers. Celebrating the anniversary of the famous Summer Jam at Watkins Glen on July 28, 1973, PLAYIN' DEAD (Boston's ultimate Grateful Dead Tribute) and THE PEACHEATERS, the Allman's tribute will revive the good vibes with a phenomenal show at 7:30 p.m. , July 28, at Plymouth Memorial Hall in Plymouth. Tickets are priced at $30 for Gold Circle Seating and $20 for General Admission. Tickets are on sale at the Plymouth Memorial Hall box-office at 50 Court Street in Plymouth, by phone at 1-508-747-1340 & 1-866-468-7619, online at www.plymouthhall.com, and all FYE & Strawberries outlets. Presented by Loretta LaRoche Productions.

Reunions

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL – All class reunion Oct. 13, 2007, social hour 6 p.m. dinner catered by Fasano Caterers at 7 p.m. at the Sons of Italy Hall, King Hill Road, Braintree. $30 per person. Call Barbara Johnson at 617-479-3604.

ROCKLAND HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1972 Reunion, Oct. 20, 2007, from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel, Rockland. Contact Fran Carriere - franc516@aol.com or 781-878-4832 or Bill Holland – cycling53@comcast.net or 781-740-5070.





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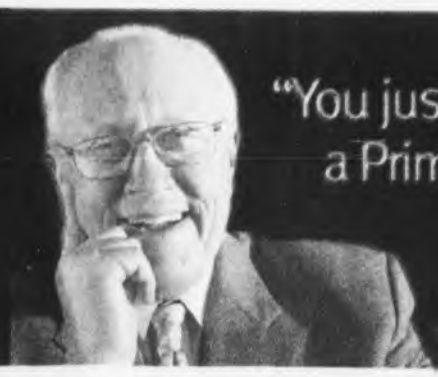
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Avalon issued on-site discharge permit

By Nancy White
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Avalon has hit a series of roadblocks in its pursuit of a 200-unit apartment complex planned for a 62-acre site off Route 3A. What to do with the wastewater generated from the site is one of the key issues of the development. On July 20, Avalon was issued a Department of Environmental Protection permit allowing for on-site wastewater treatment and groundwater discharge.

The final permit sanctions the discharge of treated sanitary sewage from the on-site wastewater treatment facility to the ground. However, because public comment was received during the draft permit period the permit will not become active until 30 days after issuance. This window allows for parties aggrieved by the issuance of this permit can appeal the decision.

Scott Dale, vice president of development for Avalon Bay, who could not be reached for comment this week, has said previously Avalon is still pursuing a connection to the town sewer system, regardless of the outcome with the on-site wastewater treatment permit. That matter is currently before the state Housing Appeals Committee, which handles 40-B issues. The appeals committee expects to have a decision in hand by the end of the year, Dale said.

Avalon, which is a "40-B" project, has a comprehensive permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Cohasset is vulnerable to 40-B projects, which have higher density than town bylaws allow because it has so little affordable housing.

Avalon considers it wise to pursue both options because either or both could face further appeal down the line, Dale said. The sewer issue is the final issue awaiting a resolution, once

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Ticks be gone

Cohasset resident invents weapon against Lyme disease

By Nancy White
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There is the old adage that necessity is the mother of all invention, and in Debbie Cook's case it absolutely rings true.

Cook has spent the better part of a year working on developing an effective product to combat tick bites and the possibility of Lyme disease that comes with them.

Her interest was piqued when a neighbor said to her in passing, "practically everyone I know who has been walking in the woods has Lyme disease." That scary thought prompted her to begin searching for a tick-repelling product on the internet.

"There was nothing out there," save a chemical, Permethrin, a widely used crop pesticide available now in spray form for tick repellant. The spray, available at outdoor sport stores, could be directly applied to clothing.

"It's the most effective tick repellant on the market. They say it's safe, but I wouldn't want it right next to my skin," says Cook, "when it dries it becomes inert, but it is toxic to bees, other beneficial insects and fish."

In the meantime, Cook stopped walking in the 4,000 acre forest (Whitney/Thayer Woods and Wompatuck State Park) behind her King Street home, once a favorite activity, for fear of being bitten by a tick. She felt she had to be extra careful when gardening in the yard or going to see properties as a Conservation Commission member.

"I've had ideas, I think everyone does, but this was the first one I had ever followed through on."
— Debbie Cook, inventor

With all that in mind, she asked herself "what could I do?"

"I didn't want to be chased inside," says Cook.

It was then that Cook, who owns her own marketing and public relations business, decided to venture into the world of invention.

"I've had ideas, I think everyone does, but this was the first one I had ever followed through on," says Cook.

Her end product, Kick-a-Tick, now for sale on the web is a "weapon in the battle against Lyme disease." The 100

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PHOTO/NANCY WHITE

Debbie Cook of King Street holds up the leg wrappers that she has invented to combat tick bites that can cause Lyme disease.

Turning plastic bags into stylish totes

By Nancy White
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Plastic bags are everywhere — the grocery store, the shopping center, under the kitchen sink, at the Transfer facility and all too often stuck in trees, in the ocean and on the sides of the road. Imagine if someone could take those bags and turn them into something both useful and stylish.

Cohasset doesn't need to wait any longer, 24-year-old Ashley Ulmer is making sturdy and fashionable totes from those ubiquitous plastic bags.

A 2005 graduate from William College and a 2001 Cohasset High grad, Ulmer has devised a way to weave environmental and social consciousness into something new.

"It's quite snowy [in Western Massachusetts where Williams is located] so I developed a knitting and crocheting habit," says Ulmer, who had learned to do both from her grandmother when she was a little girl. When she took up the hobby again (with the help of a refresher course in the form of internet instructions), she discovered a new passion for it. However, she quickly realized how expensive knitting yarn was and her college budget couldn't handle the cost.

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Ashley Ulmer has come up with an environmentally friendly way to recycle plastic bags.

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Name: Ellen Wise.

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Best day of your life: Moving back to Cohasset after living in Europe for two years.

Best vacation: Granada, Spain this past fall.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite junk food: Chicken fingers.

Best book: "The Water is Wide," by Pat Conroy.

Best movie: "Jerry Maguire."

Best TV show: "Desperate Housewives."

Most embarrassing moment: Falling while skiing and needing a little kid's help to get myself together.

Pet peeve: People who don't use their blinkers.

Goal: To get a fun job, where I get to travel all over.

Person you would like to meet: Taylor Hanson.

Biggest worry: Not doing well in college.

Best part of Cohasset: Being on the water.



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The Mariner caught up with Ellen Wise this week at the Recreation Department Office at Town Hall.

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POLICE BEAT

Another bicycle mishap on the railroad tracks

By Mary Ford
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Bicyclists should probably avoid North Main Street by Woodside Cemetery. The angle of the tracks at the Greenbush grade crossing there has proved to be perilous on several occasions.

The front tires get stuck in the tracks, causing a bike crash and the rider to fall off.

"The big sign did not work and the little sign is no better."

— Chief James Hussey

Last Friday at about 1:30 p.m., a woman walked into the station to report that the day before she had gone over the tracks on her bike, fell and almost broke her shoulder. She said the small sign alerting bicyclists is poorly posted and not very visible.

Until permanent signs were installed, the MBTA was using a large lighted sign to alert cyclists.

"The big sign did not work and the little sign is no better," Chief James Hussey said. "Something has got to be done to the layout to force those on bicycles to cross the tracks at a 90-degree angle.

"We are well into the double figures for bike accidents at that location," he said.

Hussey said he believed a resolution for "safe passage" was in negotiation with the MBTA. "The way it is set up now, it does not work," he said.

Briefcase incident

The report of a briefcase left on the ground next to an unoccupied car with a cell phone inside in JJ's parking lot caused a stir last week. The call came in at about 10:20a .m. on Thursday (July 26) and the caller reported that the briefcase was on the ground outside the car and there was no one around.

Officers responded and ran the plate, which came back to a lawyer with an office on the North Shore. Police called the office but could not reach the lawyer because his cell phone was on the front seat in the parked car. However, the law office was later able to determine who the lawyer was scheduled to meet and called that attorney's office. As it turned out, the lawyer, who had left the briefcase and car at JJ's, had gotten into the other attorney's car to look at a nearby site. He apparently hopped in the other car and forgot his briefcase, Chief Hussey said.

Chain reaction

At about 11:40 a.m. on Friday (July 27) a chain reaction accident occurred at the lights at Upper King Street by Stop & Shop. A witness told police that a 2006 Honda, which had come to a complete stop, started moving forward when the 2002 Nissan in front of it moved forward. But then the Nissan stopped suddenly and the Honda then struck the Nissan, which then struck the 1998 Jeep that was first in the line of three cars.

No one was cited in the accident. The Honda and Nissan were both towed and the operator of the Nissan was transported to the hospital with non life-threatening injuries, police said.

Boat trailer

Police are investigating the theft of a gray boat trailer that was taken from the Parker Avenue landing area sometime from July 26-29.

The trailer owner discovered it missing on the 29th and reported it to police, Chief Hussey said.

Hussey said Cohasset police put a description and the trailer registration out to area towns and detectives are following up.





PHOTOS/MARY FORD

Traffic signs have replaced the illuminated signboard at the tracks by Woodside Cemetery and the Cohasset Golf Club. The first sign warns of an angled track ahead and the second sign, closer to the tracks, includes a diagram of a bicycle.

Old larceny

A man who had hoped to resolve the theft of some cash and sales receipts from his briefcase that was in his car with the alleged perpetrator has reported the larceny to police, Chief Hussey said. He came into headquarters last Wednesday (July 25) to report the incident that occurred on July 10. Hussey said the man thought he knew who was responsible and tried to make contact to have the money and receipts returned. He was unsuccessful and decided to report the incident, Hussey said.

Ongoing problem

Police will increase patrols at Shaw's Plaza to discourage youths from skateboarding there, Chief Hussey said. The manager at Walgreen's complained last week and said it was an "ongoing problem," according to the police log. Hussey said police try and stop kids from skateboarding where potential accidents can occur with pedestrians and motor vehicles.

Cemetery plants

After receiving a complaint from a resident about the theft of flowerpots at Woodside Cemetery, detectives will contact the DPW to determine if this is a reoccurring problem, Chief Hussey said. The resident who reported the theft said she called Woodside and was told that other things have also been reported missing. "We are going to speak to the cemetery folk to determine if there have been other thefts or vandalism taking place and if so, we will conduct an investigation," Chief Hussey said.

Missing money

A woman, who lives on Elm Street behind the police station, told police last week that a glass pitcher with a $10 bill and some change was missing from her apartment. She came to the station twice to report it, Chief Hussey said. The matter is under investigation.

Stop calling

A resident walked into the police station last Tuesday (July 24) to complain about receiving repeated calls about being involved in a minor motor vehicle accident which the walk-in said did not occur. The caller was identified through caller-ID. Police spoke with the person making the calls and explained the proper way to handle an accident is to come down to the station and make a report, Chief Hussey said. "That person has not made a report yet," he said.

Hide 'n' seek

Police believe that children playing hide 'n' seek banged on the window of a Linden Drive home upsetting the elderly resident, who reported that a housebreak was in progress last week. Units responded to the scene and checked the area, police said. "We think that kids were playing hide 'n' seek and somehow banged on the house," Chief Hussey said.

South Shore Tide Chart

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Aug.	AM	HIGH Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	AM	LOW Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 2	2:05	10.1	2:36	9.7	8:17	-0.7	8:37	-0.2
Sunrise: 5:37 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:02 p.m.*			
Fri. 3	2:54	9.9	3:22	9.9	9:03	-0.5	9:29	-0.2
Sunrise: 5:38 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:00 p.m.*			
Sat. 4	3:45	9.6	4:12	10.0	9:51	-0.3	10:24	-0.2
Sunrise: 5:39 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:59 p.m.*			
Sun. 5	4:40	9.2	5:04r	10.0	10:42	0.1	11:22	0.0
Sunrise: 5:40 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:58 p.m.*			
Mon. 6	5:39	8.7	6:01	9.9	11:37	0.5	—	—
Sunrise: 5:41 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:57 p.m.*			
Tues. 7	6:42	8.4	7:01	9.8	12:23	0.1	12:37	0.8
Sunrise: 5:42 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:55 p.m.*			
Wed. 8	7:47	8.2	8:04	9.7	1:27	0.2	1:38	1.0
Sunrise: 5:43 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:54 p.m.*			
Thurs. 9	8:53	8.1	9:07	9.8	2:32	0.2	2:40	1.0
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Phyllis Beeny is Cohasset's newest centenarian

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AUGUST IS HERE

Hello Cohasset. Enjoy the month of August, which is amazing to me that it is here so quick. Take the time to enjoy every moment, big or little with family and friends. Not a lot of news to share this week as so many are enjoying vacations and time off but very happy and interesting news nonetheless.

OH BOY!

Anthony and Carlene Lanier would like to announce the birth of their son, **Regulus Austin William Lanier**, born at 1:23 p.m. on July 26, 2007 at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. He was 21-1/4 inches long and weighed 9 pounds and 9 ounces. As the third child, Regulus has two sisters, **Alexandra**, 8, and **Calliope**, 3.

Congratulations to a wonderful family on this very joyous news.

CENTURY CLUB

Congratulations to Cohasset's newest centenarian, **Phyllis Beeny**. Phyllis' special day was celebrated Tuesday at Harborview Apartments off Elm Street.



Father Liam V. Scanlan helps Phyllis Beeny, who has reached the 100-years-young mark, open a proclamation honor her from state Sen. Robert Hedlund.

About 35-40 of her friends and neighbors at Harborview helped Phyllis commemorate the occasion!

1972 REUNION

Cohasset High School Class of 1972 is planning a reunion for Oct. 26, 2007. More information is available at www.Classmates.com and will be updated regularly. We are trying to locate classmates. Please log on to the Classmates web site and become a member so that we can reach you and you can receive notice of updates. You can also contact the class at our email address, Tessahoc72@yahoo.com. If you are a friend or family member of a CHS 72 graduate who is out of the area, please pass this on!

ON A QUEST

Virginia Spofford, a Girl Scout here in Cohasset is holding a Historical Cohasset Quest Kickoff Event as part of her Girl Scout Gold Award. The event will be held on Aug. 15th from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and will begin at the Community Center and end at the Historical Society. Refreshments will be provided and the quest takes about one hour to complete. For more information, contact Virginia at beeps56@hotmail.com

DEAN'S LIST

Congratulations go out to **Rachel Doyle**, Class of '08 at the University of Richmond in Richmond, Va., who made the dean's list the Spring '07. Rachel is majoring in Spanish and International Studies. To earn dean's list, students must earn a grade point average of 3.6 or higher. Rachel, your family and friends are all so proud of you, great job!

NEW BIKE

Christa Hagearty, president of Dependable Cleaners, has announced the final winners in the ninth annual Read to Ride summer reading incentive program. One of this week's contest winners was 9-year-old **Morgan Fechter** of Cohasset. Morgan will be entering the fourth grade at the Deer Hill Elementary School this fall. Her winning entry form was for reading "Night of the New Magicians" by Mary Pope Osborne.

Morgan is an avid reader and makes at least three trips a week to the Cohasset library. She enjoys reading historical fiction and her favorite books are from the "Dear America" series. This is Morgan's first time participating in Read to Ride. "It's wonderful that a local company is taking such a creative approach to instill a love of reading in our kids," said **Linda,** Morgan's mother. "The support and encouragement of Dependable Cleaners combined with the incredible library we have here in Cohasset is a winning combination for us."

Read to Ride offers children, ages 6 through 15, the chance to win a bike and helmet for every book they complete during the program. Two winners' names were drawn every Monday for seven consecutive weeks, from June 4 through July 23.

All news should come no later than Tuesday by 5 pm. Please send news to Mary Ford next week.

EMAIL: mford@cnc.com

Items may also be dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street.



Morgan Fechter has won a bike through Dependable Cleaners Read to Ride program.

Check out Pearl's Picks

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information or to sign up for classes, call 781-383-1348 or visit gwalsh@ocln.org.

Pearl's Picks – The library has purchased a subscription to Pearl's Picks, a reader's advisor service that highlights 12 new books every month. Named after Nancy Pear, a former Washington State librarian and former executive director for the Washington Center for the Book, the service helps readers sift through the hundreds of titles in bookstores and libraries to recommend a few. This new service is available on the library's Web site by clicking Good Books.

Great Decisions Group – Register now to participate in the Great Decisions Group. To register, call or visit the library or Web site at cohassetlibrary.org and click on Calendar; click on the September calendar; then click on Sept. 9. The group is free, and limited to 15 participants.

Movie Matinee – The library will show the film "Casablanca" starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman at 11 a.m., on Friday, Aug. 3. Admission is free, and light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library.

New Titles – Check out these summer books: Daniel Silva's "The Secret Servant"; Eric Jay Dolin's "Leviathan: The History of Whaling in America"; and William Kent Krueger's book "Thunder Bay." If a book is not in, place a hold on the book and patrons will be called when it arrives.

FOR CHILDREN

Puzzle Club – Catch the Beat at Your Library with Mrs. Murphy and the Puzzle Club from 6 to 7:30 p.m., on Monday, Aug. 6 in the Story Room. There are many new puzzles Registration is not required. Prompt pick up is expected. Funded by Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Decorating Contest – Catch the Beat at Your Library by decorating a peacock or parrot using markers, glitter, beads, pipe cleaners, tissue paper and things found in nature to create a new bird that reflects one's personality. Templates are on Mrs. Moody's desk. Winners will be from all age groups. Contest ends Friday, Aug. 3, and winners will be called.

Music Contest – Catch the Beat at Your Library by writing new words to "Yankee Doodle Dandy." The words should reflect how one feels about or how one interprets the Catch the Beat at Your Library program. This contest is open to all students. Leave songs in the contest basket on Mrs. Moody's desk. Winners will be from all age groups. Contest ends Friday, Aug. 3.

SENIOR SCENE

Allerton House cookout

The following events are sponsored by Cohasset Elder Affairs at 3 North Street. To register, call 781-383-9112.

EVENTS

Allerton House Cookout – Allerton House in Hingham has invited seniors to a cookout with entertainment beginning at noon, Wednesday, **Aug. 15**. Transportation will be provided.

Anna's End of Summer Picnic – Join us at the Cohasset Sailing Club at 12 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 5, for a summer picnic. The theme this year is "The Great Western Barbeque." A prize will be awarded for the best western outfit.

Spirit of Boston Lobster Luncheon Cruise – Join the CEA as they leave St. Anthony's parking lot for the Spirit of Boston Lobster Cruise and live entertainment at 10 a.m., Friday, Sept. 14. The cost is $78, due at registration.

CLASSES

Beginners Italian – Professoressa Lanier Grassie will offer a five week course that teaches conversational Italian and Italian culture beginning from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 10. The cost is $30. A minimum of six registrants are required to begin class.

Line Dancing – Join Nancy Kramer for line dancing which runs from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m., beginning Sept. 18. The cost is $5 per class.

Introduction to Tai Chi – This five-week program, which runs from 10 to 11 a.m., begins Wednesday, Sept. 19. By increasing circulation and promoting deep breathing, tai chi directly enhances physical health. The instructor, C.J. Reardon, has taught tai chi for 13 years. The cost is $75 for the five-week program. A minimum of five registrants are required to begin the course.

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Two reads are better than one

Town-wide reading program set for fall

By Nancy White
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Reading the first page of a new book is often like the first step of an adventure, you're not always sure where the journey will take you but you're ready for the ride. The Paul Pratt Memorial Library will invite the citizens of Cohasset on a collective reading adventure this fall with a series of new programs called "Cohasset Reads Together."

Following on the success of the first ever town-wide reading program in the spring, One Book One Cohasset, the new program will feature programming geared to involve all ages.

A book selection committee consisting of library staff, school representatives, Town Manager, trustees and Friends of the Library representative got together to discuss the most appropriate book choice. Deciding two books were better than one, they chose a classic and a contemporary with similar (and complementary) themes: "Walden" by Henry David Thoreau and "A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson.

"We liked the idea of a classic and a contemporary book and the fact 'Walden' was already on the high school reading list," says Library Director Jackie Rafferty.

"Walden" is a narrative following Thoreau's two-year stint in a log cabin beside Walden Pond in Concord, Mass. He uses his experience in a life of simplicity to expound on greater issues of wealth, money, nature, and spirituality.

"A Walk in the Woods" gives a 21st century perspective on America's cultural and geographical landscape as witnessed from hiking the Appalachian Trail. Rafferty says "A Walk in the Woods" is one of the more popular books for town-wide reading programs right now.

"The books are connected through their examination and celebration of the American wilderness," states the grant application. The subject matter of both books — nature — seemed to be a timely issue for the selection committee, with a rising focus on 'being green' in Cohasset and beyond, "it's a good time to read books about the environment," Rafferty says, "we wanted something that would resonate with the public."

The formation of Sustainable Cohasset and the Alternative Energy Committee are proof environmental issues are at the forefront of discussion throughout the town.

"The Cohasset Reads Together program provides the impetus for community interaction and the opportunity for people to come together and share ideas," says Rafferty, "not to mention appreciate great literature."

The library programming will strive to include a cross section of Cohasset residents, young children, high school aged students, environmental groups and older readers. The program coincides with the library's greater mission to promote a love of reading and the pursuit of knowledge.

"Libraries are often a form for public discourse," says Rafferty and she hopes the Cohasset Reads Together will strengthen that role in our community.

Cohasset Reads Together is made possible by a $7,500 federal Library Service Technology Act grant awarded to an "On the Same Page" town-wide reading program. The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners selected Cohasset's application after a competitive process. The library staff wrote the grant application, wrote the grant and will be running the program.

The Friends of the Library funded the One Book One Cohasset program in the spring.

"We would like to have a town wide reading program frequently," said Rafferty, although available funding may dictate the possibility.

Rosano Triangle passes site plan review

Route 3A safety concerns paramount

By Nancy White
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A packed gravel parking lot with room for 10 cars is proposed, a change from the original 19-space paved lot. The remaining green spaces of the site will be loamed and seeded, with some low-lying shrubs and maple trees.

The Rosano Triangle, long a site for excess earth materials, has received Planning Board site plan conditional approval for a mixed-use building at last Wednesday's meeting (July 25). The debated site, located in the junction of Lower King Street, Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Rosano Lane (formerly an extension of Crocker Lane), has plans for a roughly 1,500 square foot building with medical/professional offices on the first floor and one residential apartment unit on the second floor. The vote was 3-1, member Bob Sturdy was not present.

The decision comes after a series of informal meetings over the last month and a half. Joseph Rosano, owner of the property, ended up in front of the Planning Board after his building permit expired. The Building Inspector refused to renew the permit until he got a ruling from the Planning Board on whether it needed a site plan review. Rosano contested he had gone through hearings with the Zoning Board of Appeals back in 2005 and was never told a site plan review was required.

After several lengthy and at times heated debates on the matter, the Planning Board determined in a split vote a full site plan review was required at a meeting in early June. The Planning Board contended (and Town Counsel agreed) a site plan review was required because of its location in a commercial district, although it is zoned residential.

"We're looking at this as a fresh start," said Planning Board Chairman Al Moore after references to earlier discussions crept into the site plan review. The project engineer Neil Murphy walked the Planning Board through the plans.

A packed gravel parking lot with room for 10 cars is proposed, a change from the original 19-space paved lot. The remaining green spaces of the site will be loamed and seeded, with some low-lying shrubs and maple trees. The Planning Board requested a full landscape plan to be put on file.

The Planning Board also requested an irrigation system be installed on the site. Their experience with other Route 3A developments taught them the greenery does not survive the hot dry summer without a sprinkler system.

"It will be the best return for you investment. It's a showcase location, [the irrigation system] will reap you volumes at harvest time," said Vice Chairman Bill Good, naming Rosano's parcel as one of the most visible in town. In recent history, the Planning Board has required Route 3A development to install irrigation, said Good. Despite Rosano's protests at the cost of the system, the Planning Board was in agreement it was in the best interest of the development and made it a condition.

Central to the discussion was Rosano Lane, which will remain a curb cut onto Route 3A. The lane cannot be closed off because several parties have a legal easement over the property and do not want to give it up. In the last month, Rosano contacted each of the easement holders to ask if they would be willing to give up their rights, none were willing.

"The applicant has done everything we have asked," said member Michael Westcott, referring to the several informal meetings leading up to the site plan review where the Planning Board had made requests of Rosano, including contacting the easement holders.

"Apart from Rosano Lane, there will be no exit onto Route 3A," said Murphy. The exit to the parking lot will be on the King Street side of the parcel, "you can't get into and out of parking lot through Rosano Lane."

The design incorporates elements to make clear the private status of Rosano Lane, "we're going to leave it rough and graveled to let everyone know it's a private lane," said Rosano. Curbing will not delineate the eight-foot wide lane.

Despite these precautions, member Stuart Ivimey had reservations, "I'm not interested in encouraging anyone using that right of way as a cut-through to come onto 3A or as a means to access the parking lot." In addition, Ivimey was concerned that over time people will start to enter and leave the building's parking lot over Rosano Lane for direct access to 3A.

"I don't think the applicant made adequate provisions for ensuring that 3A will never be used as a means for entering or exiting the property. For very little effort the applicant should be required to ensure the safety of people who travel on 3A and the people who will use his building," Ivimey explained in a phone interview.

At the meeting, he suggested a fence be placed at both ends of Rosano Lane, as well as along the lane to separate the parking area and the private lane. Keys would be given to those parties with easements. The remaining members did not think this measure was necessary.

"I don't think we are exacerbating the situation with this site plan," said Moore.

Ivimey's safety concerns on Route 3A prompted him to cast the sole 'nay' vote for the Rosano Triangle building. The "accelerated development" of that stretch of Route 3A, from the MBTA station to the proposed Avalon site across from Good Sport, was Ivimey's major concern. How the Rosano development would fit into the greater design and traffic schemes of the area was, in Ivimey's opinion, largely unknown. A traffic light is proposed at the intersection of Lower King Street and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, just south of the Rosano building. The MBTA station and the proposed TOD shopping plaza located north of the site will generate more traffic than ever before.

At their meeting on Wednesday night, the Planning Board reviewed the written decision for the project. After a 20-day appeal period, a building permit will be issued. Rosano expects to begin construction soon after.

"It's not like he has to do any demolition," quipped Moore.

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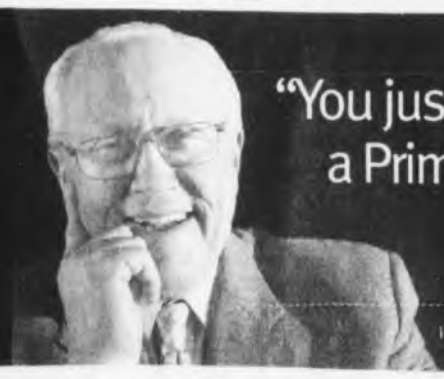
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Cohasset Land Foundation acquires Ingram property

Cohasset Land Foundation has announced the acquisition of approximately 40 acres of property from Osborne Ingram on July 31. The organization has worked with Ingram, his family and abutters, as well as town boards and the selectmen, to prepare a plan that meets the town's needs and preserves as much open space as possible.

The agreement sets aside more than 26 acres of conservation land that will be preserved as open space through ownership by Cohasset Conservation Trust Inc., and named George M. Ingram Park. The upcoming sale of three approved, two-acre, single-family home lots will fund the acquisition and the investments made by the CLF. These lots have undergone rigorous review by the Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Board of Health and the Board of Selectmen and have approved site, drainage, septic and shared driveway designs with frontage on Norman Todd Road. Six of the 40 acres were simultaneously sold to the Vedanta Center for their stewardship as open space.

The Cohasset Land Foundation is a public/private partnership founded to assist the town in identifying, acquiring, preserving and appropriately developing parcels of land of special interest in a manner consistent with the goals outlined in the 2003 Cohasset Master Plan. The CLF is modeled after a successful organization established in the town of Lincoln.

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Rick Swanborg and Tom Callahan from the Cohasset Land Foundation; Kathleen R. Hollum and Dr. Susan Schrager from the Vedanta Center; Dick Avery from the Cohasset Conservation Trust; and Osborne Ingram.

The organization seeks further opportunities with local landowners and estates to "save what needs to be saved and develop what needs to be developed" to meet the towns future needs.

For information, call Rick Swanborg, chairman of CLF, at 781-383-2783 or email swanborg@icex.com.

Cohasset Youth Resources to host dance

There will be a Midnight Blue Dance at the Teen Center from 7 to 10 p.m., on Friday, Aug. 10, for all sixth- through eighth-graders.

There will be a door charge of $5 per person, and snacks and refreshments will be sold.

Drift Away performs

Join Drift Away, with J Place, Joe Micarelli and John Litwin Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m., at the Snug, 114 North St., Hingham. No cover.

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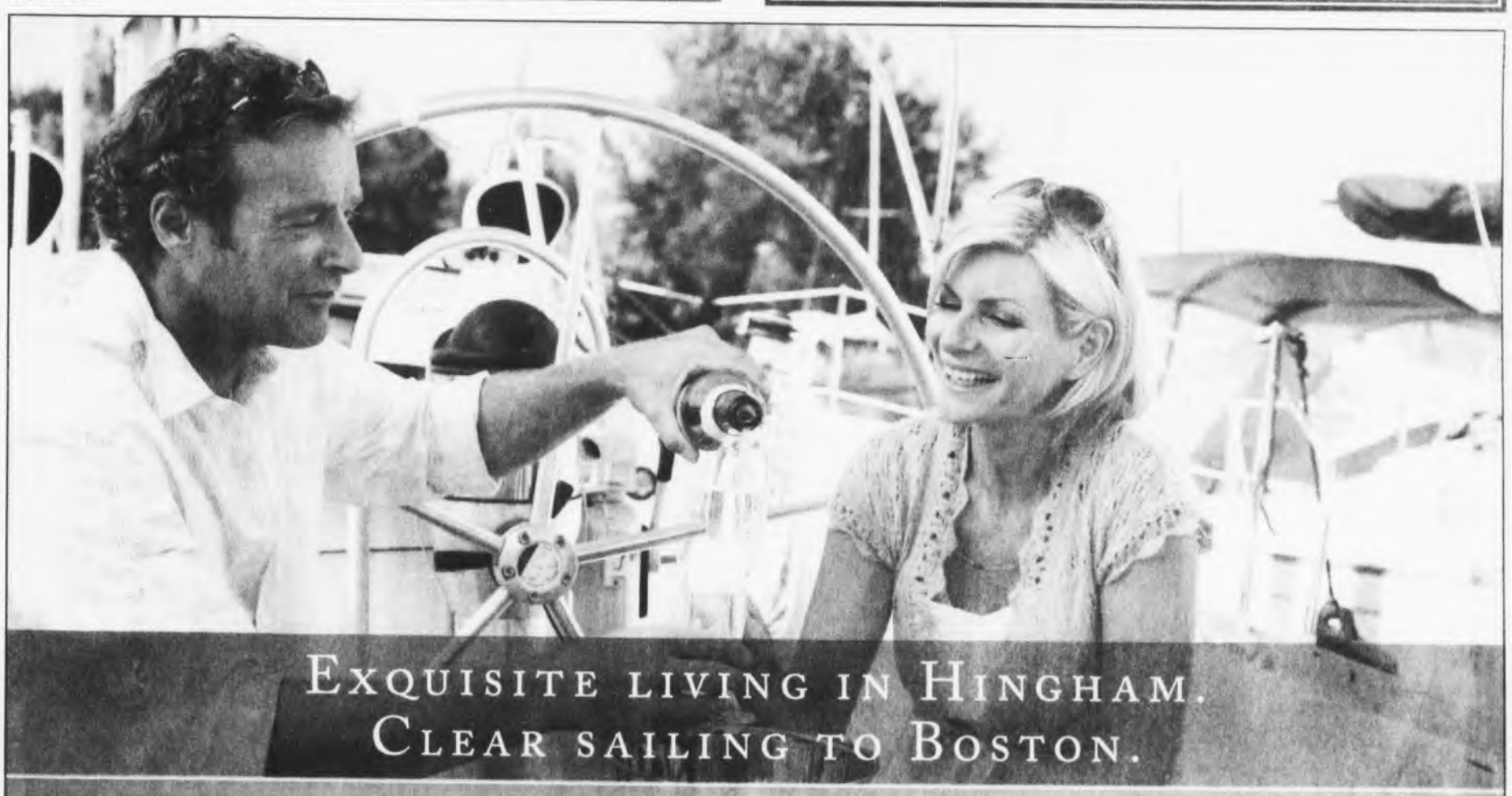
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Bikes beware

There is a lot to think about when it comes to Greenbush train service that is expected to begin the end of September.

Police are taking a zero-tolerance policy about trespassing along the right of way. That means violators could be fined and arrested. It is a safety issue and when it comes to the awesome power of a train barreling down the tracks – police and firefighters do not want to have to be called to a preventable accident.

Test trains are scheduled to start next week and from that point on, trains are going to be a part of our lives.

There is a safety issue, however, that – to our knowledge – has yet to be resolved.

Here at the Cohasset Mariner, we go over the police log every week and highlight items of interest to discuss with Chief James Hussey. We have a telephone interview with the chief every Tuesday or Wednesday during which he answers questions and explains details behind the incidents we are inquiring about.

In the log on most weeks, a bicycle accident on the tracks that cross North Main Street near the Cohasset Golf Club and Woodside Cemetery is reported. At that location, the tracks cross the street at an angle which can trap bicycle tires. When this occurs the unsuspecting bicyclist is thrown off the bike.

Last week a woman came into the police station to report that she fell off her bike at that grade crossing and almost broke her shoulder.

Chief Hussey told us the numbers of bicyclists injured at that grade crossing is now into the "double digits."

He believes there are negotiations going on with the MBTA about how to make the area safer so that bicycles can cross the tracks at a 90-degree angle.

Many of you may remember the large, illuminated portable signboard that was posted there for months, alerting bicyclists to walk their bikes across the tracks. Those signs have been removed and replaced with permanent, yellow diamond-shaped traffic signs warning those on bicycles to the danger.

The problem is that many people are not going to see the signs. There is a lot to be concerned about when riding a bicycle, not the least of which is regular automobile traffic. Someone on a bike, who is unfamiliar with the danger, could easily miss the new signs and ride onto the tracks at the grade crossing to his or her peril.

That particular stretch of road is beautiful and peaceful. There is little reason for an unsuspecting bicyclist to think about danger within the track layout itself.

In our view, this grade crossing is an engineering disaster and something needs to be done sooner rather than later.

It does not make sense that MBTA officials would allow this dangerous situation to continue.

Train reflection

We would love to hear from Cohasset residents who commuted on the Greenbush line before service was abandoned in 1959. We will be putting together a "special section" this fall on the train.

If you have stories to share or suggestions about what you would like to read about, please contact us. If anyone has train photos or memorabilia that could be shared, we would like to hear from you!

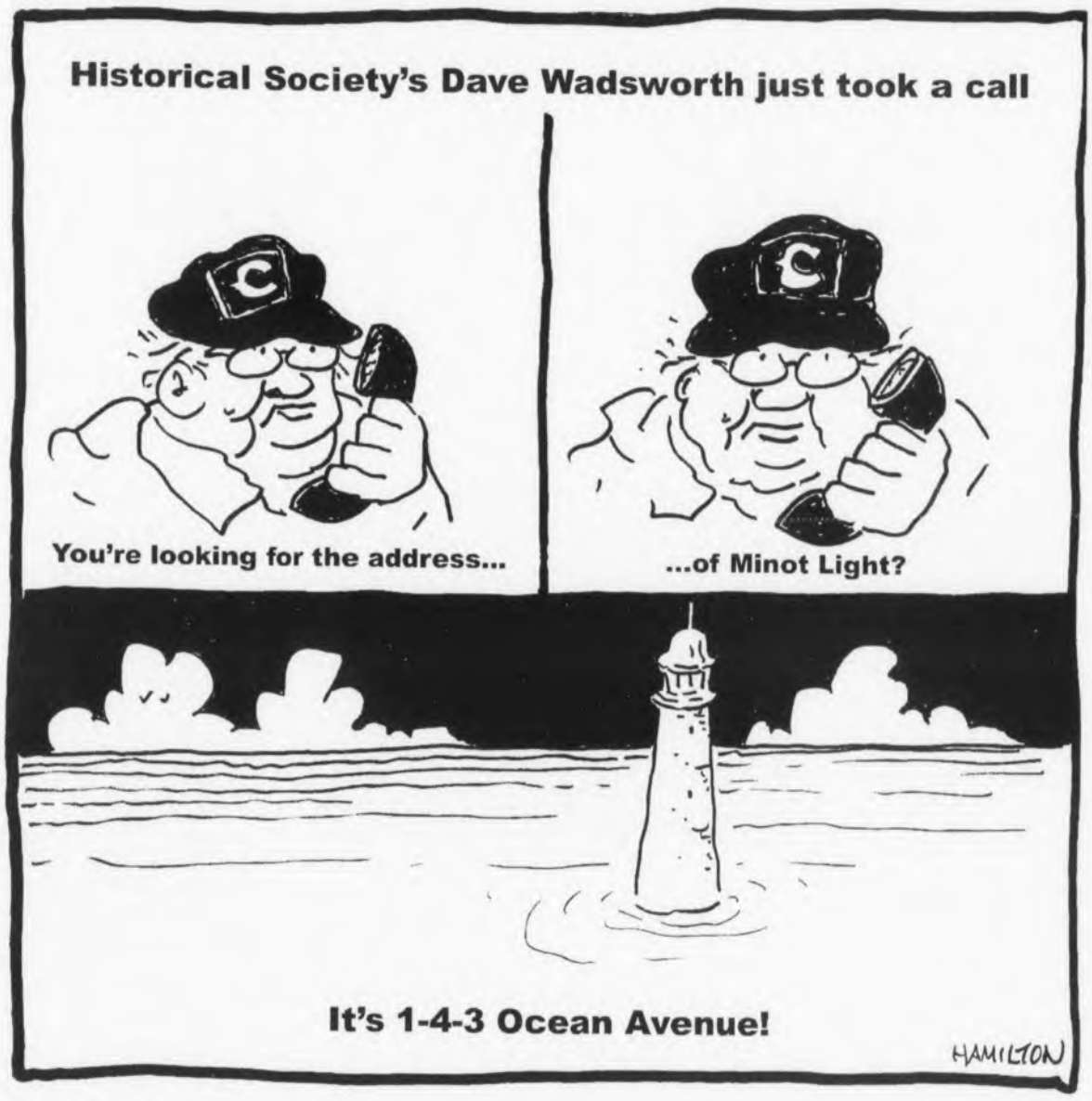
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MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, all at 7:30 p.m.
Assessors, Aug. 6, 3:30 p.m.
Board of Health, Aug. 13, 7 p.m.
Cable Advisory Committee, Aug. 9, 7:30 p.m.
Capital Budget Committee, Aug. 7, 7 p.m.
Cohasset Elder Affairs, Sept. 10, 9 a.m. at 3 N. Main St.
Cohasset Housing Partnership, Aug. 16, 7 p.m.
Conservation Commission, Aug. 27, 7 p.m.
Harbor Committee, Aug. 14, 7 p.m.
Library Trustees, Aug. 8, 7 p.m. at the library.
Selectmen, Aug. 6 and Aug. 27 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, and Aug. 13, 6 p.m.
Troika, Aug. 9, 7 p.m.
ZBA, Aug. 6, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Cohasset Golf Club Women 'hit one for a cause'

TO THE EDITOR:

On July 24, 32 tennis players and 47 golfers from the Cohasset Golf Club rallied to raise more than $10,000 for breast cancer research. The dual tournaments benefited "Play for PINK" – Prevention, Immediate diagnosis, New technology, Knowledge, a nonprofit organization dedicated to funding innovative clinical and genetic research and to promoting awareness of breast cancer issues. One hundred percent of the tournament fees and raffle proceeds will go directly to breast cancer research. For information on the Breast Cancer Research Foundation's grants made possible by support from Play for PINK, see playforthepink.org.

The Play for PINK Committee would like to thank our generous raffle donors:

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Treat's Pond as a Trojan Horse

COMMENTARY

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If Treat's Pond is to be connected to salt water, the natural and obvious way to do so is via Sandy Cove, an adjacent private property owned by some of the same people who are pushing the "restoration" project.

Later this year Cohasset taxpayers may be asked to foot a bill of $400,000 or more to convert Treat's Pond into a saltwater marsh. Although this will probably be presented as a conservation measure, critical thinkers might be excused for asking whether the true intent lies elsewhere. Specifically, is this a Trojan Horse for obtaining public money to improve and protect private property belonging to a small number of well-connected, well-organized and well-heeled stakeholders? Consider the following:

As pointed out by Mr. Whittemore (Mariner, July 20), Treat's Pond has not been a salt marsh in living memory and, indeed, may never have been one at all. The relatively new appearance of phragmites in the pond reflects the rapid expansion of this reed in the latter 20th century rather than a recent conversion of the pond from salt to fresh water as claimed by Mr. Houghton (Mariner, July 27).

If Treat's Pond was never a salt marsh, it cannot be "restored" to this state and the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE), who are backing this project, cannot legitimately perform the work under their Salt Marsh Restoration mandate.

If Treat's Pond is to be connected to salt water, the natural and obvious way to do so is via Sandy Cove, an adjacent private property owned by some of the same people who are pushing the "restoration" project. The ACE have conveniently ruled out this potential disturbance to the beach at Sandy Cove, perhaps taking heed of the Sandy Cove Association's concerns about aesthetics and the safety of small children and pets. Instead, the ACE favor longer and expensive routes that connect Treat's Pond to Cohasset harbor.

The ACE's first choice is to discharge the effluent from Treat's Pond into the inner harbor. This is partly justified by esoteric mathematical modeling based upon the erroneous assumption that Cohasset harbor is a single, homogeneous body of water that completely flushes twice a day with the tide. Increasing evidence suggests that this is a false assumption.

Part of the problem with Treat's Pond results from leaky septic systems. Instead of discharging the offending waste material into the harbor, it seems prudent to allow the forthcoming sewering of this area to take effect.

Flooding is an issue for several of the houses in the vicinity of Treat's Pond. The proposed "restoration" work is expected to address this problem, but there are other, more deserving recipients of this type of help. The long-suffering residents of Elm Street who abut Jacob's Meadow come instantly to mind.

The Cohasset Harbor Health Committee voted unanimously against the Treat's Pond "restoration" project. The Storm Water Committee convened to discuss the issue, but under its conflicted yet unrecused chairman the meeting broke up in acrimonious disarray.

At a time when there are insufficient funds to satisfy the requirements of Cohasset's public services and the town is projecting a possible $410,000 shortfall for next year's budget (Mariner, July 13), it goes against every decent and civilized notion of fair play to expect Cohasset residents to spend their tax money on private property to which they have no legal access.

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The demise of our sycamore

MAKING TRACKS

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This past Tuesday our sick stately sycamore tree was removed from the Town Parking Lot because we felt that it posed a hazard to the train and cars parked in the lot. This fall we will be planting a similar tree in the same place. A new tree will have a substantially better chance of accommodating to its parking lot environment than the old weakened tree. And, the fall is a good time for planting after the summer droughts have passed.

Still more on James Brook – In this issue we will be discussing Jacobs Meadow. You may remember, from our previous articles, that both James and Stewart brooks gather storm water from Castle Road on the Scituate side of Town, and from as far as Lower King Street on the Hingham end of Town. These brooks then deliver the storm water to Jacobs Meadow so it can be released to the harbor when the tides are favorable. But, there are several unique things we must keep in mind:

- Jacobs Meadow is mostly private land. It is two-thirds owned by the abutters. The Town owns that other one-third. The only way any work can be conducted in the meadow is with the approval of all of the landowners.
- Jacobs Meadow's historic environment, as near as we can tell, is as a salt marsh. At one time, the marsh was open to the harbor and the salt water could freely flow into and out of the marsh with the tides.
- According to FEMA maps, Jacobs Meadow is in a flood plain with elevations as low as 3 feet above sea level.
- Over the years abutters have reclaimed marsh area and converted it into "yard."

So where does this leave us? We know that the meadow is no longer a healthy salt marsh. The invasion of phragmites, a fresh water reed, is proof of this. Phragmites just can't survive in a salt-water environment. In an attempt to arrest the phragmites growth, several years ago, the marsh was dredged. The dredging spoils were simply piled up on the banks of the dredged channels, acting as dikes that prevent the salt water from spreading across the marsh area.

At the same time, new development in Town over the years, within the watershed areas, has increased the impermeable areas. This of course, increases the storm water in the Town brooks and consequently in Jacobs Meadow. Additionally, large rainfalls seem to be a more frequent occurrence.

We at Town Hall have received numerous complaints from residents ranging from potential building damage to basement water intrusion as well as plants and trees dying. Some of the resident complaints have obvious solutions, while others do not. Recently the Town hired a civil engineer to work with some of the residents to understand the more serious complaints dealing with structural damage. We are really trying to understand the mechanisms at work on specific properties so that we can develop an effective engineered solution, which can then be blended into a more general solution.

In a general sense, it seems that the Town may need to do a detailed engineering analysis of the meadow. If the outfall channel improvement that we spoke about last week can be effected, then we will have the ability to get more storm water to the harbor and, likewise, get more salt water into the meadow. Based on the detailed engineering analysis, the meadow can then be re-graded so that the salt water flowing from the harbor to the meadow can cover a much greater portion of the meadow. This will control the phragmites spread. At the same time, regrading may offer the opportunity to hold storm water awaiting its release to the harbor in such a way that it reduces the impact on abutters' properties. As always, the solution only requires money. At the present time the Town is positioning itself to be in a favorable position for grants to assist with the needed analysis and a long-term solution.



The stately sycamore tree posed a hazard to cars parked in the lot and was removed.

Forest Avenue – The lack of construction the first part of this week probably gave the Forest Avenue resident a false sense of calmness and well-being. By the time you read this, heavy construction activity should have started again. Thursday and Friday of this week are scheduled for road grinding from N. Main Street to where the previous grinding ends. The following Monday through Thursday will be used for leveling the newly ground roadway, removal of excess material and rolling the surface to the proper contours. If everything goes perfectly, the first coat of paving should be put down next Friday. However, we all know that construction projects often have minds of their own and become delayed. So, the end of this week, all of next week and possibly into the following week might be very rough going in the area.

At the same time, another contractor will begin working removing the top paving layer on the Jerusalem Road end of Forest Avenue. The process to be employed on this portion of Forest Ave., called cold planing, will be nowhere as disruptive as the work on the rest of Forest Ave. Only the top two inches of old asphalt will be removed, still leaving a rough but passable asphalt surface for drivers. But, there will still be heavy machines and lots of trucks and construction equipment for this operation.

And lastly, the blasting contractor will begin their pre-blast survey work in preparation for removing the last knob of ledge near the N. Main Street end of Forest Avenue. The blasting should follow after the necessary permits have been obtained from the Fire Department.

So, the upshot is please, please drive slowly and safely! And, don't use Forest Ave. unless you absolutely need to.

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Campaign trail humor

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Back in the 1992 presidential campaign, when Republicans were beating up on Bill Clinton for his cozy relationship to Gennifer Flowers, someone in the Democratic camp suggested that George Bush may have had a Jennifer of his own, his secretary, Jennifer Fitzgerald Tillotson.

But the rumormongers hadn't counted on Barbara Bush, the candidate's wife, who knocked that one out of the park amid gales of laughter.

The best political humor is that in which the joke is on the candidate himself.

"How could George Bush have an affair?" she asked. "He can't stay up past 10 o'clock!"

George failed to win that election but it wasn't because Barbara didn't try to help him by injecting a little defensive humor into what promised to become the cesspool of nasty charges and recriminations that passes for presidential politics today.

A Gallup Poll conducted for USA Today the other day showed that American voters would like to see more humor in politics — 43 per cent of those polled said humor is very important, 40 per cent that it is somewhat important. Only 16 per cent thought it was not too important or not important at all.

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It was no secret that Ronald Reagan, who was in his 70s when he lived in the White House, had a habit of dozing off during cabinet meetings and he couldn't help but note it when he prepared to leave the Oval Office.

"As soon as I get home to California," he said, "I plan to lean back, kick up my feet, and take a long nap. Come to think of it, things won't be that different after all."

The nation was just getting over globe-trotting First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt when Bess Truman may have picked up a few votes for her husband, Harry, by telling reporters: "A woman's place in public is to sit beside her husband, be silent, and be sure her hat is on straight."

I keep looking for humor in the current campaign and find it a scarce commodity.

The best was unintentional. Or was it? Whatever, it belongs to Hillary Clinton, who was asked in Davenport, Iowa, how she was equipped to deal with the world's dictators. She repeated the question: "What in my background equips me to deal with evil and bad men?" Then she grinned. The audience howled.

Joe Biden, the Democratic candidate who is noted for his long-winded speeches and answers, was asked by MSNBC's Brian Williams: "Can you reassure voters in this country that you would have the discipline you would need on the world's stage?"

"Yes," said Joe and it was a few minutes before the audience got the joke.

Rudy Giuliani, the Republican candidate, was asked a question about his difficulties with Catholic authorities when there was a clap of thunder and a flash of lightning and his microphone went dead.

"For a person who went to parochial schools all his life," he said, "that is a very frightening thing."

Hillary, Joe and Rudy drew laughs for their attempts at campaign humor. But George Bush, the current one, found that it can turn on you if you are not careful. At the White House correspondents' dinner in 2004, he showed a video of himself searching the Oval Office.

"Those weapons of mass destruction have got to be somewhere," he said.

No one thought it was funny.

Tales of a Suburban Fashionista

THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT

DIANE K. DANIELSON



...I still try to be a bit fashion forward on occasion, even though here in suburbia-land there's a very fine line between cutting edge fashion and "what was she thinking?"

I'm an admitted Fashionista. This means that I never read women's magazines for dating or housecleaning tips (maybe that explains a lot?). Instead, I focus on the fashion. Perhaps that's why I can reconcile my purchasing these magazines despite the horrible messages about body image that they convey. I never really notice the bodies underneath, just the clothes.

It's like the time my friend was fretting over her daughter's Barbie obsession and how much damage it would do to her psyche. I tried to console her with the fact that I, too, played with Barbie as a child and seemed to have escaped relatively unscathed. Unfortunately, I unwittingly destroyed her brief sense of hope when I went on to ask, "Does she play house?" Or worse, "Hotel heiress?" Because then that would be completely different. You see, I was playing *Project Runway* long before Heidi Klum even invented the concept.

So, while it doesn't always fit my present lifestyle, I still try to be a bit fashion forward on occasion, even though here in suburbia-land there's a very fine line between cutting edge fashion and "what was she thinking?" Add to this the fact that I'm a reluctant shopper at best, and it's a bit difficult to feed my passion for fashion. This is why on my annual trip to my parent's place in the South of France, I take one morning and hit the shops. After all, it's easier to enjoy the experience when everyone dresses beautifully and even flea market finds are fashionable.

This year, upon arrival at my parent's home, I plowed through all the UK fashion mags I could get my hands on (far superior to their US counterparts), and watched a few segments of French FashionTV and then I was off. First new "must have" on my list: an adorable A-line/empire-waist brightly colored sundress.

At Naf-Naf (a French version of H&M), I grabbed a yellow one off the rack. Two minutes later, I was aghast to see in the changing room mirror that I didn't look anything like the models in the magazines. In fact, I bore a striking resemblance to Big Bird from Sesame Street. Hmmm. The last thing I want on my vacation is children chasing me down the street singing "Sunny day, sweeping the clouds away ..."

Thinking it was the color, I tried on a white one. This time I looked like a pregnant stork. If it had been pink, I could just imagine the jokes about my "flamingo legs", a nickname I'd earned at the zoo, when my then three-year-old son pointed to a flock of flamingoes and announced for all to hear, "Look Mommy, they have legs like you!"

So much for that trend. Next? Metallic shoes and bags? Definitely not happening for this gal. Way too "New Jersey 1985." Scarf-dresses? I can't tie a scarf around my neck, let alone my body. Much too complicated, and I don't even want to think about what type of undergarments would be required.

Then there was the boy-shorts bathing suit I just had to try on. Unfortunately, a "Scarlett Johannson-esque" French girl, 20 years my junior was also trying on the same suit. As we stood next to each other in from of the mirror, she looked "tres magnifique." Et moi? Not so much (more like Skipper, Barbie's tomboy sister). Alas, yet another fashion trend to pass me by.

Noticing my disappointment, the shopkeeper, as only a French shopkeeper will do, looked me up and down with a critical eye and announced "Non!" She then grabbed a bikini off a nearby rack and tossed it, and me, back into the dressing room. Voila! She had found the perfect suit.

As I paid, I recalled my previous year's quest for sunglasses. I really wanted big black Jackie O-type glasses that were all the rage. But, the gorgeous French sales guy talked me into an aviator-styled pair. As he put it "Do you want to be fashionable; or do you want to look beautiful?" (Insert sexy French accent, and the fact that at that moment I wanted to be anything he wanted me to be!) And, he was right. The pair he suggested looked much better on me; and while it's more J. Lo than Jackie O, I was thrilled to see the same sunglasses advertised in UK Vogue a few months later.

My French lesson for the summer? Sometimes we can be the most fashion forward when not following fashion at all.

Diane K. Danielson is a Cohasset resident who on her annual pilgrimage this year to the shops in St. Tropez found herself standing right next to supermodel Naomi Campbell and is pleased to report that no cell phones or other objects were being tossed in anyone's direction. Catch more of Diane's random musings on www.womensDISH.com.

HEALTH NOTES

Make yourself unattractive to bugs

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

It's the latest buzz in the health business: Become less attractive to bugs. From hospital rooms to nature paths and gardens to the kitchen sink, the new mantra is to create around yourself and your surroundings an environment in which threats to your health and comfort find it difficult or at least less preferable to exist.

Last week, we talked about increasing vigilance and the need to avoid conditions that may cause illness. But with today's fast-paced activity schedule, it's easy to run into conditions where you have to expose yourself to something harmful.

Take ticks, mosquitoes and sunlight, all of which we have mentioned earlier. Threats to our health requiring diligence are next to impossible to avoid all the time. The new tools to cope with conditions you regularly encounter are not lotions or sprays to cover unprotected skin, but things to wear. Shirts are now available with sun protection factors (SPF) on the label. Covers put over shoes, which ticks disdain, and, according to Debby Cook, creator of a permethrin-laced legging, most of a tick's life is spent on the ground, waiting for a host, either human or an animal. Only in the fall, around October, do ticks climb up grasses and vegetation, waiting up to 3 feet high to latch onto larger mammals and humans. Other treated clothing is available from sport shops and apparel stores. Permethrin repels both ticks and mosquitoes, and according to one source, the clothing is still effective after 25 washings. Moreover, the repellent is available from sports and specialty stores in liquid form as an additive to be applied to clothing, hats, etc. To find sources for both clothing and repellent for application to apparel, Google: insect repellent clothing.

Techniques are available to protect yourself in other venues as well. Public places, toilets, health care facilities, park benches and even hospitals can all be sources of harmful bacteria. Older generations are sometimes surprised at the lengths to which modern mothers go to protect their children, and not without purpose. The environment in which we now live is at once cleaner and healthier than at any time in the past. Children in 1940 could expect to have boils, ringworm, mumps and countless other maladies, most of which are now oddities. Similarly, they could generally eat peanuts without consideration and seldom dealt with autism, now major problems with many modern children.

Perhaps the most insidious problem to be faced with the new health threat dilemma is in health care institutions. Although we are constantly learning about outbreaks of MRSA (methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus), at hospitals, until recently, the environment has not played a significant role in the transmission of MRSA. MRSA and other bacteria are transmitted most frequently by direct contact. You can therefore protect yourself from infections by practicing good hygiene (e.g., keeping your hands clean by washing with soap and water or using an alcohol-based hand rub and showering after working out), covering any open skin area such as abrasions or cuts with a clean dry bandage; avoiding sharing personal items such as towels or razors; using a barrier (e.g., clothing or a towel) between your skin and shared equipment; and wiping surfaces of equipment before and after use. It is only recently that hospitals have come to realize that more rigorous methods of sanitation are becoming necessary by sanitizing stethoscopes, door handles and other public contact surfaces. The use of alcohol wipes is increasing around health care facilities. And you can play a part in such activities. Always be conscious of what and who you touch. Wear clothing that shows stains if contacted by liquids, and make a packet of alcohol wipes a part of your protection system.

You're now decked out in a shirt that's marked SPF 50, your shoes are covered with insecticide soaked protective leggings and out of your pocket is an alcohol wipe. Unattractive, but ready.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Train talk on Our Town

Join co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo this week when they sit down with the Special Assistant to the Town Manager for Greenbush Affairs, Tom Gruber, to discuss the final preparations for the coming of the train.

Tom outlines the work left to be done, safety concerns for residents and a realistic starting date for trips to Boston to begin.

Tune in Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9p.m., all on Comcast channel 10.

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Work in progress on drafting Village zoning bylaw changes

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Within in the past few years, Cohasset Village has endured multiple construction projects. Even this summer, the repaving of Elm and Brook streets disturbed the course of normal business. With a goal of keeping retail vital and establishing parameters of what's possible in the village business district, new zoning bylaws will be set forth at the fall special Town Meeting.

Concord Square Development Company working in conjunction with the Planning Board is currently reviewing preliminary development of the bylaws. For two consecutive meetings Angus Jennings, principal for Concord Square, has come before the Board to get feedback and direction on his zoning drafts. The bylaw development is the most immediate focus because a final draft needs to be completed by Sept. 1.

"We're still a full month away from having the bylaws considered in a public hearing process," advises Jennings, which means everything is still subject to change as the draft bylaws are vetted at Planning Board and other meetings.

At last year's special Town Meeting, $30,000 was earmarked to hire a village consultant to determine possibilities for the village district. After a Request for Proposals process in the spring, Boston-based Concord Square Development Company was hired by the town to develop a village master plan and advise in the creating and changing of zoning bylaws. A $25,000 Priority Development grant from the state Department of Housing and Community Development boosted the project. The additional funds allowed the expansion of the project's purview to include architectural renderings, a more detailed design guidelines and a market analysis.

Proposed bylaw changes will likely deal with procedural and design bylaws. Planning Board members were in agreement at their July 25 meeting that they would like to see their board as the permit granting authority for future village development.

"It makes for a strong incentive for developers to propose something within the rules," because then only one stop is necessary in the permit process, said Jennings. If a developer proposed something outside the zoning bylaws, they would have to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals as well.

The proposed design bylaws will be specifically crafted, with some only applying to certain areas of the village.

"We call them surgical changes. They'll be very specific, as not to have any unintended consequences," said Jennings.

One of the areas of focus is the buildings bordering the town parking lot on both Main Street and Depot Court. The bylaw will be written so buildings that abut the municipal parking lot are encouraged to establish a village atmosphere and appearance on the land facing the parking lot.

Concord is also recommending, with the support of the Planning Board, a more uniform regulation for buildings, regardless of use.

"Encouraging a mix of uses is the right way to go," said Jennings. This could mean the removal, or at the very least change, of the 40,000 square foot lot size that currently constricts apartment development.

Establishing a bylaw defining a floor area ratio for the village business district is a recommended action by Concord. A floor area ratio is the relation between lot size and building floor space. The purpose is to limit the amount of development on a given piece of land, said Jennings at the July 25 Planning Board meeting.

For example, a 1.2 ratio would allow a 10,000 square foot lot to have a 12,000 square foot building. Jennings and his team are currently looking into at the average floor area ratio in the village now, to determine an appropriate ratio going forward.

Other changes will only be slight housekeeping changes, "the changes will be consistent with the intent but currently are not clear in the bylaw," said Jennings.

The public process is paramount in this project, and Jennings' team appreciates the input concerned citizens, merchants and village property owners have given them in the project so far.

Public involvement will continue with a design workshop with the Concord, and its consulting civil engineer, architects and market analyzer to be held at Saturday, Aug. 18 from 9a.m. to 12p.m. in the Town Hall auditorium.

Jennings plans to have the architects take the draft bylaw and apply it to three village parcels to show what the new zoning bylaws could allow.

"People can really see if they are comfortable with [the possibilities]," said Jennings. The drawings will be only mock-ups, but will allow residents to visualize the proposed zoning bylaw changes.

All zoning bylaw changes and additions require a two-thirds majority vote at Town Meeting to be entered into the books.

Cohasset enjoys abundance of water

While most towns on the South Shore face mandatory water bans and other restrictions, Cohasset is unique among its neighbors for its abundance of available water. The Phase II Water Restrictions in Hingham, Hull and North Cohasset do NOT affect the Cohasset Water Customers in the rest of the town.

Specifically, only Cohasset homes and businesses serviced by Aquarion and not customers of the Cohasset Water Department are subject to the recently announced restrictions of water use, such as the prohibition of sprinklers and limit of hand-watering to odd/even days. Cohasset Water Department customers currently face no bans or use restrictions.

"Thirty years ago the people of Cohasset took the initiative to invest in ensuring that the Town always has adequate water supply," explains Glenn Pratt, Chairman of the Cohasset Water Commission. "Right now with demand at its highest for the year, we are delivering less than one percent of our total storage capacity on any given day."

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— Glenn Pratt, Cohasset Water Commission.

Recently the Cohasset Water Department finished the reactivation of the Ellms Meadow Well, adding further capacity to the system. The rehabilitation of the Ellms Meadow Well provides water from an underground source, separate from Lily Pond or the Aaron River. "The new well has been up and running for over a month, and adding an extra 80,000 gallons per day of spring water to our system," Pratt explained.

The Department is also pleased with the progress of measures taken to reduce the presence of "discolored water." This issue commonly results from the scouring affect caused by more water flowing through the system during high-demand periods. The Cohasset Water Department continues to pursue a number of measures in the effort to reduce occurrences of discolored water, as well as to improve water quality overall.

For questions or other information about the Cohasset Water System please visit www.cohasset-water.org or call (781) 383-0057.

N. Cohasset on water restriction

Aquarion Water Co. of Massachusetts officials announced recently that they activated Phase II of the company's Mandatory Water Restrictions Program for customers in Hingham, Hull and North Cohasset Wednesday, Aug. 1. The move is due to the continued high water demands the company is experiencing caused by the periods of hot and dry weather.

Under Phase II outdoor watering is allowed on an odd/even basis between 6 and 9 p.m. using hand-held watering devices only. The Phase II restrictions do not allow permanent irrigation systems or unattended sprinklers to be used. Under the odd/even water schedule, odd numbered street addresses may water on odd numbered days and even numbered addresses may water on even numbered days using hand-held hoses only between 6 and 9 p.m. Hand-held hoses allow water to be directed to the specific area of need.

Under Aquarion's Rules and Regulations approved by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, failure to comply with the mandatory restrictions will first result in a written warning. Subsequent violations can result in the discontinuance of water service with termination and restoration fees ranging from a minimum of $50 to $325, depending on the day of the week, time of day and holidays.

Under the MA DEP Water Management Act, Aquarion is only allowed to pump an average of 3.51 million gallons per day on an annual basis. "During the summer, we have found that water usage increases about 150 percent or more, and most of that increase is due to outside watering through the use of irrigation systems."

Aquarion recommends several ways to use water wisely outdoors and inside the home to help in the water conservation effort:

- Water your lawn and garden only when they need it.
- Don't follow a set watering schedule. Water grass and plants by hand only when they show signs of wilting. An easy way to tell if your lawn requires water is to step on the grass and then step back. If the grass stays flat, then it needs to be watered. If the grass springs up, it still has plenty of moisture.
- Deep soak your lawn and garden when you do water.
- Water by hand long enough for the moisture to soak down to the roots where it will do the most good. In this way, the lawn will develop a deeper root system that requires less watering and is more disease resistant.
- Water during the cooler parts of the day to avoid evaporation.
- Heat and wind will rob your lawn and garden of water before it can be used. Watering before 9 a.m. and after 6 p.m. helps to prevent evaporation.
- Repair all leaks indoors and outside. A dripping faucet that leaks one drop per second wastes about 2,700 gallons per year.

Indoor conservation tips:

- Avoid running the dishwasher and washing machine with partial loads. Turn off the water while shaving, brushing teeth and washing face or hands.
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Schools end year in the black

The School Department closed out its fiscal 2007 budget in the black and was able get ahead in fiscal 2008. The School Committee voted to prepay $118,646.54 towards next year's budget for special education tuition.

The surplus was largely due to savings in the heat utility accounts because of the mild winter, said school business manager Dave DeGennaro in an email. The installation of heating computer controls that allow the schools to better manage the times, days and temperature settings led to savings as well.

Special education tuition is "monies paid to out of district private schools that specialize in the specific needs of an individual that a public school is unable to provide in a public school setting," said DeGennaro. In fiscal 2007 almost $1.1 million was paid for special education tuition. At the close of fiscal 2006, $89,966.94 was pre-paid to special education tuition.

Pre-paying special education is a common practice for school districts throughout the state

"I would say most school districts in the state do so, or have in the past, pre-paid special ed tuition with any remaining funds. Due to the nature of unforeseen expenses with special education, it makes good business sense to do so, if possible," said DeGennaro.

Rain gardens are growing

The Water Commission is completing phase two of their rain garden project. Four rain gardens will be installed at the intersection of Route 3A and Pond St., a critical location in the Water Commission's eyes because it is where Peppermint Brook runs under 3A toward Lily Pond. A fifth rain garden will be installed at the end of Aaron River Road.

Rain gardens are a state Department of Environmental Protection approved stormwater "best management practice." The low-impact development strategy is designed to create a natural filtration process to treat stormwater runoff. The rain gardens are constructed on town land in neighborhoods abutting tributaries that feed Lily Pond.

Ten rain gardens were installed earlier in the summer as part of phase two. Phase one installed six rain gardens last year, including one at the Water Department building on King St. and at the Middle-High School. The Water Commission is accelerating the timeline to install 25 more rain gardens, said Water Commissioner John McNabb. About 20 rain gardens will be installed along Route 3A pending Mass Highway approval. McNabb expects the rain garden project, a total of 45 gardens, to be completed before next spring.

Norfolk Ram Group, the Water Commission's engineering consultant, conducted studies before the rain gardens were installed and will do similar studies after installation.

"We should have quantitative results by this time next year, if not before," said Water Commissioner John McNabb.

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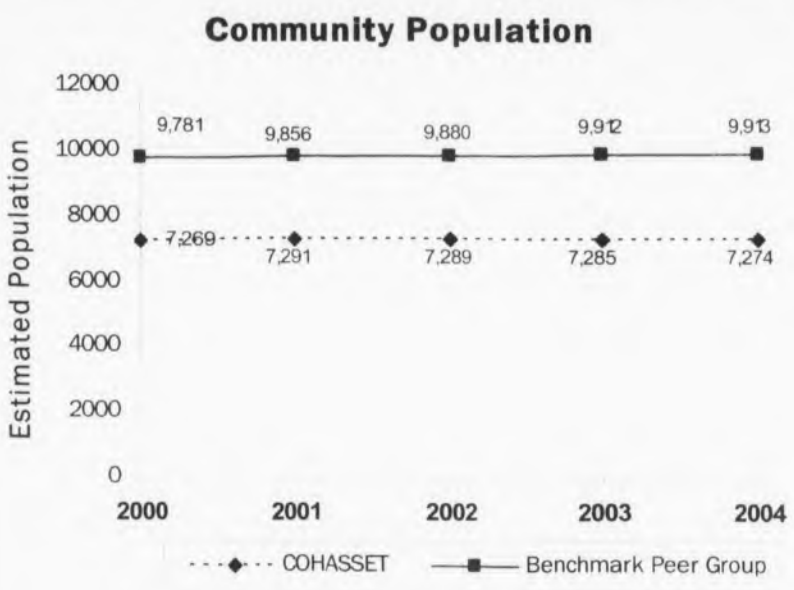
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MUNICIPAL BENCHMARKING: COHASSET-AT-A-GLANCE



	Annual Growth
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Benchmark Peer Group	0.3%

Source: Municipal Benchmarking (www.municipalbenchmarking.com).

This chart shows Cohasset's estimated population by year from 2000 through 2004. The chart also shows the same information for the average of Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group. By comparing Cohasset with its peer group, one can get a sense for whether Cohasset has been undergoing any population shifts that differ from its peer communities.

Municipal Benchmarking determined Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group by analyzing 15 demographic traits to find the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Cohasset's peer group includes Boxborough, Carlisle, Dover, Duxbury, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lynnfield, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Marblehead, Medfield, Norwell, Sherborn, Southborough, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wayland, Wenham, West Newbury, Westwood and Winchester. Municipal Benchmarking uses information collected from municipal and school district filings, state and federal agencies, associations, surveys, and information requests under the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

Municipal Benchmarking *(www.municipalbenchmarking.com)* provides municipal officials, education administrators, citizens, labor leaders, realtors and other interested parties with unbiased data and analysis to help make more informed decisions.

Judging a community by its peer group

The Cohasset Mariner is publishing a new feature: Cohasset At-A-Glance. Cohasset At-a-Glance is a series of charts, which compare Cohasset to its Benchmark Peer Group, the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Each week the chart will look at a different area of interest in Cohasset's municipal government, such as taxes, police spending, fire staffing, municipal salaries, education spending, debt and land use.

The At-a-Glance charts were prepared by Municipal Benchmarking, LLC, a Waltham-based company that provides data and analysis to help municipal decision-makers, education officials, taxpayers, union members, such as teachers, and others make more informed decisions.

Community Newspaper Company, publisher of the Cohasset Mariner, entered into an agreement with Municipal Benchmarking this year to present this data to readers in a series on weekly charts.

Cohasset paid Municipal Benchmarking LLC roughly $7,500 for the full report which is available at Town Hall.

For more information about Municipal Benchmarking go to municipalbenchmarking.com

Editor's note: Benchmarks is an ongoing series that is run when space is available.

Water Commission will likely appeal

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solved the project could break ground, Dale has said previously.

But, appeal of the ground discharge permit is likely according to Water Commissioner John McNabb.

"I feel we are an aggrieved property owner," said McNabb explaining the Avalon on-site wastewater treatment facility and groundwater discharge will add a significant amount of nutrient to Lily Pond and the surrounding areas, "excess nutrients in the water is our main problem."

Lily Pond, which is the prime source of the town's drinking water, is located approximately one-mile from the proposed Avalon site. In addition to nutrient-loading concerns, the Water Commission would have liked to see more strict measures enforced for the total nitrogen allowed in the effluent. In the DEP's response to comments from the Water Commission and possibly others, they address the public comments, and then explain their reasoning for the ultimate decision.

The final permit sanctions the discharge of treated sanitary sewage from the on-site wastewater treatment facility to the ground.

This is not the first time the Water Commission has fought the Avalon development on the grounds it will contribute to groundwater pollutants and adversely impact water quality in Lily Pond. In January, after an 18-month lawsuit, the Water Commission was defeated in its appeal of the comprehensive permit. The Appeals Court affirmed the decision of the Land Court that the Commission did not have standing to challenge the comprehensive permit as collectively they were not a person aggrieved by the Zoning Board of Appeals decision. The decision meant that the Water Commission could not initiate a lawsuit against the project in that respect.

The Water Commission met on Thursday (Aug. 2) evening after the Mariner went to press to hear from their environmental engineer consultants from the Norfolk Ram Group and their attorneys and determine if they will appeal.

As an enterprise fund, the Water Department is self-sustaining through user fees and does not use money from the town's general fund, including legal expenses.

Alternative Energy Committee hires consultants

The Alternative Energy Committee has recently engaged Joanne Sanders and Judeth VanHamm, both of Hull, as energy consultants. Funds were allocated at the fall 2006 Special Town Meeting for the AEC to hire a consultant(s) VanHamm and Sanders both bring experience in grant writing, having successfully secured funding for several energy conservation and renewable energy projects in Hingham and Hull.

The AEC is looking forward to working with them on a number of items. The committee has devoted much of the past two years investigating the possibility of bringing wind power to Cohasset. The investigation culminated in the installation of a 50-meter MET Tower on Turkey Hill in May of this year. The MET Tower will take wind measurements for the next 12 months. Once this study is complete, the AEC hopes to move forward with wind projects for two or more sites in town.

Currently, the AEC is working with the Planning Board and town counsel to draft a Wind Energy Overlay District. The AEC will also be involved with energy audits of town buildings, possible systems upgrades for town facilities and conservation measures and grant writing for funding of renewable energy systems.

The AEC consultants first task will be to develop a Request for Proposal for a 10 kwh solar system for the Paul Pratt Library.

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David Ames, right, teaches students how to use the YSI 85 probe to measure dissolved oxygen, salinity, temperature and conductivity. From left are: Taryn Donohue, Kaleigh Teague, Ellie Baumgarten, Meredith Kelly, Mimi Mahoney and Ames.

Ames leads wetland plant identification workshop

CSCR UPDATE

AISLING GUINEE

Fifteen students gathered at the Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research for a one-day workshop concerning wetland plant identification on Monday, July 23. With Mr. David Ames heading the training session, students and teachers from Cohasset, Hingham, Scituate, Derby Academy and Whitman-Hanson Regional High School embarked on a learning session to discover the techniques involved in gathering, examining and identifying wetland plants.

Mr. Ames, a science teacher from Cohasset High School, is in his third year volunteering at CSCR. He is the group leader for the wetland-monitoring project, which collects data about: vegetation, soil-water salinity, fish/crabs/shrimp, birds and invertebrates living in and around a marsh. His expertise in this area proved valuable for the session held on Monday that was used to help further inform the members of various groups that monitor like-areas in Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate and Marshfield.

We were shown that, although different species of grass may look similar, they are in fact very different...

Mr. Ames began the day by introducing a few species of vegetation that grow in the marsh right outside of the center. We were shown that, although different species of grass may look similar, they are in fact very different and serve specific purposes throughout the wetland. He then taught the team a poem to remember the difference between the different "grass-like" plants.

Sedges have edges
And rushes are round
Grasses are hollow
And commonly found

The other teachers involved in the seminar, Mrs. Derry Schwantner, Mr. Jeff Kotter, Ms. Amy Trask and Mrs. MacHarran, were all anxious to learn what Mr. Ames had to teach so they could implement the new findings in their own wetland research teams. The students were also excited to be learning more about the plants that they had been working with. As quoted by one of the team leaders, Derry Schwantner, those participating in the session were "vegging out and learning a lot about plants!"

Aisling Guinee is an incoming freshman at St. Michaels College, Vt.

From the Archives of the Cohasset Historical Society

From the Archives is a weekly feature provided by Cohasset Historical Society.



Participating in Girl Scouting has been a long-standing tradition in Cohasset. These photographs taken circa 1930 portray a group of dedicated young Cohasset Girl Scouts on parade at the Cove.



Spofford to host historical scavenger hunt

The kickoff date is from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 15.

Few girls achieve Girl Scout's highest honor, the Gold Leadership Award. Virginia Spofford has been working with the Cohasset Historical Society on her Girl Scout Gold Award Project, which is the development of a walking tour of Cohasset Village. Her one-hour tour is actually a historical scavenger hunt, during which participants follow a defined route in an attempt to solve a puzzle.

The kickoff date is from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 15. Participants can pick up a map during those hours at the South Shore Community Center and follow the route to solve the puzzle. The quest ends at the Society's headquarters at 106 South Main St., where refreshments will be served.

The Cohasset Historical Society congratulates Virginia and they hope people will support her by joining them Aug. 15 to enjoy her achievement, which will benefit Cohasset for years to come.



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Turning plastic bags into stylish totes

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Not one to give up so easily, Ulmer consulted her professor, Peggy Diggs, to see if she had any ideas for other methods or materials Ulmer could use to knit and crochet. It didn't take long for them to decide on one of the most plentiful (and cheap) materials out there — plastic bags.

"It's a free material, which made it exactly what I was looking for," says Ulmer, but the environmental undertones of the project were not lost on her, "I thought 'this is a brilliant way to recycle.'"

After college, Ulmer tried out the 9-to-5 working schedule but realized quickly it wasn't for her. This summer, she returned to her hometown and decided to start her own business, Be a Bag Lady. She has been selling the bags on the internet at www.beabaglady.com and at the Farmer's Market on the Common.

Even more than the re-useable bags now available at supermarket, Ulmer's bags actually use the product that's polluting. Literally billions of bags are produced and handed out free in consumer venues across the world each year. Each of Ulmer's creations utilizes 100-plus plastic bags.

"It doesn't make a huge difference but it is 100 or more bags not out in the environment," she says

Finding just the right method to create the bags was a trial and error process, but over time Ulmer figured out the most seamless method for creating the plastic bag "yarn" and then the tote bag itself. The time-consuming and laborious process, which can total about six hours per bag, begins with the creation of a skein of yarn. Ulmer lays out the plastic bag flat and cuts off the handles and bottom. She then cuts the bags into width-wise in about one-inch tubes, the tubes should be complete circles. Next, Ulmer intertwines two tubes together to create a seamless piece of plastic.

"I don't use all of the bag, but it's minimal," she says.

After Ulmer creates the skeins of yarn, she sets out to create the bag. Each one is one-of-a-kind, "every bag is an artistic venture. I use whatever I have on hand so I don't know what the bag's going to look like when I start out."

Her customers so far have used the bags for a variety of purposes, from a shopping tote to a beach bag to carryall for the gym.

"People come up with all different ways to use them," she says. Although the bags are not waterproof, they are easy to clean and "surprisingly durable," she says. The end product has the appearance of a woven wicker or straw and is soft to the touch. The plastic bag yarn unexpectedly takes on the quality of yarn, with tiny contrasting flecks dotting the surface of the bag due to the writing on each of the plastic bags. She uses plastic bags with a little more weight to them to construct the bottom of the bag.



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS SHORES

Amy Ulmer "knits" a tote bag using "yarn" she has created from plastic shopping bags. She has a stand at the Farmer's Market on the Common, Thursdays 2:30-6:30p.m.

Ulmer's friends and family have helped her along the way by donating their plastic bags and offering to make the plastic skeins of yarn. All the bags she uses are previously used and are being recycled.

The bags are only part of Ulmer's greater ambition to be a California entrepreneur, along with her sister, Kimberly, a 2007 William graduate. They plan to start an artsy, cultural boutique in Ventura County. Her vision is to make the bags even more socially conscious by working local women's shelters and victims of domestic abuse to teach them how to knit and make the bags. By teaching them the process (and paying them for their service) she hopes to empower them. Each bag would then be sold with a short biography of the woman who created it, she says, in an effort to raise awareness of women's issues.

Ulmer has no plans for patent her bag-making process and she does not believe she's the first person to dream it up. She encourages the people she meets to make the bags themselves — "if they are feeling empowered to do so." She even has detailed instructions of the process on her website.

"I find [the project] worthwhile to do regardless of profit," she says.

Her ideal hope is the manufacturing of plastic bags is ceased. San Francisco has already banned plastic bags from large supermarkets, and she hopes other cities and towns will follow suit.

Ulmer's bags are available online at www.beabaglady.com in three sizes: large tote, medium tote and book bag, all under $50. Custom bags are available. She has a stand at the Farmer's Market on the Common, Thursdays 2:30-6:30p.m.

Ticks be gone

FROM TICKS, PAGE 1

percent cotton leg wrappers — think a more sedate version of the 80s' leg warmer fashion statement — are worn over pants.

After coming up with the initial concept idea, she researched the life cycle of ticks to ascertain whether her idea would be useful against them. She found most of a tick's two-year life span is spent on the ground, waiting for a host, either human or an animal. Tick season runs from late spring into the fall. Only in the fall, around October, do ticks climb up grasses and vegetation to wait for a larger host mammal or human to latch on to, Cook says.

Therefore, she reasoned the leg wrappers, which cover the leg below the knee and over footwear, would be very effective in repelling ticks for the spring, summer and early fall when people are enjoying the great outdoors the most.

The Kick-a-Ticks fit snugly over pants with Velcro elasticized bands on the top and bottom of the leg wrapper, "you don't even know you have them on, there's no compression" on your leg from the elastic band, Cook says.

The Kick-a-Ticks are then enhanced with Permethrin. The initial application lasts up to six weeks and through several washings. A refill bottle of permethrin is also available at the Kick-a-Tick website.

"People who are gardening can just strap them on and don't have to think about it," says Cook, "the sad thing is you can get tick bites almost anywhere." She envisions boy and girl scouts, avid gardeners, landscapers, hikers and kids going to camp would be ideal customers.

Cook doesn't guarantee Kick-a-Tick will prevent a tick bite or Lyme disease, but the product does give a level of protection beyond just wearing long pants, "it's about doing the best you can with what's available."

Kick-a-tick currently has a patent-pending and, although Cook has no idea where her product will take her, she'd "love it to be a success."

"When I was a kid you didn't have to worry about mosquitoes or about ticks, now you really have to worry about them," says Cook.

The leg wrappers come in two sizes, adult, colors - navy or green, and children's, in the ever popular camouflage. The price of the adult leg wrappers is $39.99, and the child's leg wrappers are $37.99. To purchase a pair, visit the on-line store at www.kickatick.com. For questions or more information, please e-mail Cook at kickatick@kickatick.com

Lyme disease in Cohasset

Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik said more cases of Lyme disease have been reported this year than in the past. In fact, he has noticed in the last few years an increase of occurrences throughout town. Part of the reason, he guesses, is increased development has displaced deer, which deer ticks (the ones that carry Lyme disease) commonly use as their host.

Lyme disease can be treated anytime after infection with an antibiotic, but if treated immediately the effects are minimized, said Godzik. The long-term effects of Lyme disease can lead to neurological, joint or cardiac problems. Tick to human transmission of Lyme disease is the only method of infections known, said Godzik. Lyme disease was named for the town where it was first diagnosed, Lyme, Connecticut.

Wearing long sleeve shirts and pants and doing frequent tick checks after being outside are the first line of defense against infection. Donning light colored clothing helps to spot the black colored ticks easily.

History and wildlife of the Hull shore

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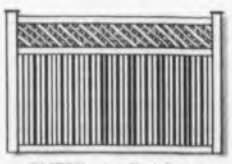
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Summer ball teams up to big things

Cohasset's 8- and 11-year olds excelling in tournament play

Cohasset's 8-year old summer baseball team walked off the field as champions Monday night after capturing the 2007 Pembroke Invitational title against a formidable Kingston team under the bright lights and light mist at the Town Field Complex in Pembroke.

Coaches Dan Rice and Rich Burchill, along with assistants Matt Broderick and Doug Eymer, watched their boys progress with each performance to make their way to the championship game. Six games over a span of three days, and there were many hours at the field of dreams with lots of fans to cheer the team on.

After dropping the first game in a close match against East Bridgewater, 2-1, the team rallied and never looked back. Spectacular pitching by the Four Horsemen - Ben Rice, Michael Cohen, Timmy Chase and Owen Gideon-Murphy - helped this gritty bunch stay competitive in every game and let their offense wear down their opponents.

After stringing three wins in a row against Halifax (9-5), Whitman (4-3), and Kingston (10-0, needing to win by nine to make the semifinals), the boys in blue advanced to the semifinal round against a talented Halifax team.

The kids were ready for prime-time in the semifinal match-up; eight out of 12 players registered a hit and four different players scored. Liam "Old School" O'Connell was a sparkplug at the leadoff spot to ignite his team with solid at-bats, including a hit and run scored. Gideon-Murphy went 3-for-3 and scored three times, while Joe Cavanaro went 2-for-3, drove in the tying run and scored the winning run to earn a Game Pin.

Chase had a clutch hit to start the sixth inning rally and crossed home. Taggert Eymer had a lit-

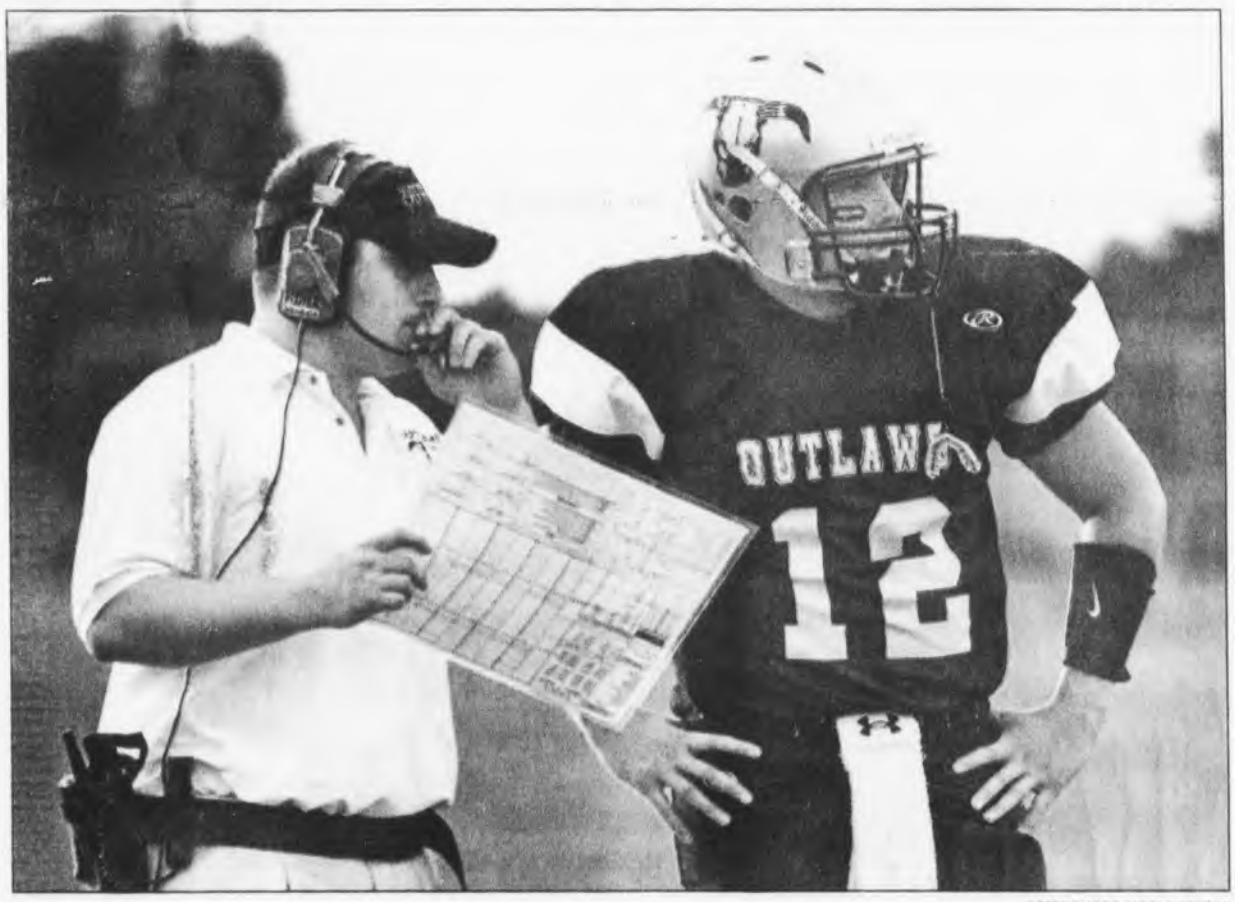
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COASTAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS



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The Cohasset Soccer Club's girls U18 team recently completed a successful 2007 season with the team finishing as the Girls U18 Coastal League Champions. Following eight weeks of league play, Cohasset ended the regular season in a three-way tie with Norwell and Scituate for the U18 championship. In a weekend playoff, Cohasset first beat Norwell on Saturday, then solidly beat Scituate on Sunday resulting in Cohasset taking the championship trophy.
The Cohasset team included freshman to seniors from Cohasset High School and area private schools as well as a handful of players from Hingham. With only seniors Haley Haracz and Colleen Richardson lost to graduation and a strong group of new freshmen expected to be added to the team, next year's results can be expected to be even better.



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Offensive coordinator John Fossetti and quarterback Matt Letourneau confer during the South Shore Outlaws' season opener against Whaling City.

Another tough loss for Outlaws

Fourth quarter mishaps drop South Shore's record to 0-2

By Mark Goodman
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Would have, could have, should have.

That is the mantra surrounding the South Shore Outlaws these days, as the Plymouth-based semiprofesional football team took another tough loss in Sunday's New England Football League action, dropping a 22-16 decision to the Woonsocket (R.I.) Sentinels.

The Outlaws are 0-2 going into Saturday night's 7 p.m. home game at Plymouth South High School against the Southern New England Rage.

Taking Sunday's loss and the season-opening 10-7 defeat to the Whaling City Clippers into account, the Outlaws could just as easily be 2-0. The six-point loss to the Sentinels was particularly excruciating, as the Outlaws took a 16-7 lead into the fourth quarter only to lose the game on two foolish mishaps. The first came on a lost fumble that the Sentinels picked up and ran back from a touchdown, with the ensuing extra point cutting South Shore's lead to two at 16-14.

Still, the visitors looked as though they were headed to victory when, with 42 seconds left in the game, a desperate fourth down pass by Woonsocket went well out of the range of the intended receiver and landed out of bounds. But an Outlaws defender got called for a 15-yard penalty for hitting the receiver from behind and while out of bounds, giving Woonsocket a fresh set of downs deep inside South Shore territory.

The Sentinels went in for the score in the closing seconds, got the two-point conversion, and that was the ballgame.

On't have feel, but what can

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All-Scholastic girls lacrosse team

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Unlike individual league all-star teams, we did not choose our team in deference to event considerations. Instead the only criteria we considered was overall value these athletes had to their respective teams.

In the end; however, the sports staff at Community Newspaper Company (CNC) had to make some tough decisions and we do feel secure that we chose the top public school girls lacrosse athletes for this honor.

This is the Community Newspaper Company North girls lacrosse *squad comprised of athletes from Hanover, Marshfield, Weymouth, Braintree, Norwell, Scituate, Hingham, Abington, Rockland, Silver Lake, Pembroke, Cohasset, Duxbury, Taunton, Apponequet, Bridgewater-Raynham, Randolph, Avon, Whitman-Hanson, Plymouth North, Plymouth South, West Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Wareham, Oliver Ames, Holbrook, Carver, Norton and Mansfield.*

Next week: boys lacrosse

Linday Durkin – Senior
Attack – Cohasset

An excellent pure goal-scorer, the South Shore League All-Star had another high-scoring season for the Skippers, racking up 52 goals this spring…Durkin, a two-time All-Scholastic graduates from Cohasset High School with over 200 career points, achieving that feat with a three-goal performance against Notre Dame…Scored a season-high seven goals in two Cohasset games against Cape Cod Academy, both Skipper wins…Had another five goals in late-season game against Scituate

Kara Oloskey –
Senior (Captain)
Center – Duxbury

Few could keep up with this speedy attackwoman…A go-to girl on the Duxbury squad, Oloskey shined in several games this season but perhaps the brightest in the Div. 2 state championship…There, the senior racked up seven goals and one assist to give the Dragons their first title in a 16-13 win over Winchester…Led her Duxbury team and the Patriot League in scoring this season with 125 points on 80 goals, 45 assists this spring…Career numbers find Oloskey with 283 points on 188 goals, 95 assists…Multiple goal games were a trend for Oloskey, who netted four goals, three assists in a win over Scituate and three goals, two assists in the 12-10 win over Hopkinton that earned the Dragons (19-3) the Div. 2 South title…The PL and Eastern Mass. All-star also played soccer at DHS…She will attend UMass-Amherst next year on a lacrosse scholarship.

Trish Babson – Junior
Attack – Duxbury

What a playmaker…Babson was about as good as it gets when it came to rolling the crease…A strong player with deceptive speed, Babson was the team leader in assists this spring with 79…She added 49 goals, racking up 128 points for the Patriot League and Div. 2 state champions…The PL and Eastern Mass. All-star was essential in the Dragons' second-half comeback in the title game against Winchester, racking up three-straight goals to erase a once 11-9 deficit with a 16-3 victory for the squad's first championship…Scored four goals and two assists in the title game…Against rival Norwell in the Div. 2 South semis, Babson tallied two goals, two assists in the 8-6 victory…Scored a goal and seven assists in a win over Scituate…Added six assists in a win over Bourne…Babson also plays soccer at DHS and serves as the varsity wrestling team's manager in the winter…She will return to all three squads as a senior next year.

Erin Levesque – Junior
Midfield – Duxbury

Came up big throughout the season for Duxbury (19-1), utilizing her lacrosse smarts and great speed to plow through opposing defenses and set up plays…The junior often took defenses by surprise producing scores with long runs out of the middle…Her efforts paid off in the form of 49 points this season on 38 goals, 11 assists for the Div. 2 state champions…Shined brightest in the postseason where she scored three goals and added an assist in an 8-6 victory over rival Norwell in the Div. 2 South semis…There, Levesque erased a 5-4 deficit with game-tying and go-ahead scores…In the Div. 2 South finals against Hopkinton, Levesque again stepped up to the plate, tallying four scores to help the Dragons win the title…Notched two goals and an assist in the 16-13 victory over Winchester in the Div. 2 state title game…Also a field hockey and hockey player at DHS, Levesque will return to all three teams next year.

Kate Cipoletti –
Senior (Captain)
Defense – Duxbury

This standout defenseswoman was the anchor of a defense that had a knack for putting the clamps on opposing offenses, particularly in the second half…Cipoletti was a strong presence in front of the Duxbury (19-3) net and often had the difficult task of marking the opposing team's best player…Did so with vigor in the Dragons' Div. 2 state title game against Winchester, quieting it's deadly attack and limiting it to just one goal in the game's final 12 minutes…This allowed Duxbury's offense to go to work and rally for a 16-13 victory for the team's first championship. Cipoletti also contributed to the Dragons' offense with long runs out of the back field and was a great distributor of the ball in the midfield…Was a terror in fielding ground balls off face-offs, including a big scoop in the state title game, which led to a game-tying score and started the comeback…The PL and Eastern Mass. All-star hopes to continue her lacrosse career at Boston University next year.

Stephanie Hoomis –
Sophomore
Goalie – Duxbury

Without this talented goalie between the pipes, things could have turned out differently this season for the Div. 2 state champion Dragons. To put it bluntly, Hoomis was a brick wall in the net for Duxbury, particularly in the postseason, where her skills were needed most…The sophomore shook off three quick goals and stopped 18 shots, including a huge point blank one with two minutes to play, in a nail-biting 16-13 win over Winchester in the Div. 2 state title game…But big saves were something of a trend for Hoomis, who stopped another key shot off a Norwell stick with three minutes to play in an 8-6 win in the Div. 2 South

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Cohasset's 8- and 11-year olds excelling in tournament play

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tle bingo when needed most. Michael Tesauro worked the count and played steady "D" in the clutch. Luke Norton played some tight outfield to prevent any long term damage from Halifax's potent offense.

But it was one very big at-bat that made the difference and earned this little big-man a shiny, spanking new Game Ball. Owen "Big Stick" Burchill faced off against Halifax's best to run the count full with two outs and two on, game tied. He ripped a deep shot to left center to drive in the winning run and put a smile on the faces of his teammates that still hasn't worn off. On to the championship…

The championship game was a rematch against a Kingston team that likely rested their big guns against Cohasset in its earlier contest, knowing that they would meet up again.

"Old School" was magnificent at lead-off going 3-for-4 along with a stellar night at second to deny Kingston of any good fortune. Rice pitched great in relief and took one for the team off the back and caught like a champ behind the plate. Chase started on the hill, went 3-for-3, scored twice and earned another Game Ball (Minot Construction's next project will be an addition to the Chase home for this boy's trophies). Gideon-Murphy hit the cover off the ball and pitched some nasty relief to keep his boys in the game.

Cavanaro played great "D" at third and logged another clutch hit late and scored the go-ahead run in the sixth. Eymer scored the eventual game winning run in the sixth, while Teasuro logged a key base on balls and played well in the field. Luke Norton held fort in left and worked the pitch count at the plate. Will Broderick earned a Game Pin for his outstanding defense in left with a nice catch and throw to make a key out late in the contest, and Kyle O'Brien registered what turned out to be the hit of the night to bring home the clinching run.

But no matter at what level, it all still seems to come down to pitching, and Michael Cohen was there when his team needed him most. Cohen had one inning left in him to battle Kingston's best for the crown, and went right to the wire. Bases loaded, two outs, two strikes, and one very nice pitch for the final out: game over… bring out the Trophies! Great Tournament, Great Coaching and a shiny gold statue to remember it by…Congratulations boys!

Summer playoffs

You could count the total number of hits on one hand…no one up more than twice…game over in less than 90 minutes…one-run shutout…that's right, we're talking 8-year old summer playoff baseball.

Rice took the hill for the start and walked away from a couple of jams unscathed. Cavanaro came in for relief and pulled out the sharpie to add a few K's inside the brim of his cap, and Chase mowed down the rest with his stuff to close it out for the victory. The crazy eights faced a stout team from Stoughton who brought their own cast of well-armed hurlers to the first playoff match-up of the 2007 summer baseball season.

O'Connell introduced us to his little friend, a fully loaded authorized ball-smashing stick to get things going at leadoff. But it was a tough task to bring him home when the lads from Stoughton were throwing peas at Cohasset hitters. It wasn't until the fourth inning that Cohasset put a ding in Stoughton's armor to break the scoreless tie.

Chase ripped a nice hit to left field before Cavanaro slapped a shot to second that never made it to first while Chase strolled home. Luke Norton battled to get on in the fifth with a walk ahead of Charlie Krumsiek's deep lined shot to left center for a nasty double to put runners at second and third. But Stoughton continued to battle and pulled away without giving up another run.

With the home team Cohasset ahead 1-0 in the top of the sixth, Chase played a little "dent the catcher's mitt" with his low heat to cause the Stoughton batters to swing the bat while the ball was being thrown back to the pitcher. Great defense at third by Eymer, terrific catching behind the plate by Burchill, steady outfield play by Charlie Dubiel, Joe Campadelli and Tesauro. And one big win for the boys in blue.

11A bats alive

The 11A summer baseball all-stars rolled through the Weymouth Invitational Tourney with a thunderous display of hitting over the weekend of July 20.

Third baseman Tommy Ryan got the fireworks started with a home run to dead center in the Friday night opener. The bats really heated up the next morning, as the all-stars exploded for 11 runs against a tough Weymouth Maroon squad, in an 11-3 win. In the sixth, Brendan O'Connell and Jack Kuppens went deep, back-to-back, as each blasted home Rruns over the center field fence. O'Connell had three hits, Joe Buckley, Sam Asnault and Jack Stanganelli each contributed two hits apiece, and Danny Tangherlini continued his season long march towards the Youkalis on-base king crown, with two walks.

The defense was stellar - particularly the fleet Tangherlini, who patrolled the outfield from center - backing up the solid pitching of Asnault.

Two hours later, Cohasset took on the Weymouth Gold all-stars. The Gold jumped to a quick 6-0 lead. Ryan took the hill in relief and pitched a sterling game, with help from Max Montgomery's flawless game at short, a diving stab by Asnault at second, and the cannon arm of Buckley in right.

The Cohasset offensive machine responded. Charlie Steele led the way with a 3-for-3 performance, Chris Cohen was 2-for-2 with a double off the center field fence, and Liam Burke 2-for-2 as well. In the bottom of the sixth, trailing by a run, Cohen singled to left, Burke doubled to tie the game, and with one out, O'Connell singled in the winning run as Cohasset rallied for 10-9 win.

On Sunday, the Cohasset squad faced off with the big bats of Hingham, and the offensive fireworks continued. After spotting Hingham two runs in the top of the first, Steele started the fire with a lead off single, O'Connell followed with his second home run of the tourney to center, and the boys in blue were even. Kuppens singled, stole second, and dashed around the bases on a Hingham passed ball, as Cohasset took a 3-2 lead.

In the second, Cohen, Montgomery, Justin Cobin and Steele plated another run, as Cohen singled, Montgomery reached on a fielder's choice, moved up on Cobin's long fly to right, and scored on Steele's double. In the third, Cohasset exploded for five runs, keyed by Ryan's second home run of the tourney.

The onslaught continued into the fourth, as Stanganelli blasted a homer to center, and Kuppens smashed another one for the record books into the outfield of another field; the tape measure came back at 306 feet. After four, the boys in blue walked off with a slaughter rule 13-3 win.

Sunday afternoon, Cohasset faced Braintree National in a showdown for a berth in the final. As the other tourney teams and fans lined the field, a classic commenced. Cohasset was inspired in no small measure by the return of their sparkplug shortstop Terrence Doonan.

A back-and-forth battle saw Cohasset jump to a 2-0 first inning lead on Steele's line single to right, and O'Connell's third home run of the tourney. Braintree rallied for four runs in the bottom of the first on a grand slam by their shortstop.

The teams traded zeros in the second. In the bottom of the third, Braintree plated two more, and with their ace throwing pellets, the 6-2 lead looked safe. But in the fourth, Montgomery doubled and moved to third on Cobin's hard single. Cobin then pickled himself between first and second, allowing the fleet Montgomery to plate Cohasset's third run.

In the fifth, Cohasset rallied for three to tie the game, as the bats took aim at the left field Steel Monster - Burke, O'Connell and Ryan all doubled off the fence, and Steele lined yet another base hit into the outfield. Into the bottom of the fifth, the game stood deadlocked. Braintree rallied for two, keyed by a long double to right.

Cohasset, in its last turn at the plate, scored one, keyed by a pinch hit double by the hot-hitting Cohen, and moved runners to second and third with two outs. Braintree's right fielder then made a play for the ages, snaring a long drive to right with a diving over the head grab. Final score: Braintree 8, Cohasset 7.

The boys in blue had a terrific tourney, each contributing to a total team effort, and cemented their reputation as the "big bats" of the District, as they move toward the District playoffs.



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Cohasset's 8-year old summer baseball team. Bottom row: Timmy Chase, Luke Norton, Michael Tesauro, Owen Burchill, Kyle O'Brien, Liam O'Connell, Taggert Eymer. Top row: Joe Cavanaro, Sam Rice, Owen Gideon-Murphy, Michael Cohen, Will Broderick. Coaches, left to right: Dan Rice, Matt Broderick, Rich Burchill

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All-Scholastic girls lacrosse team

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semis…Held 13 of her squads 18 regular season opponents to single digit scores…Just a sophomore, Hoomis still has two more seasons left to play at DHS.

Colleen Mulligan – Junior (Captain) Attack – Hanover

A three-year starter Mulligan has been the go-to girl on offense for Hanover throughout her career…The leading scorer on the Lady Indians' team again this season, Mulligan racked up 64 points on 59 goals, five assists in 12 games this season before being sidelined with an ankle injury sustained late in the spring…Quickness and excellent cutting ability made this Patriot League All-star a lethal weapon up top…Mulligan consistently scored multiple goals in games, tallying eight goals, four assists in a win over Oliver Ames and scored seven goals, two assists in a 14-9 loss to Hingham…Career totals for Mulligan have her with 210 points (160 goals, 50 assists) with one season still left to play…Was voted the MVP of her Hanover team, which went 11-6 and earned a berth in the Div. 2 South tourney…Mulligan also plays field hockey at HHS and will return to both teams next year.

Mary Kate Gorman – Sophomore Center – Hingham

Just a sophomore, this talented attackwoman is already making an impression on the Harborwomen squad…Gorman led the Hingham squad in scoring this spring with 90 points on 66 goals, 24 assists…Career totals find her with 144 points on 96 goals, 48 assists…Gorman's total placed her third amongst Patriot League scorers this season…The sophomore tallied points in every game this season, helping to guide Hingham to a 13-4-1 record and second place finish in the PL (4-2)…Scored seven goals against Bourne, four against Duxbury and Waltham, and had hat tricks in games against Hanover, Notre Dame, and Hopkinton, who edged the Harborwomen out of the Div. 2 South tourney (12-10 in OT)…Netted 15 goals in five games as a member of the lower New England Region squad at the National Tournament over Memorial Day weekend…Just a sophomore, she returns to the HHS team next season.

Emmalee Willis – Senior (Captain) Attack – Hingham

A two-year captain on the Hingham squad, Willis has been one of the most consistent attack women in the Patriot League during her tenure…Great in front of the net, Willis tallied 62 points to rank second on her team and fifth in the PL …Racked up 72 points as a junior and is making her second-straight appearance on the All-Scholastic squad…Played some of her best lacrosse when it mattered most, netting four goals and two assists in Hingham's heartbreaking 12-10 OT decision to Hopkinton in the quarterfinals of the Div. 2 South tourney…Strong and fast, Willis' greatest strength was her ability to get to the net and score…For her efforts, she amassed 134 points in two seasons…The HHS graduate plans to continue her lacrosse career at Southern New Hampshire University next year.

Emma Daniels – Sophomore Defense – Hingham

This talented young player always drew the toughest defensive assignment and was extremely effective…As the leader on defense, Daniels was an excellent checker and was an essential part of a defense that kept Hingham in its close games this season…Shined in close games against rival Norwell (6-5 loss), Waltham (13-8 win), and cross-town rival Notre Dame (10-10 tie, 11-8 win)…Did her part to help force overtime in a quarterfinal match-up with Hopkinton in the Div. 2 South tourney, an eventual 12-10 OT loss…Just a sophomore, Daniels was selected to the Lower New England team in the National Tourney in Pennsylvania and helped lead her team to the division finals and championship game…Opposing offenses will have to deal with this tough defender for two more seasons at HHS.

Jill Hallgren – Senior (Captain) Midfielder/Attack – Mansfield

LaSalle University in Pennsylvania will be getting an accomplished player in Hallgren who led Mansfield in scoring with 44 goals and 16 assists …In her final year at Mansfield, her offense helped the Hornets achieve a 14-6-1 record and a trip to the playoffs where her career eventually ended with a 16-6 loss to Norwell…Hallgren was named team MVP and was awarded a spot of the Hockomock League All-Star team…She was recently named an Academic All-American by the U.S. Lacrosse Association.

Kiley Sutton – Junior Center/Forward – Oliver Ames

Sutton followed the family trend of becoming a force on the lacrosse field, following in the footsteps of her older brothers who also starred for OA…The junior led the young Tigers in scoring netting 59 goals and 14 assists this spring…She quickly established herself as the team's go-to player with a knack for goals in clutch situations… Sutton was named a Hockomock League All-Star and will serve as captain for both the soccer and field hockey squads next season.

Jill Cammett – Junior Midfield – Norwell

As good a two-way player as there is in the area, Cammett helped to lead a young Norwell team to the Div. 2 South semifinals before losing to eventual state champion Duxbury…Scored four goals in first round win over Mansfield and followed that with a hat trick in second round victory against Medfield…Had five goals in a regular season matchup with Duxbury…Add it all up and Cammett finished the season with more than 100 points and a spot in the Eastern Mass. All-Star game with teammate and fellow All-Scholastic Katie O'Hara, as well as a nod to the South Shore League All-Star squad…Also plays soccer – where she is a two-time All-Scholastic – and runs indoor track for NHS…Plans to play Div. 1 lacrosse in college.

Jenn Cronin – Junior Midfield – Norwell

Emerged as a solid two-way player to help form a midfield that was arguably the strength of the Norwell team…Ranked second on the squad with 42 goals and 14 assists to go with her already considerable skills on defense…Notched two goals in the Clippers' Div. 2 South semifinal loss to eventual state champion Duxbury…Finished with three goals and two assists in Norwell's first round playoff win in Mansfield…A South Shore League All-Star in her first two seasons of high school lacrosse…Cronin also plays soccer and basketball for NHS.

Katie O'Hara – Senior Goalie – Norwell

Came up big in her first and only season as a varsity starter, and saved her best for the post-season to help lead the Clippers to the Div. 2 South semifinals…Stopped six shots in first round win over Mansfield and eight in a narrow second round win against Medfield, including two remarkable saves in the closing minutes to preserve the win…O'Hara made nine saves, many on pointblank or restart attempts, in playoff loss to eventual state champion Duxbury…Joined teammate and fellow All-Scholastic Jill Cammett in the Eastern Mass. All-Star game, contributing to the South team's victory…O'Hara was also a two-year starting goalie for the NHS field hockey team.

Kerrin Kasianowicz – Junior Attack – Scituate

Always a threat to score when near the cage, Kasianowicz led the Sailors in goals (53) for the second straight season, adding 12 assists in the process…After getting off to a rough start, Scituate went 6-5-1 down the stretch thanks in part to Kasianowicz's prowess on offense…Scored eight goals in April 30 win over Marian, and followed that up with four the next day in a narrow loss to local power Hingham…Had another seven goals in win over Pembroke; games of five or more goals were not rare for the talented junior attack this spring…Two-time All-Scholastic also runs cross-country for SHS.

Jackie Moscardelli – Junior Attack – Weymouth

She's slight of stature but one of the giants on the field, and among the most prolific scorers in all of Emass…Moscardelli scored an amazing 79 goals this season, playing in only 17 of her team's 20 games…She also added 17 assists in helping the Wildcats qualify for the state tournament for the first time in program history… Moscardelli was named team MVP and a first team Bay State League All-Star, in one of the most competitive conferences in the state…She is an accomplished athlete serving as a member of the soccer team and starting point guard on the basketball team… Moscardelli will be back next year to really boost her own records and help lift the Wildcats to even higher plateaus.



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Cohasset's Lindsay Durkin (right) scored 52 goals for the Skippers this spring.

Honorable Mentions:

Katie Lynch – Sr. – Midfield – Braintree
Beth Principi – Sr. – Midfield – Braintree
Kara Wilcox – Sr. (Capt.) – Attack – Cohasset
Leigh Tedeschi – Sr. (Capt.) – Attack – Duxbury
Jill Caramello – Jr. – Defense – Duxbury
Rachel Keating – Jr. – Midfield – Hanover
Brittany Segalla – Jr. – Attack – Hanover
Laura McKenzie – Soph. – Defense – Hingham
Samantha Doucette – Jr. – Midfielder – Mansfield
Kerry Kiley – Jr. – Defense – Mansfield
Lindsay Quinn – Jr. – Attack – Mansfield
Shayla Entwhistle – Jr. – Attack – Marshfield
Alicia Brockman – Jr. – Forward – Oliver Ames
Liz Williams – Sr. – Defense – Norwell
Laura Cavicchi – Sr. – Attack – Plymouth
Addie Kerner – Sr. – Midfield – Scituate
Nicki Finamore – Sr. – Attack – Weymouth

Another tough loss for Outlaws

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you say?" Outlaws owner/general manager Ron Rezendes said Monday morning. "We had 58 yards of penalties and that hurt us. We have two 15-yarders and a holding penalty that killed a drive.

"They were stupid penalties that showed a lack of discipline. You just can't take those kinds of penalties."

The Outlaws were in control for most of the game behind a strong running attack. Luis Gonzalzes (Wareham) ran for 84 yards on 21 carries, and scored both of South Shore's touchdowns on the day. Brian Lewis (Plymouth) chipped in with 21 yards as part of the Outlaws' 148 rushing yards on the day, 32 coming on a fake punt run by Plymouth's Brian Rezendes.

Quarterback Matt Letourneau was solid behind center, completing 5-of-9 passes for 66 yards. John Carpenter (Plymouth) kicked a 35-yard field goal to round out the Outlaws' scoring.

Defensively, Rezendes and Joune Frasier (Kingston) recorded seven tackles apiece, while linebacker Hank Anderson (Duxbury) picked up six solo tackles and two sacks. The Outlaws' defense as a whole allowed just 11 rushing yards, and 154 total for the game.

It was all adding up to a solid win for South Shore, until the calamities hit in the final period.

"You're winning until the fourth quarter, and then you have those two mishaps and the game goes down the drain," Ron Rezendes said. "You can't help but play it over and over again in your head, it was so crazy."

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Staff photos by Robin Chan



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Adam Bissett, 18, of Hull helps "Greenthumb Gracie" Thompson take plants to her car for the Farmer's Market on a recent Thursday. Adam does his community service at Harborview where Thompson lives.

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Fun at Wompatuck this summer

Wompatuck State Park Department of Conservation and Recreation will hold the following summer programs. All programs are free and open to the public. An adult must accompany children. All programs meet at the Visitor Center on Union Street unless otherwise indicated. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Daily ongoing programs are held Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. For information or to register call 781-749-7160 or visit mass.gov/dcr.

AUGUST EVENTS

Glimpse of Our Past – For all ages. Meet at 1 p.m., Sunday, **Aug. 5**, to learn about Wompatuck's military history as an Ammunition Depot. Several Veterans who were stationed there will tell of their experiences at Wompatuck State Park in the 1940's. This is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity to learn about America's past.

Tracking – For all ages. Meets 1 p.m., Monday, **Aug. 6**, for a short hike in Wompatuck State Park to look for animal tracks. Afterwards, make a wax cast one of Wompatuck's animal prints.

Furniture Painting – For 8 and up. Bring an old end table or chair to Wompatuck at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, **Aug. 7**, and turn it into a work of art.

Family Bike Ride – For all ages. Join an interpreter at 6:15 p.m., Friday, **Aug. 3 and 10**, for a bike ride through Wompatuck State Park to learn how to find your way around the park. Be ready to find some nice spots and bring your helmet, water and insect repellent.

Live Animal Visit – For all ages. Blue Hills Trailside Museum will visit Wompatuck at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, **Aug. 11**, with animals that can be found around the area. Get up close and personal with some of Wompatuck's favorite furry and feathery friends.

Weekly Walk – For all ages. Enjoy a two-and-a-half to three-mile walk at 10 a.m., Saturdays, **Aug. 4 and 11**, that will explore some little-known trails in Wompatuck. A bit of history will be covered, as well as some plant identification along the way.

Fitness Run – For 12 and up. Join an interpreter at 1 p.m., Sundays, **Aug. 5 and 12**, for a three-mile jog through Wompatuck's beautiful hiking and biking trails. This is a great way to get in shape outdoors with a group of people. Meets at the Visitor Center.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Kids and Nature Exploration – Held from 10 to11:30 a.m., Mondays, **Aug. 6, 13, and 20**, this program is designed for children 7 to12 to explore the natural world of Wompatuck State Park. Each week, the walk will focus on a different theme and topic and will include activities such as ponding, birding, looking for bugs and other fun things. Cancelled in the event of rain.

Kaleidoscope Kids – Held from 10 to 11 a.m., Tuesdays, **Aug. 7, 14, and 21**, for preschool children 3 to 6 only, and a parent or caregiver. Join the park interpreter for some fun that is just for the little ones. Each week they will explore a fun topic by reading a story, exploring the world around us and completing a fun craft project. Each week there is a different theme. Held rain or shine.

Friday Family Campfire – Join the interpreter for a family fun campfire from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., **Aug. 3 and 17**. They will roast marshmallows, tell stories, play games and enjoy a crackling fire. Wear weather-appropriate clothing and bring something to sit on. Program will be cancelled in the event of rain. Meet in campground at site R75.

Friday Night Hike – Take a walk in the woods with the interpreter from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., **Aug. 10**. No flashlights allowed. Learn about how animals of the night use their senses to survive in the dark. Program will be cancelled in the event of rain.

Saturday Junior Rangers – Held from 1 to 2 p.m., **Aug. 4, 11, and 18**, this program is for children 8 to14. You will receive your official junior ranger activity guide, complete a fun activity with the park interpreter and be on your way to earning your junior ranger patch and certificate. Held rain or shine.

Looking for Prince Charming?

Auditions for "Cinderella," the Rodgers & Hammerstein fairy-tale musical, are set for 7 p.m., on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 6 and 7, at Sanborn Auditorium in Hingham Town Hall. Callbacks will be Tuesday, at 8 p.m. This is the last chance to be a part of Hingham Civic Music Theatre's cast for this show.

Needed as principals are six women and two men, with two featured men, along with a singing and dancing ensemble. Director for the show is Lisa Pratt, and musical director is Mark Bono, with choreography by Jo-Jo Fitchner.

To audition, just come to the auditorium at 210 Central St., prepared to sing 16 bars of a song that shows one's voice range. Those auditioning for speaking roles will be asked to read from a script.

Performance dates are Oct. 13, 19 and 20, at 7:30 p.m., and Oct. 14 and 21, at 2 p.m.

More information is available on the Web site at HCMT.org, by calling Pat Sherman at 781-837-1499, or emailing hcmtstagemomma@comcast.net.

Don't forget HCMT's other August activity, the Saturday, Aug. 18, sing-along of "The American Songbook Sampler." For this evening, also at Sanborn Auditorium at 7:30 p.m., a group of singers and piano, bass and drum accompaniment will lead the audience in singing the great music of the Gershwins, Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, Rodgers & Hart and Rodgers & Hammerstein, and many others. It's an idea that has been part of a popular monthly Los Angeles program for 15 years. The leader of that program, Judy Wolman, is coming to Hingham to try out the magic here. A narrator, Roy Harris of Hingham, will talk about the songwriters, music and what makes them great. Admission is a $15 suggested donation.

Seaside Road Race set for Sept. 1

Hull Academic Support Coalition will host its annual road race on Saturday, Sept. 1. The Nantasket Seaside Road Race is a scenic 4-mile run starting at Hull High School, going along Main Street in Hull Village, along the water overlooking Boston Harbor and Hull Bay, then turning up and over Allerton Hill, back along Allerton Harbor finishing back at Hull High School. This event attracts runners from all over the Boston and South Shore area.

Nantasket Seaside Road Race begins at 8 a.m. at Hull High School, 180 Main St. Participants may register online before Aug. 26 on the Town of Hull Web site, townofhull.ma.us, racersresource.com or coolrunning.com. The entry fee for this race is $15. Day of race registration opens at 6:30 a.m. at Hull High School and the fee is $20. T-shirts are given to all runners and walkers. An award ceremony will follow the race at the finish line at Hull High School.

All proceeds from this race will fund academic enrichment grants for the Hull Public Schools. Hull Academic Support Coalition is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to support and promote academics in the Hull Public Schools. HASC has provided more than $120,000 in grant money to support teacher-initiated academic enrichment projects through the grant program.

Participants may call race director Kristen Evans at 781-925-2720 for more information.

Exotic Animal Show

Exotic Animal Show at Our World (behind the library off Sohier Street) is Aug. 10, at 10:30 a.m. to noon. The show will include 13 different animals from around the world. Some of the animals will include a 5-foot long iguana, a leopard gecko, a large African millipede, a rare albino hedgehog and many more. At the end of the show every child will get to handle and feed the animals. A snack will be provided as well. Cost is $15 for members or $20 non-members. Space is limited, so call 781-383-3198 to reserve a spot.

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Nancy M. Williams

Nancy M. (McCarron) Williams, 58, of Scituate, died at her home after a brief illness July 30, 2007, surrounded by her family and friends.

Born in Canton, she was the daughter of the late Margaret C. Grogan and Joseph C. McCarron. Mrs. Williams graduated from Scituate High School in 1966, attended Marquette University in Wisconsin and earned a degree in education from Emmanuel College in 1970. She went on to attend Lesley University where she received her master's degree in business management.

At the time of her death, Mrs. Williams was general manager of MIS, Broadridge Financial Solutions in Hingham. Prior to her time at MIS, she worked for New England Life and Putnam Investments. She was also a cantor at St. Mary of the Nativity RCC and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini RCC, both in Scituate.

Mrs. Williams was a woman of varied talents. She enjoyed golf with her many friends at Scituate County Club and was an accomplished musician. She not only sang at St. Mary's, but also played the organ and guitar, filling her home with music. She never missed an opportunity to attend her children's hockey events across North America. Family and friends will especially remember her faithfulness and generosity of spirit.

She leaves her husband of 31 years, Russell E. Williams; her children, Kevin J. Williams and Joanne M. Williams, both of Scituate; her brothers, Joseph C. McCarron Jr. of Virginia, Thomas G. McCarron of Georgia and Steven J. McCarron of Massachusetts; her sisters, Margaret M. Kenny-Muehlberger of Florida, Joanne Charles of England and Beth Overton of Pennsylvania; her stepmother, Margaret O'Brien of Scituate; her stepsisters, Peg O'Brien of Scituate, Ruth O'Brien of Virginia and Kate O'Brien Watkins of Delaware; her stepbrother, Fred O'Brien of Rhode Island; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m., on Friday, Aug. 3, at St. Mary of the Nativity Church, Scituate Harbor. McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset, handled the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of the South Shore, P.O. Box 859060, Braintree, MA 02185-9060 or Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 10 Brookline Place West, Sixth Floor, Brookline, MA 02445.

Frank Wunschel

U.S. Navy WWII Veteran

Frank Wunschel, 80, of Scituate, died June 18, 2007, at the Tippitt Home Hospice in Needham after a short illness.

Born and raised in New Bedford, he was a veteran of World War II. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy for four years on the Destroyer Escorts, the U.S.S Bull and the U.S.S Conklin. A graduate of Boston University, he devoted his years as an English teacher and school administrator within the Cohasset Junior and Senior High School system.

Husband of the late Patricia Wunschel, they enjoyed traveling throughout Europe and the Americas. He was an active supporter of the Scituate Animal Shelter, Scituate Town Library, Etrusco Associates and the Scituate Historical Society. A lifelong Red Sox fan, he watched the game held June 17 with great enthusiasm.

A military service was conducted June 25 at the Bourne National Cemetery in Bourne.

Arrangements were made by Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home in Scituate.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

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All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

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Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

If you are summering in Cohasset, you are very welcome to join us in worship.

If you are a resident of Cohasset or any nearby towns and you are looking for a church, please feel free to stop by this summer and learn about our programs and services for adults, youth and children.

Our summer services are Sunday at 8 am and 9:30 am and Wednesday 9:30 Eucharist with healing service.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood. Appointments to speak to the staff can be made by calling or emailing. Office hours are daily from 8:30 am until 2 pm, noon on Friday.

Bible studies continue throughout the summer on Saturday morning at 7:00 am. Christian meditation continues every Monday at 4 pm at church.

The following Sundays have a family service at 9:30 with shorter readings and family friendly sermons built around a special theme:

August 5th: *Treasure Island Sunday* (How are we rich toward God)

August 19th: *Stormy Sunday* (How do we interpret the current times)

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

On Friday nights, there will be light refreshments at 6 p.m. and Services will be start at 6:30 in the David C. Carr Sukat Shalom (weather permitting) at the side of the building.

There will be no Saturday morning services in July.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

Judy Ogden to play Cohasset bells

The seventh Summer Series Recital on the 57-bell Cohasset Carillon in the tower of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Cohasset will be presented Sunday evening, August 5th by Judy Ogden, carillonneur at Burton Tower, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. She will play a varied program of compositions for carillon by Johan Wagenaar, Matthias Van den Gheyn and Ronald Barnes, transcriptions and arrangements of music by G. F. Handel, George M. Cohan and Jean-Joseph Mouret, and a group of familiar tunes.

The hour-long recital begins at 6 p.m. and is free of charge. It will take place regardless of weather conditions. In case of rain, the bells may be heard from your parked cars. Printed programs, schedules and brochures will be distributed on the Cohasset Common, and will also be available in a stand by the courtyard of St. Stephen's Church on Highland Avenue extension. Listeners are invited to bring chairs, blankets, and picnics to the common or the church courtyard. Following the program, the tower will be open to visitors for a demonstration by the carillonneur and a look at the bells.

Further information may be obtained by calling St. Stephen's Church at 781-383-1083, the Church Carillonneur, Sally Slade Warner at 978-475-2599, or the Assistant Carillonneur, Mary Kennedy at 781-383-9599.

Learn to Row Outing and Peddocks Island Exploration

Come to the Windmill Point Boathouse at Hull Gut to venture offshore in pilot gigs, learn some rowing techniques and explore the wilds of Peddocks Island.

The 11th annual Learn to Row Outing and Peddocks Island Exploration, sponsored by Hull Lifesaving Museum, will take place Friday, Aug. 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Windmill Point Boathouse, 185 Main St., Hull. Fee is $15 members, $20 for non-members.

Come to the Windmill Point Boathouse at Hull Gut to venture offshore in pilot gigs, learn some rowing techniques and explore the wilds of Peddocks Island. The staff and coaches of Hull Lifesaving Museum provide the boat training and lunch, and participants bring appropriate footwear, hat, sunscreen, binoculars and personal gear. There will be time to wander the island, swim, paint, and bird or laze in the sunshine. The museum provides a picnic, but attendees are asked to bring their own drinks.

Reservations are a must. For more information, call 781-925-5433 or email lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net.

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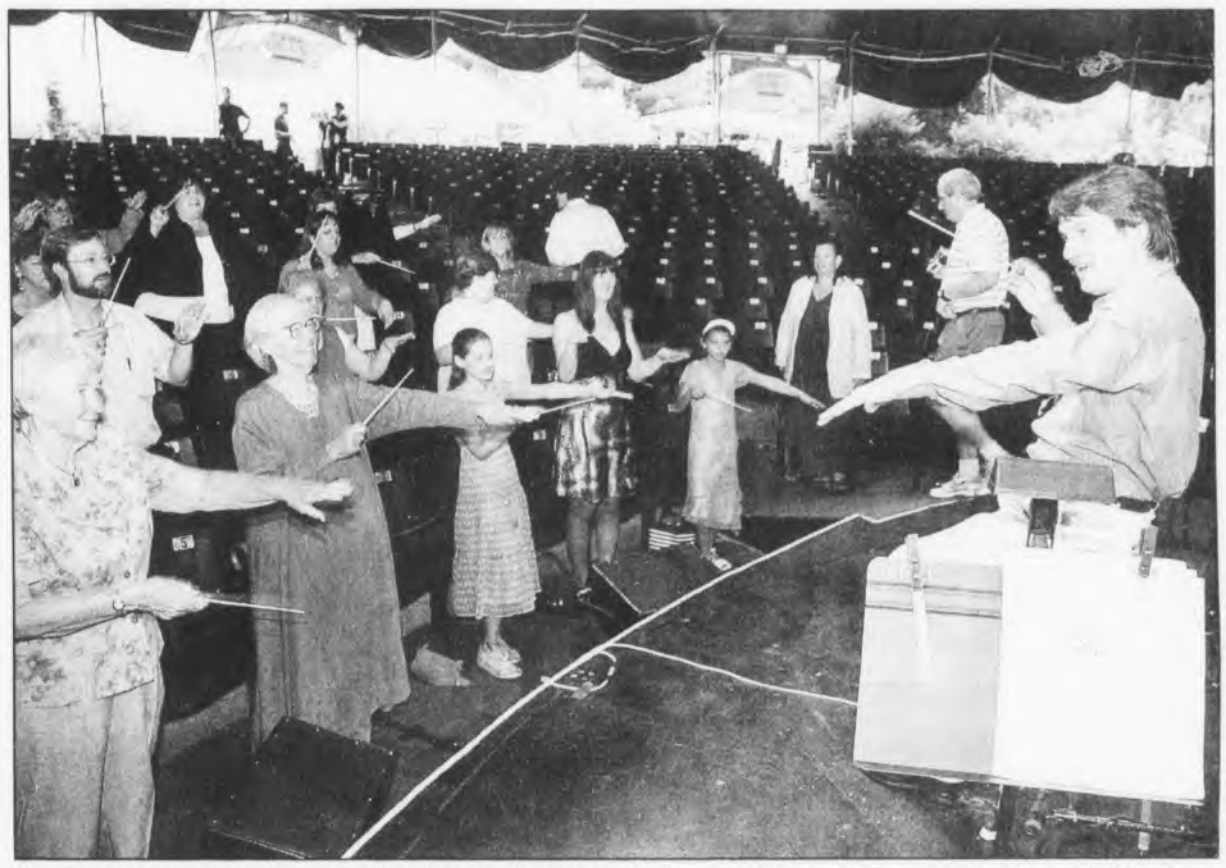
Oscar, Tony and Keith



Keith Lockhart conducts the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra at the South Shore Music Circus. The annual event supports the South Shore Arts Center.



Broadway star Marin Mazzie sings "As If We Ever Said Goodbye" from Sunset Boulevard.



Wannabe-conductors get a lesson from Keith Lockhart before Saturday's concert. The students won a contest through WBZ radio.

Concert and after-party get rave reviews



Kelley Verrochi, post-concert party chair, chats with Keith Lockhart at the Art Center on Saturday night.



Priscilla Seddon of Hingham is all smiles as she takes the learn-to-conduct class with Keith Lockhart. Seddon was one of 24 who won a WBZ radio contest.

For more photos visit: www.cohassetmariner.com



Keith Lockhart, Kerry Verrochi, and Frank Neer hold a mini auction for Boston Pops tickets. Lockhart described the annual concert as "art supporting the arts."



Keith Lockhart conducts the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, which played Broadway favorites and Oscar-winning movie theme songs.



Mark Ellis of the Chefs Table slices up the roast beef for guests at the after-concert party at the South Shore Arts Center.



Duxbury resident Jean Blessington is pleased to meet Boston Pops Conductor Keith Lockhart at the after-party at the art center. Earlier she had watched Keith in action at the Music Circus.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

TUESDAY, JULY 10

6:35 p.m. **Border St.**, bridge jumpers, caller reports the kids jumping off the bridge are climbing her dock and into her yard, when she asked them to leave she states they were swearing at her.

9:03 p.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, suspicious vehicle.

9:07 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

9:12 p.m. **Hull St., and Grace Drive**, parking enforcement.

9:14 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:36 p.m. **Linden Drive**, suspicious activity, caller from the above address reports a car full of kids acting strange and yelling. He also states the kids were jumping on the car and driving around. He states they were yelling to another vehicle to meet them at the beach.

10:07 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, noise complaint, caller reports there were two motorcycles that drove by his house, he states they were fast and loud. He also states 5 minutes after that they drove by again.

10:33 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, loitering.

10:41 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:50 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, building checks.

11:20 p.m. **Elm St., and Brook St.**, suspicious person, officer out with the above listed party. OIC to this parties residence to speak with parents.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

1:30 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks secure.

5:01 a.m. **HQ.**, bolo announcement, bolo from Weymouth: "Approximately 4:30 a.m. a 1986 Chevy S10 Blazer, red, was taken by force from 7-Eleven in Jackson Square, no direction of travel given. Suspect is a white male, 20's with a black shirt, some type of landscape emblem, black baggy pants. No weapon shown. "Please stop and hold for Weymouth PD."

6:04 a.m. **Rockland House Rd.**, assist other police department, rollover 911 call.

9:37 a.m. **Sohier St., and North Main St.**, medical aid, caller reports a girl has fallen off her bike and is possibly injured. R3 is treating one injured patient at the scene and is waiting for a parent to arrive.

9:54 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:05 a.m. **School Buildings**, officer reports school buildings check ok all secure.

11:36 a.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, missing child, caller reports he is an instructor from the Sailing Club and they had a student walk away. Caller states the student appeared to be upset when he showed up for class late today. He is a 14-year-old wearing a red shirt, black shorts, black hair and glasses. Cohasset Harbor Master notified. Sgt. reports he has the missing juvenile, they are returning to the Sailing Club.

1:32 p.m. **Border St., and Summer St.**, motor vehicle stop.

4:39 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/hit and run, caller reports she was backing out of a parking space and someone hit her and took off.

6:07 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance, bridge jumpers.

6:48 p.m. **Summer St.**, assist boater, caller from the above address stated he had an altercation while he was on his boat today out in the water. He's not sure what he'd like to do. He was referred to the Coast Guard and the Harbormaster.

7:43 p.m. **Smith Pl.**, traffic complaint, caller reports a silver Porche was speeding down the street. The vehicle sped to the end turned around and headed back speeding.

7:47 p.m. **Linden Drive**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

8:42 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, officer wanted, caller reports someone left a message on her answering machine that she'd like to speak with an officer about.

8:57 p.m. **Turkey Hill Lane**, building checks.

9:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person, caller reports right on the Cohasset Scituate line in the Northbound lane is a young girl thumbing and there is a bag on the ground next to her.

9:12 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, suspicious activity, caller reports he heard what sounded like gunshots or fireworks behind the above location.

10:29 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:33 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:33 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

THURSDAY, JULY 12

2 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

2 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

4:43 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, disturbance, caller reports she hears a bulldozer moving rocks across the pond from her house in Hull. Hull PD advised that there is a bulldozer moving rocks down at the beach for the town.

6:06 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

9:37 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious activity, walk-in subject reporting a strange phone call that occurred this date. Caller spoke with foreign voice, wanted to know if walk-in party's house was for sale. Walk-in party wanted to make officers aware of this.

10:34 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:15 p.m. **Pond St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

1:40 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint, caller advised there is a blue vehicle parked blocking other vehicles. Made contact with owner of vehicle, he is going to move it.

1:46 p.m. **Brook St., and South Main St.**, medical aid, detail officer requests R3 for a female that fell.

1:51 p.m. **King St.**, hazard, officer advised nothing found.

2:21 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer advised above address appears secure.

2:22 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, officer advised above address appears secure.

2:54 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

3:19 p.m. **Red Fox Lane**, animal complaint, caller states her dog chased a coyote into the woods and her dog is now stuck in a thorn bush. ACO contacted and is responding. Caller reports the dog is out of the bush at this time.

4:28 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance, bridge jumpers, officer reports he removed a group from the bridge.

4:36 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

6:11 p.m. **King St., and Sohier St.**, erratic motor vehicle operation, several callers say erratic driver crossing into Hingham. Transferred to Hingham PD.

6:28 p.m. **Linden Drive**, officer wanted, officer wanted concerning some vandalism to his property. Particularly his bushes. Extra patrols of area requested at night.

7:33 p.m. **Border St.**, suspicious activity, officers heard a loud noise at this location, B1, B2, 884 checked out home. People were playing baseball inside the house.

8:13 p.m. **Wheelwright Park**, suspicious activity, B1, B2 out two teens with beer at this location. Mother of one of the parties contacted. Mother taking parties involved home. Officer to summon (2) 19-year-olds for possessing liquor. Vehicle will stay at location locked up.

8:34 p.m. **Border St.**, parking complaint, complaints of people blocking the ramp.

9:07 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, disturbance, call is complaining of construction going on. No construction going on.

9:13 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

9:19 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.** building checks.

9:32 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking complaint, caller complains of cars parking on both sides. No traffic hazard, one car tagged.

FRIDAY, JULY 13

12:30 a.m. **South Main St.**, disturbance, owner of Tedeschi has approached officer and stated that someone threw a rock at the store window. Area search negative. Officer transporting 1 juvenile home. There is blood on the window and the suspect has a cut on his hand.

12:59 a.m. **Margin St.**, transport 1 citizen home.

1:17 a.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller requests ambulance for 17-year-old with side pain.

1:28 a.m. **High School and Pond St.** building checks.

1:33 a.m. **Wheelwright Park Rd.**, building checks.

1:33 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

3:04 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, 94-year-old SOB.

8:55 a.m. **South Main St.**, larceny, caller advised her purse was taken from vehicle last night. Several items were taken.

9:15 a.m. **South Main St.**, vandalism report, walk-in party reports two signs in her yard were destroyed last night. One was a Farmers Market sign that was smashed and the other was a For Rent sign, the post was broken off. Walk in party did not want to speak with an officer, she would just like this logged.

9:58 a.m. **Summer St.**, property (recovered), walk-in party reports there is a purse in the parking lot of above address. Officer recovered items from purse.

10:31 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, suspicious activity.

11:40 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, animal complaint, caller stated there is an injured dog in her front yard. Left message for ACO.

11:48 a.m. **Elm St.**, suspicious activity, walk-in party reports contractor that she hired to fix lawnmower went into her basement to get lawnmower without permission.

1:45 p.m. **A St., Hull**, medical aid.

1:59 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance, bridge jumpers, group removed from the bridge.

3 p.m. **First Parish Rd., Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

4:02 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle crash/injuries, transported SSH/BLS, caller reports motor vehicle accident in front of Cohasset Hardware. 3A Towing on scene.

4:21 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, patient sign off.

4:41 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance, bridge jumpers, bridge cleared of about 25.

6:47 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance, bridge jumpers, remove kids from bridge.

7:20 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motorcycle, verbal warning. Caller reports that there are about 5-6 motorcycles operating erratically. Verbal warning.

7:59 p.m. **Sohier St.**, public drinking, drinking in parking lots of Music Circus.

8:21 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, parking complaint, caller reports people are parking on the lawn and blocking access to the library. Bike units tagging several cars that are blocking sidewalks, fire lanes and emergency access. Sgt. requests fire OIC to respond and view this parking situation. Vehicles are overflow from Music Circus lots. Fire OIC will speak with Fire Prevention Captain and advise of problem.

8:34 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, public service. Hull PD advised that the cones on Forest Ave have been thrown to the side, which make the road very dangerous. Cones have been replaced.

9:35 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking violation, B1 and B2 report motor vehicle blocking the hydrant in front of Red Lion Inn – request Sgt. to view and authorize a tow. Sgt. requests that dispatch attempt to call registered owner of motor vehicle before they tow it.

9:36 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:45 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

10:38 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:53 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, beach closed. 1 car locked in.

SATURDAY, JULY 14

12:02 a.m. **Black Horse Lane**, disturbance-neighborhood, caller reports a large party going on at this location and being very loud. Detail officer on location to handle to response needed. Note: Caller is also very intoxicated.

12:13 a.m. **Black Horse Lane**, noise complaint, received another complaint from the same location for the noise level of the party. Detail officer notified per Sgt. Note: Caller is very intoxicated Sgt. has spoken to her and advised to stop calling HQ.

12:57 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, officer reports Swim Center checks ok all secure.

12:58 a.m. **Wheelwright Park**, building checks, officer reports property checks ok.

1:21 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious vehicle, officer reports a vehicle parked off the side of the road, nobody around. Note: Owner has long criminal history.

1:29 a.m. **School Buildings**, officer reports buildings check ok all secure.

3:18 a.m. **Border St.**, assist citizen, 911 caller reports her friend is staying in Wompatuck State Park in Hingham and he needs an ambulance. Hingham PD notified via radio.

8:26 a.m. Weather: Sunny. Temp: 76.4.

9:30 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

10 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

11:21 a.m. **Ash St.**, suspicious activity, 911 caller reports a young female at the top of the hill screaming for help screaming "please don't hurt me". Officer advised child having temper tantrum – everything is fine at location.

12:37 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, officer advised out with vehicle.

4:09 p.m. **Egypt Beach, Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

5:57 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:36 p.m. **Ledgewood Farms Drive**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

6:56 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:15 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:17 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports truck parked at end of driveway and he told them to leave.

SUNDAY, JULY 15

12:48 a.m. **Deerhill and Sohier St.**, open door/window, officer advised out at basketball court with open door.

12:57 a.m. **Border St.**, fireworks, caller reports several fireworks going of in the area of above address.

1:05 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

2:05 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, noise complaint, caller reports lots of kids making noise at the North end of the beach. Officer advised out with 2 kids.

10:07 a.m. **Point Allerton Ave., Hull**, medical aid, Hull requests R3 for a female that was choking. R3 cancelled by Hull Fire.

10:14 a.m. **Pleasant St., and Depot Ct.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:40 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement, traffic citation/warning.

10:56 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:52 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, employee reports a drive off of gas. $72.00. Party has been reached and will be going back to this location.

12:15 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, walk-in medical, E3 reports R3 will be transporting a pregnant female.

12:44 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking enforcement.

2:52 p.m. **Ripley Rd., and North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:17 p.m. **Depot Ct., and South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:21 p.m. **Lower King St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports a branch fell on some wires off a pole and the transformer blew up. E3 reports National Grid will need to be called and they will need a tree company. Lower King Street is shutdown.

3:25 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance, bridge jumpers, Harbormaster reports there is a group of kids on the bridge.

3:58 p.m. **King St., and Pond St.**, downed tree, 911 cell caller reports a large tree down across the road. Officer reports traffic can get by.

4:21 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking enforcement.

4:35 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance, bridge jumpers.

5:04 p.m. **Elm St.**, caller reports a small brush fire under the porch.

5:20 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a black Trans Am all over 3A stopping the middle of 3A an spinning his tires. Sgt. out with vehicle on Sohier Street.

7:48 p.m. **Gannett Rd., Scituate**, medical aid, Scituate Fire requesting R3 for a party with a knee injury from a past motor vehicle accident. Units clear patient refusal.

8:57 p.m. **Hull St., and Grace Drive**, parking enforcement.

9:42 p.m. **Beach St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports he is on the other line with his mother and she is alone. She believes someone is trying to open her back door. Units report there is an open door in the back of the house. Units have checked inside home, all is secure, resident is satisfied.

MONDAY, JULY 16

12:08 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, suspicious vehicle; officer reports vehicle parked at above location.

12:32 a.m. **High School/Pond St.**, building checks.

12:33 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.**, building checks.

5:03 a.m. medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

6:10 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle crash/injuries.

6:54 a.m. **Spring St.**, animal complaint; caller reports sick raccoon in her front yard.

8:21 a.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in medical to Fire Headquarters for a blood sugar check.

9:08 a.m. **High School/Pond St.**, building checks.

9:58 a.m. **Beechwood and So. Main streets**, erratic motor vehicle operation. Detail officer reports three motorists have stopped at his location to complain about a blue BFI garbage truck traveling at a high rate of speed and would like him spoken to. Driver has been spoken to.

10:59 a.m. **Margin Ct.**, parking complaint. Caller reports a large moving truck parked in the middle of the road and would like it moved.

11:41 a.m. **Oak St.**, suspicious activity. Caller reports someone was out in her back yard taking measurements of her pool.

12:25 p.m. **Jerusalem and Howe roads**, notification. Speed board is posted at Jerusalem Road and Howe Road.

2:01 p.m. **Hull St.**, traffic enforcement.

2:15 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking enforcement.

2:42 p.m. **Schools**, building checks. Officer reports buildings check OK – all secure.

2:45 p.m. **Ledgewood Farms Dr.**, vandalism report. Caller reports her daughter is a lifeguard at the town pool and just came home with her mother's vehicle and the mirror on the passenger side of the vehicle is smashed; appears someone may have done it on purpose.

2:58 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

5:40 p.m. **Sohier and King streets**, well being check. Call from the Fire Chief, he states at this location there looks like people exchanging papers from an accident. He states someone may have been rear-ended.

6:52 p.m. **Smith Pl.** Caller reports she is receiving annoying phone calls.

7:42 p.m. **Beach St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury. Officer reports he has come upon what looks like a motor vehicle accident.

8:44 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, animal complaint. Manager at this location reports they found an injured baby bird inside the store and don't know what to do with it.

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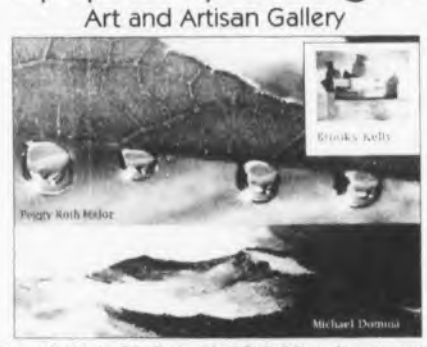
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What's happening on the South Shore

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The North River Arts Society presents My Perspective: Space, Light and Shapes, an exhibit of original works by Vcevold Strekalovsky from July 28 - Sept. 27. at the Dolphin Gallery located at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. Opening reception Aug. 6, 7 to 9 p.m. Open Monday through Thursday from. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Call the library to confirm current hours: 781-741-1405. For information, contact the NRAS Office at 781-837-8091.

Calendar of events

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at townonline.com — click on your town — then click the entertainment tab.

Thursday, Aug. 2

Summer Concerts and Movies - Ralph Talbot Amphitheatre next to Weymouth Town Hall. 6:30 p.m. Aug. 2, **Toe Jam.** Aug. 9, at 8 p.m. **Happy Feet**. Aug. 16, 8 p.m. **Barnyard.** Aug. 23, 8 p.m. **Over The Hedge Edge.**

The South Shore Conservatory's Duxbury Music Festival Aug.2, South Shore Conservatory welcomes you to the chamber music competition at the Ellison Center for the Arts. Experience the energy the competing with the thrill of excellence and the hope of youth, as the Duxbury Music Festival students compete for scholarship prizes and performance opportunities. For detailed schedule, visit duxburymusicfestival.org or call 781.934.2731, ext. 10.

Sandhillettes 58th Birthday Party, Barker Tavern, Aug. 2, cocktails at 6:30 p.m. Dinner at 7:30 p.m. **Millie Farrell's Production of Rompin-N-Stompin**. Tickets $38 per person by calling Ann Diamond at 781-545-4483 or Maryellen Harrington at 781-378-8294.

Mark your calendar

PERSEID SHOWERS AND FAMILY CAMPOUT PROGRAM Spend an evening at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell Aug. 11, from 8 to 9:30 p.m. to learn about this amazing phenomenon. Use telescopes to scan the night sky for the moon, stars and planets. Overnighters will be treated to evening snacks and stories around the campfire, and breakfast followed by a hike in the morning. Tent set-up is from 7 to 8 p.m. Saturday. Go early and take a picnic supper if you like. Pre-registration and prepayment required by contacting the Science Center during business hours at 781-659-2559 with a credit card.

PROFESSIONAL BEACH VOLLEYBALL RETURNS as some of game's greatest stars face-off at WaterWorks Quincy. Aug. 16-19. AVP Pro Beach Volleyball CrocsTour. More than 150 of the top professional beach volleyball athletes in the world, including the women's world No. 1-ranked team of Olympic Gold medalists **Kerri Walsh** and **Misty May-Treanor** face-off in a battle royale at the AVP Bob's Stores Boston Open. Tickets range from $20 for general admission to $75 for courtside seating and are available now at avp.com



EIGHTH ANNUAL ANTIQUE SHOW AND SALE The Chiltonville Congregational Church, 6 River St., Plymouth presents its annual antique show and sale featuring 30 antique dealers on the meetinghouse grounds Aug. 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine. Admission $4.50. For information call Donna Olsson at 508-746-1677.

NANTASKET SEASIDE ROAD RACE takes place Saturday, Sept. 1, Entry Fee: $15. Pre-Registration (before Aug. 26) $20 Day of Race Registration (Registration opens at 6:30 a.m.) Scenic 4-mile seaside run. Participants may register online at town.hull.ma.us: (Click on Nantasket Seaside Road race under News and Announcements on right hand column on home page) racersresource.com coolrunning.com Any questions, contact Race Director: Kristen Evans at 781-925-2720.

FOURTH ANNUAL RUNNING OF JOHN'S RACE, Sept. 9, 10 a.m. Pope's Tavern: South and Plymouth Sts. (Rt. 106), Halifax, 5-Kilometer (3.1 miles) run/walk and 10-Kilometer (6.2 miles) run. Visit johnsrace.com or coolrunning.com for registration forms or pay on-line

AN EVENING OF JAZZ, RHYTHM & BLUES fundraising event Sept. 22. Music by the Bellevue Cadillac. Silent and live auction, hors d' oeuvre's and buffet dinner prepared by The Catered Affair. Cash bar and dancing. Event held at the Hingham Armory. Tickets are $75 per person. All proceeds to benefit a Habitat home in Hingham. For advance ticket sales, auction donations, to be a program sponsor or volunteer to help. Contact nldevine@gmail.com

SOUTH SHORE MEMORY WALK on Sunday, Sept. 23, at Plymouth Plantation in Plymouth. Form a team or walk as an individual. Money raised by Memory Walk helps provide care and support for individuals and families touched by Alzheimer's. For information call John Scott at 508-747-2868 x298 or e-mail jscott@radiusmanagement.com or visit memorywalkma.org.



Musicians from the South Shore Swing Shift and vocalist Katie Ford, bring back the big band era Aug. 3, to the Canoe Club in West Bridgewater.

Swingin' the night away

Swing Shift plays Canoe Club

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESONDENT

"What we're doing is really a throwback to the classic 1940s supper clubs, which were all about great entertainment and a great meal in an elegant setting. We want to capture that feeling again and give people the time of their lives."
QDT founder and producing director George Stevens

The Canoe Club will once again play host to the big band sounds of the 1930s and 40s — and the swing dancing they inspire —when the Quincy Dinner Theater presents "A Midsummer Night's Swing" at the legendary West Bridgewater ballroom on Aug. 3.

"People have been asking me for years to put on a big band dance show," explained QDT Founder and Producing Director George S. Stevens last week by telephone from his Braintree office. "I've got a great 16-piece swing band called 'South Shore Swing Shift,' led by Mark DiRosa of Scituate, and they've mastered all the original arrangements done for Glenn Miller, Artie Shaw, Tommy Dorsey and Xavier Cugat."

Stevens has a big night planned, which will include a four-course dinner and almost as many entertainment options. Friday evening will open at 6 p.m. with a small jazz combo playing for dancing and listening, with dinner to follow at 7 p.m. After dinner, the big band show will begin. The evening will conclude with a dance contest.

"Television shows like 'Dancing with the Stars' and others are so popular right now that we decided to have a little competition of our very own in which everyone will be welcome to participate either by dancing or just casting their votes. At the end of the evening, we will crown the 2007 Swing Dance Champions of the South Shore."

Big Bands weren't only about saxophones, trumpets, trombones and rhythm sections — they were also famous for the smooth song stylings of people like Frank Sinatra, Peggy Lee, and Doris Day, a fact not lost on Stevens.

"Not only do we have great musicians, but we've also got two sensational singers. Katie Ford, who sang so beautifully in our 2006 Holiday show, will be our female vocalist. We're also delighted to be able to again present Russ Peterson. Russ, who is originally from Taunton, just completed a stint with 'Legends in Concert' in Las Vegas. Local audiences will remember him from the wonderful Engelbert Humperdinck show he did for us a few years back. Russ has a terrific voice and is a wonderful entertainer. He's planning to do some great Sinatra songs. What we're doing is really a throwback to the classic 1940s supper clubs which were all about great entertainment and a great meal in an elegant setting. We want to capture that feeling again and give people the time of their lives."

(The Quincy Dinner Theatre will present "A Midsummer Night's Swing" at the Canoe Club Ballroom, 2 South St., West Bridgewater, on Aug 3. For tickets and information, call 781-843-5862 or go online at quincydinnertheatre.com.)

Buttonwood Books & Toys welcomes novelist **Valerie Block** on Aug. 2, at 7 p.m. at Buttonwood, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. Block will be discussing her book, **Don't Make A Scene**, her clever and funny novel about life, love and the movies This is a free event and refreshments will be served. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a signed copy, call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

Network4Success Business to Business Networking Group meets the First Thursday of the month at the Plympton Library from 5 to 6 p.m. and the third Thursday of the month at the Halifax Country Club from noon to 1:30 p.m.

The Plymouth Farmers' Market, held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. Aug. 2 **easy listening with Ray Papile.** For information, contact Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.

L. Knife & Son will cosponsor the **Summer Concert Series** for the 2007 season, with the Town of Plymouth Promotions Fund, the Plymouth Cultural Council and the Music Performance Funds. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m., at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following Tuesday, Aug. 2 **Don Besegai'sBig Band.**

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

CALENDAR, see next page



Pembroke Arts Festival Schedule of Events

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Master of Ceremonies: Tom Chew

Friday, Aug. 3

8 to 10 p.m. Gala Preview of Pembroke Arts Festival featuring music by Trio Con Brio

Saturday, Aug. 4

Under the Tent
9:45 a.m. Opening ceremony with The Imperials Drum and Bugle Corp
10 a.m. to4 p.m. Juried Art & Photography/Invitational Crafts/ Children's Art
10 a.m. to noon Artist-in-Action - Bob Burgess – watercolor.
10 a.m.-noon Artist-in-Action - Christopher Zacher - scholarship winner
1 to 3 p.m. Artist-in-Action - Gayle Loik - pastels
1 to 4 p.m. Children's Activities
Outdoor Entertainment
9:45 a.m. Opening ceremony with The Imperials Drum and Bugle Corp
12 noon Center Stage Dance
1 p.m. Jackaroo Day - Father Daughter singing duo
2 p.m. Pembroke School of Performing Arts
3 p.m. Tom Shea - Celtic guitar
4 p.m. Three Tall Pines - Bluegrass trio
5 p.m. A Dancer's World
6 p.m. BREAK
7 p.m. CONCERT
The Singing Trooper - Dan Clark and his wife Mary Colarusso

Sunday, Aug. 5

Under the Tent
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Juried Art & Photography/Invitational Crafts/ Children's Art
10 a.m. to noon Artist-in-Action - Heather Kundzicz - spinning
10 a.m. to noon Artist-in-Action - Christopher Zacher - scholarship winner
1 to 3 p.m. Artist-in-Action - Diane Panarelli Miller - oil painting
1 to 3:30 p.m. Children's Activities
3:50 p.m. Art & Photo Raffle Drawings, Popular Prize Awards
4 p.m. Festival Closes - Artists pick up work
Outdoor Entertainment
Noon Centre Stage dance
1 p.m. The Disciples - First Church Youth Jazz Band
2 p.m. Pembroke School of Performing Arts
3 p.m. Red White & Blues original rock & roll

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Pembroke Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural council, a state agency.

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Jeff Meisler



Shane Mauss

Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant, Braintree 5 Comers, Braintree. Aug. 10, 9 p.m. Comedy Night featuring Shane Mauss, other comics include Annette Pollack, Jason Margaca, Jeff Meisler, Nikki Flynn, Chris Chandler. Hosted by Tammy Pooler. Advance reservations requested. 781-848-0300. jimbos steakandfin.com or myspace.com/annettepollack

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The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue** Blues Jam featuring **Driving Blind** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 2. **Radio For the Blind** 781-829-6999.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke **Texas Hold Em** every Thursday night at 6:45 and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Aug. 2, **Shay's Rebellion**, indie rock. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Friday, Aug. 3

The South Shore Conservatory's Duxbury Music Festival Aug. 3, the winners concert will feature full performances by the Winners of the competition as well as a performance of Saint-Saens' Carnival of Animals.The evening will feature students, faculty and invited guests at their best.Tickets at duxburymusicfestival.org or at the Ellison Center. For detailed schedule, visit duxburymusicfestival.org or call 781.934.2731, ext. 10.

Pembroke Arts Festival, Pembroke Center Gala preview and awards presentation 8 to 10 p.m. Aug. 3. Under the Tent and outdoor entertainment Aug. 4 and 5 beginning at 9:45 a.m. Visit pembrokeartsfestival.org for complete schedule.

The Mistakes Madeline Made by Elizabeth Meriwether on Aug. 3, at the Hingham Town Hall, 210 Central St., Hingham. This one-night only event begins at 8 p.m. and includes an admission fee of $5. The Caffeinated Company includes Austin Breslow of Cohasset, Nicole Campbell of Weymouth, Debra Greene of Hull, Greg Josselyn of Hanover, Nick Montagna of Plymouth, Megan Phelps of Carver, and Justin Selig of Hull. For information, visit caffeinatedcompany.com

Storyteller Andrea Lovett presents **Folkatales From the Forest.** Island Grove Park, Lake and Park St., Abington Aug. 3, 10 a.m. 781-871-5892.

Edaville USA, Rt. 58, Carver. **Jay Jay The Jet Plane** July 28-30 and Aug. 3 through 5, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. edaville.com Shows will be performed throughout the day. Admission is $16 for anyone ages 2 and over. Admission includes unlimited access to all rides and attractions including the live stage show and a two-mile train ride through the cranberry plantation. Free parking. Visit Edaville.com or call 877-edaville.

Duxbury artist Bettina M. Lesieur will host her **Fourth Annual Summer Art Exhibition** at her gallery, located at 301 Saint George St., in Duxbury. The exhibition is open to the public. All are welcome to **meet the artist Bettina M. Lesieur on Friday, Aug. 3, at an opening gala reception from 6 to 10 p.m.** Local songwriter and musician Molly Jewel will provide the musical backdrop for the evening's festivities. The exhibit will continue on Aug. 4 and 5, and Aug.10, 11 and 12 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Lesieur Gallery is also open by appointment. For information on the artist's work or this exhibition, contact the gallery at 781-934-5103 or visit bettinalesieur.com. The gallery is not handicap accessible at this time.

New England Singles Dances – ages 40 and over. Aug. 3, from 8 p.m. to midnight VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington. Light buffet. **DJ Paul DiPanfilo** Admisstion $8. Visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance, Aug. 3, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St, Rockland. DJ dance music from 8:30 p.m. to midnight Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes and Match Game prizes Free dance lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is $10 before 9 p.m. Proper business-casual dress; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable. August is "island" month; flowered shirts welcomed. Se-4u.com 781-446-0234.

Dante's @ Fireflys, 516 Adams St., Quincy. Aug. 3, **The Mighty HouseRockers,** 617-471-0011, 9 p.m. $5 fireflysbq.com

Mount Blue, 707 Main St., Norwell. Aug. 3, 9 p.m. to midnight **Jah Spirit**

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 3 **Six foot Sunday** 781-829-6999.

Monponsett Inn, 550 Monponsett Street, Halifax Aug. 3, **Dick Mandell** 7:30 p.m. 781-293-2116.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Aug. 3, **VMF Band** Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Saturday, Aug. 4

Join Mass Audubon educator, John Galluzzo, at 9 a.m., Aug. 4, for a geology lesson on the run as he seeks the biggest freestanding rocks around: the glacial erratic boulders of the South Shore. "Wicked Big Rock Walk" will depart from Mass Audubon's North River Wildlife Sanctuary and the fee is $12 for Mass Audubon members and $15 for nonmembers. Pre-registration is required. Attendees are reminded to dress appropriately for the weather. For directions to the North River Wildlife Sanctuary or for information, contact John Galluzzo at 781-837-9400.

The Company Theatre in Norwell, presents its summer musical, **Miss Saigon**, through Sunday, Aug. 19. Tickets priced at $30-$32 are on sale at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companytheatre.com

Natural Body Works, 161 Summer St,. Kingston **Grand Re-opening event** Aug. 4, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. E-mail: naturalbodyworks@aol.com Relax with a **complimentary mini-treatment**. Call now to book your treatment time. chair massage, sports massage, reflexology, energy "Tune-up," Angel Reading. 781-585-5130.

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Pembroke Arts Festival, Pembroke Town Green. Aug. 4 and 5. Visit pembrokeartsfestival.org for a complete schedule of events.

Scituate's Heritage Days 2007, Scituate Harbor, Aug. 3, 4 and 5. Music, food crafts and more. Visit scituatechamber.org for a complete schedule of events.

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Joe's American Bar and Grille, 2087 Washington St., Hanover Aug. 4 **Bag Full of Blues**. 781-878-1234.

Monponsett Inn, 550 Monponsett Street, Halifax Aug. 4, **Splash** 7:30 p.m. 781-293-2116.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Aug. 4 **The End Result**, 9: 15 p.m. No cover. 781-335-9796.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 4 **Double Take** 781-829-6999.

Run of the Mill, 6 Spring Lane, Plymouth, offers **traditional Irish Seisiun** from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety, from sea chanteys, rebel songs and songs of loss, to jigs, reels and hornpipes, with great craic and singalong. Admission is free. No cover. Go sing, go play, go listen. Call 508-830-1262.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Aug. 4, **Jeff Pitchell & Texas Flood**, blues/rock. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sunday, Aug. 5

All you can eat buffet breakfast 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 5, **Cornerstone Lodge**, 585 Washington St, Duxbury. Adults $7; seniors $6; children ages 12 and under $5. Open to the public.

The Summer Series Recital on the 57-bell Cohasset Carillon in the tower of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Highland Avenue extension, Cohasset will be presented Sunday evening, Aug. 5, by Judy Ogden, carillonneur at Burton Tower, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. The hour-long recital begins at 6 p.m. and is free of charge. In case of rain, the bells may be heard from your parked cars. Listeners are invited to bring chairs, blankets, and picnics to the common or the church courtyard. Further information may be obtained by calling St. Stephen's Church at 781-383-1083.

Enjoy food, raffles and good people in the setting of the 17th-century **Major John Bradford Homestead in Kingston**. Each Sunday a different group of people volunteer to provide a delicious and different breakfast menu. The proceeds benefit the Bradford Homestead. Each breakfast is $8 per person, $4 for children under 10, and free to children under 4 years. Season tickets for members are $50 for eight breakfast.

Pembroke Arts Festival, Pembroke Center Gala preview and awards presentation 8 to 10 p.m. Aug. 3. Under the Tent and outdoor entertainment Aug. 4 and 5 beginning at 9:45 a.m. Visit pembrokeartsfestival.org for complete schedule.

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Danielle Chambers

Cape Playhouse is buzzing with 'Beehive'

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Danielle Chambers may be singing up a storm in "Beehive: The 60s Musical," on stage now at the Cape Playhouse in Dennis, but it wasn't that long ago that the performer kept her interest in musical theater quiet.

"For a long time, I was a closet singer. I would never sing when my mother was around," explained Chambers last week during a rehearsal break. "One day, quite by accident, my mother heard me sing and from then on she encouraged me to sing and also study acting."

It wasn't just motherly advice; it was the recommendation of a professional with more than 50 years experience in show business. Chambers' mother is Tony and Emmy Award-winning actress and singer Leslie Uggams, who got her own start at age six when she played Ethel Waters's niece in the television series "Beulah."

Uggams has been in show business ever since, earning acclaim on Broadway and television. While she was pleased to learn that her daughter was interested in following in her footsteps, Uggams made it clear that Chambers would have to make a name all her own for herself.

"I was taught at a very early age not to use my mother's name to try and gain advantage. I learned the importance of having people know me for who I am and not just because of my mother. It is a lesson I have never forgotten. My mother has taught me so much. We've even had the good fortune to work together in 'Into the Woods' at Theatre Under the Stars in Houston, and in 'Cinderella,' last summer at the Ogunquit Playhouse," says Chambers. "There's really competition when we work together. My mother is always very supportive and ready with good, sound advice that helps me improve my performance."

Uggams was in the opening night audience earlier this week when Chambers opened in the Larry Gallagher musical, being directed and choreographed on the Cape by Mark Martino, which celebrates the music of the 1960s through some of its best-known female vocalists including Connie Francis, Aretha Franklin, Tina Turner, and Janis Joplin.

Born on April 11, 1970, to Uggams and husband Grahame Pratt, Chambers was brought up in Beverly Hills and attended the Tisch School for the Arts at New York University. Since 2002, she has been married to actor Keith Chambers. The couple has a personal history with the Cape. "We got engaged at the Isaiah Clark House in Brewster and we even talked about being married at the North Truro Lighthouse, but we ended up eloping. Keith and I both love the Cape very much."

"Beehive: The '60s Musical" will be at the Cape Playhouse, 820 Main St., Route 6A, Dennis, through Aug. 11. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 508-385-3911 or go online at capeplayhouse.com.)



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Auditions

THE BAY PLAYERS announce open auditions for the world premiere production of SEMMELWEIS, an original musical play, written by Joseph Shrand M.D. of Marshfield, and directed by Peter Kates of Norwell. Auditions will be held Monday, Aug. 13, and Tuesday, Aug. 14, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Furnace Brook Middle School, 530 Furnace St., Marshfield. Rehearsals will begin in September. Performances will take place in November, at the Furnace Brook Middle School in Marshfield. SEMMELWEIS is a poignant drama of medical and social intolerance, set in Vienna in the early 1850s. The cast includes five principal men, five principal women, one girl (8-10 years old) and a small chorus, which includes children as well as adults. Come prepared with a musical audition piece. This is your chance to be in on the creation of a new theatrical piece. For information, call 1-800-290-6825 or visit bayplayers.org or email info@bayplayers.org.

SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY is holding auditions for Bay Youth Symphony (BaYS), a newly created, four-tiered orchestra program for young, school-aged musicians in Southeastern Massachusetts, designed in collaboration with the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra. Music Director James Vinci. Auditions take place Aug. 16, 21 and 29 at the Ellison Center for the Arts. Call 781-749-7565, ext. 32 or e-mail candacekniffen@southshoreconservatory.org or visit the website to schedule an audition.

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Scituate Heritage Days Schedule of Events

All events are free unless otherwise noted.

Friday, Aug. 3

8:30 a.m. Tee off for the Knights of Columbus Heritage Days Classic at Widow's Walk Golf Course, 250 The Driftway; $125 includes prime rib dinner.
6 to 9 p.m. Harbor Methodist Church hosts the annual pie social
7 p.m. Salutt Band concert at the Cole Parkway Bandstand
Dusk Luminaria along the Scituate coastline, and throughout town. Everyone is encouraged to participate in Luminaria in their own neighborhoods, or visit one of the beaches from Minot to Humarock

Saturday, Aug. 4

5 a.m. Shark Fishing Tournament. IGFA Tournament Supported by Scituate Chamber of Commerce and Mass Bay Guides. Info and sign up at Belsan's Bait and Tackle; 781-545 -9400; $5,000 in prizes; $300 entry fee per boat
9 a.m. Opening ceremonies and butterfly release at Cole Parkway. Musical entertainment provided by Take-4
10 a.m. Amusement rides open
7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The Rotary Club will serve its traditional Pancake Breakfast at St. Mary's Parish Center, First Parish Road / The Driftway
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Open house at KA Ricco Hair Design- new location in Scituate Harbor! Door Prizes – Refreshments – Free Samples
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit artist Carolyn Bearce at 18 Tilden Road
9 a.m. to noon Funtastics celebrates National Gymnastics Day with special events open to the public at 359 Gannett Road, North Scituate Village
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jack Conway RE hosts a Homemade Baked Goods Sale at 80 Front St. Proceeds donated to South Shore Hospice.
10 a.m. Tara Joy & Cailte Kelley — award-winning rising country stars
11 a.m. Orpheus
12:15 p.m. The Fools
1 to 4 p.m. First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 330 First Parish Road, will offer guided tours of Scituate's founding church
2 p.m. Bellevue Cadillac – New England's favorite swing band
3 p.m. Boat races — row, crew, kayaks; various categories, Jericho Beach
3:45 p.m. Dave Mason- classic rock from the 70s, and founding member of Traffic
4 to 6 p.m. The Knights of Columbus will be hosting its traditional Pig Roast at the K of C- 234 Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Music and entertainment from local favorite Jim Sylvia. Pool will be open to guests. Cost is $12 person, $5 for kids under 5 and a maximum of $30 per family
4 to 6 p.m. Shark weigh-in at the Scituate Town Fishing Pier

Sunday, Aug. 5

5 a.m. Shark tournament continues
6 to 7 a.m. Sunrise Catholic Mass at the Scituate Lighthouse, 100 Lighthouse Road. Please bring your own seating.
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Touch-A-Truck
10 a.m. Steve Smith - Grammy award-winning singer/song writer
11:15 a.m. Fat City Band
Noon to 2 p.m. Open house at KA Ricco Hair Design- new location in Scituate Harbor! Door prizes – refreshments – free samples
2 p.m. Blessing of the Fleet/Boat Parade
Noon to 5 p.m. Visit artist Carolyn Bearce at 18 Tilden Road
1 to 4 p.m. Noel Henry Irish Show Band performing outside at Christophers on Front Street. Bring you own seat and enjoy the music
1 p.m. First Oyster Shucking Contest – enjoy the competition between local chefs; $500 cash prize and trophy will be awarded. Local celebrity chef, Chris Schlesinger will be judging
1:15 p.m. Danny Klein and the J Geils Review (bass player for the original J Geils Band)
2:30 p.m. Pousette-Dart Band
1 to 4 p.m. First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church at 330 First Parish Road, will offer guided tours of Scituate's founding church.
1 to 4 p.m. Scituate Historical Society holds open house at several sites. Included are the Scituate Lighthouse at 100 Lighthouse Road, the Maritime & Irish Mossing Museum at 301 The Driftway, The Mann Farmhouse and Barn at 108 Greenfield Lane and the Cudworth House and Barn at 327 First Parish Road and Stockbridge Gristmill
3 to 5 p.m. Final shark weigh in Scituate Town Fishing Pier; prizes awarded
4 p.m. Dickey Betts; southern rock at its best; former guitarist for the Allman Brothers
6 p.m. Last shuttle leaves Scituate Harbor, Front Street and Cole Parkway re-open
On Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., buses will run continuously between Scituate High School, 606 Chief Justice Cushing Highway(3A), Gates Middle School, 327 First Parish Road, Jenkins Elementary School 54 Vinal Ave., and Front Street in Scituate Harbor. Front Street is closed to traffic from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Artisans, amusements, refreshments and music will be featured along Front Street and Cole Parkway in Scituate Harbor from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Please check the schedule for more detailed information
You can contact the Chamber of Commerce at 781-545-4000 for more information of any of the events or visit www.scituatechamber.org


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The Plymouth Chamber Music Festival returns Aug. 16-18, to present some of the most beloved string music at the Plimoth Plantation Linn Theater. Now in its sixth year, the PCMF is organized by Laurien Laufman, Professor Emeritus of Cello from the University of Illinois, and Jamie Fiste, former Principal Cellist of the Plymouth Philharmonic and currently Professor of Cello at Central Michigan University. Laufman and Fiste also perform at the festival. The PCMF brings together musicians of international stature to present a series of intimate music performances in this picturesque vacation spot. Tickets are available at a reduced cost of $9/ticket. The concerts are Aug. 16, 17, and 18, at 8 p.m. at the Plimoth Plantation's Linn Theater. For information call 989-400-1073 or visit plymouthchambermusicfestival.org.

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The Hanover Bandstand Summer Concert Aug. 5, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. **Crossroads Blues Project** will perform. Free and handicap accessible. The Hanover bandstand is located on Route 139, Hanover Center. For information visit the bandstand web site at hanover-ma.gov

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, every Sunday **Dave Foley**, acoustic jam, 9 p.m. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Monday, Aug. 6

The North River Arts Society presents **My Perspective: Space, Light and Shapes**, an exhibit of original works by ***Vcevold Strekalovsky*** from July 28 - Sept. 27. at the Dolphin Gallery located at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. Opening reception Aug. 6, 7 to 9 p.m. Open Monday through Thursday from. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Call the library to confirm current hours: 781-741-1405. For information, contact the NRAS Office at 781-837-8091.

New Beginnings, a nonprofit, nonsectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, has helped more than 9,400 south shore residents start a new life over the past 20 years. New Beginnings meets at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and is highly recommended for newcomers. All are welcome. For information, call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857.

Tuesday, Aug. 7

The Sparrow House, 42 Summer St., Plymouth will feature a photography exhibit through Aug. 31 by **Mike Sleeper.** 508-747-1240.

ASAP - The Adoption & Foster Care School Awareness Project will host a **Parents Only Swim Party & Potluck** on Aug. 7, in Pembroke at our regular meeting time, 7:30 p.m. Articles for our "Educator Adoption Awareness Program" and dolls for Adoption Month displays will be available to take home and work on; but, this evening is for fun. ASAP is committed to increasing awareness in the schools and in our communities of the special needs of families formed through adoption and foster care. All Parents, caregivers, educators and interested community members are welcome. Please contact Charlotte Simpson at 781 293-3341 to RSVP. For more visit online at asapmass.org

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset is hosting a special store event for children called **Calico Critter Play Day,** on Aug. 7, at 10 a.m. Special guest is a costumed character, the **Calico Critter Fisher Cat Mother.** Critter Play Days are fun festive events with many activities. Cloverleaf Corners is the miniature imaginative play world that allows your child's imagination to run free. Refreshments will be served. Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 with any questions.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 7 **Texas Hold'Em, with Northern Poker League** 781-829-6999.

Wednesday, Aug. 8

Mayflower II's 50th Anniversary! When was the last time you were carded? Thanks to Eastern Bank, through the end of the 2007 season, anyone born in 1957 is invited to visit *Mayflower II* for FREE. Valid ID required. Museum admission includes invitation to join us at State Pier between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for a piece of Anniversary cake. Joe Meany, the American cabin boy on *Mayflower II's* 1957 journey, will kick off the summer of special events.

The South Shore OCD Support Group holds monthly meetings for adults suffering from OCD, parents of children suffering from OCD or friends and family of adults suffering from OCD. Meetings are at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at the Duxbury Senior Community Center, 10 Mayflower St., Duxbury. (Route 3 to exit 10 east, to Tremont St., (RT 3A North) to 10 Mayflower). The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 8, at 7 p.m. No cost. Wheelchair accessible. Call Barbara Lashley at 508 830-1630 for information.

2007 Project Arts of Plymouth Free Summer Concert Series, Pilgrim Memorial Park, Water St., Plymouth. Aug. 8, 6:30 p.m. **Strange Medicine** (formerly Darwins children); 8 p.m. **The Pousette-Dart Band**. For information visit www.projectarts.com

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset Aug. 8, 8 p.m. **Hippiefest** Tickets $52.25/$38.25 by calling Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com The South Shore Music Circus Box Office is open daily from noon until 6 p.m. for in-person sales only. For Group Sales ticket purchases, call 781-383-9860.

The Red Parrot, 258 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Every Wednesday night (weather permitting) at 7 p.m. **Drift Away Trio** outside on the deck. 781-925-1115.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, every Wednesday **Manic Oppression** at 9:15 p.m. p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Thursday, Aug. 9

Summer Movies - Ralph Talbot Amphitheatre next to Weymouth Town Hall. Aug. 9, at 8 p.m. **Happy Feet**. Aug. 16, 8 p.m. **Barnyard.** Aug. 23, 8 p.m. **Over The Hedge Edge.**

The historic Daniel Webster House, 238 Webster St., Marshfield, will be open for guided tours on Aug. 9, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are gratefully accepted 781-837-2407 or visit DanielWebsterEstate.org

The Plymouth Farmers' Market, held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. Aug. 9 performers are **Tiffany Rozenas,** Celtic fiddler from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and **Taran2ulas,** Roots Blues, easy listening from 4:40 to 6:30 p.m. For information, contact Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke **Texas Hold Em** every Thursday night at 6:45 and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 9, **Radio For The Blind.** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue** Blues Jam featuring **Erin & The Soul Drivers** Aug. 9 at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Friday, Aug. 10

Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners, Braintree. Aug. 10, 9 p.m. **Comedy Night** featuring **Shane Mauss,** other comics include **Annette Pollack, Jason Margaca, Jeff Meisler, Nikki Flynn, Chris Chandler.** Hosted by **Tammy Pooler.** Advance reservations requested. 781-848-0300. jimbossteakandfin.com or myspace.com/annettepollack

New England Singles Dances – ages 40 and over July Aug. 10 from 8 p.m. to midnight Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, MA. DJ. **Admission $12.** visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

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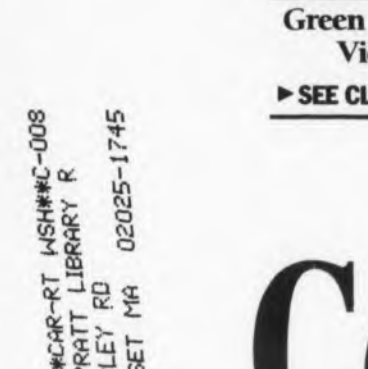
Family night at the Swim Center



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Boys lacrosse all-scholastics



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Cohasset Rec hosts annual event

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Virginia Spofford holds up a brochure that will be used for self-guided tours of historic Cohasset Village. A kick off event for the village quest will be held Wednesday, Aug. 15 from 10:30a.m. to 1p.m.

Cohasset grad has uncommon quest

Spofford seeking top Girl Scout award

By Nancy White
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Did you know the original Cohasset settlers called the Common, "Great Neck Plain"? Did you know the basement of the Paul Pratt Library on Ripley Road was once used as both a bomb shelter and a firing range? Did you know the Meeting House, which now serves as the First Parish, was originally planned for a site near Lily Pond?

Recent Cohasset High 2007 graduate, Virginia Spofford, brings out these interesting facts (and plenty more) in a self-guided historical tour of the Cohasset Village, a project she completed in her pursuit of a Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor in girl scouting. The "Historical Cohasset Village Quest" is an interactive walking tour, hence "quest," where participants are challenged to answer questions along the way.

"I've lived here almost my whole life and there was so much I didn't know about the Village. It's amazing how much it has changed even since I was younger," says Virginia. When she first presented the project to representatives of the Girl Scouts of America, she envi-

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Good place to eat

Town becoming restaurant magnet

By Nancy White
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There was a moment at Monday night's Board of Selectmen meeting when the packed audience could have been transplanted to a chic restaurant and no one would have thought they looked out of place. A round of applause erupted when the Board of Selectmen voted 4-0 (Vice Chairman Ted Carr was not present) to grant an all-alcoholic liquor license for the future Stella restaurant at 40 South Main St., the former Cohasset Hardware.

In another vote earlier in the evening, Bia Bistro, an established village eatery, was approved for an all-alcoholic liquor license as well. With both votes it seems Cohasset is poised to be a new destination for restaurant dining — a fact Selectmen would like the restaurants to promote. After the vote to grant Bia Bistro's all-alcoholic liquor license, Chairman Gary Vanderwerf suggested the restaurants of Cohasset band together and initiate a campaign to promote "Cohasset as a restaurant town." Selectmen Ralph Dormitzer reiterated the idea after Stella's approval.

Although endorsed by the Board of Selectmen, both licenses still need to be approved by the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission

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Energy boost

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It might be incongruent to say the Alternative Energy Committee is cooking with gas, but that's exactly what they are doing. Wind turbines, photovoltaic solar cells and energy grants are beginning to be looked at as methods to lower the cost of energy for the Town of Cohasset. The AEC has recently hired two energy consultants to assist them in their initiatives.

Judeth Van Hamm and Joanne Sanders, both of Hull, have been hired to guide the town in a transition to alternative energy. Van Hamm and Sanders both bring experience in grant writing, having successfully secured funding for several energy conservation and renewable energy projects in Hingham and Hull.

There was a brief damper at one point during Monday's presentation, but talk of solar panels on the roofs of the library and high school — and saving a substantial amount of money over time — eventually brightened the conversation.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer gave the consultants and AEC members pause when he commented after their initial presentation they should be mindful of

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Custom made in Cohasset

Matthew's Jewelers finds its niche

By Nancy White
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Buying jewelry can often be an intimidating experience. A large sum of money is on the line and, if the piece is for someone else even more than money is at stake. A high-pressure salesperson doesn't add much to the experience and can turn the transaction into ordeal. Other times, a jewelry purchase can be an endless search for the perfect piece even though you knew what you wanted from the start.

Matthew Shannon is out to make the jewelry buying experience a little easier. With a specialty in custom jewelry, a personable, knowledgeable manner and a no pressure atmosphere, Matthew's Jewelers is the antithesis of a mall jewelry store.

A relative newcomer on the South Shore jewelry scene, Shannon opened his doors in November 2005. The young entrepreneur was only 22.

When Shannon went off to Bryant University after graduating from Norwell High in 2001, he sought out a part-time job at a local jeweler. Going into it, he had somewhat of an interest in the jewelry business but as he learned more about the industry and the art of jewelry making, it became a

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Matthew Shannon of Matthews Jewelers assembles a Tiffany solitaire ring in his shop in Jonathan Livingston Square off Route 53.

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PICTURE THIS/Kathryn Earle



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The Mariner caught up with Kathryn Earle, who is chairman of Sustainable Cohasset, at the Selectmen's meeting this week.

Name: Kathryn Earle.

Occupation: Management consultant and facilitator; social activist; Chairman of Sustainable Cohasset.

Best day of your life: The day my son was born.

Best vacation: Body-surfing and playing in the dunes at Horseneck Beach.

Favorite season: Spring.

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving.

Favorite meal: Local lobster, of course.

Best books: Leadership and Self-Deception (Arbinger Institute); Sacred Earth (Arthur Versluis); and Deep Economy (Bill McKibben).

Best actress: Meryl Streep.

Best TV show: Nova.

Most embarrassing moment: "Freezing" during a speech given in my 20's.

Pet peeve: People who think they're already doing enough to reduce global warming.

Goal: To empower myself and others to adopt environmentally sustainable lifestyles.

Person you'd most like to meet: Mahatma Gandhi.

Biggest worry: We're talking about change instead of changing, (and we're running out of time).

Best part of Cohasset: It's growing appreciation of all types of diversity.

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Affordable housing is a constant concern and issue for the town of Cohasset. The Housing Partnership is working on an affordable housing opportunity at 821 Jerusalem Road and came to the Board of Selectmen a few weeks ago to seek further guidance on a Affordable Housing Plan.

In a vote on Monday night, the Selectmen recommended the Housing Partnership, in addition to encouraging the production of housing to meet the town's 10 percent goal under the state's Chapter 40B law, address the need for single family housing in the $330,000 to $425,000 price range. According to a report prepared by the town's housing consultant, Judy Barrett, this range represents affordability in the town's median household income for a four-person household.

Included in the motion was a request the Housing Partnership work in concert with other boards to conduct a periodic survey of town employees and local senior citizens to determine the housing needs of those groups.

The Selectmen voted 4-0; Vice Chairman Ted Carr was not present.

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POLICE BEAT

Police break up underage party; take one in protective custody

By Mary Ford
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Police took an 18-year-old Norwell teen into protective custody last week following a report about an underage party on Atlantic Avenue.

Dispatch received a call from a neighbor at about 9 p.m. on Wednesday (Aug. 1) in the area of Atlantic Avenue and Meadow Lane about a large party with teens. The caller also reported the teens had a bonfire in the yard and that the parents were away.

Upon police arrival, one of the teens took off. Police found about 10 teens ranging in age from 16-18 who had gathered around a small campfire. One of the youths displayed the signs and symptoms of intoxication and was taken into protective custody. The parents of the others youths – who were all from Norwell – were called to pick up their children. There were some open containers of alcohol at the scene and some empty beer cans, police said.

After all the parents had left, there was only one car remaining that police believed belonged to the young man, who lived in the house where the party was being held and who had run into the woods when police pulled up.

Police looked for about half an hour and using an abundance of caution, had the car towed because they did not know whether the teen that ran off had been drinking, Sgt. William Quigley said.

The teen called police two hours later on his cell phone from the yard; he was distraught about his car being towed and was stranded. He said he knew nothing about the party and said it could have been a bunch of his friends who had showed up at his house without permission, police said. Because the teen did not have the alarm code to his house, police surmised that his mother – who was in Hawaii – did not want him there while she was away. Police subsequently talked to the mother who was happy that police had broken up the party, Quigley said.

The teen called police two hours later on his cell phone from the yard; he was distraught about his car being towed and was stranded.

Summonsed

An officer was in a cruiser at the light on the east side of Beechwood Street waiting to turn onto Route 3A when a Volkswagen went through the red light on Tuesday (July 31) at about 8:30 a.m.

The officer effected a motor vehicle stop on Route 3A. Police said the VW had Rhode Island plates and the operator handed the officer a temporary R.I. license that had expired on the operator's birthday.

According to police, the motorist claimed he did not have the chance to go to the R.I. registry for a permanent license. His car was towed and he was issued a summons for driving without a license and going through a red light.

In Massachusetts if a driver's license has expired, the person is considered not to have a license. Police suggest motorists check their licenses on their birthday each year to ensure that it has not expired.

'Stolen' car turns up

A car whose owner thought it had been stolen turned up the next day; it was sticking through the railroad fence across the street, police said.

On Aug. 2 at about 10 p.m. a 29-year-old man reported his 2007 Ford Fusion sedan had just been stolen from his North Main Street driveway.

Officers responded to the scene and the man reported that he had left the car running while he ran inside to take a quick shower. When he came out within 10 minutes, the car was gone. Officers took a stolen vehicle report and put out a BOLO (Be On the Look Out) to area towns.

The next morning at about 8:46 a.m., police received a call from the same area about a blue Ford Fusion that had run into the railroad fence separating the backyards from the tracks. Officers responded and found it was the same car that had been reported as stolen.

Police said while the car was left running, it somehow popped out of gear and rolled out of the driveway, across North Main Street, through someone's yard, through the bushes and into the railroad fence.

Although it is illegal to leave a car running like that, police opted to let the car owner make his peace with his insurance company. The MBTA was notified about the fence.

MedFlight

A 33-year-old Hull man was taken by MedFlight to Brigham and Women's Hospital after falling 13 feet off scaffolding at an apartment building on Spring Street at just before 3:30 p.m. Tuesday (July 31). The man, who had been hired to repair the deck and siding on the building and to install new gutters, complained of head, neck and back pain. He was treated at the scene by Cohasset paramedics but due to the distance of the fall, the fire department had him taken by helicopter to a Boston trauma center. OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration), which has a local office in Braintree, was notified, as is the protocol in industrial accidents. The investigation was turned over to OSHA that will be following up with the injured man to determine what caused the accident. Police said OSHA has investigators specifically trained in how scaffolding should be set up and what safety measures are required.

Threats

A 53-year-old Pembroke man told police he was threatened with physical harm by a 37-year-old Marshfield man, who is employee at a store on Route 3A. The incident started with an argument over whether to use a credit card or debit card, police said. Police provided the alleged victim with information on how to obtain a complaint at Quincy District Court if he wishes to do so. The incident was reported at about 5 p.m. on Tuesday (July 31).

Boat B&E

At about 8:19 p.m. on Tuesday (July 31) a 52-year-old Cohasset man reported his boat, a 2005 Catalina powerboat, which was docked in an area off Parker Avenue, had been broken into. There was no sign of forced entry but a table inside the boat was damaged and someone had stolen most of a case of Heineken beer and two music CDs. Detectives processed the boat and are following up to see if they can come up with any suspects, police said.

Emergency

A caller reported that a young girl wearing a blue and white dress urinated in public last Wednesday (Aug. 1) at about 7 p.m. behind the war memorial on the common. A police officer responded and found the girl, who explained that she had an unavoidable emergency, could not wait, and had tried to get out of sight, police said.

Accidents

• A man's cane that got jammed up in the pedals of his 1997 Mercury Grand Marquis caused a single-car accident last Thursday (Aug. 2) at about 4:10 p.m. at the lights at Beechwood and Route 3A, police said.

Police said an 85-year-old Hingham man traveling with his 83-year-old wife was heading east on Beechwood toward the light when the cane somehow got jammed causing him to veer off the road and travel onto the soft shoulder and into the pole that supports the traffic light.

The car sustained heavy front-end damage. Scituate Rescue transported the man and his wife to South Shore Hospital; their injuries appeared to be minor, police said.

The driver was cited for failure to drive in marked lane. There was some minor damage to the landscaping at Shaw's.

• A 1997 Ford registered out of Rockland had to be towed following an accident in the Town Parking Lot last week. Police said driver inattention was likely the cause of the accident that involved a 2004 Mazda in an angled collision with the Ford (the front left of the Mazda hit the right front of the Ford). No one was cited, police said. The mishap occurred at about 11 a.m. Thursday (Aug. 2).

• A detail officer at Pond Street and Chief Justice Cushing Highway helped motorists exchange paperwork following a minor accident at the lights at about 9:25 a.m. Friday (Aug. 3), police said. A 2005 Nissan Maxima rear-ended a 2004 Taurus at the light. The Taurus was stopped on 3A and was headed northbound. Damage was under $1,000 so no police report had to be filed.

• A 2004 car parked at Sunrise and registered to a Scituate woman was damaged in the parking lot at the assisted living facility. The driver's side door was damaged. Police are following up to see if there were any witnesses. The accident was reported at 4 p.m., Saturday (Aug. 4).

Vandalism

A couple of mailboxes were knocked over and lawn ornaments stolen Saturday night into Sunday morning (Aug. 5) in the Old Pasture Road, Reservoir Road and upper Pleasant Street area, police said. The lawn ornaments were recovered and returned to the owners. Police said they have a witness and have identified a suspect who may be responsible. The incidents are under investigation.

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

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Thurs. 16	2:01	9.3	2:26	8.9	8:07	0.4	8:26	0.7
Sunrise: 5:51 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:43 p.m.*			
Fri. 17	2:43	8.9	3:05	8.9	8:46	0.7	9:09	0.8
Sunrise: 5:52 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:42 p.m.*			
Sat. 18	3:26	8.5	3:45	8.7	9:26	1.1	9:54	1.1
Sunrise: 5:53 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:40 p.m.*			
Sun. 19	4:11	8.1	4:28	8.6	10:08	1.4	10:41	1.3
Sunrise: 5:54 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:38 p.m.*			
Mon. 20	4:59	7.7	5:15	8.4	10:54	1.8	11:33	1.5
Sunrise: 5:55 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:37 p.m.*			
Tues. 21	5:52	7.4	6:06	8.3	11:44	2.1	—	—
Sunrise: 5:57 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:35 p.m.*			
Wed. 22	6:48	7.2	7:01	8.3	12:28	1.6	12:37	2.2
Sunrise: 5:58 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:34 p.m.*			
Thurs. 23	7:46	7.2	7:57	8.5	1:26	1.6	1:34	2.2
Sunrise: 5:59 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:32 p.m.*			

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Bond anticipation

$15 million in upcoming projects

By Nancy White
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In the next couple of years, the town will be bonding about $15 million to fund various projects around town. The projects have already been approved by a Town Meeting vote and will be put into action within the next two years. The bond anticipations notes are short-term loans where the town only pays interest on the amount borrowed; none of the principal is paid off.

The Board of Selectmen voted and signed the bond anticipation notes on Monday night for a total of $15,016,310.

"For any given project, you can only use bond anticipation notes over a two-year period. We then have to permanently bond the project or projects, and start paying principal and interest," said Town Manager Bill Griffin in an e-mail.

There are several reasons for pushing off permanently bonding a project and one or more could apply to the given project, said Griffin. It could be to wait for a point when the budget can better handle the expense. The town could believe there will be a better long-term interest rate if it waits to issue the permanent bond. There is also a cost savings when multiple projects are bundled into one permanent bond, rather than multiple bonds issued over time. Each time the town seeks a permanent bond, there is associated expenses and labor.

"It is best if you can use bond anticipation notes until such time we can issue just one permanent bond," said Griffin.

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Grassroots effort drives sustainable living

Cohasset group introduced to Selectmen

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Sustainable living. Green. Environmentally conscious. Global warming. Alternative energy.

These words and phrases represent hot button topics everywhere these days. But, here in Cohasset, the words are more than just interesting topics for discussion, many have translated those words into actions. Sustainable Cohasset, a group 40 members strong, has banded together to make strides for sustainability right here in town.

Representatives from Sustainable Cohasset, Chairman Kathryn Earle and member JoAnn Mirise, came before the Board of Selectmen Monday night to open the waves of communication between the private organization and the town.

Sustainable Cohasset was formed as a response to growing concern over global warming. The group intends to get more people involved, whether they are seeking ways to change their lifestyle to lower their carbon footprint or simply to educate themselves on environmental issues, said Earle.

"We're not trying to be an end all and be all, we're just trying to get the conversation going," said Earle, "we want to do all we can to make our community more sustainable."

Sustainable Cohasset was started in October 2006 and in just a few short months it has involved more than 40 residents. The group is a part of a greater South Shore coalition, Sustainable South Shore, and that group is chapter of the Mass Climate Action Network, which involves more than 25 community organizations. Sustainable Cohasset purpose is to educate and inspire others to make incremental or large lifestyle changes.

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Earle described the myriad work the group has assumed to raise awareness in sustainable living. The group is subdivided into several working groups tackling the many angles of the problem. There is a group focusing on school recycling and getting environmental issues into the classroom. The construction of the CO2 Cube, a 27 square foot cube, was completed in conjunction with Sustainable Cohasset. There is another working group organizing a movie series and workshops for the fall. Another group is engaging local political groups (both republican and democrats) to get them involved in the effort.

Earle told the Selectmen they would like to work with them as leaders in the environmental initiative, "it's a good thing because there's a lot of work to do."

Sustainable Cohasset has made visible strides through inserts in town tax bills describing 10 items households can do to be more sustainable. As a fundraiser they will be selling re-useable totes with "Cohasset" on the one side and local businesses on the other.

"We want people to stop using paper and plastic bags," said Mirise and the bags also promote shopping locally, another central focus of the group. The bags will be for sale at the Farmer's Market.

Chairman Gary Vanderweil described America as a nation of "sustainability hogs" and commended the group for their efforts. He recently took an online survey to determine his carbon footprint and found a surprising fact: if everyone on the planet lived the way he lived, it would take 3.3 earths to support us all.

Mirise presented each of the Selectmen with a copy of "Deep Economy: The Wealth of Communities and the Durable Future" by Bill McKibben. The book focuses on how cities and towns can re-structure their communities to be more locally focused, said Mirise. After reading the book, she felt the people who should really be reading it were town leaders. She invited the Selectmen to participate in a book discussion to be held in the early fall.

Sustainable Cohasset meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7p.m. at the High School library. For more information e-mail welcome@sustainablecohasset.org.

Consultants on board seek alternative energy sources

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what the 2006 fall Town Meeting appropriation of $20,000 authorized. He feared some of the deliverables outlined by the consultants was outside the scope of the appropriation.

"It's a single focus on alternative energy," said Dormitizer, giving wind, photovoltaics and harnessing tidewaters as examples, "I know that's what's expected of the appropriation."

Included in the presented outline was a school recycling program initiative, following up on the state legislation bills and other education programs. Dormitzer feared the consultants were straying from their charge. When Dormitzer voted at Town Meeting, he felt a specific set of economically viable proposals for alternative energy would be the end result, he said in a phone interview. Despite concern, Dormitzer made clear he supported the concept of alternative energy and would like them to remain focused on specific initiatives that could translate into concrete results.

Selectman Fred Koed suggested Town Counsel review the Town Meeting article and determine if the proposal was within the scope. If Town Counsel determined the article had a problem, it could be corrected at the upcoming fall Town Meeting. Town Manager Bill Griffin said he would request Town Counsel to review the article.

The article allowed the AEC to "engage consulting services to assist the Committee to investigate alternative energy options for the Town, pursue grant funding, promote clean energy alternatives within the community, and related duties."

The consultants began by looking at the assets and challenges in the town. Van Hamm saw potential for solar heating, lighting and electricity in the large flat roofs of the middle-high school and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Grants are available, but fairly competitive for that type of project, Van Hamm said.

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"The rest of the world see [alternative energy] holistically," said Van Hamm, meaning alternative energy initiatives aren't about one project, but rather about the entire town. Competitive grants at the federal and state level look at what the town as a whole is doing to be more energy efficient.

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Dormitzer suggested the consultants look to "mundane ways" to be more energy efficient, including installing a mechanism to heat cold air coming into the building by using the heat from the outgoing air.

In fiscal 2007, a total of $545,223 was spent on heating and electricity in municipal buildings, $152,090 was spent on motor fuels for the schools and public works departments. A wind turbine and solar panels to feed into town buildings could drastically lower these budget items. The AEC is actively pursuing a wind turbine with the installation of MET tower currently collecting wind data on Turkey Hill and working with the Planning Board to draft a zoning bylaw for a future wind turbine.

"Cohasset has the opportunity to become a sustainable community," said Van Hamm, the population and infrastructure is small enough where energy changes could make a big difference. "If Cohasset cut their cost of fuel to zero, people are going to pay attention."

The Alternative Energy Committee (AEC) was formed officially at the 2005 Annual Town Meeting. Its focus is to investigate alternative energy sources that can be used by the municipality. Members include Mike Bliss, Rod Hobson, Robert Kinscherf, Luciano Lauretti, Jim Shipsky, Mimi White, and Andrew Willard.

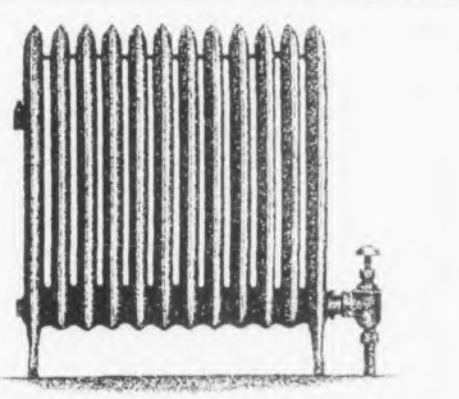
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Bond anticipation

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The Board of Selectmen voted and signed the bond anticipation notes on Monday night for a total of $15,016,310.

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Grassroots effort drives sustainable living

Cohasset group introduced to Selectmen

By Nancy White
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Sustainable living. Green. Environmentally conscious. Global warming. Alternative energy.

These words and phrases represent hot button topics everywhere these days. But, here in Cohasset, the words are more than just interesting topics for discussion, many have translated those words into actions. Sustainable Cohasset, a group 40 members strong, has banded together to make strides for sustainability right here in town.

Representatives from Sustainable Cohasset, Chairman Kathryn Earle and member JoAnn Mirise, came before the Board of Selectmen Monday night to open the waves of communication between the private organization and the town.

Sustainable Cohasset was formed as a response to growing concern over global warming. The group intends to get more people involved, whether they are seeking ways to change their lifestyle to lower their carbon footprint or simply to educate themselves on environmental issues, said Earle.

"We're not trying to be an end all and be all, we're just trying to get the conversation going," said Earle, "we want to do all we can to make our community more sustainable."

Sustainable Cohasset was started in October 2006 and in just a few short months it has involved more than 40 residents. The group is a part of a greater South Shore coalition, Sustainable South Shore, and that group is chapter of the Mass Climate Action Network, which involves more than 25 community organizations. Sustainable Cohasset purpose is to educate and inspire others to make incremental or large lifestyle changes.

"We want to do all we can to make our community more sustainable."
— Kathryn Earle, Sustainable Cohasset

Earle described the myriad work the group has assumed to raise awareness in sustainable living. The group is subdivided into several working groups tackling the many angles of the problem. There is a group focusing on school recycling and getting environmental issues into the classroom. The construction of the CO2 Cube, a 27 square foot cube, was completed in conjunction with Sustainable Cohasset. There is another working group organizing a movie series and workshops for the fall. Another group is engaging local political groups (both republican and democrats) to get them involved in the effort.

Earle told the Selectmen they would like to work with them as leaders in the environmental initiative, "it's a good thing because there's a lot of work to do."

Sustainable Cohasset has made visible strides through inserts in town tax bills describing 10 items households can do to be more sustainable. As a fundraiser they will be selling re-useable totes with "Cohasset" on the one side and local businesses on the other.

"We want people to stop using paper and plastic bags," said Mirise and the bags also promote shopping locally, another central focus of the group. The bags will be for sale at the Farmer's Market.

Chairman Gary Vanderweil described America as a nation of "sustainability hogs" and commended the group for their efforts. He recently took an online survey to determine his carbon footprint and found a surprising fact: if everyone on the planet lived the way he lived, it would take 3.3 earths to support us all.

Mirise presented each of the Selectmen with a copy of "Deep Economy: The Wealth of Communities and the Durable Future" by Bill McKibben. The book focuses on how cities and towns can re-structure their communities to be more locally focused, said Mirise. After reading the book, she felt the people who should really be reading it were town leaders. She invited the Selectmen to participate in a book discussion to be held in the early fall.

Sustainable Cohasset meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7p.m. at the High School library. For more information e-mail welcome@sustainablecohasset.org.

Consultants on board seek alternative energy sources

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what the 2006 fall Town Meeting appropriation of $20,000 authorized. He feared some of the deliverables outlined by the consultants was outside the scope of the appropriation.

"It's a single focus on alternative energy," said Dormitizer, giving wind, photovoltaics and harnessing tidewaters as examples, "I know that's what's expected of the appropriation."

Included in the presented outline was a school recycling program initiative, following up on the state legislation bills and other education programs. Dormitzer feared the consultants were straying from their charge. When Dormitzer voted at Town Meeting, he felt a specific set of economically viable proposals for alternative energy would be the end result, he said in a phone interview. Despite concern, Dormitzer made clear he supported the concept of alternative energy and would like them to remain focused on specific initiatives that could translate into concrete results.

Selectman Fred Koed suggested Town Counsel review the Town Meeting article and determine if the proposal was within the scope. If Town Counsel determined the article had a problem, it could be corrected at the upcoming fall Town Meeting. Town Manager Bill Griffin said he would request Town Counsel to review the article.

The article allowed the AEC to "engage consulting services to assist the Committee to investigate alternative energy options for the Town, pursue grant funding, promote clean energy alternatives within the community, and related duties."

The consultants began by looking at the assets and challenges in the town. Van Hamm saw potential for solar heating, lighting and electricity in the large flat roofs of the middle-high school and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Grants are available, but fairly competitive for that type of project, Van Hamm said.

"All of us are in this together. It's our baby, it's our world, we've got to do something about it."
— Mimi White, Alternative Energy Committee

"The rest of the world see [alternative energy] holistically," said Van Hamm, meaning alternative energy initiatives aren't about one project, but rather about the entire town. Competitive grants at the federal and state level look at what the town as a whole is doing to be more energy efficient.

"All of us are in this together. It's our baby, it's our world, we've got to do something about it," said AEC member Mimi White, "if there's a will there's a way."

Dormitzer suggested the consultants look to "mundane ways" to be more energy efficient, including installing a mechanism to heat cold air coming into the building by using the heat from the outgoing air.

In fiscal 2007, a total of $545,223 was spent on heating and electricity in municipal buildings, $152,090 was spent on motor fuels for the schools and public works departments. A wind turbine and solar panels to feed into town buildings could drastically lower these budget items. The AEC is actively pursuing a wind turbine with the installation of MET tower currently collecting wind data on Turkey Hill and working with the Planning Board to draft a zoning bylaw for a future wind turbine.

"Cohasset has the opportunity to become a sustainable community," said Van Hamm, the population and infrastructure is small enough where energy changes could make a big difference. "If Cohasset cut their cost of fuel to zero, people are going to pay attention."

The Alternative Energy Committee (AEC) was formed officially at the 2005 Annual Town Meeting. Its focus is to investigate alternative energy sources that can be used by the municipality. Members include Mike Bliss, Rod Hobson, Robert Kinscherf, Luciano Lauretti, Jim Shipsky, Mimi White, and Andrew Willard.

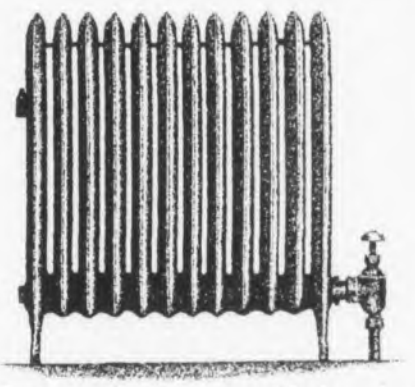
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ITHACA DEGREES

The following Cohasset residents graduated from Ithaca College. The degrees were awarded in May.

Casey Haight, daughter of **David and Elizabeth Haight**, and **Meredith Bixby**, daughter of **Brian and Christine Bixby**, both graduated with a bachelor of science degrees from Ithaca College's Roy H. Park School of Communications.

Congratulations!

OH BOY!

Jeramie and Shawna DiBona of Cohasset welcomed a baby boy, **Brayden Cole**, at 10:54 a.m., on Thursday, June 28, 2007 at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. He was 20-1/2 inches long and weighed 7 lbs. and 3 ounces. Brayden has an older brother **Del** who will be two on August 24th.

NEW ARRIVAL

Trevor and Stacey Cook, of Gloucester, would like to announce the birth of their daughter, **Madilyn Elizabeth**, born on August 1 at Beverly Hospital. She weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and measured 20 inches. Proud grandparents are **Tom and Debbie Cook** of Cohasset, and **Karen and Bob Coffin** of Poinciana, Fla.



Lucy Golden Biggs came into the world on July 29, 2007 at 6:26pm.

FALL PHYSICALS

Cohasset High School fall sports physicals will be conducted on Tues. Aug 21st at 7:30 a.m. at the high school in the nurse's office. Students will be seen on a first come first serve basis, the exam will be performed by the school physician.

Any high school student planning to participate in a fall sport needs to have an updated physical on file in the nurse's office prior to the first day of practice. In order for a physical exam to be considered as updated, it needs to have been performed between July 20th 2006 and the present.

If you have any questions please call (781) 383-0853 and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.



Madilyn Elizabeth Cook was born on August 1, 2007.

1972 REUNION

Cohasset High School Class of 1972 is planning a reunion for Oct. 26, 2007. More information is available at www.Classmates.com and will be updated regularly. We are trying to locate classmates. Please log on to the Classmates web site and become a member so that we can reach you and you can receive notice of updates. You can also contact the class at our email address, Tessahoc72@yahoo.com. If you are a friend or family member of a CHS 72 graduate who is out of the area, please pass this on!

BABY GIRL

Becky and Andy Biggs welcomed **Lucy Golden Biggs** into the world on July 29, 2007 at 6:26pm. All four grandparents, **Amy and Steve Golden** of Cohasset and **Susan and Doug Biggs**, were in attendance for the birth in Portland, Maine. Lucy weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 21 and 1/4 inches long. Everyone is doing wonderfully. Lucy plans to make her first trip to Cohasset later this month!

PROMISING STUDENT

Cameron Cope of Cohasset recently completed the Frontiers Program at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Frontiers is a two-week summer residential program for soon-to-be juniors and seniors interested in science, math and engineering. Cameron completed the electrical and engineering program as well as the music workshop.

In addition, the Mariner has learned that Cameron has won the Rensselaer Medal, which is awarded annually to high school students who have distinguished themselves in mathematics and science.

To be honored with the Rensselaer Medal, a student must be a member of the junior class and the high school's single most promising science and mathematics student.

Congratulations!

IN CZECH

A Denison University student from Cohasset is studying off campus for the fall 2007 semester. **Michael Ernst**, son of **Mary and Robert Ernst**, is studying with the Council on International Exchange in Prague, Czech Republic. Ernst, a 2004 graduate of Thayer Academy, is currently a senior economics major at Denison.

More than 100 of Denison's undergraduate students choose to broaden their horizons through off-campus study each semester. In these off-campus programs, students continue to receive full credit toward a Denison degree while pursuing diverse research or academic opportunities.

EMMANUEL

Laura Marks of Cohasset is a recipient of a dean's list award from Emmanuel College in Boston for the spring 2007 semester. Students earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher are awarded the distinction of dean's list.

LOBSTER ROLLS

The Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St., will hold a lobster roll lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 21.

Lobster rolls will be available for pick-up or free local delivery will be provided for orders of five or more. The event is sponsored by Dorothy Bradford, Chapter No. 135, Order of the Eastern Star. The menu includes lobster roll, chips and dessert at the cost of $10 each or chicken roll, chips and dessert at the cost of $8 each.

Orders are required by Wednesday, Aug. 15, and can be made by calling **Cynthia Jaymes** at 781-545-4547.

SUFFOLK U.

Anthony Truglia of Cohasset was named to the dean's list at Suffolk University in Boston for the spring semester of the 2006-2007 academic year.

That is all for this week. Send me your news no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm.

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NEW FRIENDS



Dawn Meehan sent us this photo of her grandfather Larry Vangel when he met Dr. James D. Watson, Nobel Prize winning co-discoverer of the structure of DNA, at the graduation ceremonies for the Watson School of Biological Sciences at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. She says Dr. Watson was thrilled to meet Larry and plans to visit him at the Cohasset Transfer Station soon.

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Custom made in Cohasset

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passion. When he graduated in 2005 with a degree in business he knew jewelry was what he wanted to pursue.

The summer following his graduation he started a side business making house calls on the South Shore and creating custom jewelry. As he built a clientele, the side business developed into Matthew's Jewelers and he opened a storefront in Jonathan Livingston Square on King St. (Route 3A) in Cohasset. He was drawn to the Cohasset location because it was centrally located and on a well trafficked, easy to access byway. A year and a half later, he is still going strong.

"I'm mechanically inclined and creative, that's how I got into custom design jewelry," says Shannon. The custom designs provide an outlet for his creative energy, "I like working with people and coming up with projects."

Recently, he designed and created a pendant in the shape of a snake with diamond pave, "any request is doable." Often customers come in armed with a picture or a drawing of a jewelry piece they'd like made and he creates it, with input from the customer.

"I'm mechanically inclined and creative, that's how I got into custom design jewelry."

— Matthew Shannon, owner

"I'll remake something until the customer is happy with the product," he says, although he admits he hasn't had any of those requests yet, "I'm confident in my products."

He'll take on any challenge in any style from traditional to contemporary. If you have old jewelry that's out of style Shannon is glad to re-work it and create something new. Gemstones or diamonds can be placed in a new, more modern ring setting or, they can re-used in a bracelet.

"All my work is done on the premises, so it gives people a sense of security," says Shannon. If a customer doesn't want to let her prized diamond ring out of sight he tells them, "pull up a chair and watch the diamond be reset."

A complete jeweler's bench is located amidst glass display cases of his handmade jewelry. The bulk of his business is custom jewelry, he says, but he does have an array of ready-to-wear pieces for sale. He also carries a selection of the Cape Cod jewelry line.

In addition to custom jewelry, Shannon will also repair jewelry while a customer waits and provides complimentary jewelry cleaning and inspection to anyone that walks in. In the near future he hopes to diversify and expand his product offerings to more gift items — pens, frames, wedding gifts and engraveable items.

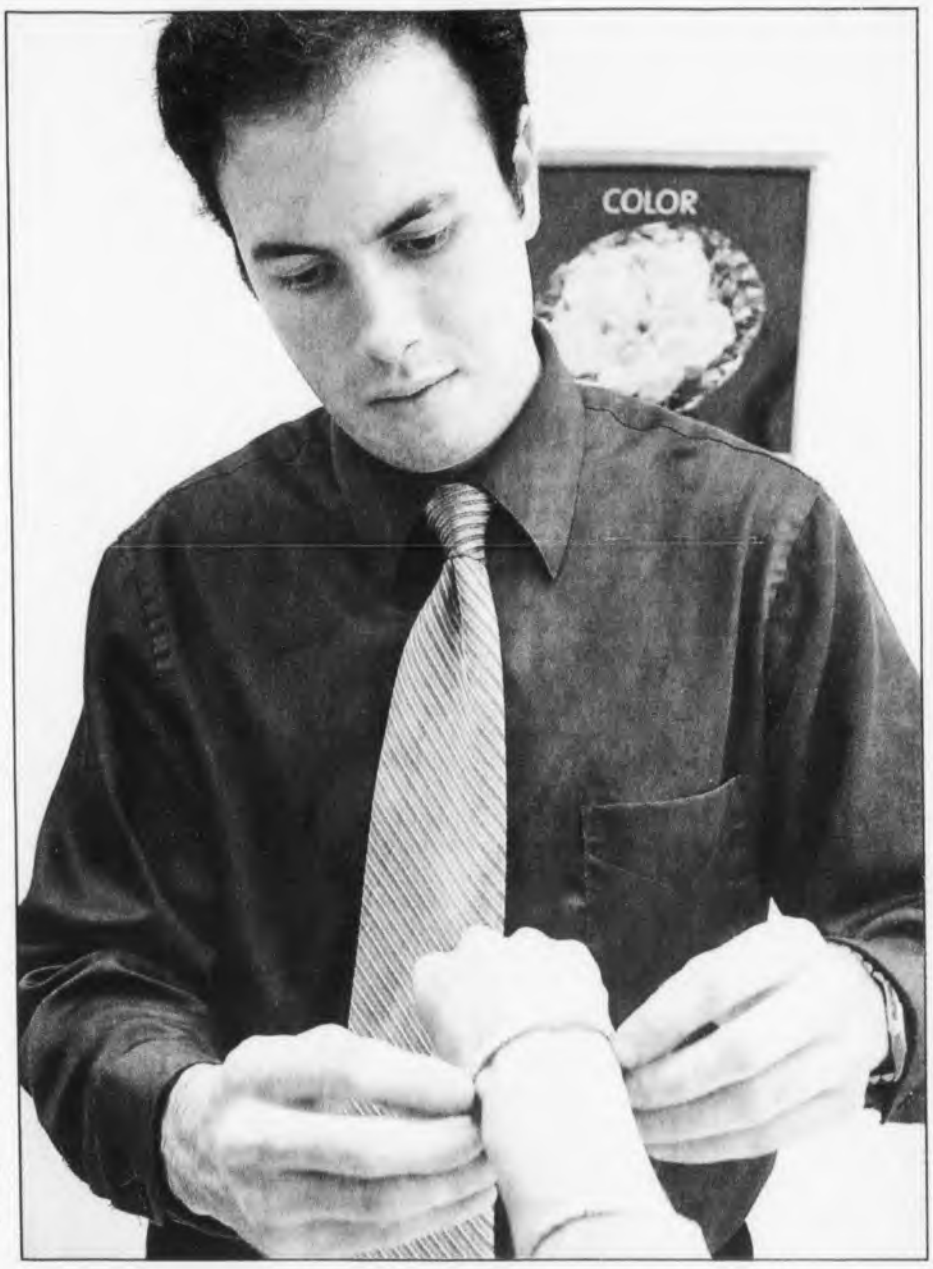
Providing the customer with just the right combination of materials to create a piece is at the forefront of his business philosophy,

"I handpick all the stones for their quality. I provide a selection to fit everyone's specifications, budget and taste. What you find here is nicer than what you see in a mall jewelry store," he explains. What you'll also find is personalized service and someone who "gets to know the customer's taste."

His openness, quality jewelry and handiwork have gained him a following in Cohasset and on the South Shore. "I try to make people happy," he says.

With so many options for jewelry in the South Shore area, Shannon has set his business apart by focusing on custom jewelry, "I think I've found my niche."

Matthew's Jewelers is open Tuesdays through Saturday, 11a.m. to 5p.m. For more information, call 781-383-1200.





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(Above right)
Matthew Shannon shows Judy St. Peter of Cohasset the bracelet that he will use to incorporate old stones that St. Peter wants to recycle into a new piece.

(Left)
Matthew Shannon of Matthew's Jewelers put together a snake necklace for a Cohasset customer, Judy St. Peter. St. Peter, who is a local artist, came up with the design and Shannon made it a reality.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Restaurant destination

Restaurants are like antique shops and art galleries – competition can be a good thing, even in a small area.

In our experience when shoppers go "antiquing" or want to look at art (this could be expanded to other types of stores as well!) it is nice to be able to go from place to place and check things out that are within walking distance.

When people go out to eat, it is also nice to have a choice.

As Cohasset Village continues to evolve – the changes being proposed are very positive.

If you plan on eating out in Cohasset Village and have not made a reservation, you will not have far to go to find another restaurant.

Cohasset Hardware, a Village anchor and fixture for many years, has moved off the stage, but already, something new is going to take its place: Stella.

Stella will join Bia Bistro, the Red Lion Inn and Bernard's as places to dine in the Village and just around the corner is Atlantica. Not far is Pacini's on Route 3A and Feng Shui. DiNero's on Hull Street is also within striking distance.

This week Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil suggested Cohasset restaurants band together to initiate a campaign to promote Cohasset as a "restaurant town."

We think that is an excellent idea. Dining out is either at, or near, the top of the list in terms of what people enjoy doing in their free time. Having successful restaurants in town will certainly help the local economy.

Here at the Mariner, we would like to welcome Stella to the table! Thanks for choosing Cohasset and we look forward to your opening in early 2008.

Sustainable living

With Sustainable Cohasset and the Alternative Energy Committee both working toward the goal of a "greener" way of life, our town could become a role model for other small communities.

We have always believed that if everyone paid attention to their own "backyard," so to speak, in terms of recycling; saving car trips; conserving energy, water and other natural resources – the world would become a better place.

Not only is there fairly "big" money to be saved if the town can cut back on heating and lighting costs, but helping the environment through small steps can translate into much larger rewards.

For one thing, we would be creating a culture of environmental awareness and education among our youth in town. One day, they will leave little Cohasset and head out into the wider world.

Mimi White of the Alternative Energy Committee put it best at this week's Selectmen's meeting: "All of us are in this together. It's our baby, it's our world, and we've got to do something about it."

As a side note, we have shifted over to the reusable shopping bags that are available at most Supermarkets. We are discouraged when we shop that more people have not taken that step.

However, for those of you who may be considering using the reusable bags – there is an added benefit. We have noticed that the "baggers" seem to like them. Once we started, we have found that we always have a bagger come to the checkout when he or she sees them. We have not had to bag our own groceries in months!

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, all at 7:30 p.m.

Assessors, Aug. 13, 3:30 p.m.

Board of Health, Aug. 13, 7 p.m.

Cohasset Elder Affairs, Sept. 10, 9 a.m. at 3 N. Main St.

Cohasset Housing Partnership, Aug. 16, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Aug. 27, 7 p.m.

Harbor Committee, Aug. 14, 7 p.m.

Library Trustees, Aug. 8, 7 p.m. at the library.

Planning Board, Aug. 18, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Town Hall auditorium (Village plans).

Recreation Commission, Sept. 5, 6:30 p.m.

Selectmen, Aug. 27, 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Aug. 13, 6 p.m.

ZBA, Aug. 18, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Town Hall auditorium (Village plans); Sept. 4, 7:30 p.m,

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Road to Recovery drivers urgently needed

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is a plea to my fellow area residents for volunteer drivers for our Road to Recovery hotline that provides rides for cancer patients to doctor's offices, treatment centers, etc.

Last week, while telephoning our drivers for rides, I was terribly discouraged because I could not arrange rides for several people. Our list of wonderful drivers has dramatically diminished for various reasons; health of relatives or themselves, vacations, Father Time has caught up with some of our older drivers who have been driving for 20 years or more, etc., etc. We have 13 towns, from Quincy to Duxbury, for which we provide rides.

Last week, a gentleman from Cohasset, newly retired, has volunteered to drive for us and he will go to Boston (MGH, Dana-Farber, etc.) and we are so very grateful.

If anyone can drive just one day a month, either locally to such places as Crown Colony, the Stetson Building, South Shore offices, we would be delighted to have you join us. The satisfaction you will receive is enormous as these people are so appreciative.

Looking forward to hearing from you at our Road to Recovery (ACS) telephone 781-749-2535. We answer the phone from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, and there is an answering machine other times.

May Vuilleumier
160 Downer Ave.
Hingham

Quick response appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to publicly thank Mark Brennan, special assistant to the Town Manager for Greenbush Engineering, for his quick response in resolving an issue I had with my driveway as a result of the repaving project on Forest Avenue.

I sent Mr. Brennan an email on Friday, July 27, identifying the issue and asked for his assistance in resolving the problem. Monday morning, July 30, I received a phone call from Mr. Brennan acknowledging the problem and his recommended solution. (He had already driven by my property that morning prior to making the phone call.) That afternoon I received a second phone call from Mr. Brennan informing me the corrective action had been implemented.

I am sure Mr. Brennan has received more than his fair share of complaints regarding the various projects going on in our town. It seems appropriate he should also share in the accolades as well.

Don Grilli
250 Forest Ave.

Don't let history repeat itself

TO THE EDITOR:

In responding to a recent Mariner commentary, I can't believe that you, Martin Nee, as member of the Storm Water Study Committee, can advocate such a solution for Treats Pond. To add the polluted water from your drain at 109Atlantic Ave., stated in your commentary, seems ill-advised and self-defeating. The flooding at Atlantic Avenue is a separate issue and may be solved by the impending sewer project.

The harbor is already declared polluted, so why add to it? That cleanup so far has no solution and will cost many thousands more than the so-called draining of Treats Pond.

The town has tried many so-called moneysaving projects, only to find that eventually the best solution had to be used, costing many dollars more.

Don't let history repeat itself.

Katherine F. Stanton
30 Clay Spring Road

Tips for safe bicycle travel

SAFETY COUNTS

POLICE CHIEF JAMES HUSSEY



Bicycling is a fun and healthy exercise. Before riding your bicycle on roadways, take time to learn the rules of the road. Many bicyclists are seriously injured in accidents because they are less protected than drivers of automobiles and/or they do not practice safe riding skills.

By observing Massachusetts bicycle laws and following safety rules, your bicycling will be enjoyable and more importantly, safer! Here are a couple of safety tips that will help you share the road with motor vehicles:

MOTORISTS:

Before turning right, check for bicycles in your right-side blind spot by looking over your shoulder. Bicycles are vehicles, and you must yield to them as to any other vehicle in the road before turning.

Never turn immediately after a passing cyclist, s/he may be going faster than you think.

Be additionally cautious when turning left. Drivers turning left in front of oncoming cyclists cause a large percentage of car/bicycle crashes.

Look for bicyclists whenever you exit a vehicle, whether you are a driver or a passenger, in your own car or in a taxi. By law, the person exiting the vehicle must wait before opening a door into traffic. Failure to do so results in significant numbers of injuries every year. Please help eliminate these avoidable events by looking first.

BICYCLISTS

Wear a bike helmet at all times. The most serious bike injuries are to the head.

Keep your bike in good shape — inspect it before each ride.

Always let cars and people go first.

Slow down and check traffic at all corners.

Keep both hands on the handlebars except when doing turn signals.

Walk across busy streets.

Wear reflective clothing — even during daytime hours.

Ensure you bicycle is equipped reflectors and proper auxiliary lighting if you plan on riding when it is dark outside.

Due to the extensive construction that we have seen around town, it is crucial for both motorists and bicyclists to pay particular attention to ever changing road conditions

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Understanding preempt in this context

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

We can't emphasize enough that we should all consider the train right of way as an operating railroad.

What is red, green and sometimes yellow? – Of course, it's the new traffic light at Forest/Main/Lower King intersection. This past Monday the new shiny set of operating traffic lights were turned from blinking to regular operation for the first time. These traffic lights have an interesting feature that allows the fire department emergency vehicles preempt the lights. So, what does preempt mean in this context? It means that, regardless of the state of the traffic lights, when a fire vehicle approaches, the lights will turn red all directions. Remember, when you see all lights turn red; don't even try a right on red. You may find yourself coming face to face with a giant red fire truck.

There is also another set of lights on Lower King Street at the tracks that you will see as you approach the intersection from Route 3A. These lights will be green unless a train is coming, in which case they will turn red. When these lights on Lower King Street turn red, the lights at N. Main from Lower King Street will turn green and stay green for a while to let cars exit from the track area. This is also called preemption. But in this case the train causes the preemption to the regular light operating patterns.

Greenbush crossing testing – CBB is currently finishing "static" testing of the rail crossings. For static testing the actions of the trains and cars are simulated to do a preliminary test for the functionality of the crossing gates and the associated control equipment. When this is complete sometime this month, from Scituate to Braintree, dynamic testing will begin. For dynamic testing a locomotive and control car will start from the layover facility in Scituate. Each day this test train will proceed at 15 mph to a zone where the crossings in that zone will be tested. The train will go back and forth over the crossing starting at a slow speed (15 mph). When the gates are proven to operate correctly, the speed will be increased a small amount and the crossing will be retested. This will continue until the maximum speed required at that crossing has been successfully tested. (The maximum speed in Cohasset is nearly 60 mph). At this point, the test train will go to the next zone to be tested and the testing sequence will be repeated, from slow speed to the highest speed. Once a crossing is completed, that crossing will be certified by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, Transportation Division as operable and ready for use. At the end of each day, the test train will return to Scituate at 15 mph ready to start again the next day. During this entire testing process, horns will be blown. It is estimated that dynamic testing will take about three weeks once it starts. The exact starting date is not known at this time.

We can't emphasize enough that we should all consider the train right of way as an operating railroad. It is not a safe place. All gates and warning lights must be followed for your own safety.

Final installment of the Jacobs Meadow analysis – In previous articles we've spoken about Jacobs Meadow, where it is, how water comes into it from Stewart and James brooks and how it gets out to the harbor in the channel adjacent to the Legion Hall on Summer Street. If we want to slow down the quick arrival of storm water to Jacobs Meadow, this will reduce the amount of storm water stored in the meadow. But, then we need to find a way to temporarily store storm water upstream. How can this be accomplished, you ask? There has *always* been storm water that came from the surrounding land into James and Stewart brooks and then to the harbor. But, also, there is no doubt, that the development which has occurred in the town over the years has added impervious surfaces and increased the amount of storm water that passes down to the meadow and thus, to the harbor.

There are two ways storm water be stored upstream. First is by adding small distributed storm water storage facilities, like rain gardens, dry wells and the like, spread throughout the watershed. Each of these will store and possibly filter a small amount of storm water. But, if storage is constructed in many areas, it can have a substantial total effect on the storm water entering Jacobs Meadow (as well as other watersheds). Second, is by creating larger storage areas where storm water can be collected in substantial amounts and slowly released downstream. The hold and release process is called "desynchronization," because it delays (or desynchronizes) the arrival of storm water into to Jacobs Meadow. A by-product of this storage is that the longer the water sits the greater the opportunity to recharge the aquifer. By having the storm water arrive in the meadow at a later time, some of the previous storm water will already had a chance to exit to the harbor. This will reduce the maximum level of water in Jacobs Meadow resulting from a major rain event. Changes in the Town's requirements for handling storm water for new developments will also offer a measure of control over future increases in storm water flow. But, this will not reduce the current storm water impacts. But, it will help keep them from getting worse.

Theoretically there are several places where larger flood storage might be accomplished. But, each site has its own difficulties and costs. For example, we have spent some time looking a Sanctuary Pond as a possible storm water impoundment area. However, this land is not owned by the Town, but by the Trustees of the Reservations. The Trustees' permission and support would be necessary for any work to be done on its property. Some of the land around Sanctuary Pond is rather low lying and a great deal of care would be necessary to avoid affecting these properties. Construction elements recently placed by the Greenbush rail line will also need to be evaluated, since some of them are quite low. Detailed engineering analysis and survey data must be done before it can be determined what the possible benefits might be for flood water storage in Sanctuary Pond. And of course there's the issue of costs for engineering, permitting and construction.

Likewise, other areas for potential flood storage might be an area within James Brook called the "Wiggle." The wiggle is on the Route 3A side of the tracks, behind the ball fields and between Fair Oaks and Rocky Lane neighborhoods. Although this is mostly Town owned property, there are numerous permitting hurdles that make this area far less than an easy project. An area called the "Pikel" is behind the new library and behind the Music Circus parking lot. Again this is Town owned, but not an easy project. In summary, there is substantial engineering, permitting and construction costs associated with large sized storm water retention areas. So, as one wise sage once said, "It ain't easy."

Forest Avenue, continued – Well, we reported last week that the base paving in the area currently being reclaimed and graded would be done by the end of this week. Unfortunately, unexpected delays on the part of the paving contractor have now pushed the base paving into the middle of next week, weather permitting. The last 2,300 feet of Forest Avenue near Jerusalem Road has been cold planed in anticipation of final paving which should occur in late August or early September. Please be aware that there are structures in the street that are exposed and painted. Please proceed slowly and with caution over these hazards. Lastly, you have probably noticed that granite curb is being set adjacent to the area recently paved. As the base paving continues, so will the curb setting. The sidewalk construction will soon follow the curb.

The Town truly appreciates your patience during this flurry of activity. In the end it will all be worth it. Please, please be careful; while driving through this construction area.

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Talk show covers a bridge collapse

HENSHAW



TOM HENSHAW

This is Windy Pundit, your host on Talk Radio, coming to you from Minnesota where an important bridge across the Mississippi River in downtown Minneapolis has just collapsed. We are fortunate to have with us the head of the National Transportation Safety Board who is investigating the incident. Tell me, sir, what was the cause of this tragic collapse.

I don't know. I just got here. Which way is the bridge?

I think it's over that way. I hear you've ruled out terrorism as a cause. Why have you ruled it out?

I haven't ruled anything out. I just got here. Can somebody call me a cab?

Why do you suspect terrorism is behind it?

I don't suspect anything yet. I just got here. Hey, cabbie!

Thank you very much, sir, for that revealing interview. And now it's your turn. Talk Radio, what say you?

Boy, you let that guy off easy. That was a cover-up if I ever heard one. I can tell he knows more than he's telling. Why was he in such a hurry to get away?

Thanks for the call. Talk Radio, what say you?

I agree with that first caller. Where did that guy come from anyway? Is he another friend of George Bush. Was he appointed so he wouldn't reveal that George lied when he said Iraq had weapons of mass destruction? He did, you know.

Thanks for the call. Talk Radio, what say you?

I have a friend who lives four blocks from the bridge and he tells me just the other day he saw a man who looked like an Islamofascist terrorist walking across the bridge as big as life. I tell you they're here!

Thanks for the call. Talk Radio, what say you?

That guy who just called was right on target. Isn't Minnesota the place where the Islamofascist cab drivers won't allow Americans to ride in their taxis with a six-pack of Bud Light? What more evidence do you need?

Thanks for the call. Talk Radio, what say you?

Don't blame George Bush for appointing that guy to the NTSB. He was appointed by Bill Clinton as part of the deal that is going to rig his state's vote for Hillary in the 1908 election. Mark my words.

Thanks for the call. Talk Radio, what say you?

I drove over that bridge in 1984 and I distinctly remember thinking to myself I'd better hurry and get across before this bridge collapses. Even then I could feel it swaying and heard it creaking. See, I was right!

Thanks for the call. Talk Radio, what say you?

When are they going to replace the bridge? And who is going to pay for it? Will it be with our hard-working taxpayers' hard-earned money? Don't you think it's time to privatize all our bridges? The free market works best every time.

Thanks for the call. Talk Radio, what say you?

I've been out of touch all day. Can you fill me in with the important events of the day? Has Lindsay Lohan gone to jail yet?

Thanks for the call. Believe me. Thanks for the call.

Stress make me look fat?

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

The key difference between me and the rest of my family is in the way we deal with stress.

I think a person's nightmares say a lot about him. Mine usually involve someone trying to kill me. I'm being chased by people with guns and as I'm running away I suddenly become buoyant, floating just off the ground so I can't get any traction. Of course I'm not light enough to fly to safety, so I dodge bullets for 20 minutes and curse fickle gravity, finally waking in a sweat with my jaw clenched and my eyes wide open, staring at huge insects on our bedroom ceiling that slowly morph into familiar beams, shadows, and huge insects.

I have manly, corn-fed nightmares that anyone would be proud to call their own. Meanwhile the scariest dream my wife can recall involved pastries. Either she had too few or too many — I don't remember, because as soon as she mentioned éclairs I stopped listening. Then I've got the kids complaining about clown dreams and "going to school naked" dreams — Oh please. I'd be so relieved to find myself naked in school rather than fleeing a nuclear holocaust. I'd probably have the presence of mind to dream that Margot Rhinelander was naked too.

The key difference between me and the rest of my family is in the way we deal with stress. I've always felt it was more considerate to internalize anxiety, to suppress it during the day and only express it subconsciously at night by mistaking my wife's leg for a gila monster and clubbing it with a lamp. My wife disagrees. There's very little delay between the moment she feels stressed out and the moment I hear about it. She and the kids are constantly letting off steam, which I capture in bottles and tuck away for later. Then at night they visit the Kingdom of the Chocolate Swing Sets while I'm trapped in the Land of Unexpected Cliffs.

Since I've never learned to deal properly with stress the obvious thing to do is avoid it in the first place. But there's a tricky balance to strike here, because often our most stressful experiences are the most exciting. Years ago I made gadgets for commercials and movies and operated them on set. When they worked in Take 1 there was no prouder feeling in the world. But when your little mechanical talking turtle flatly refused to say "Turtle Wax gives a hard shell finish!" you could hear the money blowing out the sound stage door as 50 people stood around watching you tinker frantically under the hot lights. Finally you'd mop your brow, nod to the director, the camera would roll again, and your baby would shout, "Turtle Wax needs the hard sell!"

Night shoots are what eventually did me in. Music videos have shoestring budgets, and are notorious for shooting all night and expecting the crew to work all day preparing for the next night. One morning after 72 hours without rest I actually fell asleep for a few seconds as I was walking to the post office. My head bobbed forward and I woke up to find I hadn't broken stride, and felt rather refreshed to boot. Eighteen months of excitement at that level was about all I could take.

College exam week was always tough on the psyche too, but at least I wasn't alone. One of my five suitemates was a math major and would talk very agitatedly in his sleep about number lines. As his closest friends we would of course torment him any way we could, disproving his nonsensical theorems while he thrashed around in his bunk. If they did anything similar to me they never mentioned it, but during my final aeronautics exam I wrote "Weiners" for about half the answers before I realized what I was doing, so I'm a little suspicious.

I may fall asleep while walking but I've never walked in my sleep the way my youngest daughter does. That's always a freaky thing to witness. It would be cool if she shuffled around like a zombie with her arms out and eyes closed the way you'd expect, but she doesn't. She just walks down the stairs and circles the kitchen as if she's looking for something. In her case it's always the bathroom, and once I clue in and fly her over the target it's like someone turned on a fire hose.

It's fascinating to think how powerful even an unconscious brain must be to force someone on her feet and send her wandering around the house just to avoid wetting the bed — something that same brain had no qualms about only two years ago. If I could harness that energy somehow rather than waste it on night terrors, think how much yard work I could get done while I slept. I'd just have to warn the neighbors not to shoot the guy in the Terminator pajamas with the chain saw.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset. He does not remember composing this article, and we are not surprised.

LIBRARY CORNER

New titles have just arrived

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information or to sign up for classes, call 781-383-1348 or visit gwalsh@ocln.org.

All students who have met or exceeded their summer reading goal will be awarded a Catch the Beat At Your Library" backpack.

New Titles – New audiobooks on CD have just arrived: "Innocence" by David Hosp; "The Tin Roof Blowdown" by James Lee Burke; "Justice Denied" by J.A. Jance; and "The Night Ferry" by Michael Robotham. New DVDs have also arrived: "Lost: Season 2"; "Unaccompanied Minors"; and "Are We Done Yet?" starring Ice Cube.

Great Decisions Group – Register now to participate in the Great Decisions Group. To register, call or visit the library or Web site at cohassetlibrary.org and click on Calendar; click on the September calendar; then click on Sept. 9. The group is free, and limited to 15 participants.

Independent Film Night – There will be no film shown in August. The next film night will be at 6 p.m., on Sept. 20.

Library Book Group – There will be no August meeting of the Library Book Group. The next meeting will be at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, Sept. 26. The group will discuss Nathaniel Philbrick's book "Mayflower."

FOR CHILDREN

Backpack Time – Monday, Aug. 13, ends the statewide summer reading program Catch the Beat at Your Library. Bring in summer reading logs to share with Mrs. Moody. All students who have met or exceeded their summer reading goal will be awarded a Catch the Beat At Your Library" backpack.

Last Show – Catch the Beat at Your Library at 6 p.m., on Tuesday, Aug. 14, with the Act!vated Storytellers who will perform "More Quizzical Quests," which is most suitable for ages 5 and older. It's the last chance to see the Act!vated Storytellers until the summer of 2009. Don't miss this last show of the summer. Tickets are required and can be obtained at the Circulation Desk. Visit cohassetlibrary.org and click on calendar to see if the show is sold out.

Train talk on Our Town

Join co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo this week when they sit down with the Special Assistant to the Town Manager for Greenbush Affairs, Tom Gruber, to discuss the final preparations for the coming of the train.

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Tom outlines the work left to be done, safety concerns for residents and a realistic starting date for trips to Boston to begin.

Tune in Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9p.m., all on Comcast channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and Stay informed!

Greenbush train tests expected to start up again Aug. 13

By Carol Britton Meyer
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All five towns served by the Greenbush commuter rail system have requested that the entire line be declared a "quiet zone." This means that whistles won't be sounded except in an emergency.

Motorists, walkers, bicyclists, joggers, children, and others who make their way through Cohasset — beware!

Greenbush test train runs are scheduled to start again on Aug. 13, nearly three months after the first Scituate to Boston run on May 19. Test runs that were expected to resume earlier this month were delayed because the rail grinding operation has taken longer than anticipated. The targeted start date for Greenbush train service is Sept. 29.

Test trains may operate at any time, day or night, seven days a week, and will not run according to a set schedule. This means that adults, children, and pets should stay off and away from the tracks at all times and that vehicles should not stop on the tracks under any circumstances. During these runs, the signal and grade crossing warning systems will be tested.

The clear message is to stay off the tracks. "No Trespassing" and "No Dumping" "police take notice" signs have been posted on the fences running along the tracks to further drive home the importance of keeping off the tracks. Anyone caught walking on railroad property, including the train tracks, or near or inside the tunnel area for any reason whatsoever runs the risk of personal injury or death and also arrest.

MBTA Transit Police and local police are pledging to arrest anyone who ignores this directive. Local police departments and the MBTA are relying on residents to report people they see trespassing on the Greenbush line.

The Cohasset Police Department has adopted a "no tolerance" policy with regard to rail safety. This means that anyone caught on the tracks or inside the fences or the tunnel could be arrested for trespassing, which comes with a $100 fine under state law. Parents are urged to discuss train safety with their children.

The dangers of trespassing cannot be overstated. A commuter rail train traveling at 55 mph takes a mile to come to a complete stop — as compared with 200 feet for a car moving at that same speed.

Trains have the right of way and can run at any time. The trains are wider than they appear, with a three-foot hangover on both sides of the tracks.

The public is urged to watch out for multiple trains on tracks in Hingham, Cohasset, Braintree, Weymouth, and Scituate and to be alert at all times to the potential presence of trains on the tracks at grade crossings and the potential hazard to trespassers who live near or walk along the rail right-of-way. Commuter trains run quieter and faster than many people realize.

All five towns served by the Greenbush commuter rail system have requested that the entire line be declared a "quiet zone." This means that whistles won't be sounded except in an emergency. The final step in the process, gaining Federal Railroad Administration approval, is in the works.

In the meantime, train horns will be sounded at grade crossings because the warning systems are not yet operational and the quiet zone is not yet in place. "Horns will also be sounded as required for warning workers on the track," said Greenbush Director of Construction James L. Eng." Railroad flagmen will stop roadway traffic at grade crossings during train operations until the warning systems are tested and placed into operation."

Train whistles are ordinarily blown when approaching a grade crossing, but due to the many grade crossings within a short distance along the Greenbush line, a waiver is being sought to provide relief from incessant whistle blowing.

The MBTA will offer 12 round trips on the Greenbush line between Scituate and South Station on weekdays, except holidays. The trains will run between 5:45 a.m. and 11 p.m. A one-way trip from Scituate to South Station will take 59 minutes.



PHOTO/MARY FORD

"No Trespassing, No Dumping" signs have been posted along the tracks.

Train facts and warnings

The Operation Lifesaver rail safety program provides information to the public to help prevent accidents. OL offers the following train facts and safety tips:

- Modern trains are quieter than ever, with no telltale "clackety-clack." An approaching train will always be closer and moving faster than you think.
- Railroad tracks, trestles, yards, and equipment are private property.
- Trespassers are subject to arrest and fines.
- Never drive, ride a bike, or walk around a lowered railroad crossing gate.
- Always wait for the train to pass and for the gates to be raised.
- Trains cannot stop quickly. A freight train moving at 55 mph, or an eight-car passenger train moving at 60 mph, can take a mile or more to stop.
- Don't walk, run, cycle, or operate all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on railroad property, including tracks, or through tunnels.
- Cross the tracks only at designated pedestrian or roadway crossings.
- Never play or walk on the tracks.
- Observe all warning signs and signals.
- Don't hunt, fish, or jump around railroad trestles. There is only enough clearance on tracks for a train to pass. Trestles are not meant to be sidewalks or pedestrian bridges.
- Don't attempt to hop aboard railroad equipment at any time. A slip of the foot can cost you a limb, or your life.
- Be aware that trains do not always follow set schedules. Any time is train time.
- Don't skateboard or Rollerblade on station platforms or in parking lots.
- Always stand behind the yellow platform stripe.

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July 30-August 3, 2007



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' votes on one roll call and local senators' votes on five roll calls and local from the week of July 30-August 3.

LANDLOCKED FILLED TIDELANDS (H 3757, S 2306)

House 119-32, Senate 35-0, approved different versions of a bill giving the state's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) the statutory authority to exempt development and construction on "landlocked filled tidelands" from the strict licensing requirements of Chapter 91 - the state law that protects the public's access to the state's waterways. Chapter 91 dates back to the Colonial era and was designed to allow the public access to the ocean and ponds for "fishing, fowling and navigation." Many of these waterways, over a period of time and as populations grew, were filled in and developed. DEP in 1990 began exercising the regulatory authority to exempt these landlocked tidelands. The Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) in February 2007 issued a decision stating that DEP did not have this power and had exceeded its authority. Supporters of the bill said that the legislation would simply ensure that DEP is granted the authority under state law and can continue to exempt these landlocked tidelands that have been filled in and developed over the centuries and no longer have any meaningful connection or access to the waterfront. They argued that without the law, the court ruling jeopardizes the title and legality of thousands of acres of development including Fenway Park, MIT, Massachusetts General Hospital and many private homes. Opponents of the bill said that the proposed legislation would fly in the face of the court's decision and take power away from local officials to negotiate with developers in order to protect their communities. They argued that all of these developments should require special permits regardless of whether the waterways are now landlocked. The differences between the House and Senate version will likely be ironed out by a conference committee. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill giving DEP the statutory authority to exempt development and construction on landlocked filled tidelands from the strict licensing requirements of Chapter 91. A "No" vote is against the bill).

SALES TAX HOLIDAY ON AUGUST 11 AND 12 (H 2876)

Senate 33-4, approved and Gov. Deval Patrick signed into law a bill allowing consumers to buy most products that cost under $2,500 on Saturday, August 11 and Sunday, August 12 without paying the state's five percent sales tax. Supporters of the bill said that the holiday would boost retail sales and noted that consumers over the past three years have saved millions of dollars during similar tax-free holidays. They argued that the state's sales tax revenue loss would be offset by increased revenue from the meals and gas tax generated by shoppers who would eat out and drive on those two days. Some opponents of the bill said that the holiday actually generates little additional revenue for stores because consumers would buy the products even without the tax-free days. They said that the Legislature should be looking at broader, deeper tax relief and not a tiny tax-free holiday. Others said that legislators should not vote for this tax holiday when they have not yet restored all the local aid, education and other program cuts made over the past few years. (A "Yes" vote is for the tax-free holiday. A "No" vote is against the tax free holiday).

MAKE AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY A PERMANENT ONE (H 2876)

Senate 5-31, rejected an amendment establishing a permanent annual two-day sales tax holiday in August. The amendment would require the Department of Revenue to choose the dates of the holiday and announce them by July 15 each year. Amendment supporters said that it is time to make this "win-win" holiday a permanent one. They argued that a permanent holiday would give consumers the opportunity to plan purchases in advance and not have to sit around and see if the Legislature approves the holiday each year. They noted that this year's holiday was not signed into law until August 2 and does not give consumers adequate notice. Amendment opponents said that it is fiscally irresponsible to approve a permanent holiday without regard to the economic situation of the state during a specific year. They argued that the Legislature should look at the state's economy and revenues each year and decide one year at a time whether the state can afford a sales tax holiday. Some noted that a permanent holiday would hurt year-round retail sales because many consumers would hold off until August to make big purchases. (A "Yes" vote is for establishing a permanent annual two-day sales tax holiday in August. A "No" vote is against establishing it).

PROHIBIT CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT REDUCING INCOME TAX RATE (H 2876)

Senate 31-5, supported Senate President Therese Murray's ruling prohibiting consideration of an amendment reducing the state income tax rate from 5.3 percent to five percent over two years. Voters in 2000 approved a gradual reduction of that year's 5.85 percent tax to five percent by January 2003 but the Legislature in July 2002 froze the rate at 5.3 percent. Murray ruled that the amendment is "beyond the scope" of the sales tax holiday bill being debated and should not be allowed on the floor for debate. Supporters of Murray's ruling said that the amendment should not be allowed because the tax holiday bill does not deal with income tax rates. Opponents of Murray's ruling said that both the amendment and the bill are related because they deal with taxes. They argued that it is unfair and undemocratic that the senate president is prohibiting a vote on this clearly-related income tax rate reduction. (A "Yes" vote is for Murray's ruling prohibiting consideration of an amendment reducing the state income tax rate from 5.3 percent to five percent. A "No" vote is against Murray's ruling and favors allowing consideration of the income tax reduction).

PERMANENTLY EXEMPT ENERGY-EFFICIENT APPLIANCES FROM SALES TAX (H 2876)

Senate 5-32, rejected an amendment permanently exempting energy-efficient appliances and products from the state's five percent sales tax. The products and appliances would include air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, washers, dryers, dehumidifiers, ceiling fans and light bulbs. Amendment supporters said that this exemption would save millions of dollars for consumers and would also be good for the environment. Some amendment opponents said that this exemption is unnecessary because consumers can avoid the tax by purchasing these products and appliances during the August tax-free holiday. Others said that the Committee on Telecommunications and Energy is considering comprehensive energy legislation and argued that members should reject this amendment until the broader bill has a public hearing and works it way through the Legislature. (A "Yes" vote is for permanently exempting energy-efficient appliances and products from the state's five percent sales tax. A "No" vote is against the permanent exemption).

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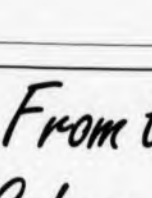
From the Archives is a weekly feature provided by Cohasset Historical Society.

Can anyone help us identify these two unknown gentlemen who have been hanging around the Society for years? We would appreciate your help! Please call us at 781-383-1434 if you have any information on either of them.

Tips for safe bicycle travel

SAFETY COUNTS

POLICE CHIEF JAMES HUSSEY



By observing Massachusetts bicycle laws and following safety rules, your bicycling will be enjoyable and more importantly, safer!

FROM SAFETY, PAGE 8

and construction zones on our main streets. Operators of motor vehicles have to be attentive and remember that they are *sharing* the road with bicyclists.

As the town and the MBTA work to make the railroad grade crossing on North Main Street (near the Hingham line) safe for bicyclists, it is imperative that bicyclists stop and walk their bikes across the grade crossing, as we have had several bicycle accidents at this location.

In closing, Massachusetts State Law permits bicyclists to travel on sidewalks in the interest of safety. In general, it is more appropriate and prudent to bicycle in the street with the flow of traffic, and Cohasset is making every effort to make our streets safe and comfortable for bicycling, although it is recognized that there are times when sidewalk riding will be used, for example, with young children. If you are a bicyclist using the sidewalk, be sure to use extreme caution when encountering pedestrians, and try to avoid riding on the sidewalk in the village business area, as people are entering and exiting storefronts.

These tips, combined with patience and courtesy on the road, will ensure that we all enjoy the last weeks of summer.

Jim Hussey is Cohasset Chief of Police. Sgt. William Quigley helped compile the information for the column.

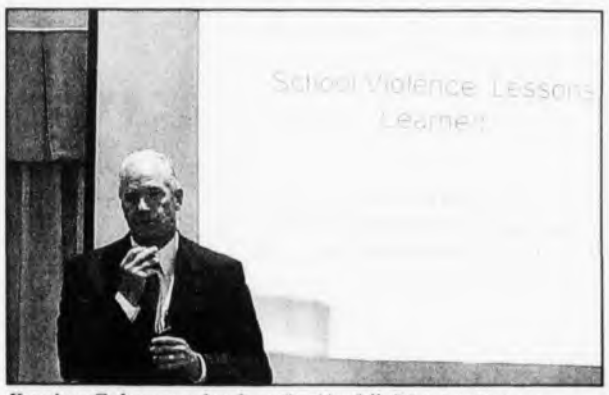
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Cohasset officials join Keating in school violence prevention

It can happen here - it can happen anywhere.

There are steps, however, that towns and parents, can take to keep school violence like what happened in Littleton, Colo., or on the campus of Virginia Tech from coming to Norfolk County.

That was the message national school violence expert and lecturer Dr. Scott Poland brought to a meeting with more than 110 school and police officials from Cohasset and across Norfolk County, which was convened this spring by Norfolk District Attorney William R. Keating.



Keeping Cohasset schools safe *- Norfolk District Attorney William Keating brought in a national school safety expert to meet with leaders from Cohasset and across the county.*

Parents, teachers, principals, and guidance counselors need to find ways to keep every student connected, and to know what is going on in their lives. When the National Institute of Mental Health examined the roots of school shootings, Dr. Poland said he could sum up their findings in one sentence: "School connection is the key to everything."

Dr. Poland worked with the parents of the Columbine, Colo. students after the school shooting, which took place there. Those parents, he said, had a succinct message for what works and what doesn't: "Reach out. Don't preach."

Adults who share the lessons which hindsight has taught them about high school accomplishes little; getting students to open up about what is happening in the school and what is happening in their lives does.

After the March 2005 school shooting in Red Lake, Minn., that left 10 dead, 39 of the 315 students at the school told authorities that they knew at least a small amount about the plot before it happened. None of those 39 students had a line of communication with an adult before the shooting started. Of school shooters, Poland said, "They always tell their friends, and always in detail."

Two-thirds of school shooters have been identified as victims of bullying, Poland said. He praised anti-bullying programs based on changing the culture of the school in terms of how bystanders react to bullying events, which is the model used in the program offered by the Norfolk District Attorney's Office.

Representatives from Cohasset who attended the meeting included Mike Gill, Assistant Principal of the Middle and High schools; Kate Nelligan, Adjustment Counselor, and Lisa Matos, School Resource Officer.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Minot, 42 Nichols Road, $55,000, construction of English greenhouse addition for hobby use; MacMillan, 141 Linden Drive, $165,000, construction of second story with three bedrooms, a new foyer and new central smoke, fire, and carbon monoxide detection systems; Iantosca, 20 Carbone Lane, 20 by 40 foot tent; Bobo, 11 Sheldon Road, $10,000, kitchen cabinets;

Clark, 9A Church St., $6,000, replacement of six windows; Lehr, 245 No. Main St., $4,500, 12 by 12 foot screen porch; Deshamais, 12 Holly Lane, $25,000, installation of new windows on first floor, new side kitchen door, interior finish work, flooring, painting and new kitchen cabinets; Davis, 332 So. Main St., $15,000, demolition of existing dwelling; Pilgrim Cooperative Bank, 48 So. Main St., $5,000, residing of back shed; and Crowley, 392 Jerusalem Road, $8,900, 15 squares of rubber roofing membrane.

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Cohasset grad has uncommon quest

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sioned a set of four quests: one for the village, one for the harbor, one for the common and one kid-friendly version. But, after she partnered up with the Historical Society and scouring their archives she realized just how lofty a goal that was.

"I thought I would rather do one really good quest, rather than rushing through," she says and decided to focus on the buildings and landmarks in the Village and Common area.

"There was a lot of historical background on the Common," says Virginia. Under the advisement of Lynne DeGiacomo, Executive Administrator of the Historical Society, Virginia sifted through ancient town reports, newspaper articles, written accounts of events, letters and speeches to find the most interesting facts to illuminate pieces of the village's history. As is the way with most research, she uncovered more information than she was able to put into the Quest so she was able to choose the most interesting facts from it all.

"You don't always get to use these primary sources," she says, so she relished in the chance. As history is her favorite subject and a possible college major, she found the research neither boring nor the most difficult part, "I liked doing the research and it took a lot of time, but the creating the puzzle was harder."

DeGiacomo attests to Virginia's dedication to the project, "she extensively used our archives, and was working on it in the spring with a full class schedule and varsity softball," she says, "[the project] is a very positive thing for the Historical Society. We love to mentor, sponsor, and supervise others in historical research."

The Quest takes participants from the Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Ripley Road through the Common and the Village ending up at the Historical Society building on South Main Street — two buildings that have undergone significant transformations in recent years. Virginia names the library (which is the former Osgood School) as her favorite landmark on the tour because "it's changed so much. I learned about all the history even before I went to [elementary] school there."

A historical narrative brings to life the landmarks along the way. Old-time photographs depict the landmarks as they once were; most are not so different from today. Walkers read up on the storied history of Cohasset's most well known buildings and seek out answers to questions at each stop along the way. Correct answers to the questions then give an answer to a final question to be filled in at the end of the quest. She estimates, from trial runs performed by her friends and fellow Girl Scouts, the quest to take about an hour to complete.

A kick off party next Wednesday will mark the official availability of the Quest. People are welcome to stop by the South Shore Community Center any time between 10:30a.m. and 1p.m.. Pictures from the day will be used in Virginia's final presentation to the Girl Scouts of America as it considers her application for a Gold Award. Like becoming an Eagle Scout in Boy Scouting, a Gold Award is highest honor in the organization. Before even beginning this final project, Virginia had to earn a number of badges and awards.

Virginia put her love and skill of softball to work in coaching little league softball to receive a Leadership Award. Then, she set out to earn a Gold Career Award, which involves spending 40 hours doing a career related activities. Virginia completed this aspect through her extensive college search.

Upon earning both awards, she presented her project idea to a panel of Girl Scouts and got approval to begin work. In order to qualify, the project must take at least 65 hours of volunteer work; it must have longevity, affect the community and show leadership. A post-project interview in September will determine if Virginia is awarded the Gold Award.

Unlike so many girls, Virginia and some of her closest friends have kept up with Girl Scouts through high school. "it was a way for us to stay close." Her troop began together as brownies in the first grade. Never one for camping and the great outdoors, Virginia was attracted to the community service aspects of girl scouting.

"I like doing community service and Girl Scouts was good way to instigate it," she says, "this project is the culmination of all my years of girl scouting.

Virginia will leave Cohasset at the end of this month and head to Wake Forest University in North Carolina. She hopes families and lovers of history alike will set off on the Quest even after she has left Cohasset. Maybe another Girl Scout will use her quest model to create something similar for the harbor.

"One of the nice things is the project will have longevity," says Virginia's mother, Susan Spofford, "it's a great legacy to leave behind."

A kick off event will be held Wednesday, Aug. 15 from 10:30a.m. to 1p.m. The Quest will begin at the South Shore Community Center and end at the Historical Society. Refreshments will be provided to participants. After the special kick off event, the Quest booklets will be available anytime at the Historical Society building, the library and the Community Center.

Fashion Forward

In conjunction with the ongoing "Century of Hats" exhibit at the Historical Society building, two restored wedding dresses are now on display. The two currently on display were sent to Rhode Island for restoration before during last summer's wedding dress exhibit and have only recently returned to Cohasset. "Century of Hats" and the wedding gowns will remain on display through the end of the month. The Historical Society is open to the public weekdays from 10a.m. to 4p.m. The exhibit is free of charge; however, donations are welcome. Call the Cohasset Historical Society at (781) 383-1434 for more information.

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Taking water samples at Cohasset swimming areas

CSCR UPDATE

CHLOE KOINES

"This project is unique because we are protecting the health and well-being of Cohasset residents."

— Juliette Karp, Center for Student Coastal Research

Have you ever wondered if Cohasset's ocean water is really safe for swimming? The Center for Student Coastal Research (CSCR) students, Juliette Karp, Katina Martone, intern Brittany Novak, and Chloe Koines are currently working alongside Tara Tradd, administrator and inspector from the Cohasset Board of Health, to answer that very question.

Once a week, they venture to Cohasset's six swimming areas, Bassing Beach, Cohasset Yacht Club, Little Harbor, Sandy Cove, Sandy Beach, and Black Rock Beach to take water samples, which they test for enterococci, a species of bacteria that serves as the federal standard for water quality at public swimming areas. Runoff from rain is the main cause for elevated enterococci levels. The runoff carries pollutants from roads and other paved surfaces directly to the surface water of beaches and ponds. Other possible causes are animal waste from pets and birds. You can help control the bacteria levels in Cohasset's swimming areas by simply not feeding the birds and cleaning up after your pets.

While taking the samples it is essential to record water and air temperatures, weather, tide, water clarity, and the last rainfall. These may not seem significant, but they can prove important when examining the results. For example, rain can flush waste into the water and cloudy water can indicate contamination. They also note any unusual observations, such as oil on the water surface, or large numbers of fish, as well as any strange beach conditions.

They recently found thousands of dead ants on the shoreline at Sandy Beach and last week noticed a strong sulfur odor at Sandy Cove. They have not yet discovered the cause of these incidents, but are currently looking into them to determine any connection to the water quality.

After gathering the samples, they give half to the Board of Health, which sends them out to G & L Laboratories in Quincy for professional testing and the other half gets taken back to CSCR for testing using a different method. The purpose of this is to determine whether or not their method measures up to that of the Board of Health. CSCR's testing process is very simple. They add an enterococci indicator called Enterolert to each diluted sample and pour the solution into trays, which are sealed and placed in an incubator for 24 hours. They then examine the trays under an ultraviolet lamp, which shows the presence of bacteria. If they detect enterococci in their samples, they then determine if the level is safe. They have detected the most enterococci in samples from Bassing Beach, which experiences limited tidal flushing, while very low levels have been found in the other areas.

The legal enterococci limit for the water is 104 colony forming units per 100 milliliter sample. If this level of bacteria is found in one of their samples, the affected area will be closed for public safety. Their research program has not detected dangerous levels of enterococci this summer, but has in past years. The bacteria can be harmful, particularly at exceptionally high levels, which usually only occurs in hospitals and can affect humans with infections such as bacteremia, intra-abdominal infections, endocarditis, and urinary tract infections. These infections can be treated with antibiotics, but are important to be aware of. So far, their results have mirrored those of G&L Laboratories, which tells them that CSCR's methods are accurate.

Fellow group member Juliette Karp commented, "This project is unique because we are protecting the health and well-being of Cohasset residents."

All five people involved in the water study feel privileged to be providing this service to the town and will continue to bring news of their findings throughout the summer.



Shown, from left, are: Center for Student Coastal Research students, Chloe Koines, Katina Martone, and Juliette Karp.

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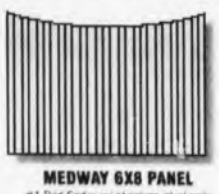
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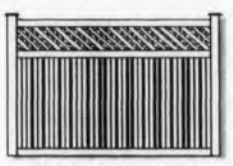
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Cohasset's Sam Rice and his Weymouth Waves swim coach, Chelsea Brace.

On top of his game

Cohasset's Sam Rice sweeps freestyle events at New England Championship

By Mark Goodman
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Sam Rice is a freestyle master.

The Cohasset 10-year old swept all four freestyle events during last weekend's 12-and-under New England swim championships at Springfield College. Going up against mostly older competition, Rice took first in the 50- (33.52 seconds), 100- (1:11.97), 200- (2:32.53) and 400-meter (5:27.59) freestyle events.

As part of a team representing the Weymouth Waves swim club, Rice qualified for New Englands in 10 events total, although competition rules allowed him to compete in a maximum of nine. He also swam the 50- and 100-meter backstrokes, 50-meter breaststroke, 100-meter fly, and 200-meter individual medley.

"As a 10-year old, it's a pretty big accomplishment to get first place in four events," said Weymouth Waves swim coach Chelsea Brace. "He plays baseball and hockey, too, but he's made a pretty big commitment to the (swim) club, and it shows."

As a team, the Waves finished 17th out of 46 squads at the New England championships, a ranking that would have been even higher had a team participated in the relay events. Rice earned 115 of the Waves' 198 points.

Joining Rice in the Waves contingent at Springfield College were fellow Cohasset native Connor Green, Duxbury's Mike Connolly, Katie Eagan and Michaela Morris, Braintree's Matt Gaffney and Needham's Joseph Bonvouloir.

The Waves have been competing in several meets throughout the summer, with swimmers having to meet qualifying times in order to earn a spot at the New England championships.

A win at last

Breaks finally go Outlaws' way in OT win over Southern NE Rage

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PLYMOUTH - At last, it was the South Shore Outlaws' turn to win a game in the last minute.

After losing two such contests to begin the season, the Outlaws took the undefeated Southern New England Rage into overtime Saturday night at Plymouth High School, and a one-yard touchdown by Luis Gonzalzes (Wareham) gave the Outlaws the 27-21 win.

The extra period didn't come without its share of dramatics, and at one point it looked as though the Outlaws might suffer their third defeat in as many weeks. After the defense forced a three-and-out to begin overtime, the Outlaws took over at their own 33-yard line and marched 66 yards on 13 plays. Gonzalzes and fellow running back Brian Lewis (Plymouth) took turns carrying the load, including four third down conversions to get down to the Rage 1-yard line.

On second-and-goal, however, Gonzalzes was stripped at the goal line, and the Rage recovered. With less than three minutes to go, the visitors would just need to get a couple first downs to run out the clock. They got one, but a Hank Anderson (Duxbury) sack forced a third-and-long for the Rage. Southern NE's long pass attempt was well defended by Outlaws safety Joune Frasier (Kingston), and the Rage's Tyler Grogan (son of Patriots legend Steve) had to punt from his own end zone.

What followed was the play of the game from one of the Outlaws' players of the game, Mike Leoncello (Brockton). Fielding the punt at his own 44-yard line, Leoncello – who returned two interceptions for touchdowns in regulation – started to his left, cut back to his right all the way to the sideline, and somehow managed to escape what looked like a sure tackle there and bolt down the sideline. With several blockers in front of him, Leoncello made it down to the Rage's 1-yard line before he was tackled and, much to the dismay of Outlaws fans who thought for sure this would be it, fumbled.

> **"I'll put our offensive line up against anybody's in the league."**
> Outlaws head coach Greg Townsend

Fortunately for the home team, Anderson was on hand to recover the fumble. Gonzalzes made no mistake on the next play, following the sure lead block of fullback John Coleman (Wareham) and getting into the end zone. Ball game.

Gonzalzes finished with 150 yards on 23 carries, including a 70-yard run in the first quarter to open the game's scoring. That long run came through a big hole on the left side of the line, opened up by tackle Kris Barry (Wareham) and guard Sean DeLoid (Plymouth). In general, Barry, DeLoid, center Eric Kraft (Kingston), right guard Rory Thomas (East Wareham), right tackle Joe Virden (Brockton) and Jake Santos (Taunton) played a strong game in the trenches for the Outlaws' offense.

Gonzalzes said after the game he was hoping for another opportunity after his fumble.

"I put it on the defense after that, and they came up big and gave me a second chance," he said. "I was determined to get in the end zone the second time."

The running game has been a major strength for the Outlaws so far this season, never more so than Saturday night, sending head coach Greg Townsend home a happy man.

"Luis Gonzalzes, what a great running back that kid us," Townsend said. "And I'll put our offensive line up against anybody's in the league."

Not to be overlooked in this one was the performance of the Outlaws' defense. The Rage came into the game having scored 49 points in its first two contests, behind a powerful option running game and the strong arm of quarterback Dan Ashworth. The Rage did come up with a few big plays – including an Ashworth-to-Grogan 83-yard TD connection in the second quarter – but South Shore came up with the big stops when needed.

Anderson and fellow linebackers Matt Costello (Wareham) and Peter Kane (Plymouth) were solid against the run. Townsend also praised the play up front of defensive ends Nick Tam (Plymouth) and Dave Reed

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South Shore Outlaws running back Luis Gonzalzes had 150 yards on 23 carries in Saturday night's overtime win.

Solid finish to Little League careers

12-year-olds go out in style

The Little League careers of the Cohasset 12A's came to an end recently when they finished second in the Sandwich All-Star Tournament.

Sixteen teams from Massachusetts entered the Sandwich tournament, which began Thursday, July 26, and finished with the semifinals and finals Wednesday, Aug. 1. Cohasset entered Sunday's final round as the third seed behind Milton and Rehoboth. Due to heavy rains late Sunday afternoon the tournament got postponed until Tuesday and Wednesday night.

After beating Middleboro in the quarterfinals in the "game of the year," Cohasset faced an undefeated team from Rehoboth. Rehoboth sent its 6-foot, 1-inch ace to the mound and Cohasset countered with its ace Connor Goetz. Behind Goetz's gutsy pitching (eight strike outs) Cohasset played tremendous defense and offensively came through with some timely hitting. Shane Haggerty struck first with a two out single up the middle to score Jamie Timothy. Later in the game Connor O'Brien laid down a perfect bunt to plate another run. Goetz took over from there as he stymied the heavy hitting Rehoboth team allowing Cohasset to advance to the finals with a 4-1 victory.

Cohasset faced a familiar foe in the finals – Scituate. Scituate advanced as it came from behind to beat Milton 15-13 in the semifinals. After a brief delay and approximately 48 hot dogs the Cohasset players took the field for their last game in a Little League uniform.

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Two-year old Chase Hansen and his dad, Karl, enjoy the festivities while swimming at the Cohasset Swim Club's Friday Fun Night.



Nine-year old Luke Norton of Cohasset takes a jump off the diving board during the Cohasset Swim Club's Friday Fun Night.

All-Scholastic boys lacrosse team

4 Skippers among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Unlike individual league all-star teams, we did not choose our team in deference to event considerations. Instead the only criteria we considered was overall value these athletes had to their respective teams.

In the end; however, the sports staff at Community Newspaper Company (CNC) had to make some tough decisions and we do feel secure that we chose the top public school boys lacrosse athletes for this honor.

This is the Community Newspaper Company boys lacrosse *squad comprised of athletes from Hanover, Marshfield, Weymouth, Braintree, Norwell, Scituate, Hingham, Abington, Rockland, Silver Lake, Pembroke, Cohasset, Duxbury, Taunton, Apponequet, Bridgewater-Raynham, Randolph, Avon, Whitman-Hanson, Plymouth North, Plymouth South, West Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Wareham, Oliver Ames, Holbrook, Carver, Norton and Mansfield.*

Mike Bunstein – Senior
Attack – Cohasset

Arguably the best playmaker in the area, Bunstein earned All-American honors with a 31-goal, 69-assist season…Possesses a remarkable instinct for finding teammates in a position to score, and knows how to score goals in his own right…Two of Bunstein's best games may have been five-goal, four-assist performance against Barnstable in regular season finale, and a seven-assist showing in Div. 3 state semifinals against Hanover…Said Cohasset head coach Stew Curran: "In a way, he was our Tom Brady on offense. [Mike] Grimm and [Mark] Flibotte got a lot of notoriety, but with Bunny, the ball went through his stick and good things always happened"…Will continue his lacrosse career at Lasell College

Mark Flibotte – Junior
Attack – Cohasset

Joined teammate and fellow All-Scholastic Mike Bunstein as an All-American, and it was well deserved…Flibotte led the Skippers with 104 points (64 goals, 40 assists)…An instrumental part of Cohasset's comeback win over Scituate in the Div. 3 state final, finishing that game with six goals…Scored a first half hat trick three days earlier in semifinal win over Hanover…Stands a good shot at breaking the program's all-time scoring record next spring…Cohasset head coach Stew Curran on Flibotte: "Mark is a smart, good athlete, and he works hard"…Also plays football and basketball for CHS

Mike Grimm – Junior
Attack – Cohasset

As explosive a player as there is in this area, Grimm joined fellow All-Scholastics Mike Bunstein and Mark Flibotte to form an outstanding attacking trio…Scored six goals in Cohasset's Div. 3 state title win over Scituate…Had four unanswered goals in fourth period to lead a comeback win over Hingham May 15; Grimm finished that game with five scores…Notched a hat trick in Cohasset's 14-11 regular season loss to eventual Div. 1 state champion Duxbury…Grimm can safely be considered a strong candidate for All-American status next spring…Also plays soccer for CHS

Dan Trendowicz – Senior
Midfield – Cohasset

His teammates in attack get a lot more attention, but Trendowicz was the proverbial glue that held things together during the Skippers' two state championship runs…A superb two-way player, Trendowicz finished with 15 goals and 22 assists while playing excellent defense…Scored a pair of goals in quarterfinal win over Bishop Stang…A South Shore League All-Star, one of six on Cohasset's roster…Plans to continue his lacrosse career at Salve Regina in Newport, R.I.

Steve Lydon – Senior (Capt.)
Midfield – Braintree

Strong multi-sport athlete had another Bay State Conference All-Star season on the lacrosse field for Braintree…Amassed over 50 points before season was ended due to an injury, leading the Wamps in scoring…Had two goals and an assist in season-opening win against Framingham…Had a hat trick – as did younger brother Kevin – in April 23 win over Milton…Also had a pair of eight-point games, including one in April 18 victory against Norwell…Also an All-Scholastic performer in hockey and a soccer player for BHS, Lydon will play lacrosse at Providence College

Craig Sullivan – Junior
Defense – Duxbury

No question here…Sullivan was arguably the best defenseman on the South Shore this season with his aggressive play on the Dragons' squad…The junior was named a US Lacrosse All-American after helping to guide Duxbury to its fourth-straight Division 1 State championship…His long runs from the back often startled opposing defense and allowed him to contribute to the offense…Netted seven goals and one assist this spring…Was a stalwart in the state title game at Xaverian, making crucial stops and loose ball pickups in the 10-9 overtime victory…Was a standout in the state semifinal game against Billerica, keeping the offense quiet in two overtime periods in a 12-11 victory…Just a junior, this Patriot League and Eastern Mass. All-Star will return to anchor the DHS defense next spring.

Scott Austin – Junior
Attack – Duxbury

Playing behind a loaded attack crew last season, Austin finally got his chance to shine this spring as a primetime player…The junior was the leading scorer on the Duxbury team this season, racking up 81 points on 48 goals, 33 assists for the four-time Division 1 State champions…Was a big-game player all season long, netting four goals in a 9-5 win over Beverly in the Division 1 quarterfinals…During the regular season, Austin's performance was key to a pair of wins over the Division 3 State finalists Cohasset (three goals) and Scituate (two goals, four assists)…The Patriot League All-Star also plays football at DHS and will return to both squads next year…Austin would ultimately like to continue his lacrosse career at a Division 1 college upon graduation.

Bobby Barry –
Senior (Captain)
Midfield – Duxbury

A standout midfielder, Barry saved some of his best performances for last, netting two goals in the Division 1 State championship game, including the second one that clinched a 10-9 OT win over Xaverian…It was the Dragons' fourth-straight state title…Tallied 23 points this season on 14 goals, nine assists with his great speed in the midfield…Also scored a crucial goal in Duxbury's semifinal win over Billerica, to give the Dragons a 10-9 lead that would eventually result in a 12-11 double-OT victory…A standout defenseman on the DHS hockey squad, Barry helped guide the Dragons to a Division 1 State championship this past winter…The grad plans to continue his lacrosse career at Wheaton this year.

Ben Cederberg –
Senior (Captain)
Attack – Duxbury

Another solid attackman for the Dragons, Cederberg's undeniable presence up front made him one of the catalysts on the Duxbury offense…The senior captain racked up 54 points this season on 44 goals, 10 assists, helping to guide the Dragons to their fourth-straight Division 1 State championship…Was a standout in Duxbury's postseason run, netting five goals in a double-OT 12-11 victory over Billerica before adding another three goals in a 10-9 win over rival Xaverian in the state title game…Cederberg's best regular season game came in a 18-3 lashing of Norwell, scoring six goals and an assist in the victory…A solid two-sport athlete at DHS, Cederberg was also an All-Star goalie for the Dragons soccer team last fall…He plans to continue his lacrosse career next year at Wheaton, alongside teammate Bobby Barry.

Bill Jackson –
Senior (Captain)
Attack – Hanover

Still a young program, Jackson was a major factor in putting it on the map over the last two seasons…The Patriot League All-Star finished the spring as Hanover's all-time leading scorer with 242 career points on 113 goals, 129 assists…Was the catalyst on the attack this past spring, leading the Indians with 107 points on 42 goals, 65 assists…Guided the Indians (14-7) in big wins all season long, scoring four goals and three assists in a 13-3 quarterfinal win over Bourne in the Division 3 Eastern Mass. tourney and racking up three goals one assist in a regular season win over Arlington…A three sport athlete at HHS, Jackson also captained the golf team last fall and was a key player and captain on the hockey team, which won a Division 3 State title this past winter…Jackson plans to attend the University of Rhode Island this fall.

Max Vaickus – Junior
Goalie – Hingham

A standout goalie for the Harbormen this season, Vaickus finished his junior season as a US Lacrosse All-American after posting a solid 6.9 goals against average…Boasts tremendous skill between the pipes and consistently kept Hingham in close games with his gutsy play…His double-digit save totals came up huge in tight victories over Patriot League rivals Hanover (8-5) and non-league power St. John's Prep (10-9 in OT)…Was one of the stars of the game in a battle with Division 1 State champs Duxbury, holding the four-time title winners to a 6-2 decision, one of their lowest goal totals of the season…His solid play in the goal helped Hingham to a 9-9 record and berth in the Division 2 Eastern Mass. Tourney, where the Harbormen reached the quarterfinals…Also runs cross country at HHS and will return to both teams next season.

Austin Driscoll – Junior
Midfield – Hingham

A standout player on the attack, Driscoll was among the top scorers on the Harbormen team (9-9) this spring…Driscoll boasts blistering speed, solid stick skills, and top-notch ball control…Gave opposing offenses fits with his ability to maneuver and change seamlessly directions…Scored goals in some key wins over St. John's Prep (10-9, OT), Winchester (7-4), Needham (9-8), and Weymouth (12-6), in the first annual Orange Hat Classic…His consistency on offense helped Hingham qualify

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for play in the Div. 2 Eastern Mass. tourney, where the Harbormen reached the quarterfinals…Just a junior, Driscoll will be among the top returning players to the Hingham squad next season.

Connor Hayes – Senior (Captain)
Attack – Mansfield

In his four years at Mansfield, Hayes established himself as one of the prominent scorers in the state with an uncanny ability to almost single-handedly bring the Hornets back into contention...Hayes finished his senior campaign with 90 goals and 50 assists on a special season for Mansfield...Hayes was named Hockomock League MVP, three-time league all-star and culminated his career by being named an All-American...In the fall, he will attend Bryant after accumulating 208 goals and 120 assists in his career.

Matt Kiley – Senior (Captain)
Attack – Mansfield

If captain Connor Hayes was the Hornets' Batman, then Kiley was more than a capable Robin and the number two scorer on the team...Kiley finished second on the team in scoring with 71 goals and 56 assists for the 17-plus win Hornets...Kiley and Hayes swapped leading the league in scoring for the past three and formed the highest scoring duo in the state...The senior was a three-time Hockomock League All-Star.

Mike Morrill – Junior
Attack/Forward – Mansfield

The passing of the torch from the senior class to the underclassmen, came when Morrill defeated Catholic Memorial in the first round of the state tournament by ripping a game-winner in overtime...After that game head coach Craig Juelis said, "losing the seniors would be a big hit to the team," but Morrill's return will ease that transition...Morrill achieved his second straight all-star season for the Hornets while playing the background as the seniors garnered the headlines...Next season he will serve as team captain with hopes of establishing himself as the next big thing at Mansfield...He topped the 30 goal 30 assists mark this season.

Chris Walker – Junior
Attack – Marshfield

After missing all of last season due to an injury, Walker returned to form to lead the Marshfield laxers in scoring with 98 points on 64 goals, 34 assists…This despite sitting out for much of the second half in blowout games…An Atlantic Coast League and Eastern Mass. All-Star, Walker tallied a hat trick in a crucial win over Sandwich, earning the Atlantic Coast League crown for the Rams (13-1)…Won the MHS Offensive Player of the Year Award this season for his efforts in guiding Marshfield (15-4) to the Division 1 Eastern Mass. Tourney…Tied MHS alum Sean Morris' record for most goals scored in a single game with 12…Walker plays for the South Shore Jr. Minutemen U-19 team year round…With one more season left to play at MHS, Walker will return to captain the team next spring and plans on continuing his lacrosse career at a Division 1 college upon graduation.

Wendell Chipman – Senior (Captain)
Defenseman – Marshfield

Was a big reason why Marshfield boasted the best goals against average on the South Shore with 5.0…An Atlantic Coast League and Eastern Mass. All-Star, Chipman also received the league's Sportsman of the Year award for his efforts in guiding the Rams to the ACL title (13-1)…His speed and strength in the defensive end of the field helped Marshfield (15-4) edge strong teams from Hingham (5-4), Falmouth (6-4), and Sandwich (10-8)…A talented three sport athlete at MHS, Chipman also helped guide the Rams football team to a Division 1A Super Bowl appearance and was also a standout wrestler on the Division 1 South finalist squad this past winter…Chipman plans to continue his football career at UMass-Amherst in the fall.

Matt Bak – Junior
Goalie – Marshfield

His coach called him an "absolute rock in net all year" and for good reason…The junior goalie posted the South Shore's best goals against average at 4.8 per game…Recorded one shutout for the Rams this season, an amazing feat in lacrosse and was a stalwart in a pair of crucial games against Atlantic Coast League foe Sandwich…Racked up double-digit saves in two contests against the Blue Knights, the second of which was a 10-8 win that clinched the ACL crown for the Rams…The ACL and Eastern Mass. All-Star is also the goalie on the South Shore Jr. Minutemen Lacrosse U-19 team, Bak will return to the MHS squad next season as a captain…Future plans include continuing his lacrosse career in post-grad and/or college.

Kenton Magown – Senior (Capt.)
Defense – Norwell

Leader of a talented defense that helped guide Norwell back to the state tournament for the first time since 2004…Magown was a three-year starter at NHS and earned a nod to the South Shore League All-Star team this spring…Showed a knack for defending on one end and then starting an attack at the other by carrying the ball downfield…Said Clippers head coach Tom Flanagan during the season: "Kenton is a great athlete who gets it. His intensity on the field is second to none. As a player he has given me his all on the field. I will miss him"…Magown also played football at NHS

Josh Siegel – Senior (Captain)
Defense – Oliver Ames

All Siegel did in his final seasons, was take a young Tigers team that struggled to find success a year ago and turn them into a six-win squad with a promising future…He was a tenacious defender with the ability to frustrate the leagues top scorers and was a field general despite playing defense...Siegel was a member of the National Honor Society and a Hockomock Scholar Athlete Award winner...Siegel should complete his pilots' test this summer before heading to Boston University in the fall.

Dan Gaudet – Senior (Captain)
Attack – Plymouth

Gaudet will be the largest piece of the puzzle that the combined Plymouth North/Plymouth South team will have to replace next spring…The Atlantic Coast League All-Star captained the team and led Plymouth in scoring in each of the last three seasons…In his four years with Plymouth, the attackman/midfielder helped the team go from club status to a pair of tourney appearances over the last two seasons…Gaudet was one of the top point-producers in the state his senior year, tallying 108 points.

Pat Reilly– Junior
Forward – Plymouth

Reilly teamed with fellow CNC All-Scholastic Dan Gaudet to lead the combined Plymouth North/Plymouth South lacrosse team on a run at the Atlantic Coast League title this season…Marshfield would eventually come away with the crown but Reilly helped Plymouth to a 13-5 record and a second consecutive playoff appearance…The Atlantic Coast League All-Star was a force on the attack line with 48 goals to go along with five assists for the year.

Gary Crowley – Senior (Capt.)
Midfield – Scituate

There were accolades aplenty for the Sailors' midfielder this season: All-American, Patriot League All-Star and Eastern Mass. All-Star among them…Came up big when his team needed it most, evidenced best by his five-goal output in the Div. 3 state semifinal against Dover-Sherborn…Finished with 80 points (55 goals, 25 assists) for the season…Sailors head coach Rick Bagby said during the season Crowley was the best player he had seen all year, and Cohasset head coach Stew Curran called him "the best offensive player in the state" after the Skippers' Div. 3 state title win over Scituate…Also a football All-Scholastic, Crowley will continue his lacrosse career at Bryant University

Jake Gray – Junior
Goalie – Scituate

Emerged as one of the area's best goalies to help lead Scituate to the Div. 3 state championship game…Gray was recognized for his efforts by being named to the Patriot League All-Star team…Had 10 saves in Div. 3 state semifinal win over Dover-Sherborn, helping to limit the Raiders to two goals in the entire second half…Turned in one of his best games in May 3 11-010 loss to Cohasset, making 14 stops against the Skippers' vaunted attack…Gray and fellow junior All-Scholastic Ryan Woodford will anchor what should be a very strong Scituate defense next season

Ryan Woodford – Junior
Defense – Scituate

Led a strong group of junior defensemen that only got better as the season wore on…Woodford made his presence known in all phases of the game, checking and creating turnovers defensively and starting attacks on offense…Also immense in controlling ground balls…One of Scituate's three Patriot League All-Stars this season, joining fellow All-Scholastics Gary Crowley and Jake Gray…Woodford also plays defenseman for the SHS hockey team, where he was a solid contributor to last winter's Div. 3 state championship winning team

Connor Keefe – Senior
Midfield – Weymouth

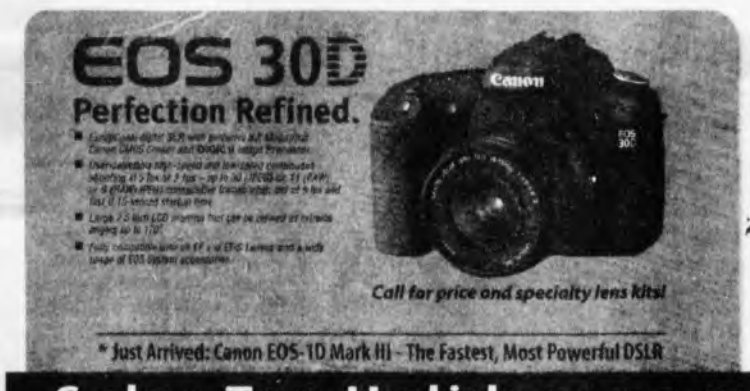
Keefe was one of the toughest players you will find, either on the lacrosse field in the spring, or on the ice with the Cinderella Weymouth hockey team… After a winter of preventing goals, this spring he went on the offensive to the tune of 38 goals and 22 assists while leading the Wildcats back to the tournament for the first time without beloved head coach Tony Manzelli manning the sidelines…Keefe was a Bay State League All-Star and an EMass All-Star this season…An All-Scholastic in hockey as well, he will be sorely missed by both squads next season, where he plans on attending Bridgton Academy and will play lacrosse.

Honorable Mentions:

Ryan Walsh – Jr. – Goalie – Abington
Chuck Czerkawski – Jr. – Midfield – Cohasset
Nate Porter – Jr. – Goalie – Cohasset
Derek Sweet – Jr. – Attack – Duxbury
Gus Quinzani – Jr. – Midfield – Duxbury
Doug Carr – Sr. – Attack – Hanover
John Nolan – Sr. – Midfield – Hanover
Tim Wood – Sr. – Defense – Hingham
Andrew Bourget – Jr. – Goalie – Mansfield
Paul Nunes – Sr. – Midfield – Mansfield
P.J. Powers – Sr. – Midfield – Mansfield
Barry Driscoll – Sr. – Attack – Norwell
Doug Farinick – Sr. – Goalie – Norwell
Chris Stanton – Sr. – Defense – Plymouth
Sam Brigham – Sr. – Midfield – Scituate
Kyle Crowley – Soph. – Attack – Scituate
Nick Stella – Sr. – Attack – Scituate



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Sports Notes

CHS fall sports physicals

Cohasset High School fall sports physicals will be conducted on Tuesday, Aug. 21 at 7:30 a.m. at the high school in the nurse's office. Students will be seen on a first come, first serve basis. The exam will be performed by the school physician.

Any high school student planning to participate in a fall sport needs to have an updated physical on file in the nurse's office prior to the first day of practice. In order for a physical exam to be considered as updated, it needs to have been performed between July 20, 2006 and the present.

If you have any questions please call (781)383-0853 and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Kingfish Swimming stroke clinic

The Kingfish Swim Team will be running their annual stroke clinics for swimmers of all levels who want to improve the proficiency of the four competitive strokes, starts, turns, and finishes from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 13-17 and 20-24, at the Kingsbury Club in Kingston.

There will be video analysis, stretching, dry land, and in-water stroke work. The cost is $160 for one week, $300 for both weeks.

Call Brad Harris at 781-585-3883 or Jay Craft at 781-871-7287 to reserve your spot. Or you can send your check to Kingfish Swimming, P.O. Box 97, Kingston, MA 02364. Just leave your name and the week you'd prefer. Walk-in registration will only be offered on a space available basis.

AAU baseball tryouts

The New England Navigators AAU baseball team is holding tryouts this Saturday, Aug. 11, and next Saturday, Aug. 18, at Magoon Field in Pembroke. The tryouts are open to all players ages 10-18.

On both days, tryouts for 10- to 12-year olds will be held from 9-11 a.m. For those 13-18 years old, tryouts will go from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call Lou at (781)826-8030.

A win at last

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(Plymouth), and defensive tackle Steve Medieros (Wareham).

And then there were the heroics of Leoncello. On the third play of the second quarter, Ashworth made a pass under the duress and Leoncello was in position to pick it off, and proceeded to take it 60 yards to the house. The second of John Carpenter's (Plymouth) three successful extra points made it 14-0.

With the score tied at 14 just before the end of the third quarter, Leoncello did it again, making a one-handed grab in between two Rage receivers and going 43 yards for the score.

An 11-yard pass from Ashworth to Grogan with only a couple minutes remaining in the fourth tied it up, setting the stage for overtime.

The Outlaws (1-2) will travel to Lynn this Saturday for a 2 p.m. contest against the North Shore Generals. For information, log on to the Outlaws' Web site, www.ssoutlawsfootball.com.

Solid finish to Little League careers

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In the second inning Scituate struck first and put five runs on the board. Scituate added two more runs in the top of the third inning before Cohasset got on the board. Jamie Timothy led off the bottom of the third inning with a home run to cut the deficit to 7-1. Cohasset scored two more later in the game to close the gap to 7-3.

Cohasset had the bases loaded with its hottest hitter of the tournament, Craig Davis, at the plate. Davis lined a laser toward left field but Scituate's Jack White stabbed the liner at third base for the last out. Scituate did not let up the rest of the game, hitting four home runs on its way to a 15-5 championship victory.

This group of 12-year-olds has proudly accomplished the following in their Little League careers: 9-year-old District 8 Championship, 11-year-old District 8 Championship, 12-year-old Williamsport District 8 finalist and Sandwich All-Star Tournament finalist. Along the way to these accomplishments the players have become great friends and very supportive teammates, all the while having fun playing the sport of baseball and representing the town of Cohasset proudly.

Charity Bike Ride

The Dick Melloni Youth Foundation (DMYF) kicks off the fall season with its annual Foundation Fifty-Five Charity Bicycle Ride to be held Sunday, Sept. 16.

A full 100 percent of the proceeds from this fundraising event will directly support established DMYF programs for youths

The ride begins at the quaint Onset Harbor Pier in Onset and proceeds through 55-miles of Upper Cape Cod's most beautiful cycling beginning with the Cape Cod Canal. After enjoying the view of Cape Cod Bay from Scussett Beach, riders will proceed toward breathtaking vistas of the Plymouth Harbor and waterfront. Then, on to the Myles Standish State Park for a spectacular roll through the unspoiled State Forest, and back to Onset for post-ride check-in and festivities that include therapeutic massage, prizes, and a grand all-you-can eat pizza party. Ample parking, clearly marked routes, maps, sag wagons, mobile tech support and first aid are provided. Rest stops have food, water and rest rooms.

Registration is $40 plus $250 in minimum fundraising contributions. All participants registered prior to Aug. 1 that meet the minimum fundraising requirements receive a professional quality cycling jersey with cool sublimated graphics unique to this year's event and a tote bag filled with useful and fun bicycling items. Late registrations are accepted, however, at that time jerseys are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

A full 100 percent of the proceeds from this fundraising event will directly support established DMYF programs for youths, including the "Lids-4-Kids" bicycling helmet safety program, the DMYF Child Literacy Program, and our "CARBS" (Children Always Ride Buckled Safely) Program to promote child car seat safety to name a few. This is a sanctioned 501-3C charity, and as such all donations are fully tax-deductible.

For a registration form or information regarding sponsorship or volunteer opportunities, call Rich or Kim Melloni at 508-295-5035 or e-mail melloni@comcast.net, or visit www.dmyf.org. Riders can register online at www.BikeReg.com or www.Active.com.

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Clockwise from top, Isabella Russell, Kayla Lincoln, Mia Macgregor, and Brittany Guiney have some fun at the family-staff barbecue.



Julia Norton's eyes are bigger than her mouth as she enjoys a piece of watermelon.

Family fun

Cohasset Rec hosts summer party

Photos by Craig Goedecke



Libby Lydon and Lilly Passo, both 7, lip sync "Big Girls Don't Cry" during the talent show at the Summer Rec family event.



Derek Bennett, 7, plays a little basketball during the Cohasset Recreation Department's Summer Playground family fun and staff event.



Six-year-old Ian Turple takes a big bite out of his hot dog during Cohasset Rec's annual barbecue.



Lieren Vigneau plays with a dodge ball during Summer Playground's family barbecue at the Deer Hill School.



Dylan Moran and Bernie Mulcahy, both 4, play tug-of-war with a hula-hoop during the family event at Deer Hill.



Nicholas Gentile, 2, kicks the Nerf football away from his dad, Michael's fingers. Staff, kids and parents in the Summer Playground program got together last Thursday evening.



The Cohasset Recreation Department staff takes a break for a group photo during the annual barbecue and family fun night held last week at Deer Hill.

Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Aug. 12

9 a.m. — Worship in the Meeting House

Led by Amy Martin and Edwin Henneken

Summer services run through Aug. 26. All begin at 9 a.m. and are in the Meeting House. They are informal, intergenerational, and inviting! Come join us!

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

If you are summering in Cohasset, you are very welcome to join us in worship.

If you are a resident of Cohasset or any nearby towns and you are looking for a church, please feel free to stop by this summer and learn about our programs and services for adults, youth and children.

Our summer services are Sunday at 8 am and 9:30 am and Wednesday 9:30 Eucharist with healing service.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood. Appointments to speak to the staff can be made by calling or emailing. Office hours are daily from 8:30 am until 2 pm, noon on Friday.

Bible studies continue throughout the summer on Saturday morning at 7:00 am. Christian meditation continues every Monday at 4 pm at church.

The following Sundays have a family service at 9:30 with shorter readings and family friendly sermons built around a special theme:

(August 19th: *Stormy Sunday* (How do we interpret the current times)

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Summer schedule. Friday evenings 6 p.m. light refreshments and services start at 6:30 p.m. in the David C. Carr Shalom (weather permitting) at the side of the building. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

On Mondays, Aug. 13, 20 & 27, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Healing Prayers and Meditation Techniques Through Prayer with Rabbi Joseph – Feel the power of healing prayers. If you or a loved one are in need of healing prayers, or are a caregiver, or one who wishes to understand what Judaism teaches us about the power of restorative prayers, this course if for you. RSVP to the Temple office at 781-749-8103.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

It's Happening

Lobster roll lunch

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St., Cohasset, will offer a lobster roll lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Tuesday, Aug. 21. Pick up or free local delivery for orders of five or more. The lunch is sponsored by Dorothy Bradford Chapter No. 135 Order of the Eastern Star.

Menu includes: lobster roll, chips and dessert for $10; or chicken roll, chips and dessert for $8. Orders are required by Aug. 15.

For information call Cynthia Jaymes at 781-545-4547.

Annual Panagia Golf Classic is Aug. 27

More than one hundred golfers are expected to compete for up to $50,000 in prizes at the 2007 Panagia Golf Classic scheduled for Monday, Aug. 27, with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start, at Widow's Walk Golf Course in Scituate, followed by a luncheon at the historic Barker Tavern. The seventh annual event will benefit the historic Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church and the South Shore's Habitat for Humanity.

The church was built in 1895-1900 by the Pope family, in memory of their son Alexander and designed by the same architect of Boston's Trinity Church in Copley Square.

In 1980 the church became the place of worship for a parish, which presently includes more than two hundred Greek Orthodox Christian families under the guidance of Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras of Scituate. The tournament's name, Panagia, is Greek for most holy one, which refers to the Virgin Mary

In a Florida scramble, golfers will shoot in five hole-in-one contests on all of Widow's Walk's par three holes. Hole-in-one prizes will include, among other significant prizes, a 2007 Toyota Camry, compliments of Toyota of Weymouth. The closest to the pin winner will receive a 2007 Taylor Made putter, while the winner of the long drive competition will win a 2007 Taylor Made Burner Driver.

The tournament is expected to sell out. In past years, players have traveled from as far away a Texas to play in this event.

Tournament fees can be paid up to the day of the tournament. The cost is $135 per golfer and $500 per foursome, including lunch. To register for the event, or for information on sponsorship opportunities, call 617-827-3744.

Music at the Gazebo concert series planned

Sponsored by the Pyne Keohane Funeral Home of Hingham, Music at the Gazebo concerts will take place this year from 3 to 4:30 p.m., on Sept. 9, 16 and 23. These three free Sunday afternoon concerts will entertain the community with Big Band favorites for the 11th summer in a row.

The opening concert on Sunday, Sept. 9, will feature the return of local favorite, Gregg Savage Quintet, who is sure to keep the audience toe tapping to tunes from the Big Band era, swing and Dixieland.

On the second Sunday, Bobbi Carrey and Doug Hammer revisit the Gazebo to impress locals with their new show "Mostly Mercer." Carrey has also had a stellar career performing to critical acclaim in the Boston and Cambridge markets. Free Music at the Gazebo T-shirts will be given to the first 150 concertgoers on this day.

The third and final Sunday at the Gazebo will feature a band new to the concert series, Tom Nutile Band. They will be playing a variety of musical genres from swing to modern jazz. Having first started with Tom's father Roy, Tom Nutile Band has been on the Boston scene for years, and in more recent times played at the opening of Zakim Bridge and Harvest Ball at the Prudential Center. The band will be bringing five of its 14 members to Hull where they hope to become an audience favorite.

"We are extremely grateful that the Hull Memorial Commission and the Veterans Memorial Park allow us to hold these concerts," said Dennis Keohane of Pyne Keohane Funeral Home. "Big Band era music has been particularly influential to American culture and is respected by people of many different ages. These American classics will make for a fun and delightful time for the entire family". Pyne Keohane Funeral Home donated the Gazebo to Veterans Memorial Park in 1996.

The park is at the intersection of Nantasket and Samoset avenues, across from Lucky Star Restaurant. Free parking is available at Hull Redevelopment Authority in the adjacent lot. Concertgoers should bring their own seating. Performances will be canceled in case of rain.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, JULY 16

8:44 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** animal complaint. Manager at this location reports they found an injured baby bird inside the store and don't know what to do with it.

9:31 p.m. **Pleasant St.,** suspicious activity. Caller reports he saw a bunch of people on the dirt path behind the above location.

9:34 p.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

9:34 p.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

9:35 p.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

TUESDAY, JULY 17

12:29 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** officer reports open door at this location.

12:48 a.m. **Wheelwright Farm,** suspicious vehicle. Officer reports a vehicle parked at this location with nobody around. He will be checking the area.

12:50 a.m. **Whitney Woods Lane,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

1:11 a.m. **Doane St.,** suspicious vehicle. Officer reports vehicle parked at this location with nobody around.

9:20 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

1:13 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** illegal dumping. Caller reports people behind the building dumping a bunch of trash. Units report the person dumped a bunch of grass and leaves.

1:27 p.m. **So. Main St.,** motor vehicle stop. Detail sergeant at this location has vehicle pulled over involved in previous call. Units report this party did not dump leaves but did take a bunch of large rocks from the property. Units trying to confirm that he did have permission. Officers report they have spoken to a resident to the Vendanta Center. The males did not have permission to take the rocks but do no wish to press charges at this time.

4:46 p.m. **Stockbridge St.,** suspicious activity. Caller reports there is a black vehicle driving around the area that looks like at Thunderbird. One male driver. She states he keeps driving around the area. He does not look familiar. Officer spoke with the caller, she states this vehicle has been driving around all day. This vehicle has also been seen at the Dunkin' Donuts on 3A. This is an old Chevy Impala with male driver with long brown hair.

5:25 p.m. **Pond St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** minor motor vehicle crash/no injury.

6:27 p.m. **Pleasant St.,** suspicious vehicle.

6:32 p.m. **Brook St.,** officer wanted. Northern Construction advised of road hazard.

7:18 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road,** disabled motor vehicle. Caller reports a female sitting in her car in the southbound lane, a blue mid-size sedan. Caller wasn't sure if she needed any kind of help. Officer reports female is waiting for AAA.

7:34 p.m. **Jerusalem Road Dr.,** suspicious activity. Walk-in party reports when he came home and pulled into his driveway a motor vehicle was sitting outside of his residence and took off when he pulled up. He states his wife told him the car was sitting there for a long period of time. Walk-in party states he then followed the vehicle to Cohasset Harbor Inn when he turned around and came into the station. Officer reports this vehicle is occupied by two Hispanic males. Scituate has been notified to BOLO the vehicle.

9:19 p.m. **Heather Dr.,** officer wanted. Caller would like to speak to an officer about an ongoing situation.

9:59 p.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

10:09 p.m. **Pond St.,** building checks.

10:20 p.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

12:04 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

7:41 a.m. **Elm St.,** medical aid. Caller requests R3 for a woman that fell off her bicycle.

9:48 a.m. **Sohier St.,** parking complaint.

1:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** medical aid.

2:31 p.m. **King St.,** hazard. Caller reports in front of this location there is an 18-wheeler in the middle of the road. Officer reports this is an asphalting company and they are not in the road.

3:09 p.m. **White Head Road,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

5:30 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** well being check. 911 caller seemed to be intoxicated and said he wants the construction in the area to stop. Officer checked on the male caller and he is fine.

6:51 **Jerusalem Road,** boat accident. Caller reports a boat has flipped over and people are in the water. Hull E2 and Rescue responding. Officer has victims in sight. They are still in the water and appear to be OK at this time. The boat is still upside down and units are keeping watch of the victims until Fire Department can get a boat to them. They are not in distress at this time. Parties in the water have righted the boat and are in the boat at this time. Hull C3 has communicated with the victims and they are attempting to row their way to the Cohasset side where units will be awaiting their arrival. Units report the parties check out OK and they are refusing any treatment. All units clear.

7:19 p.m. **Summer and So. Main streets,** fireworks. Caller reports someone setting off fireworks.

10:24 p.m. **Lamberts Lane,** suspicious activity. Caller reports about four vehicles parked on the side of the road. Unsure if there are youth partying on the course. Officer reports he checked the area and they are at a house gathering in the neighborhood. No problems; all adults.

THURSDAY, JULY 19

1:13 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

1:14 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

9:15 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** medical aid; chest pain. Transported to SSH/ALS.

9:27 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

9:37 a.m. **Elm St.,** officer wanted. Walk-in party reports her daughter was hit on the bike 30 minutes ago. No personal injury. Driver of vehicle asked if daughter was fine – daughter responded she was fine and both left the scene.

9:46 a.m. **Red Gate Lane and Fern Way,** notification. Caller states he is working on a patio on Red Gate Lane, and one of the neighbors was yelling at him about where his trucks are parked, telling him that Fern Way is private. He would like this logged for now and he states if there are any problems later he will have an officer come down.

10:11 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

11:28 a.m. **Elm St.,** medical aid. Fire Department reports walk-in party needs ring removed from finger.

1:29 p.m. **Doane St.,** fire investigation. Sparks from oven. Power shut off and oven removed.

1:59 p.m. **Ripley Road,** officer wanted. Owner requests an officer, someone is illegally dumping trash in his Dumpster.

5:03 p.m. **South Main and Summer streets,** traffic enforcement assignment.

5:41 p.m. **So. Main St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

5:52 p.m. **King St. and Lilly Pond,** traffic enforcement assignment; traffic citation/warning.

7:44 p.m. **So. Main St.,** fire investigation; outside odor of gas.

7:59 p.m. **Hull St. and Grace Dr.,** officer wanted. Hull Police Department report a woman is asking for a police officer regarding a stolen bike. Party reports her nephew took the bike and it wasn't stolen.

9:06 p.m. **Reservoir Road,** noise complaint; loud noises.

10:44 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** motor vehicle stop.

10:46 p.m. **High School,** building checks.

10:51 p.m. **Deer Hill/Osgood schools,** building checks.

FRIDAY, JULY 20

12:54 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

1:52 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** motor vehicle crash, no injury. Caller reports a car accident, no obvious injuries.

7:03 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement assignment.

8:30 a.m. **Jerusalem Road** and **Howe Road**, notification, speed board has been removed from this location.

11:53 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, notification, speed board has been posted by 80 Lamberts Lane.

12:44 p.m. **Spring St.** and **South Main St.,** animal complaint

12:52 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, verbal warning. Caller reports a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed passing vehicle on Route 3A.

2:16 p.m. **Depot Ct** and **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

4:20 p.m. Holly Lane, animal complaint.

4:30 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, property recovered. Caller would like officer to take items out of residence.

5:10 p.m. **S. Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:27 p.m. **Beechwood St.** and **Mill Lane,** suspicious activity. Caller reports mini bikes, four-wheelers going up and down the street. Officer reports he spoke to four boys working on their mini-bikes and advised that the bikes are not allowed on a public way. Should be no further problems.

5:48 p.m. **Depot Ct** and **Pleasant St.,** traffic enforcement assignment.

6:05 p.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement assignment.

7:50 p.m. **Beach St.,** fire investigation, faint odor of gas in the area.

8:02 p.m. **Hull St.,** parking complaint.

9:27 p.m. **Sohier St.,** medical aid.

9:58 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** erratic operation of motor vehicle, vehicle all over the road. Officer advised vehicle checks out.

10:43 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** building checks.

10:49 p.m. **Deer Hill** and **Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:51 p.m. High School and Pond St. building checks.

SATURDAY, JULY 21

12:34 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen. Female party in HQ to pick up the keys to her motor vehicle.

12:47 a.m. **High School** and **Pond St.,** building checks.

12:48 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks. Both elementary schools check secure.

2:27 a.m. **Buttonwood Lane,** noise complaint. Caller states there is a loud group of kids at the end of the road.

6:59 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** traffic enforcement assignment.

7:09 a.m. **South Main St.,** traffic enforcement assignment.

8:30 a.m. **Elm St.,** child safety seat install.

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9:37 a.m. **Hull St.,** suspicious vehicle. Caller reports vehicle with two subject in the parking lot.

10:07 a.m. **Norman Todd Road**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation warning.

10:50 a.m. **Mill Lane,** medical aid.

10:55 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid.

11:19 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** animal complaint. Caller advised there is dog that follows female home from above location, black lab. Dog is located on Elm Court.

12:01 p.m. **Norman Todd Road** and **Beechwood St.,** traffic enforcement assignment.

12:25 p.m. **Beechwood St.** and **Norman Todd Road,** motor vehicle violations, traffic citation issued. Party summonsed for operating with a suspended registration.

1:39 p.m. **Pleasant St.,** suspicious activity. Caller reports two subjects walking with baby carriage.

2:34 p.m. **Stagecoach Way,** recovered property. Officer report found property in the parking lot of above location.

6 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** parking complaint, caller stated that there were three motor vehicles parked in the no parking zone at this location.

6:07 p.m. **Ripley Road** and **Sohier St.,** disturbance. Caller stated that there are people screaming in a white house at this location. Checked out area and reports construction no problems.

6:15 p.m. **Jerusalem Road** and **Forest Ave.,** parking complaint. Report of truck parked on beach. Officer reports they are loading kayaks.

7:17 p.m. **South Main St.,** parking complaint. Clerk states that people are parking and going to the Red Lion.

8:16 p.m. **Norfolk Road,** animal complaint. Caller reports a black lab in his yard with an electric collar on. It wandered into his yard. He was told to leave it alone and if someone called about it he would be contacted.

9:34 p.m. **Border St.,** lost property. caller lost his black wallet at this location.

9:44 p.m. **Hill St.,** animal complaint. Caller states that she took in a black lab that was wandering around her yard.

10:53 p.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, fireworks. Harbormaster checked it out and sent them on their way.

10:55 p.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks. Check secure.

10:55 p.m. **Deer Hill** and Sohier St., building checks. Check secure.

10:56 p.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

SUNDAY, JULY 22

12:34 a.m. **Headquarters**, assist other police department. Caller stated there is a big fight in Hingham. HPD notified.

12:40 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

6:42 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, dead animal. Dead animal in roadway, State DPW notified.

8 a.m. Sunny, 70 degrees, calm.

8:42 a.m. **Glades Road** and **Grasshopper Lane,** medical aid.

10:28 a.m. **High School and Pond St.,** building checks. Check secure.

10:40 a.m. **Sohier St., Deerhill/Osgood** school check secure.

11:08 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, animal complaint. Caller reports a dog locked in a car with the windows up. The car has been there for about 25 minutes. Officer has spoken to the caller and vehicle owner all checks ok.

1:39 a.m. **Border St.,** disturbance – bridge jumpers. Cleared a group from the bridge.

2:36 p.m. **Margin St.,** parking complaint. Walk-in states that the road at this location is blocked by parked cars going in both directions. Five motor vehicles tagged. There were no parking signs, but they were taken out and need to be replaced.

2:47 p.m. **Border St.,** disturbance – bridge jumpers. Group cleared.

4:18 p.m. **Bancroft Road**, officer wanted. Caller reports there are kids skate boarding and Roller Blading on the tennis courts and aren't supposed to be. He would like an officer to respond. Officer reports there aren't any kids at this location just people playing tennis.

6:49 p.m. **Elm St.,** parking complaint. Caller reports there is a Dodge Durango blocking the entrance to the parking lot and also states the vehicle is parked in a no parking zone.

7:26 p.m. **Doane St.**, noise complaint. Caller reports there has been a kid riding a mini bike up and down the street all day

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and states it's too noisy and would like it to stop.

8:01 p.m. **Ripley Road**, well being check. Call from Elliot, Maine PD, requesting a well-being check on the party listed. Elliot PD found his passport and meds. Officer reports no one is home at this time.

MONDAY, JULY 23

12:49 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

12:55 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

12:56 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

5:59 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

10 a.m. **Ripley Road**, follow-up investigation conducted by officer.

10:44 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, off-duty Hingham Fire Capt. reports a large truck attempting to back across Route 3A, causing a traffic problem.

2:39 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

2:46 p.m. **Sohier St.**, Osgood/Deer Hill schools check secure.

3:39 p.m. **Oak St.**, Weymouth Police Dept. reports a man from Cohasset beat up his girlfriend and his girlfriend's brother fled after her dog bit the suspect; Hingham also responding.

4:14 p.m. **Headquarters**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

4:15 p.m. **Church St.**, caller reports a wire hanging and believes it is a telephone wire; responding officer confirms and telephone company notified.

4:38 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in party reports larceny of money.

7:30 p.m. **Headquarters**, medical aid requested; transported to Quincy Medical Center/ALS.

9:51 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

10:23 p.m. **Hull St.**, Hull Police Dept. received a call reporting a fight in the parking lot of Victoria's Sub Shop; Hingham also responding.

TUESDAY, JULY 24

6 a.m. **Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic enforcement.

6:37 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

6:38 a.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

6:58 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St.**, traffic stop; citation ued.

7:16 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing wy.**, traffic enforcement.

7:52 a.m. **Elm St.**, request for officer.

7:58 a.m. **Headquarters**, medical aid equested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

8:08 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, officer notified by Fire Dept. of a possible truck blocking traffic.

8:42 a.m. **South Main St.**, truck blocking traffic; officer reports it is a different truck and driver and has spoken to the subject.

9:52 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

12:51 p.m. **North Main St.**, caller reports her flower pots are missing from the Woodside Cemetery and wants the information logged. She also called the cemetery personnel to report the missing flower pots and was informed that other items have gone missing from other grave sites.

12:54 p.m. **Gannett Road**, medical aid requested by Scituate Fire Dept. for an ankle injury; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

1:49 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, caller reports injury to a seagull; animal control officer notified.

2:42 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

2:52 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid requested.

3:08 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, Walgreens manager reports youths causing a disturbance; youths have left scene, but this is an ongoing problem.

4:30 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint; report of too many people parking near the bridge in the no parking zone.

5:22 p.m. **Bancroft Road**, complaint of skateboarders at the tennis courts; parties spoken to and they will move along.

5:30 p.m. **South Main St.**, disabled motor vehicle causing a traffic hazard.

6:31 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

8:29 p.m. **Norman Todd Road**, neighbor disturbance reported; spoken to.

8:38 p.m. **Sohier St.**, caller reports a suspicious vehicle parked on the lawn across the street which doesn't belong there and her neighbor is not home.

8:50 p.m. **Norman Todd Road**, threats to do bodily harm received; departmental action taken.

9:59 p.m. **Linden Drive**, break and entry in progress; caller reports someone banging on her window. Area search negative.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

12:59 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

1 a.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

2:21 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested for woman having trouble breathing; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

7:15 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, traffic enforcement.

8:58 a.m. **South Main St.**, vandalism reported; youths painted wall.

10:52 a.m. **Hull St.**, caller reports his vehicle is missing; he woke up to find it gone. Officer transported to Hingham Police Dept.

10:59 a.m. **Doane St.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

11:29 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

11:48 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, walk-in party reports past larceny; occurred two weeks ago.

12:47 p.m. **South Main St.**, caller reports her horse fell and is on its side and requests help getting the horse back on its feet; she called back to report she got the horse back on its feet.

12:51 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, caller reports a seagull with a broken wing pecking at itself; animal control officer notified.

12:55 p.m. **North Main St.**, animal complaint.

1:18 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, caller reports a raccoon is stuck on the rocks and still alive; animal control officer notified.

1:57 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

2:57 p.m. **Border St.**, caller reports youths jumping off the bridge.

4:55 p.m. **Cedar Lane**, assistance rendered to animal control officer with an animal complaint.

5:43 p.m. **Elm St.**, follow up larceny investigation/report.

6:16 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, trespassing reported; parties left when informed of the no trespass sign.

11:13 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

THURSDAY, JULY 26

12:45 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

1:01 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

1:01 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

6:49 a.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:57 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic enforcement.

7:12 a.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop and tow.

8 a.m. **Headquarters**, weather: sunny; temperature: 75 degrees; wind: calm.

10:21 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports a suspicious green vehicle parked in the lot with nobody around and a briefcase lying on the ground near the vehicle. Law office where vehicle/briefcase owner works contacted and they are unsure why this person would be in this location. The man's cell phone is turned off and the vehicle is on one side of the lot and the briefcase is on the other side. The law office called back to report the man is with another attorney and they are on their way back to the car. There are no problems at this time.

12:15 p.m. **Headquarters**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

3 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic enforcement.

3:19 p.m. **Headquarters**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

3:34 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, caller reports a seagull with a broken wing. Animal control officer is unavailable; Hingham animal control notified.

3:41 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller reports a suspicious male with binoculars looking at the beach and making them uncomfortable.

4 p.m. **Headquarters**, weather: sunny and hot; temperature: 96 degrees; wind: light.

5:17 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, request for officer.

5:44 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance; bridge jumpers.

6:19 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance; bridge jumpers.

7:50 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

9:32 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, Scituate Police Dept. issued a be on the look out announcement for a motor vehicle being driven erratically.

9:46 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, report of suspicious motor vehicles parked at the Beechwood Ball Park with no one around.

10:38 p.m. **Doane St.**, caller reports a motor vehicle racing up and down the street.

11:06 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller reports two youths with skateboards and one on a bicycle who stated they were from Hanson and lost. The incident occurred at 8:30 p.m. The youths left the area and the caller wants the information logged.

FRIDAY, JULY 27

12:49 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

12:49 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

1:23 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop.

6:18 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic enforcement.

6:32 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued for speeding.

10:15 a.m. **South Main St.**, caller reports a dog running loose without a collar; services rendered.

11:39 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, multiple callers report a minor three-car accident; one person transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

1:31 a.m. **North Main St.**, walk-in party reports going over the tracks on her bicycle yesterday and falling, almost breaking her shoulder. She also stated there is a small sign that is poorly posted, which makes it not visible and she wants the incident noted.

2:36 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, walk-in party reports vehicles parked on the side of the road in a no parking zone.

2:53 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

6:58 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, officer reports a large downed tree limb, which is affecting wires; National Grid responding.

7:09 p.m. **Hull Shore Drive**, mutual aid rendered to Hull for a female who passed out; R3 cancelled.

SATURDAY, JULY 28

12:20 a.m. **Hull St.**, Hingham reports an intoxicated man.

12:23 a.m. **Hull St.**, medical aid requested for intoxicated man; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

12:54 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, motor vehicle stop.

1:30 a.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

1:30 a.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

1:33 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

7:32 a.m. **Headquarters**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

11:20 a.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint; car blocking the roadway.

11:54 a.m. **Smith Place**, caller reports a possible live wire down; E3 reports it is a Comcast wire and they have been notified and are responding.

12:38 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested for man with chest pain; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

12:59 p.m. **Summer St.**, post office worker reports finding a credit card in a bin that she was emptying.

2:20 p.m. **North Main St.**, caller reports a dog walking in the area and possibly limping.

3:08 p.m. **White Head Road**, walk-in reports being locked out; called back to report he has gained entry to his house.

6:57 p.m. **Pond St.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

10:26 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, caller reports a Papa Ginos delivery driver threw food on his lawn and he wants the information documented; also states he will contact Papa Ginos headquarters Monday to report the incident.

11:17 p.m. **North Main St.**, report from AAA that the operator of a vehicle is requesting a tow; the driver drove up the railroad tracks and is stuck.

SUNDAY, JULY 29

12:38 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

1:35 p.m. **Wheelwright Park**, officer reports building checked; secure.

1:38 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

5:51 p.m. **Red Gate Lane**, Hingham Police Dept. reports a car was abandoned on their railroad tracks and they believe the owner is a Cohasset resident living on Red Gate.

9:32 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, medical aid requested; transported to Quincy Medical Center/BLS.

9:35 a.m. **Ash St.**, request for officer.

9:48 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, clerk reports a minor motor vehicle accident without injuries.

10:29 a.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

10:54 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, clerk reports a gas drive off valued at $26.45. The plate did not come back with the description; officer spoke to clerk and they will review the tape and get back with the proper information on the description of the vehicle in question.

1:52 p.m. **North Main St.**, larceny reported.

4:16 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, caller reports youths playing on the field; group dispersed.

4:42 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:59 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested for female who fell and hit her head; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

8:45 p.m. **Headquarters**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

9:47 p.m. **Pond St. - High School**, officer reports building checked; secure.

9:50 p.m. **Sohier St. – Deer Hill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

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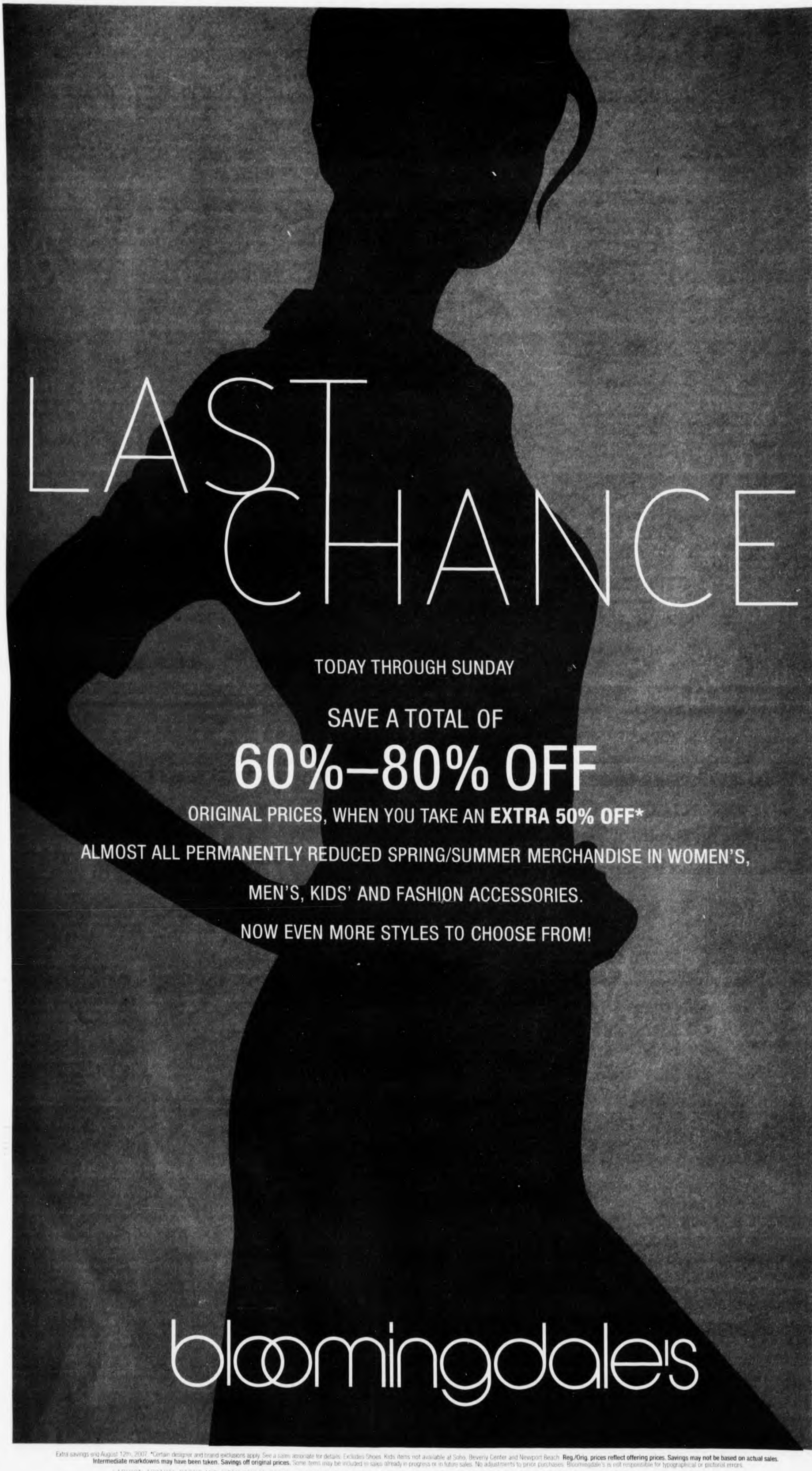
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What's happening on the South Shore

AUGUST 9 - 17, 2007

Theater review

'Miss Saigon' heats up stage

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

During these dog days of summer, the last thing you probably want to hear is that the heat is on. But you'll feel differently if you're lucky enough to be in the audience for the current Company Theatre production of "Miss Saigon" where the reference to rising temperatures comes by way of a song lyric. Thanks to a magnificently staged, impressively acted and beautifully sung production of the Claude-Michel Schonberg and Alan Boubil musical with lyrics by Boubil and Richard Maltby Jr., which ran on Broadway from 1991 to 2001, the heat is definitely on in Norwell.

Based on Puccini's opera "Madame Butterfly," the story centers on Kim, a young Vietnamese woman forced to work as a prostitute who falls in love with Chris, an American soldier stationed in Saigon during the Vietnam War. After the war, Chris returns home and ends up marrying while Kim remains in Saigon with Tam, the son Chris never knew they had. After the war, an army buddy of Chris's is aiding relief efforts in Thailand when he spots Kim and Tam and lets Chris know of their whereabouts. Chris, with his American wife in tow, heads to Bangkok for what ends up being an all-too-brief reunion with Kim.

Boubil and Schonberg are the creative team behind "Les Miserables" – as well as the costliest bomb of this past Broadway season, "The Pirate Queen" – and "Miss Saigon" came along at a time when mainstream audiences were eating up special effects while critics were railing against the trend toward spectacle over substance. With its spectacular staging of the act two evacuation scene, "Miss Saigon" quickly became known as the "helicopter musical." The show is much more than that, however, and the love story set to a backdrop of war and hardship is just as riveting as the on-stage arrival of the chopper.



PHOTOS BY ALAN MCPHEE

The ensemble dances in the palace in a blur of colorful streamers and moving bodies.



Chris (Michael Warner) falls in love with Kim and tries to find a way to get her away from the street life.



The scene inside the Pussycat Club a bawdy entertainment center that was a hub of life in a war-torn country.

The Company Theatre creative team of director and set designer Zoe Bradford, director Jordie Saucerman, and choreographer Sally Ashton Forrest have wisely not overlooked the importance of this show's signature set pieces. They're using part of an actual Vietnam war-era "Huey" on-stage as well as what appears to be all of a vintage car. Interestingly, the special effects, while impressively executed for a local theater, are not the best parts of this first-rate production. That distinction belongs to the uniformly excellent cast.

As Chris, Holbrook's Michael Warner – a Company Theatre favorite for his work as George Bailey in "It's A Wonderful Life" – proves he is well worth casting even when the role doesn't call for a Jimmy Stewart type. Warner is just right as the earnest young man trying to do right by his American wife and the family he left behind in Vietnam. Warner's voice soars to the rafters in the powerful act one ballad "Why God, Why." Warner is well-matched by both his leading ladies. A veteran of the mid-1990s national tour of "Fiddler on the Roof," starring Theodore Bikel, in which she played the roles of Bielke and Grandma Tzeitel, Jennifer Schafer is clearly a versatile and very talented performer, as she shows here with her nuanced portrayal of the timid, yet determined Kim. Schafer is wonderful in "The Movie in My Mind." "Last Night of the World" and the gorgeous "Sun and Moon," which she does as a duet with Warner in the first act and solo on an act two reprise. As Chris's wife, Ellen, Kendra Kachadoorian seems just good enough for the acting her role requires. However, the Tanglewood Festival Chorus member will have you sitting up and offering her your full attention on the act one duet with Schafer, "I Still Believe," and later, when Ellen meets Kim in person and then returns to her hotel filled with uncertainty, Kachadoorian lets loose a vocal power on "Now That I've Seen Her" that lets you know immediately why she got this part. Kendra Kachadoorian, complete with a great alliterative name, can sing like nobody's business.

While the tortured love triangle provides the show's romantic tension, the show is about a war and the seediness that was Saigon in the early 1970s. As The Engineer, Company Theatre fixture John King tackles a new kind of character in a career that has seen the Weymouth actor play more than his share of standard-issue young male leads. King seems to be delighting in his turn as the Asian pimp whose Saigon brothel provides the backdrop for Chris and Kim's first meeting. King's Engineer may be a sleazy opportunist from whom most people would run, but in King's hands you won't want to look away. His act two show-stopper "The American Dream," in which he somewhat salaciously comes on to the hood of a classic car, is itself a classic.

Musical director Michael V. Joseph leads a note-perfect pit band. Shirley Carney's costumes – which range from regulation-issue military fatigues for the soldiers to glittery halters for the dance hall-girl hookers – are terrific and all are shown off well by Matt Guzinski's spot-on lighting. Technical director Bob Grazioso also deserves mention for his fine work on this tech-heavy production.

"Miss Saigon" will be presented at The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Dr, Norwell, through Aug. 19. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 781-871-2787 or go online at companytheatre.com.

Movie review

Attend without 'Reservations'

No Reservations (A-)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

You can smell the saffron-infused chemistry in the foodie romance "No Reservations." Here is another summer sleeper hit to stand beside "Waitress" and "Once." Directed by Scott Hicks ("Snow Falling on Cedars"), the film was scripted by Carol Fuchs from an original screenplay by German filmmaker Sandra Nettelbeck. It is a remake of Nettelbeck's 2001 art house winner "Mostly Martha," a German-language film about a lovelorn, workaholic, loner chef (Martina Gedeck) who finds motherhood, love and companionship thrust upon her.

Most importantly, "No Reservations" costars the gloriously matched actors Catherine Zeta-Jones ("Ocean's Twelve," "The Legend of Zorro") and Aaron Eckhart ("Thank You for Smoking").

Zeta-Jones is Kate Armstrong, the temperamental star chef at Manhattan's 22 Bleeker Restaurant, where she butts heads with the bossy owner Paula (Patricia Clarkson), tosses raw meat at pesky patrons and strictly disciplines her crack staff.

It's "Ratatouille" for real every night at 22 Bleeker. Kate, who hasn't had a relationship in a few years, is perhaps closest to her shrink (Bob Balaban), whom she has been ordered to see by Paula and whom she feeds with food as well as thought.



Kate (Catherine Zeta-Jones) tries a new concoction by her co-chef Nick (Aaron Eckhart).

Into the tightly-wrapped, truffle-sniffing, fish-sticks-hating life of Kate comes her shattered niece Zoe ("Little Miss Sunshine" herself, Abigail Breslin), whose mother has been killed in an accident, and Nick Palmer (Eckhart), a bohemian, rising chef who wears Crocs and funny pants to work. Nick also loves opera and singing along with Pavarotti and Boccelli.

"No Reservations" is going to sweep audiences off their feet. Since making a splash on this side of the world with "Shine" (1996), Australian filmmaker Hicks stumbled badly with "Hearts in Atlantis" (2001). But he's back on track with "No Reservations." The restaurant ambience in the film is so convincing you can almost smell the roasting quail, and Zeta-Jones makes Kate lovely and charming both inside her shell and out of it, if bringing perhaps too much sex appeal to the role.

Eckhart has the face-splitting smile of a gleeful Muppet, making him the perfect father figure for stuffed-animal lover Zoe, and he combines that clownish appeal with rugged handsomeness and an appealing down-to-earth manner. As Kate's unrequitedly adoring, single-dad neighbor, Irish actor Brian F. O'Byrne makes more out of a small role than seems possible.

Breslin's round and flawless face is a mirror of Zoe's thoughts and grief. Some of the twists might seem phony, but, in addition to a jaunty, opera-filled score, "No Reservations" has that sine qua non of romance: high-voltage electricity between the leads. Accept no substitute.

Rated PG. "No Reservations" contains mild foul language.

Calendar of events

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Thursday, Aug. 9

Plymouth Farmers' Market, held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October, at Stephen's Field, off Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. Aug. 9 performers are **Tiffany Rozenas**, Celtic fiddler from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and **Sherry Malone**, from 4:40 to 6:30 p.m. For information, call Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.

CALENDAR, continued



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"Visiting the Penguins: A Voyage to Antarctica" will be on view during library hours in the Clemens Gallery at Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., through Sept. 27. The exhibit features photographs by Jean Donohue and James J. Foley. The exhibit will include information for those planning their own trip to visit the penguins.



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Summer Movies – Ralph Talbot Amphitheatre next to Weymouth Town Hall. Aug. 9, at 8 p.m. "**Happy Feet**." Aug. 16, 8 p.m. "**Barnyard.**" Aug. 23, 8 p.m. "**Over The Hedge Edge.**"

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Historic Daniel Webster House, 238 Webster St., Marshfield, will be open for guided tours on Aug. 9, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information, call 781-837-2407 or visit DanielWebsterEstate.org

North River Arts Society presents "**Seen as the Light,**" a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery featuring original pastel paintings by Cohasset artist **Ann M. Musto.** This show takes place ***through Sept. 29*** Hours for the Library gallery, in Library Plaza, Webster St., Marshfield, are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: info@northriverarts.org.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St., Route 36, Pembroke, **Texas Hold Em** every Thursday night at 6:45 and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St., Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 9, **Radio For The Blind.** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue** Blues Jam featuring **Erin & The Soul Drivers** Aug. 9 at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Friday, Aug. 10

Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners, Braintree. Aug. 10, 9 p.m. **Comedy Night** featuring **Shane Mauss,** other comics include **Annette Pollack, Jason Margaca, Jeff Meisler, Nikki Flynn, Chris Chandler.** Hosted by **Tammy Pooler.** Advance reservations requested. 781-848-0300. jimbossteakandfin.com or myspace.com/annettepollack

New England Singles Dances – ages 40 and over. Aug. 10 from 8 p.m. to midnight Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham. DJ. **Admission $12.** Visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset. Aug. 10, 8 p.m., **The Beach Boys.** Also appearing with the Beach Boys will be **John Stamos**. Tickets $57.75/$43.75. Call Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com South Shore Music Circus Box Office is open daily from noon to 6 p.m. for in-person sales only. For group sale ticket purchases, call 781-383-9860.

"A Midsummer Nights Dream" will be performed Fridays and Saturdays, **Aug. 10, 11, 17 and 18, at 8 p.m.,** at Priscilla Beach Theatre. The Dramatic School Players, ages 6 through 14, will join the adult theatre company in this comedy by Shakespeare. Tickets are $12. For reservations, call 508-224-4888 or visit thinkTheatre.org.

Run of the Mill Tavern, 6 Spring St., Plymouth. Aug. 10, 9 p.m. until closing, **Phil and Dave**. For information, visit nightmuiscco@verizon.net.

Monponsett Inn, 550 Monponsett Street, Halifax Aug. 10, **JoeyCanzano,** 7:30 p.m. 781-293-2116.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 10, **3rd Left** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Ripchordz** Aug. 10, at 9:15 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

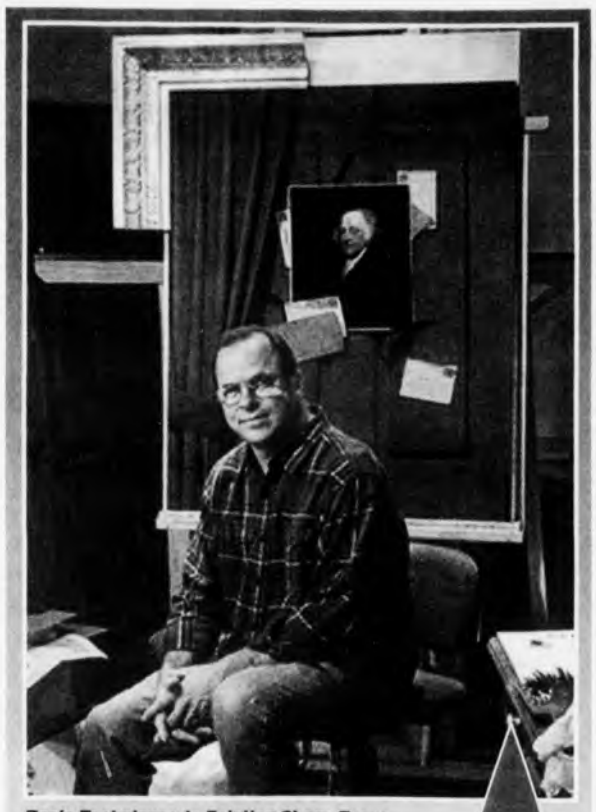
The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Aug. 10, **Mission of Blues,** rhythm and blues/soul. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Saturday, Aug. 11

St. Paul's Church of the Nazarene, 136 Summer St., Duxbury will present **Give Me That Old Time Religion,** a sing-along of old time hymns an gospel songs Aug. 11, at 7 p.m. Free and open to the public. 781-585-3419.

Perseid Meteor Showers dazzle observers with shooting stars. Spend an evening at the **South Shore Natural Science Center,** Norwell, from 8 to 9:30 p.m., at a Perseid Showers and Family Campout Program to learn about this phenomenon. Use telescopes to scan the night sky for the moon, stars and planets. Overnighters will be treated to evening snacks and stories around the campfire, and breakfast followed by a hike in the morning. Tent set-up is from 7 to 8 p.m., Saturday. Go early and take a picnic supper if you like. Dress for the weather and bring insect repellant. Pre-registration and prepayment required by visiting the Science Center during business hours or by telephone at 781-659-2559 with a credit card. The program only is from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Cost for members: is $7 per person, $23 per family of four. Cost for non-members is $10 per person, $35 per family of four. The overnight including program is 7 p.m. Saturday to 9 a.m. Sunday. Cost for members is $20 per person, $75 per family of four. Cost for non-members is $25 per person, $95 per family of four

Silver Ribbon American Crafts & Art Gallery, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Crossing, will host an **open house** to celebrate its 19th anniversary from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Aug. 11. There will be a gift certificate drawing. For information, call 781-826-1525. The gallery is handicapped accessible. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Saturdays.



***Basic Techniques in Painting Sharp Focus Realism Workshop* with David Brega will be taught Aug. 13 through 17, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at North River Art Society, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills.**
Learn through exercises the steps required to achieve a finished sharp focus oil painting. Class is limited to 17 students.
David Brega is recognized today as one of the country's foremost contemporary painters of still life, having carved out a specialty in trompe l'oeil painting. Fee is $500. For more information, call the NRAS office at 781-837-8091 or visit the Web site at northriverarts.org.

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South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset Aug. 11 8 p.m. **Linda Ronstadt and her orchestra**. Tickets $71.25/$57.25 by calling Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com. South Shore Music Circus box office is open daily from noon until 6 p.m. for in-person sales only. For group sales ticket purchases, call 781-383-9860.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 11, **Strange Medicine.** 781-829-6999.

Monponsett Inn, 550 Monponsett Street, Halifax Aug. 11, **Cruisin** 7:30 p.m. 781-293-2116.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Ripchordz** Aug. 11. **Rockin George Leh**, at 9:15 p.m. p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Aug. 11, **Barrence Whitfield & The Savages**, rhythm and blues. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sunday, Aug. 12

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, every Sunday **Dave Foley**, acoustic jam, 9 p.m. No cover. 781-335-9796.



North River Arts Society presents Seen as the Light, a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery featuring original pastel paintings by Cohasset artist Ann M. Musto. This show runs through Sept. 29 Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster Street, Marshfield, are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: info@northriverarts.org.

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MS FUNDRAISER will take place at 6 p.m., on Saturday, Aug. 18, at The Tuscan House, 58 East Grove St., Route 28, Middleboro. Tax-deductible donation of $40. Italian buffet dinner, disc jockey, dancing, raffles and a comedy show with Tommy Dunham, Roman Pierce, Annette Pollack, Pat Hicks and Jeff Meisler will be featured. Call 508-923-0099 for reservations or tickets.

"THE COMMONWEALTH'S BIG GAMBLE: WILL CASINOS BECOME A REALITY IN MASSACHUSETTS?" will be the topic of Sean P. Murphy, investigative reporter for the Boston Globe, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., on Tuesday, Aug. 21, at Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 781-848-0405, ext. 4420.

PROFESSIONAL BEACH VOLLEYBALL RETURNS as some of game's greatest stars face-off at WaterWorks Quincy. Aug. 16-19. AVP Pro Beach Volleyball Crocs Tour. More than 150 of the top professional beach volleyball athletes in the world, including the women's world No. 1-ranked team of Olympic Gold medalists **Kerri Walsh** and **Misty May-Treanor** face-off in a battle royale at the AVP Bob's Stores Boston Open. Tickets range from $20 for general admission to $75 for courtside seating and are available now at avp.com.



AN EVENING OF JAZZ, RHYTHM & BLUES fundraising event Sept. 22. Music by the Bellevue Cadillac. Silent and live auction, hors d' oeuvre's and buffet dinner prepared by The Catered Affair. Cash bar and dancing. Event held at the Hingham Armory. Tickets are $75 per person. All proceeds to benefit a Habitat home in Hingham. For advance ticket sales, auction donations, to be a program sponsor or volunteer to help. Contact nldevine@gmail.com

EIGHTH ANNUAL ANTIQUE SHOW AND SALE The Chiltonville Congregational Church, 6 River St., Plymouth presents its annual antique show and sale featuring 30 antique dealers on the meetinghouse grounds Aug. 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine. Admission $4.50. For information call Donna Olsson at 508-746-1677.

NANTASKET SEASIDE ROAD RACE takes place Saturday, Sept. 1, Entry Fee: $15. Pre-Registration (before Aug. 26) $20 day of race registration (Registration opens at 6:30 a.m.) Scenic 4-mile seaside run. Participants may register online at town.hull.ma.us: (Click on Nantasket Seaside Road race under News and Announcements on right hand column on home page) racersresource.com coolrunning.com Any questions, contact Race Director: Kristen Evans at 781-925-2720.

FOURTH ANNUAL RUNNING OF JOHN'S RACE, Sept. 9, 10 a.m. Pope's Tavern: South and Plymouth streets. (Rt. 106), Halifax, 5-Kilometer (3.1 miles) run/walk and 10-Kilometer (6.2 miles) run. Visit johnsrace.com or coolrunning.com for registration forms or pay on-line

South Shore Memory Walk on Sunday, Sept. 23, at Plymouth Plantation in Plymouth. Form a team or walk as an individual. Money raised by Memory Walk helps provide care and support for individuals and families touched by Alzheimer's. For information call John Scott at 508-747-2868 x298 or e-mail jscott@radiusmanagement.com or visit memorywalkma.org.

Movie review

No plain 'Jane'

"Becoming Jane" (B+)

James Verniere
FILM CRITIC



Jane Austen (Anne Hathaway) tries to come up with just the right phrasing for an early novel.

After Gwyneth Paltrow in "Emma," Renee Zellweger in "Bridget Jones" and "Miss Potter," and now Anne Hathaway as Jane Austen in the mostly Brit-cast "Becoming Jane," is it any wonder the British are feeling a bit invaded?

Jane Austen, whose work has been a treasure trove for readers, filmmakers and filmgoers alike, is, for a change, the Austen-esque heroine of this appealing biographical film.

Hathaway ("The Princess Dairies," "The Devil Wears Prada") recalls a Reynolds or Gainsborough portrait in the midst of a Constable landscape in the film's title role and following in the demur if determined footsteps of her forebears boldly carries this film on lovely American shoulders.

Directed by Julian Jarrold ("Kinky Boots") from a screenplay by Brit TV scribes Kevin Hood and Sarah Williams in a workman-like "Masterpiece Theater"-like style, the film takes the plot structures of Austen's novels, notably "Pride and Prejudice," and patches together a life story.

"That girl needs a husband," observes Jane's awful mother (Julie Walters), summing up the plot of virtually every Austen book, as her brilliant daughter happily scribbles away working at her latest novel. Jane's beloved father Rev. Austen (American James Cromwell), who can scarcely afford to feed his family, gives a wife-pleasing sermon in which he enumerates a woman's roles in the eyes of God: "daughter, sister, wife, mother."

But headstrong Jane will not marry for money, even against the wishes of the tyrannical Lady Gresham (Maggie Smith in high dudgeon) whose unexciting, but sweet nephew (Laurence Fox) is for reasons lost on the dragon lady completely smitten by Jane.

Into the humdrum country life of Jane Austen's Hampshire steps Tom Lefroy (a winning James McAvoy), an Irish rake and scapegrace sent into exile by his uncle. After hearing Jane read, Lefroy loftily recommends she give "Tom Jones" a perusal.

What follows is a ball featuring plenty of hopping and circling. Will Jane find her Darcy in Lefroy or be left to rot in genteel spinsterhood, supporting herself with her "pen."

As Judge Langlois, the disapproving uncle of Lefroy, the late Ian Richardson scowls, wearing what appears to be a dead blue poodle on top of his head (it's a wig) and accusing his nephew of behaving "like a Hotentot." Hathaway may not be the most graceful swan in the lake (she actually galumphs), and she may lack Emma Thompson's dazzling brilliance. But as the Brits would say, she's got a stunning "figger" and coolly radiates beauty and intelligence. Her Jane is really quite becoming.

Rated PG. "Becoming Jane" has a bare-knuckle fight and scenes of mild debauchery.

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Dance for Diolla Fundraising Concert. Put on your dancing shoes and come at 7:30 p.m., on Sept. 1, to a concert by rock and blues band Connected at Beal House, Main Street, Kingston. The concert will benefit a Peace Corps water and sanitation project. The event is sponsored by Kingston Unitarian Universalist Church. All ages are welcome. Donation is $10; $5 for seniors and children.

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Company Theatre in Norwell, presents its summer musical, **"Miss Saigon,"** through Sunday, Aug. 19. Tickets priced at $30 to $32 are on sale at The Company Theatre box-office at 30 Accord Park Dr., Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companytheatre.com

Hanover Bandstand Summer Concert Aug. 12, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. **The O'Reilly's** will perform. Free and handicap accessible. The Hanover bandstand is on Route 139, Hanover Center. For information, visit the bandstand web site at hanoverma.gov

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset Aug. 12, 7:30 p.m. **The B-52's.** Tickets $57.75/$43.75 by calling Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com. South Shore Music Circus box office is open daily from noon until 6 p.m. for in-person sales only. For group sales ticket purchases, call 781-383-9860.

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North River Arts Society presents **"My Perspective: Space, Light and Shapes,"** an exhibit of original works by **Vcevold Strekalovsky** through Sept. 27 at the Dolphin Gallery, Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. Open Monday through Thursday, from. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, from 1 to 5 p.m. Call the library to confirm current hours: 781-741-1405. For information, call the NRAS Office at 781-837-8091.

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset will present a Faculty Feature: "Lilly Cleveland, Paintings in Dimension," through Sept. 2. For information, call 781-383-2787 or visit ssac.org.

Tuesday, Aug. 14

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 7 **Texas Hold'Em, with Northern Poker League** 781-829-6999.

Wednesday, Aug. 15

Business Network International President's Club Chapter will meet at 7 a.m., on Aug. 15, at Emerald Hall, 120 Bay State Dr., Braintree. Kathleen Kelly, business development officer for Century Bank in Braintree, will be the featured speaker. Visitors are welcome. For information, call club president Norm Abrahamson at 781-828-2270 or email ngalaw@cantonlaw.net.



Plymouth Chamber Music Festival returns Aug. 16-18, to present some of the most beloved string music at the Plimoth Plantation Linn Theater. Now in its sixth year, the PCMF is organized by Laurien Laufman, professor emeritus of cello from the University of Illinois, and Jamie Fiste, former Principal Cellist of the Plymouth Philharmonic and currently professor of cello at Central Michigan University. Laufman and Fiste also perform at the festival. The PCMF brings together musicians of international stature to present a series of intimate music performances in this picturesque vacation spot. Tickets are available at a reduced cost of $9/ticket. The concerts are Aug. 16, 17, and 18, at 8 p.m. at the Plimoth Plantation's Linn Theater. For information call 989-400-1073 or visit plymouthchambermusicfestival.org.

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2007 Project Arts of Plymouth Free Summer Concert Series, Pilgrim Memorial Park, Water St., Plymouth. Aug. 15, 6:30 p.m. **Third Left**; 8 p.m. **ENTRAIN**. For information visit www.projectarts.com

The Red Parrot, 258 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Every Wednesday night – weather permitting – at 7 p.m. **Drift Away Trio** outside on the deck. 781-925-1115.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, every Wednesday **Manic Oppression** at 9:15 p.m. p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Thursday, Aug. 16

Network4Success Business to Business Networking Group meets the first Thursday of the month at the Plympton Library from 5 to 6 p.m., and the third Thursday of the month at the Halifax Country Club from noon to 1:30 p.m.

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Plymouth Farmers' Market, takes place from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October, at Stephen's Field, off Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. Aug. 16 performing contemporary folk is **KarenWoodhall.** For information, call Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 16, **Radio For The Blind** 781-829-6999.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke **Texas Hold Em** every Thursday night at 6:45 and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree, every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue** Blues Jam featuring **Lisa Marie & All Shook Up** Aug. 16, at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Friday, Aug. 17

New England Singles Dances – ages 40 and older. Aug. 17, from 8 p.m. to midnight. VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington. Light buffet. **DJ Paul DiPanfilo** Admission $8. Visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

Comedy Night at Tuscan House Restaurant, 58 East Grove St., Route 28, Middleboro, will take place at 7 p.m., Aug. 17. Featured will be Tommy Dunham and other comics including Annette Pollack, Johnny Joyce, Tom Dustin and Mike Hanley. Host will be Joe Holden. Cost for the dinner/show package is $29.95. Advance reservations are required by calling 508-923-0099.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Aug. 17, **Cherly Aruda** at 9:15 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Run of the Mill Tavern, 6 Spring St., Plymouth. Aug. 10, 9 p.m. until closing, **Tex, Mad Dog and the Cat**. For information, visit nightmuisicco@verizon.net.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 17, **Spank** 781-829-6999.

Oil paintings by artists Jeanne MacFarland and Kate Ryan will be featured in an exhibition at Oceanside 17 Studio and Gallery, 17 Rockland Circle, Hull. An opening reception will take place 6:30 to 9 p.m., on Friday, Aug. 17, and will feature new work by Hingham artists Vcevy Strekalovsky and Michael Weymouth, and gallery owner Franny Andahazy of Hull. The exhibition will be through Aug. 29. Oceanside Studio and Gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday and by appointment. For information, call 781-773-1563 or email monica.mckenney@comcast.net

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Aug. 17, **Chris Fitz Band,** blues. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and older admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com.

Volunteers

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE 15TH ANNUAL ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION SOUTH SHORE MEMORY WALK on Sunday, Sept. 23. Help set up for the day, assist with the children's area, distribute food, cheer on walkers and help along the walk route. The walk, at Plymouth Plantation in Plymouth, benefits programs of the Alzheimer's Association, providing care and support for individuals and families touched by the disease. Volunteer and make a difference. For more information, call John Scott at 508-747-2868 x298 or e-mail jscott@radiusmanagement.com or visit memorywalkma.org.

VNA CARE NETWORK & HOSPICE, a nonprofit visiting nurse association, needs volunteers to provide practical and emotional support to terminally ill patients and their families. Training, supervision and support are provided. For information, call Nancy Barcelo, volunteer coordinator, at 888-663-3688, ext. 4271. Information about becoming a hospice volunteer is also available at vnacarenetwork.org.

PLYMOUTH INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL is seeking volunteers for the first PIFF event of the year, a Halloween Movie Masquerade Benefit, which will take place at Plimoth Plantation Oct. 28, from 6 p.m. to midnight. Volunteers are needed to take tickets, provide information, work in the screening rooms, help judge the costume contest and more. Young children who come to the 6 p.m. reception with their parents to enjoy the music and show off their costumes will need teenage volunteers with good babysitting skills. Other benefits are planned throughout the year. For information, call Leslie at 508-746-9001 or Arie at 508-958-3338 or email Arie at arie@plyfilmfest.org.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY is in need of Road to Recovery volunteers in the South Shore to drive local cancer patients to and from chemotherapy and/or radiation treatments. An integral part of treating cancer successfully is making sure cancer patients receive treatments, but many find making transportation arrangements a challenge. New volunteers are necessary in order to fulfill the requests for rides from local cancer patients. The schedule for volunteers is flexible and treatment appointments take place weekdays during business hours. For more information about becoming a Road to Recovery volunteer, call the American Cancer Society at 800-ACS-2345.

FESTIVAL OF TREES is seeking volunteers to assist in the planning and organization of the 17th annual Festival of Trees, which will take place Dec. 1 through 3, at Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth. This event benefits Cranberry Hospice, and features more than 50 decorated Christmas trees, daily entertainment and visits from Santa, a cocktail reception and a gift shop. For more information on how to get involved, call the information line at 781-834-7281.



The Beach Boys

Blasts from the past

With The Beach Boys booked for Friday night, and Linda Ronstadt set Saturday, the South Shore Music Circus will be *the* place to be this week to hear some of the best-known, best-loved songs of the 1960s and 1970s.

Original Beach Boy Mike Love and longtime member Bruce Johnston will be joined under the tent in Cohasset by their bandmates as well as John Stamos on drums. Stamos — who first came to fame on the soap opera "General Hospital" and has since hit it big in primetime on the sitcom "Full House" and the long-running medical drama "ER" — has long been an honorary Beach Boy, joining the band on the road whenever his schedule allows.



John Stamos

Look for the familiar Californinia sounds "Surfin' USA," "Help Me Rhonda," and "Fun, Fun, Fun" to be on the songlist when The Beach Boys — and special guest Stamos — take to the stage on Friday.

Hit songs — and plenty of them — will be heard on Saturday, too, when Ronstadt brings her "Greatest Hits" tour to the South Shore.

Ronstadt — who got her start in the music business with The Stone Poneys over 40 years ago while she was a student at Arizona State University - is considered by fans and critics alike to have one of the greatest female voices of the rock 'n' roll era.



Linda Ronstadt

With a songs like "You're No Good," "When Will I Be Loved," "Ooh Baby Baby" and "Blue Bayou," and covers like "What's New" from her more recent Nelson Riddle period, Ronstadt continues to fill concert halls with the powerful, still beautiful voice that made her a superstar.

The Beach Boys will be at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset, on Aug. 10, with Linda Ronstadt following them on Aug. 11. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-931-2787 or go online at themusiccircus.org.

- R. Scott Reedy

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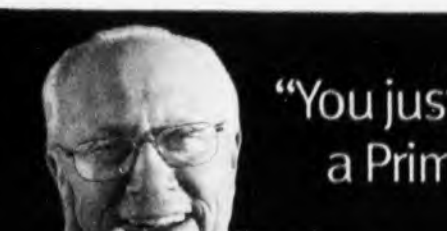
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Clothes Call

Fourth-graders dress up stuffed animals

By Nancy White
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One of the keys to small business success is having a passion for the business—no matter what it is. Right now, Karlee Koswick and Grace McMeekin are passionate about Webkinz, so the enterprising nine-year-olds have set out to design, construct, market and sell clothing accessories for their favorite stuffed animals.

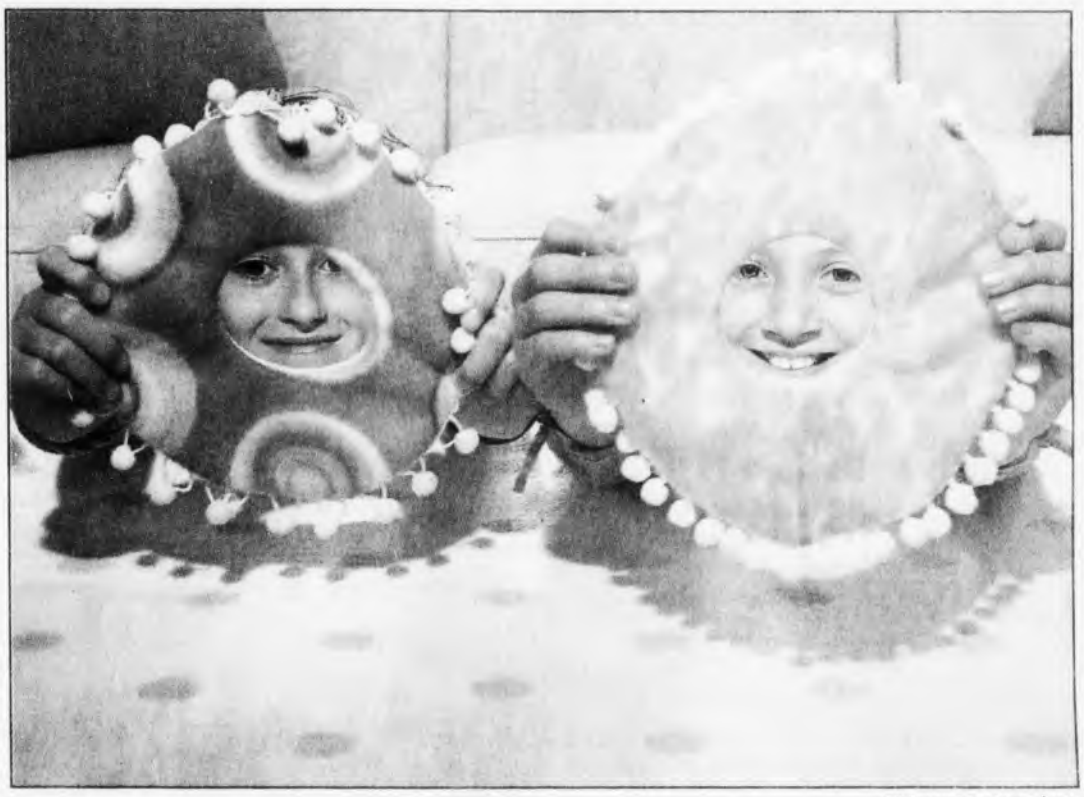
Karlee and Grace, both of Cohasset, are entering the fourth grade at Derby Academy. Over the winter, the pair was "fooling around" with leftover fabric on Grace's ping pong table when the idea hit them.

"We wished we could get clothes for Webkinz," says Grace. Their big idea was put on hiatus as they wrapped up another year of school, but it was not forgotten. When the summer rolled around they decided to focus on an endeavor to bring their stylish creations of ponchos and sweaters for Webkinz and other stuffed animals to more kids.

Webkinz is the latest toy craze to define an era in toys. Cabbage Patch dolls were the must have toy for Christmas in 1983. In 1996, Tickle Me Elmo sold out in stores almost instantly. Then Beanie Babies were all the rage in the mid-nineties, for kids and collectors alike.

Although Webkinz has not sparked

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STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

Karlee Koswick, left, and Grace McMeekin, right, both nine, hold up reversible ponchos, adorned with pom-poms and ruffles, that they designed for the popular Webkinz.

Village workshop Saturday

Grab a cup of coffee down in the Village on Saturday morning then head over to the Town Hall auditorium for a public workshop on the findings and future of the Cohasset Village. The Concord Square Development Company is inviting all Cohasset residents to the workshop, held from 9a.m. to 12p.m. Public involvement and input on this ongoing project is at the forefront.

"We're hoping for a good turnout."
— Angus Jennings, consultant

"We're hoping for a good turnout," says Angus Jennings, principal for the project. The workshop will present the results of extensive market research in and around Cohasset. An in-depth discussion on the potential new zoning policies to promote investment within approved design guidelines and architectural visualizations of potential new investment. The entire consultant team — including planners, architects, an engineer and a market researcher — will be in attendance to present and answer any questions.

The format will be interactive and, after an initial presentation, will allow for substantial public input and discussion. All interested citizens, Village landowners and merchants are encouraged to attend to learn about the work done so far and to share opinions and idea about the Village.

The workshop will run from 9a.m. to 12p.m. in the Town Hall auditorium tomorrow, Saturday (Aug. 18).

Tradd finds niche at Board of Health

By Nancy White
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The Board of Health office always has something going on. From septic approvals to litter on the streets to food safety to collecting mercury, it is a busy place tucked on the second floor in the old part of Town Hall. In the thick of it all is Tara Tradd.

Although Tradd's job title is health inspector, the name doesn't fairly express the broad spectrum of duties she has assumed. Tradd started working in the Board of Health office eight and a half years ago. She was originally hired as an administrative assistant to manage the many aspects for the Board of Health office, but over the years her job has evolved to be much more than answering phones and filing paperwork.

"Joe (Godzik, health agent) encouraged me along the way to pursue more education and he took me out into the field," says Tradd. She and Godzik have always worked closely together, sharing the same office and dealing with day-to-day issues.

"She's smart, she's wonderful with people. She does a great job," says Godzik, "she's our first line of defense for the Board of Health."

Tradd handles the majority of the incoming calls to the Board of Health and if there are any walk-in questions. She takes action if there is a complaint for an overflowing dumpster or an unsanitary public restroom.

"I like how it's always changing, there's definitely no room for boredom," says Tradd. During our interview she shuffled through files, answered e-mails and phone calls, and pulled up pages of information with the click of the computer mouse, "I enjoy being able to give people the right answers."

And answer them she does. She can talk about West Nile Virus and EEE, field inquiries about ticks or perc tests and septic systems, or get residents

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Tara Tradd, shown here outside her office at Town Hall, handles myriad tasks for the Cohasset Board of Health.

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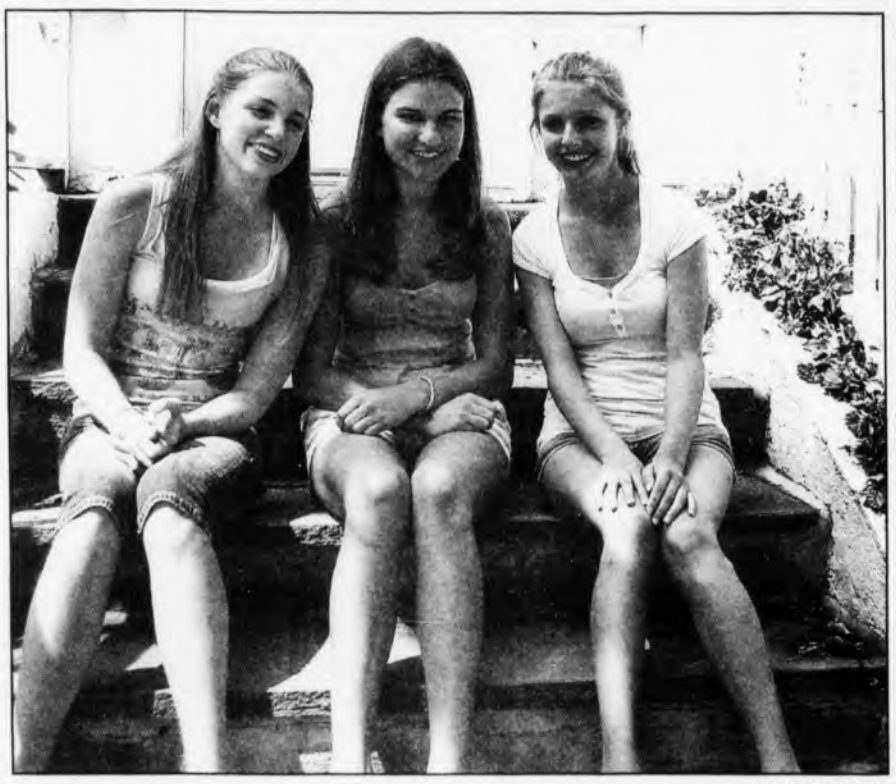
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PICTURE THIS/Juliette Karp, Chloe Koines and Katina Martone



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This week, the Mariner caught up with Juliette Karp, Chloe Koines and Katina Martone at the Center for Student Coastal Research on Parker Avenue.

Name: Juliette Karp, Chloe Koines and Katina Martone.

Occupation: CHS seniors and CSCR/Board of Health staff members.

Best day of your life: When my sister was born (Juliette). I'm only 17, the best is yet to come! (Chloe). The best is yet to come (Katina).

Best (or worst) vacation: Camping in the rain (Juliette). Paris with my family (Chloe). Las Vegas, Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park (Katina).

Favorite season: Summer (Juliette, Chloe and Katina).

Favorite holiday: Christmas (Juliette, Chloe and Katina).

Favorite food: Anything with pasta (Juliette). Gyros (Chloe). Any homemade dessert (Katina).

Best books: "Uncle Tom's Cabin," by Harriet Beecher Stowe (Juliette). "The Catcher in the Rye," by J. D. Salinger (Chloe). "The Great Gatsby," by F. Scott Fitzgerald (Katina).

Best movie: "Little Miss Sunshine" (Juliette). "The Royal Tenebaums" (Chloe). "Bridget Jones' Diary" (Katina).

Best TV show: "Desperate Housewives" (Juliette and Katina). "The Office" (Chloe).

Most embarrassing moment: "When I asked my mom who 'Prince Spaghetti' was" (Juliette). "Falling flat on my face in the cafeteria in front of the entire school" (Chloe). "When I almost had a wardrobe malfunction at a pool party" (Katina).

Pet peeve: When people think I'm younger than I really am (Juliette). Clutter (Chloe). When people brag (Katina).

Goal: To travel to Europe (Juliette). Travel to Greece (Chloe). To get into college (Katina).

Person you'd most like to meet: Oprah Winfrey (Juliette and Katina). My grandmother, Nancy (Chloe).

Biggest worry: Getting into college (Juliette). Getting into a good college (Chloe). Choosing a boring career (Katina).

Best part of Cohasset: The beach (Juliette and Katina). The ocean (Chloe).

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Officer Lawrence Ainslie installs new numbers to the police station at 62 Elm St. during the police and fire departments' 2003 public safety campaign urging all property owners to install numbers on their houses and mailboxes. Ainslie, who retired in 2004, was killed Saturday in an automobile accident.

Police stunned by tragic news

By Mary Ford
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Cohasset police are still in shock over the tragic death of former officer Lawrence "Larry" Ainslie.

Described as a "really nice guy" by his peers, Ainslie's life was cut short on Interstate 95 in southeast Georgia at about 3 p.m. last Saturday when the SUV that his son, Adam Ainslie, was driving overturned. Both men were ejected from the vehicle. Ainslie, 52, died at the scene and Adam was badly hurt, but is expected to recover.

Detective Sgt. Gregory Lennon said Ainslie, who was hired as a full-time officer in January of 1983, was "very well liked."

Lennon was on the midnight shift with Ainslie for two years after he joined the force in 1995.

"He had a very colorful outlook on life," Lennon said. "Despite the seriousness of the work – he could bring some levity to the job."

Lennon estimated that about two-thirds of the 18-officer department were on board before Ainslie retired and remember him well.

Retired Chief Brian Noonan said Ainslie — whose uncle was the late Henry Ainslie, who served many years a selectman — was born and brought up in Cohasset. He was living in Hanson before he took an early retirement and moved to Florida. Ainslie, who was divorced but remained close to his ex-wife, had a son, Adam, and a daughter, Elizabeth of Cohasset.

Ainslie was very close to Adam, a musician, who lived with him in Florida, and enjoyed traveling with him to events.

Noonan said after Ainslie retired he came back for a Memorial Day barbecue at Noonan's home and was doing well and was really happy.

Lennon said Ainslie was really enjoying his retirement and his fellow officers "felt good for him because he was feeling good."

"The news of the accident came as a total shock," Lennon said. "Everyone was really floored and taken aback. It is terrible that his life was cut short like that.

"He was a nice guy and will be missed greatly."

McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home is handling the arrangements, which have not been finalized. Cohasset police provided a motorcycle escort for Ainslie from the airport yesterday to Cohasset.

Solicitation not supported by fire department

Fire Chief Robert Silvia said he received a call this week from a concerned resident who was disturbed by the high pressure telephone sales pitch used by an organization called Firefighters Support Services Inc. Silvia did some research and found the company, which is permitted, is based in Troy, Mich., and is so new that there are no financial records on file.

"The Cohasset Fire Department has not received any financial donations from Firefighters Support Services and it is not affiliated with the charitable organization," he said.

Police Beat

Local teens face alcohol charge

By Mary Ford
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A Black Rock Road resident notified a police officer after seeing three underage youths jump into a car with a cooler of beer. The resident approached the officer who was responding to an unrelated call on Jerusalem Road near the Greek Church at about 8 p.m., Wednesday (Aug. 8).

The officer stopped the Jeep that was traveling toward Sandy Beach and identified the three inside. The boys, who were 17, 18, and 19 and all lived in Cohasset, were placed under arrest for being minors in possession of alcohol.

The teens would not tell police who provided them with the beer. Police confiscated 15, 12-ounce cans of Miller Lite and 18, 12-ounce cans of Busch Natural Light in the cooler in the Jeep. The Jeep was towed and the teens were taken to the station where they were booked and later bailed. They were arraigned the following day at Quincy District Court.

Denver man

Police arrested a 17-year-old Denver man who had been asked to leave a party on South Main Street after he allegedly damaged the mailbox structure that serves four homes near the 300 block of S. Main St. The incident occurred at about 12:30 a .m. Sunday (Aug. 12).

Police said the caller gave a good description of the man right down to his hair color, shirt and pants and the fact he was carrying a duffel bag. Police found the man who, they said, punched the mailboxes cutting his hand and then banged into the structure with his shoulder knocking it over.

He was charged with vandalizing property.

Teens on bikes

A Cohasset police officer who was on patrol saw two teens riding bicycles in the Route 3A/Beechwood Street area at about midnight on Monday (Aug. 6). The officer thought the teens, who were later identified as being 16 and 14 years old, appeared to be too young to be out that late. As it turned out, the 14-year-old was having a sleepover at his house and snuck out with his guest, the 16-year-old, who lives in Hanover. Police contacted the 14-year-old's mother and brought the boys home. The bikes were taken to the station where they were picked up the next day.

Suspended license

After stopping a 46-year-old Hull woman for only having one number plate on her GMC Jimmy, the officer discovered her license had been suspended for not paying citations in Florida. The incident occurred on Tuesday, Aug. 7 at about 12:30 p.m.

The woman will be summonsed to court for operating on a suspended license, police said. Sgt. William Quigley explained that all 50 states have reciprocity agreements and share information. He said if a driver has outstanding citations in other states, the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles will be notified and suspend the driver's license until settlement is made. The driver faces stiff fines with the state in which the violation occurred and also reinstatement fees in Massachusetts.

The woman was not allowed to drive home and contacted a friend at a local business near the traffic stop who drove the car.

MV accidents

• With the help of a video surveillance camera at Shaw's, police were able to determine the plate number of a van that had backed into a BMW parked in the supermarket parking lot. The incident was reported on Aug. 6. Police are trying to determine who was driving the van that is registered to a company. The incident remains under investigation. The damage to the BMW was about $500.

• A water hydrant that was apparently struck by a motor vehicle on Margin Street has to be replaced by the water department, police said. A water department employee discovered the damage to the hydrant last Wednesday (Aug. 8) and an officer responded to the scene to view the damage, which appeared to be caused by a motor vehicle. Police do not know when the accident occurred.

• The owner of a 2001 Chevy pickup truck went into Shaw's last Thursday and when he came out he found a note on his windshield from a third party who had witnessed a black 2000 BMW back into his truck in the parking lot and then drive away. The note included the plate number. The vehicle was registered to a 53-year-old Scituate man, who told police he did not know he had bumped into the pickup. Police took the man at his word and after completing an accident report, the two parties are settling with their insurance companies.

• In a single-car accident, a 2003 Toyota Land Cruiser operated by a 46-year-old Cohasset woman hit a tree Sunday (Aug. 12) off Linden Drive. The woman told people she was distracted by a child in the car and drove off the side of the road as she was approaching one of the turns in the road.

There were no injuries and police did not issue a citation.

• A 2003 Toyota RAV4 backed into a gray 2006 BMW on Border Street near the Old Salte House on Sunday (Aug. 12) at about 1:35 p.m. Police said the operator of the Toyota, a 73-year-old Cohasset woman, said she did not see the BMW behind her. The driver of the BMW was letting passengers out on Border Street when the Toyota hit the driver's side, causing more than $1,000 in damage. The operator of the BMW was a 42-year-old Rhode Island man. Since the accident occurred on a private way (in the parking lot of the Old Salte House), police could not issue a citation.

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POLICE BEAT

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entered the lot to turn around. As it was turning, the U-Haul, which was being operated by a 42-year-old Ohio woman, ended up hitting the passenger side of the Land Rover, police said. Police left information about the incident for the vehicle owner with the manager at the restaurant. The incident occurred Sunday (Aug. 12) at about 4:30 p.m.

Drunks

• Responding to a call about a man stumbling into a liquor store last Thursday (Aug. 9) at bout 8:40 p.m., police caught up with the green Caravan and determined that the man was a passenger in the vehicle and had been denied service at the liquor store. The 56-year-old Scituate woman driving the van was advised to take her friend home, police said.

• A 23-year-old man from Ireland was taken into protective custody by a detail officer at the Music Circus after he had had too much to drink and caused a slight disturbance during the Beach Boys concert last Friday (Aug. 10). Police later released the man, who was staying in Boston, to a family member.

• Police drove a man home to Scituate after finding him sleeping in the bushes off Parking Way in the Village. A person came to the station at 7:10 p.m. on Saturday (Aug. 11), to report seeing a man passed out in the bushes at that location. Police located the man and drove him home.

Door kicked in

Police responded to a report of a breaking and entering at about 6 p.m. on Tuesday (Aug. 7). The 61-year-old Cushing Street resident reported someone had kicked in the door of her home. Police said nothing appears to have been stolen and detectives are talking to neighbors to see if anyone saw anything.

Bikes left

Police responded to a call about two bicycles that appeared to have been dumped in the bushes off Jerusalem Road by the Greek Church last Wednesday (Aug. 8). Police recovered a female's bike, a Raleigh Mojave, and a Schwinn Spitfire. Police are checking with Hingham and Hull police departments to see if any of those bikes have been reported stolen. They are newer bicycles, police said.

Landscaping lights

The Cohasset Swim Center notified police about broken landscaping lights along the walkway at the center last Thursday (Aug. 9). It appears that someone may have kicked the lights, police said. There were no other incidents reported in the area.

Mailbox vandal

Another mailbox was vandalized on Reservoir Road. Police said the resident reported the incident, which occurred Saturday night into Sunday morning (Aug. 5) later than the others in the Old Pasture Road, Reservoir Road and upper Pleasant Street area. Police said they have a witness and have identified a suspect and are in the process of seeing if more evidence can be developed.

Legion seeking donations for those deployed

The George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118 is seeking donations of toiletries and other items for those deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Donations may be dropped off at the Legion Post on Summer Street daily after 3 p.m. or at Pilgrim Cooperative Bank branches on 3A or in the village.

Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks should be made out to the Sons of the American Legion, with "Soldiers Project" written in the memo line on the check. Checks can be mailed to Sons of the American Legion, PO Box 118, Cohasset, MA 02025. The following items are being collected at the American Legion for deployed servicemen and women:

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CHS class of '72 planning reunion

Cohasset High School Class of 1972 is planning a reunion for Oct. 26, 2007. More information is available at classmates.com and will be updated regularly. They are trying to locate classmates. Log on to the Classmates web site and become a member to notice of updates. Updates are also available by visiting tessahoc72@yahoo.com

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Aug.	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 16	2:01	9.3	2:26	8.9	8:07	0.4	8:26	0.7
Sunrise: 5:51 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:43 p.m.*			
Fri. 17	2:43	8.9	3:05	8.9	8:46	0.7	9:09	0.8
Sunrise: 5:52 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:42 p.m.*			
Sat. 18	3:26	8.5	3:45	8.7	9:26	1.1	9:54	1.1
Sunrise: 5:53 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:40 p.m.*			
Sun. 19	4:11	8.1	4:28	8.6	10:08	1.4	10:41	1.3
Sunrise: 5:54 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:38 p.m.*			
Mon. 20	4:59	7.7	5:15	8.4	10:54	1.8	11:33	1.5
Sunrise: 5:55 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:37 p.m.*			
Tues. 21	5:52	7.4	6:06	8.3	11:44	2.1	—	—
Sunrise: 5:57 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:35 p.m.*			
Wed. 22	6:48	7.2	7:01	8.3	12:28	1.6	12:37	2.2
Sunrise: 5:58 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:34 p.m.*			
Thurs. 23	7:46	7.2	7:57	8.5	1:26	1.6	1:34	2.2
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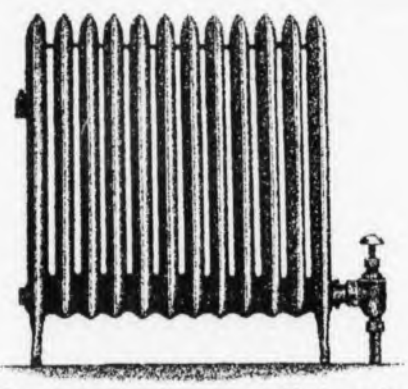
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'Old' Town Hall ready for renovation

Applications for architect due Aug. 29

By Nancy White
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In 1857, the Town of Cohasset finished the construction of their first and only Town Hall. Since then the Town Hall has stood as a symbol of Cohasset, incorporated into the town seal and as a part of the picturesque landscape of the Common. According to David Wadsworth's history of the town hall, the building has served as a theater, a private school, a movie theater, a basketball court, a ballroom and a jailhouse to name just a few uses over the last 150 years.

The last time the old part of Town Hall was updated was in the 1920s. Now 2007, the old portion is overdue for some major renovation. Resident David Farrag saw the need to revamp the enduring symbol of Cohasset and decided to take action before last spring's Town Meeting. Voters at Town Meeting agreed with him and allocated $35,000 of Community Preservation funds for a historic restoration architectural firm to advise the Town on how to best repair the "old" part of Town Hall.

"It's something that needs to be done," said Farrag in a phone interview. The antique portion of Town Hall houses an auditorium with entry foyer and several second story offices for town departments. This past week, the town began advertising a request for qualifications from interested architects and firms. The responses are due by Wednesday, Aug. 29 at noon.

"We received six inquires for the forms on the first day," said Farrag, although firms will need to return the completed application to be considered, "there's definitely interest out there."

Once all applications are submitted a Design Review Committee will be appointed by Town Manager Bill Griffin to supervise and advise the town during the project. The committee will do additional research prior to the hiring of the architect. The committee will review the résumés submitted, as well as investigate past projects of a similar nature for each firm and check references. Based on the ratings from the Design Review Committee, Griffin will ultimately choose the architect.

"We know more or less what's needed, but we need the architect to advise us on the best methods to complete the project," explained Farrag. The architect will outline a schedule for the project, which will likely be done in several phases to accommodate on-going town activities.

The Town Hall is a unique building because of the auditorium, a feature not typical as Town Halls go. Farrag hopes to find an architect or firm with experience in renovating old theatres.

The town plans to incorporate sustainable features into the renovation, which will likely involve an overhaul of the heating, lighting and electrical systems.

"Number one we're going to be looking for energy conservation," said Farrag, which may simply take the form of additional insulation and the restoration of aging windows, "in the end we want to determine how we can save money and be more energy efficient."

In the application form, the town indicates a LEED (Leadership in energy and environment design) architect is desired criteria. The Alternative Energy Committee and their recently hired consultants will likely advise in the process as needed.

The town will need to walk a fine line between historical renovation and creating a functional space for future town use.

"We're not trying to restore [the Town Hall] for 2007 or 2008, we're trying to renovate a building for 2015, 2020. We need to look ahead to the needs of the town," said Farrag. As an example, the auditorium does not have the electrical capability for electronic voting machines, a technology not far off into the future. Updating the wiring and ensuring proper fire exits are in place are high on the list as well. Farrag also hopes the architect will design plans to make every space of the Town Hall useable, from the ticket booth to the bathrooms.

While the majority of other town buildings have been renovated over the past decade, the Town Hall has been "left as an orphan. We want to give it its due," said Farrag.

Although a town building, Farrag does not envision going before Town Meeting with an immense price tag and expect the town to foot the entire bill. He plans to seek out state grants for historic renovation and initiate a private fundraising effort. The Cohasset Dramatic Club, the primary users of the auditorium, will be working on this project and offered to contribute funds to the construction. Community Preservation funds will probably be sought, as well as allocations from the capital budget.

"We'll most likely have something to say at the fall special Town Meeting," but it may only be an update, says Farrag. "The time has come to fix this place up."

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O'Driscoll wins official 'Hippiefest' guitar

AROUND TOWN



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NEWS BY TUESDAY

Hey Cohasset. How are all of your vacation days? I refuse to believe where we are in August date wise and hope that all of you are enjoying each day as it happens. Please send in any news, photos or event information no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm.

CMS FIELD HOCKEY

The Middle School Field Hockey program coached by **Mike Condon** and **Beth Marsden** is planning on registration forms being available next week at the recreation department for the coming season. Any girls in grades 6-8 re encouraged to come and enjoy the game! There will be an official registration date for the girls to sign up which will be announced shortly. All girls must have a mouth guard, protective eyewear, stick and shin guards to play. For more information, please contact Mike 781-308-8132 or email to bmarsden@comcast.net.



Faith O'Driscoll won an official "Hippiefest" guitar at an enter-to-win contest at the Music Circus. Country Joe McDonald presented the guitar to Faith on stage in front of the entire audience.

40TH REUNION!

Calling all CHS Class of 1967 graduates. You are having a 40th Reunion on Saturday, Sept.8 at 6 pm at Bancroft Hall at the Minot Lightkeeper's House. The cost is $60 per person and checks should be made payable to "CHS '67' Reunion and mailed to Maureen O'Donnell, 316 Summer St. New Bedford.MA 02740. Still looking for missing classmates: Patricia Arnold, Lee Aroner, Jean Boyer, Carey Chamberlain, Paul Hoffman, Kim Hollingshead, Dottie Infusino Andrade, Lauren O'Donnell, Regina McEwan, Janet McNeil, Suzanne Morrison, Jacquelyn Neagle, Chris Niswander, Gail Savage, Elaine Varunes, Peter Walsh. For information: Sue Williams Cox,781-925-9944 suzilla531@aol.com or Linda Sargent Beach,925-449-4226 lsbeach@comcast.net

CHANCELLOR'S LIST

Congratulations go out to **Caitlin Sanchez** who was named to the cancellors list with grade point average of 3.8 or higher for the Spring 2007 semester at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. Great news, aitlin.

STATEHOUSE

William F. Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth, recently hosted the State House Summer Volunteer Luncheon and Doric Docent Book Award Ceremony in the Great Hall. This event was an opportunity to recognize all the volunteer tour guides for their outstanding service at the Massachusetts State House. Cohasset student **Elizabeth Fegreus** was recognized at this event. Nice work Elizabeth, congratulations.

WILLIAMS GRAD

Kimberly Maxwell Ulmer, daughter of **Dr. and Mrs. Kevin M. Ulmer**, received a B.A. in biology from Williams College at the college's 218th Commencement exercises on Sunday, June 3, 2007. The Commencement address was delivered by Katie Couric, anchor and managing editor of CBS Evening News. Kimberly Maxwell, during college, participated in Williams College Dance Company. I hope that you are getting a well deserved rest this summer Kimberly and that you are looking ahead to a wonderful future.

GUITAR WINNER

Recently at Hippiefest held at the South Shore Music Circus, an enter-to-win contest was held, with the prize being an official "Hippiefest" guitar signed by the stars of the show, including Mitch Ryder; Colin Blunstone and Rod Argent of The Zombies; Leslie West and Corky Laing of Mountain; Joey Molland of Badfinger; and Country Joe McDonald. The drawing was held during Intermission, with Country Joe McDonald drawing the winner's name... And the winner was ... **Faith O'Driscoll** of Doane Street in Cohasset! Country Joe McDonald presented the guitar to Faith on stage in front of the entire audience. How exciting for you Faith, we all congratulate you.

BELMONT HILL

Matthew T. O'Connell, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Michael T. O'Connell** of Cohasset, graduated from Belmont Hill School on Monday, June 4 and will be attending Trinity College in the fall. At Belmont Hill's Prize Day ceremony in May, Matthew was one of the recipients of the 2007 Model United Nations Prize. Get ready for a wonderful freshman year Matthew.

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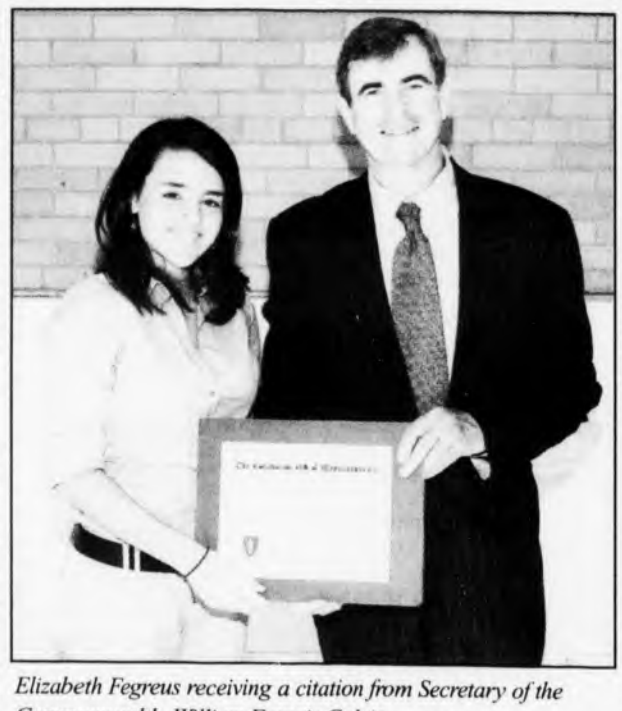
Anders Goetz of **Cohasset** attended the 2007 Boston Cannons Lacrosse Camp, held Aug. 2 to Aug.5 at Milton Academy. The camp featured both players and coaches of the Boston Cannons Major League Lacrosse team and provided a complete intensive training program for each individual camper.

The Boston Cannons Lacrosse Camp at Milton Academy gives attendees the chance to meet and learn from professional Cannons players in team and individual settings. Camp director and Boston Cannons Head Coach, Bill Daye emphasized mastering basic to advanced stick work and applying it to game situations. The camp also focused on teaching cutting edge conditioning techniques to enhance balance, strength and agility for a well-rounded athlete.

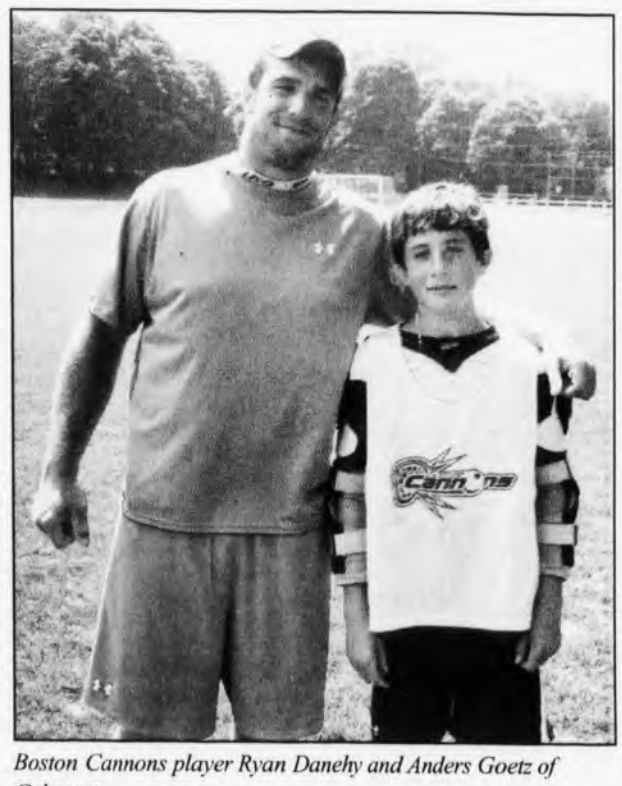
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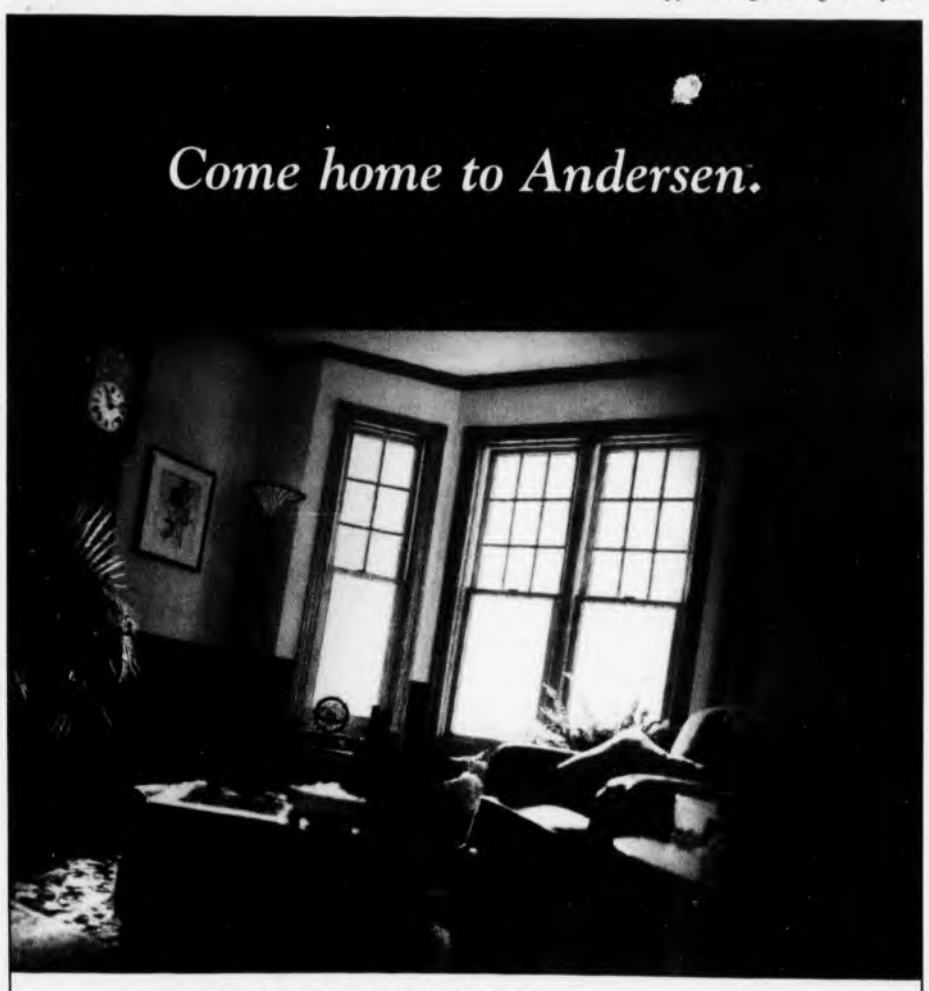
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Larry White of Classroom Critters holds up a giant bunny to show the children during his animal show at Our World last week. For more photos, see page 19.

Museum brings the world to Cohasset kids

By Nancy White
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"I hope kids walk out of here with a good understanding of what's actually happening in the world and why we need to change it."
— Julie Laugelle, museum manager.

There's no denying Cohasset is just one small part of a global society, but each person in Cohasset can learn and do something to improve the world we live in. Tucked in the rear of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library is a place where the youngest Cohasset residents can learn and discover the world around us. The Our World Global Discovery Museum exhibit and playrooms strives to bring an educational and fun experience for kids and adults alike.

The museum's tagline is "opening the minds of children to the world and their unique place within it" and with a range of diverse activities and programs, it holds true. The two-floor museum has three rooms, each targeted towards different ages. In that ways, Our World has something to offer for every family with kids.

"Small world is good for crawling kids," says Julie Laugelle, museum manager. The enclosed space has a play kitchen, a tool bench, a small slide and plenty of age-appropriate toys.

The latest addition to the museum is "Kid's World" opened in May and is designed for kids ages 4-7 years old. The room, which also doubles as a space for the museum's myriad programs, has a castle, a playhouse and multi-cultural dress up clothes. The wall is adorned with a growing collection of different flags from around the world. Between the two rooms is a space for arts and crafts; each week there is a new craft to construct so there is always something different to do.

On the third floor is the centerpiece of the museum, an exhibit created by the World Wildlife Fund. Our World purchased the Biodiversity 911 exhibit — which used to travel around the country but is now permanently featured in Cohasset — from the World Wildlife Fund. Biodiversity is the variety of life on earth, and through the exhibit, children are able to take a closer look at ways they can help the earth's wildlife and natural resources through six kiosks, or learning stations, each focusing on a different environmental issue. Guided by friendly cartoon characters, children learn ways they can proactively help the environment of the world they live in.

"I hope kids walk out of here with a good understanding of what's actually happening in the world and why we need to change it," says Laugelle. There's plenty of interactive activities to keep kids involved and learning. Her two kids are examples of how much the museum has to offer, they have spent a large part of their summer at the museum and have yet to grow bored with it, Laugelle says.

"Sometimes I sit back and I laugh at what the kids come up with doing. It's the unique things kids do with all this stuff," says Laugelle, "one kids will use something one way and then next use it in a completely different way." Seeing the kids' imaginations at work is one of her favorite parts of the job — the toys and exhibits are only props for kid's imaginations.

Laugelle plans on furthering the museum's focus on global cultures by incorporating an exploration of different cultures around the world. Starting this fall, the museum will have a display on a different country's culture through crafts, books and posters. Germany will be the first country, she says.

Our World has had a busy summer, with families coming in to seek relief from the summer heat or to get out of the house on a rainy day, says Laugelle. With a museum membership of 125 families from all over the South Shore and many walk-in visitors, Our World is a buzz of activity. A schedule of new fall programming is currently in the works.

"There's always ways to improve," says Laugelle. The museum has plans to add a gift shop and a birthday/ program room once funds are in place.

Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum is open Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $5 per person, or free for members. The museum is located at 100 Sohier Street, just behind the Paul Pratt Memorial Library and next door to the Music Circus. Visit the museum's Web site at http://www.ourworld3.homestead.com

Are you on the active voters' list?

If a voter has moved to another city or town, they still need to sign and return the postcard

Recently the Board of Registrars have mailed confirmation notices to voters who did not respond to the annual street listing (census) by the first of June. This mailing notifies the voter that their name has been removed from the active voting list and has been placed on the inactive voting list. In order to activate themselves they must return the postcard and they will be restored immediately to the active voters' list.

If a voter has moved to another city or town, they still need to sign and return the postcard. Their name will be immediately removed from the voters' list in Cohasset To vote, they must register to vote in their new city /town. Mail-in forms are available.

If postcards are not returned the voter will be removed from the voters' list. Also, they will be removed if they do not vote in at least one of the next two state elections or take other action that would reinstate them as an active voter.

Cohasset Republican Town Committee Cookout scheduled for Sept. 9

The highlight of the summer is the annual Cohasset Republican Town Committee Cookout, which will take place at 4:30 p.m., on Sunday, Sept. 9, at Lou Harvey's home, 465 King St., Cohasset. Tickets are $25 per person and $40 per couple. After Sept. 4, tickets are $30 per person and $45 per couple. Invited speakers are "Amo" Hougton, former U.S. Congressman, 1986 through 2001, from Corning, N.Y., and Mickie Edwards, a former U.S. Congressman, 1977 through 1993, from Oklahoma. Local elected officials will also be invited.

To make reservations, send checks payable to Cohasset Republican Town Committee and mail to Judy Volungis, 234 Forest Ave., Cohasset, MA 02043. Call Julie Guild, chairman, at 781-383-6443, or Polly Logan at 781-383-0031 for more information.

Sunset at the Abbey: Brass and More

Atlantic Symphony Chamber Players continue their tradition of a summer's-end concert on the lawn at Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham at 4 p.m., on Sunday, Aug. 26.

Featured musicians include Innovata, a brass quintet that includes Atlantic Symphony trumpeter Matt Ara. The five musicians have performed around the world and have appeared with the Boston Symphony, Boston Pops, United States Navy's jazz ensemble The Commodores, and other ensembles. Innovata has played aboard the U.S.S. Constitution by invitation of the United States Navy, at PNC Park by invitation of the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball team, on various public radio stations and at the Liederkranz Club in New York City. The wide range of experience that each person brings to the group compliments the classical, jazz, Dixieland and swing repertoire Innovata presents. Plus, Innovata places special emphasis on education. All of the musicians have their own private music studios and/or hold college-level teaching positions. Wherever they travel, Innovata always tries to make themselves available to young audiences.

Also on the program are Atlantic Symphony clarinetist Juliet Lai, oboist Mie Shiraishi, violinist Peter Krysa, and pianist Konstantinos Papadakis.

Bring a beach chair or blanket and picnic, to celebrate an evening of fun and relaxing music in the company of friends. Cost is $15 adults, $10 seniors, youth through age 18 free. Tickets will be available at the gate, or in advance at La Petite Maison, Hingham Square; Buttonwood Books, Cohasset, Abbey Bookstore.

Call 781-740-5694 or visit atlanticsymphony.org for more information.



OPINION

EDITORIAL

Grand old hall

Although Town Halls are often the places that house historic documents and records — including a community's archives — they are not always historic places themselves.

Scituate's Town Hall, for example, dates back to the early 1960s when the high school was built. Marshfield's Town Hall is a modern structure in a shopping plaza and Norwell's Town Hall is in a former elementary school. Hingham's Town Hall is in the former Central Junior High School.

The "old part" of Cohasset Town Hall dates back to 1857 and has been one of the centerpieces of the town common ever since.

Currently that grant old structure needs major renovation. Voters at the spring annual Town Meeting allocated $35,000 from the Community Preservation Fund for an architect to advise the town on how to repair the old part of the building. The search for a historic restoration architectural firm is now under way.

Over the years Town Hall has served as a theater, movie theater, private school, basketball court, ballroom, town library, and jailhouse.

"From its beginning Town Hall was intended to be a multi-function building housing municipal offices and serving as a vital center for diverse community activities," town archivist and local historian David Wadsworth wrote in "The Story of Town Hall."

He writes that during the late 1800s Town Hall became the site of one of Cohasset's most colorful community endeavors, the annual Washington's Birthday Fancy Dress Ball. "Each year that gala event was a highlight of the community's winter season, as townspeople in a diversity of costumes and masks packed one of the halls to dance and admire each other's artistic talents, to the delight of all."

Wadsworth writes at the other end of the scale, the town built its first jail in the Town Hall's cellar.

"This early lockup consisting of two primitive and miniscule cells, frequently became the temporary lodging place for tramps or transients seeking a place to stay over night while they passed through town. There being no full-time police department at the time, the lockup was presided over by a lockup keeper appointed by the town's selectmen."

There was a move afoot in the 1920s to construct a new classical, brick town hall in the space adjacent to the existing building, Wadsworth stated. The town took by eminent domain the plot of land immediately adjacent to the older hall that included a large Victorian mansion house. Selectmen evicted the owner and the house was razed. However, Town Meeting voters changed their minds before the old town hall was declared surplus and placed up for auction and the 19th-century structure was saved. The town hall municipal parking lot is where the Victorian house once stood.

In the summer of 1934, two brash young actors, Humphrey Bogart and Broderick Crawford, came to town. The actors were members of the South Shore Players that performed on the Town Hall stage all summer.

Bogart was married to Mary Phillips, a star who was better known than her husband at that time. Crawford was also described at the time as the son of Helen Broderick, a well-known actress.

Times have changed for Cohasset Town Hall but its importance to Cohasset history has not.

We are happy that efforts are being made to ensure that Town Hall remains a fixture in Cohasset for all time.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, all at 7:30 p.m.

Cohasset Elder Affairs, Sept. 10, 9 a.m. at 3 N. Main St.

Cohasset Housing Partnership, Aug. 16, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Aug. 27, 7 p.m.

Library Trustees, Sept. 12, 7 p.m. at the library.

Planning Board, Aug. 18, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Town Hall auditorium (Village plans), Aug. 22. 7 p.m.

Recreation Commission, Sept. 5, 6:30 p.m.

Selectmen, Aug. 27 and Sept. 10,7 p.m.

ZBA, Aug. 18, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Town Hall auditorium (Village plans); Sept. 4, 7:30 p.m,

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Field of Honor flags pickup

Thomas Wigmore of the Sons of the American Legion and organizer of the Field of Honor installed over Memorial Day, has announced that those who paid for flags may pick them up from 8 –11 a.m.. Saturday (Aug. 18) behind the Paul Pratt Library on Ripley Road near the playground



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Travel at your own risk'

TO THE EDITOR:

I read with great interest the Cohasset Mariner's weekly report on the Greenbush Line project, and the work in progress in building a sidewalk and improving road conditions on Forest Avenue.

For over a week, it has certainly not escaped the attention of the many people who drive on Forest Avenue that the road condition between the Wheelwright Park entrance and North Main Street, is currently horrible to a degree not experienced before. Even driving at 5MPH gives you the feeling that a transaxle break is imminent.

This reminds me of my youth in the Belgian Congo in the fifties, when non-urban roads gave you the same shaky feeling of driving on corrugated sheet metal. We were advised not to drink milk before driving, for fear that it would promptly turn to butter.

Of course the problem on that section of the Avenue is due to the fact that the surface was scraped with that famous huge machine, before laying new paving (hopefully more durable than all previous efforts).

I, and, I am sure, everyone else, can agree that such scraping is necessary, and that the consequences must be endured.

However, it seems that the scraping was done — and then everyone went on their merry two-week vacations way, or just went off to doing something else. This reflects poor scheduling. Couldn't the good folks have done this scraping *after* their vacations or other job, so that the current situation would have been inflicted upon the driving public only for the very few days it takes to complete the resurfacing? Surely, the sign "travel at your own risk" is taking a singularly ominous significance under current conditions!

Robert Pierre
120 Forest Ave.

Addendum: Needless to say that they completed the resurfacing Aug. 15! It took only a matter of hours for the entire ravaged stretch, so the question remains why we had to endure 1-1/2 weeks of this misery.

Rec Commission thanks Playground Program sponsors

TO THE EDITOR:

As we conclude another successful summer, the Cohasset Recreation Commission extends their most sincere gratitude to the following local business and civic organizations for their financial support for our seven-week Playground Program

Goodwin Graphics, Pilgrim Bank, Stop & Shop, Cohasset Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9146, Kristine A. Grazioso, DMD, Feng Shui Restaurant, South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset Collision Inc., George H. Mealy Post #118, Fiori's Exxon, The Good Sport, Goodale Insurance Agency, Lehr and Barnes Insurance Agency and MKR Building Solutions.

Via sponsorship generosity, community interest and support we were able to enhance our ability to serve the community through our day camp-like seven weeks Playground Program for children age 3 1/2 through 12 years.

Playground Program sponsors names/logos are printed on all the children's and staff's T-shirts – approximately 250 shirts total. Further, sponsors are listed on many of our year-round publications – sponsorships are available starting in March of each year by calling the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 781-383-4109 for letters and information.

Our deepest gratitude is extended on behalf of the children, parents and playground staff to this year's sponsors.

Jack Worley, Director

'I am not buying it!'

TOWARD A SUSTAINABLE COHASSET

JOANN MIRISE

It's official. I am more than half way through my yearlong project of not shopping. Fear of failure prevented me from telling anyone about my Not Buying It project for the first five months. The only ones who knew were my husband and two close friends, and I would have likely not told them, but I was certain they would start to seriously worry about me if I wasn't shopping. Is she feeling OK? Is she depressed? While not a shopping addict by any means, I was clearly on autopilot when it came to my consumer habits. And as a result of learning more about the connection between consumerism and the threats of global warming and oil consumption, I knew I had to do something. Something big.

So on Jan. 1, after thinking about it for weeks, I made a pledge to not buy anything new for one year. My motivation to start this project was simple: Our world is in trouble because we use too much stuff. Therefore, if I was to fundamentally make a difference, I would have to use less. Little did I know how transforming this project would be on my life. What started out as a statement for a cause in which I believe became a theme I will follow forever.

To be clear, I am still buying things. Food, of course. And anything that we use up like soap or toilet paper. I choose "green" products for all of these purchases whenever possible. Saving money is not my primary motivation, although it is an obvious benefit, so I am still going out to dinner and using services like the hair salon. For everything else, I created some personal rules. For example, if I need clothes for myself or the children, I only buy used. The principle being if we do not create the demand and the market, the products will not be made in the first place. My exceptions to this rule are socks, underwear and kid's shoes. What a surprise to find out how much I liked the experience of finding unique, high quality pieces on the consignment/vintage circuit. I liked it so much in

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Story behind the railroad fence

MAKING TRACKS

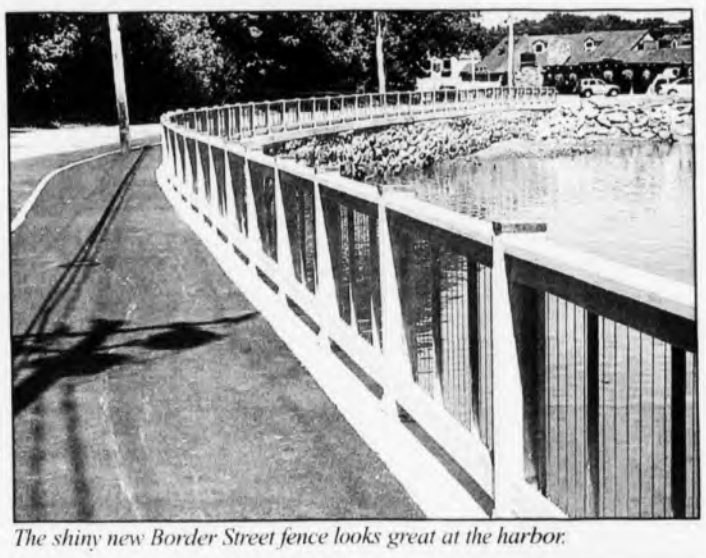
TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Greenbush fence arrives in Village Center – Last week, a subcontractor began the installation of the fencing, which will border the Greenbush line from Smith Place to the end of the Town Parking Lot. Like a lot of Greenbush actions, there is quite a story behind this final fence. If we turn back the clock prior to 2001, there were a series of about 25 hearings held by the Massachusetts Historic Commission (MHC) at the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) regional headquarters in Concord. The topic of these hearings was the creation of Greenbush design standards that would assure that the impending Greenbush project would protect and maintain, as best possible, the historic fabric of the five Greenbush Towns. As a part of this hearing, the MBTA agreed to provide "steel picket fence" in the historic center villages. This agreement would apply to the center of Cohasset Village from Smith Place to the far end of the Town Parking Lot. As a part of their submittals, the MBTA provided a single poor quality black & white photo of the fence they proposed to supply. As a participant in these hearings, The Town accepted this design expecting greater detail as the project advanced.

However, when the MBTA finally fleshed out their specifications and provided a sample of the fencing they intended to provide, it was flimsy looking, bolted together hollow tubular steel with vinyl caps on the pickets rather than the solid welded wrought iron that we had expected. Multiple Towns objected to the quality of this fence material and in June of 2005, MHC held another hearing at the Army Corps of Engineers concerning the fence material. The upshot was that the MBTA was instructed to provide solid, galvanized, fencing, painted black. We believe that this solid material will withstand the test of time substantially better than the bolted hollow tubular fence. The MBTA objected strenuously for several years, but in the final analysis provided what they were instructed to supply. We are glad to see this fence finally being installed and believe that the Town will benefit over time from this robust fence and its historical appearance.



Train station parking lot light with the station in background.



The shiny new Border Street fence looks great at the harbor.

Speaking of fence — If you haven't taken a look at the seawall that was recently rebuilt from Atlantica to the Mill River Marina take a walk or drive by and look at the new fence. We've had a number of good comments from residents about the appearance of this fence. Unfortunately, when we repaired the harbor wall from Lawrence Wharf to Cohasset Harbor Inn the funding available from the grant was not sufficient to replace the old fence with this new design.

Greenbush Station progress – Although it's a bit hard to see from either Route 3A or North Main Street, we thought you'd like to see what is happening at the Cohasset Station. The parking area for more than 400 cars has received its base coat of asphalt. The electricians are wiring the lights in the parking area and erecting the light poles on their concrete bases as seen in the accompanying photo. In the background the keen eye will be able to make out the station platform just visible through the trees.

The walkways to the station platform are being graded in preparation for paving. Rough grading has also started on the station site for the walkway that will connect the station to Wompatuck State Park.

All in all, the Cashman construction workers are literally everywhere (or at least it seems that way). The last minute details that must be completed prior to having an operational railroad are numerous. We imagine that the project management is eagerly watching over their shoulders waiting for that magical day when trains are operating.



Workers install new solid steel fencing along the tracks.



The Cohasset Train Station stop will be a familiar sight to commuters.

Erratum – In a previous article regarding Fire Department preemption of the new N. Main St. traffic light, we misstated the preemption scheme. When a fire emergency vehicle approaches the new traffic light it will turn GREEN for the approaching vehicle(s). All other directions will turn red, unless train preemption is active.

Forest Avenue – One of the primary caveats of the construction business is that we are at the mercy of the subcontractors. So we sit along side of all of the very patient Forest Avenue residents we wait for the paving contractor to add the base coat of asphalt to the very rough gravel surface of Forest Ave. Well, drum roll please… The balance of the base asphalt is scheduled to be done on August 15th. So, the gods being favorable, it should be done by the time you read this. Those of you who are brave enough to travel Forest Avenue probably have noticed that the curbing is being installed as soon as the base asphalt surface has been laid. It is now really obvious where the curb will be. Once the curb is installed, the sidewalks get their final-grading and paving.

You will also notice that Forest Avenue has been cold planed from Holley Circle to Jerusalem Road. While not as rough as the recently graded surface, that cold planed surface is still rough. Once the sidewalks and curb are completed, a finish coat of asphalt will be placed on the road, from end to end. We are purposefully holding off on the final paving until just after Labor Day when the Hull project on Green Hill is scheduled to be complete. This way, the trucks from their project will not damage our new paving. Thus, we expect that the final Forest Ave. paving will be completed around mid-September.

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Savior of the Marshpee

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



The Mashpee Wampanoags are riding high these days, with towns in southeastern Massachusetts fighting for the privilege of letting them build a gaming casino — and, by the way, cutting them in on the deal at the same time.

I wonder if any of them are going to raise a glass to William Apes. I wonder if any of them ever heard of William Apes, the man who sparked a downtrodden group of individual Indians into thinking of themselves once again as a tribe.

Mashpee, or Marshpee, as it was called, in the 1830s was little more than an Indian reservation, ruled by a three-man board of overseers appointed by the governor to protect them "against the frauds and wicked devices of unprincipled and profligate white men."

There were an estimated 315 Indians living in Marshpee at the time, the vast majority of them intermarried with other races and many of the men out to sea as whalers. The overseers rented land to white men for lumbering and grazing and gave them free run of the fishing streams.

The pastor of the Indian-built church was Phineas Fish, an orthodox Congregationalist, a missionary appointed and funded by Harvard College, who resented the fact that most of the Marshpee Indians were attracted to the revival spirit that went with the Baptist and Methodist faiths.

Enter William Apes.

Apes, born in western Mass to an Indian mother and a part-Indian father, was a reformed alcoholic turned Methodist preacher. He was visiting the Pequot reservation in Connecticut when he heard of the troubles in Marshpee and left for Cape Cod.

He attended one of Fish's sermons in the Indian meetinghouse and was stunned to find the congregation almost entirely white. Fish told him that the Indians could not be trusted with too much freedom and he doubted whether they ever could be.

Apes called a meeting to discuss Indian grievances. The date was May 31, 1833. Out of it came a Declaration of Independence-like memorial to the governor outlining those grievances and resolving:

"That we as a tribe will rule ourselves, and have the right to do so for all men are born free and Equal says the Constitution of the Country.

"That we will not permit any white man to come upon our plantation to cut or carry off wood or hay (or) any other article with out our permission after the first of July next.

"That we shall put resolutions in force after that date July next with the penalty of binding and throwing them from the plantation If they will not stay a way with out."

The Rev. Phineas Fish was advised to "be on the lookout for another home" with the admonition:

"We do not believe in your trying to make us believe that we have not as good rights to the table of the Lord as others that we are kept back merely because our skin is of a different complexion and we find nothing in so doing to justify you in the scripture."

The rehabilitation of the Marshpee Indians didn't some all at once, of course. It was not until the following March, after the Indians' fight gained national attention, that the former reservation was raised to a district with the right to elect three selectmen under a single commissioner and treasurer appointed by the governor.

The Rev. Fish was a different story. Harvard cut his stipend in half in 1836. The Indians themselves carried him out of their church and changed the locks in 1840, but still he persisted. He finally quit in 1846, sold his house in Marshpee and disappeared.

So THAT's the secret?

THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT

DIANE K. DANIELSON



But I can say that this is a book that did not add many "deep thoughts" to my life.

I finally did it. I picked up *The Secret*, the book/video phenomenon that promises to tell you the secret to a better life. It was right there in the library under new nonfiction and it kept beckoning to me, *"You know you want to … C'mon, admit it, you're dying to know the big secret."* I caved and picked it up, put it down, picked it up, put it down and, finally, I picked it up and signed it out. My curiosity got the best of me.

And you know what the big secret is? That you can make LOTS of money by telling people in 184 repetitive and redundant pages that "like attracts like" and to "think good thoughts." (My brief glimpse of the video confirmed that it's much of the same.) You can read more about my not so good thoughts on the book below. First, however, I have to applaud the author. It's a brilliant way to make money: tell people that all they have to do to get money (note, I didn't use the term "make money"), lose weight, or fall in love is to buy this video or book. It's the perfect business plan in our "Money for Nothing" society. Sting and Dire Straits were spot on with that song back in 1985, because today we live in a culture where everyone wants success, fame and happiness without having to do anything more than have a reality TV crew follow them around.

Now, I'm not saying that I disagree with the book's basic principle — that banishing negative thoughts will improve your life. Or even that some people can only get this message through reiteration of the same idea, page after page after page after page. But I can say that this is a book that did not add many "deep thoughts" to my life. Instead it's filled with doozies like:

"You have two sets of feelings: good feelings and bad feelings. And you know the difference between the two because one makes you feel good, and the other makes you feel bad.

Wow. Thanks for clearing that one up

"Begin right now to shout to the Universe, 'Life is so easy! Life is so good! All good things come to me!'"

I don't know about you, but if I ran up and down Jerusalem Road shouting this to the Universe, my neighbors would probably call the cops on me.

After all their "shouting out" recommendations, the authors then want you place your order with the Universe, just like you would "order from a catalog." Well, I hope that when I do this, that the person taking my order spent some time in customer service training at L.L. Bean. But, on a more serious note, is it just me, or is an analogy about shopping for material goods just so wrong in a book about the secret to a better life?

Hmmmm. I'll have to think about that while I put in my order with the Universe.

Dear Universe:

Please send me $1,000,000, a new laptop which still runs on Windows XP, and an iPhone (preferably one that's not a lemon). And, while we're at it, can you have it all delivered by a really hot UPS guy?

In the meantime, I'll be here doing absolutely nothing but thinking good materialistic thoughts just like The Secret told me to.

Sincerely,

Diane

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SENIOR SCENE

Anna's End of Summer Picnic is Sept. 5

The following events are sponsored by Cohasset Elder Affairs at 3 North St. To register, call 781-383-9112.

Anna's End of Summer Picnic – Enjoy an end of summer picnic at Cohasset Sailing Club at noon, on Wednesday, **Sept. 5**. The theme this year is "The Great Western Barbeque." A prize will be awarded for the best western outfit. Entertainment provided by the Bartholomew, Cappers and Waynen Trio.

Spirit of Boston Lobster Luncheon Cruise – The Spirit of Boston has **canceled** the cruise.

CLASSES

Sign up for the following classes as soon as possible.

Beginners Italian – Professoressa Lanier Grassie will offer a five-week course that teaches conversational Italian and Italian culture from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Monday, **Sept. 10**. The cost is $30. A minimum of six registrants is required to begin class.

Line Dancing – Join Nancy Kramer for line dancing, from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m., beginning **Sept. 18**. The cost is $5 per class.

Senior Dance Aerobics – Join Karen Kirkendall from 8 to 8:45 a.m., each Tuesday and Thursday beginning Tuesday, **Sept. 18**, as she resumes dance aerobics classes. The cost is $3 per class.

Introduction to Tai Chi – This five-week program, which takes place from 10 to 11 a.m., begins Wednesday, **Sept. 19**. By increasing circulation and promoting deep breathing, tai chi directly enhances physical health. The instructor, C.J. Reardon, has taught tai chi for 13 years. The cost is $75 for the five-week program. A minimum of five registrants is required to begin the course.

Knitting – Edna Finegan will resume knitting classes from 1 to 3 p.m., Friday, **Sept. 21**.

"Straight Addictions Class" – Donna White, an addictions counselor at Lemuel Shattuck Hospital, will present this program from 11 a.m. to noon on **Sept. 26**. All are welcome to attend. Following the program, participants are invited to stay and enjoy a gourmet lunch prepared by the Angel Food Project.

Gruber featured on Our Town

Join co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo this week when they sit down with the Special Assistant to the Town Manager for Greenbush Affairs, Tom Gruber, to discuss the final preparations for the coming of the train.

Tom outlines the work left to be done, safety concerns for residents and a realistic starting date for trips to Boston to begin.

Tune in Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9p.m., all on Comcast channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and Stay informed!

Field of Honor flags pickup

Thomas Wigmore of the Sons of the American Legion and organizer of the Field of Honor installed over Memorial Day, has announced that those who paid for flags may pick them up from 8 –11 a.m., Saturday (Aug. 18) behind the Paul Pratt Library on Ripley Road near the playground.

Opting out of sewer connection won't be easy

Boards try to get on same page

By Mary Ford
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Most people in the Little Harbor area welcome the opportunity to connect to the town's sewer system.

But not everyone is happy.

There are a handful of residents, many of whom are senior citizens, for whom the hookup presents a financial hardship. Their septic systems, which might not pass Title 5, could still be adequate because they are not generating the wastewater that a large family would. (Title 5 is the state environmental code governing septic systems).

The Board of Health grappled with this issue at its meeting on Monday. The Sewer Commission has asked the health board for its comments on a "defined protocol" so the requests to opt out of a sewer connection are addressed uniformly.

Fred Quelle, 73, who owns an "uninsulated" summer home at 120 Nichols Road and attended Monday's meeting, is one such senior resident. Quelle, who did his homework in terms of presenting the health board with the home's water usage history over the past two years, might not get much relief even if he were able to obtain a waiver from hooking up.

If a delay is granted, a "stub" would be placed at the end of the property, but the resident would still have to pay the betterment not the annual operations and maintenance charges. The average sewer user, based on a family of four in the Central and North sewer districts, pays an average of $800 a year, not including the betterment.

In its memo to the health board, the Sewer Commission did point out that tax laws included a financial hardship provision that could delay property betterment charges until the property's sale. But that option would have to be pursued with town treasurer's office.

The septic system at Quelle's house, where he lives from June to October, dates back to 1890. Even though the house has nine bedrooms (including five in the servants' quarters) he estimated the house uses only 10 to 12 cubic feet a day of water. He explained that the 100-plus year old house would almost certainly be a "teardown" if it were sold. (Sewer usage is billed based on a property's water usage; the Sewer Commission has no mechanism in place to meter the water coming out of building).

"It seems ridiculous to spend the money for that small amount (of wastewater) to be put on the system," he said. Quelle explained he would be happy to work with the health board in terms of pumping the septic tank on the property.

The health board agreed that the conditions were stringent. Only fully compliant and functional systems could be granted a delayed hookup.

However, Board of Health member Robin Lawrence also told Quelle that a sewer connection could be viewed as a good thing for a potential buyer should he want to sell the home at some point.

Quelle explained that a recent broken, old water pipe on Nichols Road has moved up the timing for the expansion of the sewer district to his neighborhood. "The plan is to put the new water main and the new sewer main in at the same time," he said.

Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik explained that properties in the expanded Central District had to have fully compliant septic systems or were required to hook into the system.

Quelle said he is on a civil service pension and hooking up to the sewer system would "be the kind of bucks that I cannot afford."

Health board member Stephen Bobo expressed some frustration on the issue. "Our position should be: are these septic systems contributing to the pollution of Little Harbor," he said.

Town Meeting has allocated $15.2 million for the Little Harbor sewer expansion project which users will pay for through sewer betterment fees over a 20-year period. The project timeline should have all homes hooked up to the town sewer by 2011. The long-awaited project will result in 485 additional homes on town sewer and an updated (and expanded) wastewater treatment plant.

The town sewer expansion was mandated by the state through the Second Amended Final Judgment. The agreement goes all the way back to the late '70s, it was handed down by the state as a means of implementing the Clean Waters Act. In 1979, a complaint was filed alleging violation of the Act, which could have cost the town $10,000 per day in fines. As part of the settlement, the town consented to enter the Judgment.

In 1980, the town and the state agreed on the terms of the Judgment, but it was again amended in 1994 and 1997, when it became the Second Amended Judgment. It was modified again in 1998 and then, in 2006, underwent its final amendment.

As a result of the Judgment, the town embarked on two sewer projects, including an expansion of the Central Sewer District and the North Cohasset sewer project, which allowed residents to tie-in to capacity at the Hull treatment facility.

Delayed connections for Little Harbor District

The following process is being proposed:

- Resident makes a written request with at least two years worth of water consumption data (which provides a correlation to sewer usage). Proof of compliance with Title 5 and local Board of Health regulations.
- System cannot have been approved with any variance or repaired "best feasible" methods that would limit full Title 5 compliance. Pumping history will also be examined.
- Systems within 400 feet of a water body must include I/A (Innovative Alternative Treatment System) technologies for nutrient removal and have suitable treatment performance record for past two years.

If system is deemed fully compliant and functional, the sewer commission will review the request. If approved the resident would be granted with a "delay" and would not be required to connect to the system at that time. For a "delay" a sewer service stub would still be placed for the property and the resident would still have to pay the betterment. The Sewer Commission said this week it will not grant any exemptions for the Little Harbor District, just delays.



PHOTO/MARY FORD

The Tilden Block, which includes Farsh Oriental Rugs at 1 N. Main St. was built in the early 1900s. The rug store is moving next door where Goodale Company Insurance is located and Home Center Sotheby's International Realty will move into 1 N. Main. Goodale is moving to 3A and the Silver Spoon has closed.

Changes at the top of S. Main Street

By Mary Ford
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The Silver Spoon Cafe at 5 South Main St. closed its doors about 2-1/2 weeks ago.

At the end of the month, Goodale Company Insurance at 3 South Main is moving to Brigantine East on Route 3A.

Farsh Oriental Rugs at 1 South Main is moving into the former Goodale spot on Sept. 1.

And Hingham-based Home Center Sotheby's International Realty is opening an office at 1 South Main St., where Farsh Oriental Rugs is now.

A spokesman for Centerpoint Properties, which about 18 months ago bought the building that houses those retail locations and also four, one-bedroom apartments and an upstairs office, said the corporation has put a considerable amount of money into renovating the building. The building, which occupies the corner of South Main and Depot Court, also includes the Atlantic Brokerage Group, at 3 Depot Court.

The Centerpoint spokesman, who asked that his name not be used, said the historic building known as the Tilden Block dates back to early 1900s. In fact there is a "T" just under the peak of the roof facing South Main Street.

"All the renovations up until recently have been to the apartments," the spokesman said. The vestibule at the entrance to the upstairs apartments and upstairs office at 7 Depot Court has been completely redone.

Exterior painting to the property is a work in progress, he said.

Gail Petersen Bell, owner of Home Center Sotheby's International Realty, is excited about opening a Cohasset office in what she describes as the "premier retail location" in town. She said Home Center, which will renovate the space, has a grand opening planned for Oct. 25.

"The train coming through is really going to open the Cohasset real estate market to relocation and international clientele," she said. Bell said most international Sotheby offices are located in charming coastal communities from the Mediterranean and Caribbean to both U.S. coasts.

Ali Hashemi of Farsh Oriental Rugs has been at 1 South Main for 20 years. "I am happy to be staying in Cohasset," he said about moving next door.

But customers looking for the Silver Spoon's famous lobster/clam bisque, fish chowder or popular chicken sandwich are only going to find a " for lease" sign on the door.

Centerpoint said there have been some expressions of interest in the Silver Spoon site.

He would not comment on why the Silver Spoon has left but did say Centerpoint would be seeking "market rate rent" for the space. He said Centerpoint hopes to lease the space to another restaurant. "The space is outfitted for that and it would be good for the village."

The food license allows seating for 35 at the site, he said.

Owner Jack Stafford, who operated the Silver Spoon with his wife Carol, said he could not comment and would not elaborate on the reason the business has closed.

But he did say he wanted to thank his loyal customers. The Silver Spoon, which served breakfast and lunch, won several People's Choice Awards over the years, he said.

Stafford, who came out of retirement to run the eatery, bought the business from former Silver Spoon owners, Denise and Garry Bismore, back in the spring of 2002.

HEALTH NOTES

Obesity is an expanding public health crisis

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The news is not good about obesity. We live in a land of excess, and our waistlines show it. By 2015, 75 percent of adults will be overweight; 41 percent will be obese.

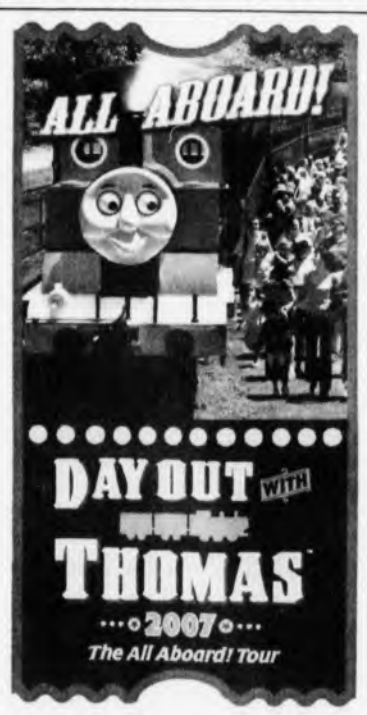
According to researchers at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in the most recent issue of the journal Epidemiologic Reviews, the U.S. obesity prevalence increased from 13 percent to 32 percent between the 1960s and 2004. The prevalence of obesity and overweight has increased at an average rate of 0.3–0.8 percentage points across different sociodemographic groups over the past three decades. Some minority and low socioeconomic status groups — such as non-Hispanic black women and children, Mexican-American women and children, low socioeconomic status black men and white women and children, Native Americans and Pacific Islanders — are disproportionately affected..

The study authors included 20 journal papers, reports and online data sets in their meta-analysis. In addition, data from four national surveys —NHANES, BRFSS, Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System and National Longitudinal Survey of Adolescent Health — were included in order to examine the disparities in obesity. They defined adult overweight and obesity using body mass index cutoffs of 25 and 30, respectively. Children at risk for overweight and overweight itself were classified as being in the 85th and 95th percentiles of body mass index, respectively. The key findings include:

The analysis showed patterns of obesity or overweight for various groups of Americans. All groups consistently increased in obesity or overweight prevalence, but the increase varied by group, making it a complex public health issue. More research needs to be completed to look into the underlying causes," says May A. Beydoun, coauthor of the study and a postdoctoral fellow in the Bloomberg School of Public Health's Department of International Health. "Obesity is likely to continue to increase, and if nothing is done, it will soon become the leading preventable cause of death in the United States." It's easy to be lulled into buying a reasonable looking cruller to go with coffee which contains 4500 calories and 15 grams of fat or buy a donut at a grocery containing 1500 calories.

And yet, in Cohasset, when we look at those running on our roads, or sunning themselves at the beaches or pass through the halls at school, or go to the supermarket, we see very little evidence of a problem for our town. Nevertheless, for a sane dieter, the grocery store's a minefield, a convenience store's a display of horrors and television's a constant siren song.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.



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At Fidelity in Boston are from left: Robin Earle, Ms. Jackie Fitts, August Oddleifson, Jon Choi, Jenny Cahill, Mr. Steve Fusco, Mr. Josh Jones, Dr. Ann Thomae, Jessie Fitts, and Aisling Guinee.

Web-based tool could help research

CSCR UPDATE

CHLOE KOINES

Using Sharepoint could enable CSCR students to make their costal research better known throughout the community.

Through the years, CSCR has become more and more technologically advanced. On Tuesday, Aug. 7, CSCR students and staff gathered at Fidelity Investments in Boston to discuss a program that could further increase the organization's efficiency and productivity. The meeting was hosted by Fidelity Management executive and School Committee member Mr. Steve Fusco, and his colleagues Mr. Josh Jones of Fidelity Management, and Damon Penny of the Microsoft Corporation. In attendance were staff members Mr. Jack Buckley, Dr. Ann Thomae, and Ms. Jackie Fitts, and students Jenny Cahill, John Choi, Robin Earle, Jessie Fitts, Aisling Guinee, and August Oddleifson.

Staff and students were provided with an overview of a potential web-based project management tool called Microsoft Sharepoint. Mr. Perry defined Sharepoint as a "collaborative web platform in which multiple users can post documents and notes, collaborate on projects, share data, and create reports" all from remote locations.

Using Sharepoint could enable CSCR students to make their costal research better known throughout the community. The program would also allow students on the South Shore to communicate with students overseas, exchanging data that could be useful in investigating the global climate change. Those in attendance were shown how to use Sharepoint for managing projects, including discussion bulletin boards, project libraries, interactive calendars, reminders, task assignments, training DVD clips, and email notification functions.

Students and staff were then told of the many choices one has in getting started with Sharepoint, such as utilizing a web-based host, using one's own server, security issues, backing up all files, data recovery, designing and editing, storage capacity, and software application compatibility. Some of Sharepoint's potential problems led to a discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of similar programs like Google "Apps."

Through this information session, students were placed in the forefront of CSCR's technological changes. Using Sharepoint could give CSCR the opportunity to spread research and findings throughout the community, even the world, changing a small research group into a global organization.

Chloe Koines is a CHS senior, CSCR Board of Health staff member, and CSCR head of public relations.

'I am not buying it!'

TOWARD A SUSTAINABLE COHASSET

JOANN MIRISE

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fact, I had to catch myself before sliding down the slippery slope of again buying what I didn't need.

I have cheated twice. The first cheat was on an Ipod armband holder. I justified it as a health purchase. If I was more comfortable while running I would go farther and therefore be healthier. Yes, my mind got very creative on occasion during the past few months. The second cheat was a gift card for my sister's housewarming. Although I wasn't technically buying a thing, I knew the card would go on to become a thing. The guilt was palpable.

Gifts, in general, were the most difficult for me to navigate at first. Would I be judged for giving a used gift? A good solution has been choosing gift certificates for services or experiences like massages, movie passes or prepaid cards for the ice cream shop. Also, meaningful items to pass on like a cherished book or a bouquet from the garden have helped me to take gift giving to the depth it deserves.

Along with the two blatant cheats, there have been some grey areas. Namely books and some used items that were purchased in an effort to be more sustainable. I am likely one of the library's best customers, but still I have bought books. Most of the purchases are in the how-to genres of growing a vegetable garden or preserving food, and all are in the name of getting our family in the big league of sustainability. I haven't lost sleep over the grey areas.

And the hardest part so far? Because I did not add myself into the shoe exception, it's become clear that this is the biggest loss. I miss new shoes, and come fall, the boots. I am not proud of this discovery.

Like life in general, Not Buying It is a work in progress. It is not an exercise in nobility. Nor is it a practice of willpower. Like Al Gore said "If the crib's on fire, you don't speculate that the baby is flame-retardant. You take action." That's all I am doing. Day by day, month by month.

Frankly, I didn't tell anyone in the beginning because I wasn't sure if I would be able to make this shift for an entire year. I sold myself short. Not only am I going to make it through 2007, I might even consider going on for another year. Not Buying It is just that good.

JoAnn Mirise lives and writes in Cohasset. Stay tuned for the next installment of the Not Buying It project.

LIBRARY CORNER

Check out new titles at the library

New Titles – Learn something new this summer by listening to a Modern Scholar course offering. These educational kits, available for checkout, include a series of lectures on CDs and a course guide. New topics this month are "Waking the Dragon: Emerging Chinese economy and its impact on the world"; "The Dead Sea Scrolls: The truth behind the mystique"; "The People and the ballot: a history of American party politics"; and "The Odyssey of the West II: from Athens to Rome and the gospels". Modern Scholar courses are shelved in the CD audio book section of the library.

Library Book Group – There will be no August meeting of the Library Book Group. The next meeting will be at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, Sept. 26. The group will discuss Nathaniel Philbrick's book "Mayflower."

Movie Matinee – Come to a daytime showing of the classic movie "Harvey" starring Jimmy Stewart and Josephine Hull at 11 a.m., on Friday, Sept. 7. Free admission and light refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

FOR CHILDREN

Contest Winners – Anya and Sarah Gruber have won the "Catch the Beat @ Your Library" music contest. They changed the lyrics to "Yankee Doodle Dandy" to reflect their thoughts and feelings on the library. Their song will be on display at the library.

The following students are the winners of the "Catch the Beat @ Your Library" parrot/peacock decorating contest:

2-year-olds – **Carrie Kim, Dylan Galvin** and **Bridget Degroat**; 3-year-olds – **John Paul Buckley, Gracyn Lord** and **Brandon Bellefontaine**.; 4-year-olds – **Tommy St. Sauveur** and **Emma Montefusco**; 5-year-olds – **Kalin McMahon** and **Oliver Hobson**; 6-year-olds – **Samantha Naples** and **Caroline Cooper**.

7-year-olds – **Margaret Norton** and **Isabel Buckley**; 8-year-olds – **Veronica Galvin** and **Danielle Picot**; 9-year-olds – **Julia Stanganelli** and **Katie Nedrow**; 10-year-olds – **Hanna Cooper** and **Margaret St. Sauveur**.

11-year-olds – **Tricia Litchfield**; 12-year-olds – **Anya Gruber**; 13-year-olds – **Blair Darrell** and **Callie Piepenbrink**.

Thank you to all participants in the Catch the Beat @ Your Library" contests. Every entry was unique and special. Contest winners work will be displayed in the Children's Room. All participants work will be kept in a box under the clock in the Children's Room for pick up. Great job everyone.

Backpack Time – The statewide summer reading program, "Catch the Beat @ Your Library" has come to an end. Bring in summer reading logs to share with Mrs. Moody. All students who have met or exceeded their summer reading goal will be awarded a "Catch the Beat @ Your Library" backpack.

Free Drama Workshop for Kids – On Saturday, Aug.25, from 10 to 11 a.m., Drama Kids International will present a free drama workshop for students ages 6 through 11 in the Meeting Room. "Our Drama Kids" programs are designed to enhance verbal skills and build confidence through the fun and creativity of drama. Register for this event by going to cohassetlibrary.org. Click on Calendar and then click on Saturday, Aug. 25, Drama Develops Kids. Fill out the online form including the students name and age. For more information regarding year round programs, call, Drama Kids International at 781-749-4911 or visit dramakids.com.



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It still remains to be seen what impact new star will have on soccer in US

COMMENTARY

MARK GOODMAN



By Major League Soccer (MLS) standards, the New England Revolution are a very good, championship contending team.

The Los Angeles Galaxy, meanwhile, are an exceptionally wretched outfit in most every way imaginable.

Both of these facts were on full display Sunday night in Foxboro, but of course, the Revolution's 1-0 victory took a back seat to the quasi-spectacle of David Beckham's first appearance at Gillette Stadium.

Only the first half profligacy of Taylor Twellman, who eventually scored the game's only goal in the second half, kept the match from finishing with a more deserved 3-0 score line, given the gulf of quality between the two sides. Amazingly, it was almost a 1-1 draw had it not been for the Galaxy's Landon Donovan completely bottling a point-blank chance in the closing minutes.

For New England, Steve Ralston was in typically excellent form, running tirelessly up and down the right flank and creating several scoring opportunities. Shalrie Joseph, the team's (and maybe the league's) best player, had another exemplary match in his holding midfield role.

The more than 35,000 fans in attendance provided a lively atmosphere, and there didn't seem to be too much tangible disappointment at the fact that Becks didn't take to the pitch because of his ankle injury. There were groups of fans here and there that left with 15 minutes remaining when it was apparent the Golden Boy wasn't going to play. And there was also the silly booing when the sight of Beckham sitting on the bench appeared on the Jumbotron with only minutes left to play.

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(Above) Danielle Healy, front, of Cohasset, and her teammates Aniko Haber, middle, and Michelle Berube, back, do the breaststroke while competing in the 14U 100 yard IM during Saturday's South Shore Swim League championship meet. Danielle will take second palce with a time of 1:12:03.

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(Right) Amanda Farren of Cohasset does the backstroke in the 17U 200 yard medley race on Saturday.

Generals win battle of the shores

Outlaws miss another chance to taste victory

By David Wolcott
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The difference between a football team having a perfect 4-0 record and carrying around a 1-3 mark isn't a large gap. A broken play here or a missed scoring opportunity there can do a lot to decide a particular game. Saturday night it was a missed field goal with time running out that brought the South Shore Outlaws down at the hands of the North Shore Generals, 7-5.

"We've been right there on the verge of winning every game, but each week something has popped up to keep us from winning the game," Outlaws general manager Ron Rezendes said. "The first week [10-7 loss to Whaling City] we missed a couple of scoring chances that could have put us on top and then the week after that we led the game deep into the fourth quarter before losing it on a fluke touchdown play in the last minute.

"Our record says that we are a 1-3 team, but we've played well enough to have a 4-0 record. We've been in every game right to the end, but it's just a matter of finding a way to get over that final hump."

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9A's show their stuff

The Cohasset 9A baseball team had a great summer travel season. They started off slow but quickly learned how to compete against some very strong teams.

The players had to adjust to faster pitching, better hitters and base stealing. After a couple of tough losses and ties the team notched some solid wins and gained some confidence and momentum. Cohasset then beat Braintree, the undefeated first place team. They finished the season 3-5-2 and were seeded sixth in the playoffs.

The team had fun, played hard every game and their improved play will surely make them All-Stars next year.

The Cohasset 9A travel baseball team, coached by Kevin Dooley, Dan Axelson and Mike Fein. Back row, left to right: Ryan McElhinney, Brett Dooley, Danny Axelson, Jack Chamberlain, Jake Burchill. Front row, left to right: Bryce Church, Davis Cronin, Justin Fein, Matt Montefusco, Andrew Kuppens

Their first playoff game was against Scituate, the third seed. The Cohasset bats came alive and the team combined for 22 hits and the upset win. Every player at the game had two or more hits.

Next up was Braintree and Cohasset tried their best but couldn't pull off the upset twice against a very good team.

Cohasset pitchers Jake Burchill, Brett Dooley and Danny Axelson did an awesome job shutting down the best hitters in the league. Matt Montefusco and Davis Cronin were a force behind the plate throwing out runners.

The infielder of Bryce Church, AJ Kucinski, Justin Fein and Ryan McElhinney improved tremendously throughout the season and worked hard to be the best at their positions. Jack Chamberlain, Jack Donohue and Andrew Kuppens did a stellar job in the outfield fielding and holding runners from extra bases.

The team had fun, played hard every game and their improved play will surely make them All-Stars next year.

Cohasset's crazy 8's come up aces

Cohasset's 8-year old summer baseball team ended their season on Monday night after a victorious run in the playoffs to finish as division finalists.

Two of their three playoff victories were against number-one seed Weymouth and number-two seed Quincy: a remarkable finish to a spectacular season. After a great win against the strong arms of Stoughton, the boys in blue traveled to Quarry Hills for a bought with the kids from Quincy. It was a beautiful night for baseball at Quincy's scenic Little League complex with views of the Boston skyline. Cohasset shot out of the gate to log seven runs in the first few innings with hits from everywhere in the lineup.

Timmy Chase had a great start on the mound against Quincy to only allow one run in two innings pitched. Joe Cavanaro tossed two shutout innings, and Mr. Clutch, Taggart Eymer rolled in to close it out with his "Cricket Catapult Curve." With the bases loaded and one in the bottom of the sixth and Quincy rallying, Taggart loaded his weapon and struck out the first two batters he saw and escorted his boys to the third round of the playoffs.

This game featured some great hitting by Charlie Krumsiek and Joe Campadelli, excellent at-bats by Michael Tesauro, Luke Norton and Charlie Dubiel, and some absolutely spectacular fielding that included two throw-outs at home with remarkable catches by Michael "Tag-'em Tight" Tesauro behind the plate and wonderful force-outs by Liam O'Connell at second. All around, it was a great defensive performance that delivered some seasoned, heads-up baseball.

Round three saw a sunny Saturday morning drive to Gil Starkey Field on the shores of the Weymouth Reservoir to face the Weymouth South first place championship team that earned two byes in the playoffs. This matchup was reminiscent of the Stoughton nail-biter.

It was 1-0 in the top of the sixth after some great pitching by Timmy Chase, Taggart Eymer (more gutsy relief work), and Ben Rice. But it all happened with two outs, full count, season in the balance, and Liam O'Connell refused to be that last batter of the season. It was one foul ball after another before his center field two-base blast kept his team alive.

Ben Rice picked up the baton and took the signal from Dad (via Grandpa's cell phone): "Take this one deep boy and don't stop running until someone waves a glove with a ball in it at you." What came next was a cruise missile to the fence to bring home Liam for the tying run and leave himself on third for a clutch triple.

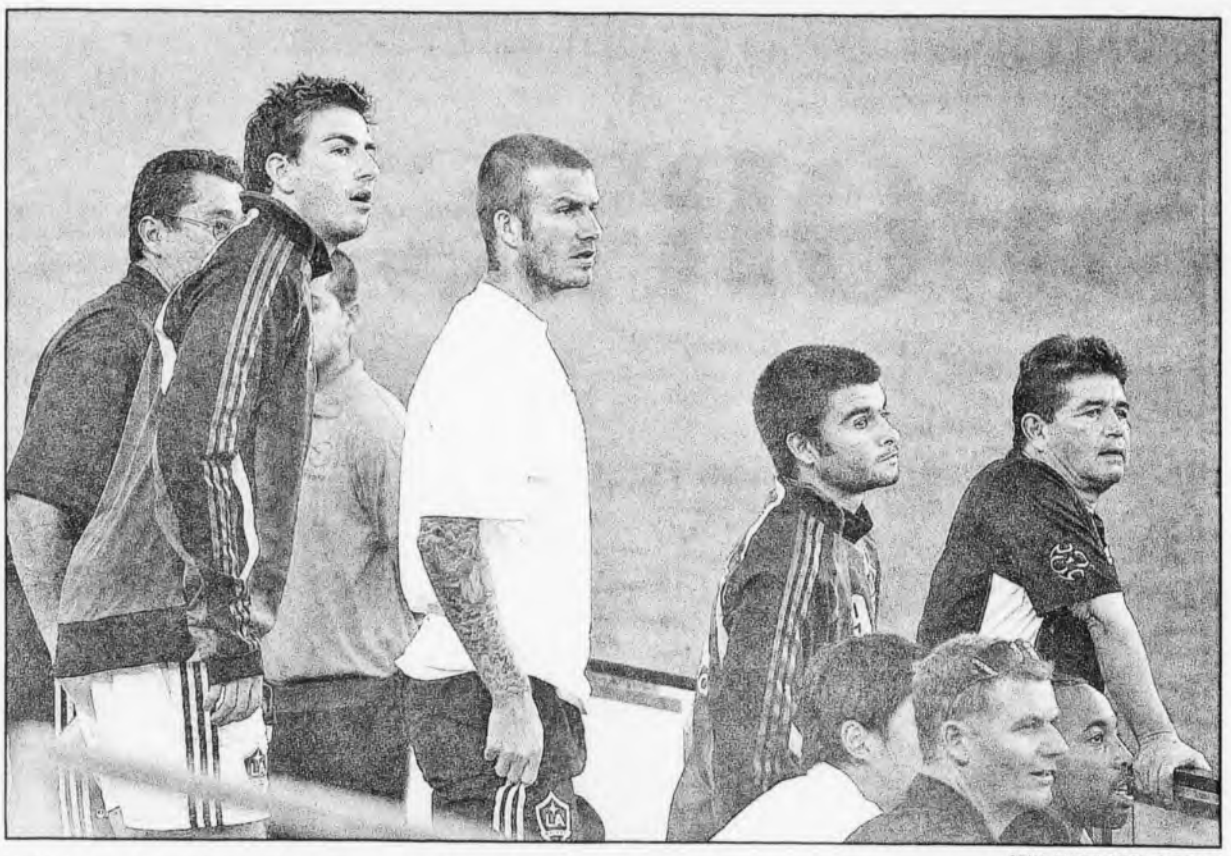
Timmy Chase would round it out with a third drive to center for a fortunate bounce out of the centerfielder's glove to drive in the go-ahead run. Rice would finish it off with some nasty pitches to close it out to extend this teams' run for one more show.

On to Braintree's Watson Park for the division Final Four. Cohasset faced Kingston in the South division finals against a team that Cohasset topped to win the 2007 Pembroke Invitational, which the kids from Kingston had yet to forget.

The first two innings featured lots of fireworks from the boys in red. Kingston picked up the ball early to go ahead 8-2, but Cohasset never laid down. The boys in blue battled for the remainder of the contest with great pitching to shut out Kingston for three innings and put runners of their own in scoring position all night.

But the early deficit was too much to overcome. However, these boys left the field with heads held high after advancing deep in the playoffs to finish as one of the top eight teams out of 50 in the league. It was a terrific accomplishment for these boys and their dedicated coaches.

Congratulations to Will Broderick, Owen Burchill, Joe Campadelli, Joe Cavanaro, Timmy Chase, Charlie Dubiel, Taggart Eymer, Charlie Krumsiek, Cole Joslin, Luke Norton, Liam O'Connell, Ben Rice, Michael Tesauro and Coaches Rich Burchill and Dan Rice.



STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

David Beckham (center) cast a lonely figure on the Galaxy bench Sunday night. Beckham didn't play and his team went on to lose 1-0 to the Revolution.

The Beckham question

FROM BECKHAM, PAGE 13

Say what you will about the man and the frenzy surrounding him, but Beckham has a passion for the game and I believe he would have given anything to be able to play Sunday night.

It would be foolish to think that one match – where the star of the night didn't even play – is all of a sudden going to have fans coming out in droves for Revolution games. But, let's make a reasonable assumption that crowds will improve incrementally for the rest of the season, and the average attendance of roughly 14,500 becomes 18,000.

Will those fans be compelled to stay? And will the fan base grow from there?

Even if Beckham had played, I'm not sure what effect it would have had on people's perception and/or appreciation for the sport. Call me a cynical soccer snob – because I am – but I don't think the average American sports fan who doesn't watch the game will appreciate Beckham's crossing ability or 50-yard through balls unless they directly result in goals.

Beckham is not the kind of Pele-like player who will beat six defenders on the dribble and score. The people who say soccer is "too slow" or "like watching paint dry" will still not be interested and return their interests to interminably slower sports like baseball and golf.

How many of the newbies on hand for their first ever soccer game Sunday night will truly appreciate what Joseph brings to the field? The positioning, defending, and solid passing to players in open space don't make the highlight reels like, say, a Beckham free kick.

What Joseph is still doing in MLS is a mystery to me, as there is no doubt he could play in England or Spain. This speaks to a major problem plaguing the league, and one that Beckham alone will not fix: keeping its best players.

The likes of Clint Dempsey and Freddy Adu view MLS as a mere steppingstone to playing in Europe. And for every Dempsey and Adu, there are several more American players kicking around the Norwegian or Danish leagues, or the German third division. Surely those players can add to the quality of play in MLS, which, to the league's credit, has improved noticeably over the last several years.

But it hasn't done so enough for the interest (i.e. fan attendance) to take the next step. Beckham will sell out stadiums in Toronto, Washington, Foxboro, Dallas, etc. How many of those fans, however, will come back when the Columbus Crew are in town?

My best guess is not many, until the league is able to retain the talented players that may be catching a new fan's eye when it's not following Beckham's every move. For instance, a player like Andy Dorman, who makes $25,000 a year, which isn't even the league minimum.

Even when he is playing, there is only so much Beckham can do by himself in terms of improving the sport's standing in the American athletic landscape. The league would be well served to take whatever extra money it is making from Becks' arrival and put it toward improving player salaries to entice some of them to stay.

To be sure, some players will leave anyway, with the allure of playing in Europe too strong to ignore. But there is no reason that the Andy Dormans of the league, the players that become cult heroes and can potentially attract new fans, shouldn't be attracted to stay in MLS.

Only when that issue is addressed, and when we see attendance for your average MLS game increase, will we begin to know what kind of impact Beckham's arrival to the U.S. has had.

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Bay State Thunder softball tryouts

Bay State Thunder Softball, a highly competitive girls fastpitch softball program based in Braintree, will be holding tryouts for their 18U, 14U and 12U teams on Sunday, Sept. 16 and Sunday, Sept. 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Flaherty Fields in Braintree.

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Outlaws safety Mike Leoncello (28) returns an interception for a touchdown during the Aug. 4 win over the Southern New England Rage.

Generals win battle of the shores

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The high-powered passing game of the Generals provided a stiff test to an Outlaws defenoe, which entered the contest only allowing a couple of touchdowns each game on average this season. With three strong targets at wide receiver to choose from, North Shore moved the ball quickly down the field before finally punching home a short touchdown run to take a 7-0 first quarter lead.

The Outlaws remained a touchdown behind heading toward the half before a trick play put them in scoring range. Lined up in punt formation, the snap instead went to upback Brian Rezendes who carried the ball 20 yards for an Outlaws first down. The play seemed to give South Shore a spark it had been lacking. John Carpenter's 36-yard field goal just before the half put them on the scoreboard, 7-3.

"I feel bad for the guys that we've not had the chance to be more successful than we have. We're close to breaking through and getting on the winning side of things."

Outlaws GM/owner
Ron Rezendes

"As the game went along it really became a defensive battle," Rezendes said. "They got that opening touchdown on us, but after that we did a great job of pinning them deep in their own end of the field. The defense and special teams have been doing a great job for us all season."

The work of the defense paid off on the scoreboard in the third quarter when a high snap went through the end zone for a safety, bringing the Outlaws a step closer, 7-5.

As it's been all season with the Outlaws, the game would stay in doubt until the final whistle. They drove deep into North Shore's end of the field late in the game, but Carpenter's field goal try with less than a minute left sailed wide of the intended mark.

"We've been as good as all of the teams we've played thus far," Rezendes said. "I feel bad for the guys that we've not had the chance to be more successful than we have. We're close to breaking through and getting on the winning side of things."

The Outlaws are on the road once again this weekend. They'll travel to the New Hampshire border Saturday night at 7 p.m. to face the North East Knights.



Peter Kane makes the tackle against the Rage.

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Fourth-graders dress up stuffed animals

FROM CLOTHES, PAGE 1

frenzy yet, right now it is enjoying immense popularity among kids. The cuddly stuffed animals come in two different sizes and each is equipped with a secret code, unique to the toy. The owner can then go online to www.webkinz.com and interact with their Webkinz online. The toy is a sign of a more computer literate generation.

With the encouragement of their parents the girls have started their very own business—Klothes-Kins. In what is a fun activity for the girls to do with their summer, the parents see it as an opportunity to learn about running a business, "it's a learning curve," says Grace's mother, Mary McMeekin.

The girls have seen their product through several stages and have hashed out details over business meetings and power lunches. First, they designed and bought fabric and yarn for the clothes. They utilized their third grade math skills to figure out how much fabric they needed for the product. Next, they hired a professional seamstress to build the product for them. Lastly, they discussed the financial end of the business—how they would split up the profit and reinvest in the business.

One of the more important decisions was deciding to donate a portion of their profit to Children's Hospital in Boston. Stuffed animals are often used to comfort children when they are sick or sad, so they figured with their business, the donation would be appropriate. Fifty cents from every Klothes-Kins sold will go to Children's Hospital.

The final products are finished looking accessories any stuffed animal, Webkinz or not, would be proud to wear. The ponchos are reversible, adorned with pom-poms and ruffles, while the sweaters sport pins and patches. Karlee designed a sweater with a large 'U' on the front to go specifically with the beagle Webkinz as a tribute to the new movie (and old cartoon) "Underdog."

The girls each have about a dozen Webkinz to model their fashions. Both name the koala as one of their favorites. Although for Grace her panda Webkinz runs a close second.

Each decision the girls made for the business was well vetted between the two of them, a sign of good friendship and a great business relationship.

"They really worked together as a team, with each decision they worked out their differences," attests Beverly Koswick, Karlee's mother.

"They were stars in that department," says McMeekin. The girls agree they make a good team.

Deciding on the business name took some time and debate. The started with Kins Klothes, changed to Klothes Kin, then later added the 's' to make the catchy Klothes Kins. The business savvy girls recognize the trademarks held by Ganz, the creator of Webkinz, and have been careful not to infringe on them.

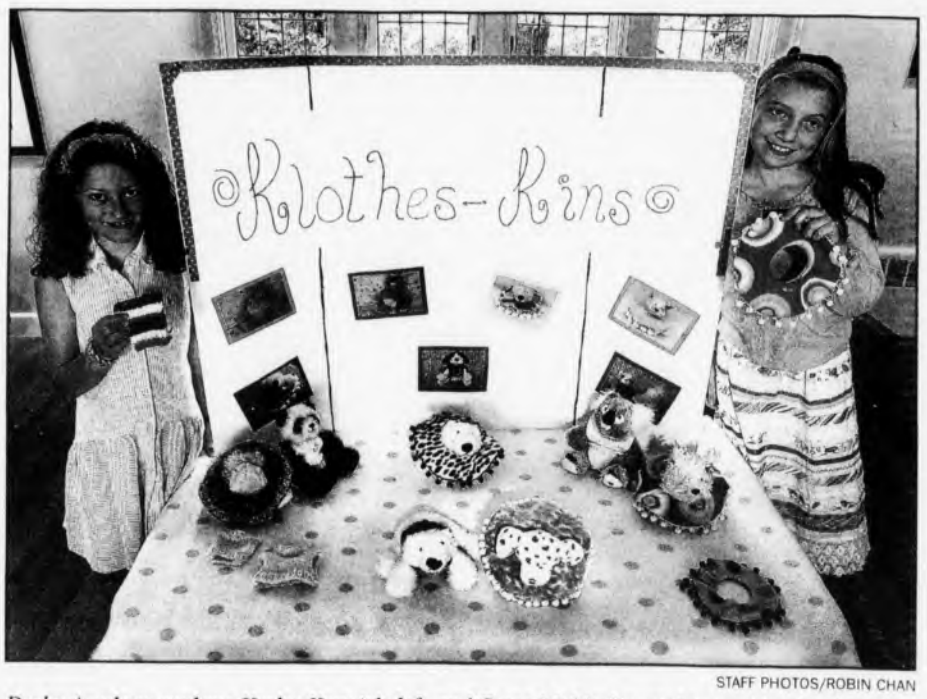
As a team, they each enjoy different parts of the business. Grace names her favorite part as going to the fabric store to pick out the materials for the Klothes-Kins. Karlee finds herself in her element behind their booth at the Farmer's Market selling their product.

In their first afternoon at the Farmer's Market they sold over 20 pieces, evenly split between hand knit sweaters and whimsical fleece ponchos. In addition, they have been selling them to friends and family every chance they get.

The mothers of the two girls believe Karlee and Grace's efforts will stretch far beyond Webkinz popularity. McMeekin hopes to instill in the girls the notion a job doesn't have to be something you have to do, rather something you want to do and love to do. Both McMeekin and her husband, Bruce, own their own businesses. The girls have been entrepreneurs on other occasions by setting up lemonade stands and making crafts to sell to friends and family.

Klothes Kins will eventually have a complete website, designed by Karlee and Grace. The parents plan on teaching the girls how to design their own website, just another practical skill they will gain from this project. Some information is posted on the website already.

If interested in Klothes Kins, visit their website www.klothes-kins.com or visit them at the Farmer's Market, Thursdays 2:30-6:30p.m.



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Derby Academy students Karlee Koswick, left, and Grace McMeekin, right, stand by the sign they made advertising Klothes-Kins. The girls have designed clothes for Webkinz. The small plush toys come with a special code on their labels that allows access to the "Webkinz World" on the internet.


Webkinz model ponchos and sweaters created by Karlee Koswick and Grace McMeekin.

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Tradd finds niche at Board of Health

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excited about the Adopt-a-street clean up program.

But that's not all she does, Tradd also serves as the town's food inspector (she's ServSafe certified.) and makes twice annual random checks of restaurants, supermarkets and convenience stores —"any place that sells food to the public"— to ensure they are up to health standards. If any complaints are made with the Board of Health, Tradd follows up with a visit to the site.

Cohasset's Board of Health works together with other area communities to ensure each municipality will have the help they need if there is an emergency. Tradd and Godzik meet monthly with representatives from 27 other towns that make up our regional preparedness group, region 4B. Throughout the year, the Board of Health meets monthly to discuss public health issues facing the communities. In the event of an emergency, the other communities would provide aid to Cohasset and vice versa.

"Public health is huge," she says her office receives an abundance of information everyday and it's her job to evaluate it and decide if it is relevant to the residents of Cohasset, "every community is unique, what affects one community might not affect another."

The summer is the time of the year where residents spend most of their time outdoors, so likewise the Board of Health has to make sure the outdoors is safe as can be for all, "this is our season to be out in the field," says Tradd.

Ensuring a safe beach and swimming experience is at the top of her list. Each Tuesday morning, Tradd heads out to the town's six swimming areas to collect water samples for testing. This year she has teamed up the three high school students of the Center for Student Coastal Research (CSCR) to take the samples. Tradd sends her samples to the state contracted lab, G&L Laboratories in Quincy, while the students test their own samples using a different method then they compare the results. Tradd and the students walk the beach and make observations to see if anything environmental is going on. The entire process takes about an hour and a half.

All year long, she heads out to monitor septic construction or to perform perc testing. She is a licensed soil evaluator. During the winter, she is busy going to training workshops and continuing education programs. They close out the season with an annual report and look ahead for new projects to tackle. Drafting regulations for massage therapists is already on her list.

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Health Inspector Tara Tradd holds up a card that identifies dog and deer ticks. Deer ticks, which are vectors for Lyme disease, are a threat year-round. People can pickup the ID cards at the Board of Health office at Town Hall.

With summer ending and school beginning in just a few weeks, Tradd is already looking ahead to back to school inspections. She walks through all the schools to make sure the classrooms and hallways are clean. She inspects the bathrooms to make sure everything is in working order and there is ample toilet paper, soap and paper towels. It takes her about two days to inspect the Middle-High School. Then, she goes back to each school to take a look at the cafeterias.

Tradd does whatever she can to ensure the safety and health of Cohasset residents. She's ready to address any concern with a quick smile to put anyone at ease.

"She's our hidden treasure in the back of the building," says public health nurse Judy Fitzsimmons, "we couldn't do without her."

Tradd can be reached at the Board of Health office at 781-383-4116 or by e-mail tarat@townofcohasset.org.

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OBITUARIES

Bettie Gaston

Former Cohasset resident

Bettie Roper Gaston, 92, died Aug. 13, 2007.

Bettie grew up in Petersburg, Va., the youngest daughter of Paul and Jessie Edwards Roper. She attended Bryn Mawr College and the Philadelphia School of Music and became an accomplished pianist.

Bettie married John M. Gaston Jr. in 1941, and after the end of World War II, they made their home in Princeton, N.J., where they lived for 30 years and raised two children.

Bettie Gaston was a member of the Princeton Community Players, the Present Day Club, the Coral Beach and Tennis Club and was a dedicated volunteer for the Princeton Hospital.

After Mr. Gaston's retirement in 1965, they moved to Weybridge, Surrey, England. Upon Mr. Gaston's death in 1986, Bettie Gaston moved to Cohasset, where she lived for 19 years before moving back to the place of her birth, Petersburg, Va.

She leaves her daughter, Harriet, her son, John, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 17, at Blandford Cemetery with the Rev. Boston M. Lackey, Jr., Rector Emeritus of Christ and Grace Episcopal Church, officiating.

Donations in her name may be made to the Petersburg Home for Ladies, 311 S Jefferson St, Petersburg, VA 23803. Condolences may be registered at www.jtmorriss.com.

Donald F. Hines

Retired certified public accountant

Donald F. Hines, 76, of Cohasset, died Aug. 5, 2007.

The son of the late Arthur J. and Catherine S. (Campbell) Hines of Abington, he was a graduate of Commerce High School and Boston College.

Mr. Hines was employed as a certified public accountant for Deloitte & Touche, LLP in Boston before retiring in December of 1995.

He leaves his wife, Margaret B. (Lewis) Hines; his children, Donna F. Gontarz and her husband Robert of Cohasset, Francine A Searles and her husband George of Dennis; and Kathryn E. Hines of Cohasset; his grandchildren, Amanda and Caitlin Gontarz of Cohasset and Michael, Jennifer and Megan Searles of Dennis; two brothers, Arthur Hines of Whitman, Thomas Hines of Florida, formerly of Abington; a sister Patricia Little of Abington.

He was the father of the late Margaret Mary and Donald Lewis Hines and the brother of the late James and Paul Hines and Eleanor Colie and Catherine Mandanici. He also leaves many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Aug. 9, in St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset. Interment was private.

Expressions of sympathy may be made in his name to the Head and Neck Clinic of the Dana Faber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney St, Boston, MA 02115.

Arrangements were handled by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset.

WORSHIP

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: To be announced. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Aug. 19

9 a.m. - Worship in the Meeting House

Led by Eric Kluz

Summer services run through Aug. 26. All begin at 9 a.m. and are in the Meeting House. They are informal, intergenerational, and inviting! Come join us!

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

If you are summering in Cohasset, you are very welcome to join us in worship.

If you are a resident of Cohasset or any nearby towns and you are looking for a church, please feel free to stop by this summer and learn about our programs and services for adults, youth and children.

Our summer services are Sunday at 8 am and 9:30 am and Wednesday 9:30 Eucharist with healing service.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood. Appointments to speak to the staff can be made by calling or emailing. Office hours are daily from 8:30 am until 2 pm, noon on Friday.

Bible studies continue throughout the summer on Saturday morning at 7:00 am. Christian meditation continues every Monday at 4 pm at church.

The following Sunday has a family service at 9:30 with shorter readings and family friendly sermons built around a special theme:

• **August 19th:** *Stormy Sunday*
(How do we interpret the current times)

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Summer schedule. Friday evenings 6 p.m. light refreshments and services start at 6:30 p.m. in the David C. Carr Shalom (weather permitting) at the side of the building. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

On Mondays, Aug. 20 & 27, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Healing Prayers and Meditation Techniques Through Prayer with Rabbi Joseph – Feel the power of healing prayers. If you or a loved one are in need of healing prayers, or are a caregiver, or one who wishes to understand what Judaism teaches us about the power of restorative prayers, this course if for you. RSVP to the Temple office at 781-749-8103.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

We are pleased to announce that David C. Tapp, MD has joined our practice.



Board certified in Internal Medicine and Nepphrology., Dr. Tapp is a graduate of Saint Louis University School of Medicine, Missouri. He fulfilled his residency at Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center in Aurora, Colorado. His internship and fellowship in Nephrology were completed at Brooke Army Medical Center, Ft. Sam, Houston, Texas. His clinical interests include diabetic kidney disease, glomerulonephritis and dialysis. Dr. Tapp practices Primary Care in Abington and is available at Southeast Medical Center and Compass, Taunton for Nephrology patients.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, JULY 30

1:22 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:25 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:40 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:19 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:37 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, investigation, caller reports an outside odor of gas. Keyspan on scene.

11:41 a.m. South Main St., fire, investigation, caller reports that the construction company working in this area hit a gas main. Keyspan ETA of 30 minutes.

1:20 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, disturbance-neighborhood, caller reports a group of little children going by her house making noises. She wants it logged that she heard someone point to her house and say, "they are crazy". Also, wants it noted that the adults with the children did not take any action after those words were said.

2:51 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Osgood/Deer Hill Schools check secure.

3:49 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint, walk in party to speak to officer about trespassing and parking near this location.

5:02 p.m. **Sohier St.**, fire, investigation. FD called reports E3 will be investigating outside burning (gas grill) at swim center.

9 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

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9:03 p.m. **Border St.**, bridge jumpers, removed group from bridge.

TUESDAY, JULY 31

12:53 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:07 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

7:14 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

8:28 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Osgood/Deer Hill School check secure.

8:31 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, officer out with a traffic stop. Officer reports driver has an expired out-of-state license. Wrecker requested, operator to be summoned for operating without a license and going through a red light.

8:56 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

9:13 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports a vehicle rolled and hit another vehicle in the parking lot. Officer reports vehicle that rolled didn't hit anything.

9:53 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, notification, officer is requesting the building inspector be notified about the hazard at 187 Beechwood St.

11:45 a.m. **Church St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports the church bell is sounding-doesn't appear to be anybody in the church. Detailed to church. All appears normal.

12:54 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, animal complaint, caller reports dog running loose on Route 3A.

1:44 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, notification, detail officer is reporting there is another construction company digging up the road down the street. Officer reports the job has been shut down until Wednesday, August 1st.

3:28 p.m. **Spring St.**, medical aid, caller reports a man has fallen off a scaffolding. E3 is requesting med-flight. Officer is requesting OSHA. E3 reports med-flight has the patient enroute to the Brigham and Women's.

4:56 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, threats. Officer spoke with both parties, situation settled for now.

8:18 p.m. **Elm St.**, B&E of boat. Walk-in party reports someone has broken into their boat.

10:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Henry Turner Bailey Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:32 p.m. **South Main St.**, disturbance, caller reports patrons are getting rowdy and don't want to pay bill. Officer spoke with parties and bill has been paid.

10:42 p.m. **Wheelwright Park Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:47 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 1

12:46 a.m. **Border St.**, suspicious vehicle, motor vehicle has been moved along.

12:58 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:04 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

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1:05 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks, several windows open, screens covering same.

6:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:33 a.m. **Oak St.**, assist other police department, attempt to locate homeowner - advise him to contact State Police. Officer made contact with wife - left message.

2:01 p.m. **Nantasket Ave., Hull**, medical aid.

2:38 p.m. **N. Main St.**, parking complaint, vehicle blocking driveway.

3:29 p.m. **Joy Pl.**, vandalism report, caller reports mailbox damage.

3:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, animal complaint, caller reports a coyote running in circles in the middle of 3A.

5:13 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint.

5:19 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer wanted, caller reports she would like to see an officer regarding some vandalism that has been done. Officer reports there was no vandalism done at this location, an item was knocked over and has been put upright again, no problems, no reports needed.

5:21 p.m. **Mill Lane**, confused person, caller on 911 seemed a little confused and like she was having trouble breathing.

6:13 p.m. **South Main St.**, hazard, caller reports someone took the "No Parking" sign out of the sidewalk and left a large hole and is concerned someone may trip in it.

6:14 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:09 p.m. **North Main St.**, disturbance, caller reports a young female wearing a blue and white dress went behind the war memorial and urinated in public.

8:58 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, disturbance-drunks. Caller reports a large party going on at this location with young kids. They do have a bonfire going at this time. The parents are away and the lights have been off all week and they are now on. Sgt. requesting tow truck for one vehicle at this location. Officer coming in with one in protective custody. Male 18-year-old from Norwell is PC being picked up by an adult male friend that has been entered into principal parties for this call.

9 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, assist citizen.

10:43 p.m. **Brook St., and South Main St.**, fire, investigation, callers report a strong odor of gas at this location. Fire Capt. requesting Keyspan to the scene.

10:46 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, officer wanted, caller very distraught on the phone is the young male that lives at this home would like to see an officer regarding why his vehicle was towed and that there are beer cans all over his yard but knows nothing about it.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

12:28 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

4:45 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Norman Todd Rd.**, hazard (traffic).

7:16 a.m. **Riverview Drive**, animal complaint, caller has 3 stray kittens she "wants picked up". Left message for ACO.

7:33 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, 911 caller states "an employee has fallen in the parking lot". Party is conscious and laying on the ground in the parking lot. Patient on R3 for transport ALS.

8:29 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, walk-in medical.

9:13 a.m. **South Main St.**, fire, investigation, possible dryer fire. Traced to build up of lint on dryer.

9:31 a.m. **South Main St.**, notification.

10:45 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle crash, officer reports minor motor vehicle accident, behind above location.

12:37 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, notification, caller reports the lights are stuck on red.

12:45 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, littering, caller reports there is a pile of trash dumped at the end of tennis courts.

1:50 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, fire reports walk up medical.

1:52 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, littering.

2:34 p.m. **North Main St., and Cedar St.**, animal complaint, caller reports a large turtle in the middle of the road.

3:08 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, parking complaint, Fire Dept. reports vehicles parked all over in the area of above location.

3:56 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported QMC/ALS, walk-in medical.

4:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, transported SSH/ALS, multiple calls on a motor vehicle accident into a pole at this location.

4:32 p.m. **King St.**, fire, brush, caller reported that there was a small fire starting behind this location. Car 20 reports the fire is at the pole with the service to the buildings. National Grid on scene.

4:54 p.m. **Border St.**, bridge jumpers, removed a group from the bridge.

5:22 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking enforcement, 5 motor vehicles tagged.

5:47 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, bridge jumpers, caller reports bridge jumpers and cars parked illegally. Spoke with parties and they are moving their vehicles.

7:10 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, bridge jumpers, walk-in states that there are about 6 kids jumping off the bridge.

8:10 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, officer wanted, party would like to see an officer about getting property out of the home.

9:26 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, checked schools.

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9:27 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, checked school.

9:52 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance, caller reports people are throwing glass bottles down from one of the rocks.

10:02 p.m. **North Main St.**, larceny (report), caller reports his car was just stolen. Vehicle entered into Leaps/NCIC.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

12:21 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:56 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, motor vehicle stop.

1:31 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:33 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

5:41 a.m. **HQ.**, bolo announcement, bolo from Scituate. "stolen motor vehicle, Honda Odyssey van red. Unknown time of theft/possibly between 12 a.m. and 5 a.m."

6:02 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, hazard, caller states there are construction barrels in the roadway.

8:17 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, missing person, caller stated that his elderly mother was missing when he got up this morning. Female party found. It was a miscommunication.

8:38 a.m. **Beach St., and Atlantic Ave.**, caller reports her motor vehicle has a flat.

8:46 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports that a blue Ford is in the railroad fence at this location. Officers confirm it was the motor vehicle reported stolen at 10 p.m. on August 2. No one inside motor vehicle. MBTA notified.

9:24 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle crash, detail officer called in a rear end motor vehicle accident.

10:40 a.m. **Chief Justice Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, mutual aid to Scituate for a motor vehicle accident.

11:18 a.m. **Elm St.**, lost property, calling party found a bike on her property and dropped it off out back.

11:45 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious activity.

1 p.m. **Summer St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

2:32 p.m. **Cedar St., and Hull St.**, downed power lines, Fire Capt. reports that it is a cable wire and Comcast has been notified.

2:50 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

4 p.m. Weather: Sunny. Wind: Light. Temp: 98.

4:24 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Jerusalem Rd.**, assist motorist, a motor vehicle with a flat tire.

4:27 p.m. **North Main St.**, animal complaint, caller reports a large turtle crossing the road by Woodside causing a traffic problem.

6:06 p.m. **Parker Ave.**, disturbance, caller reports there is a party on the boat ramp giving him a hard time. While dispatch was talking with the caller. The caller hung up. Officer reports he talked to both parties involved, situation has been resolved.

6:52 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, threats.

7:35 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, investigation, caller reports there is no power at this location and there is a patient stuck in the elevator.

7:53 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports a motor vehicle turned on to King Street towards Forest Ave at a high rate of speed.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

12:42 a.m. **Border St.**, suspicious activity.

12:47 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:47 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

2:46 a.m. **HQ.**, assist citizen.

10:32 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:35 a.m. **Stagecoach Way**, animal complaint, calling party reports there is a skunk hanging out by the front door.

10:45 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Osgood/Deer Hill Schools check secure.

12:04 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk-in party wants information regarding a restraining order.

1:32 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, animal complaint.

4:01 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle crash/hit and run.

4:59 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking enforcement.

5:09 p.m. **Border St.**, bridge jumpers.

5:30 p.m. **Border St.**, bridge jumpers.

7:55 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint, caller reports that there are no spots to park in front of Tedeschi's.

8:31 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking complaint.

9:12 p.m. **North Main St.**, disturbance.

9:43 p.m. **Hill St.**, drug/narcotic violations.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

12:44 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

12:45 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:31 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, disturbance.

2:30 a.m. **Clay Spring Rd.**, disturbance, caller stated that he was some kids ripping up bushes and going through cars.

10:11 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:17 a.m. **Elm St.**, larceny, walk-in states he would like to file a report.

10:57 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, auto. Fire Capt. reports they received a call reporting a car fire in this area. Fire was extinguished upon arrival.

11:42 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:35 p.m. **Pond St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle.

1:47 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Osgood/Deer Hill Schools check secure.

1:49 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, vandalism report.

2:04 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, walk-in medical.

3:32 p.m. **Border St.**, bridge jumpers, harbormaster stated there was a group of kids on the bridge.

8:01 p.m. **Mordicai Lincoln Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:21 p.m. **South Main St.**, fire, investigation, walk-in states that there is an odor of gas coming from this area. Slight odor coming from punch holes. Keyspan notified.

11:09 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, disturbance, caller reports a large gathering of teens down at the beach.

11:28 p.m. **South Main St.**, fire, Keyspan called and need to get into the building at this location.

MONDAY, AUG. 6

1:20 a.m. **High School/Pond St.**, building checks.

1:27 a.m. **High School/Pond St.**, building checks.

1:28 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:53 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

8:47 a.m. **Cedar St.**, suspicious activity. Caller reports she heard shots fired. Officer confirms – spoke to maintenance of golf course.

9:45 a.m. **Reservoir Road**, vandalism report. Walk-in party states her mailbox was broken last night. She states it looks like it was smashed right off the post.

9:57 a.m. **Parker Ave.**, officer wanted. Caller would like to speak to officer regarding possible stolen ID.

10:28 a.m. **George Washington Blvd., Hull**, medical aid.

10:40 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, fire, miscellaneous. Caller reports kids were being swept away in the water on their boogie boards.

11 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic complaint. Detail officer reports traffic backed up on N. Main St.

11:03 a.m. **Norman Todd Road**, officer wanted. Caller reports neighbor is cussing at her.

11:12 a.m. **Church St.**, vandalism report. Caller reports damage to his vehicles; occurred last night.

2:07 p.m. **King St.**, lost property. Walk-in party reports lost license plate.

2:25 p.m. **N. Main St.**, fire. Engine 3 checking traffic lights at above location.

2:56 p.m. Missing child. Walk-in party reports missing juvenile.

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What's happening on the South Shore

AUGUST 16-24, 2007

Indigo Girls mix music and politics

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Twenty years after they released their first album as the Indigo Girls, Amy Ray and Emily Saliers remain active musically and politically. Their longtime support for gay rights and environmental issues doesn't translate to Presidential politics, however, even during an election season.

"We don't campaign for candidates, just issues," explained Amy Ray by telephone last week from her home outside Atlanta. "There are precious few political people whom we believe in, like Jimmy Carter, but very few of whom we believe in enough to work for and support. That could change this time around, but it probably won't. We prefer to get directly involved with the issues that are key to 'Honor the Earth,' the organization Emily and I developed to create awareness and support for native environmental issues, including the need for renewable energy, through indigenous activism. Those are our issues. And, right now, we're also raising money for 'Sweet Home New Orleans' which is working to revitalize the cultural and music communities affected by the aftermath Hurricane Katrina."

While their activism continues to evolve, so does their music. The contemporary folk duo released their 10th studio album, "Despite Our Differences," just a year ago and will make their South Shore Music Circus debut next Friday in support of it. The first of a five-record deal on their new label, Hollywood Records, the new album is produced by Mitchell Froom (Paul McCartney, Elvis Costello, Sheryl Crow) and was recorded at Froom's Los Angeles studio.

"We had been wanting to work with Mitchell for a few years. He really makes his mark on things. He sat down with us and really paid attention to the way we built our harmonies and chord structures. With Mitchell, we really wanted his advice and we took it because we trusted him as a great writer, pianist, composer, and record producer. He taught us things about chord structure that we didn't know and also about chord voices. We recorded with a group of musicians that have colossal talent. To top it all off, Pink and Brandi Carlile lent us their deep and textured voices for a couple of songs. The songs are as different as they can be, but the Indigo connection is there."

That connection can be traced to a Georgia elementary school, where Ray and Saliers first met as young girls. While in high school, the pair started performing together as the B-Band and Saliers and Ray. By 1985, they had renamed themselves Indigo Girls. After recording on independent labels, Epic Records signed Indigo Girls and released their first self-titled album in 1989. It went double platinum and won the 1990 Grammy Award for Best Folk Recording. Their subsequent albums, including 1991's "Nomads Indians Saints," 1992's "Rites of Passage," and later "Swamp Ophelia" also scored well on the Billboard charts. Both songwriters, Ray and Saliers record only their own music.



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"Emily and I write all the Indigo Girls songs," explains Ray of the process the pair undertakes when selecting the music for a new album. "We write in our own time, separately, and then we come together alone and share each of the songs we've written that we like the best. For the latest album, we brought about 14 songs to Mitchell and then we went back and forth. He would send us suggestions and we would incorporate them into the songs. 'Little Perennials' and 'Pendulum Swingers' are really reflective of Mitchell. From a social justice perspective, I'm really pleased with the way 'Rock 'n Roll Heaven's Gate' turned out. It is a feminist rock anthem about how hard the business can be for women."

Ray understands that point not just from the Indigo Girls perspective, but also from her own solo career. She is founder and owner of the Indie label, Damon Records, which is home to Justin Hale, Rose Polenzani, and Athens Boys Choir among other artists. Ray has also put out three solo albums, "Stag," "Prom," and "Live from Knoxville."

"My solo stuff is more like punk rock. It is completely separate from Indigo Girls. I'm still finding my way as a solo artist, but I know I need to do both things. Some of our fans cross over, but it is pretty loud so not all of them like what they hear."

Ray says loyal Indigo Girls fans have nothing to fear from the work she does without Saliers.

"There is no one I trust, on stage or in a recording studio, as much as Emily. She is the one for me musically. We look back sometimes and say this is crazy, how can we still be together and still doing this? Neither one of us is just totally ambitious except when it comes to music and creativity. Otherwise, we have always had solid, small, achievable goals."

And allies in the business willing to share sound advice.

"We have friends like Joan Baez and Bonnie Raitt who told us that fame would wax and wane so we've been ready for whatever has come our way. We never say, we need to do this or that differently, but we're also careful not to stagnate. It is something we've known was important since we we were kids. Every so often, I remind myself that we've been together for such a long time and that we're lucky to still be together."

Indigo Girls will at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset, on Aug. 24. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-931-2787 or go online at themusiccircus.org.

Movie review



Evil witch Lamia (Michelle Pfeiffer) demonstrates what happens when she's crossed.

Falling 'Stardust'

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"Stardust" (C+)
By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

Toto, I don't think we're in Narnia anymore. "Stardust," a film adaptation of a novel by Neil Gaiman, is this week's "Chronicles of Narnia" knockoff. Warning: More are coming.

But this early effort merely proves that you may have all the ingredients in place: a magical kingdom, evil witches, flying pirates, dueling goblins, a dying king (Peter O'Toole), villainous princes, a magical heroine and still lack magic.

The action transpires in both the unconvincingly Victorian village of Wall and the neighboring magical kingdom of Stormhold (the cutesy-wootsiness of the names does not auger well).

Tristan Thorne — I rest my case — (a rather bland Charlie Cox) is a young villager who makes a crazy promise to a rather shallow village beauty Victoria (munchkinesque Sienna Miller) that he will bring her back a fallen star (if you find this sort of thing narcolepsy-inducing, you may stop reading now).

The "star" turns out to be Yvaine (Claire Danes), a young woman in celestial blue raiment, who has been injured by her fall from the heavens. I believe you will find a star named Yvaine falls mainly in the plain (I also got a kick out of the Latin names of the King's seven sons, starting with Primus).

The cast mixes Americans and Brits. Robert De Niro supplies comic relief, and I mean relief, as the closeted, cross-dressing, pirate Captain Shakespeare (I have read you and Shakespeare, Gaiman, and you are no Bard). The great O'Toole is almost entirely wasted as the wasting king. As a Circe-like witched aiming to cut out the heroine's heart (hmm, this sounds familiar), Michelle Pfeiffer is persuasive, if not particularly fun. Ricky Gervais has a moment or two as Ferdy the Fence.

But a "Titanic" reference lands with a thud, and any resemblance to "The Princess Bride" is purely accidental. I suppose if you're a sucker for a film that ends with a coronation, you may not mind how weirdly boring "Stardust" is.

Directed by Matthew Vaughn, whose debut feature "Layer Cake" was a stylish bit of puff pastry (and who is in talks to helm the Norse meat pie "Thor"), and scripted by Vaughn and Jane Goldman, "Stardust" hasn't enough sparkle. The almost completely ignored, visually groundbreaking 2005 Gaiman adaptation "MirrorMask" was vastly superior to this piffle.

Rated PG-13. "Stardust" contains fantasy-film violence and risqué humor.

Calendar of events

Thursday, Aug. 16

Professional Beach Volleyball Returns as some of game's greatest stars face-off at WaterWorks Quincy. Aug. 16-19. AVP Pro Beach Volleyball Crocs Tour. More than 150 of the top professional beach volleyball athletes in the world, including the women's world No. 1-ranked team of Olympic Gold medalists Kerri Walsh and Misty May-Treanor face-off in a battle royale at the AVP Bob's Stores Boston Open. Tickets range from $20 for general admission to $75 for courtside seating and are available now at avp.com.

Network4Success Business to Business Networking Group meets the First Thursday of the month at the Plympton Library from 5 to 6 p.m. and the third Thursday of the month at the Halifax Country Club from noon to 1:30 p.m.

The Plymouth Chamber Music Festival returns Aug. 16-18, to present some of the most beloved string music at the Plimoth Plantation Linn Theater. Now in its sixth year, the PCMF is organized by Laurien Laufman, Professor Emeritus of Cello from the University of Illinois, and Jamie Fiste, former Principal Cellist of the Plymouth Philharmonic and currently Professor of Cello at Central Michigan University. Laufman and Fiste also perform at the festival. The PCMF brings together musicians of international stature to present a series of intimate music performances in this picturesque vacation spot. Tickets are available at a reduced cost of $9/ticket. The concerts are Aug. 16, 17, and 18, at 8 p.m. at the Plimoth Plantation's Linn Theater. For information call 989-400-1073 or visit plymouthchambermusicfestival.org.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 16. **Radio For The Blind** 781-829-6999.

CALENDAR, see next page

Auditions

SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY is holding auditions for Bay Youth Symphony (BaYS), a newly created, four-tiered orchestra program for young, school-aged musicians in Southeastern Massachusetts, designed in collaboration with the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra. Music Director James Vinci. Auditions take place Aug. 16, 21 and 29 at the Ellison Center for the Arts. Call 781-749-7565, ext. 32 or e-mail candaceknifffen@southshoreconservatory.org or visit the website to schedule an audition.

THE LITTLE THEATRE OF STOUGHTON will hold auditions for one act plays featuring "Beast of the Baskervilles" and "Frankenstein Slept Here" Wednesday, Aug. 29, from 6 to 9 p.m. Felos Art Center, 720 Park St., Stoughton. Production dates for One Act Plays: Oct. 20 and 27.

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John Legend

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Third annual Hot Stove, Cool Music takes place at Fenway Park on Aug. 24, 4 p.m. doors open, 5 p.m. show. Performance lineup includes: five-time Grammy Award Winner John Legend; Buffalo Tom; Kay Hanley; French Lick featuring Boston Celtics Managing Partner & Co-Owner Wyc Grousbeck and the Hot Stove All-Stars featuring Red Sox Executive Vice President/General Manager Theo Epstein and ESPN Commentator Peter Gammons. The event will be emceed by comedian and television star Mike O'Malley. Tickets for Hot Stove, Cool Music: The Fenway Park Sessions are $40 and are available at redsox.com or by calling the Red Sox ticket office, 877-RED-SOX9.

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The Plymouth Farmers' Market, held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. Aug. 16 performing contemporary folk is **KarenWoodhall.** For information, contact Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke **Texas Hold Em** every Thursday night at 6:45 and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue** Blues Jam featuring **Lisa Marie & All Shook Up** Aug. 16, at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Friday, Aug. 17

Marshfield Fair, Rt. 3A, Marshfield. Aug. 17-26. For a list of events visit marshfieldfair.org

The Hull Artists Show presented by South Shore Art Center at South Shore Conservatory, 1 Conservatory Drive, Hingham Aug. 3 to Oct. 31, Opening Reception: Friday, Aug. 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. Featured artists include **Ros Farbush** – Acrylic; **Nanci Jaye** -Oil pastel; **Stephen Lathrop** – Photography; **Elizabeth Lilly** - Mixed Media; **Lenore Schneider** – Photography; **Murton Sudalter** – Photography; and **Tim Wilson** -Oil on canvas. August hours Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. September/October hours Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon. For directions: 781-749-7565 x10. southshoreconservatory.org to download map

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Oil paintings by artists Jeanne MacFarland and Kate Ryan will be featured in an exhibition at Oceanside 17 Studio and Gallery, 17 Rockland Circle, Hull. An opening reception will take place 6:30 to 9 p.m., on Friday, Aug. 17, and will feature new work by Hingham artists **Vcevy Strekalovsky** and **Michael Weymouth**, and gallery owner **Franny Andahazy** of Hull. The exhibition will be up through Aug. 29. Oceanside Studio and Gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday and by appointment. For information, call 781-773-1563 or email monica.mckenney@comcast.net.

New England Singles Dances – ages 40 and over. Aug. 17, from 8 p.m. to midnight VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington. Light buffet. **DJ Paul DiPanfilo** Admisstion $8. www.singles-dances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

A Grand Night For Singing - A Musical Concert of Broadway, Pop and Light Classics Aug. 17, 7:30 p.m. featuring the Orpheus SummerSong Festival Chorus and Vocal Performance Workshop at Mayflower Congregational Church, 207 Main St., Kingston. Tickets: $7. Purchase at the door. 781-582-8243

Hat Trick Theatre of Plymouth will present the comedy **"Play It Again Sam"** by Woody Allen. It will be performed at Kendall Hall at First Parish Church, Town Square Plymouth. Show dates are Aug. 17, 18 and 19, and 23, 24, 25, and 26, all at 8 p.m. Tickets are $15. A special senior night will be at 6 p.m., on Aug. 16., with tickets for $10. For reservations, call 508-747-6856.

Priscilla Beach Theatre presents Shakespeare **A Midsummer Night's Dream** by William Shakespeare will be presented at the Priscilla Beach Theatre on Rocky Hill Road in Manomet Aug. 17 and 18 at 8 p.m. All tickets $12. For reservations and/or enrollment information call Priscilla Beach Theatre at 508.224.4888. Also, visit thinkTheatre.org

Comedy Night at Tuscan House Restaurant, 58 East Grove St., Route 28, Middleboro will take place at 7 p.m., Aug. 17. Featured will be **Tommy Dunham** and other comics including **Annette Pollack, Johnny Joyce, Tom Dustin** and **Mike Hanley.** Host will be **Joe Holden.** Cost for the dinner/show package is $29.95. Advance reservations are required by calling 508-923-0099.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Aug. 17, **Cherly Aruda** at 9:15 p.m. p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 17, **Spank** 781-829-6999.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Aug. 17, **Chris Fitz Band,** blues.Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The full cast of Hat Trick Theatre's comedy "Play It Again Sam" (left to right) Bill Christensen, Karen Boyle, Ann Farrell, Michael Damiano, Mary Jo Nuzda and Ron Pomykala.

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Hat Trick Theatre of Plymouth will present the comedy "Play It Again Sam" by Woody Allen. It will be performed at Kendall Hall at First Parish Church, Town Square Plymouth. Show dates are Aug. 17, 18 and 19, and 23, 24, 25, and 26, all at 8 p.m. Tickets are $15. A special senior night will be at 6 p.m., on Aug. 16, with tickets for $10. For reservations, call 508-747-6856.

Saturday, Aug. 18

Marshfield Fair, Rt. 3A, Marshfield. Aug. 17-26. For a list of events visit marshfieldfair.org

Professional Beach Volleyball Returns as some of game's greatest stars face-off at WaterWorks Quincy. Aug. 16-19. AVP Pro Beach Volleyball Crocs Tour. More than 150 of the top professional beach volleyball athletes in the world, including the women's world No. 1-ranked team of Olympic Gold medalists **Kerri Walsh** and **Misty May-Treanor** face-off in a battle royale at the AVP Bob's Stores Boston Open. Tickets range from $20 for general admission to $75 for courtside seating and are available now at avp.com.

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands are sponsoring a trip to Rainsford Island on Aug. 18, 2007. The boat will depart from Fan Pier at 11a.m. and get back at 3 p.m. Fan Pier is in downtown Boston (by the Moakley Federal Courthouse, Northern Avenue). The closest T station is Courthouse (Silver Line). The trip goes regardless of the weather, with no rain date. Ride the small landing craft "Knotts Island" to Rainsford, a small island tucked in between Long Island and Peddocks Island Expert guides from the City of Boston will conduct tours. Pack a picnic and bring your camera. Space is limited, advance paid reservations are strongly recommended. Tickets will be sold on the day from 10a.m. at Fan Pier, first come first served, cash only. The cost is $35 for adults, $33 for seniors (65+), $30 for FRIENDS members, and $27 for children (0 to 12). For information about FRIENDS activities visit fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

Plymouth Antiquarian Society will have a preview of the 1809 Hedge House at 126 Water St., Plymouth, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., on Aug. 18. The event will offer a behind-the-scenes look at the Federal mansion, hors d'oeuvres, complimentary wine bar, silent and live mini-auction, performance by **Pilgrim Festival Chorus** and ongoing music by **Westwood Swing Band.** Tickets are $60 per person and reservations are required by calling 508-746-0012.

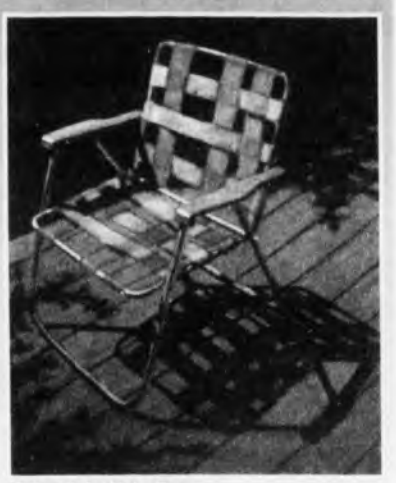
Single Executives Club Singles Dance, Aug. 18, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St, Rockland. DJ dance music from 8:30 p.m. to midnight Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes and Match Game prizes Free dance lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is $10 before 9 p.m. Proper business-casual dress; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable. August is "island" month; flowered shirts welcomed. Se-4u.com 781-446-0234.

Onset Bay Association presents the **15th annual Onset Blues Festival**, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Prospect Park, in the Band shell, in the center of historic Onset Village. Free parking nearby. Craft and food vendors at 9 a.m. Five bands will perform beginning at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are on sale now and are available at OBA Office, 4 Union Avenue, Onset, Total Image Salon, 6 Union Ave., Mayflower Bank, 396 Onset Ave. and Lockwood Architects, 1B West Central. The cost is $17.50 in advance, $20 at the gate.



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Artwork by Jeanne MacFarland



Artwork by Kate Ryan

Oil paintings by artists Jeanne MacFarland and Kate Ryan will be featured in an exhibition at Oceanside 17 Studio and Gallery, 17 Rockland Circle, Hull. An opening reception will take place 6:30 to 9 p.m., on Friday, Aug. 17, and will feature new work by Hingham artists Vcevy Strekalovsky and Michael Weymouth, and gallery owner Franny Andahazy of Hull. The exhibition will be up through Aug. 29. Oceanside Studio and Gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday and by appointment. For information, call 781-773-1563 or email monica.mckenney@comcast.net.

The Plymouth Chamber Music Festival concerts will be held at 8 p.m. in the Linn Theater at Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth. Tickets are $9 and can be purchased at the door. Visit www.plymouthchamber-musicfestival.org for information or call Jamie Fiste, artistic director, at 989-400-1073. The festival is sponsored in part by the Town of Plymouth Promotions Fund. Performers are Laurien Laufman, Jamie Fiste, Toyoko Henkel, Mary Findlay, Laura Kobayashi and Harold Levin. Aug. 16: To America With Love, music by Dvorak and Mozart.

Karate Tournament, open to all styles, will take place at 9 a.m., Aug. 18, at The Lantana, 43 Scanlon Dr., Randolph. Spectators are welcome. For information, call 508-367-9458 or email fastkick@juno.com.

Plymouth Antiquarian Society will host a preview of the restored 1809 Hedge House at 126 Water St., from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., on Aug. 18. This event offers a behind-the-scenes look at this restored Federal mansion. In addition to tours of the house, the evening will include hors d'oeuvres, complimentary wine bar, silent and live mini-auctions, a performance by Pilgrim Festival Chorus and ongoing live music by Westwood Swing Band. Tickets are $60 per person and reservations are required. Call 508-746-0012 for ticket information.

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EIGHTH ANNUAL ANTIQUE SHOW AND SALE The Chiltonville Congregational Church, 6 River St., Plymouth presents its annual antique show and sale featuring 30 antique dealers on the meetinghouse grounds Aug. 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine. Admission $4.50. For information call Donna Olsson at 508-746-1677.

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KING RICHARD'S FAIRE, a vivid recreation of a 16th century English marketplace at festival time, begins its 26th season on Sept. 1, through Oct. 21. Eat, drink and be merry as you enjoy the actors, dancers, puppeteers, jugglers, minstrels, mimes, magicians and musicians who perform on the Faire's eight stages each weekend for the favor of his Royal Highness King Richard. Watch knights joust on horseback, see exotic animals, browse the wares of more than 100 artisans, including sword makers, glass blowers and more. Amazing new acts to be featured this year include The Lost Boys, a Renaissance Rock Band and the Aerial Angles, who perform acrobatic feats high in the air. King Richard's Faire is located on Route 58 in Carver. Admission is $25 for adults, $14 for children aged 5-12, and children under 5 are free. Special rates are available for groups of 25 people or more. Parking is free. For more information: (508) 866-5391 or kingrichardsfaire.net

AN EVENING OF JAZZ, RHYTHM & BLUES fundraising event Sept. 22. Music by the Bellevue Cadillac. Silent and live auction, hors d' oeuvre's and buffet dinner prepared by The Catered Affair. Cash bar and dancing. Event held at the Hingham Armory. Tickets are $75 per person. All proceeds to benefit a Habitat home in Hingham. For advance ticket sales, auction donations, to be a program sponsor or volunteer to help. Contact nldevine@gmail.com

NANTASKET SEASIDE ROAD RACE takes place Saturday, Sept. 1, Entry Fee: $15. Pre-Registration (before Aug. 26) $20 Day of Race Registration (Registration opens at 6:30 a.m.) Scenic 4-mile seaside run. Participants may register online at town.hull.ma.us: (Click on Nantasket Seaside Road race under News and Announcements on right hand column on home page) racersresource.com coolrunning.com Any questions, contact Race Director: Kristen Evans at 781-925-2720.

JEFFREY COOMBS MEMORIAL ROAD RACE AND FAMILY WALK. Registration is underway for the race that begins at 9 a.m., Sept. 9, at Woodsdale School in Abington. Registration fees, if received by Aug. 31, are 17 for adults, $12 for students and $5 for children younger than 12. Late or same-day registration fees are $20, 15 and $8. Early registrants are guaranteed a T-shirt. Short children's race, raffles a disc jockey, clowns, balloons, face painting, moonwalk and free food will be featured. Race day registration begins at 7:30 a.m.; runners may pick up numbers Sept. 8, 4 to 5 p.m., at Woodsdale if convenient. Race day chedule: 7:30-8:30 a.m., registration; 8:30 a.m., kid's race; 9 a.m., run begins; 9:05 a.m., walk begins. For information, to sponsor the event or to donate a raffle item, call Christie at 781-982-1608.

FOURTH ANNUAL RUNNING OF JOHN'S RACE, Sept. 9, 10 a.m. Pope's Tavern: South and Plymouth Sts. (Rt. 106), Halifax, 5-Kilometer (3.1 miles) run/walk and 10-Kilometer (6.2 miles) run. Visit johnsrace.com or coolrunning.com for registration forms or pay on-line.

SOUTH SHORE MEMORY WALK on Sept. 23, at Plymouth Plantation in Plymouth. Form a team or walk as an individual. Money raised by Memory Walk helps provide care and support for individuals and families touched by Alzheimer's. For information call John Scott at 508-747-2868 x298 or e-mail jscott@radius-management.com or visit memorywalkma.org.

3RD ANNUAL "MITO-WHAT?" 5K WALK Oct. 6, Nelson Field, Plymouth to benefit the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation (UMDF). Registration begins: 9:30 a.m. Warm-up: 10:45 a.m. Walk: 11 a.m. Family Fun Zone: noon to 3 p.m. (Open to the Public) Online Pre-registration by Oct. 3, $15 Individual. Event Day Registration Fee: $25 Individual. Children 5 and under are free. All registered walkers will receive five tickets to the fun zone. Join the UMDF's efforts to become "One Step Closer to a Cure." Registration available online at mitowhat.org, or call 508-224-7165 for information.

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Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist Holly Stevenson and keyboardist and arranger, Yasko Kubota will perform standard and contemporary jazz, swing, blues and pop every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening.

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Run of the Mill, 6 Spring Lane, Plymouth, offers **traditional Irish Seisiun** from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety, from sea chanteys, rebel songs and songs of loss, to jigs, reels and hornpipes, with great craic and singalong. Admission is free. No cover. Go sing, go play, go listen. Call 508-830-1262.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 18, **So Rare** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Greg MacKenzie & Greenbacks** Aug. 18, at 9:15 p.m. p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Aug. 18, **James Harman** Band with special guest: **Jay Place Band**, jump/blues. Rare east coast apperarance. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sunday, Aug. 19

Marshfield Fair, Rt. 3A, Marshfield. Aug. 17-26. For a list of events visit marshfieldfair.org

Professional Beach Volleyball Returns as some of game's greatest stars face-off at WaterWorks Quincy. Aug. 16-19. AVP Pro Beach Volleyball Crocs Tour. More than 150 of the top professional beach volleyball athletes in the world, including the women's world No. 1-ranked team of Olympic Gold medalists **Kerri Walsh** and **Misty May-Treanor** face-off in a battle royale at the AVP Bob's Stores Boston Open. Tickets range from $20 for general admission to $75 for courtside seating and are available now at avp.com.

The Hanover Bandstand Summer Concert Aug. 19, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. **South Shore Bay Band** will perform. Free and handicap accessible. The Hanover bandstand is located on Route 139, Hanover Center. For information visit the bandstand web site at hanoverma.gov

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, every Sunday **Dave Foley**, acoustic jam, 9 p.m. No cover. 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Aug. 19, from 4 to 10 p.m. **Hullapalooza. A benefit for the Hull Lifesaving Musuem**. All ages. Cover charge. Casual dress. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Monday, Aug. 20

Marshfield Fair, Rt. 3A, Marshfield. Aug. 17-26. For a list of events visit marshfieldfair.org

Summer Celebration at the Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St. (Route 18) Weymouth, continues through Aug. 31. A collection of multi-media works of art by some of New England's finest artists. Featuring new gallery artists George Hartley, Vincent Elliot and George Murray. Free and open to the public. Hours Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Closed Monday and Tuesday. 781-331-3384 for information.

Tuesday, Aug. 21

Marshfield Fair, Rt. 3A, Marshfield. Aug. 17-26. For a list of events visit marshfieldfair.org

"The Commonwealth's Big Gamble: Will Casinos Become a Reality in Massachusetts?" will be the topic of Sean P. Murphy, investigative reporter for the Boston Globe, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., on Tuesday, Aug. 21, at Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. The program is free and open to the public. For information, call 781-848-0405, ext. 4420.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 7 **Texas Hold'Em, with Northern Poker League** 781-829-6999.

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening.

Wednesday, Aug. 22

Marshfield Fair, Rt. 3A, Marshfield. Aug. 17-26. For a list of events visit marshfieldfair.org

Holly Hill Farm for **Films On The Farm,** A series of films about food and agriculture screened outside on the side of the Tomato Barn. Get yourself a sitter, bring a picnic and lawn chairs and come check out these award winning films. Donations accepted to benefit "The Friends of Holly Hill Farm." Screenings begin at 8 p.m. 236 Jerusalem Road. Cohasset. Aug. 22, **Double Feature. "Beyond Organic: The Vision of Fairview Gardens"** tells the story of Fairview Gardens and its battle to survive in the face of rapid suburban development. Produced by PBS filmmaker John de Graaf and Meryl Streep. **"My Father's Garden"** is a documentary about the use and misuse of technology on the American farm. Directed by Miranda Smith, premiered at Sundance.

2007 Project Arts of Plymouth Free Summer Concert Series. Pilgrim Memorial Park, Water St., Plymouth. Aug. 22, **Kid's Night Out** 6:30 p.m. Hat Trick Theater presents "Charlottes Webb. 8 p.m. **Back Eddy Bluegrass** , Peter Alshiemer, Bob the Balloon Man and more. For information visit www.projectarts.com

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, every Wednesday **Manic Oppression** at 9:15 p.m. p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Thursday, Aug. 23

Marshfield Fair, Rt. 3A, Marshfield. Aug. 17-26. For a list of events visit marshfieldfair.org

Michael Tougias, author of **Ten Hours until Dawn**, will be the featured speaker at the Aug. 23, meeting of the Pelagic Sailing Club. Michael will be talking about his just published book **Fatal Forecast**. Pelagic meetings are held in the second floor function room at the Savin Hill Yacht Club, 400 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. The business meeting begins at 7:30 pm and the speaker at 8 pm. All meetings are open to the public and free of charge. For information go to pelagicsailingclub.org



Artwork by Elizabeth Lilly



Photograph by Lenore Schneider

The Hull Artists Show presented by South Shore Art Center at South Shore Conservatory, 1 Conservatory Drive, Hingham Aug. 3 to Oct. 31, Opening Reception: Friday, Aug. 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. Featured artists include Bea Fierbush – Acrylic; Nanci Jaye -Oil pastel; Stephen Lathrop – Photography; Elizabeth Lilly - Mixed Media; Lenore Schneider – Photography; Murton Sudaiter – Photography; and Tim Wilson -Oil on canvas. August hours Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. September/ October hours Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon. For directions: 781-749-7565 x10. southshoreconservatory.org to download map

The Plymouth Farmers' Market, held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. Aug. 23 **folk harpist, Shelley Otis.** For information, contact Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 23, **Texas Hold'Em, with Northern Poker League** 781-829-6999.

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke **Texas Hold Em** every Thursday night at 6:45 and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue** Blues Jam featuring **Diane Blue Aug. 23** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Friday, Aug. 24

Marshfield Fair, Rt. 3A, Marshfield. Aug. 17-26. For a list of events visit marshfieldfair.org

Third annual Hot Stove, Cool Music takes place at Fenway Park on Aug. 24, 4 p.m. doors open, 5 p.m. show. Performance lineup includes: five-time Grammy Award Winner **John Legend**; **Buffalo Tom**; **Kay Hanley**; **French Lick** featuring Boston Celtics Managing Partner & Co-Owner **Wyc Grousbeck** and the **Hot Stove All-Stars** featuring Red Sox Executive Vice President/General Manager **Theo Epstein** and ESPN Commentator **Peter Gammons**. The event will be emceed by comedian and television star **Mike O'Malley**. Tickets for Hot Stove, Cool Music: The Fenway Park Sessions are $40 and are available at redsox.com or by calling the Red Sox ticket office, 877-RED-SOX9.

Plymouth Antiquarian Society Gala Benefit and Re-Opening of Harlow Old Fort House. The event will take place at the restored 17th century Harlow Old Fort House, 119 Sandwich St., Plymouth, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Aug. 24, followed by the grand public re-opening of the house on Aug. 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Friday evening gala is a benefit to support the renovation of the Harlow House, and will feature candlelight tours, hors d'oeuvres, complimentary wine bar, silent and mini auctions and music by the Gary Farias Band. Tickets are $40 per person, and reservations are required by calling 508-746-0012.

New England Singles Dances – ages 40 and over Aug. 24 from 8 p.m. to midnight Moseley's on the Charles, **50 Bridge St., Dedham.** DJ. **Admission $12.** visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 24, **Infuse** 781-829-6999.

Run of the Mill Tavern, 6 Spring St., Plymouth. Aug. 10, 9 p.m. until closing, **The Hot Sauce Band**. For information, visit nightmuiscco@verizon.net.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Aug. 24, **Funky White Honkies,** eclectic rock. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The Next Page Blues Cafe'. 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Mission of Blues** Aug. 24, at 9:15 p.m. p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Quick Flix

New Releases

"THIS IS ENGLAND" (A)

With punk-fueled whiplash rhythm, an ingratiating central character and an eye-opening story, Shane Meadows' superb "This is England" is an autobiographical look back at his skinhead youth. Twelve-year-old Shaun comes under the influence of a local gang of skinheads who adopt him as their mascot and give him not just a new look, but protection and a sense of family. The skinheads here are not the neo-Nazis of reputation, but an anarchic, interracial gang who delight in trashing an abandoned housing project, getting stoned and listening to West Indian music. (Not Rated) — Stephen Schaeffer



Wilbur (Christopher Walken) and Edna (John Travolta) trip the light fantastic in "Hairspray."

"NO END IN SIGHT" (A-)

Written, directed and produced by Massachusetts Institute of Technology graduate and senior fellow at the Brookings Institution Charges Ferguson, the film is an even-handed review of the mistakes, if not deceptions, that led us to the point where we find ourselves in Iraq — in a quagmire that we perhaps cannot get out of without further catastrophe. How did we get here? "No End in Sight" argues we have nowhere to look but at Bush's White House. (Not Rated)

Ongoing

"HAIRSPRAY" (B+)

How much you love "Hairspray," Adam Shankman's goofily entertaining screen version of the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical, may depend upon how you react to John Travolta in a fat suit and how much you miss the semi-classic "Bye Bye Birdie." A musical version of John Waters' 1988 surprise non-musical hit, this new "Hairspray" also features a delightful debut performance by former ice-cream scooper Nikki Blonsky as Tracy Turnblad. Move over Ugly Betty, it's Tracy's turn to rock. This "Hairspray" may lack the trademark polymorphous perversity of Waters' 1988 original, which featured drag queen Divine as Edna. But I suppose that was the whole point. (Rated PG)

"12:08 EAST OF BUCHAREST" (A-)

It's the anniversary of the 1989 "revolution" ousting Communist dictator Nikolae Ceausescu in Romania. But was there a genuine revolution or did some Romanians merely crawl out from under their rocks only after they had heard Ceausescu had fled in the night in his chopper? This is the question no-budget, talk-show host Virgil Jderescu (Teodor Corban) wants answered, and the answers he gets offer an amusingly Kafkaesque glimpse into Eastern European politics. (Not Rated)

"ARCTIC TALE" (B-)

The live-action "Arctic Tale" gives us a newborn polar bear and a walrus cub instead of penguins, Queen Latifah instead of Morgan Freeman and Harvard graduate Kristin Gore among the writers. This perhaps explains why "Arctic Tale" comes across as "An Inconvenient Truth for Polar Bears and Walruses." Melting ice and earlier and hotter summers have wreaked havoc with the "ancient rhythm of the seasons." But do we really need a symphony of walrus farts? Just in case you don't get the message, stick around for the final credits to hear overly made-up and coiffed children tell you, "Stop global warming." Oh, shut up. (Rated G)

"THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM" (A)

"Casino Royale" upped the ante and "The Bourne Ultimatum" ups it right back. Jason Bourne (Matt Damon), the James Bond of the post-9/11 era, is back, and he's still being hunted. By whom and for what reason hardly needs to be explained in these ultraviolent, paranoid times. They're after us; that's the only thing we know for sure. Distinguishing hunter from hunted is the brain-teasing conceit of the "Bourne Identity" films. Damon and the rest of the cast are all first-rate. "The Bourne Ultimatum" is finally a damning vision of a rogue U.S. government that believes the 9/11 attacks have given it license to surveil, "rendition," torture and kill anyone it likes. Have a bail watching Jason Bourne revoke it. (Rated PG-13)

"DR. BRONNER'S MAGIC SOAPBOX" (B)

A breezy documentary on a true American eccentric. Emil Bronner (1908-1997) was a German-Jewish emigre and self-anointed "doctor" who used his all-purpose liquid soap to spread his philosophy — to live the "Moral ABCs" of his "All-One-God-Faith." Today, Dr. Bronner's organic Castile soap is celebrated as an icon of '60s counterculture. (Not Rated) — Stephen Schaefer

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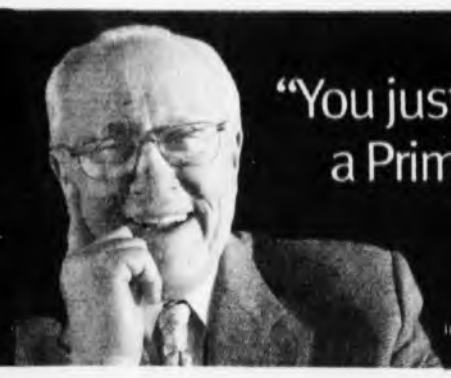
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Tom Gruber looks over the Cohasset Village Business District Study during a Saturday morning workshop at Town Hall.

More retail for the Village

Market analysis positive for retail future

By Nancy White
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One of the primary objectives at the end of the Village consulting project is to provide the framework for a viable business community. The market analysis of the area shows there is room in the local market for more businesses to open up shop in the Village Business District.

The data compiled by FXM Associates indicates the Village is currently not capturing a full share of the area sales. Frank Mahady of FXM Associates explained at Saturday's Village workshop there is a substantial gap between sales in the district and the area's household expenditures within a 15-mile drive time. The gap could translate into retail opportunity, if the right kind of retail was brought into the district.

In 2006, retail establishments were the highest percentage of businesses in the Village Business District with an estimated 30 retail stores and nearly 240 jobs and $19 million in annual sales. The village retail constitutes 28 percent of town-wide retail stores, but only 19 percent in retail sales, according to the 17-page memo distributed at the meeting. Mahady attributes the smaller percentage of retail sales to the prevalence of small business retailers in the Village.

However, in comparison to other established downtowns, which have lost retail activity to strip malls and

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Mixing it up

Village consultants get down to business

By Nancy White
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If done right, the Village can handle more stores, more apartments, more open space and more parking, according to a team of consultants.

With a backdrop of a new streetscape, the Village consultants are paving the way for a downtown center to rival any on the South Shore. A mix of merchants, property owners, town officials and interested citizens — about 40 in all — came to the Town Hall auditorium Saturday morning armed with ideas and plans for the Village.

Although at one point architect Peter Martin described the current state of the village as having a "feel of the wild west," all present were hopeful the district could become the quintessential (and economically vital) New England village it's meant to be.

"We've taken a deeper dive frankly than has been done in the past," said Planning Board member Mike Westcott. "But it's not just about just collecting data, it's about what can be done while maintaining the character of the village. The consultants have a whole bunch of ideas, none of which are etched in stone... we're here to listen."

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Basking in 'Becky's Baskets'

By Nancy White
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One man's trash is another man's treasure, or so the old adage goes, but does it hold true for another man's wastepaper basket?

For John Connell and the Historical Society the answer is yes. The interest is not in a standard wastepaper basket, rather in baskets handmade in Cohasset by longtime resident Rebecca Downs Hock.

The baskets gained a renewed focus for Connell once he walked into the Historical Society's exhibit "Tying the Knot: 100 Years of Cohasset Weddings" last summer on a whim.

"I didn't really have any interest in wedding gowns, but I thought I would go over and take a peek," he says. Connell is on the Historical Society's Board of Directors and a regular volunteer. When he walked into the exhibit he saw out of the corner of his eye one of "Becky's Baskets."

"My eye was drawn to it automatically," Connell says. He walked right over and felt the very top of the wastepaper basket, what he says is the only surefire way to know it's a true Becky's Basket. The top of the basket is shaped by pieces of coat hangers covered in cloth. He confirmed his suspicion and looked at the information card for the basket. Upon closer inspection Connell found the basket to be improperly marked "made by Mary Fleming." He immediately told the exhibit coordinators and Mary Hartshorne, the donor of basket, of the mistake.

Hartshorne received the wastebasket as a wedding present; it is decorated with a picture of a little girl on one side and her wedding invitation on the other. For years, the baskets were sold at Fleming's in the Village and Hartshorne always assumed it was Mary Fleming who made the baskets.

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Judy Sestito of Cohasset holds a basket that she made herself after being taught by Rebecca "Becky" Hock. Sestito learned how to make the baskets in the fall of 1955. "Becky's Baskets" are being displayed at the Cohasset Historical Society.

Testing the waters

By Nancy White
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For the better part of a year, the Stormwater Committee has been working toward drafting a bylaw to remediate and control stormwater issues plaguing many parts of Cohasset.

A bylaw was brought to annual Town Meeting in the spring, but failed to get broad-based public or town official support and the article was indefinitely postponed. The committee re-grouped following Town Meeting and is gearing up to present a much different bylaw at the November Town Meeting.

Members of the Stormwater Committee presented their draft bylaw to the planning board on Wednesday night seeking input and direction. In the current draft of the stormwater management bylaw, the planning board will be the primary stormwater permitting authority.

"We need to prevent issues from getting worse and remediate current issues throughout town," said Stormwater Committee Chairman Marty Nee. The persistent problems are not the only driver; a town

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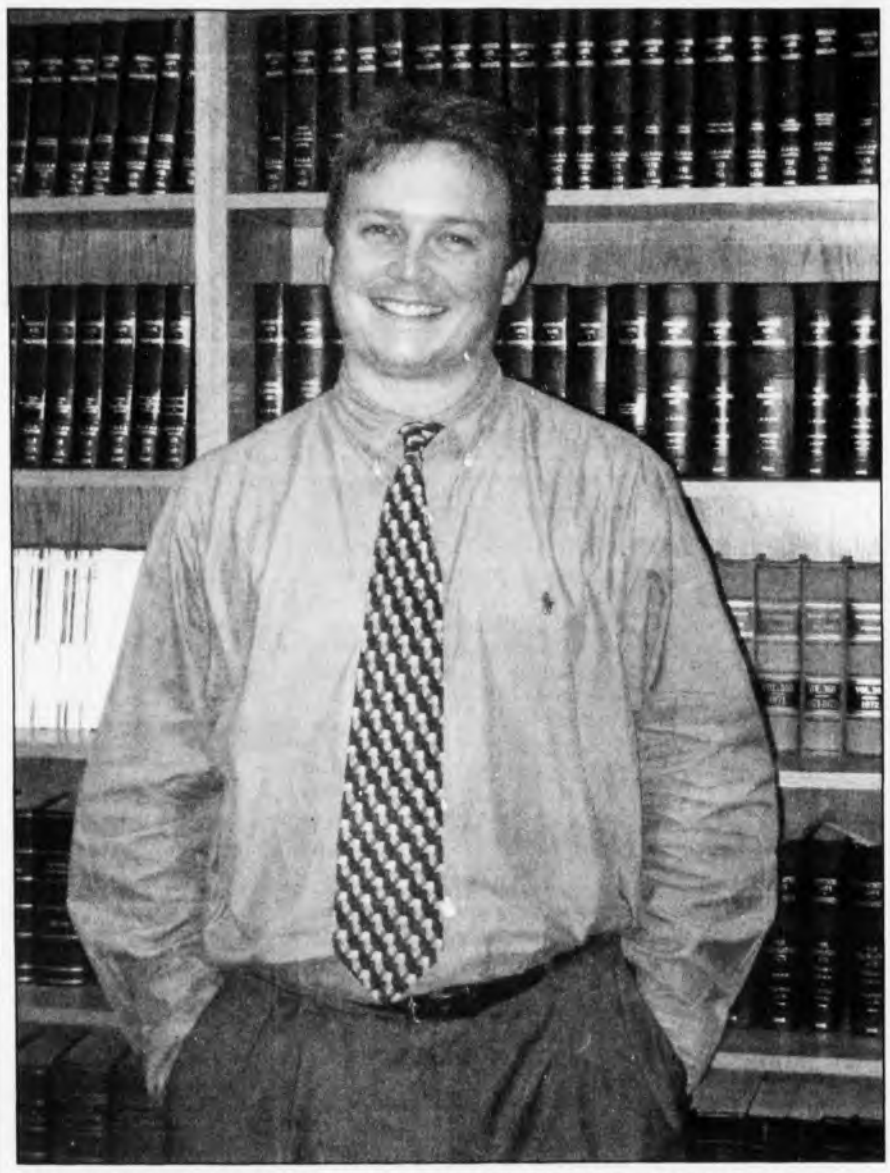
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This week, the Mariner caught up with Angus Jennings, principal for Concord Square Development Company, at the Village Workshop.

Name: Angus Jennings

Occupation: Planning and zoning consultant

Best day of your life: Falling in love

Best vacation: Nova Scotia

Favorite season: Autumn

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving

Favorite meal: Brunch

Best book: Robert Caro's biographies (Lyndon Johnson, Robert Moses)

Best movie: Lord of the Rings trilogy

Best TV show: The Simpsons

Most embarrassing moment: Playing guitar on stage

Pet peeve: Artificial deadlines

Goal (professional): Contribute to public policy reforms to promote sustainable society

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Person you'd most like to meet: Barack Obama

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POLICE BEAT

More bike accidents at North Main Street

By Nancy White
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Another bicycle accident occurred involving two cyclists at the North Main Street grade crossing. The bicycle wheels of one male and one female got trapped in the angled tracks on Sunday about 6:30 p.m. The female rider was treated by the Cohasset Fire Department on the scene for road rash and minor cuts and scrapes. The male rider, who was complaining of back and neck pain, was taken to South Shore Hospital by ambulance. A third bicyclist, a female, traveling northbound with them, crossed the tracks without incident. The police received three 911 calls regarding the incident.

The Greenbush liaisons, Tom Gruber and Mark Brennan, are still in talks with the MBTA about this crossing.

"We need to do something sooner rather than later," said Sergeant William Quigley.

This was the fifth time the fire department has responded to an injured bicyclist from the North Main Street crossing since August 2006.

Car fire

A driver traveling near the intersection of Beechwood Street and Ox Pasture noticed smoke coming from his car and immediately pulled over on Monday (Aug. 20) morning. The male driver told police he saw smoke and burning plastic falling from the dashboard in the car into the passenger compartment. Once on the side of the road, he got out of the car.

By the time the fire department responded to the scene the car was completely involved. Firefighters extinguished the flame in about 15 to 20 minutes and remained on the scene for 45 minutes. The car was a total loss. With the amount of damage to the car fire officials were not able to determine a definitive cause of the fire.

Well being check

When a resident on Rustic Ave. noticed newspapers piling up in her neighbor's driveway, she called the police last Monday morning to perform a well being check on the residence. A patrol officer went to the house and confirmed there was no one home and reported there was work being done on the house.

Sgt. Quigley advised if people are going away for a week or will not be around the house they should stop by the police station to fill out a vacant house form. The form will cause patrol officers to check on the residence while vacant. Letting your immediate neighbors know of vacation plans so they can keep an eye on the house is a good idea as well, he said.

"Make sure to stop newspaper delivery and mail. If mail is piling up it is a tell tale sign no one is around and it's inviting someone to break in," said Quigley.

Bat in living room

Two bats were found flying in a resident's living room. Two adults were exposed to the animals. Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy was able to capture one of the bats; the other escaped from the house. The captured bat was sent to the state lab in Jamaica Plain for rabies testing. The test came back negative. Although neither resident was bitten, they were advised to see their primary care physician.

Warrant arrests

The Cohasset Police made three warrant arrests last week.

Last Monday (Aug. 13) at around 6:30 p.m., a patrol officer on Route 3A near Pond Street stopped a 1994 Ford Bronco operated by 35-year-old male from Hingham for two violations. The car had an expired inspection sticker and no brake lights. A routine computer check on the operator revealed an outstanding arrest warrant out of Quincy district court for larceny. The man was arrested and the vehicle was towed. He was brought to the station where he was booked and bailed with a date to return to Quincy District Court on Tuesday morning.

A patrol officer saw a white Ford pick-up truck parked in a no parking zone at the end of Beechwood Street at about 1 a.m on Wednesday morning (Aug. 15). The officer got out to speak with the individuals in the car, a male and a female. Through a conversation the officer identified the occupants and ran computer checks on each of them. It turned out the 30-year-old female from Marshfield had an outstanding warrant for her arrest out of the Plymouth District Court. She was arrested, booked and bailed later that morning. The warrant was for payment default stemming from an incident in Hanson.

A 62-year-old male from Scituate was arrested on two outstanding probation violation warrants. The male was calling his probation officer to argue his case from a pay phone in Tedeschi Plaza on Thursday (Aug. 16) around noon. The probation officer was able to get the man's location from caller ID and requested the Cohasset police to pick him up. He was arrested and immediately brought to Quincy District Court.

Motorcycle accident

A 22-year-old male from Cohasset driving a 2007 Honda motorcycle on Jerusalem Road did not prepare for a hairpin turn and lost control of the his bike, according to police. When police arrived on the scene the rider was up and walking around and refused to be taken to the hospital.

The motorcycle was damaged in the accident and had to be towed from the scene. However, the registration of the motorcycle is in question. It has out of state plates and the owner is a resident of Massachusetts. According to state law, a vehicle must be registered in Massachusetts if it is in the state for 30 days or more out of year. The owner of the bike will have to show proper insurance and license before he can get his motorcycle back.

Beehive in reservoir

A traffic detail officer at the end of Aaron River Road had a clear view of the reservoir where he observed a group of teenagers throwing something into the water. A police car was dispatched to the location where the officer met up with three Cohasset males, two 15-year-olds and one 16-year-old. Apparently, the boys were attempting to dispose of a large beehive. They had lit the hive on fire and tossed it into the reservoir. The officer took down the names of the boys and told them their actions were likely not the best of ideas. None of the boys reported being stung.

Rising blood pressure

A person walked into the fire station on Elm Street and requested to have their blood pressure checked around 6:30 a.m. Tuesday (Aug. 18). The medic determined the party should seek emergency care and transported him via ambulance to South Shore Hospital.

Fire Chief Robert Silvia said walk-ins to the fire headquarters are common. People walking by the station often stop in for a blood pressure check or minor medical problems. On occasion, he said people come to the station with difficulty breathing or showing symptoms of a heart attack. A medic evaluates the patient and offers advice, or if the problem is deemed serious, they are taken to the hospital.

"The fire station is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, the doctor's office isn't," Silvia said. "It's just one of the services we provide."

Wires down

A caller reported wires down on Jerusalem Road Drive on Tuesday (Aug. 14) around 2 p.m. A large cement truck took down some low hanging wires. The wires were not live wires; Comcast and Verizon repaired the cable wires in about an hour. The police were unable to locate the cement truck in the area, but are checking with local cement companies to see if they had any deliveries scheduled for the area on the day of the incident.

Suspicious activity

A 2006 Chrysler Pacifica traveling southbound on North Main Street near the new train station pulled over after a small cardboard tube flew into the driver's side window and landed in the backseat. The driver, a 67-year-old male from Hingham, called for police assistance. The officer responding was able to determine the inch long cardboard tube was a spent cartridge from a "screamer siren."

"Screamer sirens are powder activated devices used to frighten birds, they are often used on golf course to scare away Canada geese," said Sgt. Quigley. The superintendent of Cohasset Golf Club was contacted and it was confirmed that the grounds crew was deploying the device minutes before the call. It is unclear how the cartridge made its way into the street and car, but golf club officials agreed to review their policies so the accident doesn't happen again.

"There's no criminality in the matter, just an unfortunate accident," said Quigley.

Protective custody

At about 5:30 p.m on Wednesday (Aug. 15), Cohasset police received an abandoned 911 call. Although the caller hung up before speaking with the 911 dispatch, the call still registered at the station. With the enhanced 911 system dispatch knew where the call came from and sent an officer to the residence on South Main Street.

Upon arrival, police found an unwanted female guest at the house. The 38-year-old from Scituate had been drinking, according to police. The responding officers attempted to arrange a ride for her at the location, but she would not cooperate by giving the officers a name of a friend. The officers took the female into protective custody at the station where she was later released to a sober friend and was told not to return to the South Main Street residence.

Bridge jumping

Police have tried to stay on top of bridge jumping this summer.

"As usual this has been a busy season trying to keep kids moving off the Border Street Bridge," said Quigley, "but we've been on top of it this year and it hasn't been as bad as in past years."

Safety concerns are the major reason police discourage bridge jumping. Because kids congregate at the bridge, it often disrupts traffic flow and causes a littering problem. The act of jumping off the bridge is also illegal, according to town bylaws.

"On real hot days we try to put a detail officer at the bridge," said Quigley. "We're vigilant about it."

Drive-by egging

A mother and her daughter were walking near the intersection of Jerusalem Road and Forest Ave. on Thursday (Aug. 16) when a red SUV drove by and threw an egg hitting the mother in the back. The woman was unable to get a plate number for the vehicle. A broadcast message was issued to Cohasset and regional police to be on the lookout for a red SUV with three or more teenagers. The suspect's car has not been located and no similar incidents were reported.

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Testing the waters

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bylaw to regulate stormwater will be required by the federal Clean Water Act in less than a year. If something isn't in place, the town could face fines from the government.

Stormwater is defined as any rainwater that runs along the surface collecting pollutants.

The newest version of the stormwater management bylaw has changed drastically from the version put forth for the last Town Meeting. No longer does the Stormwater Committee seek to establish a full-blown Stormwater Commission with the ability to issue permits and collect fees.

"There's no new layer of bureaucracy," said Nee. The establishment of a new committee was one of the reasons the initial bylaw did not fly with the board of selectmen. The Stormwater Committee will remain a town board to serve in an advisory role and will seek grants, assess flooding, make recommendations and provide support to other town boards.

Regulations for a stormwater permit will apply to new construction, the main purpose is to ensure an addition or new home will not exacerbate the current stormwater runoff situation. They will be looking for projects with equal or less than pre-development runoff. The permit will apply to construction that will disturb one acre or more of land, development of an undeveloped parcel of any size and any building where there is a net increase of 30 percent or more of impervious area.

The Stormwater Committee's consultant, Mark Bartlett of Norfolk Ram, determined the 30 percent threshold was where surface changes started to make a significant difference, said Nee.

Despite the changes in the bylaw, Planning Board Chairman Al Moore anticipated some real confusion with the bylaw and was concerned about the added cost to homeowners.

"It's very complicated stuff and they'll need to hire an engineer to figure it out," said Moore, who worried neither the homeowners nor building inspector could easily determine if construction added an additional 30 percent impervious triggering the stormwater permit. Concern about his board's ability to take on another permitting process also came up. "We're already out straight," Moore said.

Planning Board Member Stuart Ivimey largely disagreed with Moore's concerns. He said applicants could easily determine if their project increased the impervious area by 30 percent by a simple calculation. In addition, the added permitting process would not necessarily require additional public hearings. Permits could be dealt with at hearings for other reasons. The bylaw empowers other boards in town, namely the Board of Health and Conservation Commission, to issue permits if a project came before them and not the Planning Board. The building inspector could also be a permit granting authority in some cases.

"The bylaw will give the town enough leverage to make sure development is not adding to stormwater runoff," said Nee.

The new Stormwater Committee, if the bylaw passes at Town Meeting (the committee is currently a temporary board), will be a vehicle for public education as well.

"We want people thinking about what they are doing by building a back porch, even if it's not regulated, they would be educated," said Stormwater Committee member Sarah Charron.

Planning board members seemed in support of the bylaw in concept, but did not want the message lost in the process.

"We applaud the effort so far. It's a tough issue because most of the problems are the ones you can't see," said planning board member Mike Westcott and advised, "simplify the process and message."

"Refine it at least so it can be explained clearly," said Moore.

Basking in 'Becky's Baskets'

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"Mary (Fleming) had the picture put on the basket because she thought it looked like me as a little girl," says Hartshorne. Fleming's would have a stock of baskets for sale but would also take custom orders, like Hartshorne's basket, says Connell.

Her husband, John, has used the wastebasket by his desk since they were married in 1960.

"They are not only attractive, they hold up well," says Hartshorne.

Connell's father was Rebecca's cousin so growing up he was well aware of her basket business. Sometimes he would buy small cans of paint for her at the downtown Hingham 5 & 10 store. Although he does not know the exact process she developed over the years to make the sturdy and charming baskets, he does know the majority of the raw materials.

"She used to ask people to save her the boxes men's suits came in," he says, which she used to make the body and bottom of the basket. The cardboard was durable yet pliable. She would make the baskets stable using coat hanger wire for the top and sides to give the basket its oval shape. Cloth would cover the entire structure, then she would use homemade paste, passé par tout (paper on a roll) and shellac to decorate the exterior of the basket. Rebecca would collect interesting photographs, placemats and paintings to put on the baskets.

"She used to sit upstairs in a wicker chair with a card table to make the baskets," says Connell of her workspace.

However, Rebecca didn't set out to make baskets for a living. She was born in Cohasset in 1874. At the age of 20, she married Joseph Hock, the stage manager for the Hanlon Superba, a theatrical company headquartered in Cohasset. The Hocks went on tour with the Hanlons, and then together they joined the James O'Neill Company (owned by Eugene O'Neill's parents) where the performing troupe did only dramatic plays. Rebecca acted in many of the plays. They likely would have continued a life in the performing circuit had it not been for Joseph's sudden death at age 32. Rebecca decided to return to her family home on James Lane.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Van and Campbell Whisnand of Fairhaven, N.J. stand with "Becky's Baskets" that Van made.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

The Minot's Light basket is both the largest basket but also the more striking one. Rebecca Downs Hock made the center basket and the left basket, while Judy Sestito made the one on the right.

Once back in Cohasset she began making the baskets until the early 60s. She died at the age of 93 in 1967. The unfortunate part of her craft is she did not sign any of the baskets, but Connell can spot them almost instantly. In recent years he has found two of the baskets at Cohasset yard sales for very little money. He has six in his personal collection and about 20 are currently on display. Once word got out the Historical Society was looking for Becky's Baskets, he received two from New Jersey and two from Maryland. Some were not personally made by Rebecca, but were made under her instruction and with her method.

"The point is they held up pretty good through the years," said Connell. He has used his personal baskets throughout his house since the 1960s. He commissioned Rebecca to make one with a scene of Hingham in her later years.

"Who ever considered a wastepaper basket a work of art, but it is," says Connell, "I'd love to know more but there is no way for me to find out," says Connell, as so much time has passed since the last basket was sold and it's likely many of them have been thrown away or lost over the years.

Becky's Baskets are on display at the Historical Society lobby located at 106 South Main Street. If you have any information about Becky's Baskets or own one yourself, Connell and the Historical Society would love to hear about it, please call (781) 383-1434.

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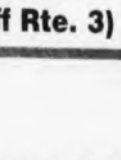
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Ledge anchors new look

Cohasset Garden Club revives area between museums

By Nancy White
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Cohasset's topography is peppered with outcroppings of rock ledge each with unique beauty. Now, thanks to a partnership between the Cohasset Garden Club and the Historical Society, a piece of ledge is prominently displayed in the village nestled between the Wilson House and the Maritime Museum.

The ledge has been a part of the village likely since the last Ice Age, but in recent years it has been largely hidden beneath a thick mat of weeds and ivy. Like any good discovery, the uncovering of the ledge has been a long process.

The Cohasset Garden Club has maintained the area between the two historic buildings for many years; it is named in memory of Virginia Knowles, a former garden club member. Both buildings have recently undergone major renovation and machinery and workmen often trampled the open space. The renovation finished this past winter and both buildings are open for visitors this summer.

"It's been the garden club's most expensive project to date, but we feel very rewarded to have had the opportunity to do this project for the Historical Society and for the town."
— Mary Hartshorne

"We knew we would have to re-plant the garden at some point," says Mary Hartshorne, who serves as the liaison between the Historical Society and the garden club. The rebirth of the garden began with the construction and repair of a retaining wall in the courtyard by local mason Brendan St. John. Brick between the two museums was re-laid and irregular bluestone was brought into the garden for a simple yet attractive walkway. Town Meeting allocated Community Preservation funds to the project, which was completed in the spring.

Next up was planting a historically accurate garden, says Hartshorne. Margaret Cotter, landscape architect and garden club member re-designed the area to include period appropriate plantings.

"I chose newer varieties of plants that would have been prevalent when the structures were built," says Cotter. In addition, she chose plants keeping the historical significance of the buildings in mind. For the Wilson House, once home Captain John Wilson's nine children, Cotter chose plantings suitable for a 19th century household. Thyme and mint grow in a small herb garden, lavender is intermixed with goldsturm (commonly known as black eyed susans), daylilies and geraniums.

Next door, the Maritime Museum has a much different history. Built in 1760, the once vibrant Bates Ship Chandlery on Border Street was moved to its current locale in 1956. With that in mind, Cotter chose plantings more appropriate for a seaside location: sea berry, bear berry and a small blueberry shrub grow on the side of the garden closest to the Maritime Museum. The Garden Club bought and installed all the plantings. Name cards for the plantings are in the works.

Lastly, the Cohasset Garden Club decided to do something about the overgrown and evasive vines growing on the ledge and the 10 feet between the retaining wall and the ledge. Satisfied with Brendan St. John's past work for the Historical Society, the Garden Club contracted him to clear the space.

"It seemed simple enough," says Hartshorne, but it turned out to be a bigger job than originally expected.

St. John thought removing the ivy from the ledge would only be a one-day project, but with unexpected findings the effort took "three long days with a very large crew." There was bad soil, rocks, rubble, vines, weeds and even a tree stump — there was enough debris in the small area to fill 15 pick-up trucks.

Once the ledge was uncovered and pressure washed, St. John noticed there were three mound of ledge in bad shape. The rock was all shale and crumbling from age. He and his crew removed the crumbling rock to reveal the solid piece of ledge there today.

The last step was to bring in loam and hydro seed to fill the open space with grass, "now the Historical Society has a very nice piece of land," says St. John.

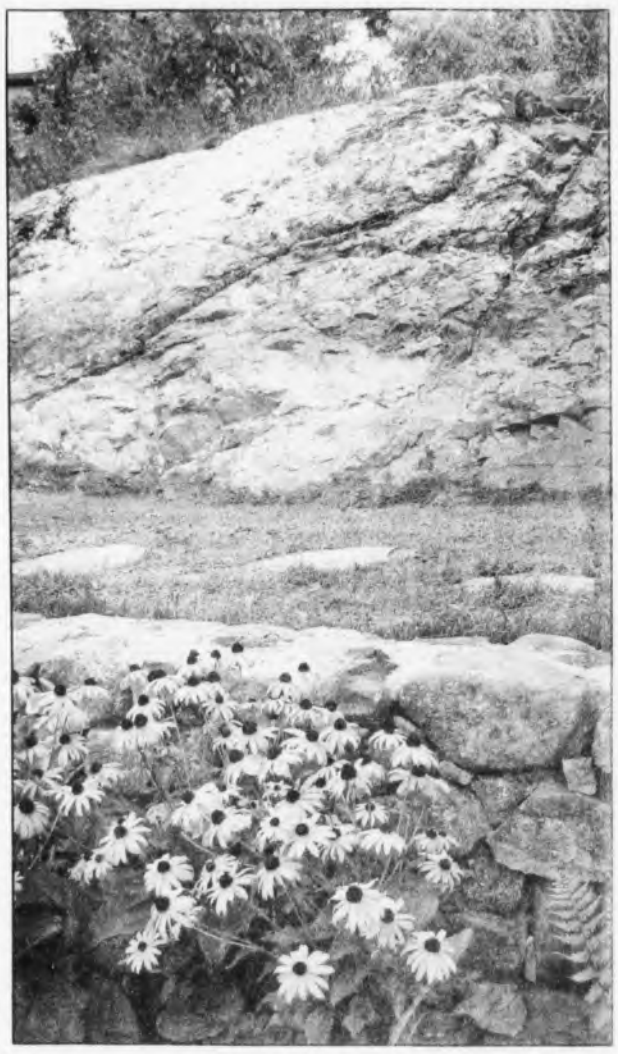
"It's been the garden club's most expensive project to date," at a total of $3,500, says Hartshorne, "but we feel very rewarded to have had the opportunity to do this project for the Historical Society and for the town. The natural coastal ledge fits in nicely."

In addition to the "wonderful ledge," the Historical Society has increased its useable space, "we now have more open space and easier access to the two buildings," says Historical Society President Kathy O'Malley. Grass will soon fill in for the area and the Garden Club is already thinking about a few additional plantings for the area, says Hartshorne.

With new sidewalks and a freshly paved Elm Street, the open space and ledge compliments the village's revitalized look.

"With new restaurants and shops, the downtown is becoming more vibrant and I hope this area will be a part of it," says Cotter.

The Captain John Wilson House is open to the public Tuesday thru Friday 1 to 4:30p.m. and Saturday 10a.m.-2p.m. from June until September. The nearby Maritime Museum (next door to the Wilson House) is open the same hours. Admission is free, but donations are always welcome. For more information, visit www.cohassethistoricalsociety.org or call 781-383-1434.



PHOTO/NANCY WHITE

The Cohasset Garden Club has been hard at work bringing back the garden that is nestled between the Wilson House and the Maritime Museum.

Anchors away

A historic anchor complements the natural beauty of the uncovered ledge. The wrought iron anchor has been a fixture on the ledge since it was donated to the Historical Society in 1960. Brothers Herbert and Kenneth Jason, both lobstermen and divers, found the anchor on a dive off Jerusalem Road, says Cohasset historian David Wadsworth. The Historical Society thought the ledge next to the Maritime Museum was an appropriate locale for the ancient anchor.

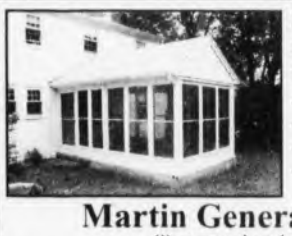
"The anchor likely came from a large ship," says Wadsworth, but which one or when it was lost at sea is unknown. The anchor has aged, a wooden crosspiece is largely missing and the wrought iron has begun to peel away. Yet the anchor is an enduring symbol of Cohasset's maritime history.

Brendan St. John and his crew were careful not to disturb the anchor during their work. Instead of using a pressure washer, they air washed around the artifact to clean the ledge beneath it.



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This wrought iron anchor has been a fixture on the ledge since it was donated to the Historical Society in 1960.



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Wind power up in the air

The Alternative Energy Committee and the planning board are priming the town for a wind turbine. An addition to the town's zoning bylaws would create guidelines to govern the implementation of wind turbines in Cohasset. The bylaw will go before voters at the fall Town Meeting.

The bylaw will clearly establish setbacks necessary for a wind turbine. Height restrictions are paramount: the total height of the turbine has to be less than the measure from the base of the turbine to the closest lot line.

Key to the implementation of the bylaw is determining which board will review the applications; both the planning board and zoning board of appeals would like to oversee the process.

"The AEC doesn't want to get involved in the crossfire," said AEC member Mike Bliss. It seemed all three boards agreed a one-stop process would allow for a more comprehensive and end in a more fair review for the applicant.

"The last thing we need is a divisive issue," said Planning Board Chairman Al Moore, who added that the planning bard was the more appropriate board to review the wind turbine applications. "I've always thought the role of the ZBA was suited to those who want relief from the rules."

Moore said he would call the ZBA chairman, Woody Chittick, to discuss the issue.

The planning board is sponsoring the wind bylaw for the fall special Town Meeting and has met with AEC members on several previous occasions.

The AEC is investigating the possibility of a town-owned wind turbine. In May, a MET tower was installed on Turkey Hill to collect wind data. The data will be analyzed to determine if Cohasset has sufficient wind to support a wind turbine. Possible locations include the Recycling Transfer Facility and the Middle-High School.

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Hello Cohasset. I hope that you are all enjoying the last few weeks of summer before the start of school. It is so sad that we are at this point already but I guess that happens.

Hey, what do you all think about the train? I am excited for the train and the benefits however, it is definitely an eye-opener to see it go by. Big, purple and well, BIG! Please remember to talk with your children about the safety aspects as we get closer to the official opening of it this fall.

Not much in the way of news this week but it is all great to write about and read nonetheless.

Have a great week!

JUST FOR LAUGHS

Auditions for Cohasset Dramatic Club's production of "Moon Over Buffalo" by Ken Ludwig, will be held at the Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave, Cohasset on Sunday, Sept. 9 from 5-8 p.m. & Monday, Sept. 10 from 7-9 p.m. Call backs, if needed, Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. The cast size is four men and four women. Performance dates will be Nov. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, & 11 at the Cohasset Town Hall.

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HONOR ROLL

Congratulations go out to **Caroline Saltonstall**, class of '09 who was named to the honor roll for the spring 2007 semester. This recognition was from the Brooks School, located on the shores of Cochichewick in North Andover. Nice news, Caroline.

DEAN'S LIST

Caitlin Gontarz of Cohasset was named to the dean's list at the University of New Hampshire for both the fall and spring semesters of the 2006/2007 academic year. Great work Caitlin.

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That is it for this week. Send in all of your news and photos no later than Tuesday by 5 p.m.

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Also, athlete's foot cream or spray, bandanas, socks, Bounce dryer sheets, chap sticks, ground coffee, CoffeeMate, antibiotic cream, duct tape, used CD or DVD's, paperbacks, knee-hi hose, cologne, Band-Aids, a variety of shoe inserts, playing cards, black pens, writing pads, envelopes, puzzle magazines, flea collars, lens cleaner for glasses, Ramen noodles in the cup, breakfast bars, gum, single-serve packets hot chocolate or soup, Pringles, hard candy, and microwave popcorn. Personal notes or cards are encouraged.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Lessons to reinforce

It's hard to believe, but another school year is just around the corner. Most students and probably many teachers are still in denial, yet the clock is ticking.

If you visit or drive by any of our schools you will see the bustle of activity as maintenance workers, ambitious teachers and eager administrators make their much-needed preparations. And no doubt, your own child, like many, is feverishly cramming to finish his or her summer reading list just in time for tests or project deadlines.

It is that annual rite of passage we all bemoan, knowing full well that while the calendar says it is still summer, we all know better. In Cohasset, public schools get back into full swing the week after Labor Day while many private schools will kick into gear as early as this coming week.

Along with a talk about Greenbush and its impact in our communities, it is just as important to remind children about other safety measures when traveling to and from school.

There's no better time as we prepare for last-minute shopping trips for the latest trendy school fashions or hip school supplies to have a conversation with our kids about school safety. It seems this year more than any other in the past it is critical we have these conversations given the return of the Greenbush line. Safety issues need to top our back to school "to do" lists. Today's issue features a number of helpful tips and reminders regarding train safety as Greenbush gets set to roll in late September or early October. Public safety officials recommend parents review these tips with their children.

Along with a talk about Greenbush and its impact in our communities, it is just as important to remind children about other safety measures when traveling to and from school. A national safety advisory group encourages us to talk to our children about bus safety to avoid any potential accidents. The group reminds us that some 26 students were killed in the U.S. last year and some 9,000 were injured in incidents involving buses. Believe it or not, very few of those even involved a crash; they were merely the result of carelessness getting on and off the bus. Some of the group's advice:

- Have a safe place to wait for your bus, away from traffic and the street.
- Stay away from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver signals you to enter.
- When being dropped off, exit the bus and walk ten giant steps away from the bus. Keep a safe distance between you and the bus. Also, remember that the bus driver can see you best when you are back away from the bus.
- Use the handrail to enter and exit the bus.
- Stay away from the bus until the driver gives his/her signal that it's okay to approach.
- Be aware of the street traffic around you. Drivers are required to follow certain rules of the road concerning school buses, however, not all do. Protect yourself and watch out.

They sound basic enough, but are worth reinforcing.

Good luck to all of our scholars, teachers, administrators and staff. We hope for a new school year filled with promise, excitement and lots of learning.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:
Alternative Energy Committee, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, all at 7:30 p.m.
Board of Health, Sept. 24, 7p.m.
Cohasset Elder Affairs, Sept. 10, 9 a.m. at 3 N. Main St.
Conservation Commission, Aug. 27, Sept. 6, both at 7 p.m.
Library Trustees, Sept. 12, 7 p.m. at the library.
Planning Board, Sept. 5. 7 p.m.
Recreation Commission, Sept. 5, 6:30 p.m.
Selectmen, Aug. 27 and Sept. 10,7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, Sept. 24, 6p.m.
School Committee, Sept. 5, 7p.m., at the High School
ZBA, Sept. 4, 7:30 p.m.
All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Cohasset Republican Town Committee Cookout scheduled for Sept. 9

The highlight of the summer is the annual Cohasset Republican Town Committee Cookout, which will take place at 4:30 p.m., on Sunday, Sept. 9, at Lou Harvey's home, 465 King St., Cohasset. Tickets are $25 per person and $40 per couple. After Sept. 4, tickets are $30 per person and $45 per couple. Invited speakers are "Amo" Hougton, former U.S. Congressman, 1986 through 2001, from Corning, N.Y., and Mickie Edwards, a former U.S. Congressman, 1977 through 1993, from Oklahoma. Local elected officials will also be invited.

To make reservations, send checks payable to Cohasset Republican Town Committee and mail to Judy Volungis, 234 Forest Ave., Cohasset, MA 02043. Call Julie Guild, chairman, at 781-383-6443, or Polly Logan at 781-383-0031 for more information.



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FUN IN THE SUN

Molly Greer, 4, is silhouetted by the sun while playing behind the Deer Hill School during summer camp earlier this summer.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It takes a village...

TO THE EDITOR:

My wife Joy and I want to thank the town of Cohasset officials, but especially Mark Brennan and Tom Gruber, for their great management of the village revitalization project. We can't thank them enough for their expertise and professionalism during the project. Many, many customers tell us how much they love the new look of the village, especially the mix of brick and granite accents.

We also want to commend the construction company for their great employees and workmanship. It's rare to have workers not swearing and helping customers in and out of our store during the construction.

Our small town character is kept alive when you have people like Mark and Tom overseeing projects like this. Cohasset looks so much better fixed up. Please keep up the great work!

Frank and Joy Smith
Flemings of Cohasset Village

HEALTH NOTES

Spanish flu proves to be a deadly foe

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Found during renovation of the Cohasset Historical Society's Maritime Museum was a poignant footnote to health in Cohasset during the winter of 1918, a picture of the USS Cohasset. In Quincy's Fore River shipyard, on Nov. 3, the USS Cohasset, a freighter, was launched, shortly thereafter making two crossings to France to pick up soldiers returning from the war. Since March of that year, the Spanish flu had been devastating the planet. Records from the time indicate that hundreds of passengers on Naval transports would contact the disease. The incubation time was five days and the trip from France took a little more than twice that. World War I had claimed an estimated 16 million lives. By the spring of 1919, the influenza epidemic sweeping the world would kill an estimated 50 million people. One fifth of the world's population was infected; more people than any other illness in recorded history.

Beginning at Fort Riley, Kansas, in April of 1918, initially, the symptoms were mild but spread rapidly. By fall, the virus had mutated. The flu progressed in three discrete waves. The first in the summer of 1918, relatively mild, but far reaching. In cities and the countryside, from the densely populated East Coast to the remotest parts of Alaska, young adults, usually unaffected by infectious flu diseases, were among the hardest hit along with elderly and the very young children. The flu afflicted more than 25 percent of the U.S. population. In the fall, a secondary, more virulent outbreak became apparent. The early flu had relatively low mortality, about 0.1 percent; by fall, with the same high infection rate, mortality began to rise to as much as 2.5 percent; higher than any other flu episode in history. In 1919, average life expectancy in the United States dropped by 12 years. Half of the U.S. soldiers who died in Europe, fell to influenza.

The war brought the virus back into the U.S. for a second wave of the epidemic. It first arrived in Boston in September of 1918 through the port busy with war shipments of machinery and supplies. Men across the nation were mobilizing to join the military and the cause. As they came together, they brought the virus with them and to those they contacted. The virus killed almost 200,000 in October of 1918 alone. Nov. 11, 1918, the end of the war, caused a resurgence as people celebrated Armistice Day with parades and large parties. A third wave occurred in the spring of 1919 as soldiers returned from France in transports, including Cohasset.

The 1918 pandemic was different in degree, but not in kind, from previous and subsequent pandemics. Despite the extraordinary number of global deaths, most influenza cases in 1918 were mild and essentially indistinguishable from influenza cases today. However, some characteristics of the pandemic appear unique: death rates were 5–20 times higher than expected, apparently the result of a higher proportion of severe and complicated infections of the respiratory tract. Also, the deaths were concentrated in an unusually young age group. Finally, in 1918, three separate recurrences of influenza followed each other with unusual rapidity, resulting in three explosive pandemic waves within a year's time. Finally, both humans and swine were infected simultaneously.



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USS Cohasset at launching in Quincy's Fore River shipyard on Nov. 3, 1918.

The sources for this report conclude that since it happened once, analogous conditions could lead to an equally devastating pandemic. Even with modern antiviral and antibacterial drugs, vaccines and prevention knowledge, the return of a pandemic virus equivalent in pathogenicity to the virus of 1918 would likely kill more 100 million people worldwide. Although recent laboratory experiments with viruses containing genes from the 1918 strain suggest that they would be as sensitive as other typical virus strains to the Food and Drug Administration–approved antiinfluenza drugs rimantadine and oseltamivir, a pandemic virus with the potential of some recent H5N1 outbreaks could cause substantially more deaths.

Cohasset lost five citizens in World War I, as far as we know; none from flu. There were two flu deaths in 1918; none in 1919 or 1920. All deaths in Cohasset:1918-28; 1919-36; 1920-56.

Source: 1918 Influenza: the Mother of All Pandemics, Jeffery K. Taubenberger and David M. Morens Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Rockville, Maryland, USA; and National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, USA; McAnally, W.F. "Influenza on a Naval Transport." United States Naval Medical Bulletin 13, no. 1 (1919): 168

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Greenbush activity picks up steam

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Anyone who has been in the vicinity of the Greenbush line knows that the MBTA has been very actively running trains on the new rails. In the past, we talked about how each crossing would be tested successively at different speeds up to the maximum rated speed for that crossing. For the purpose of testing, the entire Greenbush has been divided into overlapping test zones, or segments, with testing starting at the Scituate end. Cohasset crossings lie within segments 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6. There are a total of 10 segments to be tested for the whole line. What this means to us is that 1/2 of all the testing segments involve Cohasset crossings. So, we'll see lots of action.

Around the horns — We've had several calls asking why the horns are being blown during testing. These residents know that this is supposed to be a no horn system. Why then are there horns? Like most things associated with Greenbush, the answer is not simple. First of all, until all of the crossing and safety equipment is tested and approved, blowing horns just makes sense. Plus, it's mandatory for safety reasons. Also, the five towns involved in the Greenbush line must apply for a no horn permit (called a Hornless Waiver). The MBTA cannot make the application; it must come from the towns. The Town of Hingham has taken the lead and filed the necessary paperwork for all five towns with the Federal Railroad Administration. Until the permit is granted, the MBTA must blow their horns.



Sub-surface drains will prevent water from draining onto Forest Ave.

More About Forest Avenue — As promised in our article last week, the base coat of asphalt is now laid at the Main Street end of Forest Ave. Fortunately, the weather has been very cooperative so far. We know that there have been parts of the project that look like no one is working. But, that's the way construction is. The various construction firms we have had working on this project are very large firms. Sometime, our work is "small potatoes" to them. Remember, last week the contractor paved 2,600 feet of road in less than a day.

This whole project was structured by the town to minimize the cost. Otherwise, we would not be able to do as much as we are. Usually, an engineering firm is hired to develop the project plans and specifications and then to supervise the construction work. For this project, we were fortunate enough to have Norfolk County Engineering do all of the plans and specifications, at no direct expense to the town, a real money saver. Rather than bid the project to a contractor and pay his markup on all subcontractor costs, we chose a more economical route. There is a South Shore Consortium who gets bid prices for nearly all construction commodities. We have found these prices are about the lowest prices possible. So, we are purchasing the construction work all from these low bidders on an individual basis for each commodity. Then, we are managing the project and coordinating all of these separate contractors. So we get an excellent price and save the general contractor's markup and oversight costs. Doing this certainly gets the biggest bang for our buck, but certainly is a coordination challenge.



Bike escapes have been designed into the Forest Ave. sidewalk to allow bikers to escape from the roadway where the granite curbing would otherwise prevent bikes leaving the street for safety on the sidewalk.

The Great Escape — One of the unusual things we have designed into the Forest Ave. sidewalk is the "bike escape." Bike escapes are areas where bikes can escape from the roadway where the granite curbing would otherwise prevent bikes leaving the street for safety on the sidewalk. Normally, bikes can use driveways for this purpose. However, on Forest, the driveways are sometimes quite far apart. With this design there will always be either a driveway or bike escape every two to three hundred feet.

Safety measures — There are some other things we have designed into the project that should make the road safer for all. There are three areas where water drains from property along side the road directly into the street. These areas not only cause extra water on the road, but in freezing conditions cause ice in the roadway. To solve this problem we have added sub-surface sidewalk drains. Ah-ha, what is this you ask? Simple – on the land side of the sidewalk we add a drainage swale, or depression, with a pipe at its bottom which will collect the storm water. The pipe then runs under the sidewalk draining the water to the nearest storm drain. Additionally, if the sub-surface drains were not installed the new sidewalk could create a damming effect for storm water runoff. This could cause puddling on private property, which is now avoided with these new sub-surface drains.



The center of a 50-foot right of way owned by the town was marked this week in white paint by a number, a cross and another number.

In the accompanying photo, the buried pipe lies at the bottom of the area covered by the rocks at the lower left. The pipe, located under the sidewalk, then collects the water, carries it to a drain manhole near the construction barrel at the upper right. In this example the drainpipe is about 62 feet in length. The net result is no more water on Forest Ave. at this location.

Crunching numbers — An interesting bit of trivia... The town owns a 50-foot wide right of way for Forest Ave. The center of this 50-foot right of way was marked this week in white paint by a number, a cross and another number. (See photo). The numbers represent the distance from Main Street. The first number is the distance in hundreds of feet. The cross represents the center of the 50-foot right of way. The second number is in feet. So in the example, this specific number marks a particular spot at the center of the 50 foot right of way that is 2,900 feet from Main Street. (2900 + 00 feet).

Now the next time you drive down Forest Ave., notice how these markings wander from side to side along the length of the road. What you see is reality. The actual road meanders nearly 20 feet to 25 feet side to side. But, it is always within the 50-foot right of way.

The Elvis of his day

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



The guys who spotted him in the Burger King in Marshfield the other day may dispute the point but I have it on fairly good authority that Elvis Presley has been dead for 30 years. I read it in the Herald last week.

Not only that, but I read that Graceland, his estate in Memphis, took in $27 million last year alone and what is known as the Elvis Business is good for $40 million each year in T-shirts, coffee mugs and other memorabilia.

And they don't have the expense of paying the star a cent. The Elvis Business is not labor intensive.

When I was young and ice covered most of the earth we had our own Elvis whose dulcet tones made the ladies, both young and old, swoon as his voice, spiced with a slight nasal charm and sometimes magnified by a megaphone, floated over the airways.

His name was Rudy Vallee and they called him "The Vagabond Lover."

Female hearts fluttered when the sad-eyed, curly-haired crooner opened his popular "The Fleischmann Hour" variety show on NBC with the greeting "Hi-ho everybody," and went into his theme song, "My time is your time."

Rudy attended Yale and planned to be a teacher until somehow he got hold of a saxophone and the teacher was lost to education. He formed a band in 1929 called "The Connecticut Yankees" and set out to make his fortune.

George Simon, who wrote for Metronome, the music magazine, through the '30s, recalled the The Connecticut Yankees as not much of a band but its leader was something else.

"Actually," he recalled, "his Connecticut Yankees sounded like a pretty dreary group, but Vallee himself, of course, was a stellar attraction. Starting in 1928, he and his megaphone and his tantalizing tonsils captured feminine hearts throughout the country."

It wasn't long before Rudy dumped the band and went on to star in The Fleischmann Hour as a single. The program, which lasted until 1939, was credited by some with being the first real radio variety show, the one that introduced Bob Hope to the public.

His popularity was such that the talents of other male singers were judged against his. Most were found wanting.

When Ozzie Nelson burst on the scene in 1932, Simon, reviewing his performance with his band at the Glen Island Casino in New Rochelle, N. Y., wrote that he "sang in a slightly hip Rudy Vallee manner."

Young fans of Ozzie's son Ricky might be surprised to learn that the father is regarded in some quarters as better than the son.

Again, in the spring of 1941, to the strains of his theme song, "Racing with the Moon," Vaughan Monroe made his big time debut in Frank Daily's Meadowbrook Ballroom in New Jersey, and Simon had this to say:

"When they hear his voice . . . they go girlishly ga-ga. His smile sends romantic, not musical, shivers down spines that are just beginning to harden. Here is the modern generation's Rudy Vallee."

Getting a taste of the Question Cone

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

To Cory and his friends, winter fantasies were usually just that: stories of snow drifts and sleigh rides and roasting chestnuts, memories of a simpler time that existed only in songs now.

But progress hadn't killed the pleasures of a New England summer. There were endless games of flashlight tag, road races, outdoor concerts, water rockets, star gazing, pool parties, fireworks, camping, parades, Fla-Vor-Ice, baseball, fishing, cycling, and best of all, no school. Summer break, that blessed confluence of ideal weather and an almost embarrassingly long vacation in which to fully enjoy it, was a scheduling anomaly in Kid World — the only hard evidence that the adults who ran that world actually knew what they were doing.

After a glorious June and a wild, independent July, Cory's 10th summer was now winding down. Nights came earlier and mornings were cooler. He wore long sleeves and pants as he rode his bike downtown, heading for the barber shop and the hair cut that would mark the official start of back-to-school season.

An ice cream truck drove past him and stopped beside the baseball field, stirring a buzz of activity among the younger spectators. Cory had pole position and quickly decided the barber's tip would be better spent on a Creamsicle than on shaving cream. He dropped his bike on the grass and was first in line at the window.

"What can I get you?" the young woman asked without much enthusiasm. It was only mid-morning but she seemed worn out already.

"I'll have a —" An unusual name on the handwritten list caught Cory's eye.

"What's a Question Cone?"

"That's been discontinued," she said. "But I have three left."

"What flavor is it?"

"Vanilla. And some of them have a chocolate ball inside the ice cream.

"You ask a question before you eat it, and if you get a chocolate ball it means the answer's yes."

Cory had never heard of anything like this. "Does it really work?"

"No, but they taste pretty good. These are the last three right here."

"Okay, I'll have one please."

The Question Cone was wrapped in silver Mylar with directions written on it that warned against breaking the seal prematurely.

"1) Open package. 2) Ask one 'yes or no' question. 3) Wait 10 seconds before eating. 4) Chocolate ball inside means yes!"

Cory had to use his teeth to tear the tough plastic. Feeling a bit silly, he went with an easy question. "Where — I mean, am I going to get my hair cut?" he asked the cone. He looked at the ice cream woman, who shrugged.

"Take a big bite off the top," she said. Cory stuffed the cone into his mouth, bit down, and shook his head.

"See?" the woman said. "It's just a gimmick."

Cory hopped on his bike and ate the rest of the cone while he steered with one hand. It was delicious, even if it was too dumb to know where he was going. He pulled up to the barber shop and leaned his bike against the rack.

The sign in the window said, "Closed." Two men were busy inside painting the ceiling with rollers. Paint-speckled cloths were draped over the barber chairs, sinks and counters.

Cory mounted the bike again and started for home, but something felt odd. He stopped and squeezed the tires. The rear one was losing air, so he picked up the pace. When he passed the ball field the ice cream truck was gone, but as he approached the town common there it was again. He stood up on the pedals and coasted, thinking.

"Do you have any more Question Cones?" he asked the woman.

"You liked it, huh? I have two left."

"I'll have one please."

Cory hurried to a secluded, shady spot, glanced around self-consciously, and tore open the package.

"Will my tire go flat before I make it home?" he asked. "Aaaa!"

Cory dropped the ice cream on the ground and leaped back. It had trembled in his hand, ever so slightly, like one of those Mexican beans with the worm inside. Afraid to touch it he gently squashed it on the grass with his sneaker. In the center of the ice cream was a core of dark chocolate, cool and hard on the outside, melted and still warm on the inside.

Cory turned in shock to look at the ice cream truck. It was driving away again. He dashed to his bike and peddled toward home as fast as he could.

Sure enough, his tire went completely flat a quarter mile from his house.

He ditched his bike in the woods and ran home in an all out sprint.

It took him half an hour to convince Matt, his best friend, that they needed to commandeer his mother's car. After much bribery Matt's older sister agreed to help, and they drove off in a cloud of dust to find the ice cream truck.

Meanwhile word had gotten around among the neighborhood kids that something was up with Cory. By the time he returned with the last Question Cone and strode ominously toward Matt's backyard fort, a crowd of twenty was gathered to witness with open minds whatever was about to take place.

He told them all to be absolutely quiet. Then he entered the shanty-like fort alone, crouched down, bit the wrapper, tore it open and gingerly lay the treat on the floor like a live grenade.

"Is there no chocolate ball inside this ice cream cone?" he said. Then he darted outside and latched the door.

At first nothing happened. Then they heard a strange sound, like corn kernels popping and unpopping inside a steel drum. It got louder. The walls of the fort vibrated and bowed outward. Shrieking with excitement the kids ran away in all directions as the noise grew to a deafening rumble. In a final spasm of recursion Matt's fort suddenly jumped off the ground and exploded in a geyser of vanilla ice cream and chocolate balls that shot into the sky, briefly blotted out the sun and rained down in a torrent on every house, car and giddy child within two hundred yards of the epicenter.

It was the greatest end to the greatest summer in recorded history.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset.

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New principal on Our Town

Starting on Monday, Aug. 27, join Mark and Pat when they sit down with the newly appointed principal of the Deer Hill School, Dr. Jennifer deChiara. Dr. deChiara will begin her first school year on Tuesday, Sept. 4 and outlines her goals for grades three through five.

As an added feature, check out the parade of prom gowns captured at the pre-prom red carpet event held before this year's Cohasset High School senior class prom.

Stay tuned to Comcast channel 10 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 p.m. and stay informed, Cohasset!

Fax news of your event to 781-741-2931

Library Corner

'Mayflower' next up for discussion by book group

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information or to sign up for classes, call 781-383-1348 or visit gwalsh@ocln.org.

Library Book Group – There will be no August meeting of the Library Book Group. The next meeting will be at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, Sept. 26. The group will discuss Nathaniel Philbrick's book "Mayflower."

Movie Matinee – The public is invited to come to a daytime showing of the classic movie "Harvey," starring Jimmy Stewart and Josephine Hull at 11 a.m., on Friday, Sept. 7. Free admission and light refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film "Viva Cuba" at 6 p.m., on Thursday, Sept. 20, in the Meeting Room. Malu is from an upper-class family and her single mother does not want her to play with Jorgito, as she thinks his background is coarse and commonplace. Jorgito's mother, a poor Socialist proud of her family's social standing, places similar restrictions on her son. What neither woman recognizes is the strength of the bond between Malu and Jorgito. When the children learn that Malu's mother is planning to leave Cuba, they decide to run away and travel to the other side of the island to find Malu's father and persuade him against signing the forms that would allow it. Free admission and free refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Great Decisions Group – The first Great Decisions Discussion group will begin at 2:30 p.m., on Sunday, Sept. 9, in the Meeting Room. For those who have registered for the program, the group will be discussing the Middle East found in Chapter One of the assigned text.

FOR CHILDREN

Summer Reading – Don't wait until the last minute to do summer required reading. The library still has copies of many of the popular books. See Mrs. Moody or a member of the circulation staff for help. Cohasset Middle/High School reading lists may be downloaded from the Web site at cohassetlibrary.org. Click on Young Adult and then click on CMHS Summer Reading from the side menu. Click on the list wanted and then print. For more information, email smoody@ocln.org or call 781-383-1348, ext. 3.

Backpack Time – The statewide summer reading program, "Catch the Beat @ Your Library," has come to an end. Bring in summer reading logs to share with Mrs. Moody. All students who have met or exceeded their summer reading goal will be awarded a "Catch the Beat @ Your Library" backpack.

Free Drama Workshop for Kids – On Saturday, Aug. 25, from 10 to 11 a.m., Drama Kids International will present a free drama workshop for students ages 6 through 11 in the Meeting Room. "Our Drama Kids" programs are designed to enhance verbal skills and build confidence through the fun and creativity of drama. Register for this event by going to cohassetlibrary.org. Click on Calendar and then click on Saturday, Aug. 25, Drama Develops Kids. Fill out the online form including the students name and age. For more information regarding year round programs, call, Drama Kids International at 781-749-4911 or visit dramakids.com.

Buttonwood Books welcomes author

Buttonwood Books & Toys welcomes Scituate resident Lynne Reeves Griffin for a reception to celebrate the release of her book, "Negotiation Generation: Take Back Your Parental Authority Without Punishment," at 2 p.m., on Sunday, Sept. 9, at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset.

Life in the first decade of the 21st century is busy and chaotic, and while it is impractical to return to the time before cell phones, Internet and the 72-channel television, parents need to take control. Many of today's parents are caught in a verbal tug-of-war with their children where requests become platforms for endless discussion. Griffin's book "Negotiation Generation" offers practical guidelines and concrete suggestions to get parents out of the endless cycle of debate. She employs anecdotal stories, gathered from her more than 20 years of counseling, and uses them to illustrate her strategies. Griffin is executive director of Proactive Parenting. She is a lecturer, writer and consultant to parents, teachers and health care professionals regarding child development, behavior management and issues affecting today's families. She is a frequent radio and television guest expert.

This is a free event. Anyone who is unable to attend and would like to order a signed copy can call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665.

Senior Scene

Anna's End of Summer Picnic is Sept. 5

Anna's End of Summer Picnic – Enjoy an end of summer picnic at Cohasset Sailing Club at noon, on Wednesday, **Sept. 5**. The theme this year is "The Great Western Barbeque." A prize will be awarded for the best western outfit. Entertainment provided by the Bartholomew, Cappers and Waynen Trio.

Spirit of Boston Lobster Luncheon Cruise – The Spirit of Boston has **canceled** the cruise.

CLASSES

Sign up for the following classes as soon as possible.

Beginners Italian – Professoressa Lanier Grassie will offer a five-week course that teaches conversational Italian and Italian culture from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Monday, **Sept. 10**. The cost is $30. A minimum of six registrants is required to begin class.

Line Dancing – Join Nancy Kramer for line dancing, from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m., beginning **Sept. 18**. The cost is $5 per class.

Senior Dance Aerobics – Join Karen Kirkendall from 8 to 8:45 a.m., each Tuesday and Thursday beginning Tuesday, **Sept. 18**, as she resumes dance aerobics classes. The cost is $3 per class.

Introduction to Tai Chi – This five-week program, which takes place from 10 to 11 a.m., begins Wednesday, **Sept. 19**. By increasing circulation and promoting deep breathing, tai chi directly enhances physical health. The instructor, C.J. Reardon, has taught tai chi for 13 years. The cost is $75 for the five-week program. A minimum of five registrants is required to begin the course.

Knitting – Edna Finegan will resume knitting classes from 1 to 3 p.m., Friday, **Sept. 21**.

"Straight Addictions Class" – Donna White, an addictions counselor at Lemuel Shattuck Hospital, will present this program from 11 a.m. to noon on **Sept. 26**. All are welcome to attend. Following the program, participants are invited to stay and enjoy a gourmet lunch prepared by the Angel Food Project.

Are you on the active voters' list?

Recently the Board of Registrars have mailed confirmation notices to voters who did not respond to the annual street listing (census) by the first of June. This mailing notifies the voter that their name has been removed from the active voting list and has been placed on the inactive voting list. In order to activate themselves they must return the postcard and they will be restored immediately to the active voters' list.

If a voter has moved to another city or town, they still need to sign and return the postcard. Their name will be immediately removed from the voters' list in Cohasset. To vote, they must register to vote in their new city /town. Mail-in forms are available.

If postcards are not returned the voter will be removed from the voters' list. Also, they will be removed if they do not vote in at least one of the next two state elections or take other action that would reinstate them as an active voter.

Building Permits

Minot, 42 Nichols Road, $55,000, construction of English greenhouse addition for hobby use; MacMillan, 141 Linden Drive, $165,000, construction of second story with three bedrooms, a new foyer and new central smoke, fire, and carbon monoxide detection systems; Iantosca, 20 Carbone Lane, 20 by 40 foot tent; Bobo, 11 Sheldon Road, $10,000, kitchen cabinets; Clark, 9A Church St., $6,000, replacement of six windows; Lehr, 245 No. Main St., $4,500, 12 by 12 foot screen porch; Deshamais, 12 Holly Lane, $25,000, installation of new windows on first floor, new side kitchen door, interior finish work, flooring, painting and new kitchen cabinets; Davis, 332 So. Main St., $15,000, demolition of existing dwelling; Pilgrim Cooperative Bank, 48 So. Main St., $5,000, residing of back shed; and Crowley, 392 Jerusalem Road, $8,900, 15 squares of rubber roofing membrane.

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Representative Garrett J. Bradley (D-Hingham) (617) 722-2120 Room 472

QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week. The House and Senate continue to meet in brief informal sessions at which little business is conducted.

Beacon Hill Roll Call reports local senators' roll call attendance records for the 2007 session through August 17.

The Senate has held 84 roll call votes. Beacon Hill Roll Call tabulates the number of roll calls on which each senator was present and voting and then calculates that number as a percentage of the total roll call votes held. That percentage is the number commonly referred to as the roll call attendance record.

Only 17 of the Senate's 39 members have 100 percent roll call attendance records. The worst roll call attendance record belongs to Sen. Pamela Resor (D-Acton) who missed 17 roll calls (79.7 percent roll call attendance record).

Rounding out the top members with the worst records are Sens. Patricia Jehlen (D-Somerville), Frederick Berry (D-Peabody) and Harriette Chandler (D-Worcester) who each missed 12 roll calls (85.7 percent roll call attendance record). Richard Moore (D-Uxbridge), Marc Pacheco (D-Taunton) and Marian Walsh (D-Boston) each missed eight roll calls (90.4 percent roll call attendance record).

LOCAL SENATORS' 2007 ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE RECORDS

The percentage listed next to the senator's name is the percentage of roll call votes for which the senator was present and voting. The number in parentheses represents the number of roll calls that the senator missed.

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

LANDLOCKED TIDELANDS (H 4184, S 2309) - The House and Senate have appointed a conference committee to hammer out a compromise version of a bill giving the state's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) the statutory authority to exempt development and construction on "landlocked filled tidelands" from the strict licensing requirements of Chapter 91 – the state law that protects the public's access to the state's waterways. The House and Senate have approved different versions of the measure. Chapter 91 dates back to the Colonial era and was designed to allow the public access to the ocean and ponds for "fishing, fowling and navigation." As populations grew, many of these waterways were filled in and developed. DEP in 1990 began exercising the regulatory authority to exempt these landlocked tidelands. The Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) in February 2007 issued a decision stating that DEP did not have this power and had exceeded its authority.

SAFE HAVEN FOR BABIES (S 2177) - Gov. Deval Patrick recently signed into law a bill extending indefinitely a law allowing parents to leave their babies under the age of seven days at a police or fire station or hospital emergency room without facing criminal prosecution. The current law was scheduled to automatically expire on June 30, 2008 unless the permanent extension was signed into law.

IDENTITY THEFT (H 4144) - Gov. Patrick recently signed into law a bill aimed at stopping identity theft and preventing an impostor from opening a new credit account using stolen personal information. A key provision allows a consumer to temporarily "freeze" his or her credit report and prevent the three major credit bureaus from issuing the report without his or her consent. Consumers would be issued a PIN number to temporarily unfreeze their credit reports when they apply for credit. Most companies will not issue credit without a credit report and would deny an impostor's application for credit when a credit report is frozen.

FORM PUBLIC EMPLOYEE UNIONS WITHOUT ELECTIONS (H 2465) - House Republicans continue to block final consideration of legislation changing the way that public employee unions can be formed in Massachusetts. The House for the past few weeks has met in brief informal sessions in which a single legislator can hold up consideration of a bill until the next formal session. The measure has already been approved by the House and Senate and only final approval in each branch is necessary prior to the proposal going to the governor. Under current law, if 30 percent of workers sign cards indicating their support for forming a union, a secret ballot election is held and a union is formed if workers approve the formation at the election. The bill would create another option that automatically creates a union without a secret ballot election if a majority of workers sign cards. Supporters say that current law favors management and gives employers a lengthy period of up to a year prior to an election to intimidate and even fire workers who campaign in favor of a union. Opponents say that the bill unfairly allows union organizers to intimidate workers into signing a card and takes away workers' ultimate power by abolishing their right to vote on a secret ballot.

GIVE ADOPTEES ACCESS TO BIRTH RECORDS (S 63) - The House approved a bill giving adoptees who are over 18 and were adopted before 1974 and after January 1, 2008, access to their birth certificates including the names of their biological parents. The 1974 cutoff date was chosen because the state in 1974 approved a law that required adoptees to get a court order to obtain the records. Supporters said that the measure would save lives by allowing these adoptees to have access to their families' medical histories. Opponents said that the bill would increase the number of abortions because biological parents would not longer be guaranteed anonymity. The Senate has approved a different version of the proposal and the House version now goes to the Senate for consideration.

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Village consultants get down to business

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After Westcott set the tone for the three-hour workshop, the consultants, which included architects, a civil engineer, a marketing specialist and town planners, presented their portion of the project.

The most immediate outcome of the project will be a set of bylaws to be brought to voters at the fall Town Meeting, as well as design guidelines to be approved and used by the planning board and long term policy considerations, particularly for parking, said Westcott.

Peter Mahady, a market analyst from FXM Associates, provided a market overview of the village business district, roughly from Carousel Antiques to the Red Lion Inn. He found the village district holds about 17 percent of town-wide business establishment, employment and sales. His findings, however, were heartening for retail business potential.



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS SHORES

Residents and business owners met Saturday morning in Cohasset to discuss the business future of the Village.

Their analysis determined there is a significant gap between area spending in a 15-minute drive time radius and sales inside the district. The gap indicates there is room for growth and additional stores in the area (*see related story*). The research and analysis was limited due to time and budget so it did not take into account planned or proposed projects in the area, like the Hingham Shipyard mixed-use development or the proposed Transit Oriented District shopping and residential development on Route 3A and how they might affect the Village.

"There's a special dynamic in the Village," said Economic Development Committee chairman Peter Brown, with the nearby harbor and Cohasset's upscale reputation that's not specifically factored into the market research. "There's economic value created by being different."

Angus Jennings, principal on the project from Concord Square Development Company, focused his presentation on keeping the village character while encouraging positive new development. Major proposed changes include introducing a floor area ratio for the district, regulating the buildings rather than the use, and moving the special permit granting authority to the Planning Board. The much-debated 40,000 square foot lot size to have apartments in the Village will be a thing of the past. He also proposed addressing parking policies to better regulate the limited parking in the area.

A key component to the success of the Village was creating a second street façade facing the town parking lot. The bylaws will be written so buildings that abut the municipal parking lot are encouraged to establish a village atmosphere and appearance on the land facing the parking lot.

To better visualize what bylaw changes will make possible, the architectural firm, Carr, Lynch and Sandell, drew up hypothetical plans for four lots in the district as a means to evaluate and visualize the written draft bylaws.

The rear of the gas station was drawn with several smaller buildings to create additional open space. It was designed to relate better with the parking way and the parking lot and create a more pedestrian friendly atmosphere. Depot Court, the Village Deli/Cohasset News building and Smith Place were also redesigned.

Creating interesting public spaces, adding plantings, increasing parking and designing different roof shapes were some of the key ideas depicted throughout the designs.

Workshop participants then broke into groups each with a specific focus — zoning bylaws, open space and parking, architecture. For 45 minutes the groups discussed ideas and visions for the village. Maps of the Village Business District were marked up as property owners discussed their plans and residents explained what they would like to see in the Village. Discussion on sustainability and green development, safe pedestrian access, affordable housing and parking were major topics at the tables.

"It seems residents are comfortable with mixed-use development in the Village provided it is done in a way consistent with the character and architecture currently in the area," said Jennings this week. He also walked away knowing the development of the backside of the South Main Street block near the parking area one of the most important pieces to creating a viable business area. He is taking into consideration comments from the meeting to tweak the portion of the bylaws concerning this area.

The planning board has been hesitant to act on any proposed bylaw changes until a professional town planner fully vetted the Village's situation and determined limits for healthy development. Many proposed projects in the village district have been on hold as they wait on zoning bylaw changes. With the hard work reaching an end, zoning bylaw changes will be brought to the fall Town Meeting to see if they can pass muster with voters. All zoning bylaw changes need to be approved by a two-thirds majority vote.

Two zoning bylaw changes were passed at the annual Town Meeting related to the Village district — the village business district was established separate from the downtown district and a bylaw re-instituting a special permit requirement for apartments.

Village consultants get down to business

FROM RETAIL, PAGE 1

regional shopping center, Cohasset Village has not lost its stake.

"The Cohasset Village Business District has done well to hold the share it has," states the memo.

Much of the data is driven by analysis of the areas within a 5, 10 and 15-minute drive time from the Village. Mahady found the Village lost a substantial piece of the market in the in the 10 and 15 minute drive times.

The consultants determined the Village would support a variety of smaller store types, including women's clothing, computer and software stores, health and personal care stores, specialty furniture stores, and special food services store. Each appeared to be underrepresented in the market area, according to the memo. In addition, the store types trend toward locating in a village or downtown setting, rather than pay the high rent of large shopping centers. FXM Associates findings also show the area could need additional full and limited service restaurants.

"[The market analysis] doesn't rule out any potential stores," or guarantee success to any store type said Mehady, adding any well managed retail store or restaurant with a superior product and superior service could succeed regardless of market analysis.

The memo offered some strategies Village property owners could employ to bring desired businesses to the area. He encouraged property owners or members of the community to use the market analysis to begin discussions with prospective businesses. Mahady suggested developers look around the area, typically in a 30-minute drive time radius and seek out successful and established small businesses.

Chris Ford, owner of 29 South Main St., brought up the impact additional housing could have on the area.

"Housing and retail each creates value for the other," said Mahady. Apartments on the second floor can generate the income needed to make a Village building viable. The influx of residents would also work to create a friendlier atmosphere for retailers, Mahady said.

"There's been a rebound to more authentic, traditional retail experience. More people are looking for an authentic shopping experience. They want to be mingling in a real street," said Mahady. The Village could provide a shopping destination unique from a mall.

However, some residents were concerned about making the Village a "destination spot" because of the environmental impacts. Resident Jim Shipsky was concerned the data was largely based on 15-minute drive area, which is dependent on the assumption the price of gas is not going to rise significantly and deter people from driving the extra distance. The transportation cost index is still below the overall consumer index, answered Mahady.

"Rising gas prices won't influence the 15-minute drive data, especially in this area," because of its affluence, said Mahady.

In small discussion groups in the latter part of the workshop, members of local environmental group, Sustainable Cohasset, further discussed the notion of re-localization and how the village could play a vital role in developing a sustainable community. They envisioned a town center where the residents of Cohasset could purchase daily needs rather than promote regional visitors to drive to the Village.

Bugs force ban on outdoor activity

Due to public health concerns regarding the Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus, the Cohasset Public Schools made the decision to ban all outdoor activities on school properties between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 a.m., effective this past Monday, Aug. 20. This ban will remain in effect until further notice.

Parents are reminded that there are still risks associated with hours not covered by this ban. Parents are urged to use caution and follow the EEE Safety Fact Sheet. Copies of the EEE Safety Fact Sheet will be available at all Cohasset Public Schools and at the following Web site: www.mass.gov/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm

At this writing, students will be allowed to participate in outdoor activities during school hours. As a parent, you have the right to request your student(s) remain indoors during recess and physical education. If you want your student to remain indoors during recess and physical education, make this request by calling the school nurse in the appropriate school.

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Rewarding experience

Sci-Coh youngsters participate in football clinic

By Ellen Maher
SPECIAL TO MARINER

"It was great to see the parents, coaches and varsity players all come together and put on a strong display of teamwork and cooperation for the youth players and their respective families."
Pete Afanisaw

SCITUATE – Saturday, Aug. 18, The Friends of Cohasset Football sponsored the first youth football clinic. Over 30 youngsters and 20 Cohasset High School varsity football players met on Lillard Field behind the high school and proceeded to have an excellent day of football skills, drills and lots of fun. The sponsors of the event, head coach Pete Afanisaw and assistant coach Phil Mahoney, were pleased with the turnout for their first Cohasset clinic.

Kids were divided by age group and quickly went through drill stations manned and supervised by the varsity players and coaches. The veterans shared best practices with their young charges, many of whom participate in Scituate-Cohasset Youth Football. Offense, defense, footwork and blocking techniques were all a part of the day's regimen. These campers were privileged to be the first to practice on the brand new blocking sled that was donated anonymously to the Cohasset High School football program.

"It was great to see the parents, coaches and varsity players all come together and put on a strong display of teamwork and cooperation for the youth players and their respective families," Afanisaw said. "On all levels the end result was a rewarding experience. The campers received some fine instruction and drill work on football specific skills that they can take with them to Sci-Coh practices and games. The players that did the instructing really worked well with the younger kids and served more as mentors and big brothers than instructors benefiting from this selfless type of commitment. Overall it helps build a bridge with the youth players in town, and hopefully will result in more of them playing football in high school. For my varsity players, it allowed for some good bonding and establishment of team chemistry."

Coach Mahoney couldn't agree more.

"Not only does the clinic help the kids, but it helps the team and the staff," Mahoney said. "The camaraderie level was outstanding and you could see players coming together as they helped instruct the campers. It's a nice way to give back to the community and make a good name for the school and the football program."

The Cohasset Gridiron Club sponsored a cookout at the end of the clinic. Gridiron club members manned the grills and provided dogs, burgers, chips and drinks to campers and instructors. It was a perfect ending to a great day of football.


Dave Snowdale takes a break with some very happy campers.


Bobby Mahoney shows his agility as he works his way through a football drill.


Matt Gregory catches a pass during the Cohasset youth football clinic Saturday.


Pat Doonan points Thomas Durkin in the right direction during a "T" drill.


Cohasset High School varsity quarterback Dave Snowdale hands the ball off to Alex Norton during the youth football clinic Saturday.

Photos by Derry Schwartner

Saying good-bye

COMMENTARY
MARK GOODMAN



Sports writing has been my dream job since I was 13. I love it every bit as much as I thought I would, and the credit for that goes to anyone reading this.

Four years ago, one could describe my knowledge of local high school sports as non-existent.

Braintree girls soccer was just another team as far as I knew, Pilgrim Arena sounded like an exhibit at Plimouth Plantation, and…wait, lacrosse? What's that?

After four years and 12 state championships covered, a lot has changed.

Now is the time for another change, as last week was my last at the Community Newspaper Company office in Marshfield. Monday, I started at my new position as senior sports editor at the Community Newspaper Company office in Concord, where I'll be covering sports in the towns of Reading, Woburn and Tewksbury.

While I'm excited about the new challenge, it was difficult thinking back on the last four years – three of them as sports editor in Braintree, Norwell, Scituate and Cohasset – and realizing all the players, coaches, parents and rivalries I'll be missing.

The rivalries, in particular, come to mind. There were always a couple fixtures each season that I would anticipate over any other. Norwell-Hanover football, Braintree-Marshfield girls soccer, Scituate-Rockland and Norwell-Abington boys basketball, Scituate-Cohasset boys lacrosse, Norwell-Duxbury girls lacrosse…Book it. I'm there.

The rivalries above produced some classic games I won't soon forget. Rarely do I stand at field level to cover games; I prefer to be up in the stands or press box where I can get a better view of the action. But the two times I can recall being on the field – Braintree-Marshfield Division 1 South girls soccer final in '05, Scituate-Cohasset boys lacrosse state final in '07 – were among the best memories I'll take from the last four years.

The combination of the fans bellowing behind me and the great games taking place in front of me made for unforgettable experiences. Watching the likes of Braintree's Amy Caldwell on the soccer pitch, or Scituate's Gary Crowley and Cohasset's three-headed attack on the lacrosse field, it was plain to see that we were seeing some of the best athletes in this region in action.

Of those 12 state champion teams I covered, six came from Braintree: three from the boys gymnastics team, two from the girls soccer team and one girls basketball title. The hoops team's run in March 2006 was unreal, with two of the last four games going to overtime and the other two coming down the last possession. And just being able to say I've covered a game from the floor of the Garden is an honor in and of itself.

I thought for sure I'd be going back to Causeway Street last March with the Scituate boys, until they ran into Medfield, who, on that day at UMass-Boston anyway, had the better team. It wouldn't surprise me in the least if the Sailors made it at least that far again this season, and I regret I won't be around to see it.

One of my first tasks as a freelancer in the fall of '03 was to cover the Cohasset girls soccer team and, my, how that program has grown since then. In four years the Lady Skippers have gone from a team that hoped to make the state tournament to a team that, with all that talent, could very well contend for a Division 3 South title this season.

Anyone who works with me knows that soccer and basketball are my two favorite sports to cover, and I consider watching all the teams above and others a privilege.

But I also like to think I've learned a thing or two about field hockey, wrestling and, of course, lacrosse, and for that I have the coaches, players and parents in all of these towns to thank.

Sports writing has been my dream job since I was 13. I love it every bit as much as I thought I would, and the credit for that goes to anyone reading this.

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Back to the future

Outlaws to honor members of 1947 Plymouth Rockets team

By David Wolcott
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PLYMOUTH – The South Shore Outlaws have only been playing out of Plymouth for a handful of years, but the tradition of semiprofessional in America's Hometown is long and storied. A part of that gridiron past will be recognized this Saturday night (Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. at Plymouth South High School) when five members from the 1947 Plymouth Rockets football team will be honored before a game with the Eastern Maine Warriors.

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Most of the members of the Rockets were football players from around the Plymouth area who were just returning home from a tour of duty in World War II and were interested in playing a little competitive football with some friends.

"We were all local guys from Plymouth, Kingston and Carver and we got to know one another pretty well," Kingston native Mario Vernazarro said during a February interview. "We had some fun times together."

Vernazarro will be one of the former players on hand for the game along with Richard Morini, Joe Leandros, Eddie Ferrari and David Almeida.

"I grew up in the same neighborhood where Richard (Morini) lived, so I've known him in particular for some time now," Rezendes said. "I think they are all looking forward to seeing each other once again and enjoying what I hope is going to be a good football game."

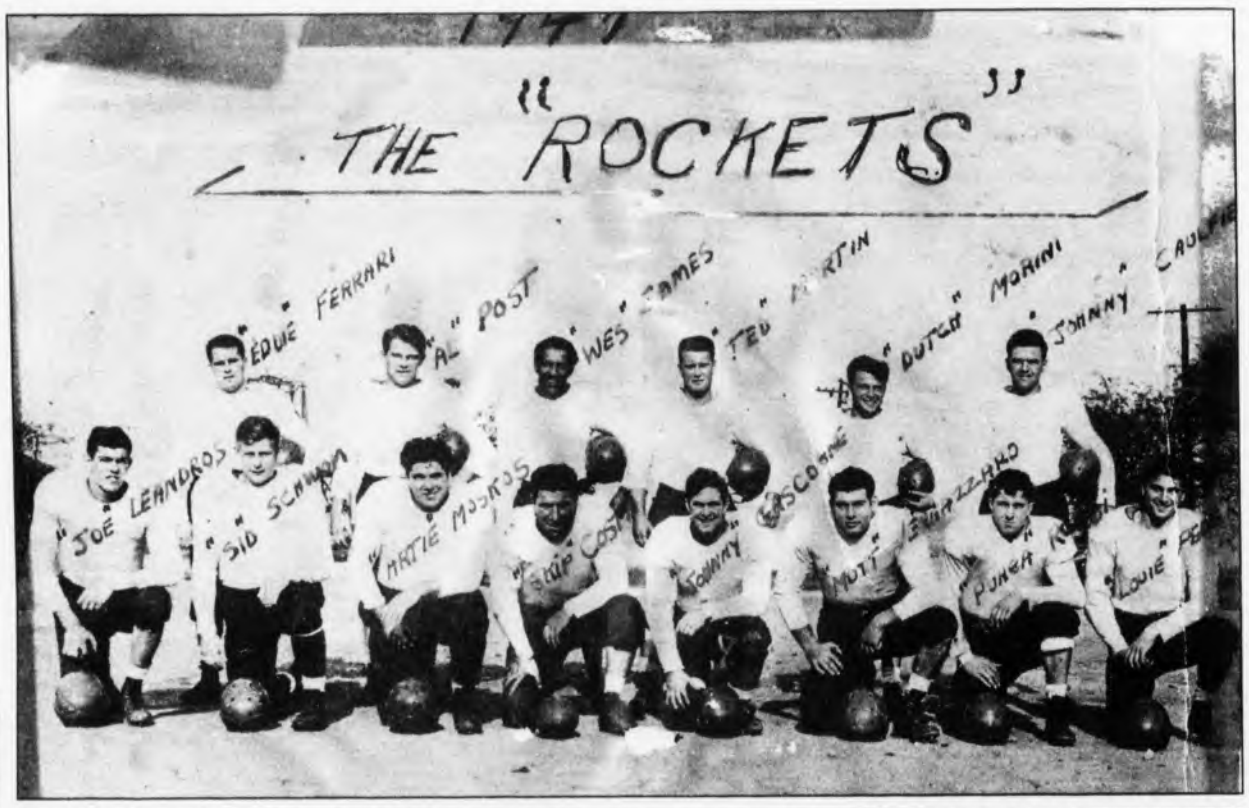
The Outlaws are coming of their best effort of the season; a 22-0 thrashing of the North East Knights, which left South Shore with a 2-3 record heading into the midpoint of the season.

"It was our best effort of the season offensively," Rezendes said about the win over the Knights. "We fumbled a couple times deep in their territory, but it was encouraging to see the way the offense was able to move the football. It looked like things were finally starting to click for us when we had the football."

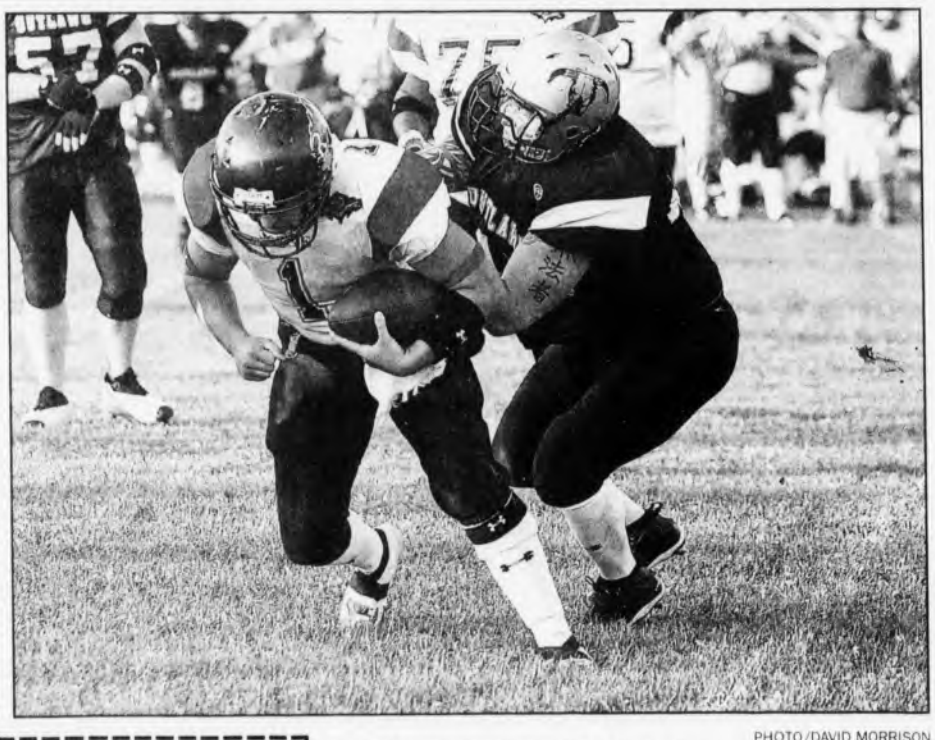
Running back Luis Gonzalzes (Wareham) led the offensive attack with a pair of touchdown runs for the Outlaws. A Matt Letourneau (Brockton) to Adam Tallman (Malden) touchdown pass put six more points on the scoreboard and the defense chipped in with the team's second safety in as many weeks to close out the scoring.

South Shore's defense has carried the team through the early part of the season. That tradition continued Saturday night as it only allowed an amazing 48 yards on the ground on the way to the win.

Hank Anderson (Duxbury) turned in another great game. He recorded nine tackles – seven of them accounting for a loss of yards. Brian Rezendes (Plymouth), Matt Costello (Wareham) and Joune Frasier (Kingston) all came up with four tackles. Rezendes as well as Peter Kane (Plymouth) added an interception to the winning cause.



The 1947 Plymouth Rockets semiprofessional football team poses for a photo. Five members from this squad will be recognized this Saturday night before the South Shore Outlaws game at Plymouth South High School. The Outlaws host the Eastern Maine Warriors at 7 p.m.



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Peter Kane makes the tackle for the Outlaws.

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Sports Notes

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Aug. 28 to Sept. 3, the top names in professional golf including defending champion Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Vijay Singh, Ernie Els and Sergio Garcia are all scheduled to appear at the 2007 Deutsche Bank Championship, one of four PGA TOUR Playoff events, at TPC Boston, 400 Arnold Palmer Blvd., Norton. The tournament features four rounds of championship golf preceded by practice rounds and pro-am tournaments. This year's Championship is part of the inaugural PGA TOUR Playoffs for the FedExCup, a four-tournament post-season playoff in which the top PGA Tour golfers will compete for the single-largest payout in sports, a $10 million first prize. Aug. 28, Deutsche Bank Boston Red Sox Legends and Friends Pro-Am, 7:30-5 p.m.

Aug. 29, Professional practice rounds, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Aug. 29, Deutsche Bank Championship Kids Exhibition, 2-3 p.m.

Aug. 30, Championship Pro-Am Competition, 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Sept. 2-3, Championship rounds 3 and 4, 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Tiger Woods Foundation is the primary beneficiary of the Deutsche Bank Championship. In 2006, the Championship successfully reached its fundraising goal and raised a record $2.6 million for the Tiger Woods Foundation and New England charities. Since its inaugural 2003 event, the Deutsche Bank Championship has raised a total of $7 million for charity.

Pro-Am and practice round tickets are $25; championship round tickets are $45. Multi-day packages are also available. Tickets may be purchased at www.dbchampionship.com or by calling 1-877-TIX-4DBC.

Clancy-Darling race

The 9th Annual 5K Clancy Darling Road Race Saturday, Sept. 1 . This race is held in memory of Colleen Clancy, Allison & Erin Darling, who were tragically killed on the way to school, in September, of 1998. The proceeds of this race sponsors scholarships in their name and benifits many other various programs, in the Town of Pembroke.

Start: Pembroke Library. Time; 9 a.m. Finish: Pembroke Community Center. Cost is $20 post-registration day of race. Web site link for online registration: http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1473802

Course: Follows Center Street, turn Right onto High Street, turn Right on Mountain Ave, turn Right onto Center Street, finish at front doors of Pembroke Recreation.

St. Joseph School Golf Tournament

Be a part of St. Joseph School's 10th annual golf tournament, Saturday, Sept. 15, at Whaling City Golf Club at New Bedford, 581 Hathaway Road, New Bedford. Registration at 11:30 a.m., shotgun start at 1 p.m. Sign up as singles, doubles, foursomes. Price is $90 per person, includes greens fees, carts, driving range, and a hearty Steak Dinner served after golf, at the Knights of Columbus in Mattapoisett. If you do not play golf and would like to join in the fun, dinner tickets are also available. There will be prizes and raffles. For information or an application, call development director Cathy Melanson at Saint Joseph School at 508-996-1983.

Annual SIDS race will occur Sept. 16 in Hingham

Sunday, Sept. 16, the 26th annual SIDS Road Race will be taking place in Hingham to raise funds for the Massachusetts Center for SIDS. All funds raised will go toward research, family support and education.



PHOTO/DERRY SCHWANTNER

Clinic participants and members of the Cohasset High School football team pose for a group photo after the clinic at Lillard Field.

With the generous support of sponsors, runners, and friends the Road Race Committee has been able to donate more than $272,000 over the last 25 years.

The course starts and finishes at Hingham High School and traverses four miles of beautiful Wompatuck State Park. The Race consists of three events: The 10K Road Race, which is sanctioned by USA Track & Field, includes age categories and is run by competitive and casual runners.

With water stations, three miles of shaded path and one challenging hill, it is a well-balanced course, enjoyed by all. The 10K Walk-a-thon, which follows the same course as the run, attracts both dedicated walkers as well as those participants who wish to gather pledges and support the event. The two-mile Fun Run is an event for all ages, where everyone is a winner. The course is flat and easy and welcomes runners and walkers from youngest to oldest. It is a true family event.

Pre-registration is $15 for all races. Post-registration is $20. Registration opens at 8 a.m. on Sept. 16 with the race times starting at 9:30 a.m. (10K Walk-a-thon & two-mile Fun Run) and 10:30 a.m. (10K Road Race).

For information, call 617-842-9517 or e-mail SIDSroadrace@msn.com. Visit the Web site www.sidsroadrace.org for an application.

Sixth annual Foundation Fifty-Five Charity Bicycle Ride

The Dick Melloni Youth Foundation (DMYF) kicks off the fall season with its annual Foundation Fifty-Five Charity Bicycle Ride to be held Sunday, Sept. 16. The ride begins at the quaint Onset Harbor Pier in Onset and proceeds through 55-miles of Upper Cape Cod's most beautiful cycling beginning with the Cape Cod Canal. After enjoying the view of Cape Cod Bay from Scussett Beach, riders will proceed toward breathtaking vistas of the Plymouth Harbor and waterfront. Then, on to the Myles Standish State Park for a spectacular roll through the unspoiled State Forest, and back to Onset for post-ride check-in and festivities that include therapeutic massage, prizes, and a grand all-you-can eat pizza party. Ample parking, clearly marked routes, maps, sag wagons, mobile tech support and first aid are provided. Rest stops have food, water and rest rooms.

Registration is $40 plus $250 in minimum fundraising contributions. All participants registered prior to Aug. 1 that meet the minimum fundraising requirements receive a professional quality cycling jersey with cool sublimated graphics unique to this year's event and a tote bag filled with useful and fun bicycling items. Late registrations are accepted, however, at that time jerseys are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

A full 100 percent of the proceeds from this fundraising event will directly support established DMYF programs for youths, including the "Lids-4-Kids" bicycling helmet safety program, the DMYF Child Literacy Program, and our "CARBS" (Children Always Ride Buckled Safely) Program to promote child car seat safety to name a few. This is a sanctioned 501-3C charity, and as such all donations are fully tax-deductible. For a registration form or information regarding sponsorship or volunteer opportunities, call Rich or Kim Melloni at 508-295-5035 or e-mail melloni@comcast.net, or visit www.dmyf.org. Riders can register online at www.BikeReg.com or www.Active.com.

Wareham Junior Basketball Association golf tournament

The Wareham Junior Basketball Association will be holding its second annual golf tournament fundraiser Saturday, Sept.22, at Bay Pointe Country Club in Onset. There will be a 1 p.m. shotgun start, with a barbecued chicken dinner and raffle to follow. Foursomes are currently being accepted. Registration is $85 per person and includes golf, cart and dinner. Checks can be made payable to Wareham JBA and mailed along with team captain contact info to: Wareham JBA, 125 Highland Street, Unit 310, Taunton MA 02780. E-mail any questions to bspiro@warehamjba.net.

Foxboro High School ice hockey position

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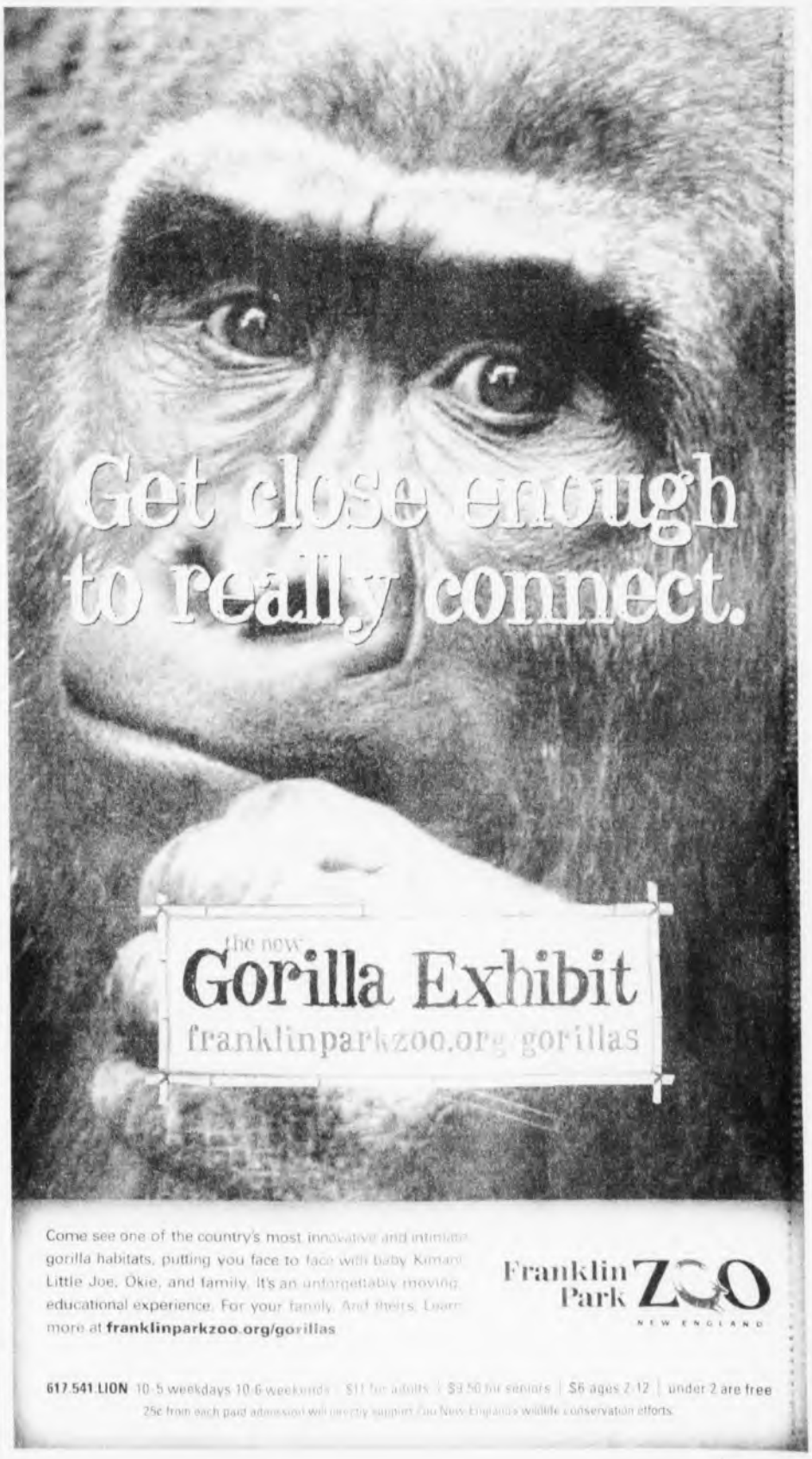
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OBITUARIES

Lawrence David Ainslie Jr.

Retired from Cohasset Police Department

Lawrence David Ainslie Jr. of Cohasset and North Fort Myers, Fla., 52, died suddenly in Georgia Aug. 11, 2007.

The son of Lawrence D. Sr. and Florence Ainslie of Cohasset, Mr. Ainslie was a sergeant on the Cohasset Police Department prior to his retirement.

Mr. Ainslie was a police officer on the Cohasset Police Department, starting as an auxiliary officer and becoming full time in the mid 1980's until his retirement when he moved to North Fort Myers, Fla. He had always wanted to be a police officer since his childhood, which was evident by his letter in grade school to the then Cohasset chief, Randolph Feola, asking the requirements to become an officer. Prior to joining the Cohasset Police force he worked as a Pinkerton Agent in Boston, where he received a Certificate of Commendation for outstanding service from the Boston Police. He attended Cohasset Public Schools until high school and graduated from South Shore Academy.

While with the Cohasset Police Department he worked on many special projects including the K-9 and Cobweb patrol units. He was a devoted father to both Elizabeth and Adam and worked tirelessly in his support and assistance of his son Adam's band. Mr. Ainslie was known for his quirky sense of humor. He was also an avid dog lover, owner and trainer of guard dogs.

In addition to his parents, he leaves his children, Elizabeth Ainslie of Providence, R.I., and Adam Ainslie of North Fort Myers, Fla.; his sister, Karen Ainslie Crawford of Halifax; the mother of his children, Sarah Blossom of Providence, R.I.; a niece and nephew; and many friends.

A graveside service was held at Woodside Cemetery in Cohasset. Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Donald F. Beale

Vice president Eastern Insurance

Donald F. Beale, 64, of Cohasset, died Aug. 17, 2007, at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Mr. Beale was born in Boston and raised in Dorchester. He attended English High School and graduated in 1960. He worked for Kemper Insurance Agency in Boston as district manager covering the South Shore and Cape Cod. Mr. Beale next worked for Mahoney & Wright Insurance for more than 30 years, becoming senior vice president. He then worked for the last 10 years for Eastern Insurance.

An avid golfer, he enjoyed playing golf as a member of Hatherly Country Club. In particular, Mr. Beale enjoyed playing in the Tobin Golf Tournament at Hatherly Country Club, and, had he played this as he intended, it would have been his 31st year in the tournament.

Mr. Beale was a member of the Elk's in Marshfield, as well as a member of the River Club in Bradenton, Fla.

He leaves his wife, Jackie (Coffin) Beale; his daughter, Kelly Beale Swanson of Scituate; his brother, James R. Beale of Scituate; and his grandchildren, Ashley, Kileigh and Bubba.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. Interment in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset. Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Memorial donations may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney St., Boston, MA 02115.

Pauline Keating

Worked for New England Telephone Co.

Pauline Keating, 89, a lifelong resident of Cohasset, died Aug. 17, 2007, at Golden Living Center in Cohasset. The daughter of the late Thomas J. and Helen (Daly) Keating, Ms. Keating was a graduate of Cohasset High School, Class of 1936.

She worked for more than 43 years for New England Telephone Co., and was a member of the Telephone Pioneers.

She leaves her sister, Mary Keating of Cohasset; and 40 nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews.

She was the sister of the late T. Gerard Keating and Barbara Keating Rinkavage.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony Church. Interment in St. Paul's Cemetery, Hingham. Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Anthony Parish Building Fund, 129 South Main St., Cohasset, MA 02025.

The Mariner welcomes photos of your loved ones to accompany obituaries by e-mail to mford@cnc.com or by mail to 73 South Street, Hingham, MA 02043

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Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Aug. 26 – 9 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House, led by the Mark and Abigail Alves and Susan Dormitzer families. This service concludes our summer Sunday series. All are informal intergenerational, and inviting. Come join us!

There will be no service on Labor Day weekend, Sept. 2.

On Sunday, Sept. 9, the 10 a.m. services begin with a Service of Ingathering on the theme "Kindle One Flame."

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road. 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

If you are summering in Cohasset, you are very welcome to join us in worship.

If you are a resident of Cohasset or any nearby towns and you are looking for a church, please feel free to stop by this summer and learn about our programs and services for adults, youth and children.

Our summer services are Sunday at 8 am and 9:30 am and Wednesday 9:30 Eucharist with healing service.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood. Appointments to speak to the staff can be made by calling or emailing. Office hours are daily from 8:30 am until 2 pm, noon on Friday.

Bible studies continue throughout the summer on Saturday morning at 7:00 am. Christian meditation continues every Monday at 4 pm at church.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Summer schedule. Friday evenings 6 p.m. light refreshments and services start at 6:30 p.m. in the David C. Carr Shalom (weather permitting) at the side of the building. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

On Monday, Aug. 27, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Healing Prayers and Meditation Techniques Through Prayer with Rabbi Joseph – Feel the power of healing prayers. If you or a loved one are in need of healing prayers, or are a caregiver, or one who wishes to understand what Judaism teaches us about the power of restorative prayers, this course if for you. RSVP to the Temple office at 781-749-8103.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **September 4th at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **Order of Remand from the Massachusetts Land Court dated July 19, 2007** and/or any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants are, **Vincent and Tracy Longo and Typhoon Realty, LLC, of 34 Bancroft Road,** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. **File #07-13-08.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Cohasset Board of Selectmen seeks competitive proposals for the disposition of certain real property at 821 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, MA, for affordable housing development. The property includes a two-family dwelling on approximately 5,864 sq. ft. of land, shown as Parcel 01-052 on the Cohasset Assessor's Map. The property was acquired through tax title foreclosure and will be conveyed to a qualified developer selected pursuant to a Request for Proposals, all in accordance with M.G.L. c.30B, s.16. The RFP may be obtained from William R. Griffin, Town Manager, (781) 383-4105. Proposals must be received no later than 12:00 Noon on September 14, 2007, addressed to: Cohasset Board of Selectmen, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025. All proposers are strongly encouraged to attend a pre-bid conference and tour that will be held on the property on August 31, 2007, at 11:00 AM.

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Police/Fire Log

MONDAY, AUG. 6

3:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** suspicious activity.

3:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** lost property.

4:50 p.m. **King St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

4:50 p.m. **Ripley Road,** suspicious vehicle. Caller reports there is a woman parked in her car in the parking lot that has been there for about an hour and looks suspicious. Officer reports the woman was just doing paperwork and she will be on her way.

5:04 p.m. **North Main St.,** caller reports a gold Corvette is driving erratically.

5:09 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle crash. Caller reports her car was hit while inside Shaw's. Party will handle on her own.

5:15 p.m. **King St.,** medical aid.

5:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

6:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle crash.

8:34 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** noise complaint. Caller reports loud noises are coming from the beach. Local resident with his wife and kids are fishing, they will try to keep it down.

11:54 p.m. **Norman Todd Road and Beechwood St.,** suspicious activity. Officer out with two bicycles. Both parties in headquarters awaiting parents. Transported both parties to the local address.

TUESDAY, AUG. 7

1:02 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

1:06 a.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

1:07 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks secure.

8:03 a.m. **King St.,** medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

10:21 a.m. **Grace Dr.,** animal complaint Caller reports coyote in backyard.

10:33 a.m. **North Main St.,** caller reports vandalism to the playground. Officer reports no vandalism.

11:32 a.m. **Elm St.,** suspicious activity. Caller reports two males walking in and out of people's yards; one male wearing a gray T-shirt and shorts, the other wearing a white T-shirt. Officer reports the males check out OK, they are working on a neighbor's house doing landscaping and they are figuring out the plans.

12:23 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle stop.

12:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle stop. Woman summonsed on charge of operating a motor vehicle with suspended license.

12:59 p.m. **South Main St.,** the Speed Board has been posted.

2:30 p.m. **Kings Way,** medical aid. Scituate Fire requests R3 for a child stung by a bee.

4:45 p.m. **North Main St.,** fire. Caller reports she has a flooded basement and the water may be getting into the electrical outlets. E3 reports no hazard, returning to quarters.

4:54 p.m. **Pleasant St. and Depot Ct.,** traffic enforcement.

5:18 p.m. **Depot St. and Pleasant St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

5:58 p.m. **Cushing Road,** breaking and entering, past/report. Caller states she has just come home with her son to find her front door open and the door frame hanging off. Caller was advised to meet the officers out front and not to touch anything. Officer states it looks like someone has kicked the door in.

6:25 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane,** injured animal. Caller reports there is an injured bat in her backyard.

6:49 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** parking enforcement; parking ticket issued. Officer tagged two vehicles without permits at Wadleigh Park.

8:32 p.m. **North Main St. and Ripley Road,** caller reports the house behind him plays loud music every night and he would like it to stop.

8:36 p.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

9:04 p.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

9:15 p.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

10:15 p.m. **King St.,** medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 8

12:36 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

1:26 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

1:26 a.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

7:11 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** erratic motor vehicle operation. 911 cell caller reports erratic operation of a black Chevy pickup headed southbound.

8:03 a.m. **Indian Trail,** medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS. Scituate Fire requesting R3 for a 94-year-old male with trouble standing and a history of heart problems.

9:17 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

11:40 a.m. **Curtis Road, Scituate,** medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

11:55 a.m. **Margin St.,** property damage. Walk-in party reports a hydrant has been hit and the vehicle took off.

12:02 p.m. **King St.,** suspicious activity. Walk-in party reports there were a few youth hanging around the house and the doors are now open. Sergeant has secured the home – no problems.

12:29 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** disturbance. Caller reports an extremely drunk male walking around in the store. All units clear at this time; male party checks OK, this is a medical condition.

4:35 p.m. **Pleasant St.,** animal complaint. Calling party stated there was a snapping turtle in the middle of the road.

5:07 p.m. **Norfolk Road and Hill St.,** suspicious activity.

5:31 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** assist citizen. Calling party states that there is an elder citizen that can't find her car. Caller reports she has found her car.

6:29 p.m. **Forest Ave.,** animal complaint. Calling party lost a yellow Lab with no tags.

8:02 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** property. Caller reports two bikes that appear dumped in the bushes.

8:03 p.m. **Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Ave.,** motor vehicle stop. While on a call a resident stopped officer and notified him that a gray Jeep with three youth just threw a cooler of beer into their car and left. Arrest: Christopher Curtis Mills, 22 Rustic Dr., Cohasset. Charge: Possession of liquor by person under 21. Arrest: Colin A. Smith, 41 Rustic Dr., Cohasset. Charge: Possession of liquor by person under 21. Arrest: Patrick M. Horigan, 64 Linden Dr., Cohasset. Charge: Possession of liquor by person under 21.

8:41 p.m. **North Main St.,** disturbance.

10:45 p.m. **Sohier St.,** lost property. Walk-in lost a set of Harley Davidson keys at this location.

10:48 p.m. **North Main St.,** animal complaint. Caller states that a dog at this location is barking a lot. He said it appears as if no one is home at the house. People were home and no dog was barking.

THURSDAY, AUG. 9

12:23 a.m. **Jerusalem Road,** suspicious person. Caller states "there is a man wearing boxer shorts and carrying a backpack walking on the side of the road."

12:47 p.m. **Margin St.,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

1:06 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

1:07 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

1:49 a.m. **Forest Ave.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

1:59 p.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

2:02 a.m. Missing child. Mother in headquarters to report her 16-year-old daughter is missing.

2:32 a.m. **Reservoir Road,** noise complaint. 911 caller states "there is a male party walking on the street, swearing." Male party was wearing a white T-shirt and headed toward Pleasant Street.

2:48 a.m. **Pond and King streets,** motor vehicle stop. Missing juvenile is in the motor vehicle. Mother and daughter reunited.

3:14 a.m. **Atlantic Ave. and Nichols Road,** suspicious activity.

3:33 a.m. **Lamberts Lane,** medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

9:30 a.m. **Jerusalem Road,** animal complaint. Caller reports a coyote is in his backyard acting very strange. Officer reports there are now two. APO is in town and he will respond to assist.

11:18 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

11:43 a.m. **Atlantic House Ct., Hull,** medical aid; transported to Quincy Medical Center/BLS.

12:32 p.m. **Sohier St.,** detail officer reports a young child is locked in a car.

2:38 p.m. **Sohier St.,** vandalism report; caller reports vandalism.

2:58 p.m. **Elm St.,** medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

3:22 p.m. **King St.,** disturbance. Caller reports they need the police for a group of unwanted guests.

6:23 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle crash/hit and run. Caller reports he came out to his car after grocery shopping to find a note on his car with a registration number and a message saying someone hit the rear of his truck and left.

6:44 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** erratic motor vehicle operation. Caller reports there are two males on motorcycles riding side by side going at a fast rate of speed.

8:23 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** trespassing. Caller reports a suspicious vehicle parked in front of the private drive.

8:38 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** suspicious activity. Caller reports she witnessed a green Caravan go off the road and then pulled into the liquor store. She states the passenger then stumbled into the liquor store. Officer states the passenger is intoxicated, not the driver.

10:43 p.m.. **South Main St.,** power outage. Caller from the above location states him and his neighbors have lost all power, even the street lights are out. Notifying the electric company.

11:54 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** building checks.

FRIDAY, AUG. 10

12:48 a.m. **King St.,** suspicious activity.

1:27 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** public service. There are a couple of flashing lights inside the business. Appears to be a problem with the light bulbs.

1:49 p.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

1:50 p.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

6:37 a.m. **Booth Hill Road,** medical aid, mutual aid to Scituate. Transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

7:46 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.,** assist citizen. Caller states "the traffic is backed up from Pond Street to Beechwood Street." Sergeant checked the traffic and it is regular morning traffic.

8:23 a.m. **Lamberts Lane,** medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

11:12 a.m. **James Lane,** animal complaint. Party reports he is missing his chocolate Lab.

11:31 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation issued.

12:07 p.m. **King St.,** officer wanted.

1:55 p.m. **Sohier St.,** Osgood/Deer Hill schools check.

3:12 p.m. **Pond St.,** high school check.

7:26 p.m. **Hanover Police Department,** BOLO announcement. From Hanover Police Department, stop and hold. Wanted by Hanover Police Department for 209A violation, possibly driving a gray 1999 Ford Taurus four-door sedan. Hanover will pick up.

7:39 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** missing person. Called in by the Scituate Police Department, they are looking for a possibly disoriented 59-year-old male. He is wearing all black at this time. 6 feet 1 inch, 190 pounds. He is possibly walking somewhere near the tennis courts on 3A. Officers are out with this individual on Cedar Street next to the golf course. This individual has been returned to his family.

10:09 p.m. **Sohier St.,** protective custody.

10:16 p.m. **Black Horse Lane,** animal complaint.

11:39 p.m. **South Main St.,** notification. Caller states her ex-boyfriend has ADD and is not taking their break up well. She doesn't want police or medical assistance at this time, she just wants it logged if there is a need for future reference.

SATURDAY, AUG. 11

1:25 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

1:39 a.m. **White Head Road,** medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

9:50 a.m. **Parker Ave.,** parking complaint. Officer reports there are no parking signs posted – no violations.

10:18 a.m. **Jerusalem Road,** animal complaint.

10:47 a.m. **Forest Ave.,** traffic complaint. Caller reports vehicle passed her on Forest Avenue.

11:26 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** parking complaint. Caller reports vehicles parked on side of roadway.

12:17 p.m. **Elm St.,** lost property.

3:26 p.m. **Border St.,** bridge jumpers; officer removed kids from bridge.

5:08 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Red Fox Lane,** suspicious activity. Caller reported that her daughter was being harassed by involved party. Officer spoke with him and will be clear. No crime committed.

5:23 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation issued.

5:23 p.m. **Elm St.,** medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

6:06 p.m. **Elm St.,** officer wanted. Walk-in party requests a restraining order.

7:06 p.m. **Elm St.,** BOLO announcement. Hingham reports an unarmed robbery at the 7/11 at Queen Anne's corner. Gold Saturn/Chevy Malibu driven by a bald male with a female passenger. Norwell has the motor vehicle in question.

7:10 p.m. **Parking Way,** suspicious activity. Walk-in reports a person has passed out in the bushes near this location. Officer transporting party home.

7:57 p.m. **Hull St.,** parking complaint. Two cars tagged.

8:15 p.m. **Channel St.,** medical aid/mutual aid Hull; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

8:24 p.m. **Ripley Road,** suspicious activity.

8:59 p.m. **Elm St.,** BOLO announcement. Hull reports a drunk male driving this vehicle possibly headed toward Cohasset.

10:37 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** noise complaint. Caller reports excessive noise.

11:45 p.m. **South Main St.,** noise complaint. Resident is reporting he is unable to sleep due to the function at the Red Lion.

SUNDAY, AUG. 12

12 a.m. **South Main St.,** noise complaint. Caller reports a loud party in the area of South Main Street.

12:36 a.m. **South Main St. and Stanton Road,** suspicious activity, arrest. Caller reports there is a party damaging mailboxes in the area. Arrest: Charles P. McConathy, 287 South Humboldt St., Denver, Colo. Charge: Vandalized property.

2:01 a.m. **Elm St.,** BOLO announcement. Wanted by Scituate Police – a black Infinity hit and run to a police motor vehicle, left side damage, female operator. Scituate Police have located the Infinity.

9:29 a.m. **Linden Dr.,** motor vehicle crash/injuries. Caller reports motor vehicle accident – vehicle hit tree.

10:51 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

11:31 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

12:20 p.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks. Osgood/Deer Hill school check.

12:23 p.m. **Elm St.,** animal complaint. Caller reports dog inside vehicle parked in front of above location – windows slightly open. Officer reports owner is at location – officer opened window.

1:05 p.m. **North Main St.,** assist citizen. Walk-in party locked keys inside vehicle – needed to use phone to contact AAA.

1:13 p.m. **Summer St.,** notification. Officer reports water leaking at Vet Memorial, contacted Water Department.

We are pleased to announce that David C. Tapp, MD has joined our practice.



Board certified in Internal Medicine and Nepphrology., Dr. Tapp is a graduate of Saint Louis University School of Medicine, Missouri. He fulfilled his residency at Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center in Aurora, Colorado. His internship and fellowship in Nephrology were completed at Brooke Army Medical Center, Ft. Sam, Houston, Texas. His clinical interests include diabetic kidney disease, glomerulonephritis and dialysis. Dr. Tapp practices Primary Care in Abington and is available at Southeast Medical Center and Compass, Taunton for Nephrology patients.

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What's happening on the South Shore

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'Back in Black' tributes AC/DC

Band performs in Plymouth Aug. 24

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



Lead vocalist Darren Caperna and lead guitarist Mike Mroz perform with the AC/DC tribute band Back in Black.

It's been more than seven years since AC/DC gave its last concert. While some fans of the hard rock band — formed in Sydney, Australia, in 1973 by brothers Angus and Malcolm Young — wait patiently for new product from the group famed for hits like "You Shook Me All Night Long" and "Highway to Hell," others have decided to look to the cover band "Back in Black" for their heavy metal fix.

"The fans really miss seeing AC/DC in concert. Their absence from touring has left a big hole that is very hard to fill. In the tribute band business, we're in demand when the group itself isn't performing anymore," explained Mike Mroz last week by telephone from his home in Dallas. A founding member and lead guitarist of "Back in Black," Mike Mroz and vocalist Darren Caperna, bass player Taylor Smith, guitarist Mike Wagner, and Jay Benzi on drums have been reproducing the high energy of AC/DC in concert since 2001. "AC/DC has fans everywhere, not just in the U.S. and Canada, but worldwide. They have a true force of loyal people behind them. The band hasn't toured since 2000, but they are still together. They keep talking about recording and touring again, but it just doesn't happen. Their fans are still very much with them."

Mroz — who will be with "Back in Black" at Plymouth Memorial Hall on Friday — counts himself among AC/DC's loyal followers.

"I've always been a big fan. 'The 'Power Age,' from 1978, was one of the first albums I ever owned. I've seen them in concert many times and have always thought that they crafted really great songs. Now I listen to them differently, because I am listening for guitar tone. They played with aggression in concert, but the tone was never distorted. I play Angus Young in our group so he is the one I study the most. Angus is a truly great guitarist with roots in the blues. He is just amazing to listen to and to watch. I'm no Angus Young, but I try and deliver the same energy that he had in concert. Each of us in 'Back in Black' has tried to learn all we can from these guys."

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> Founding member and lead guitarist Mike Mroz

Mroz isn't just continuing to learn about his favorite music, he is also teaching it to the next generation with his Texas-based "For Those About to Rock School."

"We teach children 10 and up the ins and outs of rock 'n roll from scales to theory. And every three months or so, we put on a big rock concert that all the students get to perform in."

In addition to teaching and performing with the cover band, Mroz is also part of "Strip Wired," an original rock band which opens for "Back in Black" on the road. The married father of two, however, has no plans to put away the AC/DC song sheets anytime soon. That's a good thing, too, if the reaction of one AC/DC insider is any indication.

"The lead singer for AC/DC, Brian Johnson, was scheduled to come to see us perform in Sarasota, Fla. near where he lives, a few years back," Mroz recalls. "Brian was flying back from the UK, however, and his plane was delayed causing him to miss our show. His wife, Brenda, did come to see us, though, and backstage afterward she gave us a compliment we will never forget. Brenda Johnson said: 'I've seen my husband's band hundreds of times and you guys are every bit as good as they are.'"

"Back in Black: The Ultimate AC/CD Tribute" will be at Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth at 8 p.m. on Aug. 24. For tickets and information, call 508-747-1340 or go to any local FYE or Strawberries location. For further information, go online at plymouthhall.com.

Movie review



The Countess Celimene (Ludivine Sagnier) has moves put upon her by Moliere (Romain Duris).

Loving in the past

"Moliere" (B+)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

In opening scenes in Laurent Tirard's "Moliere," actors on a 17th-century stage play the stock farcical characters Cuckold and Trollope. Later, Jean-Baptiste Poquelin, also known as Moliere (Romain Duris of "The Beat My Heart Skipped"), and his troupe return to Paris from the provinces, where they have become famous, to a theater reserved especially for them.

But the young Moliere, reminiscent of a certain immortal Preston Sturges character, doesn't want to write farces anymore. He's through with making the groundlings laugh. He wants to be taken seriously as an artist, and for that tragedy is king.

Soon, disguised as a tutor, Moliere becomes enmeshed in a domestic farce in the French countryside, involving Monsieur Jourdain (a very funny Fabrice Luchini), a wealthy merchant besotted with a Countess (Ludivine Sagnier), and Jourdain's beautiful, unfulfilled wife (a stunning Laura Morante) and daughter.

Taking the name, ahem, Tartuffe, Moliere insinuates himself into the rich man's family and confidence, observes how Jourdain is exploited by a greedy aristocrat (a terrific Edouard Baer), tutors Jourdain in writing and acting to help him woo the Countess, all the while courting Jourdain's neglected wife behind his patron's back. If you know Moliere and recognize the character names, you probably know where this is headed. Beautifully shot and scored by Gilles Henry and Frederic Talgorn, respectively, "Moliere" is reminiscent of "Shakespeare in Love" and, occasionally, "Black Adder" and Monty Python and has shots of spectacular beauty.

In one, the Countess, a dilettante with a popular salon, addresses a roomful of rich, female listeners. The tableaux of pastel-colored haute couture resembles nothing more than a living bouquet of flowers. It's good to be the Countess.

On some level, the film is just an arthouse bodice-ripper conspicuously lacking in ripped bodices. It needs more "Tom Jones"-style sexual shenanigans. But it is as well-made and cast. Duris appears to have stuffed his cheeks with cotton a la Brando and his antics are often delightfully Chaplinesque, and Morante ("The Son's Room") is remarkably lovely. In lieu of an actual farce by Moliere, this bit of drolerie will do.

Rated PG-13. "Moliere" contains sexual references and situations.

Calendar of events

Thursday, Aug. 23

Michael Tougias, author of **Ten Hours until Dawn**, will be the featured speaker at the Aug. 23, meeting of the Pelagic Sailing Club. Michael will be talking about his just published book **Fatal Forecast**. Pelagic meetings are held in the second floor function room at the Savin Hill Yacht Club, 400 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. The business meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and the speaker at 8 p.m. All meetings are open to the public and free of charge. For information go to pelagicsailingclub.org.

The Plymouth Farmers' Market, held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. Aug. 23 **folk harpist, Shelley Otis.** For information, contact Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug 23, **Texas Hold'Em, with Northern Poker League** 781-829-6999.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke **Texas Hold Em** every Thursday night at 6:45 and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth. **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue** Blues Jam featuring **Diane Blue Aug. 23** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Friday, Aug. 24

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Aug. 24, **Funky White Honkies**, eclectic rock. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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The 2007 Deutsche Bank Championship takes place Aug. 28-Sept. 3 at TPC Boston, 400 Arnold Palmer Blvd. Norton, and includes the top names in professional golf including defending champion Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Vijay Singh, Ernie Els and Sergio Garcia. Pro-am and practice round tickets are $25; championship round tickets are $45. Multi-day packages are also available. Tickets may be purchased atdbchampionship.com or by calling 1-877-TIX-4DBC.

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2007 Project Arts of Plymouth Free Summer Concert Series, Pilgrim Memorial Park, Water St., Plymouth. Aug. 29, 6:30 p.m. Soul City, 8 p.m. The James Montgomery Band. For information visit projectarts.com

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The Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce's Downtown Plymouth Waterfront Festival on **Aug. 25 and 26** has delighted residents and visitors for over 15 years with its eclectic mix of arts and entertainment. The Festival returns with favorite events such as the Duck Races and the "America's Hometown" Plymouth Idol Competition, while introducing a new event, the Row to the Rock Boat Race highlighting the 50th Anniversary of *Mayflower II*. For a complete listing of all festival activities visit plymouthwaterfrontfestival.com

Third annual Hot Stove, Cool Music takes place at Fenway Park on Aug. 24, 4 p.m. doors open, 5 p.m. show. Performance lineup includes: five-time Grammy Award Winner **John Legend**; **Buffalo Tom**; **Kay Hanley**; **French Lick** featuring Boston Celtics Managing Partner & Co-Owner **Wyc Grousbeck** and the **Hot Stove All-Stars** featuring Red Sox Executive Vice President/General Manager **Theo Epstein** and ESPN Commentator **Peter Gammons**. The event will be emceed by comedian and television star **Mike O'Malley**. Tickets for Hot Stove, Cool Music: The Fenway Park Sessions are $40 and are available at redsox.com or by calling the Red Sox ticket office, 877-RED-SOX9.

Plymouth Antiquarian Society Gala Benefit and Re-Opening of Harlow Old Fort House. The event will take place at the restored 17th century Harlow Old Fort House, 119 Sandwich St., Plymouth, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Aug. 24, followed by the grand public re-opening of the house on Aug. 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Friday evening gala is a benefit to support the renovation of the Harlow House, and will feature candlelight tours, hors d'oeuvres, complimentary wine bar, silent and mini auctions and music by the Gary Farias Band. Tickets are $40 per person, and reservations are required by calling 508-746-0012.

New England Singles Dances – ages 40 and over July Aug. 24 from 8 p.m. to midnight Moseley's on the Charles, **50 Bridge St., Dedham.** DJ. **Admission $12.** visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 24, **Infuse** 781-829-6999.

Run of the Mill Tavern, 6 Spring St., Plymouth. Aug. 24, 9 p.m. until closing, **The Hot Sauce Band**. For information, visit nightmuiscco@verizon.net.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Mission of Blues** Aug. 24, at 9:15 p.m. p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Saturday, Aug. 25

Cape Cod Air Show guests can **Do Something Amazing** at Otis Air National Guard Base, Aug. 25-26 for second area visit in back-to-back weekends. Featured for those traveling to Otis Air National Guard Base for the conclusion of Air Force Week New England, Aug. 25-26, will be an authentic 50-Foot, F-16 Fighter Jet, Pilot 'Spatial Disorientation' Ride will want to "Do Something Amazing" and experience the sights and sounds of the U.S. Air Force through a fresh and innovative grassroots Tour at the 2007 Cape Cod Air Show. This comes on the heels of the Tour visiting the Wings of Hope Air Show at Pease ANG on Aug. 18, 19. General information about the Tour schedule and event locations are posted at AIRFORCE.com

The Chiltonville Congregational Church, 6 River St., Plymouth presents its **Eighth Annual Antique Show and Sale** featuring 30 antique dealers on the meetinghouse grounds Aug. 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine. Admission $4.50. For information call Donna Olsson at 508-746-1677.

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Summer Celebration at the Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St. (Route 18) Weymouth, continues through Aug. 31. A collection of multi-media works of art by some of New England's finest artists including Isabelle Shamitz and Kathy Ferrara. Also featuring new gallery artists George Hartley, Vincent Elliot and George Murray Free and open to the public.



Artwork by Kathy Ferrara



Hours: Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Closed Monday and Tuesday. 781-331-3384 for information.

Artwork by Vincent Elliot



Artwork by Isabelle Shamitz



Artwork by George Hartley

Mark your calendar



KING RICHARD'S FAIRE, a vivid recreation of a 16th century English marketplace at festival time, begins its 26th season on Sept. 1, through Oct. 21. Eat, drink and be merry as you enjoy the actors, dancers, puppeteers, jugglers, minstrels, mimes, magicians and musicians who perform on the Faire's eight stages each weekend for the favor of his Royal Highness King Richard. Watch knights joust on horseback, see exotic animals, browse the wares of more than 100 artisans, including sword makers, glass blowers and more. Amazing new acts to be featured this year include The Lost Boys, a Renaissance Rock Band and the Aerial Angles, who perform acrobatic feats high in the air. King Richard's Faire is located on Route 58 in Carver. Admission is $25 for adults, $14 for children aged 5-12, and children under 5 are free. Special rates are available for groups of 25 people or more. Parking is free. For more information: (508) 866-5391 or kingrichardsfaire.net

AN EVENING OF JAZZ, RHYTHM & BLUES fundraising event Sept. 22. Music by the Bellevue Cadillac. Silent and live auction, hors d' oeuvre's and buffet dinner prepared by The Catered Affair. Cash bar and dancing. Event held at the Hingham Armory. Tickets are $75 per person. All proceeds to benefit a Habitat home in Hingham. For advance ticket sales, auction donations, to be a program sponsor or volunteer to help. Contact nldevine@gmail.com

NANTASKET SEASIDE ROAD RACE takes place Saturday, Sept. 1, Entry Fee: $15. Pre-Registration (before Aug. 26) $20 Day of Race Registration (Registration opens at 6:30 a.m.) Scenic 4-mile seaside run. Participants may register online at town.hull.ma.us: (Click on Nantasket Seaside Road race under News and Announcements on right hand column on home page) racersresource.com coolrunning.com Any questions, contact Race Director: Kristen Evans at 781-925-2720.

JEFFREY COOMBS MEMORIAL ROAD RACE AND FAMILY WALK. Registration is underway for the race that begins at 9 a.m., Sept. 9, at Woodsdale School in Abington. Registration fees, if received by Aug. 31, are 17 for adults, $12 for students and $5 for children younger than 12. Late or same-day registration fees are $20, 15 and $8. Early registrants are guaranteed a T-shirt. Short children's race, raffles a disc jockey, clowns, balloons, face painting, moonwalk and free food will be featured. Race day registration begins at 7:30 a.m.; runners may pick up numbers Sept. 8, 4 to 5 p.m., at Woodsdale if convenient. Race day chedule: 7:30-8:30 a.m., registration; 8:30 a.m., kid's race; 9 a.m., run begins; 9:05 a.m., walk begins. For information, to sponsor the event or to donate a raffle item, call Christie at 781-982-1608.

4th ANNUAL RUNNING OF JOHN'S RACE, Sept. 9, 10 a.m. Pope's Tavern: South and Plymouth Sts. (Rt. 106), Halifax, 5-Kilometer (3.1 miles) run/walk and 10-Kilometer (6.2 miles) run. Visit johnsrace.com or coolrunning.com for registration forms or pay on-line.

SOUTH SHORE MEMORY WALK on Sept. 23, at Plymouth Plantation in Plymouth. Form a team or walk as an individual. Money raised by Memory Walk helps provide care and support for individuals and families touched by Alzheimer's. For information call John Scott at 508-747-2868 x298 or e-mail jscott@radiusmanagement.com or visit memorywalkma.org.

13th ANNUAL BENEFIT WALK FOR ANIMALS sponsored by Standish Humane Society at Wompatuck State Park, Hingham, on Sept. 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This 3-mile walk is on a paved and handicapped-accessible route through a beautiful state forest. Funds raised by walkers will help Standish reduce the tragedy of pet overpopulation through an active adoption and reduced-cost spay/neuter program.

Call 781-834 4663 or visit standishhumanesociety.com for registration information.

3rd ANNUAL "MITO-WHAT?" 5K WALK Oct. 6, Nelson Field, Plymouth to benefit the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation (UMDF). Registration begins: 9:30 a.m. Warm-up: 10:45 a.m. Walk: 11 a.m. Family Fun Zone: noon to 3 p.m. (Open to the Public) Online Pre-registration by Oct. 3, $15 Individual. Event Day Registration Fee: $25 Individual. Children 5 and under are free. All registered walkers will receive five tickets to the fun zone. Join the UMDF's efforts to become "One Step Closer to a Cure." Registration available online at mitowhat.org, or call 508-224-7165 for information.

The Sparrow House in Plymouth will feature a photography exhibit through Aug. 31 by Marshfield resident **Mike Sleeper.** The opening is tonight from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Sparrow House, 42 Summer St. For information, call 508-747-1240.

Plymouth Antiquarian Society Re-Opening of Harlow Old Fort House. The event will take place at the restored 17th century Harlow Old Fort House, 119 Sandwich St., Plymouth, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Aug. 25. A ribbon cutting ceremony and cake, children's activities, demonstrations of coppering by artisan Ron Raiselis and tours of the historic home will be offered. Also featured will be performances by sea chantey singer and marine artist Don Sineti at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Maritime historian Glen Grasso will provide commentary on traditional sea songs and give a reading. For information, call 508-746-0012.

New England Singles Dances – ages 40 and over. Aug.25, from 8 p.m. to midnight VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington. Light buffet. **DJ Paul DiPanfilo** Admisstion $8. Visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 25, **Jon Fratassio's Key West Party** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **The Hootchies** Aug. 25, at 9:15 p.m. p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Aug. 25, **Sleepy La Beef**, rockabilly. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sunday, Aug. 26

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The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, every Sunday **Dave Foley**, acoustic jam, 9 p.m. No cover. 781-335-9796.

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The Chiltonville Congregational Church, 6 River St., Plymouth presents its Eighth Annual Antique Show and Sale featuring 30 antique dealers on the meetinghouse grounds Aug. 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine. Admission $4.50. For information call Donna Olsson at 508-746-1677.

Classes

THE PILGRIM SKATING CLUB offers group skating lessons at Hobomock Arena in Pembroke under the USFSA Basic Skills program. New seven week Fall Sessions begin Wednesday, Sept 5 (5:35 - 6:30 p.m.) and Saturday, Sept 8 (12:30 - 1:20 p.m.). Fees: $90. There is a once-a-year USFSA registration fee of $7.50 for all students. Skaters must be 5 or older. Adult skaters are welcome Saturdays. Helmets are required for beginning skaters. Register during club hours beginning Aug 27 or reserve space by email: pilgrim-learn2sk8@usa.net. Include name, age of skater and phone number. Payment is due first day of session. For information call the Pilgrim Skating Club at 781-294-7575 or visit pilgrimskatingclub.com

THE LIGHTHOUSE THEATRE is now accepting registrations for children and teen's (ages 5 years and up) for its fall musical workshop of "Peter Pan." Rehearsals start Sunday, Sept. 16, and will be held on Sundays at the Beal House, Route 106 in Kingston. The production will perform at the end of November. Space is limited. For information call 508-747-6857.

DREAMCHASERS THEATER ARTS CENTER announces registration for their Fall Theatre Classes which begin Sept. 17 for students age 6 through adult held at The Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main St., Norwell. Contact 508-224-4548 or visit dreamchaserstheatre.org for information.

WELLSPRING, 814 Nantasket Avenue, Hull, "Reason To Believe" Adult Learning Program for ages 16 to 22. Earn your GED, improve math and reading skills. Monday and Wednesday evening classes. All classes free of charge. Call 781-925-3211 or visit www.wellspringhull.org for immediate enrollment.



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The Hanover Bandstand Summer Concert Aug. 26, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. **Old Kids on the Block** will perform. Free and handicap accessible. The Hanover bandstand is located on Route 139, Hanover Center. For information visit the bandstand web site at hanover-ma.gov.

Public Japanese tea ceremonies will be held at **The Art Complex Museum,** 189 Alden St. off Route 3A in Duxbury on Sunday, Aug. 26 and Sept. 30, at 2 pm in the tea hut located on the museum grounds. The program is conducted by presenter Aiko Rogers in one of the very few tea huts in New England, called Shofan, Wind-in-the-Pines Hut. Ms Rogers will explain the ceremony and answer questions. Utensils used for the tea are exquisite and span four centuries. The ceremony, itself, is a quiet, simple ritual based on hospitality. Admission is free but seating is limited and available on a first-come basis. Guests are advised to dress for the weather. In case of rain the presentation will take place inside the museum.

Sunset at the Abbey: Brass & More Aug. 26, at 4 p.m., **Atlantic Symphony Chamber Players** continue their popular tradition of a summer's-end concert on the lawn at Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham. Featured musicians include the brass quintet Innovata, playing a versatile repertoire of classical, jazz, Dixieland and swing, plus Atlantic Symphony clarinetist **Juliet Lai,** oboist **Mie Shiraishi,** and pianist **Konstantinos Papadakis.** Bring a beach chair or blanket and picnic, to celebrate an evening of fun and relaxing music in the company of friends. $15 adults, $10 seniors, youth through age 18 free. Tickets available at the gate, or in advance at La Petite Maison, Hingham Square, Buttonwood Books, Cohasset, Abbey Bookstore. Call 781-740-5694 or atlanticsymphony.org

Free Fun Day, Aug. 26, from noon to 3 p.m., at 593 Washington St., Weymouth. Hosted by Crossroads Worship Center of Weymouth. Fun for the entire family including face painting, moonwalk, games, food, prizes, music and more. For information, visit crossroadsworshipcenter.org.

Monday, Aug. 27

Abigail Adams Birthplace, 180 Norton St., N. Weymouth, opens for the season, July 1 through Labor Day (Sept. 3) Thursday through Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. or by appointment $5 per adult/$1 for children under 12 781-335-4205.

Tuesday, Aug. 28

The 2007 Deutsche Bank Championship takes place Aug. 28-Sept. 3 at TPC Boston, 400 Arnold Palmer Blvd. Norton, and includes the top names in professional golf including defending champion **Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Vijay Singh, Ernie Els** and **Sergio Garcia.** Pro-am and practice round tickets are $25; championship round tickets are $45. Multi-day packages are also available. Tickets may be purchased at dbchampionship.com or by calling 1-877-TIX-4DBC.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 23, **Texas Hold'Em, with Northern Poker League** 781-829-6999.

Wednesday, Aug. 29

Business Network International President's Club Chapter will meet at 7 a.m., on Aug. 29, at Emerald Hall, 120 Bay State Dr., Braintree. **Paula Lemay,** a personal chef service from Milton and owner of **Someone's in the Kitchen will** be the featured speaker at the weekly breakfast meeting Visitors are welcome. For more information, call club president Norm Abrahamson at 781-828-2270 or email ngalaw@canton-law.net.

2007 Project Arts of Plymouth Free Summer Concert Series, Pilgrim Memorial Park, Water St., Plymouth. Aug. 29, 6:30 p.m. **Soul City** 8 p.m. **The James Montgomery Band.** For information visit www.projectarts.com

Thursday, Aug. 30

The Plymouth Farmers' Market, held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. Aug. 30, **singer-songwriter Sherry Malone.** For information, contact Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.



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The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 30, **Radio For The Blind,** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue** Blues Jam featuring **New Blue Revue** Aug. 30, at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Friday, Aug. 31

New England Singles Dance Aug. 31, 8 p.m. to midnight Sheraton Braintree Grand Ballroom, Rtes. 3/I-93 at Exit 6, Braintree, DJ. $12. www.singlesdances-newengland.com

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 31 **Sister Cheryl** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Aug. 31 **The Hivewhackers** at 9:15 p.m. p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Run of the Mill Tavern, 6 Spring St., Plymouth. Aug. 31, 9 p.m. until closing, **'Ol Dudes, Paul & Dave.** For information, visit nightmuiscco@verizon.net.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Aug. 31. **Incredible Casuals,** eclectic rock. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Quick Flix



Officer Michaels (Seth Rogen) and Officer Slater (Bill Hader) check out the ID of McLovin (Christopher Mintz-Plasse) in "Superbad."

New Releases

"THE INVASION" (C-)

Let's remake "28 Days Later" with Nicole and the new James Bond! That's the conversation I imagine taking place when "The Invasion" got the green light. The fourth movie version of Jack Finney's 1955 story "The Body Snatchers," it's more like "28 Pods Later." As for Kidman, she's the embodiment of a movie star, namely, someone who can go sleepless for days while being chased by zombies and still look totally hot. (Rated PG-13)

"ROCKET SCIENCE" (B+)

Making a bid to be this summer's "Little Miss Sunshine," the film tells the fictional coming-of-age story of Hal, ahem, Hefner, a tongue-tied Plainsboro, N.J., high school student who is in speech therapy, although he is extremely intelligent and his head, as he puts it, is "full of retorts." (Rated R)

"SUPERBAD" (A-)

Far superior to "America Pie," the film brings together much of the talent pool from "The 40-year-old Virgin" and "Knocked Up" for a definitive coming-of-age comedy. The plot is simplicity itself. Seth and Evan are assigned the courtly task of purchasing booze for a party. "Superbad" is so deliriously funny I found myself laughing uncontrollably at times. But what's best about it is in spite of all the profanity and lewdness, it's totally sweet at its core. (Rated R)

Ongoing

"12:08 EAST OF BUCHAREST" (A-)

It's the anniversary of the 1989 "revolution" ousting Communist dictator Nikolae Ceausescu in Romania. But was there a genuine revolution or did some Romanians merely crawl out from under their rocks only after they had heard Ceausescu had fled in the night in his chopper? This is the question no-budget, talk-show host Virgil Jderescu (Teodor Corban) wants answered, and the answers he gets offer an amusingly Kafkaesque glimpse into Eastern European politics. (Not Rated)

"ARCTIC TALE" (B-)

The live-action "Arctic Tale" gives us a newborn polar bear and a walrus cub instead of penguins, Queen Latifah instead of Morgan Freeman and Harvard graduate Kristin Gore among the writers. This perhaps explains why "Arctic Tale" comes across as "An Inconvenient Truth for Polar Bears and Walruses." Melting ice and earlier and hotter summers have wreaked havoc with the "ancient rhythm of the seasons." But do we really need a symphony of walrus farts? Just in case you don't get the message, stick around for the final credits to hear overly made-up and coiffed children tell you, "Stop global warming." Oh, shut up. (Rated G)

"BECOMING JANE" (B+)

Novelist Jane Austen is the Austen-esque heroine of this appealing biographical film. Anne Hathaway ("The Devil Wears Prada") follows in the footsteps of such Americans as Gwyneth Paltrow and Renee Zellweger, to play the British protagonist. Directed by Julian Jarrold ("Kinky Boots") in a "Masterpiece Theater"-like style, the film takes a cue from "Pride and Prejudice" and patches together a life story with James McAvoy of "The Last King of Scotland" as Austen's Darcy-like suitor. Hathaway may not be the most graceful swan in the lake (she actually galumphs). But her Jane is quite becoming and her co-stars shine. (Rated PG-13)

"THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM" (A)

"Casino Royale" upped the ante and "The Bourne Ultimatum" ups it right back. Jason Bourne (Matt Damon), the James Bond of the post-9/11 era, is back, and he's still being hunted. By whom and for what reason hardly needs to be explained in these ultra-violent, paranoid times. They're after us; that's the only thing we know for sure. Distinguishing hunter from hunted is the brain-teasing conceit of the "Bourne Identity" films. Damon and the rest of the cast are all first-rate. "The Bourne Ultimatum" is finally a damning vision of a rogue U.S. government that believes the 9/11 attacks have given it license to surveil, "rendition," torture and kill anyone it likes. Have a ball watching Jason Bourne revoke it. (Rated PG-13)

"DR. BRONNER'S MAGIC SOAPBOX" (B)

A breezy documentary on a true American eccentric. Emil Bronner (1908-1997) was a German-Jewish emigre and self-anointed "doctor" who used his all-purpose liquid soap to spread his philosophy — to live the "Moral ABCs" of his "All-One-God-Faith." Today, Dr. Bronner's organic Castile soap is celebrated as an icon of '60s counterculture. (Not Rated) — Stephen Schaefer



Fat City Band

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Reunions

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL – All class reunion Oct. 13, 2007, social hour 6 p.m. dinner catered by Fasano Caterers at 7 p.m. at the Sons of Italy Hall, King Hill Road, Braintree. $30 per person. Call Barbara Johnson at 617-479-3604.

ROCKLAND HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1972 Reunion, Oct. 20, 2007, from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel, Rockland. Contact Fran Carriere - franc516@aol.com or 781-878-4832 or Bill Holland – cycling53@comcast.net or 781-740-5070.

COHASSET HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1972 is planning a reunion for Oct. 26, 2007. More information is available at classmates.com and will be updated regularly. They are trying to locate classmates. Log on to the Classmates web site and become a member so that they can reach you and you can receive notice of updates. You can also visit tessahoc72@yahoo.com

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1987 Alumni are planning the HHS Class of '87 20 Year Reunion – and are looking for classmates. If you keep in touch with any Hingham High-School '87 alumni, contact Tracy O'Sullivan at 781-982-1226 *or* Dawn Youngworth at shane-andmom@comcast.net The reunion will be held at the Red Parrot in Hull on Friday, Nov. 23, 2007, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

WEYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL ALL CLASSES REUNION will be held Feb. 8 and 9, 2008 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, 7470 Highway192 in Kissimee, Fla. Call 1-800-327-9170 for reservations. On Feb. 10, a cruise departs for four nights, five days to the Bahamas. For information visit geocities.com/Lureman72 or contact Dick Laneau for registration for at 727-345-4323 or email luresWanted@tampabay.rr.com

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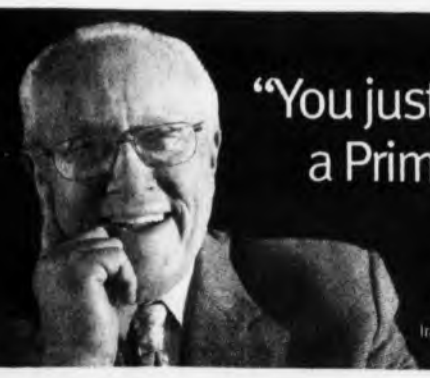
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New principal for Deer Hill

deChiara is 'ready to go'

By Nancy White
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The schools are revving up for another year of educating the youth of Cohasset. The hallway floors are sparkling, the classrooms are decorated and curriculums set. All that is left is to do is welcome back the students on Tuesday, Sept. 4. In turn, the students (at least at Deer Hill) will be welcoming a new addition to the Cohasset school administration: Dr. Jennifer deChiara, principal.

DeChiara has spent the summer getting to know the community, the teachers, the curriculum and the school. Now, all she needs to do is get to know the students.

"My first priority is to get to know the people and the programs," says deChiara.

With about 350 students, Deer Hill is half the student body size of her most recent elementary principalship in Canton and exactly what she was looking for in a new job.

"I felt I could be a more effective instructional leader if I focused on a smaller number of students and families," she said. Her desire for a smaller school partly stemmed from her recently completed doctorate studies at Lesley University where she wrote her thesis on ethics in the area of elementary school principalship. Her research took her to interviews with principals from all over the state and got her to think in advance of ethical dilemmas that could very well happen to her.

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Principal Dr. Jennifer deChiara says her first priority is to get to know the people and the programs at Deer Hill School.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Kindergarten teacher Christina Grossman decorates her classroom, as she gets ready to start the school year.

Opening day is Tuesday

By Nancy White
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Come Tuesday morning kids will be riding school buses instead of waves, sporting new sneakers instead of flip-flops and carrying backpacks instead of beach towels. It's time for Cohasset to go back to school. Administrators, teachers and staff didn't take much of the summer off and have been working diligently to improve the schools for the 2007-2008 academic year.

"There is no summer off," says Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh but she never fails to feel anxious, just like the kids, in the days leading up to the first day of school, "I breathe a sign of relief the day after Labor Day. It becomes out of my control and into the capable hands of the school administrators and teachers."

Although the anticipation and anxiety subsides for Walsh with the first day of school, there is constant work to be done to renew and reform the curriculum, the district goals, teaching methods and infrastructure.

"It's about building and determining how we can make our schools better,"

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Second annual triathlon is likely

Proposed date: July 13, 2008

By Nancy White
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There could be a second annual Cohasset Triathlon next July.

Police Chief James Hussey, Harbormaster Lorren Gibbons and Triathlon Race Director Bill Burnett appeared in front of the Board of Selectmen on Monday night to give a post-event report. An "after action" meeting was held last month to de-brief the various public safety officials and brainstorm improvements for a second annual Cohasset Triathlon.

"We felt the event went really well for a first time event," said Hussey, "every public safety department provided assets to the event."

Hussey ran down the list of safety personnel provided to this year's event. The police and fire chiefs, as well as the harbormaster all worked the event. Cohasset Police officers, with the help from surrounding communities, supplied 15 officers on detail (including motorcycles and bicycles) to handle various traffic posts along the route and to man the command post. Seven paramedics manned two ambulances, an engine and the command post. A medical team from South Shore Hospital included a doctor, two paramedics and an ambulance. On the water, the

"It was a great community event and I'm delighted to hear you want to do it again."
— Selectman Ted Carr

Harbormaster and three Assistant Harbormasters operated three boats off Sandy Beach.

The Cohasset Triathlon success at putting on a well-run event, bringing hundreds of athletes and spectators to Cohasset on July 8 was tempered by the death of a triathlete who was pulled from the water during the first leg of the triathlon.

"We are deeply saddened by the loss of a participant," said Race Director and Cohasset Triathlon founder Bill Burnett, but believed the race was a great event in other aspects. More than $50,000 was donated to the race's charity, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. He estimated 1,000 non-residents came into the community during race day and then many spent the day in Cohasset at restaurants and in the Village. He hopes to get more local business involved in the second annual Triathlon.

Selectman Ted Carr agreed, after the event he saw racers and their families at the Red Lion Inn, Atlantica and walking in the Village, "it was a great community event and I'm delighted to hear you want to do it again."

Each public safety department saw some minor logistical and safety improvements for a second annual triathlon. The police suggested posting

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PICTURE THIS/David Hernon, Ross Collins-Wooley and Andrew Cantillon



PHOTO/MARY FORD

The Mariner caught up with David Hernon, Ross Collins-Wooley and Andrew Cantillon at Sandy Beach this week.

Names: David Hernon, Ross Collins-Wooley, and Andrew Cantillon

Occupation: Beach maintenance workers (David and Andrew). Sandy Beach lifeguard (Ross).

Best day of your life: Learning to surf (David). Family barbecue at Appalachia Service Project (Ross) Getting my learner's permit (Andrew).

Best vacation: Europe (David). Grand Canyon (Ross). Paris (Andrew).

Favorite season: Summer (David). Winter (Ross & Andrew).

Favorite holiday: Christmas (David & Andrew). Halloween (Ross).

Favorite food: Steak & potatoes (David). Mashed potatoes with chicken (Ross). Mashed potatoes (Andrew).

Best book: "1984," by George Orwell (David). "Thief Lord," by Cornelia Caroline Funke (Ross). "Catch 22," by Joseph Heller (Andrew).

Best movie: "Animal House" (David). "Blades of Glory" (Ross). "The Departed" (Andrew).

Best TV show: "The Office" (David). "Firefly" (Ross). "Entourage" (Andrew).

Pet peeve: Questionnaires (David). Rule breakers (Ross). Waiting in line (Andrew).

Most embarrassing moment: Answering this question (David). When I had a conversation with a person thinking they were someone else (Ross). Answering this questionnaire (Andrew).

Goal: Work in the music industry (David). State champion wrestler (Ross). Getting into college (Andrew).

Person you'd most like to meet: Chuck Norris (David). Jim Gaffigan (Ross). My great-grandparents (Andrew).

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Large home under scrutiny

Stormwater and size are concerns

By Nancy White
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Stormwater runoff and the sheer size of a proposed home were paramount concerns brought forth at the first part of a large home site plan review. The Planning Board took a first look at design plans for 18 Little Harbor Road last Wednesday (Aug. 22) evening before a room full of concerned neighbors.

The previous home on the lot, a home with a distinctly "Japanese flair" as described Planning Board Chairman Al Moore, has been demolished. The Large Site Plan Review applicant Oceanside Builders and owners Douglas and Kara Karo have designed an approximately 4,500 square foot home.

The sloped property brought about concerns that the house looks significantly larger from the rear than it does from the front.

"The origins of large home site plan review are to prevent the massing of a house. This property is anything but flat and from the rear is looks like a massive structure," said Moore.

The Large House Site Plan Review was passed at Town Meeting in April 2004 in an effort to preserve the town's character and prevent the "mansionization" of Cohasset. The bylaw came after an uproar about a home proposal at 3 Jerusalem Lane about four years ago. The site plan review insures abutters are notified if a "large house" is going to be built in their neighborhood and that the Planning Board holds a public hearing to air concerns on both sides. Proposed homes exceeding the greater of 3,500 square feet or 10 percent of lot area up to 6,000 square feet must go before the Planning Board.

"Our job is to end up with the best possible project for the applicant and the neighbors through this site plan review."
— Bill Good, Planning Board

Member Stuart Ivimey had more problems with the designs, "the roof is grotesquely large and I feel bad for the neighbors to the rear of the building," he said, pointing to the high roof design at several points during the meeting. He requested the plans be revised to show the elevation chart on the designs. The structures' heights were given on a separate sheet which Ivimey and others Planning Board members found hard to follow.

"There are similar lots and other homes in town like this. In the front of the home it looks like a 2.5 story house but from the rear it looks like a 3.5 story house," said Vice Chairman Bill Good after Ivimey argued the proposed plan was for a four-story home.

Good, a local real estate agent, advised the applicant to consider downsizing the home, "there is a market for sensible houses that fit the neighborhood of Little Harbor Road," said Good and was worried the new home could be considered aggressive and in the extreme, offensive.

"There is a certain amount of proportion and balance in a neighborhood. Our job is to end up with the best possible project for the applicant and the neighbors through this site plan review," said Good.

Member Mike Westcott agreed there could be some detriment when houses are built without paying attention to the scale of the neighborhood. Counsel for the developer, Matthew Watsky and the developer, Douglas Karo said the plans were within all town zoning bylaw regulations.

The developers were unaware of a stormwater drainage problem plaguing the lot and the one behind it until a recent trip to the Conservation Commission. However, Watsky said measures had already been taken to decrease runoff from the site. Six dry wells to collect roof runoff during rain events will be installed west of the proposed house. The prior house had little runoff remediation, said Watsky.

Rear abutter Alfred Slanetz of 14 Nichols Road is concerned about impact to his property that has long suffered from water running down the adjacent property.

"A pretty significant amount of water comes down the hill," said Slanetz, who was accompanied by his own civil engineer consultant, John Chessia. Slanetz described an antiquated catch basin system — likely dating back to the 1950s — to control the water flow and take it to the storm drain in the front of his property.

The property is slated for tie in to the town sewer plant with the Little Harbor sewer expansion project.

The to-be-built home is currently listed on the Gallery 360 Real Estate website for $2.5 million.

A new design plan with the elevations clearly shown will be brought to the continued public hearing on Wed., Sept. 5.

Dedication of Beechwood Ballpark

The Beechwood Ballpark has a whole new look. To commemorate the completion of ballpark renovations the Beechwood Ballpark Committee will hold a dedication ceremony and celebration on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 10 a.m. at the field. The celebration will be packed with activities for the whole family including a homerun contest, an old-timers baseball game, kids games, face painting, a basketball shooting contest, antique cars, food and more. Mark your calendar for this fun event.

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POLICE BEAT

Intoxicated youth taken to hospital

By Mary Ford
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Police Chief James Hussey said a teenager, who was visiting Cohasset, was taken to the hospital by ambulance after he appeared to be "overly intoxicated."

Police responded to a call at about 10:23 p.m. Sunday (Aug. 26) from a concerned citizen about a large group of youths "acting up" on Highland Avenue. The caller reported one of the teens was passed out and possibly intoxicated. Hussey said police did come across the group. Police did not find any alcohol present and the youths were not forthcoming about where they had been.

One of the teens told police the boy who was intoxicated had drunk vodka. Police were not able to determine where he obtained the vodka or how much he had drunk.

The mother of the boy, who had been spending the weekend in Cohasset, arrived and went to the hospital with her son, police said.

Underwear

Police sent two men who had stopped to do some fishing near Cunningham Bridge on their way last week. The men, whom police described as in their early 30s and whom they believe are European because of their accents, had coolers containing bait. One of the men had taken his pants off and was only wearing his briefs.

Police responded to the area after receiving a call last Saturday (Aug. 25) at about 9:30 a.m. from a concerned citizen who saw the men parking a car, get out with the coolers and walking down on the rocks just in their underwear. The officer told the man wearing briefs that he really needed to put his trousers back on. The man was somewhat taken aback and did not realize that was inappropriate.

Bikes

A police officer that had been working the previous night recovered a stolen bicycle while he was working a detail at the Music Circus on Aug. 23. Chief Hussey explained that by chance the officer was on a detail when he saw the bike on the ground that had been reported stolen from Hull Street while he was on duty the night before. The officer contacted the victim to come and pick up the bicycle.

A Summer Street resident told police last week that a bicycle had been left at the end of his driveway. Police said the bike was in bad shape and had been left outside for sometime; someone had apparently dragged it to the end of the driveway. The DPW was contacted to pick it up.

A mountain bike that was reported as stolen last Friday was found by an officer the following day and the owner retrieved it, police said.

On a related issue, Chief Hussey said police have about 15 bikes at the station. If someone is missing a bike, they should come to the station and see if one of the bikes belongs to them, he said.

Cement mishap

Police said a cement truck lost a lot of wet cement on Route 3A near Pond Street at about 1:40 p.m., last Thursday (Aug. 23). The driver apparently did not realize what had occurred and kept on driving. Witnesses were able to provide identifying markings on the truck and police in turn contacted the truck company, which contacted the truck driver who returned to the location.

Police said there was wet cement on the road and some may have splattered onto the Brown's Auto property, making possible contact with some of the vehicles there. The truck company immediately sent out a crew to clean up the cement and the owner spoke with Brown's Auto about taking care of any cleanup at that business, police said.

ID theft

Two sisters believe their mother, who lives on Elm Street, has been the victim of identity theft, police said. The sisters, who have power of attorney, told police last week that their mother had received correspondence from a bank about a credit card account in her name. Their mother is certain that she does not have a credit card account from that bank. Chief Hussey said it appears that someone opened a credit card in their mother's name and made purchases through that account earlier this year.

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Free screenings

The Cohasset Board of Health will offer free health screenings to Cohasset residents at the Annual Health Fair on Tuesday, Sept. 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church next to Town Hall.

Screenings will include blood pressure, vision and hearing, cholesterol and blood sugar, oral cancer, osteoporosis (bone mineral density) chiropractic and mental health screenings. There will be demonstrations of family emergency and disaster planning, holistic health methods including reiki, nutrition and massage therapy. Refreshments will be available and provided by Stop and Shop, Dunkin Donuts and Atlantic Bagel.

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	HIGH				LOW			
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	Sunrise: 6:21 a.m.				*Sunset: 6:57 p.m.*			
Fri. 14	1:34	9.0	1:49	9.1	7:32	0.7	7:56	0.5
	Sunrise: 6:22 a.m.				*Sunset: 6:55 p.m.*			
Sat. 15	2:13	8.7	2:25	9.0	8:09	1.0	8:36	0.7
	Sunrise: 6:23 a.m.				*Sunset: 6:53 p.m.*			
Sun. 16	2:54	8.3	3:04	8.8	8:48	1.3	9:19	0.9
	Sunrise: 6:24 a.m.				*Sunset: 6:52 p.m.*			
Mon. 17	3:37	7.9	3:47	8.6	9:30	1.7	10:05	1.2
	Sunrise: 6:25 a.m.				*Sunset: 6:50 p.m.*			
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	Sunrise: 6:26 a.m.				*Sunset: 6:48 p.m.*			
Wed. 19	5:15	7.3	5:26	8.3	11:06	2.2	11:50	1.6
	Sunrise: 6:27 a.m.				*Sunset: 6:46 p.m.*			
Thurs. 20	6:11	7.2	6:22	8.3	—	—	12:01	2.3
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Police took a report on the matter and detectives instructed the sisters on how to file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission and how to notify the credit bureaus. This is routine police procedure in this type of case, Hussey said.

Calls for help

Police cut the locks at the gate to Wompatuck State Park off Doane Street to look for someone who had been reported as calling for help. A biker called 911 at about 5:43 p.m. on Thurs. (Aug. 23) to say he had heard someone calling for help inside the park. Chief Hussey said police searched the entire area and could not find anyone. Police also notified the environmental police and park officials about the report. "We could not find any indications about anyone being in trouble," Hussey said.

Hanging out

Young teens hanging out near Tedeschi's in the Village after 10 p.m. are posing a problem for the convenience store because congregating youths can make it difficult for patrons, police said.

Officers sent youths on their way a couple of times last week.

In an unrelated incident, an older teen — who allegedly stole a candy bar from the store — could be facing shoplifting charges. He is being issued a no-trespass order, which means he could be arrested if he returns to the store.

Fight

Police responded to report of a fight last week that was called in by a concerned citizen last Thursday (Aug. 23) at just before 6 p.m. in the vicinity of 747 Chief Justice Cushing Highway (3A). Further investigation revealed that the fight, which was over a girlfriend, was over and peace was restored. Both men involved convinced the officer that everything was OK, police said.

Hand injury

A worker injured his hand last Friday when he was trying to take a machine off a flatbed truck on Cedar Street. Apparently the roller, which is used to flatten asphalt, veered off the runway and fell off the back of the truck. A couple of DPW workers going by helped free the man's hand. Police said the injury required stitches but did not appear to be serious.

Behavior issue

Police are working with a local youth and his mother to determine what might be causing his behavior. The teen came into headquarters last week to ask if his keys and wallet were there. When the dispatcher asked if he had lost them, the teen made a derogatory remark and left. The same teen has been exhibiting irrational behavior at the library, police said.

Laptop taken

A Music Circus employee called police last week after noticing the laptop he had left in his car was missing. The employee, who thought he had left the rear windows to his car open slightly, reported the missing laptop both to the Music Circus and to the police. There were no obvious signs that the car had been broken into. Chief Hussey said he noticed the case was not on the backseat as he was driving home.

The victim is getting the serial number of the computer so detectives can look at different locations where the laptop could be sold.

Flare guns

In two separate incidents last week, people notified police about flare guns they had found. Police belief the flare guns, which were found in the same area near Atlantic Avenue and Beach Street, could be lost because no one has reported them as having been stolen. Flare guns can be used as a distress signal at sea, police said.

One of the flare guns had been discharged and had a spent shell casing inside it and the other was in a box with assorted ammunition.

Debris

What was initially thought to be a capsized boat turned out to be a piece of debris, Chief Hussey said. A concerned caller notified police at about 1:30 p.m., last Monday (Aug. 20) about a capsized boat. Further investigation revealed it to be a piece of a dock that later washed up in the vicinity of 400 Atlantic Ave. Police are not sure where it came from. Hussey said the Coast Guard was notified but shortly thereafter, the debris was determined not to be a boat and the Coast Guard did not have to be involved.

Interim director takes helm at charter school

By Tessa Fitzgerald
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A new leader has taken the helm at South Shore Charter Public School in Norwell.

Braintree resident Prudence Goodale was appointed interim executive director for the coming school year, as the charter school's board of trustees continues its search for a candidate to permanently fill the position.

Goodale's first day on the job was Monday, Aug. 13. Classes started Aug. 29.

Bob Gass, chairman of the school's board of trustees, said the school advertised for an interim director for this school year, as four-five months are needed to do a thorough search for a permanent director and the board did not have the time based on when former executive director Mike Munhall submitted his resignation.

A search committee narrowed down the hunt from 40 candidates to eight, and at the end of the process Goodale was the top choice. "She brings a lot of valuable experience," Gass said. "She brings a lot of energy to the table and people were very much impressed not only with her background and educational experience, but with her ability to get along with all people."

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Goodale was selected for the job on July 26.

"The one thing that has been very clear to us is that she has a stellar reputation," said Gass, "both as a person and as an educator."

Goodale began her career as a history and social studies teacher at Randolph High School, a job she held for 20 years. From there, among the titles she's held have been principal of Scituate High School, assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction in the Stoughton Public Schools and interim assistant superintendent in Falmouth. She's also taught at Bridgewater State College in the same graduate program she was once a student in.

Though she took the early retirement option from Stoughton Public Schools in 2003, Goodale said she still has a lot of energy, and she's continued to work. She figures it's in her genes as her 85-year-old mother, also a retired teacher, continues to tutor students.

Goodale said her husband and youngest son are also teachers. "It's a passion in our family," she said. She joked that since she's gotten into the administrative side of the learning business, her husband, an English teacher at Thayer Academy, helps keep her grounded.

She said she left the classroom because she wanted to be more collaborative.

As a teacher in the 1980s, Goodale said she did not like the effects Proposition 2-1/2 had on the education system in terms of budget cuts.

"I wanted to make a difference," she said. She hasn't forgotten her roots in classroom teaching.

"Although I've worked in administration for the last 17 years, teaching and helping students is my passion," Goodale said.

So far, Goodale said everything has been going well, and she described the atmosphere at the school as family-like. Though she has a lot of experience, this is the first time the Thayer Academy graduate will work at a charter school and she said she's very excited about the opportunity. She added that it's important for students to have options when it comes to choosing a school that's a good fit for them.

Her favorite part about teaching is when the students really become engaged in a particular topic. "Engaging the students and having them have the connection between what we're studying and real life." While it's important to master content, Goodale said it's also important to master the process.

At a charter school, Goodale said, students attend classes 184 days during the year, versus the required 180 that public school students attend. Also, the school has a strong commitment to professional development for its teachers, who work 197 days of the year.

Goodale said she wants people to know that she has a good sense of humor and loves tennis and kayaking. And she truly enjoys working with people.

She applied for the job in June and learned in late July that it was hers. Over the summer, the school business manger, Kristine Shipps, filled in as executive director and is helping Goodale make the transition.

Goodale said Gass, chairman of the board of trustees, has also been a great help.

Some goals for the school for the upcoming year are to continue to make progress in curriculum development, to develop more community partnerships and to keep parents involved in the education process, Gass said.

The school's former executive director, Mike Munhall, announced in late April that he was leaving his position at the end of the school year. Munhall, who had served as executive director for five years, said he was leaving because the school needed leadership in areas that are out of his expertise - fundraising and finance.

Gass said the members of the search committee hope to appoint a permanent replacement by the spring.

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Solar possibilities

Committee focuses energy on Middle-High School

By Nancy White
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Harnessing the power of the sun isn't a new idea — it's been around for decades — but there's never been a better time to invest in solar technology. There is widespread interest in alternative energy, grants are available and, with many towns, including Cohasset, running a tight budget any possible savings is being investigated.

The Alternative Energy Committee, assisted by their consultants Joanne Sanders and Judeth Van Hamm, are pursuing a solar arrangement for the Middle-High School. As the largest consumer of energy of any town building and with its large flat roof, the Middle-High School is a prime location for solar panels and cost savings.

The consultants will pursue a large onsite renewables initiative grant, or LORI, from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative. The AEC received a grant from Mass Tech to install a MET tower, a soaring 165 feet, or 50 meters aluminum pole that will record wind speed and direction data for a period of one year. The data collected will help the town determine the feasibility of a wind turbine in Cohasset. The deadline for the next LORI grant round is in February.

"The grants are very competitive but they'd be more likely to make be given the grant if we're doing something [Mass Tech] hasn't done before," said Van Hamm.

To that end, Van Hamm is proposing a combination arrangement of photovoltaic (PV) and thermal panels. With photovoltaic panels alone the efficiency is about 10 percent, but if the two products are married together the total efficiency jumps to 50 percent, said Van Hamm.

With the grant due in February, the consultants have their work cut out for them.

In order to be considered for the LORI grant for photovoltaics, a 10-kilowatt or more solar array must be built. Sanders estimates a 12-kilowatt array might work best for the site. Estimated size of the array would depend on the end design. The LORI design and construction grants are capped at the lesser of $250,000, 75 percent of the project cost, or a calculation based on an incentive matrix. Although firm estimates for a solar array of this type are not yet available, Sanders said a similar array cost more than $100,000.

However, Van Hamm was reluctant to give a ballpark estimate because all the information was not available yet and the cost could not be assessed in context. Last year, the electricity bill for the Middle-High School was around $150,000. Van Hamm plans to evaluate how much electricity can be generated by the solar panels and what the payback to the town (in years) would be to determine if the project has merit. The payback for thermal panels is three to seven years, with the combination array the payback would be an average of the two technologies paybacks, said Van Hamm in a phone interview.

Cohasset may fall into the incentive matrix category where the grant begins at $2 per watt, then there are add-ons. If the project is for a municipality, the grant jumps to $3 per watt. Then, if a major component of the project construction comes from a Massachusetts company, another 50 cents is added. With a 12-kilowatt array, Cohasset could end up with a grant totaling $42,000, or $3.50 per watt.

With the grant due in February, the consultants have their work cut out for them. In order to apply for the grant, nearly all the pieces of the project have to be in place. The project must be put out to bid and a contract awarded, pending the receipt of the grant. An educational component is also required for the grant, which could be as small as a kiosk depicting how the solar panels operate and how much energy they are generating.

"It doesn't have to be just what's going on the roof, it can be what this committee is doing as a whole," said member Mike Bliss, suggesting wind data from the MET tower/possible wind turbine could also be on display.

The AEC passed a motion to move forward with the project as it was outlined. "it's very preliminary but it sounds feasible enough to me, we should move forward," said Bliss. The committee will draft an article to bring before the fall special Town Meeting requesting backing and funding for the project. A more accurate estimate of the cost should be available in the fall.

The library's large flat roof is also a possibility for solar panels, however, Van Hamm said the combination photovoltaic and thermal would not work for the building. The air for the cooling system is located under the building, not on the roof. But, the AEC and the consultants were not ruling the location out for other solar arrays.

Second annual triathlon likely next July

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additional "no parking" signs on Atlantic Avenue, adding signage along the course indicating "triathlon in progress," closing off North Main Street to vehicles using Depot Court and Ripley Road as a by-pass.

The Fire Department would like to improve radio communication between safety and race officials, adjust logistics planning on the layout of the beach parking lot and develop a procedure to stop the event in the case of weather issues or shark sightings, said Hussey.

Both police and fire officials would like to look closely at where the command post and medical tent are set up next year.

"We're looking to have a central location where medics can meet up with swimmers, runners and bikers," said Chief Hussey in a phone interview. This year, the command center was located close to the beach house near the start whereas distressed swimmers were brought to the shore on the other end of the beach, "we want something out of the way but easily accessible."

Changes in the water portion of the event, where the majority of emergencies occurred this year (four athletes were pulled from the water), were looked at closely. The Harbormaster would like to have access to flat-bottomed boats with low sides, something like a Boston Whaler, to make it easier to bring a swimmer in distress on board. The Harbormasters would operate the boat, with volunteers assisting swimmers if needed. Gibbons recommended a meeting between all key officials a couple of days before the event to review plans and logistics would get everyone on the same page.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer proposed decreasing the amount of athletes in a given start heat, or wave would ease congestion in the water, "there are so many folks trying to get in position and into the water all at once," said Dormitzer. Burnett said he plans to add another wave to the start specifically for first-time open ocean swimmers and beginner triathletes, other heats are determined by age and sex. The waves will remain five minutes apart.

Chairman Gary Vanderweil and Dormitzer also heard complaints about residents' difficulty in getting to church and to the harbor on Sunday morning. Hussey plans on giving the detail officers, many who came from out of town, a one-page printout of the best ways to get around the triathlon during the morning hours so they can better inform drivers.

Although comments from the three Selectmen present (Selectmen Fred Koed and Paul Carlson were absent) were positive despite the minor expressed concerns, they refrained from taking a vote approving the proposed July 13, 2008 date for the Triathlon so they can do their due diligence with the Sandy Beach Association and confirm there is not a conflicting event.

Expansion of Red Lion Inn on the table

Since the 1704, the Red Lion Inn has been an integral part of Cohasset Village and according to Board of Selectmen Vice Chairman Ted Carr, the Inn is looking to expand and build more hotel rooms. Owner Gerd Ordelheide approached Carr to seek a meeting with the Selectmen to discuss the proposed expansion project and the possible uses of a one-acre town-owned parcel behind the Red Lion Inn and the Teen Center. Currently, the lot is undeveloped.

"Generally, I think it sounds fair to have him come in and talk about plans."
— Selectman Ralph Dormitzer

"Generally, I think it sounds fair to have him come in and talk about plans," said Selectman Ralph Dormitzer, who thought Ordelheide is likely looking to use the land for additional parking. However, he wondered if a parking lot would be the "highest and best" use for the parcel.

Chairman Gary Vanderweil said it would be good to have Ordelheide come in to revisit the manager situation as well. Since May, the Red Lion Inn has been without a reliable contact on the liquor license application.

Town Manager Bill Griffin will contact Ordelheide to come in at the next Selectmen's meeting on Sept. 10.

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LABOR DAY

Yikes, is it really Labor Day Weekend? As we all know, the answer is yes and I want everyone to enjoy it safe and happy. I am sad that school is here already but some of the kids are ready for a new, exciting year whether they are in preschool, grade school or college. Good luck to all on the first week of classes! Remind everyone of the safety aspects as far as buses, walking, train crossings etc. and we will all have a fun-filled and learning filled year. Thank you to all the teachers, staff and custodians, along with bus drivers and others who help each day go by in a smooth and happy manner.

OH BOY!

We have some new baby news in town to share. **Kevin and Jillian Perrone** proudly announce the arrival of their baby brother, **Ryan Thomas Perrone**. Ryan was born on Aug.15, 2007 at 8:35 pm weighing in at 8 pounds 6 ounces. His parents are **Jeanine and Marc Perrone** of Cohasset. He is the 12th grandchild of **Cleida and Jack Buckley** of Cohasset and the fifth grandchild for **Jackie and Frank Perrone** of Ashland, Mass. There is nothing like a new baby to make all of us smile, congratulations to all of you as Ryan receives so much love!

HOLE IN ONE

WOW! This past week, **Jack O'Donnell**, age 5 of Cohasset, made a hole in one in the USKIDS Golf Tour Championship Tournament in Brookline at Putterham Golf Club. He shot a 1-under par 35 to place second in Boston overall for the summer season in age 6 and under. According to Jack's mom, **Kari,** hole-in-ones are fairly common but for a 5-year-old, it is extremely rare! Jack, you are a golf pro in the makings, fantastic job!



Kevin and Jillian Perrone show off their new baby brother, Ryan Thomas Perrone.

FIELD HOCKEY

The Cohasset Field Hockey Club will be holding registration for this season on Thursday Sept. 6th at 3:30 at the Deer Hill School Field. Any girls in grades 6-8 are encouraged to come and learn the game! The registration forms can be picked up at the Town Hall and need to be completed along with a check for $100 made payable to the Cohasset Field Hockey Club. We are scheduling games with several other teams and will have the dates and times available at registration. We will have our first practice after registration so girls should bring a mouth guard, protective eyewear, shin guards and stick. (There will be extra sticks on hand for the new girls to try out.) Practice will end at 5:30. All girls are welcome to join- no experience necessary!



Jack O'Donnell, age 5 of Cohasset, made a hole in one in the USKIDS Golf Tour Championship Tournament.

SPECIAL TEA!

The Girl Scout Annual Mother/Daughter Tea will be held on Sunday, Sept. 23rd from 1-3 p.m.. It will be an entertaining fun filled afternoon! The Tea will be at the Black Rock Country Club in Hingham not only for our registered girls but anyone who's interested in seeing what Cohasset Girl Scouts have to offer and are interested in joining. Tickets are $15.00 per person and for reservations or questions, please call **Lil Curley** 781-383-0695.

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BOOSTER CLUB

This year's 2007 Field Hockey Team is looking for interested participants to join the Field Hockey Booster Club. Any parents, past team member's parents, former players or persons interested in the sport are welcome to help with fundraising activities, coordinating special events for the team and team support! (Cheer us on at the Games!!) Please join us at our first meeting: Friday Sept. 7 at 10 a.m. (8 Red Gate Lane) **Laure Kimla's** home. If you are interested call **Laure** at 781-383-8161, **Babette** at 781-383-2561 or **Gigi** at 781-383-9017.

That is it for this week. Send in all of your news, photos etc. no later than Tuesday by 5 pm.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Michael Guerra

Guerra – Good

Julie Elizabeth Good, daughter of Bill and Betsy Good of Cohasset, married Joseph Michael Guerra, son of Angela and Anthony Guerra of Burlington, on Friday evening July 6, 2007, at the Gate of Heaven Church in South Boston. Reverend Brian Flynn officiated at the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Bill Good. The matron of honor was Elizabeth Reynolds of Hingham, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Priscilla Donatelli of Providence, R.I, Krista Goodwin of South Boston, Jill Leahy of Hingham, Margo O'Connor of Waltham and Sarah Savas of South Boston.

Gregory and Christopher Guerra, of Burlington, brothers of the groom, served as best men. Bill Good, Jr. of San Diego, Calif., brother of the bride, Mike McGourty of Wakefield and Patrick Reynolds of Hingham, brother-in-law of the bride served as ushers.

The bride is a graduate of Cohasset High School and the University of New Hampshire. She is employed as the manager of recruiting for Winter, Wyman Financial Contracting in Boston.

Her husband is a graduate of Burlington High School and the University of New Hampshire. He is earning his master's degree in business administration at Babson College and is employed as operations manager at Evare LLC in Burlington.

A reception was held in the Wharf Room at the Boston Harbor Hotel.

After a wedding trip to the Hawaiian islands of Kauai and Maui, the couple resides in South Boston.

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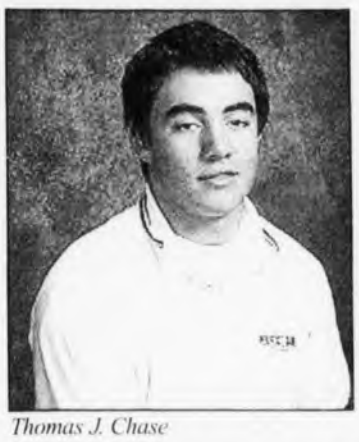
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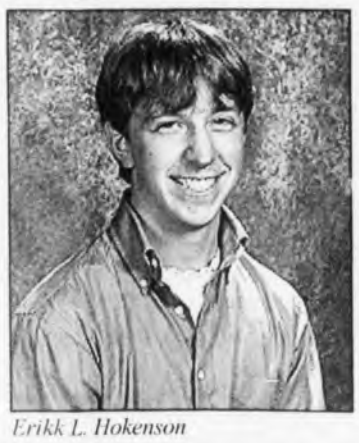
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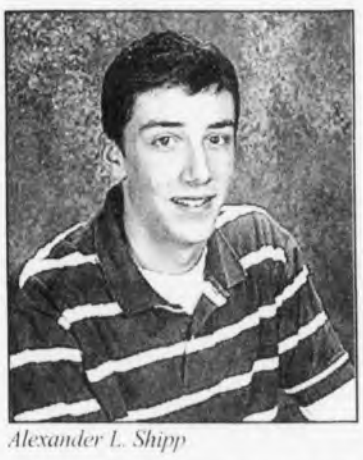
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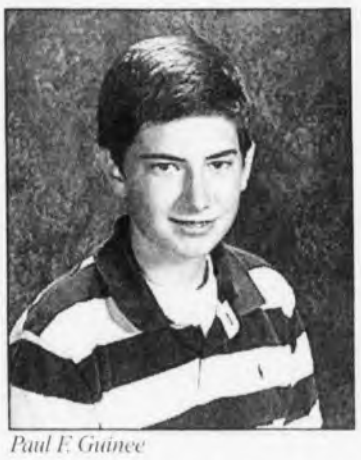
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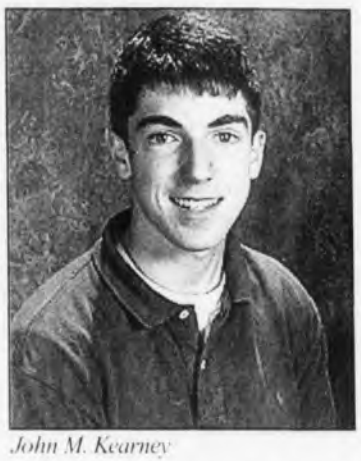
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John M. Kearney

William J. Kemeza, president of Boston College High School, announced the following students from Cohasset recently received special awards at an assembly to honor BC High undergraduates.

Thomas J. Chase, Class of 2008: National Spanish Exam – Honorable Mention; Excellence in Two Subjects: Government Honors and U.S. History AP.

Matthew E. Galligan, Class of 2008: Excellence in Twentieth Century History.

Erikk L. Hokenson, Class of 2008: National French Exam – Honneur.

Alexander L. Shipp, Class of 2008: National Greek Exam – with Merit – Green Ribbon.

Kyle T. DeSisto, Class of 2009: Excellence in Chemistry I.

Andrew M. Cantillon, Class of 2010: National Latin Exam – Summa Cum Laude – Gold Medal.

Keegan R. Flynn, Class of 2010: Excellence in Three Subjects: Biology I, Guitar Ensemble, Geometry Honors; National French Exam – Lauréat National.

Paul F. Guinee, Class of 2010: Concert Band.

John M. Kearney, Class of 2010: Excellence in Geometry Honors.



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Cohasset firefighter/paramedic Rob Forde and "Zee."

'Kittendales' calendar to benefit non-profit shelter

Hull Seaside Animal Rescue is about to make 2008 very interesting!

The non-profit cat shelter is releasing it's first ever "Kittendales" calendar for 2008.

The all-volunteer project focuses on some hunky and not so hunky men, who wanted to help the shelter raise money.

The idea of showing the hunks with kittens came from HSAR board member and volunteer Chris Crotty.

"When I was thinking about how to raise much needed money for our shelter, a calendar came to mind" Crotty said. "Everyone loves kittens and the contrast between hunky men and our little furry felines seemed like a unique approach to putting together a calendar."

Along with volunteers Susan Davis who coordinated every shoot, and Shirley Moloney, the project is finally finished over a year later.

"Many of these men went way out of their way and beyond the call of duty in order to get the right shot," said photographer Joanne Berman. "We are grateful to all of the guys who offered to be a part of this project, and more specifically because they wanted to help our shelter."

Every penny raised will go toward the day-to-day care of our feline residents at Hull Seaside Animal Rescue, which is a no-kill shelter.

The calendars will be available starting Sept. 15th with it's kick-off at Hull's Endless Summer Event.

If you would like to purchase one of these limited edition calendars ($20 each), please contact Hull Seaside Animal Rescue for more information: 1-877-378-1195 or hsar @hsar.org

Dog training on the Common

The final dog training class of the season will begin Monday, Sept. 10, at 6 p.m., at the Cohasset Recreation Center on the Common.

Good Manners for Beginners teaches all of a dog's beginner-level commands, such as sit, stay, come, down, take, drop, heel, quickly, slowly, don't touch and watch me. It also teaches dominance exercises such as the long down stay and addresses problem-solving issues such as jumping, mouthing and chewing.

The class takes place once weekly for five weeks, from 6 to 7 p.m. Cost is $110. To register, call Cohasset Recreation at 781-383-4109. For more information or to speak to the trainer, call 781-878-4343.

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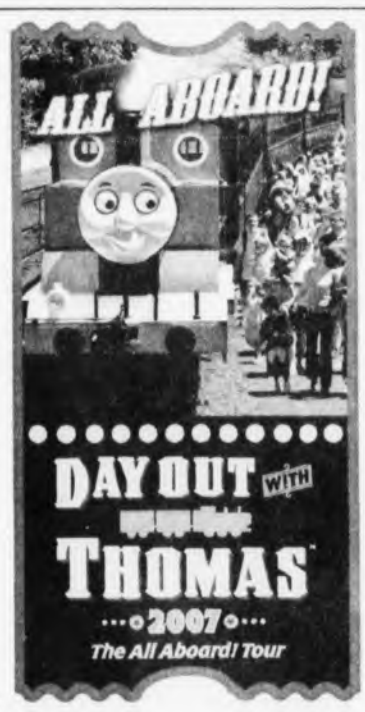
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Re-living history

A group of re-enactors portray the crew of HMS Somerset

By Nancy White
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History teachers do their best to make the past come alive for their students. Derby Academy history teacher Pete Condrick takes it to a whole new level. For 10 weekends a year, Condrick transforms into Lieutenant Peter Condrick of the British Royal Navy, circa the 18th century.

Condrick is a historical re-enactor, a hobby that takes him and about 30 fellow re-enactors to famous Revolutionary War battlefields throughout former colonial America to portray the crew of the HMS Somerset, a British warship stationed in Boston Harbor during the Revolution.

"No one had really researched the British brigade," and they weren't represented at the scores of re-enactment events Condrick had attended over the years, "it wasn't good history not to have the navy presence."

After spending six months aboard the tall ship, Sloop Providence, Condrick returned to Massachusetts to find his friends and fellow re-enactors had named him master and commander of the His Majesty's Ship Somerset with a crew of six and three upcoming events. And there his British Royal Navy re-enacting career began.

However, Condrick historical re-enacting career was born out of an early love of history, particularly the Revolutionary War. At the age of 11 he joined the Hingham Militia, where he would wear a historical uniform, carry a musket and march in local parades.

"Those guys taught me a love of history," he says but his passion for re-enacting couldn't be contained to sporadic parades.

"At 14 I joined the British army and never looked back," he quips. As an example of the depth of his interest, he says instead of a car or a new stereo for his 16th birthday, Condrick asked his parents for a musket — a traditional 18th century gift for a boy turning 16.

While continuing his British army re-enactments, he branched out and learned how to sail tall ships. With sailing expertise and a desire to educate people about the British Navy's influence during the Revolutionary War drove him to trade in his red coat for a navy blue lieutenant's jacket eight years ago.

"It was the perfect marriage of my two interests," says Condrick, a former Cohasset resident.

In 2001, the HMS Somerset incorporated as a ship's company and established bylaws, regulations and a budget. The HMS Somerset was the first British Royal Navy re-enactment company in New England and now is the "flagship of the North American Squadron." There are five other Royal Navy re-enactment companies in the US. In June 2005, Condrick's crew joined the other British Navy officers and seamen in Williamsburg.

"It was the first historical re-enactment that was numerically accurate with a one to one ratio," says Condrick, in 1780 there were about 65 members of the British Royal Navy, almost 225 years later there was again that number in Williamsburg.

Condrick's crew is comprised of 25 warrants and rated seamen, two officers and four marines. Although they portray a British navy crew in uniforms and in skills, they lack a key element of the British Royal Navy — a ship to call their own. A tight budget is the reason — to replicate the eighteenth century warship would cost over $25 million just to build the hull, says Condrick.

"We're progressive in the hobby," says Condrick, which means they try to be as historically accurate as possible. They wear hand-stitched uniforms and try to pick events where the British Navy would have been. It also means they possess the skills members of the British Navy would have possessed. At an event at Fort Tabor, they borrowed ships and landed them on the beach. At a re-enactment of the Battle of Saratoga, they portrayed how the Navy would have moved on a battlefield —"we move very quickly on the field," he says. The Navy personnel were demolition experts too, so they can demonstrate that skill as well.



COURTESY PHOTO

Lieutenant Pete Condrick (left) stands with his Executive Officer Lieutenant Shane Clarke aboard the Sloop Providence, a tall ship based in Rhode Island. The two co-founded the HMS Somerset III historical re-enactment group. Both are donning the typical working, or undress, coats of Royal Navy lieutenants in the 18th century.

Condrick does not take on a British accent, but he does immerse himself in his first lieutenant role during re-enactment.

"We're not just playing guns, there are controlled explosions," he says so there are safety concerns, but mostly he just loves getting into the part, "I'm very aware of my eighteenth century command role, I get into it."

The third HMS Somerset built in 1746 was instrumental in the events leading up to the American Revolution. It served during the French and Indian War as a third-rate ship of the line. She was responsible for the closing of the port of Boston in 1774, and the landing of British troops in Boston and New York. The HMS Somerset III met its end when it ran aground off the tip of Cape Cod while chasing French frigates in 1778.

"The highest compliment a re-enactor can be paid is to be recognized by its British affiliate," says Condrick and that's just what happened in 2005. The Captain of the HMS Somerset IV contacted Condrick after stumbling upon the re-enactors website. Condrick invited the Captain and other members of the current HMS Somerset to come to the US to experience a re-enactment.

The British Royal Navy returned the favor by inviting Condrick and six of his crew to come aboard the HMS Somerset IV. They boarded the ship, a Type 23 frigate built in 1994, in London and went underway through the English Channel with the Royal Navy.

"I was an honorary lieutenant in the Royal Navy for six days," says Condrick with a big smile, "it was amazing."

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Getting back in gear

While news never takes a hiatus — the quantity of news slows down somewhat over the summer months.

That should not be surprising given that town boards don't meet as often, schools are out, and lots of residents go away for a week or two. Other townspeople just like to kick back and relax and not think about "issues" or having to take the kids to dance lessons or hockey practice.

But with the start of school next week, that's all about to change.

The town budget season looms on the horizon, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts meet, houses of worship resume their regular schedules, youth sports get into full swing along with myriad other activities for Cohasseters of all ages.

Here at the Mariner, we're pleased to be the vehicle through which our readers either "get the word out" or "find out about" everything from who's on the dean's list to what is the latest news about Greenbush.

But if you're on the delivery end of the news — in other words you want your club announcement or letter-to-the-editor in the paper — there are some simple "rules to follow."

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We accept letters, news items and happenings by email, which is one of the most efficient ways to send your news. However, we receive dozens of emails everyday, so it's not a bad idea to follow your email up with a telephone call, just to make sure your message arrived safely and wasn't inadvertently deleted. Or better yet, just ask us to hit the reply button — so you'll get the message that we received your email on your computer. Attachments should be saved as word documents; photographs should be sent as jpg attachments.

We still accept news by fax and the old-fashioned way, through the US mail, or dropped off here at the Cohasset Mariner office, 73 South St., Hingham Square, above the Upper Crust.

News items should be as concise as possible and written in a narrative form. In other words, please write your news items in a "mini-story format" using complete sentences. Try not to send us flyers, which have to be completely reworded.

Here's the scoop on how to get your news in the Mariner:

Email: Mary Ford at: mford@cnc.com

FAX: 781-741-2931

In person: at the Cohasset Mariner office (in the Hingham Journal Building), 73 South St., above the Upper Crust

Mail: The Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham, MA 02043

Sports news email: to Joel Racicot at: jracicot@cnc.com

Try to have your news to the Mariner by Wednesday morning for that week's issue, however, earlier is always better. We accept obituaries and letters to the editor until noon, Wednesday. If letters and obituaries come by email we can stretch that deadline a few hours.

We have forms available for wedding and engagement announcements with complete instructions at the Mariner office.

We welcome news tips and story ideas anytime.

Call Mary Ford, editor, at 781-741-2933; or staff reporter Nancy White, at 781-741-2935.

We couldn't do our job without help from the community. So let us hear from you!

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, all at 7:30 p.m.

Assessors, Sept. 7, 8:30 a.m.

Board of Health, Sept. 18, 7p.m.

Cable Advisory Committee, Sept. 6, 7:30 p.m.

Cohasset Elder Affairs, Sept. 10, 9 a.m. at 3 N. Main St.

Conservation Commission, Sept. 6, at 7 p.m.

Historical Commission, Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m.

Library Trustees, Sept. 12, 7 p.m. at the library.

Planning Board, Sept. 5, 7 p.m. (8 p.m., public hearing, Manor Way); Sept. 6, 11 a.m. (village bylaw meeting).

Recreation Commission, Sept. 5, 6:30 p.m.

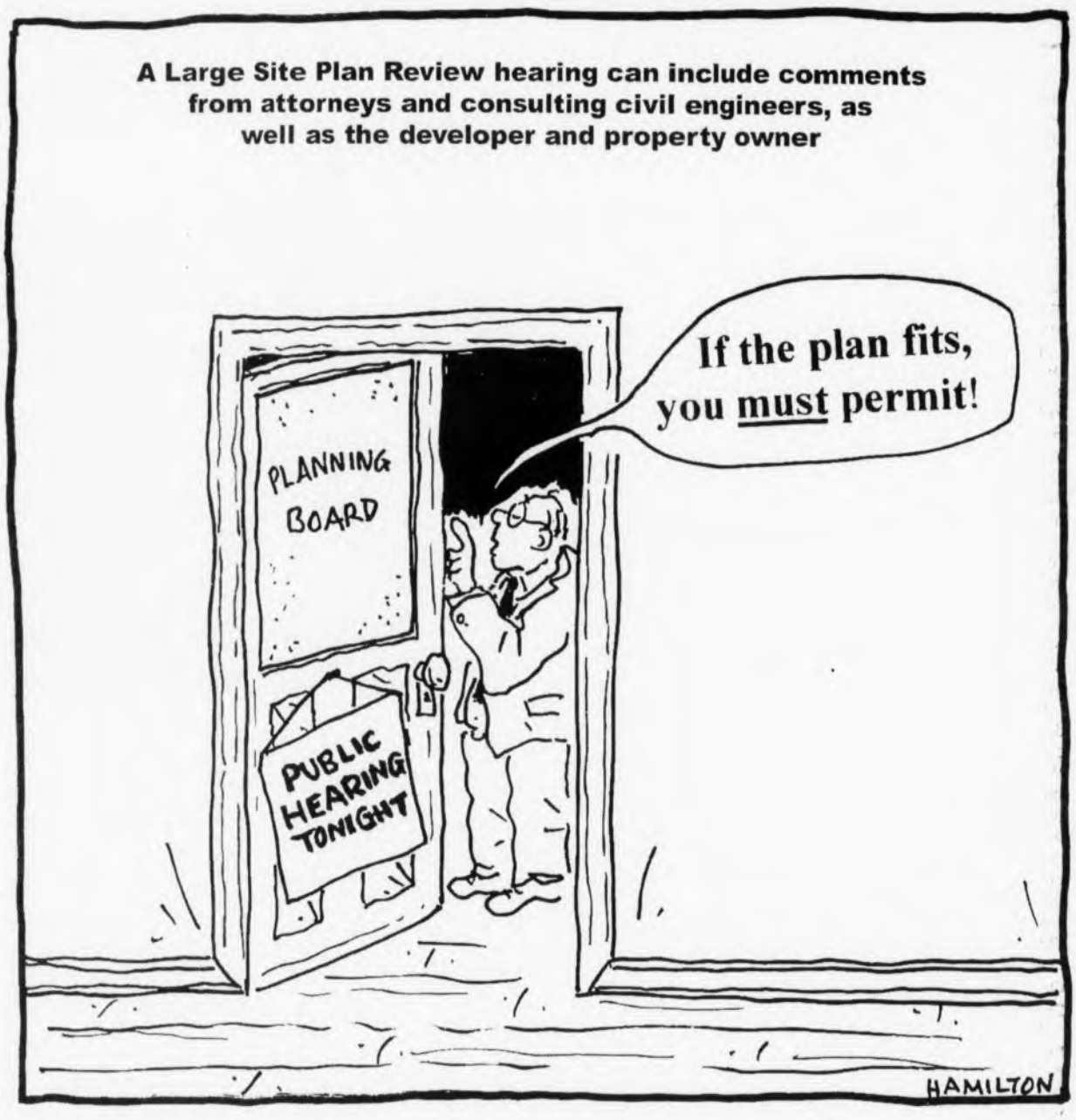
Selectmen, Sept. 10 &27, 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Sept. 24, 6p.m.

School Committee, Sept. 5, 7p.m., at the High School

ZBA, Sept. 4, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Heartfelt thanks from Ainslie Family

TO THE EDITOR:

The Family of Lawrence Ainslie would like to thank the Town of Cohasset, especially the Cohasset Police Department and the police from surrounding towns for honoring Larry with such respect. They would also like to acknowledge and thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, and kindness throughout the past few weeks, as they are deeply appreciated.

Larry would have been very grateful for the support you all have shown to him and his family.

Lawrence Ainslie, Sr. and Family

HEALTH NOTES

Proposed new sunscreen labeling

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The FDA proposal provides a consumer-friendly ratings system for UVA sunscreen products on a scale of one to four stars.

By now you've heard the buzz about the Aug. 23 Food and Drug Administration proposal for a new regulation that sets standards for formulating, testing and labeling over-the-counter (OTC) sunscreen drug products with ultraviolet A (UVA) and ultraviolet B (UVB) protection.

"For more than 30 years, consumers have been able to identify the level of UVB protection provided by sunscreens using only sunburn protection factor or SPF values," said Andrew C. von Eschenbach, Commissioner of FDA. "Under today's proposal, consumers will also now know the level of UVA protection in sunscreens, which will help them make informed decisions about protecting themselves and their children against the harmful effects of the sun."

Sunlight is composed of the visible light that we can see, and ultraviolet (UV) light that we cannot. There are two types of UV light, UVA and UVB. UVA light is responsible for tanning and UVB for sunburn. Both can damage the skin and increase the risk of skin cancer.

The FDA proposal provides a consumer-friendly ratings system for UVA sunscreen products on a scale of one to four stars. One star would represent low UVA protection, two stars would represent medium protection, three stars would represent high protection, and four stars would represent the highest UVA protection available in an OTC sunscreen product.

If a sunscreen product does not provide at least a low level (one star) of protection, FDA is proposing to require that the product bear a "no UVA protection" marking on the front label near the SPF value.

In addition, a "Warnings" statement in the "Drug Facts" box will be required of all sunscreen product manufacturers. The warning will say: "UV exposure from the sun increases the risk of skin cancer, premature skin aging, and other skin damage. It is important to decrease UV exposure by limiting time in the sun, wearing protective clothing, and using a sunscreen." The warning is intended to increase awareness that sunscreens are only one part of a sun protection program. FDA will accept comments on the new rule until November 26, 2007.

FDA also is amending its existing 1999 rule to increase the SPF from SPF30+ to SPF50+. Higher number provides more UVB protection than lower SPF values.

Many have echoed the statement by Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, that it's not soon enough. "Not only should these rules have been released earlier but they should have a swifter deadline for implementation," said Blumenthal, who petitioned the FDA earlier this year to release the rules. "These rules should be mandatory so they help consumers next summer."

Unfortunately or not, the early adoption of the labeling and the swifter deadline are unrealistic. That's not the way things work. The current wave of publicity and the controversy will hopefully serve to make people more vigilant. So much for this year. People will slather more SPF 30 on those places that need it and stay under protection or wear SPF50 shirts, etc. Meanwhile, sunblock makers will *oil* up their machinery, contact their lobbyists and get more time. Then next spring, if shipments arrive from China and elsewhere in time, a good fraction of the suppliers will start selling products, which claim to meet the new regulations in spite of the fact that they have two years to implement them. The rest will grouse, lose market share, and finally either be forced into selling a less effective product at a cheaper price or print new labels claiming to meet new standards. This scenario or versions of it will go on for about 5 years. As usual, you get what you pay for, and independent testing agencies will have facts on the web by next summer.

So it's up to you, the consumer, to worry about the appropriate sun protection and obtain information on how best to protect yourself. If you need information on the latest recommended procedures, contact Judy Fitzsimmons, the Town Health Nurse.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

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Grade crossing gremlins on the loose

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

GREMLINS— About a week ago, the bells and lights at the Pond Street railroad crossing decided they were going to announce their presence to the entire neighborhood. Several times after midnight, the bells and lights started dinging and flashing all by themselves. But, there was no train in sight. The MBTA was finally able to silence the bells and lights, but not until after local residents were awakened several times in the middle of the night. We guess it's just gremlins. Hopefully, after a few adjustments the gates got their mischievous behavior out of their system.

As of last Friday, the railroad crossings at Beechwood, Pond and Sohier streets had been accepted by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) for commercial service. By now, more crossings have probably been accepted. The DPU is the state organization charged with the responsibility for approving railroad crossings and determining whether they meet safety standards and are ready for use. Last week the crossing at Pleasant Street, the first quad gate crossing to be set up and debugged, was still in the process of being tested. It took quite a while to get the adjustments to work properly. Other quad gate crossings in other towns should be easier to set up since the MBTA will have learned a lot about the set up procedure after testing our crossing.

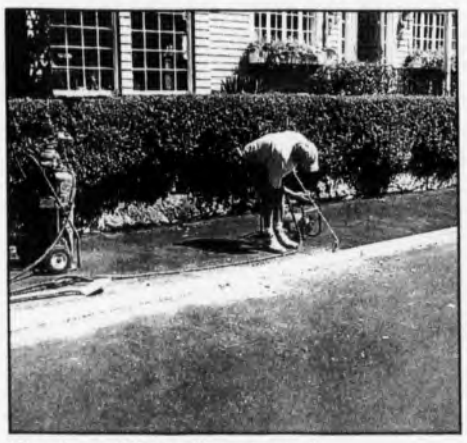
We mentioned before that a quad gate crossing derives its name from the fact that is has four gates, not just two, like most other crossings. When a train comes, the two gates that prevent the vehicles from entering the crossing come down. But, sensors in the crossing prevent the two exiting gates from coming down until the crossing is clear. Only after the crossing is clear, do the exiting gates come down. When the crossing is clear, a signal is sent to the train saying that the crossing is clear and it is OK for the train to proceed. As a result of the additional control activities, quad gates will be in a down position a bit longer than non-quad gates.

While observing the quad gate testing we noticed an old truck tire and wheel lying at the edge of the tracks. When we inquired why this old wheel was lying around, we were told this was a "test wheel." It seems that the sensors in the track area between the gates had to be sensitive enough to sense the presence of this single wheel to prevent the exiting gate from lowering. That's pretty sensitive.

Lastly, as we've said so many times in these pages, safety is so important. We now have crossings that are fully operable. They will operate whenever a train or work vehicle passes over the crossing. Vehicles and pedestrians alike need to be very respectful of the power and danger presented by the train. Each crossing has a "Do Not Stop On The Track" warning sign. No matter what the circumstance, do not pull onto the tracks unless there is a clear space for you on the other side of the tracks. Trains are really serious stuff. And, parents especially need to instill safety rules into their children. The schools alone can't do it.



Blasting mat in place on ledge.



Granite curb being flame treated.



Close up of blasting mat.

REVITALIZATION – Most of the construction work on the Revitalization project has been completed. But, there is a "Punch List" of items yet to be finished. One of these is rounding the curbing along Elm Street from the Historical Society's buildings to beyond Fleming's. For the construction done last year, the specifications called for granite curbing with a rounded top at the base of St. Stephen's. The new curbing added this year on Elm Street should have been the same. But, the contractor installed square top granite curb, intending to round it after installation. So, this week, a masonry contractor used heat from an acetylene torch to round off the curbing. The newly rounded curb has a slightly different color initially. But, it will weather to a more uniform color, consistent with what was installed last year.

In the accompanying photo, a mason is heat-treating the edge of the granite curbing to round the top edge. The curb portion to the left of the photo has been rounded. The portion on the right is still square cornered. For those of you that love bits of arcane information, the process that is being used here is very interesting and quite simple. All granite has a small amount of water trapped in the microstructure of the granite. The heat from the acetylene torch causes the trapped water to boil and expand into steam. The expansion of the steam causes the granite to pop and flake off. Each type of granite has different amounts of water entrained. So, different types of granite react differently to this process.

FOREST AVENUE – This week the knob of rock on Forest Avenue, near N. Main Street was drilled with holes in preparation for blasting. Due to the proximity of homes, the blasts were set with very small charges to fracture the rock. The area to be blasted was covered by a blasting mat prior to blasting. The mat is constructed of old pieces of tires connected tightly together with steel cables. Its purpose is to prevent the pieces of rock fractured from becoming air borne to avoid damage to the surrounding properties.

Blasting safety requirements in Cohasset are enforced by the Cohasset Fire Department. Our rules require that a fire official be at the site when any blasting is undertaken. Also, due to the proximity of gas service, the gas company had a representative standing by. As you can see, blasting in Cohasset is a very safety conscious enterprise.

SAFETY AROUND COHASSET – Kudos to the Cohasset Police Department for their use of their portable trailer mounted speed meter. It's a very interesting phenomenon to watch cars driving past this sign. Invariably, the brake lights come on and the drivers slow down to the speed limit, or at least somewhat near it. Yet, remove the speed meter and some drivers seem to loose sight of the speed limits altogether. Where our roadways have been or will shortly be improved, drivers have the temptation to turn into speed demons. It is really critical that we think carefully about driving around our town. It is so ironic that when the roads are potholed we get tons of complaints from *drivers* about the bumps and inconvenience. Yet, when the roads are improved, the *abutters* complain about drivers carelessly speeding through our neighborhoods. Most all of us are both *abutters* and *drivers*. The next time you are driving, think about your driving habits. Are they the habits you'd like to see in your own neighborhood?

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Confused by 2008 election?

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I've voted in every presidential election since 1948, and believe me, it wasn't easy reaching a decision to vote for George McGovern in '72.

I had a hand in covering most of them, and I still can't for the life of me figure out why Dick Nixon found it necessary to break into Democratic headquarters in the Watergate when he had a 10-run lead in the top of the ninth.

Selecting a candidate was simple in those days, which now seem so long ago. You looked for the (D) or the (R) behind his name and let nature take its course. There rarely was an (I) behind anybody's name to mess things up.

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I have to admit the 2007 presidential election has me thoroughly confused. Oops, that's the 2008 election. See what I mean.

For one thing, there's Hillary Clinton's cleavage. I have never thought of cleavage in an electoral sense. In fact, now that I have reached four score and two, I don't think of cleavage very much at all.

Seems Hillary, who has a (D) behind her name, showed up for a speech the other day wearing a blouse that was cut a little lower than usual. In any other milieu it would be called a Mother Hubbard.

I ask you now, would you vote for a woman who shows cleavage? Who is running here, Sophie Loren or Dolly Parton?

At the same time, it was discovered that Rudy Giuliani's kids aren't supporting their father for president because he dumped their mother for another wife, his third. He also supports abortion rights.

So what happens? Sixty seven percent of those who go to church at least once a week told a pollster they would be happy to vote for Giuliani, who has an (R) behind his name. Where are Pat Robinson and Jerry Falwell when we need them?

Even the timing of the '08 election is confusing me.

I grew up at a time when all the great state of New Hampshire had to do was announce a February date for its primary election, raise prices on everything from a cup of coffee to a hotel room, then stand back and watch the votes and money roll in.

New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation primary helped make Jimmy Carter in 1976 and break Lyndon Johnson in 1968; it brought so much money into the state that even the operators of the ski slopes could afford to take a few days off in mid-winter.

So what happens?

South Carolina and Arizona move their 2008 primaries to Feb. 5, and Florida sets its primary date on Jan. 29, which sends South Carolina to Jan. 19, which means that New Hampshire has to go to Jan. 12, which projects the Iowa caucuses to Christmastime 2007.

Confused? I know that I am.

All I know is that both parties, (D) and (R), are likely to have their candidates selected 10 months before the 2008 election.

And for all I know, the Iowa caucuses to select candidates for the 2012 election will be held the day after the 2008 election and the New Hampshire primary election will be held the day after that. We may have the candidates for the 2012 election chosen before the president we elected in 2008 is sworn in.

Surviving the virtual breakup

THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT

DIANE K. DANIELSON



Dear Michael Dell:

I'm writing to you because I could use some advice *(and Miss Manners didn't seem appropriate for this situation)*. You see, I thought things were going fine in my life when suddenly out of the blue, and with absolutely no warning, my hard-drive was gone. Gone, gone, gone. Without so much as a proper goodbye. *(I don't consider "unsurmountable_boot_volume" an appropriate farewell!)* To add insult to injury, my hard-drive not only left me, but it also took all of my data and documents. *(We created them jointly; don't I have any custodial rights?)*

As you can tell, I'm in the anger stage of the breakup *("What nerve ... to do this to me!")*, having already suffered through that initial gut wrenching sick feeling *("Oh my God!")*, then a brief denial stage *("This is SO not happening")*, followed by a three-Kleenex box tearfest *("Why me? Why now?")*. It was through these tears that I desperately dialed your hotline. When I finally got through to a nice man at Dell *(or should I say "in Delhi")*, he very patiently stayed on the line and counseled me through some last ditch efforts to try to save the relationship. But even he couldn't repair the damage.

I realize that relationships never work out when one party is needier and more dependent than the other. But I couldn't help becoming dependent — I loved my laptop, and embraced it full-heartedly despite all its quirks. I thought it was enough to stand by for better *(when we gave birth to our first blog)*, for worse *(through a few Ctrl-Alt-Deletes)*, in both sickness *(viruses and spyware)* and in health *(new software downloads)*.

Yet perhaps there was something I did or didn't do? Maybe it has been some time since I backed up my data. And now that I think about it, I might have neglected to run some updates recently. But work was out of control and I ignored the signals, always choosing the "remind me later" option.

I know, I know, that's not a valid excuse. But if you could work with my hard-drive and coax it back just this one time, I promise that things will be different. I'll have my priorities in perspective. *(We're now into the pleading stage.)* After all, haven't I learned the hard way that without my hard-drive inside nothing remains but an empty shell?

So, Mr. Dell, I suppose I'm in the final stage of the breakup — resignation — where the only question to be asked is, "Where does one go from here?"

Yours truly,

BROKEN UP AND BROKEN DOWN IN COHASSET

Diane K. Danielson is a Cohasset resident who hopes that "taking a break" (a/k/a a technology-free vacation) will prevent an actual permanent breakup. However, upon her return, if her laptop does not have a better attitude and a renewed enthusiasm for the relationship, we hope it knows she will not hesitate to trade it in for a younger, much sexier model.

Library Corner

See Jimmy Stewart in 'Harvey'

The following events will take place at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Library Book Group – There will be no August meeting of the Library Book Group. The next meeting will be at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, Sept. 26. The group will discuss Nathaniel Philbrick's book "Mayflower."

Movie Matinee – The public is invited to come to a daytime showing of the classic movie "Harvey," starring Jimmy Stewart and Josephine Hull, at 11 a.m., on Friday, Sept. 7. Free admission and light refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film "Viva Cuba" at 6 p.m., on Thursday, Sept. 20, in the Meeting Room. Malu is from an upper-class family and her single mother does not want her to play with Jorgito, as she thinks his background is coarse and commonplace. Jorgito's mother, a poor Socialist proud of her family's social standing, places similar restrictions on her son. What neither woman recognizes is the strength of the bond between Malu and Jorgito. When the children learn that Malu's mother is planning to leave Cuba, they decide to run away and travel to the other side of the island to find Malu's father and persuade him against signing the forms that would allow it. Free admission and free refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Great Decisions Group – The first Great Decisions Discussion group will begin at 2:30 p.m., on Sunday, Sept. 9, in the Meeting Room. For those who have registered for the program, the group will be discussing the Middle East found in Chapter One of the assigned text.

Holiday Closing – The library will be closed Monday, Sept. 3, for Labor Day.

FOR CHILDREN

Summer Reading – Don't wait until the last minute to do summer required reading. The library still has copies of many of the popular books. See Mrs. Moody or a member of the circulation staff for help. Cohasset Middle/High School reading lists may be downloaded from the Web site at cohassetlibrary.org. Click on Young Adult and then click on CMHS Summer Reading from the side menu. Click on the list wanted and then print. For more information, email smoody@ocln.org or call 781-383-1348, ext. 3.

Backpack Time – The statewide summer reading program, "Catch the Beat @ Your Library," has come to an end. Bring in summer reading logs to the Circulation Desk. All students who have met or exceeded their summer reading goal will be awarded a "Catch the Beat @ Your Library" backpack.

New principal on Our Town

Join Our Town co-osts, Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin, when they sit down with the newly appointed principal of the Deer Hill School, Dr. Jennifer deChiara. Dr. deChiara will begin her first school year in Cohasset on Tuesday, Sept. 4 and outlines her goals for grades three through five.

As an added feature, check out the parade of prom gowns captured at the pre-prom red carpet event held before this year's Cohasset High School senior class prom.

Stay tuned to Comcast channel 10 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 p.m. and stay informed, Cohasset!

Students get back to the books Tuesday

FROM SCHOOL, PAGE 1

says Walsh. Part of making the schools better is making the staff better and to accomplish that piece, this summer the faculty at all levels has participated in conferences, workshops and other professional development opportunities.

"We're excited to have new teachers in the district, we're in very good shape with hiring and we're happy with the quality of teachers we are able to attract," says Walsh. Two new administrators join the ranks of Cohasset schools, Deer Hill Principal Jennifer deChiara and Middle School Assistant Principal Kerri Sandler.

Around 1500 students will walk through the front doors of Cohasset's three schools, "we're ready to open," says Walsh.

Osgood School

The youngest Cohasset students, a total of 385 children in grades K-2, will report to Osgood School on Tuesday morning.

"On the first day of school there is clearly an air of excitement and anticipation. We try to be as warm and welcoming as possible," says Principal Janet Sheehan. Curriculum and instructional materials will aid an "excellent faculty" in the coming year, says Sheehan. The staff has new technology resources to make the classroom experience a 21st century one. Small class instruction, with class size averages hovering around 20 for all three grades, will enhance the learning experience.

"The teachers plan activities so that the children can learn classroom routines and make smooth transitions. Activities are also planned to promote friendships and to generate excitement about learning."

This year will mark the third year the full day program is offered. About 90 percent of the incoming kindergarteners have opted for the full-day program. There will be only one half-day kindergarten class with an enrollment of 12. Kindergarteners will participate in orientation and screening activities on Sept. 4 and 5, then have their first official day on Thursday, Sept. 6.

A healthy lunch for $2.25 will be available on the first day. Students will have a choice of chicken nuggets with a dinner roll or a turkey sub with baked oven fries. Carrots, sliced apples and choice of 100 percent juice or milk will accompany both menu choices.

There will be some new faces at Osgood, including a new first grade teacher, Jennifer McPhillips and a new kindergarten special education teacher, Kim Kurker. Osgood also welcomes the addition of a school psychologist, Meredith Whalen.

Deer Hill School

Next door at Deer Hill, new principal Jennifer deChiara is excitedly anticipating meeting the 350 students under her charge this year.

"[The first day of school] has always been my favorite day of the school year," says deChiara. Although, many kids probably don't share her sentiments, the first day of school is a time to meet up with friends and share stories of summer. Day 1 will be a "whirlwind of activity" for deChiara who will make a point to visit all the classes and meet the students.

School will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday and release time is 2:30 p.m. Students may enter the building at 8:20 a.m.

A new school-wide textbook adoption of the revised Everyday Math will be implemented this year, which deChiara is excited about. The fourth grade will be piloting a new writing program. A leadership program at the fifth grade level is in the works and the highly successful enrichment program EMC^3 will continue to motivate and challenge the older elementary students.

Lunch on the first day will feature kid-friendly options: chicken nuggets with a dinner roll or turkey sub with baked oven fries. Carrots, sliced apples and choice of 100 percent juice or milk will accompany both menu choices for $2.50.

Although deChiara foresees "lots of questions" from students and teachers about routines and other minor details, she is confident Deer Hills is "ready to go."

Middle-High School

Principal Joel Antolini expects the middle-high school students to come prepared to learn — even on the first day.

"We start right away with teaching and learning," says Antolini, with very little procedural introduction. The students will have the opportunity to meet with all their teachers for the semester on the first day. On a typical block schedule day, students will only see four of their five teachers.

Antolini will also host assemblies throughout the first day to speak with each class. He will welcome the sixth graders, the newest additions to the Middle-High School community. Then meet with the seventh and eight graders as a group, the ninth graders, and lastly the upperclassmen, grades 10 to 12.

Middle-High School students will be treated to an array of healthy food court type options. There is a grill, pasta, deli, pizza, salad and soup options, which students can mix and match to their tastes. Because of the selection of choices, lunch prices varies.

As a school goal, Antolini's focus this year is to implement strategies outlined in Breaking Ranks II, a program developed for high schools by educational researchers. The program promotes the establishment of personalized learning, academic rigor and collaborative leadership.

"[Breaking Ranks II] fits with my long-term goal of being recognized as a Presidential School of Excellence," says Antolini.

Technology will be integrated into learning more than ever. High school students will be offered the chance to take classes at "Virtual High School," an internet-based classroom. The Middle school boasts a new technology lab funded by the Cohasset Education Foundation.

Returning students will see plenty of familiar faces around the building, but there are a dozen new faces joining the faculty. Middle School Assistant Principal Beth McCoy has moved on, and Kerri Sandler, a former world language teacher in Hull will take her place. Antolini also welcomes nine new teachers, a new secretary and a new school psychologist, Aaron Blidner.

"I'm looking forward to helping all students meet with success and provide all staff with the opportunity to do that," says Antolini, "we want to create ways to challenge everyone in the school community to demonstrate their strengths and apply what they are learning."

What to know the first day back

Osgood School

Grades: K-2
Location: 210 Sohier St. (just beyond Deer Hill School)
Principal: Janet Sheehan
E-mail: jsheehan@cohassetk12.org
Main office: (781) 383-6117
School nurse: Sandy Crough
Phone: (781) 383-9054
Lunch: $2.25
Start time: 9:10 a.m.
End time: 3:10 p.m. (full day kindergarden, grades 1 and 2), 11:50 a.m. (half-day kindergarten)
Web site: www.cohassetk12.org/OSschool

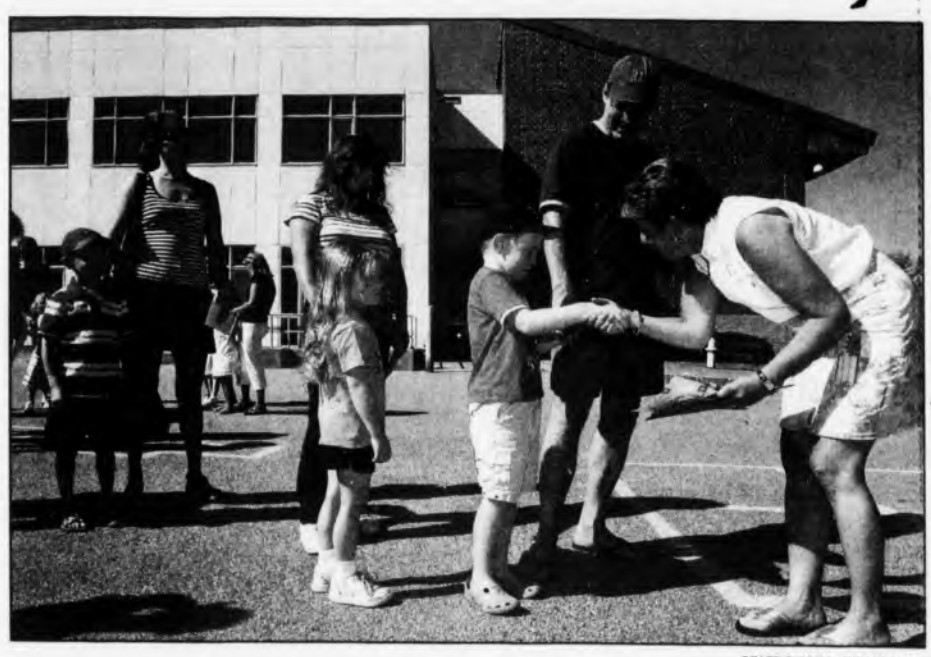
Deer Hill School

Grades: 3-5
Location: 208 Sohier St.
Principal: Jennifer deChiara
E-mail: jdechiara@cohassetk12.org
Main office: (781) 383-6117
School nurse: Karen Murphy
Phone: (781) 383-6117 x 109
Lunch: $2.50
Start time: 8:30 a.m.
End time: 2:30 p.m.
Web site: www.cohassetk12.org/DHschool

Cohasset Middle-High School

Grades: 6-8 (middle school) 9-12 (high school)
Location: 143 Pond St.
Principal: Joel Antolini
Assistant high school principal: Michael Gill
Assistant middle school principal: Kerri Sandler
High school office: (781) 383-6100
Middle school office: (781) 383-4205
School nurse: Judy Collins
Phone: (781) 383-6100 x 191
Lunch: food-court style cafeteria has options from entrees to deli to salad bar
Start time: 7:30 a.m. End time: 2:00 p.m.
Web site: (middle school) www.cohassetk12.org/mschool (high school) www.cohassetk12.org/hschool

Other personnel
Superintendent of schools: Dr. Denise Walsh
Phone: (781) 383-6111
Transportation coordinator: Kelly Dickson
Phone: (781) 383-6108
METCO coordinator: Aleisa Gittens-Carle
Phone:(781) 383-1563
Food Services Director: Robert Levy
Phone: (781) 383-6107
Athletic Director: Ron Ford
Phone: (781) 383-6103
Athletic department Web site: www.cohassetk12.org/hschool/CohassetAthletics/index.html
Student Services Director: Linda Gill
Phone: (781) 383-6104



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Kindergarten teacher Julia DeWaal, right, shakes the hand of one of her new students, Austin Tarpey, 5, during the kindergarten playdate at Osgood during which children could meet their teacher. Austin is with his father, Kevin. Olivia Auld, 5, center, waits in line with her mother, Sharon, while Ian Appleby, 5, left, waits with his mom, Michelle.

deChiara is 'ready to go'

FROM DECHIARA, PAGE 1

"I figured to do my job well and thoughtfully I need to know all the kids," she says. For six years she was principal of the Dean S. Luce Elementary School in Canton, which housed students from pre-kindergarten to grade five. In addition to the appeal of a smaller school, deChiara finds herself more in her comfort zone at the helm of a school devoted to only grades three to five.

An added bonus is Cohasset's seaside location, which is both close to her home in Weymouth and, for her, is reminiscent of her childhood growing up on Cape Cod.

DeChiara began her career in education in the early 80s as a special education teacher, "I loved it." But, over time, she became frustrated with the school system's low expectations for special education students.

"I felt we should be preparing them for college," says deChiara while the program was designed to be a functional and therapeutic curriculum. Through graduate studies and a stint teaching at an orphanage in Romania, deChiara determined school administration was where she could enact the most change.

"I always want to be a principal, I don't have aspirations to be a superintendent. I want a career defined by personal relationships," she says.

In the next year she hopes to continue the progress her predecessor, Keith Gauley, made for Deer Hill during his tenure.

"Things are done well here from what I can see," she says, but it will take a building full of kids to fully understand all the issues facing the school. She names the recent implementation of Reader's Workshop, a multi-faceted approach to reading as a curriculum strength. It teaches comprehension, fluency, vocabulary, phonics and word study. She and her team of teachers aim to raise the school's MCAS writing scores which were "lower scores than what was expected given the reading scores." Professional development has been geared toward writing techniques to address the discrepancy.

"I've been impressed with the level of professionalism in the teachers."

— Dr. Jennifer deChiara, Deer Hill principal

"I've been impressed with the level of professionalism in the teachers. Most of them have been in the building a lot over the summer between workshops, meeting with me and setting up the classrooms," she says, "the focus for the teachers is truly what's good for the kids, not what's easiest for me as a teacher."

One of the unique aspects she intends to bring to the Deer Hill community is to encourage students and teacher to become leaders.

"I want kids to develop confidence in themselves," deChiara says, "there will be a focus on helping kids develop their strongest talents and prepare them for leadership in the future."

In conjunction she plans on developing a fifth grade leadership program in the upcoming year. The successful EMC^3 — enrich, motivate and challenge — programming will return to Deer Hill with before, during and after school enrichment classes.

Over the next few years, deChiara would like to see smaller class sizes at Deer Hill. Although right now the class size is in a "reasonable range" from a high of 24 to a low of 21, she feels the primary level is where class size is most important.

"The students have less capacity to work independently" so they often need more individual or small group instruction, she says. "A class size of 18 would be lovely."

DeChiara will be holding several small focus group sessions with parents throughout September, there will be evening and day times to allow, "it allows me the opportunity to learn from parents and know what their vision for the school and for kids is."

So far, deChiara has found the parent and larger Cohasset community to be welcoming, "I can't overemphasize how supported I've felt from day one. It's been a wonderful way to enter a community. Parents have only expressed their willingness to help and support the school."

With school just over the horizon and final details being worked out, deChiara is looking forward to greeting the students as they enter Deer Hill on Tuesday, "we're ready to go."

SCHOOL MENUS

Deer Hill, Osgood menus

MONDAY, SEPT. 3
No school due to Labor Day holiday.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 4
Chicken nuggets and dinner roll or turkey sub, oven baked fries, carrots, sliced apples, juice or milk.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5
Pasta with meat sauce and dinner roll or ham and cheese sandwich, green beans, peaches, juice or milk.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 6
Taco meat served over tortilla chips with lettuce, tomato or cheese or tuna sub, vegetable, rice, pineapple, juice or milk.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 7
Cheese or pepperoni pizza or bologna sandwich, garden salad, fruit, juice or milk.

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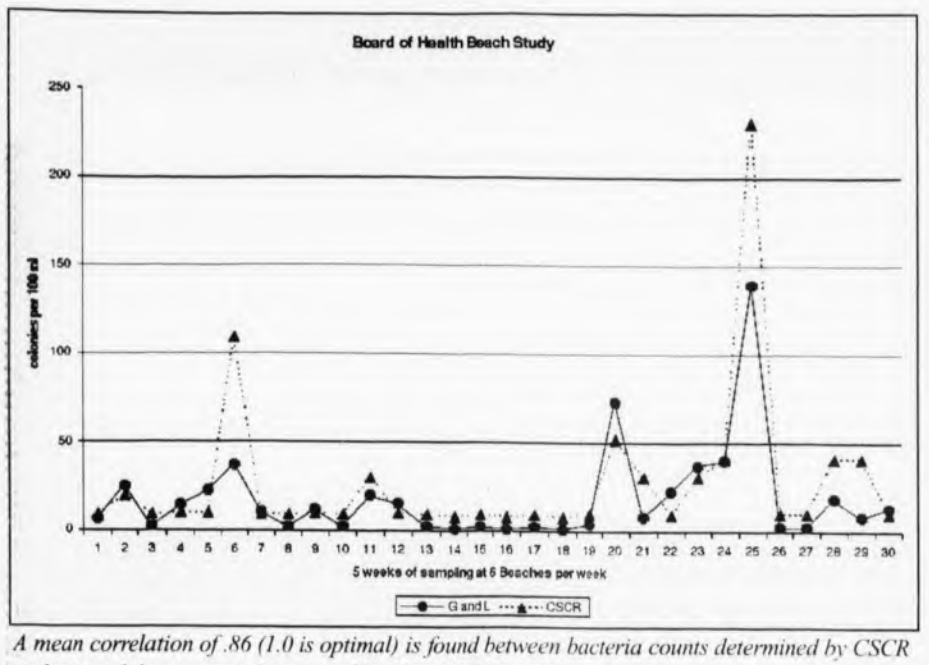

Neal Baumberg


Thomas Kent

Neal Baumberg resides in Weymouth with his loving wife Merle. He has been a sales consultant for over 35 years and has been with Infiniti for the past 12 years. Neal invites all his friends and previous customers to visit him at Prime Infiniti and put his experience and professional customer service to work for you on new and pre-owned vehicles. Come down and see the all new G-37 coupe!

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A mean correlation of .86 (1.0 is optimal) is found between bacteria counts determined by CSCR students and those counts determined by G and L laboratories.

CSCR Students 'Go Pro!'

CSCR UPDATE

JACK BUCKLEY

When considering statistics and statistical analyses, baseball is never too far from the discussion. From Little Leaguer to sports talk radio aficionado, baseball "pros" in New England know their stats. Baseball stats, or benchmarks guide our debates about the relative merits of particular players, and they give us standards to reach for if we dare dream about "going pro." But what happens when we switch from playing fields to laboratories? What are the benchmarks? Which statistics do we use to compare ourselves to the professionals? Daring students from Center for Student Coastal Research endeavored to find some answers to these questions by asking, "How do we compare to the pros? Can we produce results like they do in the "Big Leagues?" Can we produce bacteria data comparable to that produced by a professional lab?

This article, part one of a two part series, provides a preliminary, but resounding YES answer to the questions posed above. Considering that the topic of municipal benchmarks has been exposed, discussed, and debated for well over a year now in the Cohasset community, it is only fitting that CSCR student data be examined in such a context.

Readers were recently informed about the Board of Health project championed by CSCR students **Chloe Koines, Katina Martone,** and **Juliette Karp**. Under the co-leadership of CSCR intern Brittany Novak (CHS grad '04, Harvard University BA candidate, '08) and Board of Health Renaissance woman **Tara Tradd**, Koines, Martone, and Karp are collecting and analyzing bacteria samples drawn from six Cohasset swimming sites. More importantly, the three students hypothesized that they could produce bacteria counts comparable to the bacteria data produced by G and L Laboratories, the professional lab with whom the town contracts to perform its beach sampling analyses. To date, five weeks of student data has been collected and analyzed in comparison to G and L data. How do the two data sets compare?

Figure one reveals a beautiful correlation between the professional data and the student data. Correlation, one may recall, is a statistical tool used to "determine whether the two measurement variables tend to move together." We want a positive correlation, expressed as a numerical value of +1.0 (or close to it) when the calculations are performed. Visually, a positive correlation close to 1.0 means that the two sets of data will move together and look like one line when graphed together. The two data sets will "move" together such that when the student data moves "up" and "down," the G and L data moves in harmony. And it does! Bacteria are not uniformly distributed in any water sample, so some variation is quite normal and expected.

Congratulations are in order to all of the students who have participated in these two projects with such a high degree of professionalism.

Could the town of Cohasset utilize the services of CSCR student researchers to perform its beach sampling program, rather than subcontract services to a professional lab? The preliminary answer to that question is again a definitive, "YES!" This favorable comparison of data sets is all the more appealing when one considers that the cost per bacteria test charged by a professional lab is $35 while CSCR's per test cost is less than $10. Herein lies a potential for a municipal savings of $1,500 over the course of a single season of beach monitoring ($25 cost difference x six beaches x 10 weeks of sampling).

In addition to this compelling Board of Health project, a separate group of CSCR student researchers collected and analyzed four rounds of bacteria samples at nine sites within Cohasset Harbor's watershed. Under the direction of project leader **Christian Krahforst** of the Massachusetts Bays Monitoring Program, 12 CSCR students monitored not only bacteria counts, but pH, dissolved oxygen, salinity, nitrates, chlorophyll-a, and total suspended solids. Four sites were located in the Harbor, while three sites were located in the Gulf River, and two sites were located in James Brook. With respect to bacteria, 72 total samples have been analyzed by CSCR students and professional lab technicians from G and L (36 samples, respectively.) How do these numbers compare?

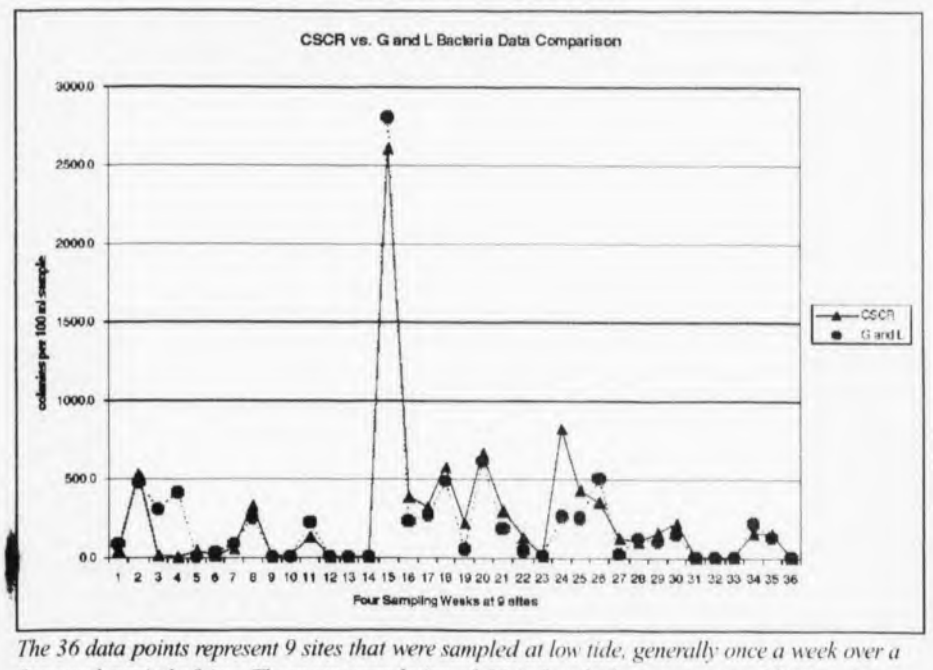
One can see that CSCR's bacteria data (indicated by the circle symbol,) closely follows G and L's bacteria data (indicated by the triangle symbol,_). For the most part, when the triangles go up, the circles go up; when the triangles go down, the circles go down, revealing another positive correlation between CSCR student data and G and L professional data.

This data set, however, reveals some exceptions that are most likely attributable to sampling technique. Most of the samples drawn for comparison with G and L were field duplicates as called for in the study protocol. Field duplicates are taken when one sample bottle is filled for one lab, then a second bottle filled for another lab. By contrast, "split" samples are taken when one field sample is split into two sub samples with half of the sample going to one lab, and the other half of the sample sent to the other lab. Does it make a difference?

To test the hypothesis that split samples might lead to a more favorable comparison, students split samples on their second round of data collection. Look closely at data points 10-18. The triangles and circles are very tight. Analyzed as a subset, these split samples returned a correlation value of .99. One doesn't get much better than that! The data suggests that splitting samples is a more desirable approach than collecting field duplicates.

Can CSCR students produce bacteria data comparable to that produced by a professional lab? Yes. Does the quality of student work wither in the bright light of professional benchmarks? Not at all. Is there still room for improvement in the quality of work produced by CSCR students? Of course. But if one wants to know just how good student work is at CSCR, this data confirms what CSCR teachers have known for some time now about CSCR student work— it's pretty much as good as the pro's.

Congratulations are in order to all of the students who have participated in these two projects with such a high degree of professionalism. Congratulations to **Melissa Campedelli, Margaux Donze, Tristram Norman, Katie Pritchard, Mike Kusek, Johanna Regan, Jean Thomae, Jenny Cahill, Ellie Baumgarten, Matt Burgess, Robin Earle, Jon Choi, Michelle Berube, Aisling Guinee**, and **James McKelvey.**



The 36 data points represent 9 sites that were sampled at low tide, generally once a week over a four week period of time. The mean correlation of .80 is found when comparing CSCR student bacteria counts to professional lab G and L, Quincy, Mass.

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It's Happening

Cohasset Dramatic Club sets stage for auditions

Auditions for Cohasset Dramatic Club's production of "Moon Over Buffalo" by Ken Ludwig, will be held at the Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave. on Sunday, Sept. 9 from 5-8 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 10 from 7-9 p.m. Call backs, if needed, Tuesday Sept. 11 at 7 p.m.

Cast size is four men and four women.

Performance dates will be Nov. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, & 11 at the Cohasset Town Hall.

This hilarious comedy centers on George & Charlotte Hay, two fading repertory stars in 1950s Buffalo. They've lost their last chance at stardom, their agent is smitten with Charlotte and the company ingénue is pregnant by George. The plot is full of misunderstandings, misplaced affections and missing persons. The show premiered on Broadway starring Carol Burnett.

Email director Eric Henderson at lighthouse_kp@hotmail.com or producer Jean D at:

tangledwb7@aol.com with any questions.

Pastel painter to give course in Cohasset

Throughout the ages, landscape painting has posed challenges to the visual artist. From ocean to city, artists have developed techniques to represent vast spaces, sometimes miles deep, on two-dimensional surfaces. With the right techniques, landscape paintings can create illusions, transporting viewers into atmospheres, familiar or foreign.

Colorado pastel painter Doug Dawson will travel to Cohasset to instruct a week-long workshop from September 10 through 14, designed to simplify the process of landscape painting. Using pastel as their medium, students will be taught to create the appearance of texture and depth, develop compositions, solve problems with color and more. Instructor demonstrations and individual attention guarantee a great learning experience.

Dawson's work has appeared in many exhibitions and publications. For more information about the artist, visit his Web site at dougdawsonartist.com. To register for this class, which costs $575 for the week, call 781-383-2787 or visit ssac.org.

South Shore Art Center is at 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset Village. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m., on Sunday.

Seaside Road Race is set for Sept. 1

Hull Academic Support Coalition will host its annual road race on Saturday, Sept. 1. The Nantasket Seaside Road Race is a scenic 4-mile run starting at Hull High School, going along Main Street in Hull Village, along the water overlooking Boston Harbor and Hull Bay, then turning up and over Allerton Hill, back along Allerton Harbor finishing back at Hull High School. This event attracts runners from all over the Boston and South Shore area.

Nantasket Seaside Road Race begins at 8 a.m. at Hull High School, 180 Main St. Day of race registration opens at 6:30 a.m. at Hull High School and the fee is $20. T-shirts are given to all runners and walkers. An award ceremony will follow the race at the finish line at Hull High School.

Participants may call race director Kristen Evans at 781-925-2720 for more information.

Artists to depict Hingham scenes

The public is invited to stroll through the neighborhoods of Lincoln Historic District in Hingham between Thursday, Sept. 6, and Saturday, Sept. 8, to see artists capturing the beauty of the area. Many local and regional artists will be scattered throughout the district producing paintings for a silent auction Saturday evening at South Street Gallery. The gallery is sponsoring this sixth annual event titled "Paint the Square," which is a three-day plein-air painting experience. Artists to look for will include Marjorie Osborne Whorf, Dianne Panarelli Miller, Eli Cedrone, Jen Kelly, Diane Scott, Robert Beaulieu and others.

This event will take place Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and culminates with the silent auction Saturday evening at South Street Gallery, 149 South St., where interested parties may purchase some of the paintings completed over the weekend. The public is invited to view the finished paintings from 7 to 9 p.m., Sept. 8, at the gallery. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. The exhibit will be on view through Sept. 21.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for people to observe art as it is being created in a beautiful local historic center," said Jack Hobbs, owner of South Street Gallery. "We encourage people from the area to stop by, see the artists painting in the square, and if they are interested in purchasing a painting at the auction, to come by. It is also a perfect excuse to take time out of hectic schedules to enjoy the simple pleasure of a stroll outdoors."

South Street Gallery hosts events showcasing local artists and offers custom framing and art restorations. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m., on Sunday. For more information, call 781-749-0430 or visit southstreetgallery.com.

Regatta to fight breast cancer

The B/C Regatta and Benefit Party to fight breast cancer will take place the weekend of Sept. 7 through 9. The Regatta, at Lincoln Maritime Center at the Hingham Rotary on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 8 and 9, will feature a children's Optimist race, where kids age 8 through 14 will sail around Hingham Harbor in a friendly competition.

The Benefit Party, at Hingham Yacht Club on Friday, Sept. 7, will cost $75 per person and feature live music, food, silent auction, cocktail reception and fun.

Anyone who can't attend any of the events can still make a gift in honor or contribute a silent auction donation. Visit bcregatta.org for more details on the event.

Fall courses offered at SSAC

South Shore Art Center is taking registrations for its fall courses and workshops for artists of all ages and abilities. Adult classes begin the week of Sept. 17 and young artist classes begin Sept. 24.

Adult courses are available in printmaking, painting, drawing, digital photography, ceramics, sculpture and mixed media, including furniture painting.

A relief printmaking workshop will be taught by School of the Museum of Fine Arts faculty member Lisa Houck on Sunday, Oct. 21.

Children's classes include pre-K mixed media classes, clay, the popular Sketchbook Club for students grades 4-7 and two levels of Art Studio for grades 6-9 and grades 10-12. Art in Action, a class for students in grades 1-4 that mixes instructors and artistic media, returns on Friday afternoons.

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Katrina survivors still struggling

What can we do to help?

COMMENTARY

CAROL BRITTON MEYER



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After Katrina hit the community of Gulfport, Miss. in August of 2005, only cement slabs remained where most houses and businesses stood.

As I look around at the beauty of Hingham, the town so many of us call home, my thought turns to the thousands of people still left homeless in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Aug. 29 marks the two-year anniversary of this disaster, which ravaged nearly 90,000 miles of the Gulf Coast, including New Orleans. It's unthinkable and inhumane that so many are still struggling to get their lives back in order — in many cases the most vulnerable citizens who were already faced with poverty and lack. Many are still living in substandard conditions or in other states, waiting for long-promised federal and state assistance. The wait has been much too long.

On a recent visit to New Orleans, my family and I were pleased and relieved to see the comeback that the City of New Orleans has made as far as tourism goes because this is vital to its survival. But we also saw block after block, mile after mile, of outlying neighborhoods still lying in devastation.

Try to imagine what it would be like here in Hingham to experience such a widespread, far-reaching disaster. Imagine your house under eight or more feet of water, family members, pets, and cherished possessions washing away despite your desperate attempts to save them, all your hard work to make your house a home just gone. Imagine complete devastation: downed trees and power lines, roofs blown off, cars floating away, and the need to seek safety on your rooftop — because there's nowhere else to go — where you are stranded for days in the hot sun with little or no food and water or diapers or formula for your baby.

As if that weren't enough, the business where you were employed just the day before is destroyed, the bank where you have your life savings — however meager — is under water, and all the supermarkets are closed, even if you could get to them for much-needed food and water.

Imagine you and your fellow neighbors being the only ones around to patrol your neighborhood to keep it safe once the water receded or to rescue each other when there were no other resources available.

Imagine mile after mile of neighboring communities — Weymouth, Hull, Cohasset — all in the same condition and remaining so even two years later. The United States immediately sent aid to Asia during the tsunami disaster and more recently to Texas and continues its rebuilding efforts in Iraq, but where was, and where is, the help for the people of New Orleans then and now?

This wasn't a natural disaster nearly as much as it was a man-made one due to the failure of the levees. Holland's system is holding up fine. It can be done. It's also possible to restore the wetlands, which act as speed bumps during a storm, that have been lost over the years. It will take time, but it can be done.

The rebuilding effort is taking shape slowly but surely thanks to the tireless efforts of those New Orleans families and businesses who have managed to get their lives back on track despite the lack of well-deserved governmental assistance and support; the large number of young people moving into the area who want to help; and the many people who have gone to New Orleans to gut and rebuild homes. But much more is needed.

What does this have to do with those of us who are tucked away safely here in Hingham, you might ask?

The second anniversary of Katrina provides an opportunity to be grateful for all that we have, to make sure we are prepared should a hurricane hit our area, and to extend a helping hand to our fellow Americans — the people of New Orleans. You can make a donation, join a group heading there to rebuild housing, pay a visit to New Orleans to help boost the economy, contact your legislators to advocate for relief funds, or say a prayer — anything you do will help.

We can't lose the City of New Orleans and its rich culture.

Carol Britton Meyer, staff reporter for the Hingham Journal, is also a Hingham resident. The Hingham Journal is one of the Cohasset Mariner's sister newspapers.

Story of the Tuskegee Airmen

Members of the renowned Tuskegee Airmen will host a talk and video presentation titled "Red Tails: The Saga of the Tuskegee Airmen" at 7 p.m., on Oct. 5, in the Parish House of the First Parish (Unitarian-Universalist) church on Cohasset Common. Tuskegee Airman and member of the First Parish congregation, Jack Bryant, will moderate the evening's discussion. The entire community is invited to come learn how these brave, young American men broke the color barrier of the Army Air Corps some 65 years ago.

At the start of World War II the U.S. Army had rules which enforced our country's attitudes towards black Americans. They were considered unfit for combat and were generally assigned to stereotyped jobs as cooks and waiters, or were rejected completely. The Army Air Corps certainly did not let black men fly or repair airplanes. In that time of great need, such prejudices were a luxury our country could no longer afford. Afraid of disrupting morale of the fighting units, but under moral pressure and persuasion from the NAACP, the black media, some members of Congress and the White House, the War Department started a "separate but equal" training program for black aviators. This "noble experiment" produced the Tuskegee Airmen. (Excerpt from The History of the Tuskegee Airmen).

The Tuskegee Airmen overcame racism at home and abroad…by the end of World War II these African American pilots had earned respect for their air prowess. The "Red Tails" (nicknamed for the color painted on their aircraft) flew more than 15,000 combat missions and never lost a bomber during Allied escort missions over Europe. This important part of American History is a story that holds life lessons for all generations.

A lasagna meal and beverages will be served. The cover charge is $10/person, or $20 per family. Proceeds will support the Tuskegee Airmen's Scholarship Fund, which awards many thousands of dollars annually to young people across the country (all presenters and officers of this organization serve without salary or fee). This event is sponsored by the First Parish Unitarian Universalist congregation on Cohasset Common. For information call Sandy Bailey, Parish Administrator, at 781-383-1100.

CRTC Cookout set for Sept. 9

The annual Cohasset Republican Town Committee Cookout will take place at 4:30 p.m., on Sunday, Sept. 9, at Lou Harvey's home, 465 King St., Cohasset. Tickets are $25 per person and $40 per couple. After Sept. 4, tickets are $30 per person, and $45 per couple.

Featured speaker will be Peter Torkelson, chairman of the Massachusetts State GOP. Invited speakers will be "Amo" Hougton, former U.S. Congressman, 1986 to 2001, from Corning, N.Y., and Mickie Edwards, a former U.S. Congressman, 1977 to 1993, from Oklahoma. Local elected officials will also be invited to speak.

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Cohasset's Maddy Altholtz relaxes before leading the Weymouth Club's 18-and-under intermediate tennis team to Sectional title.

Cohasset's Maddy Altholtz wins sportsmanship award

Cited for etiquette both on and off court

By Ed Carpenter
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Cohasset's Maddy Altholtz, who helped lead the Weymouth Club's 18-and-under intermediate tennis team to Sectional title last week (Aug. 22), was presented the Tournament's Sportsmanship Award.

The Award is presented to a player who has shown tennis etiquette both on and off the court throughout the tournament.

Regarding play on the court, Altholtz, who is the daughter of Howie Altholtz and Leila Tighe, was cited for "fair on the tennis court with out/in calls and never loses her concentration."

Off the court, "she has been a great teammate to her team, rooting on her teammates and understanding the rules of good spectatorship."

The Weymouth team defeated teams from four other New England States to win the Sectional title in Hartford.

By virtue of winning the Sectionals, the eight members of the Weymouth team have qualified for the National Junior Team Tennis Tournament that will be played Oct. 26-28 in Tucson, AZ.

"She has been a great teammate to her team, rooting on her teammates and understanding the rules of good spectatorship."
— Sportsmanship Award

This marks the first time any Weymouth Club team has qualified for the National Junior Team competition.

The following players competed in the Sectionals: Kevin Hadar and Danny Hajjar from Quincy, Roberta Bergstein from Hingham, Seth Shavers from Hyde Park, Kellie MacFarlane from Kingston, Katherine Kelley from

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Open door policy

Patriots treat high schools to high-class accommodations

By Joel Racicot
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We knew the installation of FieldTurf at Gillette Stadium in 2006 was going to help Stephen Gostkowski, but few knew it would become the foundation for which all area high school football players would strive to be standing on come early December, not to mention a financial boon for the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Since local high schools last played at Foxboro in 1990, there has been little consistency for the sites and times of the Super Bowls. Enter Bob Kraft; the Patriots endeared owner who, with a stroke of his financial and entrepreneurial wand allowed high school football into what is now hallowed football ground.

"They are paying for everything, it's a very generous act," MIAA spokesperson Paul Wetzel said. "The only thing I can tell you that he (Kraft) gets out of it is that it's a real exciting day for everybody.

"They are paying for everything, it's a very generous act."
MIAA spokesperson Paul Wetzel

"He loves this stuff he's picking up all the expenses."

That will allow for the MIAA to put the money that is normally allocated to organizing the Super Bowls into other student service programs such as leadership training, wellness and sportsmanship.

When in 2002 the sports medicine committee suggested that all playoff games be played on FieldTurf, the MIAA began scrambling to find locations. Since then, the number of FieldTurf fields around the state has grown.

The opportunity to play at Gillette arose when Bob Kraft talked to Dick Neal at the Sportsmanship Summit in 2006.

The turf wasn't even installed yet.

"With any partnership you do there is usually some benefits for both," Patriots spokesperson Stacey James said. "There will be opportunities with alumni, the Hall of Fame (at Patriots Place) honors the state champions around New England on an annual basis – it will become a big event."

The past inconsistencies will be laid to rest with the new deal at Foxboro, and so will the worries of administrators, coaches and players.

"In a way the perennial teams that are at the top or win the league consistently will know what to expect and can plan ahead," Wetzel said. "In the past it puts a little burden on the school, say you win on Tuesday (playoffs) then you have (only a few days) to figure out where you are going to play.

"It's more consistent for the staff and schools."

According to Wetzel, this is just the beginning of what he and the MIAA hope becomes a strong partnership between themselves and the Patriots organization.

"It's really exciting," Wetzel said. "Everything you know about that organization, we are seeing an example of it."



PHOTO/GILLETTE STADIUM

Patriots Chairman and CEO Robert Kraft shakes hands with Richard Neal, MIAA Executive Director, as members of the defending Division 2 Super Bowl Champion Foxborough High School football team look on.

Let's get going

ABOVE THE RIM

JOEL RACICOT



0 "A job on a newspaper is a special thing. Every day you take something that you found out about, and you put it down and in a matter of hours it becomes a product. Not just a product like a can or something. It is a personal product that people, a lot of people, take the time to sit down and read." – Jimmy Breslin

Becoming a sports writer has been a natural progression for me. In my life, sports and writing have gone hand in hand. At Scituate High School I played sports and wrote papers. At Northeastern University I played sports (intramurals) and wrote papers.

Long before that I watched the NBA's Greatest Games and Dazzling Dunks and Basketball Bloopers on VHS on a daily basis. My parents wouldn't buy me Nintendo, so I was thrust into a world where the comedy team of Marv Albert and Frank Layden seemed admissible.

Afterward I usually proceeded to the court where my two older brothers made a point of beating me until I could return the favor when my height reached my basketball intellect some years later.

Around this time, I also managed to meet Larry Bird at the Harp in North Station, shake Red Auerbach's hand at a Bullets game, and grab Magic Johnson's attention during a Celtics-Lakers preseason game, where the aforementioned Laker star flashed his renowned smile and gave me a wave after some youthful-pleading.

I spent my Saturday mornings with Captain Crunch, Garfield and Dick Schaap. You can have *Around the Horn*; I'll take *The Sports Reporters* any day.

Those days probably piqued my interest in sports. My daily struggles with long division during that time, coupled with my enjoyment for the English language, probably piqued my interest in writing.

Which brings me to my new position as sports editor for Scituate, Norwell, Cohasset and Pembroke, a position I am happy to currently hold.

This should be fun.

I grew up in Scituate, and recently substitute taught in Cohasset. During college I interned here at Community Newspaper Company, for The Patriot Ledger, and at WLVI 56.

During that time I covered Friday night football, state championship basketball and interviewed the former Ambassador to the Vatican. I also covered cross country teams that hadn't won a meet, lacrosse teams that were still junior varsity level, and a pair of snowed in goats, with the same vigor as all the rest.

Most recently I wrote for the *Taunton, Raynham* and *Lakeville Calls*, as well as the *Bridgewater Independent*, the *East Bridgewater Star* and the *West Bridgewater Times*.

I enjoyed my time there. Those towns are home to some great athletic programs. Nobody told me that softball at Taunton High School was akin to football at Hoover High School. I was pleasantly surprised, and I'm sure the same will happen here.

I look forward to seeing the established programs in Scituate, Cohasset and Norwell as well as

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U16 Mass Premiere Soccer Lady Crusaders advance to USL Super Y National Playoffs

Special to the Mariner

Mass Premiere Soccer's Under-16 Lady Crusaders victory over rival Blackwatch Rhode Island, brought its record to a perfect 12-0, and capped a brilliant season. Having already clinched a playoff berth in the United Soccer Leagues' Super Y-League North American Finals Tournament, the Lady Crusaders were determined to complete the season as the dominant undefeated Northeast Super Y Division Champions.

The Northeast Division is comprised of elite soccer clubs from metro New York, the six New England states and Eastern Canada. The Super Y-League North American Finals is a five-day tournament held in Tampa, Florida that determines the league's national champions.



COURTESY

Front Row: Devin Petta, Jenna Goodwin, Jackie Squatrito, Erica Donnelly, Ellen Callahan, Maggie MacDonald, Andrea Nogueira, Second Row: Coach Darren Gallagher, Megan Penn, Allie Coppenrath, Amanda Megnia, Chrissy Fancy, Maggie McGoldrick, Julie Foster, Sarah Coggins, Lyndsay Pallotta, Kristen Tholen, Casey Edwards, Manager Robin Tholen, Assistant Coach Gavin MacPhee.

"We knew we had something special in this team during winter training, we just didn't know how special," said coach Darren Gallagher. "This is our first (MPS) team to go undefeated in their regional league. They never flustered, even in the few times we found ourselves behind in the game. Leaving the field with a tie was unacceptable to them and a loss was out of the question."

The roster is made up of very talented high school players from across the South Shore, South Coast and Cape Cod, who have been playing together as a team for the past three years. Individually, they have all developed strong resumes playing for their own high school squads. Collectively, they have meshed into a technically sound, tactically efficient force on the club soccer scene.

Cohasset High School varsity

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Cohasset's Maddy Altholtz wins sportsmanship award

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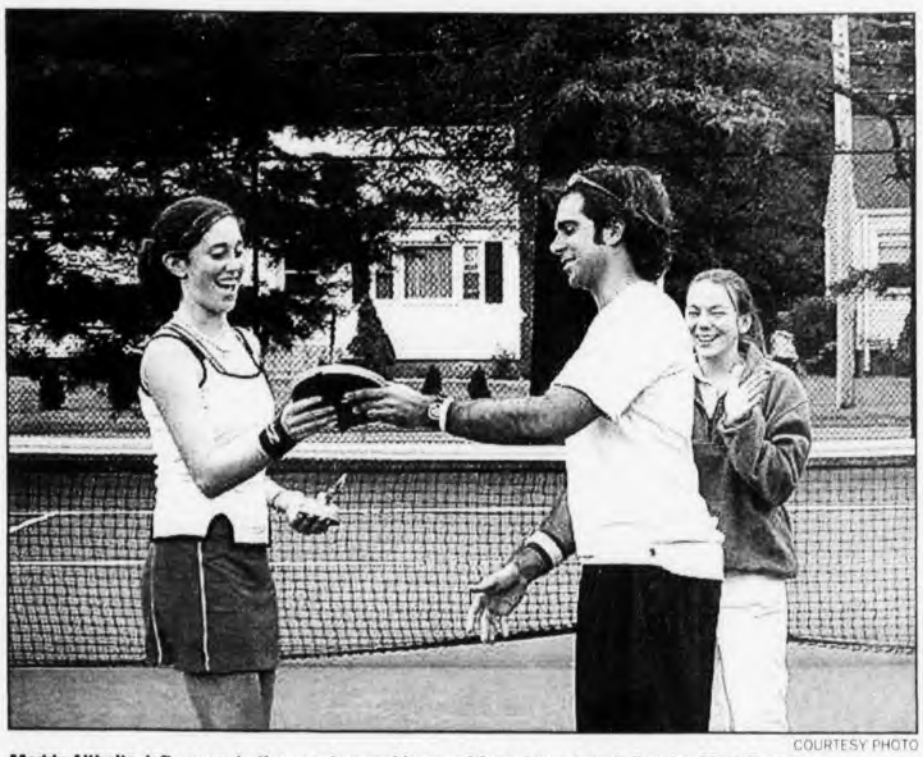
Norwell, and Maddy Altholtz from Cohasset.

The team trophy was awarded based on the total number of games won by the eight players during the two-day tournament.

The Weymouth players took 140 games, while the team from Maine was runner-up with 126 games. Connecticut was third with 114 points followed by Vermont (101) and New Hampshire (71).

Matches were held in five divisions: girls and boys singles, girls and boys doubles, and mixed doubles.

Weymouth qualified for the Sectionals by winning the State title that was played the week-end of Aug. 11th. Playing on the State championship team were Yee, Hadar, Hajjar, Shavers, MacFarlane, Kelley, and Altholtz. In addition, Milton's Megan Campos and Milton's Max Staffa were also on the victorious team. However, because of conflict, neither was able to play in Hartford. In their place, Bergstein, who did not play in the State tournament, joined the others in Hartford.



COURTESY PHOTO

Maddy Altholtz, left, accepts the sportsmanship award from tournament director, Matt Fraenza.

COHASSET HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULES

August
29 @Hingham/Scrim. 3 p.m.
September
1 @Hanover/Scr. 10:30 a.m.
8 Pembroke 1 p.m.
15 Arch. Williams 1 p.m.
23 @Card. Spellman 1 p.m.
29 Scituate 1 p.m.
October
5 Carver 7 p.m.
12 Mashpee 6 p.m.
20 @E. Bridgewater 1 p.m.
November
2 Abington 7 p.m.
9 Norwell 7 p.m.
22 @Hull 10 a.m.

Girls Varsity Field Hockey
Games at 3:30 p.m. unless noted.
August
29 @Ply. N./Scrim 2:15 p.m.
September
4 @Notre Dame/S 2:15 p.m.
6 E. Bridgewater
9 @Nantucket 1:30 p.m.
10 @Norwell
18 Oliver Ames
20 @Harwich 4 p.m.
24 @Mashpee
26 Carver
28 @Hull
October
2 @E. Bridgewater
4 Norwell
9 @Scituate
12 Harwich 4 p.m.
13 Nantucket 1 p.m.
16 Mashpee
18 @Carver
22 Hull
23 Scituate
25 @Hingham

Boys Varsity Golf
All games at 3:30 p.m.
September
4 @Quincy
5 Cardinal Spellman
6 Mashpee
10 East Bridgewater
18 Norwell
19 Harwich
20 @Carver
25 @Mashpee
26 @East Bridgewater
27 Abington
October
1 @Rockland
2 @Harwich
3 @Norwell
9 Carver
10 @Abington
11 Quincy

Boys Varsity Soccer
August
30 Scrim/C. Spellmn 3:30 pm.
September
5 Scrim/@Ply N. 5 p.m.
9 @Nantucket 1:30 p.m.
11 @Abington 3:30 p.m.
17 Harwich 4 p.m.
19 @Norwell 3:30 p.m.
25 E. Bridgewater 3:30 p.m.
27 Carver 3:30 p.m.
October
1 @Hull 6 p.m.
3 Mashpee 4 p.m.
5 Abington 3:30 p.m.
9 @Harwich 4 p.m.
11 Norwell 7 p.m.
13 Nantucket 1 p.m.
15 @E. Bridgewater 3:30 p.m.
17 @Carver 3:30 p.m.
19 Hull 6 p.m.
22 @Scituate 6:30 p.m.
23 @Mashpee 4 p.m.
25 Rockland 6:30 p.m.

Girls Varsity Soccer
August
30 Scrim/W. Bridge 3 p.m.
31 Scrim/@S. Heart 3 p.m.
September
5 Abington 3:30 p.m.
8 @Notre Dame 10 a.m.
9 @NDA Tourney TBA
12 @Rockland 3:30 p.m.
17 @Harwich 4 p.m.
19 @Norwell 3:30 p.m.
25 @ E. Bridgewtr. 3:30 p.m.
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October
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17 Carver 3:30 p.m.
19 @Hull 6 p.m.
23 Mashpee 4 p.m.
25 @Scituate 5:30 p.m.
29 Hanover 5 p.m.

Falmouth Road Race results

The following Cohasset residents participated in the Falmouth Road Race held Sunday, Aug. 12

Name	Age	Time
J. Patrick Kennedy	42	45:59
Sean Conte	25	54:24
Rick Flynn	49	55:09
Michael Savage	57	58:55
Devin Kennedy	12	1:02:59
James Dowden	32	1:03:46
Bill Cavanaro	50	1:05:29
John Cavanaro	39	1:10:03
Timothy Cavanaro	11	1:10:03
Kevin Butler	47	1:11:18
William Doyle	44	1:15:21
Sandra Cavanaro	40	1:19:02
Teresa Polhemus	40	1:19:09
Robert Riley	77	1:31:40

SPORTS NOTES

Deutsche Bank Championship

Aug. 28 to Sept. 3, the top names in professional golf including defending champion Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Vijay Singh, Ernie Els and Sergio Garcia are all scheduled to appear at the 2007 Deutsche Bank Championship, one of four PGA TOUR Playoff events, at TPC Boston, 400 Arnold Palmer Blvd., Norton. The tournament features four rounds of championship golf preceded by practice rounds and pro-am tournaments. This year's Championship is part of the inaugural PGA TOUR Playoffs for the FedExCup, a four-tournament post-season playoff in which the top PGA Tour golfers will compete for the single-largest payout in sports, a $10 million first prize. Aug. 28, Deutsche Bank Boston Red Sox Legends and Friends Pro-Am, 7:30-5 p.m.

Aug. 29, Professional practice rounds, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Aug. 29, Deutsche Bank Championship Kids Exhibition, 2-3 p.m.

Aug. 30, Championship Pro-Am Competition, 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Aug. 31-Sept. 1, Championship rounds 1 and 2, 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sept. 2-3, Championship rounds 3 and 4, 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Tiger Woods Foundation is the primary beneficiary of the Deutsche Bank Championship. In 2006, the Championship successfully reached its fundraising goal and raised a record $2.6 million for the Tiger Woods Foundation and New England charities. Since its inaugural 2003 event, the Deutsche Bank Championship has raised a total of $7 million for charity.

Pro-Am and practice round tickets are $25; championship round tickets are $45. Multi-day packages are also available. Tickets may be purchased at www.dbchampionship.com or by calling 1-877-TIX-4DBC.

Synchro skating at Armstrong Arena

Synchronized skating consists of a group of eight or more figure skaters, all skating on the ice at one time. They work together as one unit. A synchronized skating team performs a program set to music. The 2007/2008 beginner level synchro skating team, the Ice Pops, will be starting its training program in September. The team is currently looking to add new figure skaters to their roster. Emphasis is on having fun with skaters while learning the basic skills of synchro skating. Ice Pop team members are aged 6-12. If you are interested in finding out more information, call Margot Marino at 508-746-2561. At Armstrong skating rink in Plymouth.

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Outlaws have work cut out for them

Another shutout victory puts them at 3-3 for the year

By David Wolcott
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Consecutive shutout victories have started to fill a hole the South Shore Outlaws put themselves in with their 1-3 beginning to the season. But Outlaws head coach Greg Townsend emphasized after Saturday night's 30-0 win over the Eastern Maine Warriors there was still a great deal work left to be done for the squad to get back into the playoff picture.

"We've dug ourselves into a hole where we have three league contests in the four games we have left and I don't think we have any other option than winning all three of them," Townsend said. "We started a little slow, so we're going to have to win out to get to where we want to be. That'll get us to the dance. Once we get to the playoffs I think we can be a dangerous team to face."

The defensive effort of the Outlaws has been the story of the season, but the last two weeks the squad has shown the balance it'll need to be successful with a pair of strong ground-based offensive efforts. An offense that was sputtering through the early part of the season finally seems to have found its legs.

"Sometimes it takes a little while for an offense to come together and find a rhythm," Townsend said. "A successful offense is all about repetition and practice and sometimes at the semiprofessional level it takes a couple weeks into the season until all the parts start moving together in the same direction."

The suddenly potent offense put the Outlaws on top in quick fashion. On the first play of their second drive of the game first-year quarterback Matt Letourneau (Brockton) froze the Warriors defense with a nifty play fake. He found Anthony White (Kingston) streaking down the sideline all alone in the secondary for a 60-yard scoring strike at the 4:53 mark of the first quarter. John Carpenter (Plymouth) knocked home the extra point for an early 7-0 lead.

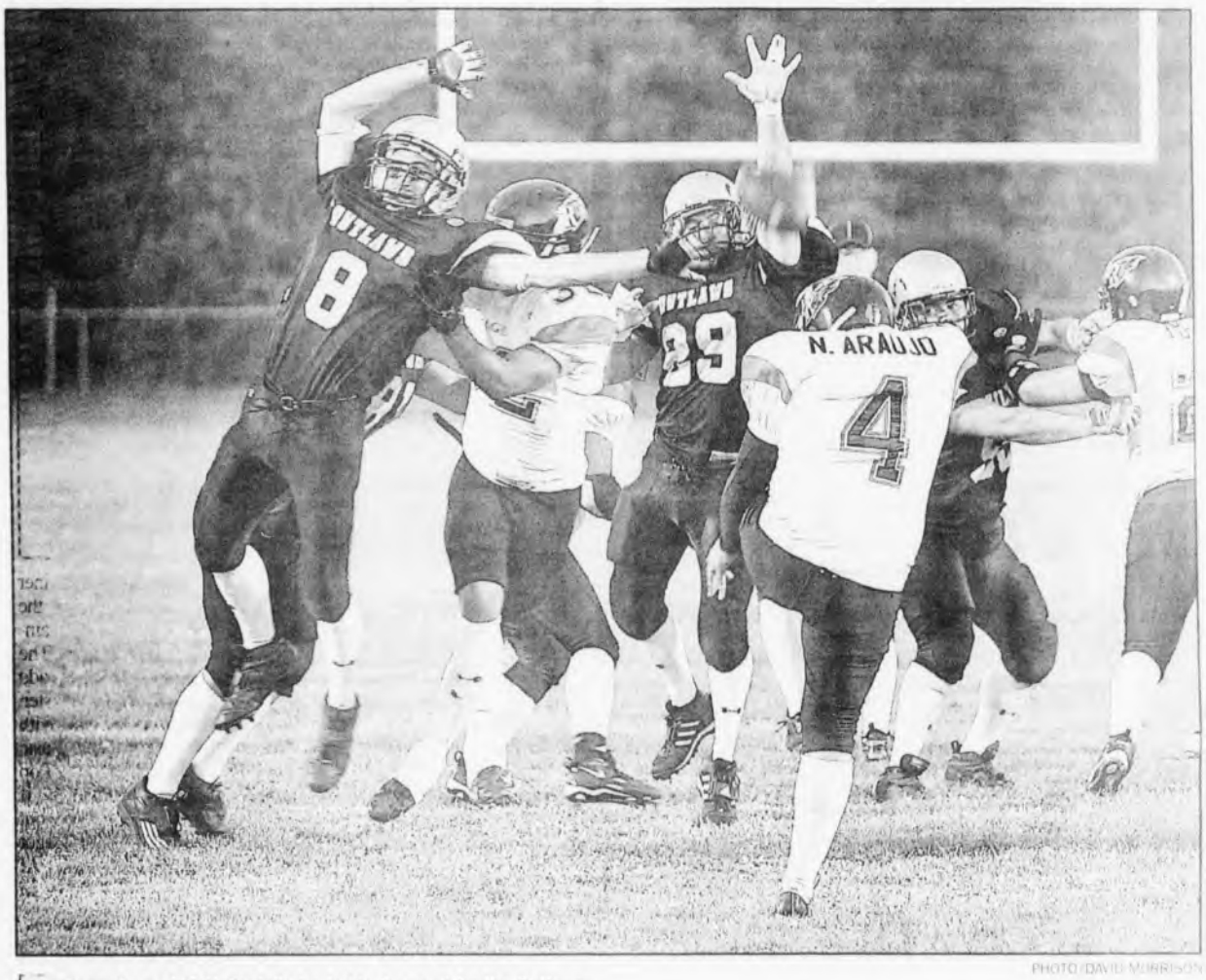
Off the ensuing kickoff the Warriors started at their own 21-yard line only to go backward from there. A false start put them back five yards to start the drive and then losses on consecutive plays left them with a third down and a mile to go at their own 3-yard line. Things went from bad to worse on the next play when the ball was left on the ground and Hank Anderson (Duxbury) recovered the ball to put the Outlaws on top 14-0.

Running back Luis Gonzalzes (13 carries, 47 yards) did the bulk of the damage the next time the Outlaws had the football, helping to engineer a 14-play drive that culminated in his two-yard scoring run midway through the second quarter. Carpenter's extra-point attempt failed, but the 20-0 lead was looking pretty safe.

The lead got even safer in the last minute before the break when Letourneau connected with Kyrell Wooten (Brockton) on a 21-yard scoring strike to extend the lead out to 27-0. South Shore added to the lead thanks to a 40-yard field goal from the foot of Russ Valez (Taunton).

A long Warrior completion put the shutout in jeopardy in the final minute of the game. Eastern Maine got all the way down to the Outlaws 12-yard-line, but Brian Rezendes (Plymouth) kept the shutout in tact by picking off a pass at the goal line with time running out in the game.

"The key about the way we play defense is that everyone on the field can run. From the guys in the secondary to the big guys up on the line, every one of them can runs above-average for a person of their size," Townsend said. "We play an attack style of defense and take pride in the fact that everyone we put onto the field will be running to the football. We know there are things that can hurt us on defense so we try our best to make up for whatever we might lack with speed and determination."



PHOTO/DAVID MORRISON

Brian Rezendes and Matt Costello try to block a punt for the Outlaws.

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watching Pembroke grow into a formidable institution.

I welcome any and all to submit articles, releases, story ideas, questions, comments, criticism, praise, because in the end these are your hometown papers. When you see me in Maria's in Scituate, The Omelet Factory in Pembroke, Victoria's in Cohasset or The Beijing House in Norwell (like my childhood hero Mr. Auerbach, I eat Chinese Food *regularly*), say hi and tell me what's on your mind.

I'm just the filter in the fish tank. Here's to hoping all goes swimmingly.

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U16 Mass Premiere Soccer Lady Crusaders advance to USL Super Y National Playoffs

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soccer players, and South Shore League All-Stars, Sarah Coggins and Maggie McGoldrick, worked in tandem to secure the midfield and anchor a formidable defense on a team that surrendered just six goals while scoring 38 goals in the 12 game season.

The team now breaks ranks and returns to their respective schools. In many cases, they look forward to playing each other on the high school soccer pitch. At the conclusion of the high school season in November they will reassemble as the Lady Crusaders, travel to Tampa and tackle a challenging championship bracket playing against teams from the Pacific West, the Midwest and the Southeast regions.

Send us your sports news

Sports teams and leagues are encouraged to send their results and news to the Mariner. Information can be faxed to 781-837-4543 or e-mailed to sports editor Joel Racicot at jracicot@cnc.com or mailed Community Newspapers/ South, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, 02050. Joel can be reached at 508-967-3527. Joel can be reached at 781-837-4577.

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Check out Parents and Kids September issue
It's Back to School Time!



So does the thought of going back to school have your kids dragging their feet or skipping through the aisles at the local school supply store?
This month, Parents & Kids offers some tips to prepare for and get excited about the new school year! Also, inside find a complete directory of the best spots for apple and pumpkin pickin' this fall, plus a how-to-guide on the latest outdoor craze - rollerblading.
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Bus 2, morning stops

18 Linden Dr./174 Linden Dr./Rustic Dr./Linden Circle/492 Jerusalem Road/Rust Way/Deep Run/Jerusalem Road Drive/394 Atlantic Ave./355 Atlantic Ave./111 Nichols Road/85-91 Nichols Road/40-48 Nichols Road/14 Nichols Road/271 Jerusalem/Bow Street/59 Jerusalem Road/27 Jerusalem Road/Community Center/143 Pond Street.

Bus 2, afternoon stops

Highland Avenue and S. Main/Green Street and N. Main Street/27 Jerusalem Road/59 Jerusalem Road/Bow Street/14 Nichols Road/40-48 Nichols Road/85-91 Nichols Road/111 Nichols Road/355 Atlantic Avenue/394 Atlantic Avenue/Atlantic Avenue and Jerusalem Road/Jerusalem Road Drive/Deep Run/Rust Way/Linden Drive/Forest Notch.

Bus 3, morning stops

Hull Street and Cedar Street/81 Hull St./150 Lamberts Lane/72 Lamberts Lane/17 Lamberts Lane/117 Hull St./173 Hull St./Grace Drive/736 Jerusalem Road/Howe Road and Jerusalem Road/662 Jerusalem Road/604 Jerusalem Road/Black Rock Road and Jerusalem Road/580/572 Jerusalem Road/Rose Hill Road/Arrive Middle/High School.

Bus 3, afternoon stops

Sanctuary Pond Road and 3A/Hull Street and Cedar Street/81 Hull St./14 Lamberts Lane/72 Lamberts Lane/150 Lamberts Lane/117 Hull St./177 Hull St./Grace Drive/720-736 Jerusalem Road/Howe Road/Howe Road/662 Jerusalem Road/604 Jerusalem Road/Black Rock Road and Jerusalem Road/580-572 Jerusalem Road/Arrive Deer Hill School.

Bus 4, morning stops

155 Sohier St./70 Sohier St./Sohier Street and Ripley Road/21 Beach St./81 Beach St./Sheldon Road/Hobart Lane/81 Atlantic Ave./Stockbridge Street/Summer Street and Border Street/169 Border St./Otis Avenue/Border Street and Parker Avenue/82 Summer St./Black Horse Lane/Arrive Middle/High School.

Bus 4, afternoon stops

Black Horse Lane/82 Summer St./Parker Avenue/169 Border St./Otis Avenue/Stockbridge Street/81 Atlantic Avenue/Hobart Lane/Sheldon Road/81 Beach St./21 Beach St./Sohier Street and Ripley Road/170 Sohier St./155 Sohier St./Arrive at Deer Hill School.

Bus 5, morning stops

King Street and Whitney Woods Lane/288 King St./King Street and Lily Pond Lane/King Street and Schofield Road/251 Beechwood St./Beechwood Street and Doane Street/Aaron River Road and Flintlock Ridge Road/Carbone Lane/Bates Lane and Doane Street/Beechwood Ballpark/Hillside Drive/272 Beechwood St./235 Beechwood St./Kendall Village/Arrive Middle/High School.

Bus 5, afternoon stops

King Street and Whitney Woods Lane/288 King St./King Street and Lily Pond Lane/King Street and Schofield Road/251 Beechwood St./Hillside Drive/Beechwood Street and Doane Street/Aaron River Road and Flintlock Ridge Road/Carbone Lane/Bates Lane and Doane Street/272 Beechwood St./235 Beechwood St./Kendall Village/Arrive Middle/High School.

Bus 6 morning stops

Forest and N. Main/Rocky Lane and N. Main Street/209 N. Main/Red Gate Lane and N. Main Street/170 N. Main St./Green Street/Spring Street and S. Main Street/193 S. Main/211 S. Main/Westgate Lane/Stanton Road/River Road/411 S. Main Street/Talarico Lane/Brewster Road and Ledge Way/Brewster and Ledgewood Drive/Arrive Middle/High School.

Bus 6, afternoon stops

Spring and Pond/193 S. Main St./211 S. Main/Westgate Lane/Stanton Road/River Road/411 S. Main St./Talarico Lane/Brewster Road and Ledge Way/Brewster Road and Ledgewood Drive/Arrive Deer Hill School.

Forest Avenue, morning stops

348 Forest Ave./Forest Notch/Black Rock Road/260 Forest Ave./Surry Drive and Old Coach/Fox Run/122-124 Forest Ave./Heather Drive/Cedar Acres Drive/Forest Avene/N. Main Street/Pratt Court.

Forest Avenue, afternoon stops

Ripley Road and Sohier Street/Pratt Court/N. Main Street/Red Gate Lane/Rocky Lane/1 Forest Ave./Cedar Acres Lane/Heather Drive/122-124 Forest Ave./Fox Run/Surry Drive and Old Coach/260 Forest Ave./Black Rock Road/Forest Notch/348 Forest Ave.

DEER HILL

Bus 2, morning stops

Rose Hill Lane/30 King St./Heather Drive/Old Coach Road/255 Forest Ave./Forest Circle/Forest Notch/Rustic Drive/174 Linden Dr./Linden Circle/Stoneleigh Lane/375 Jerusalem Road/486 Jerusalem Road/Rust Way/Deep Run/Jerusalem Road Drive/279 Jerusalem Road/202 Jerusalem Road/355 Atlantic Ave./135 Nichols Road/107 Nichols Road/91 Nichols Road/60 Nichols Road/32 Nichols Road/6 Nichols Road/Bow Street/Gammonds Road/Red Gate Lane and Jerusalem Road/60 Jerusalem Road/Joy Place/45 Sohier St./Sohier Street and Ripley Road/Arrive at Deer Hill School.

Bus 2, afternoon stops

Rose Hill Lane/30 King St./Heather Drive/Old Coach Road/255 Forest Ave./Forest Circle/Forest Notch/Rustic Drive/174 Linden Dr./Linden Circle/Stoneleigh Lane/375 Jerusalem Road/486 Jerusalem Road/Rust Way/Deep Run/Jerusalem Road Drive/279 Jerusalem Road/202 Jerusalem Road/6 Nichols Road/32 Nichols Road/60 Nichols Road/91 Nichols Road/107 Nichols Road/135 Nichols Road/355 Atlantic Ave./Bow Street/Gammonds Road/Red Gate Lane and Jerusalem Road/60 Jerusalem Road/Joy Place/Arrive at Osgood School.

Bus 3, morning stops

275 Cedar Street/124-136 Lamberts Lane/72 Lamberts Lane/34 Lamberts Lane/173-191 Hull St./195 Hull St./Grace Drive/796 Jerusalem Road/720-744 Jerusalem Road/Howe Road/Windy Hill Road/Black Rock Road and Jerusalem Road/335 Forest Ave./Black Rock Road and Forest Avenue/260 Forest Ave./Surry Drive and Old Coach Road/Fox Run/122 Forest Ave./N. Main Street and Rocky Lane/209 N. Main St./Red Gate Lane and N. Main Street/50 Red Gate Lane/Arrive at Deer Hill School.

Bus 3, afternoon stops

50 Red Gate Lane/Red Gate and N. Main St./209 N. Main St./Rocky Lane/502 N. Main Street/Cedar and Hull/34 Lamberts Lane/72 Lamberts Lane/124-136 Lamberts Lane/173-191 Hull St./195 Hull St./Grace Drive/796 Jerusalem Road/728-744 Jerusalem Road/Howe Road/Windy Hill Lane/Black Rock Road and Jerusalem Road/336 Forest Ave./Black Rock Road and Forest Avenue/260 Forest Ave./Surry Drive and Old Coach Road/Fox Run/122 Forest Ave./Arrive at Osgood School.

Bus 4, morning stops

164 Pond St./Woodland Drive/Bancroft Road/Lantern Lane/27 Summer St./82 Summer St./Otis Avenue/134 Border St./Parker Avenue/Margin Street and Stockbridge Street/Hobart Lane/51 Highland Ave./155 Sohier St./Arrive at Deer Hill School.

Bus 4, afternoon stops

68 Pleasant St./50 Reservoir Road/28 Reservoir Road/Old Pasture/Bayberry Lane/164 Pond St./Pond and Woodland/Bancroft Road and Pond Street/Pond and Lantern Lane/27 Summer St./82 Summer St./134 Border St./Parker Avenue/Margin Street and Stockbridge Street/Hobart Lane/51 Highland Ave./Arrive at Osgood School.

Bus 5, morning stops

King Street and Whitney Woods Lane/Schofield Road/289 Beechwood/Beechwood and Riverview Road/Beechwood and Doane Street/Flintlock Ridge Road and Aaron River Road/Church Street and Carbone Lane/Doane Street and Bates Lane/Beechwood and Hillside Drive/290-292 Beechwood St./250 Beechwood St/515 CJC Hwy./245 Pond St./288 King St./Arrive at Deer Hill School.

Bus 5, afternoon stops

515 CJC Hwy./Pond and Bailey/King Street and Whitney Woods Lane/288 King St./King Street and Schofield Road/251 Beechwood St./289-292 Beechwood/Riverview Road/Hillside Drive/Beechwood and Doane Street/Bates Lane/Carbone/Flintlock Ridge Road and Aaron River Road/Arrive at Osgood School.

Bus 6, morning stops

Bayberry Lane/Old Pasture/28 Reservoir Road/50 Reservoir Road/68 Pleasant St./Norfolk Road and Cushing Road/Oak Street and Cushing Road/Spring Street and S. Main Street (St. Anthony's)/193 S. Main St./Westgate Lane/Stanton Road/River Road/348 S. Main St /411 S. Main/Hammonds Avenue/Talarico Lane/131 Beechwood St./Brewster Road and Ledge Way/Brewster and Ledgwood Drive/Arrive at Deer Hill School.

Bus 6, afternoon stops

155 Sohier St./Sohier Street and Ripley Road/Tower Lane and Pratt Court/Norfolk Road and Cushing Road/Oak Street and Cushing Road/Spring Street and S. Main Street (St. Anthony's)/193 S. Main St./Westgate Lane/Stanton Road/River Road/348 S. Main/411 S. Main St./Hammonds Avenue/Talarico Lane/131 Beechwood St./Brewster Ledge Way/Brewster Road and Ledgewood Drive/Arrive at Osgood School.

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Bus 2, morning stops

Stevens Lane/Elm Court/Stockbridge Street and Margin Street/379 Atlantic Ave./16 Linden Dr./45 Linden Dr./70 Linden Dr./141 Linden Dr./Rustic Drive/Stoneleigh and Linden/486 Jerusalem/Deep Run/Jerusalem Road Drive/15 Jerusalem Lane/279 Jerusalem Road/Little Harbor Road/202 Jerusalem Road/107 Nichols Road/133 Nichols Road/Bow Street/Gammons Road/56 Jerusalem Road/154 North Main/Red Gate Lane and N. Main/50 Red Gate Lane/45 Sohier St./Sohier Street and Ripley Road/167 Sohier St./Arrive 210 Sohier St.

Bus 2, afternoon stops

167 Sohier St./Sohier Street and Ripley Road/45 Sohier St./Stevens Lane/Elm Court/Margin Court and Stockbridge Street/Nichols Road and Atlantic Avenue/107 Nichols Road/133 Nichols Road/Bow Street/Gammons Road/56 Jerusalem Road/154 N. Main St./Red Gate Lane and N. Main/50 Red Gate Lane/202 Jerusalem Road/Little Harbor Road/279 Jerusalem Road/15 Jerusalem Lane/Jerusalem Road Drive/Deep Run/486 Jerusalem Road/16 Linden Dr./Stoneleigh and Linden/45 Linden Dr./70 Linden Dr./141 Linden Dr./Rustic Drive.

Bus 3, morning stops

Forest Avenue and N. Main/81 Hull St./142 Lamberts Lane/124-136 Lamberts Lane/48 Lamberts Lane/34 Lamberts Lane/Grace Drive/796 Jerusalem Road/728 Jerusalem Road/Howe Road/Howe Road/662 Jerusalem Road/Windy Hill/579-572 Jerusalem Road/303 Forest Ave./269 Forest Ave./Forest Notch/Black Rock Road and Forest Avenue/Surry Drive and Old Coach/124 Forest Ave./Heather Drive/78-80 Forest Ave./60 Forest Ave./Arrive at Osgood School.

Bus 3, afternoon stops

Forest Avenue and N. Main/81 Hull St./34 Lamberts Lane/48 Lamberts Lane/87 Lamberts Lane/124-136 Lamberts Lane/142 Lamberts Lane/Grace Drive/728 Jerusalem Road/Howe Road/Howe Road/662 Jerusalem Road/Windy Hill/579-572 Jerusalem Road/303 Forest Ave./269 Forest Ave./Forest Notch/Black Rock Road and Forest Avenue/Surry Drive and Old Coach/124 Forest Ave./Heather Drive/78-80 Forest Ave./60 Forest Ave.

Bus 4, morning stops

Tower Lane and Pratt Court/Otis Avenue/126 Border St./7 Parker Ave./19 Parker Ave./62 Summer St./60 Lantern Lane/35 Pond St./73 Pond St./22 Bancroft/39-45 Bancroft/Norfolk and Hill/Hill and Ash/Hill Street and Oak/Ash and Short/12 Short St./68 Pleasant/34 Reservoir/11 Old Pasture/Evergreen Lane/25 Tupelo Road/14 Bayberry Lane/Clayspring and Pond/Arrive Osgood School.

Bus 4, afternoon stops

Tower Lane and Pratt Court/7 Parker Ave./19 Parker Ave./126 Border St./Otis Avenue/62 Summer St./60 Lantern Lane/35 Pond St./73 Pond St./22 Bancroft/39 and 45 Bancroft/Norfolk and Hill/Hill and Ash/Hill Street and Oak/Ash and Short/12 Short St./68 Pleasant/34 Reservoir/11 Old Pasture/Evergreen Lane/25 Tupelo Road/14 Bayberry Lane/Clayspring and Pond St.

Bus 5, morning stops

231 King St./Whitney Woods Lane/249 Beechwood St./289 Beechwood St./Riverview Drive/389 Beechwood St./497 Beechwood St./Doane Street and Beechwood Street/45 Church St./Aaron River Road and Flintlock Ridge Road/Church Street and Carbone Lane/Doane Street and Bates Lane/478 Beechwood St./Hillside Drive/390-392 Beechwood St./365 Beechwood St./Mill Lane/Ox Pasture/Brewster Road and Ledge Way/Wood Way/Brewster Road and Ledgewood Drive/515 CJC Hwy./235 Pond St./9 Fairoaks Lane/145 Fairoaks Lane/203 Fairoaks Lane/260 Fairoaks Lane/Arrive at Osgood School.

Bus 5, afternoon stops

9 Fairoaks Lane/145 Fairoaks Lane/203 Fairoaks Lane/260 Fairoaks Lane/515 CJC Hwy./Bailey Road and Pond/231 King St./King Steet and Whitney Woods Lane/249-250 Beechwood St./289 Beechwood St./Ox Pasture/Mill Lane/365 Beechwood St./389-392 Beechwood St./Riverview Drive/Hillside Drive/478 Beechwood St./497 Beechwood St./Beechwood and Doane St./45 Chuch/Flintlock Ridge Road and Aaron River Road/Church Street and Carbone Lane/Doane Street and Bates Lane/Brewster Road and Ledge Way/Wood Way/Brewster Road and Ledgewood Drive.

Bus 6, morning stops

Sanctuary Pond Road/Rose Hill/351 N. Main St./Rocky Lane/209 N. Main St./Joy Place/45 Beech St / Mohawk Way/Highland and Beach/51 Highland Ave./Spring Street and S. Main St. (old library)/134 S. Main (a.m. only)/171 S. Main St./211 S. Main/Westgate Lane/Stanton Road/348 S. Main/371 S. Main/393 S. Main/419-423 S. Main St./11 Beechwood/Hammond Avenue/131 Beechwood St./159 Beechwood St. (a.m. only)/Proceed to Osgood School.

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Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

There will be no service on Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 2.

On Sunday, Sept. 9, our 10 a.m. services resume with a Service of Ingathering on the theme "Kindle One Flame."

Children and youth are invited to come with your parents to the Meeting House and meet our new Interim Director of Religious Education, Estelle Margarones! Religious education classes begin on Sunday, September 16. Be sure to register on Sunday, Sept. 9.

On Sept. 9, all are invited to a Pancake Breakfast that begins at 8 AM, with the last serving at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish House.

Refreshments and fellowship will follow the worship service.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

If you are summering in Cohasset, you are very welcome to join us in worship.

If you are a resident of Cohasset or any nearby towns and you are looking for a church, please feel free to stop by this summer and learn about our programs and services for adults, youth and children.

Our summer services are Sunday at 8 am and 9:30 am and Wednesday 9:30 Eucharist with healing service.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood. Appointments to speak to the staff can be made by calling or emailing. Office hours are daily from 8:30 am until 2 pm, noon on Friday.

Bible studies continue throughout the summer on Saturday morning at 7 am. Christian meditation continues every Monday at 4 pm at church.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Summer schedule. Friday evenings 6 p.m. light refreshments and services start at 6:30 p.m. in the David C. Carr Shalom (weather permitting) at the side of the building. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mfond@cnc.com.

Special Shabbat service at temple

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom is a forward-thinking, reform congregation on the South Shore, with educational, spiritual, outreach and social programs for all ages and interests. The congregation is on Route 228 in Hingham.

Community member are invited for a special Shabbat service to experience the warm and open community on Friday, Sept. 7. The newly organized Children's Choir will sing at a kid-friendly service at 6 p.m. Also at 6 p.m. those attending can enjoy a light snack, socialize and relax while meeting new and old friends. At 7:30 p.m. there will be a traditional Shabbat service.

For information or to register, call 781-749-8013 or visit cssadm@aol.com.

Music at the Gazebo concert

Sponsored by the Pyne Keohane Funeral Home of Hingham, Music at the Gazebo concerts will take place this year from 3 to 4:30 p.m., on Sept. 9, 16 and 23. These three free Sunday afternoon concerts will entertain the community with Big Band favorites for the 11th summer in a row.

The opening concert on Sunday, Sept. 9, will feature the return of local favorite, Gregg Savage Quintet, who is sure to keep the audience toe tapping to tunes from the Big Band era, swing and Dixieland.

The park is at the intersection of Nantasket and Samoset avenues, across from Lucky Star Restaurant. Free parking is available at Hull Redevelopment Authority in the adjacent lot. Concertgoers should bring their own seating. Performances will be canceled in case of rain.

Obituaries

Barbara Spooner-Wey

Career reflected love of helping others

Barbara Spooner-Wey, 65, of Scituate, formerly of Cohasset, died Aug. 11, 2007, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Born in Mount Vernon, N.Y., Mrs. Spooner-Wey graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1965. She raised her family in the Chicago area before moving to Cohasset in 1978.

Her varied career reflected her love of assisting others. Some of the organizations that she was affiliated with include St. John's Nursery School in Hingham, Cohasset Chapter of AFS International Exchange Program, the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program at Hayden School in Dorchester, Citizens Bank in Quincy and the South Shore Therapeutic Riding Program in Pembroke.

Mrs. Spooner-Wey had an adventuresome and generous spirit. She enjoyed kayaking, traveling, hiking and sailing with family and friends. Her determined will and positive attitude allowed her to enjoy these activities until shortly before her death.



Barbara Spooner-Wey

Those who knew her recall her support and concern for others.

Family was paramount to her, and she never missed an opportunity to speak about her daughters and grandchildren or to participate in their activities.

She leaves her husband, George C. Wey; her daughters, Vicki Spooner Dunn of Rockville, Md., and Cindy Spooner of Germantown, Md.; a brother, William Hack of Mastic Beach, N.Y.; her grandchildren, Danny and Jane; stepchildren, Jonathan Wey, Matthew and Jenny Wey, and David Wey, all of Tampa, Fla.; and her former husband, Alex Spooner of Hull.

Interment was private.

Memorial donations may be made to Massachusetts General Hospital, Dr. Blaszkowsky's Pancreatic Fund, Development Office, 165 Cambridge St., Suite 600, Boston, MA 02114-9731.

Richard B. Colburn

Retired from MWRA

Richard B. Colburn, 68, of Cohasset, died Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2007, at Hebrew Rehabilitation Center in Roslindale following a long illness.

He was born in Buffalo, N.Y., a son of Kathleen (Keeler) Colburn of Venice, Fla., and the late Harry S. Colburn. He received his bachelor of science degree in accounting from Canisius College and attained a certified public accountant designation.

After a career in public accounting and corporate finance, Mr. Colburn joined the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority. He retired from the MWRA as assistant treasurer in 2002.

Mr. Colburn was a member of Cohasset Rotary Club. He was an avid sports fan rooting for the Buffalo Bills and the Boston Red Sox.

He leaves his wife of 49 years, Nancy (Gaudet) Colburn; his mother; six children, Kevin Colburn of Stamford, Conn., Colleen Adams and her husband, Tim, of Medway, Jeff Colburn and his wife, Kim, of South Windsor, Conn., Elizabeth Moraites and her husband, Nicholas, of Medford, Christopher Colburn and his wife, Judith, of Downingtown, Pa., and Kathleen Cote and her husband, Peter, of Attleboro; his brother Harry S Colburn Jr. of Venice, Fla., and 12 grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., on Friday, Aug. 31, at St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. Arrangements are by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to National MS Society, Central New England, 101A First Ave., Suite 6, Waltham, MA 02451 or Hebrew Rehabilitation Center, 1200 Centre St., Boston, MA 02131.



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Lawrence Ainslie is laid to rest



Officer James McLean, left, Officer Jeffrey Treanor, and Officer Christy Tarantino help take the casket out of the hearse during last Thursday's funeral.



Sarah Blossom comforts her daughter, Elizabeth Ainslie, following the funeral service. Lawrence Ainslie Sr. holds the hand of Ainslie's son, Adam.



Cohasset Police Chief James Hussey, left, salutes along with Scituate officers Brendan McAuley, center, and Colin McAuley, right, as Larry Ainslie's casket passes by them.

Staff photos by Robin Chan



Adam Ainslie, center, stands up from his wheelchair and salutes his father, Lawrence "Larry" Ainslie, who was killed in a car accident Aug. 11. Adam was injured in the crash. Ainslie's casket is escorted by Cohasset police officers James MaLean and Christy Tarantino.



Police officers from Cohasset and surrounding towns salute as the Larry Ainslie's casket is escorted to the hearse.



A mourner holds a memento from the funeral service for Larry Ainslie.



Ian Massie plays the bagpipes during the burial ceremony at Woodside.



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By Kristine Esdale
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"There is a tremendous demand for professional emergency managers in all sectors of the economy," she noted. "Massachusetts Maritime Academy built the Master of Science in Emergency Management to address this need by providing students with the knowledge and skills necessary to mitigate and prepare for disasters as well as to ensure continuity of operations in the face of any and all hazards."

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Modeled after the Academy's successful Master of Science in Facilities Management degree, the course will be based in Waltham at the DoubleTree Guest Suites. This site was specifically chosen in consideration of its convenience for students working in the Boston area. With overnight accommodations included in the program, students essentially have a one-way commute from work to class. Students will also visit the Massachusetts Maritime Academy campus in Buzzards Bay to take advantage of the exceptional facilities and technology, such as the emergency management simulator and specialized labs.

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Why Massachusetts Maritime Academy?

No other public institution in Massachusetts offers a Master of Science in Emergency Management. In fact, the academy's recently approved B.S. in Emergency Management is one of only a few emergency management degrees offered by a public institution in Massachusetts.

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Admission

To be considered for admission to the program, candidates must possess a bachelor's degree and must be capable of graduate-level study. Admissions will be based on an overall evaluation of the prospective student's application together with a personal interview.

For further information, contact the Division of Graduate & Continuing Education at 508-830-5098, by e-mail at dce@maritime.edu or visit www.maritime.edu/graduate.

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Police Status Report

Eight MVAs in July

July was a very quiet month; the Cohasset Police Department had no arrests. The department did have eight criminal complaints issued for the month of July, Chief James Hussey said.

During the month of July, the Police Department investigated eight motor vehicle accidents, four of which resulted in personal injury. There were 53 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $715 in fines. Additionally, there were 206 parking tickets issued totaling $6,650 in fines, Hussey said.

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Also in the month of July, the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 1,010 calls for police services, of those, 129 were Emergency 911 calls.

Also in the month there was one report of breaking and entering involving a boat, he said.

Police/Fire Log

SUNDAY, AUG. 12

1:15 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, noise complaint. Caller states there has been loud motorcycles in the area and would like extra patrols.

1:26 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint. Caller reports vehicles parked at beach – no stickers.

1:35 p.m. **Border St.**, motor vehicle crash. Caller reports a minor motor vehicle accident.

2:02 p.m. **N. Main St.**, notification. Caller reports the mirror that is near road going toward dump is down low.

4:21 p.m. **Elm St.**, lost property. Walk-in reports that he found a brown wallet on the Border Street Bridge. Dispatch left a message with the owner of the wallet and he will pick up same.

4:28 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle crash. Caller reports that a driver struck a vehicle parked in the restaurant parking lot. Would like an officer to assist with paperwork. No injuries. No tow required.

5 p.m. **Ash St.**, medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

5:30 p.m. **High School/Pond St.**, building checks.

5:46 p.m. **Sohier St.**, Osgood/Deer Hill School check.

8:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle.

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

2:28 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks secure.

1:14 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:14 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

7:26 a.m. **Rustic Drive**, well being check, neighbor is concerned for the well being on the residents. Newspapers are piling up in the driveway. Entering the house from 2nd floor window. No one is home. Appears work is being done. No one at home. House is secure.

7:31 a.m. **Pond St.**, fire, inspections, Capt. to CHS for annual inspection.

7:54 a.m. **Pond St.**, fire, Capt. requests E3 to respond to HS at main building with keys for fire box.

8:38 a.m. **Elm St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle. Walk in party reports erratic motor vehicle at above location.

9:16 a.m. **South Main St.**, animal complaint, caller reports dog is bothering patrons outside above location, yellow Lab. Left message for ACO. ACO has dog, bring to Scituate Animal Shelter. Walk in party reports her dog is missing – yellow Lab. Contacted ACO – left message.

9:52 a.m. **Linden Drive**, fire, inspections, E3 enroute for inspection at above location.

10:38 a.m. **Black Horse Lane**, property (recovered), caller reports there is a bike that is located just past mailbox. Officer reports on private property.

10:57 a.m. **Pond St.**, suspicious person, caller reports Asian female and white male going door to door. Officer reports 4 subjects checked out – location on Woodlawn Drive.

11:04 a.m. **Stevens Lane**, animal complaint, caller reports a bat in living room, 2 adults exposed – bat removed taken to state lab for testing per ACO.

12:29 p.m. **Elm St.**, animal complaint, walk in part reports her dog is missing – yellow Lab. Contacted ACO – left message. Owner has retrieved the dog.

2:02 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports a vehicle parked in neighbors driveway – white male got out of vehicle, took pictures – subject left at this time.

2:35 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled motor vehicle, officer out with vehicle that has flat tire. ETA for towing company is 15 minutes. McBrien's on scene.

2:41 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports vehicle parked – no one is inside vehicle. Silver van with temp plate.

5:55 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle. Caller reports a black pick up truck driving very close behind her and he passed her and almost ran her vehicle off the road. She is behind him now and he is driving at a fast rate of speed, they are just approaching JJ's Dairy Hut. Officer states this party checks out, verbal warning.

6:36 p.m. **King St.**, larceny, walk in party reports several items from his medical office and would like to speak with an officer.

8:37 p.m. **Red Fox Lane and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop. Has one in custody for WMS. 882 on scene. Wrecker on scene. Bail commissioner notified. Bail commissioner on scene. Arrest: Thomas J. Foley, Jr., 11 Rhodes Pl., Hingham. Charges: WMS warrant.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

12:46 a.m. **Doane St.**, motor vehicle stop. 882 on scene. 2 parties looking for the entrance to Wompatuck State Park. 883 gave them directions.

1:52 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, assist citizen, parked by the gates, male party is fishing.

2:04 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks secure.

2:04 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

6:28 a.m. **Fire HQ.**, medical aid, walk in party at Fire HQ., for a blood pressure check.

6:44 a.m. **Fire HQ.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS. R3 will now be transporting patient. Patient's motor vehicle is in the police lot. Transporting a medical walk in to SSH/ALS.

7:20 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, traffic enforcement assignment.

7:33 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:40 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic complaint, caller requests an officer with radar as "the motor vehicles are just speeding by".

9:29 a.m. **King St.**, fire, inspections. E3 requests R3 to above location with bottle of smoke detector spray.

10:37 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle crash/injuries, caller reports motorcycle motor vehicle accident. Officer on scene advised minor motor vehicle accident. Transport subject home, clear and returning. Contacted McBrien's flat bed truck enroute.

12:17 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, animal complaint, caller reports her black Poodle ran out from above location. Caller reports dog has been located.

1:17 p.m. **Aaron River Rd.**, suspicious activity, detail officer reports kids throwing rocks into water. Officer out at the end of Beechwood Street. Officer reports kids lit beehive on fire and threw into water.

2 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint, caller reports vehicles are parked in restricted area. Officer reports all set.

2:13 p.m. **Jerusalem Road Drive**, fire, investigation, caller reports truck pulled wires down, possible white truck involved. National Grid notified, 15 minutes estimated time of arrival. Verizon notified. Comcast notified. Verizon reports possibly 1 hour before they can respond. E3 in service at the scene.

2:47 **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, officer out with vehicle.

5:49 p.m. **North Main St., and Cedar St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports a vehicle traveling past the golf course was hit by an object from the people clearing geese off the golf course, some type of cartridge from one of the guns went through the window and hit him in the head as he was driving.

6:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious vehicle, officer reports vehicle parked at this location, nobody around. Officer will check back later, message left at residence of owner.

8:28 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:58 p.m. **Ripley Rd., and Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:22 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:23 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:33 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, assist citizen, caller reports she is watching the dogs at this residence and one of the dogs has wedged himself in between a staircase and a large banister and cannot get him out. Officer reports they were able to free the animal without incident.

9:34 p.m. **North Main St.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports a large moving truck is broken down in the middle of the road.

9:47 p.m. **Hull St.**, suspicious activity, Hingham PD reports they received a call from a residence in their town about the house across the street on the Cohasset side that is vacant and there is a male party walking around the house. Units report no problems, this was the mortgage company. Units clear, Hingham advised of same.

10:05 p.m. **James Lane and Cushing Rd.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports an older white van parked at this location with it's lights off, it has been there for about 10 minutes. Officer reports this is a disabled motor vehicle, no problems. Van will be disabled for the next couple of days. Van belongs to Comcast Cable.

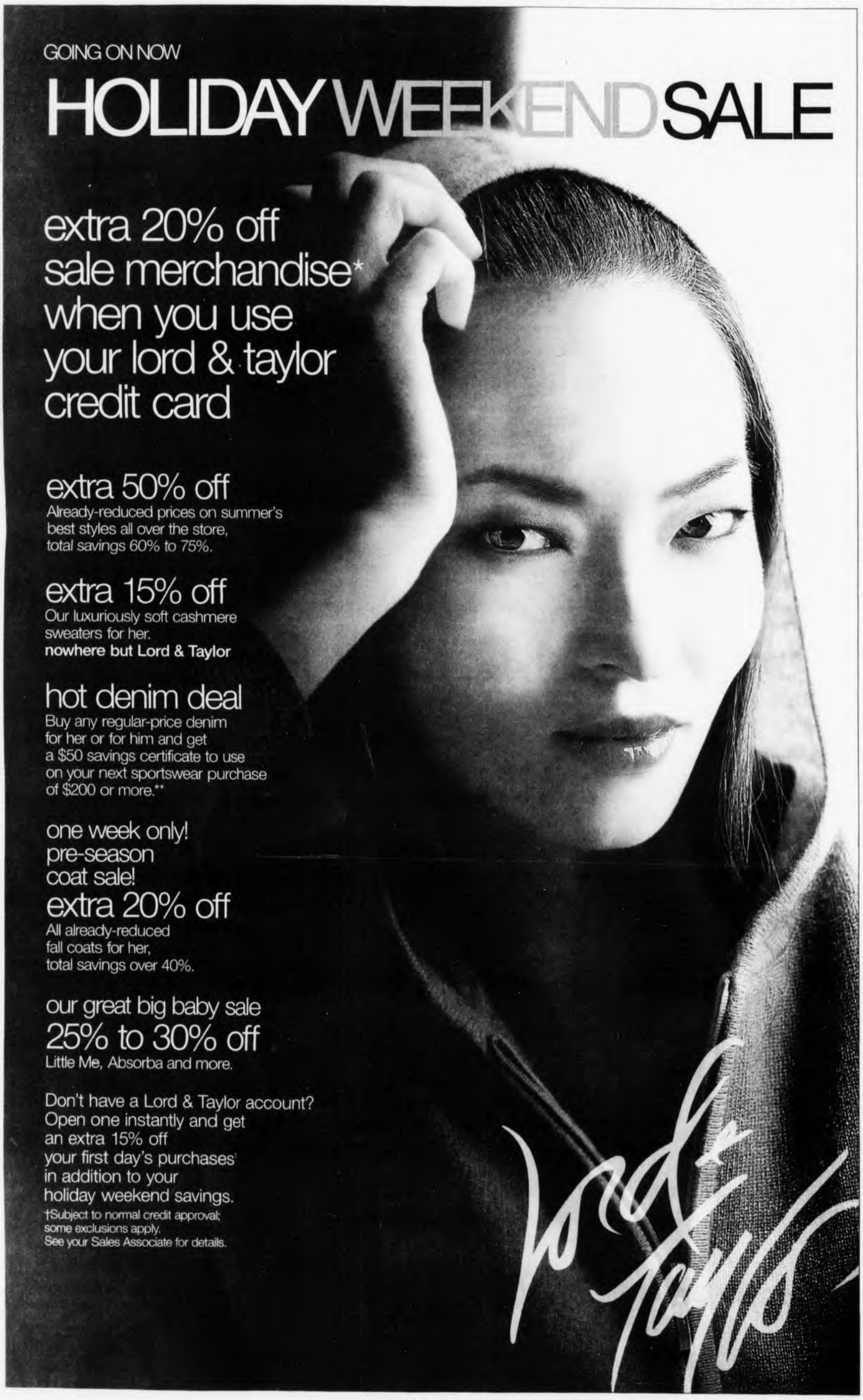
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

12:33 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:34 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:39 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious vehicle, caller states a motor vehicle has been going up and down his long drive-

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way. Motor vehicle not in the area now.

12:50 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, 882 & 886 on scene. Female party has a confirmed WMS warrant. 883 with one in custody. Arrest: Crystal A. Callahan, 30, 310 Furnace St., Marshfield. Charges: WMS warrant.

6:24 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, alarm residential, 911 caller states her house alarm went off, she silenced it, but requests an officer to check the house with her. Checked house with homeowner, all secure.

7:40 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid.

8:16 a.m. **Linden Drive**, fire, investigated/report taken.

8:34 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, advised legal help, caller reports he would like it logged that he was just "assaulted" by a male party at the dump. He would just like to have it be known and no further action at this time.

11:56 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, downed power lines, 911 caller reports a wire has come down in the middle of the road and rested on top of her vehicle, but she drove away and got the wire free from her car. Units on scene report this is a telephone service. Fire Capt. reports wire has been taken off the road and wrapped around the pole, no problems. Units clearing.

1:24 p.m. **North Main St.**, alarm – residential, alarm company reports burglar alarm activation at this location. Officer reports two females on scene, he will be checking the house.

4:58 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, 209A service, party has been served.

5:19 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle. Call from Hull PD reports of a female driving a motorcycle erratically. She is wearing a white sweater, she is coming into Cohasset from Atlantic Ave.

5:49 p.m. **South Main St.**, disturbance, abandoned 911 call. On a call back a man answered, said everything is fine and hung up. 884 on scene. Officer states this is a disturbance involving a drunk. Officer reports one in custody, this is a PC at this time.

6:05 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, public service other, officer to assist party in gathering some items.

6:55 p.m. **Red Gate Lane**, traffic complaint, walk in party from the above location requests traffic enforcement on weekends late a.m. early p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

12:31 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:06 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

1:08 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:23 a.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, Sgt. clearing a group from the bridge.

2:44 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, transport citizen. Scituate requesting an officer to meet them at the line for a transport to the Hingham line.

8:54 a.m. **Pond St.**, fire, investigation. E3 to this location for an investigation on an alarm panel. High School calling alarm company to come in for service. E3 clear, remaining on the air.

9:26 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party stated that he wanted to see an officer about a car that was stolen last night. 884 reported to station, no motor vehicle was stolen, party is confused and mother has been called to station. 884 reports mother came to station. Car was not stolen. Mother went for ride and didn't let son know. Mother took son home and is calling son's doctor.

10:17 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, officer wanted, calling party would like to be escorted into her home to get personal belongings. She spoke with Sgt. on duty. 883 on scene and clear.

10:52 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle violations, detail officer called in regarding registration revoked. McBrien's enroute. McBrien's on scene. Units cleared, McBrien's has the motor vehicle.

12:04 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, quincy Court called and states that the involved party is in this area and he has two warrants. Units checked to the Scituate line. Scituate notified. Arrest: Frank Loring, 79 Glades Rd., Scituate. Charges: WMS warrant.

12:33 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, calling party would like to see an officer regarding involved party that comes in a lot. Diverted to another call.

12:38 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, alarm – unknown type, calling party stated that there is an audible alarm coming from this area. Clear, house is secure.

12:49 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, alarm – residential, alarm coming from the kitchen and cellar infared. 888 enroute. 888 reports an open door. 888 reports house is secure.

1:29 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, caller reports people jumping the bridge. 883 on scene. 883 cleared group from bridge.

2:58 p.m. **Sohier St.**, public service other, 883 out helping citizen who's tent blew into the road. 883 clear, tent out of road.

3:12 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party believes that his checks were stolen and he would like to file a report. 888 to station. Party left lobby upon arrival of 888.

3:17 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, traffic enforcement assignment, 883 will be out in this area.

3:54 p.m. **Elm St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports there is a party passed out in a black pick up truck with money all over his lap and a bike in the back of the truck. This party was checked out by officers and everything is normal, party will be moving along.

4:19 p.m. **Surfside Rd.**, medical aid.

5:17 p.m. **North Main St.**, parking complaint. Caller reports she is working a function at this location and cannot get into the church on the Common because there are two motor vehicles parked on the grass blocking the entry. Officer reports there are vehicles everywhere, there is nothing blocking any entry to the church.

8:35 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled motor vehicle, officer states he is assisting a disabled motor vehicle. They are waiting for AAA and are off the road.

8:40 pm. **Jerusalem Rd., and Forest Ave.**, notification, caller reports his wife and daughter were walking at the above location when a red SUV drove by and threw an egg out the window, which hit his wife in the back. She was unable to get a plate number. Caller just wanted this logged and did not want to speak with an officer. Officers have been notified to be on the lookout for a red SUV in the area, occupied by 3 or more kids.

10:08 p.m. **Arrowwood Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports a group of males that parked at the end of the street are being loud and "weird" she doesn't believe that they are from the area. Officer states he spoke with several neighbors and there are some kids at one of the homes, the adults are present. The officer will ask them to quiet down for the night.

10:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious vehicle.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

1:10 a.m. **Smith Pl.**, disturbance – neighborhood, caller reports someone is going through the trash. Officer reports nothing showing all is quiet.

1:28 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

1:29 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

8:33 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

8:42 a.m. **Pond St.**, fire, inspections.

9:57 a.m. **Lily Pond Lane**, fire, inspections.

10:54 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party would like to speak to officer in reference to her 19-year-old son.

11:40 a.m. **White Head Rd.**, officer wanted, caller elderly female – unsure of situation – female stated husband left in vehicle. Officer reports everything is fine. Officer reports there is an older female confused.

12:44 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, notification, caller (MBTA) reports the train will be testing runs, leaving Scituate at 8 or 9, train speed – 15 mph, from Beechwood to Pleasant Street. The whistles will be blown and RR lights flashing and ringing.

12:50 p.m. **Meadow Lane**, alarm – residential. Caller reports alarm has been going off for 2 days at above location. Officer reports no audible alarm at this time.

1:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, vehicle repossession, tow truck driver request to meet officer in reference to repossession of vehicle. Concerns of safety with involved party. Tow driver spoke to subject, they are enroute to Marshfield to pick vehicle up – no officer is needed.

1:26 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop. Officer out with vehicle. McBrien's Towing enroute. Wrecker on scene. Wrecker has vehicle.

2:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled motor vehicle. Caller reports old truck is broken down in the middle of the roadway. Traffic backed up. Officer reports unable to locate vehicle.

3:39 p.m. **Elm St.**, well being check. Norwell Visiting Nurse cannot make contact with female that lives at above address. Officer reports no one is home.

4:05 p.m. **South Main St.**, notification, caller just wanted it logged that the front door was hit with paintballs. She did not want to see an officer or do a report.

6:03 p.m. **Elm St.**, parking complaint, caller reported this vehicle is taking up half the road at this location. 882 responding. Car was tagged.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

1:25 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

1:26 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

2:58 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire alarm activation. Hingham engine to the scene.

8:14 a.m. **Mill Lane**, dead animal. Caller reports there is a dead raccoon at the end of her driveway. She requests the ACO remove it. Message has been left for the ACO. Call back from the ACO, he will remove the animal when he gets back to town this afternoon.

8:21 a.m. **Short St., and Ash St.**, downed tree, detail officer reports he was told there is a large branch down at the above location.

8:46 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

9:25 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

9:28 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, alarm – commercial/business. Alarm company reports burglar alarm coming from the rear kitchen door. On a call to the location an employee stated whoever closed last night left the back door open and an employee will meet the officer out front. Officer confirms accidental.

9:39 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, notification. Employee from this location reported a drive-off of gas. The drive-off party has been contacted and will be going back up to fix the problem.

10:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, notification. Caller reports while she was inside the above location someone hit her vehicle, she states the bumper is all smashed in. 883 was made aware of this and will be following up Monday to see if anything shows on surveillance. Caller has been notified.

12:06 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, suspicious activity. Caller reports a white male and a black female knocking on apartment doors in the area, carrying books. Caller states they are very persistent and gave a false name about who let them in when asked about being in the building. She described them as driving a champagne colored Jeep. 884 will look out for this vehicle. It's believed they are the Jehovah's Witness's that have been around town the past few days.

12:11 p.m. **Elm St.**, assist citizen. Cashman employee states he was in a motor vehicle accident yesterday and wasn't able to get all the info he needed. OIC spoke with this party and gave him the remaining info he needed to make his report.

1:45 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.**, motor vehicle stop.

2:45 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, hazard, caller reports he was driving down the road and ran something over, he thinks it may have been some kind of sewer cap and requests an officer. Officer reports this was a water main cap that has now come off and there is a small hole. Water Dept. has been notified, calling party was advised to have the vehicle checked out, there is no visible damage to the vehicle.

10:43 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, officer out with vehicle.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

1:17 a.m. **King St.**, building checks. Check of building. Vehicle parked in lot.

11:46 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking enforcement. One vehicle tagged.

11:49 a.m. **Hull St.** property (stolen), caller reports two bicycles have been stolen out of her garage.

12:01 p.m. **Summer St.**, medical aid, caller reports her 87-year-old husband has passed out, he is breathing at this time.

3:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, mulch, E2 is on a detail at Shaw's Plaza and reports a small mulch fire. E2 states it has been taken care of, E3 to this location. 3 reports small mulch fire put out.

3:55 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, E3 on detail at above location.

4:47 p.m. **Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, officer reports out with vehicle near H.S.

5:17 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, officer reports out with vehicle.

6:04 p.m. **Hill St.**, disturbance, officer reports out at above location, office reports no problems at this location.

6:13 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint, officer out with vehicle – vehicle has been moved.

6:29 p.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, caller reports rider fell off bike on RR tracks.

7:01 p.m. **Border St.**, suspicious person, caller reports white male driving a white vehicle acting suspicious, this occurred 30 minutes ago, officer reports unable to locate anyone.

7:18 p.m. **Elm St.**, fire, investigation.

7:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports witness vehicle hit another vehicle. All parties have left scene. Officer reports found vehicle with small amount of damage to front bumper. Officer reports no one has called in reference to accident.

7:40 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, officer reports out with vehicle.

8:09 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, officer reports building appears secured.

8:15 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, officer reports out with vehicle.

8:32 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, officer out with vehicle.

9:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports there is a vehicle pointing a laser light at him. Officers out with vehicle. Officer reports everything fine at location.

10:24 p.m. **Schofield Rd.**, noise complaint, caller reports barking dogs. Officer spoke to calling party. No dogs barking – officer will ride through later.

10:42 p.m. **Elm St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports group of kids climbing the anker, officer reports subject staying at hotel, they are going back inside.

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

12:31 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

12:59 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

10:13 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid.

10:48 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:14 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Ox Pasture Lane**, fire, auto, several callers reporting a car on fire, unsure if someone is in the vehicle. Officer reports party is out of the vehicle and the vehicle is fully involved in fire. Beechwood Street is being shut down. Hull R2 on scene. Fire Capt. reports fire has been knocked down, units still working.

1:38 p.m. **Atlantic Ocean**, boat accident, caller reports it appears a boat has capsized. Coast Guard notified at this time. Units report they area in the area searching, officer reports all secure.

10:07 p.m. **Wheelwright Park**, building checks.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

12:32 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:32 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:11 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:53 a.m. **North Main St**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller states "a tan Chevy pick-up is all over the road."

7:33 a.m. **Sohier St.**, larceny, walk in party reports a stolen laptop.

9:11 a.m. **Elm St.**, suspicious person, "party walked in to police station to ask if his keys and wallet were here, I asked him if he lost them and he replied with something derogatory and left the station."

12:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:30 p.m. **Elm St.**, identity theft/fraud.

4:55 p.m. **Kendall Village**, 209A service.

5:02 p.m. **Bound Brook Lane**, animal complaint, caller reports he is out of town and his 16-year-old son is home alone. His son states there is a large black snake around the house and is afraid to go out. ACO was informed, will call the resident.

7:57 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports a group of kids in an SUV driving around in circles in the parking lot with kids standing on the bumper and hood of the vehicle.

10:58 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a black Sedan swerving all over the road and passing people.



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What's happening on the South Shore

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Black a colorful comedian

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Lewis Black is on the telephone from a Cracker Barrel in Davenport, Iowa, to discuss his appearances this Friday at the Cape Cod Melody Tent in Hyannis and Sunday at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset, and that Midwestern location alone is enough to get the comic going on one of his trademark rants.

"I'm in the middle of nowhere Iowa in August and they're already selling candy corn. Halloween is 10 weeks away. I don't even know why we bother anymore when places like this are the best we can do as a society," says the stand-up comedian whose regular appearances on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" have brought him national attention.

The country store's early on-sale date for the waxy sugar and corn syrup confection isn't the only thing getting Black's ire up these days. He's also upset about the treatment of a certain Atlantic Falcons quarterback up on federal charges of operating an illegal interstate dogfighting ring.

"The whole Michael Vick case is unbelievable. He's under federal investigation and the NFL only suspends him. Apparently, at no point can you be banned from a sport, no matter what crime you commit," says Black, who is also bothered by the media attention given to the foibles of "celebrities" like Paris Hilton and Nicole Richie. "We love to look at certain people, even if they offer us nothing worthwhile. I just don't know at what point the mainstream media will wise up and stop devoting time to people who don't deserve the attention."



Lewis Black

With a well-earned reputation for railing against the Bush administration, the 2008 Presidential race would seem ripe with material for Black. The man some call America's foremost commentator on everything sees it another way.

"I can't sink my lips into politics. It is too easy. It is like shooting fish in a barrel. There is such cynicism about Bush that people can't wait to see who might be next. It is insane that television commentators are spending so much time reporting on an election season that's a year away, but not reporting on how to get out of Iraq, or how to deal with immigration or the problems with Social Security."

A theater major at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a master's degree in playwriting from the Yale Drama School, Black — who turns 59 this week — believes that the issues facing America today can be traced to the current occupant of the Oval Office.

"I attribute it to leadership. It all starts at the top. If he isn't paying attention, then no one will. It is completely inept to believe that everyone else on this planet is willing to blow themselves up. They're not, and it's just crazy to think that way. We're worried about terrorists, but not about bridges. Only after a bridge collapses and lives are lost does the Federal Government decide its time to start looking at the condition of bridges."

Unlike other entertainers who feared a backlash from their fans if they did not support the President after the Sept. 11 attacks, Black — whose "The Carnegie Hall Performance" won the 2007 Grammy Award for Best Comedy Album — resumed his public chiding within months.

"There was a three-month grace period after Sept. 11, but I've been taking on Bush since that ended. When Colin Powell started with the Weapons of Mass Destruction explanation, I took the gloves off. I'm a comic and I knew there were no Weapons of Mass Destruction."

Lewis Black will be at the Cape Cod Melody Tent, 21 West Main St., Hyannis, on Aug. 31 at 8 p.m., and at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset, on Sept. 2 at 7:30 p.m. For tickets and information, call 800-347-0808 or go online at melodytent.org or themusiccircus.org.

Movie review



Annie (Scarlett Johansson) and Grayer (Nicholas Art) share some play time away from the real world in a tent.

'Nanny' inanities

"The Nanny Diaries" (B)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

"Bridget Jones's Diary," "The Motorcycle Diaries," "The Fashionista Diaries," "The Nanny Diaries," "Samuel Pepys' Diary." Memo to diarists: Put down the quill, pen, laptop, etc.

A frothy, fat-free "The Devil Wears Prada," "The Nanny Diaries" gives us Scarlett Johansson as Annie Braddock, attractive, recent college graduate from northeastern New Jersey who moves to the Big Apple to pursue her dream of success.

Trouble is: Annie doesn't find that fabulous, fast-tracking business job. Instead, she meets a 5th Ave. mom in Central Park, and after a whirlwind courtship by several gargoylish 5th Ave. moms, Annie takes a job with Mrs. X (Laura Linney), caring for Mr. and Mrs. X's little monster Grayer (Nicholas Art).

Once she accepts the position, Annie becomes Nanny, losing her identity and her freedom. As live-in help, Nanny has little time to herself and is even forbidden to flirt with the "Harvard Hottie" (Boston's own Chris Evans), who lives upstairs in the swank 5th Ave. building housing the, uhh, Xs.

Directed by Shari Stringer Berman and Robert Pulcini of "American Splendor" fame and based on the novelty best-seller by Emma McLaughlin and Nicola Kraus, "The Nanny Diaries" has some fun, stylistic touches, as you would expect from the people who brought comic-book artist Harvey Pekar and his world to colorful life. "American Splendor" star Paul Giamatti even returns in a smaller, but no less provocative role.

As F. Scott Fitzgerald observed, the rich really are different. In fact, they're a different species. A minor in anthropology, Annie pictures the "species" she encounters among Manhattan's movers, shakers and other Masters of the Universe, living in the sort of dioramas one finds in the Metropolitan Museum of Natural History, one of Annie's favorite haunts.

I can't tell you how tired I am of hearing diary-writer voiceovers in such movies. But "The Nanny Diaries" is pleasant and comically cartoonish, if finally shallow and predictable. Linney starts out as a variation of the Meryl Streep role in "The Devil Wears Prada," making it hard to make the switch to sympathizing with Mrs. X.

Giamatti's Mr. X is a genuine pig, and I must admit to laughing when he gives his own mother a piece of his swinish mind. As Annie's best friend, Alicia Keys is both a vision and vocal music to the ears. The little boy has the toughest role of all. Grayer is supposed to evolve from little monster to lovable tyke, and it's one of the film's issues.

Another is that "The Nanny Diaries" is a subset of "Sex and the City" minus the sex. Johannson, sporting brunette tresses, is fine. But she does not bear her heart or wounded soul in the way Renee Zellweger does so brilliantly in the "Bridget Jones" films. Moreover, after "Mary Poppins," "Jane Eyre," "The King and I" and "The Sound of Music," our movie-nanny expectations are legitimately high.

Rated PG-13. "The Nanny Diaries" contains profanities.

Calendar of events

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at townonline.com — click on your town — then click the entertainment tab.

Thursday, Aug. 30

L. Knife & Son will cosponsor the **Summer Concert Series** for the 2007 season, with the Town of Plymouth Promotions Fund, the Plymouth Cultural Council and the Music Performance Funds. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin each Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following Tuesday. Aug. 30: **Don Besegai's Big Band.**

The Plymouth Farmers' Market, held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. Aug. 30, **singer-songwriter Sherry Malone.** For information, contact Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 30, **Radio For The Blind,** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue** Blues Jam featuring **Scratch My Back** Aug. 30, at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Friday, Aug. 31

Hull Artist's Studio Connection's Studio at the Beach, 217 Nantasket Ave., Hull. End of Season Art Sale (closing for season) Friday, Aug. 31, 1 p.m. through Monday, Sept. 38p.m. 217 Nantasket Ave (across from the MJM Bathhouse) Free Admission/Handicapped Accessible. 781-925-5619 or 781-925-1996 or hullartists.com

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Bald Walter** Aug. 31, at 9:15 p.m. p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

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Seaconke Wampanoag to host 11th Annual Powwow. Event to feature Native American dancing, drumming and singing, children's activities, storytelling, native food, crafts and fun. Redway Plain, Route 44, Rehoboth, MA. Gates open at 10 a.m. Camping sites available. Admission is $3 for adults, and free for children under 16. For more information call Ed Foxhook Lincoln at (401) 728-1563, or the Seaconke Wampanoag Tribe's at 401-727-0895.

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The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Sept. 7 Entrain, world beat. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com.

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The 58th Annual East Middleboro 4 – H Fair will kick off Friday, Aug. 31 at 5 p.m. at the East Middleboro 4 – H Clubhouse, Route 105, East Middleboro. The fair is open Saturday and Saturday evening. Admission and parking to the fair are free. Activities will be offered throughout the day on Saturday. 4 – H livestock shows will be held throughout the day on Saturday. There are plenty of activities for children and adults The 4 – H Clubhouse will be filled with static exhibits of cooking, sewing, photography, gardening, woodworking, arts and crafts and 4 – H window exhibits. Each night of the 4 – H Fair, the traditional fair auction kicks off at 7 p.m.

New England Singles Dance Aug. 31, 8 p.m. to midnight Sheraton Braintree Grand Ballroom, Rtes. 3/I-93 at Exit 6, Braintree, DJ. $12. www.singlesdances-newengland.com

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 31 **Sister Cheryl** 781-829-6999.

Run of the Mill Tavern, 6 Spring St., Plymouth. Aug. 31, 9 p.m. until closing, **'Ol Dudes, Paul & Dave**. For information, visit nightmuiscco@verizon.net.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Aug. 31, **Incredible Casuals**, eclectic rock. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Saturday, Sept. 1

Nantasket Seaside Road Race takes place Sept. 1, Entry Fee: $20 Registration opens at 6:30 a.m. Scenic 4-mile seaside run. Participants may register online at town.hull.ma.us: (Click on Nantasket Seaside Road race under News and Announcements on right hand column on home page) racersresource.com coolrunning.com **Any questions, contact Race Director: Kristen Evans at 781-925-2720.**

King Richard's Faire, a vivid recreation of a 16th century English marketplace at festival time, begins its 26th season on Sept. 1, through Oct. 21. Eat, drink and be merry as you enjoy the actors, dancers, puppeteers, jugglers, minstrels, mimes, magicians and musicians who perform on the Faire's eight stages each weekend for the favor of his Royal Highness King Richard. Watch knights joust on horseback, see exotic animals, browse the wares of more than 100 artisans, including sword makers, glass blowers and more. Amazing new acts to be featured this year include The Lost Boys, a Renaissance Rock Band and the Aerial Angles, who perform acrobatic feats high in the air. King Richard's Faire is located on Route 58 in Carver. Admission is $25 for adults, $14 for children aged 5-12, and children under 5 are free. Special rates are available for groups of 25 people or more. Parking is free. For information: (508) 866-5391 or kingrichardsfaire.net

Berenstain Bears and Hello Kitty visit Edaville USA Sept. 1 and Sept. 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is $16 Children under the age of 2 are admitted free. The admission ticket includes all rides and attractions. Parking is free. Group rates available for groups of 15 or more. For information visit edaville.com or call (877)-edaville.

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SAUCHUCK FARM, 53 Palmer Road, (Rt. 58), Plympton. **Fall Corn Maze** spread throughout six acres. Other activities include a hayride out to the six-acre pumpkin patch to pick your own pumpkin, hay bale maze for toddlers., barn animal petting zoo, pony rides and a corn box with the same concept as a sandbox. Grand opening Sept. 7 from noon to dusk. Saturdays and Sunday from 10 a.m. to dusk through the end of October. Admission $8 adults age 12 and up; $5 children ages 4-11; toddlers age 3 and under free. 781-585-1522 sauchuckfarm.net

AN EVENING OF JAZZ, RHYTHM & BLUES fundraising event Sept. 22. Music by the Bellevue Cadillac. Silent and live auction, hors d' oeuvre's and buffet dinner prepared by The Catered Affair. Cash bar and dancing. Event held at the Hingham Armory. Tickets are $75 per person. All proceeds to benefit a Habitat home in Hingham. For advance ticket sales, auction donations, to be a program sponsor or volunteer to help. Contact nldevine@gmail.com

JEFFREY COOMBS MEMORIAL ROAD RACE AND FAMILY WALK. Registration is underway for the race that begins at 9 a.m., Sept. 9, at Woodsdale School in Abington. Registration fees, if received by Aug. 31, are 17 for adults, $12 for students and $5 for children younger than 12. Late or same-day registration fees are $20, 15 and $8. Early registrants are guaranteed a T-shirt. Short children's race, raffles a disc jockey, clowns, balloons, face painting, moonwalk and free food will be featured. Race day registration begins at 7:30 a.m.; runners may pick up numbers Sept. 8, 4 to 5 p.m., at Woodsdale if convenient. Race day chedule: 7:30-8:30 a.m., registration; 8:30 a.m., kid's race; 9 a.m., run begins; 9:05 a.m., walk begins. For information, to sponsor the event or to donate a raffle item, call Christie at 781-982-1608.

31st ANNUAL CORN FESTIVAL, Sept. 15 (rain date Sept. 16) from 10 to 4 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Activities include craft demonstrations, hayrides, children's games and crafts to make, moonwalk, face painting, musical performances, farm animals and plenty of food Ride a renovated 1957 GMC fire truck. Admission is $5 for adults ($4 members) and $3 for children over 2 years of age ($2 members). Maximum fee of $20 per family. For information contact the Science Center at 781-659-2559 or visit ssnsc.org

FOURTH ANNUAL RUNNING OF JOHN'S RACE, Sept. 9, 10 a.m. Pope's Tavern: South and Plymouth Sts. (Rt. 106), Halifax, 5-Kilometer (3.1 miles) run/walk and 10-Kilometer (6.2 miles) run. Visit johnsrace.com or coolrunning.com for registration forms or pay on-line.

SOUTH SHORE MEMORY WALK on Sept. 23, at Plymouth Plantation in Plymouth. Form a team or walk as an individual. Money raised by Memory Walk helps provide care and support for individuals and families touched by Alzheimer's. For information call John Scott at 508-747-2868 x298 or e-mail jscott@radiusmanagement.com or visit memorywalkma.org.

13th ANNUAL BENEFIT WALK FOR ANIMALS sponsored by Standish Humane Society at Wompatuck State Park, Hingham, on Sept. 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This 3-mile walk is on a paved and handicapped-accessible route through a beautiful state forest. Funds raised by walkers will help Standish reduce the tragedy of pet overpopulation through an active adoption and reduced-cost spay/neuter program.

Call 781-834 4663 or visit standishhumanesociety.com for registration information.

3RD ANNUAL "MITO-WHAT?" 5K WALK Oct. 6, Nelson Field, Plymouth to benefit the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation (UMDF). Registration begins: 9:30 a.m. Warm-up: 10:45 a.m. Walk: 11 a.m. Family Fun Zone: noon to 3 p.m. (Open to the Public) Online Pre-registration by Oct. 3, $15 Individual. Event Day Registration Fee: $25 Individual. Children 5 and under are free. All registered walkers will receive five tickets to the fun zone. Join the UMDF's efforts to become "One Step Closer to a Cure." Registration available online at mitowhat.org, or call 508-224-7165 for information.

Lenore Schneider's Art on the Avenue End of Season Sale Sept. 1, 2, 3, 8, and 9 Fine Art/Six Artists Paintings Photography Drawings Kids' Books Folk Art Masks Painted Furniture 1037 Nantasket Ave., Hull 781-925-5619 lenoreschneider.com

King Richard's Faire opens Sept. 1 in Carver and Carver residents are admitted free opening day. The fair is on Route 58 in Carver. Regular admission is $25 for adults, $14 for children 5-12, children under 5 are free. Special rates are available for groups of 25 or more. The fair will run Saturdays and Sundays from Sept. 1 to Oct. 21, including Labor Day and Columbus Day Mondays, from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Parking is free. For information, call 508-866-5391 or visit kingrichardsfaire.net.

Benefit at Beal House at 7:30 p.m. at the Beal House on Main Street in Kingston, the rock and blues band **Connected** will perform a concert to benefit a Peace Corps water/sanitation project initiated by **Gretchen Snoeyenbos, Silver** Lake 2000 graduate, to upgrade the regional hospital in Dioila, Mali, West Africa. The suggested donation is $10 (seniors/students/children $5). The sponsoring group is the Kingston Unitarian Universalist Church. All ages are welcome to this event.

Dance for Dioila Fundraising Concert. Put on your dancing shoes and come at 7:30 p.m., on Sept. 1, to a concert by rock and blues band **Connected** at Beal House, Main Street, Kingston. The concert will benefit a Peace Corps water and sanitation project. The event is sponsored by Kingston Unitarian Universalist Church. All ages are welcome. Donation is $10; $5 for seniors and children.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Sept. 1, **The Love Dogs,** rhythm and blues, swing. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com.

Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane, the Gristmill, Plymouth, will present traditional **Irish Seisiun** from 5:30 to 9+ p.m., Sept. 1. Tunes and songs of variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, songs of loss, jigs, reels and hornpipes, with craic and a sing-along. Admission is free. No cover. Come sing, play and listen. Call 508-830-1262 for information.

Sunday, Sept. 2

Corner Stone Lodge, 585 Washington St., Duxbury, 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Sept. 2, **All You Can Eat Buffet Breakfast.** Open to the public. Adults $7; seniors $6 Children ages 12 and under $5.

31st Annual Tolman M.D.A. Telethon Party Sept. 2-3, takes place in downtown Hingham at The Hingham Community Center, 70 South St., beginning Sunday, Sept. 3, at 7 p.m. and continuing through Monday, Sept. 4, until 7 p.m. This tradition of caring kicks off at 7 p.m. with the band **Undertoe,** from Hull. The night will continue with a super party, featuring the sounds of **Paul Ciccone**. There will be raffles, prizes and delicious hot hors d'oeuvres. Join the party and stay up and "Watch the Stars Come Out." On Monday, take part in a giant cookout with pony rides, clowns, face painting, raffles, balloons, Telethon T-shirts, awards and more. The band **Majic** will perform live from 1 to 3 p.m. For information, call M.D.A at 781-575-1881, or the Telethon Hotline as of Saturday, Sept. 1, at 781-749-9786.

Campy's Sport's Bar at The Ellis Haven Campground, 531 Federal Furnace Rd. Plymouth (Exit 6B Off of Route 3 South) Sunday, Sept. 2, at 9 p.m. Comedy Night featuring **Frank Santorelli** "Georgie" On The Sopranos. Other comics include **Annette Pollack, Jon Pierce, Jeff Meisler, Jay Margaca** and host **Tommy Dunham.** Admission $15. Advance reservations recommended by calling 508-747-4708, 508-958-3798 or 781-843-4833.

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Aerosmith plays the Tweeter Center on Sept. 14.

Rock stars rise again

Is it just us, or does this fall music line-up sound a lot like 1988?

Fall Preview: Rock

By Eddie Shoebang

Welcome to the fall concert season, where the schedule is chock full of indie bands, established acts and groups you thought didn't exist anymore (ZZ Top at the Pavilion, anyone?).

Here's a list of what's coming to town. It's not a complete list, mainly because there are too many to mention, and Heart fans don't need to be reminded when their favorite band is in town. They can just sense it.

So fill up the gas tank, hit the ATM and remember the immortal advice of Jeremy Piven from the movie "PCU": "You're wearing the shirt of the band you're going to see? Don't be that guy."

September

The Stars Come Out: By far, the biggest news this fall is the reunion of **Genesis** (TD Banknorth Garden, Sept. 11, $57-$227), even though it's sans Peter Gabriel. Either way it's nice to see Phil Collins back on the stage. Don't forget **Jimmy Buffet** (Gillette Stadium, Sept. 8, $43.50-$128.50) and **Aerosmith** (Tweeter Center for the Performing Arts, Sept. 14, $49-$125). Or if you need raucous, in-you-face, country music, there's **Toby Keith** (Tweeter Center for the Performing Arts, Sept. 22, $36-$72). Still not happy? Fine, join the rest of the depressed at **The Cure** (Agganis Arena, Sept. 25, $38.50-$65.50).

For the Hip Crowd: Both the **Editors** (Paradise Rock Club, Sept. 6, $16.50) and **Kings of Leon** (Orpheum Theatre, Sept. 28, TBA) released fantastic albums this year, so definitely try to catch these rock shows. Though, if you'd rather have a low-key, lo-fi evening, then calm down with either the soft indie-rock sounds of **Iron & Wine** (Orpheum Theatre, Sept. 27, $22-$30) or the soulful, acoustic guitar stylings of **Ben Harper & the Innocent Criminals** (Orpheum Theatre, Sept. 23, $35-$50). Want to see an old friend? **Suzanne Vega** (Somerville Theatre, Sept. 20, $35-$40) released "Beauty & Crime" this past June. She sang "Tom's Diner," which is the song you play on your iPod when you're people-watching on a rainy day.

Do You Know Who I Am?: Okkervil River (Middle East, Sept. 25, $10) is a rare find in the music industry because their lyrics are like short stories English majors would read, but they do it with a sound that is melodic, catchy and engaging.

Hmmmm: Travel back in time to hear what rock sounded like in 1994 when Live, **Collective Soul** (Bank of America Pavilion, Sept. 21, $25-$40) and **Hootie and the Blowfish** (Hampton Beach Casino Ballroom, Sept. 15, $39.50) take the stage. Oh, and I keep forgettin' about **Michael McDonald** (Bank of American Pavilion, Sept. 22, $23.50-$60) so it's good that he pops up from time to time.

October

The Stars Come Out: Maroon 5 (TD Banknorth Garden, Oct. 15, $38-$48) continues to give us infectious alt-pop tunes that you love for a week and then hate after the radio overplays them. **Shooter Jennings** (Paradise Rock Club, Oct. 14, $15) had one infectious country tune in "4th of July," but the rest of his music is more of the outlaw country kind.

For the Hip Crowd: Get your tickets for **The National** (Roxy, Oct. 6, $18) now. This band released the best album of the year with "Boxer" and will probably be playing bigger venues in the future. Alt-country artist and "Grey's Anatomy" enthusiast **Brandi Carlile** (Orpheum Theatre, Oct. 5, $21.50-$25) returns to Boston for the third time this year while and **Spoon** (Roxy, Oct. 17, $20) will make the hipsters dance with their rhythmic, atmospheric rock. And watching hipsters dance is entertainment in itself.

Do You Know Who I Am?: Rather see hipsters scared? Check out **Queens of the Stone Age** (Orpheum Theatre, Oct. 12, $35), one of the only true hard rock bands left with their chest thumping bass and their ear-ringing guitars.

Hmmmm: Please, do NOT expect the reincarnation of the **Smashing Pumpkins** (Orpheum Theatre, Oct 13, 15-16, $39.50-$59.50) to play your old favorites. They released a new album "Zeitgeist" and only Corgan and drummer Jimmy Chamberlin are back. Also returning to the stage to ignore her old hits is **Sinead O'Connor** (Orpheum Theatre, Oct. 22, TBA), which is both surprising and scary, especially since the tour will be backing her new album "Theology."

November

The Stars Come Out: Twice just isn't enough for the tantric Sting and company since The Police (TD Banknorth Garden, Nov. 11, $55-$375) will be returning after two Fenway shows in the summer. For those who think **the Police** are those guys who stop you for speeding, there's American Idol finalist **Elliot Yamin** (Roxy, Nov. 24, $22). But seriously, do yourself a favor and get a Police album, if you haven't.

For the Hip Crowd: Another group that keeps going is **Tegan and Sara** (Berklee Performance Center, Nov. 21, $25), Canadian identical twins who have been recording and touring since 1995. Though you may need to hit eBay or Craigslist for tickets since this show may already be sold out. If you're a fan, you know why.

Do You Know Who I Am?: The self-conscious irony of rock outfit **Electric Six** (Middle East, Nov. 14, $12) is immediately likable and almost impossible to describe. This band puts just as much effort into their live show as they do to their album

Hmmmm: Battles (Paradise Rock Club, Nov. 11, TBA) is a UK indie-rock band that emerged this year thanks to their atmospheric, post-punk sound that seemed to take everyone by surprise. It's instrumental music with minimal, but intelligent lyrics.

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New Releases

"THE KING OF KONG: A FISTFUL OF QUARTERS" (B+)

It's a geek smackdown. The gamer's David-and-Goliath, this documentary pits an unemployed father and husband against the Elvis of Donkey Kong for the highest Donkey Kong score. Excited yet? Meet Billy Mitchell, oddly coiffed chicken-wing-hot-sauce entrepreneur and King of Kong, an arcade gamer whose 1982 high score of 800,000-plus has stood for two decades. Now, meet Steve Wiebe, 37, a former ace pitcher who choked in the big game, Donkey Kong contender and ne'er-do-well father of two, including a son, who in one scene pitifully screams, "Stop playing Donkey Kong!" (Rated PG-13)



Mr. Bean's (Rowan Atkinson) dream comes true when he finally makes it to the French Riviera in "Mr. Bean's Holiday."

"MR. BEAN'S HOLIDAY" (A)

Summer's most delightful surprise, "Mr. Bean's Holiday," is a virtually silent comedy starring Rowan Atkinson's irascible, foolhardy, infuriatingly obnoxious but sweet Mr. Bean. With a nod to Charlie Chaplin and Jacques Tati's similarly silent 1950s classic, "Mr. Hulot's Holiday," "Mr. Bean's Holiday" proves that comedy can be sublimely funny — enchanting, even — while never being stupid. (Rated PG) — Stephen Schaefer

"THE NANNY DIARIES" (B)

A frothy, fat-free "The Devil Wears Prada," "The Nanny Diaries" gives us Scarlett Johansson as Annie Braddock, attractive, recent college graduate who moves to the Big Apple to pursue her dream of success. Trouble is: Annie doesn't find that fabulous, fast-tracking business job. Instead, she meets a 5th Avenue mom in Central Park, and after a whirlwind courtship by several gargoyle-ish Upper East Side mothers, Annie takes a job with Mrs. X (Laura Linney), caring for Mr. and Mrs. X's little monster, Grayer (Nicholas Art). Some nice moments, but in the end, it's shallow and predictable. (Rated PG-13)

Ongoing

"12:08 EAST OF BUCHAREST" (A-)

It's the anniversary of the 1989 "revolution" ousting Communist dictator Nikolae Ceausescu in Romania. But was there a genuine revolution or did some Romanians merely crawl out from under their rocks only after they had heard Ceausescu had fled in the night in his chopper? This is the question no-budget, talk-show host Virgil Jderescu (Teodor Corban) wants answered, and the answers he gets offer an amusingly Kafkaesque glimpse into Eastern European politics. (Not Rated)



BEST BET



The Bermuda Strollers

MDA Labor Day Telethon, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at South Park Avenue and Water Street in Plymouth. Gaelic parade, the Bermuda Strollers, TRAX, the VooDoo Doctors with Hot Sauce Band, Tall Richard, Ken Keller, hair cut-a-thon, children's games, Mike Maloney, Taste of Plymouth Cook-Off (chili and chowder), craft fair, Classic Car Court and MDA Idols finalists. Visit projectarts.com or call Mike Landers, Nightlife Music Co./Project Arts, at 508-747-7727 for information.

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The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Sept. 2, **Fat City Band,** rhythm and blues, rock, blues. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Monday, Sept. 3

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The Legion Bud Band will play at 7 p.m. at the site of Plymouth Rock for the L. Knife & Son summer concert series.

The Hanover Bandstand Summer Concert Sept. 3, (Labor Day) from 7 to 8:30 p.m. **the Satuit Band** will perform. Free and handicap accessible. The Hanover bandstand is located on Route 139, Hanover Center. For information visit the bandstand web site at hanoverma.gov

Tuesday, Sept. 4

ASAP - The Adoption & Foster Care School Awareness Project will hold it's next meeting on September 4th. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the Lydia Drake Library, 340 High Street, Pembroke, MA, at 7:30 pm. We will focus on our ongoing projects, reconnecting after our busy summers, and sharing concerns about starting a new school year. ASAP is committed to increasing awareness in the schools and in our communities of the special needs of families formed through adoption and foster care. All Parents, caregivers, educators and interested community members are welcome. For more info contact Charlotte Simpson at 781 293-3341 or visit our website at www. asapmass.org

Wednesday, Sept. 5

Business Network International President's Club Chapter will meet at 7 a.m., on Aug. 29, at Emerald Hall, 120 Bay State Dr., Braintree. **Mary Weafer**, owner of the Bankette Company (Quincy, MA) will be the featured speaker at the weekly breakfast meeting Visitors are welcome. For information, call club president Norm Abrahamson at 781-828-2270 or email ngalaw@cantonlaw.net.

Steven Karidoyanes, music director of the **Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra,** will present a 50th anniversary salute to the Mayflower II Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Otto Fehlow meeting room of the Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St., Plymouth. The program is free and no registration is required. For questions, call 508-830-4250.

Thursday, Sept. 6

Network4Success Business to Business Networking Group meets the First Thursday of the month at the Plympton Library from 5 to 6 p.m. and the third Thursday of the month at the Halifax Country Club from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Saint Catherine Grecian Festival, 119 Common St. Braintree, 781-843-0047 Fax 781-843-2727. Call for a menu & Fax your order. Sept. 6, 7, 8, and 9. Free Admission. Rain or shine under the tent. Greek food and pastry. Live Greek Music. Friday and Saturday. DJ on Sunday. YiaYia's Attic. Vendors on Site Activities for Children

The Plymouth Farmers' Market, held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. Sept. 6, **Irish sounds with Susan Lindsay and friends**. For information, contact Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.

Friday, Sept. 7

Sauchuck Farm, 53 Palmer Road, (Rt. 58), Plympton. **Fall Corn Maze** spread throughout six acres. Other activities include a hayride out to the six-acre pumpkin patch to pick your own pumpkin, hay bale maze for toddlers, barn animal petting zoo, pony rides and a corn box with the same concept as a sandbox. Grand opening Sept. 7 from noon to dusk. Saturdays and Sunday from 10 a.m. to dusk through the end of October. Admission $8 adults age 12 and up; $5 children ages 4-11; toddlers age 3 and under free. 781-585-1522 sauchuckfarm.net

Open Houses planned at Shirat Hayam The open houses are as follows: Services and refreshments, Friday, Sept. 7, at 6:30 p.m.; Services and breakfast, Sunday, Sept. 9, at 9 a.m.; and Services and Religious School Open House, Sunday, Sept. 23 at 9 a.m. (after the Holy Days). Congregation Shirat Hayam is locatedin the Marshfield Methodist Church at 185 Plain St. (route 139), Marshfield. For information contact info@shirathayam.net, www.shirathayam.net, or 781-582-2700.

Thomas the Tank Engine rolls in for **Day Out With Thomas at Edaville USA**, www.edaville.com, at Pine Street in Carver. The approximately 25-minute train ride will depart every 40 minutes between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tickets are $16 for ages 2 and up. Call 866-468-7630 or visit www.ticketweb.com for tickets.

New England Singles Dances Ages 40 and over. Sept. 7. VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission $8. 617-325-4900 singlesdances-newengland.com

Single Executives Club New Singles Dance, Sept. 7, 8:30 to midnight, Pembroke Country Club, 94 W. Elm St,. Pembroke, off Rt. 53. 781-446-0234 se-4u.com

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Run of the Mill Tavern, 6 Spring St., Plymouth.Sept. 7, 9 p.m. until closing, **Dave & JJ.** For information, visit nightmuiscco@verizon.net.

Reunions

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL – All class reunion Oct. 13, 2007, social hour 6 p.m. dinner catered by Fasano Caterers at 7 p.m. at the Sons of Italy Hall, King Hill Road, Braintree. $30 per person. Call Barbara Johnson at 617-479-3604.

ROCKLAND HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1972 Reunion, Oct. 20, 2007, from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel, Rockland. Contact Fran Carriere - franc516@aol.com or 781-878-4832 or Bill Holland – cycling53@comcast.net or 781-740-5070.

COHASSET HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1972 is planning a reunion for Oct. 26, 2007. More information is available at classmates.com and will be updated regularly. They are trying to locate classmates. Log on to the Classmates web site and become a member so that they can reach you and you can receive notice of updates. You can also visit tessahoc72@yahoo.com

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1987 Alumni are planning the HHS Class of '87 20Year Reunion — and are looking for classmates. If you keep in touch with any Hingham High-School '87 alumni, contact Tracy O'Sullivan at 781-982-1226 *or* Dawn Youngworth at shaneandmom@comcast.net The reunion will be held at the Red Parrot in Hull on Friday, Nov. 23, 2007, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

WHITMAN-HANSON The Class of 1962 from is having their 45th class reunion Oct. 20, 2007 at Stoneforge at Bert's Cove, Plymouth. Cocktails start at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. with music by a local DJ until 11 p.m.. Any questions call Mary-Jane Ricker- Harris at 781-294-8239 or Marsha Walkey Booth at 508-866-9112.

WEYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL ALL CLASSES REUNION will be held Feb. 8 and 9, 2008 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, 7470 Highway192 in Kissimee, Fla. Call 1-800-327-9170 for reservations. On Feb. 10, a cruise departs for four nights, five days to the Bahamas. For information visit geocities.com/Lureman72 or contact Dick Laneau for registration for at 727-345-4323 or email luresWanted@tampabay.rr.com

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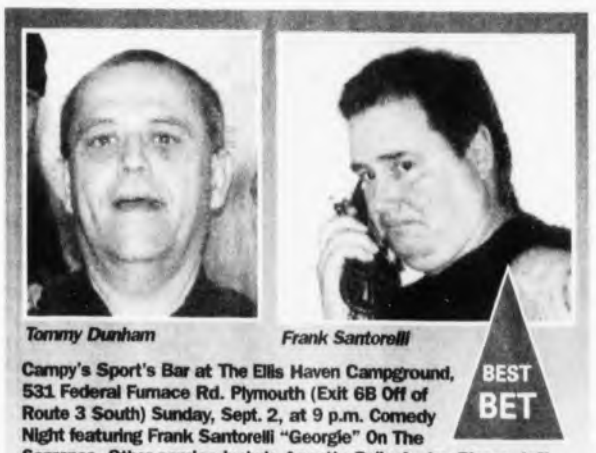
THE PILGRIM SKATING CLUB offers group skating lessons at Hobomock Arena in Pembroke under the USFSA Basic Skills program. New seven week Fall Sessions begin Wednesday, Sept 5 (5:35 - 6:30 p.m.) and Saturday, Sept 8 (12:30 - 1:20 p.m.). Fees: $90. There is a once-a-year USFSA registration fee of $750 for all students. Skaters must be 5 or older. Adult skaters are welcome Saturdays. Helmets are required for beginning skaters. Register during club hours beginning Aug 27 or reserve space by email: pilgrim-learn2sk8@usa.net. Include name, age of skater and phone number. Payment is due first day of session. For information call the Pilgrim Skating Club at 781-294-7575 or visit pilgrimskatingclub.com

THE LIGHTHOUSE THEATRE is now accepting registrations for children and teen's (ages 5 years and up) for its fall musical workshop of "Peter Pan." Rehearsals start Sunday, Sept. 16, and will be held on Sundays at the Beal House, Route 106 in Kingston. The production will perform at the end of November. Space is limited. For information call 508-747-6857.

DREAMCHASERS THEATER ARTS CENTER announces registration for their Fall Theatre Classes which begin Sept. 17 for students age 6 through adult held at The Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main St., Norwell. Contact 508-224-4548 or visit dreamchaserstheatre.org for information.

WELLSPRING, 814 Nantasket Avenue, Hull, "Reason To Believe" Adult Learning Program for ages 16 to 22. Earn your GED, improve math and reading skills. Monday and Wednesday evening classes. All classes free of charge. Call 781-925-3211 or visit www.wellspringhull.org for immediate enrollment.

SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER is taking registrations for its fall courses and workshops for artists of all ages and abilities. Adult classes begin the week of Sept. 17 and young artist classes begin Sept. 24. Adult courses are available in printmaking, painting, drawing, digital photography, ceramics, sculpture and mixed media, including furniture painting. A relief printmaking workshop will be taught by School of the Museum of Fine Arts faculty member Lisa Houck on Sunday, Oct. 21. Children's classes include pre-K mixed media classes, clay, the popular *Sketchbook Club* for students grades 4-7 and two levels of Art Studio for grades 6-9 and grades 10-12. *Art in Action*, a class for students in grades 1-4 that mixes instructors and artistic media, returns on Friday afternoons. Visit ssac.org for a complete list of fall courses. Registration is available online, in person at the Art Center, or by calling 781-383-2787.



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Campy's Sport's Bar at The Ellis Haven Campground, 531 Federal Furnace Rd. Plymouth (Exit 6B Off of Route 3 South) Sunday, Sept. 2, at 9 p.m. Comedy Night featuring Frank Santorelli "Georgie" On The Sopranos. Other comics include Annette Pollack, Jon Pierce, Jeff Meisler, Jay Margaca and host Tommy Dunham. Admission $15. Advance reservations recommended by calling 508-747-4708, 508-958-3798 or 781-843-4833.

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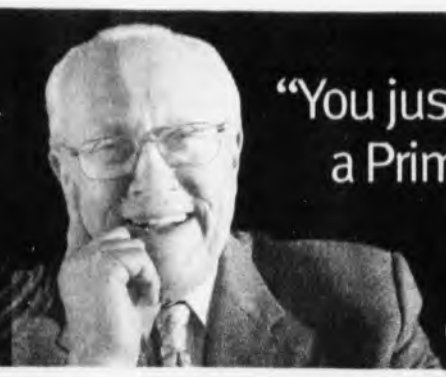
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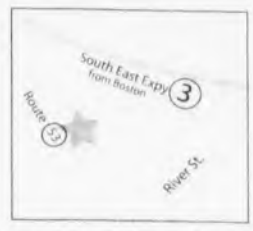
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Quiet zone gets preliminary OK

No whistles to blow for Greenbush

Each town will need to submit a notice of Quiet Zone Establishment once all safety measures are installed on the line.

By Nancy White
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Although Cohasset residents have been hearing the lonesome horn of the test trains for the last few weeks as the MBTA readies the Greenbush line for commuter service, it looks like the timeless whistling won't be around for very long. The five Greenbush communities, Braintree, Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate, have received preliminary approval for a quiet zone.

In a letter to Hingham's Town Administrator Charles Cristello, who has been the point man for the quiet zone process for the Greenbush towns, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) certified the application contains the elements required under the federal regulations. A final piece, grade crossing inventory forms, will need to be submitted once available.

"The FRA takes no exception to the analysis used to derive estimates of effectiveness for the proposed Alternative Safety Measures," states the

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Scott Freitas of Freitas Farms in Middleborough grabs a bunch of sugar snap peas for a customer at the Farmer's Market on Cohasset Common. The farmer's market is held each Thursday from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Farmer's Market is a common favorite

By Nancy White
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The Cohasset Farmer's Market is no longer a place just to buy locally grown vegetables and produce, it is the place to be on Thursday afternoon.

"It's become more of a social event," says Anna Abbruzzese, one of five Farmer's Market organizers. In its 16th summer, the weekly happening is perennially crowded with families, children, senior citizens and everyone in between from Cohasset and beyond.

This year's Farmer's Market season, which runs from mid-June to mid-October, opened up the venue to handmade crafts. The move has led to a more diverse group of vendors, but vendors must is still meet specific criteria to sell their goods on Cohasset Common. The item being sold must be "homegrown" or "homemade." The Cohasset Farmer's Market Committee must approve the vendor and the product. The approved vendors peddle their goods and socialize with customers.

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First day success

School starts year off right

By Nancy White
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Cohasset Schools successfully welcomed back its students on Tuesday with little problems.

Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh greeted students at all three schools during the first day of school.

"It was fun to see those little faces [at Osgood] getting off the bus," said Walsh. She received smiles of excitement and scores of high fives from the returning students.

"It was a very smooth opening," said Walsh, "it's a credit to our administrators and our teachers who have been working very hard."

In fact, school started last week for teachers as they returned to the building on both Wednesday and Thursday to set up classrooms, attend professional development workshops and meet with some textbook publishers.

"Having the teachers in the week before really helps us prepare for opening," she said.

Walsh is still getting the enrollment numbers from the first day of school and kindergarteners did not start until Thursday morning. Before school projections approximated 1500 students attending the three Cohasset schools.

Despite the numbers, Walsh said the school buildings are fit to accommodate all the students comfortably now and for the foreseeable future.

"The ample space is a credit to the School Building Committee and its vision," said Walsh.

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Mrs. Margaret Hollak collects her first-grade class Tuesday morning outside the Osgood School

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Best day of your life: The day I got married.

Best vacation: Aruba.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite junk food: Candy (sweet; sour).

Best book: "Great Expectations," by Charles Dickens.

Best movie: "Les Miserables."

Best TV show: "Seinfeld."

Pet peeve: Poor table manners.

Most memorable moment: Having all our luggage stolen on a very "special" trip to Los Vegas.

Goal: To have a wonderful first year at Osgood School: to create a classroom that will engage my first grade students and foster their enthusiasm, love of learning and discovery of new things.



PHOTO/MARY FORD

The Mariner caught up with first-grade teacher Jennifer McPhillips on the first day of school at Osgood.

Person you'd most like to meet: To have a meet and greet with all the presidential candidates.

Biggest worry: Maintaining good health.

Best part of Cohasset: Meeting my incredible first grade team (Jen, Laura, Erin, Colleen, Margaret and Allison) and the entire Osgood community.

Send your news tip to mford@cnc.com

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CHS class of '72 planning reunion

Cohasset High School Class of 1972 is planning a reunion for Oct. 26, 2007. More information is available at classmates.com and will be updated regularly. They are trying to locate classmates. Log on to the Classmates web site and become a member to notice of updates. Updates are also available by visiting tessahoc72@yahoo.com

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Thurs. 6	7:38	8.0	7:54	9.4	1:14	0.4	1:26	1.3
Sunrise: 6:13 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:09 p.m.*			
Fri. 7	8:45	8.1	8:59	9.4	2:20	0.5	2:30	1.2
Sunrise: 6:14 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:07 p.m.*			
Sat. 8	9:45	8.3	9:58	9.4	3:21	0.4	3:30	1.0
Sunrise: 6:15 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:06 p.m.*			
Sun. 9	10:37	8.6	10:49	9.5	4:15	0.3	4:24	0.8
Sunrise: 6:16 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:04 p.m.*			
Mon. 10	11:22	8.8	11:35	9.5	5:01	0.2	5:12	0.6
Sunrise: 6:18 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:02 p.m.*			
Tues. 11	—	—	12:01	9.0	5:42	0.2	5:56	0.4
Sunrise: 6:19 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:00 p.m.*			
Wed. 12	12:17	9.4	12:38	9.1	6:19	0.3	6:36	0.4
Sunrise: 6:20 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:59 p.m.*			
Thurs. 13	12:56	9.2	1:13	9.1	6:56	0.5	7:16	0.4
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Avalon working with DEP

Seeks access to Whitney Woods

By Nancy White
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Like everything with the proposed Avalon project, things seem to get delayed.

The latest delay on the project is Avalon has not filed a response to their Department of Environmental Protection notice of non-compliance issued in late June. However, the report is in progress and the DEP has seen a "good faith effort" by Avalon to file within the 60-day deadline.

Following a site audit in April, the DEP issued a Notice of Non-compliance for the prospective Avalon site which is on 62 acres on the west side of Route 3A. The notice came as a result of a DEP audit performed on the Avalon property in April and outlined certain tests, analysis and reporting that needed to be completed in the next 60 days, or by Aug. 20.

Although the 60-day deadline has passed, the DEP says they have seen a "good faith effort" by the developer to respond to the problems found in the audit, said Theresa Barao of the DEP Public Affairs office in Lakeville. In order to comply with the notice of non-compliance, Avalon is seeking access to the neighboring down gradient property. The property, Whitney Thayer Woods, is owned by the Trustees of Reservations. Avalon sent a letter to the Trustees seeking access to perform tests on the soil, but have yet to hear back, according to Barao.

"We know they are making a good faith effort and we're willing to meet with them," said Barao. Although the deadline has passed, it is unlikely Avalon will face fines or penalties at this time, she said.

Scott Dale, Avalon Vice President of development, said Avalon has already completed a substantial amount of additional testing on the site. He foresees a post-audit completion statement describing Avalon's findings within the next 30 days.

"Based on the testing done so far we've confirmed what we already knew. There's been no data inconsistent with what we know and have collected in the past," said Dale, "we don't anticipate any surprises."

Avalon seeks access to Whitney Thayer Woods to perform both groundwater and soil testing, "it's taken longer than anticipated," said Dale, but they are communicating their schedule to the DEP as they proceed.

"We want to make sure we do a thorough job," said Dale.

"We will break ground as soon as permits are finalized and ready to go."
— Scott Dale, Avalon

Upon filing the post-audit completion statement will be reviewed by the DEP. The DEP can either agree with the findings and information or request additional information, said Barao.

The notice of non-compliance outlines four areas where the Avalon site was in violation for DEP requirements, including not adequately defining the nature and extent of contamination of the site, especially in terms of seep/surface water and shallow soil.

Webb-Norfolk Conveyor, an airport conveyor belt manufacturer, occupied the site from 1975 to 1995. The DEP's audit report stated Webb-Norfolk had a "long history of oil and hazardous materials use marked by poor storage and disposal practices," citing several DEP violations over the years.

The Water Commission requested the audit in the early spring out of its long concern hazardous contamination remained on the site from the prior owners.

Avalon still has several hurdles to overcome before breaking ground. The development received a groundwater discharge permit from the DEP, but last month the Water Commission has appealed it. Avalon is also seeking a tie-in to the town sewer system. That issue is still before the Housing Appeals Committee, but Dale said he expects a "favorable decision" before the end of the year.

"We will break ground as soon as permits are finalized and ready to go," said Dale.

The Avalon project was issued a comprehensive permit from the ZBA for 200 apartments more than three years ago. It was approved as a 40-B project. Under Chapter 40B, a state law, a town's zoning board can approve affordable housing developments under flexible rules if at least 20-25 percent of the units have long-term affordability restrictions. Towns that are under the 10 percent threshold of their housing stock deemed as affordable by state standards are vulnerable to 40-B projects.

POLICE BEAT

'07 Corvette ends up stuck on tracks

By Mary Ford
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The 35-year-old driver of a 2007 Chevrolet Corvette blamed unfamiliarity with the area, the odd angle of the grade crossing, and poor road markings as the reason he veered off North Main Street and drove about 20 feet down the railroad tracks by Woodside Cemetery last week.

The incident occurred at about 8:15 p.m. last Thursday (Aug. 30). Police say it is the third such accident at that location.

The sports car, which is owned by a Wrentham woman but was being driving by a 35-year-old Mansfield man, was still drivable but may have sustained some damage to the undercarriage. It was pulled off the tracks by a flatbed tow truck, police said. The driver and a male passenger were not injured.

The men, who had just been fishing, were traveling northbound on North Main Street toward Hingham when they passed through the grade crossing and got confused by the fog lines and road markings.

Sgt. William Quigley said police notified the MBTA to stop service because there would be emergency personnel on the tracks. Greenbush, which is slated to start commuter service next month, is considered a live rail line. Police have an MBTA number they can call in emergency situations.

Alcohol was not involved in the accident; the operator passed field sobriety tests, police said.

Police and emergency personnel were tied up at the scene for about an hour.

The prior two accidents at that grade crossing involved a northbound vehicle and a southbound vehicle.

(For details about proposed changes at the grade crossing, read this week's Making Tracks.)

Deer blamed in car accident

In another Greenbush-related mishap, a 26-year-old Cohasset man who had turned onto lower King Street from Route 3A, looked up and saw a deer; he veered to avoid hitting the animal and hit the curbing in the island at the railroad grade crossing. The accident, which occurred at about 9:30 p.m. on Wed. (Aug. 28), resulted in extensive damage to his 1995 Ford Taurus; the front, left tire was ripped off, police said. The air bags deployed and the driver had what appeared to be minor facial injuries and was treated at the scene by the Cohasset Fire Department.

No citations were issued. The car had to be towed from the scene.

Road rage

A woman called police on her cell phone to report that a man in front of her had exited his black 2005 Ford pickup at the lights at routes 228 and 3A and banged on her window. She also reported that he banged on the window of the car behind hers.

Police said the incident occurred just before 3 p.m. on Wed. (Aug. 29). The caller reported the man was headed toward Cohasset; she provided police with a description of the truck and the plate number and stayed on the phone into Cohasset.

Police stopped the pickup at Route 3A and Pond Street and the female caller continued on her way. Police identified the driver of the pickup as a 48-year-old Cohasset resident. The man claimed he banged on her window because she had been tailgating him. He denied banging on the windows of the other car.

Police told the victim her recourse was through Hingham police because the incident had occurred in Hingham.

Cohasset police issued the pickup driver with two civil citations totaling $70 in fines, including having no license in his possession and improper display of plates (he only had one plate on the truck).

Police explained the Registry of Motor Vehicles could conduct hearings if it is determined that a motorist has anger-management problems.

Change taken

Police are investigating the reported theft of about $600 in change from a Beechwood Street home. A 21-year-old man, who lives with his grandparents, was having a few friends over and it appears that during that small party someone took the container of change from a bedroom.

Investigators are looking at a list of who was there that event. The incident was reported at 8:20 a.m. on Tuesday (Aug. 27).

Dogs damage car

A walk-in to the police station last week reported that two unleashed dogs ran up to his 2006 Mercury sedan on Smith Place and scratched the driver's side door and passenger door. The dogs, a boxer-type dog and a small white dog, were apparently trying to "get at" his dog that was in the car, the resident told police. The incident was reported at about 5:18 p.m. on Monday (Aug. 26). Police said the Animal Control Officer is trying to get "both sides" together to try to come up with a resolution which could include some restitution.

Kayaks stolen

An Atlantic Avenue homeowner returned from vacation to discover that two of his four kayaks were missing. He called police at about 6:30 p.m. on Thursday (Aug. 30) to report the theft.

The kayaks were chained to a fence near the water's edge. One of the missing kayaks is a red ocean-style kayak and the other is a yellow, shell-style. Both are two-seaters.

There has been a series of kayak thefts in recent months in Cohasset and area towns. Detectives are investigating.

Skateboard taken

A 15-year-old told police that his $140 Flip Deck skateboard was missing when he came out of Tedeschi's in the Village last week. The incident occurred at about 6 p.m. on Tuesday (Aug. 27). Police searched the area but to no avail and will be reviewing the surveillance tapes to see who was down there, police said.

Glove and hat, found

A Sohier Street resident, who maintains a well-groomed yard, discovered a fleece-style glove and a baseball cap in his backyard. He reported the matter to police because the items had not been there earlier and he was concerned that someone may have been trespassing. The incident was reported at about 11 a.m. on Friday (Aug. 31).

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Little Harbor large home review heats up

Continued until Sept. 19

By Nancy White
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A large home site plan review heated up to a fever pitch on Wednesday night ending with a pound of the gavel by Chairman Al Moore. Emotions ran high as the neighbors shared concerns over what effect the proposed home at 18 Little Harbor Road would have on the small neighborhood.

The developers presented revised plans comparing the proposed home footprint to the footprint of the direct abutters. They argued from a footprint perspective, the proposed home is not much larger than the abutting structures. Surrounding homes' footprints ranged from 2300 square feet to 3000 square feet, while 18 Little Harbor Road was proposed on a footprint just over 3300 square feet.

Although the footprint of the proposed house fit in with the sizes in the neighborhood, neighbors were more concerned with the height and size of the structure.

"The rear of the house appears domineering," said a neighbor on Nichols Road, in back of the proposed home. Another neighbor described the home as a "monster house" being planted in a small neighborhood with more modest homes.

Property owner and developer, Douglas Karo, said the proposed home is 4400 square feet, 300 square feet below the average size of recently constructed homes in Cohasset.

Nathaniel Palmer of 9 Little Harbor Road asked whether the architect of the home had ever been to the site or even to Cohasset. Karo replied in the negative. The majority of new homes built in Cohasset were custom homes "with some appreciation of the surrounding area," said Palmer.

"We have to live with this house for the rest of our lives, this is our neighborhood," said Palmer, whereas for Karo the house is a commercial transaction, "it's a house somebody built because they could — not because they should."

Later in the meeting, Karo said he believed the house did fit into the neighborhood in architectural style. The house will be shingle style with a farmer's porch and a shingle roof. He explained the reason he chose this design was partly because the four rooflines break up the look of the house from the street.

Concerns over how the height (the developer says it is 32.5 feet off the ground, well within the 35 foot height restriction zoning bylaw) was measured and if it was an accurate height. Building height is measured from one point within 10 feet of the foundation to the midpoint of the roof rafters. Building Inspector Bob Egan said the height should be taken from pre-construction land.

Despite the neighbors' objections to the look of proposed home, Chairman Al Moore said there was little the Planning Board could do to prevent the large home from being built.

"People have a right to build what they want to build, if it fits into zoning bylaws," Moore explained the board was not in a position to review a house and deny it based on looks, "we are not arbiters of taste."

The Planning Board is there to ensure new development does not adversely affect surrounding properties and to that end, Moore said the site's drainage was a pivotal issue.

To mitigate roof runoff, the developers will install a system of six dry wells, or a "cultec" system, to collect roof runoff during rain events to the west of the proposed house. The analysis prepared by the engineer for the developer, Greg Tansey of Ross Engineering, concluded the proposed drainage system would reduce the peak flow and volume of stormwater discharged off site during significant rain events compared to current runoff. In addition, Karo said he plans to loam and seed the backyard to "act as a sponge" for stormwater. Previously, the yard was filled with vegetation and trees.

Rear abutter Alfred Slanetz of 14 Nichols Road is concerned about impact to his property that has long suffered from water running down the adjacent property. An earthen berm between the two properties holds water in a catch basin on the rear of the Karo's property.

Moore requested the applicant bring forth soil analysis for the proposed dry well site as well as take a second look at the height with Building Inspector Egan. In the final decision there will likely be conditions concerning landscape, said Moore.

When Moore suggested the public hearing be continued until the next Planning Board meeting on Sept. 19, the developer and his counsel asked if the hearing could be closed and the requests be conditions.

Shortly after, member Stuart Ivimey got in a brief argument with a member of the audience and a proponent of the large home. After some heated back and forth between Ivimey and the member of the audience, Moore brought the issue to a close with a pound of the gavel; the hearing would be continued until Sept. 19.

Quiet zone gets preliminary OK

FROM QUIET ZONE, PAGE 1

letter from Jo Strang, the FRA's Associate Administrator for Safety. The FRA determined the implementation of the application's outlined safety measures will result in a risk level at or below the risk present if there were horns sounding.

Each town will need to submit a notice of Quiet Zone Establishment once all safety measures are installed on the line. At a recent Board of Selectmen meeting, the board gave Town Manager Bill Griffin the authority to move forward in notifying the FRA when appropriate.

Tom Gruber, Special Assistant to the Town Manager for Greenbush Affairs, said the MBTA has been cognizant of quiet zone design standards as they planned the line. From the time he got involved in the Greenbush mitigation agreement for the town in the late 90s, it was understood the rail line was meant to be a quiet zone.

However, the request for a quiet zone must come from the communities, not from the rail line who, in this case, is the MBTA.

Examples of additional safety engineering improvements that may be necessary to reduce the risk of collisions include: medians on one or both sides of the tracks to prevent a motorist from driving around a lowered gate; a four-quadrant gate system to block all lanes of highway traffic; converting a two-way street into a one-way street; permanent closure of the crossing to highway traffic; or use of wayside horns posted at the crossing directed at highway traffic only.

In Cohasset what would have been three grade crossings were removed from the line by closing access to the streets: Rocky Lane, Smith Place and Lincoln Lane.

"Every time you close a crossing there is a reduction in potential accidents," said Gruber. A four-quad gate, a complicated gate system with two sets of arms on each side and extra warning signal technology, is installed at the Pleasant Street grade crossing. As an instance of the complexity of the gates, Gruber said the MBTA spent two weeks testing the Pleasant Street grade crossing, the first four-quad gate if traveling northbound on the line.

Despite the pending establishment of a quiet zone, whistles will still be blown as testing continues and until all five towns submit their notice of quiet zone establishment. In the case of an emergency situation, train engineers can blow the horn at their discretion, for example if a person or vehicle is on the tracks. Under federal regulations, engineers must sound the horn to warn railroad maintenance employees or contractors working on the tracks.

History of the quiet zone

Whistles have always accompanied railroads since they were built in the US. In the 20th century, nearly every state enacted laws requiring the railroads to blow horns at grade crossings. Some states allowed local communities to create whistle bans, or quiet zones.

However, in the early 1990s, the FRA observed a significant increase in train-vehicle collisions at certain gated grade crossings in Florida, which coincided with a statewide whistle ban on the Florida East Coast Railroad. The FRA required trains to sound their horns again, pre-empting state law. The number and rate of collisions at affected crossings returned to pre-whistle ban levels

In 1994, Congress mandated the FRA issue a federal regulation requiring the sounding of locomotive horns or whistles at all public highway-rail grade crossings; and to provide exceptions to the requirement by allowing communities to establish "quiet zones" under the Swift Act. The Swift Act, a federal law, essentially requires train horns be sounded at all public grade crossings unless a particular grade crossing is exempt from that rule. To be exempt, a grade crossing would have to have supplemental safety measures that are as effective as a train whistle. In 1996, Congress added that special consideration be given to communities with long-standing or legacy whistle bans.

The "Train Horn Rule" is the regulations to carry out the intent of the Swift Act. After several drafts, which incorporated input from FRA public meetings around the country and comments from scores of affected communities and stakeholders, the FRA finalized and made effective the regulations in June 2005 (Information from the FRA website).

The FRA determined the implementation of the application's outlined safety measures will result in a risk level at or below the risk present if there were horns sounding.

Police Beat

FROM POLICE BEAT, PAGE 3

Missing bikes

A resident of South Main Street reported finding a small boy's red, black and white bike in his yard last week. This bike is the latest of a number of found bicycles that remain unclaimed, police said. There are currently about 15 bicycles at the police station and police urge anyone who is missing a bike to contact them or come to the station.

Police urge residents to engrave some kind of identifying mark on their bicycles.

After a year, police turn the unclaimed bicycles (and other unclaimed property) over to www.propertyroom.com, an Internet company that auctions the items off. The company is sort of like "ebay for police," Sgt. Quigley explained. It saves police from having to conduct an auction after a year. The company comes to the station, puts barcodes on the bicycles and picks them up. The same is true for other property the police have held for a year, such as a lost iPod, for example.

Money held over a year is turned over to the person who found it.

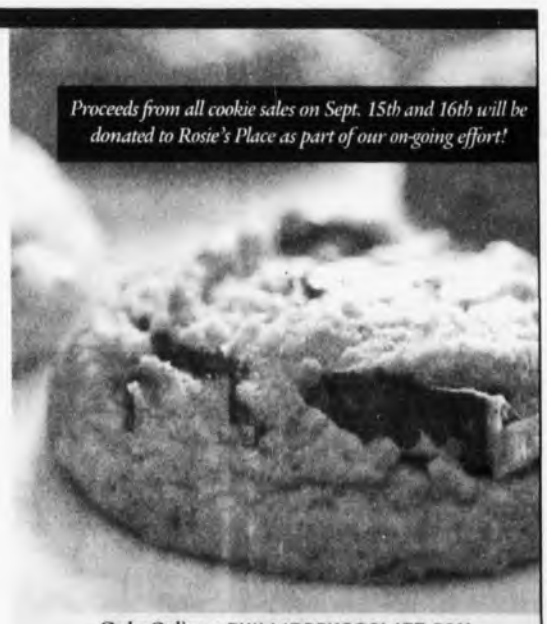
Parking lot

A Scituate woman told police she thought she had tapped a shopping carriage and not another car after an accident in Shaw's parking lot on Tuesday (Aug. 27) at about 11:30 a.m. Witnesses said the 2005 Ford Freestyle was backing out of a space when it hit an unoccupied 2003 Toyota Camry and left the scene. Witnesses provided the plate number and police contacted the 52-year-old woman at her home. The insurance companies will settle the matter, said police, who are not seeking charges.

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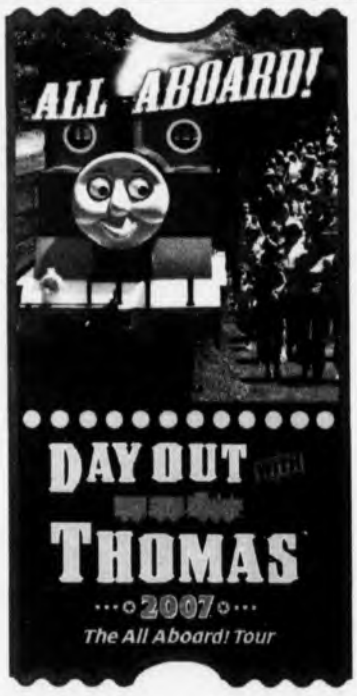


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School starts year off right

FROM FIRST DAY, PAGE 1

Students arrived at school safely and on time, thanks to extensive preparation on the transportation end. Walsh said there seemed to be little issue with too many or too few students on bus routes and busses arrived on time. Upon arrival at school, students received a bus pass. A bus pass is needed following the institution of $180 per student (with a family cap of $540) bus fee last winter.

"It was a very smooth opening, it's a credit to our administrators and our teachers who have been working very hard."

— Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS SHORES

Caroline Cooper is all smiles as she hops off the bus for the first day of school Tuesday at Osgood.

The ongoing MBTA test trains are still running through Cohasset on a daily basis, but the big yellow school busses were prepared for it. The additional stopping, by federal law school busses must stop at every rail crossing regardless of a train is coming or the gates are up, was incorporated into the routes.

"Our bus drivers are really cognizant of the train already, we've been dealing with it since last year," said Walsh. Business Manager Dave DeGennaro organizes professional development for the bus drivers.

Walsh foresees train safety programs becoming like a "second nature" to the opening of school and to the student body. Cohasset Police already came to every grade last year to provide safety training to students in all graded through the Operation Lifesaver program embraced by the MBTA.

"It's not something we will do once, it is something that needs to be done every year," said Walsh.

As a precautionary and preventative measure, the Cohasset schools banned outdoor activity on their fields between 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. until further notice. Cohasset has been fortunate not to test positive for the EEE-virus. Walsh said they would revisit the school's policy at the end of the month. However, parents may opt to have their kid(s) stay inside during recess and physical education by contacting the appropriate school nurse or principal.

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It's Happening

Film comes to grips with climate change

The public is invited to a screening and dialogue of "What a Way to Go: Life at the End of Empire," a feature-length documentary by Tim Bennett and Sally Erickson. The event will take place at Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, Hull Street, Hingham, Saturday, Sept. 15, from 7 to 9 p.m., followed by an optional dialogue. Refreshments will be served. Donation is $5.

In the documentary, a man comes to grips with peak oil, climate change, mass extinction, population overshoot and the demise of the American lifestyle. "What a Way to Go" also features interviews with Daniel Quinn, Derrick Jensen, Jerry Mander, Richard Heinberg, William Catton, Paul Roberts, Chellis Glendinning, Thomas Berry, Richard Manning and Ran Prieur.

Call Jim Shipsky at 781-383-9024 for more information about the screening.

Animal control to offer pet microchipping

Pet microchipping will take place from 12 to 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Hull Police Animal Control table on Nantasket Ave. When the microchip code is picked up by the scanning device, the dog's owner/address is identified. The Animal Control Officer can then contact the owner to let them know that their dog has been found.

Tags can fade, rust, or scratch and are sometimes illegible. Microchips offer back-up identification, and will never become difficult to read. The microchip itself is about the size of a grain of rice. It takes only seconds to put the chip into the dog, and there is no discomfort to the dog.

Just stop by with your pet; it takes only a few moments. The cost of $25 includes microchip and enrollment.

Board of health to offer free screenings

The Cohasset Board of Health will offer free health screenings to Cohasset residents at the Annual Health Fair on Tuesday, Sept. 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church next to the Cohasset Town Hall in Cohasset Village.

Screenings will include blood pressure, vision and hearing, cholesterol and blood sugar, oral cancer, osteoporosis (bone mineral density) chiropractic and mental health screenings. There will be demonstrations of family emergency and disaster planning, holistic health methods including reiki, nutrition and massage therapy. Refreshments will be available and provided by Stop and Shop, Dunkin Donuts and Atlantic Bagel.

For information contact Judy Fitzsimmons, RN, public health nurse at Cohasset Board of Health at 781-383-2210.

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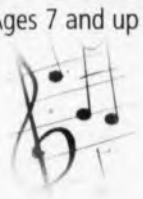


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Max Irons Donatelli arrived June 15!

NEW ARRIVAL

Jane and Ed Goff wish to announce the birth of their first grandson on June 15, 2007. **Max Irons Donatelli** weighed in at 6 lbs. 11 oz. and was 19-1/2 ins. long. He is the son of **Cilla and Pete Donatelli** of Providence. Max is the first great grandchild of **Frank and Anne Evans** of South Yarmouth and the fourth grandchild of **Martha Donatelli** of North Providence.

FASHION DESIGNER

Amanda Cowing, daughter of **Judith Mitchell Cowing** of Cohasset and **James Cowing, Jr.** of Marshfield graduated in May from Parson's School of Design in New York City. She is currently working with a fashion designer in New York. Amanda is also the granddaughter of very proud grandparents, **Frannie and Ruth Mitchell**. Super News Amanda, congratulations!

SPECIAL TEA!

The Girl Scout Annual Mother/Daughter Tea will be held on Sunday, Sept. 23rd from 1-3 p.m.. It will be an entertaining fun filled afternoon! The Tea will be at the Black Rock Country Club in Hingham not only for our registered girls but anyone who's interested in seeing what Cohasset Girl Scouts have to offer and are interested in joining. Tickets are $15.00 per person and for reservations or questions, please call **Lil Curley** 781-383-0695.

NEW PH.D.

Anne Lindgren, daughter of **Fran and Charles Lindgren**, recently was awarded her Ph.D. in genetics from the University of Chicago. Anne is a 1994 graduate of CHS and a 1998 graduate of Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania with a degree in Biology. After graduating, she worked as a technician in the lab of Dr. Edward Winter at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. At the University of Chicago, Anne worked in the lab of Dr Kathleen Millen. She is currently doing postdoctoral work at UCLA in Dr. Amander Clarks stem cell lab. The lab's website is www.mcdb.ucla.edu/Research/clark/labmembers.html.

Anne has been married for five years to **Eric Weiler** of Duxbury. He is a 1993 graduate of Duxbury High School and a 1997 graduate of Havorford College in Pennsylvania. Eric just finished his first year in a Masters Program at UCLA's film school screenwriters program.

Anne, this is wonderful to write about, congratulations on jobs well done to both you and your husband. Your family is so proud of you both.

FAST PITCH

Bay State Thunder Softball, a highly competitive girls fast-pitch softball program based in Braintree, will be holding tryouts for their 18U, 14U & 12U teams on Sunday Sept. 16th and Sunday Sept. 23rdfrom 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Flaherty Fields in Braintree.

For more detailed information on the tryouts, specific time for your age group and the team in general please visit our website at www.baystatethundersoftball.com or contact Rob Spofford at (781) 383-8338 or Al Saluti at (781) 380-3864.

JIMMY FUND WALK

This year Cohasset residents, **Aniko Haber, Carsten Haber**, and **Jane Henderson**, will be taking on one mission — the fight against cancer — by participating in one walk for one cause: the Jimmy Fund. The event will be held on Sunday, Sept. 16. Cohasset walkers will join more than 7,000 participants, who are expected to raise $6.3 million for cancer research and care for children and adults at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Over the past 18 years, walkers and their supporters have contributed more than $45 million to Dana-Farber. This funding supports cutting-edge cancer research to find cures and better treatments for all forms of the disease. It also provides special services and assists with costs of patient care and treatment. The Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk is the only event, other than the Boston Marathon itself that is sanctioned by the Boston Athletic Association to use the historic 26.2-mile route from Hopkinton to Boston.

To register, or make financial contributions, visit www.jimmyfundwalk.org. Contributions can also be mailed to: Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445. For more information, call (866) JFW-HERO.

ART AWARD

Cohasset resident, **JoAnne Chittick**, has won an honorable mention at the 90th annual Midsummer Art Show at the Duxbury Art Association for her watercolor "Garden Sun."

Participating artists were honored on Friday, Aug. 10th at the Benefit Cocktail reception in the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury.

DEAN'S LIST

Peter Kovach has been named to the Dean's list at UMASS Boston College of Science and Mathematics for the Spring 2007 semester.

JUNIOR GARDENERS

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset is accepting registration for the second year of the Junior Gardener program. This free program, open to all3rd, 4th and 5th graders, is totally subsidized by the Garden Club.

The students will be meeting after school from 2:45- 3:45 p.m. in the Deer Hill cafeteria. The meeting dates for 2007-2008 are on the following Mondays: Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 10, Apr. 14 and May 12.

Space is very limited and students can register on a first come basis for all or whatever dates fit their schedules. Please send your child's name, grade level and requested program dates along with your name, contact phone # and email to: lcjschool@verizon.net. Parents are always welcome to observe and/or volunteer at any meetings.

BRING DANCING SHOES

Saturday night however the Sons of the American Legion will be hosting the Grab Brothers Band out of Provincetown for a one night performance at the Legion Hall on Summer Street. The Grab Brothers play clubs from Eastham to Orleans, Chatham to Plymouth. The band performs a familiar collection of classical rock and roll from the 60's 70's and 80's, from Tull to Aerosmith, Elton to Blood, Sweat and Tears, Eagles to Stevie Ray.

Bring your dancing shoes! Munchies are being provided by the Ladies Auxiliary. Tickets are only $10 and are available from some members and at the Legion. Music starts at 7pm. Any questions call **Mark Trask** at 781-383-9319 or the Legion 781-383-9657.

ROME TOUR

Patrick Flynn of Cohasset, a 2007 graduate of Boston College High School, recently completed a week's tour of Rome. Mr. Emil Penarubia, Latin teacher at BC High, led a group of 8 of his top-notch students to many of the famous sights of Rome.

The group took part in a peace parade and visited the Capitoline Hill, the Capitoline Museum, the Victor Emmanuel Monument, the Colosseum and the Fountain of Trevi.

Editor's note: Around Town columnist Jennifer Piepenbrink will be back in October.

Due to a short-term expense reallocation for September, editor Mary Ford will be compiling Around Town this month.

Please try to send in all of your news, photos etc. no later than Tuesday by 5 pm.

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Items and photos may also be dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street.



Patrick Flynn '07 of Cohasset and Gregory Sobchuk '07 of Hanover take part in a peace parade on the Capitoline Hill in Rome.

HALF-CENTURY MARK!



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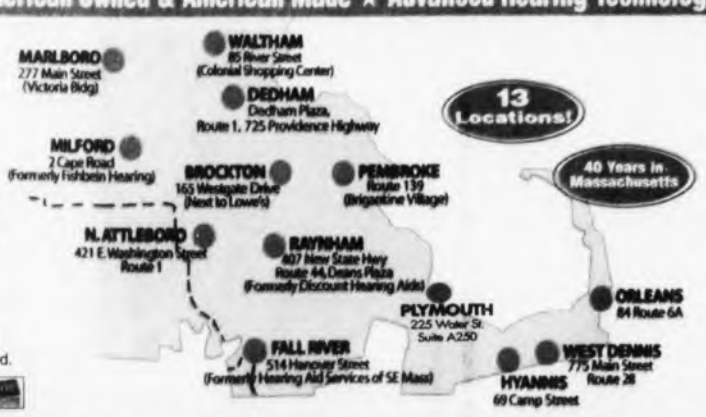
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The artist's unknown

Local artist uses fragmentary objects to create monoprints

By Nancy White
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A crumbling seawall, a cigarette butt, a blooming hibiscus, and a fallen wisteria pod all seem like odd muses for an artist. Yet, for Susan Denniston they are the stars of her colorful and layered artistic explorations into the area around her home in Scituate.

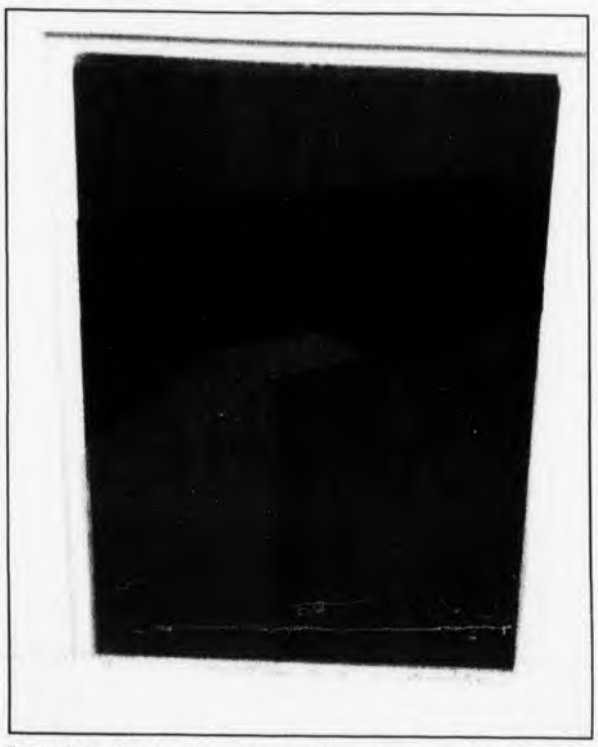
Dennison's gallery exhibit "Fragments of Place: 42° 14´ N 70° 46´ W," now on display at the Paul Pratt Library, breathes new life into the mundane through the artistic medium of monoprinting. The exhibit reflects her ongoing and personal exploration of the fragmentary elements of objects she finds close to home. The latitude and longitude used in the title of the exhibit represents Minot Beach and her nearby home.

"Mono" printing, or monotyping, is called such because each print is one-of-a-kind and cannot be reproduced. Dennison got into monoprinting after she left her medical software job in 2000.

"I always had an interest in art," says Denniston, but she never had the time to devote to it. After taking art classes at both the Fuller Museum in Brockton and the South Shore Art Center, she fell in love with printmaking and monoprinting. It wasn't long before her love of printing transformed into a full time pursuit.

To make the unique prints, Denniston first paints ink on a smooth surface, usually, but not always a piece of Plexiglas. The ink is then transferred to the paper by laying the paper over the inked plate and applying pressure to the back of the paper to transfer the ink.

"It's very exciting to pick up the paper because you never truly know what will be the revealed," she says. One of the keys in this type of art is to have a flexible attitude, "when I start out I have an idea of what the end product will be, but the process there is an element of the unknown."



Seawall Study #38 demonstrates Denniston's use of color and love of angles inspired by the seawall by her home near Minot Beach.

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— Susan Denniston, artist

However, when the first print is lifted, it doesn't always mean the end of the printing process. The Plexiglas can be re-inked and the same piece of paper pressed over the inked plate again (and again) until the result satisfies Denniston.

"Each time the paper is lifted you have to pay attention and respond. It's important to be open to ideas as they develop on paper," Denniston explains. The process builds and forms an image by layering color, texture, shape and line. It's a back and forth process where each print takes on a life of its own.

"In monoprinting you can see the history of the how the art was created," which is one of the reasons she loves the art form, "I don't just give up on something, I work with it," she says she rarely throws away a print, even if she doesn't like the way it came out, "it might look good to me in a day or a week."

Much of the gallery exhibit is devoted to Denniston's evolving project involving the Minot Beach seawall.

"I was first captivated by the strong angularity of the newly constructed seawall in its attempt to hold back the ocean," she continued her abstractions of the seawall in its second year as it began to crumble and become "deeply scarred" by the relentless ocean. Then, in the third year, the wall was re-enforced with a bigger, wider seawall over the remains of the previous one.

"It's a good metaphor for life. The seawall represents what we're trying to hold back about ourselves, what we choose to conceal and reveal about ourselves," says Denniston, "the ocean is sometimes flowing over us and other times it is calm and beautiful." The building of the stronger seawall added another layer to the metaphor showing resilience after hardship.



STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

Susan Denniston of Scituate is reflected in Seawall Study #8, which is one of her many prints on display at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library through the month of September.

The grouping of seawall prints is a look into this journey. When Denniston began using the seawall as her inspiration, her prints reflected the angular shape of the man-made wall against the more organic feel of the ocean. Then, she took an even closer look at the wall and looked more at the shapes and colors of the seawall. In her latest phase, the prints take on a more deconstructed, abstract look to elicit the crumbling effects of the seawall.

Her work is full of surprises and creativity, "sometimes you lie awake at night thinking of things you might want to try doing," she says with big grin. She describes the art form as one where "anything goes."

Her creativity has led her to use Jell-o instead of Plexiglas, to transfer Zerox copies of pictures and to spraying alcohol on the ink to give the ink a more spotted look.

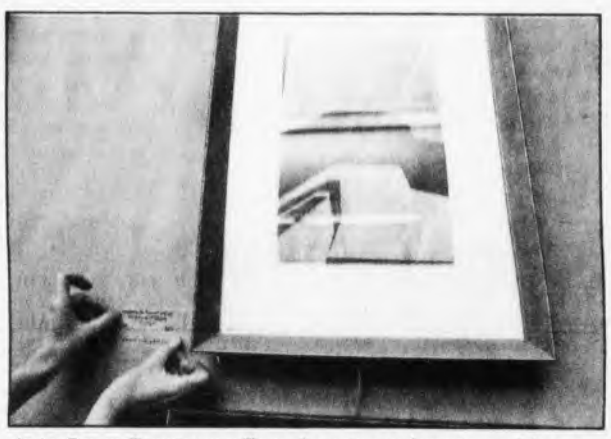
A pair of two prints, "Gifts of Passersby," uses pieces of litter to create an abstract print of shapes and color. Another pair of prints, "Our Garden Our Lives," is a first printing and a "ghost printing," or second printing, of a hibiscus flower from Denniston's garden. A series of nine prints uses wisteria plants pods and flowers, which she used gelatin instead of plexiglas to create. She enhanced these prints with strokes of charcoal and ink.

"Through these monotypes, I seek to encode our environment: layers of beauty, layers of litter; delicate veins, powerful scars; some made by man, some made by nature. The fragments begin to reflect the whole," says Denniston.

Denniston is a gallery artist at the South Shore Art Center. As a gallery artist, she is then given the opportunity to display work in either the gallery space with the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, the South Shore Conservatory or the Dillon Gallery at the Arts Center. Currently, there are about 160 gallery artists under the South Shore Arts Center umbrella.

An artist's reception will be held on Sunday, Sept. 23 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room.

The gallery show, "Fragments of Place: 42° 14' N 70° 46' W, consists of about 35 prints at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. The library's gallery is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday and Fridays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Free.



Artist Susan Denniston affixes the name to her piece while setting up her show at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

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Going to the dogs

All Four Paws offers daycare, boarding, grooming and training

By Nancy White
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All Four Paws owners Michael Hubert and Kim Hubert, who are siblings, are surrounded by dogs at their dog daycare business off Route 3A.



Macy, an Australian shepherd, seems to like being brushed by Jen Palchanis of In Style Grooming, which is run out of the same building.

The newest daycare in Cohasset is welcoming new students. The facility is clean, with plenty of open space to play, a couch to relax on and plenty of friends to pass the time away from parents. Outside there is a playground with colorful equipment and space to run around. Every moment the students are under the watchful eyes of the two supervisors.

But don't get your three-year-old dressed and ready for daycare yet, unless he/she is a Labrador retriever or a cocker spaniel — this is a daycare just for dogs. All Four Paws located near the Cohasset-Scituate line is a place designed to be a place where dogs can truly be themselves.

"You're dropping off a dog where a dog can be a dog," says co-owner Kim Hubert, "owners don't have to worry about their dogs they are in a safe environment."

All Four Paws re-located to Cohasset in December after a two-year stint in Plymouth. The new digs on Route 3A are a step above their original location in Plymouth. In the larger location they can offer more services to clients — it's a like a one-stop shop for canine needs. They offer dog boarding, training, daycare and grooming at In Style Grooming.

"We have a passion for dogs," says Michael Hubert, co-owner of All Four Paws and brother to Kim. The brother-sister duo has had a serious lifelong love of dogs, but the love did not immediately translate to a career and business. Michael worked in the Suffolk County Sheriff's department for 11 years. Kim started her career in 1990 as a veterinary technician, then became a nurse at Boston Medical for the last 10 years, she still works there part-time a few nights a week.

"You're dropping off a dog where a dog can be a dog."
— co-owner Kim Hubert

Slowly but surely, both began to look at dogs as the way to a fulfilling job. After getting a dog six years ago, a German shepherd named Maximus, Michael was introduced to the world of dog training. He became so interested in it; in 2003 he decided to go to the National K-9 training center in Ohio to take a six-week course to become a certified professional trainer. He began doing at home personal training sessions.

"Just because you've had a dog, it doesn't mean you know dogs," says Michael, who admits how clueless he was after attending National K-9 for one day, "it's something you can't learn from watching TV or reading a book."

Meanwhile, Kim pursued a certification as a canine rehabilitation practitioner at the University of Tennessee. Essentially, she is a physical therapist for dogs; she can help dogs hurt in accidents, falls or with broken bones get back on "all four paws" again.

When the opportunity came to open their own doggie daycare, they decided to go for it. Together, they carved out their own business philosophy to bring to area dog owners. Their motto, coined by Michael, is "drop 'em off wired…pick 'em up tired" and that's exactly what they do. Unlike some other doggie daycares, there is no schedule or inexperienced employees. Dogs are never crated during the day, boarding dog are crated overnight but play during daycare hours.

"We don't tell the dogs what to do, they can do what they want," inside or outside, naptime or playtime, Michael says, but they are kept under close watch at all time. During the course of our interview, Kim and Michael listened carefully to the dogs playing behind them. Without even turning around they knew the dog who was barking and why he was barking.

"You have to understand why dogs do what they do and that comes with experience and knowledge," says Michael, who offers training sessions by appointment.

Every dog is evaluated before they are allowed to attend daycare. Aggressive dogs are weeded out before ever encountering another dog. Each dog must be spayed or neutered and completely up-to-date on shots. Michael and Kim encourage owners who feel their dog is shy or un-socialized to bring him to get used to being around other dogs. It doesn't matter if they are big or small canines either, "dogs don't know size," says Michael.

"We care for our dogs the same way we care for our own," says Kim. In fact, their dogs come to play at daycare everyday. Michael has two German shepherds, Maximus and three-year-old Daegon. Kim owns two golden retrievers, three-year-old Sam and seven-month-old Daisy Mae.

"Dogs are social animals, this is what they like to do, they like to play," says Kim and each dog is guaranteed lots of kisses, hugs and plenty of playtime.

"I can't imagine myself doing anything else right now," says Michael as he sits on the couch surrounded by a group of wagging tails and happy smiles.

All Four Paws is located at 878 Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A). For more information, call 781-383-2010 or visit their website www.all-four-paws.com.

In Style Grooming

To complement All Four Paws' boarding, daycare and training services, Jen Palchanis runs In Style Grooming out of the same building. She has extensive grooming experience having owned her own grooming business on Nantucket for 10 years. She will groom any dog breed, in any kind of specialty cut. She graduated from the New York School of Dog Grooming and was convinced by owner Michael Hubert, a satisfied customer, to join the team at All Four Paws.

"She's the only one I will let groom my dogs," says Michael with a smile. Grooming is available by appointment only please call 781-383-8009 for availability.

It's Happening

CDC auditions

Auditions for Cohasset Dramatic Club's production of "Moon Over Buffalo" by Ken Ludwig, will be held at the Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave. on Sunday, Sept. 9 from 5-8 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 10 from 7-9 p.m. Call backs, if needed, Tuesday Sept. 11 at 7 p.m.

Cast size is four men and four women .

Performance dates will be Nov. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, & 11 at the Cohasset Town Hall.

This hilarious comedy centers on George & Charlotte Hay, two fading repertory stars in 1950s Buffalo. They've lost their last chance at stardom, their agent is smitten with Charlotte and the company ingénue is pregnant by George. The plot is full of misunderstandings, misplaced affections and missing persons. The show premiered on Broadway starring Carol Burnett.

Email director Eric Henderson at lighthouse_kp@hotmail.com or producer Jean D at: tangledwb7@aol.com with any questions.

Dance to classic rock Saturday night

Saturday night however the Sons of the American Legion will be hosting the Grab Brothers Band out of Provincetown for a one night performance at the Legion Hall on Summer Street. The Grab Brothers play clubs from Eastham to Orleans, Chatham to Plymouth. The band performs a familiar collection of classical rock and roll from the 60's 70's and 80's, from Tull to Aerosmith, Elton to Blood, Sweat and Tears, Eagles to Stevie Ray.

Bring your dancing shoes! Munchies are being provided by the Ladies Auxiliary. Tickets are only $10 and are available from some members and at the Legion. Music starts at 7pm. Any questions call Mark Trask at 781-383-9319 or the Legion 781-383-9657.

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Safety first

Those looking forward to giving up Route 3 and the Southeast Expressway for the comfort of commuter rail are going to have to wait until the middle of October.

Plans were in the works to start Greenbush commuter rail service at the end of this month but wiser heads have prevailed and the "start" of the train to Scituate, Cohasset, Hingham, Weymouth and Braintree has been delayed.

Relatively speaking, the delay means little in the grand scheme of things. After all, plans to restore the Old Colony Line – that includes train service to Plymouth and Middleborough – took root back in the days of the Dukakis administration.

Plymouth and Middleborough started running exactly 10 years ago this month. Greenbush, as many readers know, was stalled due to legal and environmental challenges.

While the final Greenbush spike was installed at the beginning of the year – there was still a tremendous amount of work to be done before trains would roll, including finishing the parking lots, train stations and the grade crossings.

For example, crews have been working around the clock at the new roundabout in Greenbush at the juncture of routes 3A and 123 and Old Oaken Bucket Road.

When we drive the other direction on Route 3A, we can see the Cohasset train station coming together.

The most noticeable sign that the train is becoming a reality is the sound of the whistles on the test trains as they pass though Cohasset and other Greenbush towns.

We are not construction experts but we think it is pretty evident from all the work still going on that a September start date is not feasible.

One local glitch is the design of the North Main Street grade crossing, which is proving hazardous to bicyclists and motorists alike — even before the trains start to roll.

The Cohasset Mariner has documented numerous bicycle accidents, which occur because the wheels get trapped in the angled tracks, stopping the bike and toppling the rider. Now we have learned there have been three mishaps involving motorists who have come upon the crossing and the road markings, get confused, and actually turn onto the tracks.

[Please read this week's Making Tracks on the op-ed (page 11) that details plans to redesign the grade crossing and the Police Beat on page 3 that reports on the latest accident.]

MBTA spokesperson Lydia Rivera said this week there are still loose ends to tie up regarding signal testing, scheduling and construction along the Greenbush line.

Rivera also said additional organization and planning is needed to coordinate the opening ceremony.

"With any project of this size, there's bound to be delays," Rivera said. "We'd just rather be safe than sorry."

Although delayed, Greenbush is coming. The "extra weeks" will provide more time for everyone to revisit train safety by talking about how dangerous the train can be. These talks should take place around the dinner table or when driving around town with your family.

The schools and police safety officers have promised to continue to reinforce train safety as well.

Please remember: once the trains start, the whistles will stop! Greenbush is slated to be a whistle-free corridor!



Meetings

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, all at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Health, Sept. 18, 7p.m.

Cohasset Elder Affairs, Sept. 10, 9 a.m. at 3 N. Main St.

Cohasset Housing Authority, Sept. 19, 1 p.m. at 60 Elm St.

Historical Commission, Sept. 12. 7:30 p.m.

Library Trustees, Sept. 12, 7 p.m. at the library.

Selectmen, Sept. 10, 17 &27, 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Sept. 24, 6p.m.

Weir River Estuary Park Committee, Sept. 12, 7 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Are you on the active voters' list?

Recently the Board of Registrars have mailed confirmation notices to voters who did not respond to the annual street listing (census) by the first of June. This mailing notifies the voter that their name has been removed from the active voting list and has been placed on the inactive voting list. In order to activate themselves they must return the postcard and they will be restored immediately to the active voters' list.

If a voter has moved to another city or town, they still need to sign and return the postcard. Their name will be immediately removed from the voters' list in Cohasset. To vote, they must register to vote in their new city/town. Mail-in forms are available.

If postcards are not returned the voter will be removed from the voters' list. Also, they will be removed if they do not vote in at least one of the next two state elections or take other action that would reinstate them as an active voter.

Letters to the Editor

Rep. Garrett Bradley's recent visit

To the Editor:

Rep Garrett Bradley recently attended our Tenants Meeting at the Harborview complex when Synn McGlynn, a resident, wrote him about issues that needed to be addressed at the complex.

The condition of the street and parking lot area is dangerous and it needs repair. Also, it is very difficult to open the sliding glass doors, which ultimately could be a fire hazard.

Rep. Bradley spoke to Kate Luna, the managing agent for the Housing Authority. He then contacted Gov. Patrick's office and spoke with the Housing Authority to identify funds to resolve these issues.

The Harborview residents want to acknowledge and thank Rep. Bradley for his swift action in these important matters that will insure the safety of the residents of Harborview complex.

Gracie Thompson
President of Harborview
Residents Committee

Let the train whistles blow!

To the Editor:

This is just to say how much I enjoy hearing that lonesome whistle blow across the Home Meadows to our little red house nestled on its edge. It's a sad sound, and mournful, yet so evocative of how it was when our country was young and expanding and of the hopes and dreams of all those "going West" to start over, seek their fortunes, or whatever. It is a romantic reminder of other days.

I'm aware of how it could be not so romantic for those living close to crossings, but at the same time I believe that without its warning accidents are waiting to happen. Let's not take chances with people's lives. Let's let the lonesome warning whistle sound at crossings.

Shirley Brown
Hingham

Library Corner

Book group meets Sept. 26

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Library Book Group –The next meeting will be at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, Sept. 26. The group will discuss Nathaniel Philbrick's book "Mayflower."

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film "Viva Cuba" at 6 p.m., on Thursday, Sept. 20, in the Meeting Room. Malu is from an upper-class family and her single mother does not want her to play with Jorgito, as she thinks his background is coarse and commonplace. Jorgito's mother, a poor Socialist proud of her family's social standing, places similar restrictions on her son. What neither woman recognizes is the strength of the bond between Malu and Jorgito. When the children learn that Malu's mother is planning to leave Cuba, they decide to run away and travel to the other side of the island to find Malu's father and persuade him against signing the forms that would allow it. Free admission and free refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Great Decisions Group – The first Great Decisions Discussion group will begin at 2:30 p.m., on Sunday, Sept. 9, in the Meeting Room. For those who have registered for the program, the group will be discussing the Middle East found in Chapter One of the assigned text.

Artist Reception – South Shore Art Center will present "Fragments of Place: 42 Deg. 14'N 70 Deg. 46'W," featuring monotypes by Susan Denniston, at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, through Oct. 31. Meet the artist at a reception from 5 to 7 p.m., on Sunday, Sept. 23. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 to 5 p.m. Free.

"Rise and Fall of the Big Dig" – Sean P. Murphy, reporter for the Boston Globe, will give a free presentation at the library at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Sept. 27, in the Meeting Room. Murphy, an award-winning investigative reporter and editor, has spent the last 20 years breaking stories on the Big Dig, including the state's failure to hold Big Dig contractors accountable in 2003 and the cause of the ceiling collapse in 2006.

Senior Scene

Celebration of Life, Oct. 9

The following events are sponsored by Cohasset Elder Affairs at 3 North Street. Registration is required for all events unless noted by calling 781-383-9112.

EVENTS

Celebration of Life – Join the CEA at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 9, at St. Anthony's for an Ecumenical Celebration of Life for all of our loved family members and friends who have died. If you would like a person's name read, submit their name to Cohasset Elder Affairs. Anna's Gourmet Cooking Club will serve lunch in St. Anthony's Parish Hall following the service. No registration required.

Hobo Turkey Train Ride – The departure from St. Anthony's Parking Lot for the Hobo Turkey Train Ride is 9 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 18. The Dinner Turkey Train travels along the shore line of Lake Winnipesauke while a delicious dinner is served by Hart's Turkey Farm. Handicapped access at Meredith. Each table seats four. Cost:$59.

CLASSES

Straight Addiction – Donna White, an addiction counselor from Lemuel Shattuck Hospital, will present a program on straight addiction from 11 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, Sept. 29, followed by a gourmet lunch prepared by the Angel Food Pantry. The cost is a $2.50 donation. Guests of all ages are welcome.

Roadwise Review: A Self-Assessment of Driving Skills – Diana Imondi Dias from AAA will present this interactive program from 11 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, Oct. 3. All drivers 55 and older are invited to come and then enjoy a gourmet lunch. The cost is $2.50 donation.

Planning for the Future Luncheon Series – South Shore Elder Services and Cohasset Elder Affairs will host this series from 11 to noon at Cohasset Elder Affairs,3 No. Main Street, Cohasset. The dates and topics are **Moving Out of the Home**, Oct. 10; **Staying in the Home with Help**, Oct. 17; **Holiday Planning**, Oct. 24. A gourmet lunch will be served from noon to 1 p.m. The cost is a suggested donation of $2.50.

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Train start date now Oct. 19

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Greenbush – New official Greenbush start date: We have heard projected start dates for the Greenbush line, from people who ought to know, varying from Sept. 29th to early November. Late last week the Town Manager received a phone call from the Secretary of Transportation's office to tell us that the "official" start of the Greenbush has been moved to Oct. 19th. So, there you have it. The original "official" date was to be Sept. 29th, but from what we hear, the MBTA has had problems with the signaling and control aspect of the railroad line and require the additional time to debug and fine tune the controls and safety systems.

North Main Street Greenbush crossing — On Wednesday, Aug. 29, we had an on site meeting with the MBTA, CBB and numerous Town brass, the Massachusetts DPU and others. It seems that the DPU (which, as we mentioned last week, must approve all crossings) is very concerned about the safety of the North Main Street railroad crossing near the Hingham Town line. While they were testing the crossing they observed two situations, each of which could cause a serious crossing accident. The first thing they observed was a funeral procession heading down N. Main Street making a left turn into Woodside Cemetery. While the funeral procession was waiting to enter the cemetery, two separate drivers were not paying attention and nearly missed having a rear-end collision on the railroad tracks. A vehicular collision on the tracks at the same time, or near to the time a train is due would be a significant hazard to the vehicles, their drivers and passengers as well as the train and its passengers.

The second incident witnessed, was vehicles stacking up across the tracks while waiting to make a left turn into Woodside Cemetery. Even though there are signs at the crossing heeding the cars not to stop on the tracks, some of the vehicles in the funeral procession did not always heed that warning and stopped on the tracks. Of course, the potential hazard in this case is the same as the situation above…a very serious collision.

Consequently, the DPU will not certify the N. Main Street crossing for railroad service unless it is reconstructed so that left turns cannot be made when coming from Cohasset into the cemetery. Similarly, when exiting Woodside Cemetery, only right turns will be permitted. Thus, we will be limited to right turns "in" and right turns "out." We understand that this forces all traffic going to the cemetery to use either Route 3A or Route 228 to access East Street in Hingham which becomes N. Main Street in Cohasset. Although this is not a direct route, it is clearly a safer route. Without this



The North Main Street grade crossing is going to have to be redesigned.

change, our only option is for the train to blow the horn in all five Greenbush towns. That's not very acceptable. So, it looks like Woodside will be restricted to right turn in and right turn out.

The MBTA will develop drawings for crossing changes and the medians will probably be extended to a point beyond where vehicles can make a left turn into the cemetery. This turns not to be an easy task because the road is quite narrow at this point and may require road widening. We'll see what the MBTA design engineers come up with.

Bicycle accidents — Another item reviewed at the above meeting was the large number of bicycle accidents, which have occurred at this crossing over the past year since the crossing first opened. There have been serious accidents where bicycle tires get trapped in the flange way of the railroad tracks causing the rider to stop suddenly, and in some cases be thrown over the handlebars. Several types of signs, varying from large illuminated signs to new warning signs posted at the tracks, have all proven ineffective. The bike accidents have continued.

The discussion with the MBTA and CBB centered on the possibility of creating a "jug handle" bicycle path that would veer off of the road to the right, cross over the tracks at a less shallow angle and then merge back onto the road. This bike pathway would be created on both sides of N. Main Street, for use by bikes traveling in either direction. The MBTA will, again, put on their creative design caps. We'll see what they are able to engineer.

Lastly, another unusual problem has developed at the North Main Street crossing. The MBTA has placed white lines parallel to the tracks in the crossing. We have had several instances where, under poor light conditions, drivers get mixed up and think this is a fog line. (A fog line is the proper name for the white line at the edge of a road.) Thinking that it is a fog line three drivers, so far, have followed the line and driven off the road onto the tracks. That has to be a very bad idea for the driver and a bit embarrassing, and needless to say very hazardous. The MBTA has agreed to get rid of the white lines parallel to the tracks so they do not distract drivers. Additionally, they will take the N. Main St. fog line and paint it across the tracks, so it is easier to see and not ambiguous. Also, the design plans call for several street lights to be added along the crossing, but they have not been installed yet. When they are installed better illumination at night should be a big help and provide better safety.

Other Greenbush information — This past week that we learned that at some places along the train system, occasional train speeds may be substantially higher than normal. As each crossing is checked out and approved, it is tested to a defined maximum speed. Actual trains may be operating way below that maximum speed. For example, a commuter train getting ready to pull into Cohasset Station from Hingham will be in the process of slowing down to stop. Its normal speed at the N. Main Street crossing will then be quite slow. But, suppose that a locomotive has been returned to the main maintenance yard in Boston for repair. On its way back to Scituate it does not need to stop at Cohasset station, so it might be going through the N. Main Street crossing near its maximum speed of about 60 mph. The same is true for most other crossings. The only exception we can think of in Cohasset would be Pleasant Street. Due to the severity of the curve at Pleasant Street all trains will; be forced to a lower speed.

We have received many, many calls about horn blowing during testing. Understandably, quite a few residents are worried that we will still be subjected to horn blowing on a routine basis once commercial rail operation begins. To review the situation, it is the five Greenbush towns that must apply to the Federal Rail Administration (FRA) for the whistle ban permit, not the MBTA. As of Aug. 23, 2007, the FRA has written a letter to us stating, that on a preliminary basis, the five Greenbush towns meet the requirements for a hornless waiver and the establishment of a Quiet Zone. The five towns have one more submission to make to the FRA before the Quiet Zone is established. So, we are most of the way there. Yes, Virginia, it does look like there won't be any horns.

Forest Avenue — Work continues on the Forest Avenue paving and sidewalk project. The blasting we have referred to in a previous article is complete. A few small knobs of ledge remained to be removed, but they were easily knocked down by using conventional construction machinery. Meanwhile, work continues on the preparation of the sidewalk curbing and base at the Jerusalem Road end of the new sidewalk. The project is still on target to complete by October of this year.

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Women and power

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Quick now, who are Wu Yi and Ho Ching? Don't know, eh? Why, they're the second and third most powerful women in the world and the reason you've never heard of them is because they've never been caught driving drunk on Hollywood Boulevard.

Wu Yi is the vice premier of China, which is slowly overtaking Japan and the West as an economic power, and Ho Ching is the CEO of Temasek Holdings, the fabulously successful Singapore investment house.

The latest issue of Forbes, the business magazine, has chosen the 100 most powerful women in the world and there's not a provocative cleavage in the lot, although Christie Hefner, the CEO of Playboy Enterprises, did finish 85th.

The most powerful women in the world, judged by her job title, visibility, economic impact and sphere of influence, is Angela Merkel, the chancellor of Germany, who will be remembered as the recipient of President Bush's impromptu neck massage at last year G8 meeting.

American women make up exactly half the list of 100, led by Secretary of State Condaleeza Rice in fourth place and Indra K. Nooyi, whom anyone who reads the small print on the financial pages will instantly recognize as the CEO of Pepsi Cola.

You don't have to be famous to make the list of Forbes most powerful as the next three Americans Patricia A. Woertz, Irene Rosenfeld and Patricia Russo (eighth, ninth and 10th) found out. They're the heads of Archer Daniel Midland, Kraft Foods and Aleatel-Lucent.

The best that Hillary Clinton, the senator and presidential candidate, could do was 25th place, one ahead of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and two ahead of Michelle Bachelet, the president of Chile. Hillary may move up in 2008, depending on what happens on Nov. 11.

First ladies and queens made the list, too, although most of their power may come through pillow talk.

Queen Elizabeth of Britain is 23rd (two ahead of Hillary). Queen Rania of Jordan is 82nd; first lady Laura Bush is 60th and (take a deep breath, now) Sheikha Mozah Dint Nasser Al Missned, the first lady of Qatar, is 79th.

The most powerful woman in show business is, of course, Oprah Winfrey, who finished 21st (four ahead of Hillary) and one behind Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. And not a Britney Spears or a Paris Hilton in the bullpen.

Katie Couric, who has been floundering a bit as anchor chick for CBS News, winds up 63rd but Meredith Vieira, who succeeded her as host on NBC's Today Show, came in 55th. Go figure!

Frankly, I don't know how Dr. Sima Samar (92nd), chairman of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission, and Aung San Suu Kyi (71st), who was elected president of Myanmar in 1991 and appears to have been under house arrest ever since, made the list.

The words "Afghanistan" and "human rights" so rarely appear in the same sentence and "house arrest" and "power" seem to be contradictory in terms.

And then we have Louisa Diogo (89th) president of Mozambique.

Anybody got a map?

Experiment with interesting results

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

I ate sitting down. Heart rate a steady 60 beats per minute. Palms dry. Hair on the back of my neck laying flat.

Every day for the last couple of months I noticed that our family room began the morning organized and clean, and became an unmitigated disaster by mid-afternoon, with toys, cracker crumbs and beach towels strewn about. Yet whenever I confronted my three children about the mess, each would insist she had nothing to do with it. I found it all very suspicious, so when my parents took the kids for four days last week I decided to perform a little experiment that had some very interesting results.

First I took an object from my bedside table (a book), brought it downstairs and placed it on the kitchen counter, to simulate a hypothetical scenario in which I might casually place an object on the kitchen counter with the expectation that it would remain there until I decided to take it away again. After noting the book's condition I went into the living room, where I could observe the area from behind some French doors. After 30 seconds I returned to the kitchen and discovered the following: the book had not been lost between the couch cushions, or dropped in the toilet, or crayoned in. Neither had it been burned, shredded, pummeled, impaled, or befouled in any way. Some mysterious natural phenomenon had caused it to remain exactly as I had left it.

I decided to push the envelope. I tuned the stereo to my favorite radio station, began an elaborate project involving hundreds of fragile parts and small, pointy tools, and set a glass of Hawaiian punch on a bureau at one end of the house and a favorite cream-colored shirt on a chair at the other end. Then by God I went to lunch.

I ate sitting down. Heart rate a steady 60 beats per minute. Palms dry. Hair on the back of my neck laying flat. Something strange caught my eye at the far end of the table. It was my wife. She looked younger, healthier. Not so hunched over and quivery. We talked. We smiled. We did not dig our fingernails into the table, leap to our feet and run for a roll of paper towels, or a straight jacket, or a tourniquet. We tasted our food, basked in the quiet, and let the answering machine handle all the frequent, urgent-sounding calls from New Hampshire.

We generally don't fall in love and marry a person because we think they might be aces at breaking up shoe fights between crazed lunatics. But once you have two or three kids running around robbing and pillaging your home, everything that used to attract you to your spouse — great hair, fluency in Norwegian, a dream to be the first person to drive across Connecticut in a Fiat — all these become useless, annoying qualities. It's the ability to force overalls onto a rabid goat while strapping it into a car seat that you're really in the market for then, which may explain why pregnant women have intense cravings for rodeo champions.

Anyway the kids came home with exciting stories of a three-alarm condo fire and a small python they let loose in the New London Library, so they seem to have enjoyed themselves. The important task this week was to get them back into school and keep them there using the full extent of the law if necessary. So far the local authorities appear to be cooperating. I fear, though, that if their resolve weakens we can all expect further delays in the Forest Avenue construction project, which finally resumed last week after several blasting charges were found in our zucchini garden.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset, where police have noticed that whenever something in town goes missing, is defiled, or scribbled on, he hastily calls his children indoors.

'Not Buying It' gains 10 hours

TOWARD A SUSTAINABLE COHASSET

JOANN MIRISE

I am still supporting our economy. I am just doing it with more awareness of what is enough.

Ten hours a week. This is the estimated amount of time that I have gained by Not Buying It — my pledge of not purchasing anything new for one year. My idea for this endeavor grew out of a reaction to the fact that our culture's over-consumption is degrading our planet. In addition, I had the sneaking suspicion that my consumerism was undermining my personal pursuit of happiness. I was compelled to make a change.

Ten hours a week is a lot. It's the "more hours in the day" for which we so often wish. It is more time spent with my family. More time cultivating a career that I love. More time learning new ways of experiencing life that bring me deeper joy. It is no surprise that this past year has been more fulfilling. I feel lighter, unfettered. By untangling myself from the sticky web of consumerism, the one thing it seems that I have bought myself this year is more freedom.

Freedom is what we, as Americans, consider our inalienable right. We protect it. Fight for it. Accept the loss of life over it. When our freedom was challenged on September 11, 2001, the message from our leadership was not to let the terrorists win — be patriotic and shop. So we swallowed our sadness and attended to business as usual. We were helped along the way with easy, cheap money for the taking. We spent it on cars, electronics, vacations, additions to our homes and all of the stuff that goes inside. The price was steep however, and now the headlines read weak dollar, shaky markets, bankruptcy and foreclosure. To top it off, we are left with an increased, on-going demand of natural resources from some of the same sources that have threatened our independence and security. None of this sounds like freedom to me. And I am guessing the folks who are looking for a new place to live aren't feeling particularly patriotic either.

You'd have to be living in a sensory deprivation tank to be ignorant of the fact that we are at a crossroads when it comes to defining growth and what it means to be American. We have come to a point where we need to determine what is *enough*. Enough is not an easy concept to grasp: too little we feel deprived, too much we are overwhelmed. It is the sweet spot in the middle that allows us to thrive. This was the real reason I chose to wipe my slate clean for a year. I had lost the ability to see my enough.

The fact is I am still a consumer and always will be. I am still supporting our economy. I am just doing it with more awareness of what is enough. For me, taking a year to assess how I spend money and the impact that each thing I buy has on myself, others and the planet has made me a better consumer, and I hope, a better citizen. For example, I have learned that only $13 of every $100 I spend at a chain store goes back into local economic activity. Whereas that same $100 spent at a locally owned store generates $45 for the community. You can bet where I am going to focus my shopping.

Even after manufacture and transport, every single thing we own requires energy to shop for, organize, clean, launder, repair, dispose, store, return, replace, and so on. The key is to authentically determine if an item gives back an equal or greater amount of joy than the amount of energy put in to make it, buy it and manage it. If it does not, then it has no space in our lives. Yes, I have taken to assigning a life enhancer vs. energy sucker rating to all things that come into my house. It's not necessarily a quick process. But at least I have those extra 10 hours.

JoAnn Mirise lives and writes in Cohasset.

Dr. deChiara on Our Town

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Starting on Monday, Aug. 27, join Mark and Pat when they sit down with the newly appointed principal of the Deer Hill School, Dr. Jennifer deChiara. Dr. deChiara will begin her first school year on Tuesday, Sept. 4 and outlines her goals for grades three through five.

As an added feature, check out the parade of prom gowns captured at the pre-prom red carpet event held before this year's Cohasset High School senior class prom.

Stay tuned to Comcast channel 10 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 p.m. and stay informed, Cohasset!

Mass Bay Football Tuna Tourney!

Mass Bay Football Tuna Tourney, sponsored by Belsan Bait and Tackle in Greenbush, will take place Saturday, Sept. 8, and Sunday, Sept. 9.

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Farmer's Market is a common favorite

FROM FARMER'S MARKET, PAGE

Stands vary from bakers to jewelry makers to organic vegetables and it seems every single vendor has an interesting story to tell. A vendor from Plymouth makes cosmetics from soy. A 10-year-old sells sno-cones to kids on the hot summer afternoons. Young entrepreneurs gather together at a co-op table hoping to turn a profit on beaded bracelets, keychains and other small crafts. There's a homemade jelly stand and a local fisherman selling his catch of the day. Nona's Homemade Ice Cream truck parks on Highland Avenue for the afternoon. Flowers freshly bunched into colorful bouquets at Holly Hill Farm or in Gracie Thompson's Harborview apartments backyard sell like hotcakes. Of course, the root of the Farmer's Market is locally grown vegetables, fruits and produce, and there are still plenty of options for those seeking something fresh for dinner.

"It's a great way to shop and people are aware they are eating healthy food and buying home produced products," says Abbruzzese.

To make the event even more appealing for kids and families there are pony rides and a "very talented face-painter," says Abbruzzee. Some weeks have special events, like the upcoming fall dog show where families can bring their pets dressed in costume. Representatives from Whole foods have demonstrated how to cook with local produce. Musical entertainment complements the entire event.

Holly Hill Farms, a certified organic farm, has been a staple to the Cohasset Farmer's Market since 2000. Owner Frank White doesn't see any sign of stopping or even venturing to other local markets. During the course of the summer and early fall, Holly Hill sells between 30 and 40 different types of vegetables depending on what's in the season.

"The setting is something out of a Norman Rockwell calendar," says White, which he names are one of the reasons the Cohasset Farmer's Market is unique. Some area Farmer's Markets are set up in parking lots. In fact, the Cohasset Farmer's Market had its origins in the municipal parking lot in the Village until about seven years ago, "half the fun is being on the grass, it makes for a more natural setting."



STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

Del DiBona, 22 months, of Cohasset, checks out a lobster caught by Michael Lane, right of Scituate, who fishes out of Cohasset Harbor. Del is being held by his aunt Stacy Murphy.

"It's a great way to shop and people are aware they are eating healthy food and buying home produced products."
— Anna Abbruzzese, Cohasset Farmer's Market

White enjoys the personal touch and relationships the Farmer's Market setting allows as well. As an organic farm, he often gets asked about the organic growing process or the best ways to cook the vegetables and he can answer right then and there.

Beyond customer relations, there is a community among the return vendors, "it's a cooperative and helpful atmosphere," he says. He and other organic farms compare notes and share ideas on their businesses.

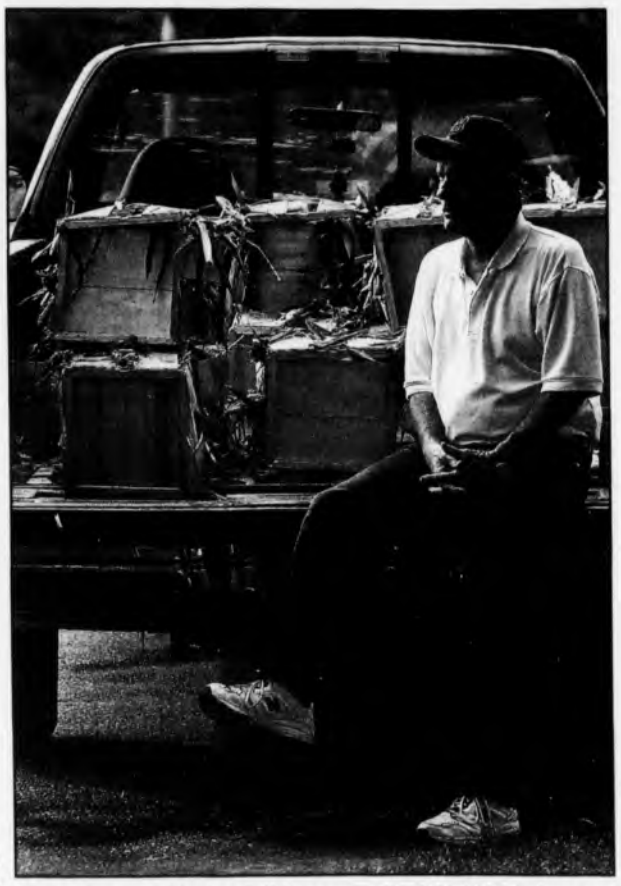
LuGem's Yummies is new to the Farmer's Market this year bringing a variety of cookies and brownies. Two 14-year-old boys, Luke Ernst and Jeremy Cundall, have run the business all summer — baking the cookies and manning the stand.

"They have a pretty regular following," says Luke's mother, Mary Ernst. She says each year the Farmer's Market has grown to where now it's a place people look forward to come each week.

"Young families come and spend hours there," armed with a blanket and a picnic, says Ernst. An idyllic location, the nice variety of vendors, the weekly entertainment and the good weather add up to a perfect way to spend a summer afternoon, she says.

The Cohasset Farmer's Market Committee sells hot dogs each week to raise money for a scholarship fund, "they are the best hot dogs on the South Shore," says Abbruzzese. Over the last four years, they have awarded over $4,000 in scholarships to Cohasset graduates.

The Cohasset Farmer's Market is held each Thursday 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Cohasset Common from mid-June to mid-October.



At the Farmer's Market, Bill Steverman Jr. of California hangs out in the back of his truck with corn grown on his father's farm in Scituate.



Goldie grabs a bite to eat at the end of the Farmer's Market while John Shannon, 1-1/2, of Cohasset checks out the pony with his mom, Sarah.



Jon Coffey, 18, of Cohasset plays the keyboard in his band, the John Coffey Trio, while performing at the Farmer's Market.

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HEALTH NOTES

Diagnosis and repairs: necessary evil – DUH!

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

If you keep everything up well, there'll be fewer surprises later on.

Having recently heard that a friend just had bypass surgery instead of the angioplasty he was expecting, several lessons have become obvious. If you treat your body like you do your car there's a relationship between how long either of you will live. Thus, the DUH!

Remember how you treated your first car? There wasn't enough you could do for it. But then as it became older, it got less care, and finally just enough to get it started.

Attitude plays a part in dealing with repairs. If you keep everything up well, there'll be fewer surprises later on. Appearance will be better. You'll give others a more favorable impression.

Get advice from someone who knows. You may consider yourself knowledgeable, but there's always someone better informed. It's better to be right than to think you are.

Then take the advice; don't diddle around and expect the symptoms to change.

Spend money on necessities, not frivolities: lube oil vs. bud vases, which were in for a while.

Go for the overhaul rather than the fast fix.

A part of the advice you're usually given is to run in all the new parts and keep them active. Lubricate, but don't overdo and keep all the systems clean. Don't forget maintenance.

With increasing age, there's a tendency to put off necessary repairs even though they make for rough riding or handling.

And finally, there's an inclination to think it doesn't matter any more. Well, that's like the last decision. Just remember, there may be somewhere you want to go or a little something you really want to do at the last minute.

We're really talking about cars here, but just in case we aren't, here's something you can do right now:

Come to the Fair!— On Tuesday, Sept. 11th come to the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to take part in Cohasset's comprehensive Health Fair. Meet Board of Health members and our excellent staff, led by Dr. Joe Godzik, Tara Tradd, and Judy Fitzsimmons as well as many other health care professionals covering a variety important medical and support activities.

Now, at our Health Fair: one can be screened for the following mental health conditions: Adolescent and Adult Depression (including parent screening for their children and adolescents), Post Partum Depression, Bipolar Disorder, Anxiety Disorders, and Sleep Disorders. Discuss your concerns with Peggy Chapman, APRN, BC, Chairperson of the Board of Health, who, has broad experience in child, adolescent, and adult psychiatry. All screenings will be conducted anonymously. If a screening tool should indicate that follow up is needed, she will provide discrete information on how to get further evaluation for the problem.

Another member of the Board of Health will focus on oral cancer detection. Dr. Robin Lawrence will be performing oral examinations. In the U.S., 30,000 people are diagnosed with mouth and throat cancer each year and 8,000 die of these cancers. Mouth and throat cancers are the sixth most common cancers in U.S. males. Such a cancer was detected at an earlier health fair. Early detection of any cancers is crucial to the survivability of the patient and is an important part of health and wellness programs. Visit with Dr. Lawrence for your oral cancer examination.

Cohasset Elder Affairs will have a representative available at the Fair for a confidential discussion.

Other free screenings and demonstrations will include:

Health Watch, a local health screening organization will assess Total Cholesterol, HDL, LDL and Blood Sugar

Osteoporosis and Blood Pressure, by the visiting Norwell Nurse Association

Hearing by Cohasset Medical Hearing Center

Depression, Anxiety and Sleep Screening by Peggy Chapman, RN CS

Nutrition by Paula Pozniak

Massage Therapy by Nantasket Therapeutic Massage and Wellness Associates

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For More Information Call Judy Fitzsimmons, RN at 781-383-2210 or the Cohasset Board of Health Office at 781-383-4116 Come in; eat some healthy food; get checked out, and see your Board of Health in action!

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

From the Archives of the Cohasset Historical Society

From the Archives is a weekly feature provided by Cohasset Historical Society.

From Sept. 14 to 16, 1885, the 32nd America's Cup race was held in New York. The competition between the yachts, Puritan and Genesta, was almost no contest with the Puritan winning the first two races. The Puritan was thought to be the fastest American yacht of her time. You may be wondering, what does this have to do with Cohasset? Well, our very own Cohasset resident, Aubrey Crocker, was the Captain of the winning vessel. Captain Crocker lived in a house on Border St. prior to his death in 1906. However the house was later moved to Parker Avenue.

Call 781-383-1434 for more information about the Cohasset Historical Society.



Capt. Aubrey Crocker at the wheel of the America's Cup winning yacht, Puritan.

Story of the Tuskegee Airmen

The entire community is invited to come learn how these brave, young American men broke the color barrier of the Army Air Corps some 65 years ago.

Members of the renowned Tuskegee Airmen will host a talk and video presentation titled "Red Tails: The Saga of the Tuskegee Airmen" at 7 p.m., on Oct. 5, in the Parish House of the First Parish (Unitarian-Universalist) church on Cohasset Common. Tuskegee Airman and member of the First Parish congregation, Jack Bryant, will moderate the evening's discussion. The entire community is invited to come learn how these brave, young American men broke the color barrier of the Army Air Corps some 65 years ago.

At the start of World War II the U.S. Army had rules which enforced our country's attitudes towards black Americans. They were considered unfit for combat and were generally assigned to stereotyped jobs as cooks and waiters, or were rejected completely. The Army Air Corps certainly did not let black men fly or repair airplanes. In that time of great need, such prejudices were a luxury our country could no longer afford. Afraid of disrupting morale of the fighting units, but under moral pressure and persuasion from the NAACP, the black media, some members of Congress and the White House, the War Department started a "separate but equal" training program for black aviators. This "noble experiment" produced the Tuskegee Airmen. (Excerpt from The History of the Tuskegee Airmen).

The Tuskegee Airmen overcame racism at home and abroad…by the end of World War II these African American pilots had earned respect for their air prowess. The "Red Tails" (nicknamed for the color painted on their aircraft) flew more than 15,000 combat missions and never lost a bomber during Allied escort missions over Europe. This important part of American History is a story that holds life lessons for all generations.

A lasagna meal and beverages will be served. The cover charge is $10/person, or $20 per family. Proceeds will support the Tuskegee Airmen's Scholarship Fund, which awards many thousands of dollars annually to young people across the country (all presenters and officers of this organization serve without salary or fee). This event is sponsored by the First Parish Unitarian Universalist congregation on Cohasset Common. For information call Sandy Bailey, Parish Administrator, at 781-383-1100.

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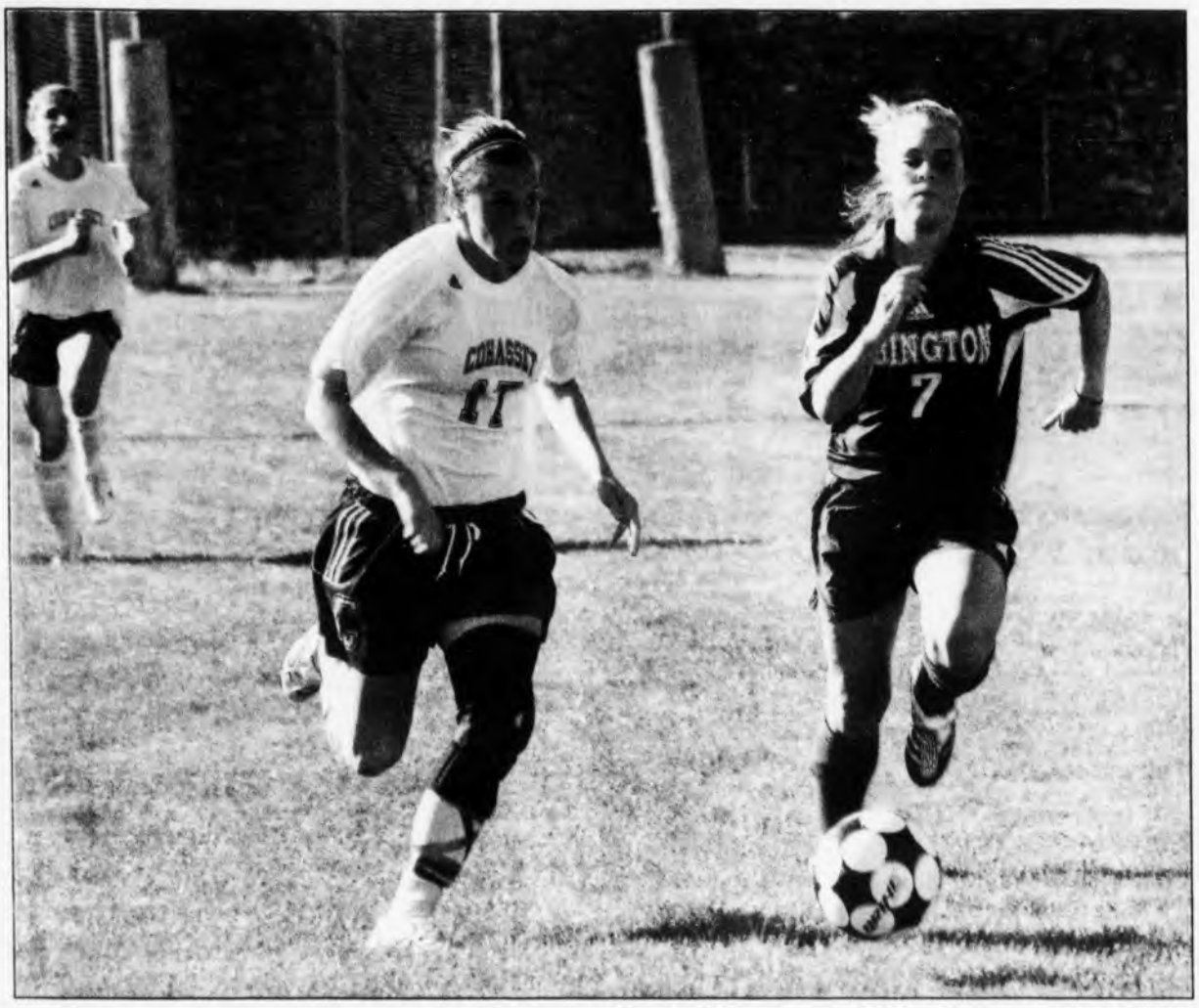
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Cohasset's Sarah Coggins was everywhere defensively for the Lady Skippers Wednesday against Abington.

Freshman surprise

Fein, Kucinski score; Lady Skippers take game one

By Joel Racicot
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With a schedule that seems better fit for mid-season play, the Cohasset High School girls soccer team can ill afford a slip up when the opportunity to grab a win is in its sights. That is why Wednesday's 2-0 victory over visiting Abington was so important.

Game one yes, but an important win nonetheless.

"That was huge," head coach Debbie Beal said after the game.

Cohasset will face Notre Dame Saturday, the winner of Andover and Sandwich Sunday and Rockland Wednesday. Coupled with the fact that Beal couldn't remember a time in the last 10 years when her Skippers have beat the Green Wave and, you can understand the powerful adjective use to put game one into perspective.

"I'm impressed with their physical (play)," Beal said.

Cohasset dominated the first half keeping the pressure squarely on Abington's defense. They out shot the Green Wave 13-2, but both teams went into the half scoreless.

"We started out like a house of fire," Beal said. "We just weren't putting two and two together.

"At halftime I said, 'listen your outplaying them.' I'm always preaching the first five and the last five minutes of the half as the most important times of the game."

They listened and, Caroline Fein answered, scoring her first varsity goal less than five minutes into the second frame. Fein (midfield) showed no sign of any freshman jitters, nor did teammate Kacy Kucinski, who added an insurance goal midway through the half.

Beal was impressed with the young folks.

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Back into the swing of things

By Robert Belley
SPECIAL TO MARINER

School sports are back! Cross country, field hockey, football, golf, soccer and volleyball squads are beginning their seasons this week. The questions a lot of athletes are asking themselves though are, "Did I seriously prepare for the season and am I conditioned enough for my position?"

Have no fear. Even if you slacked all summer guzzling Big Gulps and Coolatta's by the beach you can still make an impact on the roster. Heck you may even steal a starting position.

Ahead you'll find a basic training program, a two-week quick-fix if you will.

Sure strength, power, speed, quickness, flexibility, mobility, agility all count, but the above sports are without fail dependant upon two factors: your ability to handle endurance and your ability to resist injury.

For your conditioning we'll keep it simple. Each day – if applicable – begin by warming up with some basic dynamic stretches. Commonly choose the ones you are already familiar with. Second, start with a light jog about a couple laps around the track or field. Third we'll move into sprints.

Begin with quick 10 to 20 yard sprints from your sports preferred athletic stance. After each sprint, take your time walking back to the starting line. If there's one thing I must stress during this session is hydration and maintaining proper breathing. You shouldn't be winded after 20 yards. Develop your breath control with every stride. Hands stay open, legs and arms move front to back, not side to side or swaying, and you're pushing behind your body not straight down into the ground for propulsion.

After five sprints, have a sip of water and hit the track/field for some distance running; nothing crazy. We're going to set the time for this at five minutes maximum. Begin by jogging a half a lap, then pick-up the pace into a near sprint for the next five yards. Return to your starting pace and continue swapping the two speeds until your time is up. This is a simple and effective tool to get back in the swing of things.

For the first day, begin with a warm-up: perform five sprints and transition into a five-minute jog/sprint interval. For each day after, add two sprints and one minute to the jog/sprint interval: simple stuff. By the end of two weeks you should be near 15 sprints and 15-minute intervals.

Now for your strength we have four cool exercises performed in supersets – two exercises back to back with little to no rest between. The first is a basic farmer's walk. This will develop a strong grip for your stick sports and for maneuvering opponents. It'll also add needed stability in the legs and work the entire the upper back and traps. Simply grab a weight plate or dumbbell in each hand and walk with the weights for 100 feet.

The second exercise will be performed immediately following the walk. You'll get down the ground and lye on your back. Place your heels as close to your butt as possible with your arms by your sides. From here, simply straighten one leg, and push through the ground using the foot closest to your glutes until your hips lift as high as possible from the earth. Hold this top position for one second, return to within one inch above the ground and repeat for 11 more repetitions/lifts. Once finished with all the repetitions on one side switch legs. This exercise will build up your hamstrings and glutes protecting you from ACL injuries and giving your unilateral movements stability and your sprint power. Repeat this farmer's walk/hip lift for three total sets.

The next superset is going to be a basic push-up combined with jump squats. First perform your push-ups, pushing as long as you can. Then stand up and perform 10 deep high jumping squats all in succession. Try to land and jump from the same place each time. You may drift forward or backward an inch or two between landings but do your best to maintain positioning. Repeat this for three sets and you're done.

This is a simple and effective two-week warm-up to get you ready for the onslaught of games to come. Also, this program can be maintained throughout the season. Lessen the sessions from five to six days to two to three. And don't forget to stay hydrated, stay limber and focus on the tasks at hand. Good luck this season.

Robert Belley, author/advisor for Men's Fitness and Maximum Fitness magazines, is an expert trainer who operates the Readers Choice award winning service Purely Physique in the greater South Shore. Information can be reached via the Internet at www.PurelyPhysique.com, by email at Rob@PurelyPhysique.com and phone at (508) 944-3419. He also conducts fitness programs and trains clientele out of the Pembroke Police Boys Club in Pembroke Center.

2007 Cohasset Sailing Club Junior Program Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following CSC sailors for a very successful summer on the water!!

Waaser Cup
2nd Place - Caitlin Mavilia, Kiki Shipp, McEnzie Nolan
1st Place – Craig Davis, Hunter Forrer

Mariner Award
Sailor White – Alex Kent, Caleigh Nolan, Nick Lydon, Erin Driscoll
Sailor Blue – Sam Rice, Lilly McCarthy, Martin Buckley, Caroline Prescott
Mate White – Caroline Winn, Zach Coggins
Mate Blue – Jack O'Brien, Tim Cavanaro
Skipper – Hunter Forrer, Zach Strecker
Captain – Kaye Slamp, Chase Baldwin

Race Team
Most Improved – Billy Mack
Best Crew – Sarah Mavilia

First and Ten Football Camp awards

Cohasset High School football players Kyle Pinkus and David Snowdale were awarded "Best in Camp" awards at the First and Ten Football Camp held in Duxbury. The coaches that ran the various skill groups (by offensive & defensive positions) all voted and elected top performers for each position. David was awarded the best quarterback award and Kyle got his for being the best inside linebacker.

Head Over Heals goes over the top

Students from Cohasset amongst participants

Head Over Heels Gymnastics in Norwell held its annual fundraiser this year to benefit the Special Olympics of Massachusetts. In March, gymnasts were given 30 seconds to do as many cartwheels as they could, and then were asked to go out and try and raise money for the cause. Together, the gymnasts raised over $9,000. The Top six fundraisers were: Caroline Plansky of Norwell – $1,045.85, Canyon Volpe of Marshfield - $408.00, Maddie Ward of Norwell - $372.00, Nicole Delano of Weymouth - $330.00, Julianne Mariano of Norwell - $275.00 and Hailey McDonough of Marshfield - $262.00

These six girls were honored May 2 with a ceremony and were awarded trophies. Past fundraisers held at HOH included: 2006 – Children's Hospital, 2005 – Brain Aneurysm Foundation, 2004 – Lupus Foundation, 2003 – The Jimmy Fund.

HOH also sponsors The Walk of Hope. Supporting the Needs of the Breast Cancer Survivor. *Live, Learn & Love* is an outreach program designed to provide financial assistance to women and families in our local communities touched by breast cancer. This year's walk will be on Sunday October 14 at 11:30 a.m. at Webb State Park in Weymouth.

Head Over Heels Students from Norwell, Scituate, Cohasset and Pembroke participated in this year's event.

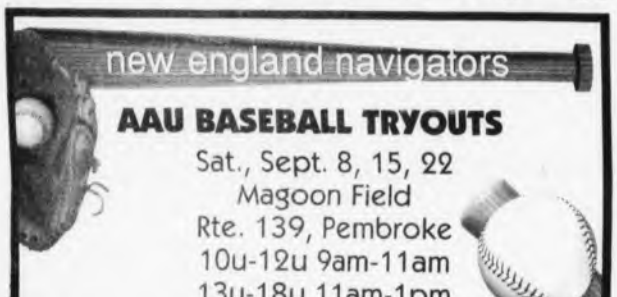


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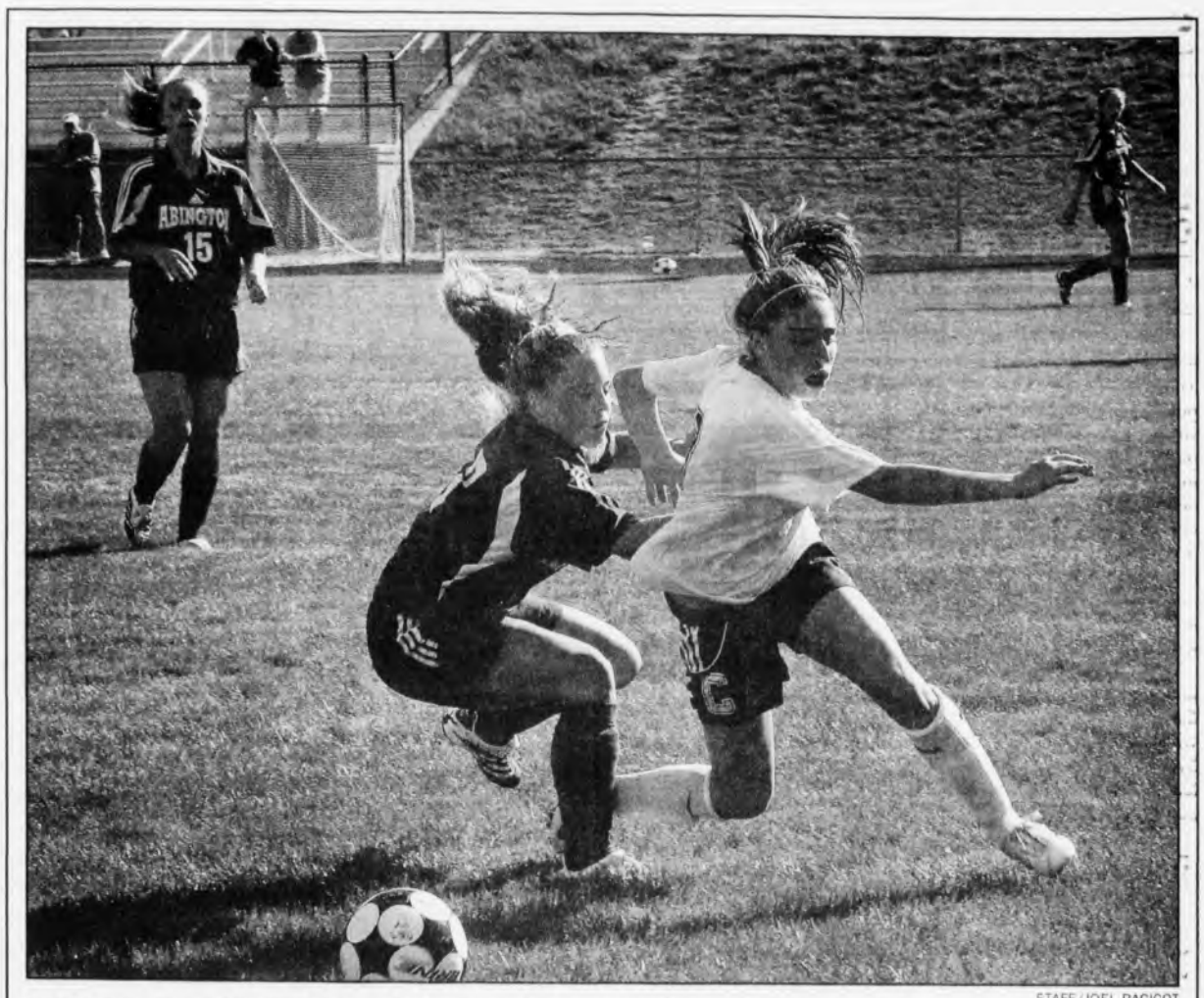
The top fundraisers from Norwell based Head Over Heals show off their trophies.

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Lady Skippers freshman Caroline Fein scored in her first varsity game against the Green Wave.

STAFF/JOEL RACICOT

Freshman surprise

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"They came into pre-season I knew there names but I didn't know a lot about them," she said. "I had them in middle school phys-ed, I knew they were soccer players.

"It seemed like right from the beginning it wasn't me who put them in some of the groups they were working in, but right from the beginning some of the older kids took them under their wing."

Johanna Brophy made all the right moves in net to preserve the victory. Her grit, along with a strong defense will keep the Lady Skippers in a lot of games.

"She is cut from a different cloth," Beal said about her junior keeper. "(Brophy) is nuts, she will bend over and pick the ball up off your foot, she has always been tough."

Cohasset is going to need that toughness as it navigates its way through a tough non-league slate to start the season. With only two seniors on varsity, Anna Haggerty and Meg Anderson, it will be important for a few juniors to help pick up leadership roles.

"I'm impressed overall," Beal said. "They are a great group, and they're having a blast and that is the most important thing to me."

Sports Notes

Bay State Thunder Softball will hold tryouts for 2008-summer season

Bay State Thunder Softball, a highly competitive girls fast-pitch softball program based in Braintree, will be holding tryouts for their 18U, 14U & 12U teams on Sunday, September 16 and Sunday, September 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Flaherty Fields in Braintree.

For more detailed information on the tryouts, specific time for your age group and the team in general please visit our website at www.baystatethundersoftball.com or contact Rob Spofford at (781) 383-8338 or Al Saluti at (781) 380-3864.

Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club

The Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club is holding their first meeting of the season Wednesday Sept 19 at the Cohasset Middle High School Library at 7 p.m. Anyone is invited to join the CBBC as long as you are willing to make a commitment to the organization for one year. Contact Ellen Maher at ellenmaher63@comcast.net with any questions. Check out www.cohassetbasketball.com for more information on the CBBC.

Tuna tourney

Calling all fishermen and women! Mark your calendar for the 2007 Mass Bay Football Tuna Tourney Saturday and Sunday (Sept. 9 & 10)! The event is being sponsored by Belsan Bait & Tackle, 38 Country Way, Scituate. For information, call 781-545-9400.

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Passing on 'pearls of wisdom!'

LIFE AT CHS

CHRISTINE KENT



"Summertime and the livin is easy," or at least it was until Tuesday, when it was time to put away the beach bag and strap on those dreaded backpacks. For all you freshmen making your high school debut, I welcome you to the beginning of a whole new ride. So live it up, work hard, and make good choices! *Now that I am senior, I feel it is my right to pass on these little "pearls of wisdom."*

With only four school days under our belts it is safe to say that this year is already marked with change. Having said goodbye to a few of our favorite teachers last year, it is time to put away the Kleenex and embrace our new future enlighteners! Hopefully, the new physics teacher, Joe King, came prepared with funny stories and quick-witted remarks. William Sanford, the new chemistry teacher, will be filling in for Mr. Ames, who is taking a two-year leave of absence. Wouldn't it be nice if students could do the same? Another alteration to our lives at CHS is the new "get out of jail free clause" formally known as the "Discretionary Tardy Pass" or the DTP which enables students to excuse four incidents of tardiness; this should be interesting. In addition, it seems as though the senior hallway, which the graduating class has always coveted, has now been given to those oh so lucky....freshmen? Nothing personal guys, I guess I'm just a stickler for tradition. But cheer up seniors just four days down and 162 more to go!

Now for this weeks top stories:

- Tuesday, Sept. 4th:The day every kid fears...the first day of school!
- Wednesday — Student Council met and hopefully discussed how to make this year "more fun" then last year.
- Thursday — ninth-grade had an orientation breakfast...that probably would have been more helpful before school started. Also, the awesome field hockey team faced off against East Bridgewater, it is safe to say that tensions where high as we played against the EB rivals.
- Friday- Marks the end of the first week of school.

Well, that's it for me this week. Hope everyone has a great weekend. This year should be an exciting and awesome one so good luck everyone and remember Thanksgiving break isn't too far away!

Christine Kent is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly in the Mariner.

Deer Hill, Osgood menu

MONDAY, SEPT. 10

Chicken patty on a roll or ham sub, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit, juice or milk.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 11

Breakfast for lunch: french toast sticks and sausage or turkey sub, baked tater tots, veggie sticks, pears, juice or milk.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12

Macaroni and cheese and dinner roll or roast beef sandwich, corn, applesauce, juice or milk.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13

Cheeseburger on a roll or tuna salad sandwich, veggie rice, sweet peas, peaches, juice or milk.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14

French bread pizza or chicken salad sub, garden salad, pudding, juice or milk.

Middle school girls interested in math, science

Colleen Richardson, a senior Girl Scout and Cohasset High School graduate, is beginning a program as part of her Gold Award Project, for middle-school girls interested in math and science. The program is called "Looking Forward: Keeping Girls Involved in Math and Science." It involves monthly meetings with women from the local community speaking about their careers in math and science. There will also be high school girls paired with the middle-school girls as mentors. The meetings will be at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. The first meeting will be from 6-7 p.m. on Tuesday Sept. 11th and the next meeting will be from 3-4 p.m. on Sunday Sept. 16th.

For more information, contact Richardson at: collrichardson@comcast.net

Middle school book group to meet

Buttonwood Book Group for middle school children, grades six through eight, will meet at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Sept. 13, at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset. Facilitator is Barb Mullin, and the selected book is "The Gospel According to Larry" by Janet Tashjian. Reservations are not necessary. All are welcome.

Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 for more information.

SAT practice tests

Summit Educational Group announced it is offering free practice tests for the PSAT, SAT and ACT at Hingham High School on Sept. 15.

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Jamie Fox, 4, plays with some water balloons.



Sam Braun, 7, enjoys bowling while counselor Melissa Crawford looks on.

Community Center summer was tons of fun!

The South Shore Community Center offered a Gymnastic/Sports and More Camp for two weeks in August with an overwhelming response. Both weeks were full with a waiting list. The campers, boys and girls 4 to 11, enjoyed gymnastics, sports, bowling, crafts, a magic show, gymnastic performances, water play and much more.

Camp counselors were Ruthann Ardizzoni, Mary Brennock, Kathy Mirachi, Caitlin Sanchez, Nancy Durkin, Melissa Crawford, and Kate Carpenter.

The one-day Holiday Camp, for children 4 to 11, will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 27.

Fall registration for gymnastics and sports classes is underway. For more information call the center at 781-383-0088.



Virginia Coffey, 5, rides on the roller-coaster while her friend Grace Braun, 5, watches.



Morgan Lanjenhagen, 7, and Annabelle Walsh, 5-1/2, take a break during outdoor water play at the South Shore Community Center.

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Worship Notes

Visions of Peace on the Labyrinth

Commemorating Sept. 11, with visions of peace both in word and image, will take place as a walking meditation on the candlelit Labyrinth at Old Ship, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Tuesday, Sept.11, at Fellowship Hall, 107 Main St., diagonally across the street from Old Ship Church in Hingham.

While walking the labyrinth, participants will be able to view oversize posters of peace prayers from a variety of religious traditions. Music for experiencing inner quiet will be heard from San Francisco's Grace Cathedral's Labyrinth musicians on CD.

A gift to the community in 1999, the Labyrinth at Old Ship is a spiral design embedded on to the terrazzo floor of Fellowship Hall and is a replica of the labyrinth at the Cathedral of Chartres in France. As a symbol of the sacred, the spiral is found in many cultures throughout human history and allows for the spiritual practice of a walking meditation.

Free to the public, the Labyrinth at Old Ship is open from 7:30 to 9 p.m., the second Tuesday of each month throughout the year. Special events such as poetry readings, Winter Solstice and New Year's Eve walking meditations are also held.

For more information, call the church office from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 781-749-1679.

Special Shabbat service at temple

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom is a forward-thinking, reform congregation on the South Shore, with educational, spiritual, outreach and social programs for all ages and interests. The congregation is on Route 228 in Hingham.

Community member are invited for a special Shabbat service to experience the warm and open community on Friday, Sept. 7. The newly organized Children's Choir will sing at a kid-friendly service at 6 p.m. Also at 6 p.m. those attending can enjoy a light snack, socialize and relax while meeting new and old friends. At 7:30 p.m. there will be a traditional Shabbat service.

For information or to register, call 781-749-8013 or visit cssadm@aol.com.

High Holy Days at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, Route 228, Hingham, is a forward thinking, reform congregation on the South Shore, with educational, spiritual, outreach and social programs for all ages and interests.

High Holy Days schedule:

Selichot-Preparing for the High Holy Days film, "Trembling Before G-d, or Groundhog Day," will be shown at 5 p.m., followed by the service at 7:30 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah

Erev Rosh Hashanah, 7:30 p.m., on Wednesday, Sept. 12.

Children's service at 9 a.m., on Thursday, Sept. 13.

Morning service at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, Sept. 13.

Tashlich: Immediately following morning service at Hingham Harbor.

Second Day, 10:30 a.m., on Friday, Sept. 14.

Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre, 7:30 p.m., on Friday, Sept. 21.

Children's service at 9 a.m., on Saturday, Sept. 22.

Morning service at 10:30 a.m., on Saturday, Sept. 22.

Discussion group at 1 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 22.

Healing service at 1 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 22.

Afternoon service at 3:30 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 22.

Yizkor and Neilah, at 4:45 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 22.

Ticket information is available by calling the temple office at 781-749-8013 or by visiting the Web site at shaaray.org.

Sept. 11 remembrance

Everyone is invited to attend a Sept. 11, 2001 remembrance service beginning at 9 a.m., Tuesday (Sept. 11) on Cohasset Common. The American Legion and the Cohasset Police and Fire Departments are coordinating the service, which will pay homage to the men and women who lost their lives and who were affected by the acts of terrorism on 9/11.

Flags will be flown at half-staff acknowledging those who lost their lives at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania.

Music at the Gazebo concert series to start

Sponsored by the Pyne Keohane Funeral Home of Hingham, Music at the Gazebo concerts will take place this year from 3 to 4:30 p.m., on Sept. 9, 16 and 23. These three free Sunday afternoon concerts will entertain the community with Big Band favorites for the 11th summer in a row.

The opening concert on Sunday, Sept. 9, will feature the return of local favorite, Gregg Savage Quintet, which is sure to keep the audience toe tapping to tunes from the Big Band era, swing and Dixieland.

On the second Sunday, Bobbi Carrey and Doug Hammer revisit the Gazebo to impress locals with their new show "Mostly Mercer." Carrey has also had a stellar career performing to critical acclaim in the Boston and Cambridge markets. Free Music at the Gazebo T-shirts will be given to the first 150 concertgoers on this day.

The third and final Sunday at the Gazebo will feature a band new to the concert series, Tom Nutile Band. They will be playing a variety of musical genres from swing to modern jazz. Having first started with Tom's father Roy, Tom Nutile Band has been on the Boston scene for years, and in more recent times played at the opening of Zakim Bridge and Harvest Ball at the Prudential Center. The band will be bringing five of its 14 members to Hull where they hope to become an audience favorite.

"We are extremely grateful that the Hull Memorial Commission and the Veterans Memorial Park allow us to hold these concerts," said Dennis Keohane of Pyne Keohane Funeral Home. "Big Band era music has been particularly influential to American culture and is respected by people of many different ages. These American classics will make for a fun and delightful time for the entire family". Pyne Keohane Funeral Home donated the Gazebo to Veterans Memorial Park in 1996.

The park is at the intersection of Nantasket and Samoset avenues, across from Lucky Star Restaurant. Free parking is available at Hull Redevelopment Authority in the adjacent lot. Concertgoers should bring their own seating. Performances will be canceled in case of rain.

Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Estelle Margarones. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Sept. 9 — Ingathering Sunday

All are invited to a Pancake Breakfast at 8 a.m., with the last serving at 9:30 a.m. - Parish House

10 a.m. — A Service of Ingathering for All Generations - Meeting House

Come meet Estelle Margarones, our new Interim Director of Religious Education.

Sermon: "To Kindle One Flame"

Coffee Hour & RE Registration

All are welcome to join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parish House directly following the service.

Parents, this is the time to register your youngsters for our Religious Education Program.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood. Appointments to speak to the staff can be made by calling or emailing. Office hours are daily from 8:30 am until 2 pm, noon on Friday.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Summer schedule. Friday evenings 6 p.m. light refreshments and services start at 6:30 p.m. in the David C. Carr Shalom (weather permitting) at the side of the building. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination; Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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Inside



FALL ARTS PREVIEW

Fall's coming. Time to get serious.

Summer is the season of vacations and light entertainment (hey, "Knocked Up" was the film of the summer), but when fall rolls around we once again get serious about work, about school and about entertainment. The Greater Boston cultural organizations are in high gear, preparing a season full of terrific work that will both challenge and entertain you. And don't worry: If your idea of a night out is to just relax and laugh, then there's plenty of shows for you, too.

And we're not content to just tell you about the jam-packed fall arts scene, we want to help get you there. In this section, you'll find our Seats for the Season contest. Enter to win tickets to some of the most highly anticipated shows of the year.

So read on. Make your fall plans. And enjoy.

Staging dance is quite a feet

A pleasing array of styles are represented in this fall line-up

By
Francis Ma

Call us crazy, but we like "Dancing With the Stars." It sends a good message: If any goof with two left feet (hello, Jerry Springer) can get up there and dance in front of the entire nation, why can't you get up and do your pathetic dance moves in the relative obscurity of your local dance establishments?

Dance: There's not enough of it in our lives. Here are some chances to get some more.

Boston Ballet launches its new season with the help of Sorella Englund, who stages the 1836 masterpiece "La Sylphide." It's a story about the fate of a groom who falls for a forest fairy a couple of days before his wedding. The lesson here? Never get married. Boston Ballet performed the ballet in Spain over the summer. It plays Oct. 18-28.

Fine, you want to get married and have the party. Well, before you run out on the dance floor to show off your "patented moves," get some pointers from watching the "Ballet Folklórico de México" on Oct. 20 at the Orpheum Theatre. A total of 48 dancers, musicians and singers make up Mexico's national dance company. They incorporate a number of the country's regional folk dances, as well as Mayan and Aztec rituals. This will be an exciting visual history, and much-needed education, of Mexican dance.

You get a little history, and lots of beautiful dance, with "Ballet Folklórico de México," Oct. 20 at the Orpheum Theatre.

While traditional dance can be enjoyed by almost anyone, contemporary dance should only be handled by those who don't mind thinking outside of the box. Maureen Fleming's "Waters of Immortality" celebrates the feminine archetype through inventive body movements, the poetry of William Butler Yeats, and with the help of pianist Peter Phillips performing the music of Philip Glass. And if that isn't enough, Flemming incorporates three-dimensional video. The performance is at the ICA, Nov. 2-4. Heads up: this show contains nudity.

Not only is Shaolin kung fu "the heart and soul of Chinese martial arts culture," but it's also responsible for such films as "American Shaolin" and "Shaolin Soccer" (skip the first, see the second). Here, the Shaolin Warriors Troupe, which has over 20 kung fu masters, turn their skill into a seductive dance in "Shaolin Warriors," at the Orpheum Theatre on Nov. 17.

Dance doesn't have to be serious all the time and the Seán Curran Company proves that with this performance at the Tsai Performance Center, Oct. 26-28. A former member of the original New York cast of STOMP, Curran fuses his dance with intelligence and physical comedy for a show that's a pleasure for the whole family.

The Argentine Tango Society presents "iTango" at the John Hancock Hall at the Back Bay Events Center on Oct. 14. Each of the 14 performers will explore their personal relationship with "the dance of love" (includes classic tangos, milongas and vases, and contemporary pieces). Thankfully, your relationship with tango (stepping on your partners toes and falling down) will be omitted. Maybe Apple will come out with a device to help your two left feet soon.

But out of all the ballets and dances mentioned here, only one serves alcohol: Jose Mateo Ballet Theatre's "Covens" at the Sanctuary Theatre in Cambridge, Oct. 5-28. "Covens" is performed, like most Jose Mateo shows, with wonderfully intimate, cabaret-style seating, and, yes, the chance for a glass of wine that just may come in handy as you watch a ballet about a woman being tormented by witch-hunters and going crazy thanks to her "deceptive partner."

Curtain Call Theater, Braintree

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, by Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbart, will be performed at the Curtain Call Theater, in Braintree on the following dates:

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9 and 10 at 8 p.m, Sunday, Nov. 11 at 2 p.m., Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 15, 16 and 17 at 8 p.m.

Music & Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, directed by Martha Sawyer and musical direction by Bryan Dunn.

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Curtaincallbraintree.org

Hingham celebrates the arts with a walk

For hundreds of years, historic downtown Hingham has been the heart of the community. The harbor was the center of trade for craftsmen, shops and restaurants. It was also the home to a vibrant community of artists living and working within walking distance of the Square. That tradition continues today as the second annual Hingham Arts Walk celebrates this rich history.

The community is invited to discover and explore Hingham's thriving, creative downtown during the 2007 Hingham Arts Walk, which will be held Sunday, Oct. 21, from noon to 5 p.m. In addition to meeting artists in their studios, visitors can stroll through Hingham's historic architecture, meet artists at special exhibits in shops and other spaces, see arts demonstrations, sample harvest treats, mingle with neighbors and enjoy live music.

The walk, organized by the Hingham Downtown Association together with the Hingham Cultural Council, will feature the studios of several downtown artists including Joan Brancale, Jack Dickerson, Gary Nisbet, Page Railsback and Vcevy Strekalovksy. This is a unique opportunity for visitors to see artists' workspace and talk to dozens of artists about their work. For more information, contact info@discoverhingham.com or visit www.discoverhingham. com.



Visitors see a range of works at Jack Dickerson's Main Street studio.

Weymouth Art Association

Members of the Weymouth Art Association are invited to submit artwork to display at the Weymouth Day Exhibit Saturday, Sept. 29, at Weymouth High School.

Members only may exhibit one piece and paintings must be original and be framed and wired. Copies and prints are accepted. Paintings must also be dry and not larger that 36-by-36" before framing. Sculpture must be displayed on your own pedestal. Artwork can be delivered to Weymouth High School between 8 and 10 a.m. Additional information is available on the WAA Web site, www.weymouthartassn.org.

The Association is also holding an exhibit Saturday, Dec. 8, through Saturday, Dec. 15, at the Tufts Library in Weymouth. Both members and non-members may exhibit one or two pieces only. Details of this exhibit are also available on the Web site.



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Your search for a classical fall

Late and great composers featured by a wide array of companies

By Ed Symkus

Boston and its suburbs have long been a center for classical music, with world class venues such as Symphony Hall, Jordan Hall and Sanders Theatre, as well as institutions including New England Conservatory, Boston Conservatory, All Newton Music School and Walnut Hill School. The local classical season generally begins in the fall and, in the case of many organizations, runs right through to the spring. The following is only a partial listing of concerts and subscription seasons up through Thanksgiving. Information on complete concert seasons is available at the Web sites.

The Boston Symphony Orchestra's busy Symphony Hall season includes James Levine conducting All-Ravel programs (Oct. 4-6), works by Berg and Mahler (Nov. 8-10), a Mahler program (Nov. 13), works by Haydn, Carter, Mahler (Nov. 15, 17, 20). Guest conductors for other programs include Robert Spano, Christoph von Dohnanyi, Lars Vogt, Marek Janowski, Markus Stenz. Call 888-266-1200 or visit www.bso.org.

Boston Lyric Opera brings a taste of Puccini to the Shubert Theatre with "La Boheme" (Nov. 2-13). Call 617-542-6772 or visit www.blo.org.

Berlin Philharmonic: If you have a taste for European Orchestra, here's your chance to hear one without traveling overseas. The Celebrity Series brings the Berlin Philharmonic to Symphony Hall in Boston on Nov. 19. www.celebrity series.org

The Handel and Haydn Society visits Symphony Hall for "Distinctly Beethoven (Oct. 19 & 21). Call 617-266-3605 or visit www.handelandhaydn.org.

Boston Baroque brings Mozart's "Cosi Fan Tutte" to Jordan Hall, Boston (Oct. 12 & 13). Call 617-484-9200 or visit www.bostonbaroque.org.

The St. Lawrence String Quartet brings its intense energy and sense of adventure to its performance of a program that includes Chausson, Schubert and Beethoven. They play Jordan Hall in Boston, on Nov. 18. www.celebrityseries.org

The Boston Chamber Music Society presents works by Beethoven, Kodaly, Schumann (Oct. 19 & 21), and works by Jongen, Bernstein, Tchaikovsky (Nov. 16 & 18). Friday concerts are at Jordan Hall; Sunday concerts at Sanders Theater, Cambridge. Call 617-349-0086 or visit www.boston chambermusic.org.

The Chameleon Arts Ensemble performs at Boston's Goethe-Institut on Sept. 29.

The Boston Classical Orchestra's Faneuil Hall concerts include: "Robert Levin's Mozart" (Sept. 28 & 30); "Stephen Burns Goes for Baroque" (Oct. 19 & 21); "Stoltzman & the British Are Coming!" (Nov. 16 & 18). Call 617-423-3883 or visit www.bostonclassicalorchestra.org.

The Boston Early Music Festival, with concerts at churches in Boston and Cambridge, features "Teatro Lirico (Oct. 6); "Les Gouts Reunis" (Oct. 27); "Membra Jesu Nostri" (Nov. 24). Call 617-661-1812 or visit www.bemf.org.

The New England String Ensemble returns to Jordan Hall for a program titled "Hungarian Dance" (Sept. 23). Call 781-224-1117 or visit www.newenglandstringensemble.org.

The Boston Philharmonic Orchestra has concerts at both Sanders Theatre and Jordan Hall, including works by Ginastera, Korde, Musorgksy (Oct. 18, 20, 21), and by Schubert, Bruckner (Nov. 15, 17, 18). Call 617-236-0999 or visit www.bostonphil.org.

The Cantata Singers bring a Kurt Weill slant to the new season with "The Flight of Lindbergh" (Sept. 23) at the Collings Foundation Aircraft Museum in Stow, and "Legend of the Dead Soldiers" (Nov. 9) at Jordan Hall. Call 617-868-5885 or visit www.cantatasingers.org.

The Chameleon Arts Ensemble presents concerts at Boston's Goethe-Institut, with works by Beethoven, Dahl, Penderecki, Hagen, Brahms (Sept. 29). And by Bermel, Mozart, Ornstein (Nov. 10). Call 617-427-8200 or visit www.chameleonarts.org.

Emmanuel Music returns to Boston's Emmanuel Church with Bach: Master of the Keyboard (Oct. 10), and a Schumann Chambner Series (Oct. 14 & 21). Call 617-536-3356 or visit www.emmanuel music.org.

The Longwood Symphony Orchestra, featuring a stageful of doctors, is at Jordan Halkl with works by Beethoven and Barber (Oct. 6). Call 617-667-1527 or visit www.longwoodsymphony.org.

The Masterworks Chorale sings up a storm at Sanders Theater with music by Schumann (Nov. 4). Call 781-235-6210 or visit www.masterworkschorale.org.

Musicians of the Old Post Road present concerts at churches in Sudbury and Boston featuring a Scarlatti celebration (Oct. 26, Sud.) and Nov. 2 (Bos.). Call 781-466-6694 or visit www.oldpostroad.org.

The New England Philharmonic takes the stage at MIT's Kresge Auditorium for works by Harbison, Mahler, Sibelius (Oct. 27). Call 617-868-1222 or visit www.nephilharmonic.org.

The Newton Symphony Orchestra is back at its home in Newton's Rashi Auditorium with works by Brahms, Holst, He Zhanhao and Chen Gang (Oct. 28). Call 617-965-1555 or visit www.newtonsymphony .org.

The Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra performs at Sanders Theatre with productions of "Merry Mozart" (Sept. 30), and "Wicked Winds" (Nov. 25). Call 617-779-0900 or visit www.proarte.org.

The Radius Ensemble is featured at MIT's Killian Hall, presenting works by Villa Lobos, Rochberg, Schubert (Sept. 29), and by Beethoven, Briten, Ziporyn, Poulenc (Nov. 17). Call 617-792-7234 or visit www.radiusensemble.org

South Shore Art Center

The South Shore Art Center is a non-profit organization based in the coastal area south of Boston. The facility in Cohasset features appealing galleries and teaching studios that offer exhibitions and gallery programs, sales of fine art and studio crafts, courses and workshops, outreach to schools, and special events. Membership and participation are invited.

Sept. 14 through Oct. 28, Women Who Travel will be featured, with an opening reception scheduled for Friday, Sept. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. Artini After Hours is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 12. Featuring festive food and martini samplings there will also be small art pieces donated by art center artists on display. More details will soon be available on the center's Web site, www.ssac.org. The center is located at 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset. Additional information is available by called 781-383-2787 or visiting the Web site. Regular hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

The mission of the South Shore Art Center is to enrich the communities south of Boston by fostering an understanding and appreciation of the visual arts through exhibitions and education.

Fall Family Festival at Forbes

The Fall Family Festival at the Forbes House Museum (FHM) is taking on a whole new twist this year. The Museum's 13-year collaboration with the Neponset River Watershed Association (NepRWA) is again featuring events that highlight the beauty and preservation of the Neponset River and its surrounding Watershed. The entire event will take place on Saturday, Sept. 15 (rain date Sunday, Sept. 16) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The day will feature plein air artists creating original works in various mediums all over the grounds and throughout Hutchinson Field. You can see the creative process in progress and even purchase these original masterpieces direct from the artists themselves. The whole family will enjoy the 2nd Annual Artisan Festival with dozens of local artists displaying their high-quality, hand-made artwork for sale. There will be something for everyone including the children as there will be child-focused craft projects, face-painting, guided nature tours of the estuary, and the cookie decorating that everyone has come to love about the annual Fall Family Day. There will also be musical entertainment by Murphy's Kitchen. The entrance fee to all of the festivities, including the children's crafts, is covered by one $5 per person donation, which supports both the FHM and NepRWA organizations. Refreshments will be available for an additional charge.

The museum is located at 215 Adams St. in Milton. Visit forbeshousemuseum.org for additional information.

Stop. Look. Think.

Lots to see and ponder at museums this fall

By Keith Powers

"Just Looking," the great title of John Updike's book on visiting museums, is the perfect way to describe this fall's upcoming exhibitions. But instead of "Just Looking," there may be some thinking, talking, and learning as well.

The Museum of Fine Arts, in the midst of a half-billion dollar expansion program, offers one of the more interestingly titled exhibitions ever: "Shy Boy, She Devil and Isis." It's a collection of contemporary decorative arts — and we're not talking your grandmother's rocking chair here. Opens Sept. 11, and runs through Jan. 6. Other fall exhibitions at the MFA include three separate shows of Japanese art, including "Sumo, Japan's Big Sport," which highlights paintings and woodblock prints of sumo wrestlers.

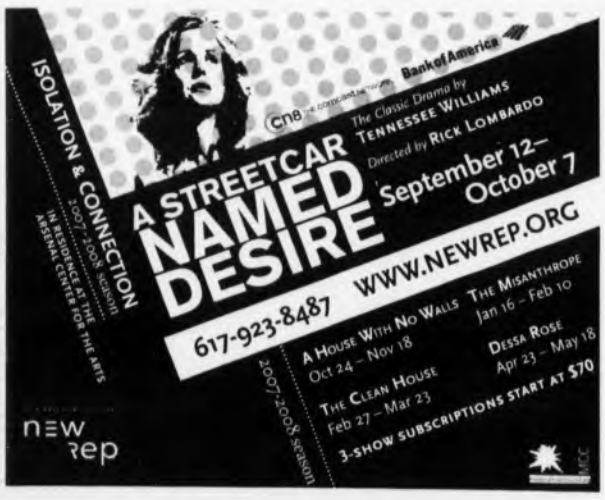
With its swanky new waterfront location and greatly expanded physical resources, the Institute of Contemporary Art has dozens of programs and exhibitions this fall. One of the most interesting events is a one-day photo show, with narrators and musicians (including Yo-Yo Ma), which is focused on the ongoing bloodshed in Sudan's Darfur region. The exhibition, "Darfur/Darfur," takes place Sept. 7. Among the other fall highlights include the second show of the ICA's new permanent collection, "Accumulations."

Jackson Pollock fans will probably be riveted by the just-opened "Pollock Matters" exhibit at Boston College's McMullen Museum of Art. The show explores the relationship between Pollock and noted photographer Herbert Matter. Their relationship is at the center of a fascinating debate: whether 25 paintings recently discovered in a storage facility belonging to Matter are actually the work of Pollock. The paintings are part of the exhibit, which runs through Dec. 9.

Lots to see this fall. Enjoy.

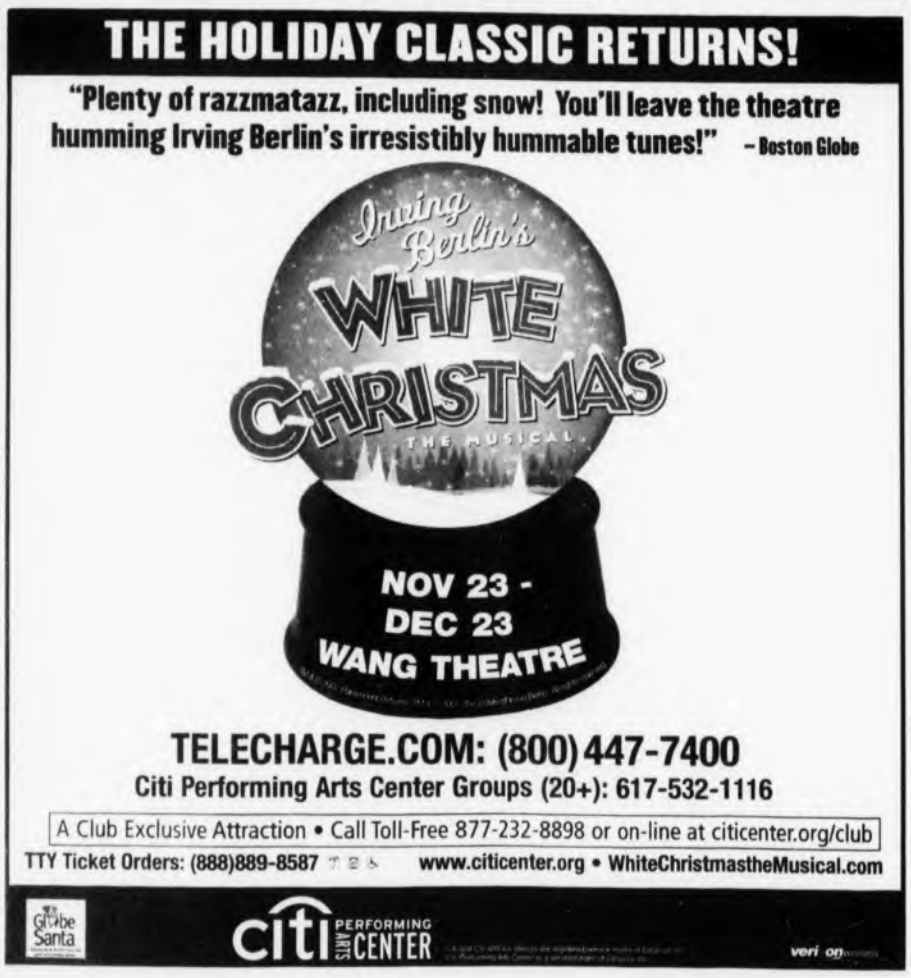
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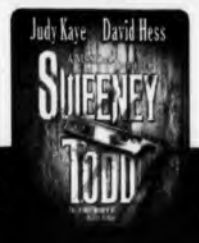






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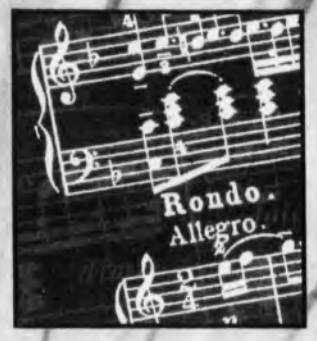




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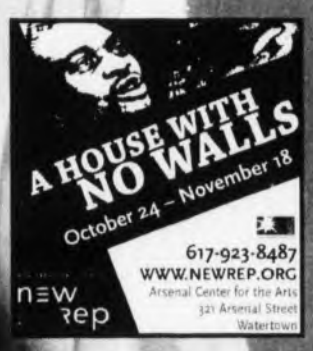




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POLICE/FIRE LOG

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

12:28 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, officer reports vehicle parked at HS.

12:35 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:24 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, fire, mulch, officer reports mulch fire.

7:37 a.m. **Atlantic Ave., and Beach St.**, property (recovered), caller reports he found property – possibly a flare gun.

9:44 a.m. **Parker Ave.**, boat tampering, walk in party reporting that boats down the harbor may be being tampered with.

10:46 a.m. **Pond St.**, school check.

10:59 a.m. **Sohier St.**, Osgood/Deerhill School check.

11:55 a.m. **King St.**, disturbance, caller stated that she would like two women escorted off the property.

12 p.m. **Aaron River Rd.**, fire, outside, caller from Water Dept. reports that there are kids out by the dam and they have a small fire. Engine 3 reports the fire has been extinguished. Officer reports kids gone on arrival, no evidence of underage drinking.

1:24 p.m. **Elm St.**, property found, walk in party found a flare gun.

2:41 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, 55-year-old with chest pain.

4:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, 911 caller stated that a 69-year-old male having chest pains.

4:26 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, McBrien's Towing reports one of their drives was in an motor vehicle accident.

4:46 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist other police department, Norwell is sending an officer down regarding a larceny.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

1:27 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:41 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, parking complaint.

2:11 a.m. **Cedar St.**, animal complaint, caller reports his dog got loose from the kennels at above location. Caller reports dog has been located.

8:46 a.m. **Border St.**, fire, Scituate PD reports they received a call about someone slumped over in a wooden dingy, wearing a blue shirt and a gray hat. R3 reports they have a male matching that description in a brown boat, isn't confused and is answering questions normally. The male in the boat stated he was slumped over reading a book.

9:13 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle.

9:46 a.m. **Linden Drive**, missing child. On a call back the caller reports he has found his son at the neighbor's house.

10:58 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, public service, problem with a well known party that has been coming into the library this past week.

11:07 a.m. **Locust Rd.**, fire, caller reports the address she has made a delivery to has a CO 2 detector that is going off, she states the resident there told her this has been going off all night.

12:43 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, walk in medical.

1:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, hazard, several callers reports a cement truck dumped cement all over 3A at the above location, and kept on driving. Officer has come in contact with another truck for the same company, the driver dispatch the problem back to his HQ and they will be sending someone out to clean this up.

1:51 p.m. **South Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

2:14 p.m. **Elm St.**, suspicious activity, party into HQ spoke with detective.

3:42 p.m. **Summer St.**, property (recovered), walk in party reports someone has left a bike at the end of his driveway.

3:46 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

5:43 p.m. **Doane St.**, well being check, 911 caller stated that they were biking about 1 _ to 1 _ miles into Wompatuck State Park and heard someone yelling for help. Person was saying he was stuck. Units checked the area and had to cut a lock near N28 trail. Wompatuck and EPA notified. Units will be clear no one was in the area in need of assistance.

5:54 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disturbance, 911 caller stated that there was just a fight and there is one person left and would like an officer to come by.

7:27 p.m. **Sohier St.**, property (recovered), officer on detail found a stolen bicycle. Party contacted the owners of the bike and is coming to pick it up.

9:21 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, noise complaint, caller reported loud rock music coming from this area. Officer reports that it is the Music Circus.

11:09 p m. **Beechwood St., and King St.**, vandalism report, investigating possible vandalism. Clear, spoke to resident and no report necessary.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

12:56 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:57 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:07 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports vehicle all over the road.

9:48 a.m. **Lantern Lane**, fire, investigation, investigation of a CO2 detector.

10:08 a.m. **Cedar St.**, industrial accident, transported SSH/ALS, multiple callers reports someone screaming for help. Officers reports this was an equipment malfunction of a machine. Officer requests R3 to check out a party who's hand was caught under the machinery.

11:10 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, school check.

11:22 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party requests to speak with an officer regarding a bad check.

2:21 p.m. **Sohier St.**, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

2:25 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, notification, officer at this location states he has sent an ice cream truck on its way for having no permit.

4:25 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

5:57 p.m. **South Main St.**, noise complaint, caller reports loud music from above location. Officer reports wedding party outside – noise is within normal limits – officer will check from time to time.

6:06 p.m. **Pond St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, Fire Dept. reports injury to football player.

6:35 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, property (lost), caller reports her son's mountain bike – red/black boys bike is missing.

7:15 p.m. **Cedar St.**, animal complaint, caller reports there is a sick cat in her yard.

8:42 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

8:43 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:02 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports several kids going in and out of store. Officer reports no crimes committed.

11:07 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, assist citizen, officer out on follow-up traffic.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

12:28 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:56 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks secure.

12:58 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:23 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:40 a.m. **South Main St.**, public drinking.

2:18 a.m. **Summer St.**, assist citizen.

2:22 a.m. **HQ.**, assist citizen, caller inquiring about an incident that occurred earlier in evening.

2:57 a.m. **Summer St.**, assist citizen.

3 a.m. **Summer St.**, assist citizen, caller requests information about a previous incident, caller advised to contact officer involved at 8 o'clock.

9:34 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, disturbance, caller reports two males just parked their car at this location, got out with two coolers and went down on the rocks in just their underwear. Caller would like them moved along, fells this is inappropriate.

1:36 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers.

2:11 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, caller report the kids have a rope tied under the bridge and they are riding the current. She is concerned for their safety.

3:15 p.m. **King St.**, disturbance. Caller reports a family disturbance at this location, there is unwanted family members at this location that have been asked to leave and will not. When asked their name, they refused. Resident does not want them there as well. This same family has caused a disturbance a few weeks ago. Family members have left the area, will contact their attorneys.

6:07 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, animal complaint.

4:50 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking enforcement.

5:05 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

5:35 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious activity.

5:45 p.m. **Sohier St.**, lost property.

5:55 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid.

5:58 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

6:25 p.m. **Cedar St.**, animal complaint, caller reports sick cat in her yard.

6:54 p.m. **Summer St.**, animal complaint.

7:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/hit and run, walk in party reports that his vehicle was backed into in the parking lot today between 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Would like it logged in case person responsible comes forward.

7:24 p.m. **South Main St.**, fire – public assist, walk in party reports she is locked out of her house. Officer reports Fire Dept. has made entry.

8:52 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, fireworks

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going off in the area. Officer reports negative findings.

9:25 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, fireworks.

10:29 p.m. **King St.**, missing person, callers brother-in-law – sister-in-law is missing. her vehicle is in garage, front door open. Officer reports party has been located.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

12:18 a.m. **Border St.**, suspicious vehicle.

12:38 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks secure.

12:42 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, maintenance people still working in the building.

1:28 a.m. **Margin St.**, parking complaint, motor vehicle does not belong to anyone at the residence, motor vehicle belongs to a hotel guest, motor vehicle will be moved, motor vehicle has been tagged, motor vehicle has been moved.

9:30 a.m. **Arthur Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, Hull Fire requesting R3 for an elderly male that has fallen.

10:29 a.m. **King St., and Pond St.**, fireworks, caller reports at 10 p.m. on August 25, there was a large amount of fireworks set off, caller would like this investigated. Fire Dept. notified of same and did examine the fireworks after officer returned to HQ with them.

11:38 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:42 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, disturbance, caller reports there are groups of motorcycles going back and froth in front of his house and he would like them to stop "they are causing quite a disturbance."

12:52 p.m. **Rustic Drive**, vandalism report, officer to this location to view some damage that has been done by a neighbor resident would just like to have an officer view at this time.

2:02 p.m. **Central Park**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, Scituate Fire requesting R3 for general weakness.

4:11 p.m. **Brewster Rd.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports a large tree that's about to fall into the roadway and is only being kept up by a limb from another tree.

8:01 p.m. **Elm St.**, well being check.

8:11 p.m. **South Main St.**, disturbance, 911 caller reports he needs the police to remove youths from the store. She asked them to leave and they won't.

8:27 p.m. **Elm St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle. Caller reports a vehicle in front of her and the male operator just pulled out of a restaurant in Hull and is extremely intoxicated. Hull PD notified via radio.

9:27 p.m. **South Main St.**, shoplifting, 911 caller reports they need the police for a shoplifter they have detained at this location. No court action to be taken at this time.

10:33 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, disturbance – drunks, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports a large group of youths acting up in the area. One male has passed out, possibly intoxicated. E3 reports the rescue will be preparing for transport. R3 transporting to SSH/BLS at this time with family on board. Transport has been changed at this time to ALS.

MONDAY, AUG. 27

1:37 a.m. **High School/Pond St.**, building checks.

1:37 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

5:32 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks secure.

7:17 a.m. **Beechwood and South Main streets,** Beechwood Street will be one lane. Traffic will be allowed to go down Beechwood from CJC Hwy. Traffic will not be allowed to go up from South Main Street.

8:59 a.m. **Rustic Dr.**, medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

9:47 a.m. **School Buildings,** officer reports building checks OK – all secure.

11:23 a.m. **Nichols Road,** 911 caller reports a fire under her porch right up against the side of her house.

12:27 p.m. **Nichols Road,** E3 reports outside odor of gas at this location. Keyspan notified; responding.

4:25 p.m. **South Main St.,** called directly into fire headquarters; a gas leak at the above location. Scituate Police Department blocking the road at Scituate-Cohasset line per fire captain. Gas company has been notified, fire captain states this is an underground line broken by an excavator.

5:18 p.m. **Smith Pl.**, animal complaint. Walk-in party reports his soon-to-be-neighbors dog ran up to his car trying to get at his dog. There is damage to his vehicle done by the dog.

6:18 p.m. **South Main St.,** property (recovered). Walk-in party found a bike dumped in his yard. This is a red, black and white bicycle.

6:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** call from Scituate Police Department of a black sedan speeding and passing cars on 3A, headed northbound. Hingham Police Department has been notified.

8:43 p.m. **Parker Ave.,** traffic complaint. Caller reports at night there is a red pick up truck that speeds down the street. He states he will try to get the plate number next time he sees the truck. Caller wanted this logged and will try to obtain more information.

8:59 p.m. **Pleasant St. and Cushing Road,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

11:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** suspicious activity. Caller reports there is a vehicle in front of the above location in the southbound lane facing north with the lights on and two kids are walking away from the vehicle southbound up the hill.

TUESDAY, AUG. 28

12:25 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

1 a.m. **Margin St., noise complaint;** loud music. Spoke with resident at address and they will turn radio down.

6:25 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.,** traffic enforcement.

6:40 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road,** motor vehicle stop.

8:20 a.m. **Beechwood St.,** report of larceny.

10:58 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

10:59 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

11:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle crash/hit and run. Caller reports someone has witnessed another vehicle hitting her car and leaving.

11:52 a.m. **Jerusalem Road,** motor vehicle stop.

2:15 p.m. **Forest St.,** suspicious activity. Caller reports a suspicious package delivered to her home.

2:17 p.m. **Elm St.,** property. Walk-in party turned in an item he no longer wants.

2:39 p.m. **Cushing Road,** motor vehicle stop.

3 p.m. **Smith Place,** outside fire. Units off on the above location in the area of the Music Circus investigating a smoke condition. This is an outside fire in the woods.

6 p.m. **South Main St.,** larceny. Walk-in party reports that his skateboard was stolen.

9:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** medical aid. Scituate Police Department requests Rescue 3 to their station.

10:53 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** building checks.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29

1 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

1 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

1:21 a.m. **Middleboro Police Department,** BOLO announcement.

6:21 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** officer wanted. Caller reports her vehicle was backed into in the parking lot of above address. Officer reports parties exchanged papers prior to officer's arrival.

7:21 a.m. **Aaron River Road,** brush fire; caller reports small brush fire. Location of fire on top of dam access from Aaron River Road.

8:09 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** fire investigation. A large amount of smoke in the area.

8:51 a.m. **Elm St.,** suspicious letter.

9:41 a.m. **Front St.,** medical aid. Scituate Fire requests R3 for a party that has passed out.

9:53 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

10 a.m. **Pond St.,** school check.

10:13 a.m. **Sohier St., Deer Hill/Osgood school** check.

10:27 a.m. **Windy Hill Road,** medical aid. Caller reports her 10-year-old sister got her fingers slammed in a door. Transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

12:18 p.m. **Elm St.,** motor vehicle crash/no injury. Party in headquarters reporting he just backed into a motor vehicle. Officer helping with exchange of paperwork.

1:29 p.m. **Mohawk Way,** dead animal. Caller reports there is a dead bird in the middle of the road.

2:06 p.m. **Forest Ave.,** property. Walk-in party reports her son's bike was taken from the golf club about a week ago. She states it is a red and black Diamond Back Mountain Bike. Officer checked to see if the bike was being stored at headquarters. It was not.

2:50 p.m. **South Main St.,** welfare check. Caller reports she had an appointment at the above location and when she arrived the place was all opened up but no one was around. She has tried calling several times throughout the day and cannot contact anyone from this location. Officer reports the building is all locked up and everything is closed.

3 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** erratic motor vehicle operation. Caller reports that at the light at 3A and 228 a male got out of his vehicle and started banging on her window as well as the car behind her. They are headed south on 3A. Officers out with this vehicle at the above location.

4:58 p.m. **Black Rock Road,** warrant services. Officers to this location to attempt to serve warrant. Nobody home at this time.

5:11 p.m. **Elm St.,** BOLO announcement. From Hull Police Department. Vehicle left a bar in Hull after the staff refused to serve them and they are highly intoxicated and left heading toward Cohasset.

6:14 p.m. **King St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle stop. Sergeant out at this location with a vehicle with no plates. Sergeant reports everything checks OK; vehicle was just involved in a crash in another town and knocked the plate off.

6:33 p.m. **Pond St.,** suspicious activity. Caller reports hearing gunshots in the back of her house.

6:46 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road,** hazard. Caller reports a male attempting to pick up trash that fell from his truck and is concerned for his safety on 3A while he does this.

6:48 p.m. **Black Rock Road,** Units attempting to serve warrant again at this location. Officers spoke to mother and she stated the male does not reside here anymore.

8:17 p.m. **Grace Dr. and Hull St.,** hazard. Caller reports his neighbor parks his boat on the street and it's not on a trailer and is just on blocks. Officer reports the boat is not on the roadway it's in a yard. No problem at this location.

9:27 p.m. **King St.,** motor vehicle crash/injuries. Several callers reporting motor vehicle crash at this location. Single car accident.

10:22 p.m. **Summer St.,** suspicious activity. Walk-in party reports the flood light in the back of the house is flashing and she is concerned someone may need help.

THURSDAY, AUG. 30

12:21 a.m. **North Main St.,** noise complaint. Caller reports bells are ringing at the railroad tracks making a lot of noise.

12:36 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

12:57 a.m. **Tad Lane,** medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

12:59 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

1 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

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Bringing Mama Rose to life

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

In the musical "Gypsy," the character of Mama Rose gets to belt out all the best show-stoppers, but that doesn't prevent audiences from seeing her for what she really is - the ultimate stage mother, a woman willing to lie, cheat and steal to make her daughters famous. Indeed, while many people love watching Mama Rose in action on stage, most would cross the street if they saw her coming their way in real life. Caitlin Lowans - director of a new production of the classic show opening at Stoneham Theatre next week - thinks there is more to Mama Rose, however, than just craven ambition and greed.

"This is really the story of a woman and her many missed opportunities. Rose believes her intentions are good. I've really come to love her," explained Lowans last week from her home in Milton. "My hope for our production is that it will help people understand this woman even if they don't like her. We need to understand her, because there is a little bit of Mama Rose in all of us."



Milton resident Caitlin Lowans directs the new production of the classic musical "Gypsy" opening at Stoneham Theatre next week.

Based on the 1957 memoirs of actress and burlesque entertainer Gypsy Rose Lee, "Gypsy" — with a book by Arthur Laurents, music by Jule Styne, and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, and first mounted on Broadway in 1959 in a production starring Ethel Merman and directed by Jerome Robbins — tells the vaudeville-era story of Lee (Louise), her sister, June Havoc (Dainty June), and their overbearing mother, Rose. Billed as a musical fable, the show has been produced on Broadway four times in the last 48 years, winning a total of three Tony and two Grammy Awards along the way. It has also made "Let Me Entertain You," "Some People," "Everything's Coming Up Roses," and "Rose's Turn" fixtures in every Broadway songbook.

"It ups the ante when you're working on an iconic musical theater piece like 'Gypsy.' You're not dealing with just memories, because everyone can still listen to the original cast recordings of Ethel Merman, Angela Lansbury [1974], Tyne Daly [1989], and Bernadette Peters [2003], and that means that everyone has their favorite Mama Rose,' says Lowans, whose own mother, Susan Lowans, makes her home in Plymouth.

In Stoneham, Leigh Barrett, a favorite on the Boston theater scene, takes on the role. And Lowans thinks the two-time Elliot Norton Award winner has just what it takes.

"Leigh is a really great actress. She won this year's Norton Award for Outstanding Musical Performance for playing a bad singer, something she is definitely not, in 'Souvenir' at the Lyric Stage and for her work in 'Ragtime' at the New Rep. Leigh won her first Norton in 2003 for her work in four different musicals that year. I've worked with Leigh twice before at Stoneham on Cole Porter's 'You Never Know' last season and on 'Pal Joey' in 2005. Leigh has both the voice and the acting ability for this role and this show. She has played strong women before, and Mama Rose is a fierce woman."

Doing whatever she can to advance her young daughters' careers doesn't always mean doing what's best for the other young performers in their vaudeville act. In Stoneham, some of these roles will be played by performers from the theater's "Young Co.," which gives children three and up the opportunity to learn about theater under the direction of Lowans, the Theatre's Director of Education, who graduated from Milton Academy in 1999 and the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in 2003.

"The children are building skills in our education program and then applying them to mainstage productions like this one. Our young performers have tremendous energy. In this show, it is very important that we see how Mama Rose drags the young children in her act around from one vaudeville house to another. The young roles should be played by young performers. On Broadway, teenaged characters are often played by people in their mid-20s, which never works that well. When you have actual young people playing these parts, it really helps to tell the seedier side of Mama Rose's story."



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(Pictured (r to l): Eve Kagan as Louise and Leigh Barrett as Mama Rose in "Gypsy" which will open Stoneham Theatre's 2007 - 2008 season Sept. 13 - 30.

Rose's story, however, isn't only about her mean-spirited manipulation of those around her. It also has elements of romance and humor.

"There are so many things that this show is about — old love and new love chief among them. The script is very strong. It allows the show to go in many directions. In the first production, the romance between Rose (Merman) and the girls' manager, Herbie (Jack Klugman), was emphasized. Later, the relationship between Louise and her mother was given more emphasis. Most recently, there has been a shift to a focus on three clear relationships — Rose's with Herbie, Rose's with Louise, and finally the Herbie and Louise relationship. The latter is important, because it is only Herbie and Louise who stay with Rose until the end."

While Rose's story is at the center of the piece, Lowans believes there are many reasons for the show's enduing popularity.

"There is a well-balanced blend of humor and tragedy. There are amazingly seamless transitions, such as the one from a serious moment between Rose and Louise when the pair is reaching the bottom of their family's fortunes right into "You Gotta Get a Gimick," which may just be the funniest number in the whole show. Three masters — Laurents, Styne, and Sondheim — collaborated on 'Gypsy' and the result is real artistry. When it comes to American musical theater, 'Gypsy' is like Shakespeare. It is that well-known and that good."

Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham, will present "Gypsy," Sept. 13-30. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 781-279-2200 or go online at stonehamtheatre.org

Movie review

More 'Champ' than chump

Resurrecting the Champ (A-)

Film Review

By Al Alexander

Josh Hartnett will never be Matt Damon or Leonardo DiCaprio, but he's no Matthew McConaughey, either. He's much like the professional athlete who plays to the level of his competition.

Put him in "The Black Dahlia" or "Pearl Harbor," and he's an endless source of unintentional humor. But cast him in something like "Lucky Number Slevin" or "Sin City," movies that capitalizes on his vacuous good looks and dim-bulb persona, and he's almost credible.

In "Resurrecting the Champ," the story of a lightweight boxing writer working a heavyweight story that might be too good to be true, Hartnett benefits from the support of past Oscar-nominees Samuel L. Jackson and Alan Alda and director in Rod Lurie.

Not only does this perfect storm of talent lift Hartnett's game to peak level, it lifts everyone around him. The result is one of the best films of the summer, as Lurie crafts an affecting indictment of both hero worship and an increasingly reckless news media.

Back in the days of "All the President's Men," Washington Post editor Ben Bradlee famously demanded at least two sources before printing a story.

Nowadays, in the age of the Internet and cable news, facts don't always get in the way of a good story, simply because there's little time to check if you hope to beat the competition.

Living on that ethical edge is as dangerous as it is foolhardy, as Hartnett's Erik Kernan discovers when he literally stumbles upon a story that could either make or break his fledgling journalism career.

And it couldn't happen at a more crucial time. He just had a discouraging sit-down with his editor (Alda), who tells him that even though he's fast and productive, his writing lacks charisma — a quality his late father, as he's constantly being reminded, had in spades.



Erik (Josh Hartnett) and Champ (Samuel L. Jackson) share hard-luck stories.

His ticket to respectability comes in the form of a raspy-voiced homeless man (Jackson) claiming to be 1950s boxing legend Battling Bob Satterfield, who once came within a whisker of winning a title shot opposite the pride of Brockton, Rocky Marciano.

"Isn't he dead?" is the common reply Erik hears as he tirelessly pitches his idea of "resurrecting the champ" with a Sunday magazine piece about the rise and fall of a boxing legend.

Erik gets the green light, starting a fascinating relationship in which a washed-up, slightly delusional ex-boxer provides a washed-up slightly delusional journalist a shot at his profession's heavyweight title: the Pulitzer.

Inspired by the true story of L.A. Times journalist J.R. Moehringer, writers Michael Bortman and Allison Burnett create a fascinating, multilayered study that on one level is an indictment of a society that's quick to toss its sports heroes aside once they pass their prime; and on another, a wrenching portrait of a man who'll do anything to become a hero in his young son's eyes.

Lurie brings it all together with intelligence, heart and just a dash of cynicism directed at fickle sports fans and contemporary journalist that place themselves ahead of their stories.

But it's his ability to make us empathize with the father and son that packs the KO punch.

The movies benefits from a strong corner man in director Lurie, whose worth to actors is evidenced by the Oscar nominations Jeff Bridges and Joan Allen received for Lurie's "The Contender" and the Emmy nods that went to Donald Sutherland and Geena Davis for "Commander in Chief."

Might that same lightning strike Hartnett? Let's not get carried away, but the terrific work of Jackson and Alda is certainly worthy of such recognition, as both summon performances that are richly textured and hauntingly real.

More of them and less of Erik's obsession of winning the respect of his son and estranged wife (Kathryn Morris) would have been preferable. But then, you can't have everything, a lesson painfully absorbed by two men who coulda been contenders, if not for the glass jaw of their integrity.

Rated PG-13. "Resurrecting the Champ" contains some violence and brief language.

Calendar of events

Thursday, Sept. 6

The historic Daniel Webster House, Webster St., Marshfield will be open for guided tours from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sept. 6. Admission is free, but contributions are gratefully accepted. Call 781-834-2407 or visit DanielWebsterEstate.org

Fall For the Arts, The Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., Weymouth, presents a multi-media show featuring some of New England's finest artists, from Sept. 8 through October. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday; and evenings by appointment. Call 781-331-3384 or visit dickinsonartgallery.com

Complex Women Exhibit, The work of Jean Tock, one of Duxbury's best known and respected sculptors is included in the museum's exhibition, "Complex Women," at The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, which runs through Sunday, Sept. 9. Museum hours are 1 to 4 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. 781-934-6634 or visit artcomplex.org.

The Alzheimer's Care Partners Group will meet on Thursday, Sept. 6, 10:30 a.m. at The John Curtis Free Library, 534 Hanover St., (Route 139) Hanover. 781-659-2691.

Network4Success, Business to Business Networking Group meets the first Thursday of the month at the Plympton Library from 5 to 6 p.m. and the third Thursday of the month at the Halifax Country Club from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Saint Catherine Grecian Festival. 119 Common St. Braintree, 781-843-0047 Fax 781-843-2727. Call for a menu & Fax your order. Sept. 6, 7, 8, and 9. Free Admission. Rain or shine under the tent. Greek food and pastry. Live Greek Music. Friday and Saturday. DJ on Sunday. YiaYia's Attic. Vendors on Site Activities for Children

The Plymouth Farmers' Market, held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. Sept. 6, **Irish sounds with Susan Lindsay and friends**. For information, contact Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Sept. 6, **Infractions** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue** Blues Jam featuring **Groove Authority** Sept. 6 at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Friday, Sept. 7

Sauchuck Farm, 53 Palmer Road, (Rt. 58), Plympton. **Fall Corn Maze** spread throughout six acres. Other activities include a hayride out to the six-acre pumpkin patch to pick your own pumpkin, hay bale maze for toddlers, barn animal petting zoo, pony rides and a corn box with the same concept as a sandbox. Grand opening Sept. 7 from noon to dusk. Saturdays and Sunday from 10 a.m. to dusk through the end of October. Admission $8 adults age 12 and up; $5 children ages 4-11; toddlers age 3 and under free. 781-585-1522 sauchuckfarm.net

Open Houses planned at Shirat Hayam The open houses are as follows: Services and refreshments, Friday, Sept. 7, at 6:30 p.m.; Services and breakfast, Sunday, Sept. 9, at 9 a.m.; and Services and Religious School Open House, Sunday, Sept. 23 at 9 a.m. (after the Holy Days). Congregation Shirat Hayam is locatedin the Marshfield Methodist Church at 185 Plain St. (route 139), Marshfield. For information contact info@shirathayam.net, www.shirathayam.net, or 781-582-2700.

Thomas the Tank Engine rolls in for **Day Out With Thomas at Edaville USA**, www.edaville.com, at Pine Street in Carver. The approximately 25-minute train ride will depart every 40 minutes between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tickets are $16 for ages 2 and up. Call 866-468-7630 or visit www.ticketweb.com for tickets.

New England Singles Dances Ages 40 and over. Sept. 7. VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission $8. 617-325-4900 singlesdances-newengland.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Sept. 7 **Entrain,** world beat. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com.

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King Richard's Faire, a re-creation of the marketplaces of 16th century England, will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 21, and Mondays for Labor Day and Columbus Day on Route 58 in Carver. Admission is $25 for adults and $14 for children ages 5 to 12. Children under 5 are admitted for free. Special group rates for 25 or more are available. Parking is free. For further information, call 508-866-2311 or log on to kingrichardsfaire.net.



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A knight takes a break from jousting competitions during King Richard's Faire last year.

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Single Executives Club New Singles Dance, Sept. 7, 8:30 to midnight, Pembroke Country Club, 94 W. Elm St,. Pembroke, off Rt. 53. 781-446-0234 se-4u.com

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Ryan Fardy Benefit Sept. 7** at 9:15 p.m. $5 admission. 781-335-9796.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Sept. 7, **Chain Drive** 781-829-6999.

Run of the Mill Tavern, 6 Spring St., Plymouth.Sept. 7, 9 p.m. until closing, **Dave & JJ**. For information, visit nightmuiscco@verizon.net.

Saturday, Sept. 8

Jacqueline Davies will be signing her latest novel for ages 9-12 **The Lemondade War** at Storybook Cove Merchants Row, Rtes. 53 and 123 Hanover, on Sept. 8 from 1-3 p.m. Call 781-871-7801 or visit storybookcove.com

Plant Sale, Duxbury Garden Club will host its annual Plant Sale from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Maxwell Garden on Washington St., by the Blue Fish River, Duxbury.

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Jazz and Blues on the Green, The Pinehills in Plymouth hosts its fourth annual free concert series on the Pinehills Village Green in Plymouth Sept. 8 and 9. The Pinehills' "Jazz and Blues on the Green" Music Festival will feature jazz artists **Myanna, Rebecca Parris** and **Roomful of Blues** Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m., and **Johnny Hoy & The Bluefish, Catherine Russell** and **Coco Montoya** Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. Take a blanket or chair. Refreshments will be available for purchase at Café Olio on the village green. For information, call 508-209-2000 or go to pinehills.com.

South Shore Dancers Kick-Off will be held Sept. 8, at the Cushing Center on Route 123 in Norwell. There will be a lesson at 7:30 with general dancing from 8 to 11 p.m. $9 for members and $10 for non-members. Tickets are limited so call Tom Osterland for reservations at 781 659-4703 or email through our website: SouthShoreDancers.org.

The Life and Artistry of Henri Matisse, Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree, will host a slide show and lecture on French painter, **Henri Matisse,** from 2 to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 8, in Logan Auditorium. Museum. For information, call 781-848-0405, ext. 4420.

Sunset Cruise, Captain John Boats, Plymouth Harbor will host a benefit for The Plymouth Taskforce for the Homeless, which will board at 4:30 p.m., Saturday Sept 8. Entertainment will be provided by the David James Duo. Tickets cost $35 per person and are available by calling Jan Palmer-Tarbox at 508-747-2552 or by emailing her at ctarbox38@comcast.net.

North River Theater, in cooperation with Samuel French Inc., will present **Looking,** a comedy by Norm Foster, directed by Joe McAlarney. Theatergoers are welcome to bring snacks into the theater, but drinks must be purchased at the theater's bar. All performances start at 8 p.m., and doors open at 7:15 p.m. Show dates: Sept. 8.; Sept. 14, Sept. 15, Sept. 21, Sept. 22, Sept. 28, and Sept. 29. Tickets are $18 each and are currently on sale. To reserve tickets, call 781-826-4878. For information, visit northrivertheater.com

Run of the Mill, 6 Spring Lane, Plymouth, offers traditional **Irish Seisiun** every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety, from sea chanteys, rebel songs and songs of loss, to jigs, reels and hornpipes, with great craic and sing-along. Admission is free. No cover. Come sing, come play, come listen. Call 508-830-1262.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Sept. 8, **Six Foot Sunday** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **The Mudskippers** Sept. 8 at 9:15 p.m. No cover $5 admission. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Sept. 8 **Slippery Sneakers,** zydeco, cajun. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sunday, Sept. 9

Join the New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance for a sail from Plymouth Harbor aboard the Tails of the Sea, a luxury whale- watching vessel owned and operated by Captain John Boats. Leave from the Town Pier at 8 a.m. and return to the dock by 6 p.m. Join seabird experts Wayne Petersen (Mass Auduon), David Clapp (Natural History Services) and Dr. John Jahoda (Bridgewater State College) who will provide commentary on the seabirds, whales, basking sharks and other unique wildlife sighted offshore. Tickets are $85. To reserve your seat visit necwa.org and click on "Seabird and Whale Tales 2007."

Buttonwood Books & Toys welcomes Scituate resident **Lynne Reeves Griffin** for a reception to celebrate the release of her book, "Negotiation Generation: Take Back Your Parental Authority Without Punishment" on Sept. 9, 2 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, RT-3A, Cohasset. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a signed copy, call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

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SEMA Pagan Pride Day, at Ted Williams Camp, Lakeville, Sept. 9, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. This event observes the Autumn Equinox and celebrates earth-centered religions and their diversity of religious beliefs. It is a full festival with merchant booths, music, book-signings, workshops, children's activities and more.

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Hingham Harbor Concert, Saint Paul's Catholic Church will sponsor a free concert from 3 to 6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 9, at the Hingham Harbor Pavilion, an outdoor bandstand off Route 3A near the public boat ramp. All music performed will be secular, including popular, contemporary, and country music, performed by **The Armstrong Brothers Band, Mimi Mahoney, The Martell Brothers, The Burke Brothers, Mike Boucher and Tricia Nichols, the Go Dogs Go Band,** and guitar and vocal duo **Tim and Mary Ann Gassert.** For information, call Jim Armstrong at 781-775-1039.

The Rust Skippers will perform at the **Hanover Bandstand** on Sunday, Sept. 9, at 6 p.m.. All concerts are free and handicap accessible. Donations are always gratefully accepted.

John's Race, Fourth annual John's Race will start at 10 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 9, at Pope's Tavern, South and Plymouth streets, Route 106, Halifax. There will be a 5K run/walk and a 10K run. The race will benefit John Kealey's daughter, Kyli. Registration fees: $20; $50 family of five; $10 for anyone younger than 14 and older than 65. Visit johnsrace.com or coolrunning.com for registration forms or to pay online.

Jeffrey Coombs Memorial Road Race and Family Walk, 9 a.m., Sept. 9, at Woodsdale School in Abington. Registration fees are $20, 15 and $8. Short children's race, raffles a disc jockey, clowns, balloons, face painting, moonwalk and free food will be featured. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.; runners may pick up numbers Sept. 8, 4 to 5 p.m., at Woodsdale if convenient. For information, to sponsor the event or to donate a raffle item, call Christie at 781-982-1608.

Music at the Gazebo, sponsored by Pyne Keohane Funeral Home of Hingham, will present the **Gregg Savage Quintet,** featuring tunes from the Big Band era, swing and Dixieland, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., Sept. 9. This free concert will take place at Veterans Memorial Park, intersection of Nantasket and Samoset avenues, Hull. Free parking is available at Hull Redevelopment Authority in the adjacent lot.

Monday, Sept. 10

Snug Harbor Chorus, Area singers are invited to attend open rehearsals for the popular Christmas concert given by The Snug Harbor Community Chorus. Rehearsals are scheduled for Mondays at 7:30 p.m., beginning Sept. 10, at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center. For information, call 781-834-7041 or visit snugharborcc.org.

Choral Art Society Open Rehearsals, The Choral Art Society, a non-auditioned community chorus of the South Shore has been around for nearly 50 years, providing concerts for the residents of the South Shore and an opportunity for singing for all willing participants. The choir will host open rehearsals at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 10 and 17, at the First Trinitarian Church in Scituate. All are welcome. This year's winter concert will include "Hodie," by Ralph Vaughan Williams, and a selection of carols and shorter pieces.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Sept. 10 **Free Texas Hold'Em with Northern Poker League** 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, Sept. 11

Island Grove Chorus, Come to an open rehearsal of the Island Grove Chorus, a women's acapella singing group at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays at the United Church of Christ, Route 18, Abington. For information, call Judy at 781-848-5843.

Wednesday, Sept. 12

Huntington Theatre Company, 281 Huntington Ave. Boston. Film and stage star Campbell Scott headlines the Huntington Theatre Company's production of "The Atheist," a searingly funny new play running Sept 12-30, 2007 at the Stanford Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts. For information on subscribing to the Huntington, log on to huntingtontheatre.org or call the Huntington Box Office at 617-266-0800.



Humpback whale breaching (jumping) out of the water.

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Thursday, Sept. 13

On the Water, 44 Jericho Road, Scituate, presents **Drift Away** every Thursday at 8:30 p.m. 781-545-4700

The Plymouth Farmers' Market, held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. Sept. 13, **roots blues with Taran2ulas.** For information, contact Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Sept. 13 **The Bullets** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue** Blues Jam featuring **The Gulf Boys** Sept. 13 at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Friday, Sept. 14

New England Singles Dances, Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St, Dedham. $8. Ages 40 and over. 617-325-4900 singles-dances-newengland.com

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Lisa Marie & All Shook Up** Sept. 14 at 9:15 p.m. No cover $5 admission. 781-335-9796. nextpage-cafe.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Sept. 14, **Swinging Steaks,** alternative country folk rock. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Sept. 14 **3rd Left** 781-829-6999.

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JM Productions, in their 26th year, presents "Just An Old Sweet Song" a tribute to Hoagy Carmichael starring John Abernathy with special guest Lynda D'Amour. This upbeat show arrives on Sept. 14, to the Raffael's stage at Nantasket Beach in The Clarion Hotel, hosted by Raffael's Restaurant, in Hull. For tickets, call: JM Productions at 617-786-SHOW (7469) or visit JM Productions secure website for on line credit card purchasing at: jmproductionspresents.com or call Raffael's directly for telephone orders at 781-925-4515. Tickets for show are $30 per person. For dinner and show $50 per person. There are special hotel rates to stay over at the Clarion after the show.



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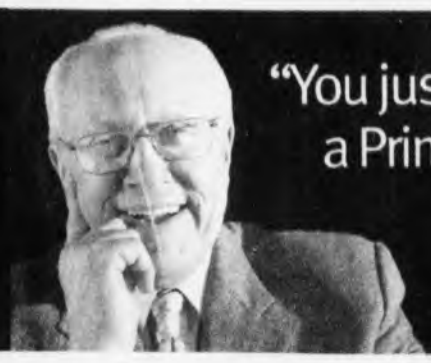
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Rotarian Peter Pearce hands a dictionary to third grader Aidan McHugh. The Cohasset Rotary Club purchased and donated Webster's Dictionary for Students to each third grade student at Deer Hill School.

Dictionaries make the grade

Rotary Club donates books to third graders

By Nancy White
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In the age of cell phone texting and instant messaging, correct and formal spelling has fallen to the wayside in favor of abbreviations and acronyms. However, in academic and professional arenas, correct spelling (and good vocabulary) is essential.

The Cohasset Rotary Club, a group of about 25 local professionals from business owners to attorneys, recognizes the importance of giving kids the tools to succeed. Last week, they presented each Deer Hill third grader with a new Webster's Dictionary for Students.

"We hope the dictionaries help the kids build confidence in themselves and their knowledge," says Rotarian and chairwoman of the project, Jean Roche, "a dictionary is always something that can help them."

The Rotary Club joined forces with an international non-profit organization, Dictionary Project. The goal of the program is to assist all students in completing the school year as good writers, active readers and creative thinkers by providing students with their own personal dictionary. In 2006, Dictionary Project was the vehicle thousands of local groups used to provide over 1.9 million kids with personal dictionaries.

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Override proposed

Capital budget looks to future

By Nancy White
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The Capital Budget Committee wants to do its job of defining town's long-term capital priorities and their potential impact upon capital structure. Up to this point, the committee main responsibility has been to review capital requests before Town Meeting and determine the most urgent needs in the town.

The Capital Budget Committee becomes much more effective to the town if there is an acknowledgement capital is worthwhile and it needs to be maintained and replaced periodically, said, chairman of the Capital Budget Committee.

To that end, the Capital Budget Committee at Monday night's Board of Selectmen meeting proposed having a $500,000 override this year in order to build up reserves for capital maintenance and small expenses. The "capital stabilization fund," a separate fund dedicated to capital improvements, in the future would maintain a balance of $2 to $3 million. The money would be used for capital maintenance; new, non-bonded purchases; and possibly down payments on bonded projects.

"We've been dealing with things as they come up, rather than looking ahead," said Gaumer, with a predictable amount of funding available, the Committee believes it will be able to anticipate town capital needs and put more forethought into acquisition. It would also lessen competition between town departments for limited capital resource monies.

The committee, with extensive help from Director of Finance Michael

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Other side of the tracks

Cohasset home is landlocked by train

By Nancy White
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At the very edge of town, there is an island. A home with no way to get in or out, an address no one can find and one woman looking for a resolution. That woman, Rosalie Collins, is finding out exactly what it is like to be from the "other side of the tracks."

While Collins' address is 425 South Main St. during the duration of her 30-year home ownership access to her home was by Lincoln Lane, off South Main Street just before the Scituate line.

During construction of the MBTA's Greenbush line Lincoln Lane, a private driveway, was closed to through traffic. No grade crossing was planned for Lincoln Lane and therefore no through traffic to the Collins home. Both the Collins family and the town understood the MBTA would help the property owners obtain another access point to their property.

Two years later, Collins is still waiting for legal access to her property. With little time left before the MBTA wraps up Greenbush construction, Collins has taken her circumstances to the Town seeking aid and support.

Collins was scheduled to come before the Board of Selectmen on Monday night, but was advised by her attorneys to refrain from discussing the situation at this time. She declined to comment for the Mariner as well. In a letter to Town Manager Bill Griffin, she explains her "landlocked situation" and how she trusted the MBTA to solve it over the last two years.

"I have been without the town services of fire, ambulance, snow removal, bus route and access to my mailbox as the town of Cohasset has no access to my property."
Rosalie Collins,
educator at Osgood School.

"I have been without the town services of fire, ambulance, snow removal, bus route and access to my mailbox as the town of Cohasset has no access to my property," states Collins, an educator at Osgood School. Tom Gruber, town liaison for Greenbush affairs, has been in contact with Collins throughout the Greenbush construction appeared at the meeting in her stead to explain Collins's "crisis situation."

"Right now, there is no legal access to the property," said Gruber, providing a map of the area surrounding the Collins

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Parking predicament

Red Lion offers $500K to build parking lot

By Nancy White
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Parking in the Village is a problem, but Red Lion Inn owner Gerd Ordelheide may have a solution. Along with a proposed expansion with 32 additional units, Ordelheide is interested in turning a one-acre town-owned parcel, nestled between the train tracks, the Teen Center and the Red Lion Inn into over 60 parking spaces — on his own dime.

The Red Lion Inn's wedding business is booming and makes up 65 percent of its business, Ordelheide reported. However, the Inn has limited space for the thousands of people who attend weddings each year.

"I'm filling up the Clarion [in Hull] and the Cohasset Harbor Inn," said Ordelheide thereby losing out on a significant amount of business generated from his establishment.

In conjunction with a proposed $5 to $6.5 million expansion, he is willing to invest $500,000 in creating a parking lot on the town-owned parcel. He would pay for the construction, but the town would still own the land and anyone would be allowed to park there. Preliminary designs estimate the lot could accommodate between 61 and 71 spaces.

The additional 32 units would be built on the current gravel parking lot behind the Inn. Some would be available for timeshares. In constructing the new

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units, the Red Lion Inn will essentially lose the only private parking it has, just how many parking spaces are on the property is unclear because the spaces are not lined. For that reason, the proposed parking lot on town land is vital to the expansion plans.

Vice Chairman Ted Carr was particularly concerned with the impact the additional rooms would have on the abutting residential area. Carr lives at 88 South Main St. across the street from the Red Lion Inn. Previous to the meeting, Carr consulted with Town Counsel and the State Ethics Commission to make sure he could participate in the discus-

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PICTURE THIS/Kerri Sandler



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Kerri Sandler is the new assistant principal at Cohasset Middle School.

Name: Kerri Sandler.

Occupation: Cohasset Middle School Assistant Principal.

Best day of your life: The two best days of my life were when my two babies were born.

Best vacation: The Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

Favorite season: Autumn.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite junk food: French Fries

Best book: "Guess How Much I Love You," by Sam McBratney.

Best movie: "The Breakfast Club."

Best TV show: "Cold Case."

Most memorable moment: The realization that the more effort I put into connecting with students, the more students will believe for themselves that they achieve their own level of success.

Pet peeve: Ignorance...what a wonderful world this would be if everyone just practiced a little more tolerance!

Goal: To leave the world a little bit better than I found it.

Person you'd most like to meet: Hillary Clinton.

Biggest worry: One day all of my students will be taller than I am!

Best part of Cohasset: The community here at the Middle School.

Dedication of Beechwood Ballpark

The Beechwood Ballpark has a whole new look. To commemorate the completion of ballpark renovations the Beechwood Ballpark Committee will hold a dedication ceremony and celebration on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 10 a.m. at the field. The celebration will be packed with activities for the whole family including a homerun contest, an old-timers baseball game, kids games, face painting, a basketball shooting contest, antique cars, food and more. Mark your calendar for this fun event.

Cohasset awarded stormwater grant

The Town of Cohasset has been awarded a $150,000 state grant to implement stormwater best management practices in the Little Harbor district. The grant will be matched with $100,000 of town funds already secured at the 2007 Annual Town Meeting. The section 319 nonpoint source grant will allow stormwater best management practices be installed to alleviate ongoing flooding issues in and around Little Harbor. Cohasset was one of only 11 municipalities to receive the grant from the state.

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Town Manager Bill Griffin congratulated the Stormwater Management Committee and its engineering consultant Mark Bartlett from Norfolk Ram for their work in securing the grant. The Stormwater Management Committee and the Town Manager will oversee the project and its funds.

Department of Corrections

An article, which ran in last week's Mariner, "Going to the dogs" incorrectly gave the All Four Paws business address. All Four Paws is located at 828 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, near the Cohasset-Scituate line.

Also, the new "official" start date of Greebush is Oct. 29, not Oct. 19.

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Sept.	AM	HIGH Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	AM	LOW Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 13	12:56	9.2	1:13	9.1	6:56	0.5	7:16	0.4
Sunrise: 6:21 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:57 p.m.*			
Fri. 14	1:34	9.0	1:49	9.1	7:32	0.7	7:56	0.5
Sunrise: 6:22 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:55 p.m.*			
Sat. 15	2:13	8.7	2:25	9.0	8:09	1.0	8:36	0.7
Sunrise: 6:23 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:53 p.m.*			
Sun. 16	2:54	8.3	3:04	8.8	8:48	1.3	9:19	0.9
Sunrise: 6:24 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:52 p.m.*			
Mon. 17	3:37	7.9	3:47	8.6	9:30	1.7	10:05	1.2
Sunrise: 6:25 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:50 p.m.*			
Tues. 18	4:24	7.6	4:34	8.4	10:15	2.0	10:55	1.4
Sunrise: 6:26 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:48 p.m.*			
Wed. 19	5:15	7.3	5:26	8.3	11:06	2.2	11:50	1.6
Sunrise: 6:27 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:46 p.m.*			
Thurs. 20	6:11	7.2	6:22	8.3	—	—	12:01	2.3
Sunrise: 6:28 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:45 p.m.*			

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This building, which housed the Donna Green Studio for 15 years, is empty and for rent. The historic, former blacksmith shop, is owned by the Vanderlugt family.

Historic blacksmith shop is empty

Former Donna Green Studio is for rent

By Mary Ford
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Donna Green has closed her art studio on Elm Street but the tiny, historic building might not be empty for long.

Judith Vanderlugt Bucher, whose family owns the building, which is across from Flemings and uses the address 11 Ship Cove Lane, says the family has received several calls from people interested in leasing the structure.

She said her family is not interested in selling the building that started out as a blacksmith shop but has also housed a newspaper store, barbershop, cooperage, curio shop and bakery.

Her father, the late Hubert Vanderlugt, who established Hub Shipping Company formerly on Elm Street, restored the 200-year-old structure 15 years ago.

"We would like to rent it and keep it in the family."
— Judith Vanderlugt Bucher

"We would like to rent it and keep it in the family," Bucher said.

So far a range of businesses from a gourmet food shop to a dress shop has expressed interest in the location, Bucher said.

Green described leaving the building as "very emotional for all of us." Green said her mother, daughter and son are all artists and they needed more space. She is opening an expanded studio on her farm in Marshfield, which will include the fairy loft — so beloved by visitors to her Cohasset studio.

Green's five-acre Marshfield Hills location at 575 Summer St. is also the home of the Magical Moon Foundation, an organization Green established for children with cancer.

"My son and daughter grew up there," Green said about 11 Ship Cove Lane where she spent 15 years. She said inside the building there were remnants of the old cooperage that made barrels for fish caught off Cohasset. "It had a real *feng sui* about it," she said.

POLICE BEAT

15-year-olds face marijuana charges

By Mary Ford
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Two 15-year-old Cohasset juveniles are facing marijuana charges after the high school contacted police last Wednesday (Sept. 5), the second day of school. The call came into dispatch at 8:39 a.m.

Chief James Hussey said, "the school through its rules and procedures discovered a situation and reported it to us as part of the Memorandum of Understanding between the schools and police.

"Based in the information supplied to us, the youths will be summonsed into court."

One of the juveniles is facing charges of possession of marijuana and conspiracy to violate the drug laws; the other is facing only the conspiracy charge because no marijuana was found in his possession.

Hussey explained "conspiracy" means two or more people acting in concert to break the law.

"We all want the schools to be safe havens and do not want anyone to bring in an illegal substance," he said. "The school was on top of this and contacted us. The schools and police are working to keep our schools free of drugs and alcohol."

The names of the students have not been released because they are juveniles.

Through the Memorandum of Understanding, schools and police have established an effective line of communication between the school and police departments and clear procedures regarding the reporting of hate crimes, sex crimes, weapons and the use, possession, and distribution of drugs and/or alcohol within the schools, on school grounds, and at school- sponsored events.

Shoplifting

A Hingham man is facing a larceny charge of property valued at more than $250 after allegedly shoplifting $460 worth of goods from Stop & Shop last Sunday (Sept. 9).

A witness, who is employed at Shaw's but was shopping at Stop & Shop, saw the man leave the store with a carriage full of unbagged items and put them into his car. The witness got the plate number and notified the manager, who called Cohasset police. Cohasset police determined the man's car was registered to a Hingham address; they met up with Hingham police and located the vehicle. The man will be summonsed to court on the larceny charge. There was another man who appeared to be with the alleged shoplifter at Stop & Shop, but further investigation revealed the second man was not involved, police said.

Identity theft

A Cohasset man has told police that his ex-girlfriend has set up Verizon accounts using his name and without his permission. He filed the report on Wed. (Sept. 5). He discovered this through a credit report and after talking to a collection agency.

The man wanted the issue logged but will try to work out some sort of resolution with his ex-girlfriend before seeking criminal charges, Chief Hussey said.

Faulty truck

A State Police truck team was called to inspect a 1990 Mack garbage truck that a Cohasset officer had stopped on Route 3A near Crocker Lane at just past 8 p.m. on Wednesday (Sept. 5). The officer called for the special team after discovering the truck had no taillights, no marker lights and one headlight out.

"The officer had concerns that there might be more problems with the truck," Chief Hussey said.

A State Trooper responded to the scene and found multiple problems including faulty brakes, tires and the lack of lights.

Multiple citations were issued to the driver; the truck was towed after it was put out of service by the State Police.

Appliances stolen

A builder returned to a property off Pond Street that is under construction to discover that someone had made off with the refrigerator stored in the garage of the new house.

The incident was reported on Labor Day. But before work finished up for the holiday weekend, someone also took the dishwasher from the future residence, police said.

Chief Hussey explained that at a building site, a lot of people and trucks come and go and perhaps the subjects in this case were able to blend in.

Police canvassed the area and detectives have taken photos and fingerprints. The incidents remain under investigation.

OUI blamed on accident

Police say alcohol was a factor in a single-vehicle accident on Sunday (Sept. 2), just after midnight.

A 50-year-old Cohasset man is being summonsed to court on charges of operating under the influence of alcohol; leaving the scene of an accident; and marked lanes violation.

Chief Hussey said the Ford pickup the resident was driving ran into a tree and stonewall near the intersection of Beechwood Street and Norman Todd Road. The officers at the scene saw some blood on the vehicle but the driver was no longer there. They initiated a search of the area and found the man in the bushes.

"Based on their observations of him and his condition, and the extent of his injuries, he was taken to the hospital," Hussey said.

Eyes off the road

A motorist, who explained he had taken his eyes off the road just for a second, ran off the road and into a tree on Hull Street last Sunday (Sept. 9). The accident occurred at about 10:20 a.m.; the man's 2005 Volkswagen was headed west on Hull Street near Cedar Street when the accident occurred. The man had a toddler in the car. Both the man and the toddler were checked out and neither had to be transported to the hospital, police said.

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Capital budget committee looks to future

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Buckley and Town Manager Bill Griffin, estimated the cost to replace the town's capital assets (public buildings, land, athletic fields, parks, roadways, bridges, piers, seawalls, fire and police vehicles, sewer and water infrastructure etc.) would be $93 million. The rough estimate for annual depreciation of the inventory is over $3.1 million.

"This what we should be putting aside each year" to maintain current capital, said Gaumer. Currently, the budget allocates no funds to capital projects or maintenance. Like many other towns in the state, Cohasset has depended on free cash, a term used for surplus in the budget, to fund necessary capital projects or undertook major bonded projects to add to debt service.

"When times got tough, towns wouldn't do capital projects," said Griffin. In Fiscal 2006, there was no capital budget spending. In Fiscal 2007, $307,600 was appropriated for capital projects and equipment. So far for FY08, the town has appropriated $155,000, with some additional spending possible at the fall special Town Meeting.

"We've been dealing with things as they come up, rather than looking ahead."

Steve Gaumer, chairman

Selectman Paul Carlson asked how monies for the capital stabilization fund would be tracked and set aside. If the capital stabilization fund was established, each year Town Meeting would need to approve an article allocating monies to the fund, said Griffin.

All capital maintenance would not come out of the capital stabilization fund. Regular maintenance, cleaning and minor repairs, would still come out of the operating budget. Larger repair costs, like vehicle repair, would come from the stabilization fund as well as smaller capital investments. The capital fund may have a side benefit for larger bonded projects by improving the town's financial outlook it may lower the town's borrowing cost, said Gaumer.

One of the problems with using free cash for capital improvement is there is little to no predictability year to year of what will be available making it difficult to plan ahead even five years ahead, said Griffin.

"The town has survived for 200 years" without a capital fund like this, said Chairman Gary Vanderweil. However, Advisory Committee Chairman Merle Brown, who was in the audience, disagreed. He said maintenance has fallen to the wayside only in the last 20 years, since Prop. 2-1/2 was instituted. When the schools were built, maintenance and upkeep were a big issue and "people are interested in maintaining what we've got," said Brown.

Based on early projections of the Fiscal 2009 budget to be approved at the Spring Town Meeting, the town is facing a $400,000 shortfall and override vote. The Board of Selectmen took the proposal under consideration.

Parking predicament

FROM PARKING, PAGE 1

sion. Because he is not a direct abutter, the Commission determined there is no legal conflict, he said.

"I hear regularly there are noise issues associated with the Inn," said Carr and his fear was the additional rooms would not only bring the Inn closer to the surrounding residential area but also increase activity later into the evening.

Michael and Rowena Karp of 91 South Main St., direct abutters of the Red Lion Inn, seconded Carr's concerns listing numerous inconveniences created by living next to the Inn including noise, privacy and car safety. The Karps felt the issues would only be exacerbated (and create new problems) if the expansion and associated parking lot were allowed.

"Do we want to commit this vacant lot to parking? Could we put it out to bid for development purposes?" asked Chairman Gary Vanderweil. Determining if a parking lot was the "highest and best use of the land" seemed to be the major question. A parking lot on this land has been bounced around for a couple of years, ever since the MBTA took away about 30 of village parking spaces.

However, Rowena Karp felt the parking lot would only serve the Red Lion Inn and its various functions, not be a truly accessible parking option for the everyday shopper in the Village. She did not feel the parking proposal would solve the village's parking issues.

"It's not fair to give away town land for [Ordelheide's] purposes," said Rowena Karp. Yet, the opportunity may be too great for the town to turn down.

"From a town perspective, we've been looking to do a parking lot on the land," said Koed, "it is difficult for us to turn down a half a million dollars for something we were thinking about doing anyway. Frankly, the town will be looking to spend tax dollars on this in the future."

The Board of Selectmen requested Town Manager Bill Griffin seek comments from the Economic Development Committee and the Village consultant, Angus Jennings of Concord Square Development Company. The Selectmen requested Ordelheide draft an agreement between the Town and the Red Lion Inn, if they approve the proposal. The Board will take up the issue at a future meeting.

Peter Brown, chairman of the Economic Development Committee, said his committee would "fully support" the partnership between the Red Lion and the town to build the parking lot when reached for comment after the meeting, citing time and cost savings for the town as well as more parking for the village.

"[It will] be a win-win for the Red Lion and the Town since it would be close enough to encourage patrons of the Red Lion to park there—being directly opposite their primary convention/event building—and leave more parking available on the main municipal lot for other retailers, businesses and residents," said Brown in an e-mail.

If Ordelheide is able to get the appropriate approvals for his expansion, he plans to begin work in the late winter.

Liquor license application submitted

The issue of management was briefly discussed at the Selectmen's meeting. Gerd Ordelheide, owner of the Red Lion Inn, has at last found a suitable manager. Since May, the establishment has been without a reliable contact on the Inn's liquor license application.

Ordelheide submitted the liquor license application under the new manager a week ago. In Cohasset, the Board of Selectmen is the liquor license authority. A formal hearing will be set in the next few weeks to review the application.

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Piano lessons to resume

Priscilla D. Daniels, professional pianist and teacher of pianoforte, will resume her lesson schedule at her Beach Street home in Cohasset. Her personalized instruction has attracted students who have had careers in music, while others play just for pleasure.

Daniels is a graduate of New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, *magna cum laude*. She is a member of Alpha Chi Omega, national sorority, and Pi Kappa Lambda, honorary professional society. She has taught in Swampscott, Lincoln and Norwood, and currently in Cohasset.

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SATs scores show upward trend

High marks for Cohasset students

By Nancy White
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"We hope it's only a sign of things to come."
— Supt of Schools Denise Walsh

Students who took the SATs last year gave the School Committee and administrators much to brag about: the mean scores on all three sections of the SAT test are on an upward swing.

The SATs, administered by the College Board, is the essential test for the college-bound high school student. Between 97 and 100 percent of Cohasset High students take the SATs during their high school career, says guidance counselor Ed Leonard.

"We are very proud of the fact almost every student takes the SAT once or even multiple times," says Leonard, explaining many school-wide results are distorted because not all the students take the test. Cohasset's results are reflective of the entire student body, instead of just a portion.

Cohasset students scored an average of seven points higher on the Critical Reading portion, an average of 11 points higher on the Mathematics portion and an average of 14 points on the Writing portion over 2006 SAT test scores (see table for score comparison).

A little more than two years ago in March 2005 the College Board changed the format of the SAT, its flagship standardized test. The most significant change was the addition of a writing portion. Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh was impressed, but not surprised, by the 14-point jump in writing scores.

"There has been an inclusion of more writing across all disciplines and grades. Writing isn't just in English class anymore. All disciplines have the responsibility to teach both reading and writing," says Walsh. Curriculum and textbook changes to create more cohesion throughout the district Walsh hopes supports continued improvement.

"We hope it's only a sign of things to come," says Walsh. Although the writing portion is new to the SAT Reasoning Test, Leonard says the format is similar to the MCAS so students are familiar with it.

The increase in SAT scores is measurable progress the schools have made toward goals delineated by the School Committee about a year ago, says Chairman Rick Flynn.

"The scores are indicative of higher level of achievement at the High School," says Flynn. More assets have been brought to the High School including increased course offerings, new textbooks, teachers and technology. "I hope we continue this upward trend."

Encouraging as well, says Walsh, is the amount of students taking the SAT Subject Tests. Last year, 13 students took the US History SAT subject test and scored a mean average of impressive 700 out of 800. Across the board of the subject tests, the mean averages were above 600.

"We have very strong programs and it shows in the results," says Walsh.

Mean scores on the SAT*

Year	Critical Reading	Mathematics	Writing
2006	542	551	544
2007	549	562	560

*Each section is scored out of a total possible 800 points.

Cohasset home is landlocked by train

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property to walk to the Selectmen through the complicated and intertwined property lines and rights.

The Collins' property is sandwiched between two towns, two counties and two developments. On the Cohasset side there is a six-home cul-de-sac subdivision on Ledgewood Farm Drive. In Scituate is Gannett Pasture Way, a three-home cul-de-sac. In the middle is 425 South Main St., the Collins home.

The MBTA provided Collins with a paved driveway to Gannett Pasture Lane in Scituate. However, Scituate zoning bylaws limit three homes on a private driveway. The addition of the Collins home makes four and violates the bylaw. The MBTA hired a local attorney to draft an agreement between Collins and her neighbors on Gannett Pasture Lane to bring before the Scituate Planning Board for a variance.

Signatures from the neighbors on Gannett Pasture Lane and the Collins were obtained this past summer. However, the proposal never made it as far as the Planning Board.

In a letter, noteworthy for its curtness as well as its content, an agent of the MBTA informed its attorney they would no longer be assisting the Collins family with their access issues.

"It is suggested that the Collins family continue to work with both towns and their neighbors to resolve any access issues that may exist," states the letter from James Rush, the MBTA's right of way agent.

"The MBTA dropped the issue," said Gruber, essentially leaving Collins to her own devices.

To further complicate and worsen the issue for Collins, in late August the Ledgewood Estates developers, part owners of the private driveway from Gannett Pasture Lane — the Collins' sole, albeit currently illegal, access in and out of her property — have issued a cease and desist order from accessing Gannett Pasture Lane.

Although the order has no legal weight, because it is not authorized by land court it has caused additional concern and angst for Collins, said Gruber. Deed and easement rights are also under scrutiny by all parties involved additionally obscuring the situation.

The Board of Selectmen responded with surprise the circumstance has escalated to this point, "I thought the T assured us this would be taken care of," said Selectman Fred Koed. Gruber said it has been an issue since his involvement in Greenbush mitigation for the town, but nothing was ever firm. However, the MBTA did pave a new driveway and illegally connected the Collins property to Gannett Pasture Lane._

"We need to bring the T back to the table to bring this to a resolution," said Gruber. Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said the MBTA has created the problem and will need to be a key player in the resolution.

Glenn Pratt, Chairman of the Water Commission, said the water department is seeking to connect two water main dead ends at South Main and Ledgewood Farm Drive. The MBTA installed pieces of pipe under the tracks on Lincoln Lane in preparation of connecting the water mains. However, the Water Commission has run into the same easement problems as Collins.

"The homeowner is rightfully petrified that no one knows how to get to her property," in the event of an emergency, or even in everyday occurrences like having a package delivered to her home, said Pratt, "some town agency has to make a bold move."

The solution could involve the town or the MBTA executing an eminent domain land or access taking, then giving the access back to Collins. The government has the right to take private land by eminent domain for a greater good, and there is usually compensation awarded to the owner in return. However, the proposal is only one of many possible resolutions.

"The hardship [the MBTA is] creating for an individual is enormous, that's the injustice here," said Koed.

Realizing the urgency of the situation, Senator Bob Hedlund and Rep. Garrett Bradley have been informed of the situation and are addressing it from a political standpoint.

"We need to do the right thing here," said Dormitzer. The Board of Selectmen will send a letter to the MBTA General Manager Dan Grabauskas requesting the MBTA to address the situation and help bring it to a fair and equitable resolution.

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BRICK FUNDRAISER

The Beechwood Ballpark is complete. There is a brick fundraiser under way to help pay for maintaining this wonderful new space. Engraved bricks are $100 and will be placed in the grassy area behind the outfield scoreboard. If you are interested, please contact **Michelle Loughlin** at mloughlin521@hotmail.com.

The dedication ceremony will be on Sat., Sept 29th, beginning at 8:30 a.m.. Kids' activities starting at 10.

BEST WISHES!

Congratulations are in order for **Nick Salerno**, who turned 80 on Sept. 12. Nick was surprised by his eight children, spouses and 12 of his 13 grandchildren at a dinner in his honor in the North End. If you see Nick around town, offer him your best wishes on this milestone!

GIFTWRAP

It's time to get movin' and groovin' with the Cohasset PSO and Innisbrook Giftwrap's fall fundraiser, "Innisbrook's Got the Beat". The students at Osgood and Deer Hill will be offering the chance to jump into the spirit and purchase the quality and stylish wrapping paper Innisbrook is known for, as well as countless new and exciting gift items, magazine subscriptions and delicious chocolates made by the Helen Grace Company. This fundraiser provides almost half of the PSO budget for the school year, and funds the schools' character education programs, curriculum enrichment programs, provides for teacher and library grants and various teacher appreciation activities. Last year the funds aided in the purchase of new playground equipment, 50 percent of the engineering lab at the Middle/High School and the training of Peer Leaders.

All students rockin' to the beat at the Osgood School will be entered into various raffles throughout the fundraiser. At Deer Hill, students who sell 10 items will receive a Hip Hop Back Pack Clipper. Deer Hill students will also be eligible to earn prizes for their total number of items sold, with the top prizes being Best Buy Gift Cards valued at $100, $150 and $250.

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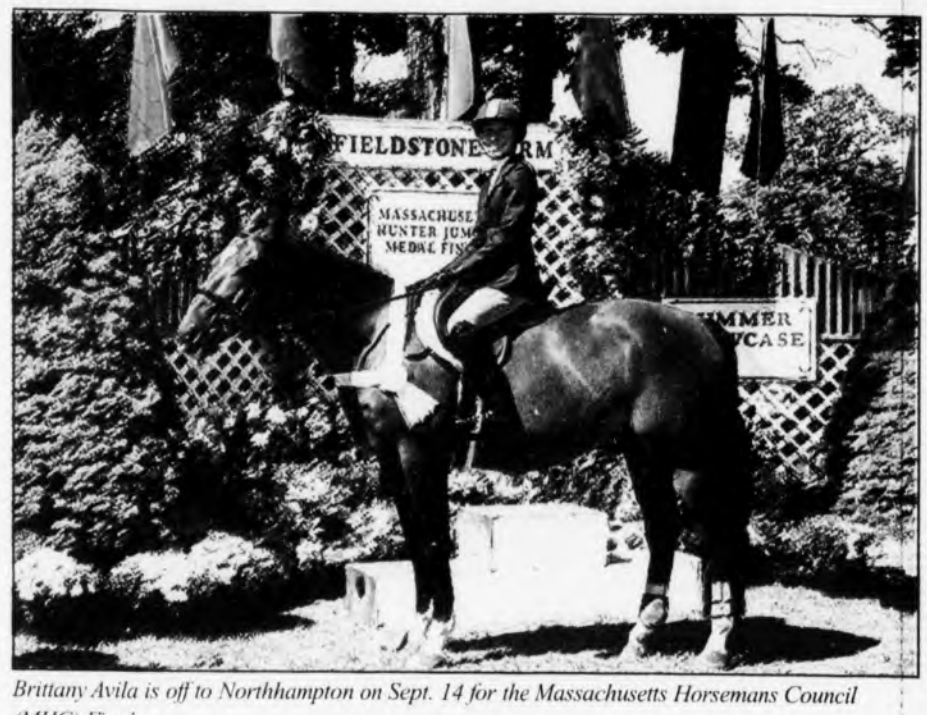


Nick and Trudy Salerno at Nick's 80th birthday party.

TOP EQUESTRIENNE

Brittany Avila, daughter of proud parents **Art and Debbie Avila,** won fourth place in the Children's Equitation Medal Class on Sunday Sept. 2, during the Massachusetts Hunter Jumper Medal Finals. To be part of the Medal Finals a rider must qualify by obtaining 10 points during the show season. The finals consisted of one jumping round, jumping 10 jumps at 2 feet, 6 inches. The top 12 are called back to do a flat class and then the medals are awarded.

Congratulations to Brittany for a fourth place win. She is off to Northhampton on Sept. 14 for the Massachusetts Horsemans Council (MHC) Finals. Good Luck!



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LAKOTA KIDZ

Second Congregational Church's Youth Group will be holding a Craft Sale at the Farmer's Market on Sept. 20th to benefit some of our nation's poorest children. Lakota Kidz is a non-profit organization that supports children of the Lakota Sioux in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. The Pine Ridge Reservation is part of the poorest county in the U.S. All local kids Grade 6 and up are invited to get involved with this and other SCC Youth Group outreach efforts

For more information call the Second Congregational Church Office at 383-0345 or Judy Ritts at 383-1422

EQUESTRIAN STUDIES

Jennifer Roche, an equestrian studies major, has enrolled as a freshman at the University of Findlay for the 2007-08 academic year.



Jennifer Roche is a freshman at the University of Findlay.

Jennifer, a 2007 graduate of South Shore Christian Academy, is the daughter of **Sarah and Adrian Roche**, 11 Black Horse Lane.

Jennifer was awarded the University of Findlay Award from the University, which is in Findlay, Ohio

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to **Mickey Patrolia** who recently lost his beloved wife, **Ellen**, after a period of failing health. Mickey and Ellen were frequently seen walking around the Town Common and Sandy Beach. Mickey is a long-time Cohasset Assessor and a retired letter carrier, who delivered mail to the Beechwood area of Cohasset. Ellen and Mickey were avid travelers who visited Mexico, South America, and the Dominican Republic over the years. Ellen was a volunteer at the Cohasset Consignment Shop and enjoyed Bingo and Trivia Day at the Cohasset Knoll. Services were private. Ellen will be missed by all.

Editor's note: Around Town columnist Jennifer Piepenbrink will be back in October.

Due to short-term expense reallocation for September, editor Mary Ford will be compiling Around Town this month.

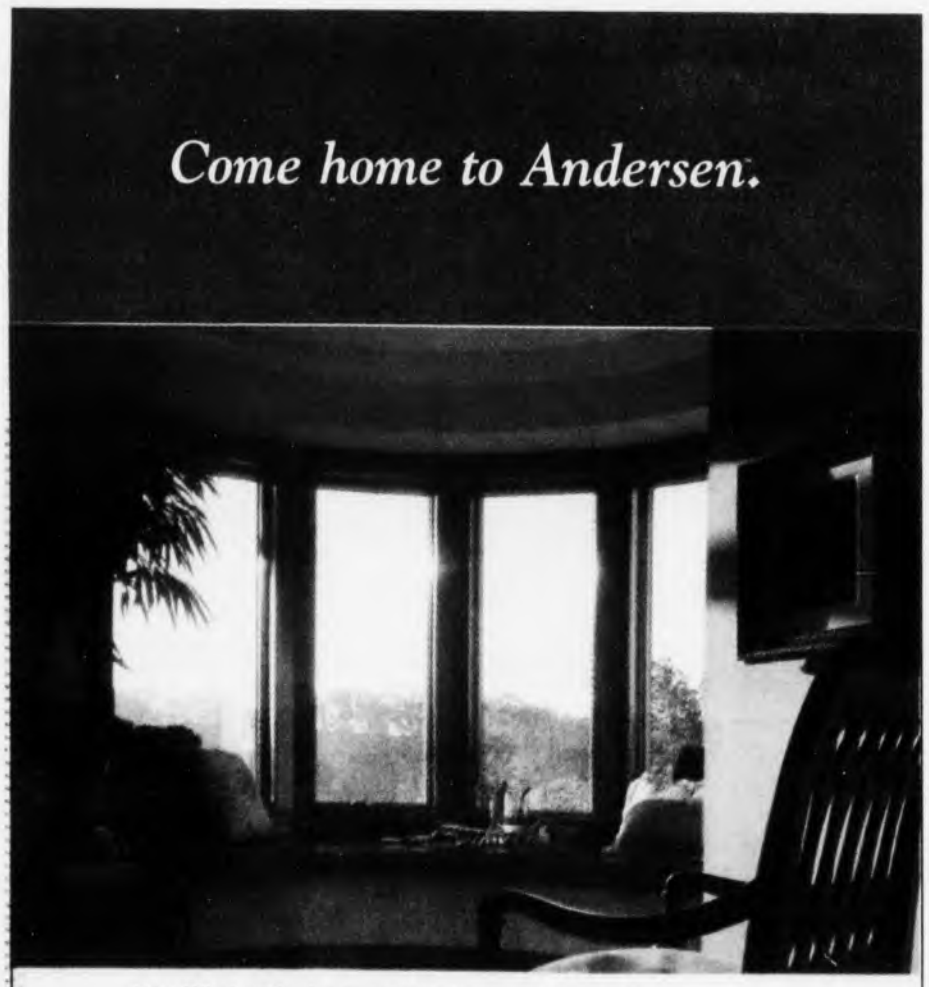
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ENGAGEMENT



Amanda Elizabeth Gontarz and Stace Anthony Banta

Gontarz - Banta

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gontarz of Cohasset announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Elizabeth Gontarz to Stace Anthony Banta, son of Margo Banta of Newburyport.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Cohasset High School and Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., where she earned a bachelor's degree in journalism. She works in the corporate actions unit of State Street Corp.

Her fiancé graduated from West Genesee High School and earned a bachelor's degree in finance from Le Moyne College, in Syracuse, N.Y. He is an assistant vice president in Securities Finance at State Street.

An April 2008 wedding is planned in Cohasset.

AAUW to meet Tuesday

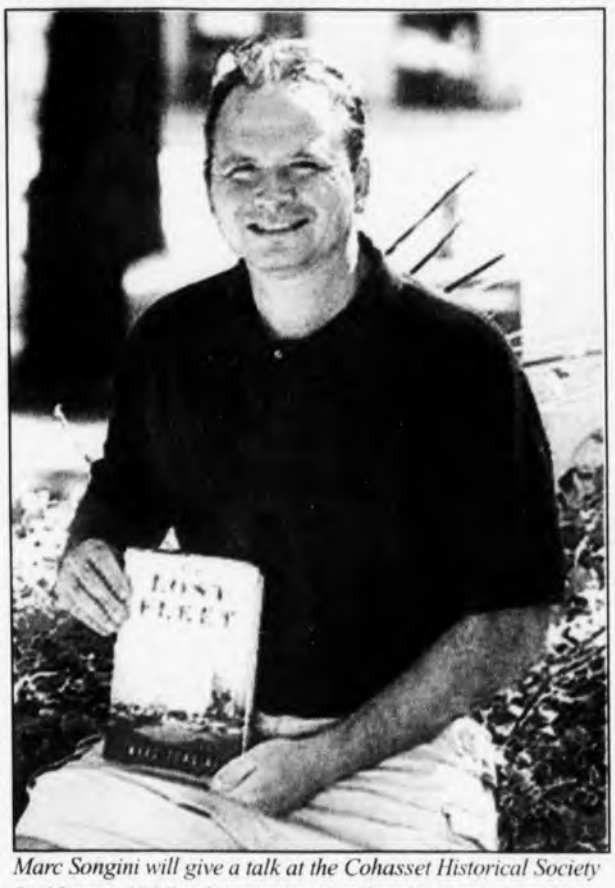
Hingham Area Branch of the American Association of University Women welcomes Cohasset women to the first meeting of the season at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday, Sept. 18, at Allerton House, 15 Condito Road, Hingham. This will be a potluck dinner featuring information on what AAUW is today, and an opportunity to learn about the programs scheduled for the year. The meeting is free and open to the public and all are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 781-749-6274.

AAUW seeks and welcomes new members who hold an associate or equivalent, or baccalaureate or higher degree from a qualified educational institution. Undergraduates may join the branch as AAUW student affiliates. AAUW members believe in the power of education to change women's lives. Members also recognize that women's education means not only attaining higher degrees, it also means becoming financially literate, daring to take risks to grow and learn throughout one's life, and helping others reach their potential.

Whaling's demise comes alive

Author of 'The Lost Fleet' comes to Cohasset

By Nancy White
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Marc Songini will give a talk at the Cohasset Historical Society Building at 106 South Main Street on Sunday, Sept. 16 at 2p.m.

In the 1800s, Cohasset was a bustling commercial fishing community. Boats would go out for months, or even years on end in search of fortune, adventure and an often-illusive catch. Out of the larger New England ports like New Bedford and Martha's Vineyard set sail large wooden ships in search of whales.

The dangerous yet profitable profession attracted the brave and the daring to the sea. One such sailor, Thomas William Williams of Wethersfield, Conn., devoted his life to hunting whales. The 6-foot-2 man, tall for his time, traveled the open seas with his wife and two small children. Their trials and triumphs are captured in Marc Songini's "The Lost Fleet."

"It reads like a novel, it's completely true and has a central set of characters," says Songini, who will give a lecture at the Cohasset Historical Society building on Sunday, Sept. 16 at 2 p.m.

Out of a labor of love he researched and wrote the book for seven years. The book centers on one family during whaling's heyday in the mid-1800s, while illuminating the greater history the ultimate downfall of the industry. He stumbled upon the Williams during his first six months of research; they kept cropping up at the major events contributing to the loss of the Yankee whaling fleet.

The book chronicles the ongoing troubles of the American whaling fleet during the mid-1800s. Yankee whalers were already contending with harsh conditions in their line of work: icebergs, storms, rogue whales, sharks, hostile natives and disease. If that wasn't enough, in the later 1870s, whales became scarcer, ships journeyed deeper into the Arctic and roving Confederate privateers made the profession even riskier. Yet, Williams still remained driven to find the next big whale, making him the ideal hero for Sondini's narrative.

"I didn't want to write another book about the history of whaling," says Songini so instead he describes his book as "the 'Gone with the Wind' of whaling."

To get to his end product, he utilized all the historical resources at his disposal. He compiled letters from Williams and his wife Eliza, newspaper accounts from New England and San Francisco, ship's logs and other first person accounts of the life and times of a whaler.

"It took a lot of research to recreate these people," says Songini, and the more he found out the more he was amazed by them.

"It's incredible what these men could do in the worst conditions in the world," says Songini. Whalers used to travel from New England around Cape Horn, navigating icebergs under sail and traveling throughout the Pacific in search of their catch. Through his research, Songini gained a love and admiration for both the whalers of the 1800s and even today's fishermen, who brave the sea's fury day in and day out. Along with his wife and parents, he dedicated the book to "the brave fishermen."

"In a way I believe they were better people, stronger people. They were the real character of New England," says Songini, who thinks his hero is not atypical for the time period. He was a jack-of-all-trades: a husband, a father, a surgeon, a captain, a midwife and a huntsman rolled into one.

As his complement to Williams' tough and quiet exterior stands Eliza Williams was a petite woman with a kind and gentle side. She is the main reason Songini was able to write the book because of how much written word she left behind.

"She rounded out the picture of what life was like aboard a whaling ship," says Songini.

Although Songini "loves the book completely," he most enjoyed writing about the thrilling encounter between Williams and the Confederate cruiser Alabama.

"When I was reading [the historical accounts] I was on the edge of my seat," says Songini. He looked to Confederate ship's logs and a letter from Williams to fully recount the adventure, the end of which he will not divulge.

Songini grew up in Walpole and now lives in Foxboro, but has always considered the South Shore a part of his home, "if I wasn't physically on the South Shore, I was nearby."

He has kayaked Cohasset Harbor and the ocean beyond on numerous occasions. He describes Cohasset's offshore rocks and ledges as extremely dangerous to mariners before modern navigation gear.

"A northeastern snow storm could obscure Boston Light, a slight mistake meant a shipwreck on the rocks," says Songini. He plans on doing additional research on Cohasset's maritime history before his lecture on Sunday and will welcome any questions about whaling, New England and maritime commerce. He hopes to visit Cohasset's own piece of maritime history found in the Maritime Museum and the Captain John Wilson house on Elm Street before leaving town.

You can buy "The Lost Fleet" at Barnes and Noble, Baker Books and on Amazon.com. Marc Songini will give a short lecture and then answer audience questions at the Cohasset Historical Society Building at 106 South Main Street on Sunday, Sept. 16 at 2p.m. Free.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Offering of hope

It was six years ago, on a Tuesday. But as Cohasset and the country observed the anniversary of 9/11 this week, the passage of time has clearly not diminished people's sense of loss.

Members of the Cohasset clergy including the Rev. Gary Ritts of Second Congregational Church, the Rev. Jan Carlsson-Bull of First Parish, Collette Wood of St. Stephen's, the Rev. John Mulvehill of St. Anthony's and the Rev. John Maheras of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, were flanked by local firefighters, police officers, veterans and sons of veterans as they each provided a message of hope and peace during Tuesday's 9/11 observance on the common.

Wood invited those in attendance to consider "not just where we were but where we are going as a people and as a world.

"May we be blessed with the courage and passion to dream a world where people everywhere live in safety and free from fear."

Although the crowd that had gathered on the common was small — cars turned their lights on as they passed slowly along North Main Street. Clearly no explanation was needed as to why the group had assembled there.

Bells rang from First Parish, Second Congregational and St. Stephen's. Mandy Burgoon played "Taps" as some saluted while others put their hands over their hearts. Selectmen and some other town officials were present, as was the entire Town Hall staff.

Maheras asked that everyone recall those who gave their lives in the "holocaust of hate on 9/11." He said people of all faiths were "unwitting pawns in a terrible tragedy."

Mulvehill asked that the strength of prayers and the power of love "help bring about an end of war, terrorism and violence."

Carlsson-Bull recalled never feeling more like a global citizen as she did when she stood "at the edge of the pit at Ground Zero."

"Let's do all we can to work for peace," she said. She said the best way to honor those who were lost is "by living in peace and by practicing peace."

Ritts of the Second Congregational Church, said in his remarks, "As we hear the ringing of these bells, may we be reminded…of those innocent loved ones who came to work one day or boarded particular airplanes, unaware of the intolerance so close and all-consuming.

"…Hope is here at this sacred gathering," he said. "May it grow and expand, as the peels echo across the common, to family, to friends, to neighbors, to all of those beloved children of God whom we may be blessed to encounter."

Many communities have stopped observing 9/11. We are proud that Cohasset continues to pause, to reflect, and to remember.

REMEMBERING 9/11



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS SHORES

Police Chief James Hussey. Thomas Wigmore of the Sons of the American Legion, and Fire Chief Robert Silvia salute after placing a wreath by the flagpole in honor of the victims of 9/11. A remembrance service was held on the common at 9 a .m. Tuesday.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Iraq dilemma

TO THE EDITOR:

One of the signs displayed by the tiny band of Saturday morning protestors implies that we are shedding our soldiers' blood for oil. Well, sacrificing lives and treasure to ensure access to Iraq's huge oil potential can't be defended. What is important is ensuring that the current chaos doesn't result in a victor regime dedicated to destruction of the West in general and the US in particular, and financially enabled to limitless purchases of weapons and subversion of other regimes by the vast revenue potential of that oil.

One can dream the embargoes will sufficiently limit the oil revenues, but a successful embargo depends upon a convincingly evident will to use military muscle to enforce. Occasional high level bombing or random missile strikes isn't convincing enough, especially if accompanied by demonstrated reluctance to sustained boots on the ground.

The penalties of cost and tragic loss of life must be weighed against the whirlwind of disaster that will result from abandoning the chaos rather than resolving it to our long-term advantage. Railing about the misjudgments that led to the chaos is fruitless; resolving it for the long term (not to avoid pain in the short term) is what *is* relevant. It's a brutal world, but history isn't kind to those who took the easy way out.

R. Murray Campbell
217 Jerusalem Road

Train horn from 'hell'

TO THE EDITOR:

In response to Shirley Brown's letter (which ran last week) – please have mercy! I live across the street from the tracks, set back 200 feet, with a row of houses between me and the train. It's a horn, not a whistle, and is exponentially louder than the old fashioned train whistle.

I can clearly hear the rumbling as the train passes but have gotten use to that. It's no worse than an 18-wheeler or a low-flying airplane. Even the ding, ding, ding, of the bells is louder, but I can get use to that. It'll just take a little longer.

The horn is something else. The first time I heard it I jumped; the second time it woke me from a nap. Then they started to run the train every 10 to 20 minutes. The stress from the noise accumulates to the point that by the end of the day I am ready to kick the dog, hit the kids and snarl at my best friend. Nostalgia is no justification for torture; for us it's the train horn from Hell.

Bonnie Armstrong
Hingham

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Advisory Committee, Sept. 19, 7 p.m.

Alternative Energy Committee, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, all at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Health, Sept. 18, 7p.m.

Cohasset Housing Authority, Sept. 19, 1 p.m. at 60 Elm St.

Conservation Commission, Sept. 20, 7 p.m.

Planning Board, Sept. 19 & 20, 7 p.m.

Recreation Commission, Oct. 3, 6:30 p.m.

Selectmen, Sept. 17 & 27, 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Sept. 24, 6p.m.

Stormwater Committee, Sept. 17 & 24, 7 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Sept. 20 and Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Town Meeting begins on Tuesday, Nov. 13

Mark your calendars — Special Town Meeting has been set for Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. Although Special Town Meeting typically begins on a Monday evening, this year Nov. 12 is Veteran's Day.

The Warrant will be loaded with weighty issues including Village zoning bylaws, establishing a housing trust by the Housing Partnership Committee and the Stormwater bylaw.

The deadline for article submission is Friday, Sept. 21. The warrant will be sent to the printer on Oct. 23 and sent to voters on Oct. 30, two weeks before Town Meeting.

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HEALTH NOTES

Mind your meds; pills are national pastime

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Almost everybody takes pills. It's a national pastime. Recently, many people have been asking the same question. It's generally a version of: "Is this the best I can do?" Whether you have a medical plan, get medications from your doctor or pay for them yourself, there's always a question.

Is it the right medication? Discuss this issue with your doctor. Get the list of side effects and report them if you sense you're having any. In order for a medication to be declared as having side effects, the same symptoms must occur to a number of patients. So, if you take a medication and you feel strange, report it to your pharmacist, doctor or health care professional. That person should be able to tell you how many other reports like yours have been received. Remember, drug interactions and side effects are different, so you should always tell your health care provider about all your other medications as well as any side effects you've discovered.

Are you taking it properly? The instruction manual accompanying a drug is usually comparable to that issued with your VCR. Clearly, though, it's not OK to ignore the instructions or forget about some of the restrictions. It's necessary to read and obey the fine print, even if reading the label requires a magnifying glass. Most drugs give instructions about what to do if you miss a medication. Serious consequences sometimes accompany missed medication. Likewise overdosing is a mistake. "If some is good, more is better" is generally not a sensible option.

Is it doing the job? Is the medication creating an effect it was intended to have? Generally, a doctor will know when to expect an improvement of a condition as a result of medication. Ask him when you should check back to report on the medication's success or failure.

Costs: Medical plans vary as to how they cover medications. Nevertheless, they all have provisions that can work in your favor. Prescriptions for most medications have time limits. At renewal time, verify the cost. Sometimes the cost from a pharmacy is less than the co-pay and there is no reason to pay the larger amount. In other words, you are not locked into the price the insurance company pays for medications if you can find it at a lower cost elsewhere.

Generics versus Brand Name: A generic drug is identical or bioequivalent to a brand name drug in dosage form, safety, strength, route of administration, quality, performance characteristics and intended use. Although generic drugs are chemically identical to their branded counterparts, they are typically sold at substantial discounts from the branded price. According to the Congressional Budget Office, generic drugs save consumers an estimated $8 to $10 billion a year at retail pharmacies. Even more billions are saved when hospitals use generics.

Fraud: However, in the present environment there is an enormous inducement for unethical organizations to sell fraudulent medications, and indeed, such traffic exists throughout the industry. You should obtain drugs from the most reputable source available. It's no longer reasonable to expect the drugs obtained from sources other than registered pharmacies and medical insurance companies to be above suspicion. Doctors and nursing homes have been implicated and the number of drug fraud cases being investigated has risen sharply. So it's up to you, the consumer, to be vigilant and obtain information on how best to protect yourself. If you need help in sorting out the medication maze either talk to your insurance company or a doctor you know and trust.



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A visitor to Tuesday's Health Fair, sponsored by the Board of Health, has his blood tested for cholesterol levels.

Multiple Medications: For those taking many medications, to do so at the right time and in the right amount is sometimes challenging. There is an almost infinite variety of pill containers for organizing medications, vitamins, etc., even a talking pill case. One suggested source for automated pillboxes is bindependent.com.

If all else fails, we at the BoH are good at handholding.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

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'What is the cost of the train to Boston?'

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Greenbush fares — One of the most frequent questions we get is, "What is the cost of the train to Boston?" The following table is from the MBTA's web site and will give you an idea of travel times and cost from each Greenbush Station to Boston, South Station.

Greenbush RR Crossings — The MBTA continues to work on the crossing safety systems. If you should witness what you perceive to be a malfunction or a crossing situation that makes you feel unsafe, please let us know. We have an excellent communication channel directly to the state safety personnel charged with the oversight of the crossings. You can call us or email us at the links at the end of this article. However, we need to remind all readers that all of the crossings are still in the "test" mode and you need to proceed with caution at all of the crossings. This is *not* an operational railroad, yet.

The Greenbush grand opening — Last week we had a chance to meet with marketing personnel from the MBTA who are tasked with planning the celebration associated with the very first run of the Greenbush. Here's how the planning looks at this point in time. (We say at this point in time, because the plans are not cast in stone and are subject to change.) The first train run will originate in Boston and make its way to the Greenbush station where the formal dedication will take place. The train will make one stop in each Town prior to reaching Greenbush. At each station there will be a local program, prior to the train arrival. When the train arrives, the MBTA and other Commonwealth dignitaries will disembark and join local representatives for a formal ribbon cutting at that station. Then about 50 people previously identified and invited by the Town will board the train for the balance of the ride to Greenbush.

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We are also told that there may be a second train, following the first train, which will be available for anyone to board for the trip to Greenbush for the festivities. The event planners have indicated that most likely the inaugural run will be made on a weekday, rather than a weekend. As we hear more, we'll keep you posted. As we mentioned last week, this should all happen around the end of October.

Greenbush errata — Last week we erroneously reported that the new "official" start date for the Greenbush was Oct. 19th. It is scheduled for Oct. 29th of this year.

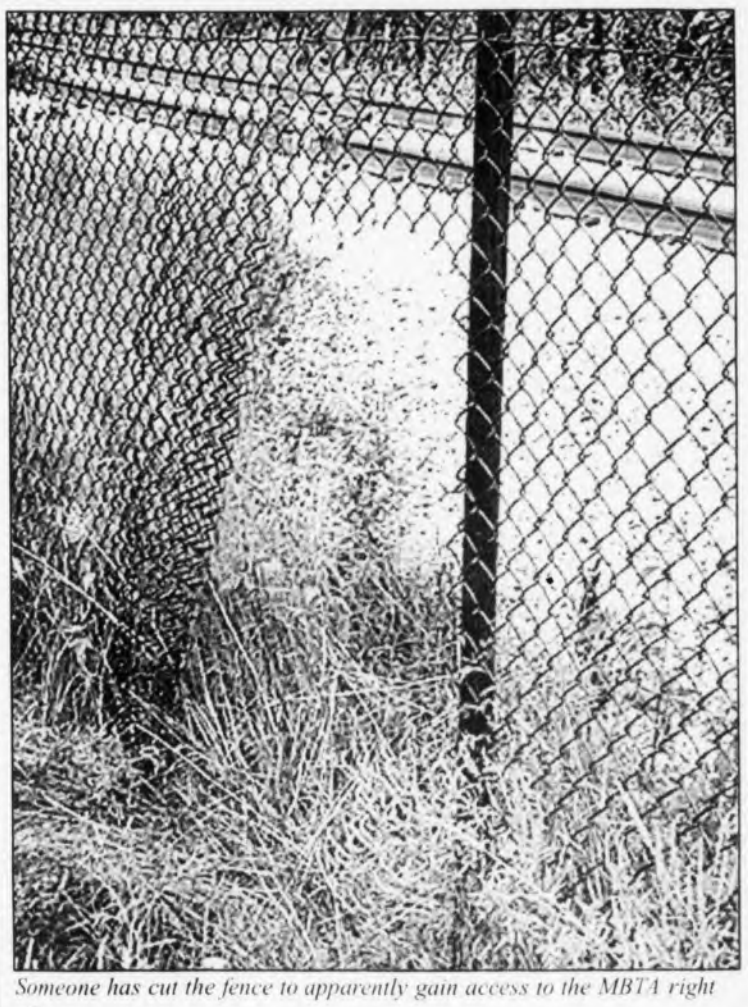
Revitalization update — If you look closely at the result of our Revitalization project there are a few loose ends that need to be tended to. Tuesday, the masonry contractor was working, rounding the top edge of the curbing along Elm Street. The curb in this area, and several others, has a special configuration. Rather than have a square-cornered top and 6 inches exposure, which is decidedly unfriendly to tires, we have lowered the curb to 4 inches and rounded the corners to be more car friendly. The contractor chose to round the top of the curb after installation rather than prior to its installation. We are not altogether happy with the results of altering the curb after it was installed and plan to have the contractor correct some of his work. Additionally, work needs to be completed to plant another lilac tree on Elm Street and correct a drainage issue on Main Street in front of Darylinn's gift shop, among other items.

A serious problem in Cohasset — On Wednesday of this week, we received a call from a resident that someone has maliciously cut a door into the MBTA safety fencing near the Scituate line (*see photo*). Someone has cut the fence to apparently gain access to the MBTA right of way.

Although this may seem like a neat thing to do, it is wrong and illegal. Whoever did this is endangering the lives of themselves and the entire neighborhood, especially the younger children. This cut was done in a neighborhood with lots of young children and it creates an attractive nuisance for these young children. We look to the neighbors to find out who created this cut and report it to the police. This is a sad day that this action could cause an innocent child to be seriously harmed or, heaven forbid, killed.

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Someone has cut the fence to apparently gain access to the MBTA right of way.

Greenbush Fares and Travel Times

Station	Location	Number of Parking Spaces	Fare Zone	Current One-Way Fare	Current Monthly Pass Cost	Approximate Trip Time to South Station
Weymouth Landing	Braintree/Weymouth town line – Rte 53 & Commercial Street	300	2	$4.75	$151.00	22 minutes
East Weymouth	1590 Commercial St, East Weymouth	300	3	$5.25	$163.00	28 minutes
West Hingham	20 Fort Hill Street, Hingham	200	3	$5.25	$163.00	33 minutes
Nantasket Junction	190 Summer St, Hingham	500	4	$5.75	$186.00	39 minutes
Cohasset	110 C J Cushing Hwy (Rte 3A), Cohasset	400	4	$5.75	$186.00	43 minutes
North Scituate	777 Country Way, North Scituate	400	5	$6.25	$210.00	51 minutes
Greenbush	Old Driftway, Scituate	1000	6	$6.75	$223.00	59 minutes

Some lessons from Chester

THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT



DIANE K. DANIELSON

This summer I attempted to pacify my son's ongoing quest for a dog by hosting my friend's Labradoodle for a week. (Labrador + Poodle = less spastic, supposedly smarter, hypo-allergenic dog … with a need for weekly grooming appointments.) While Chester's 90-lb frame would normally be too big for our condo, he's a city dog who lives with cats and apparently thinks he's of the feline persuasion. Now, I have absolutely no problem with his desire to switch teams, but it does create a spatial issue when he wants to sleep in our beds and cuddle on our laps. Not to mention that a rub up against a leg can knock an unsuspecting person completely off-balance.

Well, we all know that you can't teach an old dog new tricks, so I didn't really try much, especially after the Frisbee banged off his snout the first 10 times. However, I was surprised to be the one who actually learned a few new things during his visit.

Lesson 1: How to make new friends. Walking around town or the dog park with an animal that strongly resembles an enormous mutant mop is a huge icebreaker. While Chester made new friends by sniffing their rear ends, I opted instead for polite chitchat.

Lesson 2: We should have an eco-tax on beverages, junk food, junk mailers, phone companies and cigarettes. Why? Because every day we would walk along Jerusalem Road and I would use one of his poop bags to pick up trash. Each day, approximately 60 percent of the trash was beverage-related; 20 percent was junk food wrappers; 10 percent was junk mail and pages from phone books, and 10 percent was cigarette butts (had to leave those – way too gross and too many of them).

Lesson 3: Large moving objects already in motion should probably stay in motion. Chester is great off-leash and generally comes back when called, UNLESS he sees a large body of water on a hot day. On our first trip to the dog park, he caught a glimpse of the ocean and just exploded, heading full-steam for the water. Realizing that I had no towels in my car I screamed "Chester, No!" only to have him look back mid-leap and subsequently tumble head over heels through the sand right into the water. Oh no, I thought, I just totaled my friend's dog on the very first day. But Chester quickly righted himself, sat up in the water and gave me a delusional, but happy look that said: "Totally awesome, dude … your turn!"

Lesson 4: The laws of centrifugal force pertain to doggie dry-offs. After I coaxed him out of the water, Chester ran right over to an elderly woman and took his dry-off stance. Everything moved in slow motion as I made like the Bionic Woman and sprinted across the beach, barely managing to throw myself between him and the woman just in time to take the brunt of the water that flew off his shaggy self in a 5-foot plus arc in every direction. I quickly apologized to the woman and the rest of the crowd. However, being dog-lovers and therefore my new best friends, they waved it off with a chuckle and pointed over to my "rental dog" who was now rolling his wet self around in the dirt.



Chester is pictured here with Diane's son Andrew Sullivan.

Lesson 5: How to use centrifugal force to clean a bathroom. Lifting an unwilling, wet, muddy dog nearly matching my body weight into a bathtub surely defies the laws of physics, and possibly even gravity. But I did learn a few things at the dog park. In preparation, I removed everything that wasn't bolted down out of the bathroom. After soaping him up with Johnson's Baby Shampoo (the only thing I had on hand in my son's bathroom), and hosing him down with the shower spray, we were both sopping wet. I let him out of the tub and joined him in a big old shakedown that drenched the entire bathroom. I then sent him out to sit on a towel in the hallway where he lazily watched as I grabbed some disinfectant and scrubbed the entire bathroom (including the ceiling).

Lesson 6: I miss the smell of wet dog. After a week in the ocean, subsequent baths, walks in the rain, and a son who for the entire week hung his own head out the car window to escape the wet dog stench, we were both surprised to find that we really missed the smell of a big old damp dog.

So, that's what I learned from Chester. However, the question is — did Chester learn anything from me? Let's just say I don't think he'll ever try waking me up by licking me in the face again.

Diane K. Danielson is a Cohasset resident and the CEO of the Downtown Women's Club (www.DowntownWomensClub.com). Information about her new book, **The Savvy Gal's Guide to Online Networking (or What Would Jane Austen Think?)** *is available at www.SavvyGalBlog.com.*

LIBRARY CORNER

Book group meets Sept. 26

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Library Book Group –The next meeting will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 26. The group will discuss Nathaniel Philbrick's book "Mayflower."

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film "Viva Cuba" at 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 20, in the Meeting Room. Malu is from an upper-class family and her single mother does not want her to play with Jorgito, as she thinks his background is coarse and commonplace. Jorgito's mother, a poor Socialist proud of her family's social standing, places similar restrictions on her son. What neither woman recognizes is the strength of the bond between Malu and Jorgito. When the children learn that Malu's mother is planning to leave Cuba, they decide to run away and travel to the other side of the island to find Malu's father and persuade him against signing the forms that would allow it. Free admission and free refreshments will be served, courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Great Decisions Group – The first Great Decisions Discussion group will begin at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 16, in the Meeting Room. For those who have registered for the program, the group will discuss Global Warming found in Chapter two of the assigned text

Artist Reception – South Shore Art Center will present "Fragments of Place: 42 Deg. 14'N 70 Deg. 46'W," featuring monotypes by Susan Denniston through Wednesday, Oct. 31. Meet the artist at a reception from 5 to 7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday; and 2 to 5 p.m., Sunday. Free admission.

"Rise and Fall of the Big Dig" – Sean P. Murphy, reporter for the Boston Globe, will give a free presentation at 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 27, in the meeting room. Murphy, an award-winning investigative reporter and editor, has spent the last 20 years breaking stories on the Big Dig, including the state's failure to hold Big Dig contractors accountable in 2003 and the cause of the ceiling collapse in 2006.

New Database – Cohasset library cardholders have the privilege of logging on to a new database from home or the library. The Literary Reference Center is a comprehensive database that provides users with a broad spectrum of information on thousands of authors and their works across literary disciplines and timeframes. Access author biographies, book reviews, plot summaries, and articles and essays of literary criticism. This is a great tool for students. Click on Good Books from the library web site at cohassetlibrary.org.

FOR CHILDREN

Story & Craft – For Cohasset residents ages 3 through 6, for a four-week commitment. Each week students explore a theme through literature, songs and crafts. Story & Craft will take place in the Story Room on Thursdays, Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25. Registration for Story & Craft begins Friday, Sept. 21. To register go to cohassetlibrary.org, click on Calendar, click on Calendar, click on Oct. 4, either 10:30 or 1:00, and fill out the online registration form including child's name and age. Telephone registrations are also accepted by calling 781-383-1348, ext. 3.

MamaSteph – Performances will be Mondays, Oct. 1, 15, 22 and 29, from 10:30 to 11 a.m., in the Meeting Room. Come sing and dance. All ages and communities welcome. Funded by the Friends of Cohasset Library.

Drop In Story Time – Join others in the Story Room from 10:30 to 11 a.m., on Tuesdays, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 for Big Book adventures, music and movement. All ages and communities welcome.

Jack Buckley guest on Our Town

Jack Buckley, Cohasset High School teacher and president of the Center for Student Coastal Research sits down with co-hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin on their next show to discuss the important work of the Parker Avenue center and the learning opportunities it provides to students.

Jack details the area water and coastal region monitoring that has been going on and how it benefits the entire Cohasset community.

Tune in at 9p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays on Comcast channel 10.

Also on Channel 10, Catch Cohasset High School football on Sunday nights, starting at 7p.m., when the previous week's varsity and JV games are aired. Go Cohasset!

Political Notes

Political forum holds Iraq discussion

The last time the Forum discussed Iraq, a large number of interested people participated and enjoyed a lively discussion. Every point of view is welcome and all are invited.

The Cohasset Political Forum will kick off its third season on Saturday, Sept. 22, at 10 a.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, with a discussion of possible "endgames" for the Iraq War, General Petraeus's testimony before Congress and his anticipated "surge" report, the Bush Administration's response and the positions of the many presidential candidates. All are welcome to attend, participate, discuss and debate this very serious topic. The last time the Forum discussed Iraq, a large number of interested people participated and enjoyed a lively discussion. Every point of view is welcome and all are invited.

If you have any questions, call Agnes McCann at 383-0222.

Friday night at the movies — The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee's popular movie series resumes on Friday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, with the screening of Director Robert Greenwald's searing indictment of the activities of four major American companies pies operating in Iraq. "Iraq for Sale — The War Profiteers" is described as "the story of what happens to everyday Americans when corporations go to war." The film takes you inside the lives of ordinary soldiers, truck drivers, widows and families who have been changed forever as a result of alleged profiteering in the reconstruction of Iraq. "Iraq for Sale" attempts to uncover the connections between private corporations making a killing in Iraq and the decision makers who allow them to do so. More information about the film is available at iraqforsale.org

The film will be shown on Friday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. For information, call Agnes McCann, Chairman, 383-0222 or visit us atcohassetdems.org

Fred Koed chairs state Draft Gore campaign

"Gore received more than 50 million votes when he ran for President in 2000 and most of those voters still believe that he won."

— Fred Koed, Draft Gore Massachusetts

A new statewide grassroots political organization will launch a petition drive Sept. 18 seeking to make Massachusetts the first state to place former Vice President Al Gore on a Democratic presidential primary ballot.

The new group, Draft Gore Massachusetts, announced today that nominating petitions would be carried into communities throughout the state by volunteers that include teachers, health care workers, homemakers, political activists and retirees. In making the announcement, Fred Koed of Cohasset, a member of the Massachusetts State Democratic Committee, and the chair of Draft Gore Massachusetts, said:

"This is that rarity in American politics — a genuine draft movement organized by citizens who believe firmly that America needs a specific candidate to lead the country," Koed said. "Gore received more than 50 million votes when he ran for President in 2000 and most of those voters still believe that he won."

Koed points out that Draft Gore Massachusetts and its parent group, Mass For Gore, now join similar draft Gore initiatives already operating in states that include California, New Hampshire and Michigan.

A total of 2,500 signatures meeting all legal requirements plus Gore's approval are needed by Dec. 21 to include Gore on the ballot for the Massachusetts Democratic Presidential Primary to be held March 4, 2008.

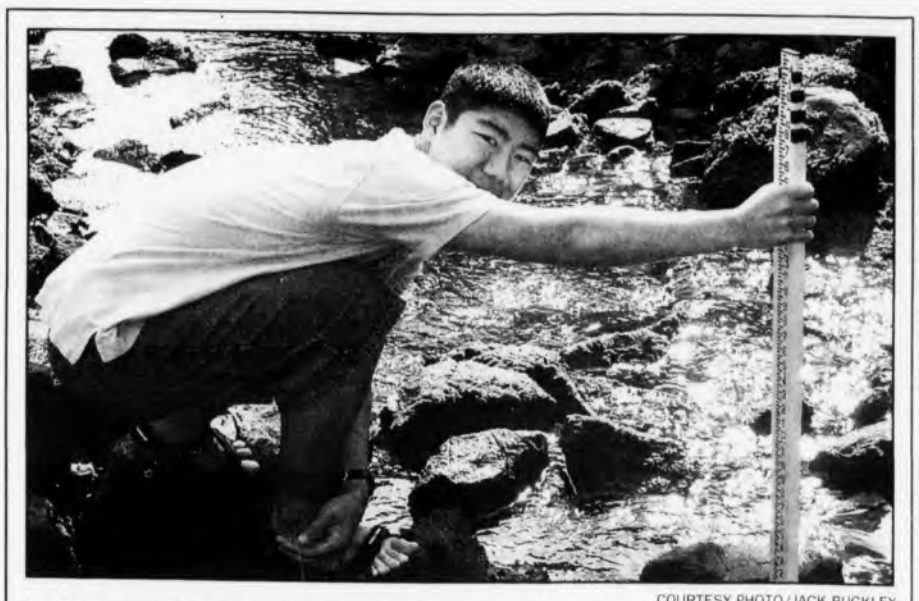
To volunteer to work on nominating petitions and other Draft Gore Massachusetts initiatives, please call 508-713-2720 or email: DraftGoreMA @gmail.com. Additional information can be obtained from www.Mass4Gore.com.

Building Permits

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Deshamais, 12 Holly Lane, installation of new first floor windows, new side kitchen door, interior finish work, flooring, painting, new kitchen cabinet, $25,000; Davis, 332 So. Main St., demolition of existing dwelling, $15,000; Pilgrim Coop Bank, 48 So. Main St., residing of back shed, $5,000; Crowley, 392 Jerusalem Road, 15 sq. rubber roofing membrane, $8,900; Burke, 195 Jerusalem Road, demolition of interior, $7,000; Butman, 35 Norfolk Road, 13 sq. asphalt roofing, $5,350; Vedante Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 16 sq. asphalt roofing, $5,000;

Marshall, 2 Fairoaks Lane, new window, demolition of walls, sheetrock, $10,000; Hamilton, 18 Elm St. Unit 3, remodel kitchen and bathroom, $20,000; Shephard, 405 So. Main St., interior renovations: new basement room with half bath, replacement of some plumbing, electrical, windows, doors, $50,000; Paulson, 11 Bailey Road, 14 sq. asphalt roofing, seamless gutters, $6,900; Harvey, 56 Jerusalem Road, 30 sq. roofing, $22,000; French, 10 Jerusalem Road, 7 sq. roofing, $5,000; Boutet/Manning, 100 Pond St. Unit 40, finish existing attic to family room, bedroom, half bath, $80,000; Burnett, 17 Red Gate Lane, gut and remodeling of existing bathroom, $11,000; Seavey, 339 Beechwood St., 8 sq. wood roofing, installation of ridge vent, $8,995.



Jon Choi measures water depth at James Brook.

COURTESY PHOTO/JACK BUCKLEY

CSCR and CHS students go pro, Part II

CSCR UPDATE

JACK BUCKLEY

Can Cohasset students really perform bacterial analyses as well as a professional lab? Part I of this two-part series answered that question: Yes. Today, we address the skeptic who asks, "How do we really know that they can? What outside evaluation has confirmed your in-house analysis? Certainly, you must be fudging the data for this quaint PR piece, for we all know that high school students can't produce such high quality work."

On Aug. 28, Mr. Gil Dichter, Worldwide Manager of Technical Support for IDEXX Laboratories, drove down from his Maine office to see our students in action. Mr. Dichter, whose company manufactures the bacterial analysis tools used by CSCR/CHS students, observed students processing samples, recording lab notes, and reading incubated samples from earlier runs. Impressed, Mr. Dichter wrote in a follow-up correspondence, "The results obtained in your lab are quite acceptable. You should take pride in what you are doing with your students, as well as serving your community with care and skill." What led him to this conclusion?

Mr. Dichter is the second outside professional to audit our student practices in bacterial analyses. Back in February, Richard Chase and colleagues from the Massachusetts Dept of Environmental Protection trained and critiqued CHS students in their bacterial work at CSCR. Mr. Chase soon thereafter penned his official imprimatur on CSCR's Quality Assurance Project Plan, signifying state review and approval of student procedures. Now it was Mr. Dichter's turn to examine the data produced by our state approved methods.

Mr. Dichter departed Cohasset with several weeks of split and duplicate student data and G and L data, the Quincy-based professional lab with which Cohasset and other towns contract to perform bacterial analysis of beach samples. G and L uses the EPA approved membrane filtration method while CSCR/CHS students use the EPA and DEP approved Enterolert method developed by IDEXX Laboratories, Mr. Dichter's employer. Upon return to his Maine office, he "crunched the numbers," running the data sets through his statistical analysis program, InStat. After calculating standard deviations, converting data to log values, conducting a T-test and performing various other tricks of the trade, he informed us, "The values are within the 95 percent confidence interval for each method. The data indicated that there is no statistical difference between the two methods."

There you have it, folks. CSCR/CHS student work has been assessed by another third party professional who has provided confirmation that our student data is as good as that produced by the pros. "Oh, c'mon," cries the skeptic who wants to raise a conflict of interest complaint. "Your third party analyst works for the company that produces the lab equipment you use. Doesn't that constitute a vested interest in proving the efficacy of its products?" Very well, point taken. But such a complaint of conflict of interest is predicated on the assumption of analyst bias, if not downright unethical analytical practice, and frankly folks, there's nothing at stake here to provide motivation for "cooking the books" in any way. We stand behind our data and the analysis referred to herein.

Conceding the point raised, however, where do we go from here? We continue the quest for the undeniable, unequivocal, irrefutable, incontrovertible confirmation and validation of student work. Like Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz, through trial and tribulation, we march forward in our quest for the broomstick of the wicked witch of the west, the quest that will bring us home to the satisfaction of all.

Toward that end, CSCR will soon be hosting an after school mini course in statistical analysis, in collaboration with CHS staff. Students will be taught essential analytical tools to enhance their math skills and to equip them with the proficiencies they need to be ever more professional in their volunteer work for the community. And of course, we will continue to work with all of the highly dedicated professionals such as Mr. Dichter and Mr. Chase who expresses an interest in supporting our students, their education, and their abilities to provide value added contributions to the community. Likewise, professional statisticians in the community are most welcome and encouraged to join this effort, as we collaborate in ways to provide students with educational experiences and training that feeds directly back into enhanced community understanding of our harbor and watershed.

Jack Buckley is the director of the Center for Student Coastal Research.

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Dictionaries make the grade

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"Third graders need to know the importance of reading and we thought this would be a good way to do it," says Roche. Although schoolteachers and administrators extol the values of reading day in and day out, as an outside organization the Rotary Club is another voice with a different perspective for the third graders, Roche says.

Twelve Rotarians attended the distribution of the dictionaries last Thursday morning along with the entire third grade class, their teachers and aides. Roche explained to the third graders some of the projects the Rotary Club is involved with around town, including the re-building of the Beechwood Ballpark, the construction of the Veteran's Memorial and Boy Scout endeavors. She conveyed the Rotary's motto "service about self" and how much its members enjoy giving back to the community. When the kids were handed the dictionaries, "they were pretty excited," says Roche.

A student representative from each classroom stood up to thank the Rotary Club for the donation on behalf of their classmates. A letter was sent home to parents explaining the donation.

"The dictionary is theirs to keep and use throughout the year," says Roche. The gift ties in to the third grade curriculum where dictionary skills are worked on, says third grade teacher, Arna Lewis.

"It is a perfect year for them to have their very own. We have large hardcover dictionaries in the classroom so we all appreciate the size of the paperbacks - the ease of use means that they will choose to use them more often," says Lewis, "the kids love the dictionaries and the teachers are thrilled about them, too."

This is the Rotary's first year being involved with the Dictionary Project. The Braintree Rotary Club started the project recently and passed along the idea to Cohasset Rotary Club.

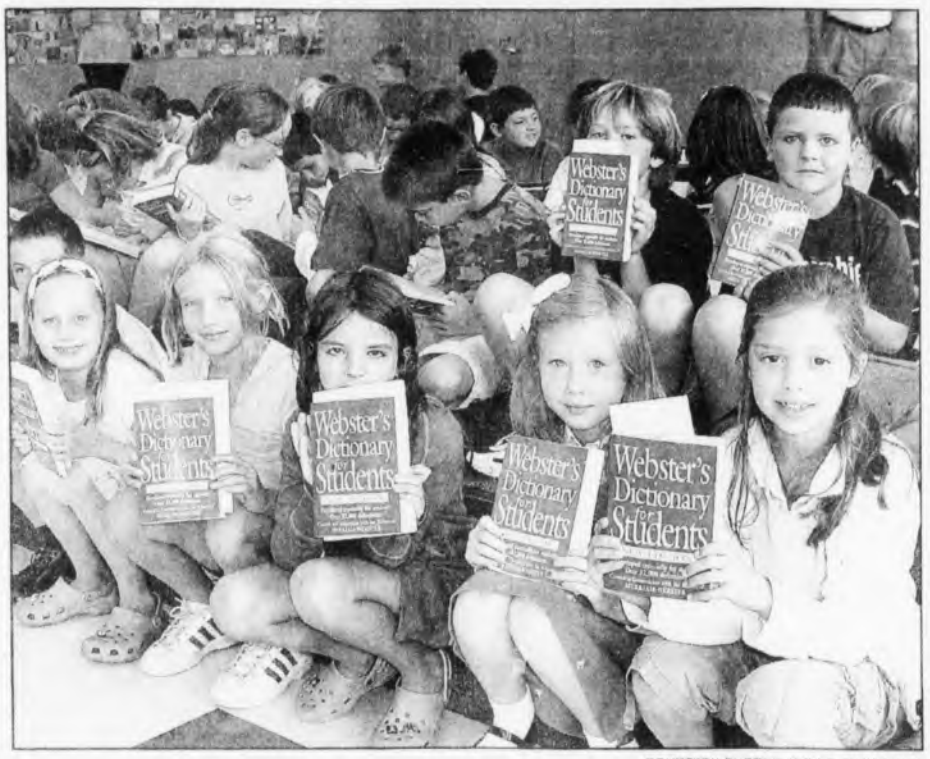
"We wanted something to bring our presence down to the lower elementary levels," says Roche, who has a third grader of her own. The Rotary Club also awards college scholarships to Cohasset High seniors. Since their inception in town, the Rotary Club has given about $500,000 worth of scholarships.

Following the success of the project at the third grade level, the Rotarians plan on continuing and expanding the project to higher grades, targeting both fifth and seventh grade students. For the fifth graders Roche said a thesaurus would be an appropriate gift, while the seventh graders starting out in foreign language studies would find use for a French or Spanish dictionary.

The Cohasset Rotary Club is part of the International Rotary Club, which is a volunteer organization with over 32,000 clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. The organization initiates humanitarian programs that address today's challenging issues, such as hunger, poverty, and illiteracy. The Rotary motto is "Service Above Self". Rotary clubs are non-religious, non-governmental, and open to every race, culture, and creed.

In Cohasset, the Rotary Club is responsible for the organization of the Road Race by the sea and the annual Cohasset phonebook. Internationally, the Rotary Club strives to eradicate polio and provide clean water to third world countries, both endeavors supported by the Cohasset club. Locally, Rotary has sent a dentist to Cambodia to help children with cleft lips; they support the Appalachia Project and other service trips. They donate to other projects around Cohasset like the Beechwood Ballpark and the Veteran's Memorial Park.

The Rotary Club is always looking for new members to join its ranks. Members meet for dinner every Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Lightkeepers Residence. Anyone is welcome. On Monday, Sept. 17 Tom Hall of Scituate will give a presentation on the only seven-masted schooner - the Thomas Lawson.



COURTESY PHOTOS/WAYNE SHAWCHUK

Deer Hill third graders hold up their new dictionaries given by the Rotary Club. Dictionary skills are part of the third grade curriculum making this a perfect gift for the students, says teacher Arna Lewis.



Jean Roche personally hands a dictionary to her daughter, Paige. The new project for the Rotary Club gave each third grader a dictionary to help them with their studies.



The Cohasset Rotary Club prepares to present the dictionaries last week. From left, Peter Guild, Ken Roth, Jim Kearney, Jean Roche, Lorraine Tarpey, Peter Pearce, Rich Fitzpatrick, Ed Fox, Gerard Linskey and David Farrag (sitting).

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Wrapping it up



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Mary Jo Blackington and Carolyn Coffey, co-chairs of the PSO Innisbrook wrapping paper drive, stand beside their display in the Osgood School lobby. Colorful wrapping paper designs, gift items, magazine subscriptions and chocolates are available through the PSO fundraiser. Last year, the sale raised nearly $16,000 for the PSO and the schools.

PSO kicks off another year

By Nancy White
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School opened just last week, but the dedicated parents of the PSO have wasted no time getting back into the swing of things. This week, the PSO kicked off its second largest fundraiser for the schools with the Innisbrook wrapping paper drive at Deer Hill and Osgood.

The PSO, or Parent Schools Organization, is a parent volunteer driven group devoted to providing support to Cohasset schools through fundraising, organizing and donating time.

"The PSO performs almost a silent function," says PSO President Isabel Blackburn explaining how the small tasks the PSO undertakes, from finding room mothers to creating a school calendar of events, are essential to the success of the schools as a whole. "The schools depend on it," she says.

Fundraising is a key aspect of the PSO. The wrapping paper drive raised nearly $16,000 for the schools last year. The co-chairs of the drive, Mary Jo Blackington and Carolyn Coffey, hope to meet or exceed that amount for this year's drive.

"The money is used for myriad events and programs at all grade levels," says Blackburn. Teachers can apply for grants to enhance the classroom experience through innovative programs or supplies. Last year, the PSO funded the middle-high school adoption of the Anti-Defamation League's peer leadership program and along with the Cohasset Education Foundation the engineering lab at the middle-high school. Throughout the school year, the PSO sponsors curriculum enrichment programs in the Deer Hill and Osgood schools.

"We try to make learning more interesting and exciting, but also tie it in to the curriculum," says Blackburn. Other school-related events and spirit days, like Snapper Sneaker day at Osgood, are completely funded and carried out by the PSO.

Last year, the money raised from the wrapping paper drive solved a major problem for the Osgood School. They had a new pre-school program, but no age appropriate playground equipment, says Blackburn. Instead of a recess on the playground with friends, the teachers took the children for walks to get fresh air and exercise. The PSO stepped in and used the funds raised from the wrapping paper drive to purchase three pieces of pre-school age appropriate equipment. Colorful pieces of equipment, a slide, a seesaw, and monkey bars, are now incorporated into the playground for all the students at Osgood.

"I think you naturally want to help your children any way you can. Their focus right now is school, so that's where I am."
— Mary Jo Blackington, PSO

To get the kids excited about the wrapping paper sale, Blackington and Coffey have set up eye-catching displays of the various products available through the Innisbrook catalog in the lobbies of both elementary schools. They have expanded this year's fund drive theme of "Innisbrook's got the beat" by posting signs in the shape of musical notes and playing music on the playground during recess. This year's catalog features a selection of new items and old favorites. The Innisbrook website offers hundreds of products from wrapping paper to gift items to magazine subscriptions and chocolates.

The Innisbrook products have won over the chairs of the wrapping paper drive, "the wrapping paper is easy to wrap with and easy to cut. It's good quality and a good value," says Coffey. Blackburn says she stocks up on the wrapping paper so it will last for the whole year.

Better still is the fact 50 percent of the profit goes directly to the Cohasset PSO and back into the schools.

About 200 parents volunteer time and skill to the PSO at some point during the school year, but the group is always recruiting more parents to be involved.

"I think you naturally want to help your children any way you can. Their focus right now is school, so that's where I am," says Blackington. To her, joining the PSO was a "no-brainer." All three women say the PSO is also a great way to meet other parents and people in the community. There is a PSO committee in every school that meets monthly, typically during the day.

"There are opportunities for different kinds of time commitments," says Blackburn. Parents can help out with the Deer Hill or Osgood book fairs, another fundraiser, or help organize a curriculum enrichment program.

"We need the presence of the PSO and parents to make the schools run," says Blackburn.

The Innisbrook wrapping paper drive began on Sept. 19 and will continue through Sept. 28. If interested in purchasing Innisbrook products, but don't know any school-age children, catalogs can be picked up at school offices, the library, Town Hall, and at each nursery school. Purchases can also be made online at www.innisbrook-wraps.com. If placing an order online, each school has a code to ensure a portion goes to the Cohasset PSO. Osgood's code is 105210. Deer Hill's code is 105257. For each order over $75, there is free shipping.

If you have any questions or would like to receive a catalog, please contact Carolyn Coffey at 383-8182 or Mary Jo Blackington at 383-0626.

Watershed Academy enrollment underway

CSCR, Microsoft and Cohasset Middle High School announce that enrollment for South Shore middle and high school students is now underway for the Watershed Academy.

With a grant from Microsoft's Partners in Learning program, CSCR announces three reasons for students to join the Watershed Academy:

By joining Watershed Academy students will learn new science skills and make contributions to the community; they'll be taught by a faculty of professionals with expertise in marine science, ecology, computer technology, global climate change, engineering and math; and will develop and hone a resume that distinguishes them as desirable candidates for college admission and/or as a competent employee.

What is the Watershed Academy? CSCR's Watershed Academy is an after-school science, technology, engineering and math program funded by a grant from Microsoft. Watershed Academy teaches the scientific inquiry skills that students need to help their communities address environmental problems, and the Watershed Academy method emphasizes collaborative learning. Students are partners with professional scientists, town officials, community leaders and teachers focused on developing skills and knowledge needed to expand community understanding of a particular project. It's a project-based, goal-driven curriculum with a process that immerses students in scientific thought, exposes them to the complexities of environmental sciences, challenges them to become community leaders and gives them the opportunity to develop globally connections.

CSCR's Watershed Academy is an after-school science, technology, engineering and math program funded by a grant from Microsoft.

Watershed Academy begins the week of Oct 1. Academy expenses are grant-funded so there is no tuition fee for this educational opportunity. Enrollment is always open to accommodate student schedules.

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From the Archives of the Cohasset Historical Society



Images of Cohasset's railroad history from the Society's archival collection include Cohasset residents waiting for the train, the second permanent Cohasset Station, and a ticket on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad.

From the Archives is a weekly feature provided by Cohasset Historical Society.

The Cohasset Historical Society is preparing its fall exhibit on the history of the railroad in Cohasset and they are asking the residents of the town for help. They are looking for temporary loans or donations of Cohasset-related train memorabilia to include in the exhibit. Contact the Historical Society at 781-383-1434 if you have any items you are willing to loan. They greatly appreciate any assistance that you can provide.

Call 781-383-1434 for more information about the Cohasset Historical Society.

Drama Kids classes to begin

Drama Kids will begin offering classes for children ages 3 through 12 the week of Sept. 17. The Drama Kids program focuses on developing children's verbal abilities while enhancing creativity, social confidence and building self esteem. These after-school classes are offered at locations in Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate.

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American Legion to host golf tournament

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CHS class of '72 planning reunion

Cohasset High School Class of 1972 is planning a reunion for Oct. 26, 2007. More information is available at classmates.com and will be updated regularly. They are trying to locate classmates. Log on to the Classmates web site and become a member to notice of updates. Updates are also available by visiting tessahoc72@yahoo.com

Film comes to grips with climate change

The public is invited to a screening and dialogue of "What a Way to Go: Life at the End of Empire," a feature-length documentary by Tim Bennett and Sally Erickson. The event will take place at Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, Hull Street, Hingham, Saturday, Sept. 15, from 7 to 9 p.m., followed by an optional dialogue. Refreshments will be served. Donation is $5.

In the documentary, a man comes to grips with peak oil, climate change, mass extinction, population overshoot and the demise of the American lifestyle. "What a Way to Go" also features interviews with Daniel Quinn, Derrick Jensen, Jerry Mander, Richard Heinberg, William Catton, Paul Roberts, Chellis Glendinning, Thomas Berry, Richard Manning and Ran Prieur.

Call Jim Shipsky at 781-383-9024 for more information about the screening.

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Cub Scout signups

Cohasset Cub Scout registrations will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., Monday, Sept. 17, in the cafeteria at Deer Hill School. Boys entering first grade can join Tiger Cubs, a program for boys and an adult partner. Boys going into second through fifth grade can join Cub Scouts.

Those who are currently registered as a Tiger or Cub Scout should re-register at this event, as well as parents who would like to work with their boy as a Den Leaders. Adult leaders who are not continuing can return any pack material, such as the leader's guide, program helps, extra badges, and activity books during the event.

The first pack meeting of the year will be held from 7 to 9 p.m., Monday, Oct. 1, at Deer Hill School. Cub Scouts in second through fifth grade should come to this meeting with their parents. Registration forms will also be available at the first meeting.

The Annual Cub Scout Halloween Party for boys and their families will be held from 7 to 8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 29, at the Deer Hill School.

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Higher ground

Skippers running game worthy in game one win

By Joel Racicot
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With preseason concerns about Cohasset's offensive line lingering, the first game proved those issues may not be so prevalent after all.

The line was hit hard by graduation last year, but 270 yards rushing and a 21-7 win over Pembroke in the season opener Saturday are the kind of results that will make any coach pleased.

"The line did a nice job and the backs executed really well," Cohasset High School football coach Pete Afanasiw said.

Senior captain Sam DeGiacomo scored twice to lead the Skippers, once in the first quarter and again in the second. The 5-foot, 9-inch, 170-pounder finished with 62 yards on only six carries. Six-foot, 2-inch, 185-pound Kyle Pinkus carried the bulk of the load totaling 117 yards on 13 carries. The senior captain added a 24-yard touchdown run in the third quarter.

Six-foot, 2-inch, 220-pound senior P.J. McCaw finished with 65 yard on eight carries from fullback. Five-foot, 11-inch, 190-pound sophomore Dana Valentine collected 48 yards on five carries.

Afanasiw's reasons for using so many rushers are simple – these guys are playing both ways and they get tired. Pinkus, for example, led the team with 12 tackles from middle linebacker and according to the coach, Valentine "is an even better cornerback than he is a running back."

"He took some big hits but bounced back. He has proven to be a leader on the field."
Cohasset High School football Coach Pete Afanasiw

Although Afanasiw acknowledged half jokingly the young tailback would never admit that.

Senior David Snowdale played well behind center finishing 5-of-12 for 88 yards. The 6-foot, 3-inch, 170-pounder also displayed a level of toughness quarterbacks need to be successful at the high school level.

"He took some big hits but bounced back," Afanasiw said. "He has proven to be a leader on the field."

Six-foot, 1-inch, 190-pound Cliff Musto recorded two sacks and a pair of tackles for losses from defensive end. The senior finished with six tackles.

"Cliff (Musto) had a tremendous game," Afanasiw said.

Cohasset hosts Archbishop Williams, a team that defeated Millis 8-6 in its opener, Saturday at 1 p.m.

Cohasset and Archies have played very competitive games in recent memory, including last year's 20-14 win by the Skippers. They will bring a

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STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

Cohasset's Sam DiGiacomo (2) drives in for the opening score against Pembroke. Cohasset went on to win 21-7.



STAFF PHOTO/JOEL RACICOT

Cohasset's Kacy Kucinski is a big reason the Skippers are off to a 2-1 start.

Working on the weekend

Lady Skippers nail down tourney victory

By Joel Racicot
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What a way to start the season for the Cohasset High School girls soccer team. The Skippers went 1-1 this weekend at the Notre Dame Academy Tournament. Saturday they defeated Notre Dame Academy, 2-1, and Sunday lost to Sandwich, 2-1.

Both teams represented top tier competition, and head coach Deb Beale couldn't have been happier with how her team fared.

"All in all I am very pleased with the weekend and our performance," Beal stated through an e-mail. "I think we learned a lot and we now know just how tough we can be. It was clearly a more challenging opening week than in years past."

Juniors forward Tory Hart, midfielder Maggie McGoldrick and defenseman Sarah Coggins were named to the tournament all-star team.

The Skippers persevered through some serious late summer heat and a poor start Saturday against Notre Dame Academy. The host school scored first, but Cohasset responded when Hart hit McGoldrick on a throw in with the former finishing with a goal.

"We began disorganized and had trouble identifying our marks defensively right from the start," Beal said.

McGoldrick's goal was a boost for the Skippers going into halftime.

Kacy Kucinski added her second goal in as many games as Cohasset took a 2-1 lead with 12 minutes to play. Kucinski continues to make fans of both her teammates and her coaches.

"Kacy proved a lot to herself and to her teammates this weekend," Beal stated. "If what she showed this weekend is indicative of how she'll play we (are) very excited. Her desire to get the ball and score is contagious and I have seen a push from us offensively."

Despite the loss to Sandwich in the championship game, the Skippers put in an even better performance than the day before. One are that needed fixing was defense.

"Defensively we struggled and I ended up making some adjustments and putting some veteran players in the back and we made some improvements," Beal said.

The Blue Knights scored first but Cohasset responded soon after when Coggins beat the keeper high.

Although Cohasset went on to lose the game, many other players had notable performances in

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Field hockey swings into action

Girls go 3-0 against tough competition

By Joel Racicot
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The Cohasset High School field hockey team is displaying a mature level of leadership from its veteran players who have been more than willing to work with a talented group of youngsters. The result is a 3-0 record and one of the best starts in head coach Deb Bostwick's career as Skippers skipper.

"This is probably one of the better starts we have had in many years," Bostwick said after Monday afternoon's 2-0 victory over South Shore League rival Norwell.

Three wins to start the season is a good early indicator, but beating East Bridgewater, 2-0, and Nantucket on the road, 2-1, proves Cohasset can play with the big dogs.

"I feel like we are going to be really strong this season, better than we were last season. We have some younger girls coming up that are going to be positive members of the team and I think we are going to play really well together."
Sally Meehan

A first half goal from Izzy Franklin, assisted by Kaleigh Teague kept the Skippers afloat through much of Monday's game. They wouldn't score again until Sally Meehan found the back of the net with four minutes to play. Fellow senior captain Paige Strecker assisted on the play.

"I feel like we are going to be really strong this season, better than we were last season," Meehan said. "We have some younger girls coming up that are going to be positive members of the team and I think we are going to play really well together."

So far that combination has worked, due in part because captains Meehan, Strecker and Olivia Kimla allow it to.

"The veteran players are letting the new girls do their job instead of taking over," Bostwick said. "I commend them with positive communication and playing with a lot of heart."

"A lot of the younger girls worked (hard) over the summer and got their skills up," Strecker said. "They are amazing players and we have gotten really lucky with them."

Tuesday, Sept. 18, Cohasset hosts Oliver Ames at 3:30 p.m.



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Cohasset's Katina Martone pushes the ball up the field last year.

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September
15 Arch. Williams 1 p.m.
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October
5 Carver 7 p.m.
12 Mashpee 6 p.m.
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9 Norwell 7 p.m.
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September
18 Oliver Ames
20 @Harwich 4 p.m.
24 @Mashpee
26 Carver
28 @Hull
October
2 @E. Bridgewater
4 Norwell
9 @Scituate
12 Harwich 4 p.m.
13 Nantucket 1 p.m.
16 Mashpee
18 @Carver
22 Hull
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Boys Varsity Golf
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September
18 Norwell
19 Harwich
20 @Carver
25 @Mashpee
26 @East Bridgewater
27 Abington
October
1 @Rockland
2 @Harwich
3 @Norwell
9 Carver
10 @Abington
11 Quincy

Boys Varsity Soccer
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19 @Norwell 3:30 p.m.
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27 Carver 3:30 p.m.
October
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3 Mashpee 4 p.m.
5 Abington 3:30 p.m.
9 @Harwich 4 p.m.
11 Norwell 7 p.m.
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A reel fish story

First Annual Mass Bay Football Tuna Tourney scores big

By Joel Racicot
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Forty-four boats from the South Shore, including Cohasset, set off this weekend for the First Annual Mass Bay Football Tuna Tourney sponsored by Belsan Bait and Tackle in Scituate. The opening weekend of the National Football League, along with the nickname given to Blue Fin Tuna a little light in the pants, gave way to the clever name of the fishing derby.

There were two categories of winners, heaviest fish and lightest. All Blue Fin Tuna were weighed at Belsan's, and fish had to be caught anywhere in Mass Bay from Provincetown to Gloucester.

Steven Sloari of Newton, who keeps his boat "Toolin Around" in Scituate Harbor, won for catching the heaviest fish, a 74.8-pound behemoth Blue Fin Tuna. Eric Laudermilk, a Plymouth native aboard "Four Days Out," won the lightest category catching a 46.6-pound "football."

"It was a good tournament," said Pete Belsan the tournament director. "The weather was decent, it got a little rough late Saturday, the southwest wind started to blow pretty good."

In total 39 fish were caught during the two-day tourney.

"I want to thank everyone who supported, it was a big success," Belsan said.

Belsan plans on making the tourney a yearly event during the opening weekend of the NFL season.



COURTESY PHOTO
Brendan Mosher (left) of Pembroke stands with his nephew after hauling in a Blue Fin Tuna during the Mass Bay Tuna Tourney.

Bay State Thunder Softball will hold tryouts for 2008-summer season

Bay State Thunder Softball, a highly competitive girls fast-pitch softball program based in Braintree, will be holding tryouts for their 18U, 14U & 12U teams on Sunday, September 16 and Sunday, September 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Flaherty Fields in Braintree.

For more detailed information on the tryouts, specific time for your age group and the team in general please visit our website at www.baystatethundersoftball.com or contact Rob Spofford at (781) 383-8338 or Al Saluti at (781) 380-3864.

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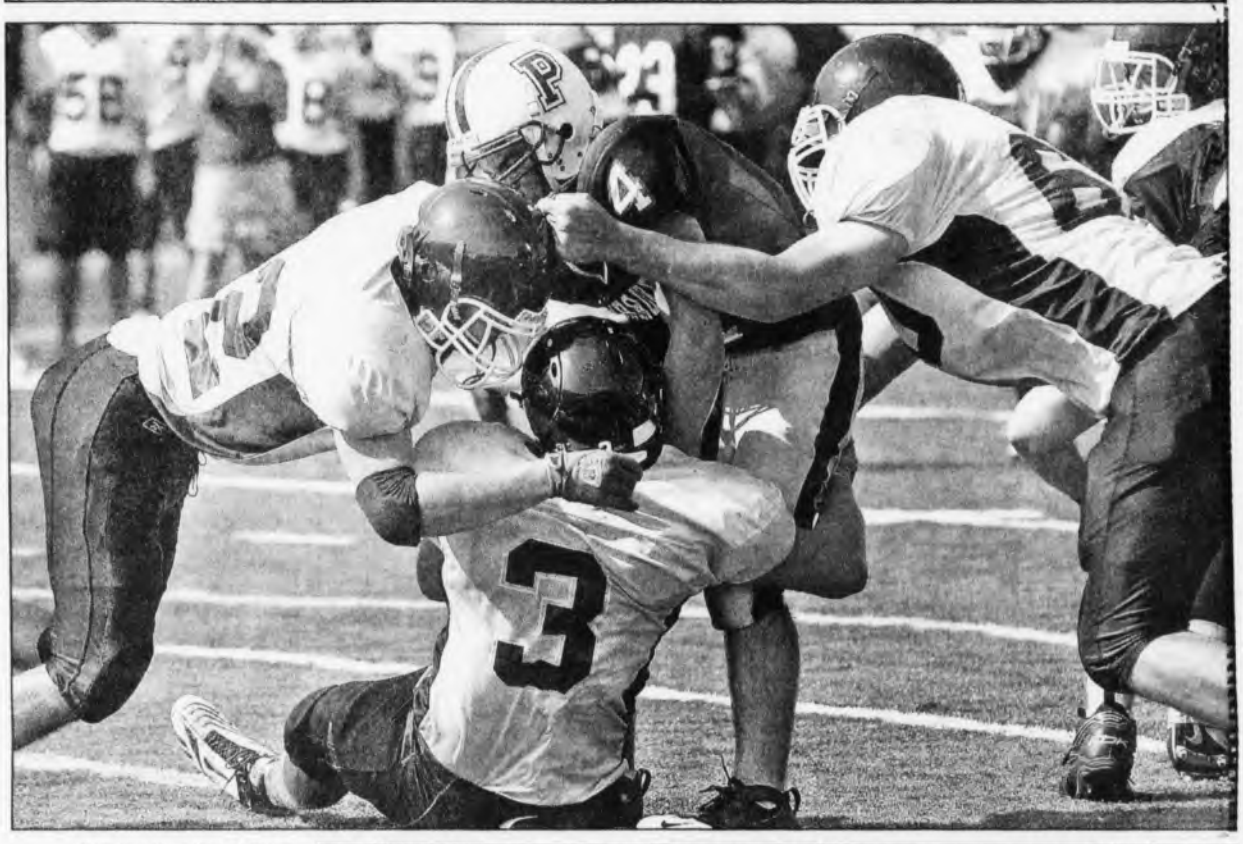
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big physical team that is also athletic. Pembroke didn't have the size that Archies has, which will pose different problems for the Skippers.

"We have to figure out what kind of angles and schemes we can work on for (Archbishop Williams,)" Afanasiw said. "We have to try and put the kids in a position to succeed."

Senior captain Sam DeGiacomo scored twice to lead the Skippers, once in the first quarter and again in the second.





STAFF PHOTOS/MARK GARDNER

Right: Pembroke's Brian Hill (3) tries to halt the run of Cohasset's Kyle Pinkus (32).

Bottom: The Skippers defense dominated the Titans Saturday. PJ McCaw (3) leads the way.

Sports Notes

Basketball shooting and home run contest

On Saturday morning, September 29, the new and improved Beechwood Baseball Field will be opening in grand fashion.

The dedication takes place at 8:30 a.m., followed by a home run derby at 8:45 p.m. and then a basketball shooting contest on the new basketball court at 9:30 p.m.

Anyone in grades five and up is eligible to participate to win prizes. All you have to do is e-mail ellenmaher63@comcast.net with your name and age or contact us through our Web site www.cohassetbasketball.com or call 781-383-1780 to leave your name and grade. There is no fee or no forms to fill out.

Let us know if you're interested in participating.

Starting this Sunday night,

Comcast to air CHS football games

Comcast channel 10 will begin airing Cohasset High School football games. Beginning at 7 p.m. both the varsity and junior varsity games from the week before will be shown in their entirety. Tune in every week to catch the excitement and see the boys in blue play.

South Shore Seahawks announce instructional hockey registration

The South Shore Seahawks is a local youth ice hockey organization that serves the towns of Norwell, Hull and Scituate. We are now accepting registration for the 2007-08 Instructional Hockey season. Boys and girls ages four to eight-years old are welcome.

The Instructional Hockey program will feature an in-house style concept, focusing on basic skating skills while teaching the fundamentals of the game of hockey.

Registration Date: Sunday, September 16, 2007

Location: St. Mary's Parish Center 1 Kent Street Scituate Harbor, Scituate, MA 02066

Time: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

To learn more about the Instructional Hockey program or to register on-line, please visit www.southshoreseahawks.org.

For additional information please contact Paul Dole, Instructional Level Director at prdole@comcast.net.

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Lady Skippers nail down tourney victory

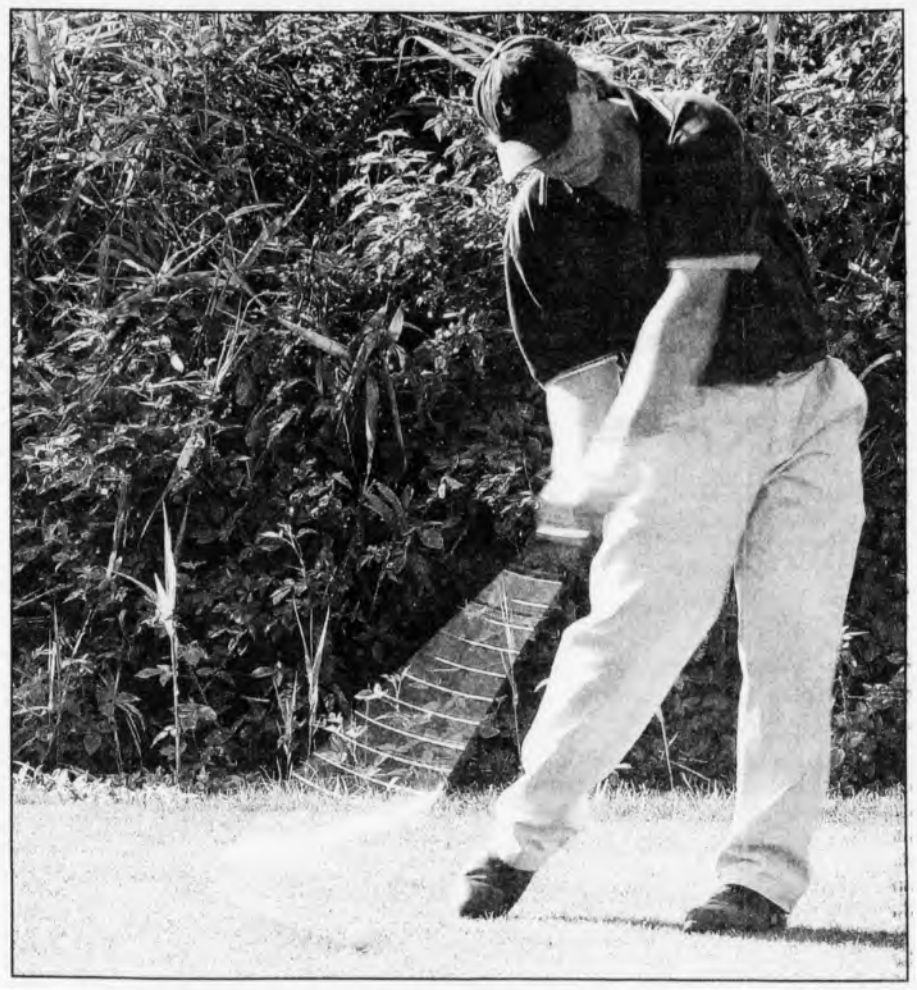
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the tournament according to Beal and continue to play well.

"Johanna Brophy has been stellar in net as usual and is working hard with Brittany Dunn to solidify our final gate to the goal," Beal said. "Sammi Lehr is working hard at sweeper and learning to organize her outside backs. Anna Haggerty and Meredith Kelly are defending the attack very well and have been working hard.

"Tori Lehr at sweeper is learning and adjusting to the varsity game and I have high hopes for her. Outside midfielders Caroline Fein, Meg Richardson, Mackenzie Hart, Rachel McMorris and Dominique Rioux are working hard and becoming very productive from the outside of the field. (Sarah) Coggins and (Maggie) McGoldrick are our field generals in the middle and have really taken on more of a leader role on the team along with Torey Hart up front. Krisitin Monaco has been bouncing back and forth between forward and center-mid and has proved that she can play there. Up front Hart leads the charge with tremendous support from Kucinski, Christine Coner and Meg Anderson. Anderson and Haggerty are our two seniors and captains and they have been doing a great job organizing and supporting the team."

Cohasset played Wednesday at Rockland after *Mariner* deadline. Monday, Sept. 17, the Skippers will travel to Harwich for a 4 p.m. game.



STAFF/ELSA ALLEN

Cohasset senior Charlie Czerkawski tees off against Norwell at the Scituate Country Club last year. Norwell is up next for the Skippers.

Skippers avoid early hazards

Three wins in tow as boys ready for Clippers

By Joel Racicot
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With a 3-1 start, the Cohasset High School boys golf team is poised and ready to take on returning South Shore League Champion Norwell, Tuesday at the Cohasset Golf Club. The two teams have built up quite a rivalry over the past few seasons and this year should be no different.

The Skippers finished in second place behind Norwell last year with a 9-3 overall record and will return their number three, four and five golfers from a year ago. Cohasset beat Norwell in the league tournament last year.

That middle tier from a season ago is now leading the pack and head coach Torin Sweeney is excited about his guys chances against the Clippers, who return five of six starters.

"You have to win your home course," Sweeney said, acknowledging that Norwell may have a strong core returning, but not conceding his own guys chances.

Charlie Czerkawski returns as a senior captain and number one, while teammates John Wade (junior) and Chase Stebbins (sophomore) return as the two and three. Ian Quinlan (sophomore) who played a little at six last year will play at four, while freshman Rob Hill plays five.

Conor Michaud (senior), Harry Cipolla (sophomore) and Conor Queenan (sophomore) are all in the mix for the sixth starting position.

After losing to Quincy to open the season, the Skippers rebounded with wins against Cardinal Spellman, Mashpee and East Bridgewater.

Wade, Stebbins and Hill won their matches against the Presidents. The Skippers went on to beat the Cardinals 29-25, with wins from Czerkawski, Wade, Stebbins and Hill. They got league wins against Mashpee (28.5-23.5) and East Bridgewater (31-19). Wade, Stebbins, Quinlan and Hill won against the Hawks and Czerkawski, Wade, Stebbins, and Hill won against the Vikings with Cipolla tying his match.

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ward to their inaugural 2008 season and are looking for players to fill out the roster for the 13-and-under and 10U teams. Tryouts will be held for the 13U team on Friday, Sept. 14, and Saturday, Sept. 15, and for the 10U team on Friday, Sept. 21 and Saturday, Sept. 22. For more information call the Whitecaps indoor training facility, Extra Innings in West Bridgewater, at 508-580-3113 or visit their website at www.eteamz.active.com/plymouthcountywhitecaps/.

New England Navigators Aau Baseball/Softball tryouts

Baseball 10u-18u Location: Magoon Field (Route 139) Pembroke. Dates: Sept 15 and 22. Ages: 10u-12u 9 to 11a.m. Ages 13u-18u 11a.m. to 1 p.m.

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The Coastal Stars Learn to Skate 1st session will run for **12 weeks starting October 6, 2007, ending December 22, 2007. The sessions will be held Saturdays at 5:00 pm at Hobomock Arena in Pembroke.**

Program: Learn to Skate - $160, 2007-08 1st Session

9/11 puts problems in perspective

LIFE AT CHS



CHRISTINE KENT

As I sat down this evening, Sept. 11th, my mind wandered back to a candlelight vigil I attended six years ago at the international school I was attending in London, England. I was 11 years old and as a few chosen seniors from various cultures, stood in solidarity to read brief speeches and pieces of poetry to the shell-shocked crowd, I remember being sad, scared, and confused by the world I lived in. Maybe it's good to still remember how I felt that day it tends to put things in perspective. There have been rumblings among the members of the class of '08 regarding the lack luster senior lounge and relocation of the "senior hallway". I'll keep you posted.

"There is a time and place for everything", and Sept. 12th is a better day to worry about the injustices of the senior lounge and hallway.

Before this gets too heavy, here is a look at the week's top stories:

• Monday, Sept. 10th, the Girls Varsity Field Hockey Team beat Norwell on their home field...Good job Girls and go JV! Say cheese, the middle school kids' show off their pearly whites for picture day. And just a word to the wise, with the recent High School Musical scandal surrounding Vanessa Hudgens or Gabriella to those fanatical HMS, be careful what pictures you "expose" to the world wide web.

I remember being sad, scared, and confused by the world I lived in...

• Tuesday, Sept. 11th, during first period the entire school participated in a moment of silence in remembrance of the victims of 9/11.

• Wednesday, Sept. 12th, the senior peer leaders had lunch with their new freshmen friends...who's up for trust activities?

• Thursday, Sept. 13th, Happy Rosh Hashanah! Not much happened except for the ninth-grade parent coffee and conversation meeting in the library...let's hope they used their "one inch voices" and didn't forget to bring a pass down for Ms. Conroy!

• Friday, Sept. 14th, High school picture day! Hopefully you underclassmen combed your hair and put on a happy face!

Well, that's it for me. This column will return next week with its typical good cheer, cynicism, and lack of perspective. Until then, take care and have a great weekend.

Christine Kent is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly in the Mariner.

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A.P.P.L.E. Project improves communication

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The A.P.P.L.E. project is a research project funded by the U.S. Department of Education to learn more about ways to improve communication and collaboration between parents of children receiving special education services and the school administration personnel with whom they interact. The A.P.P.L.E. Project will provide collaborative school system teams with training that will allow parents of children receiving special education services to learn skills that will help them become full and effective partners with their schools.

Currently they are recruiting parents of children with Individual Education Plans and 504 Plans – ages 6 through 16 – from Cohasset, Hampdon-Wilbraham, Northboro/Southboro School District, Sandwich and Tewksbury to fill the remaining slots available for a three-day Parent Leadership Development Institute scheduled for Oct. 18 through 20 in Marlborough.

Consider getting involved. If interested in participating, call the research team as soon as possible at UMass: Mathew Kusminsky, 617-287-4373, or Susan Foley, 617-287-4317; or the Federation for Children with Special Needs at 617-236-7210. More information about this project is available by email at southshorepac@comcast.net.

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The entire group during the Appalachia Service Project in West Virginia, summer 2007.

Cohasset Appalachia Service Project to begin

Gearing up for their 21st trip, the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project will hold its informational meeting at 8 p.m., Sunday, **Sept. 16**, at the Second Congregational Church, next to Town Hall, for all interested teenagers and their parents. A newly designed presentation will include guest speakers and slides from this past summer's trip and pertinent information for the 2008 trip, planned for June 21 to 29.

Necessary registration forms will also be distributed. The deadline for registration is Monday, Oct. 1. Forms and information will be available beginning Tuesday, **Sept. 18**, by visiting www.cohassetasp.org. Adults are also needed to go on the trip.

The grand opening of the Pumpkin Patch, sponsored by Cohasset ASP, will be Saturday, **Oct. 6**, on No. Main Street.

Children's art classes filling up

Classes are filling quickly for fall children's classes at the South Shore Art Center. Courses and workshops are available for students beginning at age 4 and a half. Pre-k and kindergarten classes will be offered by Patrice Kelley and Ann Conte, both popular Art Center instructors who have been recognized by the Art Center with the Shirley Neer Teaching Award, an annual award honoring a children's art instructor.

Adult/child holiday workshops are also scheduled and are a great opportunity for parents or grandparents to take a class with their child(ren). *Spooky Town*, will be held on Sunday afternoon, October 21, from 1:30-3:30 and a two-part clay workshop *Cocoa & Cookies*, held on Sundays November 18 and December 12.

Our World

Alphabet Immersion spells fun!

The fall session at Our World CGDM will be Wednesday, Sept. 19, through Wednesday, Dec. 12; and Thursday, Sept. 20 through Thursday, Dec. 13.

Upcoming events include:

Alphabet Immersion Fun – 12 weeks. Cost is $102 for members, $120, non–members. Using the letters of the day, children will immerse themselves in alphabet specific games and activities including Alphabet Role-Play, ABC Bingo, Alphabet Noises and letter-specific crafts. Children ages 3 through 6 can have fun playing with new friends while learning the alphabet. Meets Wednesday or Thursday, 9:15 to 10:05 a.m., or Wednesday or Thursday from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m.

Sports with Jan – 12 weeks. Cost is $102, members, $120, non–members. Sports-related skills are important to every child's social and physical development. Jan St. Pierre will teach children age-appropriate skills in a fun and safe environment. Meets Wednesday, 10:15 to 11 a.m. for ages 3 through 5; Wednesday, 11:15 a.m. to noon, for ages 4 through 6.

Artsy Fun – 12 weeks. Cost is $102 members, $120, non–members. Each week participants will work on two or three fun and creative art projects. Children will play with paint, clay, scissor crafts, collage, photographs and glue. Projects will follow the seasons and children will create art for framing or holiday gift giving. For ages 3 through 6. Meets Wednesday or Thursday, 10:15 to 11:05 a.m.; Wednesday or Thursday, 2:30 to 3:20 p.m.

Fantasy Fun – 12 weeks. Cost is $102, members, $120, non–members. Each week attendees will read themed stories of adventure; pirates, fairies, princesses, dragons, dinosaurs, etc. Afterwards, children will create a fantasy craft and act out an adventure of their own. For ages 3 through 6. Meets Wednesday or Thursday, 11:15 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.; Wednesday or Thursday, 1:30 to 2:20 p.m.

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Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Estelle Margarones. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Sept.16, 2007

10 a.m. - Worship in the Meeting House

Sermon: "In Transition"

Religious education programming for children and youth and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 AM in the Parish House. This is the first Sunday of the new church year for our religious education classes. Come meet the teachers, greet one another, and welcome Estelle Margarones, our new Interim Director of Religious Education!

A Faith Works Coffee Hour will follow the service and RE classes. Come meet representatives of the committees of First Parish, discover what they do, what the needs are, and how you might put your faith to work in any of the ministries embodied in these groups!

11:30 a.m. - Green Sanctuary Exploratory Conversation - How can we transform our "green concerns" into "green practices?"

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Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church!

If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church invites families and residents to join us this fall. We are a welcoming, Christian community dedicated to caring for our communities, both near and across the world. Highlights of our parish life include this fall:

- "Godly Play" Christian education for children ages three through grade 5. Our church school begins this Sunday, Sept. 16th.
- Jr. High and High School youth groups, adult education, Bible study, book group
- Outreach to the hungry, homeless and those in prison
- Monthly luncheon for seniors
- Fellowship and fun; music
- Environmental ministry; weekly yoga and meditation group

This week at St. Stephen's:

- Sunday, Sept. 16: Church school and youth group activities begin
- Monday, Sept. 17: 4 pm Christian meditation
- Tuesday, Sept. 18: 9:30 am Social Service League meeting; 7:30 pm book group
- Wednesday, Sept. 19: 9:30 am Healing Eucharist; 10:30 am Bible Study
- Friday, Sept. 21: 9:30 am Yoga
- Saturday, Sept. 22: 7:00 am Bible Fellowship
- Sunday, Sept. 23:

Services at 8 am and 10 am, Environmental Day at St. Stephen's. Services followed by Parish Picnic. 5 pm Youth Group Worship and fellowship.

To contact us:

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Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evening services at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning services at 10:30 a.m.. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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Sargis Karapetyan and Nune Hakobyan.

Violin, piano concert at St. Stephen's

As the first program of this year's concert series, St. Stephen's Church is pleased to present violinist Sargis Karapetyan and his wife, Nune Hakobyan in concert on Sunday, Sept. 30, at 3 p.m.

Karapetyan received his training in Armenia at the Komitas State University and is currently concertmaster of the Nashua Symphony. He not only teaches at Clark University, but is also an instructor for Conservatory Teaching in Your Community. Nune Hakobyan also earned her master's degree in piano performance from Komitas, and is now organist at St. James Armenian Church in Watertown, Mass. She is also pianist with the Nashua Symphony. The concert will be introduced by David Baker, Director of Music at St. Stephen's, and a reception will follow the program.

The church at 16 Highland Ave. is handicap accessible, and plenty of parking is available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information, please call 781.383.1083.

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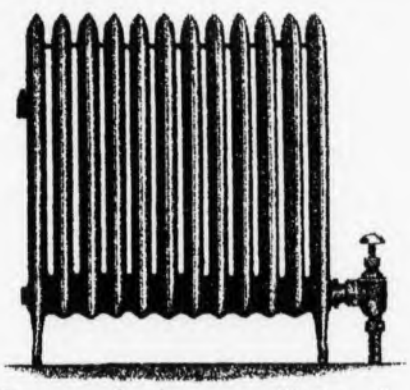
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Cohasset Appalachia Service Project to begin

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Necessary registration forms will also be distributed. The deadline for registration is Monday, Oct. 1. Forms and information will be available beginning Tuesday, **Sept. 18**, by visiting www.cohassetasp.org. Adults are also needed to go on the trip.

The grand opening of the Pumpkin Patch, sponsored by Cohasset ASP, will be Saturday, **Oct. 6**, on No. Main Street.

Children's art classes filling up

Classes are filling quickly for fall children's classes at the South Shore Art Center. Courses and workshops are available for students beginning at age 4 and a half. Pre-k and kindergarten classes will be offered by Patrice Kelley and Ann Conte, both popular Art Center instructors who have been recognized by the Art Center with the Shirley Neer Teaching Award, an annual award honoring a children's art instructor.

Adult/child holiday workshops are also scheduled and are a great opportunity for parents or grandparents to take a class with their child(ren). *Spooky Town*, will be held on Sunday afternoon, October 21, from 1:30-3:30 and a two-part clay workshop *Cocoa & Cookies*, held on Sundays November 18 and December 12.

Our World

Alphabet Immersion spells fun!

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Upcoming events include:

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Sports with Jan – 12 weeks. Cost is $102, members, $120, non–members. Sports-related skills are important to every child's social and physical development. Jan St. Pierre will teach children age-appropriate skills in a fun and safe environment. Meets Wednesday, 10:15 to 11 a.m. for ages 3 through 5; Wednesday, 11:15 a.m. to noon, for ages 4 through 6.

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WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Estelle Margarones. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Sept.16, 2007

10 a.m. - Worship in the Meeting House

Sermon: "In Transition"

Religious education programming for children and youth and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 AM in the Parish House. This is the first Sunday of the new church year for our religious education classes. Come meet the teachers, greet one another, and welcome Estelle Margarones, our new Interim Director of Religious Education!

A Faith Works Coffee Hour will follow the service and RE classes. Come meet representatives of the committees of First Parish, discover what they do, what the needs are, and how you might put your faith to work in any of the ministries embodied in these groups!

11:30 a.m. - Green Sanctuary Exploratory Conversation - How can we transform our "green concerns" into "green practices?"

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

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Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church!

If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church invites families and residents to join us this fall. We are a welcoming, Christian community dedicated to caring for our communities, both near and across the world. Highlights of our parish life include this fall:

- "Godly Play" Christian education for children ages three through grade 5. Our church school begins this Sunday, Sept. 16th.
- Jr. High and High School youth groups, adult education, Bible study, book group
- Outreach to the hungry, homeless and those in prison
- Monthly luncheon for seniors
- Fellowship and fun; music
- Environmental ministry; weekly yoga and meditation group

This week at St. Stephen's:

- Sunday, Sept. 16: Church school and youth group activities begin
- Monday, Sept. 17: 4 pm Christian meditation
- Tuesday, Sept. 18: 9:30 am Social Service League meeting; 7:30 pm book group
- Wednesday, Sept. 19: 9:30 am Healing Eucharist; 10:30 am Bible Study
- Friday, Sept. 21: 9:30 am Yoga
- Saturday, Sept. 22: 7:00 am Bible Fellowship
- Sunday, Sept. 23:

Services at 8 am and 10 am, Environmental Day at St. Stephen's. Services followed by Parish Picnic. 5 pm Youth Group Worship and fellowship.

To contact us:

Visit our website at:

Stop by at 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset (We are the church "on the rock." Enter during the week at office around back.)

Call us: 781-383-1083

Email: Colette Wood, interim assistant: cwood@ststephenscohasset.org

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evening services at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning services at 10:30 a.m.. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.



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Sargis Karapetyan and Nune Hakobyan.

Violin, piano concert at St. Stephen's

As the first program of this year's concert series, St. Stephen's Church is pleased to present violinist Sargis Karapetyan and his wife, Nune Hakobyan in concert on Sunday, Sept. 30, at 3 p.m.

Karapetyan received his training in Armenia at the Komitas State University and is currently concert-master of the Nashua Symphony. He not only teaches at Clark University, but is also an instructor for Conservatory Teaching in Your Community. Nune Hakobyan also earned her master's degree in piano performance from Komitas, and is now organist at St. James Armenian Church in Watertown, Mass. She is also pianist with the Nashua Symphony. The concert will be introduced by David Baker, Director of Music at St. Stephen's, and a reception will follow the program.

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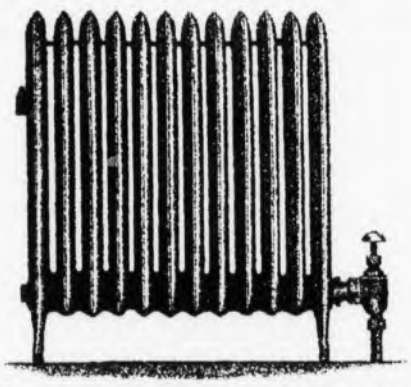
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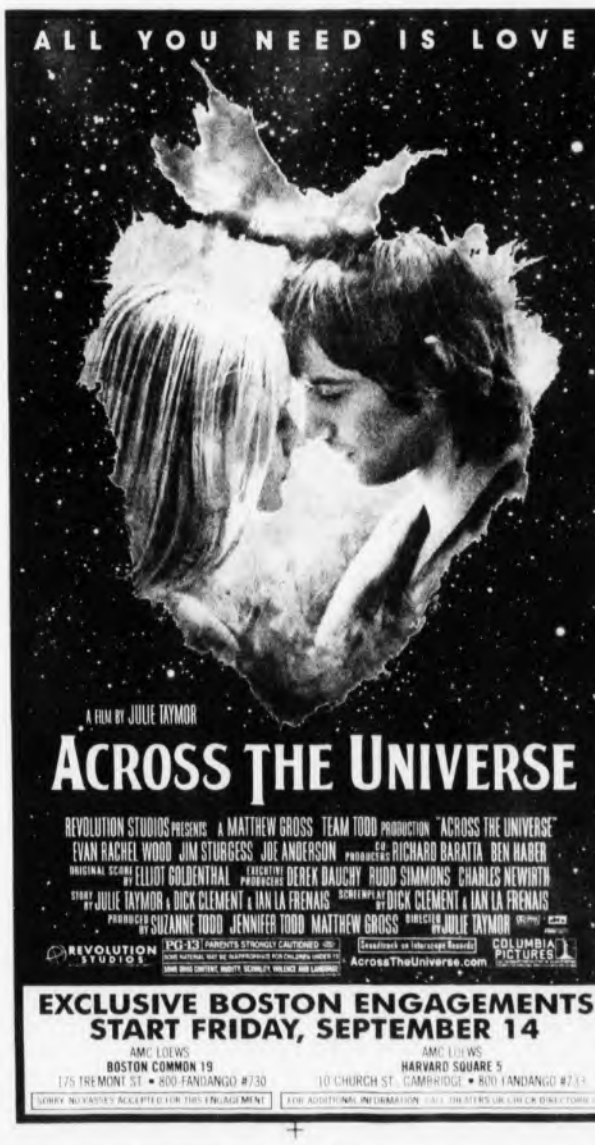
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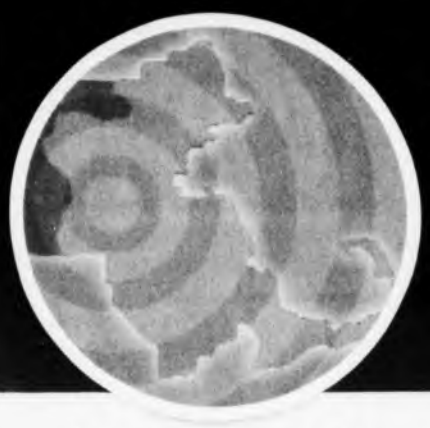
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

THURSDAY, AUG. 30

1:07 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** assist other police department. Scituate Police Department needs assistance in transporting two females to Hull.

1:46 a.m. **Forest Ave.,** notification. Officer reports lights at N. Main St. and Forest Ave. are stuck.

6:05 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

7:22 a.m. **King St.,** medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

8:29 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation issued.

12 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** suspicious activity. Caller reports a suspicious party in the parking lot. No problem at this time, motor vehicle has been sent on its way.

12:55 p.m. **Jerusalem Road.** Caller would like to see an officer.

1:49 p.m. **Riverview Dr.,** animal complaint. Calling party reports a sick raccoon in the roadway.

2:33 p.m. **Elm St.,** suspicious letter.

3:13 p.m. **Cushing Road,** disturbance.

4:18 p.m. **Elm St.,** walk-in medical.

6:29 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** larceny. Caller reports two kayaks are missing from his backyard. Unknown when they were taken.

8:16 p.m. **N. Main St.,** motor vehicle crash/no injury. Hingham reports a vehicle is stuck on railroad track.

10:29 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** brush fire. Manager of store reports a bush on fire.

FRIDAY, AUG. 31

12:27 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

12:33 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** parking violation.

2:15 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

8:05 a.m. **Elm St.,** suspicious person. Walk-in to headquarters acting very strange and stated he "wants his clothes and box cutter back," which this department has no possessions of this parties.

9:02 a.m. **Cushing Road,** suspicious person. Units off at this location speaking to a male acting strange.

9:58 a.m. **Pleasant St.,** keep the peace. Sergeant to this location with the Board of Health and DPW for a special assignment.

10:07 a.m. **Elm St.,** suspicious person. Walk-in party acting very strange.

10:49 a.m. **North Main St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

10:59 a.m. **Pleasant St.,** well being check.

11:01 a.m. **Sohier St.,** suspicious activity. Walk-in party requests officer to his residence to take a look at a suspicious item. Officer will be doing a report.

12:12 p.m. **Elm St.,** suspicious activity. Walk-in party to headquarters is acting very strange. Sergeant notified.

12:18 p.m. **Border St.,** suspicious vehicle. Caller reports she just arrived home and found a vehicle parked in her driveway and nobody around. No problem at this location, vehicle belongs to a landscaper working at a house down the street.

12:40 p.m. **Cedar St.,** caller requests to speak to an officer.

12:46 p.m. **North Main St.,** speed board has been posted by 409 N. Main St.

12:49 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** outside fire. Caller reports his neighbors are not home but there is smoke coming from a light in the front of the house. This was an area of mulch that started a small fire from an effect light.

2:36 p.m. **Lower King St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation issued.

6:04 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** caller reports she is locked out of her residence.

7:32 p.m. **Stockbridge St.,** medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

7:55 p.m. **Elm St.,** walk-in medical.

9:50 p.m. **Stockbridge St.** Caller reports her swings are missing from swing set. Caller just returned home from vacation.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1

12:29 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks secure.

12:31 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** public service/other. The returnable bin was left unlocked with the lock attached. Bin secured.

12:43 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks secure.

12:44 a.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

12:56 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** open drive-through window. Contact person has checked the building.

8:30 a.m. **Elm St.,** child safety seat installed.

9:15 a.m. **Elm St.,** child safety seat installed.

9:22 a.m. **South Main St.** E3 to this location for an investigation of odor of smoke.

1:20 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** disturbance. Calling party requesting officer for a customer that won't leave. Party has left the store.

4:55 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** erratic motor vehicle operation. Caller reports a gray Durango traveling at 90-plus miles per hour.

7:18 p.m. **Elm St.,** officer wanted. Walk-in party states that she would like to speak with a officer regarding her child and DSS.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1

9:14 p.m. **Sohier St.,** fireworks; 911 caller reports he heard gunshots in this area. 866 reported they were actually fireworks. Officer spoke with parties involved and they will stop.

10:02 p.m. **Grace Dr.,** medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

10:04 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** disturbance. Officer spoke with a group of adults at this location. They will be moving along by 11 p.m.

11:07 p.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

11:19 p.m. **Pond St.,** building checks.

11:47 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** threats. Caller reports that he was threatened by a man across the street from this location.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 2

12:07 a.m. **Norman Todd Road and Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle crash/injuries. Multiple 911 calls for motor vehicle accident. Summons: 50-year-old operator summonsed on charges of OUI liquor; leaving the scene of property damage; marked lanes violation.

12:21 a.m. **Jerusalem Road,** assist citizen.

10:40 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

1:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle crash; 911 caller reports she was just in a motor vehicle accident at this location.

2:40 p.m. **Highland Ave.,** 911 caller reports a brush fire in this area.

3:11 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.,** erratic motor vehicle operation; 911 caller reports possible drunk driver in this area.

5:43 p.m. **Pond St.,** trespassing. Caller reports a male teen playing on the railroad tracks.

7:51 p.m. **Ripley Road,** lost property. Walk-in party reports there were two mountain bikes taken from their yard today. One is green/gray, the other is gray.

8:54 p.m. **Sohier St.,** parking complaint. Walk-in party reports there are three cars parked in front of the above address blocking the sidewalk.

11:54 p.m. **Nichols Road,** animal complaint. Caller reports missing black and white Jack Russell terrier.

MONDAY, SEPT. 3

12:46 a.m. **Elm St.,** assist citizen.

12:58 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** motor vehicle stop.

1:14 a.m. **Pond St.,** building checks.

1:15 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

1:23 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

6:48 a.m. **Border St.,** recovered property. Walk-in party found a telephone.

7:23 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** animal complaint. Caller states "he has found a dog." Dog matches description of missing dog.

8 a.m. **Highland Ave.,** fire investigation. Caller reports an order of something burning at this location. Believed to be an odor from the brush fire yesterday.

10:12 a.m. **School St., Hull,** medical aid. Male has been taken into custody by Hull Police Department. R3 to respond to Hull Police Department.

10:24 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

11:43 a.m. **Sohier St.,** Deer Hill/Osgood schools check.

12:21 p.m. **Lamberts Lane,** medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

1:42 p.m. **Forest Ave. and Jerusalem Road,** parking complaint; caller reports vehicle parking without any stickers.

3:53 p.m. **Bernie King Pavilion, Hull,** medical aid.

5:15 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** suspicious person. Caller reports a female walking down the street with an infant that is screaming; caller also states they do not look familiar. Officer states everything checks out.

7:37 p.m. **Ox Pasture Lane,** breaking and entering. Caller reports he has come home to find someone has come through the second floor door and taken jewelry. He hasn't been able to look and see if anything else has been taken. Caller has been advised not to touch anything and wait for officers to arrive. Officers report no crime; jewelry has been misplaced and found.

7:42 p.m. **Nichols Road,** suspicious activity. Caller reports she is home alone and can see shadows on her back porch and in her backyard. Officer reports there is no one around the area. He states there is some wildlife in the backyard and has spoken with the resident.

8:09 p.m. **Rust Way,** outside fire.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 4

9:17 a.m. **Pond St.** Caller reports she owns the above property that is under construction; when the construction supervisor arrived this morning he noticed the doors have been forced open and several appliances are missing.

12:42 p.m. **Old Pasture Road,** fire investigation. Caller stated that she was cut off when speaking with the Fire Department regarding a smell in the house. Resident to have electrician respond. All units clear.

12:53 p.m. **King St.,** medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

1:18 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.** Caller reports he would like to see an officer.

1:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** mulch fire. E3 reports fire extinguished and all units clear.

2:01 p.m. **King St.,** motor vehicle crash. Caller reports three-car accident.

6:44 p.m. **King St.,** medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

8:07 p.m. **Moreland Ave,** medical aid; mutual aid to the town of Hull.

8:19 p.m. **Ledgewood Dr.,** animal complaint. Caller stated she had a bat flying around her living room.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5

12:52 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

12:53 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

6:22 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.,** traffic enforcement.

6:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

9:20 a.m. **King St.,** officer wanted.

10:05 a.m. **South Main St. and Beechwood St.,** fire. Walk-in party reports a possible water main break at this location. E 3 reports they are flushing a new water main that was put in.

10:12 a.m. **Sohier St.,** The detail at this location will be working close to the rail; the MBTA has been notified.

10:18 a.m. **Black Rock Road,** suspicious person. Caller reports a male in his 30s with blue jeans, a dark T-shirt and a baseball cap walking by her house and asking her strange questions that left her with an uneasy feeling. Officer has identified this party and there are no problems at this time.

11:15 a.m. **Jerusalem Road.** Caller would like to speak with an officer regarding a past incident.

2:15 p.m. **High School/Pond St.,** school check.

2:21 p.m. **Lower King St.** The speed board has been placed at King Street and Forest Avenue.

2:21 p.m. **Sohier St.,** Deer Hill/Osgood schools check.

2:24 p.m. **South Main St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

3 p.m. **Hobart Lane,** fire. Caller reports that there is gas coming from the ground. Keyspan notified, ETA 30 minutes. Updated Keyspan of the high pressure gas line that ruptured. Keyspan has control of scene.

6:10 p.m. **Hollett St.,** medical aid. Scituate Fire requesting Rescue 3 for mutual aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

8:08 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Crocker Lane,** motor vehicle stop. Officer requests State Police Truck Team – this vehicle is a commercial garbage truck with safety issues – missing headlight, missing taillights, no marker lights, etc.

8:35 p.m. **Hobart Lane,** officer wanted.

9:11 p.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

9:21 p.m. **Pond St.,** building checks.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 6

12:29 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks secure.

12:29 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks secure.

12:30 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks secure. Red light flashing on the side of the building.

1 a.m. **South Main St.,** noise complaint. Caller states "someone is burning rubber somewhere in the village."

1:03 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** noise complaint. Caller states "someone is doing doughnuts in the beach parking lot."

8:39 a.m. **Pond St.,** drug/narcotic violations. Caller reports he would like an officer to respond to this location. He has confiscated some drugs off a student. Units going to the student's address at this time to speak to him. He has been suspended and sent home from school. Juvenile Arrest. Charges: Marijuana possession; conspiracy to violate drug law. Juvenile arrest. Charges: Conspiracy to violate drug law.

10:58 a.m. **North Main St.,** motor vehicle stop.

11:22 a.m. **Gammons Road,** identity theft/fraud. Calling party would just like it logged that he is having a problem with an ex-girlfriend and would like it logged for the time. No report at this time. Caller will be seeking civil action. 1:34 hours – party now into headquarters to file a report his ex-girlfriend has been able to retrieve information and has been using it.

2:18 p.m. **King St.,** medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

2:48 p.m. **Sohier and King streets,** motor vehicle stop; defective equipment; traffic citation issued.

5:20 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** suspicious activity.

7:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.,** Scituate Police Department requests escort at above location.

7:35 p.m. **Old Coach Road,** medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 7

12:16 a.m. **Assist other police department.** Rollover – 911 call from Scituate.

12:58 a.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

12:58 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks secure.

1:25 a.m. **North Main St.,** noise complaint.

4:49 a.m. **Elm St.,** noise complaint.

6:47 a.m. **North Main St.,** animal complaint. Caller states there is a dead baby deer on his front lawn.

7:06 a.m. **Cushing Road and Pleasant St.,** traffic enforcement.

7:10 a.m. **Cushing Road and Norfolk Road,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

7:16 a.m. **Bancroft Road,** traffic enforcement.

7:26 a.m. **Cushing Road and Norfolk Road,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

12:19 p.m. **North Main St. and Forest Ave.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

Legal Notices

HORAN GUARDIANSHIP
LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 07P2079GI

In the Matter Of LEO HORAN
Of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN

To LEO HORAN of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK, his spouse, and heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said LEO HORAN of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK is a mentally ill person and praying that STEVEN NIELSEN of HINGHAM in the County of PLYMOUTH or some other suitable person be appointed guardian, to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **OCTOBER 10, 2007**.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this
day, August 31, 2007.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11440648
Cohasset Mariner 9/14/07

SEL/SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC NOTICE
FALL SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen has scheduled the fall special town meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the high school gymnasium. In addition, the Board of Selectmen has voted to close the warrant for that meeting on Friday, September 21, 2007 at 1:00 PM. Pursuant to Article II of the Cohasset General Bylaws, the Selectmen shall insert any article in the warrant for a special town meeting upon written request by one hundred (100) registered voters of the Town provided it is submitted by the above deadline. The names and address of the first ten (10) registered voters requesting insertion of an article shall be printed in the warrant immediately following such article.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

AD#11447848
Cohasset Mariner 9/14/07

ZBA/429 KING ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at 8:15PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7.2 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Nancy and Timothy Garrison,** seek to demolish their existing barn and replace it with a guest house at **429 King Street**, according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-08-16.

AD#11447260
Cohasset Mariner 9/14, 9/21/07

ZBA/123 ATLANTIC AVE.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at 8:45PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §9.6 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Robert Willms and Jennifer Schneff**, seek to demolish the existing home and garage, and construct a new home and detached garage at **123 Atlantic Ave.**, according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-09-10.

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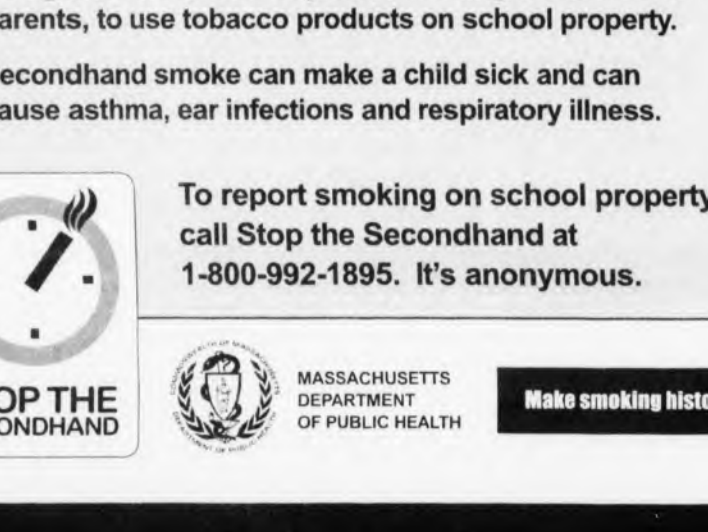
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TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

SEPTEMBER 13-20, 2007



'Last River Loop by Mary Hufnagle Murray

BEST BET

The North River Arts Society presents its third annual Art Calendar Exhibit at the G.A.R. Hall, Gallery, 157 Old Main Street, Marshfield Hills. The opening reception takes place on Sept. 14, from 7 to 10 p.m. 2009 Calendar awards will be presented at 8:30 p.m. Forty contest winners will be on display. Hors d'oeuvre and cash bar, $10 per person. The show runs from Sept. 14 – 23, Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to noon; Saturday and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. For further information call North River Arts Society at 781-837-8091.

Thursday, Sept. 13

The Honey Brothers will perform Sept. 13, at 9 p.m. at the **Beckett Bowl After-Party** at Rain Nightlife, 665 Broadway, Malden. The party follows the Beckett Bowl, a celebrity charity bowling tournament to benefit the newly established Josh Beckett Foundation and Children's Hospital Boston. A limited number of tickets are available now at beckettbowl.com or by calling 617-338-2766. Tickets start at $50.

The Buttonwood Book Group for Middle School children (Grades 6 to 8) will meet on Sept. 13, at 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset. The facilitator is Ms. Barb Mullin. The selected book is **The Gospel According to Larry** by Janet Tashjian. No reservations are necessary. All are welcome. Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 if you have any questions.

Fish Tale On the Water, 44 Jericho Road, Scituate, presents **Drift Away** with **J. Place, Joe Micarelli** and **John Litwin,** performing music from the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's.every Thursday at 8:30 p.m. 781-545-4700

The Plymouth Farmers' Market, held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. Sept. 13, **roots blues with Taran2ulas.** For information, contact Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Sept. 13 **The Bullets** 781-829-6999.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke **Texas Hold Em** every Thursday night at 6:45 and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's open mic** with host band, **The Gulf Boys,** Sept. 13 at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, Sept. 14

Thomas the Tank Engine rolls in for **Day Out With Thomas at Edaville USA**, Sept. 14-16, edaville.com, at Pine Street in Carver. The approximately 25-minute train ride will depart every 40 minutes between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tickets are $16 for ages 2 and up. Call 866-468-7630 or visit www.ticketweb.com for tickets.

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North River Theater, in cooperation with Samuel French Inc., will present **Looking,** a comedy by Norm Foster, directed by Joe McAlarney. Theatergoers are welcome to bring snacks into the theater, but drinks must be purchased at the theater's bar. All performances start at 8 p.m., and doors open at 7:15 p.m. Show dates: Sept. 8.; Sept. 14, Sept. 15, Sept. 21, Sept. 22, Sept. 28, and Sept. 29. Tickets are $18 each and are currently on sale. To reserve tickets, call 781-826-4878. For information, visit northrivertheater.com

The South Shore Art Center will feature an exhibition of the work of six artists from Sept. 14 through Oct. 28, titled Women Who Travel. The exhibition includes the latest work by Nancy Cusack, Susan Gallagher, Joan Hausrath, Viola Käumlen, Dorothy Simpson Krause, **and** Esther Maschio. ssac.org 781-383-2787.

Comedy Night, Sept. 14, 7 p.m. **Tuscan House Restaurant**, 58 E. Grove Street (Rt. 28) Middleboro featuring **Kevin Knox.** Other comics include **Annette Pollack, Matt McArthur, Christine Hurely, Steve Holda** and host: **Scott Higgins.** Advance reservations required by calling 508-923-0099. Dinner/show package $36.95; comedy show only $22. tuscanhouserestaurant.com or myspace.com/annettepollack

JM Productions, in their 26th year, presents "**Just An Old Sweet Song**" a tribute to Hoagy Carmichael starring **John Abernathy** with special guest **Lynda D'Amour.** This upbeat show arrives on Sept. 14, to the Raffael's stage at Nantasket Beach in The Clarion Hotel, hosted by Raffael's Restaurant, in Hull. **For tickets, call:** JM Productions at 617-786-SHOW (7469) or visit jmproductionspresents.com Tickets are $30 per person. For dinner and show $50 per person.

Little Theatre of Stoughton presents **Broadway Dreams** Fundraiser for New Sound System. live music and choreography from shows such as **Rent, Wicked, Hairspray, Chicago, Grease** and much more Sept. 14 and 15, at 7 p.m. and Sept. 15, at 2 p.m. Stoughton Cinema Pub. Tickets $20 for adults, $15 for senior citizens and students. For information visit littletheatreofstoughton.com.

South Shore Singles will sponsor a dance with **DJ Dave Becker** from 8 to 11:30 p.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington Doors open 7:15 p.m. Free dance lesson 7:30 to 8 p.m. Free snacks and coffee, cash bar. Dress to impress. 781-331-0021south shoresingles.org

New England Singles Dances, Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St, Dedham. Sept. 14, with **DJ Paul DiPanfilo** $8. Ages 40 and over. 617-325-4900 singlesdances-newengland.com

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Lisa Marie & All Shook Up** Sept. 14 at 9:15 p.m. No cover. 781-335-9796 visit nextpagecafe.com or myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Sept. 14, **3rd Left** 781-829-6999.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Sept. 14, **Swinging Steaks,** alternative country folk rock. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Saturday, Sept. 15

Mono Mono Boutique, 1871A Ocean Street in Marshfield. Celebrate the store's one-year anniversary on Sept. 15, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to celebrate the one year anniversary of the store's opening. Refreshments will be served all day.

Plympton Historical Society's 23rd Annual Antiques Show, Sept., 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Dennett Elementary School, 80 Crescent St., Plympton. For information call 781-585-9648.

Natural Body Works, 161 Summer St., Kingston. **An Evening in Transformation *with* Cathi Burke**, Angelic Channel/Medium/Author Sept. 14, 7 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is $44 per person. ($4 is donated to Cathi's four charities) A $10 deposit is required to book your attendance for this workshop. 781-585-5130, e-mail naturalbodyworks@aol.com

Sauchuk Farm, 53 Palmer Road, (Rt. 58), Plympton. **Fall Corn Maze** spread throughout six acres on Center St. (off Route 58) in Plympton. Other activities include a hayride out to the six-acre pumpkin patch to pick your own pumpkin, hay bale maze for toddlers, barn animal petting zoo, pony rides and a corn box with the same concept as a sandbox. Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to dusk through the end of October. Admission $8 adults age 12 and up; $5 children ages 4-11; toddlers age 3 and under free. 781-585-1522 sauchukfarm.net

20th Anniversary of Coastsweep Beach Cleanups Sept. 15. Registration: Meet up with several volunteer groups at the M. J. Murray Bathhouse, Nantasket Beach, Hull between 9 and 11 a.m. Pick up data cards, trash bags, and gloves and work in pairs to clean up your favorite Hull beach or bayside areas anytime before the end of October. Info. Nancy Kramer, 781-925-9066 coastsweep.umb.edu

The Scituate Town Library, 85 Branch St., Scituate, will be hosting its **second annual Family Fun Day** as a on Sept. 15, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This free event, held rain or shine, will showcase family entertainment for all ages beginning at 11 a.m. with Big Ryan's Tall Tales, and continuing at noon. **Music with MamaSteph**, 1 p.m. **Magic with The Great Scott**, 1:45 p.m. Funnyman and songsmith **Jackson Gillman's Family Cabaret**, and closing with a 2:30 p.m. performance by **Gary the Silent Clown**. Throughout the day there will be ticket information available for both **First Ride GREENBUSH,** a Library Foundation sponsored event scheduled for Oct. 27, and Scituate's first ***Polar Express*** train scheduled for Dec. 15, co-sponsored by S.H.O.R.E. Pre-packaged snacks, juice and water will be available for purchase along with a Country Store Book Raffle.

CALENDAR, see next page



BEST BET

The Great Hurricane of 1938 or "Long Island Express" was the most costly natural disaster to hit the United States in its 162-year history. It raked the Northeast on Sept. 21, 1938. Join historical weather researcher and New England folklorist John Horrigan as he brings you back almost 69 years to that very day with a slide show and lecture Sept. 19, at 7 p.m. For information contact Chris Woods at 781-834-5535 or log on to ventresslibrary.org

Mark your calendar

SOUTH SHORE STARS DINNER THEATER (formerly Quincy Dinner Theater) begins its new season Sept. 22 with the company's first "Saturday Night Special." Singer-impersonator Russ Peterson, will perform his own live show, a tribute to Engelbert Humperdinck, Buddy Holly, Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett and other musical legends interspersed with some Vegas-style comedy. A four-course dinner will be served at 7 p.m., followed by the 8:30 show at Braintree's Sons of Italy Hall at 161 King Hill Road. Tickets for dinner and show, $45; seniors (60+), $42.50. Handicapped accessible, plenty of free parking. For reservations, call 781-843-5862.

AN EVENING OF JAZZ, RHYTHM & BLUES fundraising event Sept. 22. Music by the Bellevue Cadillac. Silent and live auction, hors d' oeuvre's and buffet dinner prepared by The Catered Affair. Cash bar and dancing. Event held at the Hingham Armory. Tickets are $75 per person. All proceeds to benefit a Habitat home in Hingham. For advance ticket sales, auction donations, to be a program sponsor or volunteer to help. Contact nldevine@gmail.com

SOUTH SHORE MEMORY WALK on Sept. 23, at Plymouth Plantation in Plymouth. Form a team or walk as an individual. Money raised by Memory Walk helps provide care and support for individuals and families touched by Alzheimer's. For information call John Scott at 508-747-2868 x298 or e-mail jscott@radiusmanagement.com or visit memorywalkma.org.



13th ANNUAL BENEFIT WALK FOR ANIMALS sponsored by Standish Humane Society at Wompatuck State Park, Hingham, on Sept. 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This 3-mile walk is on a paved and handicapped-accessible route through a beautiful state forest. Funds raised by walkers will help Standish reduce the tragedy of pet overpopulation through an active adoption and reduced-cost spay/neuter program. Call 781-834 4663 or visit standishhumanesociety.com for registration information.

NSRWA SPONSORS A WALK ATTHE CANOE CLUB PRESERVE in Pembroke on Sept. 23, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Join Judy Grecco for a walk at the new Canoe Club Preserve, a property managed by the Wildlands Trust. at 1 p.m. behind the Pembroke Point Shopping Plaza (at the juncture of Rte 139 and Rte 53 in Pembroke.) To register contact Paula at 781-659-8168 or email paula@nsrwa.org. Suggested donation is $5 per person.

3RD ANNUAL "MITO-WHAT?" 5K WALK Oct. 6, Nelson Field, Plymouth to benefit the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation (UMDF). Registration begins: 9:30 a.m. Warm-up: 10:45 a.m. Walk: 11 a.m. Family Fun Zone: noon to 3 p.m. (Open to the Public) Online Pre-registration by Oct. 3, $15 Individual. Event Day Registration Fee: $25 Individual. Children 5 and under are free. All registered walkers will receive five tickets to the fun zone. Join the UMDF's efforts to become "One Step Closer to a Cure." Registration available online at mitowhat.org, or call 508-224-7165 for information.

AN AMERICAN ORIGINAL - JACQUELINE BOUVIER KENNEDY ONASIS Oct. 20, from 7 to 10:30 p.m. North Community Parish House, Marshfield Hills. An evening of theatre with well-known Boston actress, Robin Lane as she portrays one of the most dynamic women in American history, Jackie Kennedy. Evening begins with a champagne reception, raffle items related to the Kennedy's and followed by coffee and deserts. Proceeds benefit Daniel Webster Estate. Call Virginia at 781-837-2403 or Eileen at 781-837-7579 or visit danielwebster-estate.org



Members of Life's a Pitch.

BEST BET

31st Annual Corn Festival, Sept. 15 (rain date Sept. 16) from 10 to 4 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. A performance by Life's a Pitch, a women's acapella singing group will be at 11 a.m. followed by Sagewood Creek Band performing from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. This four-piece acoustic group performs folk, blues, country and contemporary music, along with craft demonstrations, hayrides, children's games and crafts to make, moonwalk, face painting, musical performances, farm animals and plenty of food Ride a renovated 1957 GMC fire truck. Admission is $5 for adults ($4 members) and $3 for children over 2 years of age ($2 members). Maximum fee of $20 per family. For information contact the Science Center at 781-659-2559 or visit ssnsc.org.



Cast of Almost Heaven

The Company Theatre announces its 2008 Concert Season

Tickets on sale Monday, Sept. 17, at 11 a.m.

The Company Theatre in Norwell, has announced its 2008 Concert Season, providing the area with the best in music, dance and comedy. Tickets for all shows go on sale Monday, Sept. 17, at 11 a.m. Tickets can be purchased at the box-office at 30 Accord Park in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companytheatre.com

The 2008 Concert Season lineup is as follows:

Changes in Latitude Jan. 11, at 8 p.m.— Parrot Heads unite! America's premier tribute to Jimmy Buffett is serving up a "Cheeseburger in Paradise" washed down with a "Margaritaville" Tickets: $32.



John Mueller as Buddy Holly

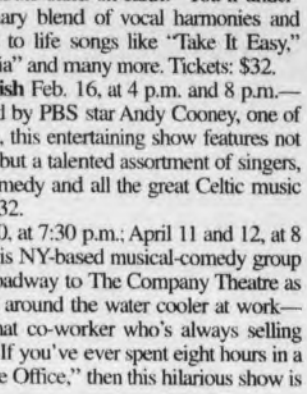
Winter Dance Party Jan. 12, at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.—Journey to Rock 'n Roll Heaven as this live concert recreates the final tour of **Buddy Holly** (John Mueller), **Ritchie Valens** (Ray Anthony) and the **Big Bopper** (his real-life son, J.P. Richardson, Jr.), with songs like "Peggy Sue," "Rave On," "La Bamba" and "Chantilly Lace." Tickets: $34.

Almost Heaven: The Songs of John Denver Jan. 18 and 19, at 8 p.m.; Jan. 20, and 3 p.m.— The Off-Broadway smash hit that the *NY Times* calls "Like flying with John Denver through some mountain air." Along with hit songs like "Take Me Home Country Roads," "Sunshine on My Shoulders" and "Leaving on a Jet Plane," these talented singers and musicians will take you on a "Rocky Mountain High" as they remember Denver's life through music, stories and video footage. Tickets: $30.

Tequila Sunrise: A Tribute to The Eagles Feb. 1 and 2, at 8 p.m.—This Nashville-based band has been called by *Rolling Stone* magazine "The best Eagles tribute band on earth!" You'll understand why as their extraordinary blend of vocal harmonies and excellent musicianship brings to life songs like "Take It Easy," "Lying Eyes," "Hotel California" and many more. Tickets: $32.

Andy Cooney's Forever Irish Feb. 16, at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.— Direct from Ireland and hosted by PBS star Andy Cooney, one of Ireland's most popular singers, this entertaining show features not only Cooney's brilliant voice, but a talented assortment of singers, exciting Irish step dancers, comedy and all the great Celtic music you know and love. Tickets: $32.

The Water Coolers April 10, at 7:30 p.m.; April 11 and 12, at 8 p.m.; April 13, at 3 p.m.— This NY-based musical-comedy group takes their show from Off-Broadway to The Company Theatre as they satirize all we talk about around the water cooler at work—kids, husbands, wives, and that co-worker who's always selling their kid's Girl Scout cookies. If you've ever spent eight hours in a tiny cubicle, or love TV's "The Office," then this hilarious show is for you. Tickets: $28.



The Lettermen

The Lettermen April 20, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.— From their first hit in 1961—"The Way You Look Tonight," through 18 gold albums and scores of top singles like "Hurt So Bad" and ""Going Out of My Head", the popularity of The Lettermen are still going strong. Original founding member Tony Butala performs with Donovan Tea (who joined the trio in 1984) and Mark Preston as they continue the same smooth silky vocals and great showmanship this group is known for. Tickets: $36.

Barbra & Frank: The Concert That Never Was May 10, at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.—They never shared the stage together… until now. All thanks to the dazzling talents of Sebastian Anzaldo as Frank Sinatra (seen last year at The Company Theatre in "The Rat Pack is Back") and Sharon Owens as Barbra Streisand, backed by a full band. Tickets $31.

Who's Next: The Ultimate Tribute May 17, at 8 p.m.—From the pinwheeling guitar of Pete Townshend, to the manic drumming of Keith Moon, to the wailing vocals of Roger Daltrey, this New York-based group recreates perfectly the band that brought us such legendary songs as "Pinball Wizard," Baba O'Reilly," "Won't Get Fooled Again," "My Generation," and more! Tickets: $29.

Auditions

AUDITION FOR "MUSICAL HOLIDAY PARTY #20," Oct. 1 and 2, at 7 p.m., Braintree Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road. Need five male singers, five female singers and a few good dancers for South Shore's longest-running Christmas show. Generous stipend. Show will run 14 performances in December. Call South Shore Stars Dinner theater (formerly Quincy Dinner Theater) at 781-843-5862 for info or ride from Braintree T.

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"A Scrap of Cloth" a digital monotype by Dorothy Simpson Krause.

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An exhibition of the work of six artists goes on view at the South Shore Art Center from Sept. 14 through Oct. 28, titled Women Who Travel. The exhibition includes the latest work by Nancy Cusack, Susan Gallagher, Joan Hausrath, Viola Käumlen, Dorothy Simpson Krause, and Esther Maschio. Cross disciplines will include book arts, digital technology, writing, and photography." South Shore Art Center gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. ssac.org 781-383-2787.

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Dr. Salvatore Napoli, director of the Multiple Sclerosis Program at Caritas Norwood Hospital and Caritas Foxboro, will be giving an educational talk on how multiple sclerosis (MS) patients can better treat and manage the wide range of symptoms associated with MS through the use of BETASERON treatment on Sept. 15. This talk is free and open to the public. It takes place at the Sheraton Braintree Hotel, 37 Forbes Road beginning at 9:30 a.m. 781-794-6232. To register for this free event, RSVP by calling toll free 1-800-788-1467.

Fall yard sale at Marge Crispin Social Center. 74 Pond St. Braintree. Sponsored by Braintree Choral Society and Braintree Community Youth Center. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with free popcorn and balloons for the kids. Other food will be available for sale from the Braintree rotary van.

The M & M Club of Old South Union Church, So. Weymouth is sponsoring a **flea market** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 15. Vendors may reserve a space for $25 by calling 781-337-0833.

31st Annual Corn Festival, Sept. 15 (rain date Sept. 16) from 10 to 4 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Activities include craft demonstrations, hayrides, children's games and crafts to make, moonwalk, face painting, musical performances, farm animals and plenty of food Ride a renovated 1957 GMC fire truck. Admission is $5 for adults ($4 members) and $3 for children over 2 years of age ($2 members). Maximum fee of $20 per family. For information contact the Science Center at 781-659-2559 or visit ssnsc.org

The Hanson Garden Club will be hosting a **plant auction** at the Thomas Mill on Rte 58 in Hanson across from the Hanson Town Hall at 1 p.m. Sept. 15. hansongardenclub.org

South Shore Mothers of Multiples will hold their annual **Children's Fall Clothing and Equipment Sale** on Saturday, Sept. 15, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 241 Broad Street, Weymouth, from 9 a.m. to noon (8:30 for twin club members with ID or newsletter). Admission is $1. Contact Lynne Moodoyan at 781-871-2037 for further info or if you would like to rent a table for selling.

Endless Summer Waterfront Festival, Sept. 15, from noon to 6 p.m., with a rain date Sept.16. Enjoy free live entertainment, a championship marching band, over 20 restaurants, and 60 vendors on **Nantasket Ave., in Hull.** The day will feature great contests, shopping and dining. Entertainment includes reggae, Irish music, country music, a swing band and a great hip hop dance group. Admission is free and proceeds benefit the Hull Nantasket Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund. For information, visit hullchamber.com.

Plymouth Diversity Day, Celebrate Plymouth Diversity Day in Memorial State Park on the waterfront Sept. 15, from 1 to 5 p.m. The event will include fair booths, dancers, speakers and music. A variety of multi-cultural entertainment, foods, educational tables, storytelling, and arts and crafts will also be featured. This event is set for the same day as the Art Stroll through Plymouth and will feature a Diversity Day artist. E-mail Raychael Chavez Coombes at Raychael@PlymouthNoPlaceForHate.com or visitplymouthnoplaceforhate.com for information.

Downtown Art Stroll, Sept. 15-16 is the Downtown Art Stroll in Plymouth, which will be part of the 40th annual Plymouth Art Guild Festival Week. Downtown businesses partner with local artists and musicians, allowing them to demonstrate and display their works in the shops, maximizing interest and generating mutual sales. The registration fee for both merchants and artists is $25. Call Wendy Pease at 508-830-9392 or visit plymouthguild.org for details.

King Richard's Faire, a re-creation of the marketplaces of 16th century England, will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 21, and Mondays for Labor Day and Columbus Day on Route 58 in Carver. Admission is $25 for adults and $14 for children ages 5 to 12. Children under 5 are admitted for free. Special group rates for 25 or more are available. Parking is free. For information, call 508-866-2311 or log on to kingrichardsfaire.net.

The 92nd season of the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra opens with *Fantastic Voyage*, a tribute concert celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Mayflower II. Conducted by Steven Karidoyanes, this event takes place in Plymouth's Memorial Hall on Sept. 15, at 8 p.m. A pre-concert talk by Conductor Karidoyanes begins at 7 p.m. Individual ticket prices are $50, $45, $40, $30 and $20. Senior, Youth and Group discounts are offered. $5 student "rush" tickets sold at the door one hour before performance, as available. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Phil office located 16 Court St., in Plymouth or by phone with a credit card by calling 508-746-8008. Memorial Hall is fully accessible.

Hingham's Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square, 107 Main St., Hingham Square, presents local singer-songwriter **Michael Troy** at 8 p.m. Sept. 15. For information visit folkmichaeltroy.com or call 781-749-1767.

Run of the Mill, 6 Spring Lane, Plymouth, offers **traditional Irish Seisiun** every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety, from sea chanteys, rebel songs and songs of loss, to jigs, reels and hornpipes, with great craic and sing-along. Admission is free. No cover. Come sing, come play, come listen. Call 508-830-1262.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Sept. 15, **Jon Frattasio & Friends** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Miss Shirley Lewis** Sept. 15 at 9:15 p.m. No cover 781-335-9796 visit nextpagecafe.com or myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Sept. 15 **Roger Ceresi All Starz,** rhythm and blues, jump blues. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sunday, Sept. 16

The second annual Bistro Night celebrating Norwell Center is Sept. 16, from 3 to 7 p.m. Norwell Center will be closed to car traffic and the center of town will be open with special events and food. The James Library will host an open house featuring **Mental Switchboard**, a rock band of Norwell Middle School students, artists working en plein air out on the lawn and more. For information visit jameslibrary.org

The Cohasset Historical Society and Buttonwood Books & Toys welcomes **Marc Songini** Sept. 16, at 2 p.m. at the Cohasset Historical Society, 106 S. Main St., Cohasset. Songini will discuss "The Lost Fleet" his newly published book about the whaling industry. Free event. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a signed copy, call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665

Sauchuk Farm, 53 Palmer Road, (Rt. 58), Plympton. **Fall Corn Maze** spread throughout six acres on Center St. (off Route 58) in Plympton. Other activities include a hayride out to the six-acre pumpkin patch to pick your own pumpkin, hay bale maze for toddlers, barn animal petting zoo, pony rides and a corn box with the same concept as a sandbox. Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to dusk through the end of October. Admission $8 adults age 12 and up; $5 children ages 4-11; toddlers age 3 and under free. 781-585-1522 sauchukfarm.net

Daniel Webster Lodge, 412 Furnace St., Marshfield. **All You Can Eat Breakfast** includes pancakes, French toast, eggs, omelets, bacon, home fries, sausages, toast, coffee, juices, and more! 8 to 11:30 a.m. Adults: $6. Children: $3. The third Sunday of each month. For information call Judy at 781-837-3521.

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Music at the Gazebo, sponsored by Pyne Keohane Funeral Home of Hingham, will present **Bobbi Carey and Doug Hammer** in a show titled **"Mostly Mercer,"** from 3 to 4:30 p.m., Sept. 16. This free concert will take place at Veterans Memorial Park, intersection of Nantasket and Samoset avenues, Hull. Free parking is available at Hull Redevelopment Authority in the adjacent lot. Those attending should bring their own seating. Performance will be canceled in case of rain. Free Music at the Gazebo T-shirts will be given to the first 150 concertgoers.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Dave Foley**, acoustic jam every Sunday at 9:15 p.m. 781-335-9796 visit nextpagecafe.com or myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

The Skyline Club Upstairs at The Skyline Bar & Grille, 305 Victory Road, Marina Bay, North Quincy. New Sunday Blues Music Series with Bob 'Satch' Romano beginning Sept. 16, from 9 p.m. to midnight. The series will kick off Sunday with **The Mighty HouseRockers**, Satch's own band and feature special guest vocalist and harp player, **Miss Diane Blue**. No cover. Dianebluemusic.com or Skylinemarinabay.com



Michael Troy

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Hingham Square, presents local singer-songwriter Michael Troy at 8 p.m. Sept. 15. Troy continues to gain recognition for his gruff but gentle ballads. A magical storyteller with a gift for melody, a deep, rich voice, and great finger-pickin' skills, Michael lets the emotion drive the music. For information visit folkmichaeltroy.com or call 781-749-1767.

Monday, Sept. 17

Choral Art Society Open Rehearsals, The Choral Art Society, a non-auditioned community chorus of the South Shore has been around for nearly 50 years, providing concerts for the residents of the South Shore and an opportunity for singing for all willing participants. The choir will host open rehearsals at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 17, at the First Trinitarian Church in Scituate. All are welcome. This year's winter concert will include "Hodie," by Ralph Vaughan Williams, and a selection of carols and shorter pieces.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Every Monday night **Free Texas Hold'Em with Northern Poker League** 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, Sept. 18

The Olde Kids on the Block perform every third Tuesday, 1 to 4 p.m. at the Striar Jewish Community Center. Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton. Admission is $5 per person. For more information, call (781) 341-2016.

12th annual Secondary School Fair, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 18, **Derby Academy**, Off Route 3A, across from the harbor in Hingham. Representatives from more than 90 independent local, regional and national day and boarding schools will be on hand to discuss their school's programs including financial aid opportunities. 781-749-0746 or visit derbyacademy.org

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their weekly rehearsals held every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center 70 South St. at the corner of Central St. For additional information call: 781-337-SING!

Wednesday, Sept. 19

The Plympton & Carver Regional TRIAD Program will present a **Health & Safety Fair** featuring more than 40 vendors at Shurtleff Park, Main St., Carver, Sept. 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Open to all. In case of rain the health fair will move indoors at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 130 Main St., Carver.

Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. The Great Hurricane of 1938 or "Long Island Express" was the most costly natural disaster to hit the United States in its 162-year history. It raked the Northeast on Sept. 21, 1938. Join **historical weather researcher and New England folklorist John Horrigan** as he brings you back almost 69 years to that very day with a slide show and lecture Sept. 19, at 7 p.m. For information contact Chris Woods at 781-834-5535 or log on to ventresslibrary.org

Thursday, Sept. 20

Grub Street South at Buttonwood welcomes **Scituate author Lynne Reeves Griffin.** Lynne will host a workshop titled **Proposals with Pizzazz** on Sept. 20, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. Ms. Griffin will take you step-by-step through the process of writing a non-fiction book proposal from idea to book deal. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

Network4Success Business to Business Networking Group meets the First Thursday of the month at the Plympton Library from 5 to 6 p.m. and the third Thursday of the month at the Halifax Country Club from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Fish Tale On the Water, 44 Jericho Road, Scituate, presents **Drift Away** with **J. Place, Joe Micarelli** and **John Litwin,** performing music from the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's.every Thursday at 8:30 p.m. 781-545-4700

The Plymouth Farmers' Market, held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. Sept. 20, **folk harpist Shelley Otis**. For information, contact Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.



Scott Higgins *Christine Hurley* *Kevin Knox*

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Comedy Night, Sept. 14, 7 p.m. Tuscan House Restaurant, 58 E. Grove Street (Rt. 28) Middleboro featuring Kevin Knox. Other comics include Annette Pollack, Matt McArthur, Christine Hurley, Steve Holda and host: Scott Higgins. Advance reservations required by calling 508-923-0099. Dinner/show package $36.95; comedy show only $22. tuscanhouserestaurant.com or myspace.com/annettepollack

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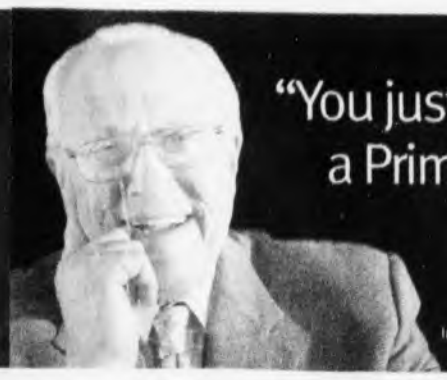
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Field of dreams in Beechwood

Ballpark celebration on Sat., Sept. 29

By Nancy White
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The crack of the bat, the bounce of a basketball, the laughing cries of kids on a playground — these sounds will converge soon enough on the newly renovated Beechwood Ballpark.

Located at the corner of Doane and Beechwood streets, the Beechwood Ballpark has been re-oriented, re-structured and re-vamped and at last is ready for its official unveiling. A dedication and celebration of the Beechwood Ballpark will be held on Saturday, Sept. 29 beginning at 8:30a.m.

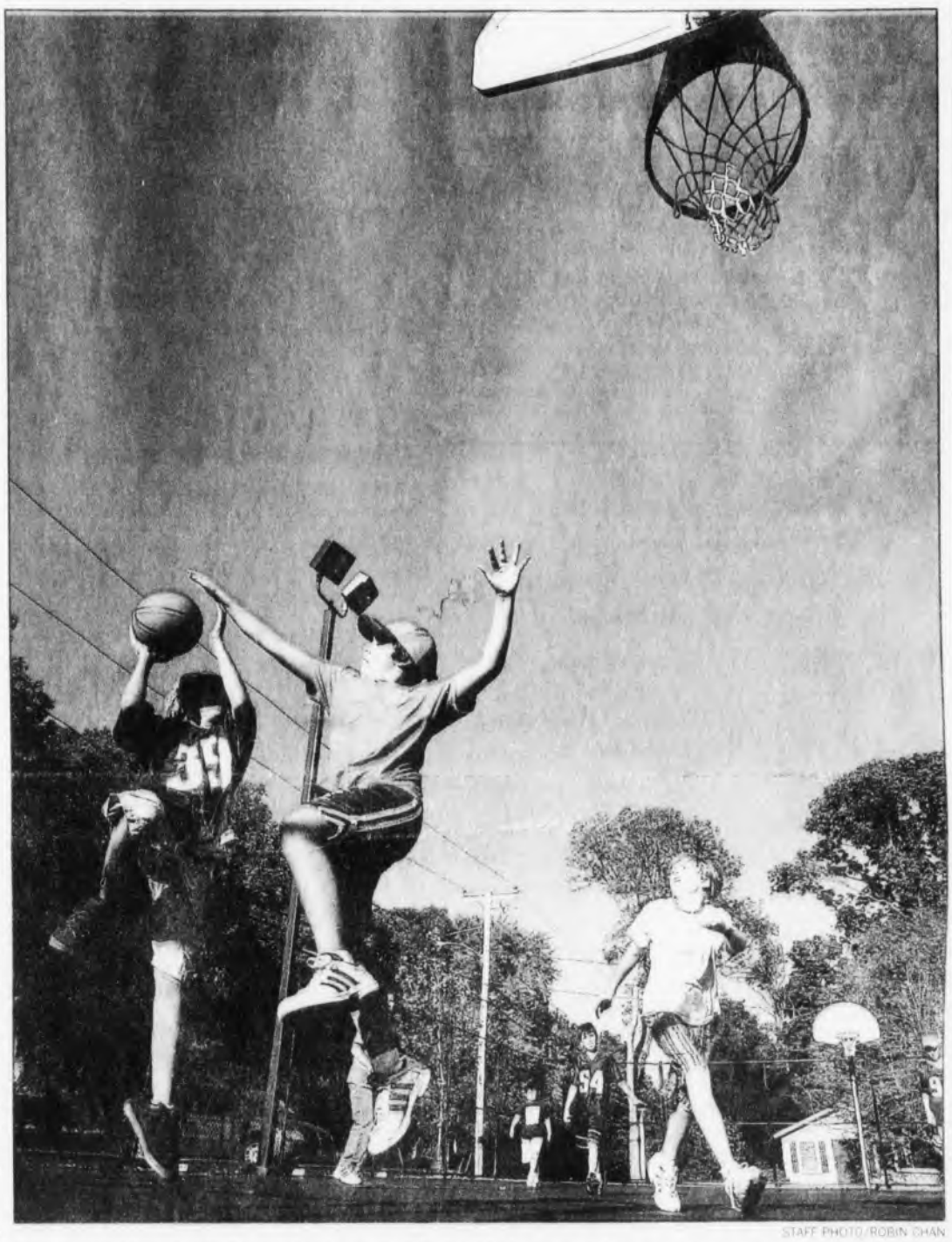
The project is a testament to what true cooperation can yield: town boards, residents and volunteers came together during the four-year process to bring the project to fruition. In the next week, finishing touches will be placed on the baseball field, playground and basketball court.

A dedication and celebration of the Beechwood Ballpark will be held on Saturday, Sept. 29 beginning at 8:30a.m.

"We've re-built this field from the ground up," says Merle Brown, co-chair of the Beechwood Ballpark Committee with Glenn Pratt. From the ground up means a complete leveling of the field, a sprinkler system, then layers of loam and sod. On the playground, 18 inches of playground fiber, or soft wood chips that are splinter free, were brought in to cushion children's play. The basketball court was re-paved, lined and outfitted with lights for night play. A new building with storage, handicap bathroom and running water for a snack bar is tucked in behind the backstop.

"We took every inch of property available," says Pratt, by narrowing the intersection of Doane and Beechwood and extending the park as far as the property lines could go. Shifting the

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Joey Sestito, 11, right, challenges the shot of Jack Leffel, 12, during a pick-up game between fourth and sixth graders at the newly renovated Beechwood Ballpark. The field will be dedicated on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 8:30a.m. followed by a day of baseball, basketball, food and fun.

DiNero's gets additional parking

In split vote Selectmen overturn decision in June

By Nancy White
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It was like déjà vu at Monday night's Board of Selectmen meeting but, in the end, the outcome was entirely different. The Board, contrary to their decision at a June 18 meeting, approved the addition of two legal parking spaces on Hull Street requested by the owner of DiNero's Restaurant. Like the decision a few months ago, the vote was split 3-2.

In the early summer, the owner of DiNero's, Frank Plotner, wrote to the Town Manager Bill Griffin to seek relief from a parking ban imposed on Hull Street from Grace Drive to the restaurant parking lot. He requested three additional spaces be authorized "to help with any overflow" from the restaurant's parking area.

Griffin had Police Chief James Hussey out to look at the area to see if three spots were feasible. In a report back to the Selectmen, Hussey said two additional parking spaces were possible on Hull Street due to overgrown bushes/weeds being cut back creating space for two vehicles without blocking the travel lane.

However, at the first hearing no representatives from DiNero's were present and the Board was left with little to go on but neighbors' comments and complaints. At the meeting both Vice

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Better cell coverage coming

Selectmen OK DAS network, 17 more towers

By Nancy White
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Cohasset's spotty cell phone coverage could change for the better in the near future. The Board of Selectmen approved the installation of 17 additional wireless towers throughout Cohasset; at least one wireless carrier is interested in utilizing the towers. The Selectmen conditioned their decision on finding out the pole numbers intended for the antennas and control boxes.

Mike Cooper, a representative from Lightower (formerly National Grid Wireless) made a short presentation to the Board. His company would like to bring a DAS (Distributed Antenna System) to Cohasset, a DAS network is already operational in Hull. A DAS network is a shared, fiber-based infrastructure. Wireless carriers can locate their equipment in a central location or hub, then signals are sent over fiber cables to control boxes. Control boxes and antennas are typically located on utility poles. One carrier, which he was not able to name citing a pending agreement, would like to have the towers in place by the end of the year.

"We're coming out of the gate with one carrier, but that's not really a moneymaker [for my company]. We're actively seeking other carriers for these towers," said Cooper. For the time being, the DAS network will

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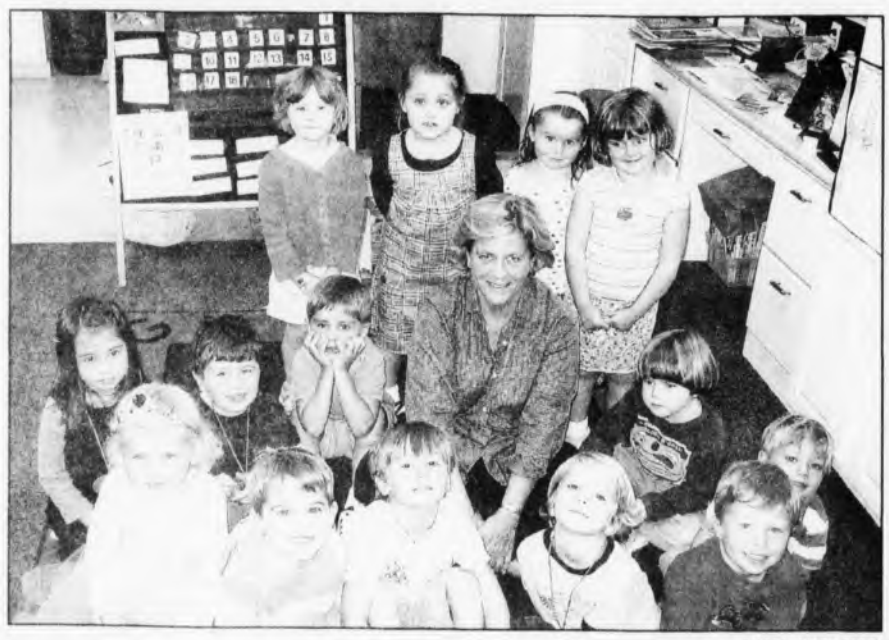
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Most memorable moment: Enjoying watching our students have fun at our Halloween fundraiser on the common!

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PHOTO/MARY FORD

This week's "person of the week" is Betsy Good, who is surrounded by her class at the South Shore Community Center Nursery School.

Goal: To be the best I can be for my preschoolers at the South Shore Community Center !

Person you'd most like to meet: My grandparents.

Best part of Cohasset: Coastal Camp at Sandy Beach.

Biggest worry: Safety of our children.

STM article deadline today

Special Town Meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.

The deadline for article submission is Friday, Sept. 21. The warrant will be sent to the printer on Oct. 23 and sent to voters on Oct. 30, two weeks before Town Meeting.

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Friday, Nov. 2 will be the last day to register to vote for the Special Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday, Nov.13. Registration will be held at the Town Clerk's office from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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South Shore Tide Chart
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Sept.	AM	HIGH Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	AM	LOW Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 20	6:11	7.2	6:22	8.3	—	—	12:01	2.3
Sunrise: 6:28 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:45 p.m.*			
Fri. 21	7:10	7.3	7:21	8.5	12:47	1.5	12:59	2.1
Sunrise: 6:29 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:43 p.m.*			
Sat. 22	8:07	7.6	8:18	8.8	1:45	1.2	1:57	1.8
Sunrise: 6:30 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:41 p.m.*			
Sun. 23	9:00	8.1	9:13	9.3	2:39	0.8	2:53	1.2
Sunrise: 6:31 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:39 p.m.*			
Mon. 24	9:49	8.7	10:05	9.7	3:30	0.3	3:46	0.6
Sunrise: 6:32 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:37 p.m.*			
Tues. 25	10:36	9.4	10:55	10.1	4:18	-0.2	4:37	-0.1
Sunrise: 6:33 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:36 p.m.*			
Wed. 26	11:21	10.0	11:44	10.3	5:04	-0.6	5:26	-0.8
Sunrise: 6:34 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:34 p.m.*			
Thurs. 27	—	—	12:06	10.6	5:50	-0.8	6:16	-1.2
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SW bylaw needs tweaking

By Nancy White
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The Board of Selectmen gave specific constructive criticism to the Stormwater Management Committee on Monday night. The Stormwater bylaw has been significantly revised since being indefinitely postponed at the Annual Town Meeting, but the Selectmen's comments indicated it might not be ready for the November Special Town Meeting.

The Stormwater Committee has streamlined its bylaw from 15 to four pages. It has simplified the process to get a stormwater permit and done away with a full-blown Stormwater Commission to issue the permits. The latest version of the bylaw utilizes existing town boards (Planning Board, Board of Health and Conservation Commission) to issue permits when they already have an applicant in front of them.

"We've attempted to create a bylaw that makes sense for the town," said Stormwater Committee chairman Marty Nee. Under the federal Clean Water Act, regulations about stormwater must be on the books by next summer. If something isn't in place, the town could face fines from the government.

The proposed stormwater bylaw goes a step beyond the federal requirements by instituting a stormwater permit process for any activity that increases the impervious area on a developed parcel of land by more than 30 percent. The federal regulations only require a town to regulate development disturbing one acre or more of land or in stormwater "hot spots," i.e. auto salvage, marinas and road salt storage facilities.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer was concerned the bylaw did not sufficiently address the problem of neighbor-to-neighbor runoff.

"There's an assumption we're going to help people here," said Dormitzer. He also was concerned the permitting process allowed for too much additional judgment and overburdened the already busy Planning Board. He suggested the process could be simplified to include less town involvement. An applicant could submit stamped stormwater runoff plans by a professional engineer to the building inspector's office, abutters would be notified of the proposed construction and then have a chance to review the plans. If neighbors had concerns, they could hire their own engineer to review the plans and work it out from there. Dormitzer's process would lessen the costs for the applicant and lessen the burden on the town boards.

Another concern expressed by Dormitzer and shared by at least Chairman Gary Vanderweil and Selectman Paul Carlson, was the bylaw created a committee in perpetuity, rather than being "a creature of the Selectmen." The bylaw would mandate a Stormwater Committee and the Board of Selectmen would lose its power to sunset the committee if its charge was no longer relevant in the future. Vanderweil said he could not give his support to the bylaw if this aspect was not changed.

Deal breaking for Vanderweil as well was having the Planning Board be the primary stormwater permitting authority. He would like to see the majority of stormwater permits go through the Building Inspector's office, with the exception of developments disturbing over one acre and undeveloped parcels.

"For me to vote in the affirmative for the bylaw, I would need those. Otherwise I don't think I could support it," said Vanderweil. The Stormwater Committee will need to decide whether to bring the bylaw to the Special Town Meeting or wait until the Annual Town Meeting in the spring.

"Try not to rush it and get a rejection on the floor of Town Meeting," advised Dormitzer.

Although the committee will meet formally in the coming weeks to determine if it would like to go ahead with the bylaw for the fall Town Meeting, from a personal standpoint Nee said he would prefer to wait until the spring Town Meeting.

"Obviously we want to go into Town Meeting with the support of the Selectmen," said Nee in a phone interview, "it's important for us to make sure we get it right before Town Meeting. I think we're close."

POLICE BEAT

Detectives help in Hingham drug bust

By Mary Ford
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A Dorchester man is facing a host of drug charges following an undercover operation that resulted in him being caught in the act of selling a quantity of heroin and cocaine.

Hingham police department spokesman Lt. Michael Peraino said Hingham detectives teamed up with detectives from Cohasset, Sgt. Gregory Lennon and Garrett Hunt, to perform an undercover operation in a parking lot off Lincoln Street (Route 3A). Hingham detectives had received information that there had been drug dealing in the parking lot and also were able to determine the identity of the alleged drug dealer, Peraino said.

The Hingham and Cohasset police departments are part of the South Shore Drug Task Force.

One undercover Hingham detective set up the buy of some heroin and cocaine last Thursday (Sept. 13) at about 3:15 p.m. while other Hingham detectives and Lennon and Hunt surrounded the lot in unmarked cars.

Soon a red Mitsubishi drove up which was the car that police expected. The operator was later identified as Daniel E. Diaz-Febres, 20, of 189 Bowdoin St., Dorchester. Police said Diaz-Febres sold two bags of heroin and one bag of cocaine to the undercover officers for $130.

Once the sale was made the detective drove off. When Diaz-Febres tried to leave the lot, the other detectives locked him in and made the arrest.

A search of Diaz-Febres' car produced 10 additional bags of cocaine and a pill bottle containing 12 Oxycodones. Also confiscated was $856 in cash. The car was seized and could be auctioned off by the District Attorney's Office if Diaz-Febres is found guilty because the car was used in the distribution of drugs, police said.

Diaz-Febres was charged with the manufacture, distribution and dispersing of a Class A drug (heroin) and a Class B drug (cocaine); he was also charged with possession of a Class B drug (cocaine) with intent to distribute and a Class E drug (Oxycodone) with intent to distribute.

He was arraigned the next morning (Sept. 14) and was released on $1,000 cash bail. He is due back in court in October.

The Hingham and Cohasset police departments are part of the South Shore Drug Task Force and assist each other when conducting drug busts.

Cohasset Chief James Hussey said drug incidents can cross town lines and that is why the SSDTF is so valuable. "We share information and work together.

"Last week's drug bust was an example of good police work all around."

Truck into pole

A utility pole did not appear to have sustained any damage after a flatbed truck with a white cab backed into it on Monday (Sept. 10). The incident was reported at 11:30 a.m. but the caller was unable to provide a license plate and the truck had left the scene when police arrived. Chief Hussey said as a precaution Verizon was called to check out the pole.

Bench stolen

A wrought-iron bench was stolen from a landscape supply company off Route 3A last week. The theft was reported on Monday (Sept. 10). Police said the bench was for sale and is valued at $350. "Right now it is under investigation and we have no good leads," Chief Hussey said. "If anyone saw anything or has information, they should call us."

Grocery mishap

A Cohasset woman who was shopping at Shaw's with her middle-age son apparently reached for a pickle jar on an upper shelf and the item came down and hit her on the head. Police said her son then "made a scene" and argued with employees at the supermarket and the store called police to have him removed.

After police arrived, the woman and her son went home; however, she later complained of being dizzy and an ambulance was called.

The store was advised on procedures to obtain a "no-trespass" order for her son, police said.

The incident occurred at about 2:20 p.m. on Monday (Sept. 10).

Speeding

An officer who was on patrol along Route 3A observed a gray BMW traveling northbound at a high rate of speed turn from 3A onto Sohier Street. The officer followed the vehicle and "clocked" its speed as about 50 mph; the speed limit there is 30 mph. Chief Hussey explained that the officer did not use radar but made a judgment of the car's speed by observing how much faster it was traveling than the cruiser.

The officer pulled the car over on Sohier Street near Ripley Road. The driver had an expired Pennsylvania license and no Massachusetts license. He will be summonsed to court for driving without a license, speeding and having no registration in his possession. The motor vehicle stop occurred at about 9:35 p.m. on (Tuesday) Sept. 11.

Window smashed

The owner of an unregistered 1998 Mazda that was parked on his Summer Street property reported to police that the window to the vehicle had been "kicked in," sometime overnight. The call came in at 11:55 a.m. on Wednesday (Sept. 12). Police could not find a weapon or projectile used to break the window. Police took a report and have no further information at this time.

Vandalism

A 20-year-old Cohasset man was arrested after a witness reported seeing him spray paint a mailbox orange and tie a noose around it. Based on the description given to police, the officer pulled the man over on Hull Street and placed him under arrest. The man did not want to be taken into custody and resisted arrest. He is facing charges of vandalism, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and operating an unregistered MV.

Near fight

Two elderly Scituate men nearly got into a fight during a heated argument over a parking space by Walgreen's last week. "It never got physical," Chief Hussey said. "However, the argument was pretty heated prompting the second caller to notify us." Police spoke to both parties and peace was restored. One of the men had apparently pulled into a space as the other man was getting ready to back into it. The incident occurred at about 4:29 p.m. on Thursday (Sept. 13).

Shoplifting

A Scituate man is facing a shoplifting charge for allegedly stealing a quantity of baby formula and diapers valued at $130 from Shaw's last week.

The caller reported the man left in a black SUV and provided a plate number which came back to a Scituate address. Scituate police were notified and went to that location, Chief Hussey said. The SUV was in the driveway. Cohasset police met up with Scituate police at the address; the items were still inside the vehicle. In the meantime, an officer reviewed the videotapes at Shaw's and based on the description of the man provided, police made the arrest and charged the 38-year-old with shoplifting.

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Minor MV

A woman, who was dining reported seeing another car hit her parked 2002 Lexus, from inside the restaurant last Friday (Sept. 14) at about 7:15 p.m. She reported the matter to police, provided a plate number, and the owner of the 2000 Volvo was contacted. The Volvo driver bumped into the Lexus while trying to back into a space in the 100 block of Ripley Road. Damage was very minor, police said. The car owners exchanged papers and the insurance company will take it from there, police said.

Hit guardrail

A 50-year-old woman thought her car was in reverse when it was in "drive" and drove into the guardrail in a parking space at Sunrise last week.

Police said she ended up driving over the curb and hit the guardrail in front of her. The 2005 Toyota Corolla had to be towed. The mishap occurred last Saturday (Sept. 15) at 6:52 a.m.

Protective custody

A woman, who had apparently left her pocketbook at a local restaurant the previous evening and had returned to look for it, was taken into protective custody.

In talking with the woman, who was dropped off at the restaurant last Sunday at about 9:40 a.m., police determined that she was under the influence of alcohol. She could not find her car but police were able to locate it. However, police determined that she was not sober and should not drive. She was taken to the station and later a friend came to pick her up. Her pocketbook was also located at the restaurant.

Drunken men

Two men, who were drunk and who harassed a clerk at a convenience store on Route 3A, could be barred from going in there again. Chief Hussey said the store has the option of seeking a no-trespass order against the two men. The clerk reported the incident at 11 p.m. on Saturday (Sept. 8) and said the men were yelling at him and goofing around in the store before taking off on foot.

Police found the two men, who were over 21 and drove the two men to their homes in Scituate. The store employee was not interested seeking court action.

However if the store seeks a no-trespass order, then the police could arrest the men if they go back to the store.

DiNero's gets additional parking

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Chairman Ted Carr and Selectman Paul Carlson commented they would have like to have a representative from DiNero's there to respond to neighbors' concerns. In a letter dated July 31, Gregory Sullivan, attorney for DiNero's, informed the town Plotner was hospitalized with a serious health issue during the time of the first hearing. On behalf of DiNero's he sought a re-hearing of the parking issue. At a meeting in August, the Selectmen agreed to have another hearing.

"We're back to the original issue of parking on Hull Street," said Griffin to conclude his summary of the issue.

Sullivan opened his remarks by apologizing for missing the original hearing in June. He said there are currently six on-street legal parking spaces on Hull Street and DiNero's is seeking two more, in accordance with Chief Hussey's recommendation. Patrons have been using the illegal parking spaces and police are often ticketing the area.

"It takes away the afterglow of a nice dinner when you get to your car and there is a ticket on your windshield," said Sullivan.

However, Chairman Gary Vanderweil recalled the neighbors complaining about litter, noise and safety concern generated from the restaurant — complaints Sullivan denied were valid.

"If there is a restaurant that does a better job of policing their parking area in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I'd like to see it," said Sullivan. DiNero's has hired a parking attendant for its busy nights (Thursday to Sunday) and regularly checks the property and surrounding area for litter, Sullivan explained. "DiNero's prides themselves on having a clean restaurant inside and out."

Vice Chairman Ted Carr asked the DiNero's representative what effect the additional spaces would have for the restaurant business from a financial perspective.

"The more parking you have, the better it is for business," said Sullivan. Plotner later explained a parking space could turn over twice, maybe three times, on a busy night so it is a significant gain. Carr then asked what the capacity of both the restaurant and the parking lot was, a question neither representative could answer.

Jim Reichart of 3 Grace Drive, a vocal resident at the first meeting, explained the situation has not changed since he came before the board in June.

"I find it very disheartening I have to be back here again," Reichart said. One of his main concerns was the visibility coming out of a private driveway on to Hull Street is limited when cars are parked in the two proposed parking spaces

Maria Plante of 18 Grace Drive came to the meeting armed with recent pictures and documentation from the decisions of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board. She said the Planning Board conditioned DiNero's expansion on supplying enough parking on their property for patrons. The reality is cars regularly park in the street over the fog line and block the sight lines coming out of Grace Drive creating a potential safety hazard, Plante said. "Why should we put up with the inconvenience and unsafe conditions?" she asked.

Sullivan responded to the neighbors' comments by pledging to expend efforts to curb parking on Hull Street when there is space available in the lot.

"When DiNero's says the sky is blue, [the neighbors] says it's black. That's the nature of the relationship," said Sullivan.

The board moved 3-2 to reconsider its past vote on the same matter. The Selectmen were split on weighing the neighbors' concerns with the impact the two spaces may have on the area.

"My concerns are with the neighbors. This is the only chance we have to enhance the situation," said Selectman Fred Koed, who ultimately did not change his vote, casting it against making the parking spaces legal. Carr, unsatisfied with the answers given by the DiNero's representatives over the benefit of additional parking, voted with Koed.

"I think DiNero's has bent over backwards" for the neighbors, citing the hiring of a parking attendant and regular policing of the parking area, said Vanderweil. Like in the June vote, Selectman Ralph Dormitzer voted with Vanderweil.

Selectman Paul Carlson, who previously voted against the two additional parking spaces, changed his vote to the affirmative. After hearing both sides (the neighbors' and the restaurant's) he felt DiNero's was doing something to address the neighbors' concerns. The motion to allow two additional legal parking spaces on Hull Street passed 3-2.

As a side note, Griffin explained there is a possibility the state will install sidewalks where the proposed parking spaces are. If the state plans come to fruition in the coming years, the legal spaces would then need to be removed.



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This "No Parking" sign on Hull Street will come down in the near future. The Selectmen overturned their decision in June to create two additional legal spaces on Hull Street at the request of DiNero's Restaurant.

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improve cell phone coverage for the interested carrier. The 17 towers will be located throughout Cohasset, concentrated on the waterfront, Forest Avenue and Sohier Street areas.

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In addition, Cooper also sought permission to install underground fiber on Jerusalem Road between Forest Avenue and Deep Run where there are underground utilities. The fiber would then be run to overhead poles on Linden Drive and Deep Run. The crews installing the fiber would coordinate with the upcoming sewer project as not to conflict.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said he took a look at the DAS towers already in place on Hull Street and was concerned with their size, describing it as double the size of a window air conditioner. He said while most residents want good cell coverage and reception, as representatives of the town they had to ensure the new towers would not block someone's ocean view.

"It would be desirable to have the pole numbers where the boxes would go," so the Selectmen could ensure they would not adversely affect someone's view, particularly on Jerusalem Road/Deep Run, said Dormitzer. "We have to make sure we're protecting the people of Cohasset."

Cooper agreed to providing the pole numbers slated for the boxes, "we're willing to work with you." However, he advised the boxes could only be moved to other poles within an approximate 125-foot radius.

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Students get their feet wet on marine issues

Microsoft grant gives students new opportunity

By Nancy White
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Living in a coastal town brings many advantages. Cohasset has breathtaking ocean views, beaches to spend summer days, a harbor for lobstering and fishing and waterways for boating — just to name a few of the obvious. However, the coastal advantages also come with a responsibility to understand and protecting the nearby ocean and water bodies.

The Center for Student Coastal Research (CSCR) strives to balance the advantages and responsibility of living by the ocean. To that end, the CSCR is unrolling a new lineup of programming to run throughout the year, the Watershed Academy. Funded by a $70,000 grant from Microsoft Corporation, the CSCR will be bringing in professionals to teach South Shore middle and high school students lab science skills and work on issues directly affecting the community.

"It's the biggest fish we've caught so far," quips Jack Buckley, president of CSCR and a Cohasset High teacher. He found out Microsoft through their Partners in Learning program was looking to fund after-school science, math, technology and engineering programs in Massachusetts.

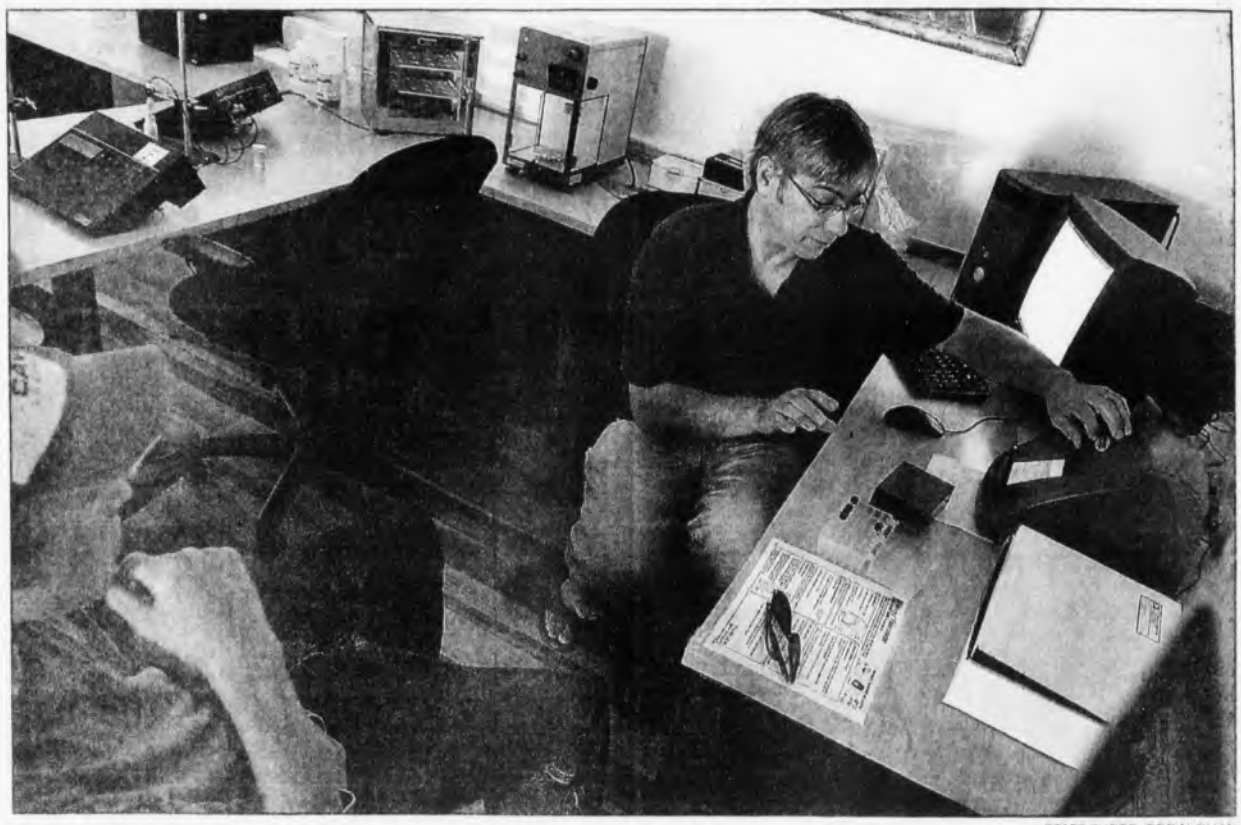
"It was a clear, natural fit with CSCR," says Buckley. CSCR ended up being one of four programs awarded the grant out of 78 applicants. Buckley set right to work designing and recruiting professionals to bring on to the program.

"[The Watershed Academy] is enrichment programs working toward community issues," says Buckley and students learn valuable scientific inquiry and laboratory skills from field professionals. The students will complete ongoing research projects started during the summer concerning environmental issues specific to the waters of Cohasset. Students will look at bacteria pollution and non-point source pollution, as well as analyze nutrients in various water bodies. A project monitoring Cohasset's wetlands is also underway. Each class will be goal-oriented, as well as skill-oriented, says Buckley.

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Buckley has lined up marine professionals to interact and teach students in a relaxed, collaborative environment. Christian Krahforst, a marine chemist from the Mass Bays Marine Monitoring Program; Sara Grady of Mass Bays Program and North South Rivers Watershed Association; and Cohasset High teacher Ann Thomae, a scientist, will all lend their expertise to the upcoming programs.

Krahforst has been working with students throughout the summer to collect water samples in nine Cohasset water locations and performing various tests on them to determine water quality and ecosystem health. Through the testing, he hopes he and the students can come to a better understanding of how Cohasset waterways work and change.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset High senior Nate Porter looks on as marine chemist Christian Krahforst instructs him on how to use a fluorometer, a sophisticated instrument that will measure the amount of chlorophyll in a sample. Nate is working on an independent study project on cholophyll-A, a measure of biology in the water, in Cohasset waters.

"It's been a real treat. This is the best part of my job," says Krahforst.

This week, he taught a group of Cohasset High seniors how to extract and read samples for chlorophyll-A, a measure of the biology in a marine system.

"[Chlorophyll-A] helps produce oxygen. We want to test it to make sure [the water] is healthy," explains Nate Porter who is beginning an independent study this semester on chlorophyll-A in Cohasset waters. Over a two-day process the samples the chlorophyll is extracted and then run through a highly sophisticated machine to determine just how much chlorophyll is in the water.

The water has also been tested for pH, nitrates, suspended solids and bacteria levels. Each test along the way teaches the students additional lab and analytical skills. Krahforst leads four students through the process, offering helpful hints to aid them in the future, "don't get frustrated. It takes a little bit of skill but once you've got it, you're golden," said Krahforst as he watched Nate dispense 10 mL of 90 percent acetone using a self-zeroing burette for the first time into the chlorophyll sample. It wasn't long before Nate got the hang of it.

"CSCR is a place where students can get involved in community coastal environmental issues," says Buckley.

Watershed Academy courses begin after-school the week of Oct. 1. There are no tuition fees for classes. Enrollment is open to middle and high school aged students from Cohasset and the South Shore. Sign up and specific Watershed Academy course information is available at CSCR's website at www.ccscr.org, or call 781-383-0129, or e-mail cscr@verizon.net.

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Danny received the Coaches Award six times in the last three years, broke a school running record, and was the captain of the Cross Country Team and the Spirit Team. She held high honors for the 7th and 8th grade and was awarded the Martignetti Language Award. Danny also received Derby's most distinguished award at graduation, The Madam Derby Pin, for embodying the values of the Derby community through demonstrated effort, interest and positive contributions in academics, arts, athletics and extracurricular activities.

Keep up the good work, Danny!

POST-PROM PARTY

Volunteers interested in planning the 2008 post-prom party are asked to attend a brief meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday (Sept. 25) at the Paul Pratt Library. Questions call: **Babette** at 781-383-2561 or **Ann** at 781-383-2069.

DEAN'S LIST

Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia has named local student **Elisa A. Ninde Jerome** of Cohasset to the dean's list of the spring 2007 semester. Elisa is currently majoring in international business. Students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above, a B or greater in all their classes, and complete at least 15 credits to earn dean's list status for the semester.

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

The try-outs for the 2008 CYBSA major league baseball season will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13th at Barnes Field from 1 to 3:30 p.m.. All boys and girls who are age 10 prior to May 1, 2008 and no older than age 12 on April 30, 2008 and who are not currently on a CYBSA major league baseball team are invited to try-out. All 12 year olds (born between May 1, 1995 and April 30, 1996) who attend the tryouts are automatically selected for a Major League team, provided that these players attend the tryout. For more information, please visit the notice in the Sports section or our website: CYBSA.net



Danny Sears, a Derby graduate, has begun her first year at Thayer.

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All students rockin' to the beat at the Osgood School will be entered into various raffles throughout the fundraiser. At the Deer Hill, students who sell 10 items will receive a Hip Hop Back Pack Clipper. The Deer Hill students will also be eligible to earn prizes for their total number of items sold, with the top prizes being Best Buy Gift Cards valued at $100, $150 and $250.

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LEGION GOLF

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JUNIOR GARDENERS

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The students will be meeting after school from 2:45- 3:45 p.m. in the Deer Hill cafeteria. The meeting dates for 2007-2008 are on the following Mondays: Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 10, Apr. 14 and May 12.

Space is very limited and students can register on a first come basis for all or whatever dates fit their schedules. Please send your child's name, grade level and requested program dates along with your name, contact phone # and email to: lcjschool@verizon.net.

Editor's note: Around Town columnist Jennifer Piepenbrink will be back in October.

Due to short-term expense reallocation for September, editor Mary Ford will be compiling Around Town this month.

Please try to send in all of your news, photos etc. no later than Tuesday by 5 pm.

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WEDDING



Mr. and Mrs. David Andrew Carpenter

Carpenter – Silvia wedding

Amy Mae Silvia and David Andrew Carpenter were married on Aug. 18, 2007 in Centerville.

The garden ceremony was officiated by Matthew Silvia, the bride's brother. Members of the wedding posse were Jessica Aronson Estreicher, childhood friend of the bride; her daughter Sophie, the flower girl; Amy Carpenter, the groom's sister; Jill Silvia, the bride's sister-in-law; Doug Carpenter and Dan Silvia, brothers of the bride and groom; and friends Martin Allen, Ethan Kiermaier, Pat Donnelly, and Mike Boylan.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Marsha Silvia of Cohasset. She graduated from the Massachusetts College of Art as a metal smith, and teaches at the Cushman School in Amherst. The groom, who arrived at the ceremony via water ski to the James Bond theme song, graduated from Williston Northampton School in Easthampton and George Washington University. He is the son of Richard Carpenter of Vermont and Joanne Carpenter of Hingham and Centerville, and has his own business, the New England Image Workshop in Amherst.

After a honeymoon on Martha's Vineyard, the couple is residing in Amherst.

Cohasset Cabaret is coming!

The Cohasset Cabaret will make its debut Friday, Nov. 2, and Saturday, Nov. 3, at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, 129 South Main St. Each evening will begin with a social hour from 7 to 8 p.m., featuring a raffle table with items from local artists and merchants, followed by the cabaret. Talented cast members from the South Shore area will perform songs from artists such as Sonny and Cher, Frank Sinatra, and the Dream Girls, as well as numbers from productions including "Fiddler on the Roof," and "Chicago."

Members of the audience may bring their own snacks to enjoy or purchase a snack box for $10. A cash bar will serve wine, beer, and soft drinks. Proceeds benefit the Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs.

Talented cast members from the South Shore area will perform songs from artists such as Sonny and Cher, Frank Sinatra, and the Dream Girls...

Tickets cost $25 each and will be available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., each Sunday beginning Sept. 30, at St. Anthony's Parish Hall.

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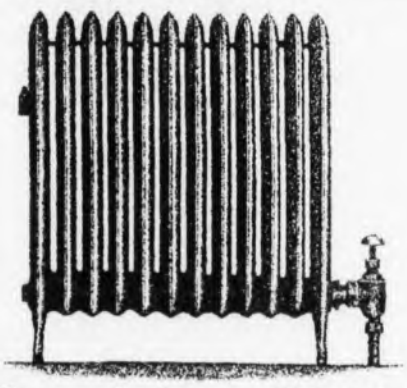
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Keeping interest alive in math and science

Girl Scout begins program for middle school girls for Gold Award

By Nancy White
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When 2007 Cohasset High graduate Colleen Richardson took Advanced Placement (AP) French, the class was almost entirely female. However, when she enrolled in AP Biology only three other girls enrolled with her. The stark contrast was not lost on her: somewhere along the way girls veered away from math and science.

"I remembered a lot of girls in middle school who liked math and science, but in high school many of them thought it would be too much of a workload and not be worth it," says Richardson, but the explanation still didn't sit well with her.

Meanwhile, Richardson was one of six graduating seniors still involved in Girl Scouts. As a senior Girl Scout, Richardson decided to pursue a Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest possible award in Girl Scouts, similar to the Boy Scouts' Eagle Scout recognition.

To achieve a Gold Award, two badges — one in leadership, the other in career related activity — must be earned, and then a project involving 65 hours of volunteer service must be completed. The project must show leadership, longevity and impact on the community. She has to go before the Patriots Trail Girl Scout Council before beginning and after completing the project.

As Richardson brainstormed for a project idea, she recalled the apparent loss of female interest in math and science during high school. She decided to establish a program at the Middle School designed to cultivate and encourage girls to pursue math and science at the high school level and beyond.



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Cohasset High School chemistry teacher Ann Thomae, or Doc T as her students know her, creates an explosion at the first meeting of Colleen Richardson's program, Looking Forward: Keeping Girls Involved in Math and Science.

"I wanted to let girls know they can have careers in math and science later in life."
— Colleen Richardson



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Colleen Richardson, a 2007 Cohasset High grad, has started a program to keep middle school girls interested in math and science. Richardson has worked on the program, Looking Forward: Keeping Girls Involved in Math and Science, as part of her pursuit of a Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest achievement in girl scouting.

"I wanted to let girls know they can have careers in math and science later in life," says Richardson. The program, called "Looking Forward: Keeping Girls Involved in Math and Science," confronts the problem on several levels.

Richardson has lined up a variety of speakers whose careers involve the daily use of math and science. Doctors, nutritionists, actuaries, nurses, teachers and tech company professionals have all offered to come speak about their careers at future sessions. Often high school students don't see how algebra and calculus could help them in a future career, the professional women can show them how relevant math and science really is, says Richardson.

The program pairs up the middle school girls with high school mentors for the program in an effort to bridge the gap between middle school and high school.

"Since the middle school and high school are in the same building, it's good for the middle school girls to have someone to wave to or say hi to in the hallway," says Richardson, "it makes the high school not so intimidating."

She envisions the high school mentors not only being a friendly face, but also advising the younger girls about teachers, classes and the high school experience in general.

By incorporating middle school and high school girls into the program, Richardson involves both parties in math and science on a monthly basis.

"Mentors will have to keep their enthusiasm up" for the program to work, says Richardson, who headed off to start her freshman year at Dartmouth this week. She will coordinate the program as much as possible from school, but has approached a few high school juniors to help her out with hanging posters and running the monthly meetings. She hopes one of them will take over the program for next year.

Her first meeting last week had a great response with 18 middle school girls and 10 high school mentors in attendance. A high school chemistry teacher, Ann Thomae, or "Doc T" as her students know her, was the guest speaker. She discussed her past career working in the private sector and her current teaching profession with the students. Richardson says she concluded with a demonstration involving hydrogen peroxide and an explosion, "it was pretty cool."

Although Richardson likes math and science, she is unsure what form that interest will take in her undergraduate studies and future career. "Definitely not pre-med," is the only thing she's willing to rule out at this point.

To achieve her Gold Award, Richardson will have to get approval of the Girl Scout Council again before the end of this month.

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Cohasset firefighter/paramedic Rob Forde and "Zee."

'Kittendales' calendar to benefit non-profit shelter

Hull Seaside Animal Rescue is about to make 2008 very interesting!

The non-profit cat shelter has released its first ever "Kittendales" calendar for 2008.

The all-volunteer project focuses on some hunky and not so hunky men, who wanted to help the shelter raise money.

The idea of showing the hunks with kittens came from HSAR board member and volunteer Chris Crotty.

"When I was thinking about how to raise much needed money for our shelter, a calendar came to mind" Crotty said. "Everyone loves kittens and the contrast between hunky men and our little furry felines seemed like a unique approach to putting together a calendar."

Along with volunteers Susan Davis who coordinated every shoot, and Shirley Moloney, the project is finally finished over a year later.

"Many of these men went way out of their way and beyond the call of duty in order to get the right shot," said photographer Joanne Berman. "We are grateful to all of the guys who offered to be a part of this project, and more specifically because they wanted to help our shelter."

Every penny raised will go toward the day-to-day care of our feline residents at Hull Seaside Animal Rescue, which is a no-kill shelter.

If you would like to purchase one of these limited edition calendars ($20 each), please contact Hull Seaside Animal Rescue for more information: 1-877-378-1195 or hsar @hsar.org

Junior Gardeners registration

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset is accepting registration for the second year of the Junior Gardener program. This free program, open to all 3rd, 4th and 5th graders, is totally subsidized by the Garden Club.

The students will be meeting after school from 2:45- 3:45 p.m. in the Deer Hill cafeteria. The meeting dates for 2007-2008 are on the following Mondays: Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 10, Apr. 14 and May 12.

Space is very limited and students can register on a first come basis for all or whatever dates fit their schedules. Please send your child's name, grade level and requested program dates along with your name, contact phone # and email to: lejschool@verizon.net. Parents are always welcome to observe and/or volunteer at any meetings.

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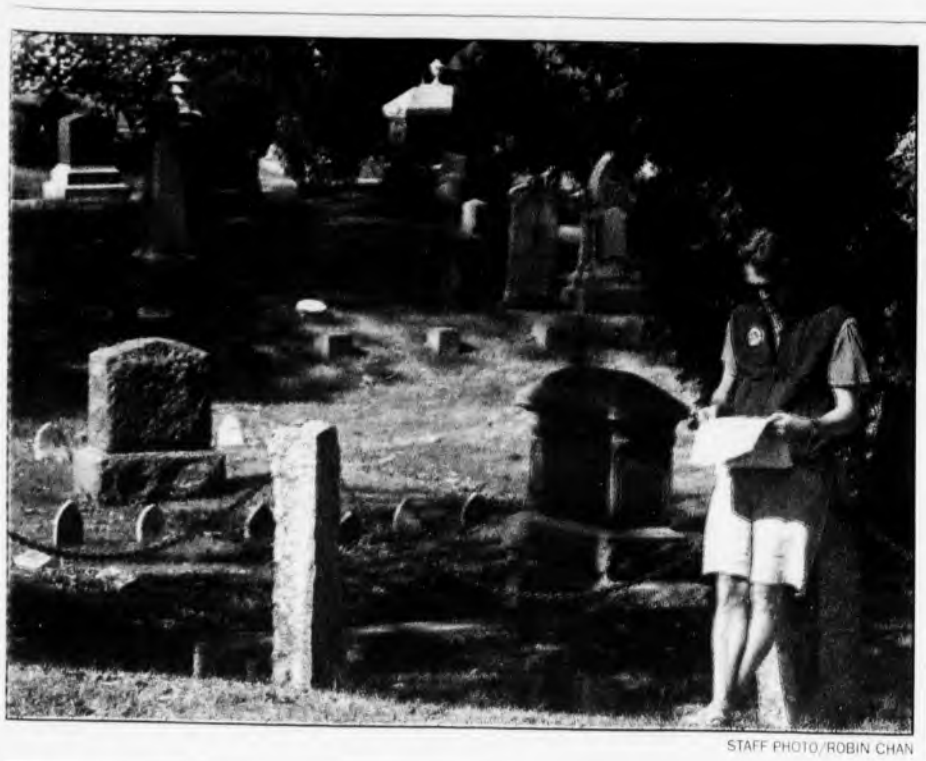
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Bob Thomas reads his paper by Cohasset Central Cemetery at Joy Place while waiting for his daughter, Nonie, 9, to be dropped off by the school bus.

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Forester to lead tree identification tour

Experienced forester Phil Benjamin of South Easton will lead a tree identification walk through the woods of Cohasset's Holly Hill Farm at 2 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 29.

The guided hour-and-a half walk, which starts in front of the Main Barn at 236 Jerusalem Road, will follow the trails and paths that traverse the farm's 140 acres of woods and fields. The farm with its diverse habitats including a salt mash, uplands, ledges and rock outcroppings, brooks, ponds, wetland and swampy areas supports numerous varieties of trees in various stages of development. Besides its natural groves of American holly from which the farm receives its name, the woods are host to numerous varieties of oaks, maples, white pine, ash, shagbark hickory, black walnut, red cedar, beech, hornbeam, birches, tupelo and many more.

"We are lucky to have Phil as leader of this program."
— Frank White, Friends of Holly Hill Farm

By taking a closer look at leaves, twigs and bark, the tour's leader will provide hints as to how to identify the various specimens and will also disclose how the various trees are related to underlying soils and ground elevations.

Benjamin, who has been working as consulting forester throughout southeastern Massachusetts since 1978, is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire with a bachelor of science degree in forest resources and is recognized as a Certified Forester by the Society of American Foresters.

"We are lucky to have Phil as leader of this program," said Frank White, chairman of the board of the Friends of Holly Hill Farm, the nonprofit organization sponsoring the tour. "Phil is uniquely qualified as he knows the woods well. In 1995 he conducted a survey of woods as part of a forest management plan the farm submitted to the federal government. Besides, his enthusiasm for the beauty of these woods is catching, as program participants will quickly discover."

To register for the program, which is open to families, call Friends' education director Jon Belber at 781-383-1455. Fee is $5 with no charge for members of the Friends.

Cohasset Soccer Boosters pancake breakfast

The Cohasset Soccer Boosters will hold their annual Pancake Breakfast Sunday, Oct. 14 at the Deer Hill School from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. The $5 ticket will automatically enter the buyer into a raffle drawing for a pair of Yankee/Red Sox tickets for the 2008 season at Fenway Park or a $500 cash prize.

Proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast go to support the Cohasset Soccer Boosters, which last year awarded four $1,000 scholarships.

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Field of dreams in Beechwood



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Emma Stephens, 6, top, follows Hannah Mattey, 5, down the slide at Beechwood Ballpark. Wearguard of Norwell donated the playground, which includes equipment for toddlers.

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baseball diamond 90 degrees counterclockwise created a uniform 250 feet semicircle to delineate the outfield boundary and opened up more land for the basketball court, a picnic/bleacher area, the playground and off-street parking, "we don't have much space left over."

Despite the major oversight and the challenges encountered day in and day out, both Pratt and Brown name finding the funding as their biggest hurdle. After embarking on a private fundraising campaign a few years ago, the Beechwood Ballpark Committee's prayers were answered when Town Meeting approved the spending of $630,000 to design and complete the project with Community Preservation funds. Over and above, thousands of dollars in private donations has been collected.

"We were able to use money from the town and state to restore this field and beautify this part of town, a part of town Community Preservation funds has not been used in to date," says Stuart Ivimey, chairman of the Community Preservation Committee. Not only does the park give kids and adults new playing fields and a playground, but also allowed severe drainage issues to be remedied, says Ivimey.

Pratt and Brown say the field is an investment in the future, not just because a future Red Sox player could get his start playing Cohasset Little League (or at least develop a love for the game) but also because it incorporates organic turf design and maintenance.

The Beechwood Ballpark is in the Lily Pond watershed making it of interest to both the Water Commission and the Water Resource Protection Committee. The drainage surrounding the park drains right into Lily Pond, the primary source of Cohasset's water supply. The committees did not want the traditional pesticides and chemicals to be used on a large area so close to the water supply.

The downside to organic sod and maintenance is the initial costs are higher in the first three years. The Water Commission agreed to take on the additional cost of maintenance for five years as part of the Water Commission's town-wide rain garden project and grant.

Neighbors and passersby alike are itching to get on the field and playground with their kids and grandkids. Michelle Loughlin of 502 Beechwood St., just two houses down from the field, has been an integral part of bringing the playground to the Beechwood Ballpark. The playground was a donation from the Wearguard daycare located in Norwell, which had closed sometime last year.

Although transportation and installation cost still had to be paid, the donation saved the committee thousands of dollars, says Brown.

Loughlin and her two kids, ages one and four, are looking forward to a neighborhood place where her kids can meet up with other children in the area.

"It's a safe place that's close by, everyone I've run into can't wait to use it," says Loughlin who plans on using the playground and ballpark at least twice a week, "I won't have to hop in the car and go to another playground in town."

A unique aspect of the field is how it will grow along with her kids, says Loughlin. Right now, they are happy using the playground equipment, which has equipment suitable for toddlers just learning to walk and kids up to 6 years old. Soon they'll be playing baseball on the diamond, or soccer in the outfield, or shooting hoops under the lights into the evening.

Another neighbor, Albert Irwin of 485 Beechwood St. has been watching the construction come together at the ballpark, "it's added so much to the community," he says. A Cohasset resident for over 25 years, Irwin hopes the ballpark will attract town kids and they'll be as attentive to the care of the field as those who built it.

Brown and Pratt have plans to keep the field in tip-top shape for the near and distant future, in fact it is Brown's foremost hope to keep the field looking as great as it will on dedication day. The Department of Public Works will be in charge of the regular upkeep of the field, while Brown is recruiting neighbors to help with keeping the area free of litter and in general good condition. The older little league teams will take care of the field before and after each game.

"We think there's enough interest in the field to keep it up," says Pratt. As the co-chairs sit on the outfield picnic benches on a recent warm day, it's clear they are proud of what they, along with the support of the entire town, have accomplished, "we've really turned a baseball field into a park," says Pratt.

Beechwood Dedication Day

The dedication and celebration is again an example of local organizations coming together and promises to have something for everyone. The nearby Beechwood Congregational Church will grilling up some tasty hot dogs, while the Little League and Basketball Boosters host a homerun derby and shoot out contest. The Rusty Skippers will play during the day, and local vocalist Lilly Sestito will sing the national anthem for the dedication. The youngest attendees will be met with clowns, a facepainter and balloons in the playground. A team of Special Olympians will play a shortened game, followed by an "Old Timers Game" featuring Little Leaguers from the 1960s and 70s. Doane Street will be closed off from Beechwood Street to Church Street, the road will be used to display antique cars and a fire engine.

"[The dedication day] is really about the kids and fun," says Pratt.

The Beechwood Ballpark Committee is still accepting donations. To make a donation to the Beechwood Ballpark Restoration Project, send checks to the Cohasset Town Treasurer, 41 Highland Ave., made payable to the Beechwood Ballpark.

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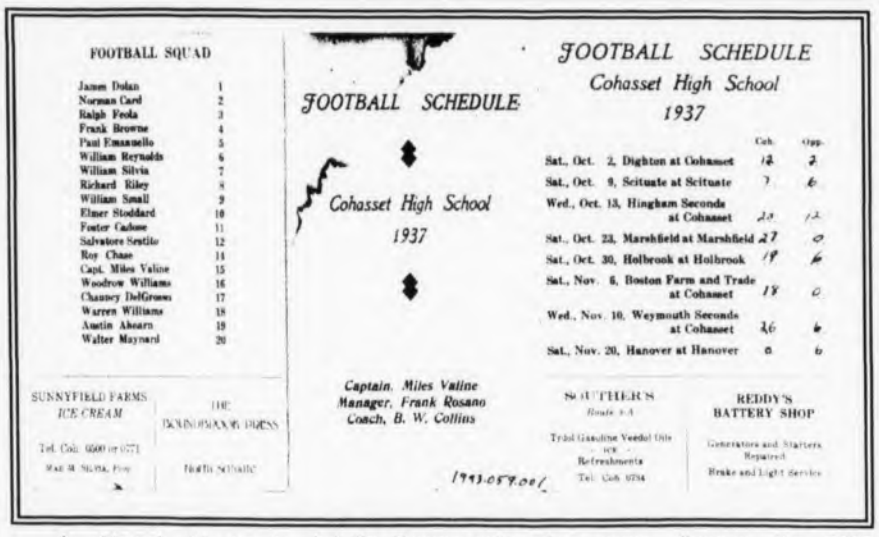
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Although this year's Cohasset High School football team, having defeated their first two opponents, is off to a fast start they have a way to go before matching two of their predecessors who are marking major anniversaries this year.

As the roster and schedule pictured above indicates, seventy years ago the Cohasset High School football team, nineteen members strong, won their first 7 games only to lose their final game on November 20, 1937 to Hanover High School by one touchdown. Twenty years later the 1957 Cohasset High School football team completed an undefeated season and won the league championship title. The Gridiron Club and Cohasset High School will honor the 1957 team on this the 50th anniversary of their undefeated season on Friday, November 2 during halftime at the Cohasset/Abington football game. Support the 2007 Skippers and celebrate the past by attending the game at Alumni Field on November 2.

From the Archives is a weekly feature provided by Cohasset Historical Society.

The Cohasset Historical Society welcomes donations of all types of Cohasset sports related material. If you have something that you would consider donating to our archives please give us a call at 781-383-1434.

Cohasset Historical Society fall events

Historian David Wadsworth will conduct a tour of 19th Century Cohasset, "Looking Back," at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 17, at the Pratt Building. Visit through the town as it was through slides and a lecture and compare those pictures to the town known today.

The Historical Society annual meeting and dinner will take place Sunday, Oct. 28, at the Cohasset Harbor Resort, beginning with a cash bar at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. The guest speaker will be Stephen Puleo, author of "The Boston Italians: A Story of Pride, Perseverance and Paesani." Stephen tells the story of the Italian migration to Boston and the perseverance that helped these poverty-stricken people to overcome the many obstacles in their path to success in America.

The lecture series will visit the other side of the world at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 14, at the Pratt Building, when Edyth Ford presents "Adventures Abroad: China and Tibet." As part of a global community, Cohasset welcomes the sights and cultures of other countries. Edyth will talk about her adventures on a recent trip to China and Tibet and will share the similarities and differences of life in lands so far from our shores.

There is no fee to attend the lecture series and light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 781-383-1434 or visit: cohassethistoricalsociety.org.

Puppetation art series starts Oct. 6

The skills taught will include drawing, clay sculpting, hand sewing and painting.

Puppetation is a new mixed media art series for youngsters in grades 1 through 3, held from 9:30 to 11 a.m., Saturdays, Oct. 6 through Nov. 3. Students will learn to design and construct a series of puppets: stick, felt finger and glove characters, as well as paint a backdrop. The skills taught will include drawing, clay sculpting, hand sewing and painting. Class size is limited. To reserve a space for your child call the Blue Barn Studio at 781-383-9883.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Civic pride needed

While enjoying a cup of coffee with a friend in the "pocket park" between Tedeschi's and French Memories on a recent Saturday, we could not help but notice the amount of litter in the tiny oasis.

In fact, two girls – who were sitting on a nearby bench and who looked to be about 13 years old – finished their soft drinks and just left the containers behind.

No effort was made to pick up the containers and dispose of them properly.

Some would say what is needed are more trash receptacles. That could be the case, however, we — as a community — still have to figure out why people litter in the first place.

The girls who littered at the pocket park just added to what was already there. Also strewn along the walkway were food wrappers, beverage containers and dozens of cigarette butts.

How embarrassing for beautiful Cohasset to be marred by the thoughtlessness and bad behavior of its citizens!

Cohasset is clearly not alone.

In Hingham Square — where the Cohasset Mariner office is located — considerable effort is being made to "beautify" the area post-Greenbush construction. There are new lampposts, trees and benches. There is even a terrific-looking Town Clock, a gift from the Hingham-Hull Rotary Club.

But along the gutters, in the corners, and even blowing in the wind – is trash.

This week I counted at least four Arizona ice tea cans alone along the curbing and in the landscaping along South Street within 100 feet of our office.

We can spend a hefty sum for a large can of Arizona ice tea – but cannot put the empty in a trashcan?

The shoulders of our local highways are littered with mile upon mile of trash making the roadside a virtual dump. There are Styrofoam beverage cups, plastic water bottles, cigarette butts and cigarette wrappers, plastic grocery bags galore, broken glass bottles and so much more.

Massachusetts in general is careless with its trash. We have stopped caring about appearances.

Why do we have a lack of civic pride here in the Bay State and what causes us to be such litterbugs?

What makes us toss our trash out our automobile windows? What's the mentality behind dropping trash next to a barrel rather than inside it?

Massachusetts is surely not the only state with the problem, but judging from what we have seen — we're not the cleanest of the 50 states.

Expanding the bottle bill to include deposits on all plastic bottles might help. Keeping a litterbag in our cars is a necessity. But the problem goes much deeper than refunds and trash receptacles.

A public education program in Massachusetts and here in Cohasset would be a start. Let's put an end to littering.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NFL needs help!

TO THE EDITOR:

The hometown media called him a cheat, his boss talked out of both sides of his mouth, the commish made him his chief spear catcher, the Browns won, the rest of the NFL fell on its face, and next week he plays Buffalo! This league needs help!

Robert C. Ernst Sr.
60 Elm St.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, all at 7:30 p.m.

Harbor Health Committee (at the Selectmen's meeting), Sept. 24, 7:25 p.m

Library Trustees, Oct. 10, 7 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Library.

Planning Board, Oct. 20, 6:30 p.m., public hearing on zoning articles

Recreation Commission, Oct. 3, 6:30 p.m.

Selectmen, Sept. 24, 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Sept. 24, 6p.m.

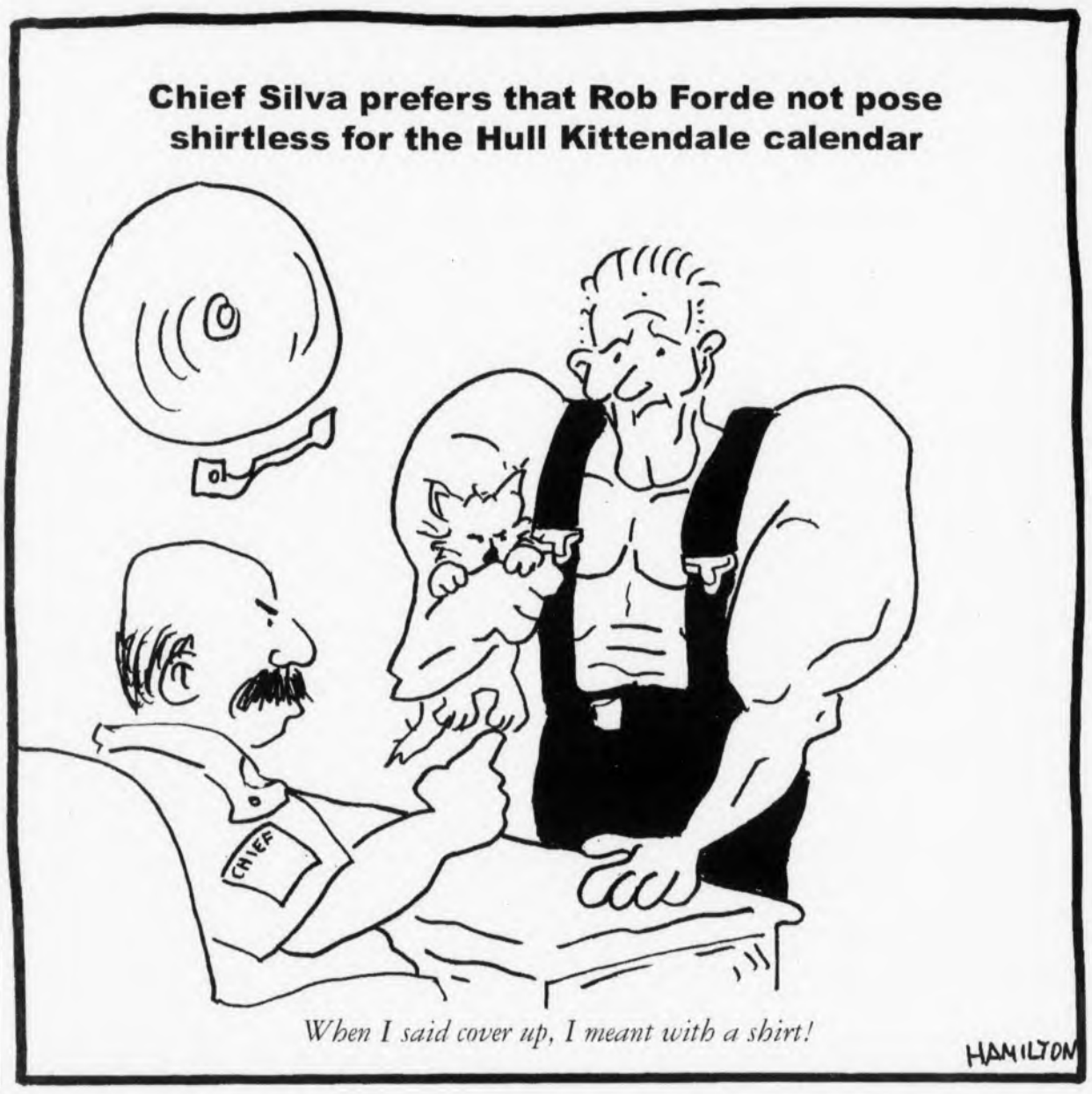
Stormwater Committee, Sept. 24, 7 p.m.

Water Commission Sept. 26, Oct. 4 & 24, 6 p.m., King Street plant.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

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Town should look back for its future

COMMENTARY

ALAIN PINEL

Cohasset is everything but a typical village. It is unique. It is uniquely beautiful. That's what drove us all to Cohasset.

A few weeks ago, I read an article in this paper regarding a rather critical meeting on the village. The subject proposed for discussion, as I understand it, was nothing less than what Cohasset was to become when it grows up. Some outside consultants were called in and made some proposals on the basis of both their expertise and the feedback they received from town people. The preliminary conclusions, which came out of such meeting, as reported by the Mariner, did surprise and even worry me, which is why I feel compelled to offer my take on this issue.

I do recognize that my jumping into the debate a little too late may appear gutsy and inappropriate, as my opinion was not even solicited. Besides, many residents may disqualify my opinion as irrelevant since I did not attend the meeting and furthermore, my wife and I have only lived three months in the village. It is indeed with great humility that I want to express some ideas and a different twist on this ever-important matter. Even though we only recently discovered Cohasset, I trust our reasons for choosing to live here are probably the same that motivated others to do the same, whenever it was.

Reading the Mariner's article, it did strike me that consultants and town people were seemingly focusing on what was missing in Cohasset, in terms of businesses particularly. The discussion was, in a way, centered on "filling the holes." Some wanted a furniture store, some a new hardware store, some a restaurant, etc. The idea was probably to make Cohasset more balanced, more interesting and convenient as far as shopping is concerned, more like some neighboring villages.

Let me suggest — again with humility — that this approach is wrong. Looking at what pieces of a puzzle need to be found to create another typical/nice village is not how we should pose the problem. Cohasset is everything but a typical village. It is unique. It is uniquely beautiful. That's what drove us all to Cohasset. Our town leaders, past and present, did a great job preserving the character, the ambience of this small, quaint and beautiful village. Let's keep this identity in mind when we start thinking about building for the future.

Before talking about details such as, for instance, attracting a nice restaurant, we need to have a clear vision of what we want Cohasset to be. Using the same example, a nice restaurant is not going to come to town because we need it, it is going to come because it needs it, because it cannot afford to miss the opportunity to locate in a newly defined Cohasset which is so appealing that it exerts a huge attraction among desirable restaurants as well as other well targeted businesses. Those which fit within the scope of what we want the town to be for the general good, rather than try to satisfy the punctual shopping need of a resident.

Besides, let's be truly objective: do you really believe that if we had, say, a generic furniture store in Cohasset, people would go there first and routinely to buy their furniture? I don't think so. Not only would the residents keep on shopping at Jordan's, Pottery Barn and fancy Boston stores, but it is hardly the type of business that would cause desirable tourists to come to town to spend their money. Same thing re: the suggestion to bring in a software store. Why would anyone buy there when choice and price are better in a larger store or when you can find even more for even less online?

So, what vision for Cohasset?

It is frankly quite simple. Look at the past. Why did so many wealthy Bostonians decide to build these magnificent mansions/vacation homes in Cohasset around the turn of the century? They had the answer.

The vision for tomorrow's Cohasset will need, in my view, to be inspired by and identify with the two single most important characteristics this village magnifies:

It's unique ocean situation.

It's unique artsy atmosphere.

A town or a village, and not unlike a product to market, can only successfully be built or enhanced by using its most basic strengths. In the case of Cohasset, it is the sea and art.

In the many extensive travels I was fortunate to do over the years, in the U.S. as well as Europe, I always found that the most beautiful, vibrant and successful villages are those which draw their character from their specific environment, and do not bother looking over their shoulders to try to duplicate so-called magic recipes. The value is in the difference and the proper understanding and use of the town core factors.

A few towns or villages come to mind to illustrate the point. I can think mostly of Carmel, in Northern California, which shares with Cohasset the same location by the sea and a wonderful art tradition, which is bringing to town exactly the type of tourists we can dream about. Santa Fe is another example of a town that chose to "specialize" to keep its charm and flavor and rip the benefits in terms of wealth. I do not know too many villages in Massachusetts just yet, but it seems to me that Chatham, in the Cape, did a good job building its image around beautiful surroundings. If we enlarge the scale, what would have Paris become without La Seine?

Does Cohasset need to change? Yes, it will change whether we like it or not. The train tomorrow will do many times over what the Music Circus did yesterday. More and more people will be coming, to spend a few hours or a weekend or a vacation, or to enjoy living here in order to have a piece of a good life. Change is welcome, so long that it is for the better, long term. All we need now is agree on the vision and then, time after time, monitor/control its implementation.

Cohasset will still be Cohasset. Same beauty. Same flavor. The only difference is that it will be home to select art galleries and shops taking advantage of the sea. That will bring the kind of restaurants we would like to eat at and beautiful hotels we would like to stay at. Useless to say, that will give a new life to the wonderful existing businesses, many of them in great need of TLC. Let's build a great Cohasset for us, the kids and the visitors we wish to welcome. And I am not sure we need outside consultants to tell us what it is we need.

Alain Pinel lives at 188 South Main St.

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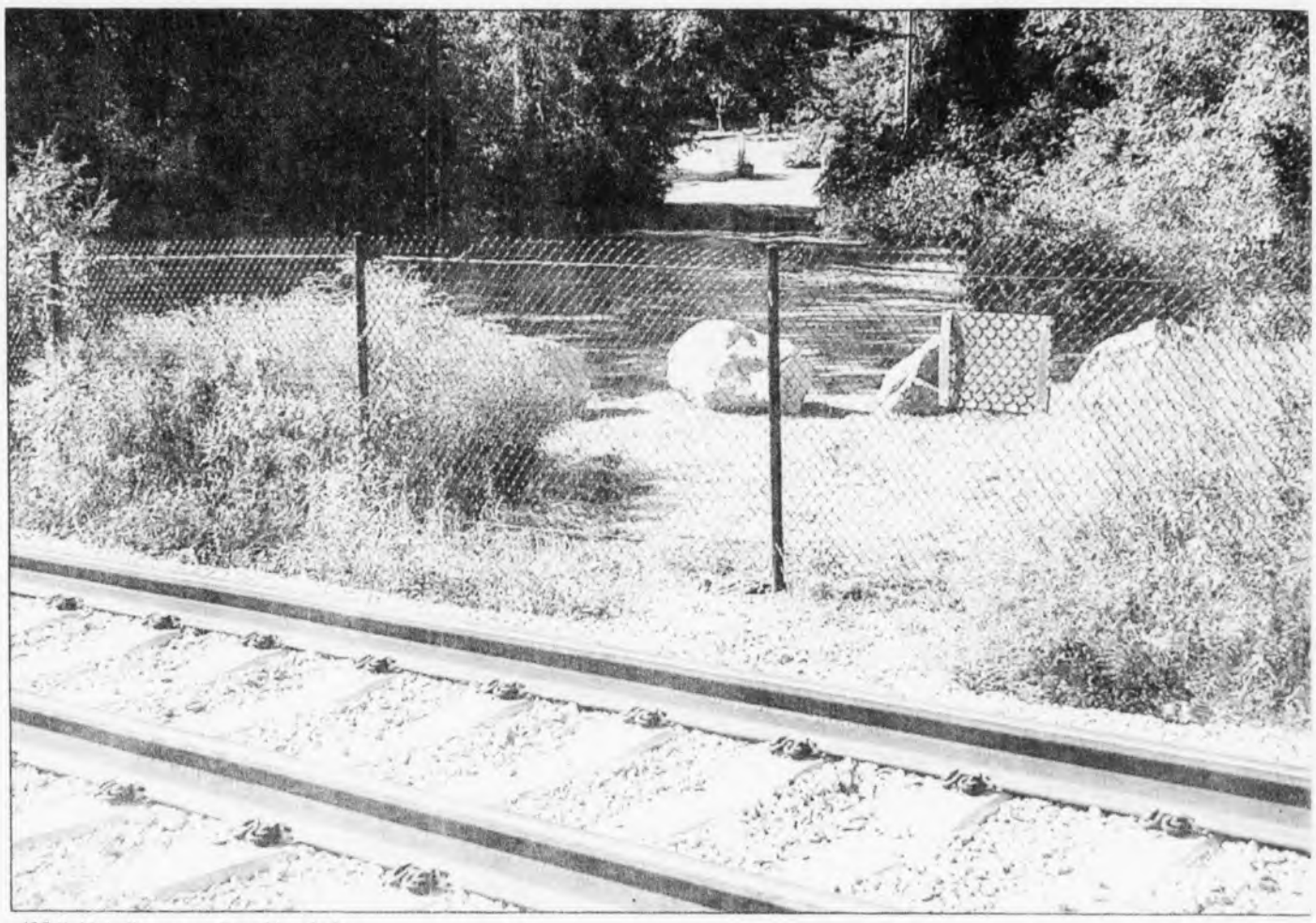
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More on S. Main Street house with no access

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN



425 S. Main St. as seen from Lincoln Lane.

MBTA and Lincoln Lane – Most people we speak with really don't know where Lincoln Lane is in Cohasset. In fact, it is a very small lane that goes west from South Main Street across the street from the small condo complex built about 10 years ago near the Scituate Town line. The only give-away to its location is a small cluster of mailboxes on the corner of S. Main Street. If you read last week's Mariner or heard last week's Selectmen's meeting you probably heard about the problems the MBTA has caused for a homeowner at the western end of Lincoln Lane. There are three Lincoln Lane homes on the S. Main Street side of the railroad tracks, and one home on the other side of the tracks. The MBTA has closed Lincoln Lane at the tracks, so the homeowner on the other side of the tracks, whose address is 425 S. Main St., cannot access their property from South Main Street. In fact, the MBTA has left them with NO legal access, at all. The 425 S. Main St. property lies on the Cohasset / Scituate Town line.

The MBTA decided to illegally connect 425 S. Main St. to a shared driveway used by three Scituate homes to access a nearby Scituate roadway, Gannett Pasture Lane. This driveway also passes over two additional Cohasset properties; the Scituate homes have easements to do so. But 425 S. Main. St. has no easement. What's even more interesting, the MBTA actually hired a local attorney to draw up an agreement that would be the basis for a variance from Scituate to clear up the illegality of the connection they created and agreed they would look into the easement situation. After the necessary resident signatures had been obtained on the agreement, and the attorney was ready to file with the Town of Scituate for a variance, the MBTA pulled out and left the Cohasset homeowner literally stranded. The MBTA's letter to the attorney said, "... the MBTA has exhausted all avenues in an effort to assist the ... family with its access issues..." Yet, we know this is not true because the MBTA did have a solution and several other pieces of the access puzzle could have easily been put into place. In fact, we have a copy of a letter from the MBTA addressed to the homeowners agreeing to do all of the above things.

So, the MBTA has left the homeowner at 425 S. Main St. with a property they cannot sell because they have absolutely no legal access. We have pleaded with the MBTA, on behalf of the homeowner, to "just do the right and just thing." On at the Monday, Sept. 10th at the Board of Selectmen's meeting the Board directed the Town Manager to send a letter to the MBTA General Manager, Mr. Daniel Grabauskas, asking that the MBTA resolve this issue. The Town has also involved our Bob Hedlund and Garrett Bradley our State Senator and Representative to work on a solution for this homeowner. We await the MBTA's response as we go to press.

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Greenbush testing – We have had many, many calls from residents concerned about what they perceive as malfunctioning railroad crossing systems. During the current Greenbush system testing, you will witness a lot of unusual situations. The facts are, the MBTA has turned off the advanced warning capabilities for some of the crossings. This means that when the trains approach those gates will not come down until the train is immediately at the crossing. In some cases, the train will only reverse direction and not enter the crossing. At other times the train will stop, make sure the road is clear and proceed across the street crossing. In the latter case, the gates will come down and the bells and lights will start. As you might imagine, either of these situations can be very off-putting for someone driving their vehicle near the crossing. We have also mentioned to the MBTA that these situations may leave a negative impression regarding the safety of their rail system. The MBTA is more focused on getting the testing completed and less concerned about these perceptions. We have just been informed by the Department of Public Utilities that testing is expected to be complete this week. If all goes well with the rest of the Greenbush line testing, all gate and warning will be reactivated for a Full Test next Monday. But that could change, so we'll try to keep you posted.

Forest Avenue project – The main contractor working for the Town has upped the pace considerably in the past week or so. Two additional crews have been added. Now that the blasting has been completed, work is proceeding at both ends of Forest Avenue.

You may notice that there are gaps along the road where the curb stops and then restarts. Most of these spaces will either be filled in with granite curb or asphalt for a cape cod berm. Which curb is used where depends on the amount of space at the edge of the road the engineers had to design the sidewalk. Where the space is quite narrow, the sidewalk must abut the curb. In these cases, the vertical separation that granite curbing affords is absolutely necessary for the safety of those using the sidewalk. Where there is more space, the sidewalk can be moved away from the street and a grass strip forms the safety separation. In these cases, the lower cost asphalt cape cod berm suffices.

We have been contacted by some of the residents from the Forest Avenue area who would like to have a "Grand Opening" celebration for the Forest Avenue project. We think this is a great idea. The Forest Avenue residents have waited so long for the sidewalks and repaving that most had lost hope that the project would ever be completed. Now, here we are, its completion is literally on the horizon. If you are contacted by the group planning such an event, pitch in and give them a hand. Neighborhood community building is a good thing. It's good for you and good for Cohasset. We are happy to play a small role in the finalization of this work.

The Beechwood sidewalk – Although it is not as far along as the Forest Avenue sidewalk, the Beechwood Avenue sidewalk project is still moving along, admittedly, not as fast as we'd like; and, probably not as fast as the residents would like. For those of you not familiar with the objective of this project, we are adding a sidewalk from S. Main Street to Talarico Lane. Two badly decayed trees were removed from the proposed sidewalk layout area. The advent of the new rail crossing has made this design a bit of a challenge. The MBTA has relocated crossing hardware smack dab in the area we need for a safe sidewalk. Additionally, National Grid has two poles that need to be moved out of the path of the new sidewalk. Until we get all of the poles and other hardware relocated, we really can't get going. CBB field people have been very helpful getting parts of the area prepared for our work. We do hope to get this work done as quickly as we can. There continues to be a design challenge at the crossing, but we are making progress. We will keep you up to date on our program.

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My precious gifted children

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

In our parents' day you had to wait at least until the birth of your baby before labeling it a savant.

Most parents are convinced deep down that their children are gifted and talented despite all evidence to the contrary. From very early on they're recognized as either extra smart, extra athletic, or extra cute, when in fact they're just extra loud. This "dear goggles" effect is rightly mocked by people who haven't experienced it, but as someone who suffers from the condition I think it's important to explain where it comes from.

Imagine you're walking down the street and you come across a large worm. The worm is helpless and ugly, so you feel obligated to take it home and put tiny little shoes on it. For months you feed it all kinds of disgusting mush that you would never consider eating. Then one day without warning it sits up in its terrarium and says, "dirt."

"Holy Christmas the worm is talking!" you call to your wife.

"You're crazy," she says.

"More dirt," says the worm.

"See?!"

"This must be the smartest worm ever born!" says your wife.

"I'm trying to tell you that! It's some kind of prodigy! I'm going to quit my job and manage this worm!"

"You know, he's not bad looking either," she says.

"I love that face!"

"That's not his face."

"I love it anyway!"

It doesn't matter if every other larva in the neighborhood has done essentially the same thing at his age. You're all too aware of what you started with. You brought home this hairless, half-conscious creature, spent months just trying to stop it from clawing its eyes out, and now it's handing you a drawing of a bunny. The bunny looks like a dying shrub, but you don't see that. What you see is a *worm* that can *draw, for crying out loud!* It's impossible. Who taught it that? No one! Clearly it's a born artist. Soon you've got dozens of paintings, all of which seem to depict the aftermath of a forest fire, taped to the walls of your kitchen as if it's a wing of The Louvre.

In our parents' day you had to wait at least until the birth of your baby before labeling it a savant. Now with the advent of ultrasound and the scanning electron microscope, you can begin overestimating your child's potential at the zygote stage.

"I think he's going to have a bigger medulla oblongata than that Jackson boy," says your wife, looking at a blob of 150 cells displayed on a computer screen.

"Oh heck yeah," you say. And then you hug.

Dear goggles can also make the most horrific sort of public behavior seem relatively benign when perpetrated by your own child. In this case the myopia is caused by your intimate knowledge of his private behavior and the shockingly low expectations that knowledge engenders. The fact is you can't spend every waking minute spanking your child. Inevitably your arm tires, your grip relaxes and he runs off and pulls his sister's hair. Given this as your daily routine at home, you can calmly watch your child clothesline a stranger's kid at the playground and feel little except relief that it wasn't a head-butt.

There's no cure for dear goggles, and they can be incredibly debilitating with your first child. But thankfully their effect diminishes with each subsequent birth. When your third daughter gives you a ceramic cup she made in preschool and your first thought is that it looks like a giant kidney stone, you know you're on the road to recovery. Steady, incremental improvements are the key. Then comes the final test. Your adult daughter and her boyfriend ask you to bless their engagement. You look at her, you remember the many gifts and talents she displayed as a child, you think of how well she's lived up to all that potential since, you look at the homely dimwit she's chosen for a mate, and you say, "Oh heck yeah."

Then you hug.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset. His biweekly column consistently earns rave reviews from both his mother and his father, who continue to insist he'll be an astronaut one day.

LIBRARY CORNER

Great Decisions group meets Sunday

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Great Decisions Group – The first Great Decisions Discussion group will begin at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23, in the Meeting Room. For those who have registered for the program, the group will discuss Mexico, found in Chapter Three of the assigned text.

Library Book Group – The next meeting will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 26. The group will discuss Nathaniel Philbrick's book "Mayflower."

Artist Reception – South Shore Art Center will present "Fragments of Place: 42 Deg. 14'N 70 Deg. 46'W" featuring monotypes by Susan Denniston through Wednesday, Oct. 31. Meet the artist at a reception from 5 to 7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday; and 2 to 5 p.m., Sunday. Free admission.

"Rise and Fall of the Big Dig" – Sean P. Murphy, reporter for the Boston Globe, will give a free presentation at 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 27, in the meeting room. Murphy, an award-winning investigative reporter and editor, has spent the last 20 years breaking stories on the Big Dig, including the state's failure to hold Big Dig contractors accountable in 2003 and the cause of the ceiling collapse in 2006.

Movie Matinee – Can't get out at night to see a movie? Come see a showing of Neil Simon's "Murder By Death," at 11 a.m., Friday, Oct. 5, in the Meeting Room. Free admission and light refreshments, courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

FOR CHILDREN

Tumble into Reading with TumbleBooks — TumbleBooks are online animated talking books that teach children the joy of reading in a format they'll love. TumbleBooks takes familiar picture books and classic children's literature and adds animation, sound, music and narration. There is an option of reading or being read to. TumbleBooks also offer puzzles, games, language choices and a complete audio library. To access TumbleBooks from home or at the library, go to cohassetlibrary.org and click on the TumbleBooks icon on the homepage.

Story & Craft – For Cohasset residents ages 3 through 6, for a four-week commitment. Each week students explore a theme through literature, songs and crafts. Story & Craft will take place in the Story Room on Thursdays, Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25. Registration for Story & Craft begins Friday, Sept. 21. To register go to cohassetlibrary.org, click on Calendar, click on Calendar, click on Oct. 4, either 10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m., and fill out the online registration form including child's name and age. Telephone registrations are also accepted by calling 781-383-1348, ext. 5.

MamaSteph – Performances will be Mondays, Oct. 1, 15, 22 and 29, from 10:30 to 11 a.m., in the Meeting Room. Come sing and dance. All ages and communities welcome. Funded by the Friends of Cohasset Library.

Drop In Story Time – Join others in the Story Room from 10:30 to 11 a.m., on Tuesdays, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 for Big Book adventures, music and movement. All ages and communities welcome.

Jack Buckley guest on Our Town

Jack Buckley, Cohasset High School teacher and president of the Center for Student Coastal Research sits down with co-hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin to discuss the important work of the Parker Avenue center and the learning opportunities it provides to students.

Jack details the area water and coastal region monitoring that has been going on and how it benefits the entire Cohasset community.

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Also on Channel 10, Catch Cohasset High School football on Sunday nights, starting at 7p.m., when the previous week's varsity and JV games are aired. Go Cohasset!

New friends await at AAUW

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Life quickens with the start of the school year, marking a season of milestones. Children go off to kindergarten. New freshmen take up residence at college. Taking on new projects and challenges seems natural in the cooler weather. As the leaves turn around us, many of us are also turning the leaves of our own lives' pages.

Whatever changes and challenges this fall brings you, consider making your own fresh start by meeting new friends and stimulating your mind. Attend a program sponsored by the women of the Hingham Area Branch of the American Association of University Women — AAUW. Its members from Plymouth to Quincy are sponsoring a series of intriguing evening lectures during the school year. These events are free and open to the public — both men and women are invited.

Like many civic groups in our South Shore towns, AAUW has a storied local history. The organization began more than 125 years ago in Boston, when a group of pioneering female college graduates formed an association for mutual support. The decades passed and women fought for the vote, and then climbed up career ladders in the public and private spheres. Meanwhile, AAUW grew into a nationwide network of local branches with more than 100,000

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members. Its crowning achievement is the establishment and support of its Educational Foundation, the largest foundation of its kind funding women's higher education.

On the South Shore, the Hingham Area AAUW branch has more than 50 members, made up of native Bostonians and transplants from around the country. Uniting them is a commitment to AAUW's vision, and a belief in the importance of women's friendships as we march through life's stages. The Hingham branch has long played a regional leadership role in the organization. Currently, the president of the Massachusetts AAUW is Hingham resident Patricia Bologna.

In October, local author-parenting expert Lynne Reeves Griffin will speak at the Hingham Middle School about her debut book, "The Negotiation Generation-Take Back Your Parental Authority." A visiting Chinese scholar will share her personal perspective on Women in Chinese Culture in November. The group will discuss Khaled Hosseini's best-seller "A Thousand Splendid Suns" over a potluck supper in January. This winter supper-book discussion has become one of the branch's most popular events. Social worker Barbara Tortarella will speak about humor in February. To honor women's history month in March, Dr. Margaret Bendroth, director of the American Congregational Association, will discuss "The Nineteenth Century Woman: A View from the Twenty-First Century" at Braintree's Thayer Public Library. In April, former Lt. Gov. Evelyn Murphy will discuss Pay Equity at Notre Dame Academy.

Branch members also run several interest groups. The De-Clutter Bugs support group (meeting Sept. 27), and a Girls' Game Night (meeting Sept. 25). In addition to these activities, AAUW will once again present its annual Recognition Award to a deserving scholar from the South Shore.

The public is welcome to attend the lectures. Holders of associates or bachelors degrees who live in the South Shore towns from Plymouth to Quincy are welcome to join the Hingham Area Branch. If you are interested in joining AAUW or learning more about the organization, please call Patricia McKay at: 781-337-3375, or e-mail hollie@gallivan.org. Visit the branch's Web site at aauw-ma.org.

Kay Hardy Campbell is a Hingham resident and a member of the Hingham Area Branch of AAUW.

HEALTH NOTES

Sports health facts and ethics

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The argument can be made that there is a strong health incentive for a person when choosing a competitive sport in which to participate. It seems to me that sports can be classified as to whether they are clean sports or dirty. And those who play sports considered dirty live less healthy lives than those in clean sports. Perhaps, now it's time to worry about a visit from a bulked up football player from the SPDS (Society for the Preservation of Dirty Sports) arriving at the doorstep. Of course, some sports, wrestling for instance, stop being sports and become theater. We won't disturb our sport fan readers by pointing out the theatrics in other sports areas which trend in such a direction. In those sports where the line between ethical conduct and cheating becomes blurred, according to those who study ethics, "cheating, at minimum, diminishes interest in a sport."

Some may think of sportsmanship as passé, but in some sports, it is still considered fundamental to the game as in golf and tennis. Honorable play is primary, and even in high stakes matches players' ethics are expected to be above reproach. So, we still have some sports where it's not acceptable to secure an advantage by redefining or shifting the context of the rules. On the other hand, there is a large number of sports where participants adopt regimens that degrade their health.

And so, we see the gradual creep of relaxed standards of ethics invading our various sports enterprises...

And for those who wish to choose a sport in hopes of becoming a professional, we quote from *www.anti-aging-guide.com* "Professional sport has always been opposed to moderate exercise in terms of the effects it has on the health of a person engaged in it. Although there are many different reasons for the bad reputation ascribed to professional sport, the main factors are exhaustion, routine physical activity patterns and the injuries-related factors (both extrinsic and intrinsic). Professional sport is necessarily connected to the level of physical activity that tends to, and in most cases, exceeds the natural ability of a human organism to successfully overcome both the external and internal pressures. Thus, heat exhaustion is said to be one of the major causes of death of American football players. According to a North Carolina study: "Eighteen high school and college players have died from heat exhaustion just since 1995."

Moreover, some sports tend to give in to apologists who say it's OK to bulk up by using body enhancers such as human growth hormones. This trend affects younger players who may not perceive the risks. According to papers given at the Endocrine Society 2007 annual meeting, the risks involved in use of human growth hormone are: joint pain, fluid retention, swollen hands feet and face, carpal tunnel syndrome, increased likelihood of diabetes, high blood pressure, heart abnormalities including swollen heart muscle, breast development in men and possible shortened lifespan.

And so, we see the gradual creep of relaxed standards of ethics invading our various sports enterprises. And we see the drawing away from those sports considered in some way dangerous and greater adherence to those considered more appropriate such as soccer and lacrosse, noting that these are also beset by the devils of controversy, but for the time being, less so.

In summary, it's probably important for those responsible for informing our youth about sports decisions to consider the health impacts of the ethical framework in which they are carried out. It has been said the problem with gamesmanship is that it's the gateway to cheating. We all hear about somebody with a cast iron conscience and how well he sleeps at night. However, I find it's hard enough to get some sleep after you've given somebody a urine sample even if your conscience is clear. And almost all health experts say get plenty of sleep.

Steve Bobo is a long time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

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QUESTIONS

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By Bob Katzen

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' votes on two roll calls from prior legislative sessions. The roll calls are from debate on the House version of a $26.7 billion fiscal 2008 budget. The House and Senate eventually approved a version that was signed by Gov. Deval Patrick after he vetoed several sections. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week

$15 MILLION FOR EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR SCHOOLS (H 4000)

House 19-138, rejected an amendment providing $15 million to schools for educational material including text books, computers and lab equipment. The funding would be distributed on a per pupil formula with each school district receiving the same amount of money per pupil. Amendment supporters said that many parents have been buying educational materials for their children to go to school and argued that it is time for the state to absorb these costs. They noted that there are just under a million students in the state and that the $15 million would provide schools with an estimated $15 per pupil. Amendment opponents said that the budget already substantially increases funding for education and local aid. They argued that the state simply cannot afford the additional $15 million and noted that increasing funding for good programs is well-intentioned but would result in an unbalanced budget. (A "Yes" vote is for the $15 million. A "No" vote is against the $15 million).

$5 MILLION FOR SMART GROWTH HOUSING (H 4000)

House 20-138, rejected an amendment providing $5 million for the Smart Growth Housing Trust Fund. The fund is used to pay for a 2004 law that offers financial incentives to encourage communities to develop high density housing near town centers and other locations where there is already access to transit, water and sewer. The developments must designate at least 20 percent of the units for low-income people. The funds are designed to offset the increased education and public safety costs that result from the new housing. Amendment supporters said that the fund is quickly running out of money. They argued that it is crucial to replenish the fund in order to reimburse communities that are creating new housing. Amendment opponents said that they understand the need for replenishing the fund. They argued that one-time funding would not solve the problem and urged members to wait until separate legislation proposing a comprehensive and permanent solution is presented to the Legislature. (A "Yes" vote is for the $5 million. A "No" vote is against the $5 million).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

NONTOXIC PEST CONTROL (H 809) - The Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Committee held a hearing on legislation to establish a Nontoxic Pest Management Center aimed at reducing the use of toxic pest management methods and to provide education and training in pest prevention and non-toxic methods of pest control.

$600,000 TO STUDY THE COST OF A PUBLIC EDUCATION (S 291) - The Education Committee held a hearing on a bill providing $600,000 for a consultant to conduct an independent study to determine the updated cost of an adequate public education in Massachusetts and to examine the formula used to distribute billion of dollars annually in Chapter 70 education to cities and towns. Supporters testified that it is time to fully examine the resources necessary to achieve the state's educational goals. They noted that the criteria and assumptions used to distribute education aid are outdated, inconsistent and unfair to many cities and towns. The committee is also considering several bills that immediately change the funding formula.

REQUIRE HOSPITALS TO NOTIFY PATIENTS OF DISCIPLINE OF DOCTORS - The Health Care Committee's hearing agenda included a proposal requiring hospitals to notify patients within 24 hours of any disciplinary action taken against their doctor (S 1246). Other legislation that was heard by the committee includes creating a new crime of impersonating a doctor and directing the attorney general to develop fines and penalties for violators (H 2133); requiring physicians and hospitals to notify patients of mammogram test results within 96 hours (H 2188) and requiring that physicians disclose in writing each gift, benefit or gratuity received from drug companies (H 2279).

PRICE GOUGING - The Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee held a hearing on a bill making it a crime to price gouge during a declared state emergency. The measure would impose up to a 2.5-year prison sentence and/or $5,000 fine on anyone who charges excessive prices for necessities including food, fuel and shelter (S 1375). The committee's hearing also included proposals protecting the privacy of persons who call 911 to report an emergency and exempting their names, addresses and phone numbers from the state's public records law (S 1386); requiring cities and towns' inspectors of buildings plumbing or gasfitting to be trained to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (H 2330) and requiring all establishments to provide signs that notify the occupants of the location of emergency exits and urges them to stay calm during an emergency and to proceed orderly to one of the exits (S 1343).

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Where have all the Bancrofts gone?

COMMENTARY



ROY HARRIS

A tight-knit family once kept control of the Wall Street Journal *on the South Shore. When the Cohasset connection dissolved, Rupert Murdoch pounced.*

It was a long, sad trip back in time, even though it barely took me across the Hingham-Cohasset town line.

I was getting some background about the sale of Dow Jones & Co. and its flagship *Wall Street Journal*. Some of the reporting was for my employer of 12 years, *CFO* Magazine. But in a real sense my time in Cohasset was personal research. I myself had worked for the *Journal* for 23 years before moving to Hingham and *CFO*. And I wanted to learn more about the Cohasset-based Bancroft family, which for decades had held majority-voting control of Dow Jones stock, protecting a family ownership of the company that stretched back to 1902.

Much had changed since I left the paper. By the time the two Bancroft sisters died — Jessie Bancroft Cox in 1982 and Jane Bancroft Cook in 2002 — the remaining Bancrofts had become a fragmented clan. That played into the hands of media baron Rupert Murdoch, who for years had coveted the *Journal* as a potential addition to the global empire he had put together at News Corp.

Cohasset as a seat of power

As any follower of business knows now, News Corp. was successful with its high-profile $5-billion offer to acquire Dow Jones and the *Journal*. When the deal is consummated, the three-dozen descendants of Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Cook, and brother Hugh Bancroft Jr. will receive a total of about $1.2 billion, a 67-percent premium over what their stock was worth before the Murdoch bid. And 105 years of one family's control of the *Journal* — years when it developed into one of America's great newspapers— will be history.

I had fond memories of that Bancroft control. My late wife Andrea and I were both Dow Jones employees, and were well aware of the Bancroft sisters' dedication to maintaining the paper's independence. Even though we worked in Los Angeles, far from the New York headquarters of Dow Jones, we thought of the sisters as legendary protectors of the newspaper we admired. Even with the low public profile they kept, they were famous among *Journal* employees for their pledge to "never sell grandpa's paper."

Moving in 1996 to Hingham — where we settled in the World's End area, with our boys Dave and R.J. — had rekindled our interest in the Bancrofts. The Trustees of the Reservations' Whitney-Thayer Woods was a favorite dog-walking site. There, just across from the Cohasset Stop & Shop, we often chose the Bancroft Trail for romps with our border collie Omaha. We also learned about the beautiful one-time oceanfront estate of Jessie Cox just off Jerusalem Road. Known as The Oaks, the property had formerly belonged to Clarence Barron, the step-grandfather of the Bancroft sisters. A Boston business journalist, Barron had been the one to buy Dow Jones at the turn of the century. I knew far less about him.

Barron in a Book

Then, a year or so before Dow Jones and its *Journal* went up for grabs, I started to learn a little more about "grandpa."

In fact, he became part of my book. In 2002, I had begun research for a history of journalism's Pulitzer Prizes — a study focusing on the oldest and most respected of them: the single public-service gold medal awarded each year to a newspaper.

One of the earliest of those medals, in 1921, had gone to the old *Boston Post*, for a story that Clarence Barron had helped the *Post* develop. It was a story that exposed the first "Ponzi pyramid scheme" for cheating investors — this one perpetrated by none other than Charles Ponzi himself.

Barron — whose name is preserved in the Dow Jones investor magazine *Barron's* — continued to control Dow Jones until his death in 1928, when ownership passed to stepdaughter Jane Barron Bancroft and her husband Hugh Bancroft, and then eventually to Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Cook and Hugh Jr. It was under their ownership in the 1940s that a series of forward-looking editors transformed the *Journal* into the national business paper we know today, with more than two million subscribers. Hugh Jr. died in 1953, but the sisters lived in Cohasset, along with other Bancrofts, and owned expansive acreage stretching south from The Oaks, to Oak Hill Farm along Route 3A.

They had children and grandchildren. And when Mrs. Cox died, followed 20 years later by Mrs. Cook, the two-thirds voting control of Dow Jones the family held — through a stock ownership system set up to help keep the company away from corporate raiders — passed to those next generations.

A family's lost sense of self

That's why I looked eastward from Hingham when news began to surface of Rupert Murdoch's bid: to see which of the Bancroft family members had kept attachments with Cohasset.

There weren't any. A check with the Cohasset Historical Society showed that none of the children of Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Cook or Hugh Jr. seemed to have residences there. Several were still in New England, but had chosen places like Burlington, Vt.; Lyme, N.H., and Round Pond, Me. I took a drive along Sohier Street to the Oak Hills Farm home where five years ago Mrs. Cook had died, bringing Dow Jones dignitaries to the South Shore for a final good-bye.

Only a frightened wild turkey greeted me on the driveway. From the desolate hilltop, the view was expansive up toward the South Shore Music Circus, on land that formerly was the family's equestrian center.

It occurred to me that Dow Jones was in part the victim of one family's lost sense of itself.



COURTESY PHOTO

Jane Bancroft Cook lived in Cohasset.



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Jesse Bancroft Cox lived in Cohasset.

as protector of a precious asset handed down by its matriarchs and patriarchs.

Like Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Cook, the surviving Bancrofts also were unused to the spotlight. But the spotlight found them. As cameras whirred, some family members voiced their reasons for selling, mainly citing News Corp.'s offered premium, just too high to refuse. Others stood firm against the sale, claiming that Murdoch — his reputation for meddling with his properties having preceded him — was the wrong man to run the long-independent *Wall Street Journal*. Throughout the discussion, though, the simplest argument for holding onto Dow Jones was never heard: "Mom said never to sell grandpa's paper."

And as for the dearth of Bancrofts in neighboring Cohasset? Well, we'll always have the Bancroft Trail.

Roy Harris, who worked for the Wall Street Journal *from 1971 to 1994, now is a senior editor with The Economist Group's Boston-based* CFO Magazine. *His first book,* Pulitzer's Gold: Behind the Prize for Public Service Journalism, *is due out from University of Missouri Press around year-end.*

Carr recuses himself from Red Lion discussion

After further reviewing the proposed expansion and request for developing the one-acre town lot for parking by the Red Lion Inn, Vice Chairman Ted Carr has decided to "err on the side of caution" and recuse himself from any discussion and vote on the matter. Carr is a neighbor of the Red Lion Inn residing at 88 South Main St. across the street from the inn.

"It could affect the village and my property," said Carr. He will be looking into whether he should be able to participate in more regular business that comes before the board regarding the Red Lion (such as Liquor License approval).

At last week's Board of Selectmen meeting (Sept. 10), Red Lion Inn owner Gerd Ordelheide came before the board to discuss the possibility of transforming the town-owned one-acre plot of land behind the Red Lion into parking spaces. Ordelheide is willing to put up $500,000 to construct the approximately 60-space parking lot.

Political forum holds Iraq discussion

The Cohasset Political Forum will kick off its third season on Saturday, Sept. 22, at 10 a.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, with a discussion of possible "endgames" for the Iraq War, General Petraeus's testimony before Congress and his anticipated "surge" report, the Bush Administration's response and the positions of the many presidential candidates. All are welcome to attend, participate, discuss and debate this very serious topic. The last time the Forum discussed Iraq, a large number of interested people participated and enjoyed a lively discussion. Every point of view is welcome and all are invited.

If you have any questions, call Agnes McCann at 383-0222.

Friday night at the movies — The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee's popular movie series resumes on Friday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, with the screening of Director Robert Greenwald's searing indictment of the activities of four major American companies pies operating in Iraq. "Iraq for Sale — The War Profiteers" is described as "the story of what happens to everyday Americans when corporations go to war."

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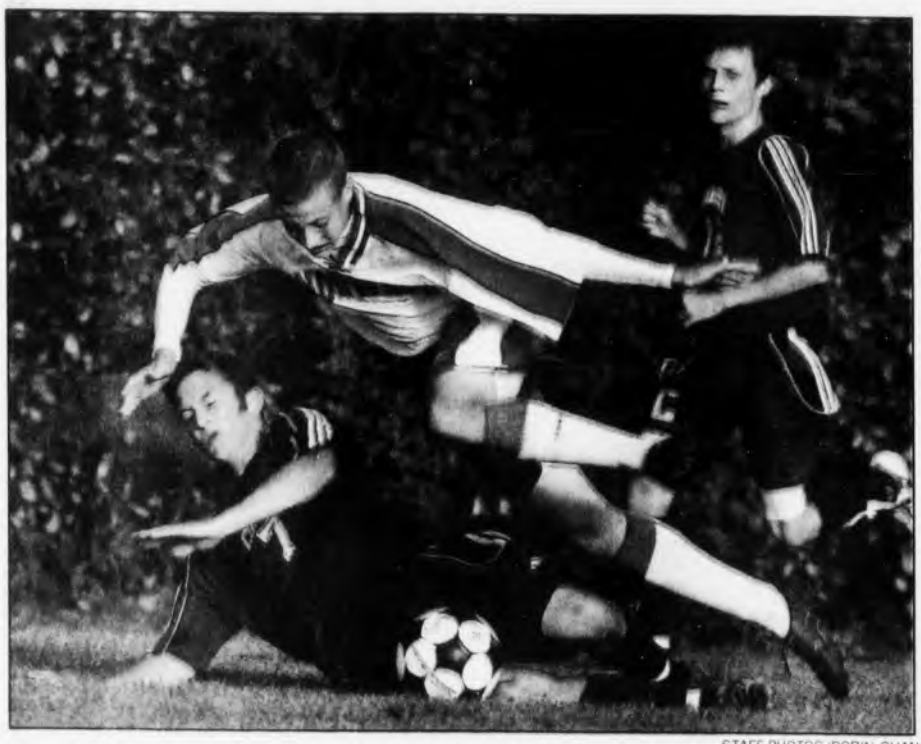
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Norwell's Mike McCarthy (22) jumps over Cohasset's Mike Grimm (7) while trying to avoid his sliding tackle in the first half of Wednesday's game.

Work in progress

Boys soccer loses against Norwell

By Joel Racicot
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Wednesday's soccer game with Norwell may not have been the most enviable match-up for the Cohasset boys, but it was a measuring stick nonetheless. With a 1-1-2 record through the first four games of the season, the Skippers needed to see where they were before they could find out where they are going.

"I wasn't really sure where we were coming in and I knew today was going to go a long way to determine that," head coach Jim Willis said about the 4-1 loss at Norwell.

Willis is in his first year as head coach at Cohasset but he is no stranger to the game or the area, as he coached for eight seasons in neighboring Scituate before taking last season off to come to town as a teacher.

"It's great," Willis said about getting back on the sidelines. "I have a great group of kids, a good group of seniors that I really like, they have a good attitude they are working hard and they understand what they are doing wrong and what they have to do better."

Norwell jumped out early, scoring a pair of goals in the first half both by senior captain Michael McCarthy. The Clippers would continue to press Cohasset and added two more tallies before Sam Roth got the Skippers on the board with a free kick late in the game.

Cohasset entered the game playing well, including a 3-0 win over Harwich, a 3-3 tie with Nantucket and 0-0 tie with Abington. Despite playing up the last few contests things didn't carry over much against their South Shore League rivals Wednesday.

"Today we just came up flat," Willis said. "There is a certain mystique sometimes about the Norwell/Cohasset (rivalry) and some of our kids were beat before they got off the bus.

"We have to get used to winning again and (when) we win a few games (we will) get that confidence."

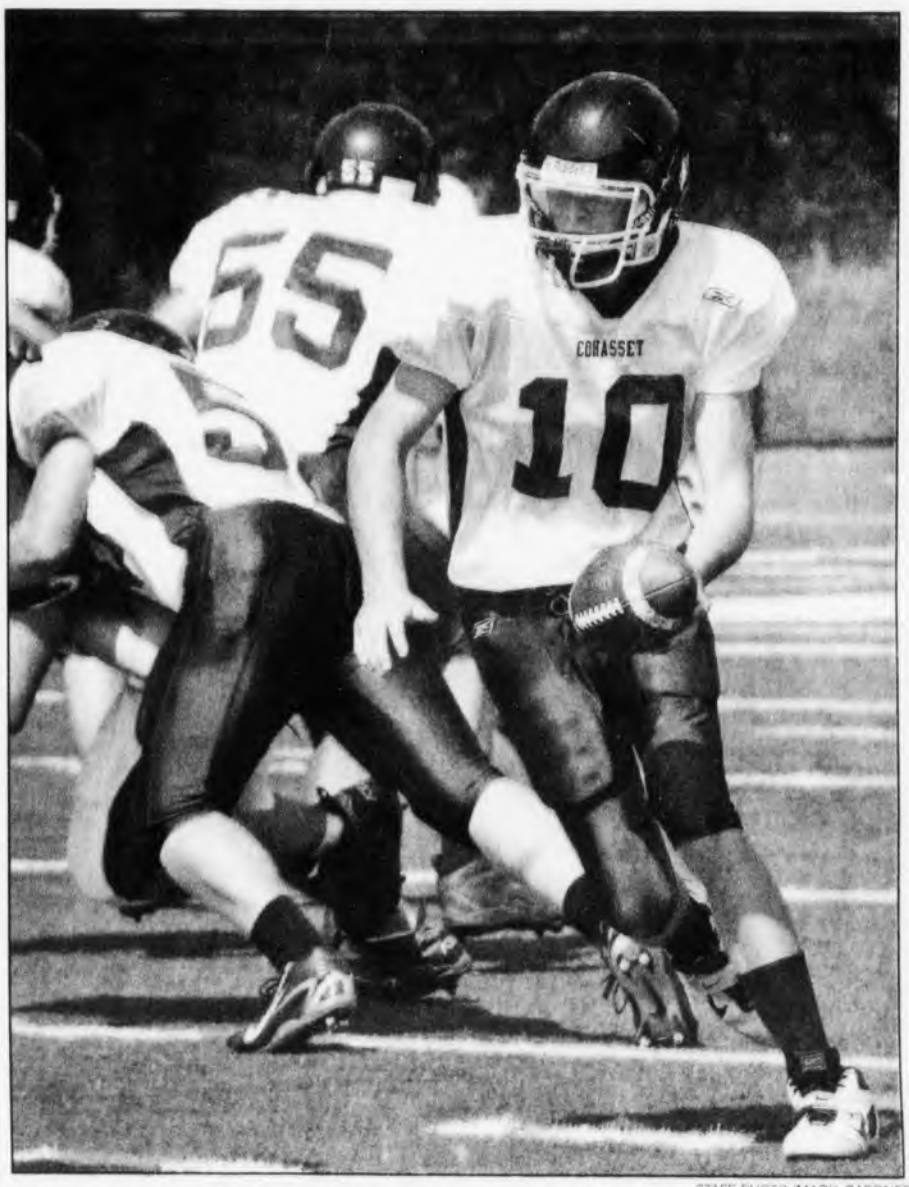
Through the season's first month Cohasset hasn't played many games. The core of the schedule will be coming up over the next few weeks. It's then Mike Grimm, Sam Roth, Ryan Crough and Evan Deutch, all senior captains, are going to have to carry much of the Skippers load.

With only 16 players on varsity, Willis needs a total effort from all his guys if the Skippers want to be successful in 2007. Matt Burgess, a senior at center/back is off to a good start, as is sophomore keeper Will Wise in his second stint as a starter. Conor Ofsthun and Owen Landon are getting their first varsity action this year and Willis will be looking for improvement each game. Adrian Lucas continues to be a versatile presence on the field.

Monday will mark the return of Cam Cunningham to Cohasset High School, a former student and resident who will be moving back to town from Connecticut. He will join the team as a transfer student and should be a valuable piece to the puzzle.

"The kids are excited to play with him because they grew up (together)," Willis said.

Tuesday afternoon Cohasset will host East Bridgewater at 3:30 p.m.



STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

Cohasset's David Snowdale hands the ball off in recent action. Snowdale went to the air as Cohasset beat Archbishop Williams 42-6 Saturday.

Air show

Cohasset pass heavy in big home win

By Joel Racicot
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Pat Noonan was the main benefactor catching both touchdowns, including a 59-yard catch in the first quarter and a 45-yard catch in the second.

Hocus focus.

That may be a good spell Cohasset High School football Coach Pete Afanasiw can cast on his team this week in practice after the Skippers destroyed visiting Archbishop Williams, 42-6, Saturday.

Off to a 2-0 start for the second straight year, Cohasset looks to keep the momentum going at Cardinal Spellman Sunday. Game time is 1 p.m.

With most of the starters out of the game late in the third quarter against Archies, Afanasiw is looking for good practice habits this week.

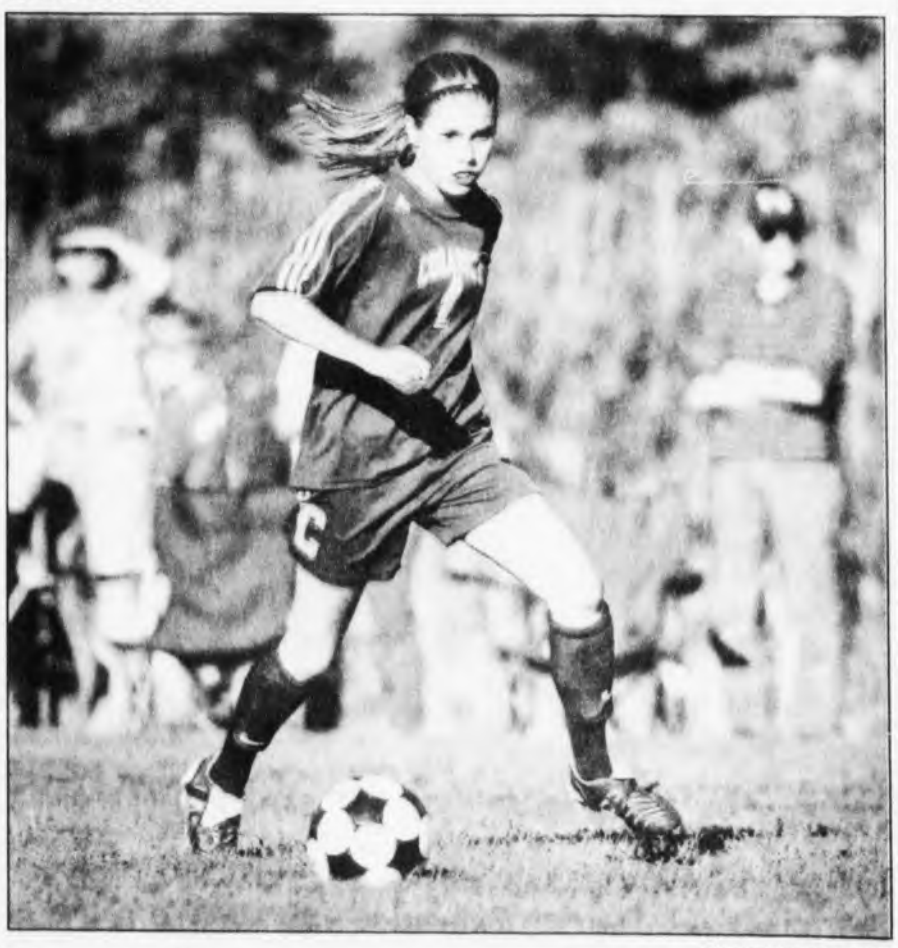
"We want to get back to basics and never take any team lightly," Afanasiw said Wednesday night. "What you do Friday and Saturday is representative of what you do all

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Cohasset goalie Will Wise goes up to make a save on a corner kick in the second half of a 4-1 loss to Norwell.

KICK START



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Kristin Monaco carries the ball during a game last week against Rockland. The Lady Skippers lost to Norwell Wednesday 1-0 in a tightly contested battle. "I think we outplayed them," Cohasset head coach Deb Beal said after the game against the Clippers. "In my mind we didn't get beat, I saw so many things that the girls did well."

Cohasset pass heavy in big home win

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week in practice."

The Bishops decided to stack the box with eight players and Skippers offensive coordinator Tom Ventresca decided to go to the air.

It worked.

Quarterback David Snowdale finished the game 6-of-12 for 235 yards and two touchdown passes. Pat Noonan was the main benefactor catching both touchdowns, including a 59-yard catch in the first quarter and a 45-yard catch in the second.

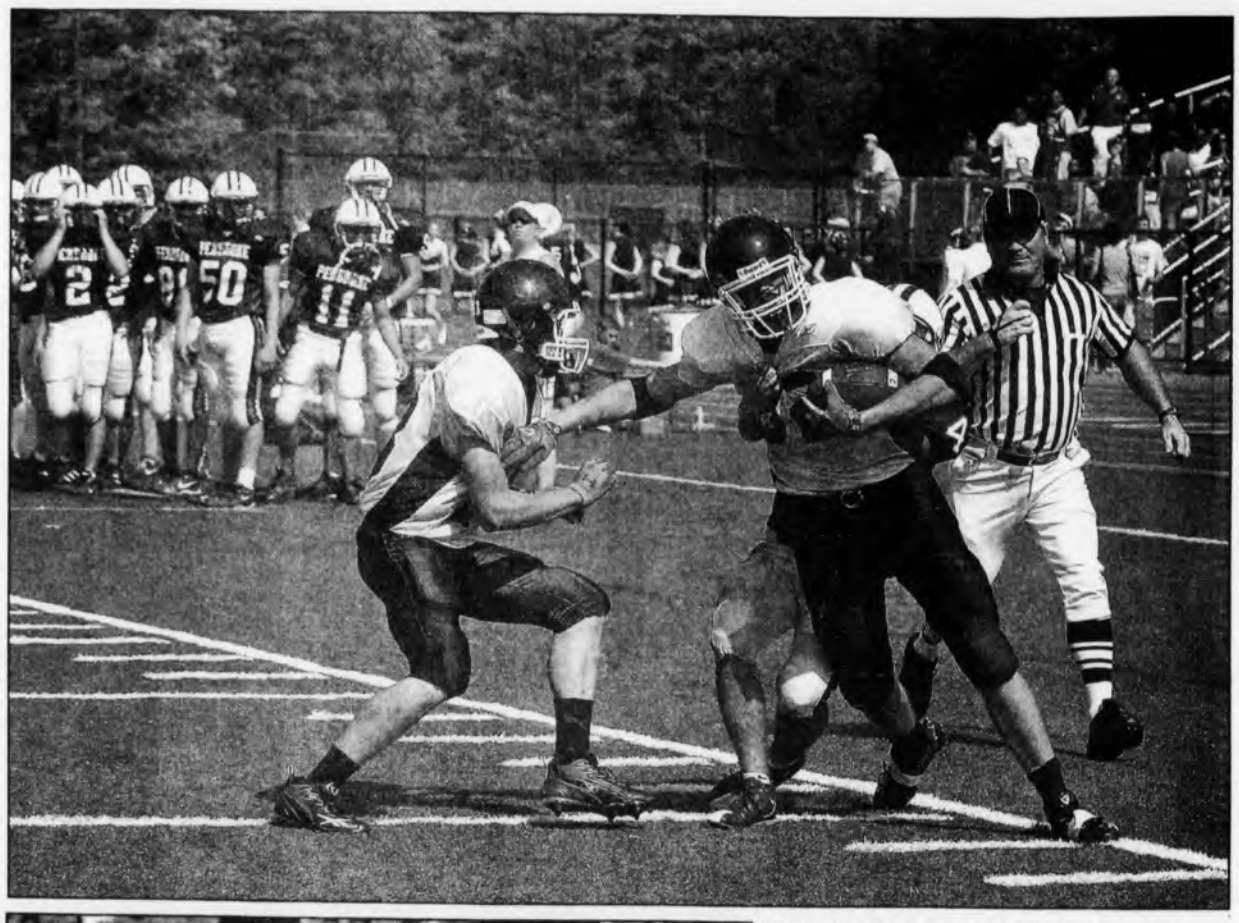
P.J. McCaw, Dana Valentine, Alec Livingstone and Snowdale all ran in for touchdowns.

Valentine recorded 10 tackles and an interception, Kyle Pinkus notched eight tackles and Jake Cuneo forced a fumble on defense. Afanasiw was also pleased with the play of McCaw and Cliff Musto who kept the scrambling Bishops quarterback at bay for most of the game.

"We took advantage of what they were trying to do on offense," Afanasiw said about the Skippers defensive game plan.

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Above,Kyle Pinkus fends off a defender in recent action. Pinkus played stellar at linebacker for the Skippers against the Bishops Saturday.

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Left, Snowdale (10) receives the hike from center Jordan Sargent (75).

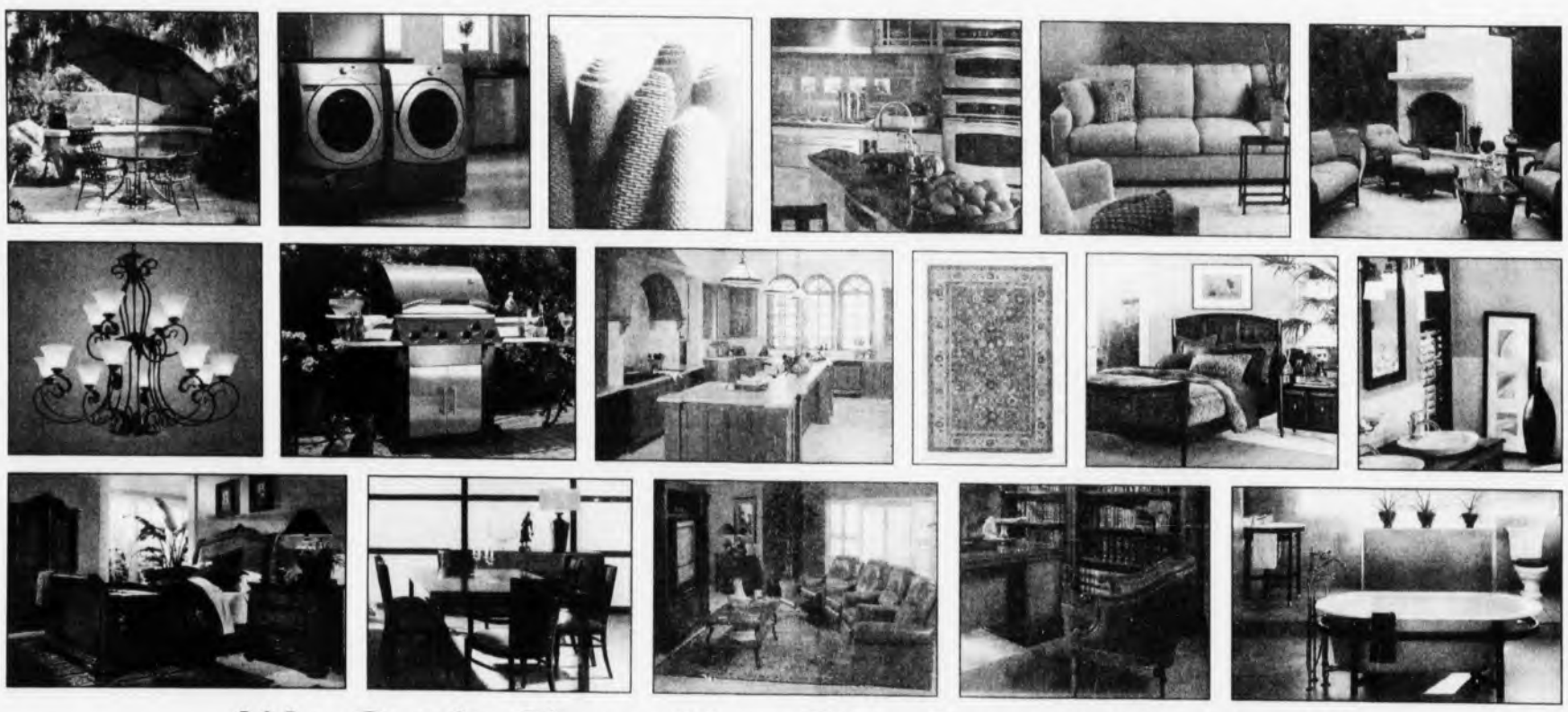
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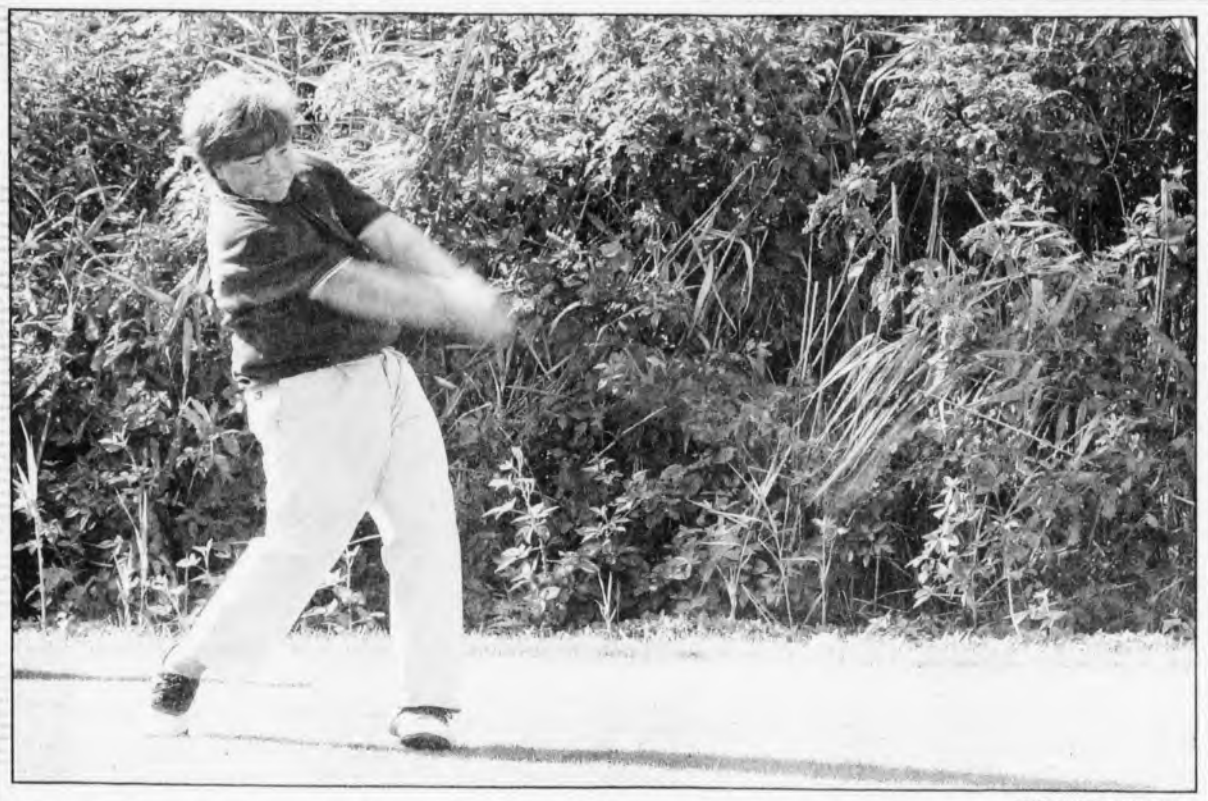
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Cohasset junior John Wade demonstrates his power as he tees off last season. Norwell narrowly defeated Cohasset Tuesday 27.5-26.5. Cody Cavicchi (40) defeated Chuck Czerkawski 5-4, Dan Dempsey (41) defeated John Wade (44) 5-4, Mike White (46) lost to Charles Stebbins (44) 4-5, Kris McIntosh (41) tied Ian Ouilan (41) 4.5-4.5, Jeff Leary (51) lost to Rob Hill (43) 2.5-6.5, Garrett Duffy (49) defeated Connor Michaud (55) 6.5 -2.5.

Cohasset High School sports schedules

Boys Varsity Football
September
23 @Card. Spellman 1 p.m.
29 Scituate 1 p.m.
October
5 Carver 7 p.m.
12 Mashpee 6 p.m.
20 @E. Bridgewater 1 p.m.
November
2 Abington 7 p.m.
9 Norwell 7 p.m.
22 @Hull 10 a.m.

Girls Varsity Field Hockey
Games at 3:30 p.m. unless noted.
September
24 @Mashpee
26 Carver
28 @Hull
October
2 @E. Bridgewater
4 Norwell
9 @Scituate
12 Harwich 4 p.m.
13 Nantucket 1 p.m.
16 Mashpee
18 @Carver
22 Hull
23 Scituate
25 @Hingham

Boys Varsity Golf
All games at 3:30 p.m.
September
25 @Mashpee
26 @East Bridgewater
27 Abington
October
1 @Rockland
2 @Harwich
3 @Norwell
9 Carver
10 @Abington
11 Quincy

Boys Varsity Soccer
September
25 E. Bridgewater 3:30 p.m.
27 Carver 3:30 p.m.
October
1 @Hull 6 p.m.
3 Mashpee 4 p.m.
5 Abington 3:30 p.m.
9 @Harwich 4 p.m.
11 Norwell 7 p.m.
13 Nantucket 1 p.m.
15 @E. Bridgewater 3:30 p.m.
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Sports Notes

CYBSA majoy league tryouts

The try-outs for the 2008 CYBSA major league baseball season will be held Saturday, Oct. 13 at Barnes Field from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. All boys and girls who are age 10 prior to May 1, 2008 and no older than age 12 on April 30, 2008 and who are not currently on a CYBSA major league baseball team are invited to try-out. All 12 year olds (born between May 1, 1995 and April 30, 1996) who attend the tryouts are automatically selected for a Major League team provided that these players attend the tryout. Players should register at Barnes Field beginning at 12 noon. This will be the only opportunity to try-out. The rain date will be Saturday, Oct. 20. Please visit our website CYBSA.net for more information. Questions regarding the tryouts may be directed to Liam O'Connell @ (781)383-9538 or Nancy Froio @ (781)383-1897.

BAMSI to hold annual AIDS 4K Walk/Fun Run

The Thomas J. Fahey Jr. Memorial AIDS 4K Walk/Fun Run hosted by BAMSI will take place Saturday, Sept. 29, at Massasoit Community College. Massachusetts Commissioner of Public Health, John Auerbach will be the guest speaker.

All money raised is for direct emergency services not regularly covered by available funds. Last year hundreds of individuals in the greater Brockton area were helped through this fund. BAMSI's HIV Case Management Program provides services to Brockton and the following towns: Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, West Bridgewater, Avon, Stoughton, Whitman, Holbrook, Abington, Rockland, Randolph and Easton.

Individuals can collect pledges before the event and make all checks payable to the Thomas J. Fahey Jr. Memorial AIDS Walk/Fun Run. People can register the day of the event at the Student Center at Massasoit Community College.

The day will begin at 10 a.m. with a continental breakfast and registration at the Student Center followed by opening remarks at 10:30 a.m. and the walk from 11 a.m. to noon.

The event is named in honor of the late Thomas J. Fahey Jr., BAMSI's Director of Case Management, who was a nationally recognized advocate for individuals with HIV and AIDS.

The walk/race course is a 4K (2.5 mile) looped route through Massasoit Community College in Brockton. Individuals who want to volunteer to assist the day of the event or who need information can call 508-580-0219.

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LIFE AT CHS



CHRISTINE KENT

Today, the seniors eat lunch in the same lobby but in a different environment...

What's up everyone! Hope you had a great weekend, despite the bitterly cold 60 degree weather. Having basked in the warm sun for several months, it was a definite shock to the system stepping outside. Maybe it's just me but who remembered that cold weather even existed? Sadly, it's time to cover up the cute sun dresses and rad Element t-shirts with North Face jackets and bulky windbreakers, otherwise you might just freeze when you enter the school or boil depending on which "Class Hall" you're in (parents and visitors take note, it is always best to come prepared for severe temperature swings inside the school.)

During the cold seasons, it would have been nice to sit down and cozy up on a soft, comfy couch, while enjoying the beautiful ambiance of CHS.

The comfy couches have been terminated and replaced with cold, hard, shiny, plastic benches possibly intended to deter any "permanent residents." For those readers who have no clue what I am taking about, allow me to fill you in! For several years, seniors were provided a "lounge" formally known as the upstairs lobby (an open area connecting all upper class halls to this one spot), made up of coffee tables, armchairs, and couches soft enough to take a nap.... during lunch or break. This lounge was "seniors only" and most importantly allowed for easy access to the adjoining senior hallway. Today, the seniors eat lunch in the same lobby but in a different environment; essentially the once special lounge has become an extension of the cafeteria thanks to the round lunch tables and park benches that replace the once coveted and "classy" dinning/relaxing space. Anyway, I understand that the Senior Class President has spoken to the "powers that be"... but to no avail. So I guess this case is finally closed...sorry guys.

Moving on to the highlights of the week.

• Tuesday: Mr. Mag and his team of miniature marine biologists took a trip to Humolock Beach. Hopefully, there were no washed up whales on the beach this time...for any Juniors and Senior students looking for a great class, I recommend Marine Science but sadly one of the best things about the course will be missing after this year...Mr. Magnusen!

• Wednesday: Seniors met with their freshmen protégés for a Peer Leadership lunch. Freshmen don't be shy. We love you guys and we are running out of icebreakers!

• Thursday: CMHS rolled out the welcome mats for Parents Night. Let's hope the teachers had an upbeat and positive attitude as they explained our death sentences, aka the curriculum. Putting joking aside, earlier in the day CHS conducted real politics after student council speeches were presented in the auditorium. Who will be the next school president?

• Friday: Happy Yom Kippur Have a great week!

Christine Kent is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly in the Mariner.

SENIOR SCENE



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Grace Thompson and Joan Hebert pose in cowboy cutouts during the recent "Wild West" Senior Center barbecue at the Cohasset Sailing Club.

Driving skills program is Oct. 3

Wednesday, Sept. 29, 11 a.m. to noon

Donna White (Addiction Counselor from Lemuel Shattuck Hospital) will present **Straight Addiction** followed by a gourmet lunch prepared by the Angel Food Pantry. ($2.50 donation) Guests of all ages welcome. 781-383-9112.

Wednesday, Oct. 3, 11 a.m. to noon

Diana Imondi Dias from AAA will present an interactive program called **Roadwise Review: A Self-Assessment of Driving Skills.** All drivers 55 and older are invited to come and then join us for a gourmet lunch. ($2.50 donation) 781-383-9112.

Wednesday, Oct. 10, 17 and 24, 11 to noon.

South Shore Elder Services and Cohasset Elder Affairs will host a **Planning for the Future Luncheon Series** at Cohasset Elder Affairs, 3 North Main St., Cohasset. The dates and topics are: Oct. 10- **Moving Out of the Home**; Oct. 17, **Staying in the Home with Help**; Oct. 24, **Holiday Planning.** A Gourmet Lunch will be served from noon to 1 p.m. $2.50 donation) Call 781-383-9112 for reservations.

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EVENTS

Tuesday, Oct. 9 at 11 a.m.

Arrive at St. Anthony's for an **Ecumenical Celebration of Life** for all loved family members and friends who have died. If you would like a person's name read, submit name to Cohasset Elder Affairs. Following the service, Anna's Gourmet Cooking Club will serve lunch in St. Anthony's Parish Hall.

Thursday, Oct. 18, at 9 a.m.

Departure from St. Anthony's parking lot for **The Hobo Turkey Train Ride**. The Dinner Turkey Train travels along the shoreline of Lake Winnipesauke while a dinner is served by Hart's Turkey Farm. Handicapped access at Meredith. Each table seats four. Cost: $59. Call 781-383-9112 for reservations.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26

Pasta with meat sauce and dinner roll or tuna on whole wheat, corn, fruit, juice or milk.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 27

Taco meat served over tortilla chips with lettuce, tomato and cheese or bologna sandwich, vegetables, rice, pineapple, juice or milk.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 28

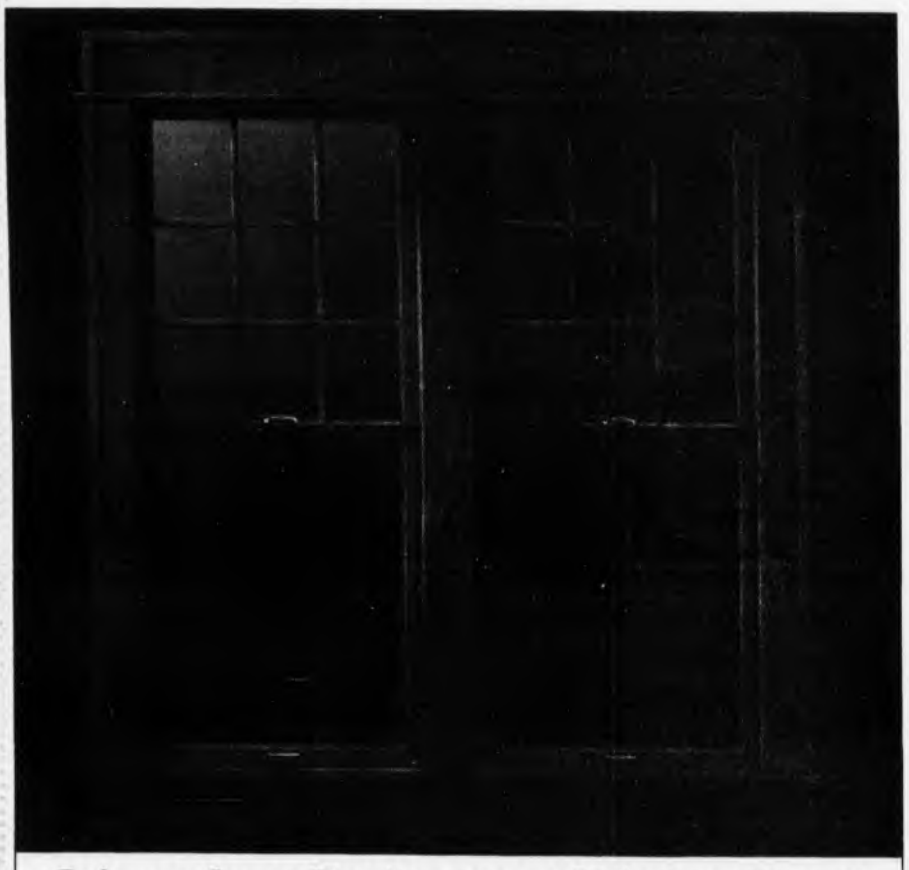
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The fall session at Our World CGDM will be Wednesday, Sept. 19, through Wednesday, Dec. 12; and Thursday, Sept. 20 through Thursday, Dec. 13.

Upcoming events include:

Kitchen Kids at Our World – Six-week sessions $$120, members, $138 for non–members. Session I, Sept. 27 through Nov. 1; Session II, Nov. 8 through Dec. 13. Kids will be enlivened with bright colors, wonderful aromas and tantalizing flavors. Even the fussiest of eaters will be thrilled to eat something they have made with their own hands. Classes are hands–on with step–by=step instructions offered in a safe and clean environment. Those attending will cook "Around Our World" and learn about the different cuisines of different cultures. Ages 3 through 6 meet Thursday, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.; grades kindergarten through four will meet Thursday, from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Alphabet Immersion Fun – 12 weeks. Cost is $102 for members, $120, non–members. Using the letters of the day, children will immerse themselves in alphabet specific games and activities including Alphabet Role-Play, ABC Bingo, Alphabet Noises and letter-specific crafts. Children ages 3 through 6 can have fun playing with new friends while learning the alphabet. Meets Wednesday or Thursday, 9:15 to 10:05 a.m., or Wednesday or Thursday from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m.

Sports with Jan – 12 weeks. Cost is $102, members, $120, non–members. Sports-related skills are important to every child's social and physical development. Jan St. Pierre will teach children age-appropriate skills in a fun and safe environment. Meets Wednesday, 10:15 to 11 a.m. for ages 3 through 5; Wednesday, 11:15 a.m. to noon, for ages 4 through 6.

Artsy Fun – 12 weeks. Cost is $102 members, $120, non–members. Each week participants will work on two or three fun and creative art projects. Children will play with paint, clay, scissor crafts, collage, photographs and glue. Projects will follow the seasons and children will create art for framing or holiday gift giving. For ages 3 through 6. Meets Wednesday or Thursday, 10:15 to 11:05 a.m.; Wednesday or Thursday, 2:30 to 3:20 p.m.

Fantasy Fun – 12 weeks. Cost is $102, members, $120, non–members. Each week attendees will read themed stories of adventure; pirates, fairies, princesses, dragons, dinosaurs, etc. Afterwards, children will create a fantasy craft and act out an adventure of their own. For ages 3 through 6. Meets Wednesday or Thursday, 11:15 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.; Wednesday or Thursday, 1:30 to 2:20 p.m.

Discovering Science – 12 weeks. Cost is $102 members, $120, non–members. Scientists will keep a lab journal as they explore different aspects of their world through weekly experiments, observations and results discussions. For students in grades one through four. Meets. Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Jewelry and Sewing for Beginners – 12 weeks. Cost is $119, members, $140 for non–members. Participants will create several different projects including jewelry, bags, room décor and holiday decorations. Kids will learn about beading and wire twisting, and both hand and machine sewing. For students in grades one through four. Meets Thursday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Kitchen Kids Workshops – Freakish Feasts, Saturday, Oct. 27, from 1 to 3 p.m., for grades one through four. Make freakish **Halloween treats** to delight even the most tempestuous eaters. **Gingerbread Fun,** Saturday, Nov. 10, from 1 to 3 p.m. For grades one through four. Get ready to decorate for the holiday season with a creation made from hand-made gingerbread. **Cookies Around the World,** Saturday, Dec. 8, from 1 to 3 p.m. For grades one through four. Attendees will make cookies and treats from different nations and learn that sweets taste great everywhere.

Birthday Parties – Our World offers many different ways to celebrate a child's birthday party at the museum. Our World can host a child's birthday party that includes an experienced instructor who will set up the room with provided decorations, lead several hands-on activities and clean everything up at the end. Or rent museum space and throw a party. Full use of the kitchen, function room and the Biodiversity 911 Exhibit offered. Call the museum at 781–383–3198 for more information.

Registration for classes can be made by phone, mail or in person at Our World. Enrollment is limited. Membership discount is 15 percent per course. Membership dues may be paid at the time of registration. Make checks payable to Our World CGDM. Drop applications at Our World or mail them to Our World, P.O. Box 422, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Care to join Our World? For information, visit the Web site at ourworldcgdm.org, call 781-383-3198 or visit in person at 100 Sohier St., Cohasset, behind Cohasset Public Library.

Rec. Notes

Fall programs at the Rec

Cohasset Recreation to offer fall programs — Fall is here, and Cohasset Recreation Department is offering a variety of classes and programs for all ages. Mr. Dykas Gymfit classes, science and nature programs, Drama Kids, Art Time Fun, music for young children and more will be offered.

For information or to register for any of the classes, call Cohasset Recreation Department at 781-383-4109 or visit the Web site at onecreativeplace.net.

Teen Dance — Cohasset Youth Resources will host a Midnight Blue Dance for students in grades six through eight at the Teen Center from 7 to 10 p.m., on Friday, Sept. 28.

There will be a door charge of $5 per person and snacks and refreshments will be sold.

Dance with Caroline — The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that Caroline Carr will offer three different six-week sessions of dance this fall at Midnight Blue, the teen center. Classes will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m., Mondays, for children ages 5 to 7; from 3 to 4:30 p.m., Tuesdays, for 8 through 12, and from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Tuesdays, for 13 and over starting Oct. 15 and 16 and running through Nov. 19 and 20.

The fee for the six-week session is $85. More information and registrations will be available next week. Registrations will be held in the Cohasset Recreation Department office at Town Hall.



Violin, piano concert at St. Stephen's

As the first program of this year's concert series, St. Stephen's Church is pleased to present violinist Sargis Karapetyan and his wife, Nune Hakobyan in concert on Sunday, Sept. 30, at 3 p.m.

Karapetyan received his training in Armenia at the Komitas State University and is currently concert-master of the Nashua Symphony. He not only teaches at Clark University, but is also an instructor for Conservatory Teaching in Your Community. Nune Hakobyan also earned her master's degree in piano performance from Komitas, and is now organist at St. James Armenian Church in Watertown, Mass. She is also pianist with the Nashua Symphony. The concert will be introduced by David Baker, Director of Music at St. Stephen's, and a reception will follow the program.

The church at 16 Highland Ave. is handicap accessible, and plenty of parking is available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information, please call 781.383.1083.



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Story of the Tuskegee Airmen Oct. 5

Members of the renowned Tuskegee Airmen will host a talk and video presentation titled "Red Tails: The Saga of the Tuskegee Airmen" at 7 p.m., on Oct. 5, in the Parish House of the First Parish (Unitarian-Universalist) church on Cohasset Common. Tuskegee Airman and member of the First Parish congregation, Jack Bryant, will moderate the evening's discussion. The entire community is invited to come learn how these brave, young American men broke the color barrier of the Army Air Corps some 65 years ago.

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At the start of World War II the U.S. Army had rules which enforced our country's attitudes towards black Americans. They were considered unfit for combat and were generally assigned to stereotyped jobs as cooks and waiters, or were rejected completely. The Army Air Corps certainly did not let black men fly or repair airplanes. In that time of great need, such prejudices were a luxury our country could no longer afford. Afraid of disrupting morale of the fighting units, but under moral pressure and persuasion from the NAACP, the black media, some members of Congress and the White House, the War Department started a "separate but equal" training program for black aviators. This "noble experiment" produced the Tuskegee Airmen. (Excerpt from The History of the Tuskegee Airmen).

The Tuskegee Airmen overcame racism at home and abroad...by the end of World War II these African American pilots had earned respect for their air prowess. The "Red Tails" (nicknamed for the color painted on their aircraft) flew more than 15,000 combat missions and never lost a bomber during Allied escort missions over Europe. This important part of American History is a story that holds life lessons for all generations.

A lasagna meal and beverages will be served. The cover charge is $10/person, or $20 per family. Proceeds will support the Tuskegee Airmen's Scholarship Fund, which awards many thousands of dollars annually to young people across the country. (all presenters and officers of this organization serve without salary or fee). This event is sponsored by the First Parish Unitarian Universalist congregation on Cohasset Common. For information call Sandy Bailey, Parish Administrator, at 781-383-1100.

Inly Arts Festival scheduled for Sept. 30

Uniquely American in the Arts is the theme of this year's Inly Arts Festival, an interactive community event to celebrate the arts and the value of arts education. Music, dance, theater, technology, art and architecture will be featured in workshops, hands-on projects and live performances from 1 to 4 p.m., on Sunday, Sept. 30, at Inly School, 46 Watch Hill Dr., off Route 123, Scituate. Visit inlyartsfestival.com for more information.

The annual Inly Arts Festival is not a fundraiser; rather it is a community event designed to celebrate the arts and the value of arts education.

Highlights include modern dance workshops by Boston Ballet; live zydeco music by The Rejuvenators; live jazz by the Cohasset High School Jazz Combo; interactive theater by South Shore Vocational Technical High School's drama club; an exhibit of original serigraphs by artist Corita Kent, along with paint-your-own miniature Boston Gas tanks; a collaborative geodesic dome-building project to honor architect/engineer Buckminster Fuller; larger-than-life puppets from the Boston Puppeteers Cooperative; interactive theater and green-screen technology; and hands-on art activities exploring styles of Jackson Pollock, Jasper Johns, Alexander Calder and other American greats.

The admission price of $10 per person, $40 maximum per family, covers all activities. Food will be available for purchase. The annual Inly Arts Festival is not a fundraiser; rather it is a community event designed to celebrate the arts and the value of arts education. This year, Inly Arts Festival is sponsored in part by Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation and the Marshfield Cultural Council, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Lightkeeper's Boutique

The Lightkeepers Autumn Boutique will be held from 6 to 9 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 1, featuring wine tasting and informal modeling of the hottest new fall and holiday fashions. Shop for unique gifts, many handcrafted by local artisans. Open to all, complimentary admission. Sponsored by DFV Wines, Jodi DiNatale, Magpie Rings, Mollycoddle, Paperscapes, Ports and Company, The Pink Poppy, Tucker O'Day, and more.

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IT'S HAPPENING

'Women Who Travel' panel discussion Oct. 14

An extraordinary exhibition of the work of six artists, "Women Who Travel," will be held through Sunday, Oct. 28, at the South Shore Art Center. The exhibition includes the latest work by Nancy Cusack, Susan Gallagher, Joan Hausrath, Viola Käumlen, Dorothy Simpson Krause, and Esther Maschio. In addition a "Women Who Travel" panel discussion will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 14.

Exhibit organizer, Esther Maschio, states the show "will consider a variety of 21st century practices in printmaking and related media from traditional forms to the highly experimental. Cross disciplines will include book arts, digital technology, writing, and photography."

"Drawing and writing practices intersect in my work," states Nancy Cusack, professor of art at Mass Art, "as visual essays, they offer multiple layers and conclusions, inviting questions about content as well as process and materials."

Nancy Cusack has designed and led international cultural experiences in Latin America and Europe for more than two decades. Susan Gallagher, a photographer from Scituate, has traveled extensively including Great Britain, Turkey and Cuba. Joan Hausrath adapts the landscapes from her travels for the imagery in her art, primarily prints. Using journaling, Joan layers images one over another building a complex collection of marks and textures.

Viola Käumlen spends summers in Marshfield, travels widely, and lives in the Engadine Valley in Switzerland. She uses various cameras in her artist books, photo series and editions. Viola is constantly looking for new ways to share her work and ideas through intense collaborations with fellow artists. Dorothy Simpson Krause is a painter by training and a collage maker by nature. Since being introduced to computers in the late 1960's, she has pioneered the combining of traditional and digital media.

Esther Maschio is a longtime South Shore Art Center faculty member who teaches a variety of printmaking techniques. Her work is inspired by trips to Italy to study printmaking.

South Shore Art Center gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday and from noon to 4 p.m., Sunday.

For more information, visit www.ssac.org, email shannan@ssac.org, or call 781-383-2787.

ASP registration

The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project trip is planned for June 21 to 29.

The deadline for registration is Monday, Oct. 1. Forms and information is available by visiting www.cohassetasp.org. Adults are also needed to go on the trip.

The grand opening of the Pumpkin Patch, sponsored by Cohasset ASP, will be Saturday, Oct. 6, on No. Main Street.

American Legion to host golf tournament

American Legion Post 118, will host a golf tournament, Monday Oct. 1, at Hatherly Country Club, with a shotgun start at noon. The cost is $150 per person and includes a round of golf, use of cart and dinner. Checks should be made out to George H Mealy Post 118 and mailed to American Legion Post 118, Attention: Larry Sousa, P. O. Box 118, Cohasset MA. 02025;

CHS class of '72 planning reunion

Cohasset High School Class of 1972 is planning a reunion for Oct. 26, 2007. More information is available at classmates.com and will be updated regularly. They are trying to locate classmates. Log on to the Classmates web site and become a member to notice of updates. Updates are also available by visiting tessahoc72@yahoo.com

Gymnastics and sports classes at SSCC

There are still openings in the following classes at the South Shore Community Center under the direction of Director Ruthann Ardizzoni. The Community Center and Ruthann Ardizzoni are celebrating their 30th year.

Sports for Kids for boys and girls age 4 to 6. Mondays: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays: 3 to 3:45 p.m. Thursdays: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Gym Explorers for boys and girls age 4 to 6. Mondays: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays: 2 to 3 p.m. Fridays: 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Tumble Bugs for boys and girls age 3. Mondays: 3 to 3:45 p.m. Thursdays: 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Beginner/Intermediate girls age 5 to 8. Thursdays: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Beg./intermediate boys and girls age 5 to 8. Fridays: 4 to 5 p.m. Beg/Intermediate Girls age 7 to 12. Thursdays 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Sports for Kids for boys and girls ages 5 to 10. Fridays 3:15 to 4 p.m.

Holiday One Day Gymnastics/Sports and More Camp for boys and girls ages 4 to 10, Dec. 27, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Enjoy gymnastics, sports, bowling, crafts, gym demonstration, Magic Show and more. Limited sign up.

Call the SSCC at 781-383-0088 for information.

Touch A Truck event

Hingham Nursery School will sponsor its 11th annual Touch A Truck event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 22, at Hingham Bathing Beach parking lot, 95 Otis St., Route 3A, Hingham.

Admission is $5 per person, $20 maximum per family. Refreshments will be available.

For more information, call Hingham Nursery School at 781-749-0029.

Legion seeking donations for those deployed

The George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118 is seeking donations of toiletries and other items for those deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Donations may be dropped off at the Legion Post on Summer Street daily after 3 p.m. or at Pilgrim Cooperative Bank branches on 3A or in the village.

Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks should be made out to the Sons of the American Legion, with "Soldiers Project" written in the memo line on the check. Checks can be mailed to Sons of the American Legion, PO Box 118, Cohasset, MA 02025. The following items are being collected at the American Legion for deployed servicemen and women:

Donations may be dropped off at the Legion Post on Summer Street daily after 3 p.m. or at Pilgrim Cooperative Bank branches on 3A or in the village.

Batteries - AA and AAA, razors, mouthwash, Chapstick, nuts, shaving cream Ziploc bags of all sizes, hand warmers, baby wipes, pens and notepaper, Pringles, toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss.

Also, sports magazines, local newspapers, socks, T-shirts, candy (no chocolate), phone cards, peanut butter and crackers, dry tuna in a bag, deodorant, winter hats and gloves, gum, mints, Lifesavers, Q-Tips, sunscreen, soap and body wash, dry soup, beef jerky, Tylenol, Advil, Excedrin and cameras.

Also, athlete's foot cream or spray, bandanas, socks, Bounce dryer sheets, chap sticks, ground coffee, CoffeeMate, antibiotic cream, duct tape, used CD or DVD's, paperbacks, knee-hi hose, cologne, Band-Aids, a variety of shoe inserts, playing cards, black pens, writing pads, envelopes, puzzle magazines, flea collars, lens cleaner for glasses, Ramen noodles in the cup, breakfast bars, gum, single-serve packets hot chocolate or soup, Pringles, hard candy, and microwave popcorn. Personal notes or cards are encouraged.



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Shop owner, Kristen Ross, far right, takes a break with knitting teacher Mary Parker and summer helper Cassie Gendron outside the new shop on South Street in Hingham. The Creative Stitch has moved from Route 3A in Cohasset to Hingham.

'Stitch' finds new home in Square

By Carol Britton Meyer
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The newly opened Creative Stitch at 28 South St. in Hingham Square is more than a yarn shop.

It's a place where both novice and experienced knitters gather to knit and to improve their knitting skills, share ideas, socialize, and make new friends. The shop recently moved from 3A in Cohasset to Hingham Square, just three miles away.

Upon entering the shop, one's spirits are lifted by the hundreds of skeins of brightly colored yarn lining the walls. It's enough to make non-knitters who stop in to check out one of the Square's newest shops decide to take up knitting. There's yarn made from wool and other natural fibers, including camel hair, hemp, and bamboo (very soft), and even soy (organic yarn).

"It's a tactile experience," said shop owner Kristen Ross, a Scituate resident. "People like to touch and pat the yarns. Sometimes they come in for a color 'fix.' All this color cheers them up." Another plus is the "great natural light" streaming through the windows. "This is what a knitting shop should be like," Ross said.

There's always someone here knitting, so you always feel comfortable. I enjoy socializing with knitters of all different ages and backgrounds."
— Staci Gilbert, Cohasset

"Knitting is only half the reason we come here," said Cohasset resident Staci Gilbert, who has participated in the Friday morning knitting class for the past year, first in Cohasset and now in Hingham. "The other half is the camaraderie. Sometimes I just stop by to get some inspiration. There's always someone here knitting, so you always feel comfortable. I enjoy socializing with knitters of all different ages and backgrounds."

Ross remembers the first time Gilbert walked into her shop. "She was wearing a traditional plaid Burberry shawl," she said with a smile.

This winter, Gilbert will be wearing a multi-colored "Einstein" coat, so-called because of its bulkiness – that she knitted recently. "It took me an entire season to make it. Kristen walked me through the project," she said. "It's my first big success – something I will be proud to wear." Gilbert also makes handbags and brightly colored socks and decorated slippers for family and friends. The socks these knitters make aren't just any socks – they're ribbed, patterned, or striped – depending on how the creative spirit moves the knitter.

"Knitting teaches you patience and focuses and calms you," said Hingham resident Joan Santacroce, who works at the shop.

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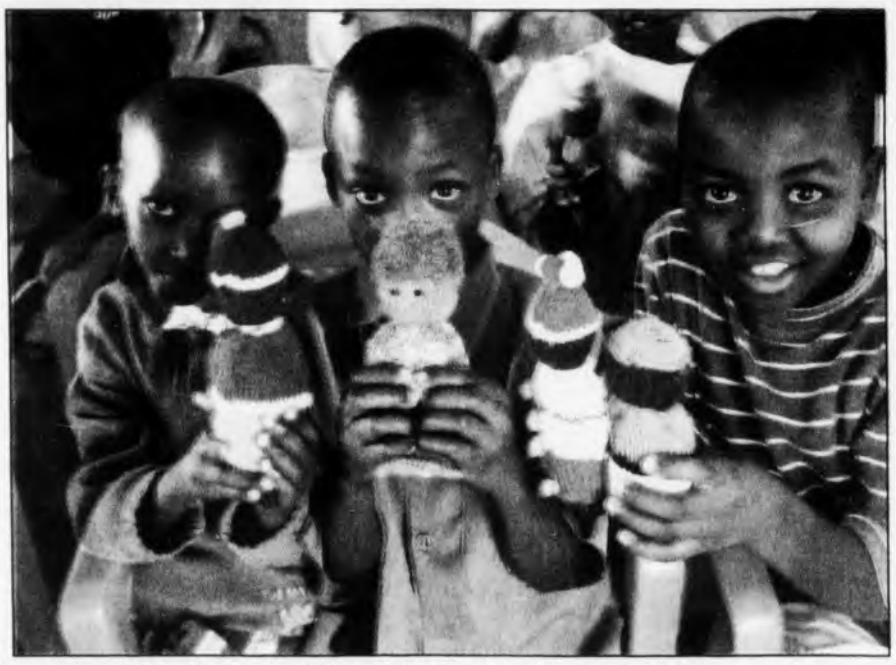
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Knitters help Rwandan children

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Rwandan children display the dolls crafted by knitters at the Creative Stitch.

The Creative Stitch in Hingham Square is helping to bring joy and comfort to Rwandan children.

In support of CHABHA (Children Affected by HIV/AIDS), the shop collects hand-knit dolls from anyone who volunteers to make them and sends them to Rwanda for children whose families have been affected by the AIDS epidemic. The pattern for the eight-inch doll is available online or at the shop. Each takes an hour or two to make.

"Imagine how kids who have no toys feel when they receive one of these dolls," said Staci Gilbert of Cohasset, who stops by the shop frequently. "They carry them on their backs and pretend they're real babies."

CHABHA's mission is to raise awareness in the United States about the plight of children in Africa and to support community-based projects in Rwanda, Namibia, and South Africa.

The easy-to-knit colorful "Duduza" (or comfort) dolls are made from yarn scraps and filled with polyester stuffing. Each one is a different, depending on the creativity of the knitter. The facial expressions also vary. For example, there are Red Sox, cowboy, Eskimo, and rock star dolls. "It's amazing what people do," shop owner Kristen Ross said. The dolls go to children in child-headed households that are part of an association called Amahoro, meaning "peace."

Teenagers orphaned by genocide and AIDS formed the association. They have begun to combine families – some of which are headed by children even younger than they are – in order to survive. Photographs taken by visitors to the Rwandan community show boys and girls with smiles on their faces cradling the dolls and holding them close. One small boy is gazing lovingly into the eyes of his doll.

CHABHA has formed a partnership with Amahoro and has helped the association expand its mission. The Creative Stitch joined the CHABHA effort earlier this year when Hingham resident Ann Selinger, a participant in the Friday morning knitting class, told of a friend of hers in Vermont who was involved with the group. Participants in the Friday class got the project off the ground and led the charge to encourage other knitters to get involved in the doll project.

Gilbert sent one of the dolls she knitted to her daughter at summer camp. "Everyone loved it," she said. "They thought the CHABHA project was a wonderful thing." Her daughter brought the doll home with her in perfect condition so that it can be sent in the next shipment.

The next doll "journey" is Sept. 30. The Creative Stitch collected 250 dolls for the first shipment and has more than 550 dolls ready for the next one.

"We become very attached to these dolls," said Ross. "We can't change the children's circumstances, but we can help make things a little easier for them."

A woman from Middleboro who is wheelchair-bound has already made 167 "comfort" dolls. "It's a passion for her," Gilbert said gratefully. Other knitters have made large numbers of the dolls, too.

Those interested in participating in the grassroots CHABHA effort may pick up a pattern and instructions at the Creative Stitch at 28 South St. or online at www.creativestitchonline.com. For more information about CHABA, visit www.chabha.org.

'Stitch' finds new home in Square

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Ross opened the Creative Stitch in Cohasset six years ago. When she began running out of space and the lease was up, she decided to move to Hingham Square. "I was looking for a community space with more of an eclectic atmosphere," she said. "When I first walked into the [South Street] building I said, 'this is home.'"

The move makes sense in the context of the ongoing post-Greenbush revitalization of downtown Hingham. "There's a good amount of foot traffic going by our windows," she said.

Jada Coyne of Marshfield, who also works in the shop, agrees. "Downtown Hingham has the old-town feeling of one of everything," she said. "This is a good location for us. It's user-friendly despite the construction [which will wrap up soon]. Some people have stopped by and said they had always been meaning to visit the Cohasset shop. Before we opened, people were knocking on the windows."

Help is offered to everybody who steps in the door seeking advice — on knitting or even another subject. It's a place where you can find solace when feeling troubled — a warm, welcoming atmosphere where you make friends with people you might not otherwise have the chance to meet, said Coyne. "Knitting is the one thread we all have in common."

Ross noted that her shop is a "perfect fit" with the fabric business and kids' sewing classes that are offered upstairs in the former Buttonwood building, part of which the Creative Stitch now calls home.

"Knitting is great therapy," Ross said. "It's like a sanctuary here. It's not just about knitting but also friendship and sharing our sense of joy and talents with others."

Visit www.creativestitchonline.com for information about classes offered at the Creative Stitch.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, SEPT. 7

1:14 p.m. **Pheasant Hill Dr., Scituate,** medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

2:49 p.m. **Sohier St.** Caller reports a smell of smoke in the area.

3:15 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

4:28 p.m. **White Head Road,** suspicious activity. Caller reports a group of youth walking around the property and nobody is home. Officers report the resident is aware they are out there. The kids are jumping off a buoy in the harbor.

4:38 p.m. **Pleasant St.,** disturbance. Caller reports a group of youth in front of her house screaming out her name and pointing at her house. She would like them to leave the area.

5:22 p.m. **Summer St.,** parking complaint. Resident flagged down officer and asked that the pickup truck that is blocking her driveway be moved.

5:32 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation issued.

5:53 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St.,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

7:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.** Motor vehicle stop; verbal warning. Juvenile operator law.

8:28 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** assist motorist. Officer assisting a disabled motorist; 3A Towing is on scene and officer standing by.

8:47 p.m. **Lantern Lane,** disturbance. Male states he needs to go to the hospital.

10 p.m. **Wheelwright Park,** suspicious vehicle. Officer reports vehicle parked in this location and nobody is around it. Vehicle has been tagged.

10:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8

12:17 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** Building checks. Several second floor windows in the west wing are ajar.

2:22 a.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

3:34 a.m. **Atlantic Ave., Hull,** assist other police department. Hull Police are looking for a pickup truck that hit a pole by the Gun Rock Club. Motor vehicle may be headed toward Cohasset.

11:36 a.m. **Border St.,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

7:52 a.m. **King St.,** disturbance. Caller reports she needs the police to this location. The landlord of the business at this location is harassing the employees and they are not suppose to be out until Oct. 1. Dispatch could hear the male landlord in the background.

8 a.m. **Elm St.,** child safety seat installed.

8:30 a.m. **Elm St.,** child safety seat installed.

9:21 a.m. **Smith Pl.,** medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

10:21 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

2:16 p.m. **Bancroft Road,** motor vehicle crash/injuries.

2:27 p.m. **Sedwick Dr., Scituate,** medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

3:43 p.m. **Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.** Caller states there was a disabled car in the middle of the road.

4:46 p.m. **Forest Ave.,** notification. Caller reports party has been driving by beeping, laughing and yelling out.

4:52 p.m. **Border St.,** traffic complaint. Caller reports seven Mustangs speeding down Pond Street. Officers out with two of the Mustangs at the above location.

6 p.m. **Red Gate Lane,** medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

8:11 p.m. **South Main St.,** parking complaint. Caller reports there is no place to park when going to the above address because of a wedding going on across the street.

9:38 p.m. **Wheelwright Farm,** public service. Caller reports his water heater broke and needs assistance shutting the water off.

9:42 p.m. **Lamberts Lane,** noise complaint. Caller reports there is a loud party going on and she's not sure where it's coming from. Residents have been asked to keep it down.

11:01 p.m. **King St.,** disturbance – drunks. Employee from this location reports two drunk males came into the store and were yelling at him and attempted to put their hands on him. They took off on foot down Sohier Street. One is wearing a white hat and shorts, the other male has blue eyes and blond hair. Both are in their late 20s. Subjects found; officers to handle.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 9

12:20 a.m. **South Main St.,** animal complaint. Caller states there is an injured dog on the side of the road. The owner has taken the dog home.

4:09 a.m. **Headquarters,** assist citizen.

10:19 a.m. **Hull and Cedar streets,** motor vehicle crash/injuries. Several callers reporting a motor vehicle crash at this location with possible injuries. Sergeant on scene reports a vehicle into a tree.

10:42 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** School check; second floor windows open.

10:50 a.m. **Sohier St.,** Deer Hill/Osgood schools check.

12:50 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** shoplifting. Caller reports two males just left the store with a cart full of items without paying. Vehicle is a green Ford Explorer. Hingham Police Department has the vehicle spotted at the residence at this time. Cohasset units are responding to the address. Officer has all items on board bringing them back to the store at this time. Man summonsed: Charge: Shoplifting of $100-plus by asportation.

7:46 p.m. **King St.,** medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

7:53 p.m. **Border St.,** power outage. Caller reports about five houses have no power at this time. He will be calling National Grid.

MONDAY, SEPT. 10

1:30 a.m. **Pond St.** - High School, officer reports building checked; secure.

6:44 a.m. **Sohier St.** – Deer Hill School, officer reports school checked; building secure.

7 a.m. **King St.,** animal complaint.

7:05 a.m. **Norfolk Road,** traffic enforcement.

7:49 a.m. **Beechwood St.,** sudden death.

8:34 a.m. **Cedarledge Village,** well-being check conducted; officer reports no one is inside the residence and a cell phone is on the counter. Missing party located at place of work.

8:39 a.m. **King St.,** medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

10:31 a.m. **Highland Ave.,** traffic stop; citation issued.

10:45 am. **Elm St.,** notification. Walk-in party, looking for items of clothing, was informed they are being held and they left headquarters laughing.

11:40 a.m. **Forest Ave. and Heather Drive,** request for officer; caller reports a flatbed truck with a white cab backed into a telephone pole and loosened it. Officer reports it is a Verizon pole; notified.

1:16 p.m. **Pratt Court,** traffic stop; citation issued for expired registration.

2:09 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** larceny investigation; caller reports a bench stolen overnight.

2:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** request for officer regarding an out-of-control customer; party removed and store manager advised of actions to take to keep person out of the store.

2:31 p.m. **Norman Todd Road,** medical aid; officer requests Rescue 3 for an evaluation.

3:20 p.m. **Highland Ave.,** suspicious activity; report of three youths walking into woods behind Town Hall. Responding officer reports the youths are on their way and there are no problems.

6:58 p.m. **Spring St.,** animal complaint; 911 caller reports a large snapping turtle in the middle of the road. Officer removed turtle from roadway.

7:17 p.m. **Hull St.,** parking enforcement; three vehicles tagged.

7:33 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** mutual aid rendered to Hull police with a possible hit and run; Hull reports both vehicles are on scene and this is not a hit and run.

7:55 p.m. **North Main St.,** erratic motor vehicle operation reported. Responding officer reports the vehicle is parked at the owner's residence and there does not appear to be a problem.

8:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.** – Scituate, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 11

7:04 a.m. **Dedham District Court,** threats reported; investigated and report filed.

10:51 p.m. **King St.,** medical aid requested.

11:30 p.m. **Sohier St.,** officer reports Osgood and Deer Hill schools checked; secure.

2:50 p.m. **Pond St.** - High School, officer reports building checked; secure.

5:25 p.m. **North Main St.,** traffic complaint/ MBTA; caller reports the lights and gates at the train tracks did not function while the train was running. The caller wants it logged; no damage was done; MBTA member is aware.

5:41 p.m. **Country Way** – Scituate, medical aid requested.

6:19 p.m. **Wilshire Drive** – Scituate, medical aid requested.

6:59 p.m. **Elm St.,** suspicious person; caller reports two men in the middle of the road. Responding officer spoke to them and they checked out; they are locals.

9:35 p.m. **Sohier St.,** motor vehicle stop; officer out with vehicle. Person summonsed on charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, speeding, registration not in possession and license not in possession.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12

1:14 a.m. **Headquarters,** citizen assisted; caller states a Cohasset detective left a message on his cell phone. The caller is overseas and requests a detective call him back; the time difference is eight hours.

1:26 a.m. **Pond St.** - High School, officer reports building checked; secure.

1:26 a.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

3:10 a.m. **Headquarters,** citizen assisted.

4:58 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** beach reported open.

6:02 a.m. **North Main St.,** suspicious motor vehicle; walk-in party reports a blue pick up truck with an open door is parked in the middle of the road by the duck pond. The truck is parked on the side of the road and a door was not shut tightly and fell open.

7:05 a.m. **Cushing Road and Pleasant St.,** traffic enforcement.

7:10 a.m. **Cushing Road and Pleasant St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

7:14 a.m. **Cushing Road and Pleasant St.,** traffic enforcement.

7:22 a.m. **Cushing Road,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

11:32 a.m. **Rosa's Lane,** medical aid; Scituate fire requests Rescue 3.

11:51 a.m. **Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** assistance rendered to the DPW.

11:55 a.m. **Summer St.,** vandalism; caller requests to speak with an officer regarding a window on his motor vehicle, which was kicked in by someone.

12:29 p.m. **Forest Ave.,** suspicious letter reported.

1:17 p.m. **Elm St.,** suspicious letter reported.

4:26 p.m. **Jerusalem Road Drive,** power outage reported.

5:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

9:17 p.m. **Pond St.** - High School, officer reports building checked; secure.

10:14 p.m. **Sohier St.** – Deer Hill School, officer reports school checked; building secure.

11:07 p.m. **Lincoln Lane,** vandalism; Sergeant reports MBTA police officer is in town to view damage to MBTA right-of-way. Responding reports a hole in the fence; MBTA police will take the report.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13

12:31 a.m. **Sohier St.,** officer reports elementary schools checked; secure.

12:32 a.m. **Pond St.** - High School, officer reports building checked; secure.

5 a.m. **Elm St.,** medical aid requested; transported to Quincy Medical Center/ALS.

7:04 a.m. **Elm St.,** medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

11:40 a.m. **Sohier St.,** speed board posted in front of Deer Hill School.

11:48 a.m. **Forest Ave.,** vandalism; caller reports man across the street from her house; he spray painted the mailbox orange and tied a noose around the mailbox. Sergeant has man stopped and in custody at 161 Hull St.; male party charged with assault and battery on a police officer and disorderly conduct. Two knives belonging to the suspect have been bagged and tagged and placed in the headquarters safe. Arrest: Brien J. Buckley, 20. 37 Cushing Road, Cohasset. Charges: Vandalizing property, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, assault and battery on a police officer and operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

12:12 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** medical aid requested.

2:18 p.m. **Nantasket Ave.,** medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

2:25 p.m. **Elm St.,** prisoner transported to court.

4:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** fight; Walgreens employee reports a parking dispute in the parking lot. A second caller reports the two men are fighting. Responding officers report speaking with one of the men involved; the other man fled the scene.

4:31 p.m. **Highland Ave.,** parking complaint; caller states cars are parked in no parking zones.

6:40 p.m. **Central Ave.** – Scituate, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

8 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** animal complaint; party reports hitting a cat with her motor vehicle and the cat has died and refused to leave any information.

8:18 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14

12:27 a.m. **Pond St.** - High School, officer reports building checked; secure.

12:28 a.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

12:48 a.m. **Beechwood St.,** dead animal reported; DPW notified to pick up.

3:51 a.m. **Surfside Road** – Scituate, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

6:06 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.,** traffic enforcement.

6:18 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:28 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:50 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:56 a.m. **Norfolk Road,** traffic enforcement.

7 a.m. **Pond St.,** citizen assisted. The caller states he has a flat tire and thinks there may be a problem with the roadway; there is no debris in roadway at this time and caller advised to contact Cohasset Town Hall.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

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7:16 a.m. **Headquarters**, request for officer.

9:43 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

10:05 a.m. **Jerusalem and Nichols roads**, hazard; caller reports dump trucks blocking the road and feels it is a safety hazard on a bad curve.

10:12 a.m. **Marion Way**, medical aid requested.

11:12 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports a large turtle is in the middle of the road, causing traffic problems.

11:45 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, shoplifting; caller reports a man in a black SUV stole a few cases of diapers and formula. Scituate police notified and report the vehicle is in owner's driveway. Cohasset cruiser en route to residence to assist. The man has come out of the house but is uncooperative; Scituate police transported to Cohasset police headquarters and is in custody. Arrest: Mark H. Davis, 38, 15 Cudworth Road, Scituate. Charges: Shoplifting by asportation.

12:54 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, officer investigation conducted.

5:30 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in party reports losing her cell phone at Sandy Beach.

6:11 p.m. **Fairoaks Drive**, structure fire; caller reports the family room is on fire and the curtains are up in flames. Hull responding for mutual aid with a ladder; E3 reports the fire has been knocked down and they are ventilating the residence and canceling the Hull ladder truck.

7:14 p.m. **Aaron River Road**, suspicious activity reported.

7:15 p.m. **Ripley Road**, motor vehicle hit and run; walk-in party reports a vehicle hit her vehicle and left the scene; she states she witnessed the accident from inside the restaurant.

8 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, suspicious activity; caller reports two males at the end of her driveway; she called back to tell police to disregard; they are two boys that live behind her.

8:44 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

11:46 p.m. **Doane St.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

11:48 p.m. **Doane St.**, citizen assisted; 911 caller thought he got disconnected; advised that help is on the way.

11:55 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, medical aid requested.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15

1:56 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

2:47 a.m. **Lantern Lane**, medical aid requested.

6:52 a.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle accident reported in parking lot.

8 a.m. **Headquarters**, weather: rain, calm, 65 degrees.

10:42 a.m. **Booth Hill Road** – Scituate, mutual aid; Scituate police request back up for a breaking and entering that just occurred; they have one officer on scene, but all other units are tied up with other calls.

11:03 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, mutual aid rendered to Scituate police; female being transported from a domestic disturbance back to the scene.

11:21 a.m. **Pond St.** - High School, officer reports building checked; second floor windows are open.

11:22 a.m. Wompatuck Ave. – Scituate, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

2:53 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, parking complaint; motor vehicle blocking traffic.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 16

12:43 a.m. **Pond St.** - High School, officer reports building checked; secure.

12:44 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:06 a.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious person; officer reports out with intoxicated man; transported to Jerusalem Road.

1:38 a.m. **North Main St.**, noise complaint; possible loud party.

6:33 a.m. **Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Ave.**, notification; walk-in party reports he will be at location all day.

9:20 a.m. **Reservoir Road**, request for officer regarding items missing from yard.

9:41 a.m. **South Main St.**, caller requests an officer regarding a woman sitting in his car and missing her belongings; brought into protective custody and released later to above party.

9:41 a.m. **South Main St.**, property reported lost; party reports her pocketbook and car keys have been lost or stolen.

9:46 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Booth Hill Road**, motor cycle accident; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

10:19 a.m. **King St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, disabled motor vehicle; officer standing by until AAA arrives. Flat tire reported due to water cap on Forest Ave.

11:02 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

11:19 a.m. **Pond St.** - High School, officer reports building checked; second floor windows open.

12:16 p.m. **King St.**, trespassing; caller reports youths riding bicycles through his property. An officer spoke with the caller; advised to put up no trespassing signs to see if that will help. The youths are not in the area presently.

12:31 p.m. **Jerusalem Lane**, suspicious activity; caller reports a motor vehicle with a man sitting inside has been in area all day. There is a private detective in the area today who checked in this morning.

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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at 8:45PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §9.6 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Robert Willms and Jennifer Schneff**, seek to demolish the existing home and garage, and construct a new home and detached garage at **123 Atlantic Ave.**, according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-09-10.

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Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: To be determined. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Sept. 23

10 a.m. - Worship in the Meeting House - Circle Ministry Sunday

A Dialogue Sermon with Peter Bowden and Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull: "Our Ministry of Circles"

Participants in Circle Ministry, also known as Small Group Ministry, will lend their voices to this celebratory service.

Religious education programming for children and youth and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 a.m. in the Parish House.

Refreshments and fellowship follow RE classes and worship.

11:30 a.m. — Join us for a one-hour sample session on Circle Ministry (also known as Small Group Ministry), led by Peter Bowden in the Parish House.

Circle Ministry brochures are available in the entryway to the Parish House.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church invites families and residents to join us this fall. We are a welcoming, Christian community dedicated to caring for our communities, both near and across the world. Highlights of our parish life include this fall:

- "Godly Play" Christian education for children ages three through grade 5. Our church school begins this Sunday, Sept. 16th.
- Jr. High and High School youth groups , adult education, Bible study, book group
- Outreach to the hungry, homeless and those in prison
- Monthly luncheon for seniors
- Fellowship and fun; music
- Environmental ministry; weekly yoga and meditation group

This week at St. Stephen's:

- Sunday, Sept. 23: Services at 8 am and 10 am, Environmental Day at St. Stephen's. 5 Youth Worship and fellowship
- Monday, Sept. 24: 4 pm Christian meditation
- Wednesday, Sept. 26: 9:30 am Healing Eucharist; 10:30 am Bible Study
- Friday, Sept. 28: 9:30 am Yoga
- Saturday, Sept. 29: 7 am Bible Fellowship
- Sunday, Sept. 30: Services at 8 am and 10 a.m.

To contact us:

Visit our website at: www.ststephenscohasset.org

Stop by at 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset (We are the church "on the rock." Enter during the week at office around back.)

Call us: 781-383-1083

Email: Colette Wood, interim assistant: cwood@ststephenscohasset.org

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday, Sept. 21, Yom Kippur Services, tickets required. Saturday, Sept. 22, Yom Kippur Services, tickets required. Friday, Sept. 28, Sukkot Services at 7:30 p.m. Pizza in the Hut 6:30 p.m. prior to Sukkot services. Wednesday, Oct. 3, Simchat Torah Service at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, Yizkor Service 10:30 a.m. For reservations and more information call or office at 781-749-8103.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.

St. Paul Parish to host Liturgy Workshop

St. Paul Parish of Hingham is hosting a Liturgy Workshop sponsored by the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life of the Boston Archdiocese for the entire South Shore area. It is a two-session workshop that will take place from 7 to 9 p.m., on Thursdays, Sept. 27 and Oct. 4, in St. Paul school hall. Anyone who is seeking to better understand the celebration of the Mass as well as those who are currently involved in liturgical ministry in their parishes are welcome.

Highlights will include: The role of the assembly and ministers in the Mass and history and theology of the Mass, as well as what is liturgy and why it is celebrated on Sunday.

In order that materials needed may be available on time, register as soon as possible either by calling one's parish office or the Office of Worship at 617-746-5880. Email address is OfficeForWorship@rcab.org. Cost is $25 with the possibility that one's parish might be willing to defray the cost. St. Paul of Hingham parishioners are to register by calling the rectory at 781-749-0587.

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TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

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Send in the clowns

Hull couple gets down to funny business

By Katia Opatkiewicz
SPECIAL TO TOWN COMMONS

When Susan Oberg and Harvey Jacobvitz are sitting on their couch in Hull watching next year's Summer Olympics in Beijing, they will have a special reason to tune in.

Oberg and Jacobvitz, a pair of clowns who live in Hull, are leaving for China this week to teach college students in Beijing the art of clowning. The married couple will be visiting the country for three weeks while they teach the students the history of clowning, types of clowns and types of makeup for the Olympics.

Though there will be very little free time and this is not the couple's first time performing outside the country, Oberg, who plays "Fruit," and Jacobvitz, who plays "Jingles," are very excited for the opportunity and hope that this trip will expand their business internationally.

They will spend the first two weeks of their trip teaching the Beijing students and the last week performing for a month-long festival China is hosting celebrating the art of clowning. They will be performing in the festival two to three times a day and are preparing to perform in Chinese.

"The people really appreciate it when you try to speak their language," said Oberg.

The couple has been told there will be a two-day tour and a bit of free time, but "they didn't really give us that much detail about the tour," said Jacobvitz. Though the hours will be long and the work challenging at times, "It is worth it to see the reactions on the children's faces," said Oberg.

Though Oberg and Jacobvitz are grandparents, there are no plans for them to retire any time soon.

An interpreter will help the couple relate to the students, and when asked about the language barrier being a problem, Oberg and Jacobvitz responded by saying it may be, but it will be a lot of fun. Both of them see teaching as an essential resource for clowning to continue.

"If we didn't teach the tradition of clowning, it would not continue. I always tell my students that they need to teach someone else what I have taught them for clowning to continue on," said Oberg.

Fruit and Jingles have been performing as "auguste clowns" — also known as "clowns that take the pie in the face," said Oberg — for more than 20 years and have had plenty of practice. They both have dedicated their lives to making other people happy and teaching children in innovative ways.

Oberg said she dressed up as a clown once for a men's club in her hometown, and when she saw the reaction the children had she knew that clowning was for her. Oberg developed the name "Fruit" because she said that it is a good way to interact with the children and her costume is covered in colorful fruit.

"I go up to them and ask them what their favorite fruit is," said Oberg.

Jacobvitz got his name "Jingles" because he use to wear jingle bells around his ankles and when he walked they would jingle.

Though the pressure of performing may be a little stronger when they are doing a performance for money, they always enjoy performing and teaching children. Both Fruit and Jingles are board members for Why Me, Inc., which is a non-profit organization to provide emotional and financial support and services to the children of the area with cancer.

The two also hosted clown camps in North Carolina June 18 to 22 and in Hull Aug. 6 to 10, for children who wish to learn the art of clowning.

"It is a five-day event; you bring your own lunch and we teach the children, face painting, juggling, creating your character, etc. The real pleasure is on the second day when the kids are there before you are," said Oberg.

Though Oberg and Jacobvitz are grandparents, there are no plans for them to retire any time soon.

"We'll retire when we put on the makeup and it doesn't look good anymore," said Oberg.

For information on Oberg and Jacobvitz, visit fruitandjingles.com or call 781-925-9793



Fruit and Jingles



Ambassadors of laughter Susan Oberg and Harvey Jacobvitz, better known as their clowning counterparts Fruit and Jingles, are traveling across the world to instruct 300 Chinese college students in the art of clown make-up and costuming.

Theater review



PHOTO: ERIC ANTONIOU.

Campbell Scott plays ethics-challenged journalist Augustine Early in the Huntington Theatre Company's world premiere production of "The Atheist" by Ronan Noone, running Sept 12-30, only at the Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts.

'Atheist' makes headlines

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

In "The Atheist," a new play by Ronan Noone now at Boston's Calderwood Pavilion, Campbell Scott portrays a newspaperman pursuing a headline-making career while giving not so much as a backward glance to journalistic ethics.

The one-man show, directed by Justin Waldman, made its debut at the Huntington Theatre Company's 2006 Breaking Ground Festival, and is now being given a full-scale, limited-run production. It tells the tale of Augustine Early, a morally bankrupt journalist willing to do anything, and use anyone, to get his byline on page one. When he stumbles upon some unsavory behavior on the part of an elected official, Early doesn't hesitate to toss his own girlfriend's questionable behavior into play in order to stoke the flames of political scandal.

Noone, an Irish-born writer now based in Boston, has brought to life an ink-stained wretch beyond redemption who seems only slightly aware that he just might drown in his own wretchedness. He's more than willing to use and discard anyone in his path if they make good copy.

Campbell Scott, a respected actor in his own right and the son of the late George C. Scott and Colleen Dewhurst, is perfectly cast as the writer who couldn't care less about doing the right thing. With each dubious success, Early is drawn further into the pursuit of the story at all costs. Scott does a superb job with this character who at times seems almost turned on by his own sleaziness.

The play's title is a reference to Early's claim that his success came after he abandoned his belief in God and was able to live a life based on rules of his own making. Scott's riveting portrayal makes Early's passionate pursuit of fame compelling and even relatable, all while his tactics remain reprehensible.

Campbell Scott stars in the Huntington Theatre Company's production of "The Atheist" at the Calderwood Pavilion, Boston Center for the Arts, 527 Tremont St., Boston, through Sept. 30. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-266-0800 or go online at huntingtontheatre.org.

Calendar of events

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at townonline.com - click on your town - then click the entertainment tab.

Thursday, Sept. 20

Braintree Art Association will meet Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Thayer Public Library (second floor), 798 Washington St., Braintree. **Edwina Caci** will demonstrate portrait painting. Free and open to the public. 781-335-4675.

The historic Daniel Webster House at 238 Webster St., Marshfield will be open for guided tours on Sept. 20, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are gratefully accepted. For information call 781-837-2407 or log onto danielwebsterestate.org.

Tryouts for the first **Massachusetts Firefighter Calendar** at 7 p.m. at **Vincent's Nightclub**, 6 Billings Street, Randolph. Firefighters from any Massachusetts city or town who signed up can tryout for the 12-month, full-color 2009 wall calendar, which will benefit the Boston-area chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Local media personalities will be invited to serve as judges for the event. Tickets to the tryouts are $15 at the door.

Grub Street South at Buttonwood welcomes **Scituate author Lynne Reeves Griffin.** Lynne will host a workshop titled **Proposals with Pizzazz** on Sept. 20, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. Ms. Griffin will take you step-by-step through the process of writing a non-fiction book proposal from idea to book deal. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

Network4Success Business to Business Networking Group meets the First Thursday of the month at the Plympton Library from 5 to 6 p.m. and the third Thursday of the month at the Halifax Country Club from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Fish Tale On the Water, 44 Jericho Road, Scituate, presents **Drift Away** with **J. Place, Joe Micarelli** and **John Litwin,** performing music from the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's.every Thursday at 8:30 p.m. 781-545-4700

The Plymouth Farmers' Market, held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. Sept. 20, **folk harpist Shelley Otis**. For information, contact Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Sept. 20, **Living Proof** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's open mic** with host band, **Rockin George Leh** Sept. 20 at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Oliveira's, 300 Center St. (Rt. 36) Pembroke **Texas Hold Em** every Thursday night at 6:45 and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening.

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield Sept. 20, **DJ Ramu**. 781-837-6368.

Friday, Sept. 21

South Shore Folk Music Club, The Beal House, Route 106, across from First Parish Unitarian Church, Kingston. Sept. 21, 8 p.m. **Coffeehouse** featuring **The Male Bonding Band** and **Joan Akin**. Open mike. Admission: $5 members; $6 non-members. Handicap accessible. 781-871-1052 ssfmc.org

Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant 15th year anniversary comedy show. 9 p.m. Braintree 5 Corners. Costs $15. It will feature Paul Keenan, Annette Pollack, Steve Macone, Christine Hurley, Jason Marcus, Scott Graham and Chris Tabb. Dinner and appetizers available. Advance reservations requested at (781) 848-0300.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **"Undaunted" Professor Harp** Sept. 21 at 9:15 p.m. No cover $5 admission. 781-335-9796 visit nextpagecafe.com or myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Sept. 21, **Didn't Planet** 781-829-6999.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Sept. 21, **Memphis Rockabilly**. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield Sept. 21, the band **Loonatics** 781-837-6368.

"Single Executives Club" Singles Dance at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom. 8:30 to midnight, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. For information call 781-446-0234 or visit se-4u.com. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and prizes. Free dance lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. For singles and couples, 35 and older. Cost is $10 before 9 a.m. Proper dress is required.

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Mark your calendar

STEP OUT TO FIGHT DIABETES This new fund-raising walk takes place in Plymouth at Nelson Beach Park. Sept. 30. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the three-mile walk begins at 10 a.m. If you are interested in joining the planning committee, volunteering for day-of event, or walking, contact Laura Flynn at 1-888-DIABETES, Extension 3464 or E-mail Tiffany Nagle at tnagle@diabetes.org.

3RD ANNUAL "MITO-WHAT?" 5K WALK Oct. 6, Nelson Park, Plymouth to benefit the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation (UMDF). Registration begins: 9:30 a.m. Warm-up: 10:45 a.m. Walk: 11 a.m. Family Fun Zone: noon to 3 p.m. (Open to the Public) **Online** Pre-registration by Oct. 3, **$15 Individual. Event Day Registration Fee**: **$25 Individual. Children 5 and under are free. All registered walkers will receive five tickets to the fun zone.** Join the UMDF's efforts to become "One Step Closer to a Cure." Registration available online at mitowhat.org, or call 508-224-7165 for information.

AN AMERICAN ORIGINAL - JACQUELINE BOUVIER KENNEDY ONASSIS Oct. 20, from 7 to 10:30 p.m. North Community Parish House, Marshfield Hills. An evening of theatre with well-known Boston actress, Robin Lane as she portrays one of the most dynamic women in American history, Jackie Kennedy. Evening begins with a champagne reception, raffle items related to the Kennedy's and followed by coffee and deserts. Proceeds benefit Daniel Webster Estate. Call Virginia at 781-837-2403 or Eileen at 781-837-7579 or visit danielwebsterestate.org

MINDING MANNERS 101: Social Etiquette for Children, Oct. 14 and 21, at Hilton Garden Inn, Plymouth and Nov. 4, Plimoth Plantation, Plymouth. Group A: ages 4-7 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.. Group B: ages 8-12 from 3 to 5 p.m. Price for all three classes is $100. For information call 508-224-4044. To register visit creating marketingresults.com. Portion of proceeds will benefit the Boys & girls Club of Plymouth.

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TOWN COMMONS

SEPTEMBER 20-28, 2007



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CALENDAR, see next page

Saturday, Sept. 22

Hanover High School class of 2008 is sponsoring a Prom Expo on March 1, 2008. Gently used prom gowns, cocktail dresses, shoes, bags and accessories donations are needed. Items may be dropped off at Hanover High School, 287 Cedar St., on Sept. 22, Oct. 27, Nov. 22 and 24, Dec. 15, Jan. 12 and 26, Feb. 2 and 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds to benefit the Kelsey Eryn Prinsen Scholarship Foundation. For information: email hanoverpromexpo@yahoo.com, or visit hanoverpromexpo.com Contact Vicki at 781-424-6807 or Maureen at 781-878-8256.

Edaville USA presents **Strawberry Shortcake** and **Franklin** Sept 22 and 22. These characters will visit throughout day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4p.m. Edaville USA is a family fun park with a two-mile train ride throughout a 1,300 acre cranberry plantation, amusement rides, Ellis' Playhouse, Cranberry world museum and more there is something for everyone in the family to enjoy. The admission ticket is $16 for anyone ages 2 and over. Children under the age of 2 are admitted free. The admission ticket includes unlimited access to all rides and attractions including a meet and greet with Strawberry Shortcake and Franklin. Also included is a two mile train ride through the cranberry plantation. Parking is free. Group rates are available for groups of 15 or more people. Edaville is located just minutes from Boston, Providence, and Cape Cod. Visit edaville.com or call 877-edaville for dates, hours and directions.

Sauchuck Farm, 53 Palmer Road, (Rt. 58), Plympton. **Fall Corn Maze** spread throughout six acres on Center St. (off Route 58) in Plympton. Other activities include a hayride out to the six-acre pumpkin patch to pick your own pumpkin, hay bale maze for toddlers, barn animal petting zoo, pony rides and a corn box with the same concept as a sandbox. Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to dusk through the end of October. Admission $8 adults age 12 and up; $5 children ages 4-11; toddlers age 3 and under free. 781-585-1522 sauchukfarm.net

Scarecrow Stomp at the Children's Museum in Easton. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Fall family festival** that will include scarecrow making, apple cider, dressing up, crafts, games, activities and more. Admission to the Scarecrow Stomp is $4 per person for members and $8 per person for non-members. Admission includes all Scarecrow Stomp activities and admission to the Museum's interactive exhibits. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase. Rain date is Oct. 7. Call ahead in the event of inclement weather. The Children's Museum is located in the Old Fire Station on Sullivan Avenue in North Easton Village. 508-230-3789 or visit childrensmuseumineaston.org.

Hingham Nursery School – 11th Annual Touch-A Truck event on Sept. 22, from 11a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hingham Bathing Beach Parking Lot (95 Otis Street, Route 3A, Hingham). There will be over a dozen different types of trucks and equipment available for honking, climbing, and exploring along with a train ride and other fun activities for young and old. Admission is $5 per person, $20 max per family. Refreshments will be available. 781-749-0029.

King Richard's Faire, a re-creation of the marketplaces of 16th century England, will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 21, and Columbus Day on Route 58 in Carver. Admission is $25 for adults and $14 for children ages 5 to 12. Children under 5 are admitted for free. Special group rates for 25 or more are available. Parking is free. 508-866-2311 or kingrichardsfaire.net.

The 40th Annual Juried Tent Show will be held Sept. 15-23 at the Training Green, Route 3A and North Green Street, just south of downtown Plymouth. The show includes painting and drawing, photography, mixed media, fine crafts, printmaking and sculpture. A separate tent exhibits work by children and teens. Admission is free. For additional information, call the Plymouth Guild at 508-746-7222.

South Coastal Corvette Club's "All-Cars Show". 9 am to 3 p.m. at Tracy Chevrolet Cadillac. Admission is free and the general public is welcome. Refreshments are available, along prizes and a 50-50 raffle with proceeds going to DSS in Weymouth, and local food pantries. The dealership is located at 137 Samoset St. For more information call Bruce Hammond of the South Coastal Corvette Club at (781) 337-2982 or call Tracy Chevrolet Cadillac at 800-595-7093.

Phillips Old Colony House Comedy and Dinner Show. 7 p.m. 780 Morrissey Boulevard, Dorchester. $39.95 per person. Comedy show alone is $25. Advance reservations required at (617) 282-7700 extension 0 or (781) 843-4833. This show features Paul D'Angelo, Annette Pollack, Chris Tabb, Dave McDonough, John Polli, and Scott Higgins. There will be music and dancing after the show.

South Shore Stars Dinner Theater (formerly Quincy Dinner Theater) begins its new season Sept. 22 with the company's first "Saturday Night Special", Singer-impersonator **Russ Peterson,** will perform his own live show, a tribute to Engelbert Humperdinck, Buddy Holly, Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett and other musical legends interspersed with some Vegas-style comedy. A four-course dinner will be served at 7 p.m., followed by the 8:30 show at Braintree's Sons of Italy Hall at 161 King Hill Road. Tickets for dinner and show, $45; seniors (60+), $42.50. Handicapped accessible, plenty of free parking. For reservations, call 781-843-5862.

First annual Southeastern, Massachusetts Fire Fighter Auction. MDA to auction firefighters to help Jerry's Kids 9 p.m. Sept. 22, at Cabby Shack, 30 Town Wharf, Plymouth Tired of the dating scene? Bid on male and female firefighters for a dinner date. Proceeds from this event will help support the fight to end neuromuscular disorders. To sponsor a firefighter or for information call Erin at 508-961-8070.

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NSRWA sponsors a walk at the canoe club preserve in Pembroke on Sept. 23, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Join Judy Grecco for a walk at the new Canoe Club Preserve, a property managed by the Wildlands Trust. at 1 p.m. behind the Pembroke Point Shopping Plaza (at the juncture of Rte 139 and Rte 53 in Pembroke.) The trail is both woodland and boardwalk along the tidal fresh water marsh at the headwaters of the North River. Be prepared for spectacular views. To register contact Paula at 781-659-8168 or email paula@nsrwa.org. Suggested donation is $5 per person.

Congregation Shirat Hayam Open House, with services and a religious school open house will be held at 9 a.m., Sept. 23. Congregation Shirat Hayam is in the Marshfield Methodist Church at 185 Plain St., Route 139, Marshfield. For more information email info@shirathayam.net, visit www.shirathayam.net, or call 781-582-2700.

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The Skyline Club Upstairs @ The Skyline Bar & Grille, 305 Victory Rd. Marina Bay, Quincy **The HouseRockers** with **"Slick: Jim, Butch Hirtle** and special guest vocalist, **Miss Cheryl Aruda. Bruce and Luke** on horns and **Dave Baker and Tim Fox.** 617-471-1453.

Monday, Sept. 24

Toastmasters Club, Hanover. On Sept. 24 the new **South Shore Professionals Toastmasters club** will be holding an open house. This is a great opportunity to learn about how Toastmasters can help you become a more effective leader and communicator. The meeting will run from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and will be held at the Rockland Trust building, 2036 Washington St.- third floor. Arrive 15 minutes early since we start at 6:00pm sharp. Contact Stacey for information on this meeting at 617-548-5877. For information on Toastmasters visit-toastmasters.org

Mixed Media/Collage Art Exhibit at Stars Hingham through Sept.30. A collection of one-of-a kind heirloom keepsakes. Old World Charm created by Denise Fontaine. Handpainted canvas art with layered vintage images, papers and materials, new, old, found objects. Embellished with vintage jewelry, lace buttons, ribbon, trims, pearls, vintage mica, wallpapers, fabrics, memorabilia. Inspirational quotes.

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The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Sept. 24. **Free Texas Hold'Em with Northern Poker League** 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, Sept. 25

The Exit Planning Exchange (XPX) will present keynote speaker **Thomas Brady, Sr.**, father of New England Patriots Quarterback, Tom Brady Jr., Sept. 25, at the Hilton Boston/Dedham, 25 Allied Drive, Dedham. Continental breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and the presentations will begin immediately following. Contact Jamie Thomas of TrustDesign, 508-520-6778 x104 or jamie@trustdesign.com or visit esopadvisorsgroup.com for information and registration. The cost is $45 per person. Seating is limited.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their weekly rehearsals held every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center 70 South St. at the corner of Central St. For information call: 781-337-SING!

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Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening.

Wednesday, Sept. 26

The Hingham Public Library and Buttonwood Books & Toys welcome **Sophie Gee** on Sept. 26, at 7 p.m. at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. Gee will be discussing her book, **The Scandal of the Season.** Refreshments, tea and scones, will be served. This is a free event. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a signed copy, call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

Adam Shlager, Consultant for the Mass Medical Society, will present a one-hour seminar on "Managerial Communication," at the Jordan Hospital on Sept. 26 at 7:30 a.m. in the Funkhouser Conference Room. This seminar is designed to help medical managers and supervisors understand communication, the role it plays in their practices, and how to create a more effective communication environment. The program is free of charge. To register, contact Debbie Klim at 508-367-8444.

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Beginning Genealogy and Family History, Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree, will host a program on starting out in the search for your family's ancestry using vital records, census data, and the Internet, from 10 to 11 a.m., Sept. 25, in Logan Auditorium presented by Michael Brophy, a professional genealogical researcher, author and lecturer. Handouts will be provided at the end of the lecture, but you might want to bring along a tape recorder for your personal use only to capture all his advice. For more information, call 781-848-0405, ext. 4420.

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield Sept. 26, **Texas Hold Em' Poker** 781-837-6368.

Thursday, Sept. 27

The South Shore Women's Business Network (SSWBN) presents **Discover. Attract. Connect**. This one-day event will help professionals discover their strengths, attract perfect customers and connect and build stronger relationships at the Radisson Hotel in Rockland from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 27, and is open to all area businesses. The event price includes three keynote speakers, break-out strategy sessions, breakfast, lunch and printed materials. Cost is $99 for Network members and $110 for non-members. Contact the South Shore Women's Business Network for information or to register at 781-749-8883 or register online at sswbn.org

Fish Tale On the Water, 44 Jericho Road, Scituate, presents **Drift Away** with **J. Place, Joe Micarelli** and **John Litwin,** performing music from the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's.every Thursday at 8:30 p.m. 781-545-4700

The Plymouth Farmers' Market, held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. Sept. 27, **Irish sounds with Susan Lindsay and friends.** For information, contact Barbara Anglin, 508-732-9962.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Sept. 27, **Sweet Melissa** 781-829-6999.

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield Sept. 27, **DJ Ramu** 781-837-6368.

Friday, Sept. 28

Run of the Mill Tavern, 6 Spring St., Plymouth. Sept. 28, 9 p.m. until closing, **Tex, Mad Dog & the Cat** For information, visit nightmusic@verizon.net.



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Auditions

AUDITION FOR "MUSICAL HOLIDAY PARTY #20", Oct. 1 and 2, at 7 p.m., Braintree Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road. Need five male singers, five female singers and a few good dancers for South Shore's longest-running Christmas show. Generous stipend. Show will run 14 performances in December. Call South Shore Stars Dinner theater (formerly Quincy Dinner Theater) at 781-843-5862 for info or ride from Braintree T.

Reunions

DIGITAL EQUIPMENT CORPORATION: Former employees, contractors, customers, suppliers and their families are invited to a 50th year celebration of the founding of Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) at the Stow Acres Country Club on Sept. 27 from 4 to 8 p.m. A three-course outdoor dinner will be served. Also, an optional GolfTourney will begin in the morning. For information visit decedout.org/events or email: Dinner@DECedOut.org

HOLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL – Class of 1987, 20th year Reunion Nov. 10, from 7 to 11 p.m. Cocktail Reception at The Four's Restaurant, 15 Cottage Avenue, Quincy. Includes: cash bar, appetizer buffet, desserts, and a DJ. Cost: $40 per person. RSVP to: hhsclass1987reunion@yahoo.com or call 617-240-3846 as soon as possible.

For a complete list of reunions visit townonline.com, hit the news then education tabs.

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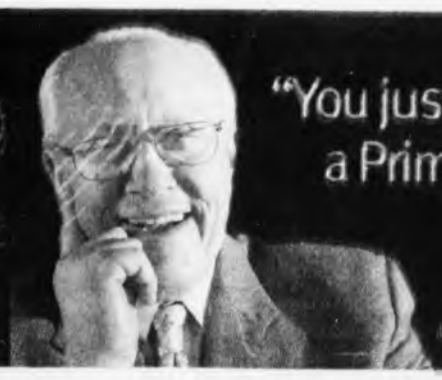
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Village bylaw under scrutiny

ZBA wants dual board process

By Nancy White
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The crafting of the village zoning bylaw, a process nearly a year in the making, is finally reaching its culmination. A draft of the zoning bylaws has been filed at the Town Clerk's office as of last Tuesday (Sept. 18). Last Thursday (Sept. 20), a convocation of Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals members discussed the initial draft of the zoning bylaws.

The village zoning bylaw will have to pass muster with voters at Special Town Meeting on Nov. 13 to be entered into the books. All zoning bylaw amendments need a two-thirds vote at Town Meeting.

"The main thrust is to make village development a more attractive commercial opportunity."

— Stuart Ivimey, Planning Board

The bulk of the discussion at the meeting came down to what board will enforce the village bylaws. The Planning Board's intent in the bylaw was to simplify the procedure for development in the village by making the permitting a one-stop process. The Planning Board would review plans and grant special permits to developers.

"The purpose was to enable flexibility" in setback, dimensions and design guidelines, said Mike Westcott, Planning Board member and lead on the village bylaw project. The one-stop approval would make the process less onerous thereby encouraging property owners to renovate and expand. With the Planning Board reviewing all proposals, it would also give the elected board the ability to plan and see a larger vision for the village.

Then, if developers wanted to go outside the standards set in the bylaw, they

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Cohasset Village is the centerpiece of the town. A public hearing on the village zoning bylaw will be held on October 2 at 6:30p.m. in the Town Hall basement meeting room.

Assault on teen under investigation

Reports indicate incident may have been videotaped

By Mary Ford
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A 15-year-old Cohasset High School sophomore has both wrists in a cast following an alleged assault by a fellow student or students after school last Friday (Sept. 21).

The victim was sitting with his skateboard, along with three friends – none of whom attend Cohasset High – in the parking lot near 1 Pleasant St. when he was approached and surrounded by a group of male CHS students. Unconfirmed reports put the number in the group anywhere from eight to nine.

One of the CHS boys in the group reportedly punched the 15-year-old twice in the face, then picked him up and threw him onto the ground. The victim tried to protect his face and broke both wrists when he hit the ground, according to the victim's father. Once on the ground, his attacker, a 16-year-old boy, who is facing assault charges, allegedly kicked him.

One of the group involved in the attack allegedly filmed the incident on his cell phone.

The details of the incident remain under investigation and police are still determining if more students will be charged, said Police Chief James

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North Cohasset is all dried up

Hooking area up to town water floated

By Nancy White
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While the majority of Cohasset residents have enjoyed the benefit of plentiful water supply during the severe drought this summer, the 285 homes serviced by Aquarion water in North Cohasset have been under a strict water ban. Lawns are brown, gardens are dead and conservation efforts for everyday use had to be implemented. Yet, in the very same town, residents on Cohasset Water could run their sprinklers systems, water their flourishing gardens and had plenty of water to spare.

For North Cohasset resident, Joe McElroy of 59 Windy Hill Road, it's been a difficult scenario to observe.

"North Cohasset is part of our community."

— Joseph McElroy, Windy Hill Road

"It's extremely hard to accept being in an area with a water ban," said McElroy at the Water Commission meeting on Wednesday evening. He came before the Commission to see if incorporating North Cohasset onto the Cohasset Water system could be included in the Water Department's long-range capital plan. Although not an entirely new cause for McElroy, who said he talked with the Water Commission about this issue in the

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PICTURE THIS/Michelle Loughlin



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The Mariner caught up with Michelle Loughlin, pictured here with William, 4, and Sarah, 12 months, at the Beechwood Ballpark. Don't miss Saturday's dedication of the refurbished park. Festivities begin at 8:30 a.m.

Name: Michelle Loughlin.

Occupation: Playground coordinator for Beechwood Ballpark.

Best day of your life: Wedding and birth of my children.

Best vacation: Honeymoon in Hawaii and trip to Austria.

Favorite season: Fall.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite junk food: Jax.

Best book: Books by David Baldacci and James Patterson.

Best movie: "Goodfellas."

Best TV show: "The Amazing Race" and "Law and Order."

Most embarrassing moment: Being spotlighted!

Pet peeve: People who speed on Beechwood Street.

Goal: To raise my children to be the best that they can be.

Person you'd most like to meet: My grandfather.

Biggest worry: College tuition.

Best part of Cohasset: Beechwood.

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Sept.-Oct.	HIGH				LOW			
	AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 27	—	—	12:06	10.6	5:50	-0.8	6:16	-1.2
	Sunrise: 6:35 a.m.				*Sunset: 6:32 p.m.*			
Fri. 28	12:33	10.4	12:52	10.9	6:36	-0.9	7:05	-1.5
	Sunrise: 6:37 a.m.				*Sunset: 6:30 p.m.*			
Sat. 29	1:23	10.2	1:40	11.0	7:23	-0.7	7:56	-1.4
	Sunrise: 6:38 a.m.				*Sunset: 6:29 p.m.*			
Sun. 30	2:15	9.9	2:30	10.8	8:12	-0.4	8:49	-1.1
	Sunrise: 6:39 a.m.				*Sunset: 6:27 p.m.*			
Mon. 1	3:10	9.4	3:24	10.5	9:04	0.1	9:46	-0.7
	Sunrise: 6:40 a.m.				*Sunset: 6:25 p.m.*			
Tues. 2	4:08	8.9	4:22	10.0	10:00	0.6	10:46	-0.1
	Sunrise: 6:41 a.m.				*Sunset: 6:24 p.m.*			
Wed. 3	5:10	8.4	5:25	9.6	11:00	1.0	11:50	0.3
	Sunrise: 6:42 a.m.				*Sunset: 6:22 p.m.*			
Thurs. 4	6:17	8.1	6:33	9.2	—	—	12:05	1.4
	Sunrise: 6:43 a.m.				*Sunset: 6:20 p.m.*			

Tides between Cohasset and Plymouth are within 10 min.

Beechwood Ballpark dedication Saturday

The Beechwood Ballpark reopens Saturday, Sept. 29, and the festivities begin at 8:30 a.m., with the Dedication held at the infield. The Homerun Derby begins at 8:45 a.m., in the ball field and a Basketball Shooting contest will take place at 9:30 a.m.

Kiddie Fun begins at 10 a.m., in the Play Park and the Special Olympics ball game will be held at 10 a.m., in the ball field. The Old Timers Game wraps things up at 11 a.m., in the ball field.

Commemorative baseballs and information will be available at the Information Tent, as well as first aid.

Doane Street will be closed from Church Street to Beechwood Street from 7 a.m. to 3: p.m. Parking will be allowed on Church and Beechwood streets as marked.

Forest Avenue sidewalk celebration

Planning is underway for a kickoff event scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 27, to celebrate the completion of the long-awaited new sidewalk on Forest Avenue. Tentative plans include a ribbon cutting; a bike, trike, and stroller parade; refreshments and more. To join the planning committee or to offer suggestions, contact Trish Morse or Diana Van Etten at forestsidewalk@yahoo.com.

Unclaimed bike day

Police are asking any residents who have lost a bike or think their bike was stolen to stop by the police station between 8 a.m. and noon Saturday morning (Sept. 29) to look at the abandoned bicycles police have found.

Unclaimed bikes will be declared surplus.

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Assault on teen under investigation

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Hussey.

Hussey would not comment about reports the incident was recorded on a cell phone video but did say police are still gathering evidence from people at the scene.

"Based on the investigation done by officers and in speaking with the victim one youth is being charged at this time," Hussey said. "This incident remains under investigation and we will determine if others will also be similarly charged."

A 9-1-1 call to police reported a "fight" in the vicinity of 1 Pleasant St. at about 4:50 p.m. Friday (Sept. 21).

However, the victim's father described the incident as an attack, not a fight.

Hussey said officers searched the area and were able to find and identify three youths who were a few streets away. Further investigation by detectives revealed a fourth youth was involved and he was subsequently charged. The 16-year-old will be summonsed to court on charges of assault and battery and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (his foot), Hussey said.

The victim was transported to the hospital, police said.

Hussey said police did notify the high school because the youths are students there.

"We are taking a hard look had how this may have started," Hussey said. "We are trying to determine what may have happened prior to the incident."

However, the Mariner has learned unofficially that earlier that Friday the victim, who was being picked on at school, asked the group of boys to stop throwing things, including food items, at him. The alleged "bullies" then asked if the victim wanted to fight them. A member of the high school staff stopped what was a potential altercation and apparently did not think it would escalate further.

However, the boys later allegedly went looking for the victim and tracked him down.

In an email to the Mariner, a concerned parent described the group as "premeditated" whose actions go way beyond bullying.

In a phone interview, the father of the alleged victim said his son is not a fighter and described him as a "passive kid." He said both the school and police have been very supportive.

"I hope this incident will raise awareness among parents and their kids that this type of behavior is unacceptable," he said.

Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh said the school department is unable to comment on any details with regard to an incident that occurred outside of school property.

"That is a matter for the police department," she stated in an email. "However, we can and will deal with anything that is reported under the Memorandum of Understanding with the CPD."

Through the MOU, schools and police have established communication and procedures regarding the reporting of hate crimes, sex crimes, weapons and the use, possession, and distribution of drugs and/or alcohol within the schools, on school grounds, and at school- sponsored events.

However, Walsh did say that Cohasset Public schools has a very clear goal (as outlined in the district's Strategic Plan) "to provide a safe, respectful and positive learning environment for students, staff and the community".

"It takes all community members working together to make this happen," she wrote.

Register to vote for Special Town Meeting

Friday, Nov. 2 will be the last day to register to vote for the Special Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 13. Registration will be held at the Town Clerk's office from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a town meeting or Election Day may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register to vote. If you move, you may register to vote as soon as you move into your new home. Registration is closed for a brief period before each town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. If you register during a "closed" period, you will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections.

POLICE BEAT

Alleged drunk driver signals cruiser

By Mary Ford
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A 28-year-old Hingham man is facing a drunk driving charge following a traffic stop in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Police said the man, who was driving a 1997 Jeep Wrangler, was headed north on Route 3A near lower King Street when he came up behind a police cruiser, started weaving, and started flashing his high beams at the cruiser. The cruiser pulled over to let him pass and then the officer continued to observe the Jeep weaving.

The officer pulled the Jeep over and after some conversation with the officer and further investigation, he was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol; he was also cited for failure to stay in marked lanes.

Bike day

A police officer found a purple Cannondale M500 bicycle last week that is being held in the garage at the police station along with a number of other bikes, police said.

Cohasset police are conducting a "bicycle day" in the parking lot of the station off Elm Street from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday during which people with lost or stolen bikes can take a look to see if any of the abandoned bicycles belong to them. Police said the bikes are in good shape and most are worth $200-$300.

Unclaimed bicycles will be declared surplus property and picked up by propertyroom.com, which will auction them off.

Dirt bike

A 15-year-old boy and his father reported that the boy's motorized dirt bike, valued at about $500, was stolen last Wednesday (Sept. 19). The officer who took the report checked with neighbors and spoke to someone who had observed a couple of boys, one of whom had a bicycle helmet, go into Wompatuck State Park through the Doane Street gate. The officer checked some of the trails but did not find anything. The boy's father, who is very familiar with the park, found the bike lying on its side on one of the trails.

The officer responded back to the park and preserved the bike as evidence. Detectives were able to take some fingerprints off the bike, which was not damaged and was later released to its owner.

"Detectives will determine if the prints are useable," Sgt. William Quigley said.

METRO-Lec

Officer Regen Steverman, who is the computer crime unit (CCU) officer from Cohasset for METRO-Lec, assisted Hingham police last week with potential computer criminal activity involving a Hingham resident. METRO-Lec is a consortium of area police departments that allows them to share resources. Cohasset has three officers who are part of its METRO-Lec team. One officer is part of the Investigation Support Unit (ISU); that officer and another are part of Child Abduction Response Team (CART).

Jewelry missing

A 50-year-old North Cohasset woman walked into the police station last Tuesday to report that about $1,700 worth of jewelry has gone missing from inside her home over the past three months.

The woman believes either a family member or a friend of a family member could be involved.

Detectives are investigating, police said.

Salad dressing

A 30-year-old North Main Street woman reported last Wednesday (Sept. 19) that someone had smeared honey mustard salad dressing on her 2005 Nissan Altima. She washed the salad dressing off immediately so there was no damage to her car. The woman suspects the perpetrator might be a neighbor that she is having trouble with but has no proof.

Air traffic

An Atlantic Avenue resident called police at about 1 p.m. on Sunday alarmed at how low the planes were flying over his house. Police said there is not a lot they can do about the air traffic or noise. However, Massport has a 24-hour noise complaint line, which is: 617-561-3333.

Wallet found

A woman called headquarters last Wednesday (Sept. 19) to report that her wallet was missing. She provided police with a description of the wallet.

When police called her back a few days later to follow up on the issue, she explained that her four-year-old son had hidden the wallet in the house. She had suspected that her son may have hidden the wallet but apparently he had forgotten that he had.

Blocked hydrant

Acting on a report from a caller, police ticketed a vehicle that was blocking a fire hydrant by the senior housing off Elm Street. Fines for blocking fire hydrants are now $50. As a safety measure, police will have a vehicle towed if it is completely blocking a hydrant and the owner cannot be located.

No-left turns

Apparently many motorists, who go through the Dunkin' Donuts drive-through on King Street in the morning, are ignoring the sign saying no left-turn until 9:30 a.m. The restriction was a condition the town instituted before agreeing to allow the drive-through at that location.

Police have been monitoring the area but hope that motorists will use common sense and not try to turn left against oncoming rush-hour traffic.

Police are continuing to look at the number of curb cuts and problems along Route 3A that includes a section of King Street.

P-lot accidents

There were two more parking lot accidents reported last week, both occurring on Friday morning (Sept. 21). At about 9:45 a.m., a 71-year-old Hull woman in a 2001 Taurus backed out of her spot at Bank of America and into a 2004 BMW belonging to a 74-year-old Hingham woman. There was a minor scrape on the BMW. An officer assisted with the paperwork.

At about 10:10 a.m., the operator of a 1992 Nissan pickup out of Scituate backed into a 1999 Chevy van, being operated by a 48-year-old Randolph male, that was parked at a pump for fueling at the Exxon Station. There was minor damage to both vehicles and neither vehicle had to be towed. There were no injuries. However, the officer did file a report because the damage was in excess of $1,000, the threshold that makes it a police matter.

MBTA still testing

Although Greenbush is now a live rail line, the MBTA is still conducting tests and that was probably the reason that the lights would not stop flashing at about 5 p.m. last Friday (Sept. 21) at the North Main Street crossing. Police received multiple calls about the lights.

Needed assistance

A 38-year-old South Main Street woman called 9-1-1 to report a past assault at about 4 a.m. last Wednesday (Sept. 19). However, the responding officer determined through talking with the woman that she had had too much too drink and that there had not been an assault. The officer helped the woman into her residence, police said.

Stay away

A Cohasset man, who said he is having problems with a woman at work, called police when the woman came to his house to try to talk to him. The woman had left prior to police arrival but police made contact with her and advised her to stay off his property.

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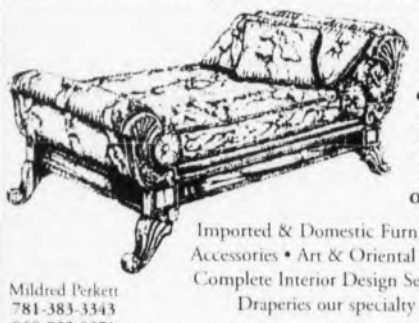
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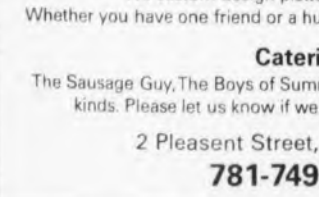
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Village bylaw under scrutiny

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would then have to go before the Zoning Board for a variance.

"The main thrust is to make village development a more attractive commercial opportunity," said Planning Board member Stuart Ivimey.

However, ZBA member Ben Lacy quickly pointed out that intention was not clearly stated in the bylaw. As currently written, the bylaw grants the Planning Board the sole permitting authority over new construction and changes in use — anything structural change in an pre-1955 (when zoning was established) building, even within the proposed bylaws, would need to go before the ZBA as well. Since the majority of the buildings pre-date zoning, they would have to appeal to the ZBA for a variance.

Traditionally, in cases of commercial expansion or new construction the applicant would need to go before the Planning Board for a site plan review and before the ZBA for a special permit or variance. Lacy said the ZBA would like to keep this type of dual board procedure in place.

"Let's leave things the way they've been," said Lacy, "it's good to have two boards looking at a plan."

Lacy suggested the village bylaw expand the site plan review regulations to include added oversight on design and architecture the Planning Board wants for the village. The Planning Board currently has two other types of development solely under their jurisdiction, the Transit Oriented District and Cluster development.

Ivimey and Westcott largely disagreed with Lacy's substantial change of the proposed bylaw as it was intended. The bylaw was meant to streamline the process, said village consultant Angus Jennings of Concord Square Development Company. The Planning Board had seemed like the natural choice to enforce the village bylaw because it had been the pro-active force behind its creation.

"The concept of a macro vision for the downtown area disappears," if there is a dual board process, said Ivimey, "we lose our ability to plan."

Westcott said the intent was to make the planning board the permitting authority because it gave them the authority to encourage good development, whether it be including a pocket park or incorporating "green" construction. It also gives them the oversight to forge cooperation between several property owners for public space items like pedestrian access, walkways and parking.

"The application of the bylaws should be done by an elected planning review board," said Westcott in a phone interview. The Board of Selectmen appoints ZBA members. Westcott said voters then have the power to not vote in an incumbent if they don't like what they have done during their term.

The Zoning Board also had a list of smaller language changes and minor points after they reviewed the zoning bylaw draft filed at the Town Clerk's office last week. The larger points and vision of the bylaw, to encourage a mixed-use center enhanced with appropriate design, seemed to be supported by the ZBA members.

"We're on board now, so talk to us all the time. Let's work together on this," said Lacy as the meeting wrapped up.

"The objective would be to go before Town Meeting with the support of all town boards," said Jennings.

Since the bylaw has been filed with Town Clerk, it now has some legal weight to it. The Attorney General reviews all municipal zoning bylaws once they are entered in to the books. They look at the entire progression of the zoning bylaw from its filing with the Town Clerk to advertising to the version after the mandatory public hearing to the bylaw approved at Town Meeting. Jennings said changes to the bylaw between now and Town Meeting could be made as long as they do not exceed the scope of what was originally advertised for the public hearing.

A public hearing on the village zoning bylaw will be held on Oct. 2 at 6:30p.m. in Town Hall basement meeting room. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Copies of the bylaw are available at the Town Clerk's office.

Village bylaw in brief

To the greatest extent possible, and to keep things simple, all existing bylaws are being preserved.

• **Definition of apartment**: Apartment has never been defined in the town bylaws. A single apartment will be between no less than 700 square feet, but no more than 1,500 square feet.

• **Definition of floor area ratio**: A new term and mechanism to limit the amount of development on a given piece of land. It is the relation between buildable lot size and sum of gross floor area of all buildings on a lot.

• **Permitting authority:** The special permit granting authority for the downtown village business district is the Planning Board. Any application that is outside the zoning bylaws set forth would have to appeal to the ZBA for a variance.

• **Sidewalk sales:** In the village business district merchants may display their goods on public sidewalks on a temporary basis as long as the display is routinely removed outside of normal business hours. The display must still allow for safe pedestrian passage.

• **Inclusionary bylaw:** The Village will be exempt from the inclusionary bylaw, which states all multi-family residential development of five or more apartment units must include one unit or 10 percent affordable housing units, whichever is greater. The Housing Partnership Committee is in the process of rewriting this bylaw so it is subject to change at a future Town Meeting. Given that, the bylaw crafters though it wise to leave the village exempt for the time being.

• **Table of area regulations** The table does away with the 40,000 square foot lot size requirement for apartments reducing it to 5,000 square feet. Frontage must be at least 50 feet. It defines minimum yard setbacks for the front and rear as 15 feet. Side yard setbacks are given a minimum of 10 feet. However, it enables narrower setbacks based on adjacent buildings and (to be written) Planning Board design guidelines. There is no change in height restrictions or lot coverage, which are set at 35 feet and 80 percent, respectively.

• **Lots facing town parking lot:** The bylaw allows rear setback flexibility for lots with frontage on the municipal town lot. Instead of a 15 foot setback, the rear yard depth can be reduced to eight feet provided a sidewalk is built and all other dimensional standards are met. The goal is to create a second streetscape facing the parking lot. In addition, the municipal parking way would be considered a street only for the purposes of providing frontage.

• **Employee parking:** Parking spaces for employees can be located up to 750 feet away from a business entrance. The intent is to have employees park farther away to keep spaces open for customers. The bylaw also stipulates any existing parking in the village business district should be maintained.

• **Floor area ratio:** The maximum allowable floor area ratio for new buildings will be 1.5, however, the maximum may be increased to 2.0 by the special permit granting authority based on providing a providing a public benefit, such as a sidewalk, parking or affordable housing.

Are you on the active voters' list?

Recently the Board of Registrars have mailed confirmation notices to voters who did not respond to the annual street listing (census) by the first of June. This mailing notifies the voter that their name has been removed from the active voting list and has been placed on the inactive voting list. In order to activate themselves they must return the postcard and they will be restored immediately to the active voters' list.

If a voter has moved to another city or town, they still need to sign and return the postcard. Their name will be immediately removed from the voters' list in Cohasset . To vote, they must register to vote in their new city /town. Mail-in forms are available.

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No sewer tie-in for Avalon

Housing Appeals upholds ZBA decision

By Nancy White
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Wastewater is at the crux of the Avalon development plans to move forward. The developers have pursued wastewater treatment on two fronts — on-site wastewater treatment and a tie-in to town sewer. Last week, Avalon's appeal in pursuit of a town sewer connection to service their 200-unit apartment complex was denied by the Housing Appeals Committee.

The Housing Appeals Committee is the division of the state Department of Housing and Community Development that rules on 40-B issues if they are denied at the local Zoning Board of Appeals level and the town is under the 10 percent affordable threshold.

On the other front, Avalon has received a permit for on-site groundwater discharge of wastewater from the Department of Environmental Protection. However, the Water Commission has appealed the permit and it is currently under review by the DEP.

Despite the wastewater troubles, Avalon Vice President of Development Scott Dale said Avalon is still committed bringing the Avalon development and affordable housing to Cohasset. The complex is proposed for 62 acres off Route 3A, across from Good Sport.

"We are currently reviewing our options relative to municipal sewer," said Scott Dale, Avalon Vice President of development in a phone interview. Although he would not discuss the specific options Avalon is considering, they could pursue an appeal of the decision to Superior Court or seek a sewer tie-in with another municipality, like Hull.

"Connecting to the town sewer is the preferred option over an on-site treatment," said Dale. However, he names one of the main reasons Avalon pursued a town sewer connection was in response to the resistance the Water Commission has given to the on-site wastewater treatment.

The Water Commission has fought the Avalon development on the grounds it will contribute to groundwater pollutants and adversely impact water quality in Lily Pond several times. The commission appealed Avalon's comprehensive permit and were defeated. In the early spring, the commission requested a DEP audit of the site out of its long concern hazardous contamination remained on the site from prior owners. Avalon was subsequently issued a notice of non-compliance from DEP; Avalon's response to their concerns is forthcoming. Most recently, the Water Commission appealed the DEP on-site groundwater discharge permit last month.

"We're thrilled with the outcome," said Chairman of the Sewer Commission Sean Cunning, "we were stood our ground" in not allowing Avalon to tie-in to the system. Cunning said eight other developments, including Cedarmere, have gone down the same road in appealing the Sewer Commission's position there was no capacity. In each case, the Sewer Commission decision was upheld and the developments were not allowed to tie-in.

The Second Amended Judgment is part of the reason large developments can't tie into the system because the town has a responsibility to connect the Little Harbor homes first, Cunning said.

During the comprehensive permit hearings, an on-site wastewater treatment was proposed and approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals almost four years ago. In January 2004, the developer requested a change in the permit to allow the development to connect to the municipal sewer. Initially, the ZBA regarded the change as insubstantial and granted it, conditioning the connection on whether there was capacity in the system.

Avalon pushed forward in late 2004 and requested a definitive determination if there was capacity. After hearing testimony from the Sewer Commission, the ZBA denied Avalon's request for tie-in to town sewer. In March 2005, Avalon filed their appeal to the Housing Appeals Committee.

The Avalon project was issued a comprehensive permit from the ZBA for 200 apartments as a 40-B project. Under Chapter 40B, a state law, a town's zoning board can approve affordable housing developments under flexible rules if at least 20-25 percent of the units have long-term affordability restrictions. Towns that are under the 10 percent threshold of their housing stock deemed as affordable by state standards are vulnerable to 40-B projects.

Cohasset currently has 76 units (or 2.8 percent) of affordable housing. The state encourages rental housing, and because all 200 Avalon units would be rentals, all units — affordable and market rate — would be counted toward the town's affordable housing inventory.

Sewer poses problem for village development

Central Sewer District maxed out

By Nancy White
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The proposed Village zoning bylaws, months in the making, are bound to generate ample discussion at the fall Special Town Meeting. The bylaws rid the town books of antiquated regulations that have stymied development and promote what the Planning Board and its consultant see as the right kind of development for the village. But, expansions, entirely new buildings, more apartments and stores may have to wait, according to Sewer Commission Chairman Sean Cunning.

At last Thursday's meeting (Sept. 20) on the zoning bylaws, Cunning reported the Central Sewer District has reached its capacity and new connections to town sewer may not be possible until 2012. The last dozen available connections were recently given to two village parcels, the Samuel Bates House (35-39 S. Main St.) and the Cohasset Hardware building (40 S. Main St.), Cunning said. There is now a waiting list for sewer connections in the Central District.

"We're shut down right now," said Cunning. Additional sewer tie-ins will have to wait until all 485 Little Harbor homes are connected to the expanded sewer plant. The project is expected to be complete in 2009/2010. The system would then be re-evaluated and a determination made if the plant could handle additional capacity. The associated sewer plant upgrade and expansion will increase the capacity from its current 300,000 gallons per day to 450,000 gallons per day.

Planning Board member Mike Westcott said this has been a fear of planning board chairman Al Moore since the process with the village consulting project began in the spring. In a phone interview, Westcott said it would most affect significant new development and the process to complete a major project could take up to five years anyway. Smaller developments in existing buildings may already have the capacity they need to build, or connections could free up.

Westcott stressed the bylaw will outlast the sewer connection issues and, if passed at Town Meeting, will have a long-lasting impact on the village and the town. Voters will have the final say on the bylaws at Special Town Meeting on November 13. The bylaws will need a two-thirds majority vote to pass.

"It's critical to get these bylaws passed because we still want to encourage the right kind of development in the village. We think these bylaws accomplish that," said Westcott, "the village bylaw is designed for the long term, it's not about next year or five years from now."

Westcott called the village bylaws the most thoroughly vetted bylaws in history of the town. An open and transparent process, involving a professional consultant, Concord Square Development Company, who brought bi-weekly reports during Planning Board meetings and hosted several separate meetings and workshops.

The hard to come by sewer connections are accompanied by strict rules established by the Sewer Commission, said Cunning in a phone interview. Connections are measured in equivalent dwelling units, or EDUs. When a connection is granted, the property owner had six months to pay for the connection in full. The cost can run from about $8,300 for houses or businesses with increased capacity needs (such as adding apartments) to $15,000 for new construction. At the end of six months, if the connection is not paid for in full, the property owner may file for an few months extension or the connection can be put back into the town's inventory, Cunning said.

The Sewer Commission is actively looking to purchase back un-used sewer connections throughout the central sewer district.

Alternative Energy wind turbine bylaw withdraw

The Alternative Energy Committee proposed a wind turbine bylaw for inclusion on the fall special Town Meeting warrant. However, the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board have determined the bylaw is not ready for the fall.

At a recent Selectmen's meeting (Sept. 10) Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said he had some concerns about the bylaw as it was written. He cited the noise limitations and height restrictions as two key issues.

"I'm not sure the town is ready for this, a turbine can go up in any residential district," said Dormitzer. A concern for the Alternative Energy Committee and the Selectmen is who would be the permitting authority under the bylaw. Both the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board have expressed interest in being the authority. Most other towns have named the Planning Board as the permitting authority, said Alternative Energy Committee member and the point man for the wind bylaw, Mike Bliss.

Bliss said he was willing to work with the Selectmen on the bylaw.

"The more input I get the better. The better the bylaw is the better chance it has to pass [at Town Meeting]," said Bliss. The Board of Selectmen referred the bylaw back to the Planning Board for the spring Town Meeting.

At last Wednesday's meeting (Sept. 19), the Planning Board voted 3-0 (members Mike Westcott and Bob Sturdy were not present) to withdraw the wind bylaw from consideration at the fall Town Meeting.

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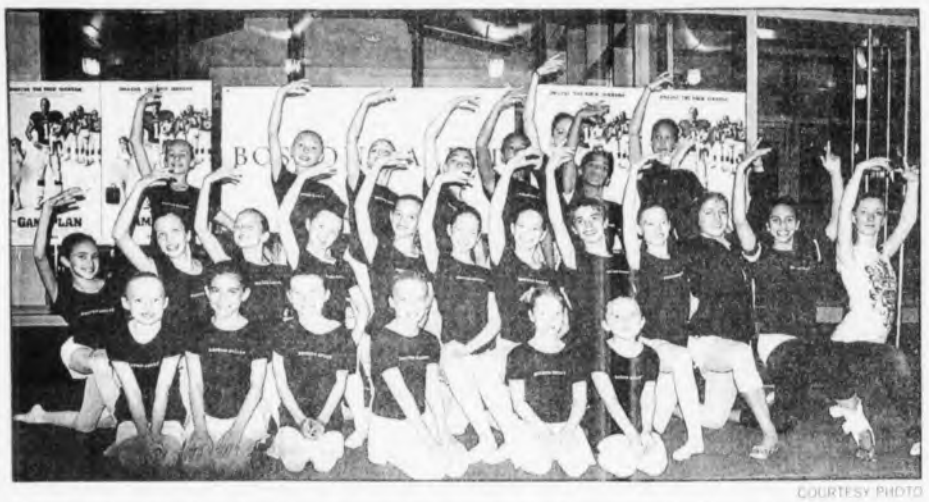
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Brianne Crough, who is kneeling (front and center) in the photograph, has been chosen one of dancers to appear in the Disney movie "The Game Plan."

MOVIE STAR

Brianne Crough, 11, who is in the sixth grade Cohasset Middle School, is a ballet student at the Boston Ballet School and last year she was chosen as one of dancers to appear in the Disney movie "The Game Plan."

"The Game Plan" opens this Friday, Sept. 28th in theaters across the country and was filmed in many locations in the Boston area last fall and winter.

Bri won a brief speaking part with her line ..."You call your Dad, Joe?" and she appears with Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and the other Boston Ballet dancers several times throughout the movie. The movie is good family fun.

Bri's proud parents are, **Kevin and Sandy Crough**, and her siblings and biggest fans are **Ryan, Samantha** and **Kiley.**

WRAPPING UP

Things are wrapping up today for the PSO's Fall Giftwrap Fundraiser, but it's not too late to add in your order. The order forms and online orders were due today, but if you act quickly, you can still get your order in. The PSO is extremely grateful to all who have participated by selling and buying the wonderful gift wrap and wrapping items, the magazine subscriptions, holiday gifts, presents, nick knacks, organizational tools and delicious Helen Grace Chocolates. The PSO is still processing orders and won't know if it made its goal of $32,000 in sales and $16,000 in profit until all orders are in and processed.

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Jack W. Gilbert is a freshman at St. Lawrence University.

ST. LAWRENCE

Jack W. Gilbert, a Cohasset High graduate, and **Daniel S. Sullivan**, of CHS and New Hampton School, are members of the Class of 2011 at St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y.

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BRICK FUNDRAISER

The Beechwood Ballpark is complete. There is a brick fundraiser under way to help pay for maintaining this wonderful new space. Engraved bricks are $100 and will be placed in the grassy area behind the outfield scoreboard. If you are interested, please contact Michelle Loughlin at mloughlin521@hotmail.com.

The dedication ceremony will be on Sat., Sept 29th, beginning at 8:30 a.m.. Kids' activities starting at 10.

SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to **Colleen Richardson**, daughter of **Mark and Liz Richardson**, who was this year's recipient of the Community Garden Club's scholarship. She is attending Dartmouth with plans to study math and science. Members wish her continued success in all her endeavors.

REUNION

Cohasset High School Class of 1972 is planning a reunion for Oct. 26, 2007. More information is available at classmates.com and will be updated regularly. They are trying to locate classmates. Log on to the Classmates web site and become a member to notice of updates. Updates are also available by visiting tessahoc72@yahoo.com

PIANIST

Piano student **Audrey Kirwan** of Cohasset received a congratulatory letter from State Representative Garrett Bradley for placing second in South Shore Conservatory's seventh annual Piano Solo Competition in June. As a winner, Audrey performed in a special winner's concert in Cox Hall in Hingham.

In his letter, Rep. Bradley applauds Audrey, student of piano instructor **Hui-Min Wang**, for her hard work and wishes her continued success.

All South Shore Conservatory piano students are encouraged to take advantage of the various competitions available for young and older musicians. First place winners receive Conservatory scholarships.

For more information on Conservatory programs and competitions, visit www.southshoreconservatory.org.



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Audrey Kirwan with her piano instructor Hui-Min Wang

DEAN'S LIST

Dean of Students Jo-Anne Vanin has announced that the following students from Cohasset have qualified for the dean's list for the 2007 spring semester at UMass-Amherst: **Nell B. Brewer, Matthew J. Casey, Mary C. Fegreus, Daniel D. McCarthy, Stephen P. Murray** and **Julia G. Scribner**. In order to qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade point average or better, based on a four-point scale.

PUMPKINS!

Mark your calendars! The grand opening of the Pumpkin Patch, sponsored by Cohasset ASP, will be Saturday, **Oct. 6**, on No. Main Street.

The pumpkins will arrive on Oct. 3, with unloading starting at 4 p.m.

The Pumpkin Patch will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Oct. 31. The Pumpkin Patch supports the Cohasset Appalachia Service project that sends about 200 people, adults and teens to the Appalachia area to repair homes each summer.

LEGION GOLF

American Legion Post 118, will host a golf tournament, Monday Oct. 1, at Hatherly Country Club, with a shotgun start at noon. The cost is $150 per person and includes a round of golf, use of cart and dinner. Checks should be made out to George H Mealy Post 118 and mailed to American Legion Post 118, Attention: **Larry Sousa**, P. O. Box 118, Cohasset MA. 02025.

Editor's note: Due to short-term expense reallocation, editor Mary Ford is temporarily compiling Around Town.

Please try to send in all of your news, photos etc. no later than Tuesday by 5 pm.

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Raymond and Gail Whitehouse of Cohasset announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn Lynn Whitehouse, to Steven Michael Parker, son of Steven Parker of Auburn, Ohio, and the late Joyce Parker.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Cohasset High School and Bryant University. She recently received her master's degree in business administration from Bentley College and is employed as a senior human resources representative at General Dynamics in Taunton.

Her fiancé graduated from Kenston High School and Bowling Green State University in Ohio. He received his master's degree in business administration from the University of Phoenix and is employed as a supplier manager at General Dynamics in Taunton.

A July 2008 wedding is planned in Plymouth.

Bill Brett is special guest



Don't miss Bill Brett on Oct. 3

Bill Brett, a long-time resident of Hingham, will narrate a video presentation with highlights from his new book starting at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 3, at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St.. Coffee and dessert will be served and the author's talk will begin at 7 p.m.

For more than 25 years, Brett's credit line appeared many hundreds of times in the pages of The Boston Globe. In 2001, he published an impressive coffee-table book, "Boston: All One Family," a photo gallery of the city's politicians, power brokers, and newsmakers. Now he has followed up with "Boston: An Extended Family," a compilation of 240 photographs that include not only the city's social and political elite, but also less well-known citizens whose words, character, or actions have contributed to making the city a special place.

Brett's first job as a boy was hawking The Globe on street corners around Dorchester. He was hired by the newspaper as a part-time photographer at the age of 18; in 1977 he became chief photographer and in 1999, director of photography. During decades of work at the newspaper, Brett had access to virtually all the city's movers and shakers, and many of them – from Tom Menino to Tom Brady – make an appearance in "Boston: An Extended Family."

Buttonwood Books of Cohasset will have copies of his latest book on hand for purchase and autographing.

'Walking' takes author home

By Ryan Bray
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Philip Fortnam has recently released his first book, "Walking Greenbush."



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The NH (New Haven Railroad) signpost, Philip Fortnam took in 1995. It was a signpost at the very end of the former Braintree railroad yard right before the tracks go under Rte. 128. On the other side of the 128 overpass is where the tracks split; one set of tracks goes to Boston and the other set of tracks is where Greenbush begins. It signifies the beginning of the Greenbush Branch.

For years, people have been hearing about the Greenbush commuter rail line in the newspapers, on the streets and on television.

Now they can find out about it on the bookshelves as well.

In a true example of art imitating life, Philip Fortnam recently released his first book, "Walking Greenbush," a fictional account of one man's rediscovery of his roots in a journey alongside the path of the much-discussed and highly anticipated Greenbush railroad line. The book, which Fortnam self-published, is available online at walkinggreenbush.com and amazon.com.

Fortnam, a Weymouth native currently settled with his wife and children in Phoenix, culled his story in part from his own experiences with the Greenbush restoration, but he said the book is hardly a by-the-numbers account of the line's history on the South Shore.

"It's not an autobiography of my life by any means, but there are elements of my life in it," he said. "As a kid, I would always ride my bike down there by the train, so I have that connection. But it's really not about Greenbush. I just used it as a springboard to move the story forward."

"As a kid, I would always ride my bike down there by the train, so I have that connection."
Philip Fortnam

"Walking Greenbush" follows one man's disconnected history with his hometown of Weymouth and how the Greenbush restoration draws him back to the town he left years ago. While at home, he's confronted with memories both good and bad of his childhood years spent on the South Shore as he attempts to reconcile with his own past.

"He hated the area," Fortnam said of his protagonist. "He fled the South Shore years ago, but at some point the emergence if the train convinces him to come home after a long absence."

Fortnam, a photographer and chief petty officer in the Navy, said the book started out not as a novel, but rather as a collection of short stories written in 1999.

"They all had a South Shore angle, so after some convincing from friends I decided to string them all together," he said.

During trips back home to visit his family, Fortnam said he became more and more interested in the Greenbush line, following along with its developments in past years in local newspapers and other media. What emerged was a tale with very timely connections to Scituate, Hingham, Cohasset and his hometown of Weymouth, as the Greenbush line running through the four towns is slated for an Oct. 31st start date.



The orange engine in the distance, taken 1995. The engine belonged to the Quincy Bay Terminal Company. It was photographed near where the Fore River line branches off Greenbush in Braintree. Both of these photos were taken during one of Fortnam's numerous Greenbush walks

"I was curious," he said. "I started reading about what was happening with the train, and I thought it would serve as just the perfect vehicle for the characters."

With his first book finished, Fortnam said he's already thinking ahead toward writing a second novel about an underwater ghost town in Arizona. He's also thinking of arranging book signings on the South Shore, shopping around for an agent and pursuing a second master's degree in creative writing — anything, he said, that will keep him moving toward his long-standing dream of sustaining a career as an author.

"I've always wanted to be an author, even as a kid," he said. "I remember even from a young age being interested in books and writing, so this is really a life's dream come true."

Fortnam said the release of "Walking Greenbush" might also bring him back closer to his ultimate source of inspiration. He said after his daughter graduates high school, he hopes to relocate back to the South Shore, preferably Scituate. And while there, maybe he'll ride the rails for himself.

"I'd love to live in Scituate and ride the train," he said. "I've walked along the line and visited it as a kid, so I'm looking forward to getting on board."

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From the Archives of the Cohasset Historical Society



From the Archives is a weekly feature provided by Cohasset Historical Society.

The Beechwood baseball team, made up of residents of the Beechwood section of Cohasset, excelled in games along the South Shore, besting teams such as the Cohasset team, which was made up of summer residents. While many of the names are familiar, we cannot date the photo. If any one can help the Historical Society with a date or has any artifact that they can add to their collection about the Beechwood baseball team or the ballpark, contact them at 781-383-1434.

The Beechwood Ballpark reopens Saturday, Sept. 29, after several months of restoration, thanks to funding from the Community Preservation Fund, local organizations, and neighbors. With festivities starting at 8:30 a.m., including a home run derby, basketball shooting contest, and an old timers game, it is sure to be an event not to be missed.

Call 781-383-1434 for more information about the Cohasset Historical Society.

Wellspring to sponsor walking club

Wellspring Multi-Service Center is hosting a walking club, led by fitness enthusiast and walking coach Lori Tobin of SporTobin, Hull. Members of the community are invited to meet in the bookstore at Wellspring, 814 Nantasket Ave., Hull, on Wednesday mornings at 9, beginning Oct. 3. The cooler weather is a perfect time to start a regular exercise plan. Tobin promises that participants will be gently encouraged to add a walking routine to their daily schedule and plans to include tips on walking, fitness and a post-exercise stretching session. This program is offered free of charge and everyone is invited to be part of Hull's own Wellspring Walking Club.

For more information about the WWC and other Wellspring programs, call 781-925-3211 or visit wellspringhull.org.

Wellspring is a private, non-profit, multi-service organization in Hull. Wellspring's mission is to provide support and skills to people facing challenges to their financial, physical or emotional well being in order to help them achieve independence and self-sufficiency. It is the aim of all Wellspring programs to reach beyond providing emergency services to help people to become more independent and productive members of the community.

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Cohasset Soccer Boosters pancake breakfast

The Cohasset Soccer Boosters will hold their annual Pancake Breakfast Sunday, Oct. 14 at the Deer Hill School from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. The $5 ticket will automatically enter the buyer into a raffle drawing for a pair of Yankee/Red Sox tickets for the 2008 season at Fenway Park or a $500 cash prize.

Proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast go to support the Cohasset Soccer Boosters, which last year awarded four $1,000 scholarships to students with a record of academic achievement, participation in soccer programs and dedication to community service.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or from team members at your local Stop and Shop and Shaw's supermarkets. Come out and support your local soccer teams, enjoy a great breakfast, and have the opportunity to see a great game at Fenway Park!

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Tuskegee Airmen to visit First Parish

Tuskegee Airman, and Cohasset resident, Jack Bryant, will moderate the evening's discussion.

Members of the renowned Tuskegee Airmen will host a talk and video presentation, "Red Tails: The Saga of the Tuskegee Airmen" at 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 5, in the Parish House of First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church at 23 North Main St. in Cohasset.

Tuskegee Airman, and Cohasset resident, Jack Bryant, will moderate the evening's discussion. The entire community is invited and encouraged to learn how these brave, young American men broke the color barrier of the Army Air Corps some 65 years ago. These people are genuine American heroes, and surviving airmen and widows were honored last March with the Congressional Gold Medal. This should prove popular with young and old, since Jack will be accompanied by two Tuskegee colleagues, a bomber crew member, and a video narrated by Oliver North. This event becomes particularly relevant, given Ken Burns' series "The War," currently running on PBS.

The cover charge of $10 per person and $20 per family includes a lasagna meal. Proceeds will support the Tuskegee Airmen's Scholarship Fund, which awards many thousands of dollars annually to young people across the country. All presenters and officers of this organization serve without salary or fee.

Book in advance as this event is expected to sell out. For tickets and more information, call Sandy Bailey, Parish Administrator, at 781-383-1100, or Woody Chittick at 781-383-3215.

Cohasset Cabaret ticket sales start Sunday!

The Cohasset Cabaret will make its debut Friday, Nov. 2, and Saturday, Nov. 3, at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, 129 South Main St. Each evening will begin with a social hour from 7 to 8 p.m., featuring a raffle table with items from local artists and merchants, followed by the cabaret.

Talented cast members from the South Shore area will perform songs from artists such as Sonny and Cher, Frank Sinatra, and the Dream Girls, as well as numbers from productions including "Fiddler on the Roof," and "Chicago." Don't miss the opportunity to see the talented local cast, which will feature Cohasset's own Lily Sestito, John Campbell and daughter Catie Campbell Laitinen, and Barbara Baumgarten and daughter Ellie.

Members of the audience may bring their own snacks to enjoy or purchase a snack box for $10. A cash bar will serve wine, beer, and soft drinks. Proceeds benefit the Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs.

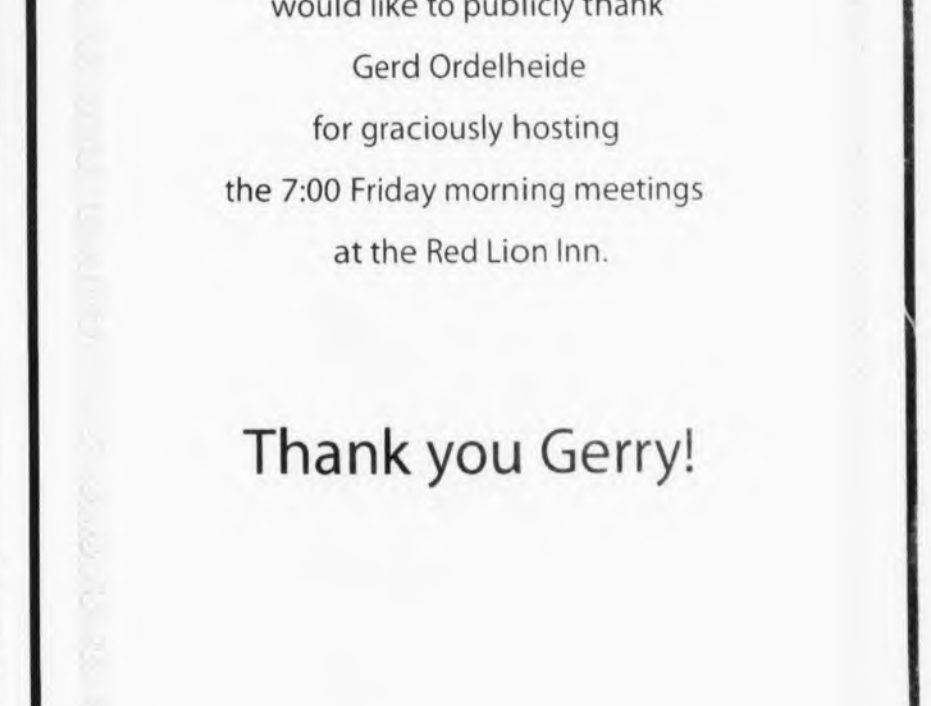
Tickets cost $25 each and will be available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., each Sunday beginning Sept. 30, at St. Anthony's Parish Hall.

For more information, call 781-383-0752.

Puppetation art series starts Oct. 6

Puppetation is a new mixed media art series for youngsters in grades 1 through 3, held from 9:30 to 11 a.m., Saturdays, Oct. 6 through Nov. 3. Students will learn to design and construct a series of puppets: stick, felt finger and glove characters, as well as paint a backdrop. The skills taught will include drawing, clay sculpting, hand sewing and painting. Class size is limited. To reserve a space for your child call the Blue Barn Studio at 781-383-9883.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Wake-up call

It may not be fair but it is usually the case: teenagers are identified by the high school they attend.

If a group of students from B.C. High or Archbishop Williams H.S., for example, are caught in an illegal activity – the headline usually reads BC High (or Archies) students…followed by the verb.

On the flip side, if teenagers score well on their SATs, are National Merit Scholars, or ace an AP exam – they are also "labeled" in a positive fashion as being from their particular high school.

From what we have been able to gather in our newsroom, a group of Cohasset High students, which one parent has dubbed as a "posse", went after a fellow student last Friday around 5 p.m. outside of school grounds.

The incident reportedly took root earlier that day at school when a sophomore tried to put a stop to being bullied by other students who were throwing things at him.

The sophomore, who stood up for himself, ended up being attacked later by one of the alleged bullies as a group of the alleged attacker's friends stood around and watched. One member of the group apparently recorded the incident on his cell phone.

The entire incident is now a police matter. The young man who launched the attack is facing charges of assault and battery and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (his foot). The boy being charged allegedly proceeded to kick the other boy once he had allegedly thrown him to the ground.

Other boys could also be charged.

Many parents are expressing shock and outrage over the incident. In Cohasset — where teens can often be seen playing a game of pickup football on the common, or skateboarding or walking the village with their friends — one does not expect acts of violence. The apparent premeditation of this incident makes it all the worse.

Often our first reaction is to blame the school. Yet "back in the day" schools were institutions of academic learning and values were primarily the responsibility of the family.

Today schools everywhere have an uphill battle. They have become a catchall and are expected to handle all of society's problems.

Billions of dollars are spent on making alcohol consumption and, yes, cigarettes – attractive. So why are we surprised when our teenagers drink and smoke?

The movie, television and video game industry are literally drowning us in the most graphically violent content imaginable. This type of content was unheard of when most of us were growing up. So why are we surprised when our kids act out in an aggressive manner?

We do not know anything about the boys who participated in Friday's attack on a fellow student.

But reportedly they are CHS students, who have marred their school and their community by their behavior.

The African proverb may be over used but it is apropos here: "It takes a whole village to raise a child."

We all need to reflect on this incident and think about what we can do to ensure that our children do not become victims or perpetrators of violence.

It is going to be an uphill battle for all of us.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Advisory Committee, Oct. 2, 7 p.m.

Alternative Energy Committee, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, all at 7:30 p.m.

Cable Advisory Committee, Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m.

Capital Budget Committee, Oct., 2, 16, & 23, 7:30 p.m.

Cohasset Housing Partnership, Oct. 2, 6:30 p.m. at the planning board; and Oct. 18, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Oct. 4, 7 p.m.

Council on Elder Affairs, Oct. 1, 9 a.m., 3 N. Main St.

Design Review Committee, Oct. 3, 7 p.m.

Library Trustees, Oct. 9, 7 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Library.

Planning Board, Oct. 2, 6:30 p.m., public hearing on zoning articles Oct. 3, 7 p.m.

Recreation Commission, Oct. 3, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee, Oct. 3, 7 p.m. at the high school.

Selectmen, Oct. 1 & Oct. 15, 7 p.m.

Stormwater Committee, Oct. 9, 7 p.m.

Water Commission Oct. 4 & 24, 6 p.m., King Street plant.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Send your letters to the editor to: mford@cnc.com

Taking a good look at our children

COMMENTARY

CHRIS BLACKBURN

As beautiful and idyllic as Cohasset is, there are issues under the surface that are not being addressed.

Last Friday evening an event occurred in town that has me very concerned, and as a parent of four children in Cohasset I feel compelled to write my first letter to the Mariner. As I understand it, a local child was seriously beaten by other children from town, and the injuries suffered were not minor. As the details of this event unfold to all of us in newspaper articles, breakfast conversations, and the unavoidable rumor mill in a town as small as ours, I sincerely hope that the four points below get addressed:

• The child (or children) involved needs to be dealt with to the proper extent that the law allows. It has to be shown to all of the children (and parents) in our community that this behavior is not acceptable and that there are consequences for your actions. We also need to help the rest of the kids in town feel that they are safe on the "streets" of Cohasset. Responding appropriately to this incident will accomplish both of these goals. Sweeping this under the rug will only show that this kind of horrible behavior is acceptable at some level, and our kids will pick up on that immediately.

• Our community needs to develop a program to help both the children and their parents understand the issues that we face even in our small corner of the world. As beautiful and idyllic as Cohasset is, there are issues under the surface that are not being addressed. This isn't the first time someone was singled out and targeted for being different. Unless we take a serious look at the underlying cause of why this incident happened, it certainly won't be the last.

• The parents of the children involved need to take responsibility for the actions of their kids, and show contrition to the community. It is the role of the parents, not the schools, the internet, TV, or the various other cultural influences surrounding today's kids, to teach the difference between right and wrong. Tolerance is not a genetic trait — it is a learned behavior. To deny that the children involved in the incident did anything seriously wrong, or attempt to bury the issue in a legal maneuverings will not serve the kids who committed these acts in any meaningful way. Stand next to them, put your arm around them, and assure them that you will be there for them through the entire process, but do not tell them that it is anyone's fault but yours and their own.

• All parents need to take a good look at our children, and our own households, and make sure that we are doing everything possible to teach our kids that this kind of behavior is not going to be tolerated. In a community as small and homogenous as Cohasset we should be celebrating any differences we can find in each other. As the most influential people in the lives of our kids it is our responsibility to help them grow into well-balanced productive members of the community. Only by showing them how to appreciate everything that makes us different will that be possible.

My wife and I have lived in this town for more than13 years, and my children were all born here. This is the world that they know. No matter where they go in life, Cohasset will always be part of their soul. I just hope the memories that they take with them from here when they leave will be positive. These issues need to be addressed for them, not for me.

Chris Blackburn lives at 88 Elm St.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Agrees with editorial on litter

TO THE EDITOR:

Just a quick note to applaud you for your recent editorial on civic pride in last Friday's Mariner. As I live close to the village, I too enjoy a cup of coffee at French Memories, and love to sit in the adjacent pocket park. Your article highlighted an issue that has been going on for quite some time…litter in the park from careless patrons, and a general disregard for our common areas. I have spent many days cleaning out the park by myself, and also with my daughter Gabrielle. Additionally, I have gone so far as to ask teenagers in the park to please clean up their mess, and to pass the word around to their peers. Cohasset has such unbelievable natural beauty, and it's a shame that regular littering has become such an issue. I hope your article encourages everyone in town to speak up when they see litter offenders.

One final thing, I have also noticed that there is a cement planter in front of the park, which has been empty for quite some time, and is filled with weeds, cigarette butts, and trash. I have made several inquiries around town about the proper protocol for planting flowers there, but have not received a definitive answer. I would be more than happy to plant something there myself, but I don't want to step on anyone's toes. Any help or guidance would be great, as I am sure there are others in town who have identified additional areas that could use some help.

Thanks again for your terrific editorial.

Nancy Weissman
84 Elm St.

Going green at Beechwood Ballpark

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to take a few moments to underscore the well-deserved praise in last week's Mariner for the Beechwood Ballpark Committee for its dedication and community spirit. In particular, my heartfelt thanks to Merle Brown and Glenn Pratt, who have carried the effort from concept to triumphant completion, taking a neglected and dilapidated playground and transforming it into a jewel of community and neighborhood pride. But the decision to use organic environmentally benign turf management to cultivate the living playing surfaces was particularly bold, unconventional, insightful and far-reaching.

Commercial fertilizers and pesticides comprise a significant insidious portion of the organic pollutants entering our streams and harbors with uncontrolled storm water runoff. When I first approached Merle and Glenn to consider environmental 'green' techniques in building the ball field their answer was an immediate and unequivocal yes. Glenn and other members of the Water Commission further buttressed this decision with a commitment to wholly fund the extra initial cost of turf and organic techniques to make this process a reality. (Note: organic management requires greater investment up front paying dividends in lower maintenance costs over time.) Glenn helped orchestrate meetings between town personnel and contractors responsible for the field maintenance with Osborne Organics of Marblehead, a nationally recognized leader in organic turf management. As a result, the key town personnel became familiar with and trained in the methods, treatments and schedules needed to successfully establish an organic turf playing field.

The Water Resources Protection Committee has been working with the Water Commission over the past four years to help illustrate ways townspeople can use organic treatments to minimize the use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides. We have seen gradual success, but the Beechwood Ballpark is a demonstration project at a new order of magnitude. The WRPC applauds the leadership and foresight of the Beechwood Park Committee. And I personally thank both Glenn and Merle for their commitment to Cohasset and the future.

Jim Kinch
77 Forest Ave.
Water Resource Protection Committee

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'We have become bullies of our landscape'

TOWARD A SUSTAINABLE COHASSET

JOANN MIRISE

But given the reality that we have created for ourselves, at least for now, our main goal should be to stop any further damage and live within a footprint that this world can support.

One morning not too long ago I awoke to the sound of blasting. Nearby, a beautiful, rugged section of granite ledge was being demolished. The rumble shook the ground underneath the foundation of our home and I could feel the vibration in my chest as I lay in bed. My heart felt heavy. I have come to associate Cohasset and this part of the Atlantic coast with bold and unique ledge. Now a piece of it was gone forever. I pulled the covers over my head.

The Huichol Indians, a tribe in central Mexico near the Sierra Madre Mountains, have the saying "The earth is our flesh; the rocks, our bones." On this sunny, summer morning I was hearing Mother Earth's bones breaking and I felt the pain. What was the purpose of this destruction? A room with a view? A pool? Or simply an itch to make a change?

There are times when major interventions to our land are arguably warranted as in the case of building bridges or mountain passages that connect communities and resources. But all too often our justifications for large-scale, permanent damage to our environment are for personal gain, comfort or for no other reason than because we can. Dominating nature has become our nature. We have become bullies of our landscape.

I was offered a different perspective early in my life. I grew up not far from the woods where Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater was built. I was just a kid when I first visited this extraordinary work of architecture, harmoniously tucked within the thickets of vegetation, rolling rocks and a waterfall. My sensibility of how we, as humans, inhabit the earth was shaped by this man's conviction that home and nature are one.

Frank Lloyd Wright based his work on the principles of organic architecture, a term he coined. Its main tenet involves a respect for the nature of the site and the materials used in building. The structure should blend with its surroundings. In other words, a house should be of the hill, not on the hill. And, harkening back to the blasting in Cohasset, certainly not instead of the hill. At Fallingwater, boulders protrude through the foundation to become flooring, rocks from the site were used to build various elements of the home and access to the outdoors is available from every room. Although this particular building has its critics and proven flaws, its intent of promoting harmony between human habitation and the natural world was the overarching theme that set an example for the design world.

Honoring the human/nature connection can be seen in many

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'Hi-rail' vehicle provides different view of tracks

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Hi-Rail Ride – On Thursday, Sept. 20th, your correspondents had a chance to actually ride on the rail system from North Scituate to the Cohasset Station and back. This ride was a part of Cohasset's Mitigation Agreement with the MBTA which states,

"Prior to the start of service on the Greenbush line, the MBTA agrees to review on-site by hi-rail vehicle the actual fencing locations for deficiencies with appropriate Town officials prior to the start of service and any deficiency so identified shall be corrected prior to such start."

We did find several areas that were not fenced and should have been fenced. One such area was adjacent to the Highland Estates development just north of Beechwood Street, where houses are currently under construction along the railroad. Two other areas that should have received fencing are between Sestito and Castle lanes, and the fencing along of Rocky Lane, which was not continued far enough to the south. (The MBTA's original commitment was to fence all inhabited areas.) New developments since the initial survey have changed added new inhabited areas. Also, some areas that were wet and deemed inaccessible when the MBTA initially examined the right of way, are now dry as a bone and easily crossed by children. And, we think that the safety fence locations should be based on worst case situations for access, not best case.

The high-rail vehicle is actually a Chevy Suburban fitted with railroad wheels that guide the truck and keep it on the tracks. The ride was actually very interesting because viewing the Greenbush from the tracks gives the rider a whole new look at the right of way. When we arrived at North Scituate for the ride, the high-rail vehicle was already on the tracks, pointed toward Cohasset. After traveling through Cohasset, to the Cohasset Station, we disembarked while the high-rail vehicle was turned around. This maneuver was interesting. The driver pulled over the railroad crossing at the station, lifted the rail guide wheels, and drove the vehicle on its regular tires to turn it around. When it was re-pointed toward Scituate, the guide wheels were lowered and we were off.

While on the ride we learned a few other interesting things that we'd like to pass along. If you have spent any time walking near the tracks you may have noticed some signs that don't seem to make much sense. The reason is that they are in "railroadese." The first sign is white sign with two numbers, one over the other. This is a mileage sign. It is the equivalent of the mileage signs that you see along the side of the highway. In this case the sign represents the distance to Boston in miles and decimal fractions of a mile. The photo of a sign opposite the Town Parking Lot shows 21.730 miles to Boston.

Another very unique sign is a yellow slash sign set about 45 degrees from vertical. This sign is posted at either side of a crossing. This sign is a warning for a snowplow operator to lift his plow because a crossing is just ahead. When there is a very heavy snow (over 10 to 12 inches of snow), the MBTA plows to clear the tracks for the train. Due to the way a crossing is constructed, at the crossing area the plow operator must lift his plow so as not to damage the crossing.

Greenbush opening – We have heard a bit more from the MBTA about the Grand Opening dates. The "First Run" train loaded with VIPs will arrive at Cohasset Station, mid-morning, on Tuesday, Oct. 30th, where a very brief ribbon cutting will take place to officially open our station. A very limited number of VIPs from Cohasset will be invited to join this train for the big celebration at the Greenbush Station. Another train will follow the VIP train for anyone who wishes to board for a trip to Greenbush and the full Greenbush opening celebration. (No fare required & no parking fees!) At the end of the ceremonies, both trains will reverse direction and bring everyone back to our station.

Scheduled service will begin the next day, Oct. 31st. Need we remind you that this is also Halloween "Trick or Treat" night? Please remind all your children, that the trains will be operating after dark and extreme caution should be taken.

We also understand that there will be a first, first ride called "First Ride GREENBUSH" on Saturday, Oct. 27th,, a fund raiser sponsored by the Scituate Library Foundation in partnership with the Cohasset Historical Society (CHS). The train for First Ride GREENBUSH will leave the Greenbush Station in Scituate at 11 a.m. for Boston, South Station. In Boston there will be a two-hour layover and the train will return to Greenbush at approximately 3:30 p.m.. Tickets are $50 for CHS members and $75 for non members. Tickets and detailed information are available from the Cohasset Historical Society at 781-383-1434.

Forest Avenue marches on — As you can tell, the work on Forest Avenue continues at a rapid pace. But, we'd like to caution everyone who drives Forest Avenue while it is under construction that it is a hazardous road. All of the manhole and drain structures normally flush with the road surface are raised (or will shortly be raised) in preparation for final paving. (They must be raised to the height of the finished pavement, so the road will be smooth.) If extreme care in not taken to avoid these severe bumps in and along side the roadway many tires and wheels will be damaged. Unfortunately, our only other option is to close the road. Clearly, closing Forest Avenue is not very desirable. So, please drive slowly and be very careful where you drive.

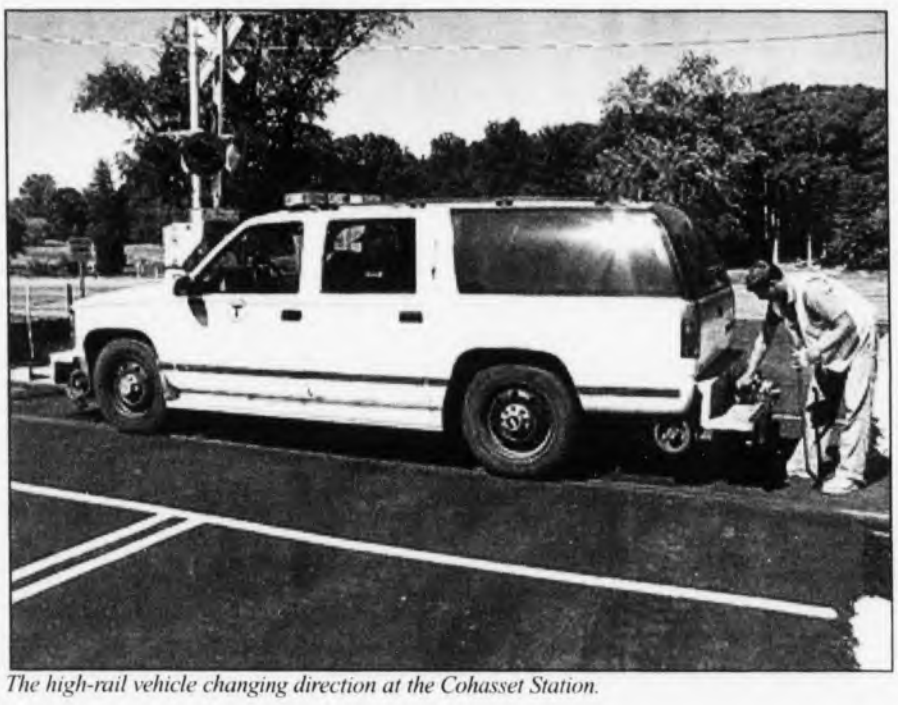
At present, paving is scheduled for Thursday/Friday of this current week, but that is subject to the vagaries of the weather and construction business. If we aren't able to finish on Friday, paving will extend to next week.

Tom Gruber, Special Assistant to the Town Manager for Greenbush Affairs, Email: cgbaffairs@townofcohasset.org

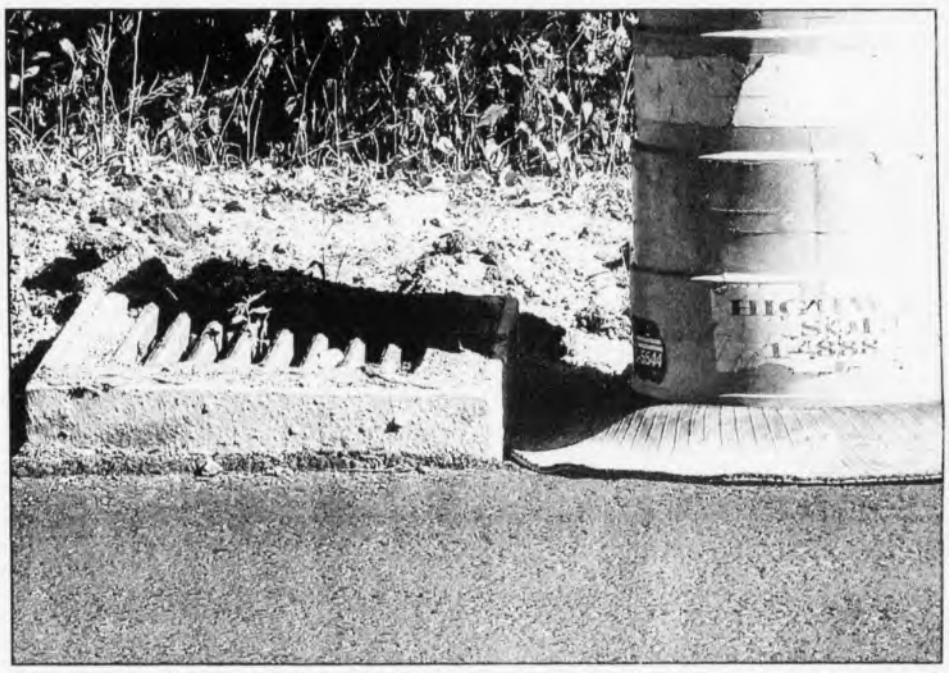
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This is a mileage sign indicating it is 21.730 miles to Boston.



The high-rail vehicle changing direction at the Cohasset Station.



Storm grates on Forest Avenue have been raised in preparation for final paving.

Lessons learned on playing field

THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT

DIANE K. DANIELSON



Each spring and fall, I eagerly await the start of soccer season. Even though I've finally hung up my cleats, it's just as fun to be a soccer mom (and sometimes coach). Now, I had the good fortune to ride the Title IX wave and have sporting opportunities that were unavailable to many of my peers. This meant that as I hit the workforce, I was able to bring many of the lessons I learned along the way into the office with me. So, for those of you who didn't have that opportunity (or who want to have a few good reasons as to why your kid should try a sport), here are a few business lessons I learned with my cleats on.

The importance of being a team player.

On the field, everyone has an assigned position, which you play to the best of your ability in order to help your team win. In a crisis, you may play a different position or cover for a teammate; but that helps you appreciate their role and play your own even better. And yes, there are always standouts on every team. But even a leading scorer needs someone to feed her the ball *(standouts who forget this usually remember after the rest of the team stops passing to them)*. A true superstar on the field or in the office knows that he or she is only as good as the team that surrounds them and their own ability to be a team player.

A personal penalty hurts the whole team.

An indoor soccer player who misbehaves *(let's say screaming curse words at an opponent young enough to be her daughter)*, can be sent to the penalty box for a "time-out" or tossed out of the game completely AND no one fills either vacancy. I admit it. That incident was not one of my finer moments *(even if she was deliberately fouling me and taunting us with comments about our "mature age")*. But, while I was cooling off in the penalty box, my exhausted teammates had to play part of a championship game down a player. So, much like in the business headlines, one person's behaving badly can hurt the whole team.

Shake hands with the competition.

In soccer, the other team's goals are *(literally!)* at cross purposes with yours. Yet even after the roughest games, it's customary for opposing teams to shake hands. *(In World Cup play they even trade sweaty jerseys … but that may just be a guy thing.)* Shaking hands is a universal way to say that the match is now over and it's Miller time for everybody. Similarly, when it comes to run-ins or tough negotiations in the workplace, like an athlete, you need to advocate your points, accept the final outcome, shake hands and leave the competition behind in the boardroom.

Everyone may not like you, but they all can respect you.

I can't make everyone like me no matter how hard I try. But, I can earn everyone's respect by coming prepared, trying my hardest, working with the team, playing by the rules and, most of all, being a good sport. *(Note to self: No more cursing like a sailor at the opposition.)* Not everyone you work with is going to be your best buddy, but they can all respect your intelligence, contributions, dedication and work ethic.

Just because you lose one game, doesn't mean you quit playing.

Sometimes you lose. And I'm the first to admit, I hate losing. Losing is about as much fun as having your car break down in a rotary during rush hour. You feel frustrated and helpless, and unable to shut out the a**holes who seem to think you planned this on purpose just to personally mess up their day. But, you don't quit driving, do you? No. Because we all know that breakdowns, accidents, and flat tires come with the territory. Likewise, for every successful athlete or businessperson, there were hundreds of losses, slumps, setbacks, "crawl in a hole," "just kill me now and put me out of my misery," sort of days along the way. Yet they stayed in the game. Why? Because every once in a while the skills, the practice and the experience all come together and a group of "old ladies" can whoop the pants off a bunch of college students half their age. *And there ain't no better feeling than that in the whole wide world!*

This column is dedicated to all my soccer mates over the years, and especially Shawn Gager (1970-2007), who took the lessons she learned on the field and in the ice rink with her wherever she went.

Diane K. Danielson is a Cohasset resident, proud soccer mom and CEO of www.DowntownWomensClub.com. She's also the author of the new book, The Savvy Gal's Guide to Online Networking (or What Would Jane Austen Do?) now available on Amazon.

LIBRARY CORNER

Check out the new titles

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library at 35 Ripley Road. For more information call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

New Titles – Come in and check out the following new titles: "Playing for Pizza," by John Grisham; "The Choice," by Nicholas Sparks; "Hide and Seek," by Fern Michaels; "The Worst Thing I've Done," by Ursula Hegi; "Bridge of Sighs," by Richard Russo; and "Look Me In The Eye: My Life with Asperger's," by John Robison.

Great Decisions Group – The first Great Decisions Discussion group will begin at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 30, in the Meeting Room. For those who have registered for the program, the group will discuss migration, found in chapter four of the assigned text.

Movie Matinee – Can't get out at night to see a movie? Come see a showing of Neil Simon's "Murder By Death," at 11 a.m., Friday, Oct. 5, in the Meeting Room. Free admission and light refreshments, courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Internet Help – Do you need help finding information on the Internet? Would you like to start receiving emails but don't know how to register? Help is available through the Reference Department. Call Gayle Walsh, Reference Librarian, to set up a one-on-one lesson on how to search the internet or set up an e-mail account.

FOR CHILDREN

Tumble into Reading with TumbleBooks – TumbleBooks are online animated talking books that teach children the joy of reading in a format they'll love. TumbleBooks takes familiar picture books and classic children's literature and adds animation, sound, music and narration. There is an option of reading or being read to. TumbleBooks also offer puzzles, games, language choices and a complete audio library. To access TumbleBooks from home or at the library, go to cohassetlibrary.org and click on the TumbleBooks icon on the homepage.

MamaSteph – Performances will be Mondays, Oct. 1, 15, 22 and 29, from 10:30 to 11 a.m., in the Meeting Room. Come sing and dance. All ages and communities welcome. Funded by the Friends of Cohasset Library.

Drop In Story Time – Join others in the Story Room from 10:30 to 11 a.m., on Tuesdays, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 for Big Book adventures, music and movement. All ages and communities welcome.

Letters About Literature – Letters About Literature is a national reading and writing initiative sponsored by the Massachusetts Center for the Book, with lead support from the Calderwood Writing Initiative at the Boston Athenaeum, with assistance from Houghton Mifflin Co., and the Massachusetts Library Association. To enter the contest you must first select a fiction or nonfiction book, a short story, poem, essay or speech you have read and about which you have strong feelings. Explore those feelings and why you reacted the way you did during or after reading the piece. Second, write a personal letter to the author as if you were having a conversation with them. Next, submit your letter. There are three levels of competition: Level I, grades 4 through 6 – entrants must be at least nine years old; Level II, grades 7 and 8; Level III, grades 9 through 12. For participation guidelines go to www.massbook.org or pick up a flyer in the children's or the young adult room.

Karen Quigley guest on Our Town

Karen Quigley, chairman of the Harbor Health Committee, sits down with co-hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin to detail the committee's efforts to determine what has been troubling the harbor and what residents of Cohasset can do to protect this beautiful, natural resource.

Tune in at 9p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays on Comcast channel 10.

Missed the Cohasset High School football games? Tune in Saturday or Sunday nights beginning 7p.m. to catch the boys in blue on Channel 10.

League observer corps training

Do you want to learn more about the way Cohasset is run? Join the Hingham League of Women Voters (which is open to Cohasset residents) and be a part of the newly activated Observer Corps.

To learn more about the Corps contact Jane Malme at j.jhmalme@verizon.net, or attend a training session Wednesday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. at Hingham Town Hall, 220 Central St. Malme and another veteran member, Pat Facey, will conduct the training.

The Observer Corps is an excellent way for new members to learn about local issues and share information with League members through newsletter articles and League meetings.

Observers' reports are factual and non-judgmental, present various sides of an issue and are intended to help members to be well informed before making any decisions concerning possible League or individual action.

Wine and Cheese Social — Hingham League of Women Voters will host a Wine and Cheese Social at 7:30 p.m., on Wednesday, Oct. 10, at the home of Christine Dietterich, 104 Summer St., Hingham.

Come and meet League members and learn about ongoing projects, which include the Observer Corps, the Green Study, and the new Know Your Town guide.

League members involved in the newly activated Observer Corps will be trained in observing town boards and committees. Participation in the Observer Corps is a way to learn about local issues and share this information with other League members.

Members of the three-year-old Green Study will answer questions about energy efficiency, sustainable design, conservation and renewable energy, and why they are important to new municipal construction, i.e., new schools.

Welcome Home bonus payments available to veterans

Senate Minority Whip Robert L. Hedlund and Cohasset Veterans Services Agent Robert Jackson would like to remind local veterans who were called to active duty after Sept. 11, 2001, that they may be eligible for a cash bonus through the state-funded Welcome Home program.

Established by the Legislature in 2005, the Welcome Home program provides a one-time $1,000 bonus to Massachusetts's soldiers for active service in Iraq or Afghanistan and a $500 bonus to those who served at least six months of active duty at home or abroad since Sept. 11, 2001. Active service does not include active duty for training in the Army National Guard, Air National Guard, Naval Academy or reservist training.

The bonus is available to service members who were residents of the Commonwealth for at least six months prior to entry into the armed forces, and were discharged under honorable conditions. Fewer than half of the 28,000 qualifying Massachusetts's veterans have filed the necessary paperwork to receive their bonus payment.

"We want our servicemen and women to know this benefit is available to them, and we encourage them to apply," said Hedlund. "The bonus payment represents just a small token of the Commonwealth's appreciation for those who have proudly served our country to protect the many freedoms and liberties we enjoy as Americans."

According to Jackson, a limited number of application forms are available in the Veterans Services office. Application forms are also available online at mass.gov/treasure/veteransbonus/welcomehomebonus.

All applications must be accompanied by a certification of residence issued by the Town Clerk or Election Commissioner; a copy of the service members' discharge papers; and a signed and dated W9 form.

For more information, call the State Treasurer's office at 617-367-9333, ext. 350 or 505.

Two Citizens' Petitions for Town Meeting

The warrant for the fall Special Town Meeting closed last Friday, Sept. 21 and two Citizens' Petitions were submitted by the deadlines, said Town Manager Bill Griffin. Town Meeting will likely discuss a total of 10 articles, or items of business on Nov. 13.

The first petitioned article requests zoning bylaw amendments to the Waterfront Business District. The two-page document has similar elements to the proposed Village Business District zoning bylaw, including a defined floor area ratio and exemption from the inclusionary bylaw.

The second article requests a sidewalk be built from lower King St. to the Rose Hill development off Route 3A.

Readers Advisory Network

The Cohasset Mariner is building a Readers Advisory Network of e-mail addresses so we can more frequently involve our readers in the content of the newspaper. Readers, who join the network, may be asked for reactions to stories, ideas for stories or follow-ups, for a digital "person on the street" interview, or for a community commentary.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the network, email Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com. She will answer any questions that you may have. The Mariner promises to remove you immediately from the Readers Advisory Network if you request that we do.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives and local senators' votes on five roll calls from the week of September 17-21.

Four of the roll calls are on successful moves by Democrats to override some $37 million of Gov. Deval Patrick's vetoes of items in the $26.8 billion fiscal 2008 budget recently signed into law. The House and Senate successfully overrode all 28 vetoes that were brought to the floor. Only five of the Legislature's 173 Democrats sided with the Democratic governor on any of the vetoes. The Democrat who voted the most times with Patrick was Rep. Harriette Stanley (D-West Newbury) who supported him five times. Rep. Frank Hynes (D-Marshfield) sided with the governor twice while Reps. Paul Casey (D-Winchester), Colleen Garry (D-Dracut) and Matthew Patrick (D-Falmouth) each supported the governor on one roll call. The vast majority of Patrick's support to sustain the vetoes came from the chambers' 24 Republicans. On five of the roll calls, Patrick received no support as the Legislature overrode those vetoes unanimously.

$2 MILLION FOR ADULT DAY HEALTH PROGRAMS (H 4141)

House 151-2, Senate 34-0, overrode Gov. Patrick's veto of $2 million in funding to pay providers of adult day health programs to seniors under MassHealth - the state's Medicaid program. These community-based day programs include nursing care, therapy, nutrition, dietary counseling, social activities and day trips. Supporters of the $2 million said that these programs provide thousands of seniors with a safe and friendly environment during the day that improves the quality of their lives while allowing them to live independently at home instead of a nursing home. In his veto message, Patrick said that the funding for this program expansion was not recommended and noted that it is "inconsistent with the rate-setting process provided by law." (A "Yes" vote is for the $2 million, A "No" vote is against the $2 million).

$2.35 MILLION FOR FIRE SERVICES (H 4141)

House 147-6, Senate 35-0, overrode Gov. Patrick's veto of $2.35 million for fire services including $500,000 for the Boston Fire Department Hazardous Material Response Teams and $1.75 million for the Boston Fire Department training academy. Supporters of the $2.35 million said that the cuts would hurt the city's ability to respond to dangerous hazardous material situations and to train recruits to become firefighters. They noted that the $2.35 million would come from an assessment on insurance companies and not from taxpayers' pockets. In his veto message, Patrick said that he is "striking language which earmarks funding for programs that are inconsistent with the purposes of this item and reducing the appropriation for this item accordingly." (A "Yes" vote is for the $2.35 million, A "No" vote is against the $2.35 million).

292,478 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT (H 4141)

House 138-17, Senate 35-0, overrode Gov. Patrick's veto of $292,478 for funding for environmental law enforcement. Supporters of the $292,478 said that the funds would help this office that administers a police force to enforce the rules and laws designed to protect the environment including those relating to pollution, hunting, lobstering and hazardous waste. In his veto message, Patrick said that he reduced this item to an amount consistent with his original budget proposal. (A "Yes" vote is for the 292,478, A "No" vote is against the 292,478).

$10.47 MILLION FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (H 4141)

House 150-4, Senate 34-0, overrode Gov. Patrick's veto of $10.47 million in funding for workforce development grants. The funds come from the Workforce Training Fund that was established in 1998 and is financed by Massachusetts employers. Supporters of the $10.47 million said that the money is necessary to fund these grants that provide resources to Massachusetts businesses to train employees and improve their skills. In his veto message, Patrick said that there is an insufficient balance in the Workforce Training Fund to pay for these programs. (A "Yes" vote is for the $10.47 million, A "Nay" vote is against the $10.47 million).

FORM PUBLIC EMPLOYEE UNIONS WITHOUT ELECTIONS (H 2465)

House 133-18, approved a bill changing the way that public employee unions can be formed in Massachusetts. Under current law, if 30 percent of workers sign cards indicating their support for forming a union, a secret ballot election is held and a union is formed if workers approve the formation at the election. The bill would create another option that automatically creates a union without a secret ballot election if a majority of workers sign cards. Supporters of the bill said that current law favors management and gives employers a lengthy period of up to a year prior to an election to intimidate and even fire workers who campaign in favor of a union. They noted that management controls workers' pay and livelihood and has unlimited opportunities to speak out against the union while restricting pro-union activities and speech. Opponents of the bill said that it is an outrageous affront that allows union organizers to intimidate workers into signing a card and takes away workers' ultimate power by abolishing their right to vote on a secret ballot. They noted that the bill would allow the "secret formation" of unions while some workers are not even informed that that there is an effort being made to do so. The Senate later approved the bill on a voice vote, without a roll call, and sent it to the governor. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill that automatically creates a union, without an election, if a majority of workers sign cards, A "No" vote is against the bill).

SCALE BACK ORDER THAT GIVES STATE WORKERS 12 PAID DAYS OFF TO VOLUNTEER (S 2301)

Senate 9-24, rejected an amendment to scale back Gov. Patrick's newly-expanded State Employees Serving as Volunteers (SERV) program. Patrick in January issued an executive order to expand this program that began in 1992 under former Gov. William Weld as a limited one that allowed state workers one paid day off per month to volunteer as mentors at schools. Patrick's expansion gives one paid day off each month to state workers to volunteer at an expanded list of public entities including not only public schools but accredited non-profit organizations. The Republican-sponsored amendment would scale back the program to mirror the Weld one that allowed one paid day off per month solely to volunteer as mentors at schools. The Patrick program provides a list of dozens of approved organizations and allows workers to request permission to work at an organization not on the list. Many activities are prohibited including participation in recreational or athletic activities, fundraising, politics, pro-choice or pro-life organizations and programs designed to promote religious beliefs. Amendment supporters that it is fiscally irresponsible to expand this program and potentially pay 50,000 state workers to volunteer an estimated 4.3 million hours of time annually while collecting hundreds of millions of hard-earned taxpayers' dollars. They noted that a volunteer is someone who performs a service "willingly and without pay." They argued that the program invites abuse and predicted that a lot of workers would volunteer on Mondays and Fridays. Some noted that state workers already have 13 paid holidays per year including the questionable Evacuation Day and Bunker Hill Day. Amendment opponents said that the expansion captures the spirit and intent of volunteerism and would help hundreds of struggling nonprofit organizations across the state. They noted that the program has worked well for 15 years and that the expansion would allow state workers to help many more citizens across the state. They argued that the program includes a strict system and safeguards to prevent any abuse. Some said that many private corporations offer employees paid days off for volunteering at nonprofits. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment that would scale back the program to mirror the Weld one that allowed one paid day off per month only to volunteer as mentors at schools, A "No" vote is against scaling back and supports Patrick's expanded program). Details on the program and the list of allowed and excluded organizations can be found online at: www.mass.gov/Ehrd/docs/policies/leave/serv_guidelines.doc

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Health Notes

Hoarding is no laughing matter

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The urge to hoard and collect may well be strongly instinctive in many species including humans. The familiar sights of squirrels storing seeds and acorns and birds gathering nesting materials tell us that humans are certainly not alone when it comes to collecting and saving stuff. Probably a natural phenomenon related to the gathering part of "hunter gatherer" in descriptions of primitive man, the hoarding we are discussing is the excessive collection of items that seem to have limited or no value, such as newspapers or trash, along with the inability to discard them. Hoarding may create such cramped living conditions that rooms may be filled to capacity and homes may be left with only narrow pathways winding through stacks of clutter. We've all heard recently of people also collect animals, keeping many dogs, cats or other animals in their homes as filth and waste pile up and the animals become sick. Hoarding problems are real, present in our communities, and researchers conclusions continue to vary about how to deal with this recently recognized problem.

While some people poke fun at hoarding, since we all have the propensity, sometimes it becomes no laughing matter. Those who engage in hoarding put themselves and neighbors in danger of fire, unsanitary conditions and the possibility of getting buried under an avalanche of junk. Frequently, hoarders live close to the poverty line, but were formerly well off. As options for continued existence without support become fewer, they become more isolated. Many hoarders complain that neighbors are "out to get them." Such ostracism from neighbors exacerbates the problem. Treating hoarding proves difficult because people who hoard often don't see it as a problem. According to a report on hoarding by the Mayo Clinic, intensive treatment can help people who hoard understand their compulsions and perhaps live a safer and more enjoyable life. It's a disorder, not an attitude. Neighbors should be tolerant.

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People who hoard feel compelled to acquire or save items that others may consider worthless. They often spend time moving items in their home from one pile to another, without actually discarding anything. They may be so preoccupied by all their clutter and belongings that they don't socialize with family or friends.

Signs and symptoms

Hoarding affects emotions, thoughts and behavior. Signs and symptoms of hoarding may include:

- Inability to discard items.
- Acquiring unneeded or seemingly useless items.
- Keeping stacks of newspapers, magazines or junk mail.
- Saving trash or used food containers.
- Cluttered living spaces.
- Impairment of daily activities.
- A fear that if things are thrown away, they will almost certainly be needed one day.
- Restricting others from touching or borrowing possessions.
- Procrastination.
- Trouble making decisions.
- Difficulty organizing items.
- Forming attachments to possessions rather than people.

The homes of people who engage in compulsive hoarding usually offer telltale clues that something's wrong. Countertops, sinks, stoves, desks, stairways and virtually all other surfaces are stacked with stuff. And when there's no more room inside, the clutter may spread to the garage, vehicles and yard. Offers by concerned parties are frequently met with hostility because of the belief that they're "trying to steal my property." For some, the piles of belongings are a source of comfort.

Social isolation

In many cases, the hoarding leads to social isolation. Some people may turn to the comfort of hoarding because they're lonely.

Hoarding animals

People who hoard animals may collect many pets, such as cats, dogs, ferrets, rabbits, rats or other animals. They usually hoard animals that can be confined inside and concealed more easily. Because of their sheer numbers, these animals usually aren't cared for properly. Many become so ill that they die or have to be euthanized, if discovered. Veterinarians may be the first to notice signs of animal hoarding when owners seek help for a steady stream of sick or injured pets.

Hoarding is probably a historic problem. And since most people have a propensity to save things, many are at risk. Frequently our partners are the mediating force keeping us under control. It's certainly harder to save those two screws or that lipstick with a partner saying "throw it out, you'll never use it." Many invoke the two-year rule: If it hasn't been worn or used or eaten in two years, throw it out. So, what are you waiting for?

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

'We have become bullies of our landscape'

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indigenous architectural forms. In a perfect world, depending on our environment, we would still live in tepees, adobes, yurts or igloos and leave a very little footprint, if any. There would be minimal displacement of nature and no permanent manipulation of environment. But given the reality that we have created for ourselves, at least for now, our main goal should be to stop any further damage and live within a footprint that this world can support.

The essence of organic architecture has informed our current green building practices. And fortunately, this movement is becoming more common. Sustainable architecture is dedicated to creating structures that are inspired by nature, and that are healthy, conserving and diverse. The main aspects of green building are 1) the use of sustainable energy; 2) heating, ventilation and cooling system efficiency; 3) building placement; 4) the use of sustainable building materials; 5) waste management; 6) re-using existing structure and materials; and 7) establishing vital connections to community and resources that meet our daily needs in a responsible manner.

The U.S. Green Building Council is a nonprofit that exists to transform the building marketplace to sustainability. Their LEED — Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design — Green Building Rating System is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings. Their professional accreditation process provides individuals with the expertise to guide us as we move toward sustainable homes and commercial buildings.

Rating systems, checklists and sustainable how-tos are only a part of the solution, however. Without our intrinsic connection to the earth, we will continually be vulnerable to loose interpretation of what is right and wrong and what is exploiting and what is not. Our work must come from the inside out. In the words of the Huichol Indians, all souls are linked. To be of one heart with all things, only then can we inhabit the earth with gentleness and respect.

JoAnn Mirise lives and writes in Cohasset. Information on sustainable building can be found at usgbc.org.

Letters to the Editor

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Health screening day support appreciated

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Cohasset Board of Health, I would like to thank all those who made our recent health screening day such a success. Every year we depend on the generosity of community businesses and agencies to provide the services we offer free of charge to all who attend. The Cohasset Rotary Club and Pilgrim Bank's donations supported the cholesterol and glucose screenings that are so popular each year. Our food table was once again full of delicious snacks and coffee from Atlantic Bagel and Deli, Dunkin' Donuts and Stop & Shop. Attendees and participants enjoyed taking a break during the day and sitting and visiting with each other while snacking on the complementary goodies presented so attractively by our faithful volunteers who help us each year. We couldn't conduct the annual health fair without them!

Many thanks to the following providers for their services:

Second Congregational Church; Health Watch Inc. for the cholesterol and glucose monitoring; Norwell VNA for osteoporosis screenings; Dr. Zigmut Pozatek who provided the oral cancer screening; the Melanoma Education Foundation provided the skin analyzer; Paula Pozniak, nutritionist; Cohasset Medical Hearing Center, hearing screenings; Council on Elder Affairs; Susan Cameron – "Juice Plus"; Peggy Chapman, RN, and Cohasset Board of Health chairwoman, provided the mental health screening; Corinne Cahill RN and Mary Whitley RN helped throughout the day and helped everything run smoothly; MABC – Massachusetts Association for the Blind Community Services; Dr. Richard Strecker; Linnell Reed, Reiki master/teacher; and Scituate Harbor Chiropractic, Rachel Coates, DC

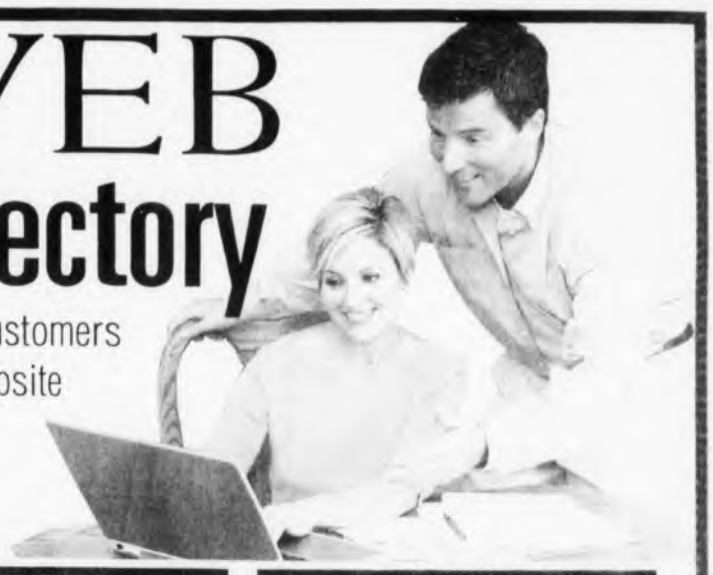
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Judy Fitzsimmons, RN
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Resident floats hooking up N. Cohasset to town water

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past, he seemed spurred to action by the recent water ban.

"Getting North Cohasset on the capital plan is my objective, even if 10 years out," said McElroy, a resident for 24 years. "I'm not naive to the fact how daunting the task of hooking up North Cohasset is."

McElroy said it was "salt in the wound" when the Water Commission brokered a deal with Linden Ponds to provide them with water a few years ago. The Water Department has a 20-year contract to provide water to the Linden Ponds development in South Hingham. At full build-out the Commission will provide approximately 306,000 gallons per day to the complex.

"North Cohasset is part of our community," said McElroy.

Glenn Pratt, chairman of the Water Commission chairman, responded Cohasset Water would like as much as he would to have North Cohasset on its system.

"We see 300 customers as one million in revenue and almost half [of the homes in North Cohasset] can be tied into Cohasset water just by turning valves," said Pratt. However, Pratt said Aquarion would not even come to the table to discuss a deal. "Aquarion says their corporate policy is not to divest of any customers."

During original talks over the Linden Ponds deal with Aquarion it was a firm condition in the contract to turn North Cohasset over to Cohasset Water, said Pratt. However, the talks with Aquarion fell apart and the Water Commission ended up dealing directly with Linden Ponds.

Incorporating North Cohasset onto the Cohasset water system would require a significant investment in the area's distribution system. Many of the water pipes are antiquated and would need to be replaced. Estimates done about five years ago to update the system were between four and five million dollars, said Commissioner John McNabb. The estimate did not include the purchase price from Aquarion.

Since 1997, the Water Department has invested nearly $40 million in capital improvements, including upgrading 48 percent of the water distribution system.

"As a matter of policy, we want North Cohasset to be part of our water system," said McNabb, but indicated the commission needed to be sure other North Cohasset residents felt the same way as McElroy. When approached previously, the majority of residents said they did not want to join the Cohasset Water system, said McNabb.

"We have no authority over that system in any way, but we're willing to help," said Vice Chairman Nathaniel Palmer, "we probably want North Cohasset more than some of your residents."

Because the Water Commission has hit a dead end in talking with Aquarion, they suggested McElroy schedule a meeting with Aquarion to discuss the situation. Palmer said as an Aquarion customer, McElroy was in a different position than the Water Commission. They also suggested he approach the Board of Selectmen for support, including Selectman Paul Carlson who lives in North Cohasset. Palmer offered to informally work with McElroy in the effort.

A check-up for Harbor Health

Selectmen review committee's agenda and future

By Nancy White
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Is there really a need for a committee focused on the environmental issues facing the harbor?

That was the question the Board of Selectmen and the Harbor Health Committee grappled with on Monday night. In July, the Board of Selectmen voted to review the status of advisory committees established by the Selectmen in the past. Its fate is yet to be determined.

The Harbor Health Committee, established in summer 2005, has been working on identifying and correcting the environmental issues plaguing the harbor. The committee submitted a one-page agenda for the upcoming year with six items in various stages.

Items included hiring a physical oceanographer to get a better understanding of the hydrology and biology of the harbor, continuing the process of establishing a Non-Discharge Area in the inner and outer harbor, improving communication between interested boards, exploring the possibility of "re-stocking" the harbor with now gone species and researching stormwater/freshwater infiltration issues.

> **"It's important to have a voice for the harbor because so many people want to put things in it."**
> — Karen Quigley, Harbor Health Committee

Chairman of the Harbor Health Karen Quigley said the fact Cohasset has a committee devoted to harbor environmental issues has been invaluable in getting support from state and other environmental agencies. Two harbor areas; the salt marsh between Government Island and Parker Avenue and the Parker Avenue cut have been given Coastal Zone Management priority status. The status entitles the project to receive financial support.

"We'll be looking for ways to fund any project going forward," said Quigley, as not to rely solely on the taxpayers. The committee has been working on initiatives relating to Jacob's Meadow, wetlands restoration, stormwater and water testing.

One of the major interests of the committee is to investigate how the water flows in and out of the harbor, which necessitates the physical oceanographer.

"No one knows the flow of water in the harbor," said member Chris Evans, indicating they have only anecdotal evidence that the harbor does not flush completely with the tide.

Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil, a former Sewer Commission member, said hydrologic studies were done in conjunction with the sewer plant expansion and might be of interest to the Harbor Health Committee.

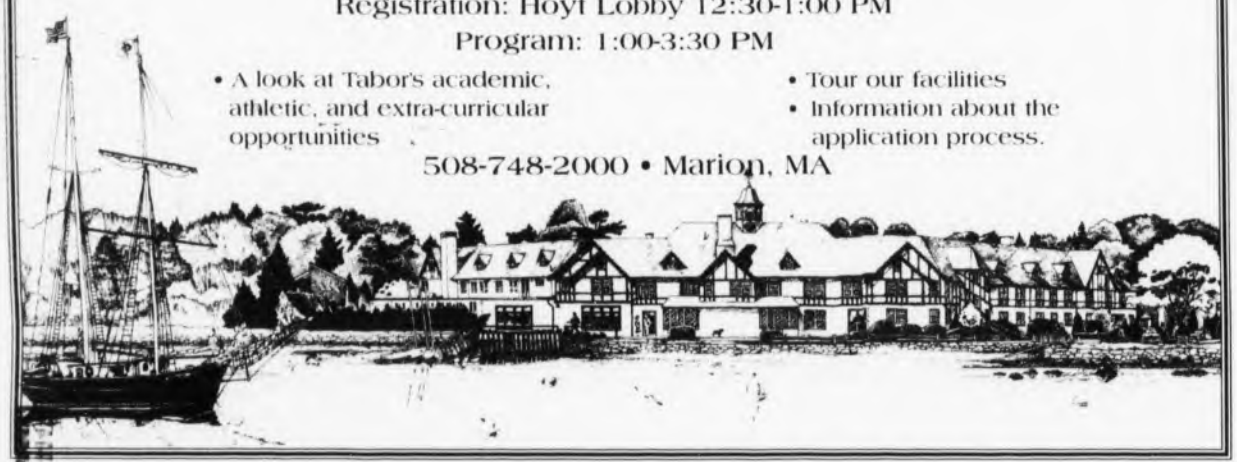
"I think a lot of work has been done," said Vanderweil. He said he would forward the reports on to the committee.

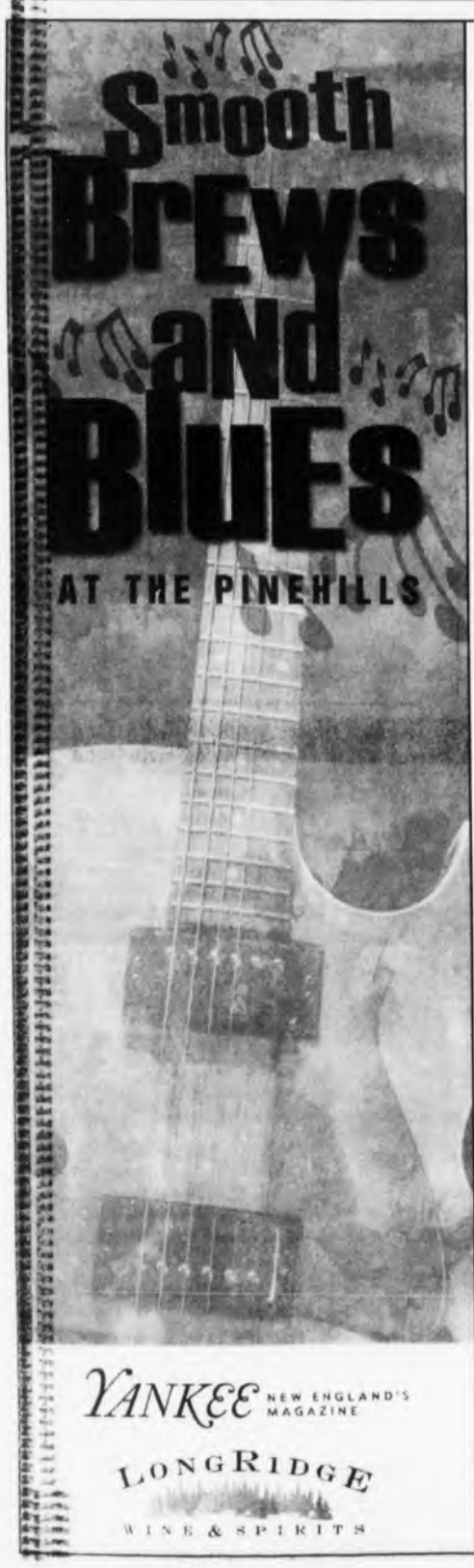
Selectman Ralph Dormitzer commended the committee for its devotion and persistence for the harbor's cause. However, he felt several of their items could be completed with or without a Harbor Health Committee. He said he favored one of Quigley's proposals of incorporating the Harbor Health Committee into the Harbor Committee by increasing it by two members. The two members would represent the harbor's environmental issues, while not increasing the number of town committees.

"It's important to have a voice for the harbor because so many people want to put things in it," said Quigley. There would likely be no detriment to the town's ability to seek out and receive grant support if this change took place, said Quigley. Currently, there is no crossover between the Harbor Committee, which deals with mooring, fees, commercial fishing and other issues relating to the harbor.

The Selectmen took the committee's report under advisement and will discuss at a later meeting.

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The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Reed, 93A Beechwood St., replacement of 7 kitchen cabinets, 106 inch countertop, $3,000; Fitzgerald, 516 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., 17 sq. asphalt roofing, $4,000; Thayer, 75 Whitehead Road, 3 sq. white cedar siding, trim on rear door, balcony, porch, $5,000; Clark, 262 Jerusalem Road, 3 sq. roofing shingles, 8 sq. side walling, $12,000; Murphy, 131 Nichols Road, Unit 5, removal of existing decking, roof repair, installation of new decking, $4,800; Crough, 30 Forest Ave., 16 sq. sidewall, trim, $9,600; Sullivan, 110 Beechwood St., 8 foot by 10 foot shed, $2,000; Wellman, 53 Highland Ave., addition of second story to existing footprint of garage, $40,000; Pisarra, 550 Jerusalem Road, Unit 5, installation of 8 vinyl replacement windows, patio door, $8,000;

Brown, 22 Depot Court, foundation for commercial building per approved plans, $20,000; Studley, 117 Hull St., tear out and replacement of first floor bathroom, $5,000; Burns, 19 Stanton Road, replacement of 17 windows, no structural changes, $18,369; McCarron, 22 Mohawk Way, replacement of existing deck per plans submitted, $20,000; Benson, 172 Forest Ave., 24 foot by 42 foot in ground pool, $30,000; Brown, 10 Beach St., remodeling of kitchen and bathrooms, finishing of third floor, $350,000; Puzella, 9 Clay Spring Road, second floor addition to existing structure, $225,000; Silvia, 30 Oak St., relocation of window and rear door, installation of decking, replacement of bulkhead, waterline, roof, $8,500; Centerpoint Property LLC, 1 So. Main St., interior renovations: moving and building of interior walls, $15,000; Lightkeeper's Association, 15 Lighthouse Lane, 16 foot by 16 foot tent for Sept. 15 and 16, $345; Shanahan/Garth, 167 Atlantic Ave., 20 foot by 20 foot tent and 30 foot by 70 foot tent for Sept. 13 through 17, $2,483; Trahon/Flynn, 27 Linden Drive, 32 sq. asphalt roofing, $8,650;

Butler, 97 Elm St., 8 sq. asphalt roofing, $3,300; Pratt, 1 Smith Place, replacement of concrete, sheetrock, paint, $10,000; Pratt, 1 Smith Place, 25 sq. asphalt roofing, 10 sq. wood shingle side walling, $5,500; Pilgrim Coop Bank, 48 So. Main St., interior renovations, $140,000; Lot 7 LLC, 2 Stratford Terrace, foundation, $15,000; Mark D'Andrea, 210 Lamberts Lane, rear addition to expand kitchen and master bedroom, addition of bathroom, $8,600; Pompeo, 11 Ripley Road, 40 foot by 60 foot pole tent for Sept. 6 through Sept. 10, $1,608; Kim, 122 Linden Drive, demolition of existing structure, $10,000; Robinson, 13 Pratt Court, addition of bedroom with bathroom, new laundry/mudroom, $198,000; Helton, 299 Forest Ave., installation of 20 foot by 12 foot, 12 foot by 16 foot and 8 foot by 8 foot decks according to plans, $19,625; Colburn, 64 Jerusalem Road, 1 sq. white cedar side wall, $5,500; Crafts, 156 No. Main St., chimney, 5 Golden Flue cast flue liners, $21,000; Ford, 575 Jerusalem Road, installation of 2 new partitions within existing room, $2,500; Sullivan, 391 So. Main St., demolition of existing house, construction of new house with existing septic, $520,000; McKinnon, 70 Fairoaks Lane, 10 sq. white cedar side walling, $6,000; and Cohasset Lightkeepers, 15 Lighthouse Lane, 16 foot by 16 foot tent for Oct. 6 and Oct. 7, $345.

Rose Garth, 167 Atlantic Ave., 30 foot by 30 foot tent for Sept. 1 through Sept. 4, $700; Cohasset Lightkeepers, 15 Lighthouse Lane, 16 foot by 16 foot tent for Sept. 15 and Sept. 16, $345; Boyle, 44 Ash St., repair walls, sills, windows, doors, trim, gutters and garage siding, $7,000; Dunn, 23 Schofield Road, construct of two-story, two-car garage, $50,000; Durant, 16 Beach St., install five sq. asphalt roofing on garage, $2,175; Todd, 356 Atlantic Ave., 50 foot by 60 foot tent, $2,500; Kim, 122 Linden Drive, construct new 2,474 sq. foot single family dwelling, $240,000; Froio, 170 Fairoaks Lane, install of 8 foot by 12 foot shed, $2,300; Lehmann, 9 Bates Lane, replace 14 windows with no structural changes, $13,750; Durant, 30 Surry Drive, 23 sq. asphalt roofing, $7,900; Zotos, 28 Old Coach Road, replace window and siding as needed, sheathing, install four floor joists, $7,000; Burke, 195 Jerusalem Road, add second floor, add two small additions first floor, $550,000; Atherton, 34 Clay Spring Road, demolish livingroom and rebuild 14 foot by 18 foot livingroom, 8 foot by 16 foot deck, update kitchen, $60,000; Langenhagen, 24 Sanctuary Pond Road, 20 foot by 40 foot gunite pool, $20,000; Ronan, 65 Hull St., 12 asphalt sq., construction of 8 foot by 10 foot kitchen addition, porch foundation, $15,000; Cohasset Lightkeepers, 15 Lighthouse Lane, 16 foot by 16 foot tent for Sept. 22 and Sept. 23, $345; Nies,

Aquarion provides Phase III — Water Ban update

We entered Phase I – Voluntary Restrictions on July 17, 2007. At that time the average daily pumpage was over 5 million gallons/day (MGD) and we experienced a maximum day demand that exceeded 5.5 MGD.

Since we did not have the reduction in demand that we had hoped for — at least 250,000 or more gallons per day during Phase I — we announced Phase II - Mandatory Restrictions on August 1, 2007, which restricted watering to an odd / even system by hand held hoses from 6pm-9pm only. Lawn irrigation systems were not allowed, nor were unattended sprinklers.

We entered Phase II because of the following:

- Minimal reduction in daily average demand since announcement of Phase I, of about 0.2 MGD on average
- We were within the buffer of the MA DEP Water Management Act allowable withdrawal volume based on our statistical prediction model through year end 2007
- July rainfall was down by 46 percent compared to 50-year monthly average
- The 3-month period (May-July) rainfall was down 31 percent
- 3 month pumpage (May-July) was up 16 percent
- The Accord Pond and well levels were below normal levels
- The extended long-term forecast consisted of hot and dry weather patterns

On August 30, 2007, we announced Phase III — Mandatory Water Ban with no outdoor water usage allowed. We continued to be within the buffer of the MA DEP Water Management Act allowable volume based on the statistical prediction model.

Factors in the decision for the mandatory water ban were:

- While the average daily pumpage was down by 0.7 MGD, the August rainfall was down by 85% compared to 50-year monthly average.
- The 4-month period (May - Aug.) rainfall was down by 45% or 7.5" for Hingham.
- The Accord Pond was about 45% full compared to the average for this time of year of about 60% full and the well levels are still below normal.
- The extended long-term forecast consisted of hot and dry weather patterns.

During the Phase III, the average daily pumpage is down through mid-September to 3.0 MGD. To date the rainfall for September has been equal to the 50-yr. average for the first half of the month due to the substantial rainfall event on Sept 10th of more than 2 inches.

To date, there have been 347 first violations, 25 second violations, and 2 third violations of all the various water ban phases.

Lifting the current Phase III ban is dependent on two factors:

- Weather (cooler temperatures and a couple more rainfalls of 1.0+ inches) and
- Continued reduced demand so as not to exceed our MA DEP Water Management Act registered annual average volume of 3.51 MGD.

We are hopeful that we can lift the Phase III ban by early to mid-October. This should be possible with the schools back in session, the summer residences and visitors season ending and the typical cooler, wetter weather patterns that occur this time of the year.

By continuing to work together in the conservation of water, our supply will remain more than adequate for our needs. If you have any questions please contact Aquarion Customer Service Department at 1-800-Water 34 (1-800-928-3734).

Larry Bingaman is Senior Vice President — Operations, MA & NH Aquarion Water Company.

New manager for Red Lion Inn

Long-time employee takes position

By Nancy White
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At long last, a manager has been found to take on the liquor license responsibilities at the Red Lion Inn and it turns out, she was right there all the time. The Board of Selectmen, the town's liquor license granting authority, approved Annette Agostino, a Red Lion Inn employee for five years, to be the new manager on Monday night.

Since May, the establishment has been without a reliable contact on the liquor license application. The Selectmen have communicated to the inn their concerns with the lack of consistent management at the inn, including fire safety issues brought up by fire officials at previous meetings.

"Gerd [Ordelheide, owner of the Red Lion Inn] asked me to take on this responsibility and I take it very seriously," said Agostino. Agostino started out in the restaurant business as a waitress and then moved to bartending. She has worked at Mezzo Mare in Hull and Bella's in Rockland before coming to the Red Lion Inn. During the lapse in management, Agostino said she has been acting as a manager in the restaurant/bar area. She has been tip certified for 10 years and everyone behind the bar will be tip certified as well.

Agostino described her management style as cut and dry and very strict. For the time being she plans to focus on managing the bar and restaurant. However, she will also oversee liquor distribution in conjunction with weddings and other functions.

"It is in all our best interests you do your job well," said Vice Chairman Ted Carr, who encouraged Agostino to contact the Town Manager's office or any of the selectmen if she had any questions. Carr stressed the liquor license goes hand in hand with an entertainment license, which allows the Inn to have recorded or live music for functions and the bar with a set of conditions. Carr advised Agostino to be mindful of noise because the Inn does abut a residential neighborhood.

Town Manager Bill Griffin reported the police background check came back with no problems. Fire officials have had some concerns about fire safety, compounded by the lack of consistent management at the Inn. Griffin said Fire Chief Robert Silvia would be contacted her to meet personally and discuss his concerns.

"I think we have the found the right person for the job. [Agostino] is one of our longest running employees and certainly the most steady," said Michael Hayes, President and Treasurer of Cohasset Sarro, Inc. the company owning Red Lion Inn. "We have total confidence in her going forward."

The Board of Selectmen approved the change of the manager unanimously.

Cook Estate hearing continued until Oct. 3

After a nearly two month hiatus, the Cook Estate/Abbott Development hearing is expected to resume on Wednesday, Oct. 3. Both the Planning Board and the developer are optimistic this will be the final public hearing on the Cook Estate. Once the public hearing portion of the permit application closes, no new concerns from the public may come before the board.

Abbott Real Estate and Development, owners of the former Cook Estate, is proposing a 27-home community off Sohier Street. The developers from Abbott are applying for a special permit under the town's residential cluster development bylaw. The bylaw allows home to be built closer together with open space on the edges. Despite the "cluster" of homes, there will be no more units than would be allowed under normal subdivision.

Large Home Review is withdrawn

The contentious proposed large home at 18 Little Harbor Road has withdrawn its application without prejudice. In two public hearings, many abutters and neighbors spoke out against the 4,400 square foot home proposed by developer Douglas Karo. Neighbors did not think the home was consistent with the other homes in the neighborhood and there were drainage/runoff concerns as well. Planning Board vice chairman Bill Good said the land was sold to an abutter on Little Harbor Road.

New warehouse for Joseph's Hardware

Over a year after initial approvals from the Planning Board, Joseph's Hardware is ready to move forward with the construction of a second warehouse/retail facility next door. Barry Joseph, owner, said the plans were delayed when the opportunity came up to open a new Joseph's Hardware in Marshfield and took precedence. Now, the Marshfield shop is up and running and he is ready to turn his focus back to the Cohasset expansion. He came before the Planning Board to review the plans and make sure they are still on board with the project.

The Planning Board reviewed some minor outstanding issues and then extended its approval through the balance of 2007. Joseph plans to have a foundation in the ground by the late fall/early winter. He has applied for a building permit and now with the Planning Board's approval, Building Inspector Bob Egan is prepared to issue it.

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Showdown Saturday

Skippers 3-0 heading into game against archrival

By Joel Racicot
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So much for trying to stay focused before the Cardinal Spellman game. It would seem that these Skippers are glaringly focused after crushing the Cardinals 34-0 on the road Sunday. Cohasset is now 3-0 and will play host to one of the biggest games of the year Saturday at home against rival Scituate. Game time is 1 p.m.

Scituate is 0-3, but with whacky last second losses to Norwell and Medfield and a blowout loss against Division 1 Dartmouth. Scituate is clearly not a very terrible 0-3 team. Both Medfield and Dartmouth went to the Super Bowl last year.

"Scituate is such a big rivalry it's almost like another Thanksgiving Day game," said Cohasset coach Pete Afanasiw. "You throw the records out the window, this game is all about backyard bragging rights."

Indeed. Scituate one-upped the Skippers last year 28-14 at home, but these are two different teams from a year ago. Scituate runs the same run and gun, basketball on turf, five wide, shoot em' out offense very well, while Cohasset is a well rounded offensive football team.

"You throw the records out the window, this game is all about backyard bragging rights."
Pete Afanasiw

Take the last three games for example. Game One, Cohasset dominated on the ground against Pembroke. Game Two they took it too the air and blew Archbishop Williams out. Game Three it was quarterback David Snowdale scrambling like an egg at Bickford's, scoring four rushing touchdowns. The fleet-footed signal caller had 104 yards on nine carries against Spellman.

Cohasset ran the option against the Cardinals and Snowdale took a liking to the formation.

"It was the first time we did it and he really took control," Afanasiw said. "He made the correct reads and really took the corner as a running threat."

He also threw for 70 yards. PJ McCaw added a three-yard touchdown run in the game.

The defense played remarkable, Pat Noonan picked off his third pass of the season, and Kyle Pinkus had two sacks and three hurries to go with 15 tackles.

"They are an aggressive physical group," Afanasiw said of his defense. "They are really starting to understand the concept of what a team defense is."

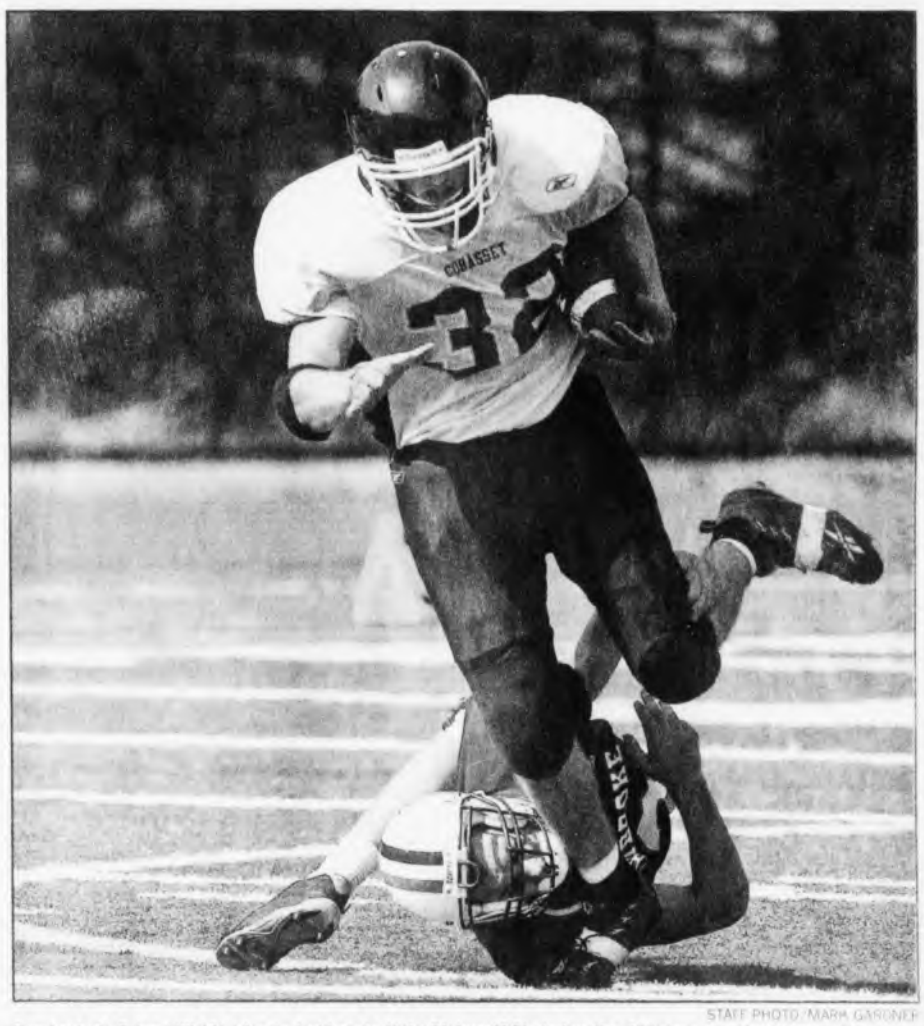
Cardinal Spellman ran a spread offense, a good warm up for the Sailors. Scituate will be hungry when they take Alumni Field Saturday. The Skippers defense needs to keep up the pressure on Sailors quarterback Joe Barisano.

Scituate coach Steve Castle knows it won't be easy going into Cohasset 0-3. Right now, the confidence levels of both teams are in completely different places.

"They are probably feeling good and they should be, we are feeling bad and we should, but we are fighting for our (football) lives," Castle said. "We are going to be hungry we know what we have to do. The reality is that we are not a bad football team, but reality says that we are underdogs."

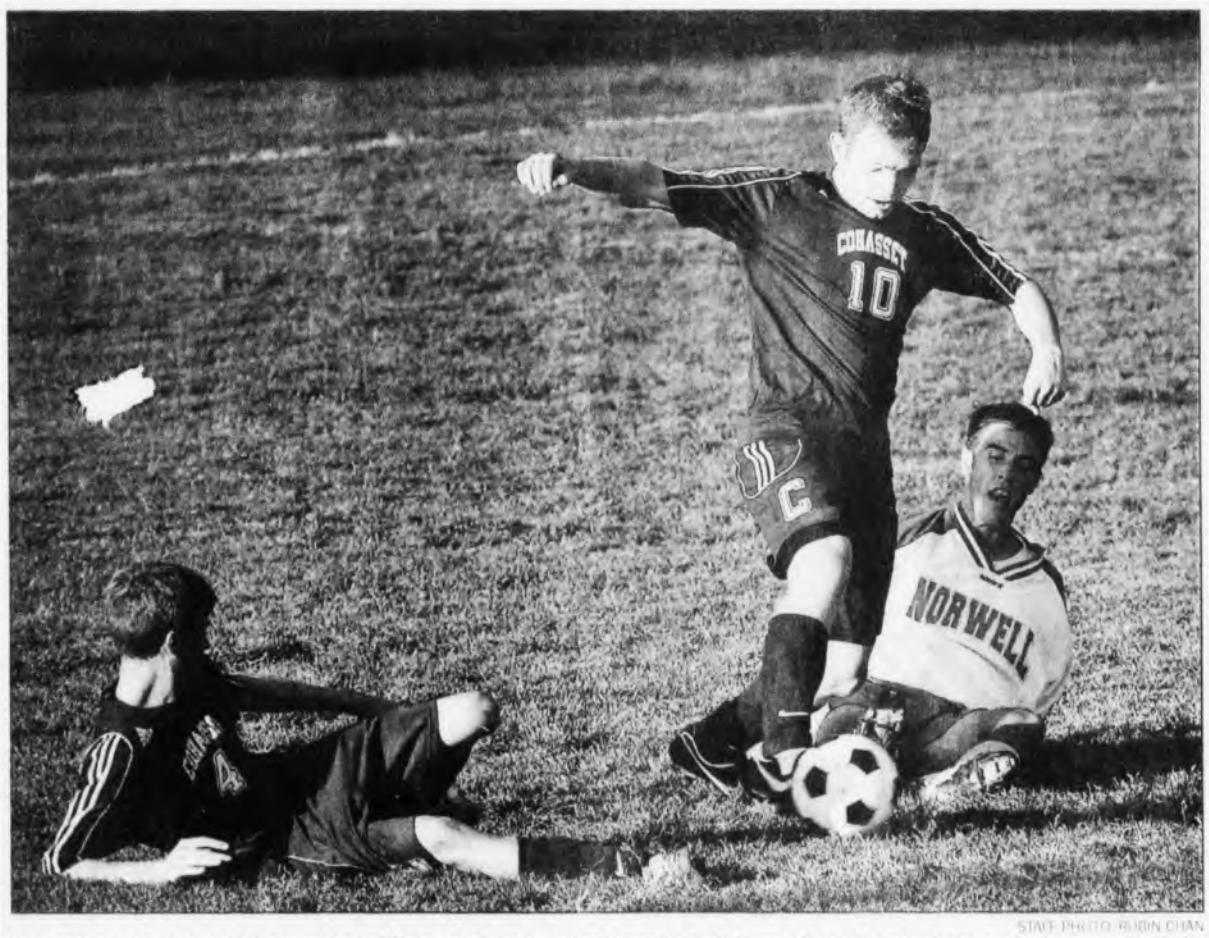
Scituate may or may not be the underdogs, but this rivalry starts when these kids play youth ball together, and ends this weekend for the seniors.

Forget the records, it's going to be Thanksgiving in September Saturday.



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Pembroke's Brian Hill (3) tries to hold on to Kyle Pinkus (32) during the Skippers opening game of the season. Pinkus led Cohasset with 15 tackles from linebacker against Cardinal Spellman Sunday. The boys will face Scituate at home Saturday. Game time is 3:30 p.m.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Adrian Lucas (10) clears the ball from out of the box after Norwell's Colin Henry (3) tried to attack the net in the second half of last week's game at Norwell. Lucas and Co. will play three games this upcoming week.

Busy days for boys soccer

Schedule starting to pick up for Skippers

By Joel Racicot
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There was some frustration on the Cohasset side after the boys soccer team dropped a 2-0 game to East Bridgewater Tuesday. The Skippers played tough against the Vikings, but they couldn't get a handle on why the ball wasn't going in the net.

During film session Wednesday they watched the loss again.

"They got an idea why they lost," said coach Jim Willis. "They handled it well, they saw what they had to change."

The best thing you can do with early losses—learn and move on. Cohasset will have to do that in a hurry with three games next week against Hull, Mashpee and Abington. They plat at Hull Monday. Game time is 6:00 p.m.

"Once we get in the thick of it (schedule) I will know more about the guys," Willis said. "Right now I really like their attitude."

Cohasset played Carver Thursday after the Mariner went to press.

The four senior captains, Mike Grimm, Sam Roth, Ryan Crough and Evan Deutch, continue to set the tone. Roth has been playing especially well leading the team with three goals and a pair of assists.

"We are starting to do more playing with Sam and not watching Sam play," Willis said about his team. "Earlier in the season when they would get tired they would kick it up to Sam and let him go to work, now they are learning to play with him."

Willis concedes that Roth is the most talented player on the team, but what resonates the most is that he knows how to play the game the right way, and for now it's rubbing off on his

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Lady Skippers travel well

Girls beat East Bridgewater 2-0 on the road

By Joel Racicot
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The Cohasset High School girls soccer team defeated East Bridgewater 2-0 on the road Tuesday improving its overall record to 3-3. They are now 3-1 in the South Shore League with the only loss coming in a 1-0 match against Norwell last Wednesday.

The Lady Skippers played at Carver Thursday after the Mariner went to press. They play next at home against an improved Hull team Monday, October 1. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

Coach Deb Beal packed the midfield against the Lady Vikings, playing three back with no sweeper, a strategy that worked well for Cohasset.

"It relies heavily on the players taking care of one small part of the field and communicating well," she said.

After battling to a 0-0 tie in the first half, the team decided to stick with the style of play for the second half. It worked, thanks in part to Kaci Kucinski, a freshman burner who scored both Lady Skippers goals in the second half. She now leads the team with four tallies.

"She is just fast," Beal said. "She lost the defender both times and didn't have a player in front of her, it was nice to see."

Cohasset stayed defensive minded and controlled the ball on offense to secure the big road victory.

"It was huge," Beal said. "If we don't drop the ball anywhere else we can still compete for the league title."

Meg Anderson missed the game due to an injury and was replaced by Meredith Kelly on defense. Kelly missed a good portion of the season already because she was sick and played exceptional in the fill in role against the Lady Vikings. Kelly was slotted to start the season in the back and was replaced by Anderson when she couldn't go. If this trend ends and both players can get healthy, then the Lady Skippers should add some depth and experience to the backfield.

"I asked her (Kelly) if she was feeling better," Beal said, "she said 'I feel a lot better.'"

Christine Coner played well against East Bridgewater but couldn't manage to find the back of the net. She hit the post twice and nailed the cross bar. The sophomore forward looked good on offense and Beal hopes she will stay aggressive.

Torey Hart, Sarah Coggins and Kristin Monaco continue strong play. Hart moved to midfield from forward to give a veteran presence in the middle.

Johanna Brofy notched the shutout in net, making one "phenomenal save" according to Beal but was relatively untested for most of the game, thanks to the solid defensive effort by Cohasset.

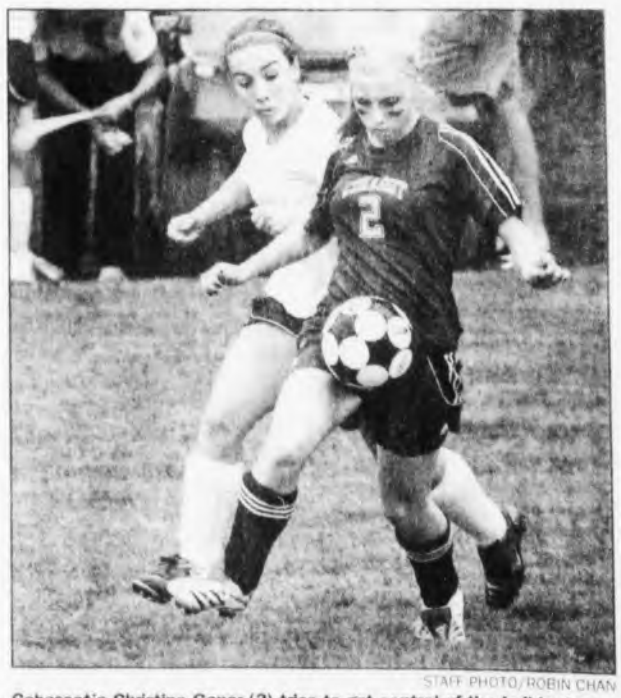
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Looking back on the Norwell game it wasn't hard to tell where Coach Beal was coming from with her post game comments.

"I need to stress to them this is just a game like every other game," she said following the 1-0 loss to the Lady Clippers. "When we go into East Bridgewater to play Tuesday it's the same game just because it is Norwell doesn't make a difference."

She was right. The girls proved

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Cohasset's Christine Coner (2) tries to get control of the ball by trapping it in the first half of it's 1-0 loss to Norwell. Conor had a few scoring opportunities just miss during the big road win against East Bridgewater.

Busy days for boys soccer

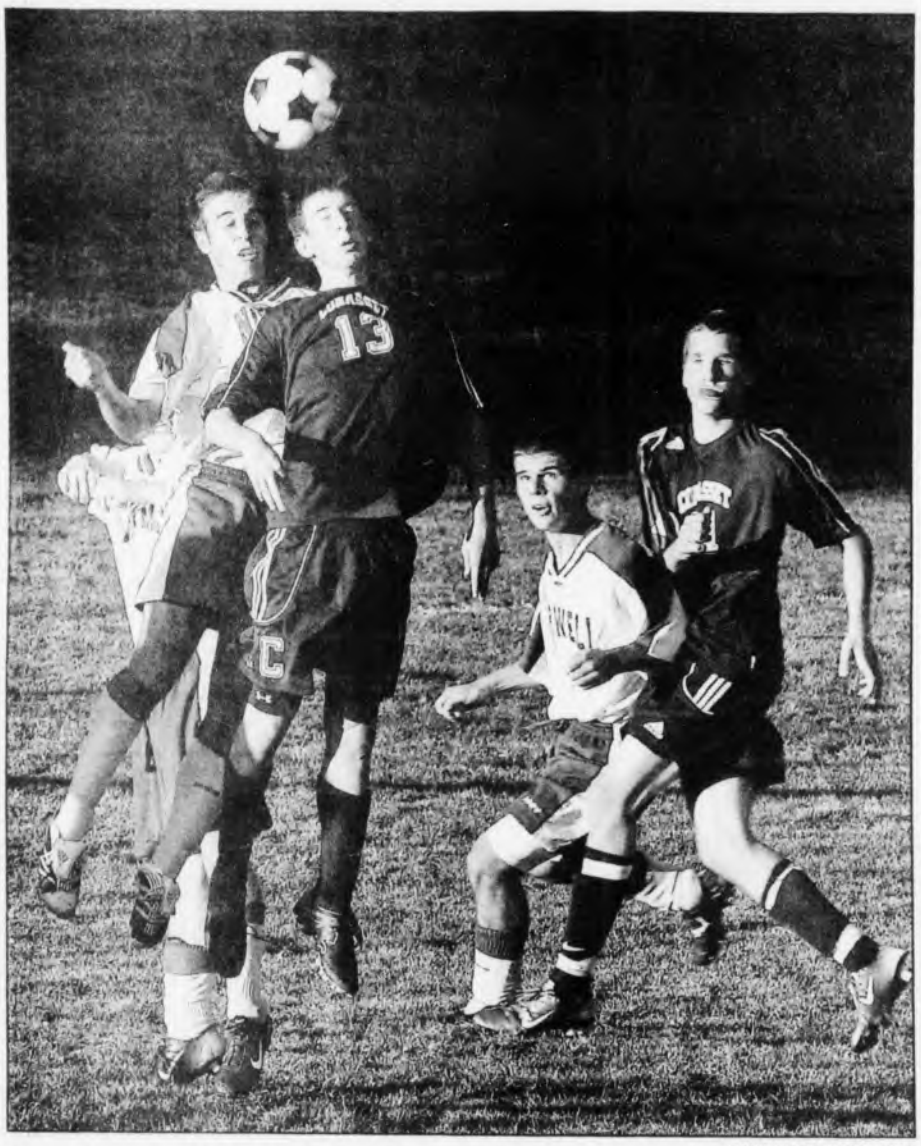
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teammates.

"We are starting to play together," Willis said.

Keeper Will Wise is getting better each game in net. All the sophomore needs to do now is take the leadership role that is accompanied with the title of being keeper.

"The seniors respect him so much that they wouldn't mind if he took a more commanding role," Willis said.



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Cohasset's Sam Roth (13) goes up and tries to flick the ball back while challenging Norwell's Colin Henry (3) for the ball. Roth continues to shine for the Skippers, leading the team in scoring.

Cohasset High School sports schedules

Boys Varsity Football

September

29 Scituate 1 p.m.

October

5 Carver 7 p.m.
12 Mashpee 6 p.m.
20 @E. Bridgewater 1 p.m.

November

2 Abington 7 p.m.
9 Norwell 7 p.m.
22 @Hull 10 a.m.

Girls Varsity Field Hockey

Games at 3:30 p.m. unless noted.

September

28 @Hull

October

2 @E. Bridgewater
4 Norwell
9 @Scituate
12 Harwich 4 p.m.
13 Nantucket 1 p.m.
16 Mashpee
18 @Carver
22 Hull
23 Scituate
25 @Hingham

Boys Varsity Golf

All games at 3:30 p.m.

October

1 @Rockland
2 @Harwich
3 @Norwell
9 Carver
10 @Abington
11 Quincy

Boys Varsity Soccer

October

1 @Hull 6 p.m.
3 Mashpee 4 p.m.
5 Abington 3:30 p.m.
9 @Harwich 4 p.m.
11 Norwell 7 p.m.
13 Nantucket 1 p.m.
15 @E. Bridgewater 3:30 p.m.
17 @Carver 3:30 p.m.
19 Hull 6 p.m.
22 @Scituate 6:30 p.m.
23 @Mashpee 4 p.m.
25 Rockland 6:30 p.m.

Girls Varsity Soccer

October

1 Hull 6:30 p.m.
3 @Mashpee 4 p.m.
5 @Abington 3:30 p.m.
9 Harwich 4 p.m.
11 Norwell 5 p.m.
15 E. Bridgewater 3:30 p.m.
17 Carver 3:30 p.m.
19 @Hull 6 p.m.
23 Mashpee 4 p.m.
25 @Scituate 5:30 p.m.
29 Hanover 5 p.m.

Outdoor boxing is back at Campanelli Stadium

Set to host Rocky Marciano Tournament of Champions

In conjunction with Cappiello Promotions, the Brockton Rox and the Shaw's Center have announced that the Rocky Marciano Tournament of Champions will be held at Campanelli Stadium this fall.

The opening night of the tournament will take place Friday, Sept. 28, with the gates opening at 6 p.m. with the first match scheduled for 7 p.m. The semifinals will have a minimum of 15 fights, consisting of three two-minute rounds. Seating will be general admission with ringside seating packages available. General admission tickets purchased in advance are $15 for adults and $5 for children (ages 12 & under). Day of event general admission pricing will be $20 for adults and $5 for children (ages 12 & under). The ringside ticket package is $100 and includes a premium ringside seat with an exclusive reception from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. including hors d'oeuvres and an open bar of beer and wine.

The championship is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 21, with the gates opening at 4 p.m. and the first match scheduled at 5 p.m. All fights in the championship will consist of three two-minute rounds. Seating will be general admission with Ringside seating packages available. General admission tickets for the championship are $20 for adults and $10 for children (ages 12 & under). The ringside ticket package is $100 and includes a premium ringside seat with an exclusive reception from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. including hors d'oeuvres and an open bar of beer and wine.

Contact the Rox front office at 508-559-7000 for tickets, sponsorships and information.

Sports Notes

Sports clinic with former NBA and NFL players Sept. 29

On Saturday, Sept. 29, from 1 to 3:30 p.m., Calvary Chapel, located at 175 Market St., in Rockland, along with Sportspower International, will be holding a free basketball clinic and demonstration featuring former NBA player, Armon Gilliam, the second player taken in the 1987 draft who went on to play 13 seasons, Bruce Crevier, Guinness Book of World Record holder for spinning 23 balls at one time and has been featured on the Tonight Show, and halftime NBA shows and Ray Sydnor, formerly with the Super Bowl Philadelphia Eagles of the NFL.

There will be competitions, give-a-ways from Reebok and autographs along with basketball demonstrations, fun and inspirational words of encouragement from the pros. Children in grades 3 and above are welcome to attend.

Keep your eyes open for the upcoming evening with Heath Evans of the New England Patriots on Oct. 17.

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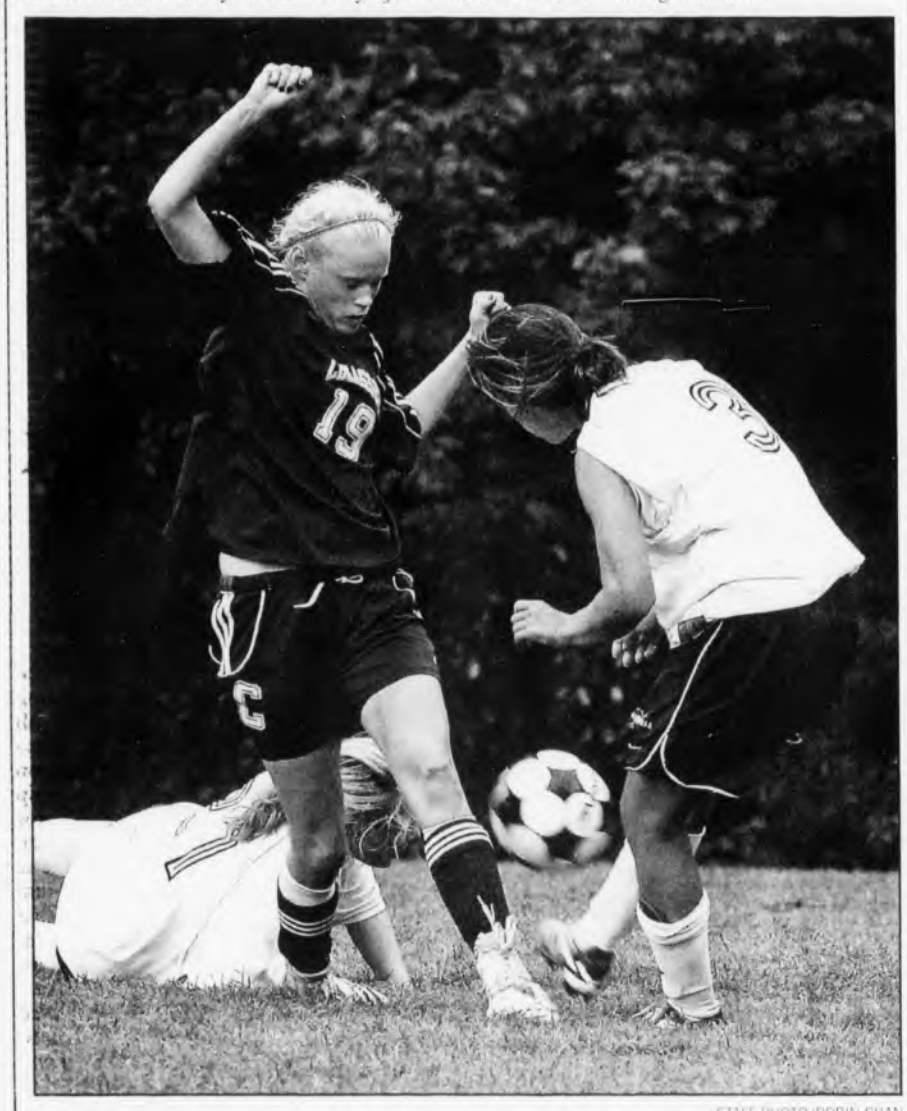
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they could go on the road and beat a tough team in league (East Bridgewater) but that mental edge Norwell holds on Cohasset seems to creep in, even though the talent level of late is even. Cohasset tied Norwell twice last year but they haven't beaten them in 11 years. They have been outscored 68-10 over that period.

That puts things in perspective about how good Cohasset has played over the last two seasons. Now they just need to learn how to win.

Cohasset gets another shot at Norwell at home Thursday, October 11. It's likely they will have to beat them to get any shot at the South Shore League crown; something Norwell has won four straight seasons.



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Cohasset's Torey Hart (19) tries to block Norwell from making a clearing pass in the second half of it's game. Cohasset beat East Bridgewater 2-0 Tuesday getting back on the winning track.

Sports FAX 781-837-4543

CYBSA Major League tryouts

The try-outs for the 2008 CYBSA major league baseball season will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13 at Barnes Field from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. All boys and girls who are age 10 prior to May 1, 2008 and no older than age 12 on April 30, 2008 and who are not currently on a CYBSA major league baseball team are invited to try-out. All 12 year olds (born between May 1, 1995 and April 30, 1996) who attend the tryouts are automatically selected for a Major League team, provided that these players attend the try-out. Players should register at Barnes Field beginning at 12 noon. This will be the only opportunity to try-out. The rain date will be Saturday, Oct. 20. Please visit our website CYBSA.net for more information. Questions regarding the tryouts may be directed to Liam O'Connell @ (781)383-9538 or Nancy Froio @ (781)383-1897.

Sports Notes

BAMSI to hold annual AIDS 4K Walk/Fun Run

The Thomas J. Fahey Jr. Memorial AIDS 4K Walk/Fun Run hosted by BAMSI will take place Saturday, Sept. 29, at Massasoit Community College. Massachusetts Commissioner of Public Health, John Auerbach will be the guest speaker. All money raised is for direct emergency services not regularly covered by available funds. Last year hundreds of individuals in the greater Brockton area were helped through this fund. BAMSI's HIV Case Management Program provides services to Brockton and the following towns: Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, West Bridgewater, Avon, Stoughton, Whitman, Holbrook, Abington, Rockland, Randolph and Easton. Individuals can collect pledges before the event and make all checks payable to the Thomas J. Fahey Jr. Memorial AIDS Walk/Fun Run. People can register the day of the event at the Student Center at Massasoit Community College.

The day will begin at 10 a.m. with a continental breakfast and registration at the Student Center followed by opening remarks at 10:30 a.m. and the walk from 11 a.m. to noon. The event is named in honor of the late Thomas J. Fahey Jr., BAMSI's Director of Case Management, who was a nationally recognized advocate for individuals with HIV and AIDS.The walk/race course is a 4K (2.5 mile) looped route through Massasoit Community College in Brockton. Individuals who want to volunteer to assist the day of the event or who need information can call 508-580-0219.

Flash Softball Clinic

The 2007 Flash fall softball clinic will be a weekly event from Saturday, Oct. 13, through Saturday, Dec. 1, at Massasoit Community College in Brockton. The camp will offer hitting and pitching instruction under the direction of Massasoit coaches Ernie Ortega and Marty French.

The camp is broken down into hitting, from 8-9 a.m. and is open to girls ages 9 and up. Pitching for girls aged 9-13 will take place from 9-10 and for girls 13-18 from 10-11. The cost is $140 for hitting or pitching, and $250 for both.

For information, contact the Massasoit Athletics department at 508-588-9100, ext. 1431, or coach Ernie Ortega at 508-654-5042.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk

Volunteers are needed for the Oct. 14 American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer five-mile walk which will start at the DCR Hatch Memorial Shell on the Charles River Esplanade in Boston. Registration and rolling start are set for 8 to 10 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help set up, greet walkers, act as route monitors, or help with organizing the event and logistics. Boston's Making Strides is the oldest and largest one-day walk in the nation to fight breast cancer, raising more than $33 million to fight breast cancer since its inception in 1993. Funds raised support the American Cancer Society's programs breast cancer research, education, advocacy, and patient support programs. For information call 800-ACS-2345, or e-mail strides_boston@cancer.org.

College scholarships from Patriots

Attention college-bound students: you can score up to $20,000 in college scholarship funds from the New England Patriots during the 2007 NFL season. For the third year in a row, the Patriots Charitable Foundation and Fidelity Investments will give away thousands of dollars in scholarship money to local students through the Inspire the Future "Write On" Scholarship Contest. To enter, students must write a 500-750 word recap about the Patriots' most recent game. After every four-game stretch on the Patriots schedule, a first place winner will be awarded a $5,000 college scholarship, two second place winners will receive $2,500, and six third place winners will receive $1,000 in scholarship money. At the conclusion of the season, all previous first place winners and others who qualify will be eligible to win the $15,000 grand prize, the $10,000 runner-up prize or the $5,000 honorable mention prize. All winners will also be honored at a reception held at Gillette Stadium. Essays can be submitted online at www.totallypatriots.com or mailed to "Write On" Contest, Gillette Stadium, 1 Patriot Place, Foxborough, MA 02035. For more information, tune in to Totally Patriots, hosted by Kerry Connolly, each Sunday at 11 a.m. on WCVB-TV, immediately following the Emmy-Award winning Patriots All Access.

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SCHOOLS

Brown, Kelly to lead student body

LIFE AT CHS

CHRISTINE KENT



What's up everyone?

In recent articles I seemed to have highlighted negative aspects of school, which is not a hard task for a student (don't ask us why but it's tradition), as most parents already know. But in this article, I have decided to put aside any pessimism and appreciate the achievements of this year.

Last Thursday the high school gathered in the auditorium to listen to humorous Student Council election speeches. Candidates ran for either Vice President or President of the entire student body. If only the 2008 Presidential campaigns were as entertaining and relaxed then maybe politicians wouldn't get such a bad reputation. However, in these elections smart wit and promising ideas outweighed other candidates who relied on engaging but funny antics to gain supporters. Personally, any student bold enough to stand in front of an auditorium full of scrutinizing *teenagers* gets my vote!

Junior, **Lenny Brown** proved to have won the crowd and was elected President of the student body. The equally rewarding title of Vice President was awarded to senior, **Tyler Kelly** or more informally known as TK. Note: Seniors, next year's USA Presidential elections will be the first chance for many able to exercise the right to vote! What could be more exciting then aiding in the political direction of our country.

In addition to the student council elections it is also impressive to note that this year's football team is as of right now, UNDEFEATED! Congratulations guys, lets keep this three game winning streak up! Sadly, with the threats of triple E sports teams are unable to play or practice after six o'clock meaning that the traditional Friday night light games will no longer happen. Drawing fun crowds, night games at CHS have always been a highlight for sports players especially for the widely appreciated football and lacrosse teams.

Now, for the week's top stories!

• Monday, Sept. 24: The six graders depart for an exciting week at Camp Bournedale. Lucky for them the weather will be sunny all week! We could all benefit from a little R&R in the sun, too bad we can't all be sixth graders!

• Tuesday, Sept. 25: Seniors interested in joining the Yearbook Committee met in the art room with Derry Schwantner. Senior parents just a reminder that the ads are due Monday, Oct. 1st. The drop off is in the office.

• Wednesday, Sept. 26: Quality time for peer leaders and their freshmen groups as they met for lunch. Also, the field hockey team faced off in a tense game against rivals, Carver. These aggressive players could easily be confused with the wrestling team, so watch your backs girls!

• Thursday, Sept. 27: Mr. Willis' AP Euro class took a field an interesting museum field trip to see first hand the artifacts of history! In addition, the Yearbook Committee met to discuss the fate of the yearbook. With a team stocked with creative minds it should be interesting to see the outcome of their hard work.

• Friday, Sept. 28: The tuckered out tweens of sixth grade return home from Camp Bournedale, after a spending four fun filled days doing trust and water activities as well as adventure rope courses. Hmm, sound like fun…I think so!

Well, that's it for me this week. Hopefully, you all enjoy the weekend. Good luck to the varsity footballers!

Christine Kent is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly in the Mariner.

AP Scholar awards at Cohasset High

Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement or both based on successful performance on the AP Exams.

Twenty-three students at Cohasset High School have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program Exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take college-level courses while still in high school, and to receive college credit, advanced placement or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. About 18 percent of the more than 1.4 million high school students in 16,000 secondary schools worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP Scholar.

Students took AP Exams in May 2007 after completing college-level courses at their high schools. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on students' performance on AP exams.

At Cohasset High School:

One student qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average grade of 4 or higher on a 5-point scale on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams. This student is **Kevin Barber.**

Seven students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. These students are: **Kevin Barber, Caren Garber, Ryan Ingram, Colleen Richardson, Lauren Strazzulla, Timothy Toomey** and **Katherine Wilcox.**

Five students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. These students are: **Laura Campedelli, Emily Coggins, Kyle Dattola-Harris, Stephanie Fewsmith** and **Virginia Spofford.**

Eleven students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams, with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are: **Austin Breslow, Sarah Brown, Donald Dickinson, Meredyth Evans, Molly Gallagher, Jack Gilbert, Aisling Guinee, Alexandra Laas, Benjamin Massotta, Lara Novak** and **Charlotte Reel.**

Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement or both based on successful performance on the AP Exams. More than 1,400 institutions award a full year's credit – sophomore standing – to students presenting a sufficient number of qualifying grades. In 2007, 37 AP Exams were offered in a variety of subject areas, each consisting of multiple-choice and free-response – essay or problem-solving or oral response – questions, except for the Studio Art Exam, which evaluates students' original artwork.

The College Board is a not-for-profit membership organization whose mission is to connect students to college success and opportunity. Founded in 1900, the association includes more than 5,200 schools, colleges, universities and other educational organizations. Each year, the College Board serves 7 million students and their parents, 23,000 high schools and 3,500 colleges through programs and services in college admissions, guidance, assessment, financial aid, enrollment and teaching and learning. Among its best-known programs are the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, and the Advanced Placement Program.

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THURSDAY, OCT. 4
Early Release. French bread pizza or turkey and cheese sub, veggie sticks, mixed fruit.

FRIDAY, OCT. 5
Professional Day – no school, all schools.

APPLE Project talk scheduled for Oct. 2

Parents of the Cohasset School District are invited to attend a presentation on the APPLE Project at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, Oct. 2, at Osgood School Library, behind Deer Hill School.

Time is running out and a couple of more parents from the Cohasset School District are wanted to become involved with the APPLE Institute – Advancing Parent-Professional Leadership in Education. Mathew Kusminsky from the UMass Research Team will be present and answer questions about the project.

The APPLE project is a research project funded by the U.S. Department of Education to learn more about ways to improve communication and collaboration between parents of children receiving special education services and the school administration personnel with whom they interact. The APPLE Project will provide collaborative school system teams with training that will allow parents of children receiving special education services to learn skills that will help them become full and effective partners with their schools.

Currently, they are recruiting parents of children with Individual Education Plans and 504 Plans, ages 5 through 16, from Cohasset, Hampdon-Wilbraham, Northboro /Southboro School District, Sandwich and Tewksbury to fill the remaining slots available for a three-day Parent Leadership Development Institute that will take place Oct. 18 through 20 in Marlborough.

If interested in participating, call the research team at UMass: Mathew Kusminsky at 617-287-4373 or Susan Foley at 617-287-4317; or the Federation for Children with Special Needs at 617-236-7210. More information about this project is also available by email at southshorepac@comcast.net.

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Holly Hill Farm Fall Programs

With the arrival recently of a high school environmental science class from South Shore Charter Public School for the first of their bi-weekly visits to Cohasset's Holly Hill Farm, the fall program schedule for schools, youth groups, families, adults and open enrollment programs for youths is off to a quick start.

Education Director Jon Belber said, "There's still plenty of time to register, with openings in most programs still available. Schools, parents and adults are welcome to call me at 781-383-1455 with their questions. We anticipate close to 1,000 participants if it's anything like last fall, so I wouldn't wait too long."

The programs are sponsored by the Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc., the nonprofit division of the certified organic farm at 236 Jerusalem Road. Increasing awareness of the importance of sustainable agriculture, where our food comes from, how the organic farmer assures his or her food is healthy and nutritious, and protecting the natural environment from misuse are important underlying themes in this year's program offerings as been the case since the Friend's founding in 2002.

To register for the programs, for specific dates, times and fees, for written information or to ask questions, contact Friends' Education Director, Jon Belber at 781-383-6965 or send inquires to Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Programs

This past year saw schools from 10 local communities engaged in programs at the farm with an underlying purpose of helping teachers' meet school learning goals. Programs featuring hands-on activities as well as guided tours about the farm are available for all elementary grades.

Nutrition and Organic Farming – For the third year, the Friends is sponsoring a teachers' workshop aimed at helping teachers get more out of a class visit to the farm this year through their development of a complementary curriculum unit that addresses one or more of the key Massachusetts Framework Standards. A total of 10 PDP's are offered to those who successfully complete the 10-hour program which takes place Wednesday, Oct. 10 and Saturday, Oct. 13.

Children's Programs

Short-term programs – **Baby Spinach** for 3 to 5 years, **Pea Shoots** for 5 to 7 years, and **Carrot Tops** for 8 to 10 years are again being held this fall. Baby Spinach is a morning program while the latter two take place after school.

Workshop and Tour Schedule

All workshops and tours start at 2 p.m. and run for abut an hour and a half. Initial meetings take place near the Farm Stand at Holly Hill Farm.

Tree Identification Walk – Enjoy Holly Hill Farm's extensive woods Saturday, Sept. 29, in a walk that will cater to those who want to sharpen their tree identification skills and learn why there are more than 30 different species of trees on the farm. Phil Benjamin, a professional forester, who not too long ago conducted a formal inventory of the woods as part of the farm's application to a Federal program, will lead the way.

Growing Fields of Holly Hill Farm – This guided, behind the scenes tour, scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 14, is a good way to get to know the farm's growing fields and Farm Managers, Hannah Hobbs and Ben Wolbach. Participants will learn where the farm's vegetables and flowers are actually grown and some of the special growing techniques used on an organic farm.

Fall Woods Cleanup – This program, held Sunday, Oct. 21, is the farm's first effort to get some outside help in cleaning up the trails before winter sets in. Participants are advised to bring clippers and loppers

Christmas Decoration Workshop – Friends board member Mimi White will share her experience in making her own wreaths. Workshop materials, which for the most part are gathered from the farm's woods and fields, are included in the fee. If it's cold, the workshop will take place in the greenhouse.

Experienced forester to lead tree identification tour

Experienced forester Phil Benjamin of South Easton will lead a tree identification walk at 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 29, through the woods of Cohasset's Holly Hill Farm.

The guided hour-and-a half walk, which starts in front of the Main Barn at 236 Jerusalem Road, will follow the trails and paths that traverse the farm's 140 acres of woods and fields. The farm features diverse habitats, including a salt mash, uplands, ledges and rock outcroppings, brooks, ponds, a wetland and swampy areas, which supports numerous varieties of trees in various stages of development. Besides its natural groves of American Holly, from which the farm receives its name, the woods are host to numerous varieties of oaks, maples, white pine, ash, shagbark hickory, black walnut, red cedar, beech, hornbeam, birches, tupelo and many more.

By taking a closer look at the leaves, twigs and bark, the tour leader will provide useful hints on to how to identify the various specimens and will also disclose how various trees are related to underlying soils and ground elevations.

Phil, who has been working as consulting forester throughout southeastern Massachusetts since 1978, is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire with a bachelor's degree in Forest Resources and is recognized as a Certified Forester by the Society of American Foresters.

"We are lucky to have Phil as leader of this program," notes Frank White, chairman of the board of the Friends of Holly Hill Farm, the non-profit organization sponsoring the tour. "Phil is uniquely qualified as he knows the woods well. In 1995 he conducted a survey of woods as part of a forest management plan the farm submitted to the Federal Government. Besides, his enthusiasm for the beauty of these woods is catching, as program participants will quickly discover!"

To register for the program, which is open to families, call the Friends of Holly Hill Farm Education Director Jon Belber at 781-383-1455. The walk is free to Friends of Holly Hill Farm members and $5 for nonmembers.

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Gymnastics and sports classes at SSCC

There are still openings in the following classes at the South Shore Community Center under the direction of Director Ruthann Ardizzoni. The Community Center and Ruthann Ardizzoni are celebrating their 30th year.

Sports for Kids for boys and girls age 4 to 6. Mondays: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays: 3 to 3:45 p.m. Thursdays: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Gym Explorers for boys and girls age 4 to 6. Mondays: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays: 2 to 3 p.m. Fridays: 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

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Sports for Kids for boys and girls ages 5 to 10. Fridays 3:15 to 4 p.m.

Holiday One Day Gymnastics/Sports and More Camp for boys and girls ages 4 to 10, Dec. 27, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Enjoy gymnastics, sports, bowling, crafts, gym demonstration, Magic Show and more. Limited sign up.

Call the SSCC at 781-383-0088 for information.

Drama Kids classes available

Drama Kids is offering after-school classes for children ages 3 through 12. The Drama Kids program focuses on developing children's verbal abilities while enhancing creativity, social confidence and building self esteem. Classes take place at locations in Scituate, Cohasset and Hingham.

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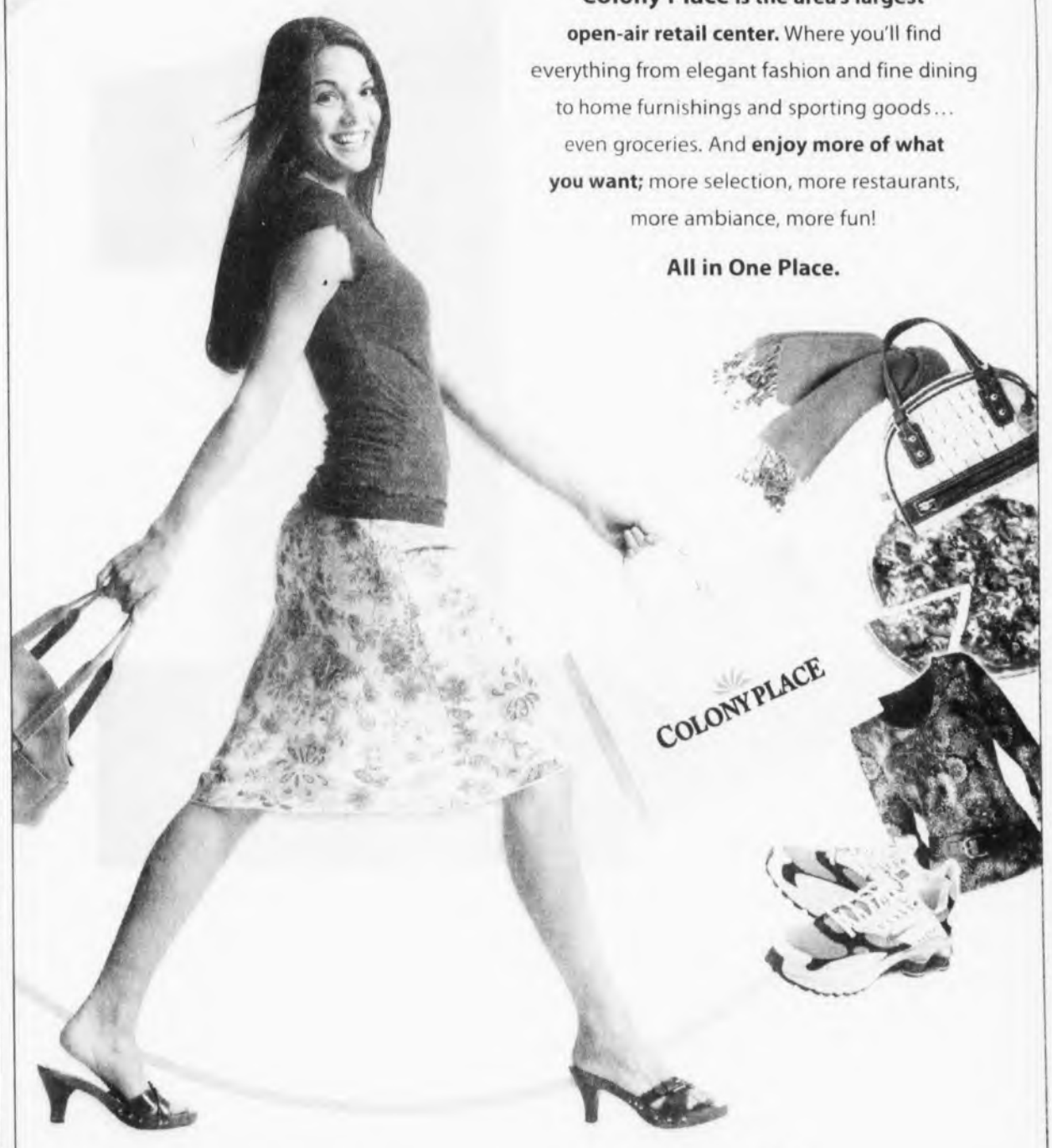
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Kitchen Kids Workshops – Freakish Feasts, Saturday, Oct. 27, from 1 to 3 p.m., for grades one through four. Make freakish **Halloween treats** to delight even the most tempestuous eaters. **Gingerbread Fun,** Saturday, Nov. 10, from 1 to 3 p.m. For grades one through four. Get ready to decorate for the holiday season with a creation made from hand-made gingerbread. **Cookies Around the World,** Saturday, Dec. 8, from 1 to 3 p.m. For grades one through four. Attendees will make cookies and treats from different nations and learn that sweets taste great everywhere.

Birthday Parties – Our World offers many different ways to celebrate a child's birthday party at the museum. Our World can host a child's birthday party that includes an experienced instructor who will set up the room with provided decorations, lead several hands-on activities and clean everything up at the end. Or rent museum space and throw a party. Full use of the kitchen, function room and the Biodiversity 911 Exhibit offered. Call the museum at 781-383-3198 for more information.

Have a **Kitchen Kids birthday party** at Our World. Kitchen Kids provides everything from the meal to the cake to the party favors. Guests prepare a meal, chosen by the birthday kid, decorate their birthday cupcake and leave with an apron or chef's hat as a party favor. Contact Kitchen Kids for more information at kitchenkidscook@yahoo.com.

Vocal-Motion Musical Princess and Prince Parties at Our World. Don't just hire another pretty princess for a child's party. Each prince and princess will receive a special gift to take home. For information contact Sharon directly at vocal-motion.com or call 781-383-3145.

Alphabet Immersion Fun – 12 weeks. Cost is $102 for members, $120, non–members. Using the letters of the day, children will immerse themselves in alphabet specific games and activities including Alphabet Role-Play, ABC Bingo, Alphabet Noises and letter-specific crafts. Children ages 3 through 6 can have fun playing with new friends while learning the alphabet. Meets Wednesday or Thursday, 9:15 to 10:05 a.m., or Wednesday or Thursday from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m.

Registration for classes can be made by phone, mail or in person at Our World. Enrollment is limited. Membership discount is 15 percent per course. Membership dues may be paid at the time of registration. Make checks payable to Our World CGDM. Drop applications at Our World or mail them to Our World, P.O. Box 422, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Care to join Our World? For information, visit the Web site at ourworldcgdm.org, call 781-383-3198 or visit in person at 100 Sohier St., Cohasset, behind Cohasset Public Library.

It's Happening

Annual Bark 'n Howl Ball Fundraiser

Join WATD's news diva Christine James and the hard-working 3A Farm Fund volunteers from 7 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Oct. 27, at the third annual Bark 'n Howl Ball that will rock the rafters at the Hatherly Country Club in Scituate. The annual ball is the highlight of the fall season and the popular local band, Section 8, promises to keep you hopping. James, a faithful longtime supporter of the shelter, will be welcomed back for her third stint as the master of ceremonies.

Tickets are $50 each and are available at the Scituate Animal Shelter on the Driftway. The Bark 'n Howl Ball is a fun evening with great food, music and dancing, live and silent auction prizes and all proceeds help the Scituate Animal Shelter relocate from the Driftway to the 3A Farm.

The land at the 3A Farm where the new shelter will be built has been purchased, but fundraising efforts continue to pay down the mortgage received from Rockland Trust. As of May, 2007, the capital campaign met the initial goal of $800,000 in gifts and pledges. The group now needs to sell a one-acre lot and raise another $180,000 to complete the project. Thanks to a generous donation of architectural services from Artisan Architecture, the shelter design is nearly complete.

"We're almost there" is the group's motto; and the Friends of the Scituate Animal Shelter are very close to realizing this wonderful gift to pets in need and residents of the South Shore.

For more information and to follow the progress of the relocation, visit www.town.scituate.ma.us/animalshelter, www.3afarm fund.com, or call the shelter at 781-545-8703, between 3 and 5 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturdays.

Coffee with the authors

Buttonwood Books and Toys will host a coffee with the authors from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the Atlantica Restaurant on Cohasset Harbor. This event will feature three authors, John Elder Robison, Leah Hager Cohen, and Michael C. White.

John Elder Robison will discuss "Look Me in the Life: My Life with Asperger's," his memoir that describes his own incredible journey from a tumultuous childhood through a dark adolescence to adulthood, with Asperger's. Robison is a keen storyteller, and is the elder brother of Augusten Burroughs, the author of "Running with Scissors."

Leah Hager Cohen has written successfully in fiction and nonfiction. Her latest work is fiction, but the feelings and relationships she describes are painfully real. "House Lights," set mostly in Boston and Cambridge, is a poignant account of a tight-knit family whose perfect world is abruptly changed. Cohen beautifully captures the invisible threads that bind people together.

Michael C. White emphasizes the complexity of character in his new book, "Soul Catcher." A Civil War-era novel, it is a story about a man whose talent is tracking and finding prey, particularly slaves. However, like many people there is more to the bounty hunter than his public persona. White's story is imaginative and provocative.

Reservations and tickets are required. Tickets cost $15 and may be picked up at Buttonwood or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope with your check to Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, MA. 02025. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to reserve or order a signed copy if unable to attend.

South Coastal Demolay to host yard sale

South Coastal Demolay is hosting a fundraising yard sale at Satuit Masonic Temple, Country Way, Scituate, starting at 9 a.m., on Saturday, Oct. 13.

DeMolay opens doors for young men ages 12 through 21 by developing the civic awareness, personal responsibility and leadership skills needed in society today. DeMolay combines this mission with a fun approach that builds bonds of friendship among members in more than 1,000 chapters worldwide. South Coastal Demolay serves Hingham, Cohasset, Norwell, Hanover, Scituate, Marshfield, Kingston, Duxbury and Plymouth.

Anyone who has items to donate or would like more information about Demolay can call Brad Spear at 508-759-5157 or Ed Parsons at 781-837-1006.

Inly Arts Festival scheduled for Sept. 30

Uniquely American in the Arts is the theme of this year's Inly Arts Festival, an interactive community event to celebrate the arts and the value of arts education. Music, dance, theater, technology, art and architecture will be featured in workshops, hands-on projects and live performances from 1 to 4 p.m., on Sunday, Sept. 30, at Inly School, 46 Watch Hill Dr., off Route 123, Scituate. Visit inlyartsfestival.com for more information.

Highlights include modern dance workshops by Boston Ballet; live zydeco music by The Rejuvenators; live jazz by the Cohasset High School Jazz Combo; interactive theater by South Shore Vocational Technical High School's drama club; an exhibit of original serigraphs by artist Corita Kent, along with paint-your-own miniature Boston Gas tanks; a collaborative geodesic dome-building project to honor architect/engineer Buckminster Fuller; larger-than-life puppets from the Boston Puppeteers Cooperative; interactive theater and green-screen technology; and hands-on art activities exploring styles of Jackson Pollock, Jasper Johns, Alexander Calder and other American greats.

The admission price of $10 per person, $40 maximum per family, covers all activities. Food will be available for purchase. The annual Inly Arts Festival is not a fundraiser; rather it is a community event designed to celebrate the arts and the value of arts education. This year, Inly Arts Festival is sponsored in part by Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation and the Marshfield Cultural Council, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

American Legion to host golf tournament

American Legion Post 118, will host a golf tournament, Monday Oct. 1, at Hatherly Country Club, with a shotgun start at noon. The cost is $150 per person and includes a round of golf, use of cart and dinner. Checks should be made out to George H Mealy Post 118 and mailed to American Legion Post 118, Attention: Larry Sousa, P. O. Box 118, Cohasset MA. 02025;





Senior Scene



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Delores Roy and Angie Kelly get some hot chowder from Tina Watson that they will pass out to hungry seniors during the end-of-summer picnic with a Wild West theme. The event was sponsored by the Council on Elder Affairs.

Driving skills program is Oct. 3

Wednesday, Oct. 3, 11 a.m. to noon

Diana Imondi Dias from AAA will present an interactive program called **Roadwise Review: A Self-Assessment of Driving Skills.** All drivers 55 and older are invited to come and then join us for a gourmet lunch. ($2.50 donation) 781-383-9112.

Wednesday, Oct. 10, 17 and 24, 11 to noon.

South Shore Elder Services and Cohasset Elder Affairs will host a **Planning for the Future Luncheon Series** at Cohasset Elder Affairs, 3 North Main St., Cohasset. The dates and topics are: Oct. 10, **Moving Out of the Home**; Oct. 17, **Staying in the Home with Help**; Oct. 24, **Holiday Planning**. A Gourmet Lunch will be served from noon to 1 p.m. $2.50 donation) Call 781-383-9112 for reservations.

All drivers 55 and older are invited to come and then join us for a gourmet lunch.

EVENTS

Tuesday, Oct. 9 at 11 a.m.

Arrive at St. Anthony's for an **Ecumenical Celebration of Life** for all loved family members and friends who have died. If you would like a person's name read, submit name to Cohasset Elder Affairs. Following the service, Anna's Gourmet Cooking Club will serve lunch in St. Anthony's Parish Hall.

Thursday, Oct. 18, at 9 a.m.

Departure from St. Anthony's parking lot for **The Hobo Turkey Train Ride**. The Dinner Turkey Train travels along the shoreline of Lake Winnipesauke while a dinner is served by Hart's Turkey Farm. Handicapped access at Meredith. Each table seats four. Cost: $59. Call 781-383-9112 for reservations.

Midnight Blue Dance for students

Cohasset Recreation to offer fall programs — Fall is here, and Cohasset Recreation Department is offering a variety of classes and programs for all ages. Mr. Dykas Gymfit classes, science and nature programs, Drama Kids, Art Time Fun, music for young children and more will be offered.

For information or to register for any of the classes, call Cohasset Recreation Department at 781-383-4109 or visit the Web site at onecreativeplace.net.

Teen Dance — Cohasset Youth Resources will host a Midnight Blue Dance for students in grades six through eight at the Teen Center from 7 to 10 p.m., on Friday, Sept. 28.

There will be a door charge of $5 per person and snacks and refreshments will be sold.

Dance with Caroline — The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that Caroline Carr will offer three different six-week sessions of dance this fall at Midnight Blue, the teen center. Classes will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m., Mondays, for children ages 5 to 7; from 3 to 4:30 p.m., Tuesdays, for 8 through 12, and from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Tuesdays, for 13 and over starting Oct. 15 and 16 and running through Nov. 19 and 20.

The fee for the six-week session is $85. More information and registrations will be available next week. Registrations will be held in the Cohasset Recreation Department office at Town Hall.

Lightkeeper's Boutique is Nov. 1

The Lightkeepers Autumn Boutique will be held from 6 to 9 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 1, featuring wine tasting and informal modeling of the hottest new fall and holiday fashions. Shop for unique gifts, many handcrafted by local artisans. Open to all, complimentary admission. Sponsored by DFV Wines, Jodi DiNatale, Magpie Rings, Mollycoddle, Paperscapes, Ports and Company, The Pink Poppy, Tucker O'Day, and more.

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Art Notes



"A Scrap of Cloth" digital monotype by Dorothy Simpson Krause of Marshfield.

'Women Who Travel' panel discussion Oct. 14

An extraordinary exhibition of the work of six artists, "Women Who Travel," will be held through Sunday, Oct. 28, at the South Shore Art Center. The exhibition includes the latest work by Nancy Cusack, Susan Gallagher, Joan Hausrath, Viola Käumlen, Dorothy Simpson Krause, and Esther Maschio. In addition a "Women Who Travel" panel discussion will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 14.

Exhibit organizer, Esther Maschio, states the show "will consider a variety of 21st century practices in printmaking and related media from traditional forms to the highly experimental. Cross disciplines will include book arts, digital technology, writing, and photography."

"Drawing and writing practices intersect in my work," states Nancy Cusack, professor of art at Mass Art, "as visual essays, they offer multiple layers and conclusions, inviting questions about content as well as process and materials."

Nancy Cusack has designed and led international cultural experiences in Latin America and Europe for more than two decades. Susan Gallagher, a photographer from Scituate, has traveled extensively including Great Britain, Turkey and Cuba. Joan Hausrath adapts the landscapes from her travels for the imagery in her art, primarily prints. Using journaling, Joan layers images one over another building a complex collection of marks and textures.

Viola Käumlen spends summers in Marshfield, travels widely, and lives in the Engadine Valley in Switzerland. She uses various cameras in her artist books, photo series and editions. Viola is constantly looking for new ways to share her work and ideas through intense collaborations with fellow artists. Dorothy Simpson Krause is a painter by training and a collage maker by nature. Since being introduced to computers in the late 1960's, she has pioneered the combining of traditional and digital media.

Esther Maschio is a longtime South Shore Art Center faculty member who teaches a variety of printmaking techniques. Her work is inspired by trips to Italy to study printmaking.

South Shore Art Center gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday and from noon to 4 p.m., Sunday.

For more information, visit www.ssac.org, email shannan@ssac.org, or call 781-383-2787.

Arts Walk is Oct. 21

Save the Date! The 2nd annual Hingham Arts Walk, Sunday Oct. 21 from noon to 5p.m., celebrates the rich history of artists living and working within walking distance of historic downtown Hingham. The walk, organized by the Hingham Downtown Association together with the Hingham Cultural Council and several local artists, civic groups and business owners, features the open studios of several downtown artists. In addition to meeting artists in their studios, visitors can stroll through Hingham's historic architecture, meet artists at special exhibits in shops and other spaces, see arts demonstrations, sample harvest treats, mingle with neighbors and enjoy live music outdoors. For more information about participating in this free event, contact info@discoverhingham.com

Art Appraisal Day

South Street Gallery in Hingham will offer its Art Appraisal Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 29.

Hingham resident Arthur Garrity, a professional fine art appraiser, will offer verbal appraisals at the gallery at 149 South St.. Etchings, prints or original oil or watercolor paintings may be submitted for review. There is a fee of $10 per appraisal, or $25 for three appraisals, with all of the proceeds being donated to Hingham Historical Society. Garrity said, "In the past, artwork has always been a hedge against inflation. Many wealthy families that once lost their fortunes during the Depression, for example, but held on to their art collections, were able to rebound by selling their artwork years later."

South Street Gallery, which is the outgrowth of a 40-year family business, offers fine art and framing. Gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday. For more information, call 781-749-0430 or visit southstreetgallery.com.

Art from the Heart

Arc of the South Shore announces it will once again host Art from the Heart Art Show and Wine Tasting. Presented by South Shore Co-operative Bank, the event will spotlight the artistic talents of children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It will take place from 5 to 8 p.m., on Oct. 13, at Thayer Academy, 745 Washington St., Braintree.

In honor of this upcoming event, Arc of the South Shore and local libraries, including the Hingham Public Library, have teamed up to promote the event and educate the public on services provided by Arc artists' during September. For more information, call Claudia Cuscianna at 781-413-2230 or email ccuscianna@arcsouthshore.org.





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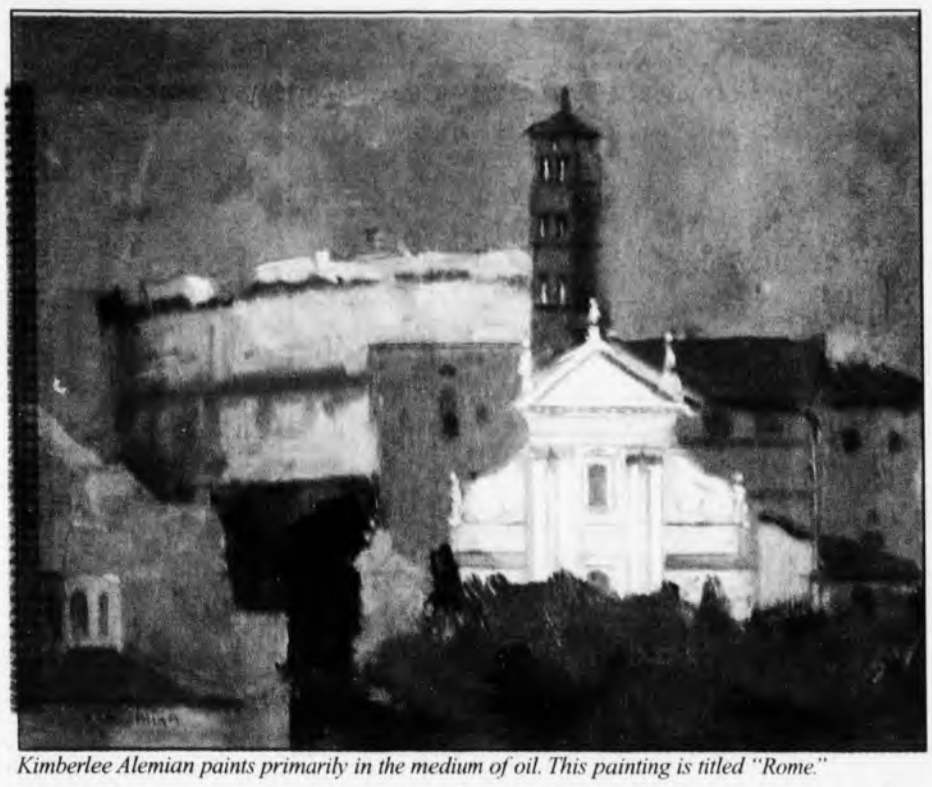
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Kimberlee Alemian paints primarily in the medium of oil. This painting is titled "Rome."

Cohasset artists share their travels

This exhibition is born of extensive travels to Italy and France and includes images reaching from Venice, Florence, Rome, Tuscany, Paris, Provence, Giverney, and the French Riviera.

"On the Road — Italy & France," an exhibition of paintings and photographs by **Kimberlee and Richard Alemian** of Cohasset, will open at the Dolphin Gallery in the Hingham Public Library on Leavitt Street with a reception from 5:30–7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 4.

This exhibition is born of extensive travels to Italy and France and includes images reaching from Venice, Florence, Rome, Tuscany, Paris, Provence, Giverney, and the French Riviera.

In creating her oil paintings, Kim uses journaling, sketches, color notations and scraps to bring back the experience in her studio. If time and opportunity present itself, she uses her oils or watercolor to render quick sketches of her subject. Richard brings together natural and architectural elements and the rich colors of place to capture his images.

"I am drawn to the color and finishes that time has left on the ancient architecture and old cobbled roads", says Kim. Both artists are intrigued by other cultures. They appreciate the quality of the wines and cuisine, the quality of the art and the rich histories of Italy and France. They will walk miles to seek out the perfect shot. Richard describes his travels as "Seeing everything through the lens of my camera."

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Richard Alemian is intrigued with colors, shapes and angles as shown in "Parc du Marche."

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Tennis Rally for a Cure at Black Rock Country Club

Forty women, including several from Cohasset, came out for the first Rally for a Cure Tennis Tournament Sept. 13 at Black Rock Country Club.

This was the first year that Rally for a Cure, which benefits the Susan G. Komen Foundation, branched out from golf into tennis tournaments. The women dressed in various shades of pink came out to support the foundation and serve up some great tennis.

The event raised $5,000 for the Susan G. Komen Foundation for a Cure, a great start for what will become an annual event at Black Rock Country Club.



Marjorie Mannix, Soozen Tribuna, Liz Ringler, Patty Ringler, Patty Demarco, Linda Karoff, Kim Doulas and Sheri Weber.

Kneeling: *Soon-Ae Bushing, Anne Marie Mulieri.* ***Standing****: Deneen Chiparri, Christie Johannes, Erika Cusak, Deb Sullivan, Gretchen Bates, Jen Chamberlain, Whitney Prescutti, Elyse Ryan, Denise Teixeira and Kelly Truchan.*



Romp for Research is Sunday Oct. 7

The public is welcome to Heal! good dog's first Romp for Research, to benefit Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Jimmy Fund, Sunday, Oct. 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Wompatuck State Park Visitor's Center, Union Street, Hingham. Rain date is Oct. 14.

Bring pups for a romp-around-the-park and help raise money and awareness for cancer research. Events will include: organized dog walks around the park, raffle prizes, vendor booths, merchandise for sale, gourmet dog treats, music, refreshments and more.

To register, visit Healgooddog.com. People can make individual donations before the event; minimum of $25 per person or $50 per family. Sponsor pledge forms are also available online. Checks should be made payable to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute/Jimmy Fund, with Romp for Research in the memo section. Prizes will be awarded to the top three fundraisers. Quantities are limited and on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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Obituary

Donald E. Harrold

Insurance salesman for New York Life

Donald E. Harrold, 67, of Cohasset and St. Petersburg, Fla., died Sept. 22, 2007, in St. Petersburg after a brief illness.

Born and raised in Bryan, Ohio, Mr. Harrold moved to Cohasset while in his early 20s. He worked for many years as an insurance salesman for New York Life in the Boston office.

Mr. Harrold was a member of the Konohassett Masonic Lodge in Cohasset and enjoyed cooking and gardening.

He leaves his daughters, Heidi Bulu and Katrina Hess, both of St. Petersburg, Fla.; and his brothers, David Harrold of Cohocton, N.Y., and Dean Harrold of Cohasset.

A private memorial service and interment will be held in Bryan, Ohio. Arrangements by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Memorial donations may be made to Konohassett Masonic Lodge, 7 Brook St., Cohasset, MA 02025.

Worship Notes

CIA is focus of Inter-Religious lecture

Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull St., Hingham, will present "Listening to Other Voices: Prophets of Compassion: Who Cares?" as part of their Inter-Religious Lecture Series, at 7:15 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 11, in the Glastonbury Conference Center.

Lloyd D. Salvetti will present a lecture on the CIA. "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth will set you free," is the CIA motto engraved into the marble on its Langley, Virginia headquarters, which is meant to show that the agency was created and exists to provide truth to our nation's leaders. What happened to that sense of purpose and does it still exist? What about the CIA and U.S. military engaging in activities which many view as contrary to core American values and universal ethical and moral principles? Where does compassion for others and a moral and ethical obligation fit into the mix?

A CIA officer for 32 years, Lloyd, who is now retired, will speak of his personal experiences, doubts, conflicts and the obligation of CIA officers to truth and truth telling. Mr. Salvetti served on the staff of the Sept. 11 Commission and presently is a consultant to the U.S. government and U.S. and foreign defense firms.

Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 781-749-2155. Although the lecture is free, donations will be gratefully accepted.

Celebrate Oktoberfest Saturday and Sunday

The only good thing about summer coming to an end is that the House of Prayer's Oktoberfest is right around the corner. The House of Prayer Lutheran Church will celebrate its 22nd annual Oktoberfest on the church lawn at 916 Main St., from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 29 and from noon to 4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 30.

King Ludwig's Bavarian Band, colorfully dressed in their traditional Lederhosen, will once again provide their lively music for listening and dancing. Admission and parking is free.

Authentic German food and beverages will be available all day at reasonable prices. A variety of German sausages, potato salad, sauerkraut, hot dogs, and chicken fingers, donated by the Smokehouse in Norwell, will again grace the serving line tables, and Boston Brewery has brewed and donated the Sam Adams Oktoberfest beer. Soft drinks, wine and pretzels, as well as Linzentortes, Black Forest cakes, apple strudel and other treats will also be available. Members of the House of Prayer have prepared an assortment of homemade goodies, which can be purchased at the Bake Table along with the "Cooks in the House of Prayer" cookbook.

Activities include a raffle, silent auction and a children's corner with crafts, games, and face painting. In addition, local craft vendors will be selling their wares in the Fellowship Hall and the foyer of the church.

More than 80 percent of the proceeds will go to agencies that help those in need as part of House of Prayer's outreach program. Those agencies include Lutheran World Missions, Habitat for Humanity, the Hingham Food Pantry, Wellspring Multi-Service Center in Hull, Lutheran Social Services and the Martha Mary Learning Center in Hingham.

Founded in 1964, the House of Prayer Lutheran Church is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. The church offers Sunday Worship Service, with nursery services, at 9:30 a.m., and a Contemporary Worship Service at 4:30 p.m. each Saturday. Sunday school is held at 10:45 a.m., from September to June. The church is handicapped-accessible.

Celebrate Simchat Torah on Oct. 4

Join Congregation Sha'aray Shalom as it celebrates the giving of the Torah with singing and dancing with Boston bandleaders Bill and Bo Winiker at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 4.

For more information, call 781-749-8103. Congregation Sha'aray Shalom is at 1112 Main St., Hingham.

Violin, piano concert at St. Stephen's

As the first program of this year's concert series, St. Stephen's Church is pleased to present violinist Sargis Karapetyan and his wife, Nune Hakobyan in concert on Sunday, Sept. 30, at 3 p.m.

Karapetyan received his training in Armenia at the Komitas State University and is currently concert-master of the Nashua Symphony. He not only teaches at Clark University, but is also an instructor for Conservatory Teaching in Your Community. Nune Hakobyan also earned her master's degree in piano performance from Komitas, and is now organist at St. James Armenian Church in Watertown, Mass. She is also pianist with the Nashua Symphony. The concert will be introduced by David Baker, Director of Music at St. Stephen's, and a reception will follow the program.



Sargis Karapetyan and Nune Hakobyan.

The church at 16 Highland Ave. is handicap accessible, and plenty of parking is available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information, please call 781.383.1083.

Worship

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: To be determined. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Sept. 30.

10 a.m. - Worship in the Meeting House

Sermon: "Happy Birthday, Dear Rumi"

Religious education classes for our children and youth and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 a.m. in the Parish House.

All are invited for refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall directly after this morning's worship service and RE classes.

11:30 a.m. – Green Sanctuary Task Force – Atkinson Room

11:30 a.m. – RE Committee for Children & Youth – Minister's Study

The community is invited to:

An evening with Tuskegee Airmen, including First Parish member and Cohasset resident, Jack Bryant.

When? Friday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Parish House, 23 North Main St.

What? "Courage Knows No Color: The Story of the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II

Dinner? A Lasagna Dinner and Beverages

The cost? A cover charge of $10/person or $20/family will support the Tuskegee Airmen's Scholarship Fund. Purchase your tickets in advance from Woody Chittick (wchittick@comcast.net).

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church invites families and residents to join us this fall. We are a welcoming, Christian community dedicated to caring for our communities, both near and across the world. Highlights of our parish life include this fall:

- "Godly Play" Christian education for children ages three through grade 5. Our church school begins this Sunday, Sept. 16th.
- Jr. High and High School youth groups , adult education, Bible study, book group
- Outreach to the hungry, homeless and those in prison
- Monthly luncheon for seniors
- Fellowship and fun; music
- Environmental ministry; weekly yoga and meditation group

This week at St. Stephen's:

- Sunday, Sept. 30: Church school at 10 am. Services at 8 and 10 a.m.
- Monday, Oct. 1: 4 pm Christian meditation
- Wednesday, Oct. 3: 9:30 am Healing Eucharist; 10:30 am Bible Study
- Friday, Oct. 5: 9:30 a.m. Yoga
- Saturday, Oct. 6: 7:00 a.m. Bible Fellowship
- Sunday, Oct. 7: Services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. St. Francis feast day celebration with Blessing of the Pets

To contact us:

Visit our website at: www.ststephenscohasset.org

Stop by at 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset (We are the church "on the rock." Enter during the week at office around back.)

Call us: 781-383-1083

Email: Colette Wood, interim assistant: cwood@ststephenscohasset.org

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday, Sept. 28, Sukkot Services at 7:30 p.m. Pizza in the Hut 6:30 p.m. prior to Sukkot services. Wednesday, Oct. 3, Simchat Torah Service at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, Yizkor Service 10:30 a.m. For reservations and more information call or office at 781-749-8103.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens, weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. -3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.

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Notice is hereby given that the Town of Cohasset has issued a request for qualifications for professional engineering services to develop a conceptual, phased, town wide drainage master plan. A copy of the RFQ may be obtained at the Town Manager's Office, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025 or by e-mail at wgriffin@townofcohasset.org. The deadline to submit a response to the RFQ is Friday, October 12, 2007 at 12:00 Noon at the above address.

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LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 07P2150EP

In the Estate of HELEN K. ANDREWS
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death May 8, 2007

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons Interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that SUSAN A. O'BRIEN of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **OCTOBER 17, 2007.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, September 7, 2007.

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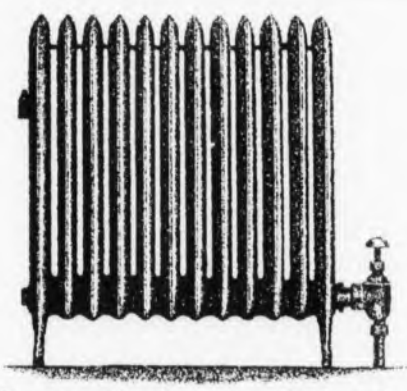
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Business Notes

George Marlette opens Cohasset office

Attorney George Lane Marlette, a longtime Cohasset resident, Cohasset Town Moderator for more than a decade, former member of the School Facilities Committee and past chairman of the Board of Registrars, has opened a branch law office at 9 Brook St., Cohasset Village. Marlette, a graduate of Derby Academy in Hingham and Holderness School in Plymouth, N.H., received his bachelor of arts degree from Gettysburg College and his juris doctor degree, cum laude, from New England School of Law in Boston, where he was elected to Law Review and named a New England Scholar.

Marlette operates a general practice with concentration in domestic relations, estate planning, real estate and probate matters. He is an experienced domestic relations mediator, and has completed requisite advanced training in compliance with the Probate and Family courts in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Marlette is a member of Plymouth County Bar Association, Massachusetts Council on Family Mediation and National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. He is immediate past president and member of the board of directors of Brockton Visiting Nurse Association, past president of the Rotary Club of Brockton and a leader for the Appalachian Mountain Club.

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— George Lane Marlette

"Many of my fellow Cohasset neighbors have approached me for legal representation, but the Brockton location created logistical concerns for Cohasset clients," said Marlette. "I have resided in Cohasset since 1973, and decided it was time to establish a law office in my hometown to better serve my many Cohasset clients. My Brockton office will remain fully staffed and operational as well."

Serving of Counsel to the Law Offices of George Lane Marlette will be attorney and former law professor Bruce G. McNeill. McNeill received his bachelor's degree from Northeastern University and holds a juris doctor degree from Harvard Law School.

Office hours are by appointment, with limited evening and Saturday appointments available.

O'Keefe joins Ins. office

Sullivan, Garrity & Donnelly Insurance announces the addition of Kerry Sullivan O'Keefe to their Cohasset office. Prior to relocating to Cohasset, O'Keefe worked as a sales manager in the agency's main office in Worcester for six years. O'Keefe is a fully licensed property, casualty, life, accident and health agent, specializing in insuring high value homes and small businesses. She holds her Certified Insurance Counselor designation and a master's degree in business administration from Babson's Olin School of Management. O'Keefe is a 1996 graduate of Holy Cross College.

'Best of Boston' issue

Boston magazine named three Cohasset area businesses among 348 winners in their 34th annual "Best of Boston" issue.

Boston magazine's anonymous judges explored Greater Boston, its suburbs, the Cape and islands and the Berkshires to find the best there is to offer. This year's judges critiqued an array of categories, including best stores, restaurants, services and nightlife. With nearly 150 new categories, "Best of Boston" 2007 features the most award winners ever.

The following Cohasset businesses were named Best of Boston under the South category: Bia Bistro for bistro; Adamo Day Spa for day spa; and Cohasset Jewelers for jewelry.

Fire department has a busy August

During the month of August the Fire Department responded to 194 incidents.

The summary of Fire Department responses during the month: building fires, three; motor vehicle crashes, 10; outside fires, seven; motor vehicle fires, two; medical emergencies, 83; inspections, 33; investigations, 14; automatic fire alarm activations, 14; downed power lines, four; assistance, four; rescues, two; illegal burning, one; lockouts, four; and miscellaneous responses, 13, Chief Robert Silvia said.

Fifty four emergency incidents were reported by 911 telephone: 39 medical emergencies; two building fires; four investigations; three motor vehicle crashes; two fire alarm activations; two rescues; one outside fire; and one motor vehicle fire, Silvia said.

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Mutual aid ambulances were dispatched to nine incidents. They transported seven patients to South Shore Hospital. Five of the seven mutual aid ambulance transports were advanced life support.

There was one motor vehicle crash that required the victim to be transported to the hospital, Silvia said.

Automatic fire alarm activation responses totaled 14 for the month. Accidental activation of the alarm system accounted for five responses and alarm malfunction was the cause of nine responses.

Three response were classified as building fires for the month, one was for malfunctioning electrical equipment, one was fire in a clothes dryer that was contained within the appliance, and one an outside fire that extended to a residence, Silvia said.

Legion seeking donations for those deployed

The George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118 is seeking donations of toiletries and other items for those deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Donations may be dropped off at the Legion Post on Summer Street daily after 3 p.m. or at Pilgrim Cooperative Bank branches on 3A or in the village.

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Eastern Bank will host two, free, first-time homebuyer seminars providing a variety of information on financing from 7 to 9 p.m., on both Wednesday, Oct. 3, and Wednesday, Nov. 7, at Hingham Community Center, 70 South St.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SUNDAY, SEPT. 16

1:47 p.m. **King and Pond streets**, caller reports an alarm at a brown house on the corner has been sounding off for about an hour; officers reports it is a sewer alarm and the proper parties have been notified.

3:05 p.m. **Park Ave.** – Hull, medical aid requested.

6:32 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, erratic motor vehicle operation northbound on Route 3A reported by Scituate police; vehicle described as a black Mercury. Responding officer reports operation of the motor vehicle is ok.

8:48 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

9:02 p.m. **Rose's Lane** – Scituate, medical aid requested; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

9:14 p.m. **Nichols Road**, suspicious activity; caller reports a man in a white shirt spoke to her daughter while she was in the yard and she doesn't know him and thinks the situation was suspicious.

MONDAY, SEPT. 17

1:05 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:06 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:27 a.m. **Elm St.**, well being check, Fire Dept. reports a well being check at above location.

7:02 a.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

11:19 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:03 p.m. **Stagecoach Way**, motor vehicle violations, officer requests a flatbed tow to this location.

12:41 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle violations, officer requests a tow.

12:58 p.m. **North Main St.**, parking complaint, caller reports there are two cars parked on the sidewalk blocking it.

1:13 p.m. **Elm St.**, public service, walk in party would like to speak with an officer.

2 p.m. **Black Horse Lane**, officer wanted, caller reports a possible break-in at the property he is managing. He states the homeowners have been away for several days. Officer reports this is not a break-in. Officers clear.

3:39 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, called into Fire HQ, assistance needed to a private ambulance co. for an out of control patient. E3 reports public assist of elderly patient.

3:45 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, walk in party reports past minor motor vehicle accident in Stop & Shop parking lot. Officer to assist with paperwork exchange. No police report necessary.

4:15 p.m. **Elm St.**, parking complaint, caller reports vehicle parked in front of fire hydrant – for couple of hours – vehicle is blue. Officer reports vehicle has been tagged.

5:33 p.m. **Hull St.**, notification, walk in party reports the gates or light did not work when train was crossing.

6 p.m. Weather: Clear/cool. Temp: 62.2.

8:10 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking complaint, caller reports vehicles parked in No Parking area. Officer tagged 3 vehicles.

8:21 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Bow St.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports vehicle screeching tires – going up and down road. Unknown description of vehicle or direction of travel. Officer reports skid marks on the road.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 18

1:21 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:22 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

6:34 a.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, Fallon Ambulance requests assistance with a patient.

7:16 a.m. **North Main St.**, larceny (report), caller states "things are missing from his father's grave." He will be in the HQ later in the day.

7:22 a.m. **Beechwood St., and King St.**, public service, detail officer reports construction in the middle of the road. Emergency vehicles can't get through.

9:45 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:56 a.m. **Cushing Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, 911 caller reports a male party was just stung by a group of wasps and is now sweating and tingling.

12:39 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, fire, investigation. Contractor at this location reports they have struck a gas line. Fire Capt. reports units tied up at the scene.

1:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.**, disabled motor vehicle, E1 reports he will be out with a South Shore Head Start bus that lost the oil from the engine.

1:33 p.m. **North Main St.**, civil matter, walk in party would like to speak to an officer regarding some items that were stolen from his father's gravesite. This is a civil matter, no report needed.

2:09 p.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:28 p.m. **Elm St.**, larceny (report), walk in party requests an officer for a report of a larceny.

8:30 p.m. **Hull St., and Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:36 p.m. **Bay St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS. Hull FD requesting Rescue 3 from medical aid in their town.

9:57 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:12 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:39 p.m. **Elm St.**, bolo announcement, stolen out of Hull red Ford Explorer. Hull has the male party in custody.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19

1:27 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:27 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

4:02 a.m. **South Main St.**, A&B with dangerous weapon. 911 caller would like to speak to an officer regarding a past assault. Female party is drunk. She is going to her apartment and will speak to an officer later in the a.m.

7:11 a.m. **Norfolk Rd., and Bancroft Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

8 a.m. Weather: Cloudy, calm, 58.

2:01 p.m. **Bound Brook Lane and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:33 p.m. **South Main St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports where they are doing construction and they have an odor of gas, unsure if they hit a line. Keyspan has been notified and are responding.

3:20 p.m. **Doane St.**, larceny, walk in party reports his dirt bike was stolen.

6:11 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, owner called stating that a motor vehicle that went for a test dive a few hours ago and hasn't come back. The customer has returned with the motor vehicle.

6:23 p.m. **Rockland St., Hingham**, animal complaint, calling party stated that his dog is missing. It is a Beagle mix and to call if someone found it.

6:35 p.m. **Doane St.**, investigation. McBrien's has the bike and are coming back to the station.

7:04 p.m. **North Main St.**, vandalism report, walk in party states that her car was hit with a bottle of salad dressing in her driveway. Just wants it logged.

7:28 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, lost property, calling party stated she lost her wallet. It is long and tan. Made by Longshamp.

8:27 p.m. **Spring St., and Cushing Rd.**, property (recovered), officer found a purple Cannondale M500.

9:33 p.m. **Center St.**, Metro-LEC call out.

9:50 p.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, notification, calling party stated that it was too foggy to bring his boat, a 26' Colbalt, back to the Scituate so he left it tied to the lobsterman's pier. He will pick it up on the morning and has left a message with the harbormaster.

10:15 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:44 p.m. **North Main St.**, animal complaint, caller reports her yellow lab is missing.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 20

1:22 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:23 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

7 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7:35 a.m. **South Main St., and Beechwood St.**, public service, detail officer reports Beechwood Street from South Main to the RR tracks is down to 1 lane.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, light breeze, 63.

8:49 a.m. **Elm St.**, parking complaint, motor vehicle blocking, caller reports he would like a vehicle tagged that is blocking a fire hydrant at this location.

10:04 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:16 p.m. **Dean Rd.**, fire, Fire Capt. reports this road is totally impassible due to an open trench.

1:04 p.m. **Chief justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle.

2:06 p.m. **Norfolk Rd., and Short St.**, traffic enforcement.

2:32 p.m. **Stonleigh Rd.**, parking complaint, caller reports he is blocked in his driveway.

2:50 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid.

3:16 p.m. **Ann Vinyl Rd., Scituate**, fire, structure, Scituate Fire requesting an engine for working fire to the scene. Hull engine responding for station coverage for Cohasset HQ.

8:12 p.m. **Arrowwood Rd.**, notification, caller reports there will be work trucks arriving at her home at 7 a.m. and they will be pulling up the driveway, she will be parking her cars in front of the house on the street for the night.

9:36 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, disabled motor vehicle, walk in party reports a vehicle near Sandy Beach with its hazards flashing. Officer spoke with this party he is making a cell phone call.

10:10 p.m. **South Main St.**, assist other Police Department, officers states the above listed party will not answer the door.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 21

1 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

1:02 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, the flashing lights on Atlantic Ave by Sandy Beach are not working. Left message for DPW.

1:19 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:21 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

4:02 a.m. **North Main St.**, fire, brush, caller states "there were kids lighting off fireworks and my have set a fire on the common."

7:10 a.m. **King St., (Dunkin Donuts)**, assist citizen, anonymous caller states "there are many motor vehicles taking the left hand turn, when the sign says "No Left Hand Turn."

7:13 a.m. **King St., (Dunkin Donuts)**, traffic enforcement.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, calm, 65.

9:46 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/no injury.

10:09 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/no injury.

10:26 a.m. **Wood Way**, fire inspections.

11:53 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious activity, party into HQ to speak to detective.

2:26 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, officer wanted, caller reports "a couple boys just went by and moved a branch."

4:37 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, Fire Dept. advised they received a call direct for medical aid.

4:51 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, fight, transported SSH/BLS, 911 caller reports a fight across from this location. Officer requests R3 for a 15-year-old male with a possible fractured wrist. Scituate R1 responding. Officer has 3 juvenile males on board and will be transporting them for identification. Victim will be transported by Scituate R1 and his mother has been notified. Juvenile arrest: Age: 16. Charges: A&B, A&B with dangerous weapon.

5:02 p.m. **North Main St.**, hazard, multiple callers report the train has gone through this intersection and the lights will not stop flashing, cars are starting to cross the tracks anyways. MBTA has been notified. Officers have been notified of the call but are not able to respond at this time. Multiple callers still calling about the lights at this location.

6:37 p.m. **Brewster Rd.**, officer wanted, officer states this is a civil matter and all parties have been advised.

7:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, domestic, investigated/report taken.

7:46 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious person, caller reports there has been a woman stalking him and she is now at his house.

9:09 p.m. **Beach St.**, parking complaint, caller reports two vehicles parked in front of a house about half way down this street that are parked far out into the road.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 22

12:49 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:49 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:26 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, fire, investigation, called into fire HQ, an odor in the house.

10:55 a.m. **James Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

11:32 a.m. **South Main St., and North Main St.**, traffic complaint, walk in party reports a woman who was driving on her bumper.

2 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

2:10 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, school check, windows opened on 2nd floor.

2:39 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, disturbance, caller reports kids throwing rocks at cars.

3:35 p.m. **Hill St.**, disturbance, caller reports there is an intruder in his home. On arrival officer stated that the father of the homeowner's child was at the residence and does not get along well with the caller. He had also left the scene prior to officer's arrival.

5:26 p.m. **Hull St.**, threats (bodily harm), caller reports his son is receiving threats from an ex-girlfriend.

10:17 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, brush, caller report an outside fire in the mulch. E3 reports small area on one of the islands. Fire extinguished.

10:35 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports a suspicious motor vehicle in his driveway. Cruiser reports the motor vehicle belongs to a neighbor who is having his driveway sealed.

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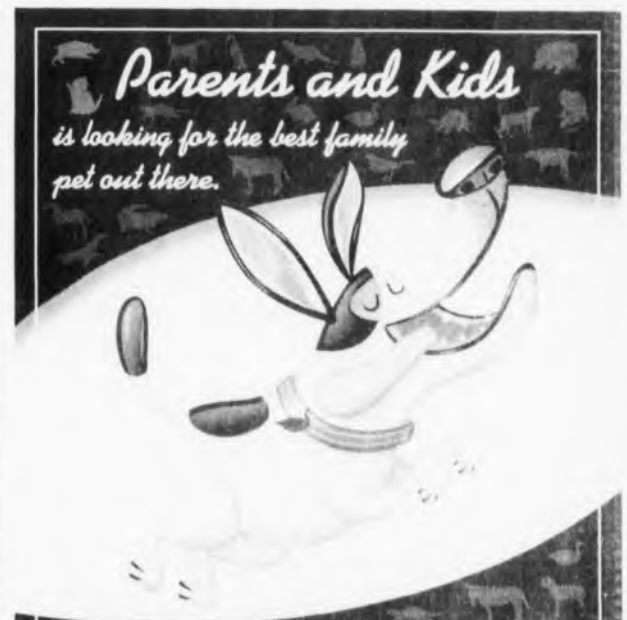
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TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

SEPT. 27 - OCT. 5 2007

Theater reviews

New twists on old classics

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

The first-rate national tour of "Wicked," currently in a sit-down run at Boston's Opera House, and the sprightly pre-Broadway engagement of "Alfred Hitchcock's The 39 Steps," now at the Boston University Theatre, are ushering in the new fall theater season in grand style.

On its second visit to Boston in as many years, "Wicked" is in fine form - a musical spectacular with abundant humor, affecting pathos and real heart. A sold-out smash hit since opening on Broadway four years ago, the Stephen Schwartz musical, with a book by Winnie Holzman, is based on the best-selling novel by Concord's Gregory Maguire that reimagines L. Frank Baum's "The Wizard of Oz" from the witches' perspective before a certain Kansas farm girl turned their lives upside down.

Directed by Joe Mantello with choreography by Wayne Cilento, costumes by Susan Hilferty, and sets by the masterful and always magnificent Eugene Lee — Tony winners all around — the show has dazzle aplenty and enough beautiful costumes and colorful lighting to almost match the Technicolor splendor that made the land of Oz pop so resoundingly in the 1939 feature film "The Wizard of Oz." Like that classic movie, "Wicked" richly details the clash between good and evil and asks its audience to look beneath the surface before making judgments about people and what really motivates them. Elphaba is the awkward, emerald-colored outsider, rejected by her own father, who forms an unlikely boarding school bond with the perky and seemingly always upbeat Glinda. The pair's friendship, while improbable to some, proves enduring as the pair goes from roommates to political and romantic rivals.

As Elphaba, Victoria Matlock exhibits a proper blend of confidence and insecurity and is strong-voiced on "I'm Not that Girl" and "No Good Deed." She also delivers a witch's cackle that is a pitch-perfect tribute to the late Margaret Hamilton, the original Wicked Witch of the West. The story may revolve around Matlock's character, but this touring production all but belongs to Christina DeCicco as the Good Witch of the North. Glinda is a bubbly blonde powerhouse with unwavering enthusiasm for everything she involves herself in and DeCicco brings the character to can't-take-your-eyes-off-of-her life summed up perfectly by act one's "Popular." On act two's "For Good," Matlock and DeCicco prove vocally well-matched and nail one of the power ballads that has helped make "Wicked" a phenomenon seen by 2.7 million people in just over two years on tour.



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Victoria Matlock portrays Elphaba, the Wicked Witch of the West, and Christina DeCicco as Glinda, the Good Witch of the North, in "Wicked" on stage at the Opera House, 539 Washington St., Boston, through Nov. 11.



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Scottish innkeeper Mrs. McGarrigle (Burton, l.) greets Pamela (Ferris) and Hannay (Edwards) with a wink and a nod in the Huntington Theatre Company's pre-Broadway American premiere production of Alfred Hitchcock's "The 39 Steps."

Across town, the Huntington Theatre Company is presenting the American premiere of Alfred Hitchcock's "The 39 Steps," winner of the 2007 Laurence Olivier Award for Best New Comedy for its London production, and en route to a January opening on Broadway. The splendidly comedic — often slapstick — spin on Hitchcock's classic 1935 film of the same name, itself inspired by John Buchan's 1915 novel, features a four-member company taking on well over 100 different roles. Based on an original concept by Simon Corble and Nobby Dimon, adapted for this new production by Patrick Barlow and directed with perfectly controlled abandon by Maria Aitken, "The 39 Steps" brings the suspenseful cinema of Hitchcock to life on stage with high energy and good-natured humor.

As the story opens at a West End performance by Mr. Memory, gunfire rings out and during the ensuing confusion, Richard Hannay - a kind of pre-Ian Fleming James Bond - meets a mysterious femme fatale claiming to be a spy and seeking shelter. When she winds up dead, Hannay is thrust into the middle of a sinister plot to steal military secrets. He runs from the police and secret agents and from London to the Scottish highlands and back again in two acts and 90 minutes of non-stop action that references almost all things Hitchcock including his films like "Strangers on a Train," "Rear Window," Vertigo," "North By Northwest," "Psycho" and "The Birds," and even his propensity for making clever cameos in his own movies.

Charles Edwards, the only cast member to transfer from London, is a dashing, devilish delight as Hannay and Jennifer Ferris is great, too, as the various women in the leading man's life including, of course, a cool blonde that was a Hitchcock staple. Arnie Burton and Cliff Saunders play the rest of the show's many roles - from spies and evil doers to farmers and Scottish innkeepers - and make their multitudinous character and costume changes with impressive speed. What's most amazing and inventive about this production is how the cast acts out everything from windswept chase scenes to high-speed train travel in a series of inspired and brilliantly executed sight gags. The entire production is clever, captivating and great fun to watch, just like the excellent cast that brings it all to vivid life.

"Wicked" will be at the Opera House, 539 Washington Street, Boston, through Nov. 11. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-931-2787 or go online at broadwayacrossamerica.com. Alfred Hitchcock's "The 39 Steps" will be at the Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Avenue, Boston, through Oct. 14. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-266-0800 or go online at huntingtontheatre.org.

Mark your calendar



3RD ANNUAL "MITO-WHAT?" 5K WALK Oct. 6, Nelson Park, Plymouth to benefit the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation (UMDF). Registration begins: 9:30 a.m. Warm-up: 10:45 a.m. Walk: 11 a.m. Family Fun Zone: noon to 3 p.m. (Open to the Public) Online Pre-registration by Oct. 3, **$15 Individual. Event Day Registration Fee: $25 Individual. Children 5 and under are free. All registered walkers will receive five tickets to the fun zone.** Join the UMDF's efforts to become "One Step Closer to a Cure." Registration available online at mitowhat.org, or call 508-224-7165 for information.

THE FIRST ANNUAL ROMP FOR RESEARCH to benefit the Jimmy Fund takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 7 (rain date Oct. 14) at Wampatuck State Park in Hingham. This dog-friendly fundraiser will feature organized dog walks around scenic Wampatuck State Park, vendors, free gourmet doggie treats, music, raffle prizes, food and more. Registration is $25/person (kid's under 12 free). Free event t-shirt to first 100 registrations. You may register at the event or by going online at healgooddog.com *All dogs must be kept on leash while in visitor's center common area.* **Volunteers needed.** If you are interested in volunteering, contact scott@healgooddog.com or call 781-974-7616.

AN AMERICAN ORIGINAL - JACQUELINE BOUVIER KENNEDY ONASSIS Oct. 20, from 7 to 10:30 p.m. North Community Parish House, Marshfield Hills. An evening of theatre with well-known Boston actress, Robin Lane as she portrays one of the most dynamic women in American history, Jackie Kennedy. Evening begins with a champagne reception, raffle items related to the Kennedy's and followed by coffee and deserts. Proceeds benefit Daniel Webster Estate. Call Virginia at 781-837-2403 or Eileen at 781-837-7579 or visit danielwebsterestate.org

MACY'S AND THE FASHION FOCUS MODELING AND FINISHING PROGRAM are sponsoring a fashion show and Model Search on Oct. 13, at 2 p.m. at the Independence Mall in Kingston. The show is to help celebrate Macy's "Shop for a Cause" day. The proceeds from the $5 pass goes directly to local charities and is your ticket into a fun and rewarding day of shopping at Macy's. Events include Story telling by "Big Joe", performances by the Plymouth Philharmonic/Jazz, Kurig Coffee demonstration, Plymouth Children's Art Guild, food samples from many different local restaurants and bakeries, and music provided by Red Hot Entertainment. Directly after the fashion show, Model Club, Inc of Boston will be conducting a Model Search for it's new faces division for print and talent, males and females – all ages. For more details contact Maria Wood at 781-826-0241.

MINDING MANNERS 101: Social Etiquette for Children, Oct. 14 and 21, at Hilton Garden Inn, Plymouth and Nov. 4, Plimoth Plantation, Plymouth. Group A: ages 4-7 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.. Group B: ages 8-12 from 3 to 5 p.m. Price for all three classes is $100. For information call 508-224-4044. To register visit creating marketingresults.com. Portion of proceeds will benefit the Boys & girls Club of Plymouth.

Calendar of events

Thursday, Sept. 27

The Greater Plymouth Lupus Group will be meeting the fourth Thursday of the month at the Kingston Public Library. The next meeting will be Sept. 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. The group will feature a local Rheumatolgist, Dr. Tanya Doan on Oct. 25. For information contact Nicole Peterson at 781-582-8770. No registration is required.

Norwell Sociables Book Club, Sept. 27, **The True Story of Hansel & Gretel**. RSVP to Cindy at 781-659-6847.

The South Shore Women's Business Network (SSWBN) presents **Discover. Attract. Connect**. This one-day event will help professionals discover their strengths, attract perfect customers and connect and build stronger relationships at the Radisson Hotel in Rockland from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 27, and is open to all area businesses. The event price includes three keynote speakers, break-out strategy sessions, breakfast, lunch and printed materials. Cost is $99 for Network members and $110 for non-members. Contact the South Shore Women's Business Network for information or to register at 781-749-8883 or register online at sswbn.org

Yoga at the Country Club of Halifax. This all levels yoga class is currently ongoing at the Country Club of Halifax, on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This class is suitable for all levels - beginners to advanced - and drop-ins are welcome. For information contact Stacey at 617-548-5877 or via email at stacey@letitflowfitness.com.

Fish Tale On the Water, 44 Jericho Road, Scituate, presents **Drift Away** with **J. Place, Joe Micarelli** and **John Litwin,** performing music from the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's.every Thursday at 8:30 p.m. 781-545-4700

The Plymouth Farmers' Market, held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. Sept. 27, **Irish sounds with Susan Lindsay and friends.** For information, contact Barbara Anglin, 508-732-9962.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Sept. 27, **Sweet Melissa** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's open mic** with host band, **Racky Thomas and Matt Stubbs** Sept. 27 at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield Sept. 27, **DJ Ramu** 781-837-6368.

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Perceived Geometries a show of acrylic paintings by Irma Cerese of North Easton, will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, from Oct. 5 to 31, 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information visit jameslibrary.org or call 781-659-7100.

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South Shore Folk Music Club, The Beal House, Route 106, across from First Parish Unitarian Church, Kingston. Oct. 5, 8 p.m. John Gorka. Admission: $18 members; $20 non-members. Handicap accessible, smoke and alcohol free. 781-871-1052 ssfmc.org.

John Gorka.

Friday, Sept. 28

Mono Mono Gift Boutique, 1871A Ocean Street, Marshfield. **Fun fundraiser to benefit** The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Sept. 2. **Family Movie Night** showing two movies, **Cars,** starting at 5 p.m. and **Herbie: Fully Loaded,** starting at 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church Parish House, Ocean Street, Marshfield. Children's admission will be $3 and adult admission will be $5 with all proceeds going directly to the society. There will also be refreshments for sale. Donations can also be made at Mono Mono Boutique.

Down East Dancers Country Dance will be held Sept. 28, at the Taunton Elks Lodge, 119 High St., Taunton. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Couples and Line dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight with DJ and Dance Instructor, Dave Pytka. Potluck snacks, raffle, cash bar. $6. downeastdancers.com 508-680-6736 or 781-925-1170.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its bi-monthly dance from 8 to 11:30 p.m. Sept. 28, with **DJ: DeeDee Rose** at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington Doors open 7:15 p.m. Free dance lesson 7:30 to 8 p.m. Free snacks and coffee, cash bar. Dress to impress. 781-331-0021 southshoresinglesorg

All Seasons Restaurant and Sports Lounge, 327 Plymouth St., Halifax Sept. 28, **Blind Ambition** 781-293-4135.

Run of the Mill Tavern, 6 Spring St., Plymouth. Sept. 28. 9 p.m. until closing, **Tex, Mad Dog & the Cat**. For information, visit nightmuiscco@verizon.net.

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield Sept. 28, **Jeff Navaras Band** 781-837-6368.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Sept. 28, **Mother Focus Band** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Sept. 28 at 9:15 p.m., **The Hivewhackers** No cover. 781-335-9796 visit nextpagecafe.com or myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Sept. 28, **Covered in Funk.** Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: thescanote@aol.com

CALENDAR, see next page

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The Broad Cove Chorale and The Unicorn Singers will perform jazz, oldies, classical, gospel, and broadway, barbershop in Gala Goes Pops Sept. 29, at 8 p.m. and Sept. 30, at 4 p.m. at Norwell's Cushing Center, 345 Main St., Norwell. Bring a picnic to enjoy while listening. Seating is at tables for 10. Call 781-331-4255 for tickets/table reservations.

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JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Friday at 8:30 p.m., **DJ Rick**. 781-849-7007.

Saturday, Sept. 29

Oktoberfest, House of Prayer Lutheran Church, lawn, 916 Main St, Hingham Sept. 29 to 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 30, noon to 4 p.m. King Ludwig's Bavarian Band, Dancing, children's table, authentic German food and beverage, bake table, professional crafters, raffle, silent auction. Benefit to South Shore charities. Free admission and parking.

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The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands are sponsoring a trip to **Thompson Island** on Sept. 29. The boat will depart from the EDIC Pier at noon and return at 5 p.m. The EDIC Pier is on the South Boston waterfront. Tickets will be sold on the day from 11a.m. at the EDIC Pier, first come first served, cash only please. The cost is $19 for adults, $17 for seniors (65+), $15 for FRIENDS members, $14 for children (3 – 12), and babies under 3 go for free (but still need a ticket). For information about FRIENDS activities visit fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

The South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham, will once again offer its **Art Appraisal Day** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 29, Hingham resident **Arthur Garrity**, a professional fine art appraiser, will offer verbal appraisals Etchings, prints or original oil or watercolor paintings may be submitted for review. There is a fee of $10 per appraisal, or $25 for three appraisals, with all of the proceeds being donated to the Hingham Historical Society. For information, call 781-749-0430 or visit southstreetgallery.com

The Dolphin Gallery, located in the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., presents ***On the Road: Italy & France*** with **Kimberlee and Richard Alemian** from Sept. 29 through Oct. 25. The public is invited to an artist reception to be held on Oct. 4, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Dolphin Gallery. Light refreshments will be available. The Dolphin Gallery may be viewed during library hours. For information visit hinghamlibrary.org

South Shore Conservatory presents music from the **Great American Songbook** on Sept. 29, at South Shore Conservatory, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham. The evening begins with cocktails at 7 p.m., followed by a program with Master of Ceremonies Gerald Jones, performances by **Beth Canterbury, Beth MacLeod** and **Stephen Deitz** of the Conservatory faculty, and featuring special guest **Bobby Wetherbee,** a singer and piano player who has gained a loyal following for his Great American Songbook repertoire. Tickets for the September 29 event are $100 per person and may be purchased online at southshoreconservatory.org, or by contacting Laura Carleton at 781-749-7565 ext. 14.Proceeds from the event benefit the William P. Soderberg American Songbook Program.

Presented by the Hingham Newcomer's Club - Jim Armstrong, accompanied by his brother, **Joe Armstrong,** will perform both kids' music and adult contemporary music including James Taylor and the Indigo Girls at the Hingham Bathing Beach from 3 to 5 p.m. Sept. 29. (Rain date Sept. 30). Joining them this year, folk music stars **Anna and Thomas Buckley.** Tickets cost $5/person with a maximum of $20/family. All children under one (1) are free.

Calvary Chapel, 175 Market Street in Rockland, along with Sportspower International, will be holding a free **Basketball clinic and demonstration** Sept. 29, from 1 to 3:30 p.m., featuring former NBA player, **Armon Gilliam**, the second player taken in the 1987 draft who went on to play 13 seasons, **Bruce Crevier,** Guinness Book of World Record holder for spinning 23 balls at one time and has been featured on the Tonight Show, and half-time NBA shows and **Ray Sydnor,** formerly with the Super Bowl Philadelphia Eagles of the NFL. There will be competitions, give-aways from Reebok and autographs along with basketball demonstrations, fun and inspirational words of encouragement from the pros. Ages third grade and up are welcome to attend. For information, call 781/871-6617.

Abigail Adams Historical Society, Abigail Adams Birthplace 180 Norton St., North Weymouth. In celebration of Weymouth Day, a wreath laying at graves of William and Elizabeth Smith (Abigail's parents) will take place Sept. 29 at 9:30 a.m. Meet at birthplace and walk to site in North Weymouth Cemetery, 10 a.m. Birthplace open for tours, at noon $5 per adult/$1 for children under 12.

The Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network's "Walk for Food Allergy: Moving Toward a Cure" Sept. 29. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Walk is 3 miles in Borderland State Park, 259 Massapoag Ave,. Easton/Sharon. Event is to raise money for food allergy research and education. Mike Vrabel, Patriots football player and food allergy awareness advocate will act as Honorary Chair for the Boston-area walk. Joining them in spirit will be the National Honorary Chair, country music star Trace Adkins. Register at foodallergywalk.org or thenatickfloyds@verizon.net. For information visit foodallergywalk.org.

Dance for Hungry Neighbors, sponsored by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and The Abington Food Pantry Knights of Columbus Hall, Hancock St., Abington Sept. 29. Doors open at 7 p.m. Music from 730 to 1130 p.m. Buffet dinner included with admission. Italian Menu, Cash Bar. Tickets $25 per person. Ten person tables available for $225. For information or to purchase tickets. Contact craig@cohassetinsurance.com

King Richard's Faire, a re-creation of the marketplaces of 16th century England, will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 21, and Monday, Columbus Day on Route 58 in Carver. Admission is $25 for adults and $14 for children ages 5 to 12. Children under 5 are admitted for free. Special group rates for 25 or more are available. Parking is free. For further information, call 508-866-2311 or log on to kingrichardsfaire.net.

Run of the Mill, 6 Spring Lane, Plymouth, offers traditional **Irish Seisiun** every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety, from sea chanteys, rebel songs and songs of loss, to jigs, reels and hornpipes, with great craic and sing-along. Admission is free. No cover. Come sing, come play, come listen. Call 508-830-1262.

New England Singles Dances, Moseley on the Charles, 50 Bridge St, Dedham. DJ. Ages 40 and over. Admission: $12. 617-325-4900.

All Seasons Restaurant and Sports Lounge, 327 Plymouth St., Halifax Sept. 29 **Torpedo Ray** 781-293-4135.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke, Sept. 29, **Strange Medicine** 781-829-6999.

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield Sept. 29, **DJ Tommy P**. 781-837-6368.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Sept. 29, at 9:15 p.m., **Memphis Rockabilly.** No cover 781-335-9796 visit nextpagecafe.com or myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. Sept. 29, **6 Foot Sunday**, No cover. 781-849-7007.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Sept. 29 **Toni Lynn Washington.** Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Meet and greet with Raggedy Ann and Andy. Sept. 29 and 30 at Edaville Railroad. Admission is $16 for children ages 2 and over. Children under the age of 2 are admitted free. Parking is free and group rates are available for groups of 15 or more people. For information visit edaville.com.

Sunday, Sept. 30

The Art Complex Museum at Duxbury, 189 Alden St., Duxbury will hold its **final tea ceremony** presentation of the season on Sept. 30, at 2 p.m. Admission is free but seating is limited and available on a first-come basis. An open house to display the innovative artwork of **Kathleen Trestka,** the museum's artist-in-residence, is scheduled immediately following the tea ceremony. In addition, guests may want to view Etch and Sketch, Boxes, Baskets and Buckets, and the Outdoor Sculpture Installation by **George McGoff**, current museum exhibitions 781-934-6634 artcomplex.org

Inly Arts Festival '07: "Uniquely American in the Arts" Jump right into the creative process at this interactive and multi-faceted celebration of the arts. Music, dance, theater, technology, art and architecture are featured in workshops, hands-on projects, and live performances throughout the afternoon on Sept. 30, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Inly School, 46 Watch Hill Drive (off Rte. 123), in Scituate. Visit inlyartsfestival.com for complete information. The admission price of $10 per person ($40 max per family) covers all activities. Sponsored in part by the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation and the Marshfield Cultural Council.

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Sixth annual Model Railroad Show and sale. 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The show will be held at the Taunton Holiday Inn on Myles Standish Boulevard in the Myles Standish Industrial Park in Taunton. Dealers from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Maine will be present. Ntrax will operate an N Gauge Layout during the show. Other operating layouts will be on display as well. Admission is $4 for adults and free for children under 12 and scouts in uniform. Food and beverage will available for sale. Handicap accessible and parking is free. 508-285-3963 or E-mail dingalls@comcast.net.

Annual Raynham Community Pride Day. 1 to 4 p.m. at the Borden Colony Gazebo Park on King Philip Street. The park is located across from the Raynham Lions Club. Will include activities, free hot dogs and soda for everyone. There is no charge but everyone is asked to bring a can or other non perishable food item to be donated to the Raynham Food Basket to help the many needy who rely on them. For information call Kevin or Shirley at 508-823-6354.

Step Out to Fight Diabetes. This new fund-raising walk takes place Sept. 30, in Plymouth at Nelson Beach Park. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the three-mile walk begins at 10 a.m. If you are interested in joining the planning committee, volunteering for day-of event, or walking, contact Laura Flynn at 1-888-DIABETES, Extension 3464 or E-mail Tiffany Nagle at tnagle@diabetes.org.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Dave Foley every Sunday. No cover. 781-335-9796 visit nextpagecafe.com or myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

The Skyline Bar & Grille, 305 Victory Rd. Marina Bay, Quincy, Sept. 30, 8 p.m. to midnight **The New Blue Revue featuring Cassie Buckley and Brad Faucher** 617-471-1453 skylinemarinabay.com

Monday, Oct. 1

The North River Arts Society presents **Faces & Places,** a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery featuring original watercolor paintings by **Wendy Hale**. This show will run from Oct. 1 to Nov. 16. A free opening reception will be held on Oct. 1 from 7 to 9 p.m. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster St., Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email northriverarts@verizon.net

The Scituate Town Library in partner with **The Atlantic Symphony Orchestra** (formerly the Hingham Symphony Orchestra) and **Linden Ponds** in Hingham present its first program of the musical educational series **Insights**, on Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. held in the meeting room of the library at 85 Branch St., Scituate. Tickets $10, available at the door on the evening of the event. For additional information, call the library at 781-545-8727 or consult the library web page www.scituatetownlibrary.org.

Weymouth Art Association artist of the month **Gert Banks** will exhibit her work for the month of October at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-337-8134.

Paul Pratt Memorial Library Gallery, 36 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Through Oct. 31, **Susan Denniston**, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. 781-383-1348.

Tuesday, Oct. 2

Shirat Hayam - adult education session 7 to 8:30 p.m. The title for this one time, free session is "Sukkot: A Happy Holiday" will explore the meaning of Sukkot, and specifically the obligation to be happy on Sukkot. The session will be led by Rabbi Rachel Schoenfeld. Shirat Hayam is located at 185 Plain St. (Marshfield Methodist Church), Marshfield. 781-582-2700, info@shirathayam.net, shirathayam.net

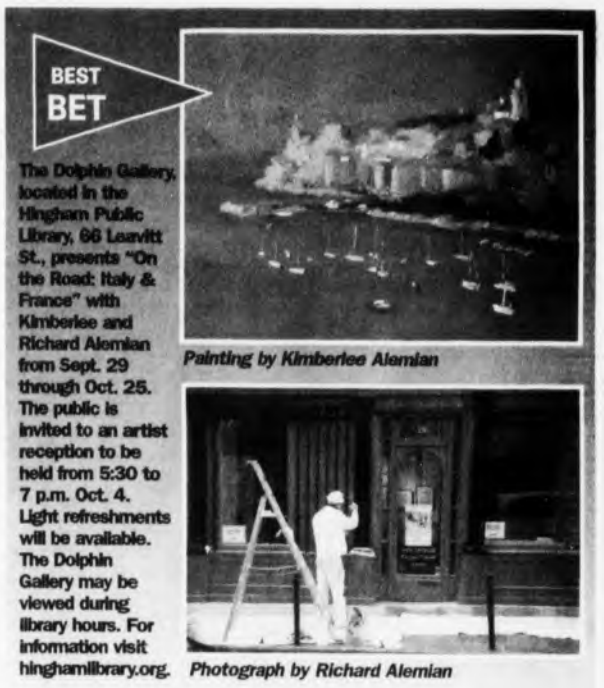
Network4Success Business to Business Networking Group meets the First Thursday of the month at the Plympton Library from 5 to 6 p.m. and the third Thursday of the month at the Halifax Country Club from noon to 1:30 p.m. For meeting info, email info@network4success.org or visit network4success.org.

Braintree Choral Society has begun rehearsals for its winter season at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday nights at Braintree High School. Rehearsals open through September. No audition required. Tenors and Basses are especially welcome.The winter program includes Vivaldi's Gloria and other seasonal works. The chorus is also planning a trip to Braintree, Essex, England in April, to sing with its sister chorus. Join Now and be a part of this event.

Wednesday, Oct. 3

Eastern Bank will host two, free, **first-time homebuyer seminars** providing a variety of information on financing on Oct. 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. and Wednesday, Nov. 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Hingham Community Center, 70 South St., Hingham. For information or to register to attend, call Pat Talbot 781-348-4963.

Wellspring Multi-Service Center is hosting a walking club, led by walking coach, Lori Tobin of SporTobin, Hull. Members of the community are all invited to meet in the bookstore at Wellspring, 814 Nantasket Ave, Hull, on Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. beginning Oct. 3. The cooler weather and glorious autumn air is a perfect time to start a regular exercise plan. Lori promises that participants will be gently encouraged to add a walking routine to their daily schedule and plans to include expert tips on walking, fitness and a post-exercise stretching session. This program is offered free of charge and everyone is invited. For information about the WWC and other Wellspring programs call 781-925-3211 or visit wellspringhull.org



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Painting by Kimberlee Alemian

Photograph by Richard Alemian

Food Allergy Group of The South Shore "Managing Food Allergies at School: Information and Practical Strategies" *Speakers:* Jan Hanson, MA and Shelley Creager, RN, founders of Educating for Food Allergies LLC Join us for an excellent presentation, and a chance to get your questions answered and meet other parents. Jan and Shelly are parents of children with food allergies, and work as advisors to other families and to school systems about safe and appropriate policies and practices. Oct. 3, 7 to 9 p.m. South Shore Hospital, 55 Fogg Rd., So. Weymouth, (For driving directions, see: www.sshosp.org)

Rockland Garden Club Meeting, Oct. 3, at 6:30 p.m. at Rockland Memorial Library, Belmont Street, Rockland. Program: **Invasive Plants by Ron Doyle**, Master Gardeners Speakers Bureau Mass. Horticultural Society. **Guests welcome**. 781-878-8629.

Thursday, Oct. 4

Toastmasters Club, Hanover, The new South Shore Professionals Toastmasters club will meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month beginning October 1. This is a great opportunity to learn about how Toastmasters can help you become a more effective leader and communicator. The meetings will run from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and will be held at the Rockland Trust building, 2036 Washington St.- third floor. Arrive 15 minutes early since we start at 6:00pm sharp. Contact Stacey for information on this meeting at 617-548-5877 or stacey@letitflowfitness.com. For information on Toastmasters visit www.toastmasters.org.

Alzheimer's Care Partner Group: Monthly meeting: **Behaviors Which Concern Us** Oct. 4, John Curtis Free Library, 534 Hanover St., (Route 139) Hanover, 10:30 a.m. Oct. 4. Open to all. Call Penny Peterson, LCSW at 781.659.2691 for information

The Plymouth Farmers' Market, held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. Oct. 4, **Harvest Festival.** For information, contact Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.

Altered Art, the opening reception for a new exhibit hosted by the **Duxbury Art Association** will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., Oct. 4, in the Bengtz & Cutler Galleries at The Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George St., Duxbury. The exhibit runs through Nov. 29. For information, call 781-934-2731, ext. 4 or visit duxburyart.org.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

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Friday, Oct. 5

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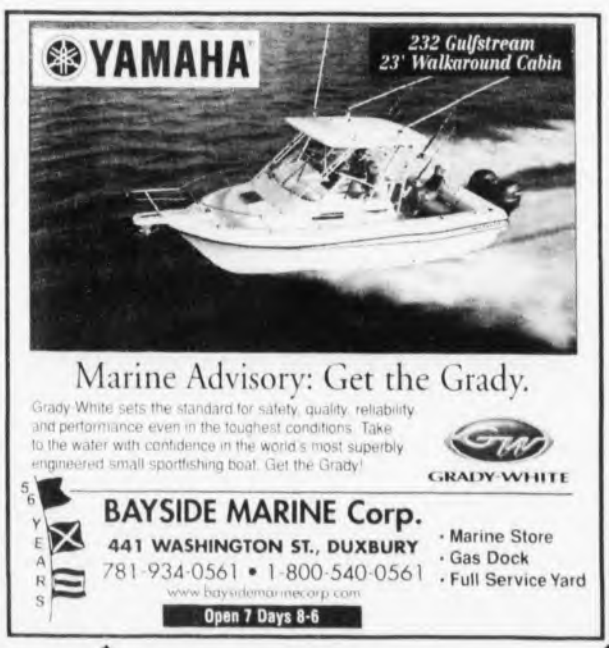


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The North River Arts Society presents Faces & Places, a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery featuring original watercolor paintings by Wendy Hale. This show will run from Oct. 1 to Nov. 16. A free opening reception will be held on Oct. 1 from 7 to 9 p.m. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster St., Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email northriverarts@verizon.net.

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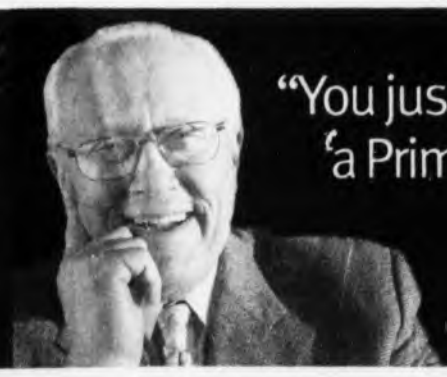
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Head over heels for 30 years

Ardizzoni celebrates milestone at SSCC

By Nancy White
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In 1977, Ruthann Ardizzoni, a then-high school sophomore, was asked by a friend to substitute teach a gymnastics class at the South Shore Community Center. She agreed to do the one-time favor for the friend, but then she started teaching on weekend nights and, well, the rest is history. Now, 30 years later she is the director of the flourishing gymnastics program, which has grown exponentially under her watchful eye.

"I just never left," she says with a laugh, "I never would have thought I'd still be here if you asked me 30 years ago."

But she is still going strong and says she has plenty more years in her yet. This fall, the gymnastics program will teach more than 250 kids, ages three to 18, during the course of any given week. They come from all over the South Shore to tumble, twist, balance and swing.

The program has come a long way in 30 years. When she started there were limited gymnastics equipment and a small space to work in. They made do with what they had, but Ardizzoni says the program got a huge boost when an addition to the Community Center was completed in 1987.

The addition made room for a floor exercise practice area, with a sponge-like floor to replicate the spring-board

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Ruthann Ardizzoni coaches Emily Appleton, 5, on the balance beam at the South Shore Community Center, 3 N. Main St.

TOD plans unfold

Project begins public hearings

By Nancy White
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A new "welcome mat," so to speak, is on the table for the development of a parcel of land at the gateway to Cohasset off of Route 3A. The currently barren five-acre site, adjacent to the MBTA station right over the Hingham line, if approved could transform into a flourishing mixed-use development with restaurants, shops and apartments.

The developer, Connell Cohasset Greenbush LLC, an affiliate of New Jersey-based Connell Real Estate & Development Co., brought forth plans for the town's first — and only — transit oriented overlay district, or TOD, on Wednesday night. Connell is seeking site plan approval and a special permit from the Planning Board; this was the first of several public hearings on the development.

The applicant is proposing a two-story complex with 33,000 square feet of first floor retail/commercial space in

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Honing zoning

Affordable housing tops discussion

By Nancy White
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If Tuesday night's public hearing on the proposed village zoning bylaw is any indication of the Special Town Meeting discussion to come, voters can expect a long and in-depth discussion. A marathon meeting, adjourning nearly four and half hours after it started, involved a cross section of town voices bringing their perspective to the table.

Town officials and committee members, developers and property owners, and interested citizens packed the Town Hall's basement meeting room so few seats were left unoccupied.

The zoning bylaw coming out of the meeting will be a bit streamlined, with the Planning Board voting to strike a few items from the draft, and with several outstanding questions to mull over. The village zoning bylaw will be revisited at the Planning Board meeting Wednesday, Oct. 17, time to be determined.

The overlying intent of the village bylaw is to allow additional development to increase economical vitality, while maintaining the character of the district.

"We wanted to modify the bylaws as minimally as possible," said Planning Board member and lead on the project Mike Westcott. The result of the five-month process involving various experts, architects, civil engineers, market specialists and town planners col-

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No left turns for Woodside

Cemetery poses new problem at N. Main crossing

By Nancy White
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With the date for commuter rail service less than a month away (Oct. 31), problems are still plaguing the North Main Street rail crossing. Bicyclists are still being injured when their wheels get caught in the angled track, visitors unfamiliar with the area have veered off the road onto the tracks due to confusing fog lines and most recently, funeral processions and visitors are no longer allowed to enter Woodside Cemetery by taking a left turn.

"This grade crossing is unique with the angle of the track and with the cemetery," says Police Chief James Hussey. The police department and Greenbush office have yet to hear from the MBTA about a permanent engineering remedy to these issues.

However, residents may have noticed seven large yellow sand barrels near the grade crossing on North Main Street installed a few weeks ago. According to Greenbush liaison Tom Gruber, this is only a temporary solution.

In late August, the Massachusetts Department of Public Utility (DPU), the state authority that approves all grade crossings, visited the North Main Street crossing near the Hingham town line. During the inspection, a funeral procession was heading into the cemetery by making a left turn off North Main Street. According to Gruber, the DPU representatives observed two major issues

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The MBTA has installed signage indicating no left-turns and no U-turns at Woodside Cemetery.

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Name: Pam DeLorenzo.

Occupation: 15 year volunteer with the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project. I am also a retired social worker and currently a full time nanny.

Best day of your life: There have been many but the most outstanding certainly include the day I met my husband and the births of my 2 daughters and granddaughter.

Best vacation: A 2-week road trip down the east coast that culminated in Florida.

Favorite season: I cannot say that one is better than the other since I enjoy all four of them...yes, I am a big fan of winter and the cold, crisp weather it brings!

Favorite holiday: Without hesitation...Christmas!!!

Favorite junk food: Fritos.

Best book: My favorite book in recent months would have to be "The Glass Castle" due to its connection to the mountains of West Virginia.

Best movie: "Out of Africa."

Best TV show: "The Waltons" (although I am a huge fan of Dancing With the Stars!)

Pet peeve: Individuals that do not filter the appropriateness of their thoughts before speaking.

Most memorable moment: This would have to incorporate the numerous moments that the ASP families that we serve have touched me in ways that cannot be described in the written word.

Goal: Since I truly believe that giving back to our fellow man is one of the most important reasons that we are here on this earth I hope that I can continue to give of myself with organizations such as ASP for many years to come. After all, "Love isn't love til you give it away".

Person you'd most like to meet: Jane Goodall.

Biggest worry: That my immediate and extended family members will be healthy and happy in the years to come.



PHOTO/MARY FORD

By the time Mariner readers see this photo, featuring ASP volunteer Pam DeLorenzo, Wheelwright Park will be full of pumpkins for the annual Pumpkin Patch! The Pumpkin Patch will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Oct. 31.

Best part of Cohasset: Its natural beauty and the wonderful friends that have become such an important part of my life.

Register to vote for Special Town Meeting

Friday, Nov. 2 will be the last day to register to vote for the Special Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 13. Registration will be held at the Town Clerk's office from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a town meeting or Election Day may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register to vote. Registration is closed for a brief period before each town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. If you register during a "closed" period, you will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections.

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Oct.	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 11	—	—	12:06	9.2	5:48	0.7	6:12	0.3
Sunrise: 6:51 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:09 p.m.*			
Fri. 12	7:26	8.1	7:42	9.0	12:57	0.6	1:13	1.4
Sunrise: 6:52 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:07 p.m.*			
Sat. 13	8:30	8.2	8:46	9.0	2:03	0.7	2:18	1.3
Sunrise: 6:53 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:05 p.m.*			
Sun. 14	9:26	8.5	9:42	9.0	3:01	0.7	3:17	1.1
Sunrise: 6:54 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:03 p.m.*			
Mon. 15	10:13	8.7	10:31	9.0	3:51	0.6	4:08	0.8
Sunrise: 6:56 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:02 p.m.*			
Tues. 16	10:54	9.0	11:14	9.0	4:34	0.6	4:53	0.5
Sunrise: 6:57 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:00 p.m.*			
Wed. 17	11:31	9.1	11:54	8.9	5:12	0.7	5:34	0.4
Sunrise: 6:58 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:59 p.m.*			
Thurs. 18	—	—	12:06	9.2	5:48	0.7	6:12	0.3
Sunrise: 6:59 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:57 p.m.*			

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Police add 2 lieutenants

By Mary Ford
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Starting next week, the Cohasset Police Department will have two lieutenants.

Chief James Hussey said he has recommended that Det. Sgt. Gregory Lennon and Sgt. William Quigley be promoted to the two, newly created lieutenant slots. The appointments take effect Oct. 8.

The department currently has five sergeant positions, all of which are filled. The reorganization would leave three sergeant positions.

Four of the five sergeants took the statewide lieutenant's exam, which was offered by Civil Service in October of last year. The list was not certified until last spring. Lennon and Quigley scored the highest, Hussey said.

The cost of upgrading two sergeant positions to lieutenants would be about $5,200 a year. Hussey explained that the new lieutenants would each make about $2,500 more than they do as sergeants.

Hussey said the money was put into the police budget for fiscal 2008. The matter has been on Hussey's agenda since he was appointed chief; he starting discussing the reorganization with Town Manager Bill Griffin as far back as the spring of 2006.

Selectmen voted last March to support adding $5,000 to the police budget to pay for two lieutenant stipends, among other budget amendments. The list of budget amendments was also reviewed with the Advisory Committee, which voted to support the amended budget.

Acting on Hussey's recommendation, Griffin made the appointments. Under the Town Manager Act, Griffin is the appointing authority.

Hussey explained that having lieutenants has nothing to do with the size of a police department but is a management decision that would translate into a more efficient way of running the department.

"Most towns have two or more divisions within a police department," he said. For example, Chatham and Hull each have a captain and a lieutenant; Scituate has three lieutenants; Hingham has two deputy chief positions; and Rockland has two lieutenants.

"The reorganization is going to help me manage the day-to-day operations of the department," Hussey said.

The reorganization includes placing a lieutenant to lead the operational services of the department made up of the patrol force, traffic safety and part-time/seasonal officers. A second lieutenant will lead the support/investigative services including criminal investigations, the emergency dispatch center, grants and animal control.

Hussey said the reorganization would allow him to devote more time in the areas that impact the overall mission of the department including public relations, budget, grants, labor, and best practices.

He said the re-structuring would create more opportunity for advancement in the department, which should boost morale.

Hussey said he has great confidence in both Lennon and Quigley.

"I have been here well over three years and both young men have shown me the utmost consideration in terms of getting the job done and their commitment to police work and to the town," he said. "I have full confidence in their ability to perform the duties they are asked to do."

Griffin said he has full confidence in Chief Hussey's decision to reorganize the department.

"It will bring better accountability to the department and also allow the chief to focus on continuing his efforts to improve the delivery of law enforcement services to the community," Griffin said.

POLICE BEAT

Only one charged in alleged assault

By Mary Ford
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Police Chief Hussey said police have charged only one boy in the incident involving an assault and battery on another student that occurred Friday afternoon (Sept. 21). He explained that after interviews with witnesses and the victim, police determined that the aggressor was the catalyst for the incident and those accompanying him did not take an active role.

"If we had evidence that other kids played an active role then we would charge them also," he said.

A 15-year-old CHS sophomore, who was sitting with three friends in a parking lot off Pleasant Street, was punched by another student, then picked up and thrown on the ground. The victim tried to protect his face and broke both wrists when he hit the ground.

The incident may have taken root at school earlier that day when the alleged victim asked some other students to stop throwing things at him and was challenged to fight. A member of the school staff stopped what was a potential altercation and apparently did not think it would escalate further. The alleged attacker, who was accompanied by a group of other students, went looking for the victim later. The 16-year-old is facing charges of assault and battery and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (his foot). The teen kicked the other boy after he was on the ground, according to reports.

Medical issue

Police believe the operator of a van for special needs children had her driving affected by medication that she has been taking.

Last week, police received multiple calls about a van with kids on board that was being driven erratically along Route 3A near Beechwood Street. Officers stopped the van on 3A and the driver was identified as a 22-year-old Hull woman.

"It appears the driver was on prescription medication and had been told that the medication would not affect her driving ability," Chief James Hussey said.

Several callers reported seeing the van swerving and officers stopped the van based on those calls, he said.

Police determined no alcohol was involved. The bus company was notified and sent someone out to drive the van. The woman was cited for marked-lanes violation and police notified the registry about setting up a hearing for a medical review to determine whether she should be operating a motor vehicle.

The incident occurred at about 4:50 p.m. on Monday (Sept. 24).

Shoplifting

A Cohasset officer on patrol in the Shaw's parking lot observed a man, who was wearing a T-shirt, khaki shorts, and construction boots, leave the supermarket at about 8:40 p.m. last Thursday (Sept. 27) with one of the supermarket baskets. The groceries inside the basket did not appear to be bagged.

The officer wrote down the plate number and went inside Shaw's to talk to the manager. They reviewed the surveillance tape and determined that the man had left without paying.

The plate came back to a Marshfield address; Marshfield police determined that the vehicle was at the address.

Cohasset police spoke to the woman at the residence, who turned out to be the man's mother. The car was registered to her. She said the son was not at home.

Based on the observations of the officer on patrol at Shaw's and the surveillance tape, police are seeking complaints against the man for shoplifting. It was determined that he lives in Hull.

3A accident

A 2005 BMW SUV, operated by a 68-year-old Hingham woman, that had stopped on 3A by the train station construction at the request of the detail officer on duty, was struck from behind by a 1999 Mercury Marquis last Tuesday (Sept. 25) at about 12:50 p.m.

The operator of the Mercury, an 83-year-old Hull man, was cited for following too close.

There were no injuries and the cars did not have to be towed.

Transmission trouble

A 9-1-1 caller reported seeing a suspicious, shirtless man along Route 3A last Thursday (Sept. 27) at about 12:30 a.m. standing by a red Honda along the side of the road. The car was apparently parked in a bad spot near Hingham Lumber.

When police arrived, the man had been able to drive the car up as far as Pacini's. The man explained that he had borrowed the car from a friend and was having transmission trouble. Police ran the plate that came back as belonging to another car.

The man had a valid license and explained that he had no idea about the plates.

Police had the car towed and gave the man a ride to the Cohasset Harbor Inn where he hoped to stay the night. Police sent a citation to the owner of the Honda for attaching plates.

Clarinet, CDs taken

A Grace Drive resident told police that a clarinet and about 15 CDs were taken from her car. She had left the CDs on the dashboard and the clarinet in the back seat. There was no sign of forced entry and the woman thinks she may have left the car unlocked. The incident was reported at about 3:40 p.m. last Thursday (Sept. 27).

The incident is under investigation but Chief Hussey asks that residents lock their cars and keep valuables out of plain view.

Tools taken

A Clay Spring Road resident reported to police that two sets of golf clubs and a variety of tools were stolen from his garage sometime overnight Saturday into Sunday morning (Sept. 29-30). The resident discovered the items were missing on Sunday morning and called police at about 10:25 a.m.

The garage door was closed but had not been locked, police said. Detectives have processed the scene and have talked to neighbors. The theft remains under investigation.

Earrings missing

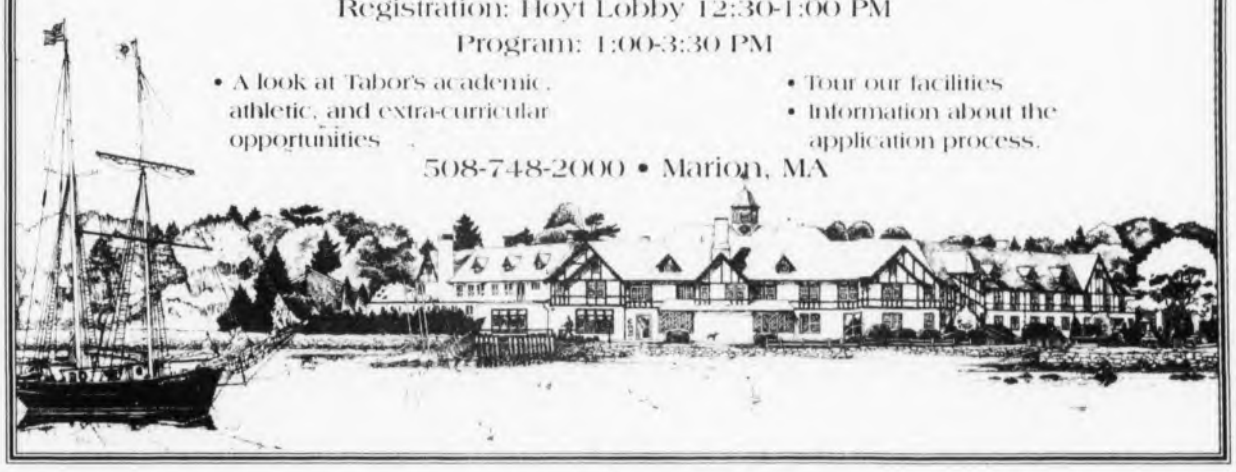
Police are investigating the apparent theft of a pair of earrings valued at $5,000-$6,000. A walk-in who lives on Nichols Road reported the theft last week. Detectives did not find any evidence of forced entry but are talking to neighbors to see if anyone saw anything suspicious.

Old bench

Last week a concerned resident reported locating a bench that the caller thought might be the bench that had been reported stolen in the Mariner a couple of weeks ago. As it turned out the abandoned bench was dilapidated and had apparently been thrown away in the woods. It was not the same bench that was reported stolen. However, Chief Hussey said police continue to encourage residents to call when they believe they have information that could be useful about police matters.

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Stella not coming

In August, much excitement and anticipation surrounded an application for a new full liquor license for Stella, a restaurant proposed for the first floor of 40 South Main St., the vacant Cohasset Hardware building. Last week, counsel for Stella, Joseph Hanley, notified the Board of Selectmen its application was being withdrawn for the location. The faxed letter was brief and did not provide any reason for withdrawal.

The Selectmen were enthused at the prospect of Stella coming to town, touting the possibility of Cohasset becoming a restaurant destination for the area. The Cohasset location would have been the second Stella restaurant; the first is located at Washington Street in the South End.

Selectmen take a stand on high school assault

Vice Chairman Ted Carr made a motion for the Selectmen to take a firm stand on the recent incident involving a group of Cohasset high school boys, one of whom, police said, assaulted a classmate after-school two weeks ago. The victim ended up with two broken wrists. The alleged attacker, a 16-year-old boy, is facing assault charges.

Carr said the Selectmen should follow the issue of bullying very closely in the ensuing weeks and months.

"This is the type of behavior we can't tolerate in this town," said Carr. The Board the motion was affirmed, 4-0 (Chairman Gary Vanderweil was absent).

Conservation restriction

The Selectmen gave their support to an application for a conservation restriction on 8.715 acres of town-owned land off Sohier Street adjacent to the Cook Estate. Although the town will still own and be responsible for the upkeep of the property, the Cohasset Conservation Trust, a non-profit local land trust, will hold the conservation restriction on the land.

The conservation restriction will ensure the property will remain in its natural, scenic and open condition. Additionally, the purpose is to protect the public drinking water supply, allow passive recreational activity, provide wildlife habitat and prevent any use that will significantly interfere with the conservation values of the property. At Special Town Meeting in December 2005, voters authorized the Selectmen to grant a conservation restriction on the property.

Following the vote of the Selectmen, which indicated their support of the restriction, the conservation restriction application will be sent to the state Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. If approved at the state level, the board will then sign the document consenting to the conservation restriction.

Affordable housing tops village discussion

FROM ZONING, PAGE 1

lected data are nine pages of proposed bylaw amendments for the village business district.

Every zoning bylaw must have a public hearing to air concerns from citizens before going to the floor of Town Meeting. Voters at the Nov. 13th Special Town Meeting will have the final say. All zoning bylaws need a tow-thirds majority to pass.

The public hearing covered major issues concerning affordable housing, the new to Cohasset concept of a floor area ratio regulation, setbacks and parking.

Even with his concerns, Moore felt there was support for the general concept of mixed-use development for the village that would be encouraged by the village bylaw.

Affordable housing

The Housing Partnership Committee, a Board of Selectmen appointed advisory committee dedicated to finding ways to develop affordable housing in town, submitted a two-page memo outlining their concerns with the bylaw.

"We are not happy, we feel affordable housing got short shrifted" in the bylaw, said Housing Partnership co-chairman Tom Callahan. The only zoning bylaw addressing affordable housing development in Cohasset is the inclusionary bylaw. The bylaw states all multi-family residential development of five or more apartment/condo units must include one unit or 10 percent affordable housing units, whichever is greater. The proposed village zoning bylaw makes the district exempt from this bylaw.

The Planning Board gave several reasons for this exemption. First, Westcott understood the Housing Partnership was in the process of re-writing the bylaw for future Town Meeting consideration. Second, Chairman Al Moore said the smaller scale of the projects in the village would make subsidizing affordable housing uneconomical. Third, member Stuart Ivimey felt by limiting the size of the apartments (maximum apartment size by definition is proposed at 1500 square feet) the rents would likely be in the moderately affordable range.

Although Callahan felt strongly about utilizing the inclusionary bylaw in the village business district, he was willing to make concession if the committee's other concerns about the floor area ratio were addressed.

"Village is the ideal spot, maybe the only spot, where the town can develop affordable housing," said Callahan.

Creating an option for a residential only development, particularly to the west of the MBTA train tracks, was floated. Language was proposed to allow the special permitting authority the flexibility to allow a residential only building or first floor residential, if it met specific criteria (i.e. the residential portion was not on a main street). Jennings and Town Counsel Rick Hucksam had concerns over the language and unintended consequences. The matter was put off until the continued hearing date, Oct. 17.

Floor area ratio

A key issue — for developers and the Housing Partnership — in numerous aspects was whether the new regulations for floor area ratio and the associated "density bonus" would be workable in the village. Floor area ratio, or FAR, is a new term and mechanism to Cohasset zoning bylaws. Its purpose is to limit the amount of development on a given piece of land. It is the relation between buildable lot size and sum of gross floor area of all buildings on a lot.

Jennings and his team determined a maximum FAR of 1.5 would be reasonable; however, the bylaw allows for an FAR of up to 2.0 if a public benefit such as a sidewalk, parking, an energy efficient building or affordable housing is constructed. The FAR regulation is in addition to already established setbacks and dimensional standards. The flexibility of having a building up to a 2.0 FAR is termed a "density bonus." A 2.0 FAR would allow a 5,000 square foot lot to have a 10,000 square foot building(s).

The Housing Partnership is concerned the density bonus regulations may be unrealistic on the ground because a 2.0 FAR within the additional height and setback restrictions would be nearly impossible. If that's the case, Callahan argues, there is no incentive for developers to build affordable housing, or any of the other public benefits. He suggested the bylaw lower the threshold so the density bonus kicks in at 1.25 FAR.

However, Jennings said he believed a FAR of 2.0 was possible in the village business district. Confusion arose when several developers and property owners asked if the calculation for gross floor area used in the definition of FAR included uninhabitable space, like basements and attics.

Wayne Sawchuk, owner of the Samuel Bates House (35-39 South Main St.), said if basements and attics count toward gross area ratio, it would limit development by one, or even two floors.

After a lengthy discussion, a majority of the Planning Board voted to exclude basement, attic, underground parking and garages from the calculation of gross floor area for the purposes of floor area ratio.

With this change, Jennings was charged to look at the proposed FAR maximum number of 1.5 to see it was still a reasonable number. Jennings encouraged property owners to calculate what the FAR is or will be on their buildings and proposed designs/expansions and let him know the results.

Parking and setbacks

With seemingly renewed energy — and a significantly diminished audience — the Planning Board resumed its discussion after a short break around 9:30p.m. The public hearing plowed through the remainder of the zoning bylaw.

In the proposed bylaw, a amendment is allows the Planning Board, as the special permit granting authority, to reduce rear yard depth for lots with frontage on the municipal town lots. The goal is to create a second streetscape facing the parking lot.

"This provision is popular with the public. It really sets up the formation of the second streetscape facing the back," said Jennings, "on the floor of Town Meeting it's something voters will feel good about."

Despite Jennings' comments, a majority of the Planning Board (Westcott was opposed) voted to strike the paragraph concerning lots facing the parking lot and include the flexibility of rear yard depth in a separate amendment for the district as a whole.

Another amendment allowing parking spaces for employees to be located up to 750 feet away from a business entrance was removed in the interest of paring down the zoning bylaw.

The complexity of the bylaw will be an issue at Town Meeting, said Moore in a phone interview, "my fear is trying to do too much with one article," he would rather get the major changes passed this fall, then possibly go back with additional amendments at the spring Annual Town Meeting, "it's a very complicated piece of legislation…it will be a difficult presentation to make at Town Meeting."

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Harboring the zoning bylaws

Citizens' petition could allow apartments/condos on harbor

By Nancy White
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If the proposed village zoning bylaw amendments pass, it would open up new doors for development — apartments, pedestrian space, parking — now, some citizens would like to see some of those regulations a little bit closer to the water.

A Citizens' Petition requesting zoning bylaw changes and amendments to the Waterfront Business District was filed with the town before the Special Town Meeting article submission deadline, Sept. 21. The proposed changes will allow mixed-use development, similar to what is being proposed for the village. If passed, developers on the waterfront could add condos or apartments to already existing buildings and build new construction with mixed-use within the established regulations.

"It started as a result of all the zoning work being done in the village," says Charles Humphreys, a local attorney and the legal mind behind the writing of the bylaw. Humphreys was hired by Peter Roy of 49 Margin St. to prepare the language for a citizens' petition to revise zoning bylaws for the Waterfront Business District. Humphreys said Roy, who owns much of the real estate in the waterfront business district, would like to see some of the same principles proposed for the village zoning bylaw be applied to the harbor.

Both the Planning Board proposed village zoning bylaw and the Citizens' Petition Waterfront bylaw will have receive a two-thirds approval at Special Town Meeting, Nov. 13 to be entered into the books.

Since last fall's special town meeting, re-vamping the village's zoning bylaws has been hot topic for the Planning Board. This summer with the help of a professional consultant, Angus Jennings of Concord Square Development Company, bylaw amendments have been vetted in a series of public meetings and workshops (*see related story*).

The Waterfront Business District roughly includes the Cohasset Harbor Inn (including the small storefronts across the street), travels down Border Street including only businesses on the harborside (i.e. Olde Salt House, Atlantica) ending at the Border Street bridge.

Humphreys says the difficulty with the village zoning bylaws was striking a balance between controlling development and encouraging it. Since a professional consultant and the planning board have done their due diligence in developing a set of controls for the village Humphreys asks, "why can't a similar set of controls work for the harbor?"

Most significantly, the waterfront business bylaw would allow multi-family dwellings, or apartments/condominiums in conjunction with first floor stores by special permit. Bylaws for the Waterfront Business District parcels are required under the bylaw to have marine-related use on the first floor. Currently, apartments are not allowed in the waterfront district at all. If the bylaw passes, for example, condos could be built next to or attached to the Cohasset Harbor Inn, Humphreys says.

Humphreys had limited time to draft the waterfront bylaw because he intended to use the same, or similar, language as the village bylaw. The village bylaw was filed with the Town Clerk on a Tuesday (Sept. 18) and all proposed warrant articles had to be into Town Hall by Friday (Sept. 21). Humphreys says he drafted the waterfront bylaw by Wednesday (Sept. 19) to allow ample time for the required 100 signatures to be collected. A minimum of 100 certified signatures are required to get on the warrant. The Town Clerk certified 110 signatures of the citizen's petition.

The waterfront bylaw incorporates a new concept to Cohasset's zoning bylaws, floor area ratio. A new term and mechanism, proposed for the village bylaw as well, would limit the amount of development on a given piece of land.

Unlike the proposed village bylaw, the Citizens' Petition will keep the special permitting authority with the Zoning Board of Appeals. But, like the village bylaw, the waterfront district would be exempt from the inclusionary bylaw, which requires any new residential development of apartments or multi-family dwellings over five units must have 10 percent affordable housing unit(s).

The bylaw was written to stand alone at the floor of Town Meeting, says Humphreys. But since it applies many of the same concepts from the village bylaws approval of the proposed village bylaw may be necessary to pass the waterfront district bylaw, he says.

A public hearing on the Waterfront Business District bylaw will be held on Wed. Nov. 7.

League to hold Observer Corps training Oct. 10

The Observer Corps is an excellent way for new members to learn about local issues and share information with League members through newsletter articles and League meetings.

Do you want to learn more about the way Hingham is run? Join the Hingham League of Women Voters and be a part of the newly activated Observer Corps. To learn more about the Corps contact Jane Malme at j.jhmalme@verizon.net or attend the training session at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 10, in the Hingham Town Hall at 220 Central Street. Malme and another veteran member, Pat Facey, will conduct the training. (An incorrect date for the training was reported last week).

The Observer Corps is an excellent way for new members to learn about local issues and share information with League members through newsletter articles and League meetings. Observers' reports are factual and nonjudgmental, present various sides of an issue and are intended to help members to be well-informed before making any decisions concerning possible League or individual action.

Hingham LWV to host Wine and Cheese Social

Hingham League of Women Voters, which is open to Cohasset residents, will host a Wine and Cheese Social at 7:30 p.m., on Wednesday, Oct. 10, at the home of Christine Dietterich, 104 Summer St., Hingham.

Come and meet League members and learn about ongoing projects, which include the Observer Corps, the Green Study, and the new Know Your Town guide to Hingham.

League members involved in the newly activated Observer Corps will be trained in observing town boards and committees. Participation in the Observer Corps is a way to learn about local issues and share this information with other League members.

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Navy Cmdr. Stephen G. Bowen during a visit to Deer Hill in 2003. Bowen attended Deer Hill more than 30 years ago.

ASTRONAUT

Senator Edward M. Kennedy released the following statement today on NASA's announcement that Navy **Cmdr. Stephen G. Bowen,** who grew up in Cohasset, has been selected as mission specialist on Endeavor's space mission planned for September of 2008. This will be Commander Bowen's first space flight and the mission will work to deliver equipment to the International Space Station.

"Massachusetts is very proud that one of its own has been selected for NASA's mission," said Senator Kennedy. "Commander Bowen's expertise is proven, and NASA is fortunate to have him."

1957 FOOTBALL

The Cohasset Football team has begun its 2007 season. Fifty years ago, another Cohasset High School Football team played and completed its season with an undefeated record! Many of the players still live in town or are close by. The Cohasset Gridiron Club would like to spread the word that the Cohasset-Abington game being played at home on Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. will be dedicated to this very special undefeated team. If you know a player or family member, please pass on the invitation to attend this game so we can celebrate a 50-year-old memory with them! Oh, and be sure to wish them a happy anniversary!

FUNDRAISERS

Cohasset residents **Emily Brown, Lisa Westcott, Kristen Astley,** and **Susan Carrabes** have successfully completed their fourth annual summer fundraising effort for the Yawkey Boys & Girls Club of Roxbury. The women founded the "Cohasset Committee" in 2004, to connect residents of Cohasset and Hingham to Roxbury youth through the provision of summer camperships at the Yawkey Club.

This year's effort raised $11,555, which allowed Club Executive Director Andrea Swain to offer 52 free camp positions to Roxbury children. The campers spent the summer engaged in activities including art, athletics and technology, and enjoyed weekly field trips to Boston area parks and beaches. The Yawkey Boys & Girls Club is operated by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston, which serves nearly 14,000 area youth through its Clubs, partnerships and Camp Harbor View.



COURTESY PHOTO

Erin and Marc Marcelli attend the Massachusetts Children's Trust Fund's Voices of Children Gala & Auction.

BENEFIT EVENT

Erin and Marc Marcelli of Cohasset attended the 17th Annual Massachusetts Children's Trust Fund's Voices of Children Gala & Auction held Sept. 29 at the Westin Copley Place in Boston. The event is the largest annual fund-raiser for CTF, the state's only organization dedicated solely to the prevention of child abuse and neglect in Massachusetts. The event raised $340,000 for programs that will benefit, educate and support parents, families and the professionals who work with them. At the event, CTF honored former Massachusetts Governor Paul Cellucci and former State Senate President Robert Travaglini for their leadership and service to Massachusetts children and families.

The Massachusetts Children's Trust Fund (CTF) leads statewide efforts to support parents, strengthen families and protect children. For more information, go to www.mctf.org or call (617) 727-8957.

POST PROM

The Post-Prom Committee of 2008 is holding a meeting on Oct. 10th at 7:15 pm in the Cohasset High School Library. Any interested parties should plan on coming or, if you have any questions you may call **Babette** at781-383-2651 or **Ann** at 781-383-2069.

REC PROGRAMS

Now that everyone is settling into somewhat of a schedule for this beautiful fall, many programs are starting in the next few weeks. The Cohasset Recreation Department has programs for a variety of ages being held at dismissal time at the Osgood or Deer Hill School as well as some during the school days for ages 3-6. Art, Mr. Dykas Gym Classes, Science and Nature, Drama and more are just some of the fun offerings that you may find. For more information or to register for any of these classes and more, call 781-383-4109, 781-923-1473, log onto www.onecreativeplace.net or go to the Cohasset Town Hall in the Cohasset Recreation Department. As we head into some cooler weather and eventually, (sorry) some cold stuff, it will be wonderful to have some indoor events and classes lined up!

CHANNEL 5



COURTESY PHOTO

Local Cohasset students Olivia Franklin and Alexandra Weissman were the lucky ones who got the opportunity to tour WCVB Channel Five news station and meet news anchor Anthony Everett this summer. The tour was an auction item at the recent Cohasset Education Foundation Spring Gala last May. The Cohasset Education Foundation raises funds that enhance, and enrich and maintain excellence in the Cohasset Public Schools.

BRICK FUNDRAISER

The Beechwood Ballpark is complete. There is a brick fundraiser under way to help pay for maintaining this wonderful new space. Engraved bricks are $100 and will be placed in the grassy area behind the outfield scoreboard. If you are interested, please contact **Michelle Loughlin** at mloughlin521@hotmail.com.

AT FENWAY

In celebration of the 40 Year Anniversary of the Boston Red Sox "Impossible Dream Team," The Lyric Stage Company's cast of "Man of La Mancha" that includes Caroline deLima of Cohasset (as Aldonza/Dulcinea), was invited to perform the national anthem at Fenway Park during the last game of the regular season (Sept. 30, 2007). In addition, Christopher Chew (Don Quixote) performed "The Impossible Dream." "Man of La Mancha" runs through Oct. 13 at The Lyric Stage Company of Boston.



COURTESY PHOTO

Caroline deLima of Cohasset, fourth from the left, first row at Fenway Park.

PUMPKINS!

Mark your calendars! The grand opening of the Pumpkin Patch, sponsored by Cohasset ASP, will be Saturday, **Oct. 6**, on No. Main Street.

The Pumpkin Patch will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Oct. 31. The Pumpkin Patch supports the Cohasset Appalachia Service project that sends about 200 people, adults and teens to Appalachia area to repair homes each summer.

Editor's note: Due to short-term expense reallocation, editor Mary Ford is temporarily compiling Around Town.

Please try to send in all of your news, photos etc. no later than Tuesday by 5 pm.

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Sustainable Cohasset sells reusable bags

By Nancy White
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"Paper or plastic?" asks the supermarket bagger at the end of the checkout.

"Neither, please," says the customer pulling out of her cart several reusable bags.

Members of Sustainable Cohasset, a grassroots organization, would love to see this interaction occur all over town, not just in the grocery store. As part of its ongoing effort to educate and inspire others to make incremental or large lifestyle changes to enable a sustainable community, Sustainable Cohasset has started selling reusable bags at the Farmer's Market.

"I would love it if every person in Cohasset would stop using plastic," says JoAnn Mirise, project chair, but the purpose of the project goes a little further. In addition to providing an alternative to paper and plastic bags, the bags promote re-localizing our lives by shopping close to home. There are two different versions of the earth toned — brown and green — bags, each with a list of 10 local shops that sponsored the project.

"We as a group feel so strongly relocalization is the biggest thing a person can do to be sustainable. By choosing to make this one decision, there is a rippling effect" on the environment and the economy, says Mirise. The person isn't driving as far to do errands thereby using less gas and putting less greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Food and other items produced locally don't have to be shipped as far, putting less demand on shipping infrastructure and exhaust. Lastly, by shopping locally customers are supporting a local economy.

"Every meal you eat is like ordering from a take out place 1500 miles away" because of how far each food item has to be shipped to get to the table, says Mirise. In addition, if residents support local businesses more of their money is going back into the community. Mirise said recent research shows $45 from every $100 spent at local independent shops go back into the local community and economy, as opposed to $13 out of every $100 for large chain stores.

"The reusable bags are a no-brainer. Each of our little steps can make a difference."
— Christine Cunning

"The idea would be to not even leave Cohasset village to meet daily needs," says Mirise. But, in order to achieve relocalization there needs to be a strong local infrastructure and Cohasset isn't quite there yet, "we need to get started on this now."

The bags also respond to a call for a more appealing reusable bag to tote to the grocery store or around town.

"We wanted to design an antidote to carrying ugly bags and being a corporate logo," says Mirise, of the supermarket reusable bags. She calls the result "sassy, sophisticated and modern."

The bag design, like the philosophy behind it, has local roots. A photo taken by Sustainable Cohasset member Sally Ayers of a tree on Jerusalem Road, near Black Rock Beach was the inspiration behind the design. Mirise, a graphic designer by trade, turned the tree into a graphic and placed "Sustainable Cohasset" beside it. On the reverse is the list of local business that sponsored the project with quick tips on how to live greener.

The bags are made from recycled material and are recyclable themselves. They are constructed from the same plastic as yogurt containers, recycled #5 (polypropylene). Five hundred of the 1000 Sustainable Cohasset bag manufactured are already out and about in the community. Although the funds raised by the sale of bags will support ongoing efforts of Sustainable Cohasset, Mirise is more interested in raising consciousness than money.



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There are two different versions of the earth toned — brown and green — bags, each with a list of 10 local shops that sponsored the project.

When approached by Sustainable Cohasset, Anne Gabenelle, owner of French Memories, she jumped on board right away. In her native country of France, there is a national campaign to not use paper or plastic bags. In the supermarkets, people have to bring their own bags to carry home the groceries.

"I see a lot of waste here, customers asking for a separate box for one croissant and then five minute later they throw it away," says Gabenelle. Even in a small business like her bakery, thousands of dollars are wasted in paper goods each year.

"It's more than time to get people to understand they can make a difference, no matter how small it may be. But it takes time to teach and to change habits," Gabenelle says and then adds, "but, we're a small town so we can do it."

Cohasset resident Carol Martin is not new to carting a reusable bag to the supermarket, she's brought the same cloth bag to the supermarket for 30 years. She has accumulated several other bags over the years and recently purchased a "smart brown bag" from Sustainable Cohasset to add to her collection.

"I trust over the years it will save me as many plastic and brown bags as my original," says Martin. Although she wishes other merchants were as open to customers bringing their own bags as the supermarket.

Another Cohasset resident Christine Cunning is a more recent convert to the reusable bags, but her family has reduced its waste by 75 percent in recent years just by recycling.

"The reusable bags are a no-brainer. Each of our 'little' steps can make a difference. I love returning from the market, and not scrunching up what seem like hundreds of plastic bags every visit," Cunning says, "shopping locally creates savings, which are immeasurable in the big picture."

Local merchants sponsoring the Sustainable Cohasset bags include: All the Best Natural Foods, French Memories Bakery, Village Wine & Spirits, South Shore Pool Supply, Epiphany Designs, Adamo Day Spa Retreat, The Bermuda Shop, Darilynn's, Paperscapes, Platinum Spike Trains, hernan salon, Coastal Countryside Properties, Cohasset Pizza House, Pilgrim Bank, Fleming's Lighting of Cohasset, Ports & Company, Cohasset Antiques, twist, Emporium Naturals Soap, Buttonwood Books & Toys.

To purchase the Sustainable Cohasset bags, they are on sale at the Farmer's Market, Thursdays 2:30-6:30p.m. The cost for one bag is $5, or three bags for $10. If you can't make it to the Farmer's Market but would like to purchase a bag, or would like to learn more about Sustainable Cohasset, please call Kathryn Earle at 781-383-0061. Sustainable Cohasset meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7p.m. in the High School library.

Building Permits

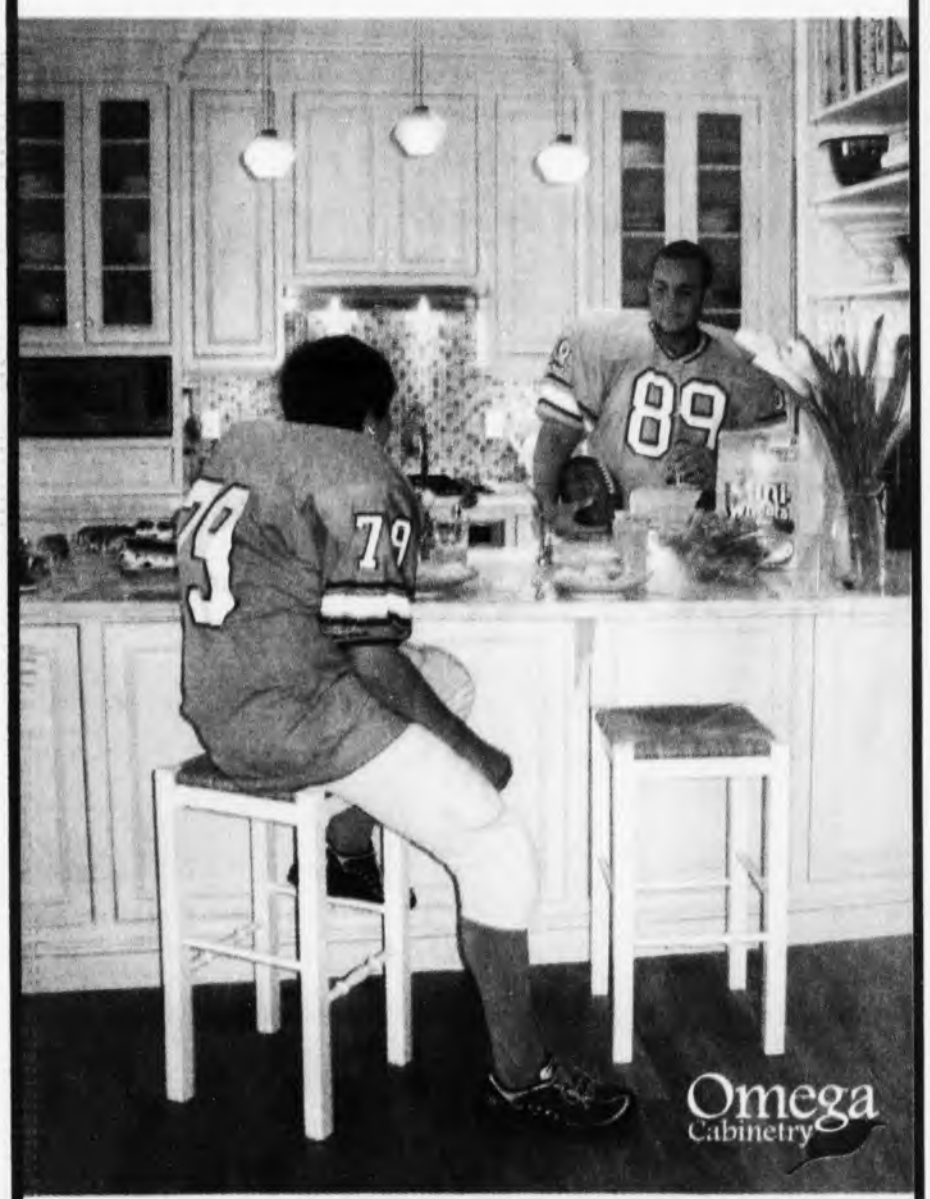
The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Nies, 15 Black Rock Road, remove and replace kitchen cabinets, $30,000; Verrochi, 90 North Main St., 40 sq. wood, EPDM rubber roofing, asphalt roofing, $50,000; Moton/Schide, 249 South Main St., 40 sq. wood side walling, $7,500; Farren, 21 Gammons Road, add second story to existing house, $160,000; Sestito, 254 Beechwood St., 12 foot by 12 foot extension of bedroom over kitchen, $20,500; Brady, 388 Beechwood St., replace insulation, sand hardwood floors, $10,259; Leger, 96 Elm St., demolish porch and build new screened porch, $20,000;

Luker, 20, 22 Lamberts Lane, construct 27 and a half foot by 48 foot modular home, $186,000; Bellefontaine, 159 Beechwood St., 1.5 sq. cedar side walling, $500; Vaughn, 30 Diab Lane-Unit 2, remove one bathroom, remodel bathroom, install washer and dryer, $12,500; Parmieri, 6 Rustic Drive, 26 foot by 28 foot garage, mater bedroom, bath above, $60,000; Gallagher, 389 Beechwood St., 18 foot by 7 foot farmer's porch, siding, 9 foot by 7 foot connector addition in rear, $27,175; MacDonald, 74 Lantern Lane, bump out exterior kitchen wall 3 foot by 17 foot, $30,000; Brown, 16 to 22 Depot Court, rebuild building destroyed by fire as per plans, $230,000 and Davis, 332 South Main St., new approximately 5,000 sq. foot single family dwelling, $700,000.

Town of Cohasset, 4 Elm St., 10 sq. cedar roofing shingles, $6,960; Avila Construction, 2 Stratford Terrace, new home, $500,000; Fallon, 51 Rust Way, 16 foot by 48 foot tent for Sept. 25 through Oct. 1, $1,036; Cotton, 27 King St., 15 sq. cedar roofing shingles, $20,000; Claiborne, 45 Howe Road, 26 sq. asphalt roofing, $7,800; Johnston, 49 Aaron River Road, demolish and rebuild 18 foot by 21 foot, two-story addition on existing foundation, $44,000

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Cemetery poses new problem at N. Main crossing

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at the crossing. First, despite signs at the crossing indicating cars should not stop on the tracks, cars were sitting on the tracks as they waited to make a left turn into the cemetery, says Gruber.

To compound the first problem two separate cars nearly missed having a rear-end collision on the railroad tracks while the funeral procession was waiting to enter the cemetery. Either situation poses a serious safety risk for the cars, the train and its passengers.

The state public utility department would not certify the North Main Street crossing unless changes were made to the crossing preventing cars from turning left in or out of the cemetery, Gruber says. As a result, the MBTA installed the barrels to extend the median and block left turns. Gruber is not certain this action satisfied the DPU, but is guessing it has. He expects the MBTA to propose a more permanent engineering solution, but hasn't seen any engineering plans as of this week. However, he has received several calls about the unsightly quality of the yellow barrels.

The problem goes beyond a few unattractive barrels, the "no left turns" into and out of Woodside profoundly affects the way Cohasset's dearly departed will arrive at their final resting place. With the entrance changes, funeral processions will have to go out of Cohasset into Hingham, just to come back again.



PHOTO/NANCY WHITE

Barrels are lined up to prevent left-hand turns into and out of Woodside Cemetery.

"This grade crossing is unique with the angle of the track and with the cemetery."

— Police Chief James Hussey

Funeral processions will be rerouted to Route 3A, turning right onto Route 228 south to East Street then to North Main Street. It is unlikely Route 3A can be avoided by traveling on either Jerusalem Road or Cedar Street because the intersection of Route 228 (Hull Street) and East Street will have cars piling up over the Hull Street grade crossing to make a left onto East Street resulting in the same dangerous situation as the North Main Street crossing.

Since the majority of Cohasset funerals originate from central Cohasset, they will still need to go over a grade crossing at some point during the procession (via Beechwood Street, Sohier Street, or Lower King Street) but will not necessitate turning or stopping on the tracks.

Creating a second entrance to the cemetery off Route 3A was floated, but there are wetlands between the cemetery and the road, said Gruber. Visitors to Woodside will also have to abide by the "no left turn" signage as well.

Bob McNamara, owner and director of McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, hadn't heard of the changes at the rail crossing and the coinciding funeral procession route changes for Woodside Cemetery when contacted recently. He said recent funerals did not need to go to Woodside.

"The cars do back up on the street in a large funeral processions, so I can see where they are coming from," said McNamara, "if that's what we need to do to keep people safe, then that's what we'll have to do."

McNamara said he is lucky to often get the support of a police escort for his funeral processions. However, a solution involving police details working at the North Main Street crossing to prevent cars from stopping on the tracks is not a viable resolution to the problem, said Hussey.

"There are times when a police detail may be an option, but there is no guarantee officers will be available every time," said Hussey, "there's no question [the alternate route] is more time-consuming, possibly even discomforting. But, at the same time, we'd be negligent to allow an unsafe situation to continue."

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'Women Who Travel' panel discussion Oct. 14

An extraordinary exhibition of the work of six artists, "Women Who Travel," will be held through Sunday, Oct. 28, at the South Shore Art Center. The exhibition includes the latest work by Nancy Cusack, Susan Gallagher, Joan Hausrath, Viola Käumlen, Dorothy Simpson Krause, and Esther Maschio. In addition a "Women Who Travel" panel discussion will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 14.

Exhibit organizer, Esther Maschio, states the show "will consider a variety of 21st century practices in printmaking and related media from traditional forms to the highly experimental. Cross disciplines will include book arts, digital technology, writing, and photography."

Nancy Cusack has designed and led international cultural experiences in Latin America and Europe for more than two decades.

"Drawing and writing practices intersect in my work," states Nancy Cusack, professor of art at Mass Art, "as visual essays, they offer multiple layers and conclusions, inviting questions about content as well as process and materials."

Nancy Cusack has designed and led international cultural experiences in Latin America and Europe for more than two decades. Susan Gallagher, a photographer from Scituate, has traveled extensively including Great Britain, Turkey and Cuba. Joan Hausrath adapts the landscapes from her travels for the imagery in her art, primarily prints. Using journaling, Joan layers images one over another building a complex collection of marks and textures.

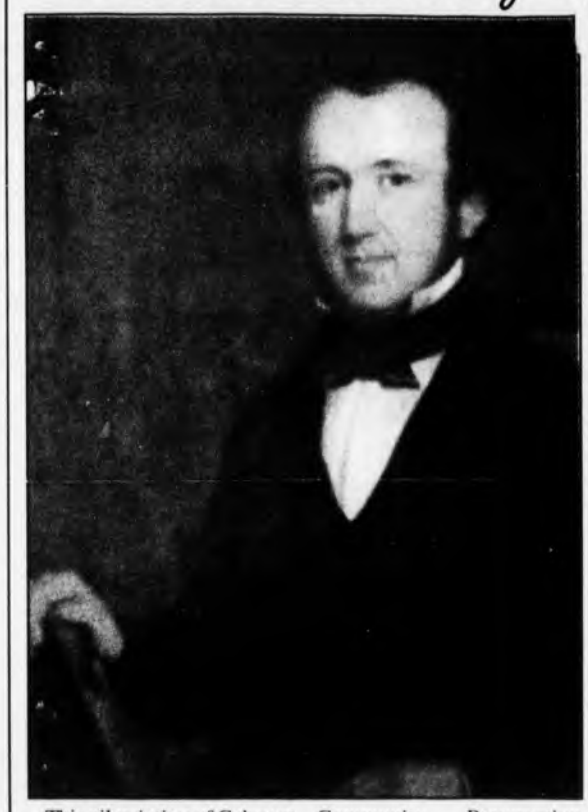
Viola Käumlen spends summers in Marshfield, travels widely, and lives in the Engadine Valley in Switzerland. She uses various cameras in her artist books, photo series and editions. Viola is constantly looking for new ways to share her work and ideas through intense collaborations with fellow artists. Dorothy Simpson Krause is a painter by training and a collage maker by nature. Since being introduced to computers in the late 1960's, she has pioneered the combining of traditional and digital media.

Esther Maschio is a longtime South Shore Art Center faculty member who teaches a variety of printmaking techniques. Her work is inspired by trips to Italy to study printmaking.

South Shore Art Center gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday and from noon to 4 p.m., Sunday.

For more information, visit www.ssac.org, email shannan@ssac.org, or call 781-383-2787.

From the Archives of the Cohasset Historical Society



This oil painting of Cohasset resident, Joshua Rich Lothrop was recently bequeathed to the Society. It was painted in 1863 by Boston artist Joseph Greenleaf Cole, a well-known portrait painter of the time.

As a child, Joshua Lothrop lived at 14 Summer St., Cohasset. He graduated from Dartmouth College and Harvard Medical School. We are so fortunate to have him home again. The painting is currently on display at the Society's headquarters at 106 South Main St. It is one of several pieces that will be conserved with funds from the Community Preservation Grant the Society gratefully received in July. We hope you will stop by and take a look at these items before conservation and then again when they are returned to us. The transformation will be worth seeing!

From the Archives is a weekly feature provided by Cohasset Historical Society.

The Cohasset Historical Society welcomes donations. If you have something that you would consider donating to our archives please give us a call at 781-383-1434.

Anti-Racism workshop set for Nov. 17

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset, is sponsoring Seeing the Face of God In Each Other, an inter-faith workshop on anti-racism, with The Rev. Cannon Ed Rodman from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 17.

This free event is open to people of all faith traditions, ages teen and up. Lunch will be served.







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Ruthann Ardizzoni celebrates milestone at SSCC

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floor used in competitions. Balance beams, from low heights to regulation height, uneven bars, a vault and conditioning equipment fill the new space. The equipment has been updated and much of it is multi-purpose so it can be used with the smallest kids in tumbling classes and for conditioning with the more advanced gymnasts.

The Community Center has turned out highly competitive teams with kids going to sectional and state competitions.

"Back then we mostly relied on donations and fundraising, now I have a budget," says Ardizzoni with a hint of pride. The gymnastics program includes all aspects of gymnastics, for all ages (even 12 month olds!) and skill levels.

The sport of gymnastics has nearly always been a part of Ardizzoni's life, since she was a young girl training at Kathy Corrigan's School of Gymnastics. She was captain of the Cohasset High School gymnastics team for all four years, from 1976-1979. During high school she began teaching at Kathy Corrigan's and at the Community Center, then her role in gymnastics evolved from there. She has judged competitions, volunteered at the Bay State Games, and been a state representative to the Massachusetts Gymnastics League. She has coached Cohasset high school gymnastics and cheerleading teams.

"My programs have grown so much, I can't do so much other stuff," outside the Community Center she says, "but I attribute the success of the programs to the really great staff I have right now."

Unlike what most would think of a director — behind a desk, crunching numbers and taking registrations — Ardizzoni joins her 10-person staff, many are "homegrown" former students, on the floor teaching the kids the majority of the time.

"I love opening the door and seeing a little smile on a face when hopping in for a lesson," and she loves to see her older students who train so hard pull off a routine in a competition.

She has coached kids from tumbling classes to high school competitions — and now some of her former students are bringing in their children for classes. Although she says this fact makes her feel a bit old, being around kids all days she says keeps her young and full of energy.



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS SHORES

Ruthann Ardizzoni is surrounded by members and assistant instructors in her five-to-eight-year-old beginner class at the South Shore Community Center.

"I love my job, I love the kids. I really love to see them grow and progress," she says. One of her favorite parts of the job is witnessing a child perform to the best of their ability, whether it be as small as a child learning to cartwheel or a team gymnast perform a stellar routine on the uneven bars.

She has fond memories of high school competition, both as an athlete and a coach. "I love the camaraderie of a team. There's an excitement in competition. In gymnastics, there's really no "I" in team, the ending is about the team not the individual."

As a coach she has taken her teams to league championships and during a three-year period she led the Cohasset High team in an undefeated streak for 36 meets.

Ardizzoni has seen many changes in Cohasset throughout her 30 years at the Community Center, but what strikes her the most is how busy the kids are today.

"I am amazed at how many activities the children on the [competitive] teams are involved in. They're very well-rounded," she says, "it's amazing the amount of activities they can fit into one week."

But, in the same token, she thinks that's why her programs work so well with people because it offers flexibility and a low-pressure atmosphere.

"I want my students to have fun and learn in a really safe environment," says Ardizzoni.

Gymnastics is a specialized sport and not every child enjoys it, but Ardizzoni says parents should never consider it a waste of money. For the youngest students, it's a way to develop hand-eye coordination and motor skills.

"The strength and conditioning in gymnastics is the foundation of whatever they end up pursuing," she says.

Stephanie Church, director of the Community Center, describes Ardizzoni as hard-working, organized, child-oriented and someone who knows what she's teaching.

"She works very hard to ensure each child has a good time," going that extra mile to make a child comfortable, says Church, "we're very lucky to have her here at the Community Center."

Community Center kicks off another year

The South Shore Community Center is already buzzing with fall activities. Its mission is to provide a place where people can gather, take classes and programs and socialize with each other. Founded in 1944 by a score of Cohasset residents, the Community Center took up residence at 3 North Main St. in 1949.

The Community Center houses a nursery school, Cohasset Elder Affairs, the gymnastics programming and a dozens of programs each week. The programs draw from Cohasset and the surrounding towns.

The center has undergone changes on the outside as well as the inside in the last sixty-plus years. The rear of the building has been expanded twice, says director Stephanie Church. They entered the technology age by adding computer programs for the young and old about 12 years ago. New this fall is the Boston School of Etiquette class for elementary school aged children and woodcrafting for kids five and up. Returning favorites like cooking classes with Maryann Saporito are back, as well as children's dance classes.

"We open our doors at 8a.m. and we often still have programs going at 10p.m.," says Church, sometimes with multiple programs going on at the same time throughout the building.

"The biggest misconception is the Community Center is not funded by the town," explains Church. They rely on donations, program tuitions and membership fees to cover expenses.

To find out more information about fall programs or the South Shore Community Center in general, call 781-383-0088.

Tour of 19th century Cohasset

Historian David Wadsworth will conduct a tour of 19th Century Cohasset, "Looking Back," at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, **Oct. 17**, at the Pratt Building. Visit through the town as it was through slides and a lecture and compare those pictures to the town known today.

Through slides and lecture, walk Main Street with Wadsworth and compare the Cohasset that was yesterday with the Cohasset that is today. What has changed and what has stayed the same? This backward glance will begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Society's headquarters, 106 South Main St.

All are invited to attend this free lecture. Light refreshments will be served.

The Historical Society annual meeting and dinner will take place Sunday, **Oct. 28**, at the Cohasset Harbor Resort, beginning with a cash bar at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. The guest speaker will be Stephen Puleo, author of "The Boston Italians: A Story of Pride, Perseverance and Paesani." Stephen tells the story of the Italian migration to Boston and the perseverance that helped these poverty-stricken people to overcome the many obstacles in their path to success in America.

The lecture series will visit the other side of the world at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, **Nov. 14**, at the Pratt Building, when Edyth Ford presents "Adventures Abroad: China and Tibet." As part of a global community, Cohasset welcomes the sights and cultures of other countries. Edyth will talk about her adventures on a recent trip to China and Tibet and will share the similarities and differences of life in lands so far from our shores.

There is no fee to attend the lecture series and light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 781-383-1434 or visit: cohassethistoricalsociety.org.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Gateway to Cohasset

If there is one thing about Cohasset's "looks" over the years that many would change if they could is the appearance of parts of Route 3A.

Let's face it: Route 3A would not rank among the "most beautiful streets in America" in Eleanor Roosevelt's eyes if she were alive today. As many readers may know, she gave Hingham's Main Street that title during a visit in 1942.

The Hingham Stretch of Route 3A between the rotary and Cohasset Town Line and nearly all of Route 3A in Scituate and much of the state highway in Marshfield remain residentially zoned, with most houses set back from the roadway. The effect has resulted in a pleasant drive from a visual standpoint.

But once in Cohasset, much of 3A is a hodgepodge of commercial development, much of which badly needs redevelopment.

Over the years, things have improved. For example, Shaw's Plaza is a big improvement over the former Cushing Plaza, which resembled a ghost town in its later years.

Also years back, a new façade was installed on the front of the shops in Tedeschi Plaza, giving the aging shopping center a better appearance.

Pilgrim Bank, the new shops that house King Jewelers, Hingham Lumber and Cohasset Collision are still more examples.

It is impossible to turn back the clock and take 3A back to residential. Also, the town badly needs to keep its commercial tax base vital and expand it where necessary.

Enter the "TOD." TOD is an acronym for Transit Oriented Development, which encourages sustainable living by locating high density, mixed use developments near public transportation.

The Planning Board has embarked on its review of the TOD planned next to the former Winter Garden skating rink/Graham Waste site, which has been transformed into the Cohasset Train Station.

Most will remember the parcel where the TOD is planned housed stores in an old "strip mall" that included Mary Lou's, a dry cleaners and antique shop. Behind was a florist and boat storage area. While the businesses were a valuable asset – the aging structures were not easy on the eyes.

We think the TOD presents a great opportunity to improve 3A — right at the northern gateway to Cohasset — while helping increase the town's commercial tax base and adding housing (including two affordable units) at the same time.

The architect's rendering almost looks like a mini-Derby Street Shoppes. Residents should remember that this is a much smaller area than Derby Street. However, Derby Street, which replaced the dilapidated Hingham Plaza, has done wonders for Hingham's tax base.

We will be reporting on the hearings as the project unfolds. Stay tuned!

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:
Alternative Energy Committee, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, all at 7:30 p.m.
Deer Hill School Council, Oct. 9, 8 a.m. at Deer Hill
Harbor Committee, Oct. 9, 7 p.m.
Historical Commission, Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m.
Library Trustees, Oct. 10, 7 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Library.
Selectmen, Oct. 22 & Nov. 5, 7 p.m.
Water Commission Oct. 24, 6 p.m., King Street plant.
ZBA, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m.
All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Cohasset Cultural Council seeks funding proposals

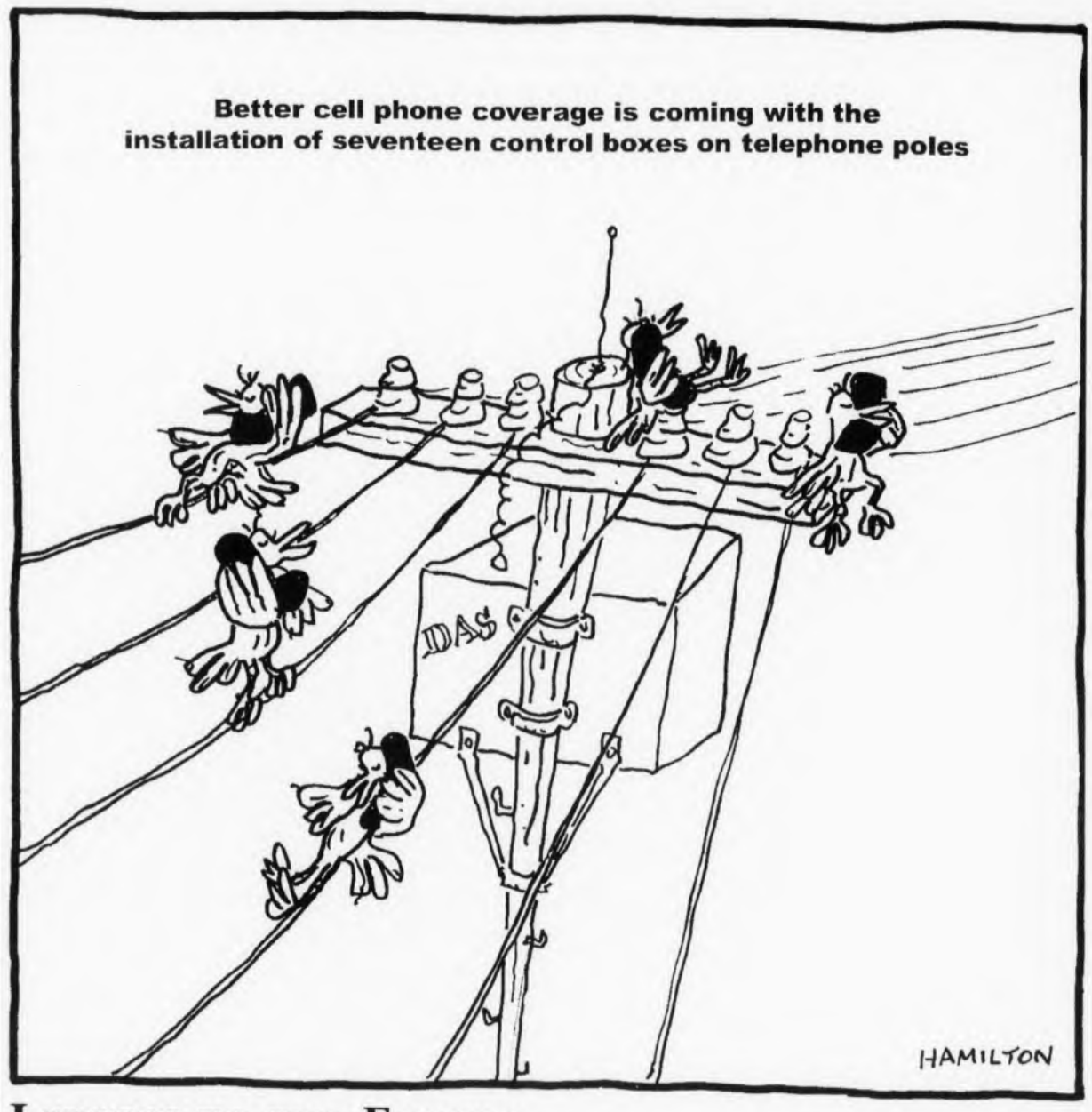
Cohasset Cultural Council has set an Oct. 15 deadline for organizations, schools and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community.

According to council spokesperson Diane Kennedy these grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Cohasset – including exhibits, festivals, short-term artist residencies or performances in schools, workshops and lectures.

Cohasset Cultural Council will also entertain funding proposals from schools and youth groups through the PASS Program, a ticket subsidy program for school-age children.

Cohasset Cultural Council is part of a grassroots network of 329 local councils that serve every city and town in the state. The program is the largest, most decentralized one of its kind in the United States. The state Legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, which then allocates funds to each local council. This year, Cohasset Cultural Council will distribute about $4,000 in grants.

Application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available on the Web at mass-culture.org/lcc public.asp. For more information, call Diane Kennedy at 781-383-1304 or visit devline@juno.com.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Upset over loss of parental rights

TO THE EDITOR:

We want to let this play out.

We are parents who want to exercise our parental rights over our child, who is a student at the Cohasset Middle School. However, we are facing a two-to-three-day trial in Superior Court in October to decide what is best for our child. Unfortunately, the Director of Student Services has managed to take away our parental rights. Every parent has the right to remove their child from services no matter what, as long as there is no violence, harm to himself or anyone else and no disruption. That is what the BSEA (Bureau of Special Education Appeals) wrote in its decision. So we removed our son for two days until the Director of Student Services filed for a Superior Court order and got a restraining order for an injunction to prevent us from removing our son from his services.

One might wonder how the Director of Student Services managed such a thing. Well, first of all, no parent can be taken to Superior Court in a school district without the authorization of the Superintendent of Schools. So why are we going to Superior Court? Because the Superintendent of Schools authorized it. How did the Director of Student Services manage to take away our parental rights? There are a number of reasons why and how this happened, all of which we asked to be put before the School Committee. The response from the School Committee was this, "We are not going to put this on the agenda, and we are going to let this play out."

Why is the School Committee refusing to hear us? What is it that they are so afraid of? One School Committee member says that they have nothing to do with this case wishing us luck and sending us on our way last month. The other School Committee member all of a sudden decides, when things are getting more intense and they are asked to address questions of why the Cohasset School Department allowed the Director of Student Services to do things in such a way that took parents rights away, that now they are involved and cannot address these issues. Why?

Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 71B: Section 3A states that the School Committee appoints the Director of Student Services, and is therefore in charge of all local in-house issues pertaining to the Director. We have issues, but they do not want to hear them. Why does the School Committee in our town get to refuse to listen to parents especially when the School District is taking them to Superior Court? Why is the Cohasset School District wasting your money on such a fight when there are so many parents in the town that are fighting to get services or the appropriate services for their children and cannot.

Kevin & Peggy Lewis
85 Ripley Road

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Proactively valuing our differences

COMMENTARY

SUSAN ETKIN AND CHARTIS TEBETTS

However, the Cohasset Diversity Committee, also acting as the town's No Place for Hate committee, is concerned that so many in Cohasset seem to feel that this is *only* a police matter.

The assault on the Cohasset teenager two weeks ago received excellent coverage in last week's Cohasset Mariner. The editorial, the commentary and the news report certainly reassured us that the Cohasset Police Department has taken the incident seriously and an investigation is being made.

However, the Cohasset Diversity Committee, also acting as the town's No Place for Hate committee, is concerned that so many in Cohasset seem to feel that this is *only* a police matter. We suggest that there are many other steps available, in which we can all participate.

Every parent of a student in the schools can have a conversation at home, with the children, about how this incident began, escalated, and ended. What do we do to prevent verbal and physical attacks? What can we say or do to intervene? How do we feel about the victim, about the perpetrator? Do witnesses have responsibilities? And we especially believe that parents need to ask — what have you learned in your classrooms about bullying, name-calling, fighting? We know that every student at many points during their years in the Cohasset public schools has had anti-bullying education.

Members of the adult community in Cohasset can reach out to victims and their families, talk about the circumstances of the incident, offer support and promise to do what they can to eliminate acts of discrimination in their own families and in Cohasset.

In the schools, we know that the tools exist to work hard to foster the "safe, respectful, and positive learning environment for students, staff, and community" that Superintendent Walsh spoke of as one of the goals of the district's Strategic Plan. A major tool is the new Peer Leadership Program that the Diversity Committee successfully promoted and funded in its debut last year. Fifty High School students have received extensive training to recognize and intervene when acts of disrespect occur. These exercises are presented to the Middle School students. The Peer Leaders are expected to lead by example and to take appropriate steps whenever they see acts of bullying, discrimination, and disrespect.

Our goal is to help Cohasset grow into a community where people can look, act, and be different without fear of being targeted for their differences. It is not enough to be tolerant. We must be proactively valuing our differences and speaking up against those that would threaten our individual security.

Susan Etkind and Chartis Tebbetts, Cochairs, Cohasset Diversity Committee/No Place for Hate Committee.

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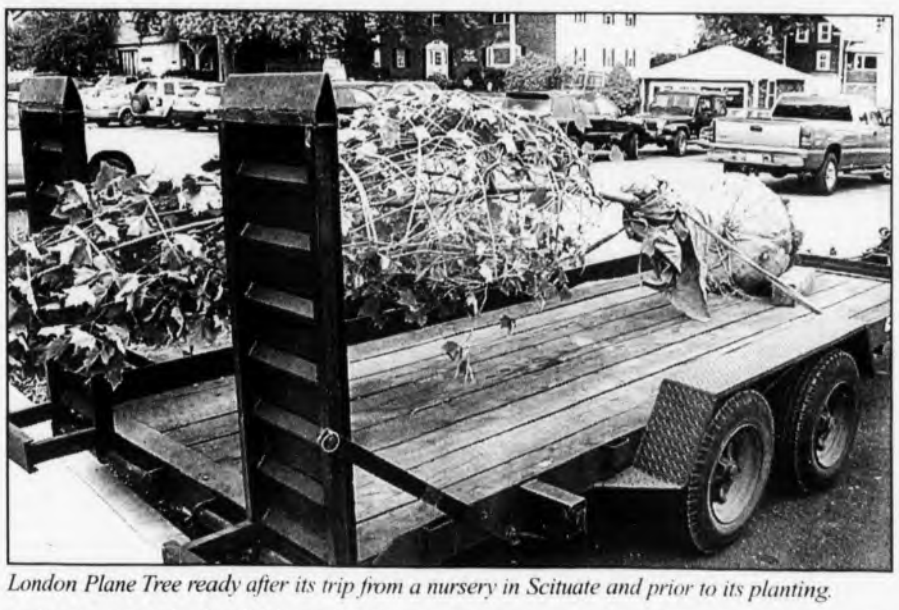
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MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

New trees in town – This week four new trees were planted in the Village area. You may remember, last summer the very large Sycamore tree at the southern end of the Town Parking Lot alongside the tracks died as a result of the nearby construction and had to be removed. We were advised by professionals that the best time to replant it would be the fall. Well fall is officially here, so it's time to plant. Thursday of last week we were able to purchase a London Plane tree (a cross between an American Sycamore and a Chinese Sycamore) and bring it to Cohasset. For all intents and purposes, this tree is indistinguishable from the former Sycamore. The accompanying photo shows the London Plane tree resting after its trip from a nursery in Scituate prior to its planting. As you drive through the Town Parking Lot you can now see the new tree in its permanent place.



London Plane Tree ready after its trip from a nursery in Scituate and prior to its planting.

At the same time, the Revitalization contractor came back to finish their work, which included planting three trees. One of these is a lilac tree planted on Elm Street near the Historical Society, similar to the other two lilac trees planted near the corner of Elm and Main. These add a nice touch of white color in the springtime during lilac season. (Somehow, it doesn't seem right to plant lilac trees on *Elm Street.*) The other two trees are ginkgos planted on the Common across from the First Parish Church. They replace two pin oaks that didn't survive the winter last year and the drought this year.

The Revitalization contractor also cleared up a few items on our "punch list," such as adding a drain in front of Darylynn's to drain the low spot in the street. Now, patrons won't have to do the broad jump to get to the curb after a rain.

Paving Time on Forest Avenue – Thursday and Friday of last week saw the paving get under way big time on Forest Avenue. We apologize to the School Bus Coordinator who had to suffer through a closure of Forest Avenue and Jerusalem Road during peak school bus time in the morning. If we hadn't taken this time to start the paving, we could have lost a month on the project. Pavers are very independent as contractors go and have their work planned out way in advance. If they don't start when they have the time slotted in their schedule, they just move on to the next job. We could have waited a month or so for them to return. Given the condition of Forest Ave. with all of the manholes and storm drains raised we felt it was best to go ahead and pave.

Just because the paving is smooth, doesn't mean that the speed limit has been raised. Please drive responsibly.

Even though the road paving appears complete, there will still be a lot of construction along the entire length of Forest Avenue. There are a few structures in the roadway that need to be raised, so workers will be in the roadway working. As you can also see, the sidewalks and driveway aprons are far from complete so that work will be ongoing.

Lastly, we need to comment about driving habits. Just because the paving is smooth, doesn't mean that the speed limit has been raised. Please drive responsibly.

Greenbush – The MBTA has posted the "final" schedules for the Greenbush on its web site. With revenue service starting on Oct.31st these might come in handy.

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THE SCHEDULES ARE IN

Monday through Friday

Greenbush Line Schedule
Effective Wednesday October 31, 2007

Inbound to South Station

Train No.	070	072	074	076	078	080	082	084	086	088	090	092
	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Greenbush	5 44	6 39	7 02	7 50	8 47	10 42	11 50	2 07	3 45	5 20	7 04	8 10
North Scituate	5 51	6 46	7 09	7 57	8 54	10 49	11 57	2 14	3 52	5 27	7 11	8 17
Cohasset	5 58	6 53	7 16	8 04	9 01	10 56	12 04	2 21	3 59	5 38	7 21	8 24
Nantasket Junction	6 02	6 57	7 20	8 08	9 05	11 00	12 08	2 25	4 03	5 42	7 25	8 28
West Hingham	6 07	7 02	7 25	8 13	9 10	11 05	12 13	2 30	4 08	5 47	7 30	8 33
East Weymouth	6 11	7 06	7 29	8 17	9 14	11 12	12 17	2 38	4 12	5 53	7 34	8 37
Weymouth Landing/East Braintree	6 17	7 12	7 35	8 23	9 20	11 18	12 23	2 44	4 18	5 59	7 40	8 43
Quincy Center	L 6 26	L 7 21	L 7 46	L 8 32	L 9 29	L 11 27	L 12 32	L 2 53	L 4 27	L 6 21	L 7 52	L 8 52
JFK/UMASS	L 6 33	L 7 29	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
SOUTH STATION	6 42	7 37	8 01	8 49	9 45	11 43	12 48	3 09	4 43	6 34	8 07	9 08

Outbound from South Station

Train No.	071	073	075	077	079	081	083	085	087	089	091	093
	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
SOUTH STATION	6 54	9 22	10 39	12 45	2 27	4 02	4 52	5 20	5 45	6 35	8 25	10 00
JFK/UMASS	....	....	....	....	....	4 08	....	....	....	....	....	....
Quincy Center	....	9 35	10 52	12 58	2 40	....	5 06	5 33	5 58	6 48	8 38	10 13
Weymouth Landing/East Braintree	7 16	9 44	11 01	1 07	2 49	4 24	5 15	5 42	6 07	6 57	8 47	10 22
East Weymouth	7 22	9 50	11 07	1 13	2 55	4 30	5 21	5 48	6 13	7 03	8 53	10 28
West Hingham	7 29	9 54	11 11	1 17	2 59	4 34	5 26	5 53	6 17	7 07	8 57	10 32
Nantasket Junction	7 34	9 59	11 16	1 22	3 04	4 39	5 30	5 58	6 22	7 12	9 02	10 37
Cohasset	7 38	10 03	11 20	1 26	3 08	4 43	5 34	6 02	6 26	7 16	9 06	10 41
North Scituate	7 46	10 11	11 28	1 34	3 16	4 51	5 43	6 10	6 34	7 24	9 14	10 49
Greenbush	7 55	10 19	11 36	1 42	3 24	4 59	5 51	6 18	6 42	7 33	9 22	10 57

Key to above timetables: "L" above, denotes that passengers can board or leave the train at this location, but the train may leave the station early (ahead of the times posted). "f" above, denotes that this is a flag stop, i.e., the passenger must be on the platform visible to the engineer for the train to stop. If no passengers are visible, the train will not stop.

Saturday and Sunday

Greenbush Line Schedule
Effective Wednesday October 31, 2007

Inbound to South Station

Train No. Saturday	1070	1072	1074	1076	1078	1080	1082	1084
Train No. Sunday	2070	2072	2074	2076	2078	2080	2082	2084
	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Greenbush	7 26	9 26	11 26	1 26	3 26	5 26	7 26	9 36
North Scituate	7 32	9 32	11 32	1 32	3 32	5 32	7 32	9 42
Cohasset	7 38	9 38	11 38	1 38	3 38	5 38	7 38	9 48
Nantasket Junction	7 42	9 42	11 42	1 42	3 42	5 42	7 42	9 52
West Hingham	7 47	9 47	11 47	1 47	3 47	5 47	7 47	9 57
East Weymouth	7 52	9 52	11 52	1 52	3 52	5 52	7 52	10 02
Weymouth Landing/East Braintree	7 57	9 57	11 57	1 57	3 57	5 57	7 57	10 07
Quincy Center	L 8 05	L 10 05	L 12 05	L 2 05	L 4 05	L 6 05	L 8 05	L 10 15
JFK/UMASS	L 8 10	L 10 10	L 12 10	L 2 10	L 4 10	L 6 10	L 8 10	L 10 20
SOUTH STATION	8 22	10 22	12 22	2 22	4 22	6 22	8 22	10 32

Outbound from South Station

Train No. Saturday	1071	1073	1075	1077	1079	1081	1083	1085
Train No. Sunday	2071	2073	2075	2077	2079	2081	2083	2085
	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
SOUTH STATION	8 15	10 15	12 15	2 15	4 15	6 15	8 15	10 50
JFK/UMASS	f 8 22	f 10 22	f 12 22	f 2 22	f 4 22	f 6 22	f 8 22	f 10 57
Quincy Center	8 28	10 28	12 28	2 28	4 28	6 28	8 28	11 03
Weymouth Landing/East Braintree	8 37	10 37	12 37	2 37	4 37	6 37	8 37	11 12
East Weymouth	8 42	10 42	12 42	2 42	4 42	6 42	8 42	11 17
West Hingham	8 47	10 47	12 47	2 47	4 47	6 47	8 47	11 22
Nantasket Junction	8 52	10 52	12 52	2 52	4 52	6 52	8 52	11 27
Cohasset	8 56	10 56	12 56	2 56	4 56	6 56	8 56	11 31
North Scituate	9 03	11 03	1 03	3 03	5 03	7 03	9 03	11 38
Greenbush	9 10	11 10	1 10	3 10	5 10	7 10	9 10	11 45

Waxing poetic on my anniversary

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

I don't often give in to extravagance but I do like to think of myself as a romantic husband. So every year at anniversary time I buy my wife the nicest card I can find. That's even harder than it sounds, because anniversary cards are universally lame. Half of them are written in foofy Elizabethan cursive and begin something like, "As we sail along together on this dreamy tropical sea we call our blah blah blah," or "My most darling, lovey dovey smoochy head." The other half are "humorous," which means they contain jokes so raunchy you wouldn't tell them to your mistress over the phone. They always have a setup like, "Hey Honey, I was on the 15th hole the other day and saw these two border collies..."

Who is buying these things? Would you buy yogurt if the only two flavors available were maple and tequila? It's like anniversary cards occupy this little Stalinist section of the Hallmark aisle. Just once I'd like to find one that sounds as if it came from me, as in

Roses are red Violets are blue I'm sorry my hair piece Smells like an old shoe.

or

After 14 years of marriage I can honestly say I've forgotten whose idea this was in the first place. Was it mine? Oh yeah, I remember now. No, seriously.

or perhaps,

On our wedding day I vowed, "To have and to hold you from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish you as long as we both shall live.' Do you see anything in there about a rose garden? No? I didn't think so."

My wife and I were introduced to each other by an ex-girlfriend of mine, which was pretty awkward, although we didn't know it at the time. This was in California, naturally, even though all three of us were from Massachusetts. For years I'd been trying to do the right thing and date California women, but eventually the language barrier always became an issue. What I liked immediately about Brigid was that she didn't dump me. Her attraction to me was based almost entirely on my safe driving record. We were very fond of one another but it became clear that our relationship was much too boring to survive outside a marriage. So in October of '93 we cast our lots together and I'm happy to say, if you'll forgive me a momentary lapse into mushiness, our relationship has blossomed from boring to incredibly pedestrian and is still going strong!

I think one reason Brigid never gets tired of me is that I'm always coming up with great ideas. For instance here is something that came right out of my head the other day. Instead of turning our clocks back some random Saturday night in the fall, only to turn them forward again in the spring, we should just keep turning them back an hour every Saturday night. Would that not be sweet? An extra hour of sleep every Sunday morning! Or afternoon, depending on the time of year. Now, I know a lot of you are thinking, "But John, farmers would spend half the season farming in the dark." But think about it: who cares? Nobody farms anymore. I've already sent this idea to Bill Delahunt, but to ensure that he moves on it this session there's certainly no harm in writing him yourself.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset. He would have written a longer article this week but he overslept.

LIBRARY CORNER

Hear 'Sister in Crime' on Oct. 31

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library at 35 Ripley Road. For more information call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

We're Not Making This Up – Ever wonder what the story behind the story is? Hear from true crime writers, drug agents, cyber sleuths and others about what really goes on behind the scenes. "Sisters in Crime" authors Kate Flora and Jayne Hitchcock lead this panel discussion at 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 28. Light refreshments will follow and the authors will sign copies of their work, which can be purchased at the event. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Admission is free.

Great Decisions Group – The first Great Decisions Discussion group will begin at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 14, in the Meeting Room. For those who have registered for the program, the group will discuss South Africa, found in chapter five of the assigned text.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film, "The Island," at 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 18. Somewhere in Northern Russia, in a small Russian Orthodox monastery, lives a very unusual man. Those who visit the island believe that the man has the power to heal, exorcise demons and foretell the future. However, he considers himself unworthy because of a sin he committed in his youth. Russian with English subtitles. There will be free admission and refreshments, courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Library Book Group – Join the book group for coffee and a discussion of "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan," by Lisa See at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 31, in the Meeting Room. All are welcome.

FOR CHILDREN

Tumble into Reading with TumbleBooks – TumbleBooks are online animated talking books that teach children the joy of reading in a format they'll love. TumbleBooks takes familiar picture books and classic children's literature and adds animation, sound, music and narration. There is an option of reading or being read to. TumbleBooks also offer puzzles, games, language choices and a complete audio library. To access TumbleBooks from home or at the library, go to cohassetlibrary.org and click on the TumbleBooks icon on the homepage.

MamaSteph – Performances will be from 10:30 to 11 a.m., Monday, Oct. 15, 22 and 29, in the Meeting Room. Come sing and dance. All ages and communities welcome. Funded by the Friends of Cohasset Library

Drop In Story Time – Join others in the Story Room from 10:30 to 11 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 9, 16, 23 and 30, for Big Book adventures, music and movement. All ages and communities welcome.

Letters About Literature – Letters About Literature is a national reading and writing initiative sponsored by the Massachusetts Center for the Book, with lead support from the Calderwood Writing Initiative at the Boston Athenaeum, with assistance from Houghton Mifflin Co., and the Massachusetts Library Association. To enter the contest you must first select a fiction or nonfiction book, a short story, poem, essay or speech you have read and about which you have strong feelings. Explore those feelings and why you reacted the way you did during or after reading the piece. Second, write a personal letter to the author as if you were having a conversation with them. Next, submit your letter. There are three levels of competition: Level I, grades 4 through 6 – entrants must be at least nine years old; Level II, grades 7 and 8; Level III, grades 9 through 12. For participation guidelines go to www.massbook.org or pick up a flyer in the children's or the young adult room.

Karen Quigley guest on Our Town

ou town

Karen Quigley, chairman of the Harbor Health Committee, sits down with co-hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin to detail the committee's efforts to determine what has been troubling the harbor and what residents of Cohasset can do to protect this beautiful, natural resource

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Mixed-use TOD begins public hearings

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conjunction with 22,000 square feet of residential space on the second floor.

"We've designed the building to have a Main Street feel," said Geoffrey Wolf, senior vice president of Connell Real Estate. An architectural rendering showed varying roof heights, different storefront façades, cupolas and a clock tower centerpiece. Smaller retailers are envisioned to occupy the storefronts, not big box stores, said Wolf. Coffee shops, drycleaners, small restaurant chains, a fitness center and other independent retailers were offered as examples. Just how many retailers will eventually find a home in the complex has yet to be determined. Although several parties have expressed interest in retail space, no storefront has been tenanted, said Wolf.

"We have every expectation we will fill the site with appropriate retailers," said Wolf. A separate building situated closer to Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A) is slated for a 3,400 square foot bank with a drive-thru. Connell is seeking a ground lease for the property.

Member Bob Sturdy was concerned the development would overlap current businesses in the village, "I don't want to see this site vacuum out the village," he said.

Above the first floor retail in the main building will be 14 to 18 apartments, a combination of one- and two-bedroom units. The real estate market conditions will determine the split between the apartment types, Wolf explained. Two of the apartment units will be qualify as affordable under the state's Chapter 40B to comply with the town's inclusionary bylaw.

Town officials and committees have already begun submitting comments on the project. The Water Department is seeking to loop in a water main from N. Main Street, while the Fire Department is concerned about both fire hydrant flow and maneuvering the emergency vehicles on the site. Wolf said he has met with both parties and they are working toward a resolution on their issues. Connell met with the Conservation Commission on Thursday evening to review the project in relation to the surrounding wetlands.

The development has done its best to comply with the spirit of the TOD bylaw, as defined in the town's zoning bylaws and as encouraged by the state's "smart growth" initiative. The intent of TOD developments is to encourage sustainable living by locating a high density mixed-use center near public transportation. The idea is to take cars off the road and create pedestrian friendly living, said Wolf.

The proposed complex will be interconnected with the MBTA parking lot for both pedestrian and vehicle access. Residents of the development will be able to walk to the train station and even the village via to-be-constructed sidewalk.

Although the connection to the MBTA parking lot is crucial to the development, the planning board suggested the site may run into problems with commuters parking in the TOD lot while at work, especially since the MBTA will be charging for daily parking. However, Wolf wasn't too concerned with the issue, "we expect parking overflow to go into the MBTA lot, not the other way around."

Signs will be posted limiting parking and since retailers will be negatively impacted if commuters are taking up customer parking, they would be the first to mention if there was a problem, Wolf said.

The number of parking spaces proposed in the development and what the bylaws stipulates is necessary will likely be taken up at a future hearing. Wolf said the nature of mixed-use creates parking demands (residential and retail) at different times of the day. Currently, 201 parking spaces are incorporated into the plans. Some spaces, anywhere between two and eight may be lost in engineering adjustments to accommodate fire safety vehicles.

Peter Brown, chairman of the Economic Development Committee and one of the original proponents of the TOD bylaw, conveyed the committee's support of the project.

"Architecturally this is so superior to other developments being done in suburban areas today. It's going to re-define people's perception of Cohasset," said Brown.

Traffic and drainage issues, among other topics, will be taken up at the continued public hearing set for Oct. 24 at 7:30p.m.



An architect's rendering of the TOD, a mixed-use development planned for Route 3A by the train station.

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— Peter Brown, EDC Chairman

BRIEFLY

Selectmen review budget amendments

The Selectmen approved three articles for inclusion on the Special Town Meeting warrant.

Town Manager Bill Griffin reviewed the amendments to the fiscal 2008 operating budget.

The town is proposing two amendments to the budget. Director of Finance Mike Buckley has requested a $15,000 increase in his general expenses budget to undertake a new analysis now required by the Government Accounting Standards Board, a group that establishes standards of financial accounting and reporting for state and local governmental entities. The town is obligated to provide an analysis of the town's post-retirement healthcare liability as of Jan. 1, 2008.

The second amendment is an increase of $29,752 for the South Shore Regional School District assessment. Griffin allocated his original estimate presented at Town Meeting based on a five-year trend because the regional school committee did not adopt its budget in time for Annual Town Meeting. This year, there was a larger than expected regional school budget and re-allocation of that budget due to student enrollment shifts among member towns, "it's something that's very hard to predict," said Griffin.

Despite the two unexpected increases, totaling $44, 752, the amount can be accommodated in the budget because the state assessment for retired teacher health care decreased by $56,489, Griffin said.

Selectman Paul Carlson commended Griffin and his team for their work in presenting a budget without shortfalls.

"It's a stunning change and a lot of people deserve credit for it," said Carlson.

The board supported the amendments and article 4-0 (Chairman Gary Vanderweil was absent).

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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September 24-28, 2007

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about this week's report, e-mail us at beaconhill@aol.com or call us at (617)720-1562.

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By Bob Katzen

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' votes on four roll calls and local senators' votes on two roll calls from the week of September 24-28.

DIVEST STATE FUNDS FROM COMPANIES CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN SUDAN (H 4172)

House 154-2, approved a bill ordering the $50 billion state pension fund to divest itself of any investments in companies that do business in Sudan. Supporters said that this is a moral issue and urged the state not to help the Sudanese government fund its genocide campaign in Darfur that has killed up to 400,000 people and displaced 2.5 million from their homes. Opponents said that the issue is a very complicated one and noted that conditions on the ground in Sudan have changed since the bill was originally drafted. They said that legislators do not have a good understanding of what is now taking place in Darfur. Michael Travaglini, executive director of the state's pension board, at a public hearing in March reluctantly opposed the bill. He noted that the board's main job is to maximize profits from investments. The Senate in June approved a different version of the bill. The House version now goes back to the Senate for consideration. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill ordering the pension fund to divest itself of any investments in companies that do business in Sudan. A "No" vote is against the bill).

DIVEST FROM ALL TERRORIST NATIONS (H 4172)

House 32-124, rejected an amendment ordering the state pension fund to divest itself of any corporation that does business with a government designated by the U.S. State Department as a sponsor of terrorism. The list includes Sudan, Cuba, Iran, North Korea and Syria. Amendment supporters said that they support the Sudan divestment but argued that is just as important to divest funds from other terrorist nations. They noted that all five nations are among the most dangerous in the world and should not be rewarded by the state of Massachusetts. Some amendment opponents said that they would support the expanded divestiture but urged that the House wait until bills dealing separately with this expansion issue are considered later in the year. Others said that Darfur divestment comes first because there is genocide taking place. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment divesting the state's pension fund of any corporation that does business with Sudan, Cuba, Iran, North Korea and Syria. A "No" vote is against the amendment and supports only the Sudan divestiture).

DIVEST FROM ALL NATIONS WITH GENOCIDE (H 4172)

House 53-101, rejected an amendment ordering the state pension fund to divest itself of any corporation that does business with any nation with a history of genocide or of suspected genocide as determined by federal or state government. Amendment supporters said that the amendment would broaden the scope of the bill and send a message to all nations in which genocide is occurring and may occur in the future. Amendment opponents did not offer any arguments. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment ordering the pension fund to divest itself of any corporation that does business with any nation with a history of genocide or of suspected genocide. A "No" vote is against the amendment).

RULING OF CHAIR ON DIVESTING FROM IRAN (H 4172)

House 135-21, upheld the ruling of Acting House Speaker Paul Donato (D-Medford) prohibiting consideration of an amendment requiring the state pension fund to divest its holdings in companies doing business with Iran. This restriction would be in addition to the Sudan divestiture. Supporters of the speaker's ruling said that the House has already defeated an amendment that includes divestiture from four additional terrorist nations including Iran. They argued that under House rules this new amendment is duplicative and should not be admitted for consideration. Opponents of the speaker's ruling said that this amendment is different because it is more narrowly focused and only adds Iran to the Sudan divestiture. They argued that Iran is a major sponsor of terrorism and violator of human rights. They noted that Iran is working toward developing a nuclear bomb and has threatened to destroy Israel. (A "Yes" vote is for the speaker's ruling prohibiting consideration of the Iran amendment. A "No" vote is against the speaker's ruling and favors consideration of the Iran amendment).

BAN USE OF DISHWASHER DETERGENTS WITH PHOSPHOROUS (S 536)

Senate 32-0, approved and sent to the House a bill banning by July 2010 the use of phosphorous in dishwasher detergents used in household dishwashers. Current law exempts these detergents from the 1994 phosphorous ban on all household cleaning products. Supporters said that household dishwashing detergents were exempted from the 1994 law because at that time many people were concerned that dishwashing detergents without phosphorous did not adequately clean dishes and utensils. They noted that things have changed and that there is now proof that specific dishwashing detergents without phosphorous do in fact clean sufficiently. Supporters also argued that the ban would help reduce the flow of this dangerous substance that causes damage to our rivers and streams. (A "Yes" vote is for the ban).

OCEAN MANAGEMENT (S 2346)

Senate 33-0, approved and sent to the House a bill requiring the state to develop and implement an ocean management plan. Supporters said that the bill would ensure that the state has a statewide and comprehensive plan to balance the commercial and recreational uses of oceans and the protection of their environmental value. They noted that proposals for liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals, gas pipelines, telecommunications cables and wind energy facilities must be carefully considered along with the need to preserve the oceans and the environment. Some noted that the current system spreads out this responsibility among several government agencies in a piecemeal, confusing and inconsistent manner. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill).

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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N	
N	
Y	
Y	
Y	

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Health Notes

Beechwood Ballpark, a learning field

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

If you had the time, it was a treat to observe the opening of the new Beechwood Little League ball field. It demonstrated an exercise in cooperation by everyone in town who participated. Many of the features of the field are not immediately apparent. It's not only capable of supporting baseball, but other sports, and it acts as a playground for younger kids. The field itself was created using the latest recommended green procedures, for environmentally friendly turf and plantings. The entire area gives one a sense of cooperation in the public interest.

The only cloud on the horizon was the fact that the soils on which the field was built were incompatible with putting in a proper septic system. When so called alternative systems were investigated, it was found that appropriate intermittent-use public toilet facilities such as those planned for the field are prohibited for new construction. Soil was such that any septic system proposed would need a large mounded leaching field, perhaps a nuisance for a homeowner, but impossible for a base runner. Moreover, the use of acceptable alternatives: so called composting toilets, proposed by the state, were found to be associated with unreliable operation and high maintenance costs making them too costly from a maintenance standpoint. Public toilets in large towns and cities are used with sufficient frequency that a subsidized fee-based system is warranted. Such a solution for a small town doesn't make economic sense. Public toilets in cities cost hundreds of thousands of dollars and maintenance is equally prohibitive. For these reasons, the public toilet facilities planned for the ball field are on hold until the town can have a dialog with the state and reach an agreement that pleases everybody. Meanwhile, hold is the appropriate word. But the field is open and will begin to be integrated into our children's list of activities.

Perhaps, now is the time to reflect on the entire youth sports scene. Nowadays, our kids are bombarded with so much information and participate in so many activities that it's hard for parents to create an appropriate balance of all the requisites for their youngsters. Sports played on public areas form a commonplace part of your children's experience. Parents should expect that the rules, which exist in a public park, might be different from those to which the parent or the child is accustomed.

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- Do your very best to make youth sports fun for the child.
- Ask your child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Letters to the Editor

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'North Cohasset is all dried up'

To the Editor:

As the North Cohasset resident who appeared before the Water Commissioners on Sept. 26, to discuss the North Cohasset water crisis, I would like to invite those interested in being kept apprised of upcoming discussions to contact me. I do not know where the discussions will lead to, but it would be productive to have an intelligent exchange of perspectives on possible solutions.

Whether you are from North Cohasset or elsewhere in town; you are a potential stakeholder in decisions that may arise from discussions. Certainly, the process will involve various town boards and the Aquarion Water Company. If you want to be in on the "ground floor," and contribute to solution(s); I encourage you to contact me: Telephone: 781-383-0505; Fax: 781-383-9762' email: cohjoe@aol.com; or by note/letter c/o Joseph R. McElroy, 59 Windy Hill Road, Cohasset, MA 02025. I would note that email is the most efficient mode of communications.

Joe McElroy
59 Windy Hill Road

Halloween train start is safety issue

To the Editor:

In a recent, Sept. 27, article in the Journal regarding the inauguration of the Greenbush Line, it cites Oct. 31 as the first day of full service. I would very much like to suggest that the MBTA reconsider this particular day as the first full running of the trains.

As we all know, Oct. 31 is Halloween, a day when every child is champing at the bit to dress up and go out trick-or-treating. They start long before dark and continue into the evening hours going house to house, paying little attention to anything beyond the next front door and the treats that await them.

This night is dangerous enough not just for the children but drivers who must be extremely alert to these small children. The shortest distance to the next house is the way a child will go regardless of the difficulty in maneuvering a front lawn, a back yard or train tracks!

We have been reading for weeks about the train testing (with warning horns) and the dangers involved. There have been special meetings at the local schools citing the dangers. The police have had articles in the Journal citing the dangers to all regarding the trains and now the MBTA chooses Halloween day/night to inaugurate the first full running of the trains, (without warning horns), 24 trips per day and night.

I fully realize that of course these trains will be running next Oct. 31 however, after a year of familiarity we would hope that children would be fully aware of the trains and the dangers connected to them and would avoid the tracks at all cost.

Further thought should be given to this particular date. We have been living with the building of the Greenbush Line for years. One more day is not too much to ask. The death of a small child caught up in the excitement of Halloween, cutting over the train tracks to the next treat would be a tragedy beyond comprehension, all for the sake of one day.

Please MBTA executives, reconsider this date and start Nov. 1.

R. Peter Manson
11 Park View Dr.
Hingham

Save commercial fishing in Cohasset harbor

The following is a copy of a letter sent Sept. 18, 2007, by Cohasset Harbor Committee member Adam Donovan to Gary Vanderweil, Chairman of the Cohasset Board of Selectmen:

To the Editor:

I would like to use this letter as a way to introduce myself as well as to address an issue facing the town. My name is Adam Donovan. I grew up in Cohasset and in the past few years have started a fishing business based out of Cohasset harbor. I am a member of the Cohasset Harbor Committee. I disagree with the letter sent to you from the Cohasset Harbor Committee. The meeting at which the letter was outlined was never brought to my attention, so I was not present to add my comments. I would like to take this opportunity to add my thoughts and opinions.

The issue faced in the harbor today with regard to the commercial fleet is ultimately about the sustainability of the local fishing economy. These small business owners have been a part of the fabric of Cohasset since its early history. Commercial fishing is a part of this town and through its history fishing has never been an easy job. There are many variables and factors that go into running a fishing operation and now we must contend with the larger issue of ensuring a sustainable fleet. Many fishermen are forced into "leasing" a mooring to operate out of their homeport. These are men who have spent countless hours, just like any other small business owner, at their craft. It is not as simple as just throwing a boat in the water and heading out. It takes a great amount of time and experience to achieve the level of knowledge necessary to be successful. Losing a mooring in Cohasset could severely cripple or even destroy an individuals operation if they were forced to leave and find another port.

I acknowledged this risk when I started fishing in Cohasset. I grew up in this town, I have some of my fondest memories here, and I want to remain a part of Cohasset. The issue of one day losing a mooring in the harbor was a risk that I had to take in order to start my career in Cohasset. Does this mean I made a bad business decision? It could. I am not looking to anyone for pity or a handout, I want to bring this situation the attention it demands. I am not the only one in this situation. Many fellow fishermen have taken the same path I am on. If they lose their mooring, they have to leave. These are people that have been fishing a long time in Cohasset and have families to support. They have cultivated a vast knowledge of the waters off Cohasset, been a part of the community and the local economy, many of them for several generations.

The commercial mooring regulations need to be revised. At present, there is a waiting list for the moorings, just like any other mooring in the harbor. There is no distinction between a commercial and recreational mooring. But, as we all know, commercial moorings are used for vastly different purposes than recreational ones. To a fisherman, the mooring becomes an integral part of ones business. As part of an individuals business, as well as to maintain the sustainability of the commercial fleet, it is important that these moorings be accessible to individuals who are actively engaged in or want to start a career in commercial fishing. The only other options are to incur the large risk of one day losing a mooring that an individual has "leased" or decide you want to start a career in fishing in Cohasset, wait 10 to 20 years on a waiting list, and then, if you are lucky, start fishing.

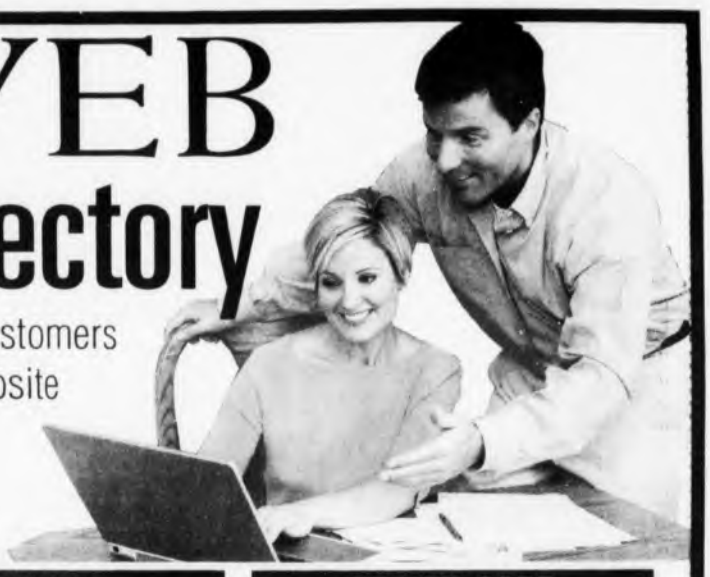
The current mooring regulations have put the sustainability of the commercial fleet into question. What happens when we start losing boats? Or when the son of a fishermen can not continue the family business in Cohasset? People are being forced into a situation that has a solution, but that solution has been left unaddressed for far too long. It would be very unfortunate to see business owners forced out of a community that they know so well because of a flawed mooring system.

This issue needs the attention it demands. I would very much enjoy the opportunity to discus what could be done, as well as listen to your thoughts and answer any questions you might have. I know this is a problem we can solve and in doing so make our town a better place.

Adam H. Donovan
Cohasset Harbor Committee member
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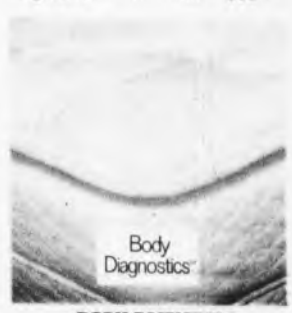
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Sam DeGiacomo rushes hard for the Skippers. DeGiacomo scampered for a four yard touchdown run early in the second half during Cohasset's 28-0 win over Scituate.

Skippers hard to handle

Defense takes off in route of rival

By Joel Racicot
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It's been 10 quarters of football since Cohasset has allowed an opposing team to score a point. That was back in the first half of the Archbishop Williams game three weeks ago. To go ahead and keep that streak going against Scituate during Saturday's 28-0 drubbing at Alumni Field proves the Skippers are for real.

The Sailor offense prides itself on putting points on the board, but for all its unusual formations and trickery, little was garnered.

"I want the kids to be confident but I also want them to be focused," Cohasset coach Pete Afanasiw said about his defense.

Afanasiw took over the Skippers defense at the beginning of this season and implemented a number of different schemes, all the while instilling an attitude that each player is responsible for the defense's success as a whole. With a 4-0 record heading into South Shore League play, it's clear the team is taking to the revamped D.

The biggest play in Saturday's game came early in the fourth quarter when Scituate faced a fourth-and-goal from the Skippers 5-yard line, trailing 13-0. Scituate quarterback Joe Barisano went back to pass, attempted to dump a short pass in the end zone, when Mark Flibotte jumped in front of the receiver and intercepted the ball, returning it 100 yards for a Cohasset touchdown and ending any chance the Sailors had for a comeback.

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Facing Scituate is a defensive back's dream. Cohasset took full advantage, Flibotte finished with two picks, while John Maher added a beautiful one-handed snag near the Scituate sideline in the second quarter.

"During the week we were deciding whether to go zone or man-to-man, and we decided on man," Afanasiw said. "We applied what we did in practice well, guys were where they needed to be and we got a good pass rush."

P.J. McCaw and Cliff Musto kept the pressure on Barisano, forcing him out of the pocket and putting him on his back a number of times.

Stephen Hurlbut, Jake Cuneo and Nick Lieberman also played strong on the line. Barisano completed only three passes in the first half, 11 total for the game. Anyone familiar with the Scituate offense knows how impressive those defensive totals are. Kyle Pinkus led Cohasset with 12 tackles.

The offense also played very well. Pinkus scored the first touchdown of the game on a 22-yard draw play. The 7-0 score would remain until Cohasset took the opening drive of the second half 60 yards for a

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Win streak at two

Boys soccer rebounds from string of losses with big wins

By Joel Racicot
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"Our goal is to make the tournament so we have to stop getting the minimum for wins."
Cohasset head coach Jim Willis

After losing three games in a row, this week provided an opportunity for the Cohasset boys soccer team to right the ship. So far they have done that in impressive fashion with a 4-0 win over Hull and a 5-1 win Wednesday over Mashpee.

The Skippers are now 3-3-2 overall, 3-3-1 in South Shore League play.

Sam Roth scored two goals against the Falcons and added two assists against the Pirates. Mike Grimm notched a pair of assists against Mashpee and two goals against Hull. Ivan Sceery totaled three goals this week, two coming against the Hawks.

"We have to get ahead a little," Cohasset head coach Jim Willis said. "Our goal is to make the tournament so we have to stop getting the minimum for wins."

Getting back to .500 is important and now the Skippers face most teams for the second time around. Those prospects sound enticing to Willis, who thinks his team is only getting better with each new game.

"We are playing so much better, the team's confidence is high," Willis said. "We just have to play together as a group, and we have done that over the last couple days."

There were no lingering affects from a 2-0 loss to east Bridgewater and a 3-0 loss to Carver. The boys started playing to each others feet, rather than over their heads. Captains Grimm, Roth, Ryan Crough and Evan Deutch will have to play well in the second half of the season if the Skippers want to qualify for the postseason.

Matt Burgess anchored the defense during the two wins this week, and he along with Will Wise in net, Conor Ofsthun and Own Landon must provide strong play in the back.

"There are no excuses now," Willis said. "If we continue to get better we will make the tournament."

Cohasset hosts Abington today (Friday, Oct. 5) at 3:30 p.m.



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Cohasset's Evan Deutsh (18) pushes the ball upfield while going on the attack.



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The Cohasset High School field hockey team is battling for a shot at the South Shore League title.

Field hockey team sets pace

Girls 5-2-2 as they prepare for second half of season

By Joel Racicot
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The Cohasset High School field hockey team continues its impressive start with a 5-2-2 overall record. The Skippers tied East Bridgewater, 1-1, Tuesday after beating the Vikings the first go-round at home. Cohasset coach Deb Bostwick is pleased with the overall play from the team, but wasn't too thrilled with Tuesday's outcome.

"We didn't bring our 'A' game in the first half," Bostwick said. "I could tell when we got off the bus we weren't ready to play, we came out flat."

The slow start was spelled with a dominating second half. Senior captain Paige Strecker scored early in the half on an offensive corner. Alyssa Mullin turned in a very strong game in net, saving 9-of-10 shots against her.

"She played outstanding," Bostwick said of her goalie.

Olivia Kimla, Izzy Franklin, Kaleigh Teague and Lucy Noble also contributed to the effort with solid play.

"I told them at halftime that this was 'horrendous' and that 'I didn't know this team,'" Bostwick said.

She was particularly happy with the second half effort of senior captain Sally Meehan, who controlled the end of the game.

The girls routed Hull, 7-1, Friday. Kimla and Katina Martone both scored a pair of goals, while Franklin, May McCarthy and Lesen Haracz scored the rest. Meehan added three assists.

"Sally had good strides, Lauren Mack and Marissa Tangherlini had good performances as well," Bostwick said.

Chrissy Kent got the win in net.

Cohasset beat Carver, 3-2, at home last Wednesday. Kimla and Meehan scored in the first half with Martone netting the game winner. Mullin and Kent combined for the win in net.

The goal now for Cohasset is to qualify for the state tournament and possibly a league crown.

"When they dig down and play with their hearts they are effective," Bostwick said.

Cohasset High School sports schedules

Boys Varsity Football

October

5	Carver	7 p.m.
12	Mashpee	6 p.m.
20	@E. Bridgewater	1 p.m.

November

2	Abington	7 p.m.
9	Norwell	7 p.m.
22	@Hull	10 a.m.

Girls Varsity Field Hockey

Games at 3:30 p.m. unless noted.

October

9	@Scituate	
12	Harwich	4 p.m.
13	Nantucket	1 p.m.
16	Mashpee	
18	@Carver	
22	Hull	
23	Scituate	
25	@Hingham	

Boys Varsity Golf

All games at 3:30 p.m.

October

9	Carver	
10	@Abington	
11	Quincy	

Boys Varsity Soccer

October

5	Abington	3:30 p.m.
9	@Harwich	4 p.m.
11	Norwell	7 p.m.
13	Nantucket	1 p.m.
15	@E. Bridgewater	3:30 p.m.
17	@Carver	3:30 p.m.
19	Hull	6 p.m.
22	@Scituate	6:30 p.m.
23	@Mashpee	4 p.m.
25	Rockland	6:30 p.m.

Girls Varsity Soccer

October

5	@Abington	3:30 p.m.
9	Harwich	4 p.m.
11	Norwell	5 p.m.
15	E. Bridgewater	3:30 p.m.
17	Carver	3:30 p.m.
19	@Hull	6 p.m.
23	Mashpee	4 p.m.
25	@Scituate	5:30 p.m.
29	Hanover	5 p.m.

CYBSA Major League Tryouts

The try-outs for the 2008 CYBSA major league baseball season will be held Saturday, Oct. 13 at Barnes Field from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. All boys and girls who are age 10 prior to May 1, 2008 and no older than age 12 on April 30, 2008 and who are not currently on a CYBSA major league baseball team are invited to try-out. All 12 year olds (born between May 1, 1995 and April 30, 1996) who attend the tryouts are automatically selected for a Major League team, provided that these players attend the tryout. Players should register at Barnes Field beginning at 12 noon. This will be the only opportunity to try-out. The rain date will be Saturday, Oct. 20. Please visit our website CYBSA.net for more information. Questions regarding the tryouts may be directed to Liam O'Connell @ (781)383-9538 or Nancy Froio @ (781)383-1897.

Recreation Notes

The Cohasset Recreation Commission in the Cohasset Town Hall at 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset is accepting registrations for the following programs. For information call 781-383-4109.

Open Gym – This program, for boys and girls in grades 8 through 12, conducted by CHS Head Boys Varsity Basketball coach, Dorian Bryant, and coaches from the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club, will take place at CHS from 5:30 to 8 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesdays, **Oct. 9**, through Nov. 14. No pre-registration is necessary.

Cohasset Recreation/-Boosters Basketball – Cohasset Recreation Department Booster Basketball registrations, for boys and girls in grades 1 through 8, will be held from 9 to 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Town Hall. The fee for the program is $75 and checks can be made payable to Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club (CBBC). A shirt charge is included in the fee. Details on the Basketball Program will be available at registration. Games are played on Saturdays, but not during any vacation periods in order to avoid any conflicts.

The Recreational Basketball Program is made available via the joint efforts of the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club and the Recreation Department, and will provide youngsters with both a learning and a recreational opportunity. Coaches and sponsors are needed and may sign up at registration. Every effort should be made to register Saturday, Oct. 13, as there is a limit to the total number of players and teams that they can accommodate.

Fall Basketball Tune Up – For boys and girls in grades 5 through 8, this four-session basketball program, directed by CHS head Varsity Basketball coach Dorian Bryant, will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., Mondays and from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Saturdays beginning Monday, Oct. 15, through Saturday, Oct. 27, at the CHS gym. The program will focus on fundamental skills; shooting gun machine, drill stations, dribbling and offensive skill development. Participants will be grouped by age and skill level.

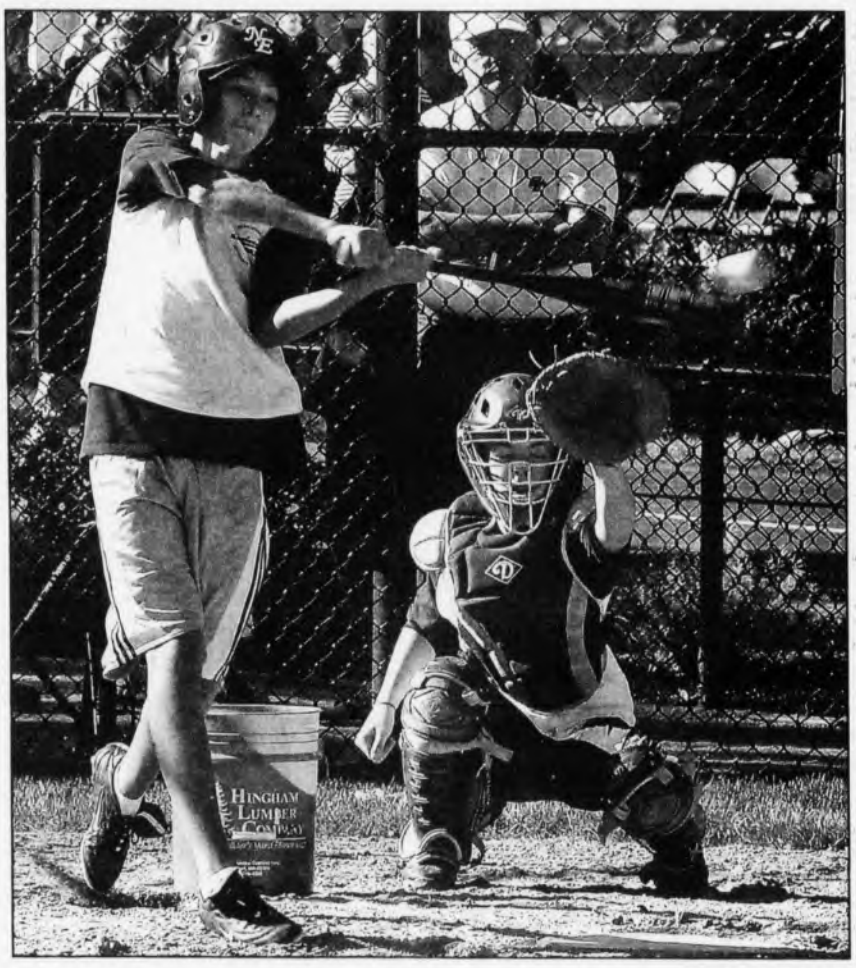
Registration material and detailed information are available in Cohasset Town Hall foyer outside the recreation office. The cost of the program is $55 for four sessions, $30 for two sessions and $15 for one session. Checks can be made payable to the South Shore and Cape Basketball Academy and may be left in the Recreation Department office.

Learn to Ski Program – The Cohasset Recreation Department in conjunction with Buckles and Boards Ski Shop of Marshfield will hold registrations for the Learn to Ski and Snowboard Program from 3 to 5 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 13, at the Cohasset Recreation Department office. Trips will be to Waterville Valley and Loon Mountain. The program will be open to all ages, but children must be able to participate on their own. There will be an adult chaperone to assist however, children must be able to function with minimal assistance. Ages 7 and over are recommended for participation in this program.

For security purposes, Buckles and Boards will require a current 2 inch by 2 inch photo of your child. The photo wilt be affixed to the registration form and used for identification purposes.

The fee is $289.99 per student, which includes four-one and a half hour lessons, and five full-day ski lift tickets The program will include a trip Sunday, Dec. 9, and four Saturday trips, Jan. 5 and 26, Feb. 9, and March 1. Rental information will be available at registration. Checks can be made payable to the Town of Cohasset.

HOMERUN DERBY



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Conor Dooley, 12, of Cohasset makes contact during the championship round of the Home Run Derby at the dedication ceremony at the newly refurbished Beechwood Ballpark on Saturday. Conor would go on to win the title. Patrick Kearney, 13, is doing the catching. For more photos of the activities at the dedication, see page 21.

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Skippers perfect early

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touchdown. Sam DeGiacomo rumbled in from four yards out for the score.

"It meant a lot to have them chasing two scores instead of one," Afanasiw said.

Dana Valentine added a score late in the fourth quarter.

Cohasset didn't turn the ball over once. That consistency and discipline starts with quarterback David Snowdale.

"He did a good job," Afanasiw said. "Scituate was committed to shut down the option but David found open receivers when he had to."

Snowdale finished with 47 passing yards on four completions. Pinkus rushed for 81 yards, while McCaw (40 yards) and Valentine (30 yards) did the rest.

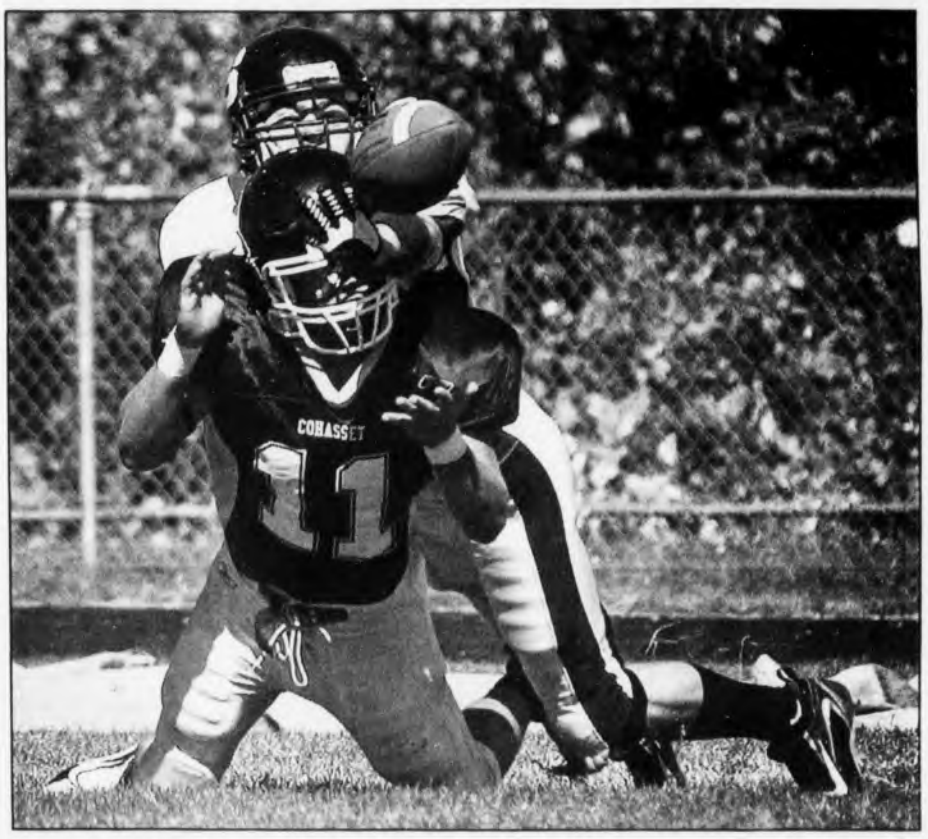
Cohasset hosts Carver tonight (Friday, Oct. 5) at 7.

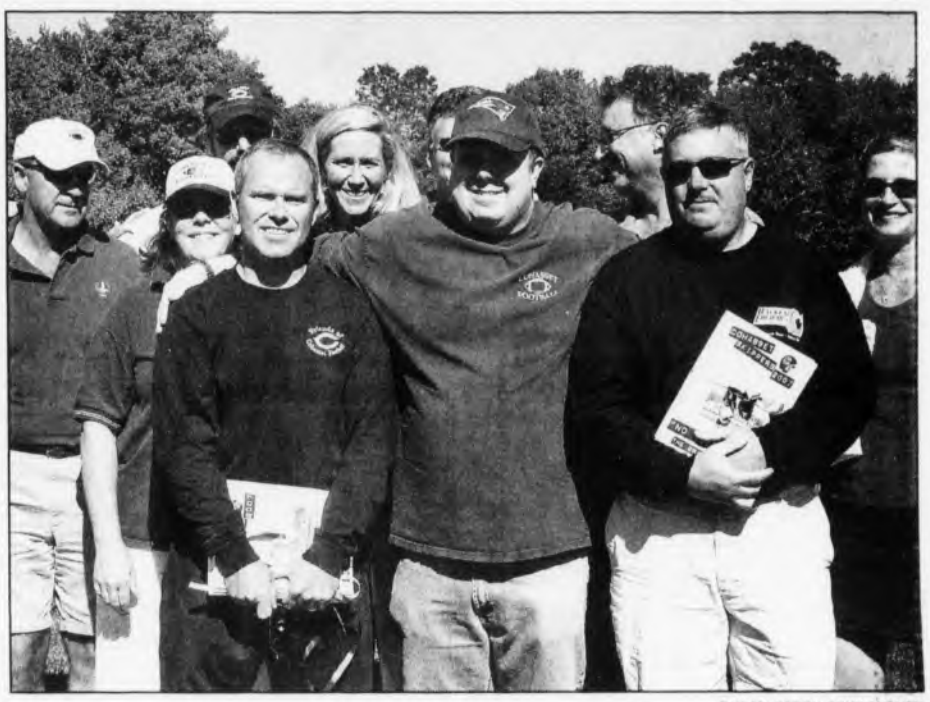
The battle against the Crusaders is the opening game of the South Shore League schedule. East Bridgewater, Abington and Cohasset are all 4-0 heading into league play.

The Skippers are at the top of the class but they understand there will be no easy courses.

"Now we are a marked team," Afanasiw said. "We are not under anyone's radar."







STAFF PHOTOS/MARK GARDNER

PHOTO/DERRY SCHWANTNER

(Above)

Senior running back Kyle Pinkus looks to avoid the Scituate tacklers as he heads up field. Pinkus scored on a 22 yard draw play in the first quarter against Scituate. He also led the team in tackles playing outside linebacker.

(Top Right)

Scituate's Sean Cooney tries to defend Cohasset's Pat Doonan from making a catch.

(Bottom Right)

The Cohasset Gridiron Club dedicated their annual yearbook to John Durkin, pictured left, with fellow booth members Shaun Galvin and Andy Whitney, surrounded by Gridiron members during halftime Saturday. John Durkin is the voice of the Skippers, calling the home games over the past five years.

CORRECTION

Pat Doonan was the star defensive player from last week's win over Cardinal Spellman. His name was inadvertently spelled wrong in the story "Showdown Saturday" in the September 28, issue of the Cohasset Mariner. We regret the error.

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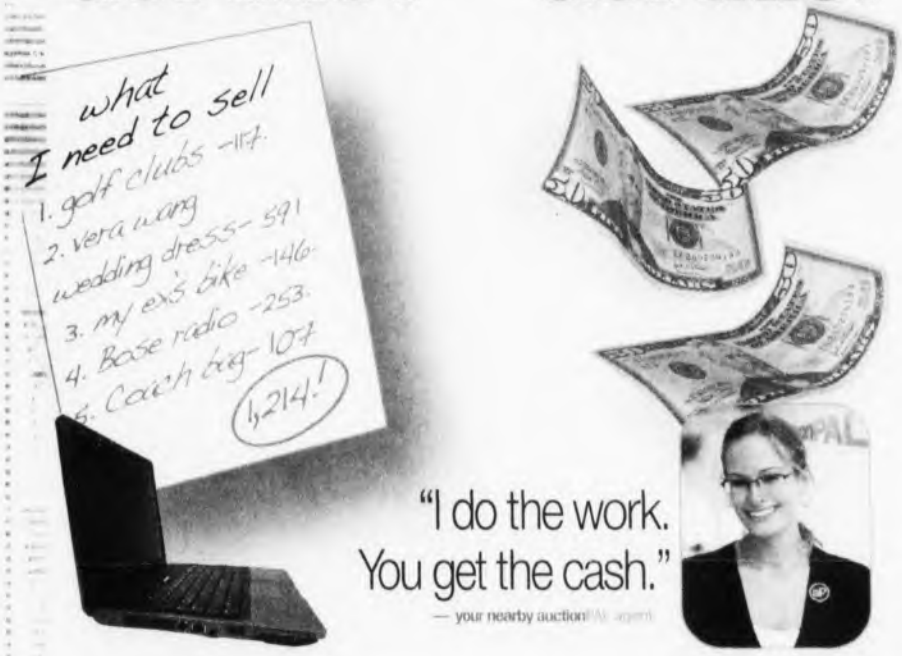


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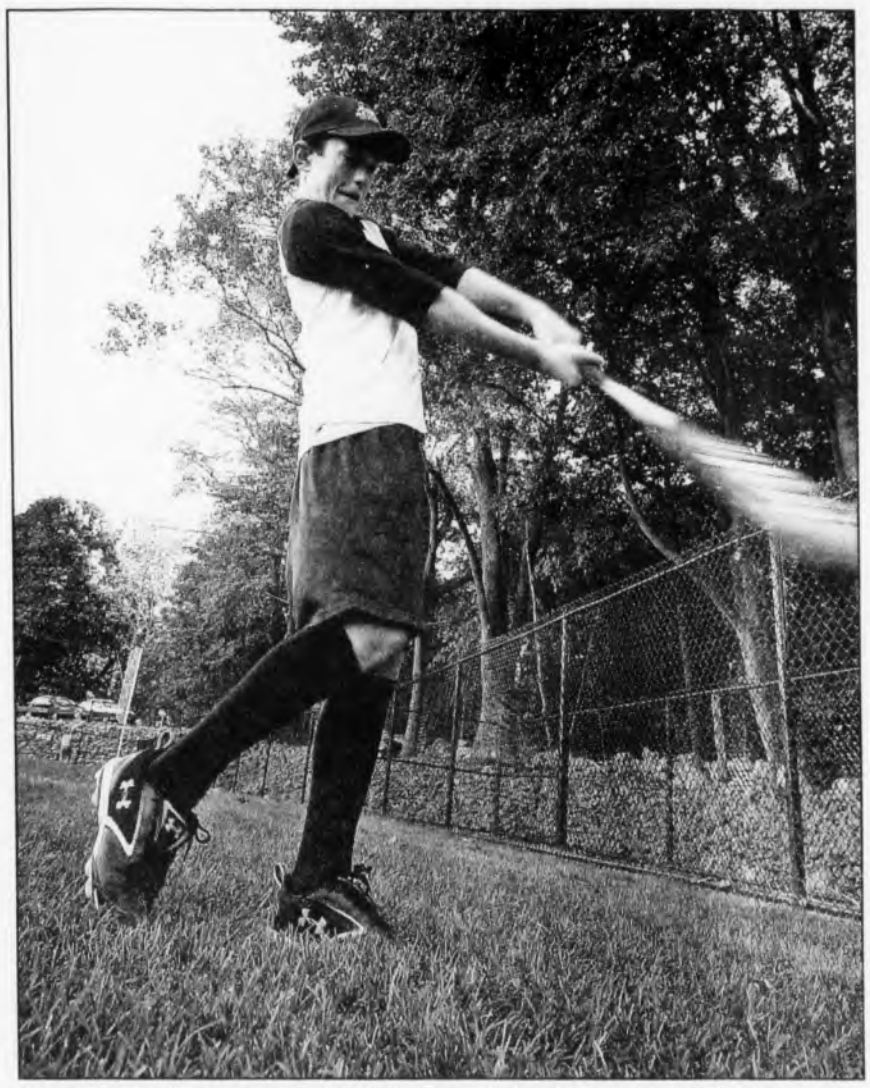
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Jamie Timothy, 13, warms up before the homerun derby which was part of the day's events.



Stuart Ivimey, chairman of the Community Preservation Committee that supported the field project, addresses Saturday's crowd.

Having a ball at Beechwood



Charlie Lankow, 22 months, looks up the slide to see if it is clear to climb up while enjoying the new playground.



Julian Herth, 14, picks up his shirt for the homerun derby.

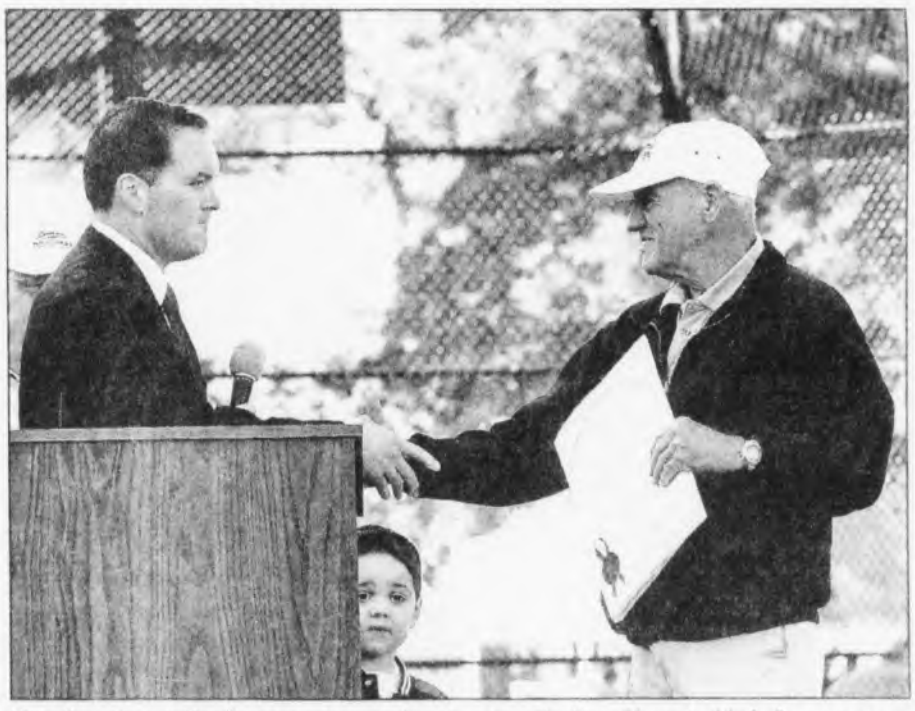


Lilly Sestito sings the Star Spangled Banner during the dedication of the Beechwood Ballpark on Saturday. Lilly grew up in Beechwood and played on the old field as a child.

Park dedicated Saturday



Commemorative baseballs were made for the special occasion.



State Rep. Garrett Bradley presents a proclamation from the State House to Merle Brown to recognize his work on the ballpark project.

Staff Photos by Robin Chan



Matt Montefusco, 9, reaches for the ball during the basketball competition.



Jane Cavanaro, 6, tries to take off the ribbon at the entrance of the new playground at Beechwood Ballpark.



Taylor Murphy, 11, signs the guestbook to get his free Beechwood baseball while his father, Brian, looks on.

SCHOOLS

Students should remember the Golden Rule

LIFE AT CHS

CHRISTINE KENT



Attention students! Put your dukes down and open your eyes to the real world. Though this concept was taught in kindergarten it is evident by a recent disgusting act of violence against a CHS sophomore that the Golden Rule, related to treat others the way you would like to be treated has become forgotten by some. I would just like to say, all of us have a responsibility to make sure this type of event does NOT happen. We all deserve to be treated kindly by one another, so relax.

On a lighter note, the varsity football team is currently a force to be reckoned with, as they stand undefeated. Their triumphant win over Scituate in the much anticipated weekend match marks the teams fourth consecutive win! Soon enough, other teams will be taking pictures of our footballers or possibly asking for autographs.... Great job guys.

In the middle school, the sixth graders returned from their pilgrimage to Camp Bourndale, with no broken bones or illnesses it's safe to say the trip was a success! Apparently, rocketry took center stage as the favorite activity. Hmm, I guess we have some up and coming rocket scientists in the making so seventh graders watch out. In addition, the winners of the Student Council elections were announced. Congratulations to eighth-grader, Steven Bumstead, who won the coveted title of President. Seventh graders cleaned up as Andrew Barrett won the role as Treasurer, and Nick Brown for Secretary (younger brother of High School's Student Body President, Lenny Brown). The Browns may be the next big name in politics with all their political success!

Now for the week's top stories:

• Monday, Oct. 1: The National Honour Society started to sell tickets for a raffle. The prize, a new Ipod Nano. Students, you better hurry and get tickets now!

• Tuesday, Oct. 2: The girl's varsity field hockey team faced off against rivals, East Bridgewater in a nail biting game. On their home turf EB proved to be up for the challenge and took the lead with the first half of the game. However, the end result was a tie of 1-1.

Wednesday, Oct. 3: Student Council for the high school met after school to discuss the super fan shirts which will be sold as a senior class fundraiser. The shirts will be available to parents, students, faculty, and one else interested in purchasing a stylish new t-shirt!

Thursday, Oct. 4: HALF DAY for students!

Friday, Oct. 5: No school due to Professional Day!!

Christine Kent is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly in the Mariner.

BC High School Parents Information Session

A Parents Information Session will take place at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 18, at St. Anthony Parish Center for those parents of students interested in entering the seventh or ninth grade at Boston College High School. Members of the admissions department as well as current parents and students will be in attendance to answer questions.

Parents interested in attending are asked to register online to bdolan@bchigh.edu or call 617-474-5010, ext. 1090.

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MONDAY, OCT. 8

Columbus Day – No School.

TUESDAY, OCT. 9

Chicken nuggets, dinner roll, or bologna sub, baked oven fries, carrots, pears.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10

Pasta with meat sauce and dinner roll, or chicken salad sandwich, green beans, peaches..

THURSDAY, OCT. 11

Taco meat served over chips with lettuce, tomato and cheese, or tuna sub, vegetable and rice, pineapple.

FRIDAY, OCT. 12

Cheese or pepperoni pizza or tuna sub, garden salad, fresh fruit.

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COMMUNITY CENTER

The South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St., Cohasset, will offer the following fall programs. For more information or to register, visit the center, call 781-383-0088, or go to southshorecommunitycenter.com.

CHILDREN

Che-Mystery – Mad Science of Greater Boston will conduct this program for children in kindergarten through grade 3, from 3:30 to 4:40 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 7. Children will explore one of the most exciting and fundamental sciences by experimenting with and observing various chemicals, potions and solutions in action. Fee: $15.

Woodcrafts – Children 5 and up will assemble a variety of wooden projects under the direction of Bob LeDuc, also known as Bob the Builder, from Wooden Toys and Crafts, from 3:30 to 4:30, Monday, Oct. 22. Young woodworkers will proceed at their own pace. The fee of $19 for members and $20 for nonmembers includes materials and children will leave with a finished project.

Chess – This program, for children in grade 3 and up, will be held Thursday, Oct. 11. Beginners will meet from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., and Intermediate will meet from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. The cost of this eight-week program is $85 for members and $90 for nonmembers.

Ballet I – For children 4 to 6, this program meets from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., beginning Tuesday, Oct. 9. The cost of this 12-week program is $132 for members and $135 for nonmembers.

Halloween Fun – Children 4 to 6 can join Mary Brennock from 3:15 to 5 p.m., Monday, Oct. 29, to celebrate Halloween with face painting, music, storytelling and games. Children may come in costume if they wish. The cost is $20 for members and $22 for nonmembers.

Puppet Shows – Pat Boylan will present the following puppet shows each month at 10:30 a.m., Friday: "The Three Bears," Oct. 5; and "The Fifth Witch," Nov. 2. The cost is $3.50 per person at the door.

Gym Dandy – Session I programs meet each Wednesday: Movers and Shakers, for children 2 and older, meets from 9 to 9:45 a.m.; Toddlers and Tumblers, for children 1 to 11/2 meets from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is $192 for members and $224 for nonmembers.

Free Play – Children 14 months to 3 and their parents can drop in from 10 to 11 a.m., Friday, Oct. 12, to explore the Gym Dandy equipment. The cost is $12 at the door and $3 for additional siblings.

ADULTS

Pediatric CPR – Join Linda Farrag R.N., from 7 to 10 p.m., Wednesdays, Nov. 7 and 14 to learn basic rescue techniques and CPR, as well as how to make a safer environment infants and children. The cost is $55 for members and $60 for nonmembers.

Digital Photography – Join Laura Sinclair, a professional photographer with Community Newspaper Company, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Oct. 17 and 24. This workshop, for the absolute beginner, is for those individuals who recently purchased a digital camera or are thinking about doing so. This class will demonstrate the marvelous capabilities of digital photography. Students are encouraged to bring their digital cameras and manuals to class. The following subjects will be covered: how the digital camera relates to computers, pixels, resolution, storage mediums, battery systems, downloading techniques, the use of menus and possible settings, printing options and the basics of image editing. The cost is $49 for members and $52 for nonmembers.

Slipcovers – Meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., for five-weeks, beginning Monday, Oct. 15. The tools you must purchase will be minimal. When you finish the class you will be able to make that perfect slipcover at home. The cost is $107 for members and $110 for nonmembers.

Calligraphy – Meets from 7 to 9 p.m., Wednesdays, October 17 and 24. Italic lettering, a beautiful art form, can be used for cards, gifts and invitations. The project to be worked on is appropriate for the holidays. The cost is $32 for members and $35 for nonmembers with a $15 fee payable to the instructor at the first class.

Three Course Dinner – Join Chef Maryann Saporito Boothroyd from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m., Monday, Oct. 22. The menu for the evening will be seared scallops with pistachio crust and beet-zinfandel glaze; seared chicken with apricots, sun dried tomatoes, pine nuts; Sardinian couscous and Panna cotta with sherried walnuts and figs. The cost is $50 for members and 55 for nonmembers.

Holidays Ideas – Join Chef Maryann Saporito Boothroyd, from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m., Monday, Nov. 5, who will show you how to make wild rice Crespelles with mushrooms, duck prosciutto and spinach; grilled and roasted lamb sirloin with rosemary, mustard, and red wine sauce; and a winter salad of romaine and radicchio with roasted beets and granjes figs and fried goat cheese. The cost is $50 for members and 55 for nonmembers.

IT'S HAPPENING

Forest Avenue sidewalk celebration

Planning is underway for a kickoff event scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 27, to celebrate the completion of the long-awaited new sidewalk on Forest Avenue. Tentative plans include a ribbon cutting; a bike, trike, and stroller parade; refreshments and more. To join the planning committee or to offer suggestions, contact Trish Morse or Diana Van Etten at Forest_sidewalk@yahoo.com.

Latin dance party

The Cohasset Diversity Committee will sponsor an evening of live music and Latin dancing including some instruction and demonstrations from 8 p.m. to midnight Oct. 20, at The River Club, 78 Border St, Scituate. Proceeds of the event will help fund the Peer Leadership Program at the Cohasset Middle High School.

Cash bar along with complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served. Tickets are $35 person and are available at Buttonwood Books & Toys (Shaw's Plaza) and Paperscapes, 47 South Main St., (in the village). For information call Connie Afshar at 781 383 6006.

Night Out on Main Street

Join the merchants of Cohasset's Main Street for a night out on the town from 5 to 9 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 18. Shop extended store hours, enjoy the festivities and refreshments, and pick up a raffle ticket at each merchant you visit for a chance to win prizes. Increase your chances to win prizes by looking for the pink balloons. Drop your raffle tickets off from 8 to 9:15 p.m., at Bia's. The winning ticket will be drawn at 9:30 p.m.

Participating stores include Bia, Carmela Drew, Cindy Vallino Photography, Darilynn's, Ephiphany Designs, Hernan's, Paperscapes Ports, The Red Geranium, Twist, and Village Wine and Spirits.

In addition, 10 percent of all sales will be donated to Hope in Bloom, a nonprofit organization which provides indoor and outdoor gardens to those undergoing breast cancer treatment. For more information, visit www.hopeinbloom.org.

Attention all gardeners

Community Garden Club of Cohasset is taking orders for a selection of spring flowering bulbs that will enhance the color and beauty of the garden. The assortment of bulbs includes tulips in a variety of colors; fragrant double narcissi; allium; rock garden iris; and petite favorites such as chinodoxa, muscari and scilla.

The bulbs are now available, and each order will be accompanied with directions for planting. The bulbs will also be sold at Cohasset Farmer's Market on Cohasset Common on Thursdays, from 2:30 to 5 p.m.

All purchases help fund club programs and community services.

Glastonbury Abbey to hold fundraiser

Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull St., Hingham, will hold a fundraiser from 4 to 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 3. The event will feature an evening of wine tasting, music and food. Proceeds benefit Glastonbury Abbey. For more information or tickets, call Ann McCarthy-Egan at 781-749-9423 or Kay Trask at 781-545-0993.

Cohasset Soccer Boosters pancake breakfast Oct. 14

The Cohasset Soccer Boosters will hold their annual Pancake Breakfast Sunday, Oct. 14 at the Deer Hill School from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. The $5 ticket will automatically enter the buyer into a raffle drawing for a pair of Yankee/Red Sox tickets for the 2008 season at Fenway Park or a $500 cash prize.

Proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast go to support the Cohasset Soccer Boosters, which last year awarded four $1,000 scholarships to students with a record of academic achievement, participation in soccer programs and dedication to community service.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or from team members at your local Stop and Shop and Shaw's supermarkets. Come out and support your local soccer teams, enjoy a great breakfast, and have the opportunity to see a great game at Fenway Park!

La Leche League

Those seeking information about breastfeeding are welcome to a meeting of La Leche League at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, Oct. 9, at Hingham Public Library. The program will be "Baby Arrives: The Family & the Breastfed Baby." All mothers and mothers-to-be are welcome. Babies are welcome as well.

Other LLL services include a lending library and 24-hour telephone help. For more information, call Patti at 781-986-6980, Kathleen at 781-749-2404, Heather at 781-544-9230, Love 781-740-4876, Tina at 781-544-6226 or Christie at 781-740-7808.

Ban on outdoor school activities lifted

The Cohasset Public Schools has decided to lift the ban on all outdoor activities on school property between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 a.m.

Due to public health concerns this past summer regarding the EEE Virus, the Cohasset Public Schools made the decision, as a precaution, to ban all outdoor activities on school properties between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. This ban took effect on Aug. 20.

Since that date, ongoing monitoring of the test results of mosquito traps in the Cohasset area have been received from the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project. No positive cases had been found. As of Monday, Oct. 1, they shut down their mosquito-spraying program due to a lack of activity in the traps. This status could change if any positive cases are found. The Cohasset Public Schools has decided to lift the ban on all outdoor activities on school property between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 a.m.

Parents are reminded that there are still risks associated with mosquito borne illnesses. Parents are urged to use caution and follow the EEE Safety Fact Sheet. Copies of the EEE Safety Fact Sheet will be available at all Cohasset Public Schools and at the following website mass.gov/dph/snv/wnv1.htm

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'Adopt-a-Street' to conduct meeting

The Town of Cohasset's "Adopt-A-Street" program would greatly appreciate your assistance.

This new environmental program is a partnership between the Town of Cohasset and community-minded businesses, organizations and citizens who will work together to provide a beautiful environment. This program will also educate and encourage people to stop littering and take pride in their community.

The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall's Basement Meeting Room.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering is encouraged to attend.

For more information please contact Tara Tradd at the Board of Health Office: 781-383-4116.

Check out this month's Parents and Kids

-Greater Boston's Guide to Smart Parenting-



-Annual Grandparents Issue-

From keepers of traditions to childcare providers, grandparents serve many roles. **Parents and Kids** has assembled ideas on getting active with your grandkids, fun places to go and ways to navigate step-grandparenting. Plus learn Dr. T. Berry Brazelton's best advice for grandparents!

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Arc of the South Shore to host fundraiser

Arc of the South Shore announces it will once again host Art from the Heart Art Show and Wine Tasting. Presented by South Shore Co-operative Bank, the third annual fundraising event will spotlight the artistic talents of children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It will take place from 5 to 8 p.m., on Oct. 13, at Thayer Academy, 745 Washington St., Braintree. The event, which has been at South Shore Art Center in Cohasset for the past two years, will be at Thayer Academy to accommodate the demand.

Attendees will be offered an array of art that will be for sale, while being treated to wine, a variety of international beers and s hors d'oeuvres from the evening's restaurant partner Bia Bistro. Guests will also have the opportunity to bid on silent and live auction prizes while enjoying live entertainment provided by the Haley School of Irish Step Dancers. Some auction items up for grabs this year include a one-week stay at the Beach Club on St. Simons Island in Georgia, a Vera Bradley tote bag and a Lyn Evans for Potpourri Designs wardrobe party for six.

In the past two years, Art from the Heart has raised more than $80,000 for Arc of the South Shore. For the first time in the event's history, this year's proceeds will benefit the Early Intervention and the Community Recreation programs.

"The Early Intervention and Community Recreation programs are at the heart of our organization," said Daryl Cook, executive director of Arc of the South Shore. "This event will help raise money to support these departments which have traditionally been dramatically under-funded."

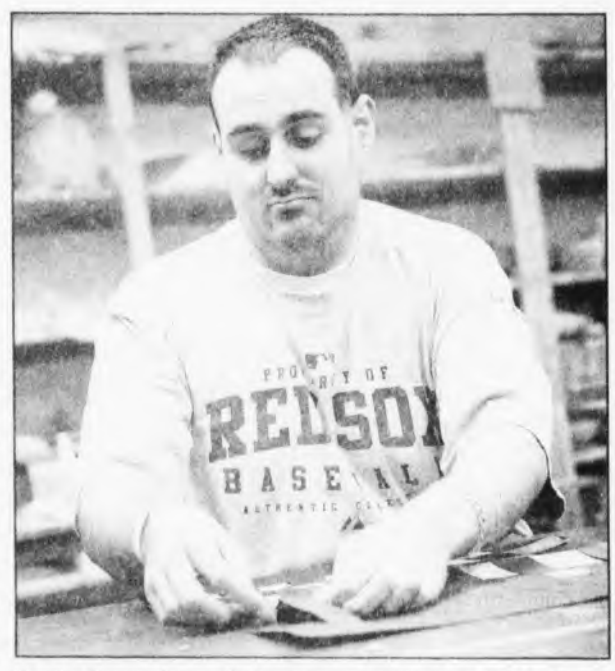
In honor of this upcoming event, Arc of the South Shore and local libraries have teamed up to promote the event and educate the public on services provided by Arc artists' during September. Paintings from the event will be on display at the Tufts Library in Weymouth, Thomas Crane Library in Quincy, Scituate Town Library, Paul Pratt Memorial Library in Cohasset, Hull Public Library, Hingham Public Library and Norwell Public Library, along with the libraries' books on early intervention and developmental disabilities. Artwork will also be on display at South Shore Co-operative branches in Quincy, Weymouth and East Bridgewater.

The community is invited support this cause. Tickets to the Art from the Heart Art Show and Wine Tasting are $50 each. To purchase tickets or to make a donation to Arc of the South Shore, make checks payable to The Arc of the South Shore and mail to 371 River St., Weymouth, MA 02191. For more information, call Claudia Cuscianna at 781-413-2230 or email ccuscianna@arc-southshore.org. Corporate sponsorships are also available for this event.



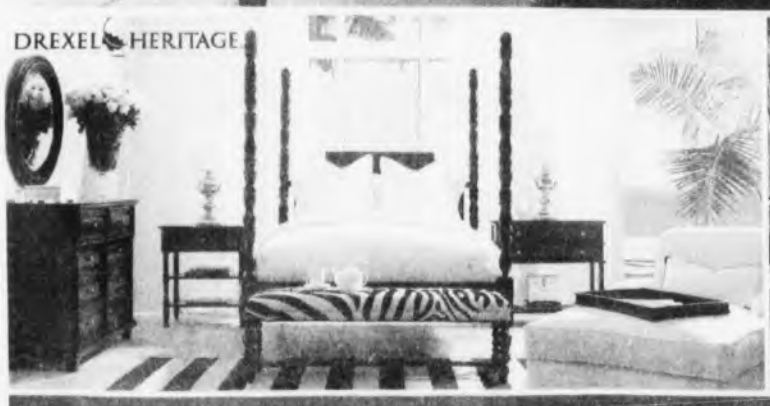
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Brian Houlihan of Bia Bistro in Cohasset accepts an apron signed by Arc artists at the South Shore Art Center in recognition of Houlihan's support for the Art from the Heart Art Show. That's Cohasset's Nick Sida, right who presented the apron. Looking on is Houlihan's wife, Tristan.



Stanley Bates of Norwell finishes up a work of art for the Art from the Heart Art Show to be held Oct. 13.









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Annual Bark 'n Howl Ball Fundraiser

Join WATD's news diva Christine James and the hard-working 3A Farm Fund volunteers from 7 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Oct. 27, at the third annual Bark 'n Howl Ball that will rock the rafters at the Hatherly Country Club in Scituate. The annual ball is the highlight of the fall season and the popular local band, Section 8, promises to keep you hopping. James, a faithful longtime supporter of the shelter, will be welcomed back for her third stint as the master of ceremonies.

Tickets are $50 each and are available at the Scituate Animal Shelter on the Driftway. The Bark 'n Howl Ball is a fun evening with great food, music and dancing, live and silent auction prizes and all proceeds help the Scituate Animal Shelter relocate from the Driftway to the 3A Farm.

The land at the 3A Farm where the new shelter will be built has been purchased, but fundraising efforts continue to pay down the mortgage received from Rockland Trust. As of May, 2007, the capital campaign met the initial goal of $800,000 in gifts and pledges. The group now needs to sell a one-acre lot and raise another $180,000 to complete the project. Thanks to a generous donation of architectural services from Artisan Architecture, the shelter design is nearly complete.

"We're almost there" is the group's motto; and the Friends of the Scituate Animal Shelter are very close to realizing this wonderful gift to pets in need and residents of the South Shore.

For more information and to follow the progress of the relocation, visit www.town.scituate.ma.us/animalshelter, www.3afarmfund.com, or call the shelter at 781-545-8703, between 3 and 5 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturdays.

Honoring those who serve

The following men and women from Cohasset are on active duty:

- Maj. John Atkinson, USMC;
- Lt. J.g. Michael Baird, USCG;
- Maj. William E. Baird, USAF;
- 2LT Alan L. Bauen, US Army;
- Ensign Allison Berg, USN;
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- Lt. J.g. Kevin Duffy, USCG;
- Lt. Andrew Hamilton, USMC;
- Master Sgt. Laurence Hoogeveen, USAF;
- HM. 2 Keith Jackson, USN;
- Lt. Matthew Lewis, USN;
- LCDR David J. MacDonald, US Navy;
- Maj. D. ROSS MacLeod, USAF;
- Lt. Col. Christopher Mahoney, USMC;
- Spc. Justin Maitland, US Army
- Lt. Peter Minnar, USAF;



- CDR Patrick O'Connor, USN
- RADM Brian Salerno, USCG;

Direct additions or changes to this listing to Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee.

Visit: www.cohassetveteransmemorial.com.

Legion seeking donations for those deployed

Donations may be dropped off at the Legion Post on Summer Street daily after 3 p.m. or at Pilgrim Cooperative Bank branches on 3A or in the village.

The George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118 is seeking donations of toiletries and other items for those deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Donations may be dropped off at the Legion Post on Summer Street daily after 3 p.m. or at Pilgrim Cooperative Bank branches on 3A or in the village.

Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks should be made out to the Sons of the American Legion, with "Soldiers Project" written in the memo line on the check. Checks can be mailed to Sons of the American Legion, PO Box 118, Cohasset, MA 02025. The following items are being collected at the American Legion for deployed servicemen and women:

Batteries - AA and AAA, razors, mouthwash, Chapstick, nuts, shaving cream Ziploc bags of all sizes, hand warmers, baby wipes, pens and notepaper, Pringles, toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss.

Also, sports magazines, local newspapers, socks, T-shirts, candy (no chocolate), phone cards, peanut butter and crackers, dry tuna in a bag, deodorant, winter hats and gloves, gum, mints, Lifesavers, Q-Tips, sunscreen, soap and body wash, dry soup, beef jerky, Tylenol, Advil, Excedrin and cameras.

Also, athlete's foot cream or spray, bandanas, socks, Bounce dryer sheets, chap sticks, ground coffee, CoffeeMate, antibiotic cream, duct tape, used CD or DVD's, paperbacks, knee-hi hose, cologne, Band-Aids, a variety of shoe inserts, playing cards, black pens, writing pads, envelopes, puzzle magazines, flea collars, lens cleaner for glasses, Ramen noodles in the cup, breakfast bars, gum, single-serve packets hot chocolate or soup, Pringles, hard candy, and microwave popcorn. Personal notes or cards are encouraged.

Coffee with the authors

Buttonwood Books and Toys will host a coffee with the authors from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the Atlantica Restaurant on Cohasset Harbor. This event will feature three authors, John Elder Robison, Leah Hager Cohen, and Michael C. White.

John Elder Robison will discuss "Look Me in the Life: My Life with Asperger's," his memoir that describes his own incredible journey from a tumultuous childhood through a dark adolescence to adulthood, with Asperger's. Robison is a keen storyteller, and is the elder brother of Augusten Burroughs, the author of "Running with Scissors."

Leah Hager Cohen has written successfully in fiction and nonfiction. Her latest work is fiction, but the feelings and relationships she describes are painfully real. "House Lights," set mostly in Boston and Cambridge, is a poignant account of a tight-knit family whose perfect world is abruptly changed. Cohen beautifully captures the invisible threads that bind people together.

Michael C. White emphasizes the complexity of character in his new book, "Soul Catcher." A Civil War-era novel, it is a story about a man whose talent is tracking and finding prey, particularly slaves. However, like many people there is more to the bounty hunter than his public persona. White's story is imaginative and provocative.

Reservations and tickets are required. Tickets cost $15 and may be picked up at Buttonwood or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope with your check to Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, MA. 02025. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to reserve or order a signed copy if unable to attend.

Stop & Shop to offer flu and pneumonia vaccinations

The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company in partnership with Maxim Healthcare will offer influenza and pneumonia vaccinations in the pharmacy departments of select stores through Saturday, Nov. 17.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, it is especially important that individuals at higher risk for severe complications of the flu receive vaccinations. High risk individuals includes a person who meets any one of the following criteria: 50 years or older; resides in a nursing home or chronic care facility; has lung, heart, chronic metabolic disease: kidney, blood, or diabetes, or asthma; has any condition that can compromise respiratory function or the handling of respiratory secretions or that can increase the risk of aspiration; and pregnant individuals. For additional information, visit www.cdc.gov.

Maxim will provide Stop & Shop with the personnel and vaccines for the vaccination clinics. The cost for each flu vaccination is $30 and pneumonia vaccinations will be available to customers for $40. There is no charge for Medicare beneficiaries with Part B coverage.

Customers interested in receiving vaccinations may obtain additional information by calling 800-767-7772 or visiting Stop & Shop's Web site at www.stopandshop.com for specific clinic locations and times. No appointments are necessary, and Stop & Shop offers convenient evening and weekend hours.



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Your dog can help cure cancer

By Larry Lindner
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Scott donates 10 percent of all his earnings to cancer research, meaning that Lulu not only helped to heal him, but now she helps others, too.

When Scott Leaver of Hingham was recovering from brain surgery to remove a cancerous tumor the size of an apple, it was his dog Lulu who kept him company through the many hard months of chemotherapy. Between bouts of weakness and nausea, Scott started painting whimsical portraits of Lulu as a way of keeping his focus off the negative possibilities the future held. In a very important way, she helped him through the healing process.

Then, people started asking him if they could buy his paintings, and out of that grew his Web site, "Heal Good Dog," a virtual store that sells Lulu paintings, T-shirts, and other paraphernalia. Scott donates 10 percent of all his earnings to cancer research, meaning that Lulu not only helped to heal him, but now she helps others, too.

Through the Romp for Research, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 7, your own dog can also help to heal cancer patients. Scott has partnered with the Jimmy Fund at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute to devise a dog walk through Wompatuck State Park on Union Street in Hingham to raise money for a cancer cure. Music, coffee, bagels, and books on puppy care will be served up to the humans while the dogs mingle. The registration fee is $25.

Scott's South Shore roots go way back. His mother lived in Scituate and he and his wife, Sharyn and their daughter, Maggie lived in Hingham and now reside in Marshfield.



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Cancer survivor Scott Leaver holds his daughter, Maggie, while standing with his inspiration for the canine cancer romp, his faithful dog Lulu.

About Sunday's Romp for Research

Heal! Good dog presents the first Romp for Research, a dog-friendly fundraiser for The Jimmy Fund. This first of a kind event will be held from 10a.m. to 3p.m., Sunday, Oct. 7, at Wompatuck State Park on Union Street in Hingham.

"This fundraiser is unique because it's the first ever, dog-focused fundraiser the Jimmy Fund has ever officially recognized," said Scott Leaver of Heal! Good dog, and manager of the event. He added, "I wanted to organize a cancer fundraiser that was fun and underscored how much our pets contribute to our quality of life. As a brain cancer survivor and dog owner myself, I can attest to their amazing power to heal." Heal! Good dog is an online store featuring Leaver's artwork and "empowered" apparel, the sale of which helps fund cancer research.

The event will feature organized dog walks around scenic Wompatuck Park, which will include hidden raffle tickets to be returned for a chance to win great prizes. In addition, there will be raffle tickets on sale, face-painting, balloons, vendors featuring a variety of pet-focused and non-pet focused products, goodie bags with each registration, music, and prizes for top fundraisers. Coffee, bagels, soda, regular and flavored bottled waters, light fare and gourmet, human-grade doggie biscuits will be served.

Donations are $25 per adult with children under 12 free. All qualifying proceeds will be donated to the Jimmy Fund in Boston.

For more information call 781-974-7616, or visit www.healgooddog.com. The event is also featured on the Jimmy Fund Web site at www.jimmyfund.org and on the Town of Hingham events calendar at www.hingham-ma.com.









Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: To be determined. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Oct. 7

10 a.m. - Worship in the Meeting House

Sermon: "Free Fall"

On this holiday weekend, a one-room schoolhouse experience of religious education for our children and youth, along with child-care for our youngest, begin at 10 a.m. in the Parish House.

All are invited for refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall directly after this morning's worship service and RE classes.

5 p.m.— Peace Vigil on Cohasset Common - Join us for this witness for peace in our communities and our world as we stand together in silent vigil.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church invites families and residents to join us this fall. We are a welcoming, Christian community dedicated to caring for our communities, both near and across the world. Highlights of our parish life include this fall:

- "Godly Play" Christian education for children ages three through grade 5. Our church school begins this Sunday, Sept. 16th.
- Jr. High and High School youth groups , adult education, Bible study, book group
- Outreach to the hungry, homeless and those in prison
- Monthly luncheon for seniors
- Fellowship and fun; music
- Environmental ministry; weekly yoga and meditation group

This week at St. Stephen's:

Sunday, Oct. 7: Church school at 10 am, youth group meeting at 9 am. Services at 8 and 10, Celebration of St. Francis' and annual Blessing of the Pets at 10 service. All creatures welcome.

Monday, Oct. 8: 4 pm Christian meditation

Wednesday, Oct. 10: 9:30 am Healing Eucharist; 10:30 am Bible Study

Friday, Oct. 12: 9:30 am Yoga

Saturday, Oct. 13: 7 am Bible Fellowship; Parish Dinner 6 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 14: Services at 8 am and 10 am; Eucharist minister training at 9 am and outreach committee meeting at 11:40

To contact us:

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Obituaries

June E. DiGiacomandrea

Former office manager at Cardigan Nursing Home

June E. (Leith) DiGiacomandrea, 76, of Scituate, died suddenly Sept. 22, 2007, at South Shore Hospital.

Born and raised in Boston, Mrs. DiGiacomandrea graduated from Jamaica Plain High School, and moved to Scituate 39 years ago.

She had been employed as an office manager at Cardigan Nursing Home in Scituate for 25 years.

Mrs. DiGiacomandrea enjoyed gardening, bird watching, the ocean and Scituate Lighthouse. Her favorite memories were going with her family and grandchildren to Disney World, traveling to Aruba, the Poconos and weekends at the Cape. She loved to have her family and friends come to her home.

She leaves her husband, Daniel DiGiacomandrea; her children, Jean DiGiacomandrea of Scituate and Daniel DiGiacomandrea Jr. and his wife, Diane, of Fairport, N.Y.; her sister, Jean Gibson of Quincy; her grandchildren, Jonathan and Christopher; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was on Thursday, Sept. 27, at Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset, followed by burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Scituate. Arrangements are by Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home, Scituate.

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Lloyd D. Salvetti will present a lecture on the CIA. "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth will set you free," is the CIA motto engraved into the marble on its Langley, Virginia headquarters, which is meant to show that the agency was created and exists to provide truth to our nation's leaders. What happened to that sense of purpose and does it still exist? What about the CIA and U.S. military engaging in activities which many view as contrary to core American values and universal ethical and moral principles? Where does compassion for others and a moral and ethical obligation fit into the mix?

A CIA officer for 32 years, Lloyd, who is now retired, will speak of his personal experiences, doubts, conflicts and the obligation of CIA officers to truth and truth telling. Mr. Salvetti served on the staff of the Sept. 11 Commission and presently is a consultant to the U.S. government and U.S. and foreign defense firms.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, SEPT. 22

10:57 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint, caller complains of people parked illegally, 3 vehicles tagged.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 23

12:36 a.m. **South Main St.**, noise complaint, caller reports loud music in the parking lot of above address. Officer spoke to parties in the back parking lot they will be packing up for the night.

1:10 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Craig C. Davey, 45 Fresh River Ave., Hingham. Charges: OUI of liquor, marked lanes violation.

1:22 a.m. **Hobart Lane**, noise complaint, caller reports large party at the end of above address. Officer reports homeowner will contain noise – this was a wedding.

3:05 a.m. **Elm St.**, disturbance, caller reports large party on second floor.

5:02 a.m. **Elm St.**, disturbance, caller reports still having problems.

6:39 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Atlantic Ave.**, notification, walk in party will be in the area all day.

8:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:09 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:22 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:04 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

1:06 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, air traffic complaint, caller would like it known that he does not like how low the planes are flying above his house. Also wants the police to be advised of this.

1:07 p.m. **South Main St.**, noise complaint, caller reports there has been a kid riding a mini bike all day and the noise is bothering all the neighbors, making it difficult to sit outside.

3:59 p.m. **Hill St.**, disturbance, caller reports fight going on out front.

10:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

MONDAY, SEPT. 24

1:06 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:07 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

7:09 a.m. **Norfolk Rd., and Cushing Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, calm, 66.

8:25 a.m. **Cushing Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports her house was egged and would like to talk to an officer.

2:01 p.m. **Pond St., and Lantern Lane**, traffic enforcement.

2:06 p.m. **Spring St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports vehicle all over the road.

4:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle. Multiple callers report van type bus all over the road – also special needs kids on board – stating bus on wrong side of road and weaving. Officer have vehicle stopped on 3A – officers notified – manager of bus company – manager enroute to take control of bus. Citation issued to driver of bus – officer to notify RMV. Officer reports bus has been turned over to bus company.

6:08 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:18 p.m. **River Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports she found a cat – no collar on. Left message with ACO.

8:50 p.m. **Hill St.**, disturbance, caller reports male subject going in and out of residence making a lot of noise – yelling on cell phone. Officers report that peace has been restored – male was having an argument on the phone.

9:01 p.m. **Summer St.**, larceny, caller reports she is missing wallet and money.

9:07 p.m. **Hull PD.**, bolo announcement, missing from town of Hull. 24-year-old female, may be in green Dodge Stratus, female is traveling with children. Hull PD reports missing female has been located.

10:21 p.m. **Summer St.**, investigation.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 25

6:43 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny. Wind: Light. Temp: 63.

9:24 a.m. **Aaron River Rd.**, officer wanted, caller reports a large amount of dust in the area. Caused by a home that is being torn down.

11:21 a.m. **Elm St.**, bolo announcement, the Marshfield Police are actively seeking the following male, subject recently moved to the town of Whitman and is highly suspected with committing a series of recent armed robberies in the towns of Holbrook, Weymouth and Brockton. Subject has indicated to bank tellers that he is armed and should be considered dangerous.

11:32 a.m. **Elm St.**, property (recovered).

12:08 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/injuries.

2:48 p.m. **South Main St.**, larceny (report), caller reports there is money missing from his business. Money has been located.

4:33 p.m. **Locust Rd.**, assist citizen, caller reports a person yelling for help. Officer reports it was a family member yelling at another family member to help with the yard work.

6 p.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, officer wanted, caller reports in reference to an article in this week's newspaper about a stolen bench. He believes the bench is in the woods behind the field.

8:29 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, larceny, walk in party needs to file a report for a pair of his wife's earrings that were stolen from their residence which is under construction. The earrings are approximately $5000-$6000.

9:17 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports her husband is having chest pain. Police on scene report patient is alert at this time with pain in the arm and neck.

9:50 p.m. **King St.**, fight, 911 caller reports a fight in progress involving 3 young males. This was not a physical fight, just verbal.

10:27 p.m. **North Main St., and Forest Ave.**, traffic complaint, walk in party reports the traffic lights at this intersection are not changing. Officer reports he checked the lights and they are functioning properly.

11:14 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26

1:26 a.m. **King St.**, building checks.

1:28 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:29 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:39 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:43 a.m. **Cushing Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

9:07 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

9:58 a.m. **South Main St.**, investigation.

10 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Forest Ave.**, traffic complaint, construction equipment in road is a hazard.

11:06 a.m. **Beach St.**, medical aid, caller states man down, now awake.

12:04 p.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic complaint, caller states truck blocking sidewalk.

12:20 p.m. **3A**, bolo announcement. HPD called. Bronze Chevy Astrovan, 2 white males, 1 wearing ballcap, trying to sell home entertainment system.

1:35 p.m. **King St.**, investigation.

2:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, caller states 30-year-old female trouble breathing, answered on call back, states all is ok.

4:10 p.m. **South Main St.**, well being check, caller reports a young child walking down the sidewalk.

4:30 p.m. **Elm St.**, well being check.

5:31 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, property (loss), caller reports while having construction done in his home, a valuable item has been ruined and he would like to make a report.

8:05 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, notification, caller would like it logged that while she was out today between 4:15 and 5:45, someone had kicked her cones over at the end of the driveway.

8:20 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, caller requests R3 for a female in her mid 40's with severe abdominal pain.

10:59 p.m. **Rockland PD.**, bolo announcement, Rockland PD is looking for a motor vehicle, a 1994 red Honda Accord. At approximately 10 p.m. this vehicle hit a building in the town of Rockland and should have front end damage. Motor vehicle comes back to a party out of Framingham. Stop and hold.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 27

12:26 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, 911 caller states there is a rd motor vehicle on the side of the road. Male party with no shirt appears to be the operator. Caller states the motor vehicle is a traffic hazard. DMV is in the lot. Operator is attempting to obtain a ride home.

12:57 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, motor vehicle info does not match motor vehicle. Male operator, not with the motor vehicle, is looking for a payphone. Newton man to be summoned on charges: Violation to conceal ID on number plate.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, calm, 71.

10:54 a.m. **North Main St., and Forest Ave.**, animal complaint, officer reports a dog running around in the intersection.

11:56 a.m. **Hill St.**, 209A service.

1:21 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, disturbance – neighborhood.

1:38 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, officer wanted.

2:45 p.m. **Hill St.**, 209A service.

3:08 p.m. **Bay St.**, fire, structure, Hull Fire reports working structure fire. This is a 3 alarm fire at this time. Cohasset engine 1 to the scene. Marshfield engine 2 responding for station coverage. Ladder 1 to the scene.

3:42 p.m. **Grace Drive**, larceny, walk in party would like to speak with an officer.

6:18 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, hazard complaint, caller would like to report a complaint about the construction and potholes all along Forest Ave.

7:38 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, hazard complaint, multiple callers reporting how bad the potholes are at this location. Callers are also stating the roads are a mess and someone is needed to direct traffic. OIC states to get at least two detail officers on duty until the workers finish filling in these holes.

7:44 p.m. Suspicious activity, caller reports for the past 15 minutes she can hear screaming and someone yelling "stop, stop." She is unsure of where it is coming from. Officer reports there are kids across the street playing football, it was them yelling, everything is fine.

8:38 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, shoplifting, officer reports she saw someone walk out with a handbasket. Officer is checking tapes inside the store with an employee. Hull male being summoned on charges: Shoplifting by asportation.

10:39 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transporting SSH/ALS, cardiac problem.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 28

2:01 a.m. School buildings, officer reports all schools check ok all secure.

2:56 a.m. **Howe Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, severe stomach pains.

8:40 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, a resident with shortness of breath.

9:24 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, disabled motor vehicle, Sgt. reports a truck has hit a rock at this location and bent the rim on the wheel.

10:46 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, school check.

10:52 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:01 a.m. **Sohier St., Deerhill/Osgood School** check.

2:02 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, downed power lines, caller reports a truck just came by and took down all the electric wires.

2:13 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, property damage, detail officer reports a machine has backed into a pole and done some damage. This was not a pole that was struck, no problem at this location was a misunderstanding by a worker.

2:34 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious activity, walk in party reports a vehicle came up their driveway today and just parked with a male party in the vehicle. When the residents left following him, the male attempted to "lose" the residents and turned back around and he went back to the caller's property. The caller would like extra patrols in the area of the house.

3:44 p.m. **Linden Drive**, notification, speed board has been posted at 7 Linden Drive.

5:49 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, well being check, caller stated that he was talking to his son and his mother was interfering. He would like someone to check on his son.

6:28 p.m. **North Main St., and Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:34 p.m. **South Main St.**, annoying phone calls, caller reports getting phone calls and letters from involved party. Would like to see an officer. Officer reports that he advised legal advice.

6:38 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, report of an elderly party that has fallen and can't get up. Resident all set. Units clear.

6:49 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, notification, motor vehicle parked here and no one is around.

7:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, parking enforcement, officer out tagging motor vehicle's parked in fire lane and HP spots. 2 motor vehicles tagged.

7:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle. Hingham PD reports an erratic motor vehicle traveling southbound.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 29

12:01 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, Sgt. reports building and property check ok.

1:45 a.m. School buildings, building checks.

8:10 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party requests speaking to an officer regarding identity theft. Walk in party listed above left after a few minutes and did not want to wait for an officer to help her.

Police made 10 arrests in August

Chief James Hussey in his monthly status report to Selectmen stated there were 10 arrests in August: three for minor in possession of alcohol, three for outstanding warrants, one for vandalizing property, and three for protective custody..

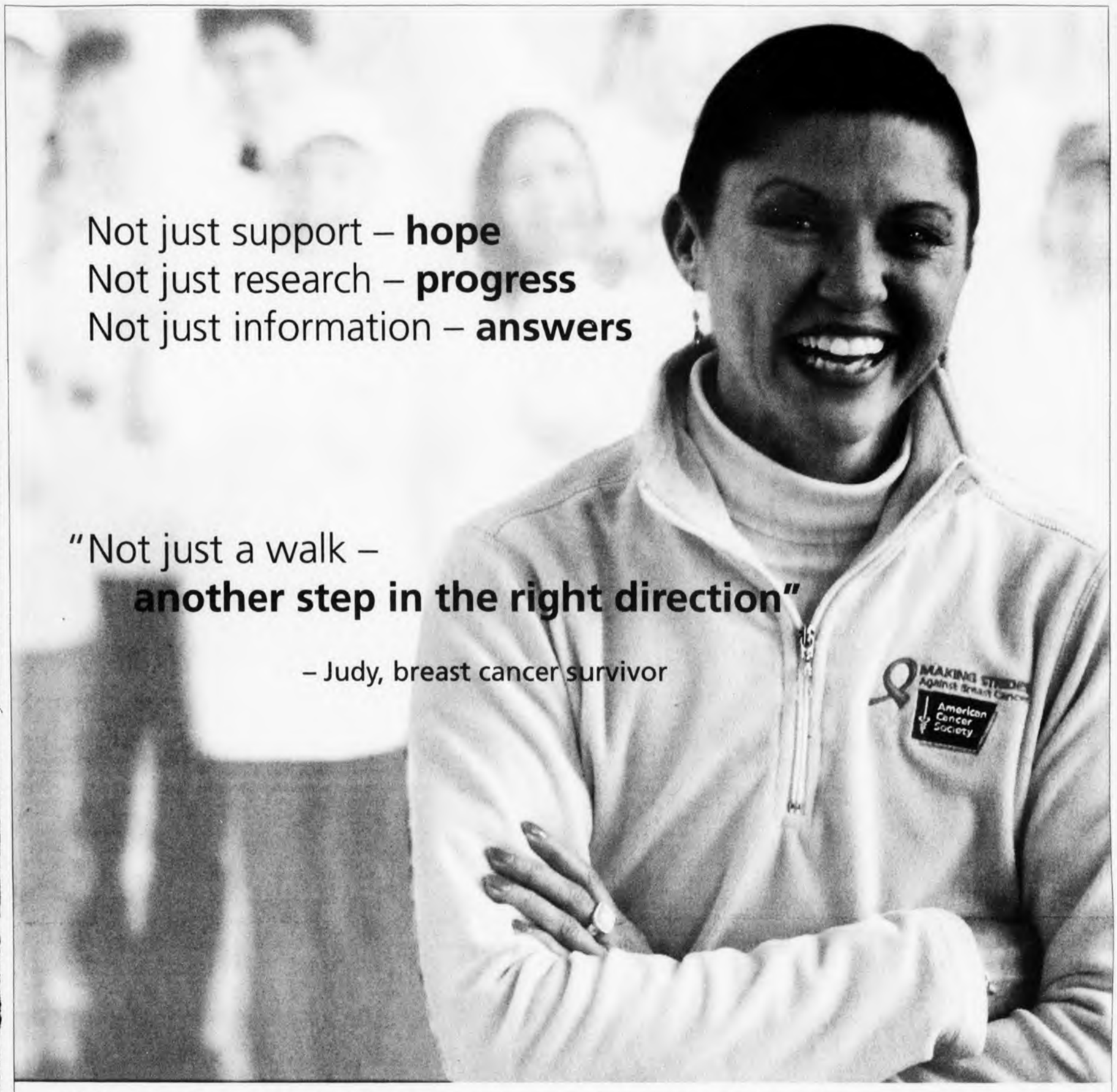
The police department also investigated 14 motor vehicle accidents that month, two of which resulted in personal injury. There were 39 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $595 in fines. Additionally, there were 79 parking tickets issued totaling $2,500 in fines, Hussey said.

Also in the month of August, the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 924 calls for police services, and of those 162 were Emergency 911 calls.

There was one report of breaking and entering involving a residence. Also, there were four criminal complaints issued for the month of August, Hussey said.

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L1 - Cohasset Fire Ladder Truck
LEAPS/NCIC - Police Computer System (National)
ME - Medical Examiner
M/V - Motor Vehicle
OIC - Officer in Charge
OUI - Operating under the influence (liquor or drugs)
PC - Protective Custody (Persons who are too intoxicated to care for themselves are taken into protective custody - not a criminal charge)
PI - Personal Injury
PT - Patient
QMC - Quincy Medical Center
R3 - Abbreviation for Cohasset Ambulance / Rescue 3. May also be R1 (Hingham Fire Ambulance), or R2 (Hull Fire Ambulance)
RMV -Registry of Motor Vehicles
RO - Restraining Order
S/P - Suspicious Person
SSH - South Shore Hospital
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What's happening on the South Shore

OCTOBER 4-12, 2007

'Arthur' author on the move

Brown now calls Martha's Vineyard home

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Halloween will be a little quieter in Hingham this year. And trick-or-treaters canvassing Main Street for candy probably won't find any front doors being answered by Arthur the aardvark, now that Marc Brown — creator of the famous cartoon character with the full name of Arthur Timothy Read — has moved to Martha's Vineyard.

"Each Halloween, I used to wear the Arthur costume and give away books instead of candy. After the story got play in the local and national news, people started coming from all over and it just got out of hand. The crowds got so big that we had to stop."

And the house got too big, too, for Brown and his wife, artist and psychologist Laurie Krasny Brown, his co-author on the Dino Life Guides for Families non-fiction series.

"After about 25 years living on Main Street in Hingham, we decided that it was just more house than we needed. Last year, we moved full-time to Martha's Vineyard where I could put my skills as a serial antique house renovator to work," explained Brown by telephone from his studio on the Vineyard last week. "Our house in Hingham is Arthur's house, of course, and I always think of Hingham as Arthur's hometown so that has the made the move easier. I'll still be drawing and writing about the area even though we aren't living there anymore."

Although Arthur's hometown has always been the fictional Elwood City, South Shore followers of the talking aardvark have long recognized familiar local sites in the many books Brown has written and illustrated since first creating the popular character some 30 years ago. Arthur's favorite movie house looks an awful lot like Loring Hall in downtown Hingham where one of Arthur's sisters, DW, took bike-riding lessons. In addition, the characters' bedrooms are modeled on the Main Street house where Brown brought up his own three children.

"Living in Hingham, which is such a beautiful place, made it natural for me to draw what was there. We may have left the wonderful house, but thanks to Arthur it will always be there. It's like taking it all with me."

For the 60-year-old Brown, who trained at the Cleveland Art Institute and worked as a truck driver, soda jerk, actor, chicken farmer, actor, short order cook, and college professor, Arthur has been a near-constant companion since he first wrote his first children's book about the character in 1976. It was based on a bedtime story that Brown told his oldest son, Tolon, about an aardvark who had problems with his nose. The aardvark was named Arthur and the story became "Arthur's Nose." Since then, Brown has written more than 100 best-selling books about the adventures of the anthropomorphic aardvark, his sisters, his good friends, Buster and Brain, and his nemesis, Francine, with 60 million books now in print in just the United States. Since 1996, the character has also been featured in a PBS-TV series, which has won six Emmy awards. This week, Arthur and company are at Boston's Colonial Theatre on the first stop of a two-year North American tour of "Arthur Live!," an interactive musical stage production on which Brown is serving as Executive Creative Consultant.

"With the success of the television series, we realized that Arthur also had great theatrical potential. He appeals to audiences from one-and-a-half to 12 years old. I sometimes even get letters from college kids who are still watching the TV show," Brown says with a laugh. "The live shows are a lot of fun for me. This time around we have more of a story. In the new show, we're bringing two of the books to life, 'Arthur's Tooth,' in which Arthur wishes to lose a tooth because all his friends have, and also 'Arthur Tricks the Tooth Fairy.' On-stage, Arthur will be dealing with his younger sisters."

Brown freely acknowledges that his own sister, Kim, is among the people on whom he has based his characters.

"My youngest sister is the real DW and other friends that I've had since third grade have been my inspiration, too."

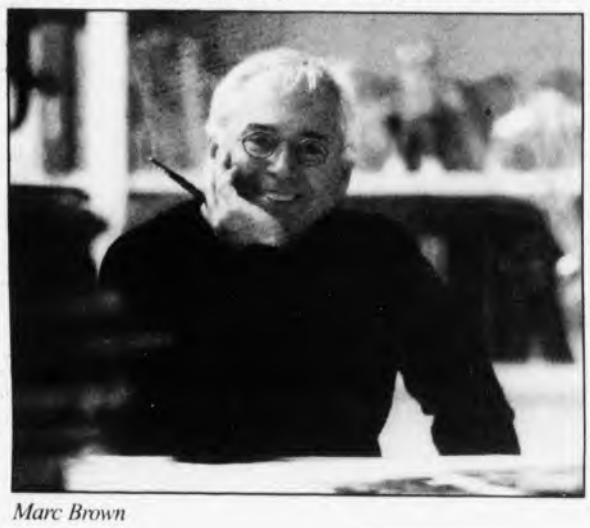
A lot has happened since Brown's own childhood in Erie, Pa., and his work reflects that even as his favorite character remains ever youthful.

"The world has changed and so has Arthur, but he will always be in third grade. Arthur will never have to take the SATs."

"Arthur Live!" will be at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston St., Boston, for five performances only, Oct. 6-7. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-931-2787 or go online at broadway-acrossamerica.com.



Arthur and freinds.



Marc Brown

Calendar of events

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click on fun.

Thursday, Oct. 4

Toastmasters Club, Hanover, The new South Shore Professionals Toastmasters club will meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month beginning October 1. This is a great opportunity to learn about how Toastmasters can help you become a more effective leader and communicator. The meetings will run from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and will be held at the Rockland Trust building, 2036 Washington St.- third floor. Arrive 15 minutes early since we start at 6:00pm sharp. Contact Stacey for information on this meeting at 617-548-5877 or stacey@letitflowfitness.com. For information on Toastmasters visit toastmasters.org.

Network4Success Business to Business Networking Group meets the first Thursday of the month at the Plympton Library from 5 to 6 p.m. and the third Thursday of the month at the Halifax Country Club from noon to 1:30 p.m. For meeting info, email info@network4success.org or visit network4success.org.

Alzheimer's Care Partner Group: Monthly meeting: **Behaviors Which Concern Us** Oct. 4, John Curtis Free Library, 534 Hanover St., (Route 139) Hanover, 10:30 a.m. Oct. 4. Open to all. Call Penny Peterson, LCSW at 781.659.2691 for information

The Plymouth Farmers' Market, held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. Oct. 4, **Harvest Festival.** For information, contact Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.

Altered Art, the opening reception for a new exhibit hosted by the **Duxbury Art Association** will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., Oct. 4, in the Bengtz & Cutler Galleries at The Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George St., Duxbury. The exhibit runs through Nov. 29. For information, call 781-934-2731, ext. 4 or visit duxburyart.org.

The British Beer Company. Washington St., Pembroke. Oct. 4, **Infractions** 781-829-6999.

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell, Oct. 4, **Matt Chase.**

J.J Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

Fish Tale On the Water, 44 Jericho Road, Scituate, presents **Drift Away** with **J. Place, Joe Micarelli** and **John Litwin,** performing music from the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's.every Thursday at 8:30 p.m. 781-545-4700

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening.

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield. Oct. 4, **DJ Ramu** 781-837-6368.



Artwork by Ruthe Sholler

'Artini'



Artwork by Janet Blagdon

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Fall fundraiser, titled "artini" takes place Friday evening Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. will blend martini samplings, hors d'oeuvres and a live jazz combo and take place in the Art Center galleries. Artist friends of the Art Center have painted, enhanced, collaged and transformed small 4 by 6 inch or 5 by 7 inch canvasses and art panels for a silent auction of mini-masterpieces. Special martini recipes will be available, including a special "Red Dot Martini." The event is $35 for members, $45 for non-members. Reservations for **artini** can be made by calling 781-383-2787 or Art Center members can reserve online at ssac.org.

Mark your calendar

RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S CINDERELLA, Hingham Civic Music Theatre, Sanborn Auditorium, Hingham Town Hall, 210 Central St., Hingham. Oct. 13, at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 14, at 2 p.m.; also Oct. 19-20 at 7:30 p.m., and Oct. 21, at 2 p.m. Adult tickets, $16; students $15, seniors $14, and groups of 10 or more, $12. Visit HCMT.org, or call Ticket Hotline, 781-837-1499. Mandy Mitchell of Braintree plays Cinderella and her Prince Charming is Cohasset's Andrew DeVitre.

AN AMERICAN ORIGINAL - JACQUELINE BOUVIER KENNEDY ONASSIS Oct. 20, from 7 to 10:30 p.m. North Community Parish House, Marshfield Hills. An evening of theatre with Boston actress, Robin Lane as she portrays one of the most dynamic women in American history, Jackie Kennedy. Evening begins with a champagne reception, raffle items related to the Kennedy's and followed by coffee and deserts. Tickets: $22. and will be pre-sold and your name will be listed at the door. Proceeds benefit Daniel Webster Estate. Call Virginia at 781-837-2403 or Eileen at 781-837-7579 or visit danielwebsterestate.org

MACY'S AND THE FASHION FOCUS MODELING AND FINISHING PROGRAM are sponsoring a fashion show and Model Search on Oct. 13, at 2 p.m. at the Independence Mall in Kingston. The proceeds from the $5 pass goes directly to local charities and is your ticket into a fun and rewarding day of shopping at Macy's. Events include Story telling by "Big Joe", performances by the Plymouth Philharmonic/Jazz, Kurig Coffee de-monstration, Plymouth Children's Art Guild, food samples from many different local restaurants and bakeries, and music provided by Red Hot Entertainment. Directly after the fashion show, Model Club, Inc of Boston will be conducting a Model Search for it's new faces division for print and talent, males and females – all ages. For details contact Maria Wood at 781-826-0241.

THE AUTISM CENTER OF THE SOUTH SHORE, INC. will hold its first annual Harvest Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 2, at the Radisson Hotel, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Cost: $50 per person; $475 for a table of 10. Corporate sponsorships are available and donations are tax-deductible. To donate or reserve a ticket to this event, contact Judy Geagan at 800-482-5788 or info@autismsouthshore.org. The featured keynote speaker will be Susan Senator, author of "Making Peace with Autism." Berkshire Hills Music Academy will provide entertainment and Tiffany Kelly, Miss Massachusetts 2006, will serve as the master of ceremonies.

The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Dr, Norwell, presents two shows in one evening with "Clue And Sorry, Wrong Number" being performed on the same night. Performances run Oct. 12 through 28. First up is "Sorry, Wrong Number." After a brief intermission, audiences will enjoy "Clue" the "who-did-it-where-with-what" murder mystery based on the very popular board game. With surprise endings being offered each performance. Tickets are priced at $21-$23 and are available at the Company Theatre box-office at 30 Accord Park Dr., in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companytheatre.com



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Tracy Nygard as Mrs. Stevenson in "Sorry Wrong Number"

The cast of Clue. (Front row, L-R): Kristen Hall ; Julianna Dennis; (second row, L-R): Christine Joyce; Jamie Posidtt (as the cook); Susan Waterman (maid); (third row, L-R): Chris Hagberg (holding wrench); Dan Delaporta, Frank Piekut. (upper back row, L-R): Robert Case, Matthew Maggio, James Tallach (the butler).

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's open mic** with host band, **Cindy Daley & Satchuration** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, Oct. 5

The Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus of dreams. Oct. 5 through 14, at TD Banknorth Garden. Tickets are $15, $20, $25, $45 (VIP), $75 (Front Row), $100 (Circus Celebrity) and are available at the TD Banknorth Garden Box Office, and all Ticketmaster outlets, by calling 617-931-2000 or online at tdbanknorthgarden.com and ringling.com. For group rates and information, call 617-624-1805.

The South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham presents the **Works of Rob Brooks** of Providence, Rhode Island. The opening event takes place Oct. 5, from 6 to 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The exhibit will be on display until Oct. 25. southstreetgallery.com 781-749-0430.

Perceived Geometries a show of acrylic paintings by **Irma Cerese** of North Easton, will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, through Oct. 31, 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. jameslibrary.org or call 781-659-7100.

South Shore Folk Music Club, The Beal House, Route 106, across from First Parish Unitarian Church, Kingston. Oct. 5, 8 p.m. **John Gorka.** Admission: $18 members; $20 non-members. Handicap accessible, smoke and alcohol free. 781-871-1052 ssfmc.org

Tuscan House Restaurant, 58 E. Grove Street (Rt. 28) Middleboro. Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. **Comedy & Dinner Show** featuring **Frank Santorelli and Annette Pollack, Pat Hicks, Bill Farrell Andrea Henry** and your host, **Jeff Meisler.** Dinner/show package $35.95 – Comedy show $22. Advance reservations required by calling 508-923-0099 or 781-843-4833, myspace.com/annettepollack or tuscanhouserestaurant.com

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Legendary singer Connie Francis will make a rare appearance at the Cutler Majestic Theatre, 219 Tremont St. Boston, on Saturday, Oct. 6, at 8 p.m. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 800-233-3123 or go online at supremeconcerts.com.

To read more about Connie Francis visit your town's website at wickedlocal.com Hit the fun tab then entertainment.

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New England Singles Dances, Oct. 5 from 8 p.m. to midnight, VFW Hall, 30 Central St, Abington. Ages 40 and over singlesdances-newengland.com

All Seasons Restaurant and Sports Lounge, 327 Plymouth St., Halifax Oct. 5 **Triple Play** 781-293-4135.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Oct. 5, **Double Take** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Friday at 8:30 p.m., DJ Rick. 781-849-7007.

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell, Oct.5, **Ryan Fardy**.

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield. Oct. 5, **Blind Ambition** 781-837-6368.

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Oct. 5, at 9:15 p.m., **Greg MacKenzie & Greenbacks**. No cover 781-335-9796 visit nextpagecafe.com or myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Saturday, Oct. 6

Halifax Mobile Home Estates annual fall craft fair, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 6, at Henrich Hall, Redwood Dr, Halifax. Many hand crafted items, baked goods, a fudge table, refreshments, and a huge raffle. Mary-Jane Ricker-Harris at 781-294-8239.

PSAT Clinics will be held at Hingham High School and Brandeis University beginning on Oct. 6. Students gain hands-on experience with the PSAT by taking a real practice test under simulated test-taking conditions at the first session of the four-session program. Each session thereafter will give students a thorough introduction to all aspects of the standardized testing process. Highly trained instructors teach the best strategies to help students maximize their score results. The cost for the Clinic Only portion is $200. Students who move on to One-on-One, In-Home Tutoring will receive a 10 percent discount on the cost of 10 or more sessions. For the full schedule visit mytutor.com/powerprep

The Daniel Webster Estate at 238 Webster St. Marshfield will be open for guided tours from noon to 5 p.m. this Oct. 6. This event is being held in conjunction with the Back Roads of the South Shore, a collaboration of historic locations in towns from Hingham to Plymouth which will also be open on that day. This will be the last open house at the Webster House until the Victorian Christmas event in December. For information call 781-837-2403

3rd Annual "Mito-What?" 5k Walk Oct. 6, Nelson Park, Plymouth to benefit the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation (UMDF). Registration begins: 9:30 a.m. Warm-up: 10:45 a.m. Walk: 11 a.m. Family Fun Zone: noon to 3 p.m. (Open to the Public) Online Pre-registration by Oct. 3, $15 Individual. Event Day Registration Fee: $25 Individual. Children 5 and under are free. All registered walkers will receive five tickets to the fun zone. Join the UMDF's efforts to become "One Step Closer to a Cure." Registration available online at mitowhat.org, or call 508-224-7165 for information.

In celebration of World Card Making Day, all members of the community are welcome to participate in **Stampin' Cards for The Troops,** Oct. 6, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church, Lower Hall, One Maquan St., Hanson. Make greeting cards for the Troops overseas. No experience necessary the easy steps to rubber stamping! Cardstock, ink and stamps will be provided, along with light refreshments and door prizes! All we need are volunteers to help us make cards to brighten a soldier's day! Bring your mother, sister or friend for a Fun & Social time to make a difference in a soldier's life. Many of the soldiers will use these cards to mail back to their loved ones. Come for an hour, or stay all day Contact Pam Goulart at pamgstamps@gmail.com.

Sauchuk Farm, 53 Palmer Road, (Rt. 58), Plympton. **Fall Corn Maze** spread throughout six acres on Center St. (off Route 58) in Plympton. Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to dusk through the end of October. Admission $8 adults age 12 and up; $5 children ages 4-11; toddlers age 3 and under free. 781-585-1522 sauchukfarm.net

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Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth. Oct. 6, **Traditional Irish Seisiun** every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9:00+p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hornpipes, with great craic and sing-along. Admission is free. No Cover. Come sing, come play, come listen! Call 508-830-1262.

Single Executives Club New Singles Dance Oct. 6, **Ridder Country Club,** 390 Oak St., Rte. 14, E. Bridgewater. 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Dance music by award-winning DJ. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres 9 to 10 p.m. Numerous free door prizes and MATCH-game for more prizes. Proper business dress required, sports jacket highly recommended. For singles and couples 35+ years old. Admission is $10 before 9 p.m. ridderfarm.com and se-4u.com.

Down East Dancers Country Couples and Line Dance Workshop (beginner and intermediate level) **Oct. 6, from** 1 to 5 p.m. at the Taunton Elks, 119 High St., Taunton. $12. Free for Down East Dancers members; membership forms at the workshop. downeastdancers.com 781-925-1170 or 781-294-8603.

Down East Dancers Country Dance at the Taunton Elks Lodge, 119 High St., Taunton. Dance lesson **Oct. 6,** 7:30 p.m. to midnight. at 7:30 p.m. Couples and Line dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight with DJ and Dance Instructor, Joe Steele. Potluck snacks, raffle, cash bar. $6. 508-680-6736 or 781-925-1170. downeastdancers.com

All Seasons Restaurant and Sports Lounge, 327 Plymouth St., Halifax Oct. 6, **Fat Angus** 781-293-4135.

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Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell, Oct.6, **Johnny Vance Band**.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Oct. 6, at 9:15 p.m., **Satch Romano and Lickity Split** No cover 781-335-9796 visit nextpagecafe.com or myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Oct. 6 **Jeff Paitchell Band** Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sunday, Oct. 7

All You Can Eat Buffet Breakfast, 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **Cornerstone Lodge,** 585 Washington St, Duxbury. Adults $7; seniors $6; Children 12 and under $5. Open to the public.

The First Annual Romp for Research to benefit the Jimmy Fund takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 7 (rain date Oct. 14) at Wampatuck State Park in Hingham. This dog-friendly fundraiser will feature organized dog walks around scenic Wampatuck State Park, vendors, free gourmet doggie treats, music, raffle prizes, food and more. Registration is $25/person (kid's under 12 free). Free event t-shirt to first 100 registrations. You may register at the event or by going online at healgooddog.com *All dogs must be kept on leash while in visitor's center common area.* **Volunteers needed.** If you are interested in volunteering, contact scott@healgooddog.com or call 781-974-7616.

Norwell native and local mushroom expert, Fred St. Ours Jr. will lead a guided mushroom walk at Jacobs Pond Trail from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Oct. 7. Discover the different varieties of mushrooms in your own backyard. Meet at the parking lot of Jacobs Pond, Jacobs Lane, Norwell which is across from the Science Center. Cost $4 members, $6 non members, advance registration requested. Wear comfortable shoes, terrain is moderately/easy hike with some roots exposed. For information and to register, call the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell at 781-659-2559 or visit ssns.org

Edaville USA, Route 58, Carver **The National Cranberry Festival,** 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (fireworks show at 7:30 p.m.) Oct. 7 and 8, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Enjoy live music, cranberry cook shows, a petting zoo, many crafter, a 2-mile train ride throughout plantation, amusement rides, helicopter rides, pony rides and more. Curious George and Madeline will meet and greet throughout the day. Antique cars owners and a guest will receive free admission. General admission $5 General admission plus train ride is $10. Full access pass $16 includes admission plus train rides, and unlimited use of the amusement rides. Free parking. Visit edaville.com for information.

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The Duxbury Interfaith Council and the Muslim Families of Duxbury invite the community to "Celebrating an Evening of Ramadan." Fasting the month of Ramadan is one of the five pillars of Islam. Join in the evening prayers and the breaking of fast. This annual event will take place on Sunday, Oct. 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Duxbury Senior Center, Mayflower St. Duxbury. Tickets are $12 for adult and $6 for children. This program does sell out fast. It is recommended that you purchase tickets in advance as there will be only a very limited supply at the door. For tickets call Razia Jan at 781-934-6169.

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The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum will host a special Columbus Day performance by the Latin music ensemble **Manguito** at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 8. Experience a musical tour of the Caribbean as *Manguito* plays the rhythms of Puerto Rico, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic on a variety of instruments. Free and open to the public, but reservations are required. For reservations, call 617-514-1646 or email JFKcelebrate@nara.gov.org



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The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Oct. 8, free **Texas Hold'em** with Northern poker league 781-829-6999.

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield. Oct. 8, **Texas Hold Em' Poker** 781-837-6368.

Tuesday, Oct. 9

The Ventress Memorial Library in Marshfield hosts an **ongoing book discussion group.** The next session will meet on Oct. 9, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the library's Historical Room. The fall sessions will feature the Pulitzer prize winning novel "Angle of Repose" by Wallace Stegner, Free and open to the public. New members welcome. Light refreshments will be served. For information contact Chris Woods at 781-834-5535 or visit ventresslibrary.org

The North River Arts Society presents **Faces & Places**, a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery, Library Plaza, Webster St., Marshfield, featuring original watercolor paintings by **Wendy Hale** through Nov. 6. For information, call NRAS at 781-837-8091 or email northriverarts@verizon.net 781-834-5535

Natural Body Works, 161 Summer St, Rt. 3A, Kingston. Oct. 9, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. **Animal Communication "A Heart to Heart Talk"** with **Pattie Carney** Animal Communicator & Life Healing Coach. Bring a picture of the animal you wish to communicate with. Cost is $35 for adults and $20 for children A $10 deposit is required to reserve your spot 781-585-5130.

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield. Oct. 9, **Game Show Trivia** 781-837-6368.

Wednesday, Oct. 10

The South Shore OCD Support Group holds monthly meetings for adults suffering from OCD, parents of children suffering from OCD or friends and family of adults suffering from OCD. Meetings are at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at the Duxbury Senior Community Center, 10 Mayflower St., Duxbury. (Route 3 to exit 10 east, to Tremont Street, (Rt. 3A North) to 10 Mayflower). No cost. Wheelchair accessible. Call Barbara Lashley at 508 830-1630 for information.

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield. Oct. 10, **Texas Hold Em' Poker** 781-837-6368.

Thursday, Oct. 11

Avid traveler and Norwell resident, Deb Lenahan will speak about a trip to the Darien Province, Panama at the Thursday Tea, Oct. 11, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell. Register in advance. Cost: $8 members/ $10 non members To register, call the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell at 781-659-2559.

The Plymouth Farmers' Market, held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. Oct. 11, **singer-songwriter Sherry Malone.** For information, contact Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.

Fish Tale On the Water, 44 Jericho Road, Scituate, presents **Drift Away** with **J. Place, Joe Micarelli** and **John Litwin,** performing music from the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's.every Thursday at 8:30 p.m. 781-545-4700

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New England Singles Dances, Sheraton Braintree Grand Ballroom, Route 93, Exit 6, Braintree. DJ Admisstion$12.

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Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell, Oct.12, **Elbow Room.**



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3rd Annual "Mito-What?" 5k Walk Oct. 6, Nelson Park, Plymouth to benefit the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation (UMDF). Registration begins: 9:30 a.m. Warm-up: 10:45 a.m. Walk: 11 a.m. Family Fun Zone: noon to 3 p.m. (Open to the Public) Online Pre-registration by Oct. 3, $15 Individual. Event Day Registration Fee: $25 Individual. Children 5 and under are free. All registered walkers will receive five tickets to the fun zone. Join the UMDF's efforts to become "One Step Closer to a Cure." Registration available online at mitowhat.org, or call 508-224-7165 for information.



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Want your reunion posted in Town Commons? E-mail ddinsmore@cnc.com.

For a complete listing of reunions visit your town's website at wickedlocal.com, hit the education tab or town info tab.

Workshops

MINDING MANNERS 101: Social Etiquette for Children, Oct. 14 and 21, at Hilton Garden Inn, Plymouth and Nov. 4, Plimoth Plantation, Plymouth. Group A: ages 4-7 Group B: ages 8-12. Price for all three classes is $100. For information call 508-224-4044. To register visit creating marketingresults.com. Portion of proceeds will benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Plymouth.

PARENTING WORKSHOP SERIES. If you're tired of negotiating with your children over everything from breakfast to bedtime and want to spend your time teaching good behavior instead of nagging, bickering and punishing, join Lynne Reeves Griffin, the author of *Negotiation Generation: Take Back your Parental Authority* (Penguin 2007) for a three-week workshop series. Mondays Oct. 15, 22 and 29 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Wampatuck Elementary School Library, 266 Tilden Dr. in Scituate. Cost of $100 for all three weeks includes the new book. Visit LynneGriffin.com. Pre-registration required. 781-545-6585.

THE ANGELIC/FLOWER DECK "Hearts Desire" spread. Learning the colors, symbols, and the meaning of each flower With Cathi Burke, Angelic Channel/Medium Tuesday Oct. 16, from 7 to 10 p.m. Hanover - Call 781-871-1740 Cost $44.

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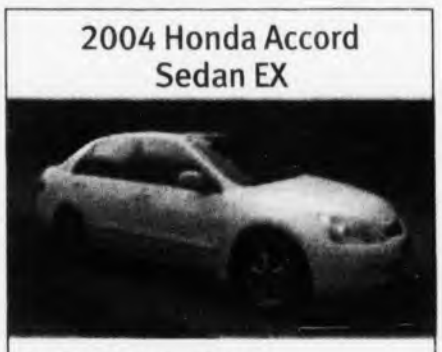
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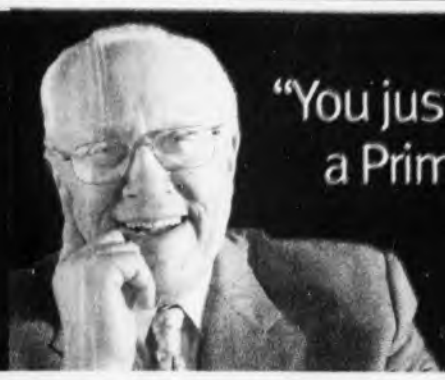
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SPECIAL DELIVERY



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Gerry Earle of Cohasset grabs a pair of pumpkins from Victor Hartmann, 16, also of Cohasset, who was helping unload pumpkins from the truck last Thursday. For more about the annual Pumpkin Patch at Wheelwright Park, see pages 9 and 21.

Cook Estate

Planning Board to vote on project Wednesday

By Nancy White
NWHITE@CNC.COM

After nearly five months of hearings and continuances the Cook Estate's fate will finally be determined at the Planning Board's meeting next Wednesday, Oct. 17. The Planning Board closed the public hearing on the Cook Estate after reviewing outstanding issues remaining on the project plans.

The applicant, Abbott Real Estate and Development, purchased the 19-acre property located off Sohier Street. The plans are to transform the property, which now has one single family home, into a 27-home community under the town's residential cluster development bylaw.

The residential cluster development district allows for homes to be built closer together with open space on the edges. Despite the "cluster" of homes, there will be no more units built than would be allowed under normal subdivision.

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Bia Bistro has grown

Village restaurant now offers private parties

By Nancy White
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Bia Bistro is closing in on four years and in its very short tenure has won over many a stomach with its award-winning fare. Now, there is even more to love with a recently completed 30-seat dining room. The expansion will not only allow more patrons to frequent the restaurant, but also allow for a function space for private parties.

Chef Brian Houlihan, who owns Bia Bistro with his wife, Tristen, began receiving numerous calls in the spring asking if the restaurant could accommodate private parties. But, limited space precluded them from doing private parties. Essentially, a private party would necessitate shutting down the restaurant for an entire evening. When changes were imminent on the other side of the Samuel Bates House (35 South Main St.), Houlihan took the opportunity to expand his space by approximately 600 square feet.

The expansion has allowed him to have a separate and versatile 30-seat dining room that can be closed off for private parties or filled with patrons on the restaurant's busy Friday and Saturday nights.

"We still wanted to keep the bistro feel with the expansion," says Houlihan. Although Bia has nearly doubled in seating capacity, smaller rooms maintain the intimate atmosphere patrons have come to expect.

Combined with other recent changes, like the addition of a bar and an accompanying menu, Houlihan says Bia offers three distinct experiences. A couple can enjoy a romantic evening together with a bottle of wine. Friends can gather at the seven-seat bar to catch up with beers and burgers. While in the new dining room can hold a special function — birthday party, rehearsal dinner or business luncheons — for about 30 people with a customized menu.

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Cohasset artists, Richard and Kimberlee Aleman, have a joint show, "On the Road: Italy and France" at the Dolphin Gallery at the Hingham Public Library. The photographs and oil paintings feature scenes from their travels.

Capturing the art of travel

Cohasset couple has exhibit at Hingham library

By Nancy White

Combining photos and travel is not a new idea; cameras and tourists have long been an inseparable pair. For Kimberlee and Richard Aleman photography has become not only a way to chronicle their trips, but also to capture the feel, colors and sights of their travels. As artists, the husband and wife duo find endless inspiration for their individual artistic pursuits.

The Cohasset residents visited Italy and France last September and found enough inspiration to fill the Dolphin Gallery at the Hingham Public Library. The gallery, "On the Road: Italy and France," will begin display through Oct. 27. The gallery features the Richard's photography and Kimberlee's oil paintings.

The combination takes the viewer through Northern Italy with the cypress trees of the countryside, the canals of Venice, the stunningly blue waters of Nice, to the colorful streets of Paris, the serenity of Monet's garden in Giverney and the immensity of the Eiffel Tower.

"We want people to walk away with a feeling of wanting to go to visit these wonderful places and an appreciation of the way we have seen Italy and France," says Kimberlee. For those who have visited Italy and France, "I hope they think we have captured what they saw," adds Richard.

Kimberlee works as the South Shore Arts Center graphic and web designer, but her first passion is painting. She was trained as a painter and considers it her first profession. Richard has been shooting photos since he was a teenager and it is more than a hobby for him. Both are juried at the South Shore Arts Center's 160 gallery artists.

Instead of hanging the gallery according to a more academic approach of lining up the pieces by city and country, the Alemans stressed the visual aspect of the gallery by placing like colors next to each other. There is a flow of luminous

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PICTURE THIS/Darilynn Evans, Beverly Bielewicz, Nancy Levanchy and Lisa Lynch



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The Mariner caught up with Darilynn Evans, Beverly Bielewicz, Nancy Levanchy and Lisa Lynch as they were making plans for a Night Out on Main Street that is scheduled from 5 to 9 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 18. Shoppers will enjoy the festivities and refreshments, and pick up a raffle ticket at each merchant you visit for a chance to win prizes. Ten percent of all sales that night will be donated to Hope in Bloom, a nonprofit organization which provides indoor and outdoor gardens to those undergoing breast cancer treatment.

Names: Darilynn Evans, Beverly Bielewicz, Nancy Levanchy and Lisa Lynch

Occupation:. Owner of Darilynn's (Darilynn); owner of Paperscapes (Beverly); manager of Twist (Nancy); owner of Ports & Company (Lisa).

Best day of your life: My wedding day and the day each of my children were born (Darilynn); births and adoptions of my children (Beverly); day my son was born (Nancy); any beach day (Lisa).

Best vacation: Family trip to San Lucas, Mexico (Darilynn and Nancy); Greece (Beverly); family trip to Barbados (Lisa).

Favorite season: Summer (Darilynn, Beverly and Lisa); fall (Nancy).

Favorite holiday: Christmas with all the traditions (Darilynn, Beverly, Nancy, and Lisa).

Favorite junk food: Cheetos (Darilynn); hot fudge sundae (Beverly); Fritos (Nancy); Pizza (Lisa).

Best book: This past year "The Kite Runner" (Darilynn); "The Giving Tree" (Beverly); "Eat, Pray, Love" (Nancy); "The Notebook" (Lisa).

Best movie: Most recently "The Namesake" (Darilynn); "White Christmas" (Beverly); "Crash" (Nancy); "Braveheart" (Lisa).

Best TV show: I'm a "Law and Order" addict (Darilynn); "Mystery" (Beverly); "The Office" (Nancy);

Pet peeve: People who dominate conversations (Darilynn); people who are small minded and refuse to open their hearts (Beverly); able-bodied people parking in handicap spots (Nancy);

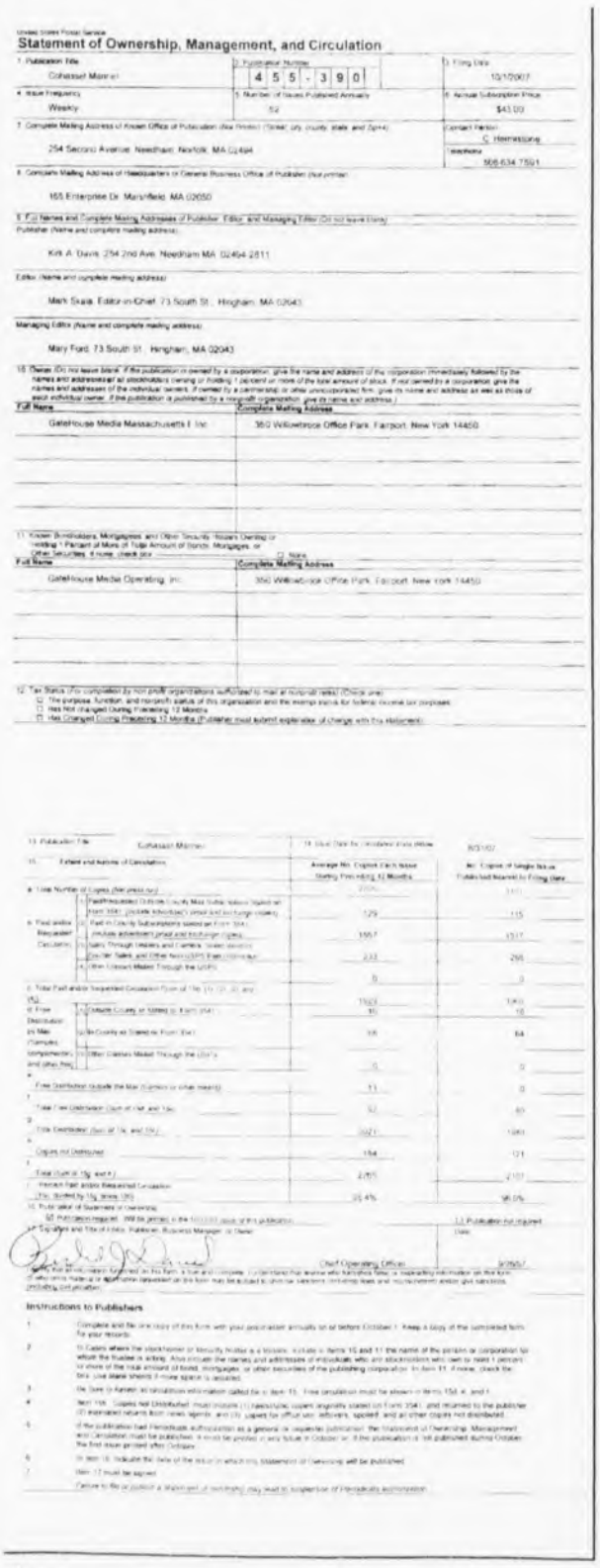
Most memorable moment: All my family celebrations (Darilynn); my wedding day (Beverly); when my son was born (Nancy); yet to come! Life's all good (Lisa).

Goal: To have my business continue to thrive in the village (Darilynn); to raise happy, healthy children and have a successful community business (Beverly); to keep Twist successful (Nancy); I would love to expand my store (Lisa).

Person you'd most like to meet: Oprah Winfrey – woman, George Clooney – man (Darilynn); Oprah (Beverly and Nancy); George Clooney (Lisa).

Biggest worry: Juggling everything effectively (Darilynn); no worries, my Mom worries enough for our entire family (Beverly); to keep Twist successful (Nancy);

Best part of Cohasset: Cohasset Harbor and Jerusalem Road (Darilynn); the village and the common (Beverly); Twist, of course! (Nancy); the people and the beautiful coastline (Lisa).



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DOE: 'Circuit breaker' overage goes to general fund

By Nancy White
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In the Department of Revenue's review of the town's finances, it found the schools had carried over too much money in their special education reimbursement account. As a result of the DOR order, the schools have returned $260,765 to the town's general fund to be accounted as free cash.

The state special education reimbursement fund, or "circuit breaker," is a revolving account established by the state legislators for use on special education costs. The account is outside of the operational budget exclusively for monies reimbursed by the state for special education costs. The circuit breaker can be used to pay (or pre-pay) out- of-district tuition or costs associated with special education in-district.

In December 2005, the state Department of the Education informed municipalities it would be changing the rules on circuit breaker grants in the upcoming months. In June 2006 after a public comment period, the state formally adopted new regulations regarding the circuit breaker grants. The regulations, which are enforced by the Department of Revenue, stipulated the amount of circuit breaker funds carried over couldn't exceed the DOE reimbursement from the previous fiscal year. Any amount exceeding the appropriation from the previous year would have to be returned to the town's general fund.

Finance Director Michael Buckley said the regulations went into effect too late to affect the end of the fiscal 2006. However, at the close of the fiscal 2007 this past June the DOR included the new regulation in its review.

Consequently, Buckley had to remove all but this year's circuit breaker grant ($310,000). A total of $260,765 was transferred to the town's free cash account. The town's free cash will be certified at Special Town Meeting.

The school department has already sent a memo to the School Committee and other town boards (Selectmen and Advisory Committee) requesting the money be returned to the schools after the free cash is certified at Town Meeting or at least earmarked for special education.

"Special education is a very fluid account," said Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh in a phone interview. Students who move in and out of the district or change curriculum making the estimate for special education hard to predict, said Walsh

The circuit breaker funds were not intended for any other pur-

SEE OVERAGE, PAGE 12

New contract for school chief

By Nancy White
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The Superintendent of Schools has inked a new contract to head the Cohasset Public Schools for three more years. This is Dr. Denise Walsh's first contract renewal since signing her original three-year contract in 2004.

Although the contract was signed on July 23, the salary and other conditions are retroactive to July 1, 2007. The contract runs through June 30, 2010 and will automatically extend in one-year increments after that point. Like all contracts, the 10-page document outlines the conditions and terms of her employment.

The Superintendent's salary will be $151,000 for this fiscal year. The second year of the contract will be $157,085, and the final year will yield a salary of $163,416. Walsh's original salary in 2004 was $120,000.

As a result of the new contract, Walsh receives 36 days of sick leave initially, then 18 days for each year of the contract. Unused sick time can be accumulated from year to year, up to 180 days, or the equivalent of an entire school year for students. However, the contract states there will be no reimbursement for unused accumulated sick leave. In addition, Walsh receives 30 working days, or six weeks, annual vacation, exclusive of legal holidays. Fifteen can be carried over during the term of the contract. In the prior contract, Walsh has five weeks vacation.

Superintendents side-by-side

Town	Yearly salary
Duxbury	$150,000
Norwell (FY07)	$142,331
Hingham	$137,442
Scituate	$131,171
Cohasset	$151,000

The contract, signed by School Committee chairman Rick Flynn and Walsh, states the Committee must review the Superintendent's performance on a yearly basis. The review consists of a written review, a discussion of job description, performance and working relationship with the Committee. The evaluation will primarily be based on her performance on mutually agreed upon goals.

If the School Committee intends not to renew the agreement, they are obligated to give Walsh a year's notice. The contract can be terminated by mutual consent at any time, or with Walsh's 90 days written notice, or by the Committee for "good cause."

The contract allows the Superintendent of Schools to undertake speaking, writing, lecturing or other engagements of a professional nature for compensation, as long as it does not take away from her responsibilities as Superintendent.

The breadth of duties is outlined, describing the Superintendent's role as the "Chief Executive Officer" of the School Committee. The Superintendent will be reimbursed for reasonable expenses occurred during her performance of duties, including attending conferences and paying membership dues. A professional development fund of $1,500 is also provided for in the contract.

Police Beat

Drunk couple end up in hospital

By Mary Ford

An officer responded to a complaint from an auto [illegible] off Route 3A last week on Monday, Oct. 1. [illegible] passed out in the [illegible] shop owner tried to [illegible] man, he appeared [illegible] and claimed to "[illegible] over his wife," police [illegible]

Upon arrival the [illegible] green pickup truck [illegible] plates at the repair [illegible] were two people [illegible] and a female passenger.

Apparently the [illegible] parked there for [illegible] the repair shop was [illegible] ple off the premises.

In speaking with [illegible] the officer received [illegible] The male driver, [illegible] Scituate resident, [illegible] through his wallet [illegible] license and [illegible] Massachusetts. However, based [illegible] at the scene, [illegible] to place the man [illegible] into protective [illegible]

Chief James Hus[illegible] that police did [illegible] man with operating [illegible] influence of alcohol [illegible] could not be determined [illegible] he had been drinking [illegible] shop had [illegible] where the couple [illegible] from. But [illegible] man was not able [illegible] safely.

At the station, [illegible] whom police were [illegible] complained about [illegible] was examined [illegible] and transported [illegible] Later, the male [illegible] medical condition [illegible] have medical [illegible] paramedics refuse [illegible] porting him to [illegible]

Train safety

Chief Hussey said [illegible] will host an event [illegible] Tuesday, Oct. [illegible] Scituate Police [illegible] accompanied [illegible]

now in the process of charging those individuals, Hussey said.

Train noise

Residents have been calling the police to complain about the noise from the train. Last week police received a call from a Sollier Street resident at 9 p.m. saying that she did not like the train running so late and she asked "How am I supposed to sleep?" Another call came in at 10:30 one night last week in which the North Main Street resident complained about how late the train was running and that she could not get her kids to bed.

Chief Hussey said the MBTA complaint line is 617-222-3200.

He said he thinks once people get used to the train it will become "background noise" and people will get used to it. "We anticipate it is going to take some time for people to get used to the train," he said.

Peace restored

An officer restored the peace during a verbal argument on Elm Street between two neighbors who had a dispute over spraying water and a loud radio, last week. The argument was heated enough to generate a call from a person who thought the two were involved in "road rage." The officer spoke to both people involved.

Parking lot

An employee at the Golden Living Center off Route 3A came out after completing her 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. shift to discover that someone had dented the driver's side door of her 1986 Honda that was parked in the lot. Police have taken a report and are investigating. The other driver did not come forward. Anyone who may have witnessed the accident on Saturday, Oct. 6 or should contact the police.

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Cohasset Village restaurant now offers private parties

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"It should open a new avenue for the restaurant," says Houlihan.

Houlihan hopes to use the new room to bring back bi-monthly bistro wine dinners, something he did when Bia Bistro first opened its doors. The mid-week event would entail five to six course pre-set menu, with each course paired with a different wine.

"For a little restaurant hidden out of the way, we've done really well," he says crediting the good food, good service and casual atmosphere as the reasons people keep coming back.

Positive reviews and press hasn't hurt either. In recent years Bia Bistro received Boston Magazine's prestigious Best of Boston award for best bistro south of Boston. Most recently, Bia Bistro scored a 28 out of 30 on their Zagat rating — no other restaurant in Massachusetts has a higher rating.

The Bia menu is Mediterranean inspired and always changing depending on what's available. He says his signature dish has become the citrus glazed Long Island duck served with confit. He buys all his seafood locally, typically straight off the boat in Scituate Harbor.

To complement their new bar area, Bia is in the process of getting a full liquor license. Houlihan expects to hear back from the state on their full liquor license application shortly. The Board of Selectmen approved the application back in August.

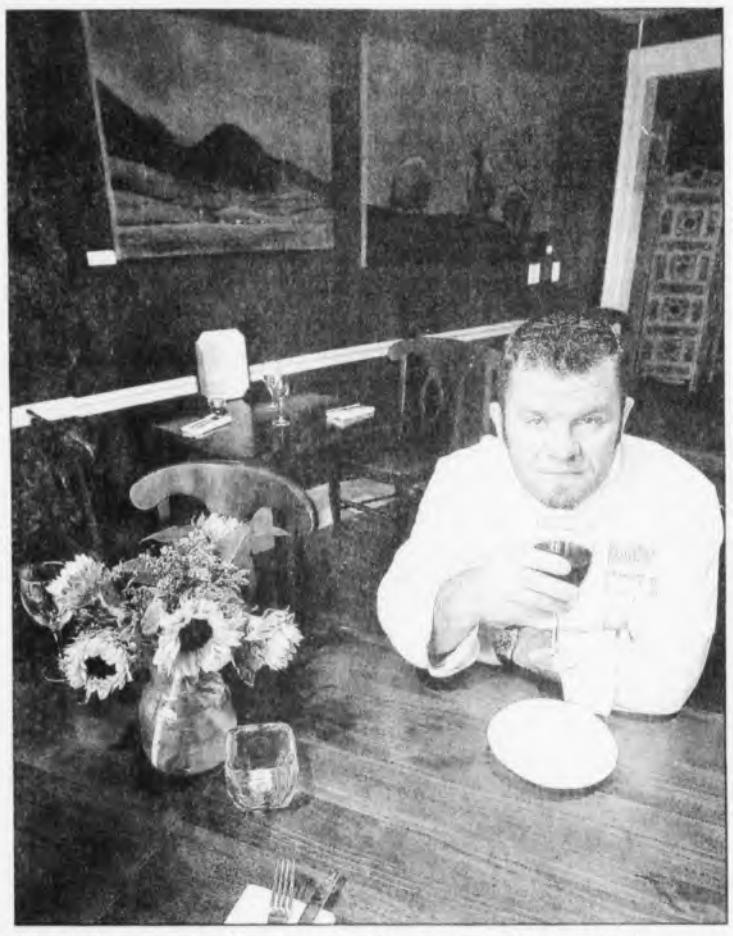
"We want to give people the opportunity to start with an aperitif or finish with an Irish coffee," said Houlihan. Previously, Bia Bistro only had a license to serve beer and wine. Once the liquor license is finalized, Houlihan plans on developing a martini and specialty drink menu.

"Restaurants are scouting [Cohasset] out" for possible locations, explaining his restaurant along with Bernard's and the Red Lion Inn have brought attention to the area.

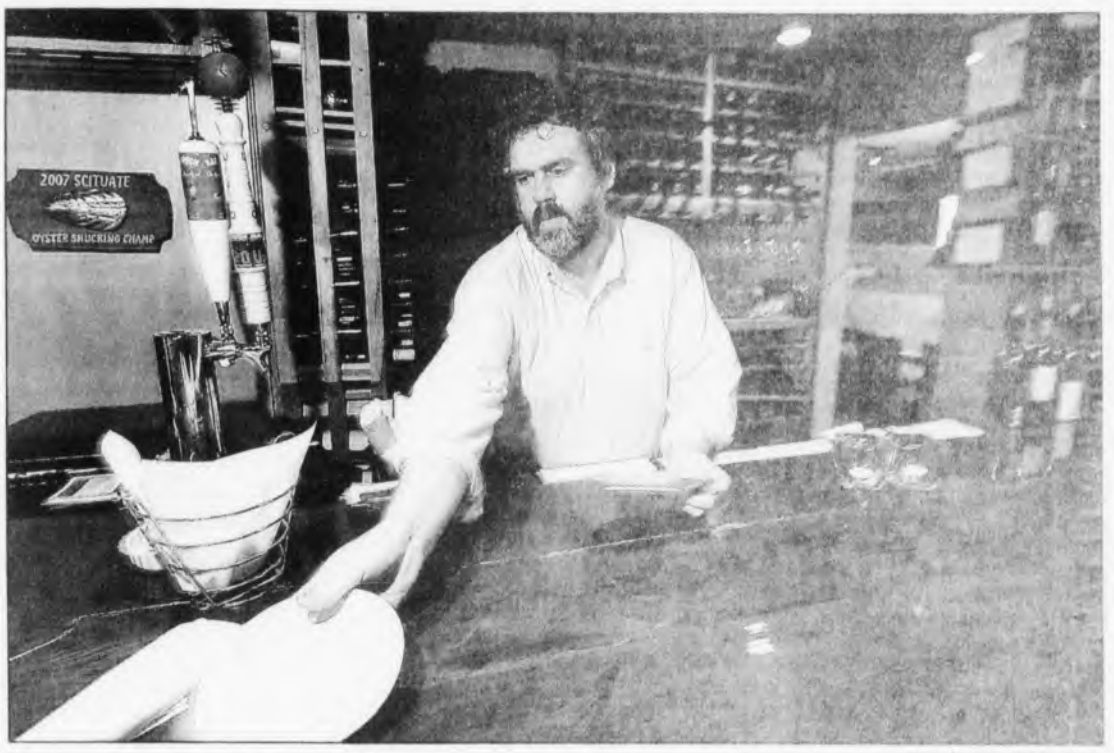
In his four years' time in Cohasset, Houlihan feels Bia Bistro has become a staple in the Cohasset restaurant scene, "my customers are very loyal."

Although most of his customers reign from Cohasset and its surrounding towns, he does get many patrons who make a trek from Boston and the North Shore to dine at Bia Bistro. For example, a well-traveled couple from Newton comes down to Bia Bistro at least once a month to dine.

"They tell me this is the closest they can get to a bistro in Paris," Houlihan says with a smile.



Chef and owner Brian Houlihan sits in the new expanded section of Bia Bistro. Along with more seating capacity for busy restaurant nights, Houlihan plans on doing private parties for up to 30 people in the new dining room.



Barkeeper Scott Dahill places a plate in front of a customer at the new seven-seat bar area in Bia Bistro. A bar menu, tapas and nightly wine specials complement this new area.





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More changes possible at Samuel Bates

The Samuel Bates House has been a familiar site in the village since 1811. The building has undergone many transformations in its nearly 200-year life. It was constructed as a residence and then went the way of the majority of village buildings with residences on the second floor with retail on the first floor.

Village frequenters have noticed work being done on the building throughout the summer. Bia Bistro has expanded to a new dining room with 30 additional seats. Carmela Drew, a new shop to the village, will be opening later this month (see related stories).

The building's owner, Wayne Sawchuk, expanded the building as much as possible within its existing footprint. He had more significant renovations on the table last winter, but the Zoning Board of Appeals stopped them in their tracks. A lot size of 40,000 square feet is currently required in the Village for any expansion and his lot does not meet that requirement. Sawchuk had plans to build a second building with first floor retail, second floor residential but his plans could not go forward. If the village zoning bylaw amendments pass at the upcoming Special Town Meeting (Nov. 13), Sawchuk could move ahead with a similar plan.

In the meantime, the first floor is handicap accessible, with a new handicap bathroom as well. Upstairs Sawchuk is currently renovating two apartments — a two-bedroom and a one-bedroom unit.

Sawchuk's plans for his property, which includes a large parcel facing the town parking lot, may not come to fruition in exactly the way he originally intended. But, he does plan to do something with the back area.

"I'm going to finish the building so it looks good on a four sides," says Sawchuk.

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Food and family: Carmela Drew opens Oct. 29

By Nancy White
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Bringing together the finest ingredients can often yield extraordinary results. The ingredients may be a part of a recipe, a fine cheese or unique pasta, or the ingredients may be part of a greater scheme of bringing friends and family together for a meal. Michele Rizzo and Maria DePaoli, sisters and owners of the new village shop, Carmela Drew, hope to provide the former and, in turn, spur on the latter.

The shop, located inside the Samuel Bates House (39 South Main St.), will officially open on Monday, Oct. 29. They are currently wrapping up finishing touches on the space, which has undergone a complete renovation in the last few months.

"The space was bare bones, there was nothing here," says Rizzo, but they were able to see beyond the plywood, sawdust and relative emptiness to their vision of a gourmet food shop. Although the renovations have been on-going ordeal since July one of the most gratifying aspects for them has been seeing it all come together. The store is almost ready to be filled with product and fully decorated. The wall colors are a rich and inviting golden brown, set off by white shelves and display areas.

The sisters never really envisioned themselves as small business owners, but started thinking about the possibility last winter. Rizzo comes from a financial services corporate background where she held positions in marketing, sales, communications and event planning. DePaoli's professional experiences stems from the academic and healthcare arenas. After nearly 18 years apiece in the 9-to-5 routine, both sisters decided it was time to try something new.

However, the sisters did not jump into small business on a whim. Together they did extensive market research to determine if a fine food store would be a viable business. Originally, they looked at larger spaces for their business where they though they could have a small sandwich shop/café. When they found the much smaller Cohasset Village space, they decided to narrow the scope of the shop to focus on fine foods and accessories.

"There is so much interest in food — high quality food — but most don't have the time to cook," Rizzo says and hopes Carmela Drew can bring out the gourmet cook in all of us.

Prepared meals were always a part of their business plan from the start, they felt it was really needed in this area. Right now, Cohasset residents have to travel to the Fruit Center or Whole Foods, both in Hingham, to find high quality prepared meals.

"Prepared meals are going to be a huge part of our business. They're going to be good, healthy and simple," says Rizzo. Lasagna, chili, soup, stuffed pork tenderloin, Chinese salads are just some of the offerings. Each meal will be available to serve two, four or six people. Prices will vary accordingly, but Rizzo says it will fall somewhere between the grocery store and restaurant costs.

The store's name Carmela Drew is a nod to both the sisters' grandmothers. Carmela was their paternal grandmother's first name and Drew was their materal grandmother's maiden name. Both women were great cooks in their own right.

"It's a nice way to honor our family," says Rizzo and complements their family business.

Specialty foods and kitchen gadgets will round out the rest of their product line.

"We're going to offer things customers will be very familiar with," like semolina pasta explains Rizzo, "but the whole idea is to provide options beyond the standard fare," such as whole wheat.

Imported cheeses, savory and sweet jams, specialty meats, organic coffee, pasta sauce, baking mixes and restaurant quality appetizers are just a few of the products. Where possible the sisters made contacts with local New England vendors. Kinnealey Meats, Jim's Organic Coffee, Deborah's Kitchen and Stonewall Kitchen all made the cut.

If an even more exotic ingredient is necessary for a special party, the sisters have relationships with dozens of vendors and can work with them to get that special product.

With their varied background and complementary skills, the sisters are confident their business and relationship will flourish.

"We won't be trying to do the same things, our strengths don't collide," says DePaoli.

"Besides we're sisters, we won't be able to get away with never talking to each other again," jokes Rizzo.

Since their sign was installed in front of the store a few weeks ago, passersby have been stopping in to see what they are all about. They feel the community has been very welcoming and excited about their opening, some even offering advice and suggestions.

The pair plans on continuing the welcoming attitude by having tasting nights with residents in the coming months. Each day a new sample will be out for customers to try, "we want people to taste the food and have a sense of what they are getting," says Rizzo.

The sisters are looking forward to greeting customers, guiding them through the products and being a part of the village community.

"This is a shop we would like to shop at, there's no place like it around here," says Rizzo.

Carmela Drew will open for business on October 29. Hours will be Monday to Saturday 10a.m. to 7p.m. and Sunday 10a.m. to 5p.m.



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Michele Rizzo and Maria DePaoli, sisters and owners of the new village shop, Carmela Drew, offer fine foods and accessories. Renovations to their space in the Samuel Bates House are finishing up and the shop will officially open on Oct. 29.



Deborah's Kitchen jellies and jams are just one of several local products Carmela Drew will sell. Prepared foods, kitchen gadgets, pasta, meats and cheeses will also be available.

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Congratulations go out to **Ashley Faber**, a senior at Connecticut College, who was recently elected to the Undergraduate Advisory Board for the Connecticut College chapter of Psi Chi, the National Honor Society of Psychology, for the 2007-2008 academic year. Ashley was a 2004 graduate of Cohasset High School and is the daughter of **Stephen and Lesley Faber.**

LATIN DANCING

Warm up this autumn to the authentic rhythm of the Grupo Chevere Band! Come enjoy a fun evening of live music and Latin dancing (including some instruction & demonstrations) sponsored by the Cohasset Diversity Committee. Proceeds of the event will help fund the Peer Leadership Program at the Cohasset Middle High School. This lively event happens Saturday, Oct. 20 from 8 p.m. to midnight at The River Club, 78 Border St., Scituate. Cash bar, complimentary tasty hors d'oeuvres! Tickets are $35 person and are available at Buttonwood Books & Toys (Shaw's Plaza) and Paperscapes, 47 South Main St. (in the village). For more information please call **Connie Afshar** at 781 383 6006.

IT'S A GIRL

If you see **Abigail and Ken Greer** of Hill Street out shopping for tiny "pink" outfits, be sure to congratulate them. In fact they may have their brand-new baby girl with them! **Katherine Jackson Greer** arrived at precisely 5:37 a.m. on Sept. 29, 2007. She tipped the scales at 9 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 21-1/2 inches at birth.

Ready and waiting with open arms were Katherine's big brother **Will** and big sister **Molly**.

Available for extra hugs are grandparents **Bill and Marilyn Adams** of Quincy and **Jim and Pauline Greer** of Plymouth.

Congratulations all!

BULB ORDERS

Attention goes out to all Gardeners. The Community Garden Club of Cohasset is now taking orders for a unique selection of quality spring flowering bulbs that will enhance the color and beauty of the garden. The assortment of bulbs includes tulips in a variety of beautiful colors; sweetly fragrant double narcissi; exotic allium; rock garden iris; and petite favorites such as chinodoxa, muscari and scilla. The bulb orders are accompanied with directions for planting. The bulbs are being sold at the Cohasset Farmer's Market on Cohasset Common on Thursdays from 2:30-5 p.m.. All purchases help fund club programs and community services.

1957 FOOTBALL

The Cohasset Football team has begun its 2007 season. Fifty years ago, another Cohasset High School Football team played and completed its season with an undefeated record! Many of the players still live in town or are close by. The Cohasset Gridiron Club would like to spread the word that the Cohasset-Abington game being played at home on Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. will be dedicated to this very special undefeated team. If you know a player or family member, please pass on the invitation to attend this game so we can celebrate a 50-year-old memory with them! Oh, and be sure to wish them a happy anniversary!

BRICK FUNDRAISER

The Beechwood Ballpark is complete. There is a brick fundraiser under way to help pay for maintaining this wonderful new space. Engraved bricks are $100 and will be placed in the grassy area behind the outfield scoreboard. If you are interested, please contact **Michelle Loughlin** at mloughlin521@hotmail.com.

PUMPKINS!

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Participating stores include Bia, Carmela Drew, Cindy Vallino Photography, Darilynn's, Ephiphany Designs, Hernan's, Paperscapes Ports, The Red Geranium, Twist, and Village Wine and Spirits.

In addition, 10 percent of all sales will be donated to Hope in Bloom, a nonprofit organization which provides indoor and outdoor gardens to those undergoing breast cancer treatment. For more information, visit www.hopeinbloom.org.

That is all I have for this week but expect to be back in full swing for next week. Please make sure to get all that news in to me by next Tuesday at 5. This could be school related, items that are going on in and around town, special well wishes for birthdays, new babies, anniversaries and more. I am happy to be back on board and can't wait to go forward.

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All photos should be dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street in an envelope marked, "Cohasset Mariner, Around Town" by Tuesday am. Have a great week.

ANNIVERSARY



Betsey and Bob Detwiler on their wedding day, Sept. 30, 1957.



Betsey and Bob Detwiler on the 50th wedding anniversary, Sept. 30.

Detwilers celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Bob and Betsey Detwiler of Norwell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their family Sept. 30. The five Detwiler sons, four daughters-in-law and eight and a half grandchildren filled the front rows of First Parish Church in Norwell to celebrate with Bob and Betsey, who are longtime members of the choir and congregation.

The clan progressed to the banks of the North River to enjoy a day of sunshine, champagne and lobster. Andy, Kathy, Peter, Julie, Jon, Laurie, Chris, Jeff, Ryan, Chad, Kelsey, Conor, Liam, Forrest, Harry, Allie and Belle wished them well on their 50 years together.

Betsey owns Buttonwood Books in Shaw's Plaza in Cohasset.

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Cohasset couple has exhibit at Hingham library

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color into the next piece. Oranges, blues, greens and the rich neutrals of the Italian landscape draw the eye from painting to painting. By utilizing this mode of transition, the display of Richard's photographs move seamlessly to Kimberlee's oil paintings and then back again.

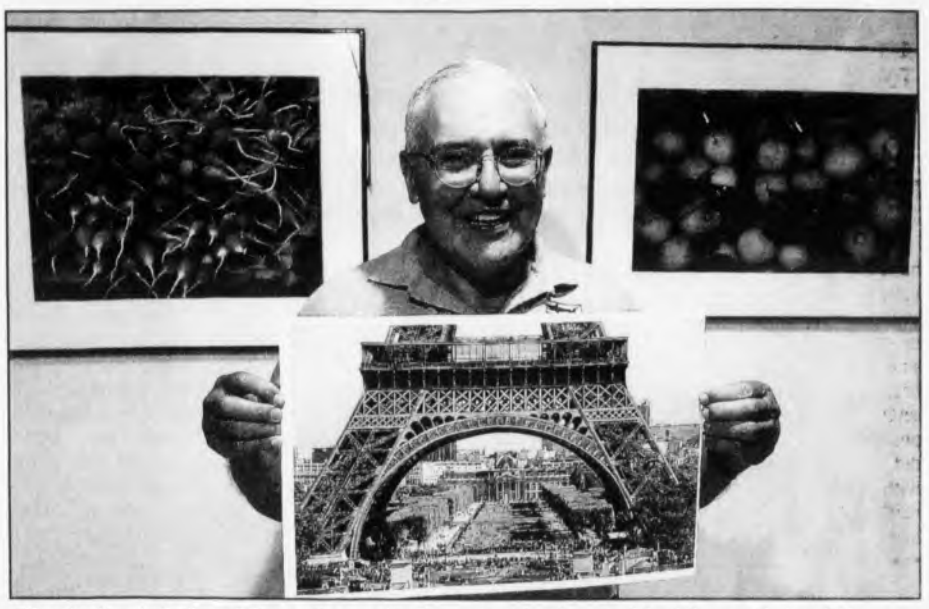
"A show always looks better when the colors and shapes work together," says Richard.

Bold colors and geometric shapes are found throughout Richard's photography, Kimberlee says her husband has a natural eye for finding interesting shots.

"I look for repetition, textures, colors and diagonal lines," says Richard. One of his favorites in the exhibit features a painter with a white suit brushing on a bright blue to a storefront in Paris.

"I love the stark white against the blue backgrounds," and the diagonals of a stepladder add even more interest to the photo, says Richard. The couple stumbled upon the photo opportunity while walking in Paris.

"My eye is looking for [interesting photographs] all the time…I do all my traveling through a view finder," says Richard, "if you look closely you begin to see things you didn't see before."



"On the Road: Italy and France" is on display at the Hingham Public Library. Richard Alemian holds a print of the Eiffel Tower, just one of the prints hanging in the gallery show. Alemian says he does all his traveling through a camera's view finder.



STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

Kimberlee Alemian mixes paint in her home studio for her latest piece of art. A selection of pieces depicting Italy and France is currently on display at the Hingham Public Library.

Richard takes all his shots through a single reflex digital camera, after largely giving up film about three years ago.

By his side during the taking of the majority of the photos, Kimberlee is often snapping away herself. Photos help her when she gets back to her Cohasset studio to paint. She often does pencil sketches and takes notes on lighting and colors to keep the landscape fresh in her memory. On her trip last year she did do some "on location" painting while on the French Riviera, but found the effort more trouble than it was worth with the equipment and paint drying time.

"From now on I'm going to rely on sketches, photos and color notes," says Kimberlee. However, one piece in the gallery, "Villafranche-sur-Mer," was painted while overlooking the landscape.

In two of Kimberlee's larger oil paintings, "Monet's Garden (Giverney)" and "Venice Canal," she took a more free form approach to the painting. She covers the canvas as quickly as possible, focusing on creating a feeling rather than replicating the landscape, "it's more about the process," she says. After the initial rush of covering the canvas, she sits back, re-evaluates what she has done and adds as she feels is necessary.

Kimberlee and Richard often go to great lengths to find that perfect perspective. While in Rome they walked for over a half-mile to find a unique angle of the ancient Colosseum. Both artists captured the view using their individual mediums; both are on display in the gallery.

The couple has found traveling in September to be ideal. The weather is still good, the sun is at a great angle and the summer tourists have gone back to school and work. They have visited France nine times and Italy four times, but they continue to return. Although they say there are many beautiful places in the United States, they are drawn back to Europe in part because of the history that lingers behind every corner. They seek out the stories behind the sights they visit and try to discover places off the beaten track — or find new angles on tourist haunts.

Kimberlee and Richard have a strong working relationship where they can rely on each other for constructive feedback.

"I have someone I trust who has my best interests at heart," says Kimberlee who says they both are creative people and like to talk to each other about their work.

"It's a great form of communication," agrees Richard. With such talent in one home, Kimberlee and Richard often are vying for wall space to hang their work.

Next September, they plan on visiting a new part of Europe — Poland, Austria and the Czech Republic.

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Community invited to 'drumming and spirituality'

Percussionist Matt Meyer will lead a workshop on "Drumming and Spirituality" in the Parish House of First Parish Unitarian Universalist this Sunday, Oct. 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.. This workshop for all ages is open to the entire community and follows the 10 AM morning worship in the Meeting House also led by Mr. Meyer. "Drumming and Spirituality" is a chance for people of all skill levels to participate in hands-on rhythm-making. Says Matt: "We will experience the spirituality of community music-making through different activities, stories, games and discussions as well as look at how rhythm and music intersect with Unitarian Universalist values." He suggests bringing your own drum (if you have one!). If not, drums will be provided!

Matt Meyer is a graduate of the Berklee College of Music and has studied music in Cuba, Ghana, and sites in Central America. Matt plays percussion for several bands around Boston, as well as giving private lessons and workshops for schools and churches. As an active member of the Unitarian Universalist Young Adult movement, Matt is always seeking new and better ways to combine music, spirituality, and social justice work.

This Sunday's community-wide workshop is co-sponsored by First Parish's Religious Education Committee for Children & Youth and Adult Education.



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Open after hours next Thursday

Village shops host special night

By Mary Ford
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What could be better than a night out in Cohasset Village while supporting a good cause?

Shop owners want to generate excitement about "downtown" Cohasset by staying open late next Thursday (Oct. 18).

"I thought about doing something in October and mentioned it to Beverly (Bielewicz) and it mushroomed from there," says Darilynn Evans of Darilynn's.

Bielewicz of Paperscapes is one of the "new kids on the block" having opened her shop last April.

"Our objective is to get people down to the village," she says. "We want to create some excitement."

So the two women hooked up with Nancy Levanchy of Twist and Lisa Lynch of Ports & Company to turn their idea into reality.

"At first we thought of having a 'ladies night out' but since our businesses are all on Main Street – we turned it into a 'Night Out on Main Street'," Bielewicz recalls.

The women describe it as an "October stroll" not unlike the holiday stroll in December. In addition to posters and word-of-mouth, they have sent out 2,000 cards to customers.

In recognition of October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, 10 percent of sales will be donated to Hope in Bloom, a nonprofit organization which provides indoor and outdoor gardens to those undergoing breast cancer treatment.

Levanchy of Twist, which has been in the Village three years, says the Village is better than ever. "Everyone who comes in makes it better," she says.

Lynch of Ports & Company says Cohasset has been a great town. "The support of the people in town has been great – the town has a lot of offer. "This is our way of giving back," she says.

Night Out on Main Street

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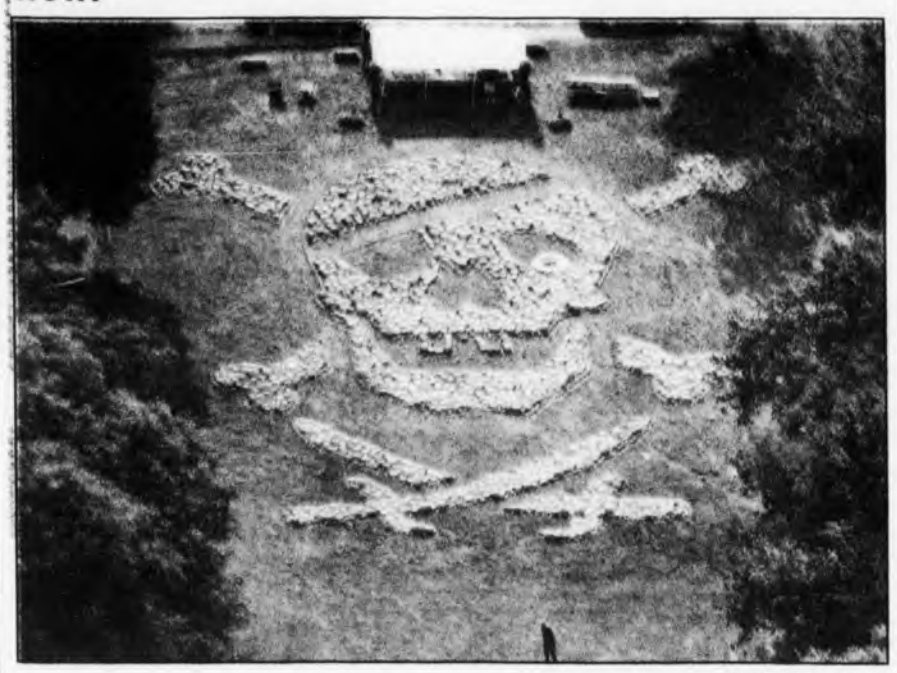
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Every year Phil Lehr of the Appalachia Service Project designs a Halloween-related motif for the Pumpkin Patch at Wheelwright Park. As you can see this year, Phil has outdone himself! Thanks also go to Margot Cheel for this great photograph. The Pumpkin Patch will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Oct. 31 in Wheelwright Park off North Main Street. The Pumpkin Patch supports the Cohasset Appalachia Service project that sends about 200 people, adults and teens to the Appalachia area to repair homes each summer. For photos from last Thursday's "pumpkin arrival" see page 21.

Cohasset Cabaret tickets are on sale now

Talented cast members from the South Shore area will perform songs from artists such as Sonny and Cher, Frank Sinatra, and the Dream Girls, as well as numbers from productions including "Fiddler on the Roof," and "Chicago."

The Cohasset Cabaret will make its debut Friday, Nov. 2, and Saturday, Nov. 3, at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, 129 South Main St. Each evening will begin with a social hour from 7 to 8 p.m., featuring a raffle table with items from local artists and merchants, followed by the cabaret.

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Members of the audience may bring their own snacks to enjoy or purchase a snack box for $10. A cash bar will serve wine, beer, and soft drinks. Proceeds benefit the Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs.

Tickets cost $25 each and are available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., each Sunday, at St. Anthony's Parish Hall. Tickets are also available during the week at the Parish Hall, and at the Cohasset Elder Affairs office at the South Shore Community Center on Main St.

For information, call 781-383-0752.

Vampire's Ball is Oct. 27

Join the fun at the Vampire's Ball, on Saturday, Oct. 27 at 7p.m. when the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club raises money to support basketball in Cohasset. Will Charles, owner of Cohasset Mortgage Company Inc. and father of two high school basketball players, will be sponsoring the event by hosting the fundraiser in his newly purchase property, 25 Ripley Road, once the historic Ripley Road Hospital where many a Cohasset native was born.

Atlantica will be catering the event and complimentary beer, wine and specialty drinks will be served. The night will include dancing in the "Night of the Living Dead Discothèque" plus haunted tours and high jinks. The event will also provide televised coverage of the Red Sox battling for the World Series. Tickets are $40 per person and can be purchased during Recreational Basketball sign-ups on Saturday, October 13 from 9 to 11am at Cohasset Town Hall or by mailing a check payable to the Cohasset Basketball Boosters, PO Box 231, Cohasset. Festive seasonal attire is suggested. Check out Cohasset Basketball.com for more information.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Cohasset trees

I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in Summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree

Joyce Kilmer

Fall is perhaps the best time of year to appreciate trees. We are fortunate to live in New England where trees are not only in abundance but they can exhibit glorious colors every autumn. Due to the drought, this autumn may not be as spectacular as others but perhaps we will even appreciate our trees more, knowing that they have been stressed due to lack of water.

Here in Cohasset trees are an integral part of the landscape and an important part of the town's character.

The Cohasset Department of Public Works is the caretaker of thousands of town trees.

A proposal to cut down even one public shade tree in town requires a public hearing (unless the tree is dead or diseased beyond treatment).

While we are not fans of bureaucracy and endless government – having a process in place to protect our shade trees is a good thing.

Some homeowners may not realize that some of "their" trees planted close to the roadway are actually town trees.

If you are familiar with Scituate, you may have driven along Route 3A or Route 123 to Greenbush in recent weeks where construction of the roundabout is under way. You may be struck by the sudden openness of the area that appears to be out-of-character.

Sadly, construction of the roundabout required the removal of several ancient trees. The area now looks barren.

Next door in Hingham, initial plans using state funds to repave and improve Route 228 (Main Street) included removing 150 trees. A public outcry and pressure from the Hingham DPW and others reduced that number to 37.

So when you are driving down Hingham's Main Street and see all those trees – be grateful that folks and officials in Hingham worked very hard to save them!

And as you drive around Cohasset – be appreciative that in addition to our ocean vistas – we also have the pleasure of living in a wooded environment.

Henry David Thoreau put it best:

"I frequently tramped eight or ten miles through the deepest snow to keep an appointment with a beech-tree, or a yellow birch, or an old acquaintance among the pines."



MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Advisory Committee, Oct. 16 & 22, 7 p.m.

Alternative Energy Committee, Nov. 6 and Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m.

Cohasset Housing Partnership, Oct. 18, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Oct. 18, 7 p.m.

Library Trustees, Nov. 14, 7 p.m.

Planning Board, Oct. 17, 6:30 p.m.

Recreation Commission, Oct. 17, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee, Oct. 17, 7 p.m. at the high school

Selectmen, Oct. 15, 22, 29 & Nov. 5, 7 p.m.

Stormwater Committee, Nov. 5, 7 p.m.

Water Commission Oct. 17, 7 p.m. with the Planning Board; Oct. 18 & Nov. 24, 6 p.m., King Street plant.

ZBA, Oct. 16, Oct. 22 & Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

'Adopt-a-Street' to conduct meeting

The Town of Cohasset's "Adopt-A-Street" program would greatly appreciate your assistance.

This new environmental program is a partnership between the Town of Cohasset and community-minded businesses, organizations and citizens who will work together to provide a beautiful environment. This program will also educate and encourage people to stop littering and take pride in their community.

The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall's Basement Meeting Room.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering is encouraged to attend.

For more information please contact Tara Tradd at the Board of Health Office: 781-383-4116.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Indifference in North Cohasset?

TO THE EDITOR:

The local media reported my discussions with the Cohasset Water Commissioners about the absurdity of unbridled water usage throughout Cohasset with the exception of North Cohasset which is under a total water ban from its source: Aquarion - based in Hingham. At the same time, Cohasset sells water to Hingham (Linden Ponds) while Aquarion sells water to North Cohasset.

Last week, the media printed a short editorial plea that I wrote suggesting that people contact me to be kept apprised as I work with Aquarion (Hingham) and the Cohasset Selectmen/Water Commissioners to challenge the status quo (I have been quietly protesting this arrangement for 10 years). I received ONE response.

The Cohasset Water Commissioners predicted that North Cohasset residents might be ambivalent and that a key to breaking the inertia would be a display of interest. North Cohasset residents will only have themselves to blame as we suffer a self-fulfilling destiny due to an attitude of indifference. This problem can be solved with a "temporary" work-around and a long-term plan; however, it won't happen without a public display of interest. Please contact me at 781-383-0505(fax: 781-383-9762) or preferably by email: cohjoe@aol.com.

An "Ostrich in the Sand" approach will assure failure; a pro-active approach may not assure success, but we won't have "met the enemy only to find it is ourselves."

Joseph R. McElroy
59 Windy Hill Road
N. Cohasset

Wonderful dedication is much appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

I want to tell you how exciting it was for me, John Durkin and Andy Whitney to go onto the field at halftime of the Cohasset vs. Scituate game on Saturday, Sept. 29, for the Gridiron Book dedication as they dedicated the book to John Durkin along with Andy Whitney and myself.

I liked the way that Gridiron member [Mike Maher] read the entire dedication statement including the sentence "John couldn't do his job without the help of Andy Whitney and Shaun Galvin who handle the duty of spotters in the press box." That sentence means a lot to John, Andy and myself and that is the reason the three of us went onto the field to receive this great honor.

I want to thank the Cohasset Gridiron Club for this wonderful dedication and honor to both John, Andy and myself. It has really meant the world to us. I looked at the book and it is absolutely excellent and my Good Luck ad I sent in over the summer came out excellent as well. Also, I am very proud of Cohasset after beating Scituate 28-0 on Saturday, Sept. 29, as well as last Friday's win over Carver, 26-12, along with the Gridiron Book Dedication at halftime of the Cohasset vs. Scituate game and Cohasset improving their record to 5-0 on the season, which makes everything so far this 2007 very super and special.

Thanks again for this wonderful dedication and honor, and Go Blue!

Shaun Galvin
CHS Class of 1999
Weymouth

Josiah Wompatuck and King Philip

WOMPATUCK

JIM ROSE

Although involved in the Christian way of life, the Praying Indians occasionally restored to warfare.

Reprinted with permission from the Friends of Wompatuck, a volunteer organization that helps maintain the state park. To become a member call Eric at 781-741-6047."

First Native American contact with Europeans probably occurred along the coast of Cape Cod 1,000 years ago. Norsemen from Scandinavia landed in northwest Newfoundland in 986. In 1497, John Cabot explored northeast Newfoundland and more than likely encountered the Beothuck tribe living there.

Englishman Captain John Smith specifically mentioned tribal contact when he explored Cohasset and the coast of New England in 1614. A present day plaque commemorating the event can now be found at a water's edge park in Cohasset Harbor.

Soon after Captain Smith departed, three separate epidemics swept across New England between 1614 and 1617 destroying three fourths of the original native population. In 1620, the Pilgrims found most of the Wompanoag villages abandoned. When Puritans first settled Boston in 1629, only 500 of the Massachuset tribe were alive. Smallpox decimated most of the tribe in 1633.

Soon afterwards, Rev. John Eliot began his missionary work among the natives in the area. The new Christian converts were gathered into 14 villages of "Praying Indians."

Committed to strict rules of Puritan conduct, tribal traditions quickly died away. No organized groups of the Massachuset are known to have survived after 1800.

Sachem Josiah Wompatuck was a member of the Massachuset tribe. His father was Chief Chickataubut. When he died, Josiah was raised by his father's brother, Kutchamakin. Wompatuck was exposed to Christianity at an early age and was considered a Praying Indian. He and members of the Wompanoag tribe who he associated with transferred the land of present day Hingham to the town in 1665.

The Wompanoags inhabited southeastern Massachusetts and the eastern shore of Narragansett Bay in Rhode Island. The Massachuset inhabited the valleys of the Charles and Neponset rivers including the present site of Boston and its suburbs. Massachuset translates to "the people of the great hills (Blue Hills)," and Wompanoag translates to "Eastern people" in Algonquin.

Although involved in the

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425 S. Main still at 'dead end'

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Over the past several weeks we've received quite a few comments about the plight of the resident at 425 S. Main St. In summary, the MBTA closed Lincoln Lane at the railroad tracks to avoid a railroad crossing. This was the access for the home at 425 S. Main St. for more than 30 years for the current resident and way longer than that for prior residents. The MBTA then connected the home at 425 S. Main St. to a private three-home driveway in Scituate. However, the Town of Scituate has a By-Law that limits the number of homes on a private driveway to three. Adding 425 S. Main St. would make four an[illegible] in violation of the Scituate By-Law. Further, the driveway used by the three Scituate homes passes over two properties in Cohasset, for which they have easements. The 425 S. Main St home has no such easement and thus the MBTA connection also creates a trespass situation.

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In August of 2006, the MBTA sent the accompanying Aug. 8 letter (*We have erased all names from the letter because we feel that this information is not pertinent.*) addressed to the three Scituate residents detailing what they would do to solve the access problem for 425 S. Main St. Essentially, the MBTA agreed to:

1. Hire and pay for a local attorney to draw up a maintenance agreement between the three Scituate homes and the 425 S. Main St. property and make application to Scituate for a waiver of their By-Law.

2. Investigate whether easements are required.

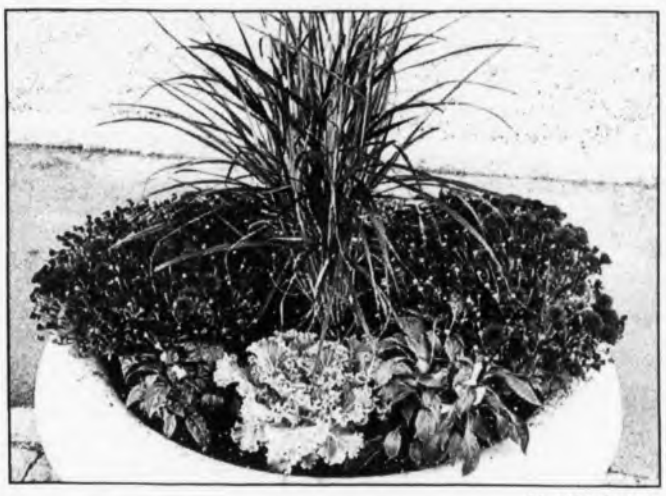
After an attorney was hired, the necessary agreements drafted and signed by all, but before application was made to Scituate for a waiver, the MBTA pulled out of their agreement saying they were at a "dead end." Clearly this was not the case. As of this writing, the MBTA has not come back to the table to honor their agreement and 425 S. Main St. has no legal access.

Village Revitalization — As a part of the Revitalization project the contractor was to have filled the several planters in the village area with day lilies. They have been slow to get them planted. The two planters at the corner of Depot Court and Main Street were planted by an "angel" about a month, or so ago. We thank that unknown person. The planters look great! There is another planter in front of the park between Tedeschi's and French Memories Bakery. This past week another (or perhaps the same) angel did an absolutely magnificent job of planting at this location.

We are all very appreciative of the initiative.

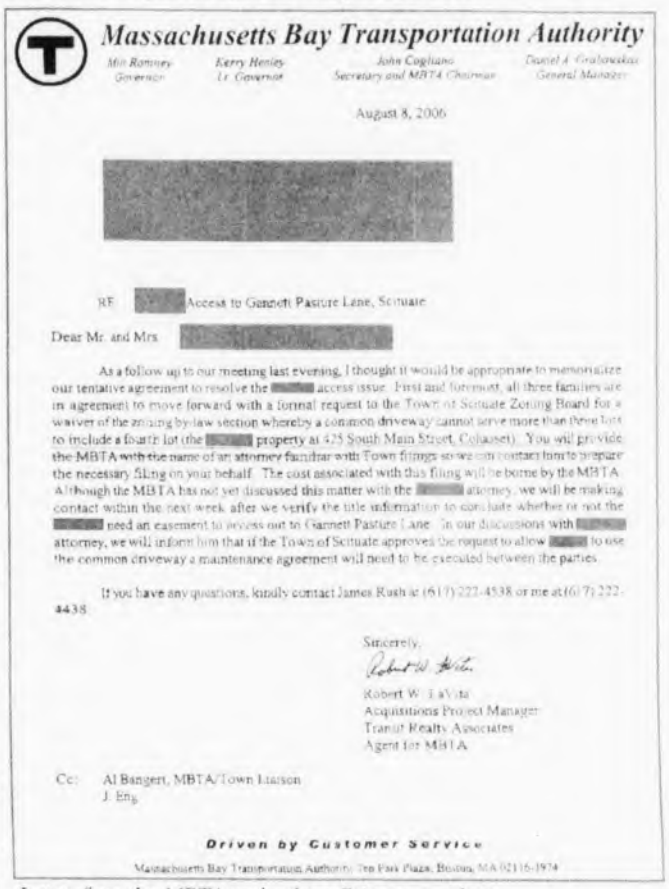
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COURTESY PHOTO

The Tedeschi's planter after the "angel" treatment.



Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

Mitt Romney, Governor — Kerry Healey, Lt. Governor — John Cogliano, Secretary and MBTA Chairman — Daniel A. Grabauskas, General Manager

August 8, 2006

[redacted]

RE: [redacted] Access to Gannett Pasture Lane, Scituate

Dear Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]

As a follow up to our meeting last evening, I thought it would be appropriate to memorialize our tentative agreement to resolve the [redacted] access issue. First and foremost, all three families are in agreement to move forward with a formal request to the Town of Scituate Zoning Board for a waiver of the zoning by-law section whereby a common driveway cannot serve more than three lots to include a fourth lot (the [redacted] property at 425 South Main Street, Cohasset). You will provide the MBTA with the name of an attorney familiar with Town filings so we can contact him to prepare the necessary filing on your behalf. The cost associated with this filing will be borne by the MBTA. Although the MBTA has not yet discussed this matter with the [redacted] attorney, we will be making contact within the next week after we verify the title information to conclude whether or not the [redacted] need an easement to access out to Gannett Pasture Lane. In our discussions with [redacted] attorney, we will inform him that if the Town of Scituate approves the request to allow [redacted] to use the common driveway a maintenance agreement will need to be executed between the parties.

If you have any questions, kindly contact James Rush at (617) 222-4538 or me at (617) 222-4438.

Sincerely,

Robert W. LaVita
Acquisitions Project Manager
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Agent for MBTA

Cc: Al Bangert, MBTA/Town Liaison
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Letter from the MBTA to the three Scituate residents.

The pitfalls of libel

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I see where the curse of the late Anna Nicole Smith has risen from the grave to nip at Rita Cosby, the chubby little anchor gal who covered Anna's demise and the courtroom drama that followed for MSNBC.

Rita has written a book, "Blonde Ambition: The Untold Story Behind Anna Nicole Smith's Death," in which she details a "sexual encounter" between Larry Birkhead, the father of Anna's baby, and Howard Stern (no, not that one), her lawyer.

Since Larry and Howard are both of the male persuasion, that raised more than a few eyebrows and brought Howard back to court to sue Rita and her publisher, Hachette, for $60 million for libeling two of the straightest of the straights, as their relations with Anna will attest.

I hope that Rita has some pretty solid evidence in her defense because public sympathy these days seems to be leaning toward the alleged libelee. Witness the recent $2 million-plus verdict that was awarded Judge Ernie Murphy against the Herald.

The stylebook of the Associated Press, my employer for more years than I care to count, devotes 35 pages to laws governing the media and takes a whole page just to answer the simple question, "What is libel?"

When I was young and ice covered most of the earth, I put the same question to an old timer and he gave me an answer to live by.

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"Son," he said, "libel is anything a jury calls libel."

In 60 years, 10 months and two weeks in the business, I have never been sued for libel or slander or defamation or whatever you want to call it, although once the suits in the executive suite told me I came close enough to keep my mouth shut about it.

It started in Cozaddale, Ohio, a village so small that Rand didn't even bother to tell McNally it was there.

It was founded in the middle of the 19th century by a man named John Cozad, who some sources described as a riverboat gambler. Other sources claimed him to be a violent man and he ratified that claim by killing a man, possibly over a game of cards.

Like so many others facing the same sticky problem at the time, John fled west and settled on the Platte River in Nebraska, where he founded a town called Cozad and begat a first-rate son whom he named Robert Henry Cozad.

Alas, success proved much too heady for old John and, when the people of Cozad went to the mattress with those of nearby Lexington over which town would become county seat, he whipped out his pistol and killed another man.

This time John, with his family in tow, fled east to Atlantic City, New Jersey, where he settled on beachfront property. Later, when they tried to take his land for the Boardwalk, he resisted, which is why the Boardwalk takes a crooked turn around Texas Avenue.

Meanwhile, Robert Henry Cozad, eschewing the family business, went to the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, changed his name to a more artistic Robert Henri, and has gone down in art history as the founder of a very realistic movement known as The Ashcan School.

It was a cute story. Nothing the Pulitzer Committee would get excited over. The kind you see inside a Sunday paper when there is space to be filled among the ads.

I got a letter from the Cozad, Nebraska, Historical Society asking me about some of the sources for the story. I showed the letter to the big boss, who told me he never wanted to hear of Cozad again and implied if I ever mentioned it I could look for another job.

Then he showed me his letter. It was from a lawyer for the estate of Robert Henri. He said they were checking to see how much damage our story had done to the estate. It couldn't have been much because we never heard from them again.

How to embarrass a seven-year old

THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT

DIANE K. DANIELSON



Last week I got an amusing, yet surprising look in the mirror as my son did a dead-on imitation of me — right down to the hand gestures. Of course, I then had to turn the tables on him and we spent the rest of the day imitating each other and sharing all the things we do to drive the other person batty. We ended up with two lists that we thought we would share with you. Who knows? They just might come in handy some day.

Ten ways to totally annoy, embarrass, and otherwise drive your son absolutely bonkers:

1. When a classic "oldies" song comes on the car radio, sing along at the top of your lungs. This works even better when the windows are rolled down and, like me the only musical key you can hit is "off." Personal favorites are Looking Glass' "*Brandy (you're a fine girl)*," anything by Celine Dion, and that Tone Loc classic "*Funky Cole Medina*."

2. While watching the Disney Channel, jump up and attempt do the *High School Musical* dance numbers along with the movie.

3. In fact, singing or dancing at anytime seems to be hugely embarrassing to a 7-year old.

4. Whenever your son mentions a girl's name from school, ask if she's his girlfriend.

5. If there's a kissing part in a movie, rewind and make him watch it again.

6. Pretend not to understand the language of "whine."

7. Whenever he says he "needs" something, ask him to describe the difference between a "need" and a "want."

8. Call him by pet nicknames in front of his friends (i.e., Sweetie, Honey). The more cringe-inducing the better.

9. Shower him with hugs and kisses just as the school bus pulls up. (This is also a good time to throw in a few nicknames or a dance.)

10. Save up all the evidence (photos, videos, stories) of the silly, cute and amusing things he does at this age for payback when he's a teenager.

Ten ways to totally annoy, embarrass, and otherwise drive your mom absolutely bonkers:

1. Whenever you're in the car find one favorite song on a CD and make her play it over and over and over and over.

2. While she's kneeling down helping you tie your shoes, pull out her ponytail holder and shoot it across the room like a rubber band.

3. Eat your dinner with your fingers. (It makes my mom all flustered and she starts yelling "Fork food. Fork food. Fork food" across the table. It's really funny.)

4. Whenever you see her talking to a guy, ask HIM if he's her new boyfriend.

5. After she's all done tucking you into bed at night, wait for her to get downstairs; and then ask for a glass of water. Drink all the water. Once she gets back downstairs, call out that you need another one. Drink that too. Then wait five minutes and announce that you have to go to the bathroom because of all the water you drank.

6. Pretend not to be able to find anything that's right in front of your face.

7. When she says to you "just one more minute," start counting to 60. When she says it again (after you count to 60 the first time), ask her if it's a "mom minute" or a real minute.

8. Repeat after me: "Are we there yet?" Now continue to ask it over and over starting the second you walk out your front door.

9. Ask her if she loves her computer, iPod, cell phone or BlackBerry more than you.

10. When all else fails and you've finally run out of excuses and explanations as to why you did something you probably shouldn't have done, stick your hand under your shirt and arm fart The Star Spangled Banner. Trust me. It makes even my mom speechless. But, only for a minute because then she starts singing show tunes from Annie… and that's never a good thing.

When not serenading her son about her "hard knock life," or assuring him that "the sun will come out tomorrow," Diane K. Danielson is the founder and CEO of the Downtown Women's Club national business network and the author of the new book, "The Savvy Gal's Guide to Online Networking (or What Would Jane Austen Do?)" now available at Amazon.

LIBRARY CORNER

Great Decisions group meets Sunday

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library at 35 Ripley Road. For more information call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Great Decisions Group – The first Great Decisions Discussion group will begin at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 14, in the Meeting Room. For those who have registered for the program, the group will discuss South Africa, found in chapter five of the assigned text.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film, "The Island," at 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct.18. Somewhere in Northern Russia, in a small Russian Orthodox monastery lives a very unusual man. Those who visit the island believe that the man has the power to heal, exorcise demons and foretell the future. However, he considers himself unworthy because of a sin he committed in his youth. Filmed in Russian with English subtitles. There will be free admission and refreshments, courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

We're Not Making This Up – Ever wonder what the story behind the story is? Hear from true crime writers, drug agents, cyber sleuths and others about what really goes on behind the scenes. "Sisters in Crime" authors Kate Flora and Jayne Hitchcock lead this panel discussion at 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 28. Light refreshments will follow and the authors will sign copies of their work, which can be purchased at the event. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Admission is free.

Library Book Group – Join the book group for coffee and a discussion of "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan," by Lisa See at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 31, in the Meeting Room. All are welcome.

FOR CHILDREN

Series news — The Cohasset The Dish series, by Diane Muldrow has been reprinted and can be found in the paperback section. The series is based on a group of girl friends that like friends, cooking, eating, talking, and life. Sounds like what many 8 to 12 year olds like to do. Try it out.

Tom Swift series – The action-packed Tom Swift Young Inventor series is for students 8 to 12 years. Tom Swift's adventures take him to the top of the world, the bottom of the sea, and many other unusual places. Join Tom when he tests out his new inventions. Tom Swift is written by Victor Appleton and can be found in paperbacks.

Magic Tree House series – If you like the Magic Tree House series you might want to try "Time Spies," by Candice Ransom. Join Alex, Mattie, and Sophie as they time travel from one adventure to another. Students 8 to 12 years will find this series in paperback.

Raven Hill Mysteries – Emily Rodda's, Raven Hill mysteries are very exciting and a bit intense. Liz and her friends begin helping out around the neighborhood to do is earn a little extra pocket change but end up risking their weekends and their lives on some of Raven Hill's mysterious secrets. Student 9 years and over may find the Raven Hill mysteries just what they are looking for. They can be found in paperbacks.

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Tom Callahan guest on 'Our Town'

Tom Callahan, Co-chair of the Cohasset Affordable Housing Partnership, sits down with co-hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin to discuss the efforts of the partnership to develop affordable housing in Cohasset as well as to detail the zoning articles going before voters at the Special Town Meeting on Nov. 13. Tune in at 9p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays on Comcast channel 10.

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DOE: 'Circuit breaker' overage goes to general fund

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pose but special education and an accounting requirement should not change that intent, explained Walsh.

Over the past three years, Cohasset schools have received over $570,000 in circuit breaker funds from the state. A memo from Walsh and school business manager Dave DeGennaro to the School Committee states the funds are intended to offset the operational budget, help defray any unforeseen special education costs, and thus save money to the town each year.

Despite the funds received from the state, the schools have charged only $1,286 to the circuit breaker account since July 2005. The costs for special education have been coming directly out of the schools operating budget. Walsh said part of the reason the schools haven't had to dip into the circuit breaker account was they have been able to pre-pay portions of the special education tuition out of the prior year's budget surplus. For example, this year $118,646 was pre-paid toward fiscal 2008 special education tuition.

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The circuit breaker is reserved for unanticipated special education cost or cost exceeding the line item in the budget, said Walsh. In this year's budget, the special education line item was reduced by $200,000 in anticipation of the circuit breaker grant.

"We've been very realistic in our estimates," said Walsh, "this is the first year we've been able to have decent reserves for special education."

However, from the town side Buckley said the rationale behind both the circuit breaker program and the new regulations is to help cities, towns and the school district with special education expenses.

"They require what they determine to be a surplus to be closed to the town's general fund, because in effect the town has been overcharged by over funding the school budget," said Buckley.

For the DOE to come down and adopt regulations regarding circuit breaker accounts and then for the DOR to enforce the regulations, Buckley said Cohasset is likely not the only community in the state with this issue.

Walsh said had the school department known about the new DOR requirement; it would have advised the School Committee to pre-pay the carry-over balance toward this year's special education budget.

Police Beat

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Stolen checks

Police are investigating a report that came in last week from a resident of Kendall Village about stolen checks. Chief Hussey said the resident could not provide an exact timeframe when the checks were taken but police provided the homeowner with an ID theft package to fill out that will help stop her information from being used by someone else. The info / packet should be sent to the (3) major credit reporting companies Equifax: 1-800-525-6285 www.equifax.com; Experian 1-888-EXPERIAN www.experian.com; and TransUnion 1-800-680-7289 www.transunion.com, police said.

ID theft

A walk-in to the police station last week reported that in the process of applying for a loan, she discovered that someone else was using her social security number. Chief Hussey said police supplied her with an ID theft package to fill out and send to the major credit reporting companies. Detectives are in the process of gathering more information and the incident remains under investigation.

Truck break-in

The owner of a local business at which a truck was broken into is determining what may have been taken. The driver's side door window was broken. The incident apparently occurred sometime over the weekend of Sept. 29-30 and was reported at just before 10 a.m., Oct. 1.

Wall ornament

A copper wall ornament, valued at about $25, may have fallen off of the interior wall of a unit in a Beechwood Street residence because of construction work being done in the house. The tenant reported the incident to police who said he and the worker would try to resolve the issue. Police made a report for insurance purposes.

Abandoned copier

Police still have an abandoned photo copying, desktop machine that was abandoned in the middle of a parking lot off Route 3A last week. The officer checked the building, which was secure, and brought the copier to headquarters for safekeeping.

Found bike

A caller notified police Sunday (Oct. 7) about a bike that had been in the woods for a few days. Police brought the green Tincon Giant to the station for safekeeping. It does not match up with any other bikes that have been reported lost or stolen in town.

Mannequin

A caller recently reported seeing a red Explorer with someone in the back seat "looking strange." The call came in at 11:30 p.m. on Saturday (Sept. 29). Police went to the Elm Street location and discovered that the backseat passenger was a mannequin.

Briefly

Register to vote for Special Town Meeting

Friday, Nov. 2 will be the last day to register to vote for the Special Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 13. Registration will be held at the Town Clerk's office from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a town meeting or Election Day may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register to vote. Registration is closed for a brief period before each town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. If you register during a "closed" period, you will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections.

AEC hires energy consultants

The AEC, Alternative Energy Committee has recently engaged Joanne Sanders and Judeth VanHamm, both of Hull as energy consultants. Funds were allocated at the Fall 2006 Special Town Meeting for the AEC to hire a Consultant(s .) Judeth and Joanne both bring experience in grant writing, having successfully secured funding for several energy conservation and renewable energy projects in Hingham and Hull.

The AEC is looking forward to working with them on a number of items. The committee has devoted much of the past two years investigating the possibility of bringing wind power to Cohasset. The investigation culminated in the installation of a 50-meter MET Tower on Turkey Hill in May of this year. The MET Tower will take wind measurements for the next twelve months. Once this study is complete, the AEC hopes to move forward with wind projects for two or more sites in town.

Currently the AEC is working with the Planning Board and Town Counsel to draft a Wind Energy Overlay District. The AEC will also be involved with energy audits of town buildings, possible systems upgrades for town facilities, conservation measures and grant writing for funding of renewable energy systems.

The AEC Consultants first task will be to develop a Request for Proposal for a 10 kwh solar system for the Paul Pratt Library

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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October 1-5, 2007



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QUESTIONS

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By Bob Katzen

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' votes on two roll calls from the week of October 1-5. There were no roll calls in the Senate last week.

CHANGE TICKET SCALPER LAWS (H 4263)

House 131-24, approved and sent to the Senate a bill making major changes in the current state law regulating the reselling of tickets to sporting and entertainment events. Under the legislation, Massachusetts would join 27 other states that have repealed their anti-scalping laws. Current state law dates back to 1924 and limits the resale price by individuals or companies to $2 above face value plus costs incurred by the seller related to obtaining and selling the ticket, excluding the cost of the seller's general business operation. Allowable charges include paying for messengers who are paid to stand in line to buy tickets, postage, long distance telephone calls and credit card fees. The current law is rarely enforced. An estimated 130 ticket resellers are currently licensed by the state.

The proposed legislation allows tickets to be resold at any price. It also imposes more regulations on resellers and requires that they have at least one business office in the state. Other regulations include increasing from $500 to $1,000 biennially the licensing fee for resellers; requiring resellers to post a $100,000 bond from which buyers could recoup costs of any sales that are disputed; requiring sellers to give refunds if the ticket sold is counterfeit or if the event is cancelled and mandating that resellers wear identification cards.

A key provision gives venues or cities and towns the option to establish a ticket resale area within the venue's property line and allows resellers to sell tickets only in the designated area. This provision would also establish a "no-sale zone" of 2,500 square feet around large facilities and of 1,000 square feet around smaller facilities.

The measure gives the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety the authority to determine if a person is engaged in the business of ticket reselling. While it is clear that companies like Ace Tickets, Higs/Cityside Tickets and others would have to be licensed, there is a gray area in the legislation regarding individuals who sell tickets. The commissioner would determine if individuals selling tickets would be considered resellers and be required to have a license and to post a $100,000 bond. An earlier version of the bill limited individuals to selling five tickets per year and defined them as ticket resellers if they exceeded that number.

The proposal would also permit original ticket sellers like the Red Sox, Patriots, Bruins and Celtics to set up a system that allows them to become resellers and to take a piece of the action if the original buyer wants the team to resell his or her tickets for an amount above face value. Teams that opted to set up this system would be prohibited from revoking season tickets from a customer who on his or her own resells a ticket above face value.

Supporters said that today's technology makes it easy to forge tickets. They noted that the bill would protect consumers from the sale of fraudulent tickets and noted that many people currently buy tickets that they do not know are forgeries until they try to enter the venue. They argued that the current law is antiquated and unenforceable and said that it is time to allow the marketplace to determine the price of resold tickets.

Opponents said that this new version of the legislation was just proposed a few minutes ago and members have not had sufficient time to read it. They argued that they are taking issue with the legislative process and not necessarily with the bill itself. Some opponents outside of the House say that the bill would benefit only the sports teams, concert promoters and ticket agencies and would do nothing to enable regular fans to buy tickets at a reasonable price. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against the bill).

Senator Hedlund	Y
Representative Bradley	Y

PAROLE BOARD (H 4264)

House 135-20, approved and sent to the Senate a bill requiring that at least three members of the state's seven-member Prison Parole Board be from the behavioral sciences fields of psychiatry, psychology, social work or sociology. Current law is broader and requires that all seven members be either from those four fields or from five other fields including law enforcement, corrections, law, parole and probation. The bill retains the current law but also adds the new requirement.

Supporters said that not a single behavioral scientist has been appointed to the board since 1990 and noted that few people have been released on parole in recent years. They said that a balanced board would ensure that parole requests are viewed from all angles and would allow an accurate determination of whether a prisoner has expressed remorse and is ready to reenter the community. Some noted that the bill is not an attempt to be "soft on crime" and pointed out that in fact psychologists are actually the ones whose testimony often keeps people in prison longer.

Opponents said that the current system is not broken, works well and does not need fixing. They argued that the bill is simply interference and micromanaging by the Legislature and would tie the hands of governors. Some noted that a system of checks and balances already exists because all appointees to the board require approval by the Governor's Council. Others argued that board members already have the ability to consult with any behavioral science experts when considering parole cases. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill requiring three behavioral scientists on the board. A "No" vote is against the bill).

Senator Hedlund	Y
Representative Bradley	Y

ALSO UPON BEACON HILL:

COLLEGE TEXTBOOKS - The Higher Education Committee heard testimony on a measure aimed at lowering the cost of textbooks purchased by students at state colleges (H 1200). Many publishers offer students only so-called "bundled" textbooks that are shrink-wrapped with additional instructional materials including CD-ROMs and workbooks. The bill requires publishers to give students the less expensive option of buying only the textbook. A similar proposal in 2006 was shipped off to a study committee. Other proposals heard by the committee include prohibiting students from drinking alcoholic beverages on the campuses of all state colleges (H 1179); prohibiting colleges from imposing a surcharge on a student who pays for his or her tuition by credit card rather than by check or cash (H 563) and creating a campus rape and sexual assault prevention advisory council to establish uniform guidelines for state colleges to assist rape and sexual assault victims (S 737). The same proposal was approved in 2007 by the Senate but died in the House Ways and Means Committee.

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Health Notes



Fire Lt. John Dockray uses a plastic bone to demonstrate how the intraosseous drill is used.



Fire Lt. John Dockray holds the plastic bone and tubing to administer fluids.



This photo shows the drill and demonstration bone.

'10' drill can be a lifesaver

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The new technology allows our paramedics to quickly insert a needle directly into bone marrow to administer fluids.

A recent news story told about a Massachusetts two-year-old who had been rescued, not breathing with no heart beat, from a swimming pool after immersion for five minutes. His life was apparently saved with no ill effects by a device called an intraosseous drill. Generally recognized as a major factor in saving the child's life, the recently developed so-called IO Drill has been obtained by a number of emergency paramedic teams in Massachusetts. Cohasset has just acquired one. It's a part of the medical equipment which goes out on every ambulance call in the Town. The Fire Department has 10 paramedics, all trained on the IO drill.

The new technology allows our paramedics to quickly insert a needle directly into bone marrow to administer fluids. Medical personnel have historically used a manual drill to insert an intravenous line into bone marrow, when veins have collapsed or, as in the case of young patients, they are too hard to find. Lieutenant John Dockray, the Fire Department's Emergency Services Coordinator tells me this method of fluid and medication administration is alternative to the preferred IV route when the latter can't be established in a timely manner, especially during cardiac arrest. The IO drill creates a stable entry system for the infusion of fluids, making medications and anesthetics more effective earlier. Formerly, a child's delicate bone, or the brittle bone of an elderly patient, were in danger of damage when using a manual drill the only method available before the IO Drill was developed.

John's demonstration of the device made its application look simple – way simpler than finding a vein and using a hypodermic. If you get past the fact that the IO drill sticks a needle into a bone, the rest is simple. And the needle is very small, only slightly larger than a hair. The device saves a hunt for the vein; it's fast and eliminates the need for the precise injection technique required for hypodermics. The intraosseous space is a specialized area of the vascular system where blood flow is rapid and continues even during shock. Drugs and fluids infused via the intraosseous route reach the central circulation as quickly as those administered through standard IV. Hence it may be indicated for many applications where a continuous infusion from an intravenous needle is now utilized.

John demonstrated use of the IO drill on a simulated tibia, better known as a fake shinbone. He also had a demonstration humerus or fake funnybone. Both had a layer of soft plastic to simulate skin, etc.

The process involved marking an appropriate site and sticking on patch, holding the drill against the spot and removing the drill. A small plastic object is left on the surface of the skin to which a tube may be attached or a hypodermic injected. The operation required perhaps 30 seconds.

We should all feel safer, knowing that the Fire services in town are so well trained and trained. We can learn from such dedicated professionals.

Steve Bobo is a longtime member of the Cohasset Board of Health. His column runs weekly in the Cohasset Mariner.



A quick reference card showing how the intraosseous drill is used

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Josiah Wompatuck and King Philip

WOMPATUCK

Jim Rose

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Christian way of life, the Praying Indians occasionally restored to warfare. After the Mohawk tribe attacked Praying Indians near Boston in 1665, Wompatuck led a retaliatory attack on the Mohawk village of Caughnawaga, N.Y., in 1669. His raid failed and he was killed.

When the King Philip War swept New England in 1675, many of the Praying Indians joined King Philip, also called Metacomet, of the Wompanoag tribe. Puritan missionaries attempted to collect those remaining into praying villages, but only 500 could be found. Despised by Philip's warriors, Praying Indians volunteered as scouts and guides for the English. Still suspect, many loyal natives were killed by the colonists. The colonial militia transferred most of them to Deer Island in Boston Harbor, where many succumbed to disease and malnutrition.

Approximately 800 English died in battle during King Philip's War. Measured against a European population of around 52,000, this death rate was nearly seven times that of World War II. Along the South Shore King Philip's warriors attacked the towns of Weymouth, Hingham, Scituate and Plymouth, killing 11 settlers at Clark's Garrison, now the parking lot of the present Plimoth Plantation.



Portrait of King Philip from the Haffenreffer Museum, R.I. date and artist unknown

The Native Americans suffered even worse. The English massacred natives at Turners Falls and at the Great Swamp in South Kingston, R.I., bringing the war's toll to more than 3,000 Native Americans. Those who survived lost property rights and individual liberties, and many were sold into slavery.

At the conclusion of the war in 1677, only seven of the original 14 praying villages and 300 Praying Indians survived. To this day, some of the descendants from the praying town of Punkapog are still living near the towns of Canton, Mattapan and Mansfield. There are currently five organized bands of Wompanoags that have survived: Assonet, Gay Head, Herring Pond, Mashpee and Namasket.

Jim Rose is historian for the Friends of Wompatuck.

Future of Hunter's Pond to be discussed

Hunter's Pond on Mordecai Lincoln Road at the Cohasset/Scituate line, is a historic and, in some seasons, beautiful spot.

An open meeting of the Gulf Association will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m., on Oct. 18, at Minot Lightkeeper's Residence, Cohasset Harbor. "The Future of Hunter's Pond: Possible Directions for Restoring the Environment" will be discussed.

Hunter's Pond on Mordecai Lincoln Road at the Cohasset/Scituate line, is a historic and, in some seasons, beautiful spot. In the warm months, though, it becomes weed-choked and stagnant, without enough water flow to support the once-bountiful run of herring up the fish ladder. What can be done about this? Brad Chase of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries will discuss ideas for restoring the anadromous fish runs. The floor will also be open to discussion of other ways to improve the Bound Brook/Hunter's Pond environment. All residents of the Gulf River neighborhood are invited to participate in this discussion.



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Cook Estate closes public hearings

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The single family, two-bedroom houses will all be between 2,000 and 2,400 square feet and from the outside, their designs will be compatible.

Much discussion throughout the public hearing process has been spent on drainage and stormwater issues on the site. Engineers from two separate firms were hired to represent the project abutters and have given their input throughout the public hearing process.

"There is not a question in my mind this plan meets your regulations in terms of hydrolics," said John Modelewski, the town's engineer consultant. He and the project engineers from Coler & Colantonio have been working all summer to tweak the designs.

Other water issues involved the Water Department who is seeking easements over the property and is interested in looping the water mains to connect Evergreen Lane and Sohier Street. The Water Department met with the applicant last week and Abbott agreed to help loop the water main, which will improve water flow for the development.

Because of the development's location in the watershed area, the Water Commission would like to see bio retention raingardens installed on the property, said Mark Bartlett of Norfolk Ram, consultant to both the Water Commission and the Stormwater Committee. However, Bartlett said he was unable to get a hold of the site plans until a few days before the meeting.

Chairman Al Moore said that while the raingardens were a good idea, it was too late to incorporate the request into the Planning Board's conditions. Abbott met the Water Commission halfway indicating they were willing to work with Bartlett on determining the types of vegetation to go around the detention ponds.

The sticking point for both Modelewski and member Bob Sturdy was the turning radius on the entranceway to the development. Generally, Modelewski said he would like to see a 150-foot turning radius, the plans provide for a 115-foot turning radius.

The developers attest the narrower road will cause cars to slow down and is more aesthetically pleasing. Modelewski said while he understood the benefits of the narrower entrance, he felt there was some sort of compromise that could be made to get the turning radius higher. When asked by member Bob Sturdy if he was willing to put his professional stamp on the plans with the radius as it was, he answered no. Sturdy said he could not support the project if Modelewski was not completely happy with the plans.

The residential cluster development district allows for homes to be built closer together with open space on the edges.

The delays in the Cook Estate hearing have largely been due to the Planning Board's need for four members of the five members to be present. Member Mike Westcott was absent from one of the early public hearings and there is a bit of gray area on whether his vote would hold up if there were ever an appeal of the decision.

Although there was some discussion on whether to vote to "conditionally approve" the application, which would only give the applicant assurance an approval was forthcoming. A poll of the board revealed four of the five members would approve the application, member Bob Sturdy would have disapproved the plans. Sturdy said he stood by Modelewski and would give his approval once the engineer was satisfied.

At its next meeting, the Planning Board will vote on whether to give the Cook Estate an "approval with conditions," meaning they could move ahead with construction.

"The upshot is what you're proposing here is fundamentally good," said member Stuart Ivimey.

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Looking to make history

CHS lady booters in top form heading into first place showdown with Norwell

By Mike Spellman
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By the time anyone but my editor has read this, Deb Beal will hopefully have knocked a couple items off her *"things I've got to do before I die"* list.

Beal's Cohasset High girls soccer team was slated to take on perennial state power Norwell under the lights at home last night, a showdown that could well determine the South Shore league championship. The SSL rivals come into the game tied for first place, the [illegible] Skippers at 8-1 in the league (9-3 overall), the Lady Clippers at 7-0-2.

In her 10 years at the helm of the Skippers ship, Beal has: 1) never won a South Shore League title, and 2) never beaten Norwell.

"My stomach is doing flip flops," admitted Beal 24 hours out from the showdown. "This is the first time I've been in a position like this as a coach. I just wish the game would get here. I feel like we're as ready as we're going to be. I like our chances."

As if the history did not provide enough motivation to push the local ladies to be their best, there is also the specter of revenge. Beal and her charges felt they were actually the better team in the mid-September 1-0 loss at Norwell. Cohasset controlled much of the territorial battle in that one, but could not overcome a fluky bad-angle shot finding twine after getting

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STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS SHORES

Cohasset keeper Johanna Brophy makes a save in recent Cohasset action. Brophy and the rest of the Skippers are tied for first place going into the Norwell game.

Even keeled

Skippers continue to battle for a tournament berth

By Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

With 8 games remaining in the season, the Cohasset Varsity soccer teams sits at 500 and needs to continue that pace if they want to make the tournament. With a win against Abington Friday and a loss to Harwich last Tuesday, Cohasset needs eight points to advance.

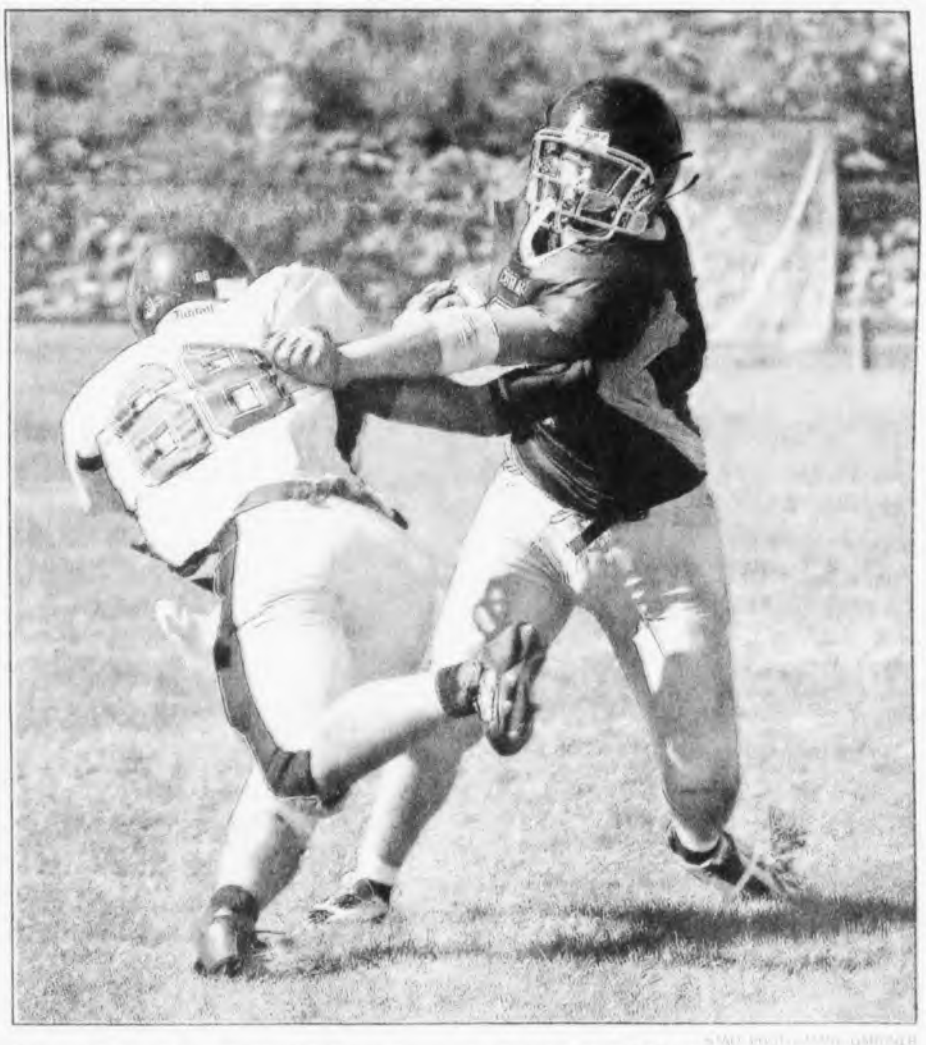
A mere two minutes into the game Friday, senior captain Sam Roth gave Cohasset a 1-0 lead with his team leading sixth goal of the season. That was the only scoring of the game as Cohasset went on to beat

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Colin Dignam (14) collides with Norwell's Matt Breen while going up for a ball in recent Skippers action.



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Cohasset's P.J. McCaw throws off a Scituate opponent in recent action. McCaw and the Skippers are 5-0 heading into homecoming weekend.

Skippers want to be kings in Homecoming

Football team welcomes revamped Mashpee

By Joel Racicot
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Here we go.

The Cohasset High School football team is 5-0 heading into what should be one of the most exciting and lively Homecoming weekends in a long time. Mashpee comes to Alumni field for a 6 p.m. tilt with the Skippers after losing back-to-back overtime games to East Bridgewater and Norwell.

The Hawks looked like a serious contender for the South Shore League title coming into the season, and by all accounts there is still a good possibility they take home the hardware. With four players returning from an undisclosed situation, Mashpee will be equally as charged as Cohasset when game time rolls around Friday.

Cohasset head coach Pete Afanasiw didn't hesitate to acknowledge the level of intensity the Hawks will bring this weekend.

"They are absolutely going to be fired up," Afanasiw said Wednesday evening. "They are one of the odds on favorites in the

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league and they want to keep those chances alive."

Cohasset opened up its league season with a 26-12 win over Carver at home Friday night. The big story was quarterback David Snowdale missed the game because of a lingering injury. Sophomore John Maher filled in admirably leading Cohasset to the win.

He connected with Kyle Pinkus on a screen pass that went 55-yards for the touchdown. He finished the game 2-of-5 for 67 yards passing. Pinkus rushed seven times for 77 yards. Fellow running back Sam DeGiacomo rushed 16 times for 61 yards including a 2-yard touchdown run on fourth-and-goal.

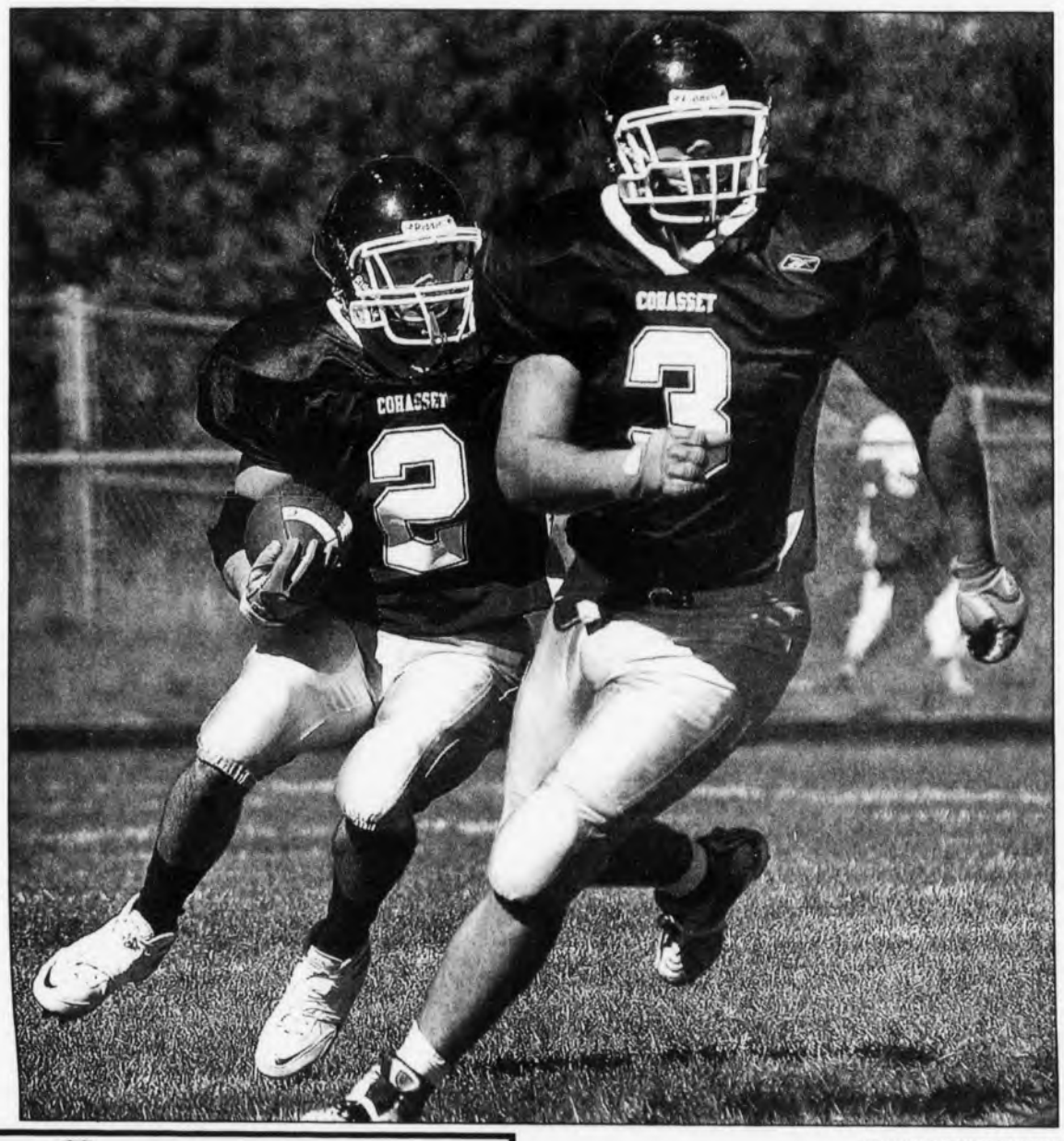
Cliff Musto highlighted a strong defensive performance with an interception returned for a touchdown. Jake Cuneo also had a fumble recovery.

The offensive line continues to play well, led by Musto, Cuneo, Tyler Kelly, Anderson Lynner and Kenny Muir.

"They are playing outstanding," Afanasiw said. "We simplified their assignments and they have really taken to the new system."

The new system is similar to last year according to Afanasiw but more "user friendly."

"They work well as a group and they work their butts of in practice," Afanasiw said about the line. "You can't ask for much more as a coach."



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Sam DeGiacomo turns the corner and looks for extra yardage with P.J McCaw for protection. The Skippers are 5-0.

Big links

Skippers ready for state and league meets

By Joel Racicot
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It really is the best time of the year for the Cohasset golfers. All they have to do now is tweak their game, practice in the areas that need work and, of course, get ready to defend the South Shore League meet title from a year ago.

The Skippers are 10-4 overall, 8-3 in the South Shore League, second place behind rival Norwell. With two matches to go against Abington and Quincy, weather pending, Cohasset will tune up for the state tournament Tuesday, Oct. 23, at the Norton Country Club, and the league meet, Wednesday, Oct. 24, at Riddler Country Club in Bridgewater.

The Skippers bring its top four golfers into the league meet, Charlie Czerkawski, Jon Wade, Chase Stebbins and Ian Quinlan.

After losing big to Norwell for a second time this season a few weeks back, Sweeney hopes his guys can return the favor at the league meet.

"We were disappointed but that motivates us," Sweeney said. "Hopefully we can turn the tables much like last year."

Czerkawski and Wade finished seventh and 10th respectively last year and should bring a great deal of experience and leadership into Riddler.

"They can kind of mentor Chase and Ian a bit," Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney said about the 18-hole stroke play tournament. "They know how to pace themselves."

The Division 3 South state tournament the day before at Norton CC will also be stroke play (opposed to match play in the South Shore League) and include the top six golfers from each team. Robby Hill will play five and either Harry Cipolla or Conor Michaud will play six.

All of the Skippers have winning records in match play to date.

Tuesday they defeated Carver at Cohasset Golf Course, 41.5-13.5. Wade, Quinlan, Michaud and Stebbins all won. Czerkawski shot a 41, but tied Carver's Tyler Bohan.

Thursday the Skippers defeated Harwich, 31.5-22.5, at Cranberry Valley Golf Course. Quinlan shot a 41, while Wade and Stebbins carded a 42.

Skippers continue to battle for a tournament berth

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Abington 1-0.

Sophomore goalkeeper Will Wise had another shutout and currently has 1.5 goals against average for the season. In the last five games, Wise has allowed only three goals to opposing teams. Coach Willis said that this is in large part due to the outstanding play of senior center defenseman Matt Burgess.

"He has been playing great as of late," said Willis about Burgess.

Unfortunately, the Skippers were unable to hold off Harwich, whom they beat in their first meeting at home. The score was tied 1-1 with ten minutes remaining when Harwich scored the go ahead goal to seal the 2-1 victory. Junior Ivan Sceary scored the lone goal for Cohasset, also his team leading sixth of the season.

Cohasset is currently fourth in the South Shore League with a 4-4-2 record. But with three big games coming up against the three teams that sit ahead of them in the standings, anything can happen.

"Every single game counts, especially now," said Willis, "its going to be a long road."

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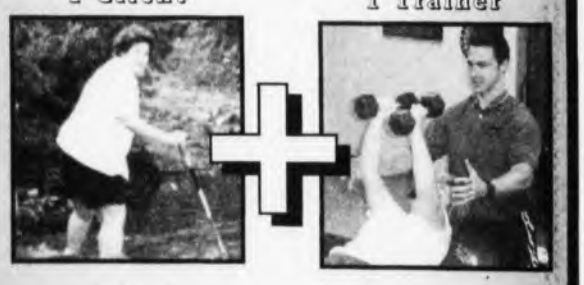
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CHS lady booters in top form heading into first place showdown with Norwell

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just over the fingertips of keeper Johanna Brophy.

"I feel like we're playing better soccer now than we were then," assessed Beal. "We just need to play our game. One of our big focuses has to be on possessing the ball and keeping it wide. If we make good decisions and let the ball do the work, like we've been practicing, I like our chances."

Beal was planning to unveil a new look on the Clippers last night, having recently switched from the traditional 2-4-4 alignment to a 2-5-3—eliminating the sweeper, going with three markers across the field in the rear and moving high-scoring junior Torey Hart back from striker into the middle of a five-player midfield, flanked on the inside by Sarah Monaco and defensive-minded Sarah Coggins.

"We're a better ball-control team with Torey getting involved in the middle of the field, and then she's smart enough to know when to jump up and become our third attacker," noted Beal.

The veteran coach felt this was a move she could get away with given the emergences in particular of one player in the rear, sweeper/middle fullback Sammi Lehr, and another up front, freshman striker Kaci Kucinski.

"We've had good play from all three fullbacks, but Sammi has been such a force back there," said Beal of the powerful and speedy 6-foot- tall junior. "She can mark up and also cover so much ground to help out on those occasions when one of the wings might get beaten. The move has also forced us to communicate better. The sweeper a lot of times isn't marking up, and the communication isn't always great about that. Now, with just three in back, these girls are forced to communicate with one another."

As for Kucinski, all she has done in the first 12 games of her high school soccer career is tally 15 goals and three assists, including a three-goal outburst in the first six minutes of last Monday's 8-0 win over Hull.

"In all my years around soccer, I don't think I've ever seen anything like that," said Beal, a former high school and college soccer player. "I was actually a little concerned early on about throwing a freshman like her up there alongside Kaci, who's been such a great scorer the last few years. Obviously, Kaci has more than held her own. She's doing a great job."

This alignment shift certainly appeared to work out in last Friday's 4-0 win over Abington (another SSL team a Beal-led Skippers team had never beaten before this season) and this Tuesday's 6-1 win over Harwich.

Of course, Beal makes clear her feelings that these two girls are far from the only ones who have "stepped it up" in recent weeks.

She continues to rave about here "juniors down the middle": Lehr, Hart, Coggins, Maggy McGoldrick at stopper and Brophy as the "final line of defense" between the pipes.

Beal also lauds the work done by senior Anna Haggerty, junior Meredith Kelly at fullback, sophomore Christine Coner up front alongside fellow underclassman Kucinski and speedy freshman outside midfielder Caroline Fein (three goals). Beal said the latter player is really starting to "settle into her role of getting outside and running."

And it will most certainly be a case of the rich getting richer when well-rounded senior standout Meg Anderson returns to the pitch.

"Meg scored a few goals early on up front, and then moved back to fill a big role when Meredith Kelly went out sick for a while," said Beal. "She's a tough kid. I expect to get her back by the end of the season, which will be nice going into the (state) tourney.

Cohasset Soccer Notes

Knock on wood, Deb. The Lady Skippers still needed one more win at the time of this writing to qualify for the state tourney. If they did not get it against Norwell last night, they'll still get six more shots at it—the first on Monday when they host East Bridgewater, a team that played Norwell to a scoreless tie last week, creating the first place tie between Norwell and Cohasset.

"We certainly can't look past East Bridgewater," said Beal of the team her squad edged by a 2-0 score in go-round number one. "Don't think I'm not thinking there's a chance we get by Norwell then let down and lose to a good E.B. team. We'd better come out to play (Monday) too."

The three games that follow that one—Wednesday's hosting of Carver, next Friday's trip to Hull and the following Tuesday's home tilt vs. Mashpee—are against SSL rivals the Skippers bested by a combined 17-1 margin on the on the six-game win streak with which they headed into last night's Norwell's showdown.

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SCHOOLS

Cohasset youths named Commended Students

Principal Mr. Joel Antolini of Cohasset Middle High School announces that Samantha Burgoon, Jacqueline Cahill, Cameron Cope, and Alexandra Lass have been named Commended Students in the 2008 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program, will be presented by the principle to these scholastically talented seniors.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended Students placed amount the top five percent of more than 1.4 million students who entered the 2008 competition by taking the 2006 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

"The young people named Commended Students in the 2008 National Merit Scholarship Program are distinguished by their strong academic performance in this rigorous competition," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "Our nation's pursuit of educational excellence can be furthered by publicly honoring these outstanding students and by acknowledging the important role schools play in fostering their development. We hope that this recognition will contribute to their educational opportunities and encourage all students to strive to realize their potential."

BC High School information session

An information session for parents of prospective students will take place at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 18, at St. Anthony Parish Center for those parents of students interested in entering the seventh or ninth grade at Boston College High School. Members of the admissions department as well as current parents and students will be in attendance to answer questions.

Parents interested in attending are asked to register online to bdolan@bchigh.edu or call 617-474-5010, ext. 1090.

Canceling pep rally was unfair

LIFE AT CHS

CHRISTINE KENT



The fact that the pep rally was so quickly taken away represents a lack of faith in this year's seniors and underclassmen.

Give me a "U", give me an "N", give me an "F", "A", "I", "R"; put it together and what does it spell, UNFAIR! This chant was heard from every class hallway after the annual school pep rally was stripped from this week's agenda. Disappointed by the administration's abrupt actions, the student body has desperately tried to reinstate this Spirit Week tradition (rally) but, after several appeals by class representatives (seniors in particular) to the "powers that be", the decision has remained unchanged.

By way of background, last year's pep rally was disrupted by the '07 senior's sudden water balloon attack on the junior class, and the administration was worried that history would repeat itself this year. The student body believes that this year's senior class, and those that follow, should not be denied a pep rally based on the "sins of our older brothers and sisters'. Don't we deserve a chance to prove that we can be better behaved? The fact that the pep rally was so quickly taken away represents a lack of faith in this year's seniors and underclassmen. This is a lack of confidence that is (so far) undeserved. Now is the time to rebuild the students' enthusiasm for the school. It may be too late now for a Spirit Week pep rally, but hopefully a rally for a later date can be reconsidered and put on the calendar in the near future.

Now for the week's top stories:

• Monday, Oct. 8: 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue, thus resulting in NO SCHOOL!

• Tuesday, Oct. 9: Seniors donned their golfing and tennis attire for the who participated.

• Wednesday, Oct. 10: Peer leaders met yet again!

• Thursday, Oct. 11: Juniors and Seniors rubbed elbows with the college administrators and representatives at the second college mini fair of the year. In addition, the members of the yearbook organization met to discuss the direction of the yearbook.

Friday, Oct. 12: The Middle School has spirit day, and let's hope our future high schoolers have not yet lost their enthusiasm! Don't forget, it is the high school's homecoming weekend and the winners of homecoming King and Queen will be announced at the football game. Hope to see you all there!

Have a great and safe weekend, everyone!

Christine Kent is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly in the Mariner.

Cohasset Public Schools to conduct 'Child Find'

Cohasset Public Schools, in accordance with federal law IDEA 2004 and Massachusetts Special Education Regulations 603 CMR 28.00, are in the process of conducting "Child Find." The school department is seeking children with suspected disabilities residing in Cohasset who may be in need of Special Education services.

Cohasset Public Schools will evaluate students from age 3 through high school age who are unable to progress effectively in a regular education program due to a suspected disability in one of the following areas: developmental or intellectual delay, sensory, neurological, emotional, communication, physical, specific learning disability or health impairment. Cohasset Public Schools will also arrange for an evaluation of young people ages 16 through 21 who have not graduated from high school and who are not now attending school.

In addition, screenings for three- to five-year-olds take place the third Friday of each month at Osgood School. Call the integrated pre-school staff at 781-383-6117 for more information.

Cohasset provides all children with an opportunity to participate in the public school programs using a continuous and systematic process to identify students in need of special education. All programs and services are offered without regard to color, race, sex, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or disability.

Parents who have a child they suspect may have a disability, or know a child with a disability who may be in need of special education services, should call the director of student services, Linda Gill, at 781-383-6104.

Inly School to host admissions open house

Inly School will host an admissions open house from 1 to 3 p.m., on Sunday, Oct. 14, for anyone interested in learning more about the school firsthand.

Prospective families are welcome to come tour the campus and meet teachers, parents, students and alumni.

An overview presentation will begin at 1 p.m., followed by school tours and curriculum presentations.

Inly School includes a toddler program; Children's House for ages pre-kindergarten and kindergarten; lower elementary for grades one through three; upper elementary for grades four through six; and middle school for grades seven and eight.

To learn more about Inly's Montessori-based curriculum, visit inlyschool.org.

Inly School is at 46 Watch Hill Dr., off Route 123, near the junction of Route 3A, Scituate.

For more information, call Marcia Humphrey, admissions director, at 781-545-5544, ext. 114, or email mhumphrey@inlyschool.org.

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Pumpkin Patch Volunteers unload 2007 crop



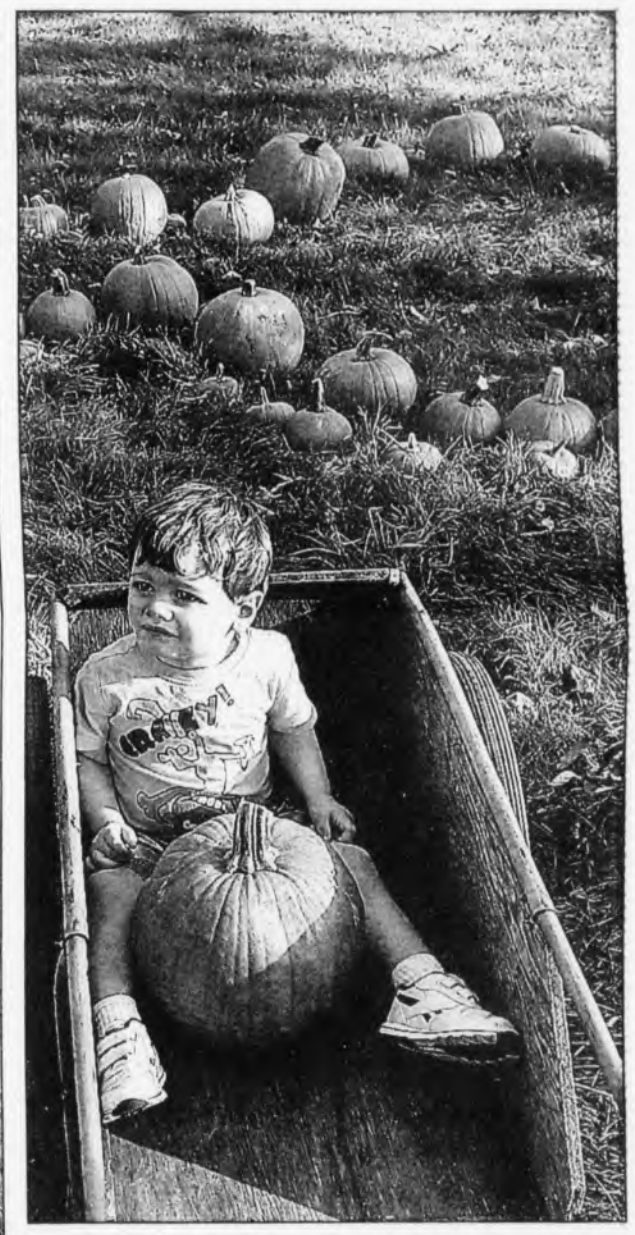
ASP volunteer Nick Silvia, 16, brings over a big pumpkin to the patch while helping out last week. The Pumpkin Patch supports the Cohasset Appalachia Service project that sends about 200 people, adults and teens to the Appalachia area to repair homes each summer.



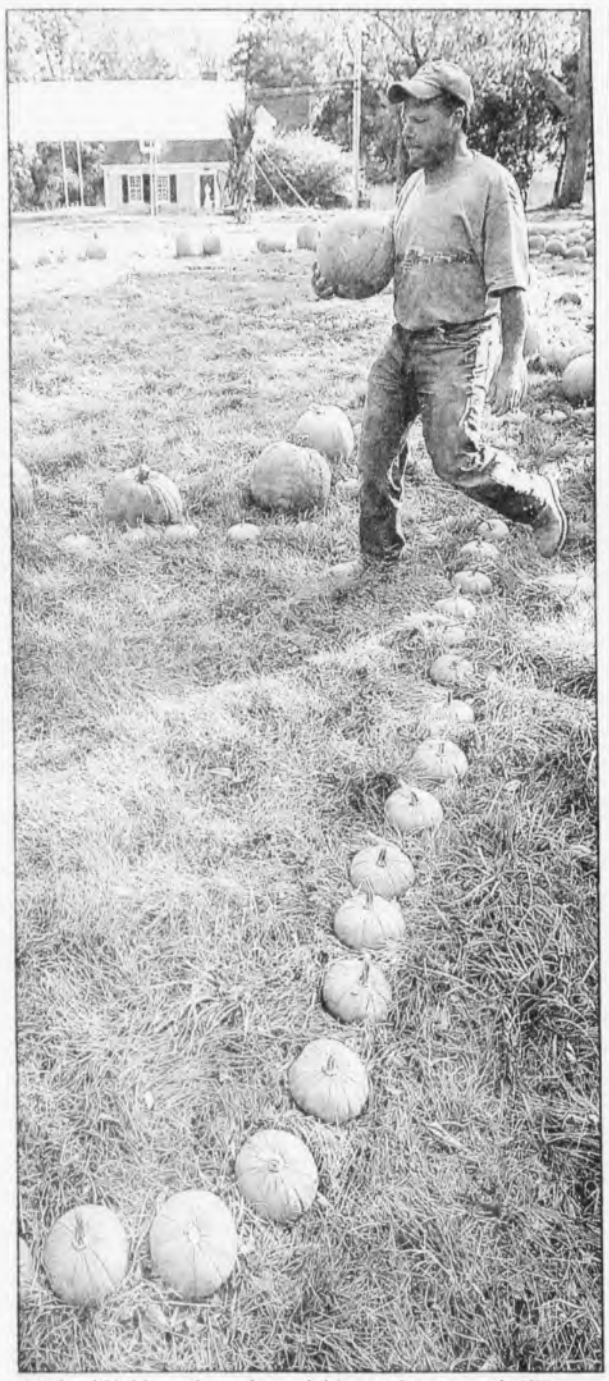
ASP volunteer Margaret Goodwin, 16, whose orange shirt blends in with the pumpkins helps unload the truck last Thursday.



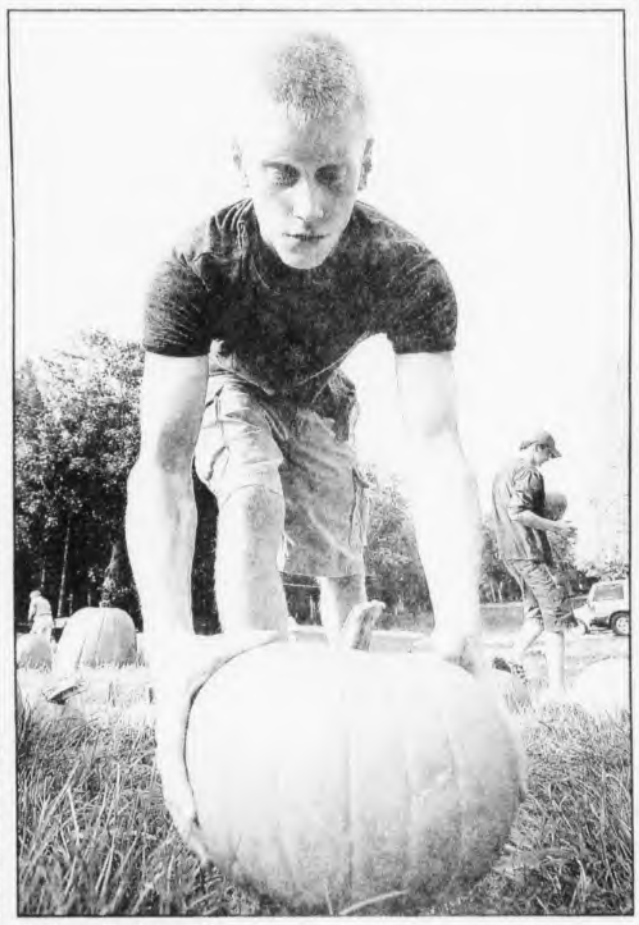
ASP volunteer Jamie Canavan, 16, helps transfer the pumpkins to the patch while other volunteers make out the borders of the design that the pumpkins would create.



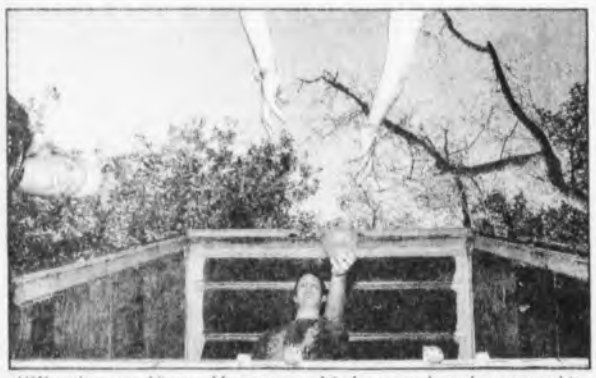
Jamie Frady, 2, sits in a cart with his pumpkin while the ASP volunteers were setting up the Pumpkin Patch at Wheelwright Park last week.



Michael Hubley, whose three children volunteer with ASP, offers a helping hand last week.



Graham Sinclaire, 16, puts a pumpkin down in a special design (see page 9) while helping to set up the pumpkin patch.



ASP volunteer Victor Hartmann, 16, bottom, hands a pumpkin off to fellow volunteer Tatyana Nakashima, 16, while they helped unload the truck last Thursday.



ASP volunteer Mike Fithian, 16, carries a couple of fine pumpkins into Wheelwright Park. The Pumpkin Patch will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Oct. 31 in Wheelwright Park off North Main Street.

Staff photos by Robin Chan

It's Happening

Glastonbury Abbey to hold fundraiser

Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull St., Hingham, will hold a fundraiser from 4 to 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 3. The event will feature an evening of wine tasting, music and food. Proceeds benefit Glastonbury Abbey. For more information or tickets, call Ann McCarthy-Egan at 781-749-9423 or Kay Trask at 781-545-0993.

Anti-racism workshop set for Nov. 17

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset, is sponsoring Seeing the Face of God In Each Other, an inter-faith workshop on anti-racism, with The Rev. Cannon Ed Rodman from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 17. This free event is open to people of all faith traditions, teen to adult. Lunch will be served.

Arts Walk is Oct. 21

The 2nd annual Hingham Arts Walk, Sunday Oct. 21 from noon to 5p.m., celebrates the rich history of artists living and working within walking distance of historic downtown Hingham. The walk, organized by the Hingham Downtown Association together with the Hingham Cultural Council and several local artists, civic groups and business owners, features the open studios of several downtown artists. In addition to meeting artists in their studios, visitors can stroll through Hingham's historic architecture, meet artists at special exhibits in shops and other spaces, see arts demonstrations, sample harvest treats, mingle with neighbors and enjoy live music outdoors. For more information about participating in this free event, contact info@discoverhingham.com

Attention gardeners

Community Garden Club of Cohasset is taking orders for a selection of spring flowering bulbs that will enhance the color and beauty of the garden. Bulbs includes tulips in a variety of colors; fragrant double narcissi; allium; rock garden iris; and petite favorites such as chinodoxa, muscari and scilla.

The bulbs are now available, and each order will be accompanied with directions for planting. The bulbs will also be sold at Cohasset Farmer's Market on Cohasset Common on Thursdays, from 2:30 to 5 p.m.

All purchases help fund club programs and community services.

Soccer Boosters pancake breakfast

The Cohasset Soccer Boosters will hold their annual Pancake Breakfast Sunday, Oct. 14 at the Deer Hill School from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. The $5 ticket will automatically enter the buyer into a raffle drawing for a pair of Yankee/Red Sox tickets for the 2008 season at Fenway Park or a $500 cash prize.

Proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast go to support the Cohasset Soccer Boosters, which last year awarded four $1,000 scholarships to students with a record of academic achievement, participation in soccer programs and dedication to community service.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or from team members at your local Stop and Shop and Shaw's supermarkets. Come out and support your local soccer teams, enjoy a great breakfast, and have the opportunity to see a great game at Fenway Park.

Cohasset historical lecture Oct. 17

The Cohasset Historical Society's Wednesday evening lecture series continues on Oct. 17 with Historian David Wadsworth conducting an armchair tour of the town center.

Through slides and lecture, walk Main Street with Wadsworth and compare the Cohasset that was yesterday with the Cohasset that is today. What has changed and what has stayed the same? This backward glance will begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Society's headquarters, 106 South Main St.

All are invited to attend this free lecture. Light refreshments will be served.

Behind the Scenes at Holly Hill Farm

Holly Hill Farm co-managers Hannah Hobbs and Ben Wolbach will lead visitors around Holly Hill Farm's growing fields at 236 Jerusalem Road in Cohasset from 2 to 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 14, see how the 140-acre farm grows its organic vegetables and cut flowers and harvests them at the peak of the fall season. More than just a look-and-see tour, participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and hear tips on how to grow organically and keep weeds and pests under control. Children who are accompanied by adults are welcome. There is no charge for members of the Friends of Holly Hill Farm and their families and a $5 donation is suggested for nonmembers.

Henry Horenstein photography exhibit

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, is hosting Henry Horenstein's collection, "Photography Now," through Monday, Oct. 22, in its Bancroft Gallery. Henry Horenstein is well known for his book, "Black & White Photography: A Basic Manual," which is in its third edition and is used by photography instructors as an essential textbook.

Horenstein viewed more than 1,000 images and chose eighty-six photographers to represent the best in creative photography. Images were submitted from artists in forty states throughout the U.S., which is an impressive collection of work drawn to the competition because of Horenstein's reputation.

Boston area prize winners include Marshfield resident Cindy Vallino, first prize; Tony Andrade of Quincy, third prize; and Cambridge resident, Paul Weiner, award of merit. The exhibition is sponsored by Image Resolutions of Norwell, and Tom and Nancy Hamilton of Cohasset.

Henry Horenstein has worked as a photographer, teacher, and author since the early 1970's. He is author of more than 30 books, including many monographs. Power House Books will publish a book of his very earliest work, "Close Relations," next fall. Horenstein lives in Boston, where he works as a photographer exhibiting and publishing, as well as teaching at the Rhode Island School of Design.

Gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday and from noon to 4 p.m., Sunday. For more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

Latin Dance Party set for Oct. 20

Warm up this autumn to the rhythm of the Grupo Chevere Band. Come enjoy an evening of live music and Latin dancing, including some instruction and demonstrations, sponsored by the Cohasset Diversity Committee. Proceeds of the event will help fund the Peer Leadership Program at Cohasset Middle High School.

This event will take place from 8 p.m. to midnight, on Saturday, Oct. 20, at The River Club, 78 Border St., Scituate. Cash bar, complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be available. Tickets are $35 person and are available at Buttonwood Books & Toys at Shaw's Plaza and Paperscapes, 47 South Main St., in the village. For more information, call Connie Afshar at 781-383-6006.

Lightkeeper's Boutique

The Lightkeepers Autumn Boutique will be held from 6 to 9 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 1, featuring wine tasting and informal modeling of the hottest new fall and holiday fashions. Shop for unique gifts, many handcrafted by local artisans. Open to all, complimentary admission. Sponsored by DFV Wines, Jodi DiNatale, Magpie Rings, Mollycoddle, Paperscapes, Ports and Company, The Pink Poppy, Tucker O'Day, and more.

For more information call 781-640-4530.

Calling all newcomers!

The Scituate/Cohasset Newcomers Club invites new, prospective, and current members to New Member Gatherings to get to know some new people and to learn more about the club. Friends and children are welcome to attend. Please plan to attend on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 4 p.m. for wine and cheese (juice boxes and snacks for the kids. A coffee will be held Wednesday, Nov. 7 from 10a.m. to noon.

Contact Kim, kim.spires@comcast.net or 545-2952, or Kelly, k-dlee@hotmail.com or 781-545-0866, with any questions or RSVPs. Even if you can't make it to a gathering, please feel free to call about membership. Also, please check the club's website at www.scnewcomers.com.

Forest Avenue sidewalk celebration

Planning is underway for a kickoff event scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 27, to celebrate the completion of the long-awaited new sidewalk on Forest Avenue. Tentative plans include a ribbon cutting; a bike, trike, and stroller parade; refreshments and more. To join the planning committee or to offer suggestions, contact Trish Morse or Diana Van Etten at Forest_sidewalk@yahoo.com.

Community Center

Halloween fun with Mary Brennock

The South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St., Cohasset, will offer the following fall programs. For more information or to register, visit the center, call 781-383-0088, or go to southshorecommunitycenter.com.

CHILDREN

Halloween Fun – Children 4 to 6 can join Mary Brennock from 3:15 to 5 p.m., Monday, Oct. 29, to celebrate Halloween with face painting, music, storytelling and games. Children may come in costume if they wish. The cost is $20 for members and $22 for nonmembers.

Che-Mystery – Mad Science of Greater Boston will conduct this program for children in kindergarten through grade 3, from 3:30 to 4:40 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 7. Children will experiment with and observe various chemicals, potions and solutions in action. Fee: $15.

Woodcrafts – Children 5 and up will assemble a variety of wooden projects under the direction of Bob LeDuc, also known as Bob the Builder, from Wooden Toys and Crafts, from 3:30 to 4:30, Monday, Oct. 22. Young woodworkers will proceed at their own pace. The fee of $19 for members and $20 for nonmembers includes materials and children will leave with a finished project.

Puppet Shows – Pat Boylan will present the following puppet shows each month at 10:30 a.m., Friday: "The Fifth Witch," Nov. 2. The cost is $3.50 per person at the door.

Gym Dandy – Session I programs meet each Wednesday: Movers and Shakers, for children 2 and older, meets from 9 to 9:45 a.m.; Toddlers and Tumblers, for children 1 to 11/2 meets from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is $192 for members and $224 for nonmembers.

ADULTS

Pediatric CPR – Join Linda Farrag R.N., from 7 to 10 p.m., Wednesdays, Nov. 7 and 14 to learn basic rescue techniques and CPR, as well as how to make a safer environment infants and children. The cost is $55 for members and $60 for nonmembers.

Three Course Dinner – Join Chef Maryann Saporito Boothroyd from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m., Monday, Oct. 22. The menu for the evening will be seared scallops with pistachio crust and beet-zinfandel glaze; seared chicken with apricots, sun dried tomatoes, pine nuts; Sardinian couscous and Panna cotta with sherried walnuts and figs. The cost is $50 for members and 55 for nonmembers.

Hingham Bell Tower, cemetery walking tour

The town-owned Hingham Bell Tower will be open to the public for a special showing from 1 to 1:45 p.m., on Saturday, Oct. 13. It will be followed by a guided walking tour of the adjacent Hingham Cemetery at 2 p.m.

Those interested should meet at Hingham Bell Tower, next to Old Ship Church. A $5 donation is requested for the cemetery tour; those younger than 12 will be admitted free. Rain date is Sunday, Oct. 14. For more information, call 781-749-4868.

Those climbing the tower will learn the story behind the Hingham Bell Tower, the mechanics of bell ringing and watch the bells being rung. Town bell ringers include Michael Shilhan, Ann Shilhan, Ken Drescher, Joan Getto and John McKendry. "New bell ringers are always needed," said Mike Shilhan. "We hope this will encourage both men and women to try it."

Lucinda Day has been the cemetery tour guide for the past 10 years. "People on my tours always ask about the tower. They are surprised to learn that Hingham even has a bell tower," said Day. Learning that tour goers would enjoy a chance to go inside the tower and see the bells being rung, she organized the joint event with bell ringer Mike Shilhan.

The Bell Tower will close at 1:45 p.m. so people have time to gather for the cemetery tour. The one and a half hour walk will include the history of the cemetery dating from 1672, notable burials of national importance, important monuments by noted sculptors, as well as social commentary. "Tour goers might even catch a glimpse of the cemetery's three resident 'ghosts,' said Day.

The 150-year-old arboretum on the grounds consists of several hundred specimen trees, both native and exotic, that will be starting their fall color change.

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Three generations for HCMT"S Cinderella, a family affair! Top row: Lisa Pratt (Director), Logan Pratt (Ensemble), Jo-Jo Fichtner (Choreographer and Lisa's mother). Front row: Halle Pratt (Emsemble) and Madison Pratt (Ensemble), all of Cohasset.

Pratts make 'Cinderella' a family affair

HMCT show sure to sparkle

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Hingham Civic Music Theatre's presentation of the fairytale musical "Cinderella" is as sparkling as the glass slipper the prince places on her foot after the ball.

HCMT's production of this Rodgers and Hammerstein favorite will keep the audience enraptured all the way through — from Cinderella's daydreaming about a better life to the romantic climax.

The Pratt family of Cohasset is playing a big part in bringing the timeless enchantment of this magical fairy tale to life. Talented director Lisa Pratt's three daughters, Logan, 14, Madison, 9, and Halle, 7, bring their own energy to the production.

Logan, who appeared in HCMT's recent production of "The Sound of Music," and her friend Alexandra Butler, 14, also of Cohasset, are members of the ensemble. They appear in a variety of roles, from footmen and townspeople to dancers who waltz at the ball. Madison and Halle are cast as mice.

"We love being in this play. It's fun," said Logan. "The cast is like one big family."

Alexandra shares her enthusiasm. "It's a small group, so everyone knows each another," she said. "There's great chemistry among the cast members and a bond that adds to the energy."

Andrew DeVitre of Cohasset, who plays the prince, enjoys working with Braintree resident Mandy Mitchell, who is cast as Cinderella. "Everyone in the cast is talented, there are wonderful sets, and good choreography," Andrew said.

This prime role is Mandy's first with HCMT and her first time playing Cinderella. "I can't wait to go onstage for the actual production. The costumes are beautiful," she said with a smile. "It's such a classic show. Isn't it every little girl's fantasy to wear a pretty dress and fancy shoes and to meet Prince Charming?!"

"We love being in this play. It's fun. The cast is like one big family."
— Logan Pratt, 14

Mandy, 23, finds HCMT a very welcoming group. "Everyone has been wonderful. It's like an instant family," she said. "It's great to be able to work with kids as well as adults, and it will be fun for the audience to see such a diverse group working so well together. It's a fun show for families."

Working with her mother in another production is only one of the reasons that drew Logan back to HCMT. "I love the HCMT group and I love acting," she said.

Both she and Andrew appeared in Cohasset Dramatic Club's recent production of "High School Musical." Lisa Pratt also directed that show.

But that's not all. Logan's grandmother JoJo Fichtner is the choreographer, which really makes this play a family affair.

Madison and Pauline Rockwell of Hanover, another mother-daughter "act," are part of the ensemble. Betsy and Bernadette Crawford of Cohasset, who are also members of the Cohasset Dramatic Club, are another mother-daughter team. Betsy is part of the ensemble and Bernadette is costume coordinator/designer.

Three Weymouth residents have roles — Bill Boyer plays the king, Bonnie Gardner, the queen, and Ellen Spadorcia is a member of the ensemble.

Longtime HCMT performer Denise Feeney of Abington returns as the royal chef for the king and queen. "People are surprised when they hear there's a royal chef," she said with a laugh.

HCMT's version of "Cinderella" also contains some new numbers that are not in other versions of the musical and a dance that's not often included in the show.

The multi-talented Feeney, who became a lifetime member of HCMT while performing in "The Sound of Music," auditions for most of the group's shows. "I like to be in as many as I can. I rarely miss one," she said. "There are a lot of new people in this production along with some familiar faces. It's a good opportunity to make new friends."

Feeney is also the scenic artist for most HCMT productions, including "Cinderella."

Mark Bono is musical director, and Tophy Woodward the producer.

Show dates are Oct. 13, 19, and 20 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 14 and 21 at 2 p.m. The musical will be performed in Sanborn Auditorium in the Hingham Town Hall. Tickets are $16 for adults and $14 for students and seniors. Discounts for groups of 10 or more are available for $12 (telephone orders only). To order tickets, call the ticket hotline at (781) 837-1499. Tickets are also on sale at Noble's Camera Shop in Hingham Square and at Buttonwood Books on Rte. 3A in Cohasset.

Former resident launches historical novels based in Hingham

Former Hingham resident Bill Hammond has launched a series of historical novels with the publication of "A Matter of Honor." The novel, published by Cumberland House, is now available in local bookstores and at Noble's in downtown Hingham.

The novel opens on Crow Point, where the Hingham Yacht Club stands today.

Five years in the making, "A Matter of Honor" is the story of Richard Cutler, a teenage youth from Hingham who ships out with John Paul Jones to avenge the death of his brother, Will, taken by force off Marblehead in 1777 by the Royal Navy and flogged to death for striking an officer on a king's ship. Fate and the winds of war take Richard first to France and England, then, with his English bride, to the West Indies where the real war between France and England is being waged and where the Cutler family owns sugar plantations on the islands of Barbados and Tobago. Along the way, Richard and his shipmates face imminent danger at sea, in battles against HMS Drake and HMS Serapis, and on land in a raid by United States Marines against the English seaport of Whitehaven.

Although the Cutler family is fictitious, the novel features real historical figures such as Alexander Hamilton, Horatio Nelson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin and the Marquis de Lafayette, in addition to Hingham residents such as Sarah Derby and Benjamin Lincoln, second-in-command of Continental forces at Yorktown, Va., where the novel ends. The novel opens on Crow Point, where the Hingham Yacht Club stands today. Many of these people will appear in future titles of a series of six novels that will take the reader from 1774 through the Barbary Wars, the Quasi-War with France and the War of 1812. The backdrop of all six novels is the emergence of the United States as the world's first nation-sized republic and as a naval power gaining recognition and respect on the world stage.

The roots of Hammond's family tree run deep in Massachusetts soil. In 1649, his direct ancestor, Thomas Hammond, sailed from Portsmouth, England, to Hingham where he lived with his family for many years. The author's great-grandfather was a Boston sea captain, and his grandparents both hailed from Holyoke, where his grandfather taught music at Mount Holyoke College. Hammond's parents also grew up in Holyoke, but moved to Manchester on the North Shore in 1946 when his father was appointed the Boston senior partner of White, Weld & Company. In 1981, while serving as sales manager for Little, Brown & Company, Hammond moved with his wife Victoria from Boston to Lafayette Avenue in Hingham where their three sons – Churchill, Brooks and Harrison – were raised.

While living in Hingham, Hammond served on an advisory committee dedicated to the publication of "Not All Is Changed," a definitive history of Hingham. He is a graduate of the Groton School in Groton, and holds an master's degree in business administration from Babson College in Wellesley. A lifelong student of history, and an avid sailor and reader of nautical fiction, Hammond has combined his life's passions in writing "A Matter of Honor" and subsequent titles in the Richard Cutler Naval Series.

In 1995, the Hammonds moved to Minneapolis for professional reasons. While Hammond describes the Twin Cities as a wonderful place to live and to raise children, everyone in his family misses Hingham and the many wonderful friends they have there.



"A Matter of Honor" is the story of Richard Cutler, a teenage youth from Hingham who ships out with John Paul Jones to avenge the death of his brother.



Bill Hammond, author and former Hinghamite.

After Harrison enters college in three years, Bill and Victoria may well move back to the South Shore, a place they will always call home. They remain members of Hingham Yacht Club.

For more information on "A Matter of Honor," visit the author's Web site at bill-hammond.com.

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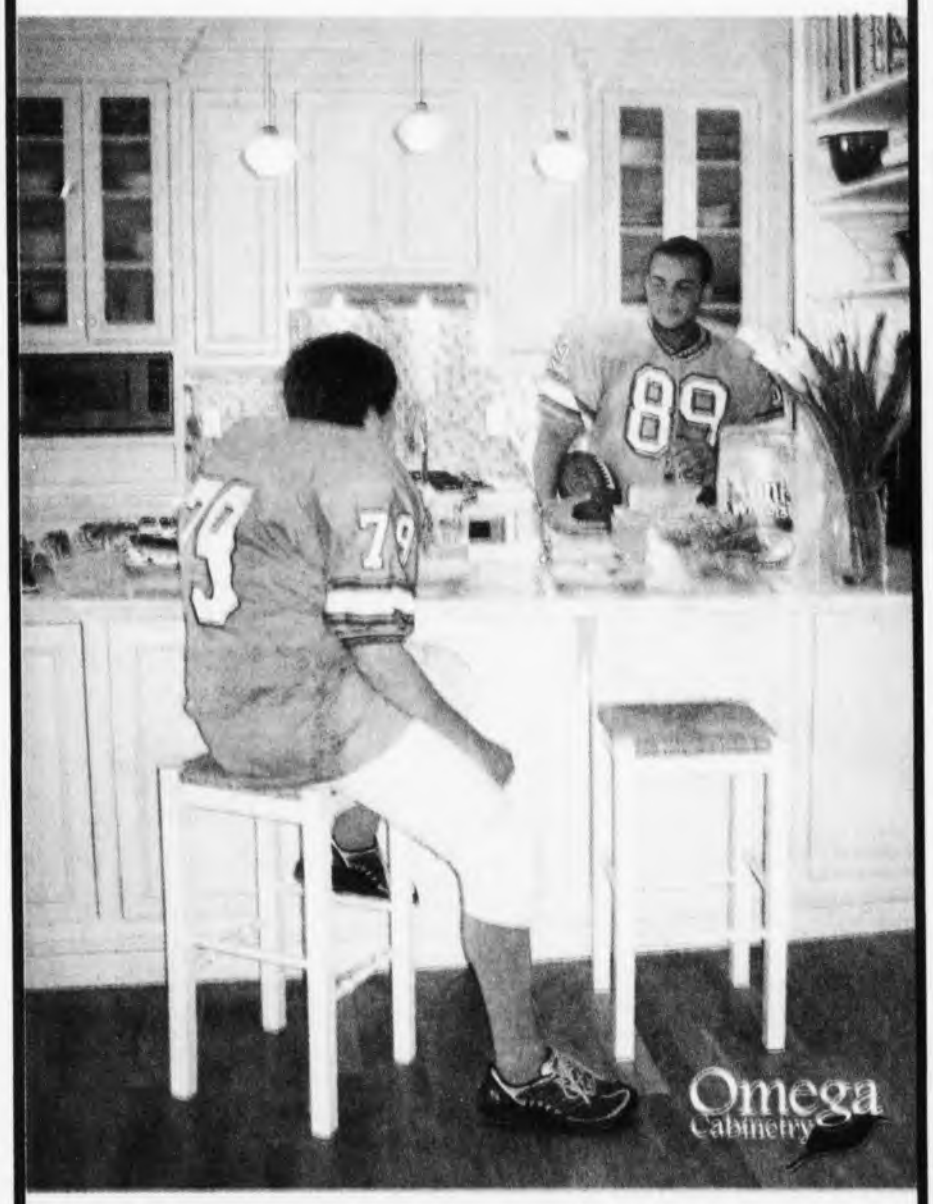
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, SEPT. 29

12:35 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, officer wanted, caller reports he's noticed what looks to be pry marks to an old crawl space door that its locked shut.

12:36 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking complaint, caller complains of the illegal parking in this area.

2:51 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, notification, caller would like to report four boys walked by her house and smashed a rock on the sidewalk.

5:03 p.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, assist citizen, elderly woman locked out of her house.

5:31 p.m. **Brewster Rd.**, disturbance, caller stated that a woman is disturbing his family.

6:10 p.m. **Virginia Lane**, caller stated that the door was open when she got home and would like an officer to check the house.

7:56 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, walk in party stated that a young male with baggy jeans was acting suspicious when he drove past.

8 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, disturbance, caller stated that there are a group of kids in his front yard. Kids have been advised to quiet down.

11:06 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:33 p.m. **Elm St.**, suspicious vehicle, caller stated that a red Ford Explorer with a party just sitting in the back looked very strange.

11:43 p.m. **Border St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller reports a minor motor vehicle accident in the parking lot, no injuries.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 30

9:19 a.m. **Clay Spring Rd.**, B&E (past/report), caller reports his garage has been broken into and several tools have been stolen. Officer requesting detectives to the scene. Officer reports several items have been stolen and an estimated total of $6000+.

10:24 a.m. **Highland Ct.**, vandalism report, caller reports his car has been vandalized and he believes he knows who did it.

10:34 a.m. **Nantasket Ave.**, medical aid, Hull Fire requesting R3 for a biker down in the triathalon.

11:12 a.m. **Ridge Hill**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, Scituate Fire requesting R3 for an elderly female that has fallen in the garage.

12:48 p.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, 911 caller report a young girl playing softball has possibly broken her leg.

7:24 p.m. **North Main St.**, trespassing.

8:48 p.m. **Highland Ct.**, domestic (past report).

10:25 p.m. **Nantasket Ave., Hull**, 209A service.

MONDAY, OCT. 1

1:03 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:08 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:12 a.m. **King St.**, suspicious activity, motor vehicle parked behind the building, male party forgot his keys, he will be at this location for the rest of the overnight.

4 a.m. **Clay Spring Rd.**, investigation.

7:11 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, public service, Forest Ave., between Heather Drive and North Main Street will be down to one lane due to the paving. Emergency vehicles can get through.

7:15 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, public service, Forest Ave., at the Black Rock Beach end will be detoured. Emergency motor vehicles can get through.

7:22 a.m. **South Main St.**, public service, South Main Street by #170 will be down to one lane. Emergency vehicles can get through.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, calm, 55.

8:08 a.m. **Elm St.**, property (lost), walk in party reports losing a cell phone.

8:32 a.m. **Elm St.**, transport prisoner.

9:32 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, hazard, caller reports a paving crew in a bad spot at this location with not detail. Officer reports the crew has been ejected from the roadway this is the crew from the new water project that is beginning in town.

9:58 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, B&E of motor vehicle, caller reports one of their trucks was broken into sometime over the weekend. Sgt. reports this was a forced entry. Owner of business will be contacting HQ with a list of what was stolen from the truck.

10:59 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. Vehicle being stopped for a well being check on the operator.

11:14 a.m. **North Main St.**, parking complaint/motor vehicle blocking, caller reports trucks parking on the sidewalk.

11:58 a.m. **Rustic Drive**, disturbance-neighborhood, caller reports her neighbor is tearing her fence down. Peace restored.

12:07 p.m. **South Main St.**, fire, outside, 911 caller reports smoke from generator, police on scene, smoke showing.

12:52 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, transported other/BLS, caller reports that a male party passed out drunk in his car after stating that he just ran over his wife. Two in PC. Officers request medics to booking. Female party will be transported to SSH. Male prisoner requests medics. Scituate man and a woman taken into protective custody.

2:56 p.m. **Highland Ct.**, 209A service.

3:20 p.m. **Gannett Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS. Unknown medical. Someone banging on door asking for ambulance.

3:58 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, 911 caller states that a co-worker has become dizzy and is throwing up. Hull R2 responding.

5:02 p.m. **Howe Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports that she received a suspicious phone message regarding her neighbor.

7:27 p.m. **Sohier St.**, fire, E1, R3 to this location for Boyscout training.

7:45 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, 911 caller stated that a female had chest pain on her right side.

TUESDAY, OCT. 2

6:28 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, noise complaint, caller states "there is construction noise going on at 6:15 a.m. A dumpster being picked up will be gone momentarily. No other construction going on.

6:33 a.m. **South Main St.**, fire, outside, owner reports an employee put out a small fire behind the building.

6:59 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7:34 a.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, lift assist for Fallon Ambulance.

10:44 a.m. **Church St.**, medical aid, investigated/report taken. Caller stated that her mother is having trouble breathing.

12:49 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, school check.

12:56 p.m. **Sohier St.**, Osgood/Deerhill School check.

1:14 p.m. **Kendall Village**, identity theft/fraud, stolen checks from home.

2 p.m. **S St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, Hull FD requesting R3.

2:07 p.m. **Pond St., and Lantern Lane**, traffic enforcement.

2:08 p.m. **Oak St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:02 p.m. **Cedar Acres Drive**, medical aid.

5:20 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a red Volvo with a female driver waving her arms at her and passing her on 3A. Caller reports this vehicle has pulled into Shaw's. Officer spoke with the caller and Scituate Police have been notified.

5:28 p.m. **Sohier St., and King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:56 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, notification, caller would like to report how rude the detail officer was to her today. She states there was a detail at the end of her driveway today. She states the officer moved her sawhorses and also parked up her driveway. Dispatch has no record of a detail in that location today or yesterday.

10:25 p.m. **Summer St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports she saw someone on the corner of her property looking at her house. When this person realized she was them they started walking away.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 3

1:16 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious vehicle.

6:42 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:20 a.m. **Beechwood St., and King St.**, public service, Beechwood Street at King Street will be down to one lane.

7:24 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service, CJD Highway, in front of the train station, is down to one lane.

7:28 a.m. **White Head Rd., and Atlantic Ave.**, fire, E2 on detail reports a gas leak in the street.

7:55 a.m. **Elm St.**, disabled motor vehicle, elderly female has lost her steering in the middle of the driveway of the police station.

8 a.m. Weather: Fog, calm, 46.

10:13 a.m. **Elm St.**, property lost.

10:49 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:54 a.m. **Sohier St., Deerhill/Osgood School** check.

11:40 a.m. **Pond St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports a strong outside odor of gas. E3 reports that there is no odor of gas, Keyspan enroute.

3:08 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, disturbance, caller stated that he would like an officer, there is an unhappy customer at the town clerk's office. There is an ongoing problem, all parties have cleared the area.

3:54 p.m. **Summer St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

6:12 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller reports a man and a woman are standing on the side of the road at this location and another female at a vehicle parked in the parking lot at this location. She is unsure whether they need help or not, caller states it looks a little suspicious. Officer states there is a car at this location but no one around it. Officer states the business is secure along with the vehicle, no sign of anyone, he will check back later. Officer reports vehicle has been removed from earlier.

7:15 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, well being check.

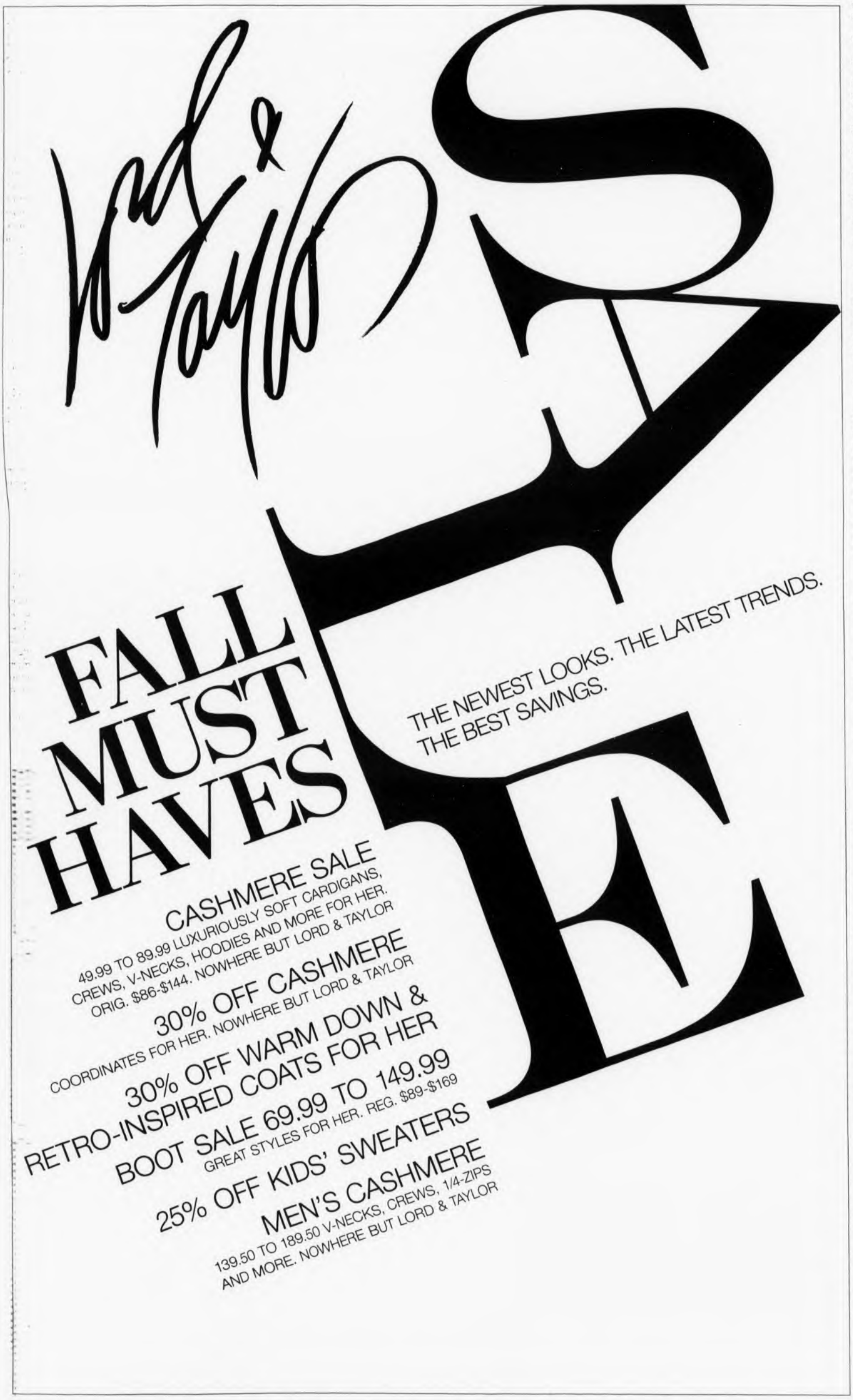
7:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, caller requests R3 for a 94-year-old male who has fallen and may have a broken arm.

8:26 p.m. **Smith Pl.**, well being check.

9 p.m. **Sohier St.**, notification, caller reports she doesn't like the train running so late and states this is disturbing the peace. She also states "how am I supposed to sleep?" Caller wanted her complaint logged.

10:31 p.m. **North Main St.**, notification, caller reports she cannot get her kids to bed because of the train. It shouldn't be running at this hour. She was given the MBTA complaint line.

10:38 p.m. **Elm St.**, suspicious vehicle, walk in party reports there has been a white car parked in front of this location with its hazards flashing for about four hours now. Officer spoke with the owner who forgot he left his car there, he will move it.



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Worship Guide

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First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: To be determined. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Oct. 14

10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House – "The Magic of Music"

We welcome as worship leader this Sunday Matthew Meyer, percussionist and veteran leader of worship services at Unitarian Universalist congregations and events nationwide.

Religious education classes for our children and youth and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 AM in the Parish House.

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – "Drumming and Spirituality" – a workshop led by Matthew Meyer and co-sponsored by our RE Committee for children and Youth and Adult Ed – Trueblood Hall. This workshop is open to the community! Our regular coffee hour will be supplemented by a light lunch.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

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Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org_to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church invites families and residents to join us this fall. We are a welcoming, Christian community dedicated to caring for our communities, both near and across the world. Highlights of our parish life include this fall:

- "Godly Play" Christian education for children ages three through grade 5.
- Jr. High and High School youth groups, adult education, Bible study, book group
- Outreach to the hungry, homeless and those in prison
- Monthly luncheon for seniors
- Fellowship and fun; music
- Environmental ministry; weekly yoga and meditation group

This week at St. Stephen's:

Sunday, Oct. 14: Church school at 10 am, youth group meeting at 9 am. Services at 8 and 10, outreach meeting at 11:40

Monday, Oct. 15: 4 pm Christian meditation

Tuesday, Oct. 16: 9:30 am Social Service League meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 17: 9:30 am Healing Eucharist; 10:30 am Bible Study

Friday, Oct. 18: 9:30 am Yoga

Saturday, Oct. 20: 7 am Bible Fellowship

Sunday, Oct. 21: Services at 8 am and 10 am; 9 am Youth Group

To contact us:

Stop by at 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset (We are the church "on the rock." Enter during the week at office around back) or call 781-383-1083

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.

Obituaries

Dr. Stephen J. O'Connor

Practiced at South Shore Hospital

Dr. Stephen J. O'Connor, of Scituate, Naples, Fla., and formerly of Cohasset, died Oct. 8, 2007, at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth after a long battle with kidney cancer.



Dr. Stephen J. O'Connor

The son of the late Mary and Lawrence O'Connor, he was born and raised in Cambridge, and attended St. Peter's School in Cambridge, and Boston College High School, graduating with the Class of 1952. He then attended and graduated from Boston College, Class of 1956, before receiving his doctor of medicine degree from Georgetown Medical School in Washington, D.C. In 1960, Dr. O'Connor served in the U.S. Air Force as a flight surgeon, as well as serving in the U.S. Air Force Reserves for several years, achieving the rank of major.

After his residency in radiology, Dr. O'Connor practiced at South Shore Hospital in South Weymouth for 32 years, serving on various committees and as president of the medical staff for a term.

An avid golfer, he was a member of Cohasset Golf Club and Pelican Bay Golf Club in Naples, Fla. He and his wife, Donna, also enjoyed many trips traveling the world, especially those with friends.

He leaves his wife of 49 years, Donna M. (Williams) O'Connor; four children, Caryn Collombet of Villard de Lans, France, Kim Van Etten of Hingham, Lauren Boole and her husband, Dana, of Raleigh, N.C., and Stephen J. O'Connor Jr. and his wife, Lisa, of Marshfield; his grandchildren, Jenna Van Etten, Kelsey and Taylor Boole, Cory and Ryan Collombet, Stephen J. O'Connor III and Sara O'Connor; and many nieces and nephews.

He was the brother of the late Lawrence O'Connor, Gerard O'Connor and Margaret Keating.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., on Friday, Oct.12, at St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. Visiting hours at the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., across from St. Anthony Church, Cohasset, will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 11. Interment in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Memorial donations may be made to SSH Cancer Center, c/o of South Shore Hospital Health and Education Foundation, 55 Fogg Road, South Weymouth, MA 02190.

Catherine M. Davis

Former receptionist, enjoyed traveling

Catherine "Kay" M. Davis, 80, of Centerville, died Sept. 15, 2007, after a short illness.



Catherine M. Davis

Born in Providence, R.I., she was the daughter of the late Michael and Frances (McCahey) Butler. She graduated from St. Frances Xavier Academy in Providence, and in 1945 graduated from Johnson and Wales Business School. After graduation, Mrs. Davis worked as a secretary in Providence, where she met her husband Robert L. Davis. In 1954, they moved to Auburn where they raised their family. In 1978, the family moved to Centerville.

For many years, she worked for Dr. Chester Boulris, ophthalmologist, in Hyannis. After her retirement from Dr. Boulris' office, she continued to work part-time for Realty Executives in Hyannis as a receptionist.

Mrs. Davis enjoyed reading, honing her computer skills and traveling. In recent years, she made trips to Paris, London and Ireland. She was a passionate Red Sox fan. Most of all, she took pleasure in spending time with her family and with her best friend, Carol Schofield, of South Dennis.

Wife of the late Robert L. Davis, who died in 1979, she leaves her children and grandchildren, James H. Davis and his wife, Jan, and their children, Caroline, Julie and Jenna of Hingham; Elisabeth "Betsy" Grady and her husband, Patrick, of Worcester; Katherine "Kasey" McCarthy and her husband, George, and their children, Daniel, Claire and Anna of Cohasset; Robert B. Davis and his wife, Laura, and their children, Emily and Jessica of Marstons Mills; Paul V. Davis and his wife, Karen, and their children Halle and Ella of Norwell; and Edward M. Davis and his children, Siobhan, Teddy and Richelle of Suffield, Conn.

She was the grandmother of the late Ryan M. Davis.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m., on Saturday, Oct. 13, at Our Lady of Assumption Church, 76 Wianno Ave., Osterville. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Red Cross or Children's Hospital Suicide Prevention Program.

Temple to host guest speaker at Shabbat Service

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main St., Hingham, will present guest speaker Amotz Asa-El at the 7:30 p.m. Friday Shabbat Service on Oct. 19.

Veteran Jerusalem Post editor and columnist, Asa-El has served until recently as the Post's executive editor, and before that as its business editor, news editor and editor of its overseas edition, the International Jerusalem Post. Having returned to full time writing after a decade and a half of editing, he is currently the Post's senior columnist, as well as a frequent Middle East analyst for the BBC, SKY and NPR.

Winner of several prizes for his writing on Diaspora affairs and author of "he Diaspora and the Lost Tribes of Israel," an Amazon bestseller in Jewish History, Mr. Asa-El is also a board member of the Encyclopedia of the Jewish Diaspora alongside Nathan Sharansky, Sir Martin Gilbert and Brandeis University president Jehuda Reinharz.

A former Israeli delegate to the United Nations General Assembly, Asa-El is also a board member of the Hebrew opinion journal, Eretz Aheret. He holds advanced degrees in journalism from Columbia University in New York and in history from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

His column, Middle Israel, now in its 12th year, leads the Jerusalem Post's opinion section every weekend, and discusses Israeli, Jewish and international issues from the viewpoint of a native Israeli who has traveled the world extensively. Asa-El has been quoted among others by the New York Times, the Washington Post, the New Republic and Le Figaro. He lives in Jerusalem with his wife and their three children.

Local authors to visit book, craft fair

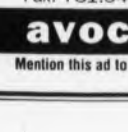
Congregation Sha'ary Shalom, 1112 Main St., Hingham will host two local authors in its sanctuary, Sunday, Nov. 4, in conjunction with its book and craft fair, which will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Local story teller Mark Binder will perform for primary grade students and their parents, at 9 a.m. Mark is an author, storyteller, and award-winning recording artist who has written more than 200 stories for both young and old, which have been published in magazines, anthologized in books, and used on standardized tests. His "Bedtime Story Book" collection, a multigenerational masterpiece, is now in its seventh edition and his novel, "The Brothers Schlemiel," has been serialized weekly in print for two years and will be released in 2008. He is the founder of the American Story Theater and teaches at colleges and workshops.

Rabbi Joseph B. Meszler, author of "Witnesses to the One: The Spiritual History of the Sh'ma," will take participants on an exploration of the history and the heart of the most important and sacred statement of Judaism. Rabbi Meszler is recognized for his ability to connect the importance of Jewish tradition with everyday life. He was the translator of "Gifts For the Poor: Moses Maimonides' Treatise on Tszedakh" and a former instructor at the Smithsonian Institution, as well as the rabbi at Temple Sinai in Sharon.

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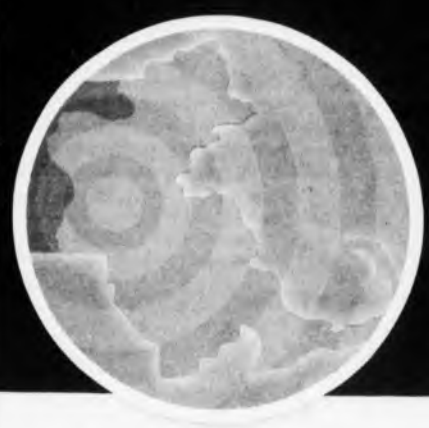


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What's happening on the South Shore

OCTOBER 11-19, 2007

'Wrong Number' done right

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

When its production of "Sorry, Wrong Number" opens on a double bill with "Clue" this Friday in Norwell, the Company Theatre won't just be staging a theatrical production of the radio play that became one of the classic films of the 1940s, it'll be paying homage to an entire film genre.

"We're doing 'Sorry, Wrong Number' as it was done in the 1948 film version — as film noir with beautiful black and white," explained director Lisa Rafferty last week by telephone from her Scituate home. "The entire color palette of costumes and set pieces, right down to an apple pie, will be black, white and shades of gray. Lighting will play a huge part in this piece as it does in classic film noir. The audience will be taken back to 1940s New York City."

The story of a bedridden millionairess who overhears a murder plot on a crossed telephone line, "Sorry, Wrong Number" was written for radio by Lucille Fletcher and first broadcast on the "Suspense" program in 1943, starring Agnes Moorehead in the lead role of Leona Stevenson. Five years later, Fletcher adapted her radio play for a silver screen version which starred Barbara Stanwyck. It is the radio play, however, that forms the basis for the Company production.

"Our show is an adaptation of the radio play so we won't have any of the flashbacks that were seen in the film. What we're presenting is one act and only 22 minutes long."

It may be brief, but the stage show will still feature a large cast of local actors including Newton's Tracy Nygard as Leona, and South Shore actors



Tracy Nygard as Mrs. Stevenson in "Sorry Wrong Number."



Lisa Rafferty, director of "Sorry Wrong Number."

Theresa Chiasson and Matthew Maggio of Braintree, Cinda Donovan of Scituate, Stephanie Gallagher of Plymouth, Eric Braun of Hanover, Marsha Lehane of Weymouth, Susan Waterman of Marshfield, and Jamie Poskitt of Halifax. They play a host of characters including receptionists and switchboard operators reached during housebound Leona's efforts to get help.

"Audiences will be drawn forward into this woman's world. Leona is very wealthy, of course, but she's also an invalid alone in a New York City apartment where her money is cold comfort. People will be on the edges of their seats watching Leona's struggle up close. It will be an extremely suspenseful experience," predicts Rafferty, perhaps best known as the creator of "The MOMologues" and "MOMologues 2: Off to School," which in addition to local runs have recently toured the Netherlands. With her husband, Steve, Rafferty is raising two daughters, Megan, 12, and Molly, 11, and a 9-year-old son, Conor. In addition to directing community theater on the South Shore, Rafferty teaches at Notre Dame Academy in Hingham. She also has a first-hand understanding of her current project's subject matter.

"Not that long ago, I was on my home telephone and I could hear my neighbor's voice speaking to someone else. Lines are still getting crossed even today. My neighbor wasn't planning any murder, of course, but the whole situation still caught me very much off guard. I don't think anyone will be able to resist being drawn into this story by the power of the writing and by Tracy Nygard's stunning ability to capture the helplessness and frustration of someone not able to make others take her situation seriously."

While Rafferty hopes her show will be suspenseful she knows its companion, "Clue," the "who-did-it-where-with-what" murder mystery based on the Parker Brothers board game, will take a whole different tack.

"People will be sitting forward in terror during our show and then leaning back in laughter in the very same seats for 'Clue'."

"Sorry, Wrong Number" and "Clue" will be presented as a double bill of one-act plays at the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell, through Oct. 28. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 781-871-2787 or go online at companytheatre.com.

Reunions

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL All class reunion Oct. 13, social hour 6 p.m. dinner catered by Fasano Caterers at 7 p.m. at the Sons of Italy Hall, King Hill Road, Braintree. $30 per person. Call Barbara Johnson at 617-479-3604.

ROCKLAND HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1972 Reunion, Oct. 20, from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel, Rockland. Contact Fran Carriere, franc516@aol.com/781-878-4832 or Bill Holland, cycling53@comcast.net/781-740-5070.

WHITMAN-HANSON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL The Class of 1962 is having their 45th class reunion Oct. 20, at Stoneforge at Bert's Cove, Plymouth. Cocktails start at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. with music by a local DJ until 11 p.m. Any questions call Mary-Jane Ricker- Harris at 781-294-8239 or Marsha Walkey Booth at 508-866-9112.

COHASSET HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1972 is planning a reunion for Oct. 26. More information is available at classmates.com and will be updated regularly. They are trying to locate classmates. Log on to the Classmates web site and become a member so that they can reach you and you can receive notice of updates. You can also visit tessahoc72@yahoo.com

EAST BRIDGEWATER HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1957 will hold its 50th class reunion on Oct. 13, at 7 p.m. at The Grill in the Holiday Inn in Brockton. Additional events are planned for that weekend. The Classes of 1956 and 1958, as well as others from the 50's who might like to participate, are invited to join us for the festivities. Michael Buckley, David Clifford and Barbara Rogers are missing from the list. Anyone with information on them, or with interest in the reunion, contact Howard Wilbur at 508-378-3473.

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HOLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL – Class of 1987, 20th year Reunion Nov. 10, from 7 to 11 p.m. Cocktail Reception at The Four's Restaurant, 15 Cottage Avenue, Quincy. Includes: cash bar, appetizer buffet, desserts, and a DJ. Cost: $40 per person. RSVP to: hhsclass1987reunion@yahoo.com or call 617-240-3846 as soon as possible.

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1987 Alumni are planning the HHS Class of '87 20 Year Reunion - and are looking for classmates. Contact Tracy O'Sullivan at 781-982-1226 *or* Dawn Youngworth at shaneandmom@comcast.net The reunion will be held at the Red Parrot in Hull Nov. 23, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

RANDOLPH HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1977 will be holding their 30th class reunion on Nov. 23, from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. at the Randolph Lodge of Elks. Contact Mary Graziano at 781-986-5754 or Maria Civita at 781-961-2292/M.Civita@comcast.net for information and ticket confirmation.

WHITMAN-HANSON HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1982 25th reunion takes place at the Radisson Hotel, Rockland on Nov. 23, from 6 to 11 p.m. Tickets cost $60 per person. Dinner and music will be provided. For address changes and information, contact Michelle Webber at 508-528-7509, Diana Marcotte at 978-663-7257, John Rozen at 781-618-7214, or e-mail whrhs1982@yahoo.com.

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1977 30th Reunion, 7 p.m. to midnight Nov. 23, at Braintree Son's of Italy Hall. Tickets are $40 per person, or $75 per couple, if purchased by Nov. 1,includes a buffet dinner. To purchase tickets or to update your contact information visit www.BraintreeHigh.com/1977.html or mail your check to: BHS Class of 1977, P.O. Box 850088, Braintree, MA 02184-0088. All class members are invited to attend.

STOUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL, Class of 1987 will be holding its 20th class reunion on Nov. 24, at the Holiday Inn at 195 Westgate Dr., Brockton. E-mails and addresses of fellow classmates are needed. E-mail or contact Kathy (Kosinski) Nelson at shs1987reunion@yahoo.com or 508-286-4261 or Jenn Remmes at 401-333-6730. Hotels rooms are available for $89. Call the Holiday Inn, 508-588-6300. Use code# S87 holiday-inn.com/brocktonma.

WEYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL ALL CLASSES REUNION will be held Feb. 8 and 9, 2008 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, 7470 Highway192 in Kissimee, Fla. Call 1-800-327-9170 for reservations. On Feb. 10, a cruise departs for four nights, five days to the Bahamas. For information visit geocities.com/Lureman72 or contact Dick Laneau for registration for at 727-345-4323 or e-mail luresWanted@tampabay.rr.com

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Calendar of events



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Thursday, Oct. 11

The Mass Audubon North River Wildlife Sanctuary located at 2000 Main St., (Route 3A), Marshfield presents "Journeys" Art Show at the Mass Audubon North River Wildlife Sanctuary through Oct. 30. Paintings and photographs by **Paula Christie, Deborah Lenahan, Flora Moynihan, Betty Rogers** and **Jay Shippole** from their recent adventures to China, Iceland, Italy, Spain, the Caribbean and the USA.

Avid traveler and Norwell resident, Deb Lenahan will speak about a trip to the Darien Province, Panama at the Thursday Tea, Oct. 11, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell. The travelogue is usually an hour followed by tea and delicious desserts. Register in advance. Cost: $8 members/ $10 non members. For information and to register, call the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell at 781-659-2559.

The Plymouth Farmers' Market, held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. Oct. 11, **singer-songwriter Sherry Malone.** For information, contact Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.

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The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth. **Satch Romano's open mic** with host band, **Paul Speidel Band with Lisa Marie** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796 nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, Oct. 12

The North River Arts Society, in collaboration with the **Atlantic Symphony Orchestra,** has organized a unique art exhibit titled BLUE to be held Oct. 12-19, at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. On Friday, Oct. 12, from 7 to 10 p.m. come to the **opening reception** and view paintings, photographs and mixed media exploring the myriad facets of the color blue. Meet the artists, listen to live music by members of the acclaimed **Atlantic Symphony Orchestra**, and meet dynamic conductor Jin Kim. In addition, you will be treated to the unveiling of acclaimed artist **David Brega's** new masterwork, **Coming Home**. This new painting will be raffled this spring to support efforts to restore and revitalize the North River Art Society's home at the G.A.R. Hall. Ticket sales for this raffle will begin at the opening reception. The BLUE exhibit runs until Oct. 19. Hours: M-F 9 a.m. to noon weekends from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission to the opening reception is $10. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and cash bar featuring blue martinis. Admission to the weekend open house is free. For information, contact the NRAS Office at 781-837-8091 or visit our website: northriverarts.org

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. **Fall fundraiser**, titled **artini** takes place Friday evening Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. The event is $35 for members, $45 for non-members. Reservations for **artini** can be made by calling 781-383-2787 or Art Center members can reserve online at ssac.org.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance Oct. 12, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte. 3. Dancing with music by award-winning DJ from 8:30 to midnight. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes, and match game prizes. Free dance lessons from 7:30-8:30 p.m. For singles & couples, 35+ years old. Cost is $10 before 9. Proper business dress required; sports jacket highly recommended. 781-446-0234. se-4u.com.

South Shore Singles will sponsor our bi-monthly dance with **DJ: Rick Walsh** from 8 to 11:30 p.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington. Doors open 7:15 p.m. Free dance lesson 7:30 to 8 p.m. Free snacks and coffee, cash bar. Dress to impress. 781-331-0021 southshoresingles.org

New England Singles Dances, Sheraton Braintree Grand Ballroom, Route 93, Exit 6, Braintree. DJ Admission$12.

Holbrook Public Library annual book sale, 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. The sale will take place in a large tent on the grounds of Holbrook Junior-Senior High School. For more information, visit the library Web site at holbrookpubliclibrary.org or contact book sale committee chairperson Lori Koffink at 781-767-1768.

All Seasons Restaurant and Sports Lounge, 327 Plymouth St., Halifax, Oct. 12, **Radio For the Blind** 781-293-4135.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke, Oct. 12, **Spank** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St Braintree every Friday at 8:30 p.m. **DJ Rick.** 781-849-7007.

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell. Oct.12, **Elbow Room.**

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Oct. 13 at 9:15 p.m., **Bind Billy & The Spectacles** No cover 781-335-9796 nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield. Oct. 12, **Circles End** 781-837-6368.

The Sea Note, 150 Nantucket Ave., Nantasket Beach. Oct. 12, **Dirty Blonde.** Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email the seanote@aol.com

Saturday, Oct. 13

The Green Harbor Village Association invites you to its Annual HarvestFest, Saturday, Oct. 13 from noon to dusk on Marginal Street in Green Harbor. Local musicians and artists including **Tim Byrne, Memphis Rockabilly Band** and **Basix Black** will provide ongoing entertainment. Crafters are welcome. For information on table space, call Deborah Habel, 781-834-9354. Proceeds go to Green Harbor beautification and local charities. To help support Marshfield Community Christmas, bring a new, unwrapped toy to Harvestfest.

Braintree High School All class **reunion** Oct. 13, social hour 6 p.m. dinner catered by Fasano Caterers at 7 p.m. at the Sons of Italy Hall, King Hill Road, Braintree. $30 per person. Call Barbara Johnson at 617-479-3604.

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Sue Burton



Loretta LaRoche

Loretta LaRoche, highlights Women in Comedy 2007 at Plymouth Memorial Hall in Plymouth, on Oct. 13, at 7:30 p.m. Loretta is joined by Jane Condon (Last Comic Standing and Ladies of Laughter Contest), Kelly MacFarland (Comedy Central's Laugh Riot & Premium Blend and NBC's- The Biggest Loser), Sue Burton (Nick at Nite's America's Funniest Mom) and Chrissy Kelleher (Nick at Nite's America's Funniest Mom). A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Tickets are priced at $40 for cabaret Seating and $30 for General Admission. Tickets are available at the box-office at 50 Court St., in Plymouth, by phone at 508-747-1340, online at plymouthhall.com, and all FYE and Strawberries Outlets.

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Saturdays at the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. **Feed the Animals** program is each Saturday, 10 a.m. Free with the price of admission. Feed the Animals program is also each Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Monday holidays at 10 a.m. Science Center hours are: Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; admission is $5 adults, $3 children and seniors. Beginning Oct. 13, a new program, **Meet an Animal,** offered each Saturday at 2 p.m. With over 25 species of different animals, the naturalist will introduce the visitor to a different animal each week and give a short presentation on their habitats and adaptations. Free with the price of admission. Admission includes the EcoZone, interpretive exhibits depicting the ecosystems of southeastern Massachusetts. Animal Planet's, Jeff Corwin had the vision of creating the EcoZone. For information call 781-659-2559 or view ssnsc.org

Church Hill United Methodist Church, corner of River and Church streets, Norwell, will host a breakfast to benefit Habitat for Humanity from 8 to 10 a.m., on Oct. 13, at pancakes, sausage, muffins, juice and coffee will be served. Cost is $5 for adults, $4 for children. A church yard sale will also take place Oct. 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine, in the sanctuary basement and on the lawn, weather permitting. Proceeds from the yard sale will benefit the Mission of the Church. For information, call the church at 781-826-4763 or email chumcnorwell@aol.com.

St. Helen Church, 383 Washington St., (Rt. 53) Norwell, will hold a **Touch-a-Truck** fundraiser from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 20. Admission is $5 per child (adults and children under 2 are free). Children will be able to look at, learn about, and climb into a variety of trucks, including a fire truck, moving van, cherry picker, army truck, antique car, school bus and more. Admission also includes a trolley ride through Norwell.

South Shore Dancers presents a **Harvest Moon Ball** semi-formal on Oct. 13, at the Cushing Center on Route 123, Norwell. Lesson at 7:30 p.m. with general dancing from 8 to 11 p.m. The cost is $9 for members and $10 for non-members. Call Tom Osterland for reservations at 781 659-4703 or visit SouthShoreDancers.org.

Hull Artists Studio Connection's October Open Studios Weekend Tour Oct. 13,14, and 15. A map with locations and artists hours is available at Art on the Avenue, 1037 Nantasket Ave. in Hull 781-925-5619 or visit hullartists.com There will be 12 studio locations and 19 artists showing their work. Free to the public.

The MSPCA Metro South Animal Care & Adoption Center, 1300 West Elm St., Ext., Brockton, will host its bi-annual yard sale Oct. 13 and 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All proceeds go to benefit the approximate 5,000 animals that pass through their doors each year seeking kindness, compassion and care. For information, contact Kate O'Donnell at 508-586-2053.

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Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Dr, Norwell, presents two shows in one evening with **Clue** and **Sorry, Wrong Number** being performed on the same night. Performances run Oct. 12 through 28. First up is **Sorry, Wrong Number**, After a brief intermission, audiences will enjoy **Clue**, the "who-did-it-where-with-what" murder mystery based on the very popular board game. With surprise endings being offered each performance. Tickets are priced at $21-$23 and are available at the Company Theatre box-office at 30 Accord Park Dr., in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companytheatre.com

Yoga at the Country Club of Halifax. This an all levels yoga class is currently ongoing at the Country Club of Halifax, on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This class is suitable for all levels - beginners to advanced - and drop-ins are welcome. For information contact Stacey at 617-548-5877 or via email at stacey@letitflowfitness.com.

The Hingham Civic Music Theatre presents Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Cinderella," Sanborn Auditorium, Hingham Town Hall, 210 Central St., Hingham. Oct. 13, at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 14, at 2 p.m.; also Oct. 19-20 at 7:30 p.m., and Oct. 21, at 2 p.m. Adult tickets, $16; students $15, seniors $14, and groups of 10 or more, $12. Visit HCMT.org, or call Ticket Hotline, 781-837-1499. Mandy Mitchell of Braintree plays Cinderella and her Prince Charming is Cohasset's Andrew DeVitre.

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Macy's and The Fashion Focus Modeling and Finishing Program are sponsoring a fashion show and Model Search on Oct. 13, at 2 p.m. at the Independence Mall in Kingston. The show is to help celebrate Macy's "Shop for a Cause" day. The proceeds from the $5 pass goes directly to local charities and is your ticket into a fun and rewarding day of shopping at Macy's. Events include Story telling by "Big Joe", performances by the Plymouth Philharmonic/Jazz, Kurig Coffee demonstration, Plymouth Children's Art Guild, food samples from many different local restaurants and bakeries, and music provided by Red Hot Entertainment. Directly after the fashion show, Model Club, Inc of Boston will be conducting a Model Search for it's new faces division for print and talent. For details contact Maria Wood at 781-826-0241.

King Richard's Faire, a re-creation of the marketplaces of 16th century England, will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 21, and Monday, Columbus Day on Route 58 in Carver. Admission is $25 for adults and $14 for children ages 5 to 12. Children under 5 are admitted for free. Special group rates for 25 or more are available. Parking is free. 508-866-2311 or kingrichardsfaire.net.

Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth. Oct. 13, **Traditional Irish Seisiun** every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hornpipes, with great craic and sing-along. Admission is free. No Cover. Come sing, come play, come listen. 508-830-1262.

All Seasons Restaurant and Sports Lounge, 327 Plymouth St., Halifax, Oct. 13, **Blind Ambition** 781-293-4135.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Oct. 13, **Jon Frattasio & Friends** 781-829-6999.

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell, Oct.13, **Union Jack**.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Oct. 13, **The Love Dogs.** Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sunday, Oct. 14

Jade Forest Kung Fu/Tai Chi of Cohasset will offer a **Tai Chi Open House** on Oct 14, from noon to 1 p.m. Free and open to the public. Wear loose clothes and come join in to learn the secrets of the ancient martial art of Tai Chi, including stretching and Chi Kung (Qigong). Refreshments to follow. Call 781-383-6822 to register.

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Archbishop Williams High School, a Catholic co-educational high school located at 80 Independence Avenue in Braintree, is hosting an **open house** on Sunday, Oct. 14 from noon to 2 p.m. For information, call 781-843-3636 or visit awhs.org

The New Jazz Echo band, trumpet, sax, piano, bass and drums, will perform at **Thayer Public Library,** 798 Washington St., Braintree at 3 p.m. Oct. 14. Inspired by Ellington, Davis, Coltrane, Jobim and others, this is an eclectic band which plays many jazz favorites. Concert is free. For information call 781-413-1327.

Join the NSRWA Oct. 14 from 1 to 4 p.m. for a walk at the Ellis bog, followed by a visit to an active cranberry bog during harvest season. Carolyn Sones, NSRWA Board Member, Sarah Garretson Lowry, a member of a fourth generation cranberry growing family and Doug Lowry, NSRWA Board President will talk about the natural and cultural history of cranberry bogs. Bring your binoculars, for migratory ducks and magnifying glasses for fall dragonflies. Cranberry treats will be provided. Suggested donation is $5 per person. Park on Sandy Hill Drive off of Plain Street (Rte 139) in Marshfield. The entrance is in between Sandy Hill Drive and the United Methodist Church at 185 Plain St. (Rte 139). Pre-registration is required. Contact Paula Christie at 781-659-8168 or email paula@nsrwa.org



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The Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square presents Eric Cometta and Friends in concert Oct. 20, at 8 p.m. This Hingham singer-songwriter is an open microphone legend from Harvard Square to Greenwich Village and back again. To add to the liveliness and fun of the evening, he's asking Jane Gilmartin, a traditional balladeer with a wide repertoire of Scots and English ballads to share the stage along with some Old Shippers and flexible folk friends who will to join him in a song or two. The Coffeehouse off the Square is at the Old Ship Church Parish Hall, 107 Main St., in Hingham Square just up from the Loring Hall Theater and on the MBTA's 220 bus from Quincy Center. Admission is $10 at the door (sorry, no reservations). The concert begins with an open mike at 8 p.m. Net proceeds benefit the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. For information or to volunteer (free admission) call 781-749-1767.

Mark your calendar

THE HINGHAM MOTHERS' CLUB presents "Barns of Hingham" on Saturday Oct. 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. View seven barns of various ages, uses, and construction types including a state of the art garage with multi-purpose living space, two historical post and beam barns, and a timber frame barn and workshop. Advance tickets are available for $20 per person. Children under 12 do not require a ticket. Visit the website at hinghammothersclub.org or call 781-749-2195 for details. Proceeds to benefit scholarship fund.

PLYMOUTH PHILHARMONIC FUNDRAISING GALA Friday, Oct.. 26, 6:30 to 11 p.m., Waverly Oaks Golf Club, 444 Long Pond Road, Plymouth. Enjoy an elegant evening of music, friends and fine dining at the Phil's annual Auction Gala and Dinner. Bid on exotic vacations, stunning artwork, fun sports memorabilia and much more during the silent and live auctions including three hand painted violins by Andrew Kusmin, Sean Cassidy, Brenda Cobb as well as the Private Holiday Pops Dress Rehearsal item. Or, be the winning bidder on the chance to conduct *the Phil*! (Black tie or 20's attire optional). $75 per person / $560 per table of eight. For tickets or information call 508-746-8008.

MEET DUXBURY NATIVE AND WORLD RENOWNED ARTIST ANNA CONWAY AND CO ARTIST JOHN HODANY creators of the Duxbury Bay Mural featured in the picture book room of the Children's Department Nov. 3, at the Duxbury Free Library from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Both artists will be signing limited editions of their Mural. Small giclee prints are $125 and larger prints are $200. All proceeds benefit the Library. Tickets are $45 per guest and only 200 tickets will be sold through the Library and Westwinds Bookshop. Music provided by Duxbury students. Coastal theme fare catered by Simply Divine with a raw bar provided by Island Creek Oysters and cash bar. Duxbury Bay Murals framed by Artica Gallery, now on display at the Library will be raffled during the evening. The Friends are accepting preorders for prints at 781-837-0834.

Getting to the 'Heart' of the matter

By Katia Opatkiewicz
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South Shore Art Center Art teacher Patrice Kelly works with artist Nick Sida of Cohasset as he works on his project for the "Art from the Heart" fundraiser event Saturday.

For 51 years The Arc of the South Shore has created a fun and loving atmosphere for adults and children with mental and physical disabilities, offering many classes and support programs as well as family services and physical therapy.

For the past two years the Arc has hosted its annual "Art from the Heart" fundraiser to raise money for the programs it offers. This year's event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 13 at Thayer Academy in Braintree from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The show will be presented by South Shore Co-operative Bank, and will showcase the talents of children and adults affiliated with the Arc.

People who attend will be captivated by the numerous art pieces that will be for sale while they are treated to many different wines, beers and hors d'oeuvres from the evening's restaurant partner, Bia Bistro.

Over the past two years the Arc of the South Shore has been able to raise more than $80,000 through the art event. All of this year's proceeds from the "Art from the Heart" fundraiser will go to early intervention, which is the discovery of children that have or may be at risk of developing a special need that may affect their development, as well as recreational programs.

One of these programs is "Hanging with Hickey" where Laurel Hickey, assistant coordinator to director of community support and recreation, takes Arc participants on weekend outings.

"Every weekend I take a group out. I usually take a group of my younger guys out on Friday nights, bowling, to the movies, or to museums, this weekend we are going to Salem," said Hickey.

"It gives the participants a chance to socialize with the community," said Claudia Cuscianna, appointed development coordinator of the Arc of South Shore.



Art from the Heart artists Jay Nothnagle, of Cohasset, left, and Peter Plante, of Cohasset work on their projects for Saturday's fundraiser.

"It is my job to help them with the social skills," said Hickey. During the outings the adults gain knowledge of social skills and make friends. "They sit next to a person in art class and that person becomes their friend."

The Arc offers many recreational programs as well, such as softball in the summer and basketball in the winter. There are Monday night art classes and participants at the Arc help with the Special Olympics. "I see so many people enjoying the programs and looking forward to coming back," said Cuscianna.

The Arc also provides classes in art for those who would like to participate.

"Peter loves going to the art class at the Arc," said Maria Plante, Peter's mother. "The Arc has the atmosphere most of these people need, with bright lights and large tables to work at.

"Their teacher is so inspirational to these students, they all love her," Plante said about the art teacher at the Arc.

Many people who come to the Arc are pleased to take the classes that they offer. Artist and Arc member Julie Ann O'Connell said, "I love it" about taking art classes and that she was very happy about her art work being displayed at the "Art From the Heart" fundraiser.

The Arc also hosts quarterly dances for the Arc community in order for them to socialize with friends and have a good time.

"The Arc and the community overlap in many ways," said Cuscianna. "We have asked the children in the special education departments of schools in Randolph, Cohasset and other schools to contribute to the 'Art from the Heart' show as well, and many of them are participants in our programs, so there is a lot of overlapping with the community in our projects."

Part of the Arc of South Shore is Harbor Industries, which offers an employment program that provides services that help adults with developmental disabilities become members of the work place through: skills training and interest evaluation, On-the-job training and transportation, In-house paid contract work, and communication and social training.

"The Arc of the South Shore is really about improving the quality of life for its participants," said Daryl Cook, appointed executive director of the Arc of South Shore.

The Arc of the South Shore serves Randolph, Milton, Quincy, Braintree, Weymouth, Hull, Hingham, Norwell, Scituate, and Cohasset.

Boating Skills and Seamanship Course. Sundays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. offered by Flotilla 12-4 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary at Metropolitan Yacht Club, 39 Vinedale Road, Braintree. The fee for the course, including materials, is $50. There is an early registration discount. For information contact Bill Fuller at 781-848-2906 or lwfj@verizon.net.

Seventh Annual Kitchen Tour at Cranberry Hospice. 1 to 5 p.m. Participants will **tour six Duxbury kitchens** and walk-ins are invited to stop along the tour at Timeless Design Kitchen Showroom, 459 Washington St., between 2 and 5 p.m. to sample a selection of complimentary refreshments. Tour tickets are $25 and available at Westwinds Bookshop, The Studio of Duxbury or by contacting Bonnie Casey at 781-934-4617. Raffle tickets for various prizes are available by contacting Patti Ryan at 508-830-2465. Raffle tickets are $5 a ticket, or a book of ten for $25. Proceeds to benefit Cranberry Hospice's Community Education Fund.

The Silverwood Trio, an innovative, classical chamber music group composed of flute/soprano, cello and piano, will return to **The Art Complex Museum,** 189 Alden St., Duxbury at 4 p.m. Oct. 14. Their repertoire covers a wide range of styles from the Baroque to Contemporary and includes original compositions by local composers. The members of the trio, **Cindy Woolley,** flute/soprano, **Walter Halvorsen**, cello, and **Paul Hoffman**, piano/composer, are graduates of the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. 781-934-6634 x 12. Admission is free. Seating is limited.

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Evening of Native song and dance

Plantation offers bicultural concert series

By Rich Harbert
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With all the talk these days about casinos, people might almost forget the Wampanoag people have a rich heritage of culture and talent.

Visitors to Plimoth Plantation located at 137 Warren Avenue in Plymouth, will get a reminder Saturday, Oct. 13, in an evening of native song and dance.

The Wampanoag Nation Singers and Dancers, featuring members of the Plantation's Wampanoag Indigenous Program, will open for Pamyua, an internationally renowned native group from Alaska. Pamyua, pronounced Bahm-You-Ah, infuse Inuit harmonies with tribal rhythms in a contemporary style. The band has performed around the world and was featured on the Grammy Award show.

The Wampanoag Nation Singers and Dancers perform traditional Northeastern indigenous music and dance and are known for getting audiences on their feet with infectious beats.



Wampanoag Nation Singers and Dancers, featuring members of the Plantation's Wampanoag Indigenous Program, perform Oct. 13 at the Plantation



Pamyua, an internationally renowned native group from Alaska, will headline the first concert in a bicultural series presented by Plimoth Plantation.

Linda Coombs, Jonathan Perry and Kitty Miller of the Plantation's Wampanoag Indigenous Program (WIP) are members of the group. Coombs is associate director of the WIP program.

The performance is part of a bicultural concert series featuring Colonial performances. The Revels Repertory Company will celebrate autumn with presentations of "Harvest Home" Oct. 21.

Plimoth Plantation celebrates both cultures on a daily basis.

The concert will be Saturday, Oct. 13, at 6:30 p.m., in the Plantation's Pavilion on the banks of the Eel River. The event will open at 5:30 p.m. for picnicking and early seating. Advance tickets for the show are available by calling the Plantation at 508-746-1622, ext. 8346. Tickets are $15 in advance, $18 at the door and $12 for members, seniors and children 12 and under. Children 5 and younger are free. Call 508-746-1622 or visit Plimoth.org for information.

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South Shore Natural Science Center hosts **Family Fun Day Bye Bye Birdies**, Oct. 14 from 1 to 4 p.m. Birds fly thousand of miles to distant lands twice each year and use no navigational tools. Learn about these migrant birds on Oct. 14 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. This is a drop in event, with no sign-up necessary and price includes admission to the EcoZone. Learn about patterns of bird migration, adaptations, how birds communicate and behave. Enjoy games, crafts, demonstrations, exhibits and trail walks. Fee per person: $8 members/maximum of $32 per family, $10 non-members/ maximum of $40 per family. For information call 781-659-2559 or view ssnsc.org

King Richard's Faire, a re-creation of the marketplaces of 16th century England, will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 21, and Mondays for Labor Day and Columbus Day on Route 58 in Carver. Admission is $25 for adults and $14 for children ages 5 to 12. Children under 5 are admitted for free. Special group rates for 25 or more are available. Parking is free. 508-866-2311 or kingrichardsfaire.net.

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands are sponsoring a trip to **Great Brewster Island** on Oct. 14. The boat will depart from Rowes Wharf at 11 a.m. arriving back at 3 p.m. Rowes Wharf is in downtown Boston (by the Boston Harbor Hotel, Atlantic Avenue). The closest T station is South Station (Red Line). The trip goes regardless of the weather, with no rain date. Ride the "Culebra" out to the edge of the harbor. Great Brewster is a drowned drumlin, a 100' hill formed by glacial action about 15,000 years ago. Either take a guided tour or explore on your own. Pack a picnic and water. Space is limited, advance paid reservations are strongly recommended. Any tickets still available on the day will be sold from 10am at Rowes Wharf, first come first served, cash only please. The cost is $25 for adults, $24 for seniors (65+), and $22 for FRIENDS members or children (0 - 12). For information visit fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

Monday, Oct. 15

South Shore Habitat for Humanity Ninth annual Golf Classic, Oct. 15, Scramble Format Marshfield Country Club. Lunch will be served at 11a.m. preceding the shotgun start at noon. Cocktails, dinner, silent auction and prizes immediately following the tournament. To sign up or get more information, contact Al Marchionne at 617-471-5010 or al@marchionneinsurance.com. Complete details are posted at sshabitat.org/_pages/events-upcoming.shtml

Parenting Workshop Series. If you're tired of negotiating with your children over everything from breakfast to bedtime and want to spend your time teaching good behavior instead of nagging, bickering and punishing, join Lynne Reeves Griffin, the author of "Negotiation Generation: Take Back your Parental Authority" for a three week workshop series. Mondays Oct. 15, 22 and 29, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Wampatuck Elementary School Library, 266 Tilden Dr. in Scituate. Cost of $100 for all three weeks includes the new book. Visit LynneGriffin.com. Pre-registration required. 781-545-6585.

Toastmasters Club, Hanover, The new South Shore Professionals Toastmasters club will meet on the first and third Monday of every month. This is a great opportunity to learn about how Toastmasters can help you become a more effective leader and communicator. The meetings will run from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and will be held at the Rockland Trust building, 2036 Washington St.- third floor. Arrive 15 minutes early since the meeting starts at 6 p.m. sharp. Contact Stacey for information on this meeting at 617-548-5877 or stacey@letitflowfitness.com. For information on Toastmasters visit toastmasters.org.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Oct. 1, free **Texas Hold'em** with Northern poker league 781-829-6999.

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield. Oct. 15, **Texas Hold Em Poker** 781-837-6368.

Tuesday, Oct. 16

Buttonwood Books & Toys hosts its semiannual event **Coffee with the Authors** 9:45 to 11:30 a.m. at the Atlantica Restaurant, Cohasset Harbor. This event is an opportunity to nurture your mind as you relax among friends and listen to three wonderful authors. The authors are John Elder Robison discussing "Look Me in the Eye: My Life with Asperger's", Leah Hager Cohen discussing "House Lights", and Michael C. White for "SoulCatcher". Reservations and tickets ($15 per person) are required. Tickets may be picked up at Buttonwood or send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your check to Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset, MA 02025.Please call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 to reserve or order a signed copy if unable to attend.

Grub Street South at Buttonwood welcomes debut author, **John Elder Robison,** author of **Look Me in the Eye: My Life with Asperger's**, his memoir that describes his painful past. Robison will lead a workshop titled "**Life Story Writing: Finding the Stories**" at 7 p.m. Oct. 16, at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 781-383-2665.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra, playing music of the big band era performs at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Campus St. Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month from 1 to 4 p.m. Donation $5 per person. All welcome. No smoking. Wheel chair accessible. 781-341-2016.

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield. Oct. 17, **Game Show Trivia** 781-837-6368.

Wednesday, Oct. 17

Healthtrax Fitness and Wellness in Hanover will be starting **The Cancer Well Fit Program** this fall. There will be an information night held on Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. at Healthtrax. For information call 781-826-1300 ext. 28 or 50.

The Dolphin Gallery, located in the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., presents ***On the Road: Italy & France*** with **Kimberlee and Richard Alemian** through Oct. 25.. The Dolphin Gallery may be viewed during library hours. For information visit hinghamlibrary.org



The Dolphin Gallery located at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham presents the photography exhibit of Hingham resident Ed Boylan. His "Landscapes: Hingham and a Few From Beyond" may be viewed through Nov. 1 during library hours. 781-741-1405 hingham library.org

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Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield. Oct. 17, **Texas Hold Em Poker** 781-837-6368.

Thursday, Oct. 18

Dr. Mark Mincolla presents **Mind Medicine - The Unlimited Healing Power**, 7 to 9 p.m. Oct.18, at the Radisson Hotel Rockland Grand Ballroom, on Rt. 228 off of Exit 14, Rt 3. 929 Hingham St. Rockland. Call to RSVP 781 834-2728. Mail payments to: Healthy Living, P.O. Box 357, Marshfield Hills, MA 02051. Confirmation by e-Mail, please send your e-mail address with payment is accepting private reservations for dinner and appetizer. call hotel 781 871 0545 Hotel Directions go to: www.radisson.com/rocklandma

The Plymouth Farmers' Market, held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. Oct. 18, **folk harpist Shelley Otis.** For information, contact Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.

Best of Bay State Night of Comedy. 6 p.m. at Granite Links Golf Club, 100 Quarry Hills Drive, Quincy. Tickets are $100. Corporate sponsorships are available and all donations are tax-deductible. Send checks payable to "Bay State Community Services" care of Gail Bork to Bay State Community Services, Inc., 13 Temple St., Quincy, MA 02169. For information call 617-471-8400 extension 184 or E-mail gbork@baystatecs.org.

Network4Success Business-to-Business Networking Group meets the first Thursday of the month at the Plympton Library from 5 to 6 p.m. and the third Thursday of the month at the Halifax Country Club from noon to 1:30 p.m. For meeting info, email info@network4success.org or visit network4success.org

Fish Tale On the Water, 44 Jericho Road, Scituate, presents **Drift Away** with **J. Place, Joe Micarelli** and **John Litwin,** performing music from the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's every Thursday at 8:30 p.m. 781-545-4700

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Oct. 18, **Living Proof** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's open mic** with host band, Oct. 18, **Paul Fudin from Groove Authority** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield. Oct. 18, **DJ Ramu** 781-837-6368.

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell, Oct.18, **Jamie Walker.**

Friday, Oct. 19

JM Productions presents **Two for Road** starring **Jan Peters and Carol O'Shaughnessy** celebrating the best of The Great American Songbook & Broadway stage. Oct. 19, Dinner theatre shows will be held at Nantasket Beach, The Clarion Hotel, hosted by Raffael's Restaurant, in Hull .**For tickets, call:** JM Productions at 617)-786-SHOW (7469) or visit JM Productions secure website for on line credit card purchasing at: jmproductionspresents.com. Patrons can also call Raffael's at 781-925-4515! Tickets for show only are $30 per person for dinner and show $50 per person with special hotel rates to stay over at the Clarion.

Rockland Legion Baseball Team Comedy Night Fundraiser Oct. 19, at VFW Hal, Essex St., Whitman. Doors Open at 8 p.m. show starts at 9 p.m. two national headliners , music, dancing raffles, 50/50, food and laughs. Tickets $25 each or 10 for $200 (table) Call Thom Roache 781-871-6722.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance Oct. 19, 8:30 p.m. to midnight. The Lafayette House Ballroom, 109 Washington St., Rte, 1 south, Foxboro. Next to the End Zone Hotel. Dance music by award-winning DJ. Complimentary buffet all night. Numerous free door prizes and MATCH Game prizes. For all single professionals and couples 35+ yrs. old. Proper business dress required; sports jackets for men. Admission is $10 before 9. Call 781-446-0234 se-4u.comfor

Bag Full of Blue band. 9 p.m. at the **Red Parrot,** 258 Nantasket Road, Hull.

South Shore Folk Music Club, The Beal House, Route 106, across from First Parish Unitarian Church, Kingston. Oct. 19, 8 p.m. **Coffeehouse** featuring Paul Lee and **Frank Albani**. Open mike. Admission: $5 members; $6 non-members. Handicap accessible. 781-871-1052 ssfmc.org

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The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Oct. 19, at 9:15 p.m., **Driving Blind.** No cover 781-335-9796 visit nextpagecafe.com or myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

New England Singles Dances, VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission $9. 617-325-4900 Ages 40 and over singles-dances-newengland.com

Halloween Happenings

THE LITTLE THEATRE OF STOUGHTON presents one act plays featuring "Beast of the Baskervilles" and "Frankenstein Slept Here" Saturday, Oct. 20 and 27, at 2:30 p.m. Town Hall, Great Hall third floor, Stoughton. Free admission. Costumes optional.

HALLOWEEN ROMP Come in costume at the Children's Museum in Easton's annual Halloween bash. The Halloween Romp will take place rain or shine at the Museum on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Activities for all-ages include Halloween crafts, a creepy animal show with New England Reptile and Raptor, a lantern lit trick-or-treat romp through the garden, and more. Admission is $4 per member and $8 per person for non-members. Tickets are limited so call early to reserve yours. For more information, and to reserve tickets, call 508-230-3789 or visit childrensmuseumineaston.org.

THE MARSHFIELD YACHT CLUB ANNUAL KID'S HALLOWEEN PARTY will feature the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department's Fingerprinting Unit on Saturday, Oct. 20, at 1 p.m. Parents and children interact with trained PCSD Deputies to create a take-home identification kit. It takes just a few moments and children of any age can participate. For information on the Sheriff's Fingerprinting Unit contact Dan Connolly at dconn30@yahoo.com

THE INN AT SILVER LAKE HALLOWEEN PARTY The residents of The Inn at Silver Lake invite the community to join their annual Halloween party. Festivities for the kids include peanut free trick-or-treating, costume contests, games, food and more. The party will take place Oct. 29, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The Inn at Silver Lake is located at 21 Chipman Way in Kingston. For information or directions call 781-336-5220.

HALLOWEEN TOUR OF BEACON HILL This tour takes place on Oct. 31, at 5:30 p.m. Walk the darker side of this seemingly charming neighborhood. From the public hangings on the Common to the dismembered George Parkman, Beacon Hill's heritage of mystery and suspense is a perfect way to spend All Hallows Eve. Guided by Boston By Foot, Inc., the tour begins from the steps of the Massachusetts State House on Beacon Street. Admission is $15 per person and reservations are not required. For further information and a brochure, call 617-367-2345 or visit bostonbyfoot.org.

HAUNTED HALLWAYS Federal Furnace Home and School Association of Marshfield presents Haunted Hallways Oct. 26, at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Admission: $6 per person.

MASS AUDUBON'S MOOSE HILL, 293 Moose Hill St., Sharon, **Halloween Critters:** Oct. 31; from 10 to 11:30 a.m. What animals are associated with Halloween? Take a peek into the lives of bats, spiders, owls, and other Halloween creatures of the night. $8-$11 **Pumpkin Carving:** Oct. 25: 6 to 8:30 p.m. Plenty of pumpkins donated by Ward's Berry Farm, will be available, volunteers are needed to help carve pumpkins into Jack-O-Lanterns for the annual *Halloween Prowl*. Help appreciated any time after 1 p.m. Free, donations appreciated. 781-784-5691.

Send your Halloween events to ddinsmore@cnc.com or fax 781-837-4543.



The Hingham Civic Music Theatre presents Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Cinderella," Sanborn Auditorium, Hingham Town Hall, 210 Central St., Hingham. Oct. 13, at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 14, at 2 p.m.; also Oct. 19-20 at 7:30 p.m., and Oct. 21, at 2 p.m. Adult tickets, $16; students $15, seniors $14, and groups of 10 or more, $12. Visit HCMT.org, or call Ticket Hotline, 781-837-1499. Mandy Mitchell of Braintree plays Cinderella and her Prince Charming is Cohasset's Andrew DeVitre.

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An American Original - Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis Oct. 20, from 7 to 10:30 p.m. North Community Parish House, Marshfield Hills. An evening of theatre with Boston actress, Robin Lane as she portrays one of the most dynamic women in American history, Jackie Kennedy. Evening begins with a champagne reception, raffle items related to the Kennedy's and followed by coffee and deserts. Tickets: $22. and will be pre-sold and your name will be listed at the door. Proceeds benefit Daniel Webster Estate. Call Virginia at 781-837-2403 or Eileen at 781-837-7579 or visit danielwebsterestate.org

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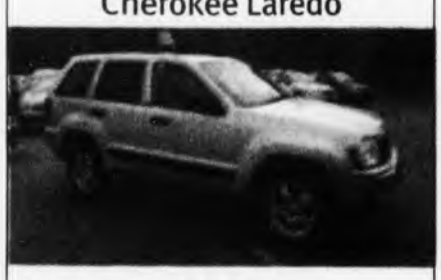
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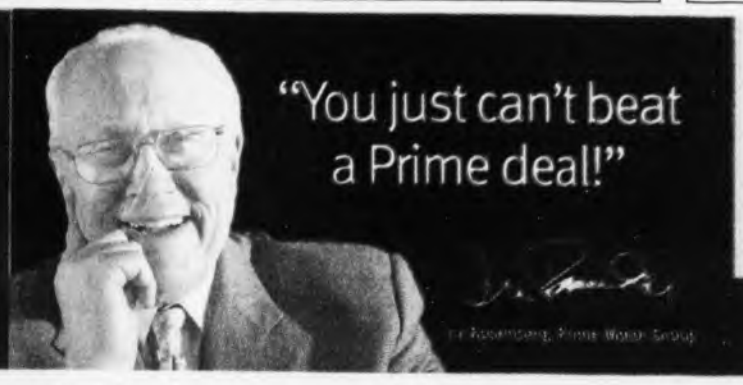
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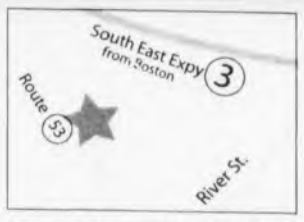
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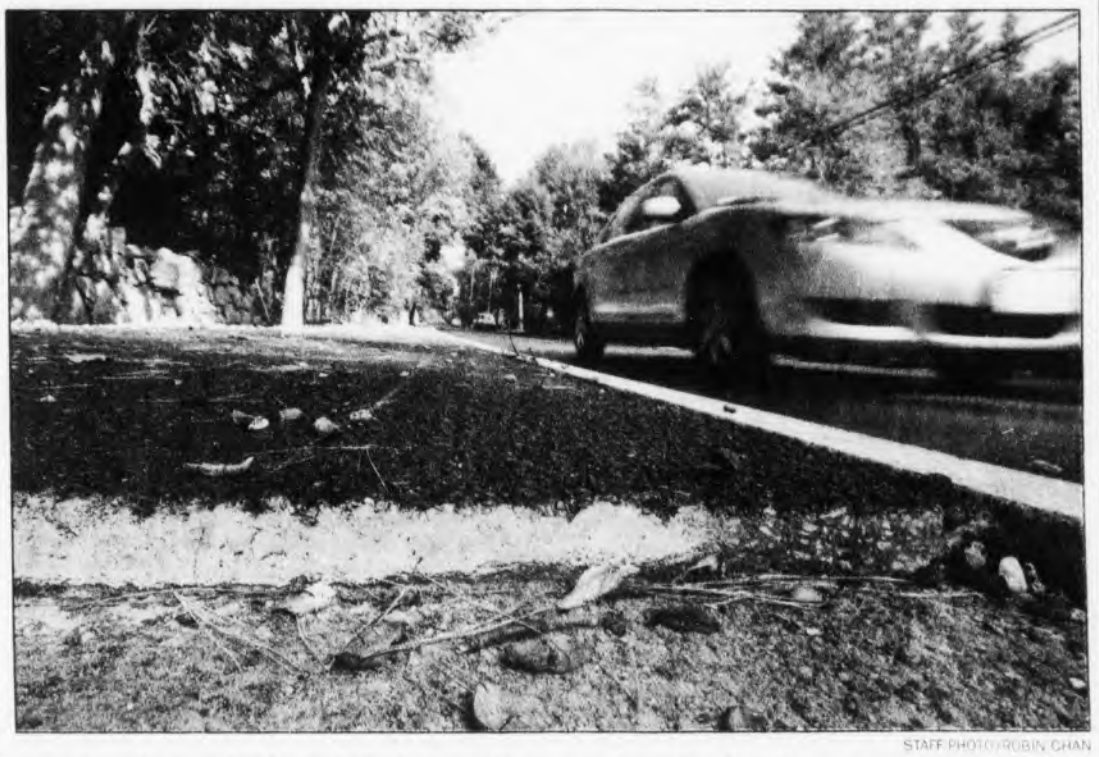
By Nancy White
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A new era has dawned for the residents of the Forest Avenue neighborhood as its sidewalk — over a decade in the making — is finally reaching completion. The result is a safe passage from the sands of Black Rock beach to the busy intersection at North Main Street for joggers, baby carriages, dog walkers and kids on bikes alike. But, even more than that, residents say the sidewalk will provide them with an overdue sense of community.

To celebrate the new sidewalk and to facilitate the coming together of neighbors, residents are planning a neighborhood get-together to highlight the many benefits of the sidewalk. The event is scheduled rain or shine for Saturday, Oct. 27 beginning at 10a.m. (*see sidebar*)

"A safer route to the train, schools, library, ball fields and the village will help connect us to the rest of town life in a way we couldn't enjoy before without packing everyone up in the

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

A car drives by the end of the nearly finished — and long awaited — sidewalk on Forest Avenue. A celebration will be held to commemorate the completion of the sidewalk on Saturday, Oct. 27 at 10 a.m.

Ripley Road house plans return

Old hospital to host Halloween benefit

By Nancy White
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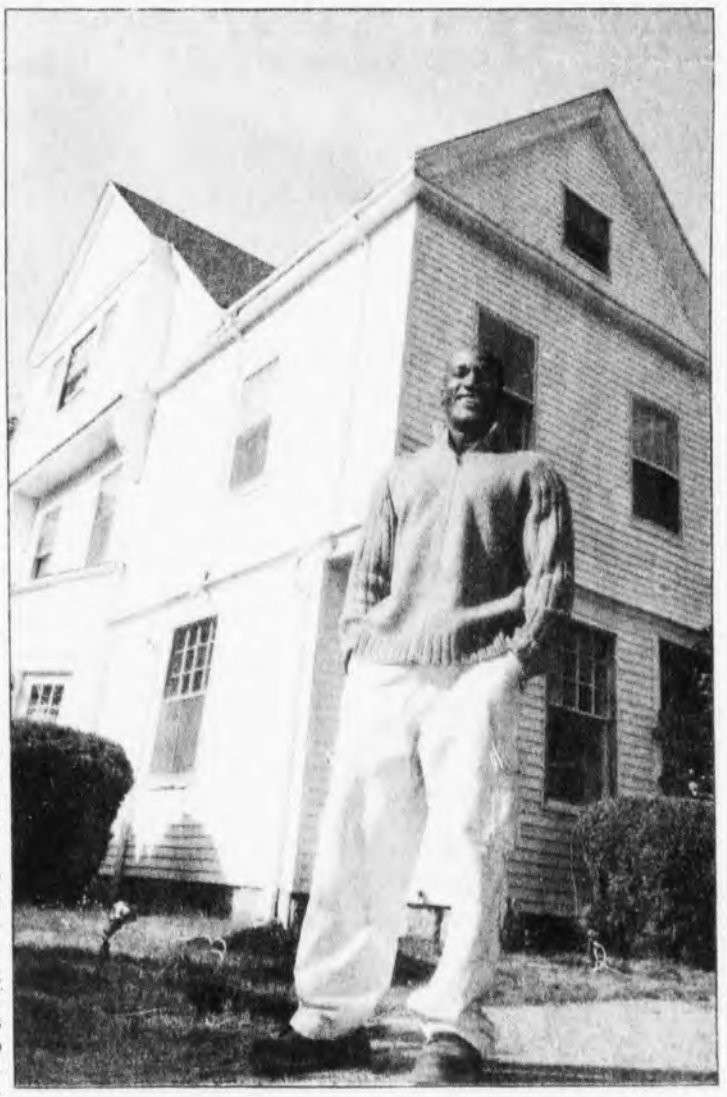
Ghosts, ghouls, goblins and point guards are set to come together at the Vampire's Ball next weekend. Like a werewolf at a full moon, 25 Ripley Road has been transformed from an unassuming house to a haunted mansion in an effort to raise money for the Cohasset Basketball Boosters on Saturday, Oct. 27.

But, this Halloween transformation is only the beginning for property owner and developer, Will Charles. His plans, which are still in beginning stages, are to convert the current single-family residence into seven condominium units, two of which will be affordable under the state's Chapter 40-B law.

For Charles, opening up his house for the Vampire's Ball serves a dual purpose — to raise money for the basketball boosters and to let people know his plans for the building. Amid festive costumes, decorations, music and dancing, Charles will have available his proposed plans for the building which once served as Cohasset Private Hospital.

"I'm going to bring the building up more," says Charles. Since acquiring the property in June, Charles has injected his passion and energy into the project. He has spent many hours working on the home — doing the majority of the work himself with the help of his family but contracting out when a job was too big. Fresh coats of paint, refurbished floors and new appliances were installed in the first phase of the project. In the next phase he will give a facelift to the exterior of the home. New windows and wooden shingling will replace the vinyl siding. "It's going to be something great for the town."

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Will Charles stands outside his property at 25 Ripley Road. After hosting a Cohasset Basketball Boosters fundraiser, "Vampire's Ball," next Saturday, Oct. 27, Charles has future plans to convert the current single-family residence into seven condominium units, two of which will be affordable under the state's Chapter 40-B law.

More arrests

Two 16-year-olds facing charges

By Mary Ford
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Two juveniles were arrested Sunday for allegedly making threats to the 15-year-old sophomore who was assaulted after school on Friday, Sept. 21.

Police Chief James Hussey said based on information supplied to police, detectives met with the parents and the victim and determined there was probable cause to arrest the two teens, who are both 16 and are students at the high school.

"We developed information that the two juveniles being arrested had placed this victim in fear that he might receive bodily injury."
— Police Chief James Hussey

One is being charged with two counts of intimidating a witness and the other is being charged with intimidating a witness and threats to commit a crime. In this case, the witness is also the victim of a crime, Hussey explained.

"We developed information that the two juveniles being arrested had placed this victim in fear that he might receive bodily injury," Hussey said. Police have not released the names of those arrested due to their age.

Police do not believe the boys being charged this week were at the scene Sept. 21 when another 16-year-old, who has been charged with assault and battery and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (his foot), allegedly attacked the

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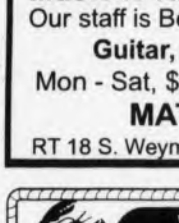
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PICTURE THIS/Susie Durant

Names: Susie Durant.

Occupation: ASP parent volunteer at the Pumpkin Patch.

Best day of your life: When the ASP buses pull into the parking lot and my kids return.

Best vacation: A three-hour shift volunteering at the Pumpkin Patch.

Favorite season: Autumn.

Favorite holiday: Halloween.

Favorite meal: Homemade pumpkin soup.

Best book: "Extreme Pumpkin Carving: 20 Amazing Designs from Frightful to Fabulous" by Vic Hood and Jack Williams.

Best movie: "Witches of Eastwick."

Best TV show: "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown."



PHOTO/MARY FORD

ASP volunteer, Susie Durant, is a familiar face at the Pumpkin Patch in Wheelwright Park. A second shipment of pumpkins arrived Wednesday. The Patch is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Oct. 31.

Pet peeve: People not signing up to volunteer at the Pumpkin Patch.

Most memorable moments: The 75-plus hours in my four years volunteering a the Pumpkin Patch.

Goal: For there to be an ASP pumpkin on every front door stoop.

Person you'd most like to meet: The next Pumpkin Patch customer.

Biggest worry: Rainy days on my shift.

Best part of Cohasset: ASP and all the volunteers.

Cohasset Board of Health to host flu clinic

There will be a flu clinic for seniors, 65-plus years old, and people with chronic health problems such as cardiovascular and pulmonary disease, diabetes, renal dysfunction, HIV positive or immune compromised individuals, from 10 a.m., to noon, on Tuesday, Oct. 23, and from 10 a.m. to noon, on Tuesday, Oct. 30, at Cohasset Town Hall auditorium.

The town-wide flu clinic for all Cohasset residents will take place from 10 a.m. to noon, on Saturday, Nov. 3, at Cohasset Town Hall auditorium.

The flu vaccine is free, but seniors are reminded to bring their Medicare insurance card or Medicare HMO card with them, and all are asked to wear a short sleeve shirt for ease of administration.

For more information, call the public health nurse at 781-383-2210.

Parents of children under 18 years of age should consult with their pediatricians.

Brush and paint day set for Oct. 27

The final brush and paint day for 2007 will take place Saturday, Oct. 27. Brush can be dropped off in the DPW parking area from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and oil-based paint can be dropped off at the Recycling Transfer Station from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call 781-383-0273.

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Oct.	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 18	4:44	7.4	4:51	8.4	10:33	2.1	11:16	1.3
Sunrise: 6:59 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:57 p.m.*			
Fri. 19	5:39	7.4	5:47	8.4	11:29	2.1	—	—
Sunrise: 7:00 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:56 p.m.*			
Sat. 20	6:36	7.6	6:46	8.6	12:11	1.2	12:28	1.9
Sunrise: 7:01 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:54 p.m.*			
Sun. 21	7:30	8.0	7:45	8.9	1:07	1.0	1:27	1.5
Sunrise: 7:03 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:53 p.m.*			
Mon. 22	8:23	8.6	8:42	9.2	2:02	0.6	2:25	0.9
Sunrise: 7:04 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:51 p.m.*			
Tues. 23	9:13	9.3	9:36	9.6	3:54	0.2	3:19	0.1
Sunrise: 7:05 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:50 p.m.*			
Wed. 24	10:02	10.0	10:29	9.9	3:44	-0.2	4:12	-0.6
Sunrise: 7:06 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:48 p.m.*			
Thurs. 25	10:50	10.6	11:21	10.1	4:33	-0.5	5:04	-1.2
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Holdup alarm sends police to Sovereign Bank

Rockland Trust in Hingham also robbed

By Mary Ford
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For the second time in as many days a local bank has been robbed.

Rockland Trust, which is behind Marshalls off Lincoln Street (Route 3A) in Hingham, was robbed Monday afternoon.

Sovereign Bank, which is off Route 3A in Cohasset Plaza, was robbed on Saturday afternoon.

In both cases, police called in the Scituate K-9 unit but the suspects got away.

At 2 p.m. on Saturday (Oct. 13), Cohasset police responded to a holdup alarm at Sovereign Bank, 380 Chief Justice Cushing Highway

The officers who first arrived, confirmed that a robbery had just occurred. Bank employees said a white female, about 20 years of age, who was wearing dark-colored clothing and a hat, passed a note to a teller demanding cash.

The note inferred that the suspect was armed, police said. Witnesses said the woman fled on foot.

Cohasset police, with the assistance of the Scituate K-9 unit, were able to determine that the suspect ran toward Sohier Street. They searched the area but did not find the woman.

Police have notified the FBI Bank Robbery Task Force.

The Cohasset Police Criminal Investigation Unit is investigating and bank surveillance photos of the suspect have been posted on www.massmostwanted.org.

"This robbery is a reminder to us all that a serious crime can happen at any time," Cohasset Police Chief James Hussey said. "The bank employees did a nice job in staying calm. Our officers have developed some leads and the investigation is ongoing."



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The surveillance photo taken of the suspect in the robbery of Sovereign Bank on Saturday.

"This robbery is a reminder to us all that a serious crime can happen at any time."

— Cohasset Police Chief James Hussey

An undetermined amount of cash was taken, police said.

At 3:12 p.m. on Monday (Oct. 15), a holdup alarm from the Rockland Trust on Sgt. William Terry Drive came into Hingham police headquarters.

Witnesses at the scene told police a while male went into the bank and demanded money. He told the teller that he had a gun, but a weapon was not shown, Hingham Police spokesman Lt. Michael Peraino said.

The suspect, who was described as being in his 20s, and wearing a white baseball cap, sunglasses, red and white shirt and baggy jeans, fled on foot with an undetermined amount of cash. Witnesses did not see a motor vehicle or the direction the man fled.

Hingham units canvassed the area and the Scituate K-9 picked up the scent at the front door of the bank and led officers behind the bank to the parking lot in Lincoln Plaza where the dog lost the scent.

"It appears he had a car waiting and we will be viewing the surveillance tapes of the parking lot," Peraino said. Police will also be sharing the videotape of the suspect when he was in the bank with other police departments.

Anyone with information should contact the Hingham Police Detectives' Division, at 781-749-1212.

The last time a bank was robbed in Cohasset was in April 2000. The Abington Savings Bank, which had a branch inside Shaw's at the time, was robbed at gunpoint by a lone white male caught on videotape. He laid a silver semi-automatic handgun on the counter at 7:45 p.m. and told the teller he wanted hundreds and fifties. That same bank was robbed five months earlier in December 1999 by a man wearing a ski mask. That 1999 robbery was the first in seven years in Cohasset.

The Rockland Trust at the old Cushing Plaza was robbed of $3,000 in cash by a lone gunman in March of 1992. That was the first armed, bank robbery in more than 10 years in Cohasset.

In Hingham, the Hingham Institution for Savings in Hingham Square was robbed in February 2006. In that incident, the suspect entered the bank and showed the teller a note and told her to empty her drawer; as she looked at him, his right hand was inside his jacket as if he had a weapon. No weapon was shown.

Police Beat

More stolen jewelry recovered

By Mary Ford
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The second of two items of jewelry stolen from an antique shop off Route 3A has been recovered, police said.

A jewelry repair store turned in the second item last week (Oct. 9).

The shop owner has positively identified the two pieces.

It all started when the shop's proprietor notified police after she discovered some jewelry was missing after some people had come into the store and "gave her an uneasy feeling," Chief Hussey said.

She made a note of the plate number and called police when they turned up again. Police went to the store and talked with the people. Police are now in the process of charging those individuals, Hussey said.

Fight

Cohasset and Hingham police responded to a report about a fight on Hull Street near DiNero's last Friday at about 10:20 p.m.

The people involved were identified and some kind of assault and battery had occurred but police could not immediately determine who started the altercation and what caused it.

Police Chief James Hussey explained in a simple "assault and battery" meaning that punches were thrown, police cannot make an arrest unless they witness the incident.

Two of the three involved asked to go to the hospital. Police did not observe signs of intoxication so it is unclear if alcohol was a factor.

"We have identified the parties and if they want to seek a complaint they can," Hussey said.

Towel down

A man wearing only a towel went out to his car last Friday at about 11 a.m.; the towel fell down and a neighbor observed him naked and reported the incident to police who are investigating.

Med flight

Based on the bad injury to her ankle after falling off a ladder at her house, it was determined that a North Main Street woman be taken by Med Flight to a Boston hospital Tuesday, police said.

The helicopter landing zone was Milliken Field off Bancroft Road.

Speeding SUV

Police were unable to locate a black SUV that had been reported speeding up and down North Main Street Monday (Oct. 8) at about 12:45 a.m. One caller reported the vehicle as going 90 m.p.h.

Police received several calls but no license plate and the SUV was gone upon their arrival.

However, police are following up with the callers to gather more information.

Parent called

The mother of a girl, who had run away from home previously, was contacted after an officer became suspicious about a car parked at Wadleigh Park on Monday (Oct. 8) at about 12:58 a.m.

The officer heard a female voice shouting and saw two people run to the vehicle. He went up to the car and recognized the juvenile, a former runaway. The girl's mother was contacted as a precaution and came to pick up her daughter.

Credit card

An Oxford man discovered that his credit card was missing after he left a Cohasset restaurant. After he determined it was missing, he contacted the credit card company, which indicated someone in Cohasset had used the card. Police have taken a report and are investigating.

Shoplifting

Stop & Shop has issued a no-trespass order against a person who was seen going through the self-checkout line without paying for his groceries. With the no-trespass order in effect, the individual could be arrested if he goes back to the supermarket, which did not wish to take any further action at this time, police said.

Car keyed

A car parked at a residence overnight on Pond Street was keyed last week, damaging the front driver's side door and fender and rear door and fender. The car owner told police he did not know anyone who would vandalize his vehicle. The incident that was reported at 12:26 p.m. on Tuesday (Oct. 9) is under investigation.

Fake check

A store at Tedeschi Plaza reported receipt of a fake check for an on-line purchase on Tuesday (Oct. 9). The storeowner recognized the check from a prior incident that occurred the year before. The manager called the bank that confirmed the check was not real, police said. "We have copies of the check and detectives are investigating," Chief Hussey said.

Truck team

A State Police truck team was again called to inspect a 1990 garbage truck that had been stopped on Route 3A last month for faulty equipment.

The officer, who was familiar with the prior stop, observed the same truck on King Street last Friday (Oct. 12) at about 1p.m., with some of the same violations in effect. Based on those observations, the officer stopped the truck and it was determined that the required repairs had not been made.

The truck had no taillights, no marker lights and one headlight out, faulty brakes and other problems.

The truck was towed and the operator is facing some serious violations for putting the truck back in service without the repairs, Chief Hussey said.

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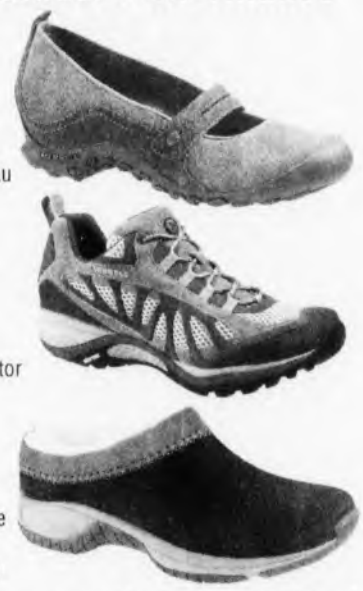
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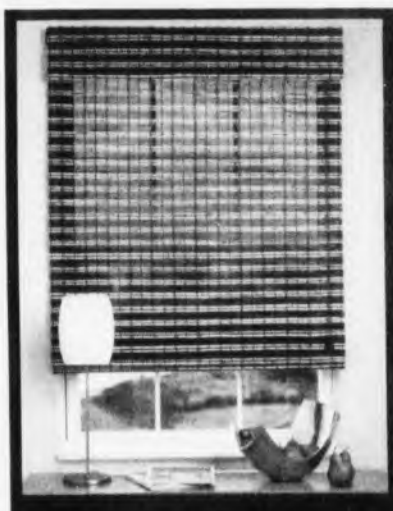
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Wait for sidewalk almost over

FROM SIDEWALK, PAGE 1

car," says Trish Morse of 78 Forest Ave. and one of the organizers of the Oct. 27 event.

Like the prior Forest Avenue, it was a long and bumpy road to construct the new sidewalk. Residents began requesting the town to build a sidewalk for the growing neighborhood in the late 80s and early 90s. The road's rollercoaster topography made for dozens of blind driveways and treacherous pedestrian access. Parents didn't feel comfortable letting their children walk to the neighbors' home two doors down on Forest Avenue or taking their children for a walk. Neighbors could go years without ever knowing each other.

When Trish Morse moved to 78 Forest Ave. in 1996, she figured out very quickly taking walks with her one-year-old son in a stroller was not going to happen. "I didn't feel safe walking on the street."

As an alternative, she would pack the stroller and her son into the car, drive to the village and take her walks safely among the sidewalks in that part of town — a lot of effort for a simple walk.

But, the effort for a sidewalk began before Morse moved to town, a sidewalk study committee was formed and charged in the 90s to identify where sidewalks were lacking and prioritize potential sidewalk projects. The committee looked at the sidewalk's potential usage and the area's safety without one, says former chairman Peter Pearce of 23 Forest Notch. Only one project was given a higher priority than Forest Avenue — a section of upper King Street near Lily Pond that suffered from drainage problems.

However, how the town could fund the expensive project remained to be seen. In addition to the 7250 feet, or 1.5 miles, of sidewalk, Forest Avenue's sidewalk required ledge removal that drove up the price.

The project had starts and stops. With funding allocated from Town Meeting, a partial section of sidewalk near Black Rock Beach was completed. In the end, the funding was not enough to complete the project neither in total nor in the fashion many Forest Avenue residents has envisioned.

When Greenbush liaisons Mark Brennan and Tom Gruber came on in early 2005, they sparked hope for the languishing project. It started innocently enough, the Department of Public Works superintendent Carl Sestito came to their Town Hall office to have Brennan take a look at the Forest Avenue sidewalk plans. Their intimate involvement in the project evolved from there.

The town was able to receive Chapter 90 funding, an allocation from the state solely for road repair, for Forest Avenue which was riddled with potholes making for dangerous driving conditions. Once the funds were in place, the paving couldn't immediately commence. Two drainage projects, one on Heather Drive and one near the entrance to Wheelwright Park had to be completed first. The precursory drainage projects cost nearly $175,000. While the street and sidewalk has a price tag of $625,000.

The project involved more than simply installing a sidewalk from 260 Forest Avenue to North Main Street, the entire roadway was improved. Drainage structures were rebuilt, about 44 trees (including eight stumps) were taken out, ledge was blasted, and the road was re-graded and paved.

"It was a monumental undertaking as far as the road, I was so happy the road was ground down 10-12 inches," said Surry Drive resident Dick Avery. Over his 35 years living in Cohasset, he had been through multiple paving projects on Forest Avenue, but none dug down deep enough to correct the problems underlying the road and potholes kept creeping up every winter, "it will payoff for years to come."

However, Avery wasn't 100 percent happy with the design of the sidewalk. The design was provided at no cost to the town by Norfolk County Engineering Department. He was concerned the granite curbing would pose a problem for bicyclists and winter snow plowing.

As a result of a public hearing in April, in part spurred on by a letter from Avery, additional "bike escapes" were added to the design to allow bicyclists and baby carriages to get on or off the sidewalk safely. A Cape Cod berm style sidewalk with a two-feet wide grass patch and no granite curbing was used where the town's right of way allowed (approximately 1500 feet). The granite curbing, in addition to providing a safe haven for pedestrians, acts as a traffic calming measure, says Gruber.

Avery says he couldn't give his final analysis of the project until the fog lines were painted. He is hoping there will be ample space for bicyclists on both sides of the street.

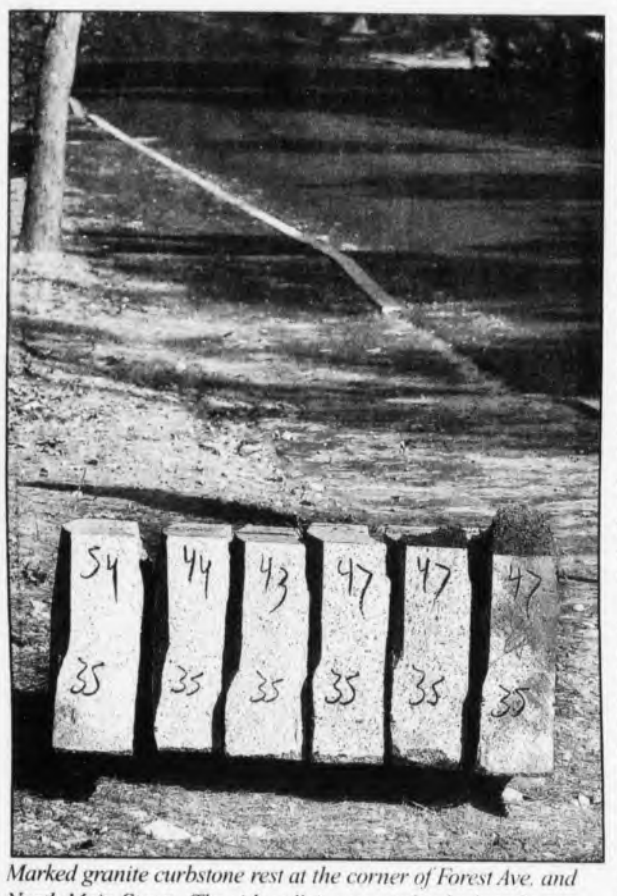
Brennan says the project now is between 85-90 percent complete and the majority of work will be finished by the end of this month, "a punch list will spill over into November," says Brennan. Thirty driveway aprons, a handful of bike escapes, a final pavement layer on 3000 feet of sidewalk, and 800-900 feet of wooden guardrails on severe slopes will be worked on in the coming weeks.

Several residents have said the inconvenience of construction is small price to pay for the end result.

"Now, we have a sense of community and a sense of being a part of the town," says Morse, "this sidewalk is going to serve the community for decades."

As former chair of the sidewalk study committee, Pearce hoped the town continues to set aside money for future sidewalk construction, citing Atlantic Avenue, Beach Street and sections of Jerusalem Road as prime targets.

"There are still areas heavily used that don't have the safety of a sidewalk," says Pearce.



Marked granite curbstone rest at the corner of Forest Ave. and North Main Street. The sidewalk is expected to be largely complete by the end of October. A street-long celebration to show all the new sidewalk has to offer will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27 beginning at 10 a.m. A ribbon cutting and official ceremony will be held at noon on Surry Drive.



STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

Jack Pereira, right and Tom Aiello of P.A. Landers of Hanover spread top soil between the sidewalk and the curb on Forest Ave. Wednesday. Several residents have said the inconvenience of construction is small price to pay for the end result.

Celebration next Saturday, Oct. 27

Plans are well underway for an event to showcase all the new sidewalk will offer to both the Forest Avenue neighborhood and the greater Cohasset community. Organizers Trish Morse and Diana van Etten have been working with local vendors and neighbors to put together an event with food, fun and a little fanfare.

"We wanted to put together fun activities that highlight what's great about Forest Avenue," says Morse. Three stations will highlight the avenue's access to town amenities via North Main Street, its entrance to the 80 acres of Wheelwright Park, and its proximity to Black Rock beach.

"A mile of fun for the whole family" will be set up along Forest Avenue to encourage families to walk the sidewalk. Good Sport has donated sidewalk games (hopscotch, jump ropes and hula hoops) for the day. Stop & Shop, Pizza Zone, Atlantic Bagel, Nona's Homemade and Cabot cheese will be providing food and refreshments. Cohasset Kennel will be providing bandanas, dog treats and dog clean-up bags near Wheelwright Park. Cohasset Cycle Sports will set up a bike and trike course for kids. Down by Black Rock beach, volunteers will be bird watching and doing beach crafts. There will be storytelling featuring sidewalk themed poems and children's literature along the way.

Families can walk from the Forest Avenue entrance of Wheelwright Park to the Pumkin Patch is on North Main Street.

Information on how to stay safe on the sidewalk particularly bike and train safety will be available as well. A ribbon cutting and official ceremony will be held at noon on Surry Drive.

Boys arrested for 'witness intimidation'

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15-year-old.

The 15-year-old boy, who was sitting with three friends in a parking lot off Pleasant Street, was punched, then picked up and thrown on the ground. The boy (who is also a witness to the incident) tried to protect his face and broke both wrists when he hit the ground.

The incident is believed to have started at school earlier that day when the alleged victim asked some other students to stop throwing things at him and was challenged to fight. A member of the school staff stopped what was a potential altercation and apparently did not think it would escalate further. The alleged attacker, who was accompanied by a group of other students, went looking for the victim later, according to reports.

Hussey does not think there will be further arrests.

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EDC sets new course

Promoting all Cohasset has to offer is next step

By Nancy White
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"We wanted to think of the town as a whole and look at quality of life issues. We want to promote the good aspects of the town."
— Peter Brown, Economic Development Committee

The Economic Development Committee got thumbs up from the Board of Selectmen on Monday night. Since its establishment in September 2005, EDC members have worked diligently at their charter and have nearly completed their charge as originally outlined.

"The big question is how much further should we go," said Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil. The EDC was originally charged in part with identifying strategies to increase the Town of Cohasset's commercial/industrial tax base and reduce the town's reliance on residential tax revenue. They also were to identify potential obstacles to development, such as zoning bylaws.

EDC Chairman Peter Brown said the committee has supported the creation of a Transit Oriented Overlay District bylaw for the development of a lot adjacent to the new MBTA train station and actively participated in the writing of the proposed Village zoning bylaw.

With a few strides toward a more economically viable Cohasset, the EDC wrote a new charter to focus its future efforts. The multi-faceted mission goes beyond pure economics, said Brown.

"We wanted to think of the town as a whole and look at quality of life issues. We want to promote the good aspects of the town," said Brown, explaining the town's unique features were its history, the harbor and the arts, "these are the triangle key assets of Cohasset, in the context of economic viability."

Thus far, the EDC has done little with marketing and promoting development because they felt it was premature, given the zoning bylaw changes passed and proposed. But, marketing Cohasset to the type of development its citizens would like to see will be a major component in future efforts.

Brown said events like an antique boat or car, or a joint event could showcase Cohasset's highpoints and bring more people to the town. As part of their re-focused effort, the EDC would like to set up a website linked to the town website to use as an informational and promotional tool.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer feared there was too much focus on development and not enough on maintaining the historical charm of Cohasset — the reason many residents live here. He said the committee needed to find the balance between the two.

"Zoning bylaws have imbued in them restrictions and caveats," said Brown that will retain the town's character despite development, "it allows development in a prudent way."

The persistent question and the reason the Board of Selectmen had the EDC in front of them was to evaluate the committee's charge and effectiveness to determine if the committee was still relevant.

"There has to be some way we know when it's time to sunset [this committee]," said Dormitzer. But, the EDC explained they could not see a time when the committee would lose its purpose.

"When does the economic viability of Cohasset end?" asked EDC member Charles Hurd. Significant changes were coming to Cohasset, including the train, development in the village and on Route 3A, and having a committee look at how the town can use those changes to their advantage could be invaluable, Hurd said.

Vanderweil said the current Board of Selectmen and the current members of the EDC were compatible and able to give and take on issues, but it may not always be the case.

"As soon as we feel the committee is not effective, we'll sunset you," said Vanderweil. As a Selectmen appointed advisory committee, the board can sunset the EDC at any time.

The Board of Selectmen were asked to review the EDC's proposed objectives and rank them according to importance so the EDC would know what to focus its energy on.

"Thanks for doing a great job," said Vanderweil at the close of the discussion.

Cook Estate gets go ahead

It's been months in the making, but the developers of the Cook Estate received their approval with conditions from the Planning Board on Wednesday night. Abbott Real Estate and Development will move ahead with their proposal of a 27 single-family home development off Sohier Street.

When the public hearing was closed two weeks ago, the town's engineer consultant John Modelewski still had concerns about the turning radius of the entranceway to the development. Generally speaking, Modelewski would like to see a 150-foot center line radius to allow for the large fire trucks to have plenty of room to maneuver. The plans called for a 115-foot radius.

At that time, Planning Board member Bob Sturdy said he would not approve the project unless Modelewski felt comfortable with the turning radius.

Modelewski worked with the developer's engineers to widen the road so it now has a 135-foot radius. The developer wanted to keep a narrower turn as a speed calming measure and to preserve the country road feeling of the entranceway. A posted speed limit of 20 miles per hour will complement the design.

"So, I'm satisfied," said Modelewski.

Member Stuart Ivimey commended the developers for taking the extra time to resolve the outstanding issue, "I'm happy to see the work was done."

Minor issues of the number of trees being removed and a retention basin were discussed. 'The Planning Board voted unanimously to approve the plans as presented, subject to set of conditions.

"It's been a long time," said Chairman Al Moore and wished the applicant well as they proceeded with construction. The final plans will be signed at the next Planning Board meeting.

Selectmen issue resolution on assault

Selectmen have issued the following resolution: "The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Cohasset hereby expresses its serious concern about police reports of the alleged beating of one of our town's students by a fellow student at the Town Parking Lot on Sept. 21. Furthermore, there reportedly were numerous bystanders who failed to come to the aid of the victim. The vicious attack and the callous regard for the victim have no place in a civilized society. Furthermore, we fully support the Police Department and the District Attorney in their investigation and prosecution of this case.

"We ask all of our fellow townspeople and town employees to work at preventing physical attacks on others.

"We send our sympathy to the victim and his family and hope he has a speedy recovery."

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SMELL THE ROSES

Hey there Cohasset, how is everyone this week? I don't know yet the total outcome of baseball games as Thursday is not here yet (when I am writing this!) so I will be optimistic as of right now. GO RED SOX! If they don't, we can be proud that they made it to where they are and if they do, keep it up.

Enjoy the nice warmer weather that they are saying we are going to have for this weekend and begin to enjoy the Halloween events popping up for this week and next. As I get ready to move to the next level with my business, (One Creative Place, the physical space will be closing as of this Sunday as I am branching out a bit with our community and surrounding towns) I am trying to take each day and admire what we have here with the ocean, beautiful beaches, town common and so much more. Life gets so confusing and complicated at times and it really helps to stop and "smell the roses" as they say, especially when trying to make choices and decisions in all areas of life. Try it, go for a walk, enjoy the harbor or beach, spend time with your kids and just have fun as life changes so quick both for the good and unfortunately, sometimes for the not-so-good. Have a super week Cohasset and send me all your news and information. Oh, also make sure to watch and be safe with the trains at the crossings and all.

DEAN'S LIST

Congratulations go out to Cohasset resident, Kelly Holway who was named to the Babson College Spring Semester Dean's List, which recognizes outstanding student scholarship. Babson College in Wellesley, Mass., is recognized internationally as a leader in entrepreneurial management education. This was wonderful news to receive Kelly

FAREWELL EVENT

The Beechwood Congregational Church on Church Street would like to extend an invitation to the public to attend a reception for **Pastor Douglas Fish** and his wife **Barbara** on Sunday, Oct. 21st, at 11:30 a.m.. Pastor Fish and Barbara have recently settled in western Massachusetts and will no longer be making the commute to lead the Beechwood Church. Come and help us wish them happiness in their new endeavors.

WRAPPED UP

Big news from the PSO this week. Their fall wrapping paper fundraiser has wrapped up and the numbers beat the sale's goal by more than the length of a few rolls of paper. The goal was $32,000 but the PSO is happy to report that the sale has raised almost $42,000 and $1000 in donations. Check out the article in today's Mariner to see how each school did and how that the funds will help our students and schools. Good job! Wow, that's a lot of wrapping paper and chocolates. Thank you from the PSO to all who participated!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Make-a-Difference Day is a national day of volunteering in its 16th year. It has long been a tradition at the Osgood School to participate and this year, the Deer Hill School will be holding its second Make-a-Difference Day. There are two events scheduled in Cohasset. First, there will be a school improvement day on Saturday, Oct. 20th. At the Osgood School from 9 to 11 a.m. volunteers will assist with general clean-up/maintenance of the outside grounds including weeding, shrub trimming, clearing of the nature trail and trash pick-up around the grounds and perimeter.

At Deer Hill, from 12 to 2 p.m., volunteers will assist with some light moving of boxes from storage classroom and general clean-up/maintenance of the outside grounds including any weeding and/or trash pick-up around the grounds and perimeter.

A second weekend of activities is planned for Nov. 17-18, when students of both Osgood and Deer Hill families alongside other community members, will be working in teams to help with fall cleanup for some of Cohasset's elderly residents. Volunteers will rake, pull down storm windows, change outdoor light bulbs and remove window air conditioners. These are wonderful opportunities for the whole family to Make-a-Difference. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact **Patty Cunningham** at 781-383-1378.

FLOWER POWER

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its monthly general meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 23 in Bates Hall at the Second Congregational Church on Highland Avenue. In this month's program, Community Garden Club past president and Master Flower Show Judge, **Fran O'Toole**, will present "Recollections of Japan". With slides and anecdotes, Fran will share her memories of living in Japan and her recent visit with the CGCC Sister Club in Nagoya, Japan. Fran has several degrees in Ikebana and attended the World Conference of Ikebana in Tokyo. As a member of the Ladies Committee of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, Fran was in charge of Art in Bloom for the Asian Room. Most recently, she won a Gold Medal at the New England Spring Flower Show 2007 for her Ikebana arrangement and won 2nd place for her arrangement at the Marshfield Fair Flower Show 2007. The Community Garden Club is proud of her achievement and looks forward to this wonderful program. Coffee will be served at 9 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. The CGCC is a member of The National Garden Clubs, Inc., New England Region and the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc., South Shore District.

LATIN DANCING

Warm up this autumn to the authentic rhythm of the **Grupo Chevere Band**! Come enjoy a fun evening of live music and Latin dancing (including some instruction & demonstrations) sponsored by the Cohasset Diversity Committee. The members of this popular Latin Band are from Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic and Curacao and specialize in the fun dance styles of meringue, bachata, cumbia and salsa! Proceeds of the event will help fund the valuable **Peer Leadership Program** at the Cohasset Middle High School. Fifty High School students have been trained to work interactively with the Middle School students to promote a prejudice free, inclusive school and community environment. The dance is happening this Saturday, Oct. 20 from 8 p.m. - midnight at The River Club, 78 Border St., Scituate. Cash bar, complimentary tasty hors d'oeuvres! Tickets are $35 person and are available at Buttonwood Books & Toys (Shaw's Plaza) and Paperscapes, 47 South Main Street (in the village). For more information please call **Connie Afshar** at 781 383 6006

AWARDS NIGHT

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association will be holding its 2007 Championship Awards Night on Wednesday, Oct. 24th at 7:30pm at the CMHS Auditorium. The event will recognize the 2007 baseball and softball spring, summer and fall championship teams. All CYBSA Little League participants, family and friends are invited to attend. Any questions, please contact **Nancy Froio** at (781) 383-1897.

POST PROM

The Post-Prom Committee of 2008 is holding a meeting on Oct. 25th at 7:15 pm in the Cohasset High School Library. Any interested parties should plan on coming or, if you have any questions you may call **Babette** at781-383-2651 or **Ann** at 781-383-2069.

MORE PUMPKINS

The Pumpkins are here and the second shipment has arrived! Sponsored by Cohasset Appalachia Service Project, the Pumpkin Patch will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Oct. 31. The Pumpkin Patch supports the Cohasset Appalachia Service project that sends about 200 people, adults and teens to Appalachia area to repair homes each summer. A great program to help families in need and a great group of teens and adults are involved and are running the patch. Come on by.

REC FUN

The Cohasset Recreation Dept. along with One Creative Place is getting ready for some new programs and classes for the November/December Falling Into Winter Session with a variety of activities for ages 3 and up in music, art, science, sports and more. For more information, please call 781-383-4109(Recreation Dept.), 781-923-1473(One Creative Place) or log onto www.townofcohasset.org or www.onecreativeplace.net

That is all for this week. Send me all your news and info even no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm.

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Items may also be dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street.

ANGEL FUND



Red Sox relief pitcher Mike Timlin recently presented a $30,000 donation to The Angel Fund, an independent, non-profit organization benefiting Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis research at Cecil B. Day Neuromuscular Research Center at Massachusetts General Hospital. Since Timlin joined the Red Sox, he and his wife, Dawn, have been making a donation to The Angel Fund each time he takes the mound for the Red Sox, in memory of his mother, Sharon Timlin, who died of ALS. Taking part in the check presentation with Timlin, prior to a regular season home game at Fenway Park, were from left: Rich Kennedy of Cohasset, president of The Angel Fund; Wally the Red Sox Mascot; Wendy Kennedy of Cohasset; and Dr. Robert Brown, director of the Cecil B. Day Neuromuscular Research Center at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Claire Cook to give writing workshop

Friends of Scituate Library and Grub Street South at Buttonwood will welcome author Claire Cook at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, Oct. 30, at Scituate Town Library, 85 Branch St., for a writing workshop. Cook will host a class titled "Finding the Muse: How to start, and actually finish, the book only you can write."

Since her first novel was published in 2000, Cook has learned a lot about writing and the writing life, and she's happy to share it all. Practical strategies for living through it all will be discussed, and the class will also offer a chance to connect with other writers and pull together as a support group.

Cook is the author of four novels, "Ready To Fall," "Must Love Dogs," "Multiple Choice" and "Life's A Beach."

For reservations, call Scituate Library at 781-545-8727. Anyone unable to attend who would like to order a signed copy can call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665.

St. Stephen's Church accepting book donations

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset, is currently accepting donations of slightly worn hardcover and paperback books, DVDs and CDs for its annual book sale, part of the ecumenical Village Fair that will take place this year on Saturday, Dec. 1 on Cohasset Common.

Donations can be brought to the church in bags or boxes and placed inside the parish hall door marked church offices. Use the reserved parking spot to unload books during church office hours, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Pick up of donations can be arranged. For donation pick up or more information, call D'Anne Avotins at 781-923-1104. Books will be sorted at St. Stephen's Church in Walton Rodgers Hall every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11a.m. Donations will be accepted through Nov. 23. Old textbooks, romance novels, damaged or moldy books or books with notes and/or highlighting will not be accepted.

Money raised from the book sale will be used to send underprivileged children and their families to the Barbara C. Harris Camp in Greenfield, N.H. Donations will help change lives and strengthen the community. For more information about this facility, visit bchcenter.org.

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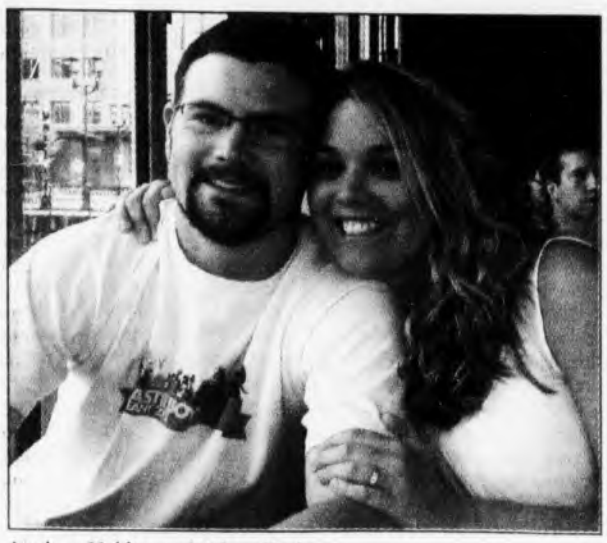


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ENGAGEMENT



Lindsey Hubley and Adam Graham

Hubley - Graham

Michael and Michele Hubley of Cohasset announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsey Hubley, to Adam Graham.

The bride-to-be is also the daughter of Darlene and Richard Walsh of Truro, Nova Scotia, and a 2005 graduate of Acadia University where she earned her degree in sociology.

Her fiancé is the son of Percy and Joy Graham of Great Village, Nova Scotia, and graduated from Acadia University with a degree in kinesiology.

A June 2008 wedding in Nova Scotia has been planned.

Annual Bark 'n Howl Ball Fundraiser

Join WATD's news diva Christine James and the hard-working 3A Farm Fund volunteers from 7 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Oct. 27, at the third annual Bark 'n Howl Ball that will rock the rafters at the Hatherly Country Club in Scituate. The annual ball is the highlight of the fall season and the popular local band, Section 8, promises to keep you hopping. James, a faithful longtime supporter of the shelter, will be welcomed back for her third stint as the master of ceremonies.

Tickets are $50 each and are available at the Scituate Animal Shelter on the Driftway. The Bark 'n Howl Ball is a fun evening with great food, music and dancing, live and silent auction prizes and all proceeds help the Scituate Animal Shelter relocate from the Driftway to the 3A Farm.

The land at the 3A Farm where the new shelter will be built has been purchased, but fundraising efforts continue to pay down the mortgage received from Rockland Trust. As of May, 2007, the capital campaign met the initial goal of $800,000 in gifts and pledges. The group now needs to sell a one-acre lot and raise another $180,000 to complete the project. Thanks to a generous donation of architectural services from Artisan Architecture, the shelter design is nearly complete.

"We're almost there" is the group's motto; and the Friends of the Scituate Animal Shelter are very close to realizing this wonderful gift to pets in need and residents of the South Shore.

For more information and to follow the progress of the relocation, visit www.town.scituate.ma.us/animalshelter, www.3afarmfund.com, or call the shelter at 781-545-8703, between 3 and 5 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturdays.

CEF plans family Barn Bash for Cohasset

By Catherine O'Callaghan
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Dust off your cowboy boots, throw on your western attire and grab your family to The Cohasset Education Foundation's Barn Bash. The CEF is hosting its first annual family Barn Bash on Friday, November 2nd at 6pm. The event will be held at the Red Lion Barn and will offer live music from the Armstrong Brothers, square dancing, country style food, pie baking contest, costume prizes and fun for all ages.

Gerd Ordelheide, Proprietor of the Red Lion Inn has graciously donated the Red Lion Barn for the event. As a supporter of the Cohasset Schools and the CEF, the Barn is the perfect place to host this event. Community members, parents and children of all ages will enjoy the informal, Western party. The Red Lion Inn's award winning chef is preparing a delicious menu of fried chicken, ribs and all the country fixings.

The Armstrong Bothers Band is donating live music to the family event. "It's a great cause, and being a full time guitar instructor to over 25 families in Cohasset, I'm looking forward to seeing a lot of my students in the audience" says Jim Armstrong, lead singer and guitarist for the band.

The Armstrong Brothers Band have been performing at South Shore Events for the better part of two decades, and have recently been featured musical performers for the Marshfield Audubon Society Annual Field Day, the Weir River Farm Fall Festival, and Cohasset's own South Shore Arts Center sponsored Arts Festival.

Although many band members have come and gone over the years, the core of the group consists of brothers Jim Armstrong on guitar and vocals, Joe Armstrong on Bass guitar, mandolin, and vocals, and Gerard Armstrong on electric guitar and harmony vocals. Their good friend and talented percussionist Bill Holbrook anchors the band with his solid, dynamic, country style drumming.

"The guys are also looking forward to backing a new musical friend of the band and talented guest vocalist Shannon Lynch, a recent addition to the Cohasset music scene" says Jim. Shannon Lynch, a trained vocal instructor and experienced stage vocalist, recently moved back to the South Shore from the Southwest after many successful years as the lead singer for the Pink Flamingos, a nationally known, top rated Society band. She will join the guys mid-set to sing some of her favorite country hits for the crowd.

In addition to the live music, professional square dance caller, Bill White of Holbrook, Mass. will lead the live square dancing. Bill White has been calling square dancers for over 45 years. He belongs to the American Association of Callers, the New England Callers Coordinating Association and the local Old Colony Callers Association.

The Cohasset Education Foundation is excited to offer this family event in celebration of the tremendous support they have received from the community since their reestablishment a year ago. The CEF has raised more than $466,000, which has been divided into their Project Fund account and Endowment account.

In the past year, the CEF has approved the following grants to benefit the Cohasset Schools.

• Funded the Osgood Computer Lab, which included replacing 24 computers, purchasing new software and increasing learning opportunities for 394 students in grades Pre K - 2.

• Purchased a Promethean White Board for students at the Deer Hill School. The White Board allows for interactive dynamic lessons allowing students greater opportunities for participation, collaboration and presenting their work to classmates in creative ways.

• Purchased a Safari Montage Video on Demand system. This program provides a video library of over 2000 titles available for students in grades K - 12 that enhance the curriculum.

• In partnership with the PSO, provided funding to complete the Middle School Engineering Lab. This Grant award purchased the Paxton Patterson Action Lab module series. Each subject module provides 10 days of hands-on learning for 6 objectives as specified by the Massachusetts Technology Engineering Frameworks.

• Funded Cohasset Student Coastal Research (CSCR) request for a binder incubator and repaired an existing autoclave. CSCR educates students in environmental science, encourages environmental awareness, and promotes stewardship of Cohasset's unique coastal resources.

• Purchased an IDEportal, an on-line resource that lets teachers access instructional materials and professional development opportunities that foster a learner-active, technology infused classroom.

• Funded Virtual High School pilot program. VHS is a non-profit organization providing schools a cost-conscious means to expand curriculum, including Advanced Placement, core and elective courses that would not otherwise be available here in Cohasset.

The endowment fund, which has raised $165,000, is held in a principal preserved interest-baring account to ensure long-term support for the Cohasset Schools. The CEF is planning on a community wide annual appeal for early November. Donors who pledge at least $10,000 through 2009 join the CEFs Founder's Circle. The CEF is a way to support the community's schools and provide those services, resources and tools that are not included in the school's annual budget.

Tickets for the Barn Bash to be held on Friday, November 2nd at the Red Lion Barn are $25 for adults and $15 for children (under 5 years old are free). Guests are invited to bring pies for the Pie Baking Contest and there will be prizes for best Western costumes. Space is limited so visit the CEF website at www.cohasseteducation.org to download an invitation or send in your check to the CEF at PO Box 309 Cohasset, MA 02025. For more information, please call Catherine O'Callaghan at 781-383-6868.



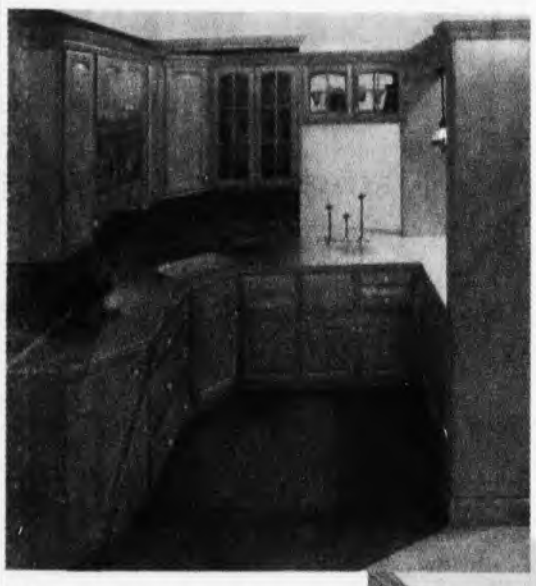
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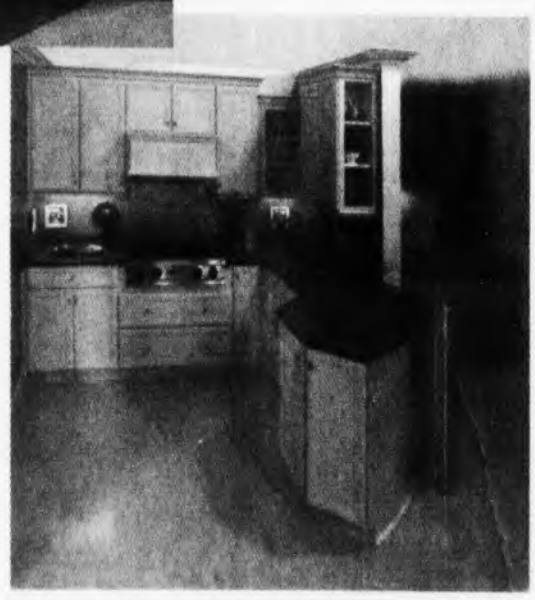
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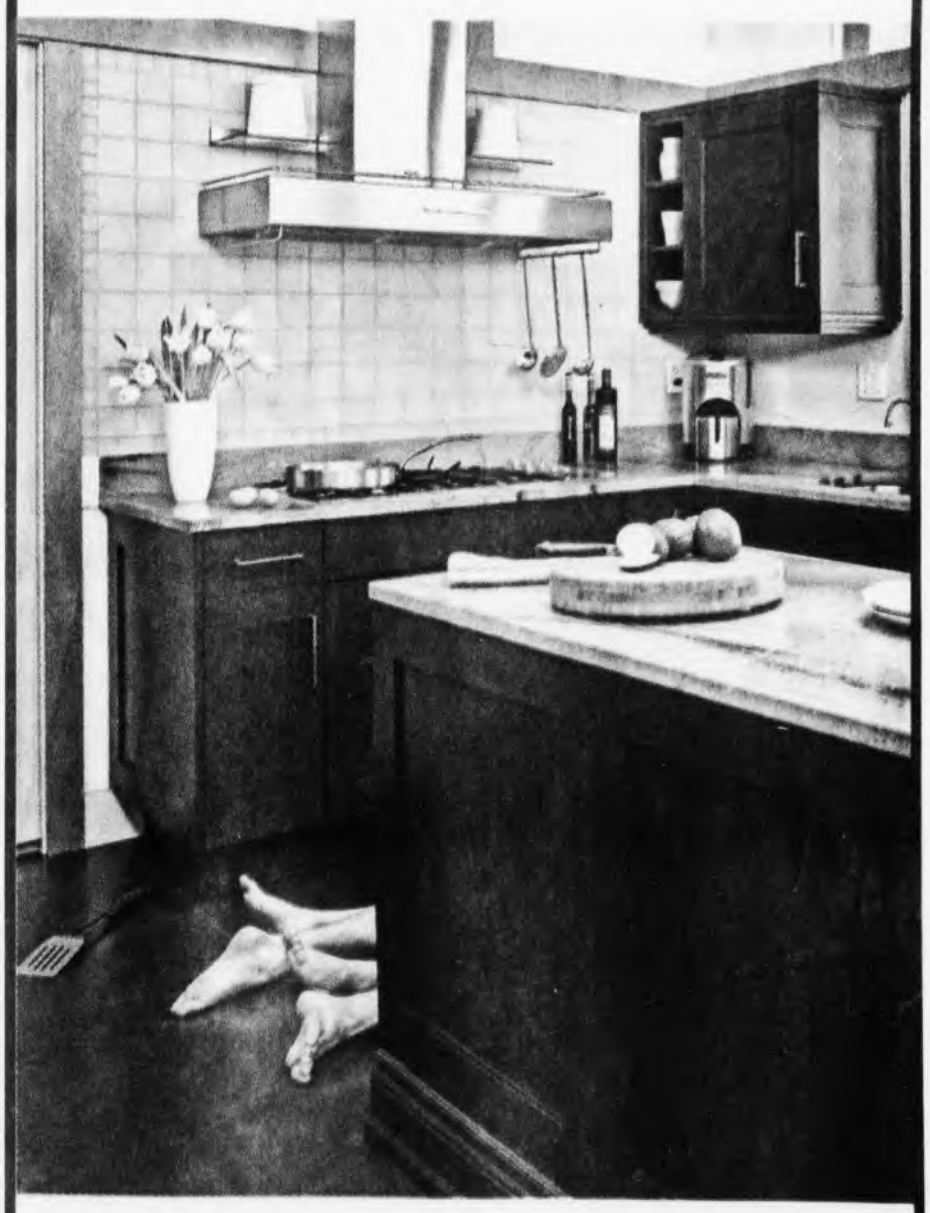
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Inner Little Harbor gets close look

Neighbors disagree over Cat Dam

By Nancy White
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In the Selectmen's office on Monday night every seat was filled, chairs were brought in from the hallway and residents stood side-by-side in whatever space they could find. More than 40 residents came to hear and participate in an open discussion over "Cat Dam"— a 50-year old mechanism to slow the flow of water in and out of inner Little Harbor.

Residents from abutting streets (Jerusalem Road, Nichols Road, and Atlantic Avenue) are at odds over what to do with the dam going forward. Two points of view came to the meeting with compelling arguments. In the end, the residents didn't get a clear-cut answer from the Board of Selectmen; instead they were asked to work together to reach a resolution.

Both sides submitted in-depth reports on their perspective prior to the Selectmen's meeting. At its simplest terms, as described by Chairman Gary Vanderweil, one group says the flushing of the harbor needs to be increased, the other contends there is plenty of flushing already.

Cat Dam is owned by the town but historically has been maintained and operated by the abutters. The current operational schedule leaves the dam completely open three months of a year (January, February and March) and open three days out of every other month. The rest of the time the tide gates/dam are left closed. However, it was explained by one side that even when the tide gate is closed it still allows water to pass through it.

Steve Brown of 275 Jerusalem Road spoke first on behalf of 12 families who believe the inner Little Harbor is not flushing enough which leads to environmental problems. Brown's group would like to see the town take advantage of a "free non-binding study" by Coastal Zone Management (CZM), a state agency. The study would look at ways to improve the health of inner Little Harbor, including changing the flushing schedule or the dam mechanism.

In addition, Brown said they would like to see the town take back control of the dam and establish a committee to be responsible for its operation.

"We have never seen more algae and less birds [in inner Little Harbor] than in this past year," said Susan Playfair, 249 Jerusalem Road and a member of Brown's camp. Armed with pictures from as far back as 1890 to today, she said there is increased phragmite growth; an indication the salt marsh was failing.

"I hope the Selectmen will not allow the area to become further degraded," said Playfair. Past professional studies were presented to support Brown and his neighbor's proposal. Brown said the studies done concluded inner Little Harbor was polluted; a Camp Dresser and McKee study in 2000 recommended more flushing to reduce the pollution.

Brown argued none of the residents had the expertise to determine the right way to deal with the dam and a CZM study would provide the professional expertise they needed.

On the other side, George Chamillard of 400 Atlantic Ave. represented 19 other abutting families. The 19 families recently contributed to a fund to repair the aging dam at a cost of $22,600. He contended now was not the time to do a study because one of the main issues in inner Little Harbor is a high level of nutrients — an issue the town expects to be largely resolved with tying the district's homes onto town sewer. However, it will be close to five years before all Little Harbor homes are hooked up to town sewer.

In addition, Chamillard said CZM was not an unbiased party to perform a study, "they have an agenda to increase flushing."

The group also refuted with its own pictures the claim fish and birds were no longer frequenting the estuary.

In an attempt to bring the two sides together, Vanderweil asked Chamillard's group whether they would be willing to experiment in opening the dam up to six days per month. They agreed.

Representatives from both sides were asked to agree on testing scenarios for the operation of Cat Dam.

Furthermore, Vanderweil agreed CZM may not be an objective party and suggested the neighbors consider fund an independent environmental engineering firm to study the dam and inner Little Harbor.

"You need a disinterested third party," said Selectman Ralph Dormitzer, "I'm a big believer in empirical testing. I'd rather see this thing solved among abutters."

The Selectmen will schedule a follow-up meeting with the Cat Dam abutters after the fall Special Town Meeting in November.

Water restrictions lifted for N. Cohasset

The following press release was provided by Aquarion.

Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts officials announce that they have lifted the Phase III Mandatory Water Restrictions for customers in Hingham, Hull and North Cohasset, which went into effect Wednesday, Oct. 17. Under Phase III no outdoor watering was allowed at any time.

The water use ban, put into effect Aug. 30, was a result of the higher than normal daily water demands and extended hot and dry weather conditions. The Phase III mandatory outdoor water use restrictions helped assist in managing the MA DEP Water Management Act Registration limits.

Under the MA DEP Water Management Act, Aquarion is only allowed to pump an average of 3.51 million gallons per day on an annual basis.

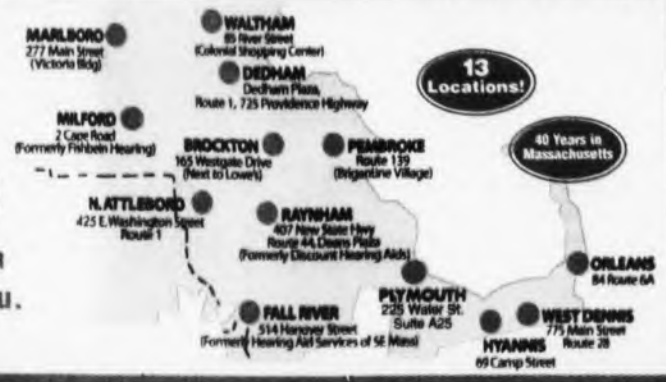
"During the summer, we have found that water usage increases about 150 percent or more, and most of that increase is due to outside watering through the use of irrigation systems," Larry Bingaman, Aquarion Senior Vice President, said. "Since the Phase I voluntary reduction in outside water use and the Phase II Odd-Even Mandatory Water Use Restrictions did not result in a large enough reduction in demand in addition to continued hot and dry weather patterns, we had to go to Phase III. We would like to thank our customers for their support in complying with the restrictions, which reduced the average daily water demand from 4.5 million gallons per day (MGD) to 3.6 MGD." Bingaman added, "Demand is currently running about 3.0 MGD."

Bingaman noted that rainfall for the month of September in Hingham was down by about 32 percent compared to a 50-year average for the same month, and for the May to June 2007 period, when rain is heavier, rainfall was 31 percent lower than the 50-year average for the same months. For the first two weeks in October, rainfall is about equal to the 50-year average. The Phase III water restrictions are being lifted based on the demand reductions in the system, rainfall events of last week and irrigation systems are typically not in use this time of year.

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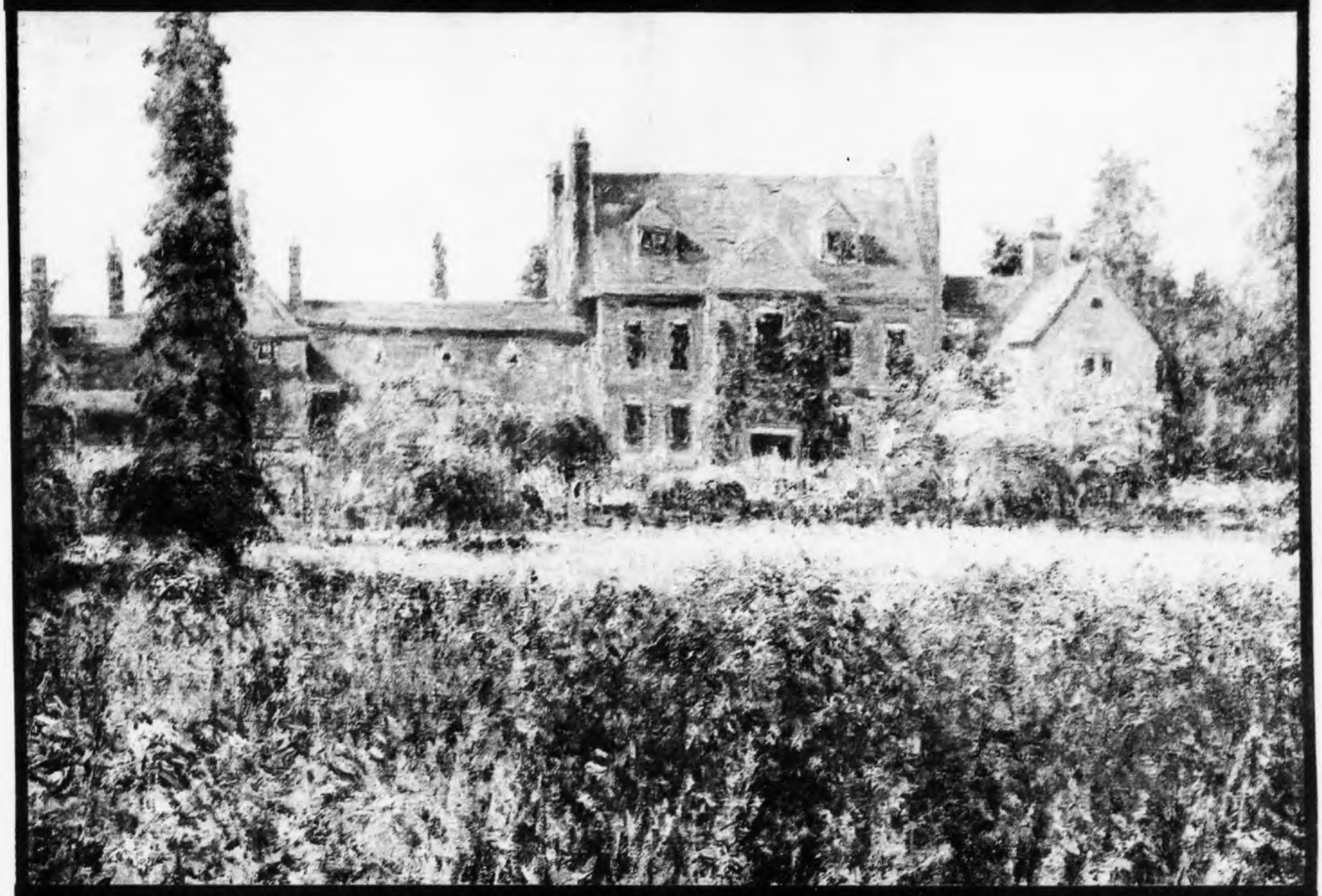
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Decorating is already well underway for the Vampire's Ball next Saturday, Oct. 27. Will Charles, owner of Cohasset Mortgage Company Inc. and father of two high school basketball players, is sponsoring and hosting the Basketball Booster fundraiser at his property at 25 Ripley Road.

Ripley Road house plans return

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Charles doesn't want to do the project halfway — he says when complete he wants people to drive by the building "with their jaws dropped."

"I'm not going to build something detrimental to the neighborhood," says Charles, 'I'm not here to bring the neighborhood down. Cohasset is where I live, where I work and where my kids go to school."

He plans on keeping the basic architecture of the 1889 building intact, with minimum modifications, such as additional balconies. The spacious first floor, with several larger rooms, will be transformed into three one-bedroom apartments. The second and third floors will be converted four two-bedroom units.

"It's spacious and it's near everything — the village, the library, the schools," and Charles saw its inherent potential since he moved to town in 2001.

The buildings storied history and its age attracted him as well, "I like old buildings," he says with a smile. While others would have shied away from the project, Charles embraced it.

The building at 25 Ripley Road has been reincarnated many times over. It was began its life as a single-family residence, but in 1925 was converted into Cohasset Private Hospital. The building was later expanded and housed more than 20 beds. It operated as a hospital until the early 1950s when it was converted to a nursing home. Later, the building returned to its beginnings as a single-family home (*Information from "Narrative History of Cohasset," Pratt*).

Charles was slated to meet with the Housing Partnership Committee to formally discuss his plans on Thursday evening after the Mariner went to press. He hopes to work with the partnership on a Local Initiative Program (LIP), or "friendly 40-B" process. A LIP is a 40-B proposal that is either initiated by or sponsored by the local community.

The project will be very familiar to the Housing Partnership because it was their committee that proposed an almost identical 40-B development on the same property in the beginning of this year. In fact, Charles is using the same configuration plans. After receiving opposition from the neighborhood, the Partnership moved on to other opportunities.

Charles is hopeful the neighbors will like what he has in store for the home, "it's going to be something good for the town."

If the project moves forward and gets all the necessary permits, 25 Ripley Road could be the first project to come to fruition under the town's inclusionary bylaw, which says all multi-family residential development of five or more apartment units must include one unit or 10 percent affordable housing units, whichever is greater. Affordable housing is desperately needed in Cohasset, as the town is hovering near the 2 percent affordable housing stock, while the state mandates towns have at least 10 percent affordable housing under Chapter 40-B.

Under Chapter 40B, a town's zoning board can approve affordable housing developments under flexible rules if at least 20-25 percent of the units have long-term affordability restrictions. Towns, like Cohasset, that are under the 10 percent threshold of their housing stock deemed as affordable by state standards are vulnerable to 40-B projects.

Vampire's Ball

Join the fun at the Vampire's Ball, on Saturday, Oct. 27 at 7p.m. when the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club raises money to support basketball in Cohasset.

Will Charles, owner of Cohasset Mortgage Company Inc. and father of two high school basketball players, is sponsoring the event by hosting the fundraiser at 25 Ripley Road, once the historic Ripley Road Hospital where many a Cohasset native was born.

"It's going to be a fun night," says Charles. The boosters are hoping to raise over $12,000 for the Cohasset Basketball Boosters. The funds will support the high school varsity and junior varsity basketball teams, college scholarships and the rec basketball program. A portion of the money will be used to build up the town's basketball program for younger kids so a love of the sport is instilled early on, says Charles.

Atlantica will be catering the event and complimentary beer, wine and specialty drinks will be served. The night will include dancing in the "Night of the Living Dead Discothèque" plus haunted tours and high jinks. The event will also provide televised coverage of the World Series. Tickets are $40 per person and can be purchased by calling Will Charles at 781-696-0291 or Pat Martin at 781-383-3279. Tickets may also be purchased at the door. Festive seasonal attire is suggested.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Larger world

Living in Cohasset, one can easily be lulled into the belief that we are somehow exempt from crime that plagues other places.

However, as Saturday's bank robbery illustrates, Cohasset is not always spared from dangerous crime. The brazen robbery of Sovereign Bank in Cohasset Plaza reminds us that we all need to be aware of what is going on around us.

It is no secret, and authorities have stated over and over again, that a lot of crime can be directly traced to drug activity. We have not been told if that was the case with the robbery in Cohasset and another bank robbery two days later in Hingham. We also do not have any information and police have not said if the two events are related.

However, we can make a pretty sure bet that drugs and getting money for drugs is behind the two robberies and much other crime.

We view walking into a bank in broad daylight and walking up to a bank teller with a threatening note as pretty brazen.

Although it appears that in both the Cohasset and Hingham robberies there were accomplices with "getaway" cars and therefore there was some planning – bank robberies, in our view, are acts of desperation. Not since the days of Jesse James has anyone gotten rich by robbing banks and today if caught and convicted, those involved are facing serious criminal charges and prison time.

As citizens we need to be aware of our surroundings and any suspicious activity – but we also need to recommit to the "war on drugs" — no matter how overused and archaic that phrase has become.

As families and as communities, we need to do our best to put a stop to the drug trade. It is not an easy task. While a lot of TV and movies focus on "law and order," nearly as much attention also glorifies drugs and the abuse of alcohol.

We need to keeping talking to our kids about the dangers of drugs and support drug education in our schools.

Call us naive, but we have always believed that the future of our society and the health of our community – starts right here at home.

Economic Development

We support continuing the Economic Development Committee, which serves in an advisory role to the selectmen. So we applaud the selectmen's decision not to "sunset" the EDC.

With Greenbush set to roll after nearly 50 years, Cohasset could be poised for some "economic opportunity" that needs to be watched, nurtured and developed in a way that maintains the town's unique character.

We think the EDC, which has tapped the talents of local residents, can be at the forefront of that effort.

No one wants to see Cohasset lose what makes it so unique. However, not preparing for the future would be very shortsighted.

Next door in Hingham, many residents opposed the train. That town launched a lawsuit that was largely responsible for derailing the project for years.

Yet, the Hingham Industrial and Development Commission (HDIC), an appointed committee, has worked tirelessly on plans to transform Hingham Square – post-Greenbush. Ironically, Hingham Square may come out on top in terms of mitigation and related grants because of the hard work and determination of the HDIC.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Advisory Committee, Oct. 16 & 22, 7 p.m.

Alternative Energy Committee, Nov. 6 and Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m.

Cohasset Housing Partnership, Oct. 18, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Oct. 18, 7 p.m.

Library Trustees, Nov. 14, 7 p.m.

Planning Board, Oct. 17, 6:30 p.m.

Recreation Commission, Oct. 17, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee, Oct. 17, 7 p.m. at the high school

Selectmen, Oct. 15, 22, 29 & Nov. 5, 7 p.m.

Stormwater Committee, Nov. 5, 7 p.m.

Water Commission Oct. 17, 7 p.m. with the Planning Board; Oct. 18 & Nov. 24, 6 p.m., King Street plant.

ZBA, Oct. 16, Oct. 22 & Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bradley reports on voting bill

TO THE EDITOR:

Last week the Massachusetts Joint Committee on Election Laws, headed by co-chairs Rep. Garrett Bradley (D-Hingham), who also represents Cohasset, Hull, and a section of Scituate, and Senator Ed Augustus (D-Worcester), gave a favorable report to the National Popular Vote bill. This important legislation would guarantee that the presidential candidate who receives the most popular votes in all 50 states and the District of Columbia would win the Presidency, rather than the current state-by-state winner-take all allocation of Presidential electors in all states but Maine and Nebraska.

Currently, Presidential campaigns are waged in a handful of "battleground" states, leaving the vast majority of voters in "safe" states like Massachusetts to practically sit out the election. It also means that a presidential candidate can receive the most votes and still lose the election, as happened 1888, 1876, 1824, and most recently in 2000. Dozens of other times, this has almost happened. In fact, in five of the last twelve presidential elections, a shift of a small number of votes in one or two states would have elected the second-place candidate.

Common Cause, which leads a coalition of civil rights and good government groups supporting this legislation, applauds the leadership of Rep. Bradley and Sen. Augustus in moving this bill forward to the House floor, where we expect a vote as early as next month. We believe the winner should win, and that all votes for this most important public office should be of equal value-regardless of the state from which they are cast. Readers wanting more information about this proposal can visit our website: www.commoncause.org/ma

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By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Folks in town have at least three opportunities to obtain flu shots depending on age, inclination and several other factors. There will be a Flu Clinic for Seniors, 65-plus years, and those people with chronic health problems such as cardiovascular and pulmonary disease, diabetes, renal dysfunction, HIV positive or immune compromised individuals, on Tuesday Oct. 23, from 10 a.m. to noon, and Tuesday, Oct. 30, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Cohasset Town Hall auditorium. Parents of children under 18 years of age should consult their pediatricians.

For those who are too healthy to qualify for shots on the above dates, we will be having a flu clinic for you especially. The town-wide Flu Clinic for all Cohasset residents will take place on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 10 a.m. to noon at Cohasset Town Hall auditorium.

The flu vaccine is free but seniors are reminded to bring their Medicare insurance card or Medicare HMO card with them and all are asked to wear a short sleeve shirt for ease of administration. The money the Board of Health receives from Medicare registration and reimbursement during flu clinics will assist in paying for flu shots for a broader segment of town citizens, thus reducing the likelihood of flu being transferred between individuals.

Flu is caused by viruses of several types:

Seasonal flu viruses infect humans every year causing respiratory disease (fever and cough), which can lead to more severe disease, and even death in infants, the elderly or those with chronic health problems. In Cohasset, flu season usually begins in December and can last into March or April.

Avian or bird flu occurs naturally among wild birds. The H5N1 strain currently circulating has caused significant illness and death among wild birds and domestic poultry. Bird flu is not easily passed to humans, but some people have become sick after extensive direct contact with poultry.

Pandemic flu. Sometimes a new strain of influenza virus emerges to which humans have no natural protection. If the new virus is easily transmitted from person to person, it can result in a pandemic affecting people worldwide. Influenza pandemics have occurred in 1918, 1957 and 1968. The next influenza pandemic will occur when a new strain of influenza virus emerges that is easily transmitted from person to person.

Over time, flu has produced a number of myths, the most prevalent of which are:

Myth 1. "The flu isn't a serious disease." In fact, flu is a serious disease of the nose, throat and lungs, and it can lead to pneumonia. Each year, about 200,000 people in the U.S. are hospitalized and about 36,000 people die because of the flu. Most who die are 65 years and older. But small children less than 2 years old are as likely as those over 65 to have to go to the hospital because of the flu.

Myth 2. "The flu shot can cause the flu." No! A flu shot cannot cause the flu. Some people get a little soreness or redness where they get the shot. It goes away in a day or two. Serious problems from the flu shot are very rare.

Myth 3. "The flu shot does not work." Most of the time the flu shot will prevent the flu. In scientific studies, the effectiveness of the flu shot has ranged from 70 to 90 percent when there is a good match between circulating viruses and those in the vaccine. Getting the vaccine is your best protection against this disease.

Myth 4. "The side effects are worse than the flu." Nonsense; the worst side effect you're likely to get from a shot is a sore arm. The nasal mist flu vaccine might cause nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat and cough. The risk of a severe allergic reaction is less than 1 in 4 million.

Myth 5. "Only older people need a flu vaccine." Truth: All with reduced immunity. Adults and children with conditions like asthma, diabetes, diabetes, heart disease and kidney disease need to get a flu shot. Doctors also recommend children 6 months and older get a flu shot every year until their 5th birthday.

Myth 6. "You must get the flu vaccine before December." Actually, the best time to get vaccinated is October or November, but you can get vaccinated in December or later.

For more information, ask the town health nurse, your healthcare provider or call 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) or visit the Web site at cdc.gov/flu.

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Some are doing stupid things

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Greenbush — The bewitching day of Greenbush commercial service on Wednesday, Oct. 31st is coming closer and closer; less than two weeks away. With that in mind, we thought that safety should be the topic foremost in everyone's mind. We have to say, we have seen some people do some very stupid things since the train started operating in its various phases of testing. We have written about some of them in the past, but they still happen.

For example:

- We have seen impatient drivers actually drive around crossing gates and cross the tracks between the medians!
- We have seen drivers who have not planned ahead and stop on the tracks because of a traffic tie up on the other side of the tracks.
- We have seen one area where someone actually cut through the MBTA fence to gain access to walk on the right of way.
- We could go on and on, but you get the point.

These are all very irresponsible acts that can have lethal effects on you, your children or friends. The facts are; there will be accidents involving trains. And, over 50 percent of them are at crossings with active warnings (bells, lights, and gates). Don't let it be you or your children. Speaking about children, we worry about them a lot. We have had Operation Lifesaver programs at the schools. But, have you sat down with your children, one on one to reinforce the danger in making poor choices about safety and trains? Not to be morose, but Operation Lifesaver has a thought provoking statistic. If a car runs over a single soda can, you can easily imagine the damage that would cause to that can. Well, if you look at the ration of weights, the car is to a soda can as a car is to a train. That's dramatic. Next time you are tempted to short-cut safety, think of the crushed soda can. That could be you!

Greenbush Progress— The Greenbush workers continue to buzz around like busy bees. The sophisticated crossings are still in the testing mode. Recently, there have been flagmen at Pleasant Street each evening while the train repeatedly passes over the crossing. Finishing touches are being added to the station. For example, bird netting is being installed at the station to protect the waiting passengers from missiles from above. Final signs are being installed. We have included several photos of some of this preparatory work.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Workers install final detail at the Cohasset Train Station.

You have probably noticed that even though the horn ban is in effect, occasionally you can hear horns. The reason is that a horn ban does not mean that there will never be a horn. The engineer will always blow the horn if there is a visible danger ahead. With workers on the tracks, the engineer will always blow the horn to warn them.

Interesting Greenbush Trivia — The Greenbush, as you probably know by now, will start revenue service on Wednesday, Oct. 31st. Two weeks ago we listed the schedule in this column. For anyone who missed it you can get it on line at:

www.mbta.com/uploadedFiles/documents/Greenbush%20Line%20WeekDay%20092107.pdf *(That's a big enough web address to choke a horse.)*

The initial trains will have a mixture of single and double deck cars and will accommodate up to 940-seated passengers. The MBTA plans keep this configuration for about six months. After this time period the will reevaluate and adjust their capacity accordingly.

At the present the Charlie cards will not be used on the train. Passes can be bought in Boston at various locations. Tickets can be purchased on the train. Boat monthly passes will be accepted on the train, but train monthly passes will not be accepted on the boat.

When a train is in the Cohasset station, both the Greenbush station parking lot access from N. Main St. and the N. Main St. crossing will be blocked by the railroad gates in the down position. The moral here is if you are running late; don't try to sneak in from N. Main St. It won't work.

A Greenbush Not-So-Trivial Note — During next week, the residents along the track from Sohier Street to King Street will be treated to an unusual event. For three or four days, a train will be parked on the railroad siding as a training exercise for Cohasset's emergency forces. Each day the train will be on the siding for one to two hours (with the engine running) to acquaint our firefighters and EMTs with the details of both the diesel engine, the passenger cars (both single and double decked), the methods of access both under normal and emergency conditions, as well as the equipment and techniques necessary to deal with a rail emergency. The reason these training sessions will extend over several days is so the various shifts can be fully trained and not leave the Town bare of trained emergency responders.

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A sign that will soon become familiar to Cohasset commuters.

Flying low in 'friendly' skies

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

Basically what they want are paying mannequins on that plane, and if we don't play ball we can bloody well drive to San Francisco, that's what.

I used to get really excited about flying. It wasn't that long ago. I don't fly very often, which helps, but I've always loved airplanes and took every chance I got to ride in one.

Then, at some point over the last few years, airlines decided they had been spoiling us for decades and began a systematic program of passenger torture. Annoyed that we often joked about how awful airplane food was, they stopped cooking for us, then stopped feeding us altogether. We joked about how useless that bent-over crash position was, so they crushed the seats together, pretty much ruling out any position that involves bending. If we disable or tamper with the lavatory smoke detectors one more time I can easily see them replacing all lavatories with another eight rows of seats. Basically what they want are paying mannequins on that plane, and if we don't play ball we can bloody well drive to San Francisco, that's what.

I visited these friendless skies last week on my way to the west coast. Five hours into the flight I was famished. I flagged down an unnaturally cheerful flight attendant, who laid out my two options: I could die and shrivel up like a dried cockroach, or I could pay five bucks for a few pieces of cheese and some cantaloupe. After considering them both I went with option two and wolfed down the food, shocking my glucose levels and bringing on a queasiness I haven't felt since I mistakenly rode a Tilt-A-Whirl at age 40.

The back of my neck tingled. I was sweating. I breathed deeply and tried to relax. The last thing I wanted to do was talk or even think, so I gracefully bowed out of a conversation I'd been having with an older couple from Oregon next to me, explaining to the woman that I didn't feel well. She turned quickly to her husband.

"Keep him talking," I heard him whisper to her, as if it were some kind of hostage situation.

"So, um, do you think the Red Sox will lose?" she asked.

"I'm sorry," I mumbled, fumbling for the airsickness bag. "I'm not afraid of flying, I just got too hungry and I—"

"I know almost nothing about baseball, but to me their bullpen seems a little anemic this year."

"Um, could be," I said. "Could you blow on my neck?"

"They've got some sluggers, but the whole bottom half of the lineup could contribute more, don't you think?"

"I'd take a mint if you had one."

"And what's the deal with Gagne?"

"Please don't say Gagne."

We began descending and immediately hit turbulence. I concentrated on calm, cool lakes, silent—

"Are you feeling any better?" she asked.

"No, and I really just need—"

"You look pale as a sheet. Want some more bleu cheese?"

"I need to get to the lavatory."

"They charge two dollars now. Isn't that awful? Do you have any kids?"

"I've got $1.35. Could I borrow three quarters?"

"Say, does that nice Damon fellow still play for your team?"

And so on. I don't actually remember the last 20 minutes of the landing but somehow I made it to earth without losing my $5 cantaloupe.

I was smarter preparing for the return flight, packing myself a hearty lunch with a big bottle of spring water, both of which were promptly confiscated by security on the way in. Water and roast beef sandwich bombs are one of the big threats these days, according to the rotund man waving a cookie-detecting wand over my body. Apparently I would have aroused no suspicion had I packed a tripe sandwich and carrot juice, but I guess you live and learn.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset. He remembers a time when connecting through Newark on a People Express red eye was considered roughing it. Had he known then that he was experiencing the future of first class he would have been a lot more smug.

LIBRARY CORNER

Register for free e-mail newsletter!

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library at 35 Ripley Road. For more information call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

E-Mail Newsletter – Register for the library's free e-newsletter and never miss another program. Simply go to www.cohassetlibrary.org and click on the e-mail list registration button.

Great Decisions Group – The first Great Decisions Discussion group will begin at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 21, in the Meeting Room. For those who have registered for the program, the group will discuss war crimes, found in chapter six of the assigned text.

We're Not Making This Up – Ever wonder what the story behind the story is? Hear from true crime writers, drug agents, cyber sleuths and others about what really goes on behind the scenes. "Sisters in Crime" authors Kate Flora and Jayne Hitchcock lead this panel discussion at 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 28. Light refreshments will follow and the authors will sign copies of their work, which can be purchased at the event. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Admission is free.

Library Book Group – Join the book group for coffee and a discussion of "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan," by Lisa See at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 31, in the Meeting Room. All are welcome.

New DVDs – Check out these recently purchased DVD titles: "A Mighty Heart," starring Angelina Jolie; "Moonlighting: Season 3 and 4," starring Bruce Willis and Cybil Shepherd; and "The X-Files: The Complete First Season." Not on the shelf? Place a hold on your favorite title either online, over the phone, or in person.

FOR CHILDREN

MamaSteph – Performances will be from 10:30 to 11 a.m., Monday, Oct. 22 and 29, Nov. 5, 19, and 26, and Dec. 3, in the Meeting Room. Come sing and dance. All ages and communities welcome. Funded by the Friends of Cohasset Library.

Drop In Story Time – Join others in the Story Room from 10:30 to 11 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 23 and 30, for Big Book adventures, music and movement. All ages and communities welcome.

Spanish Story Time – This four-week program for Cohasset residents ages 3 to 6, takes place from 10:30 to 11 a.m., Fridays, Nov. 2, 9, 16, and 30, in the Story Room. Register online now for this dual language story time provided by Emilia Buckley and Sharon Moody by visiting the library Web site and clicking on the link to the calendar; click on Nov. 2; and click on register.

Global warming?

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I have to admit I'm confused about this global warming thing.

Every time Al Gore wins an Oscar or a Nobel Prize for warning me that my progeny face 200-foot tidal waves unless I shape up environmentally, the temperature tanks and I have to get out the electric blanket again.

Every time Rush Limbaugh or Bill O'Reilly tells me that it's all a lot of nonsense, the creation of the moonbats, then we get another 90-degree day in October and I have to shut off the furnace and put the air conditioner back in the window.

As a good Democrat, I know I should support the Kyoto Protocols, which restricts the polluting activities of the evil capitalists of the developed countries, like the United States, but exempts those of the so-called developing nations, like India and China, the worst polluters of them all.

A total of 55 nations have agreed to the Kyoto Protocols, but the two most notable absentees are Australia and the United States, where it has been defeated by an alliance of those who don't think it exists, those who don't think burning coal or oil has anything to do with it and those who don't give a damn as long as it doesn't cost them anything.

Global warming, as we all know, is caused by the greenhouse effect, which in turn is caused by burning coal and oil to create carbon dioxide, which traps the heat from the sun that usually radiates back into space. But what caused global warming in the past — Alley-Oop broiling dinosaur steaks over his campfire?

As far as I can tell, scientists who have studied the subject appear to have come up with the wrong answers while our statesmen down in Washington have sampled the opinions of 150 people at the Herbert Hoover Day dinner and come up with the real poop, discovered in a more democratic way.

Remember, these are the same people who viewed the late Terri Schiavo on television and diagnosed her ailment as temporary, even after she spent most of a decade in a vegetative state in a Florida hospice.

The first question asked of Al Gore when he was announced as the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize for his documentary was "Do you plan to run for president?" as if that was one of the qualifications for the White House. What's a president doing with a peace prize?

The same day, a British judge was warning school children in Old Blighty to watch Al's documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth," with a jaundiced eye because he, the judge, found nine major errors in it.

And you wonder why I am confused?

The best argument for global warming that I have heard came from the Pacific island nation of Tuvalu, 10 square miles of sand and coral, no part of which is more than 13 feet above sea level, which has risen 1.2 inches in the past century and is calculated to rise 39 inches in the next.

Its 11,000 residents, soon to be evicted, would appreciate it if someone were to give them another island, preferably uninhabited.

"We don't know when the island will be covered (by the sea) but we need to start working on this now," said Filimpost Nelesones, one of Tuvalu's headliners. "We cannot just float on the water hoping that the sea will go down again."

Tom Callahan guest on Our Town

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Tom Callahan, Co-chair of the Cohasset Affordable Housing Partnership, sits down with co-hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin to discuss the efforts of the partnership to develop affordable housing in Cohasset as well as to detail the zoning articles going before voters at the Special Town Meeting on Nov. 13. Tune in at 9p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays on Comcast channel 10.

Missed the Cohasset High School football games? Tune in Saturday or Sunday nights beginning 7p.m. to catch the boys in blue on Channel 10.

Disruption is part of the project

SEWER REPORT

JOHN BECK

It will be a two-year period of noise, traffic delays and frustration. That is the nature of the beast.

This is the first in a continuing series of status reports for the Little Harbor/Atlantic Avenue sewer and water projects. The reports will also cover work being done on the Deep Run and Rust Way extension for the North Cohasset sewer work, as well as storm water and drainage work being done in conjunction with the water and sewer projects.

Earlier this summer, following issuance of bid requests and public evaluation of responses, a contract was awarded to L&M Holdings to perform the work. The contract is structured in three parts; one for water pipe replacement, one for new sewer pipe and the third for storm water and drainage work in the affected areas. The intent of having all this work done by a single contractor is to minimize the time that any one area is disturbed and achieve a high level of efficiency. For example, it may be possible in some locations to do rock/ledge removal and trenching at the same time for the separate water and sewer pipe installation. In other cases, the trenching work may be done sequentially if there is no net reduction in disturbance time by doing the work in parallel.

At first glance, it may seem that digging a trench and installing a pipe is simple. However the ledge conditions in Cohasset, combined with the strict regulatory requirements governing water and sewer pipe separation and installation, significantly complicate the work. Every effort will be made to do all the work as efficiently as possible, thus minimizing the disturbance to all.

One of the first requirements in the contract was for the contractor to find a suitable location for the equipment and materials lay-down area and construction trailers needed on a job of this magnitude. After evaluating a number of possible locations, both town-owned and private property, an agreement was reached with the owners of sufficient space on Jerusalem Road. This location is in close proximity to the work being done and meets all regulatory and zoning requirements. There have been a number of complaints by near-neighbors about this choice in that it is seen as a disturbance to the peace and tranquility of their immediate neighborhood. Please know that efforts are underway to minimize the aesthetic impacts with plantings and visual shielding of the area, as well as strict compliance with the working hours required of the contractor. Everyone needs to recognize that a project of this type cannot be done by waving a magic wand. It will be a two-year period of noise, traffic delays and frustration. That is the nature of the beast. The end result will be a huge improvement in the water and sewer infrastructure. Most significantly, we will achieve a level of environmental improvement in Little Harbor and surrounding waters that can only be done by sewering all the homes in the watershed.

Near term activities

Water and Sewer Piping Installation — The multi-colored striping and "hieroglyphics" which have appeared on numerous streets are the initial steps needed to safely begin digging the trenches for water and sewer. There are other utilities buried beneath the streets and these guiding markings will assist the contractor in his efforts to minimize/avoid damage to these existing utilities. Installation of water "by-pass piping" has started on those streets (Deep Run, Whitehead Road and Nichols Road) where replacement water pipes will be installed this fall before freezing weather. There will also be pre-blast surveys conducted in the Deep Run neighborhood. Once the winter freezing period begins, this surface piping will be de-activated, awaiting the spring thaw.

During the winter months we expect that progress will be made on the new sewer pipes on those streets. This sewer work does not require any by-passes.

When work commences in the streets, signage will be used to display specific activities underway.

Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) — A separate contract governs the work required to upgrade the WWTP for the increased flows generated by the 450 additional homes being added by the sewer project. High on our priority list for this work is to install the necessary internal piping and modifications needed to avoid any future plant over-flows such as we experienced in May 2006. We anticipate that these specific modifications will be finished before winter.

Contacts — Should anyone have questions about any aspect of this work, there will be a construction trailer located in the lay-down area off Jerusalem Road maintained by Coughlin Environmental Services LLC (CES). CES is the engineering firm responsible for the project. The telephone number for the trailer is 781-383-2900, and this trailer will be staffed during normal working hours. Kevin McRae is the CES resident engineer whose cell phone number is 617-592-3276.

Questions about the updates — Anyone having questions about the updates may send an email to the author, John Beck, at johnbeckiii@msn.com. A prompt response will be sent.

John Beck is vice chairman of the Cohasset Sewer Commission.

'Paper towels come from trees'

TOWARD A SUSTAINABLE COHASSET

JOANN MIRISE

I used only eight paper towels the first month, and my run-rate is approaching zero this month.

Recently, a friend and I were cooking for hours in her kitchen. Afterwards we were surrounded by one big, sloppy mess. I looked for some paper towels to start the clean-up, but there were none to be found. No paper towels? How could that be possible?

In my quest to be more environmentally conscious, I knew paper towels were my Achilles heel. Despite some half-hearted efforts to use cloth, I continued to reach instead for the paper. For a person who has turned her life around in order to tread more lightly on this planet, I was feeling defeated by this 11 by 11 sheet of manufactured product. Ours was a household addicted to paper towels and I was the dealer.

I at least made the switch to 100 percent recycled paper towels. I was helping to save virgin forests. I was making a dent in energy and water usage since recycled products typically require fewer resources to manufacture. And I was decreasing the levels of cancer-causing dioxins from being released into the environment since I only chose recycled paper towels that are chlorine-free.

Still, I couldn't shake the feeling that regularly using any paper towels was just not right. I was recently in a public restroom and saw a sticker on the paper towel dispenser that stopped me in my tracks. It simply said "These come from trees." Had I forgotten that I was trading in a living organism in exchange for a quick wipe?

If I was to beat this habit, I would have to do something big. When dieting, some people are able to reach past the freezer where the ice cream lives to get to the crisper drawer for a handful of carrot nubs. I am not that person. I need to exterminate my cabinets and refrigerator of all calorie-offenders. The same all-or-nothing approach seemed to be in order for my paper towel problem. I decided I was going to purge all paper towels from the house and not use a single one for an entire month.

I kept putting off the start date of my pledge. It seemed so ominous. Luckily a simpler solution emerged in my friend's kitchen. When I asked if she had any paper towels, she glided over to an unassuming cabinet, a little out of the way, opened the door and there they were, tucked neatly to the side of some other kitchen accessories. She said she didn't use them much so she stored them in a cabinet – accessible but not entirely handy. A light bulb appeared above my head. I could simply put my roll of paper towels in the cabinet, away from the convenient countertop. No grand gestures. No pledges. No all-or-nothing. A swift, simple re-org. Such a small step. How could I have missed this option?

Inspired by my friend's idea, I put our roll of paper towels in the cabinet. I used only eight paper towels the first month, and my run-rate is approaching zero this month. One small step, one big personal victory. And I later found out this idea inspired a couple of other friends to go paper towel-free. The impact keeps expanding.

There is a lot of discussion over the effectiveness of the small steps in addressing the alarming state of our earth. Some even argue that small steps are downright dangerous since they make us think we are making a difference and give us a cleaner conscious, when in fact we are not even coming close to doing what is necessary. As we are patting ourselves on the back for being green, the planet continues to spiral toward collapse.

We still, however, need the small steps. In fact they are crucial. The rippling effect that a small step can have cannot be underestimated. This simply means we need to keep changing our light bulbs, turning down the thermostat in the winter and trading in our SUVs for more fuel-efficient vehicles. But even more so, we need to remain open to the next place that these changes can take us. Perhaps many of us will realize that we don't even need (or like) having a big, suburban house. And perhaps we'll find that our family can easily rely on one or even no car. It is all possible.

Small steps are like the handful of trail mix that gives us the energy to make it a few more miles. It's the energy we need to take a good, hard look at ourselves. It's the energy we need to think of new paths. And it's the energy we need to come together, combining forces, so that our small steps multiplied by the population, move us toward a lasting solution.

JoAnn Mirise lives and writes in Cohasset.

Register to vote for Special Town Meeting

Friday, Nov. 2 will be the last day to register to vote for the Special Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday, Nov.13. Registration will be held at the Town Clerk's office from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a town meeting or Election Day may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register to vote. If you move, you may register to vote as soon as you move into your new home. Registration is closed for a brief period before each town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. If you register during a "closed" period, you will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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By Bob Katzen

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' votes on five roll calls from the week of October 8-12. There were no roll calls in the Senate last week.

SUSPEND RULES TO IMMEDIATELY CONSIDER $278 MILLION SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET (H 4282)

House 130-18, approved a Democratic motion to suspend rules to allow immediate consideration of a $278 million fiscal 2007 supplemental budget. The rules that were suspended include the one requiring that copies of all bills be made available to all members of the House and the public at least 24 hours in advance of consideration. Supporters of rule suspension said that the House should act quickly and responsibly to approve this budget that funds many vital programs. Opponents of rule suspension said that this complicated 41-page budget was distributed to members less than two hours ago. They argued that it is irresponsible and unfair to act on the budget when members have not had sufficient time to read it. (A "Yes" vote is for rule suspension. A "No" vote is against rule suspension).

$278 MILLION SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET (H 4282)

House 126-18, approved a $278 million fiscal 2007 supplemental budget proposed by the Democratic leadership. The Senate later approved it on a voice vote, without a roll call, and sent it to Gov. Deval Patrick. Provisions include $116.5 million to fund collective bargaining agreements; $20 million for public defenders; $8 million for Central Artery repairs; $200,000 for a special commission that will prepare a ten-year strategic plan for the systemic reform of public education; $200,000 for implementing a survey of all public schools teachers to solicit their views on the teaching and learning environment and $50 million for the state's Rainy Day Fund that has a current balance of $2.2 billion. A controversial provision gives the governor and the state's four other constitutional officers automatic biennial pay raises under the same system that that automatically increases legislators' pay. The governor currently is required to raise the salaries of legislators under the terms of a constitutional amendment approved by the voters in 1998. The amendment requires legislative salaries to be increased or decreased biennially at the same rate as the state's median household income for the preceding two-year period - as ascertained by the governor. Legislators received a 4.8 percent pay raise for 2007 and 2008. The $2667.33 hike increased the annual salary of rank-and-file members from $55,569.41 to $58,236.74. If the automatic pay raises for the five constitutional officers is signed into law, they would receive the same 4.8 percent increase retroactive to July 1 and would automatically receive increases every two years. The initial increase would provide a $6,745 hike for the governor (from $140,535 to $147,281); a $5,996 raise for the lieutenant governor, secretary of state and treasurer (from $124,920 to 130,916) and a $6,121 hike for the attorney general (from $127,523 to $133,644). The measure also creates a new five-member advisory board, appointed by the governor on compensation of officials. The board would study the adequacy of compensation of officials and submit a report to the Legislature by December 5. Supporters said that the package is a fiscally responsible one that funds collective bargaining agreements, replenishes accounts that are running out of money and adds money to accounts that would be helped by increased funding. Some opponents said that there is still waste in the budget. Others argued that members received this 41-page document less than two hours ago and said that it is irresponsible and unfair to act on the budget when members have not had sufficient time to read it. (A "Yes" vote is for the $278 million budget. A "No" vote is against the $278 million).

$450 MILLION IN NEW LOTTERY LOCAL AID FOR CITIES AND TOWNS (H 4282)

House 24-123, rejected a Republican amendment providing $450 million in additional Lottery Local Aid to cities and towns to be used at their discretion. Amendment supporters said that the Legislature cut Lottery Local Aid by $450 million over the past three years when the state's financial situation was in question. They noted that eventually the state ended up with an estimated $1 billion surplus in each of those three years and diverted the money to the state's Rainy Day Fund instead of giving it back to cities and towns. They argued that many communities have been forced to override Proposition 2 1/2 and increase taxes or cut funds for their school, police and firefighters because of this lost local aid. Amendment opponents said that sponsors of the amendment have not indicated from where this $450 million would come. They said that the amendment is fiscally irresponsible and would result in cuts in other important items in the supplemental budget. Some noted that the state substantially increased local aid this year to help make up for the $450 million loss over three prior years. (A "Yes" vote is for $450 million in local aid. A "No" vote is against the $450 million).

$450 MILLION IN NEW LOTTERY LOCAL AID FOR PROPERTY TAXPAYERS (H 4282)

House 19-125, rejected a Republican amendment providing $450 million in Lottery Local Aid to cities and towns to distribute as a form of direct tax relief to all residential property taxpayers. Amendment supporters repeated their arguments that the state diverted $450 million in local aid over a three-year period. They noted that this amendment differs from the first one because it would require cities and towns to distribute the funds directly to property taxpayers. Amendment opponents again argued that the proposal is a fiscally irresponsible one that does not specify from where this $450 million would come. (A "Yes" vote is for $450 million in local aid. A "No" vote is against the $450 million).

ELIMINATE $453,292 FOR GOV. PATRICK'S WASHINGTON D.C. OFFICE (H 4282)

House 19-128, rejected a Republican amendment to eliminate $453,292 in additional funding for the Patrick administration's office in the nation's capital. Supporters of the $453,292 said that the funding is necessary to strengthen this office that works to maximize the amount of federal funds that the state receives. They argued that the additional funding would help bring back millions more in federal dollars to the state. Opponents of the $453,292 said that this additional funding nearly doubles the current budget of this office and asked proponents to explain exactly how the additional money would be used. They noted that the office is currently funded out of the governor's general budget and said that the Legislature this year increased that general budget by 9.5 percent. (The roll call was on elimination of the $453,292. A "Yes" vote is for the amendment eliminating the $453,292. A "No" vote is against the amendment and supports the $453,292).

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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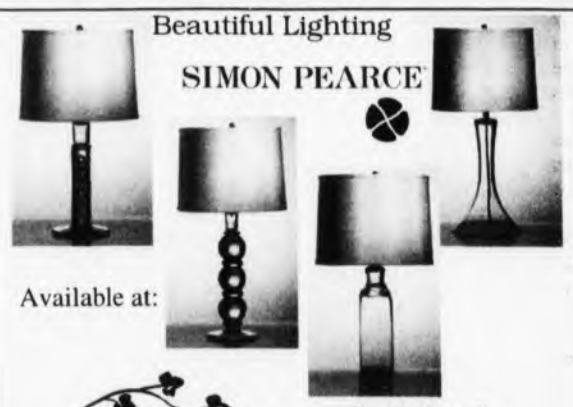


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Next stop: Town Meeting

Planning Board approves draft of village zoning bylaw

By Nancy White
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The proposed village zoning bylaw is headed for the prime-time.

A united Planning Board voted to approve the article draft for the Special Town Meeting warrant at the close of their continued public hearing of the bylaw.

Most notably, the Planning Board moved forward with a bylaw naming the Planning Board special permit granting authority despite lengthy discussion and opposition from members of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The complex bylaw is bound to raise much discussion on the floor of Town Meeting (to be held on Monday, Nov. 13), where voters will determine its fate. Like all zoning bylaw amendments, a two-thirds majority vote is required to enter the changes into the books.

A much thinner crowd consisting mostly of local developers, property owners and town committee members than the first public hearing (Oct. 2) joined the Planning Board for round two of the public hearing process on Wednesday night. Every zoning bylaw must have a public hearing to air concerns from citizens before going to the floor of Town Meeting.

The overlying intent of the village bylaw is to allow additional development to increase economical vitality, while maintaining the character of the district. At the forefront is the Planning Board's desire to streamline the process for the potential developers. To that end, a one-stop approval process was written into the bylaw with the Planning Board as the special permit granting authority for the village business district. A similar permitting process, with the Planning Board as the authority, is currently in place for the cluster development and the Transit Oriented Overlay District (TOD).

Traditionally, in cases of commercial expansion or new construction in the village the applicant would need to go before the Planning Board for a site plan review and before the ZBA for a special permit or variance.

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Since reviewing the proposed bylaw the ZBA has disagreed with the shift of permit granting authority to the Planning Board. In recent meetings, members of the ZBA have lobbied for the dual board process to remain intact. Achieving a resolution to this jurisdictional issue before Town Meeting was viewed as crucial to its ultimate success.

In preparation for the discussion, village consultant Angus Jennings of Concord Square Development Company prepared a motion that would effectively transfer the permit granting authority back to the ZBA in the draft bylaw. The proposed motion would enable coordination between the boards and the ZBA would be obligated to address the Planning Board's comments on the project before granting a special permit.

"My main concern is getting movement on this article," said Planning Board Mike Westcott, who has been running lead on this project. Although he said it was reasonable for the Planning Board to be the special permit granting authority, he was willing to concede this piece of the bylaw to resolve this issue, "at Town Meeting we need to be unified as two boards."

Woody Chittick, chairman of the ZBA, said the proposal made sense and, with this change, would be willing to support the bylaw as a whole.

But, Planning Board member Bob Sturdy said the change would add increased expense and delays in the permit process for the developer — exactly what they were trying to avoid, "my objective is to promote development."

"The Planning Board is more well equipped to deal with district wide and planning based development," said audience member Tom Callahan. In his professional experience as a real estate attorney, Callahan said throughout the state new districts or overlay districts special permit granting authority is almost universally being given to Planning Boards.

Jennings agreed there was a current trend in zoning reforms that placed authority under the Planning Board, "I felt very comfortable through the summer carrying the Planning Board as the permit granting authority." But, most of the towns had the benefit of a town planner to keep a close watch on development.

Moreover, like Westcott, he did not want the bylaw to fail over this conflict, "the proposal is a viable, credible way to bring forth this bylaw with the support of the ZBA."

The discussion came down to if the Planning Board was willing to take its chances on presenting the village bylaw without the unified support of the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

"It's sort of unfortunate we are being held hostage [by the ZBA] on this issue," said Westcott. Although an audience member pointed out the ZBA has not voted on an official stance on the village bylaw as of yet.

Planning Board Vice Chairman Bill Good spoke passionately over why the board should stick with their original proposal, 'let's go forth with conviction and belief. It's going to add such a value to the village...we'll speak at Town Meeting with the enthusiasm and passion we all share for [this bylaw]."

But, Westcott indicated it was more complicated than that, "the intent and ultimate result is too important for us to take a chance of any kind. It's too important a deal to let it go down for any reason."

With a final motion on the table to approve the draft of the bylaw, with the Planning Board as the special permit granting authority, Moore, Good and Sturdy gave their affirmatives with Westcott taking a few extra moments before casting his vote with the other members. Member Stuart Ivimey was absent.

MBTA conducts train safety session

By Ryan Bray
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The MBTA has a saying that "Anytime is train time."

While even a year ago, that philosophy wouldn't have applied to Cohasset, with the Greenbush line slated to begin operation Oct. 31, it's a phrase that residents need to familiarize themselves with — and soon.

MBTA officials held a train safety night at Scituate High School Tuesday in a last push to alert people to the do's and don'ts of train safety before the opening of the line. Seven MBTA representatives briefed residents and answered questions regarding signage, signal testing and train speeds among others. Residents were also given an overview of train safety through the MBTA's ongoing "Operation Lifesaver" program.

Steve Jones, director of railroad operations for the MBTA, described the new Greenbush line as the organization's "most modern and improved railway." As such, he said it's important that residents, as well as police and fire officials, understand how to act and react safely in the presence of trains and railroad crossings.

"Safety is always first on our list," Jones said. "It's of first importance on our discharge of duty each day."

Joe McCabe, senior signal supervisor for the MBTA, added that the Greenbush line, which passed inspection upon review by the Federal Railroad Association, is overseen piece by piece, with an eye toward improving glitches and imperfections as needed.

"You can always get a new car, but you can't replace the people in it."
— Ed O'Connell, Operation Lifesaver

"I can't emphasize enough the amount of time and energy that has gone into ensuring this line's safety," said McCabe, a Scituate resident. "We monitor every function of every event in real time. We know what's happening, and we're always looking for anomalies."

While measures are in place to correct problems along the railroad, MBTA officials stressed that residents must also do their part to ensure safety along the line. One area of concern is trespassing on the railroad. Lt. Commander Joe O'Connor of the MBTA transit police said trespassing on the tracks is punishable by fines and possibly imprisonment. He said while there have been no issues with trespassing on the tracks since test trains began running in May, people need to be aware of the dangers and consequences that come with trespassing on the tracks.

"Being on the tracks is not all right," he said. "We'll educate as much as we can, but we'll arrest if we have to."

Ed O'Connell, a retired lieutenant with the MBTA transit police, briefed residents on Operation Lifesaver. Since being implemented nationwide 35 years ago, the program has helped reduce the number of train-related accidents each year, from 14,000 in 1972 to about 3,000 this past year.

The Operation Lifesaver presentation, which has been shown to students, MBTA officials and members of the town's police and fire departments over the past year, went over the dangers of crossing the tracks, the importance of obeying crossing signals and the proper course of action if someone is caught in the middle of the railroad. O'Connell said in such an instance, the only thing a person can do is run.

"You can always get a new car, but you can't replace the people in it," he said.

Residents fired numerous questions at MBTA officials, mainly pertaining to the MBTA's decision to begin service Oct. 31. Town officials and residents have raised concerns with opening the train to the public on Halloween, a night when pedestrian traffic will be considerable, especially children.

Jones said the MBTA didn't target Halloween as its start date, but said that the necessary permitting fell into place to align with an opening date at the end of the month.

"The sequence of all the permits and certifications just led us to that day," Jones said.

Bob Murphy, director of safety training for the MBTA, said train officials are cooperating with local police to alert people to the opening of the train on Halloween, including posting flyers around town.

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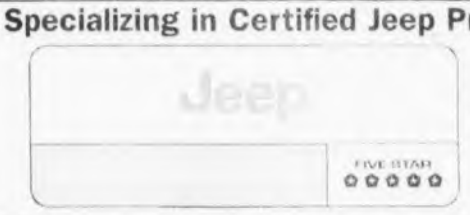


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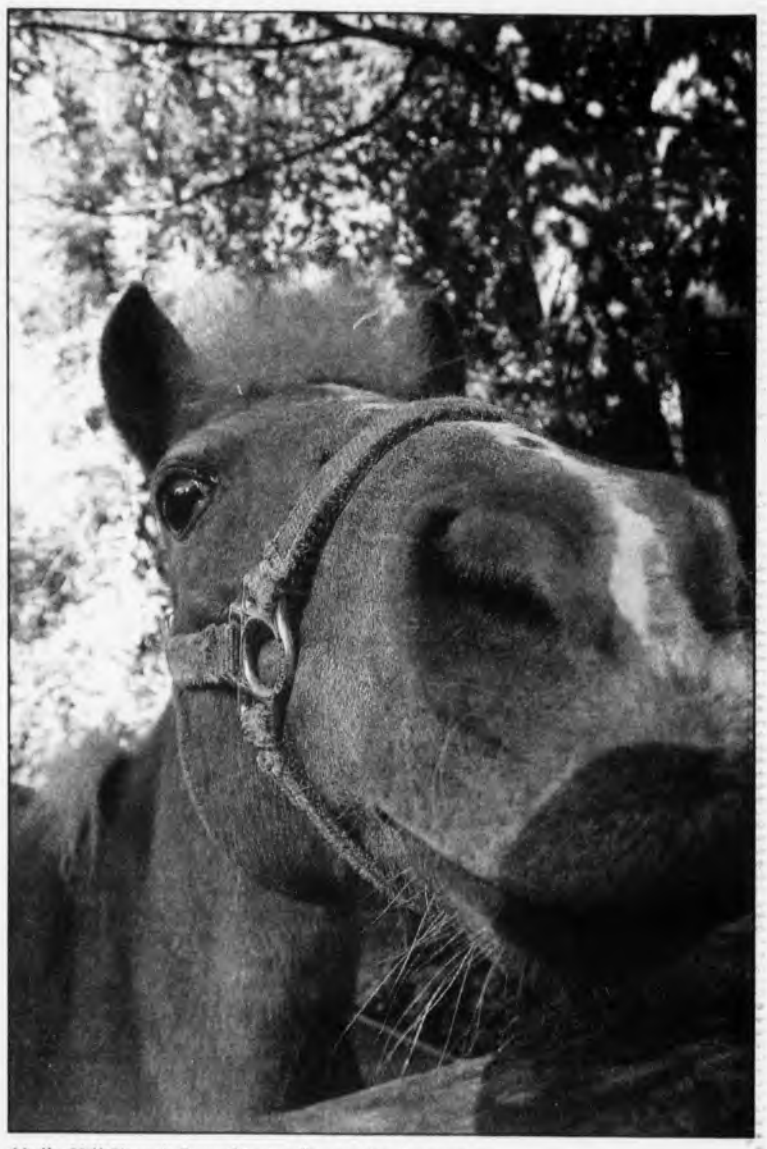
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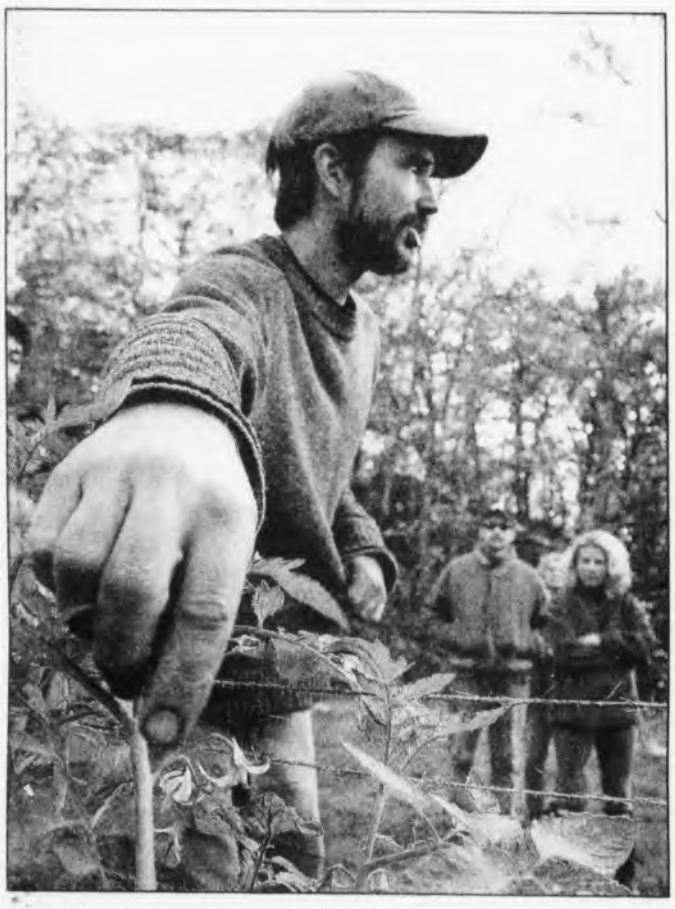
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Visitors walk between rows of asparagus and a cover crop of buckwheat that helps keep the weeds down and for the soil to be enriched. The tour took place at the Holly Hill Farm Sunday afternoon.



Holly Hill Farm's Pumpkin is all eyes for the camera.



Ben Wolbach, co-manager at Holly Hill Farm off Jerusalem Road, talks to visitors about the tomato-growing season that had its ups and downs. This was all part of the behind the scenes look at the organic farm on Sunday.



Hannah Hobbs, one of Holly Hill Farm's co-managers, holds a chunk of organic compost matter that was shown to visitors Sunday afternoon during the tour of the Farm.



Turnips and radishes are just a few of the organic vegetables grown at the Holly Hill Farm gardens.



Eileen Stoolmacher of Somerville picks some spicy cress to taste while on a tour of the Holly Hill Farm organic gardens Sunday afternoon.



Visitors are led on a tour by Holly Hill Farm co-managers Hannah Hobbs and Ben Wolbach Sunday afternoon during a Behind the Scenes look at Holly Hill Farm.



Left: Co-Managers of Holly Hill Farm Hannah Hobbs, far left and Ben Wolbach, right talk to visitors inside one of the two greenhouses that is used to grow tomatoes. The farm sits on 140 acres and 4 to 5 acres of the farm are used for organic gardening.

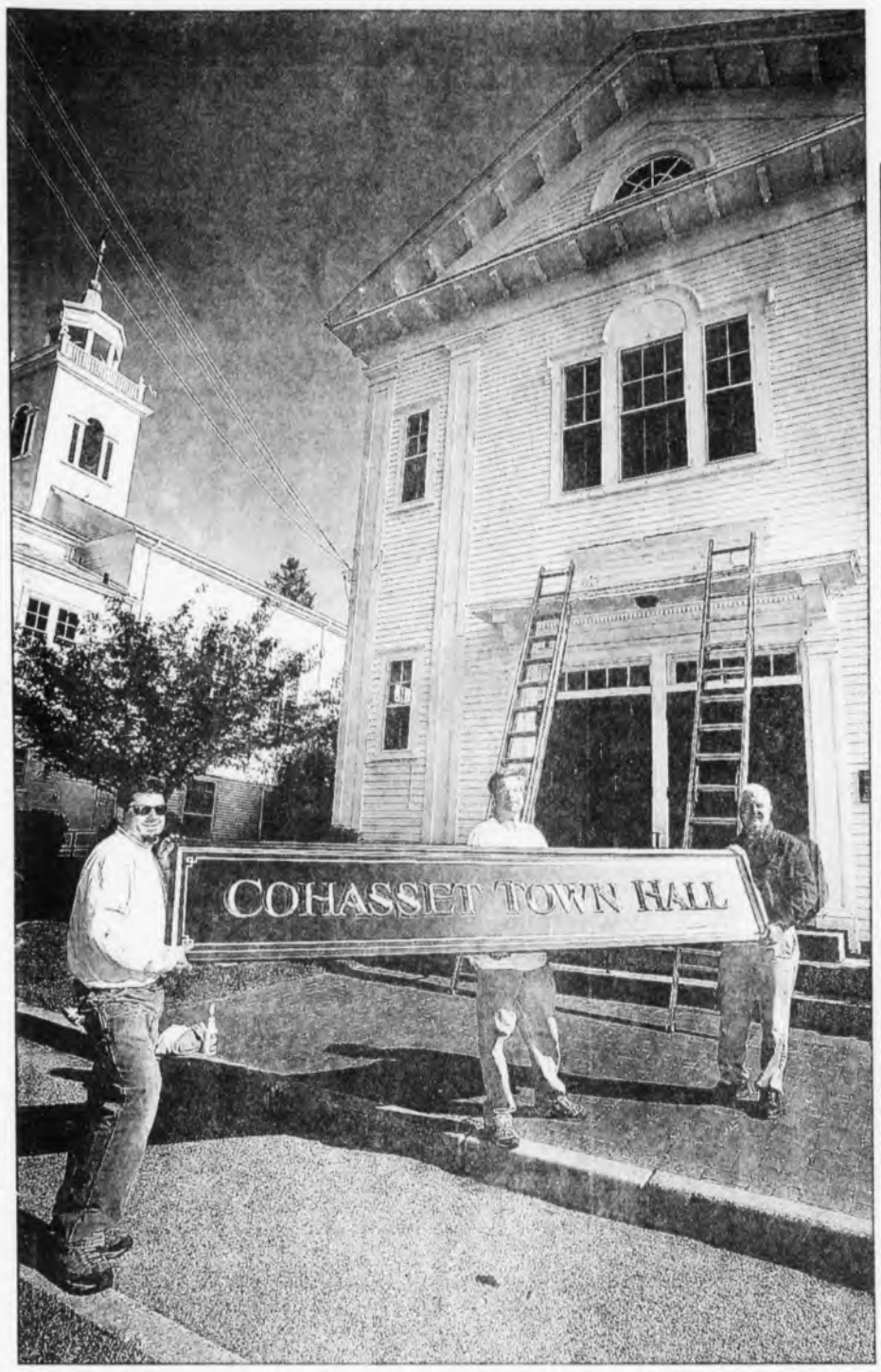


Left: Roma and Dirk Hertel fill a baggie with organically grown Arugula at the Holly Hill Farmstand.



Holly Hill Farms Co-manager Ben Wolbach holds a Hakurei Turnip up for visitors to see while taking a behind the scenes tour of the organic gardens Sunday afternoon. More than just a look-and-see tour, participants had the opportunity to ask questions and hear tips on how to grow organically and keep weeds and pests under control.

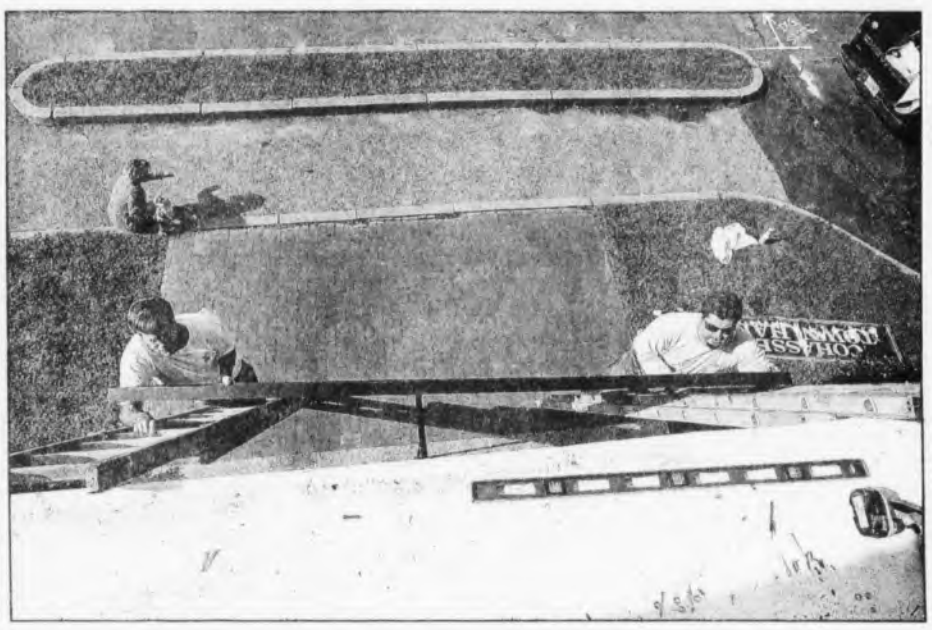
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Josh Hassan, Kevin Gildea and Building Inspector Bob Egan, right, stand with the new sign before it was placed on the Town Hall. Egan submitted the petition to the Community Preservation Committee to have the aging sign replaced. The lettering is finished with 23-karat gold leaf.



Josh Hassan removes the peeling sign from above the auditorium doors. The old sign was refinished a year after the filming of the "Witches of Eastwick."



Josh Hassan, right, and Kevin Gildea of Hassan Sign Company in Cohasset climb up their ladders to install a new sign for the Cohasset Town Hall. Spring Town Meeting allocated $4120 of Community Preservation funds for a new sign.

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General Manager John Guilfoy, left, and owner David Littlefield, right, chow down on some of their delicious products in front of a painted trailer with Wally the Green Monster. David is the Sausage Guy and he started the famous booth 15 years ago. Dave and John have been working together for the past 3 years and both run the Boys of Summer Ice Cream, Company here in Cohasset.

Boys of summer grill up playoff excitement

Win or lose sausages aplenty at Red Sox themed eatery

By Joel Racicot
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Nobody likes the end of the baseball season unless it involves your team and a champagne soaked locker room. Even then it's hard to say goodbye. As of *Mariner* press time our beloved Red Sox were fighting for their playoff lives against a very good Cleveland Indians team. For those who can't bear to accept the possible fate of the hometown nine, there is an oasis of Red Sox joy situated in the heart of Cohasset Village.

It's called the Boys of Summer Ice Cream, Company and David Littlefield, Fenway Park's famed Sausage Guy, owns it. He, along with general manager John Guilfoy plan on staying open for business year round, Thursdays through Saturdays. If that insatiable appetite for all things Fenway comes groaning in the form of hunger pangs, there will be a Dice Dog waiting for you, even if Japan's favorite son is eating Sushi in Sapporo.

"The playoffs are always great to us, people think Red Sox and they think of us," Littlefield said from his Cohasset location.

The Sausage Guy is a 15-year veteran at Fenway and thought bringing a little city flavor to the suburbs would taste just fine. Since doors opened in July, the dogs have been flying over the counter.

"I love it," Littlefield said. "I love being here (Cohasset), it's a beautiful place to live, work and play."

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Balanced attack

Field hockey team qualifies for state tournament with win

By Joel Racicot
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Strong bench play couldn't come at a better time for the Cohasset High School field hockey team. Tuesday, the girls defeated Mashpee, 1-0, but back-to-back games Friday and Saturday, tested the strength of the Skippers depth.

"We played fearless Saturday," Bostwick said about a 1-1 tie against Nantucket. "We were a little tired and a little worn out but we knew we were trying to secure the tournament spot."

By gaining a point against the Whalers and beating the Hawks, Cohasset improved to 8-3-3 overall, 6-2-2 in the South Shore League. That qualifies the girls for their second straight state tournament appearance and a potential second place finish in league play behind Harwich, a team that beat them Friday, 3-0.

"I am extremely pleased with Alyssa Mullin. She is really doing a great job."
Deb Bostwick

Cohasset continues to get great play from its main group: Olivia Kimla, Sally Meehan, Paige Strecker, Katina Martone, May McCarthy, Jean Thomae, Izzy Franklin, Lucy Noble, Marissa Tangherlini and Alyssa Mullin. What has keyed them over this recent stretch of games has been the bench play from Kaleigh Teague, Hilary Gaumer, Hannah Burgess, Lauren Mack, Amanda Hurd, Jenny Cahill and Erika Reardon.

Reardon scored the game winner against Mashpee, a team Bostwick called Cohasset's "mirror image." The go-ahead score started when Tangherlini won a tackle and pushed the ball up field to Mack. Mack then

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COURTESY PHOTO

Olivia Kimla rushes forward for the Skippers. Kimla continues to shine as one of Cohasset's captains.



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Cohasset's Ryan Crough (4) and Norwell's Owen Cox (8) battle for the 50/50 ball earlier in the season. The Skippers have turned their play up a notch of late and are battling for a tournament position.

Boys continue strong play

Skippers vie for tournament berth

Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

After a tie, a win and another tie, the Cohasset High School boys soccer teams sits at 5-4-4 overall and only two wins away from a spot in the state tournament. The Skippers tied Norwell 2-2, beat Nantucket 3-2, and tied first place East Bridgewater 0-0.

Senior captain Ryan Crough and junior Lenny Brown scored the two goals for Cohasset in its 2-2 tie versus Norwell, a team Cohasset lost to 4-1 in its first meeting. Cohasset kept it up beating Nantucket 3-2 after Sam Roth, senior captain, put in the game winner on a free kick. Fellow captain Mike Grimm also scored and senior Colin Dignom scored his first goal of the season on a header.

"We're playing great and doing a lot better against teams the second time around. The guys have a lot more confidence and overall better awareness of what they need to do."
Cohasset head coach Jim Willis

Nantucket and Cohasset tied in the first meeting of the season.

After losing 2-0 against East Bridgewater earlier in the year, and facing a goalie that has given up only two goals all season, Cohasset showed it could compete with the best. The 0-0 tie knocked the Vikings out of first place.

"That was huge game for us because we were able to break East Bridgewater's undefeated record," said Cohasset head coach Jim Willis. "We played a great defensive game."

The great defensive play is attributed to not only senior Matt Burgess, but also two juniors, Conor Olstun and Owen Landon.

"We're playing great and doing a lot better against teams the second time around" Willis said. "The guys have a lot more confidence and overall better awareness of what they need to do."

One part of the team's awareness is the great play of the seniors. All continue to play like it's their last season in hopes of a

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Title plans in progress

Soccer team strong from top to bottom as it battles for SSL crown

By Joel Racicot
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Deb Beal is in an envious position. She arguably has the most talented team in the South Shore League and there are only two seniors on the team (Anna Haggerty and Meg Anderson). After tying Norwell, 0-0, the Skippers look like they will tie the Clippers for a co-championship in the league. As of press time, they are 11-3-1, 10-1-1 in the South Shore League.

The girls play at Hull today (Friday, Oct. 19) at 6 p.m., and by no means are looking past their final two league games.

"The weather is going to be OK, but it's still nerve-wracking going down there," Beal said about heading to Hull. Cohasset beat the Pirates, 8-0, the first time around. Kaci Kucinski scored three goals in the first six minutes.

If Cohasset can wrap up league play and tie Norwell for the title it will be the first time in a long time for the program.

"It's just another feather in our cap," Beal said. "Going into the season our goal is always to qualify for the tournament, but if we can be co-champs that is exciting."

The Skippers took a big step toward that goal with Monday's 4-2 win against East Bridgewater and Wednesday's 3-0 win over Carver.

Sarah Coggins scored goals in both games. She has been a spark in the offense that is sometimes overlooked. Or the casual observer may just not notice, but Beal has.

"When you go back and look at the games she is starting a lot of our scoring," Beal said about the junior center midfielder. "She is the first goal scorer in a lot of our games."

Coggins and Maggie McGoldrick both set the tone for the Cohasset midfield, although McGoldrick is more defensive oriented.

"All those two know how to do is just play," Beal said.

Anderson, Mackenzie Hart and Christine Coner added goals against the Vikings. Monday's game added an element of pressure coming of the big clash with Norwell. Cohasset couldn't take them lightly given the Vikings history as a tough team. Cohasset beat them, 2-0, the first time, but nothing is guaranteed with East Bridgewater.

"East Bridgewater is a team that just doesn't go away," Beal said. "There was pressure looming we knew we had to stay even with Norwell. Either way we had to stay focused and we ended up doing what we had to do."

Kucinski added her 16th goal of the season against the Crusaders and Brittany Dunn scored on a penalty kick. Dunn made a heads up play when her initial PK was saved and she followed the rebound (live ball) for the score.

"That couldn't have happened to a better person," Beal said about Dunn's great play.

Those plays are going Cohasset's way lately.

With Scituate and Hanover to end the season, Beal plans on treating those tough non-league matches with the same vigor as a tournament game. Both the Sailors and the Indians will provide good pre-state tournament competition, something the young Skippers could use to their advantage.

Weymouth 18-And-Unders Prepping For Junior USTA Competition

Intermediates To Travel To Tucson For Nationals, October 26-28

By Ed Carpenter
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Eight members of the Weymouth Club's 18-and-under intermediate tennis team are beginning their final week's preparations for the National Junior Team Tennis Tournament that is set for October 26-28 at the El Conquistador Hotel and El Conquistador Country Club Courts in Tucson, AZ.

This marks the first time any Weymouth Club team has qualified for the National Junior Team competition.

The eight players include four women—Maddy Altholtz (Cohasset), Roberta Bergstein (Hingham), Kellie MacFarlane (Kingston), and Katherine Kelley (Norwell) as well as four men—Robbie Yee (Quincy), Kevin Hadar (Weymouth), Danny Hajjar (Weymouth), and Max Staffa (Milton).

The team qualified for the National Tournament by winning the Sectional title in late August in Hartford, CT.

Over the last several weeks, the eight have been playing and practicing a minimum of three times a week. The sessions have included private lessons, practicing as a team, and participating in the Weymouth Club's Tournament Training Clinic.

The team is scheduled to arrive in Tucson Thursday, October 25 with their first match to be played the next morning, 8:00 a.m. Friday, October 26. At that time, Weymouth will take on their counterparts from South Carolina. While the Weymouth Club players won the New England Sectional to represent this region, South Carolina won the Southern region competition.

Following the Friday morning match, the Weymouth Club entry will have a short break before it meets a team from Puerto Rico, winners of the Caribbean region, at 1:00 p.m.

The third scheduled match is set for Saturday, October 27, when the locals are matched up against Middle States region winner New Jersey at 8:00 a.m.

Depending on how the team did in its first three matches, there will be added competition on Saturday afternoon.

Guaranteed to play five matches at the Nationals, the Weymouth Club team will close out its competition on Sunday, October 28, against a team and at a time to be determined.

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tournament berth.

"The seniors are really stepping it up," said Willis after four seniors scored in the last three games.

Also important according to Willis has been the improved play of sophomore goalie Will Wise.

"He's getting more comfortable and he's able to come out of the net now when earlier in the season he didn't do that."

With a healthy roster, the Skippers are playing at full strength, where in the first half of the season they constantly had injuries. This should help them down the stretch.

Cohasset's first step towards the tournament now is against Carver, Wednesday after the Mariner went to press. They play Hull at home Friday evening under the lights.

Sports Briefly

Southeast Medical 5K Road Race

The Southeast Medical 5K Road Race and walk to benefit scholarship funds at East Bridgewater High School will take place Sunday, Oct. 28, at 8:30 a.m. The runners begin the 3.1-mile course at the high school and travel over flat, suburban roads. Along the course there will be one water stop and volunteers at each mile mark. This is a USA Track & Field sanctioned race. There will be post-race festivities, including refreshments, music and an awards ceremony.

Extra Innings clinic

Extra Innings, 319 Manley St., West Bridgewater, is taking registration for the following clinic. To register, go to www.extrainnings-wbridgewater.com or call 508-580-3113.

Fall indoor wiffle ball leagues – Wiffle ball leagues are currently being formed for the second annual fall league, which starts Monday, Oct. 29 and runs until Jan. 25. Last year's champs will be back to defend their titles in all three age groups. Ages 6 to 8, 9 to 10, and 11 to 12 will compete over 14 weeks for a shot at the coveted Extra Innings Wiffle Trophy. Sign up as a team or as an individual and be placed on a team. Either way, this is their most popular off-season league and it fills up fast. Extra Innings staff will umpire the games and some new rules will add to the fun. The cost for a team with a minimum of five players is $250 and for individuals, the cost is $60. Ages 4 to 6 will meet from 10 to 11:15 a.m.; ages 7 and 8 will meet from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Head of the Charles Regatta

The world's largest regatta returns to the banks of the Charles River in Boston Oct. 20 and 21 for the 43rd annual edition of the Head of the Charles Regatta. The regatta includes 55 different men's and women's races divided into various age groups and skill level. Spectators can enjoy food and beverage at the popular Reunion Village while listening to the annual Row-a-Palooza live music festival. Admission to the race is free. Reunion Village admission is $1 per day to benefit the Regatta's official charities. The hours are Oct. 20, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Oct. 21, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Starts at Boston University's DeWolfe Boathouse in Cambridge and finishes at Artesani Park in Allston. The race spans three miles down the Charles River. Throughout the course of two days and 55 events, more than 250,000 spectators will gather to see crews and scullers compete to win the honorary title of "Head of the Charles."

Edaville Rail Run

The seventh annual Edaville Rail Run will take place Saturday, Nov. 10, at Edaville Railroad in South Carver. There will be a 5-mile race and a 2-mile fun run/walk, both starting at 10 a.m. Two of the most unique courses around, these courses traverse the gravel bog trails in and around Edaville Railroad. No hills but some nice multi-media surfaces, from grass to gravel to some asphalt. All participants may purchase half price tickets for Edaville that day only. Indoor facilities before and after the race, entertainment by "Pete", "Bob's Chowda" and more! For information, call Donna Cohen, Race Director at 508-238-9745 or email edavillerailrun@comcast.net. Or you can go to www.edavillerailrun.com. To be guaranteed a long sleeved T-shirt registrations must be received by Sunday, Oct. 28.

College scholarships from Patriots

Attention college-bound students: you can score up to $20,000 in college scholarship funds from the New England Patriots during the 2007 NFL season. For the third year in a row, the Patriots Charitable

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Field hockey team qualifies for state tournament with win

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found Martone down the left side for a shot, where Reardon followed up with a tip-in for the goal.

Meehan and Kimla created a lot of scoring opportunities in the game, while Strecker played strong defense as usual from full back.

Mullin added another shutout to her resume in the game. She also played well against Harwich despite the loss, facing 19 defensive corners and posting five saves.

"I am extremely pleased with Alyssa Mullin," Bostwick said. "She is really doing a great job."

Kimla scored on a penalty stroke against Nantucket, and Mullin added six saves and faced 10 corners in the tie.

"We came out a little flat against Harwich the day before but we really prevailed with the tie Saturday," Bostwick said.

Cohasset also shutout Scituate, 2-0, last Tuesday behind a pair of McCarthy goals.

"I'm excited and the girls are really working hard so we will see what happens," Bostwick said.

Cohasset played at Carver yesterday (Thursday, Oct. 18) after the *Mariner* went to press. Monday, Oct. 22, it's the Skippers will host Hull as part of Senior Day at 3:30 p.m.



COURTESY PHOTO

Alyssa Mullin has been a rock in the Skippers net this season. Cohasset is getting ready for its second straight state tournament.

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Foundation and Fidelity Investments will give away thousands of dollars in scholarship money to local students through the Inspire the Future "Write On" Scholarship Contest. To enter, students must write a 500-750 word recap about the Patriots' most recent game. After every four-game stretch on the Patriots schedule, a first place winner will be awarded a $5,000 college scholarship, two second place winners will receive $2,500, and six third place winners will receive $1,000 in scholarship money. At the conclusion of the season, all previous first place winners and others who qualify will be eligible to win the $15,000 grand prize, the $10,000 runner-up prize or the $5,000 honorable mention prize. All winners will also be honored at a reception held at Gillette Stadium. Essays can be submitted online at www.totallypatriots.com or mailed to "Write On" Contest, Gillette Stadium, 1 Patriot Place, Foxborough, MA 02035. For more information, tune in to Totally Patriots, hosted by Kerry Connolly, each Sunday at 11 a.m. on WCVB-TV, immediately following the Emmy-Award winning Patriots All Access.

Boys of summer grill up playoff excitement

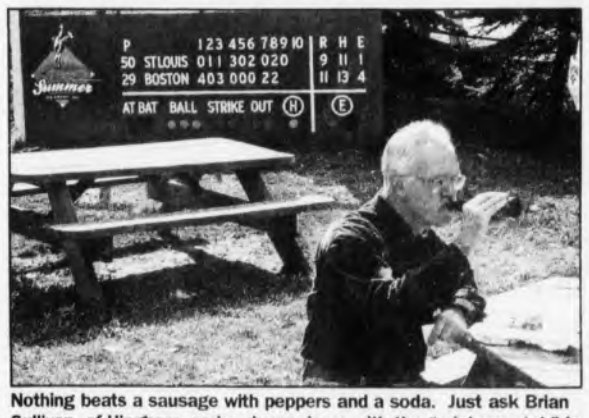
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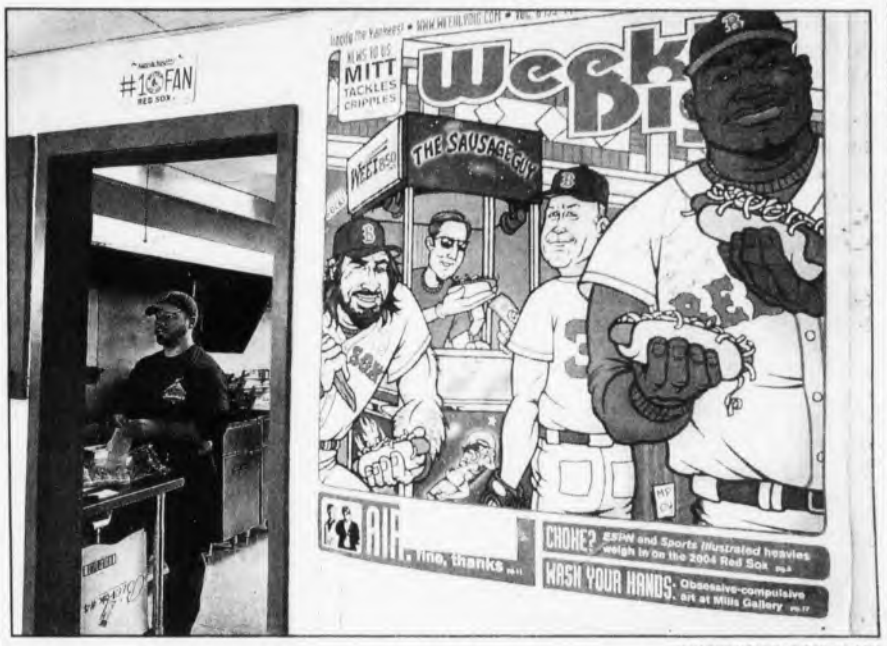
Guilfoy came up with the menu that features an array of Red Sox related items, including the "Mini Papi" Cheeseburger, the Bogg's Fried Chicken and Papelbon's Pizza Sandwich.

"It's fun the kids love it," Guilfoy said. "We may have to change the menu around every year but kids come in with suggestions, like Okajima Onion Rings wasn't on the menu, a six-year old customer from town suggested that. Another liked the Pedroia Panini – maybe in the future."

For now, some can only hope we will never see an A-Rod Rib Sandwich replace the Lowell Lobster Roll. You'll have to stop by the Boys of Summer during baseball's winter meetings for that dicey dilemma.



Nothing beats a sausage with peppers and a soda. Just ask Brian Sullivan, of Hingham, as he chows down with the "mini-monstah" in the background.



STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

John Guilfoy prepares to cook some hot dogs. Guilfoy is a die-hard Red Sox fan and he didn't hesitate to air his displeasure with manger Terry Francona's decision to keep Jacoby Ellsbury on the bench against the Indians.

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PSO fall fundraiser all wrapped up with a bow!

Most importantly, a huge, beautifully wrapped thank you to the children, their families, friends and neighbors who participated in the sale either by making an order or getting out and selling from their catalogs.

The PSO's fall gift-wrap fundraiser is all wrapped up, and due to record sales, one could say it just got topped off with a big, beautiful bow. It was a job well done by the students and their families of Joseph Osgood and Deer Hill schools. They have been busy selling gift wrap, chocolates and other items from Innisbrook Wraps and the Helen Grace Chocolate Company during the PSO's fall fundraiser. The orders are in and being processed and the PSO reports the numbers look fantastic. Osgood School's sales receipts totaled more than $16,000 and Deer Hill's almost $26,000, bringing the total sale to close to $42,000. The PSO will receive half of that, almost $21,000. Several families who did not wish to buy items made donations directly to the PSO, totaling almost $1,000. The fundraiser takes place every fall with the goal of raising money for a variety of programs, for supplemental curriculum materials for classrooms and for updating equipment at the both the Osgood and Deer Hill schools, as well as the Middle/High School.

The theme this year for the sale, "the PSO and Innisbrook have got the beat," directed the fun the children had during the sale. At Osgood, the children heard music during morning and afternoon announcements and had music to dance to on the playground during recess. Physical education teacher, Kevin Dykas, loaned his equipment and music to the PSO for these special activities, which provided a chance for students to practice their dancing skills and get some fun exercise, complimenting a favorite program they do with Dykas in gym class. Raffles were also held with the prize being a Hip Hop Back Pack Clipper.

At Deer Hill, where the students are a little older, they had the opportunity to sell door-to-door or in their neighborhoods and earn prizes for the total number of items sold. Seventy students earned the Hip Hop Back Pack Clipper by selling 10 items or more, and all who participated in the sale earned music-related prizes on a graduated, cumulative basis, with the highest prizes being all the music prizes and gift cards from Best Buy for $100, $150 and $250. If a student reached the top level, they received all three gift cards. The top amounts sold were 151 items, the second was 67 items and the third, 58 items, with the 151 items qualifying the sister and brother team who worked together on their sale for two Best Buy gift cards.

All of the items sold will either be available for distribution in early November or, for those ordered online, there is immediate delivery. Online sales accounted for approximately $3,100 and $5800 of the total sales receipts at Osgood and Deer Hill respectively.

The programs and materials that will be purchased as a result of this fundraiser are already in the works. The PSO has grant requests from teachers for supplemental curriculum materials and equipment for classrooms. An example of what those requests led to last year at the Osgood are: the grade two classrooms received math and science curriculum materials, grade one received new area rugs for the classrooms, and kindergarten classes received supplemental Reading Street curriculum materials. In addition, the art teacher received 3-D art supplies, the librarian received books to enhance and broaden the library's section on continents, and new equipment was purchased for the students to use during recess.

At Deer Hill, teacher grants enabled the purchase of traditional literature books for all grade three classrooms, magnet sets and foam sun models for the grade three science curriculum, various heavy duty office equipment supplies such as paper cutters for the teacher work rooms, and grade five students had a ceramist provide special instruction in the art classroom. Additionally, a computer learning system called Renzulli was purchased for the computer classroom and the Enrichment, Motivation and Challenge program for all students at Deer Hill. All of these programs and materials were a result of the PSO funding teacher grant proposals.

Popular programs

In addition to teacher grants, the PSO will fund May Arts Night and also Math and Science Night at Osgood, two popular programs for the students and their families. These programs are consistent with the desire to offer the students opportunities to explore areas of the curriculum in a more in depth manner. Several curriculum enrichment programs are being planned for this year at each school including author/illustrator visits like that of Brian Lies last year. Other enrichment programs that students enjoyed last year included several offered at Deer Hill, the Amazing Hero Art Demonstration, World of Robotics presentation, Discovery Museum Physical States of Matter program for fifth graders, and Petticoat Patriot Reenactment for grade three. An Audubon program was offered to students at both Osgood and Deer Hill. These programs are a hit with students and often a highlight of their year.

The PSO's commitment to building character and strong values in children has prioritized the funding and support of various Character Education programs that take place throughout the year at both Osgood and Deer Hill. The Discovering Justice Program offered at Osgood for grades one and two is supported by the PSO. It is a civics education program that teaches concepts about fairness, equality and justice. This program provides the foundation for continuing programs where children learn tools to help them become caring and considerate classmates and individuals. Other PSO funded programs will happen several times throughout the year at Osgood and Deer Hill, and at the Middle/High School as well.

Last year, in partnership with the Cohasset Diversity Committee, an Anti Defamation League Peer Leadership Program was started at the Middle/High where 50 high schools students were trained to be Peer Leaders. These Peer Leaders go to the Middle School to work with middle school students on dealing with peer issues, including bullying, accepting differences, leadership and inclusiveness. This initiative will continue this year with more students being trained. The Diversity Committee is a valuable resource to the schools and the town, and is a district wide committee of the PSO, funded through the many donations of parents as well as grants from community churches and the ADL. The Diversity Committee is also a member of the No Place For Hate Program. Like the Peer Leadership program, all Character Education programs offered this year will continue this theme of teaching and building character and strong, positive values among the student population, with appropriate plans for each grade level.

Thank you's

The PSO would like to thank the many people who helped to make the funding of these great programs possible by participating in it's fall fundraiser. Osgood principal Janet Sheehan and Deer Hill principal Jennifer deChiara provided space for marketing the sale, time with the students to help them understand their role in the sale, encouragement of students and families to participate in the sale and assistance with carrying out the various incentives offered at both schools.

Thank you to the administrative staff, Judy Figueirido, Joanie Meade and Anita Ross, for helping to collect order forms, field questions from students and families and make copies of flyers sent home. To the teaching staff, thank you for the support and encouragement, and especially working around the disruptions caused by changes in the routine due to the sale.

The PSO would also like to thank Bernadette O'Connell for watching over and running the music at recess at Osgood, and Kevin Dykas for the loan of his equipment, and Ted Holland, the Osgood custodian, for setting up and taking down the equipment for all recess periods. Also, Tom Jones, Deer Hill custodian, was a great help in setting up and taking down displays for the sale.

The PSO would also like to thank Christian Cunnie, owner and manager of the Slushy Guy slush stand at the Cohasset Farmers Market, for his loan of his sandwich board to help advertise the sale on Sohier Street at the entrance to the schools. A special thank you to those who helped to add up and process the sale orders, Kathy Iantosca, Donna Sanderson, Sandra Cavanaro, Lisa Rosen, Marie Dunkleburger, Jessica Fitzpatrick, Tracey Vainisi and Colleen Kelly.

Most importantly, a huge, beautifully wrapped thank you to the children, their families, friends and neighbors who participated in the sale either by making an order or getting out and selling from their catalogs. The PSO is especially grateful for their enthusiasm and commitment to the PSO and the schools, demonstrated by the success of this fundraiser. A special thank you also to the families who made donations to the PSO in lieu of purchasing items. Last, the PSO thanks the two fundraiser chairwomen, Carolyn Coffey and Mary Jo Blackington, for the time and effort in making the sale the success that it has been.

The PSO has many volunteers who throughout the year contribute to the programs offered by the PSO and thus, add to the education the children receive at the schools. Those interested in joining the PSO can secure contact information via the PSO Web site, cohassetpso.com or at any of the school's offices. Also, the products offered by Innisbrook Wraps and the Helen Grace Chocolate Company are available throughout the school year and people can continue to support the schools by placing orders any time online at innisbrook.com.

Artist advocacy group seeks volunteers

South Shore Advocacy for Art (SSAFA), a group dedicated to founding a building to house artist studios, and support artists, arts and art education, is looking for volunteers. Help is particularly needed in grant writing, fundraising, publicity and other areas. All people who are interested in enhancing the culture of the South Shore are invited to join the efforts to achieve these goals.

People who would be willing to serve on an advisory board are also being sought. This would include an attorney, financial advisor, educator and artist.

Anyone who is interested can visit the SSAFA Web site at.ssafaonline.org for more information on this new organization and leave a message, or contact Chuck Lathrop, chairman, at bluedoorstudio100@earthlink.net.

SSAFA's next meeting will take place at 7 p.m., on Nov. 7, at Chuck Lathrop's studio on the fourth floor of the Sandpaper Factory, 83 East Water St., Rockland.

SCHOOLS

Cohasset Schools to conduct 'Child Find'

Cohasset Public Schools, in accordance with federal law IDEA 2004 and Massachusetts Special Education Regulations 603 CMR 28.00, are in the process of conducting "Child Find." The school department is seeking children with suspected disabilities residing in Cohasset who may be in need of Special Education services.

Cohasset Public Schools will evaluate students from age 3 through high school age who are unable to progress effectively in a regular education program due to a suspected disability in one of the following areas: developmental or intellectual delay, sensory, neurological, emotional, communication, physical, specific learning disability or health impairment. Cohasset Public Schools will also arrange for an evaluation of young people ages 16 through 21 who have not graduated from high school and who are not now attending school.

In addition, screenings for three- to five-year-olds take place the third Friday of each month at Osgood School. Call the Integrated Pre-school staff at 781-383-6117 for more information.

Cohasset provides all children with an opportunity to participate in the public school programs using a continuous and systematic process to identify students in need of special education. All programs and services are offered without regard to color, race, sex, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or disability.

Parents who have a child who they suspect may have a disability or know a child with a disability who may be in need of special education services, should call the director of Student Services, Linda Gill, at 781-383-6104 for information regarding the referral process.

Letters About Literature contest entries sought

Letters About Literature, a national reading and writing promotion program for young readers in grades 4 through 12, is sponsored in part by the Massachusetts Center for the Book, with lead support from the Calderwood Writing Initiative at the Boston Athenaeum and additional assistance from Houghton Mifflin Co. and Massachusetts libraries.

Last year more than 55,000 young people from across the nation entered the competition and two Cohasset students, **Madeline Blackburn** and **Foster Eymer**, won in the honorable mention category. To read their winning entries visit http://www.massbook.org/lal2006.html and scroll down to honorable mention.

To enter, readers must write a personal letter to an author explaining how his or her work changed their view of the world or of themselves. Young readers can select authors from any genre including fiction or nonfiction, contemporary or classic. The deadline for entries is Friday, Dec. 14.

Judges, working with the Massachusetts Center for the Book, will select the top letter writers in the commonwealth from three competition levels. Entries will be assessed on three criteria: content, or the writer's achievement in addressing the contest theme; exposition, or the writer's use of language skills; and voice, the writer's style and originality of expression.

State winners receive a $50 Target Gift Card and are invited to a State House awards ceremony. The three state winners then advance to the national competition. A panel of judges for the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress will select six national winners and 12 national runners-up. Each national winner will receive a $500 Target Gift Card. In addition, he or she will win a Reading Promotion Grant of $10,000 for his or her school or community library. National winners will be instrumental in deciding how the library funds will be spent. The 12 national runners-up will win a $100 Target Gift Card and a Reading Promotion Grant of $1,000 for their school or community libraries.

To obtain the required entry coupon and a copy of the guidelines, visit www.massbook.org/letters or contact the Massachusetts Center for the Book by sending email to massbook@simmons.edu.

Homecoming weekend was enjoyable!

LIFE AT CHS



CHRISTINE KENT

Hey readers!

Hopefully everyone enjoyed the Homecoming weekend despite the Varsity Football team's upsetting loss to Mashpee. With the sun shining and team spirit in the air, this weekend's sporting events proved to be crowd pleasers as parents and fans alike surrounded the sidelines to cheer on such teams as field hockey and soccer. Nothing says Fall like a field packed with shivering fans grasping their hot chocolates and coffees! Also of note, **Sarah Brown** and **Matt Blaze** were crowned Homecoming King and Queen. Congratulations, you both deserve it!

Last week's Spirit Week for the High School turned out to be a fun filled and spirited event. Regardless of the fact that there was no pep rally, students seemed to enjoy the chance to dress in "outrageous" outfits to match each day's theme. Like every year, the Seniors marched to the beat of their own drum by dressing differently than the underclassman. As the Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors donned their wetsuits and bikinis for underwater day, the Seniors suited up in their favorite Disney attire. Blasting "A Whole New World" and "Circle of Life" at lunch, it was hard to ignore the Seniors' musical statement. Still bitter, the Senior class dressed in all black on Friday in an act of protest against the administration's unfair action (aka the removal of the annual pep rally.) The rest of the student body wore the school colors, blue and white, thus enabling them to win the Spirit Week.

Nothing says Fall like a field packed with shivering fans grasping their hot chocolates and coffees!

On the bright side, the girls' Varsity Field Hockey team has entered Tournament thanks to its 1-0 win over Mashpee on Tuesday. Call it karma, since Mashpee was the team that beat us in last Friday's Football Homecoming game.

Now for the weeks top stories!

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Built circa 1880, this was the stately home of Marinda C. Parker but by 1940 it had become the Cohasset Hospital and later a nursing home. Located at the corner of Ripley Road and Sohier Street it is today once again being used as a residence. Those curious for a glimpse of the interior, can join the Cohasset Basketball Boosters on Oct. 27 at their Halloween fundraiser. Further information on the fundraiser can be found at cohassetbasketball.com.

From the Archives is a weekly feature provided by Cohasset Historical Society.

The Cohasset Historical Society welcomes donations. If you have something that you would consider donating to our archives please give us a call at 781-383-1434.

Information about drinking water

Your water is more likely to contain high lead levels if water pipes in or leading to your home are made of lead or contain lead solder.

The following is a notice from the Cohasset Water Department

Cohasset Water Contains High Levels of Lead — Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Even though this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely sample water at consumers' taps for lead. The tests show lead levels in the water above the limit, or "action level," so we are required to install corrosion control treatment. This treatment helps prevent lead in the pipes from dissolving into the water. Corrosion control is installed and is being adjusted to improve results.

What should I do?

- Listed below are some steps you can take to reduce your exposure to lead:
- Call us at the number below to find out how to get your water tested for lead.
- Find out whether your pipes contain lead or lead solder.
- Run your water for 15-30 seconds or until it becomes cold before using it for drinking or cooking. This flushes any standing lead from the pipes.
- Don't cook with or drink water from the hot water tap; lead dissolves more easily into hot water.

Do not boil your water to remove lead. Excessive boiling water makes the lead more concentrated — the lead remains when the water evaporates.

What does this mean?

Typically, lead enters water supplies by leaching from lead or brass pipes and plumbing components. New lead pipes and plumbing components containing lead are no longer allowed for this reason; however, many older homes may contain lead pipes. Your water is more likely to contain high lead levels if water pipes in or leading to your home are made of lead or contain lead solder.

Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

What happened? What is being done?

In August of 2007, three homes in Cohasset tested above the maximum contaminant level for lead. The source of the lead is from brass or lead pipes and fixtures located in the plumbing of the home. The water that leaves the treatment plant and well station to supply the town does not contain any lead. The treatment plant has a corrosion control system in place and has made adjustments to improve results.

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately.

For more information, please contact the Cohasset Water Department at 781-383-0057 or 339 King St. Cohasset, MA 02025.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Legion seeking donations for those deployed

Donations may be dropped off at the Legion Post on Summer Street daily after 3 p.m. or at Pilgrim Cooperative Bank branches on 3A or in the village.

The George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118 is seeking donations of toiletries and other items for those deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Donations may be dropped off at the Legion Post on Summer Street daily after 3 p.m. or at Pilgrim Cooperative Bank branches on 3A or in the village.

Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks should be made out to the Sons of the American Legion, with "Soldiers Project" written in the memo line on the check. Checks can be mailed to Sons of the American Legion, PO Box 118, Cohasset, MA 02025. The following items are being collected at the American Legion for deployed servicemen and women:

Batteries - AA and AAA, razors, mouthwash, Chapstick, nuts, shaving cream Ziploc bags of all sizes, hand warmers, baby wipes, pens and notepaper, Pringles, toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss.

Also, sports magazines, local newspapers, socks, T-shirts, candy (no chocolate), phone cards, peanut butter and crackers, dry tuna in a bag, deodorant, winter hats and gloves, gum, mints, Lifesavers, Q-Tips, sunscreen, soap and body wash, dry soup, beef jerky, Tylenol, Advil, Excedrin and cameras.

Also, athlete's foot cream or spray, bandanas, socks, Bounce dryer sheets, chap sticks, ground coffee, CoffeeMate, antibiotic cream, duct tape, used CD or DVD's, paperbacks, knee-hi hose, cologne, Band-Aids, a variety of shoe inserts, playing cards, black pens, writing pads, envelopes, puzzle magazines, flea collars, lens cleaner for glasses, Ramen noodles in the cup, breakfast bars, gum, single-serve packets hot chocolate or soup, Pringles, hard candy, and microwave popcorn. Personal notes or cards are encouraged.

Forget Me Not Drive set for Nov. 9 and 10

Lt. Ralph Talbot Disabled Americans Chapter 65 supports disabled veterans and their immediate families in the towns of Abington, Cohasset, Hanover, Hanson, Hingham, Hull, Norwell, Pembroke, Scituate and Weymouth. The chapter will conduct its annual Forget Me Not Drive on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9 and 10, immediately preceding Veterans Day. DAV members will be seeking donations and distributing Forget Me Not Flowers from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the following locations:

- Stop & Shop, 400 Lincoln St., Lincoln Plaza, Route 3A.
- Stop & Shop, 468 Washington St., Norwell, Route 53.
- Shaw's, 610 Middle St., East Weymouth, intersects with Route 53.
- Stop & Shop, 700 Middle St., East Weymouth, intersects with Route 53.

DAV assists disabled veterans and their immediate families in whatever manner possible. For example, it serves as a legislative advocate and source of assistance in processing claims, rating adjudication and appeals to the Veterans Administration.

Talbot Chapter 65 provides volunteer claims processing assistance to veterans, assists disabled veterans in area VA Medical Centers and Soldiers' Homes, and supports a transportation service for disabled veterans to and from VA hospitals. Those who don't have a chance to donate at one of the store locations, are asked to consider mailing a donation to Talbot DAV Chapter 65, P.O. Box 890300, East Weymouth, MA 02189, and Forget Me Not Flowers will be mailed.

For more information, call adjutant Joe McElroy at 781-383-0505 or visit cohjoe@aol.com.

Step out with Cohasset's Cabaret!

All for a good cause

Cohasset's Cabaret fundraiser will take place Nov. 2 and 3, at 8 p.m., with a social and raffle hour starting at 7 p.m. Many people in town have attended the Hingham Cabaret fundraiser that has been selling out to crowds for 45 years. Those who have enjoyed that show will recognize some of the performers who will share their talent with Cohasset too. St. Anthony Parish and the Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs are joining forces to present an evening of entertainment, food and frolic at St. Anthony Parish Hall. There will be show tunes from "Chicago," "Cats" and "Fiddler on the Roof"; and glimpses of Marilyn Monroe, Johnny Cash and the Dream Girls. Rich Hebert will be a special feature of the show as he has won the Bay Area Critics Circle Award in Boston for his performance in "Les Miserables," has two Grammy Award-winning CDs, been in six Broadway shows and numerous television shows.

People can purchase a table with friends and bring their favorite goodies to munch on while the South Shore cast members sing and dance. There will be a cash bar where alcoholic beverages and soft drinks will be available. Those who plan ahead can order an already prepared "just for you" gourmet snack box for $10. While at the Cabaret, make sure to buy a few raffle tickets and take a chance at bringing something special home.

Tickets will be available during the week at St. Anthony Parish Hall and Cohasset Elder Affairs office at South Shore Community Center, Main Street. Cost of tickets is $25. Tickets may also be purchased Mondays, Oct. 22 and Oct. 29, 5 to 10 p.m., at St. Anthony Parish Hall. For more information on ticket sales, call 781-383-0752.

Proceeds benefit the Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs.



Catie Campbell, left, of Weymouth, and John Campbell of Cohasset, go over some details with director Blanche Clark during Monday's dress rehearsal.

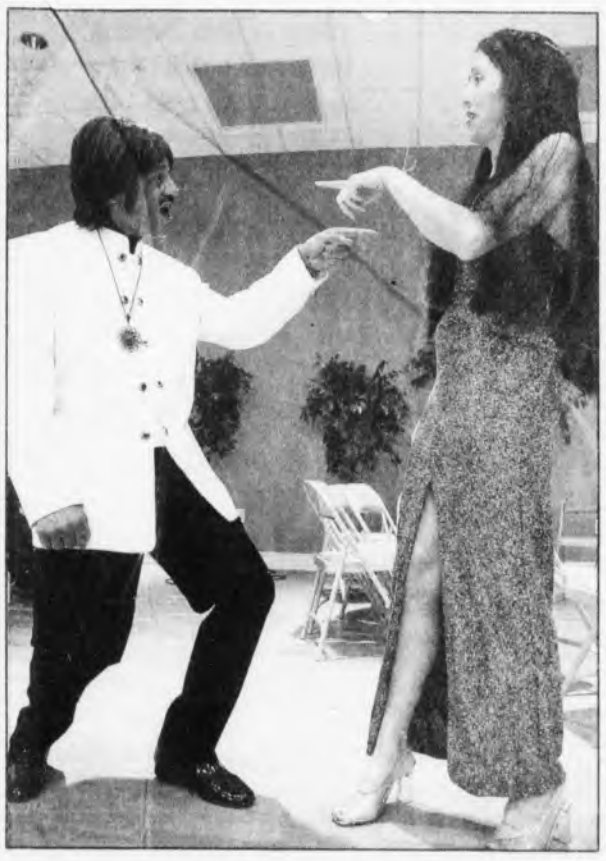


(Above) Rosemary Martinez rehearses her songs at St. Anthony's Parish Hall with music director Tom Boyer.

(Right) Cohasset Dreamgirls rehearse for the Cohasset Cabaret variety show. From left are, Maryann Kozlow, Arpy Aghazarian and Doris Seroll.



Photos by Craig Goedecke





(Above) Kaye Kelley and Rich Hebert share a laugh during Monday's dress rehearsal at St. Anthony's Parish Hall.

(Left) John Taylor as Sonny and Sheila Umano as Cher rehearse their act for the Cohasset Cabaret.



get AWAY



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The Pride of Hawaii cruises off Kaual's Na Pali Coast

Experience Hawaii by sea

Fran Golden
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

I wasn't exactly Cameron Diaz emerging from the Pacific waters looking hotter than the sunshine, but there I was in Maui with a rented surfboard and the attention of a blond, tanned and buff instructor.

Three tries and I'd yet to stand on the board, but hot surfer dude urged me on.

And suddenly I was on my feet, feeling like I was in slow motion as a small wave pushed me gently to shore.

I'd come to Hawaii to get active on a Norwegian Cruise Line cruise. The line has three 2,000-passenger, American-flagged ships cruising Hawaii year-round. The itineraries include a weeklong cruise that gets you to the four main islands, starting on Oahu and visiting Maui, the Big Island and Kauai.

Cruising on the Pride of Hawaii, the first port of call was Hilo on the Big Island, home to the active Kilauea volcano. Curious, I signed on for a shore excursion to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park ($109).

Guide Danny Almonte reminded our van load of passengers where we were by sharing several sentences of vowel-filled Hawaiian and an endearing island philosophy: "I have the surf, my surfboard and my dog to keep me happy."

At the park, we explored a rainforest lush with green, the volcanic ash having given way to fertile soil. But then as we drove through the park, green quickly faded to black. We emerged into a setting of barren rock and rising steam. It was like landing on another planet, a reminder the active volcano was only a few miles away. At night the captain positioned our ship within view of Mount Kilauea so passengers could see the distant sight of bright orange lava flowing and spurting above the dark sea into the star-filled sky.

Next call, Maui, where from the port of Kahului, it's about a 45-minute drive to historic Lahaina, Hawaii's first capital. The colorful 1820s buildings on Lahaina's Front Street would be quaint were they not jam-packed with tourist shops. Still, there are galleries to explore, and Hawaiian shirts to buy. Those interested in history can do a walking tour to learn more about the former whaling town. Nearby are narrow surf beaches including the one where I took my lesson.

The ship overnighted in Maui so we had plenty of time to explore.

We had only one day at the next port of call, Kona, on the other side of the Big Island from Hilo. Here the attractions include back-sand beaches and an open-air market — an excellent place to buy Kona coffee and macadamia nuts.

I headed off for several hours on a strenuous kayaking excursion ($89 per person), but later wished I'd spent time on the beach. The pace was slower in Kauai, where the ship overnights in Nawiliwili.

Kauai is the prettiest of the islands with striking scenery including the Na Pali coast where magnificent volcanic cliffs rise from the blue sea; you've seen them in movies including "Raiders of the Lost Ark," and "Jurassic Park."

Rather than doing a shore excursion, I rented a car with a friend and drove two hours to Waimea Canyon, a giant earth opening that Mark Twain dubbed "the Grand Canyon of the Pacific." The massive canyon views from lookout points on a winding mountain roadway were well worth the drive. On the way back, we stopped at popular Poipu Beach to put our feet in the sand and surf and stopped to admire the monk seals that sunbathe there, ignoring the beach-going human crowd.

While the NCL ships offer a sampling of Hawaiian culture onboard – hula performances, lei-making classes, storytelling sessions – you miss something if you don't attend a luau, the traditional Hawaiian feast.

On Kauai, NCL offers an excursion to the Lu'au Kalamaku, at the historic Kolohana Plantation ($95). The evening includes a delicious buffet of Hawaiian dishes such as lomi lomi salmon and shredded Kalua pork, followed by a heart-thumping display by grass-skirted male and female hula dancers telling of ancient Polynesian migration to Kauai. This is no hokey tourist production, but rather an amazing show of talents and tradition.

At the conclusion you can join the dancers and hula yourself, but I demurred. Even if I didn't exactly "hang ten," my trip had included standing on a surfboard. Hula would wait for another visit.

Weeklong Norwegian Cruise Line Hawaii cruises are priced from $749 per person (with specials available on some dates). Call a travel agent or visit www.ncl.com.



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A monk seal on Poipu Beach, Kaual.

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IN NEW ENGLAND

BY FRAN GOLDEN

Basking in Barnacle Billy's

Fran Golden
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

I go in April, when the slightly fancy lobster shack first opens for the season – my way of welcoming the coming of warm weather. Or in early fall, getting one last taste of the ocean before the place closes for its winter break – this year it's opened until Oct. 28.

Lobster, steamed clams, homemade chowder or lobster stew are the things to order at this 46-year-old landmark.

A few years back, owner Billy R. Tower also opened a sit-down restaurant next door called Barnacle Billy's, Etc. But I prefer the original Billy's where you place your order at a counter, wait for your number to be called, and haul your tray to your table (there are waitresses for drink service).

In warm weather I sit on the open deck where tables face the best views of little Perkins Cove and boats in the harbor. If it's chilly, the inside fireplace in the dining room beckons.

If I have time to work off the effects, I order the killer rum punch, created by Billy in tribute to many a punch he's had during winters spent in St. Bart's.

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He developed the recipe about 20 years ago (Ogunquit was a dry town before that).

"When we were on all fours on the dining room floor we said, 'that's it,'" Billy said.

Billy is now 80 with no plans to retire. His two sons and two daughters are also in the business.

Barnacle Billy's is not for the faint of purse – remember Ogunquit is a popular tourist town – and a one-and-a-quarter-pound lobster will cost you about $20, served with melted butter, a bib and a towelette – and that's it. Add a big bowl of steamed clams for $18.95, the same price as a bowl of lobster stew. A cup of chowder is $4.50.

But the rustic, oceanside ambience is worth it. And in addition to the Cove, you may catch views of a different sort – George and Barbara have left the Bush compound in Kennebunkport at least a dozen times this year, arriving at Barnacle Billy's in their boat. Jeb comes sometimes, too. George W. was a regular, but not since he's been president.

Find more at www.barnbilly.com, or call 207-646-5575.



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Perkins Cove

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Trade-ins are welcome during this event. Just bring your title or payoff, registration, and proof of insurance, and let the event representatives take care of the rest. If you or anyone you know is in the market for a good used car, then you need to make plans to attend this special sale this week. This event is October 24th-27th at Ricky Smith Pontiac GMC.

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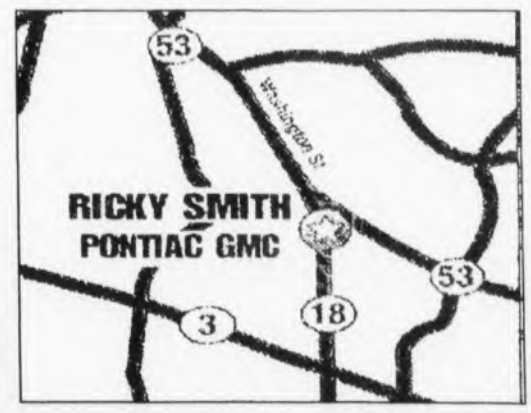
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Cinderella's stepmother (Barbara Baumgarten of Cohasset) and Cinderella's stepsisters Joy (Jennifer Duval White) and Portia (Caroline Maus) are upset that the Prince has chosen Cinderella over them. The musical continues this weekend at Hingham Town Hall.



Cinderella ensemble members, Will McDonald of Scituate and Betsy Crawford of Cohasset, sing "The Prince is Giving a Ball" with the rest of the ensemble in the Hingham Civic Music Theatre production on stage at Hingham Town Hall. For information, call the Hot Tickets line at 781-837-1499 or visit www.HCMT.org.

Night fit for a Princess

Cohasset actors star in 'Cinderella'



Cinderella (Mandy Mitchell) and the Prince (Andrew DeVitre of Cohasset) sing "Ten Minutes Ago" after they meet at the ball.



The Queen (Bonnie Gardner) and her son (Andrew DeVitre of Cohasset) discuss the upcoming ball while the King (Bill Moyer) looks on.



Herald (Richard Chason of Cohasset) announces in the public square that the Prince is giving a ball. The shows are at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 19, and Saturday, Oct. 20. The curtain goes up at 2 p.m., for the Sunday matinee on Oct. 21.

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Hingham Arts Walk returns

Historic downtown Hingham will again become an open-air art museum with artists in their open studios and at special exhibits in more than 20 shops and historic buildings at the second annual Hingham Arts Walk. The free event, sponsored by the Hingham Downtown Association together with the Hingham Cultural Council, will take place from noon to 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 21. Conceived last year by downtown residents and artists, Gary Nisbet and Page Railsback, this event affords the chance to experience first hand the extraordinary art being created in Hingham.

This year, seven Hingham artists, all within walking distance of Hingham Square, have graciously opened the doors of their studios for this event. In addition, special exhibits by a host of talented local painters, photographers, sculptors, jewelers, illustrators and potters will be on display in downtown shops and in historic buildings. In addition to meeting artists and seeing their works, visitors strolling through this charming historic downtown area can see fine arts demonstrations, enjoy children's art exhibits, create their own self-portraits, sample harvest treats, mingle with neighbors and enjoy live music.

For a complete list of participating artists and their host locations, and special Hingham Arts Walk exhibits and demonstrations, visit www.discoverhingham.com or pick up a map at Bowl & Board at 140 North St., or South Street Gallery at 149 South St. Maps will also be available on the day of the walk in Caffe Tosca at 19 North St., along with hot cider.



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Participating artists

• **Joan Brancale** – Joan has lived and painted **25 Fearing Road**, which is at the corner of Fearing Road and Cottage Streets, just one block from the Hingham Post Office since 1982. She paints landscapes of her favorite places in Hingham and Cape Cod, and colorful depictions of cats and other things she loves.

• **Jack Dickerson** – The home and studio of Jack Dickerson at **137 Main Street** was built in 1709 and was once the meeting place for the Hingham Arts and Crafts group. Meetings for the group were held around the turn of the century in the living room of the Dickerson home, steps away from where Jack now paints. Kate Dickerson's faux painting skills are evident in the family's kitchen on the way to Jack's bright windowed studio.

• **Bob Mosher** – Bob Mosher developed a passion for decoy carvings as a teen growing up in Hingham, a town renowned for its decoy carvings and woodenware since Colonial times. Mosher, who works out of a small outbuilding on his property at **16 Water Street**, is a world-class carver of traditional style shorebirds and duck decoys.

• **Page Railsback** – Page Railsback paints and teaches in the beautiful outbuilding at **35 North Street**, which dates back to the mid 1800's, and was once the studio of children's book illustrator Marc Brown. Page paints with acrylics in an impressionistic, loose style.

• **Vcevy Strekalovsky** – A third generation classic Russian school painter, Vcevy Strekalovksy, frequently paints scenes of life in Hingham, where he has lived and worked for over 30 years. Strekalovksy, also a renowned architect, has recently moved his office in to this historic building at **22 North Street** near Hingham Harbor.

• **Mike and Peggy Weymouth** – Mike and Peggy Weymouth live in this simple farmhouse at **29 Water Street**, which was built in the 1850's. The couple embodies the tradition of artists setting down roots in Hingham with Peggy's studio in the barn and Mike's studio in a separate more modern building at the edge of the woods on their property.

Participating businesses

The walls of the following local businesses will become museum exhibit space for the day as owners partner in creative ways with more two-dozen artists for the Hingham Arts Walk.

• **Winston Flowers** – At **8 Main Street** in Hingham Square, will feature Hingham resident Sandra Allen's large-scale pencil drawings of trees.

• **Dot Gallery** – Gary Nisbet, a Hingham artist who recently opened Dot Gallery at **112 North Street**, will host two sculptors for the day: Susan Luery, who is working on a mother and child sculpture for the Hingham Public Library, and is the creator of the Babe Ruth statue that towers over fans at Camden Yards in Baltimore. Ed Bagley, whose family lives in Hingham, comes to the Arts Walk through a fortuitous meeting with Nisbet in Blue Hills Maine. Bagley, a sculptor and painter, brings his whimsical invention, "The Incredible Self-Portrait Machine."

• **South Street Gallery** – The gallery at **149 South Street** will feature painters, Eli Cedrone, Sue Charles and Tatiana Yanovskaya, who will demonstrate their techniques in Plein air, still-life and small portraits.

• **Brigham's** – Lynn Rizzotto's Children's Creativity Workshop students created "Ice Cream Dreams," in their fall class, expressly for their Arts Walk exhibit at Brigham's at **37 Main Street**.

• **Carolann's Children's Shop** – Students of Miss Donna's Place will exhibit their fall creations of spirit fairies and gourd masks in this shop at **35 Main Street**.

Community spaces

• **Old Ship Meeting House** – This national historic landmark at **107 Main St.** will be open for short tours and will feature an exhibit of art works that span the centuries.

• **Hingham Community Center** – The community center at **70 South St.** will host a photographer's exhibit, a potter and his wheel, a student piano player, and children's art activities.

• **Former School Department building** – The elegant high ceiling of the foyer in this building at **14 Main St.** will feature the paintings of **Janet Kingan** and the illustrations of **Joan Drescher**.

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First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim Fitzgerald. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Oct. 21

10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House – Association Sunday

Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull will lead worship and preach on "Free Association" as we celebrate our Unitarian Universalist Association.

Religious education classes for our children and youth and child-care for our youngest begin at 10 AM in the Parish House.

Refreshments and fellowship follow the morning service and RE classes in Trueblood Hall.

11:45 a.m. – "Hope in Guatemala" – Steve & Margie Brown - Parish House

Come learn about Common Hope, a non-profit in Guatemala that has managed to keep 2300 children in school despite their families' abject poverty.

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Welcome to You and Unitarian Universalism and to First Parish UU – An Overview, Discussion & Brunch for New & Prospective Members (offered also on Nov. 11)

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

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To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church invites families and residents to join us this fall. We are a welcoming, Christian community dedicated to caring for our communities, both near and across the world. Highlights of our parish life include this fall:

- "Godly Play" Christian education for children ages three through grade 5.
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- Outreach to the hungry, homeless and those in prison
- Monthly luncheon for seniors
- Fellowship and fun; music
- Environmental ministry; weekly yoga and meditation group

This week at St. Stephen's:

- **Sunday, Oct. 21**: Today we celebrate the **"National Interfaith Observance of Children's Sabbath."** This is an event happening throughout the country in various faith traditions to celebrate children and pray for a world where children are safe, cared for and nurtured physically, emotionally and spiritually. Please join us for the 10 a.m. service. Also on 21st: 9 a.m. Youth Group meeting; 9:05 Holy Communion class for children; 11:30 am Altar Guild training and luncheon.
- **Monday, Oct. 22:** 4:00 pm Christian meditation
- **Wednesday, Oct. 24**: 9:30 am Healing Eucharist; 10:30 am Bible Study
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- **Saturday, Oct. 27**: 7:00 am Bible Fellowship; Parish Dinner 6:00
- **Sunday, Oct. 28**: **Services at 8 am and 10 am;** Intercessory Prayer, 11:40 am; **Youth Worship Service at 5 p.m.**

To contact us: *Stop by at 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset (We are the church "on the rock." Enter during the week at office around back) or call 781-383-1083*

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom will present guest speaker Amotz Asa-El at the 7:30 p.m. Friday Shabbat Service on Oct. 19.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan. Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.

Worship News

Public invited to reception for Rev. Fish

Beechwood Congregational Church on Church Street in Cohasset would like to extend an invitation to the public to attend a reception for the Rev. Douglas Fish and his wife, Barbara, at 11:30 a.m., on Sunday, Oct. 21.

Rev. Fish and his wife have recently settled in western Massachusetts and will no longer be making the commute to lead Beechwood Church. Join others to wish them happiness in their new endeavors.

Adult education series

Congregation Sha'ary Shalom, 1112 Main St., Hingham will hold "Magic, Superstition and Things That Go Bump In The Night," with Rabbi Shira Joseph at 7:30 p.m., Mondays, Oct. 22, and 29, and Nov. 5 and 12, as part of its adult education series.

Trace the Jewish history of ghosts and magic from biblical times throughout the ages. Learn the origins of magical incantations, red ribbons, and more. This course will also examine the Jewish origins of numerology, reincarnation and Frankenstein. The final session will include a 1937 Yiddish movie about a romantic tragedy of possession and exorcism.

For more information, call the Temple office at 781-749-8103 or visit www.shaaray.org.

Local authors to visit book, craft fair

Congregation Sha'ary Shalom, 1112 Main St., Hingham will host two local authors in its sanctuary, Sunday, Nov. 4, in conjunction with its book and craft fair, which will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Local story teller Mark Binder will perform for primary grade students and their parents, at 9 a.m. Mark is an author, storyteller, and award-winning recording artist who has written more than 200 stories for both young and old, which have been published in magazines, anthologized in books, and used on standardized tests. His "Bedtime Story Book" collection, a multigenerational masterpiece, is now in its seventh edition and his novel, "The Brothers Schlemiel," has been serialized weekly in print for two years and will be released in 2008. He is the founder of the American Story Theater and teaches at colleges and workshops.

Rabbi Joseph B. Meszler, author of "Witnesses to the One: The Spiritual History of the Sh'ma," will take participants on an exploration of the history and the heart of the most important and sacred statement of Judaism. Rabbi Meszler is recognized for his ability to connect the importance of Jewish tradition with everyday life. He was the translator of "Gifts For the Poor: Moses Maimonides' Treatise on Tszedakh" and a former instructor at the Smithsonian Institution, as well as the rabbi at Temple Sinai in Sharon.

For more information call the Temple office at 781-749-8103 or visit www.shaaray.org.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

THURSDAY, OCT. 4

7 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, notification, caller reports he lost his wallet possibly in the area of above location. Caller reports he checked above area, unable to locate it, he doesn't know where he lost it.

7:06 a.m. **Norfolk Rd., and Bancroft Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7:08 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, notification, Beechwood Street is down to one lane of traffic from King Street to 3A – notified fire – emergency traffic can get through.

8:52 a.m. **Kendall Village**, fire, E3 to this location to check the water.

9:43 a.m. **South Main St.**, property lost, walk in party would like to report lost property for insurance purposes.

11:27 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, school check.

11:46 a.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, lost property, caller stated that his wife's diamond ring was stolen.

12:12 p.m. **N. Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:50 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued, crosswalk violation.

3:15 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, disturbance, caller stated that a group of boys were very loud when they walked by her house.

6:29 p.m. **Elm St.**, road rage, officer out with two parties that are verbally fighting with each other. Both parties have been spoken to.

10:10 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, walk in male states he is having chest pain.

FRIDAY, OCT. 5

1:50 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:53 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

7:12 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, notification, detail officer reports above location – 1 lane.

9:33 a.m. **Pond St.**, vehicle repossession.

9:46 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, school check.

10:13 a.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, officer wanted, caller requests an officer regarding a situation from yesterday.

10:57 a.m. **Sohier St., Deer Hill/Osgood School** check.

12:05 p.m. **Kane Drive**, medical aid, Scituate is requesting R3 for a medical. Canceled before arrival.

1:05 p.m. **King St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports 2 males and one female entered the store and are acting suspicious.

2:53 p.m. **Joy Pl.**, caller reports she lost her dog.

3:07 p.m. **First Parish Rd.**, lost property, she lost her cell phone in Cohasset.

3:29 p.m. **Elm St.**, identity theft/fraud, walk in party would like to speak to an officer regarding identity theft.

4:04 p.m. **Wade St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, mutual aid to Scituate for a party with chest pain.

9:12 p.m. **Hull St.**, threats, caller states that his son received a threatening phone call and is getting threats at school.

SATURDAY, OCT. 6

12:59 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, light wind, 67.

12:46 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, 911 caller reports her mother has a bad infection in her jaw and is having trouble walking and pain all over.

2:03 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, 911 caller reports a female costumer going in and out of consciousness and is very weak. Officer on scene reports female extremely weak, her daughter is on scene and is a nurse.

3:11 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/hit and run, caller reports she is an employee at this location and her vehicle has been parked in the lot since 7 a.m. and someone smashed into the side of her car and did not claim to do it.

3:17 p.m. **Central Park Drive**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, Scituate Fire request R3 for a female not feeling well.

4:32 p.m. **Sohier St.**, open door/window, caller reports his neighbors back door is wide open and an alarm is going off inside the house and nobody is home. Resident just arrived home and states its a problem with her alarm system, they are having some work done on the house.

4:59 p.m. **Hill St.**, 209A violation.

5:07 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, vandalism report, 911 caller reports he was playing basketball and a group of youths were playing baseball and hit a ball into his car by accident, but are refusing to give information. Officer reports this was an accident, all parties are satisfied, report to follow.

6:11 p.m. **Elm St.**, property recovered, a piece of jewelry that was involved in a larceny has been turned into the OIC of the shift by a party that works at a jewelry repair shop.

7:19 p.m. **Bailey's Causeway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, Scituate Fire requesting R3 for a young child that broke his nose.

8:33 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, property recovered, officer reports there is a copy machine in the middle of the parking lot, he is checking the building. Building is secure at this time, he is bringing the machine to HQ for safe keeping.

8:53 p.m. **South Main St.**, abandoned/hang-up 911, received 2 abandoned 911 calls from this location. On call back person that answered the phone with a strong accent told dispatch "I never heard of that."

SUNDAY, OCT. 7

12:01 a.m. **Linden Drive**, noise complaint.

12:25 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:26 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

8 a.m. Weather: Cloudy, light wind, 62.

9:03 a.m. **N. Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, 911 caller reports his mother is having chest pain.

9:06 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, officer wanted, walk in party would like to speak to an officer regarding his neighbor acting very strange recently.

3:17 p.m. **Sohier St.**, open door/window, caller reports one of the windows on the side of the building is wide open and the screen has been removed. There is an open window and the screen has been removed, officers are going in the building. Officers are clear at this time, caretaker notified to review tapes to see if entry was gained.

4:33 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, 911 cell caller reports vehicle driving erratically on 3A with Florida plates, that's the only description available and caller hung up before any info could be gotten.

6:37 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:06 p.m. **North Main St., and Sohier St.**, property recovered, caller reports a bike in the woods for a few days now and he will "stand by and wait for an officer to retrieve it." Bike has been brought to station for safekeeping.

9:28 p.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

MONDAY, OCT. 8

12:13 a.m. **Highland Ct.**, noise complaint, anonymous caller states "there is loud music coming from a residence down a little road without a name." 3 or 4 motor vehicles in the town hall parking lot have been moved along.

12:31 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:31 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools checks secure.

12:42 a.m. **North Main St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, 911 cell caller states "a black SUV just went by her house going 90 mph." This is the fourth time this has happened tonight." Motor vehicle is headed towards the village. No motor vehicles on the roadway.

12:46 a.m. **North Main St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller states "the dark colored SUV is now headed towards Hull St." "This is the 6th time the motor vehicle has gone by." No motor vehicle on the roadway now. Officer spoke to the caller.

12:52 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning – obscured plate and marked lanes.

12:58 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, mother of one of the passengers notified, mother will be responding to the location.

1:16 a.m. **North Main St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller states "the black SUV went by again, going 100 mph."

6:54 a.m. **North Main St., and Forest Ave.**, 911 cell caller states there is a tree on fire at the intersection. Officer reports tree is on North Main St. surrounding area is catching fire. High priority wire in the tree. National Grid notified. E3 reports National Grid is temporarily shutting off the power to North Main St., North of North Main St., Lower King St., and part of Forest Ave.

8 a.m. Weather: Rain, light wind, 58.

8:50 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, animal complaint, multiple callers report a dead deer on the side of the road on 3A in the south bound lane near the Cohasset station. Mass Highway notified.

6:06 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, public service, caller reports a German Shepard tied up to a pole with nobody around. Officer has checked the area and the owners are at the park with the dog, no problem.

TUESDAY, OCT. 9

12:32 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:33 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

5:37 a.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.**, public service, caller states "there is a flashing strobe light in the big white house across from the library." Officer states it is a Halloween decoration.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, light wind, 57.

9:08 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports a motor vehicle all over the road, motor vehicle has pulled into the Fiori Exxon, officer reports no problem with operator, party dropped a cell phone and was trying to pick it up.

10:01 a.m. **Border St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports his credit card was taken from his motor vehicle in the parking lot. He further stated there were charges made in the Cohasset area.

10:01 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, manager at Stop & Shop has a shoplifter, he is requesting an officer. Officer reports the party has been issued a verbal No Trespassing order and Stop & Shop will be issuing a written No Trespass order the manager, would not like to pursue any further actions at this time.

12:26 p.m. **Pond St.**, vandalism report, caller stated that his car has been keyed.

12:41 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, officer wanted regarding someone trespassing on the caller's property.

1:08 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, caller would like to see an officer regarding a fake check.

1:26 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, school check.

1:43 p.m. **South Main St.**, caller stated that she smelled an outside odor of gas.

2:45 p.m. **Nantasket Ave., and School St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, Hull FD requesting R3 for motor vehicle accident.

5 p.m. **Brook St.**, civil matter, male into HQ advising that a repo company may attempt to repo his motor vehicle in the next few days. Male has a temporary civil injunction that was just issued by the court – wanted CPD to know that repo company should not take the motor vehicle. The RP was advised that this is a civil matter, but a copy of his injunction will be mentioned at roll calls.

5:31 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

6:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:49 p.m. **Sohier St.**, parking complaint.

8 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:25 p.m. **Elm St.**, sewerage coming out of the floor drain in the juvenile cell. Facilities manager advised and responding. Fire Captain notified, Police Chief notified.

10:50 p.m. **George Washington Blvd.**, assist other Police Department, Hingham 910 request that a Cohasset cruiser block the intersection of Rockland Street and George Washington Blvd. – they have a serious motor vehicle accident on the Hull line.

10:53 p.m. **George Washington Blvd.**, medical aid, transported QMC/ALS, Hingham requests R3 for a motor vehicle accident.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10

1:09 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:10 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

7:15 a.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious person, caller reports white female with white shorts walking on the side of the road – caller didn't know if she's having difficulty. Officer reports female is fine.

7:33 a.m. **Deep Run**, notification, detail officer reports deep run narrow lane. Notified Fire Dept.

8:53 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Forest Ave.**, animal complaint, caller reports a swan in the roadway.

9:12 a.m. **Sohier St., Deer Hill/Osgood School** check.

9:19 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, caller is requesting to see an office with regards to a larceny by check report.

12:03 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, walk in party reports a power line hanging over Highland Ave. Verizon has been notified.

12:26 p.m. **King St.**, notification, speed board posted at the location.

1:40 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, school check.

3:14 p.m. **Henry Turner Rd., Scituate**, erratic operation of motor vehicle.

3:58 p.m. **Kendall Village**, vandalism report, caller would like an officer for a vandalism report.

6:57 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint, caller states there are illegally parked cars on the bridge. Officer tagged 3 cars.

7:53 p.m. **King St.**, suspicious activity.

POLICE/FIRE TERMS

ACO -Animal Control Officer

ALS - Transport, Ambulance Transporting - Advanced Life Support (High level of care with paramedics administering drugs)

BLS Transport - Ambulance Transporting, Basic Life Support (Usually not life threatening)

BOLO - Be On the Look Out

BT - Breath Test (having to do with liquor offenses)

CID - Criminal Investigation Division (Cohasset Detectives)

D/K - Drunk

E1 - E4 - Cohasset Fire Engines

GOA- Gone on Arrival

HQ - Headquarters

Juvenile -Person under the age of 17

L1 - Cohasset Fire Ladder Truck

LEAPS/NCIC - Police Computer System (National)

ME - Medical Examiner

M/V - Motor Vehicle

OIC - Officer in Charge

OUI - Operating under the influence (liquor or drugs)

PC - Protective Custody (Persons who are too intoxicated to care for themselves are taken into protective custody - not a criminal charge)

PI - Personal Injury

PT - Patient

QMC - Quincy Medical Center

R3 - Abbreviation for Cohasset Ambulance / Rescue 3. May also be R1 (Hingham Fire Ambulance), or R2 (Hull Fire Ambulance)

RMV -Registry of Motor Vehicles

RO - Restraining Order

S/P - Suspicious Person

SSH - South Shore Hospital

WMS - Warrant Management System (Name for Massachusetts computer system that holds arrest warrants)

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Legal Notices

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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **November 6th , at 8:15 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7.2 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Pamela J. Ireland and Michael Mellone**, seek to construct an addition within the setback at **66 Nichols Road** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-10-09.

AD#11487251
Cohasset Mariner 10/19, 10/26/07

SEL/CABLE TV PROVIDERS
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Cable Advisory Committee of the Town of Cohasset will conduct a public Ascertainment Hearing in preparation for the negotiation of contracts with cable television providers.

The Hearing is scheduled for November 15, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the basement conference room at Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025. The public is invited to offer public input on existing and potential future cable television service in writing in advance of the public hearing or in person at the hearing. Written comments should be sent to: Ms. Patricia Martin, Chairman of the Cable Advisory Committee, 169 Linden Drive, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Cable Advisory Committee

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Cohasset Mariner 10/19/07

ZBA/609 JERUSALEM RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tuesday, November 6th at 8:15 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §5.3 and §9.6 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Heidi Condon, Architectural Designer**, seeks to build an addition to the existing house and demolish the existing barn and construct a new garage at **609 Jerusalem Road**, according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-10-15a.

AD#11487274
Cohasset Mariner 10/19, 10/26/07

ZBA/6 NICHOLS RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tuesday November 6th at 9:15 PM**, to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal** of the Building Commissioner's opinion decision allowing a portion of the property at **198 Jerusalem Road** be used as a staging area for the municipal sewer system project. The applicant is **Eileen Craven of 6 Nichols Road**, according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office **File #07-10-15b.**

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It's Happening

Glastonbury Abbey to hold fundraiser

Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull St., Hingham, will hold a fundraiser from 4 to 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 3. The event will feature an evening of wine tasting, music and food. Proceeds benefit Glastonbury Abbey. For more information or tickets, call Ann McCarthy-Egan at 781-749-9423 or Kay Trask at 781-545-0993.

Anti-Racism workshop set for Nov. 17

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset, is sponsoring Seeing the Face of God In Each Other, an inter-faith workshop on anti-racism, with The Rev. Cannon Ed Rodman from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 17.

This free event is open to people of all faith traditions, ages teen and up. Lunch will be served.

Children's author

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaws Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, will welcome award-winning artist/author Tomie dePaola at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Nov. 3. dePaola will read from his new book, "Front Porch Tales & North Country Whoppers," (G. P. Putnam's Sons, $17.99) laugh out loud stories from Vermont and New Hampshire set during the four seasons of the year. Told with warmth and humor, the illustrations and tales will delight youngsters of all ages. The reading will start promptly at 11 a.m.

dePaola lives in New London, N. H., and is the recipient of a Newbery Honor Award (26 Fairmount Avenue) and a Caldecott Honor (Strega Nona). He has also been awarded the Smithsonian Medal, Regina Medal and was designated a "living treasure" by the state of New Hampshire. He will receive the Sarah Joseph Hale award in October.

Copies of dePaola's other books will be available for purchase at Buttonwood. dePaola will be happy to sign all books bought at the store for this event, including one – but only one – book from one's home, library or classroom.

Anyone unable to attend that would like to order a personalized or signed copy should call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665.

Drama Kids classes available

Drama Kids is offering after-school classes for children ages 3 through 12. The Drama Kids program focuses on developing children's verbal abilities while enhancing creativity, social confidence and building self esteem. Classes take place at locations in Scituate, Cohasset and Hingham.

Call 781-749-4911 or visit dramakids.com for more information.

Holly Hill Farm seeks help in its woods

Holly Hill Farm has set aside this Sunday afternoon, Oct. 21, to clean up its trails in preparation for winter. Farm staff members will lead volunteers over the woods' historic cart paths and walking trails that traverse the 140-acre Cohasset farm.

Most of the work involves removing windfalls and cutting with clippers encroaching brambles, brush and overhangs. Work crews will gather at the farm's Main Barn at 2 p.m. at 236 Jerusalem Road. Work should be completed by 3:30 p.m. Work gloves are recommended. Volunteers are asked to bring their own loppers and clippers to supplement the farm's supply.

If interested in participating or for more information, call Jon Belber at 781-383-1455.

Latin Dance Party set for Oct. 20

Warm up this autumn to the rhythm of the Grupo Chevere Band. Come enjoy an evening of live music and Latin dancing, including some instruction and demonstrations, sponsored by the Cohasset Diversity Committee. Proceeds of the event will help fund the Peer Leadership Program at Cohasset Middle High School.

This event will take place from 8 p.m. to midnight, on Saturday, Oct. 20, at The River Club, 78 Border St., Scituate. Cash bar, complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be available. Tickets are $35 person and are available at Buttonwood Books & Toys at Shaw's Plaza and Paperscapes, 47 South Main St., in the village.

For more information, call Connie Afshar at 781-383-6006.

Newcomers Club new member gathering

Scituate/Cohasset Newcomers Club invites all new and prospective members, as well as current members, to a New Member Gathering from 10 a.m. to noon, on Wednesday, Nov. 7. At this new member coffee, attendees can meet people and learn more about the club. Friends and children are welcome to attend.

Call Kim at 545-2952 or email kim.spires@Comcast.net or Kelly at 545-0866, k-dlee@hotmail.com for more information or to register. For information about membership, visit the Web site at scnewcomers.com. There are many activities planned throughout the year.

Retreat programs at St. Joseph's

St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset is hosting the following upcoming programs:

- Tuesday, Oct. 30: Day of Prayer, 10 a.m.– 3 p.m. "The Spirituality of Aging"
- Wednesday, Nov.7, Morning of Prayer, 9:15-11:45. "From the Rising of the Sun to its Setting"
- Nov. 9-11, Quilting Retreat Weekend, "The Fabric of Our Lives: Co-Creating a Holy Pattern"
- Nov. 12-16, Directed Retreat.
- Saturday, Nov. 17, Day of Prayer, 9:00 – 3:30. "Heart for the Holidays during a Time of Loss"
- Sunday, Nov. 18, Reflective Workshop, 9:00 – 3:30. "Grief and Gratitude in Prayer and Spiritual Direction"
- Dec.7-9, Weekend Retreat. "Soul Collage - A Journey of Discovery"

Besides scheduled events, the retreat house is often available for private retreat days. For more information and to register, visit www.csjretreatcenter.org or call 781-383-6024.

Pianist in recital at St. Stephen's

St. Stephen's Church is pleased to present pianist Michael Crane of New York in a recital on Sunday, Oct. 28 at 3 p.m.

Michael Crane has been active as a teacher, collaborator, composer and performer in Los Angeles, Chicago, and New York. He holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Southern California where he studied with Daniel Pollack. Michael's teachers have included David Kaiserman at Northwestern University and Boris Berman at Yale University and he has been a participant in Master Classes conducted by Richard Goode, Claude Frank, and Alicia de Larrocha. His graduate studies have included work in the areas of music theory, music history, and electro-acoustic media. He is a member of the Pi Kappa Lambda music honor society and the Music Teacher's National Association. Michael is also a laureate of several piano competitions including the Grace Welsh Prize in Piano and the Joanna Hodges Piano Competition.

The concert, to be held in the Music Room, will introduced by David Baker, Director of Music at St. Stephen's, and a reception will follow the program.

The church is located at 16 Highland Ave. is handicap accessible, and plenty of parking is available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information, please call 781.383.1083.

Turkey Day Trot to raise funds for DMD

Runners have an opportunity to participate in the Thanksgiving spirit of sharing and appreciation, while also making room for that extra helping of turkey. Dan McCarron of Cohasset, founder and chairman, announces the seventh annual Turkey Trot, Cohasset, will take place Nov. 22, Thanksgiving morning. All funds raised will benefit the Jett Foundation of Pembroke to combat Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

The 3.1-mile race, which starts on Cohasset Common at 8 a.m., follows the town's Little Harbor along its route. Registration will begin at 7 a.m. on the Common. Those signing up by Nov. 9 are guaranteed a number and a runner's shirt, according to McCarron. The registration fee is $20 before Nov. 16 and $25 after. Families of four or more are capped at $100. Runners and their friends are invited to donate more to this cause. Go directly to jettfoundation.org to register. Official trip timing be will be done by Sark Productions of Waltham.

This year's charitable event is co-sponsored by the Shoe Market, Hingham. "We are very appreciative of our sponsors' support. Through their help, the registration fees and the additional generous donations of those who support this important cause, we hope to top all previous year's fundraising efforts," McCarron said.

The Jett Foundation, founded in 2001 by the McSherrys of Pembroke, for their son Jett, raises funds for research and clinical trials to combat DMD, the most common and lethal genetic disorder in the world. DMD affects one in every 3,500 male births; 20,000 new cases are diagnosed each year. It is a muscle wasting disease and most boys are wheelchair bound by 12 and don't live beyond their teen years.

Weir River Race

Hull Lifesaving Museum's 20th annual Head of the Weir River Race on Saturday, Oct. 27, will be a celebration of the estuary at the height of its fall beauty and the array of the region's open water rowers.

As many as 60 boats jockey for position racing out the narrow estuary and onto open water, traveling from West Corner, on the Hingham/Hull/Cohasset line, past Bumpkin Island, across Hull Bay, to the museum's Windmill Point Boathouse at Hull Gut. A highly contested 5-fi miler, the Weir draws coxed youth and adult rowers in gigs, single and double livery and workboats, currachs and ocean shells, as well as experienced paddlers in kayaks and canoes. In the head of the river format, boats kick-off the starting line at one-minute intervals, and times are collated at the finish to determine the race winners. The Weir is an exciting race and a great spectator event, featuring more than 150 of the region's finest rowers from all over New England and New York. Best spectator views are from the bridge on George Washington Boulevard, 10 to 20 minutes after the start; at the tip of Hull's Sunset Point, or at the Windmill Point Boathouse finish line. Spectators should show care crossing the road on George Washington Boulevard, watching for fast moving traffic.

Registration, required for all participants, will begin at 11 a.m. at the race starting line behind the Hull Public Works building at the Hull town line on Route 228. The coxswains' meeting is at 12:45 p.m., and race start at 1:30 p.m. All coxed boats must contact the race organizers before the day of the race. There is no parking available at the race starting line; the put-in for trailered boats is at Nantasket Pier, one mile from the starting line, where car and trailer parking is available.

For information, call Ed McCabe, Hull Lifesaving Museum's maritime program director, or Lory Newmyer, executive director, at the museum at 781-925-5433 or visit the museum's Web site at lifesavingmuseum.org.



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What's happening on the South Shore

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One for the money; 'Two for the Road'

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Boston Cabaret favorites Carol O'Shaughnessy and Jan Peters will be in Hull on Friday to perform "Two for the Road: A Musical Trip Celebrating the Best of the American Songbook and Broadway Stage" at Raffael's at Nantasket.

"This appearance will mark the first time that Carol and I have done a full-scale show together in about two years," said Peters by telephone last week from western Pennsylvania, where she relocated in March 2006. "I get home to the Boston area about three times a year now and this time it just worked out that I would be able to perform with Carol for our old friend, John McDonald. Carol and I did four or five shows for John at the old Raffael's location in North Quincy and we always had a great time. We both love working with John and performing for South Shore audiences."

A former resident of Brookline, Peters earned a name for herself — and a loyal following among cabaret devotees — with acclaimed performances at Scullers Jazz Club and Club Cafe as well as frequent appearances in the Encore Lounge in Boston's Theatre District. Peters put all that aside early last year when she moved to Beaver, Pa., to be near her sister, two young nieces and a nephew.

"With my brother and his family in South Carolina and my sister and her family in the Pittsburgh area, it seemed like I was always headed out of town, until I finally decided it was time to move closer to my family. I'm a



Jan Peters will perform with Carol O'Shaughnessy at Raffael's at Nantasket Oct. 19.

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Boston cabaret veteran Carol O'Shaughnessy.

40-minute drive from Pittsburgh and one hour away from Boston by plane so it has been a pretty smooth adjustment."

Peters' career continues to move along smoothly, too.

"I was lucky enough to establish a good relationship with WJAS 1320, a Pittsburgh radio station that put me on its play list back when I was just coming here to visit my sister. Thanks to that station playing music from my two CDs, 'Somebody Come and Play' and 'You Started Something,' I developed a following in Pittsburgh to complement the one I already had in Boston. On the station, I'm sandwiched between Rosemary Clooney and Frank Sinatra, which is a real kick. The audience is primarily baby boomers, too, which has been great for my live shows."

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"Our show will be a compilation of both of our latest solo shows plus some of the music that we've done together over the years. I know Carol is planning to do her 'Peter Pan' medley which always goes over well, and also Fats Waller's 'The Joint is Jumpin.' I'll probably do a Doris Day medley, plus 'The Lies of Handsome Men,' a terrific number written by Francesca Blumenthal, from my second CD, and there will be some surprises, too."

JM Productions will present Carol O'Shaughnessy and Jan Peters in "Two for the Road" at Raffael's at Nantasket, 45 Hull Shore Drive, Hull, on Friday, Oct. 19. For information about the various packages which include show, show and dinner, or show, dinner, and an overnight stay at the Clarion Nantasket Beach Resort Hotel & Spa, call Raffael's at 781-925-4515 or go online at raffaels.com.

Calendar of events



The guitar duo of Mark and Beverly Davis opens the 10th anniversary Boston Classical Guitar Society 2007/2008 "Sunday Sounds Special" series at the Hingham Public Library on Oct. 21 at 3:30 p.m. The free series is sponsored by the Boston Classical Guitar Society, the Library, Derby Street Shoppes of Hingham and the Hingham Middle School Sixth Grade Class of 2006/2007. Their performance selections are drawn from the international repertoire for two guitars, including traditional songs of the British, pieces from the Spanish tradition by Halter, Scarlatti, and Soler, and contemporary compositions.

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun tab.

Thursday, Oct. 18

Dr. Mark Mincolla presents **Mind Medicine - The Unlimited Healing Power**, 7 to 9 p.m. Oct.18, at the Radisson Hotel Rockland Grand Ballroom, on Rt. 228 off of Exit 14, Rt 3. 929 Hingham St. Rockland. Call to RSVP 781 834-2728. Mail payments to: Healthy Living, P.O. Box 357, Marshfield Hills, MA 02051. Confirmation by e-Mail, please send your e-mail address with payment is accepting private reservations for dinner and appetizer. call hotel 781 871 0545 Hotel Directions go to: www.radisson.com/rocklandma

The Plymouth Farmers' Market, held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. Oct. 18, **folk harpist Shelley Otis.** For information, contact Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.

Best of Bay State Night of Comedy. 6 p.m. at Granite Links Golf Club, 100 Quarry Hills Drive, Quincy. Tickets are $100. Corporate sponsorships are available and all donations are tax-deductible. Send checks payable to "Bay State Community Services" care of Gail Bork to Bay State Community Services, Inc., 13 Temple St., Quincy, MA 02169. For information call 617-471-8400 extension 184 or E-mail gbork@baystatecs.org.

Network4Success Business-to-Business Networking Group meets the first Thursday of the month at the Plympton Library from 5 to 6 p.m. and the third Thursday of the month at the Halifax Country Club from noon to 1:30 p.m. For meeting info, email info@network4success.org or visit network4success.org

Fish Tale On the Water, 44 Jericho Road, Scituate, presents **Drift Away** with **J. Place, Joe Micarelli** and **John Litwin,** performing music from the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's every Thursday at 8:30 p.m. 781-545-4700

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Oct. 18, **Living Proof** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's open mic** with host band, Oct. 18, **Paul Fudin from Groove Authority** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield. Oct. 18, **DJ Ramu** 781-837-6368.

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell, Oct.18, **Jamie Walker.**

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Wednesday and Thursday evening.

Friday, Oct. 19

Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Dr, Norwell, presents two shows in one evening with **Clue** and **Sorry, Wrong Number** being performed on the same night. Performances run Oct. 12 through 28. First up is Sorry, Wrong Number, After a brief intermission, audiences will enjoy CLUE, the "who-did-it-where-with-what" murder mystery based on the very popular board game. With surprise endings being offered each performance. Tickets are priced at $21-$23 and are available at the Company Theatre box-office at 30 Accord Park Dr., in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companytheatre.com

Yoga at the Country Club of Halifax. This an all levels yoga class is currently ongoing at the Country Club of Halifax, on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This class is suitable for all levels - beginners to advanced - and drop-ins are welcome. For information contact Stacey at 617-548-5877 or via email at stacey@letitflowfitness.com.

The Hingham Civic Music Theatre presents Rodgers & Hammerstein's **Cinderella**, Sanborn Auditorium, Hingham Town Hall, 210 Central St., Hingham. Oct. 19-20 at 7:30 p.m., and Oct. 21, at 2 p.m. Adult tickets, $16; students $15, seniors $14, and groups of 10 or more, $12. Visit HCMT.org, or call Ticket Hotline, 781-837-1499. Mandy Mitchell of Braintree plays Cinderella and her Prince Charming is Cohasset's Andrew DeVitre.

JM Productions presents **Two for Road** starring **Jan Peters and Carol O'Shaughnessy** celebrating the best of The Great American Songbook & Broadway stage. Oct. 19. Dinner theatre shows will be held at Nantasket Beach, The Clarion Hotel, hosted by Raffael's Restaurant, in Hull .**For tickets, call:** JM Productions at 617.786-SHOW (7469) or visit JM Productions secure website for on line credit card purchasing at: jmproductionspresents.com. Patrons can also call Raffael's at 781-925-4515! Tickets for show only are $30 per person for dinner and show $50 per person with special hotel rates to stay over at the Clarion.

Rockland Legion Baseball Team Comedy Night Fundraiser Oct. 19 at VFW Hall, Essex St., Whitman. Doors Open at 8 p.m. show starts at 9 p.m. two national headliners, music, dancing raffles, 50/50, food and laughs. Tickets $25 each or 10 for $200 (table) Call Thom Roache 781-871-6722.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance Oct. 19, 8:30 p.m. to midnight. The Lafayette House Ballroom, 109 Washington St., Rte. 1 south, Foxboro. Next to the End Zone Hotel. Dance music by award-winning DJ. Complimentary buffet all night. Numerous free door prizes and MATCH Game prizes. For all single professionals and couples 35+ yrs. old. Proper business dress required; sports jackets for men. Admission is $10 before 9. Call 781-446-0234 se-4u.com for

South Shore Folk Music Club, The Bead House, Route 106 across from First Parish Unitarian Church, Kingston. Oct. 19, 8 p.m. **Coffeehouse** featuring **Paul Lee** and **Frank Albani**. Open mike. Admission: $5 members; $6 non-members. Handicap accessible. 781-871-1052 ssfmc.org

All Seasons Restaurant and Sports Lounge, 327 Plymouth St., Halifax. Oct. 19, **John the Conqueror** 781-293-4135.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Oct. 19, **Living Proof** 781-829-6999.

New England Singles Dances, VFW Hall, 301 Central St., Abington. Admission $9. 617-325-4900 Ages 40 and over. singlesdances-newengland.com

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Oct. 19, at 9:15 p.m., **Driving Blind.** No cover. 781-335-9796 visit nextpagecafe.com or myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Mark your calendar



MEET DUXBURY NATIVE AND WORLD RENOWNED ARTIST ANNA CONWAY AND CO ARTIST JOHN HODANY creators of the Duxbury Bay Mural featured in the picture book room of the Children's Department Nov. 3, at the Duxbury Free Library from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Both artists will be signing limited editions of their Mural. Small giclee prints are $125 and larger prints are $200. All proceeds benefit the Library. Tickets are $45 per guest and only 200 tickets will be sold through the Library and Westwinds Bookshop. Music provided by Duxbury students. Coastal theme fare catered by Simply Divine with a raw bar provided by Island Creek Oysters and cash bar. Duxbury Bay Murals framed by Artica Gallery, now on display at the Library will be raffled during the evening. The Friends are accepting preorders for prints at 781-837-0834.

THE COHASSET CABARET will make its debut Nov. 2, and Nov. 3, at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, 129 South Main St. Each evening will begin with a social hour from 7 to 8 p.m., featuring a raffle table with items from local artists and merchants, followed by the cabaret. Cast members from the South Shore area will perform Tickets cost $25 each and are available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., each Sunday, at St. Anthony's Parish Hall. Tickets are also available during the week at the Parish Hall, and at the Cohasset Elder Affairs office at the South Shore Community Center on Main St. For information, call 781-383-0752.

COUNTRY STAR JOSH GRACIN will make his area debut with a show at Plymouth Memorial Hall on Nov. 2 at 8 p.m. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity/Women Build as they construct a new home on the South Shore. For country music fans, one of the highlights of "American Idol 2" was the success of a young Marine named Josh Gracin, Opening for Gracin will be Carmen Rasmusen. Tickets are priced at $45-$25, with a limited number of VIP tickets available which include a pre-show reception with Josh Gracin and Carmen Rasmusen, with the proceeds from the reception going to Habitat for Humanity.Tickets are available at the Plymouth Hall box-office at 50 Court St., Plymouth, by phone at 508-747-1340, online at plymouthhall.com, and at all FYE and Strawberries outlets.



"Boats at Rest", acrylic by Jane Flavell Collins

The South Street Gallery 149 South St., Hingham presents "Water Water Everywhere," the works of Jane Flavell Collins of Duxbury, The opening event will take place Oct. 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served and visitors will have a chance to meet the artist at that time. The exhibit will be on display until Nov. 15. Hours are from Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For additional information, call 781-749-0430 or visit southstreetgallery.com

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield. Oct. 19, **PiAlley** 781-837-6368.

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell. Oct.19, **Typhoon Ferry.**

The Red Parrot, 258 Nantasket Road, Hull. Oct. 19, 9 p.m. **Bag Full of Blues.**

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. Oct. 19, **Mission of Blues.** Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email thescanote@aol.com

Saturday, Oct. 20

All Seasons Restaurant and Sports Lounge, 327 Plymouth St., Halifax. Oct. 20, **Tongue and Groove** 781-293-4135.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Oct. 20, **Six Foot Sunday** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Oct. 20, at 9:15 p.m. **Beale Street Band.** No cover. 781-335-9796 visit nextpagecafe.com or myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

CALENDAR, continued



The Ventress Library Sunday Concert Series kicks off the 2007-2008 season with a concert featuring Atwater Donnelly on Sunday, Oct. 21, at 2 p.m. The popular folk duo will present a program called "American and Appalachian Melodies" as they explore the Celtic, African and Native American roots of traditional American folk music. The musicians will also play and demonstrate a variety of instruments for the audience including mountain dulcimer, Irish tin whistle, mandolin, old-time banjo, harmonica and guitar. Clog dancing will be used as a percussive instrument. The concert, is free and open to the public. No tickets are required. Light refreshments will be served after the concert. Bring the family. The library and program room are handicapped accessible. For information, contact librarian Chris Woods 781-834-5535 or visit ventresslibrary.org

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King Richard's Faire, a re-creation of the marketplaces of 16th century England, will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 21, on Route 58 in Carver. Admission is $25 for adults and $14 for children ages 5 to 12. Children under 5 are admitted for free. Special group rates for 25 or more are available. Parking is free. For further information, call 508-866-2311 or log on to kingrichardsfaire.net.

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Rockland High School Band will host its annual **Recycle Day Fundraiser** on Oct. 20. The event will provide an opportunity for area residents to **properly dispose of unwanted appliances and electronics** at reasonable costs. Proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward the purchase and maintenance of musical instruments for the band as well as to scholarships for graduating band members. Participation by community members will help achieve a clean environment and the musical development of some talented kids. Recycle Day will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Rockland High School parking lot, Taunton Ave., Rockland. Prices for some items include: $10, computers; $10, computer peripherals; $19, televisions; $10 and up for appliances; $30 and up for carloads.

The Furnace Brook Middle School Student Council is sponsoring **FBMS Spirit Day** Oct. 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The day will include: car wash, dunk the teacher tank games, food raffles , much more. They will also be collecting items to send care packages to our men and women serving overseas in our Armed Forces. A list of items needed is on the FBMS web site.

Designs of France located at the home John and Peg Carpenter, 58 Meadowbrook Road, Norwell, presents a **Harvest Open house and Sale** featuring hand-painted pottery, tableware, table linens, etc. Oct. 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call 781-826-8553.

The Hingham Mothers' Club proudly presents "Barns of Hingham" Oct. 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. View seven barns of various ages, uses, and construction types including a state of the art garage with multi-purpose living space, two historical post and beam barns, and a timber frame barn and workshop. Advance tickets are available for $20 per person. Children under 12 do not require a ticket. Visit [illegible] or call 781-749-2195 for details. Proceeds to benefit the Hingham Mothers' Club scholarship fund.

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands are sponsoring a trip to **Peddocks Island** on Oct. 20. The boat will depart from Long Wharf at 10 a.m., arriving back at 4 p.m. Rain or shine. Take a guided tour or explore on your own. Pack a picnic. Tickets will be sold on the day from 9 a.m. at Long Wharf, first come first served, cash only. Tickets $30 for adults, $28 for seniors (65+), $26 for FRIENDS members, $16 for children (3 – 12), and babies under three travel for free (but still need a ticket). For information and to purchase visit fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

Sauchuk Farm, 53 Palmer Road, (Rt. 58), Plympton. **Fall Corn Maze** spread throughout six acres on Center St. (off Route 58) in Plympton. Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to dusk through the end of October. Admission $8 adults age 12 and up; $5 children ages 4-11; toddlers age 3 and under free. 781-585-1522 sauchukfarm.net

Lululemon Athletica located at the Derby St. Shoppes, Hingham is having a one year birthday celebration from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Oct. 20.

The Hingham Civic Music Theatre presents Rodgers & Hammerstein's **Cinderella**, Sanborn Auditorium, Hingham Town Hall, 210 Central St., Hingham. Oct. 19-20 at 7:30 p.m., and Oct. 21, at 2 p.m. Adult tickets, $16; students $15, seniors $14, and groups of 10 or more, $12. Visit HCMT.org, or call Ticket Hotline, 781-837-1499.

The South Shore Conservatory and **Duxbury Bay Maritime School** for *Music and the Sea*, will hold a concert and reception with **Ray Hornblower**, tenor and **Beth MacLeod**, mezzo-soprano, with **Hui-Min Wang** pianist. Mr. Hornblower will perform Robert Schumann's song cycle *Dichterliebe* and Beth MacLeod will sing excerpts from Edward Elgar's, *Sea Pictures* at the concert on Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury. The reception and concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $75. Proceeds benefit South Shore Conservatory and Duxbury Bay Maritime School. For information and to purchase tickets, contact Amy Schomp 781-749-7565 x19 or Missy Battista 781-934-7555.

The Jordan Hospital Club is holding the **1st Annual Beat Goes *On* 5K Walk/Run** on Oct. 20 to benefit the Jordan Hospital Cardiovascular Center. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and the walk/run starts at 10 a.m. Registration and the race start will be held in the parking lot adjacent to Jordan Hospital's main entrance. Runners and walkers of all ages are invited to participate. Pumpkin decorating and festive activities will be available for kids. Registration forms are available at jordansbeatgoeson.com. The walk/run will be held rain or shine.

They Weymouth Art Association will meet from 2 to 4 p.m. Oct. 20 at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St, Weymouth. **Virginia Freyermuth** will lecture creativity. Free and open to the public. 781-337-1402.

The Atlantic Symphony is entering its 11th season under the direction of conductor **Jin Kim,** the orchestra's opening night will be held Oct. 20 at 7:30 pm, at the **Duxbury Performing Arts Center** next to the Duxbury Library. The program highlights festive and triumphant music from the rich cultural heritage of three nations: Sibelius' Lemminkainen's Return from a great Finnish myth, Copland's quintessential American Rodeo, and the Russian Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4. Conductor Jin Kim gives a pre-concert talk at 7 p.m., and all are invited to meet musicians at the post-concert dessert reception. In addition, the lobby will display a special exhibit of works by artists from the North River Arts Society on the theme of Blue, inspired by the symphony's new name. For tickets in advance, call 781-740-5694 or order online at atlanticsymphony.org. $32 adults, $22 seniors, $10 youth through age 18. Tickets will also be available at the door. Various subscription packages are also available. Subscribers gain the full benefit of hearing these superb musicians throughout the season.

An American Original - Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis Oct. 20, from 7 to 10:30 p.m. North Community Parish House, Marshfield Hills. An evening of theatre with Boston actress, Robin Lane as she portrays one of the most dynamic women in American history, Jackie Kennedy. Evening begins with a champagne reception, raffle items related to the Kennedy's and followed by coffee and deserts. Tickets: $22. and will be pre-sold and your name will be listed at the door. Proceeds benefit Daniel Webster Estate. Call Virginia at 781-837-2403 or Eileen at 781-837-7579 or visit danielwebsterestate.org

The Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square presents **Eric Cornetta and Friends** in concert Oct. 20, at 8 p.m. This Hingham singer-songwriter is an open microphone legend from Harvard Square to Greenwich Village and back again. To add to the liveliness and fun of the evening, he's asking Jane Gilmartin, a traditional balladeer with a wide repertoire of Scots and English ballads to share the stage along with some Old Shippers and flexible folk friends who will to join him in a song or two. The Coffeehouse off the Square is at the Old Ship Church Parish Hall, 107 Main St., in Hingham Square just up from the Loring Hall Theater and on the MBTA's 220 bus from Quincy Center. Admission is $10 at the door (sorry, no reservations). The concert begins with an open mike at 8 p.m. Net proceeds benefit the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. For information or to volunteer (free admission) call 781-749-1767.



The South Shore Men of Harmony practice each Tuesday night at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center.

Men find vocal accord

By Katia Opatkiewicz
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While college students may have different ideas on how they would like to spend their free time, Dan Costello likes to spend his time singing and performing with the South Shore Men of Harmony, a barbershop harmony group that performs in competitions and hosts annual Christmas shows.

Costello, 20, of Pembroke, first joined the group at the age of 10 with his grandfather, John Brennan. "I kept begging him to take me and he finally did," said Costello.

Costello also sung in his school chorus and theatrical productions when he was a student at Silver Lake Regional High School. Costello, now a student at Massasoit Community College studying criminal justice, is the musical director of the Men of South Shore Men of Harmony and also participates in a chorus in Concord on Friday nights.

As musical director, Costello is in charge of rehearsal and keeping all the music. He also plays an active part on the group's music committee and keeps track of the group's goals.

Though Costello is looking toward a career in law enforcement he plans to continue singing with the South Shore Men of Harmony, but considers his role in the group "strictly a hobby."

"I get paid for this job, but it is mainly for enjoyment," said Costello.

Many of the gentlemen who sing have been with the group for years. Bill Fitzgerald, of Weymouth, has been part of the group for 32 years.

"Barbershop harmony keeps my mind young," said Fitzgerald.

Fitzgerald first got into barbershop harmony through his church. A member of his church, who was the musical director of the South Shore Men of Harmony, which was known then as the Scituate Harbor Men, invited him to a rehearsal.

"Anyone can sing barbershop harmony, you just have to be able to carry a tune," said Fitzgerald.

The South Shore Men of Harmony will be performing in a district competition this Saturday at the Lowell Auditorium, competing against 45 different choruses. The winner of the event goes on to compete in the international competition.

Soon the South Shore Men of Harmony will also be hosting an all-month event to teach Christmas carols. The group would like to invite any man who has an interest in singing and who would like to learn Christmas carols to stop by one of the rehearsals during the month of November.

For 56 years the South Shore Men of Harmony have kept the art of barbershop harmony alive in the community and hope to keep the tradition alive. They are always looking for new members.

"Any one who is interested is welcome to come down and try us out," said Fitzgerald.

The men practice every Tuesday night at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center.

For more information call 781-337- SING or visit southshoremenofharmony.org

Reunions

ROCKLAND HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1972 Reunion, Oct. 20, from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel, Rockland. Contact Fran Carriere, franc516@aol.com/781-878-4832 or Bill Holland, cycling53@comcast.net/781-740-5070.

WHITMAN-HANSON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL 45th reunion class of 1962 Oct. 20, at Stoneforge at Bert's Cove, Plymouth. Cocktails start at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. with music by a local DJ until 11 p.m. Any questions call Mary-Jane Ricker- Harris at 781-294-8239 or Marsha Walkey Booth at 508-866-9112.

COHASSET HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1972 is planning a reunion for Oct. 26. More information is available at classmates.com and will be updated regularly. They are trying to locate classmates. Log on to the Classmates web site and become a member so that they can reach you and you can receive notice of updates. You can also visit tessahoc72@yahoo.com

CARDINAL CUSHING CENTRAL HS SO. BOSTON – Class of 1967, 40th reunion Oct. 28 from 1 to 5 p.m. Luncheon at Best Western Adams Inn 29 Hancock St Quincy, River Room. Cost: $26 per person. RSVP by Oct. 24 call 781-335-9327.

ALL FORMER CAMPER/COUNSELORS-50TH CAMP REUNION, Camps Winni, Kingsmont and Ossipee. Nov. 3, from 7 p.m. to midnight at Lantana in Randolph 43 Scanlon Drive, Randolph. Cost: $50 per/person dinner, entertainment, dancing and a "camp momento." Register on-line youhadtobethere.org or send a check to Don McGibbon, 108 Walker Lane Abington, MA 02351. For information contact Don McGibbon at DonaldMcGi@aol.com or Donna (Ripley) Fallon at djfall@comcast.net or visit youhadtobethere.org. Spread the word. RSVP by Oct. 15. 781-961-4660.

HOLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL 20th reunion class of 1987, Nov. 10, 7 to 11 p.m. Cocktail Reception at The Four's Restaurant, 15 Cottage Ave., Quincy. Includes: cash bar, appetizer buffet, desserts, and a DJ. Cost: $40 per person. RSVP to: hhsclass1987reunion@yahoo.com or call 617-240-3846 as soon as possible. Tickets must be pre-paid.

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL 20th reunion Class of 1987, Nov. 23, 7 p.m. to midnight at the Red Parrot in Hull Alumni are looking for classmates. Contact Tracy O'Sullivan at 781-982-1226 *or* Dawn Youngworth at shaneandmom@comcast.net

RANDOLPH HIGH SCHOOL 30th reunion Class of 1977 Nov. 23, from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. at the Randolph Lodge of Elks. Contact Mary Graziano at 781-986-5754 or Maria Civita at 781-961-2292/ M.Civita@comcast.net for information and ticket confirmation.

WHITMAN-HANSON HIGH SCHOOL 25th reunion Class of 1982 Nov. 23, from 6 to 11 p.m., at the Radisson Hotel, Rockland. Tickets cost $60 per person. Dinner and music will be provided. For address changes and information, contact Michelle Webber at 508-528-7509, Diana Marcotte at 978-663-7257, John Rozen at 781-618-7214, or e-mail whrhs1982@yahoo.com.

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL 15th reunion Class of 1992 Nov. 23 8 p.m. to midnight at F1 Boston on Wood Rd. in Braintree. The cost is $45 per person and the evening will include DJ, cash bar, and apps. Checks can be made payable to Laurice Vallancourt/BHS Class of 1992 and mailed to 11 Winter Terrace, Hanson MA 02341 by Nov. 9. Any questions, contact Laurice (Gunn) Vallancourt at vallancourt11@comcast.net

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL 30th Reunion Class of 1977 Nov. 23, 7 p.m. to midnight at Braintree Son's of Italy Hall. Tickets are $40 per person, or $75 per couple, if purchased by Nov. 1,includes a buffet dinner. To purchase tickets or to update your contact information visit BraintreeHigh.com/1977.html or mail your check to: BHS Class of 1977, P.O. Box 850088, Braintree, MA 02184-0088. All class members are invited to attend.

STOUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL, Class of 1987 will be holding its 20th class reunion on Nov. 24, at the Holiday Inn at 195 Westgate Dr.,Brockton. E-mails and addresses of fellow classmates are needed. E-mail or contact Kathy (Kosinski) Nelson at shs1987reunion@yahoo.com or 508-286-4261 or Jenn Remmes at 401-333-6730. Hotels rooms are available for $89. Call the Holiday Inn, 508-588-6300. Use code# S87 holidayinn.com/brocktonma.

WEYMOUTH SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL- Class of 1977 30th year reunion, 7 to 11:30 p.m. Nov. 24. Dinner buffet at The Weymouth Elks, Washington St., (Rte. 53). Includes: cash bar, appetizers, dinner buffet, dessert and DJ. Cost:$35 per person. RSVP to weymouthsouth77@yahoo.com by Nov. 12.

WEYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL ALL CLASSES REUNION will be held Feb. 8 and 9, 2008 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, 7470 Highway192 in Kissimee, Fla. Call 1-800-327-9170 for reservations. On Feb. 10, a cruise departs for four nights, five days to the Bahamas. For information visit geocities.com/Lureman72 or contact Dick Laneau for registration for at 727-345-4323 or e-mail luresWanted@tampabay.rr.com

Want your reunion posted in Town Commons? E-mail ddinsmore@cnc.com



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Second Hingham Arts Walk on Oct. 21 from noon to 5 p.m. Visit artists' open studios in historic buildings, meet artists at their exhibits in downtown shops and in some of Hingham's treasured places, hear live music, see arts demonstrations, sample harvest treats and enjoy a stroll through this vibrant New England village. Meet the artists and choose from a variety of works - plein air paintings, traditional decoys, jewelry, contemporary art, ceramics, & photographs. Maps available after October 14 on-line and at Bowl & Board, 140 North St. Visit www.discoverhingham.com for details or contact info@discoverhingham.com

King Richard's Faire, a re-creation of the marketplaces of 16th century England, will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 21, and Monday, Columbus Day on Route 58 in Carver. Admission is $25 for adults and $14 for children ages 5 to 12. Children under 5 are admitted for free. Special group rates for 25 or more are available. Parking is free. For further information, call 508-866-2311 or log on to kingrichardsfaire.net.

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell, Oct.20, **Matthew Stubbs Band**.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Oct. 20, **Mission of Blues.** Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sauchuk Farm, 53 Palmer Road, (Rt. 58), Plympton. **Fall Corn Maze** spread throughout six acres on Center St. (off Route 58) in Plympton. Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to dusk through the end of October. Admission $8 adults age 12 and up; $5 children ages 4-11; toddlers age 3 and under free. 781-585-1522 sauchukfarm.net

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The Hingham Civic Music Theatre presents Rodgers & Hammerstein's **Cinderella**, Sanborn Auditorium, Hingham Town Hall, 210 Central St., Hingham. Oct. 19-20 at 7:30 p.m., and Oct. 21, at 2 p.m. Adult tickets, $16; students $15, seniors $14, and groups of 10 or more, $12. Visit HCMT.org, or call Ticket Hotline, 781-837-1499.

An **all-Bach chamber music concert** will be presented at 7 p.m., at the **First Parish Church Unitarian Universalist** in Duxbury. The concert is part of the church's 375th anniversary celebration. Tickets are $20, $15 for students and seniors, and are on sale at the church office weekdays, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and at Westwinds Bookstore, 45 Depot St., Duxbury. Tickets will be available at the door. First Parish Church Unitarian Universalist is located on Route 3A at Depot Street in Duxbury. For information, call the church at 781-934-6532 or visit the Web site, www.duxburyuu.org.

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OCTOBER 18-26, 2007



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The Atlantic Symphony is entering its 11th season under the direction of conductor Jin Kim, the orchestra's opening night will be held Oct. 20 at 7:30 pm, at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center next to the Duxbury Library. The program highlights festive and triumphant music from the rich cultural heritage of three nations: Sibelius' Lemminkainen's Return from a great Finnish myth, Copland's quintessential American Rodeo, and the Russian Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4. Conductor Jin Kim gives a pre-concert talk at 7 p.m., and all are invited to meet musicians at the post-concert dessert reception. In addition, the lobby will display a special exhibit of works by artists from the North River Arts Society on the theme of Blue, inspired by the symphony's new name. For tickets in advance, call 781-740-5694 or order online at atlanticsymphony.org. $32 adults, $22 seniors, $10 youth through age 18. Tickets will also be available at the door. Various subscription packages are also available. Subscribers gain the full benefit of hearing these superb musicians throughout the season.

Halloween Happenings

THE LITTLE THEATRE OF STOUGHTON presents one act plays featuring "Beast of the Baskervilles" and "Frankenstein Slept Here" Oct. 20 and 27, at 2:30 p.m. Town Hall, Great Hall third floor, Stoughton. Free admission. Costumes optional.

HALLOWEEN ROMP Come in costume at the Children's Museum in Easton's annual Halloween bash. The Halloween Romp will take place rain or shine at the Museum on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Activities for all-ages include Halloween crafts, a creepy animal show with New England Reptile and Raptor, a lantern lit trick-or-treat romp through the garden, and more. Admission is $4 per member and $8 per person for non-members. Tickets are limited so call early to reserve yours. For more information, and to reserve tickets, call 508-230-3789 or visit childrensmuseumineaston.org.

THE MARSHFIELD YACHT CLUB ANNUAL KID'S HALLOWEEN PARTY will feature the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department's Fingerprinting Unit on Saturday, Oct. 20, at 1 p.m. Parents and children interact with trained PCSD Deputies to create a take-home identification kit. It takes just a few moments and children of any age can participate. For information on the Sheriff's Fingerprinting Unit contact Dan Connolly at dconn30@yahoo.com

HULL PERFORMING ARTS, INC. PRESENTS HARBOR HAUNTS an adaptation of legends and ghost stories recorded by Edward Rowe Snow in his history of the Boston Harbor Islands. A special adaptation of **A Lady in Black**, written by Hingham High School student William Hall is included. Friday, Oct. 26, 7 p.m. at the Lifesaving Museum 1117 Nantasket Avenue, Hull. Admission is $5 for members, $3 for non-members of the museum. Call 781-925-2406 for directions and other information.

THE INN AT SILVER LAKE HALLOWEEN PARTY The residents of The Inn at Silver Lake invite the community to join their annual Halloween party. Festivities for the kids include peanut free trick-or-treating, costume contests, games, food and more. The party will take place Oct. 29, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The Inn at Silver Lake is located at 21 Chipman Way in Kingston. For information or directions call 781-336-5220.

HAUNTED HALLWAYS Federal Furnace Home and School Association of Marshfield presents Haunted Hallways Oct. 26, at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Admission: $6 per person.

FAMILY HALLOWEEN FUN at the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. **Halloween Howl** is Oct. 27, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Science Center and features an evening of spook-tacular fun with crafts, animal presentations, night hike, spooky room and treats! Wear a costume and bring a pumpkin to carve. Pre-registration required. Cost is $10 member/ $12 non-member per child and $3 per adult. Program suitable for children ages 3 and up, children must be accompanied with an adult. Enjoy a not too scary walk through Halloween scenes in the Science Center's woods at **Spooky Woods** Oct. 28 from 5:30-8 p.m. Wear a costume, bring a flashlight and be bewitched! In the event of inclement weather, event will be held inside. Cost $5 per person, no pre-registration required, drop in anytime during the bewitching hours of 5:30 to 8 p.m. For information and pre-registration contact the Science Center at 781-659-2559 or view the website at ssnsc.org

27TH ANNUAL BRAINTREE HAUNTED HOUSE Tour a Classic Haunted House and Graveyard on Friday and Saturday night, Oct. 26 and 27, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at 10 Plain St., (near Bayshore Athletic Club) in Braintree. Admission is $6 for children and $7.50 for adults. A "Not So Scary" lights-on night appropriate for younger children will be held on Thursday Oct. 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. for just $5. All proceeds directly benefit the students of the Highlands and Liberty Elementary Schools. Wheelchair accessible. Free child care and pizza, soda and treats are available. Visit gpvillage.com/highlandsschool for information.

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE sponsored by the Hanover Woman's Club Juniors (HWCJ) will be held Oct. 28. The sign up registration begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Hanover Boys Club. The parade will be led by the Hanover Fire Department and the Hanover Marching Band. The children will march to the Sylvester field where there will be entertainment by Bob Ryan Tall Tales. Rain or Shine and expected to end at 2:45 p.m. A food item donation is requested to benefit the local Food Pantry. Contact Lynne at 781-871-3065 for more information.

ANNUAL SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY CENTER NURSERY SCHOOL HALLOWEEN FAIR steps off Oct. 28, with its traditional costume parade at 1:45 p.m. around the duck pond. Little ghosts and goblins will want to stay around until the fair's end at 4 p.m. to try their hand at enchanting games of skill and luck, a giant slide, a train ride and the always fun pony rides. Tickets for activities and rides can be purchased at the event. All proceeds from the fair directly benefit the SSCCNS's Enrichment fund. For information call 781-383-0036.

HALLOWEENTOUR OF BEACON HILL This tour takes place on Oct. 31, at 5:30 p.m. Walk the darker side of this seemingly charming neighborhood. From the public hangings on the Common to the dismembered George Parkman, Beacon Hill's heritage of mystery and suspense is a perfect way to spend All Hallows Eve. Guided by Boston By Foot, Inc., the tour begins from the steps of the Massachusetts State House on Beacon Street. Admission is $15 per person and reservations are not required. For further information and a brochure, call 617-367-2345 or visit bostonbyfoot.org.

MASS AUDUBON'S MOOSE HILL, 293 Moose Hill St., Sharon, **Halloween Critters:** Oct. 31; from 10 to 11:30 a.m. What animals are associated with Halloween? Take a peek into the lives of bats, spiders, owls, and other Halloween creatures of the night. $8 $11 **Pumpkin Carving:** Oct. 25 6 to 8:30 p.m. Plenty of pumpkins donated by Ward's Berry Farm, will be available, volunteers are needed to help carve pumpkins into Jack-O-Lanterns for the annual *Halloween Prowl*. Help appreciated any time after 1 p.m. Free, donations appreciated. 781-784-5691.

ADULT HALLOWEEN NIGHT PROGRAM The Ventress Memorial Library in Marshfield will present an **Adult Halloween Night Program** on Oct. 31, at 7 p.m. titled "Halloween, Graveyards and Family Trees." Dick Sullivan, a retired Randolph teacher and Marshfield resident, will blend themes of pagan festivals, human psychology and the occult with using gravestones to aid in genealogy research of family trees. The lecture is a unique blend of scary and scholarly topics, with a dose of personal anecdote. The program is free and open to the public, no tickets are required. Cider and candy corn will be served. The library and the program room are handicapped accessible. For information contact librarian Chris Woods at 781-835-5535 or visit ventresslibrary.org

Send your Halloween events to ddinsmore@cnc.com or fax 781-837-4543.

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"Fall For The Arts" continues through Wednesday, Nov. 21, at the Dickinson Art Gallery in Weymouth. This multi-media show features several of the East Coast's finest artists: **Vincent Elliot, Danielle Festa, Roger Gill, George Hartley, George Murray, Dick O'Brien, Charlie Robinson, Corey Ritch, Lisa Smith,** and many others. Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., Weymouth. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sundays noon to 5 p.m. 781-331-3384.

The Ventress Library Sunday Concert Series kicks off the 2007-2008 season with a concert featuring **Atwater Donnelly** on Sunday, Oct. 21, at 2 p.m. The popular folk duo will present a program called "American and Appalachian Melodies" as they explore the Celtic, African and Native American roots of traditional American folk music. The musicians will also play and demonstrate a variety of instruments for the audience including mountain dulcimer, Irish tin whistle, mandolin, old-time banjo, harmonica and guitar. Clog dancing will be used as a percussive instrument. The concert, is free and open to the public. No tickets are required. Light refreshments will be served after the concert. Bring the family. The library and program room are handicapped accessible. For information, contact librarian Chris Woods 781-834-5535 or visit ventresslibrary.org

The guitar duo of Mark and Beverly Davis opens the 10th anniversary **Boston Classical Guitar Society** 2007/2008 ***"Sunday Sounds Special"*** series at the Hingham Public Library on Oct. 21 at 3:30 p.m. The free series is sponsored by the Boston Classical Guitar Society, the Library, Derby Street Shoppes of Hingham and the Hingham Middle School Sixth Grade Class of 2006/2007. Their performance selections are drawn from the international repertoire for two guitars, including traditional songs of the British, pieces from the Spanish tradition by Halter, Scarlatti, and Soler, and contemporary compositions.

Monday, Oct. 22

The North River Arts Society presents **Faces & Places**, a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery featuring original watercolor paintings by **Wendy Hale**. This show will run from Oct. 1 to Nov. 16. A free opening reception will be held on Oct. 1 from 7 to 9 p.m. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster St., Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email northriverarts@verizon.net

Parenting Workshop Series. If you're tired of negotiating with your children over everything from breakfast to bedtime and want to spend your time teaching good behavior instead of nagging, bickering and punishing, join Lynne Reeves Griffin, the author of "Negotiation Generation: Take Back your Parental Authority" for a three week workshop series. Mondays Oct. 15, 22 and 29, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Wampatuck Elementary School Library, 266 Tilden Dr. in Scituate. Cost of $100 for all three weeks includes the new book. Visit LynneGriffin.com. Pre-registration required. 781-545-6585.

New Beginnings, a nonprofit, nonsectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, has helped more than 9,400 south shore residents start a new life over the past 20 years. New Beginnings meets at the UCC Church, 460 Main St. Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and is highly recommended for newcomers. All are welcome. For information, call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke, every Monday, free **Texas Hold'em** with Northern poker league 781-829-6999.

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield. Oct. 22, **Texas Hold Em Poker** 781-837-6368.

Tuesday, Oct. 23

The South Shore Men of Harmony Barbershop Chorus invites men of all ages who like to sing to join them during the month of November to rehearsals that will be open to anyone who would like to learn Christmas music sung in the Barbershop acapella style. They will be accepting invitations from all sorts of organizations to present Christmas programs and would be delighted to include whoever is interested in having fun singing. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. in the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St., at the corner of Central Street. Call 781-337-SING for additional information or e-mail danielcostello@gmail.com or billfitzjr@aol.com.

The North River Arts Society presents **Faces & Places**, a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery, Library Plaza, Webster St., Marshfield, featuring original watercolor paintings by **Wendy Hale** through Nov. 6. For information, call NRAS at 781-837-8091 or email northriverarts@verizon.net 781-834-5535

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield. Oct. 23, **Game Show Trivia** 781-837-6368.

Wednesday, Oct. 24

The Hingham Public Library and Buttonwood Books & Toys welcome **Brett Milano** discussing **The Sound of Our Town: A History of Rock & Roll** on Oct.24, 7 p.m. at the Hingham Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. Covering the last 50 years, "The Sound of Our Town" is a tribute to the underground bands and musicians who have entertained and electrified the Boston music scene. The J.Geils Band, the Dresden Dolls, Buffalo Tom and Aerosmith are just a few of the bands that are featured. Organized by time and movement, fans will recognize personal favorites and learn about others who were significant contributors to Boston's musical history. Free event. Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 if you would like order a personalized or signed copy. buttonwoodbooks.com

Notre Dame Academy, welcomes **Immaculée Ilibagiza** for a public presentation on Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. in the Cardinal Cushing Auditorium at 1073 Main Street, Hingham. Ilibagiza is the author of the inspiring autobiography, **LEFT TO TELL: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust**. Free of charge and open to the public. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For information on this event visit the Academy's Web site at ndahingham.com or contact Danielle Gagnon at 781-749-5930, ext. 248.

Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes, will host an Autumn Affair on Learning on Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. at the South Shore Learning Center, located at 515 Washington St. in Norwell.

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Wednesday and Thursday evening.

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield. Oct. 24, **Texas Hold Em** 781-837-6368.

Thursday, Oct. 25

Celebrate the wedding of Abigail Smith and John Adams Oct. 25, at 10 a.m. Abigail Smith leaves her Birthplace, at 180 Norton St., North Weymouth, for her wedding. At 11 a.m. the wedding of Abigail Smith and John Adams takes place at The First Church in Weymouth, 17 Church St., Weymouth. At 1 p.m. toast and well wishes for the new couple at their home, the John Quincy Adams Birthplace, 141 Franklin St., Quincy. Rain or shine. For further information call Caroline Keinath 617-773-1177 or Judith Alukonis 617-772-1361.

October is Lupus Awareness Month. The Greater Plymouth Lupus Group will host a local Rheumatologist, **Dr. Tanya Doan** who practices with Dr. Philip Molloy on 45 Resnick Road, Plymouth. Dr. Doan's talk is titled **UPDATE ON SLE**. The meeting will be held Oct. 25, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Kingston Public Library, 6 Green St., Kingston. Light Refreshments will be served. For information, contact Nicole Peterson 781-582-8770. No registration is required.

The Plymouth Farmers' Market, held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October at Stephen's Field located off of Route 3A, just south of Plymouth Center. Oct. 25, **contemporary folk with Karen Woodhall.** For information, contact Barbara Anglin, market manager, at 508-732-9962.

Fish Tale On the Water, 44 Jericho Road, Scituate, presents **Drift Away** with **J. Place, Joe Micarelli** and **John Litwin,** performing music from the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's every Thursday at 8:30 p.m. 781-545-4700

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Oct. 25, **Sweet Melissa with Chris Stovall Brown** 781-829-6999.

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell, Oct.25, **Rachel Parsons and Rick Jackson.**

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's open mic** with **Diane Blue** Oct. 25, at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

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Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield. Oct. 25, **DJ Ramu** 781-837-6368.

Friday, Oct. 26

On the Path Wellness Center is hosting a **guided imagery, meditation workshop** with **Dawne Corti-Migre.** This workshop will help you to learn how to cope with the daily stresses that we all experience and enable you to enjoy that quite place within. Friday Oct. 26, at 7 p.m. For more details call Dawne at 617-750-8101or email balancepoint2006@aol.com

Comedy Night to support **South Shore Habitat For Humanity** Oct. 26, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Emerald Hall, 120 Bay State Drive, Braintree. DJ, comedians, raffles, and more Comedians: **Harrison Stebbins, Annette Pollack, Dave Rattigan, Matt McArthur and Larry Lee Lewis.** Tickets: $30. For tickets call Julie 978-877-0053; Shannon 781-843-9010 x14 or Annette 781-843-4833 For Tax-Deductible Donations: E-Mail to: communitydev@habitat.org

South Shore Singles will sponsor its **annual Halloween dance** with DJ: Rick Walsh from 8 to 11:30 p.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Doors open 7:15 p.m. Free dance lesson 7:30 to 8 p.m. $2 off admission if you come in costume. Free snacks and coffee, cash bar. 781-331-0021. southshoresingles.org

The South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham presents **"Water Water Everywhere"**, the works of **Jane Flavell Collins** of Duxbury. The opening event will take place Oct. 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and visitors will have a chance to meet the artist at that time. The exhibit will be on display until Nov. 15. Hours are from Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For additional information, call 781-749-0430 or visit southstreetgallery.com

Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra's annual auction gala and dinner takes place from Oct. 26, from 6:30 to 11 p.m., at the Waverly Oaks Golf Club, 444 Long Pond Road, Plymouth. Enjoy an evening of music, friends and dining. This year the theme is the Great Gatsby. Black tie or 1920s attire optional Bid on vacations, artwork, sports memorabilia and much more during the silent and live auctions including three hand-painted violins by Andrew Kusmin, Sean Cassidy and Brenda Cobb as well as the private Holiday Pops dress rehearsal item. Or, be the winning bidder on the chance to conduct the Phil.. Cost is $75 per person/$560 per table of eight. For tickets or more information call 508-746-8008. For information about the PPO's 92nd season, visit plymouthphil.org.

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Phil Music Director Steven Karidoyanes and PPO Board President Paula Harris are ready for this year's Great Gatsby-themed gala.



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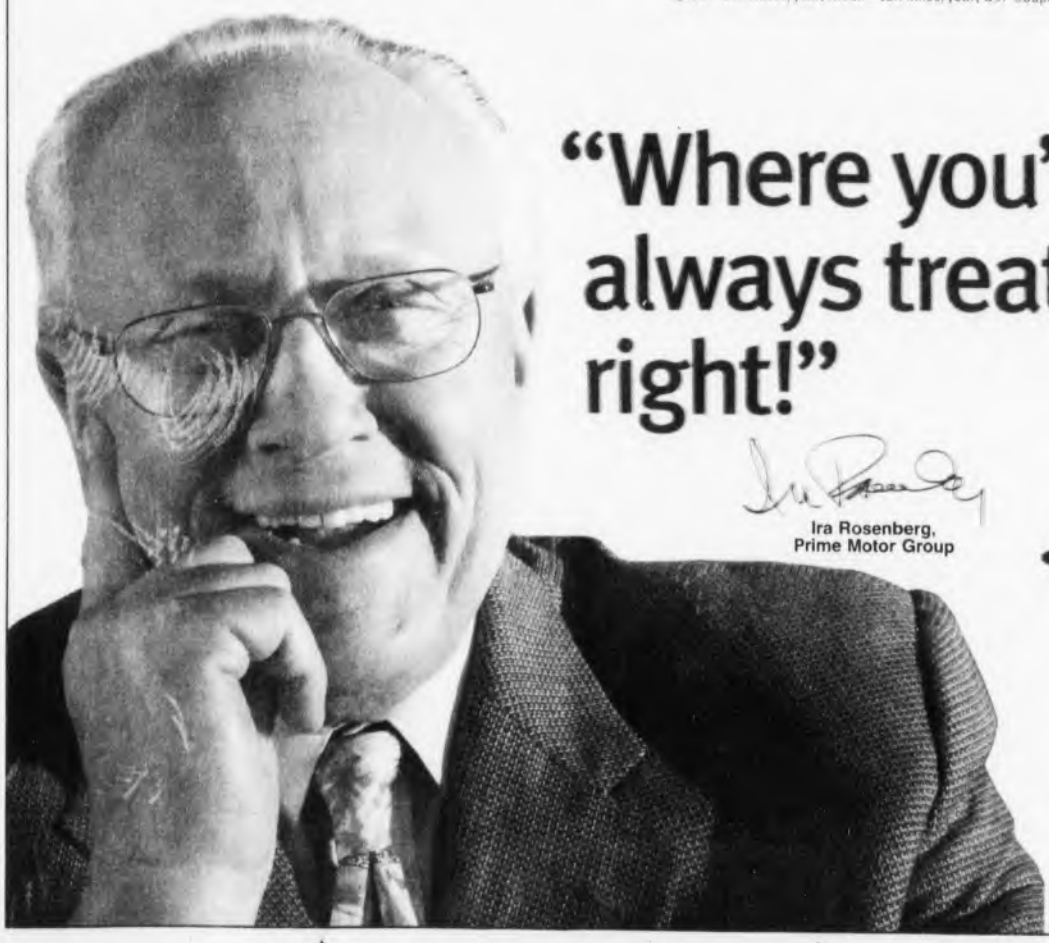
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Greenbush

Firefighters look at train up close

By Nancy White
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The commuter train is a new neighbor for all Cohasset residents. The town needs to get acclimated to its schedule and general presence as of the start of regular commuter service next Wednesday, October 31.

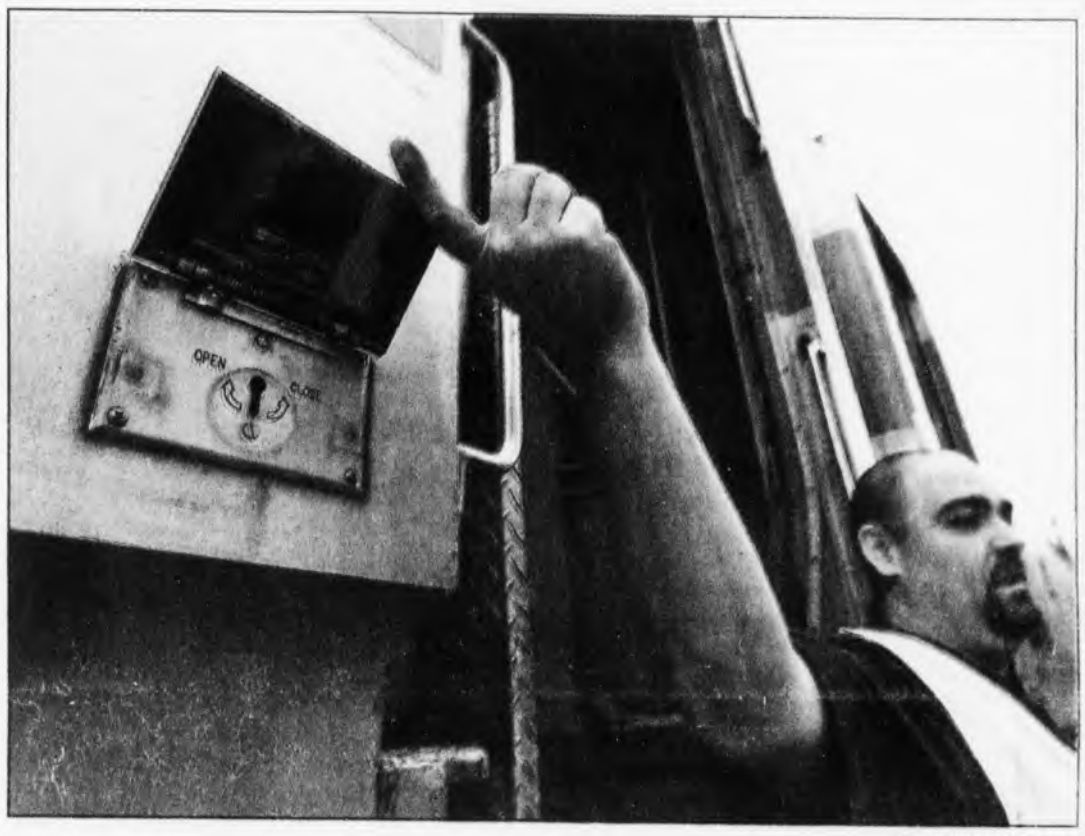
The Fire Department got an up close look at the locomotive, the coaches and the towering double decker trains that will begin chugging through Cohasset next week. The stationary train loomed large when seen from ground level on the rail siding, a second set of track, just north of the Sohier Street crossing.

At one point during the training, a test train on the adjacent track, less than three feet away, whizzed by the windows of the stationary train.

"Watching the train go by at 50 miles per hour will keep me from taking any chances near the tracks," said Fire Chief Robert Silvia. At 60 miles per hour, it takes the train over a mile to stop, the MBCR representatives said.

Representatives from Mass Bay Commuter Rail, the firm contracted by the MBTA to run the commuter trains, walked a group of about a dozen firefighters and call firefighters through the trains' various safety features. If there ever were an emergency on board a train and the fire department needed

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Kevin Amaral, an electrical technician for Massachusetts Bay Commuter Rail, shows the Cohasset firefighters one of the ways to get into a car during an emergency.

'Quiet zone' means no horns will blow

By Carol Britton Meyer
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With the exception of Halloween, from here on in, residents and others living in or passing through the five Greenbush communities can no longer rely on horns to warn of an approaching train.

While whistles provided advance warning that test trains were on the tracks while the signals and gates were being checked, that will no longer be the case now that the Federal Railroad Administration has officially declared Hingham, Scituate, Cohasset, Braintree, and Weymouth "quiet zones."

"All of the MBTA environmental reports were based on this design feature."
— Tom Gruber, Greenbush liaison

However, as the Greenbush start date fast approaches, the Scituate and Weymouth police chiefs are among those calling for a reconsideration of the horn ban for safety's sake. It's not that simple, though, because the MBTA is bound by the FRA ruling, at least for now.

This means that no horns will sound along the entire Greenbush line unless there's an emergency or workers are on the tracks. Train service is set to begin Oct. 31 following an inaugural run the previous day.

(The five communities were unanimous in allowing trains to blow the whistle on Halloween for safety purposes. Scituate was expected to inform the MBTA on behalf of all of the towns.)

Under federal law, train whistles are ordinarily required to be blown when approaching a grade crossing, but due to the large number of crossings within a short distance along the entire Greenbush corridor, a waiver was sought from the FRA by all five towns to provide relief from inces-

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Anna Abbruzzese heads into the Senior Center on North Main Street. Abbruzzese is this year's recipient of the South Shore Elder Service's Edythe B. Dunkin Memorial Award.

Volunteerism never goes out of style

Abbruzzese receives regional recognition

By Nancy White
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It's a "thank you" on your way out the door. It's the pat on the back while serving a plate of food. It's the kind smile or well wishes from a grateful person.

These seemingly little things keep Anna Abbruzzese, Chairman of Board of Elder Affairs, coming back to the Senior Center week after week and year after year.

"It's the fringe benefits," Abbruzzese says with a laugh. Just when she thinks she might give something up in deference to another pursuit, or simply to relax, a sincere thank you keeps her going.

The 22-year volunteer veteran at the Senior Center is this year's recipient of the South Shore Elder Service's Edythe B. Dunkin Memorial Award, an award annually given to an individual in recognition of significant, outstanding contributions to elders through community service and leadership.

"I'm very honored and humbled by the award," says Abbruzzese, who admits she is a little embarrassed as well. "I don't do this by myself. There are so many people who are a part of the Senior Center."

The last Cohasset resident to receive the Dunkin Award was in 1993 when it was given to the late Gerard Keating, a

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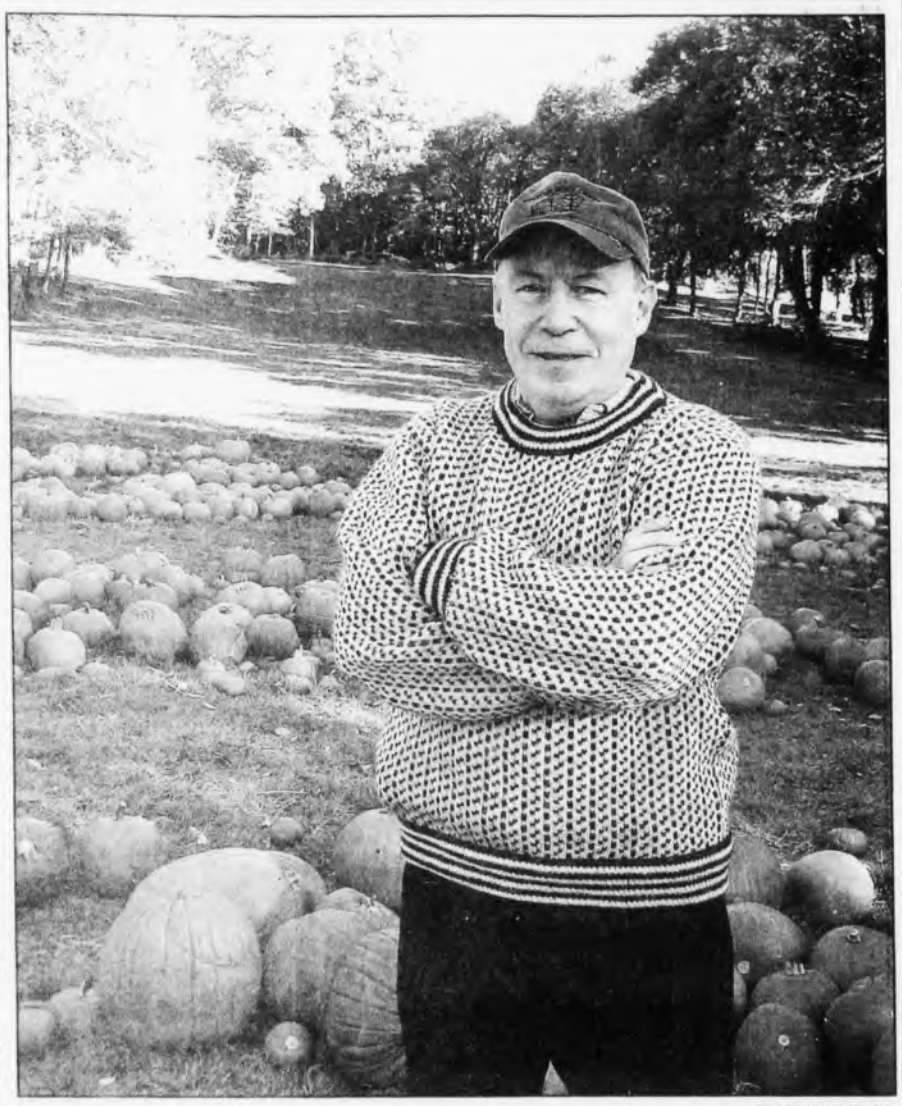
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The Mariner caught up with John Chapman this week at the Pumpkin Patch off North Main Street. The Patch is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Oct. 31.

Name: John Chapman

Occupation: ASP Advisor and Pumpkin Patch Treasurer

Best day of your life: August 14, 1982.

Best vacation: First ASP trip in 2001.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite holiday: July 4th.

Favorite food: Biscuits and gravy, with grits on the side.

Best book: "The Other America," by Michael Harrington.

Best movie: "October Sky."

Best TV show: "Country Boys."

Pet peeve: Intolerance.

Most memorable moments: ASP picnic, when grandson of my ASP client would not leave my side.

Goal: For every Cohasset teen to have a fulfilling, eye-opening ASP experience.

Person you'd most like to meet: Tex Evans (ASP founder).

Biggest worry: That the roof we repaired for an ASP project would leak.

Best part of Cohasset: Support given to ASP.

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Police Chief James Hussey is flanked by Det. Lt. Greg Lennon and Lt. William Quigley during a break in Monday's Selectmen's meeting.

Lieutenants introduced to Selectmen

By Nancy White
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Introductions between the Board of Selectmen and the two new Police lieutenants were the first order of business on Monday night. Former, Det. Sgt. Gregory Lennon and Sgt. Bill Quigley, were recently promoted to two, newly created lieutenant slots.

Police Chief James Hussey identified the need for additional lieutenant slots when he first came on the job three and half years ago, "it will be a better, more efficient way of taking care of the details that need to be taken care of." The lieutenants will deal with day-to-day issues allowing the Chief's office to devote more time to the areas that impact the overall mission of the department including public relations, budget, grants, labor, and best practices.

Hussey praised both Lennon and Quigley for their past accomplishments and dedicated service, "they are two outstanding gentlemen." Quigley said both he and Lennon came on to the Cohasset police force together, were promoted to sergeant together and now, lieutenant.

Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil spoke at how the town needs to move toward continuous improvement, much like businesses in the private sector, "your youth and energy will drive that process forward."

The reorganization includes placing a lieutenant to lead the operational services of the department made up of the patrol force, traffic safety and part-time/seasonal officers (Quigley). The other lieutenant will lead the support/investigative services including criminal investigations, the emergency dispatch center, grants and animal control (Lennon).

CHS boy treated for staph infection

By Nancy White
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Late last week a high school student, who also participated on the boys junior varsity soccer team, was treated for a staph infection. The Middle-High School administration took immediate action by disinfecting and sanitizing the boys' locker room, notifying the school community through a Connect-Ed message and holding an assembly with the student body the following day.

A staph infection, a bacterial skin infection short for staphylococcus aureus, is commonly found on the skin and nose of healthy people. Staph infections begin when the bacteria gets into a break in the skin. It spreads by direct skin-to-skin contact such as shaking hands, playing contact sports, or by touching items handled by an infected person.

A more severe strain of staph, methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureas, or MSRA, is resistant to certain antibiotic treatment. The high school student was treated for a staph infection, not MSRA.

As a precaution, Middle-High School Principal Joel Antolini had the boys' locker room professionally cleaned last Thursday evening. On Friday morning, school nurse Judy Collins presented a powerpoint slide show on staph infections separately to the Middle School and the High School students. Students were told what staph infections were, how it is spreads, and steps to prevent infection, said Antolini. The slideshow is posted on both the district and high school webpages for parent and community reference.

Staph infections typically look like a pimple or a boil on the surface of the skin. They can be red, swollen, painful and have drainage, according to the slideshow. Frequent and thorough hand washing, covering open wounds and generally practicing good hygiene were listed as preventative measures.

"As always, the safety and well-being of our students and staff is our paramount concern," said Antolini.

Antolini said he knew of no other student being treated for a staph infection. The high school advised parents if they had any concerns regarding skin infections to contact their child's physician.

POLICE BEAT

Sirens help man find way out of woods

By Mary Ford
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The thought of getting lost in the woods and not being able to find your way out has caused many people to wake up from a nightmare.

However, a Weymouth man had a real-life "lost" experience last week in Whitney Woods. Luckily he had his cell phone along and was able to call police who helped him find his way out.

The man has hiked there before but last Wednesday (Oct. 17) he veered off his usual trail and could not find his way out. Officers went to two separate locations and sounded their sirens, while police kept the man on the phone. He heard the sirens closest to Crocker Lane and walked out.

Cohasset fire checked him out at the scene and Officer Christy Tarantino drove him back to his car. The man, who is in his 60s, was fine, Police Chief James Hussey said.

Hussey said he received a nice thank you letter from the man on Tuesday.

Deer season

It is the time of year when amorous deer might dart out into traffic looking for a mate. Although collisions with deer can occur at any time, they are more prevalent this time of year.

Last Wednesday (Oct. 17) at 11:48 p.m. a 1999 Mercedes Benz heading southbound on Route 3A near Hingham Lumber hit a deer; the driver was not injured but the car, which had heavy front-end damage, had to be towed.

"The operator said 'I just never had a chance'," Chief Hussey said. The state DPW was called to remove the deer.

Sidewalk parking

Police discourage parking on sidewalks whenever possible, Chief Hussey said. Police received reports of an ongoing problem on North Main Street last week about construction vehicles blocking the sidewalk by a rambling house that is being renovated.

In this particular incident, Hussey said police spoke with the worker, who moved the truck. They will give a warning to a first-time offender but will issue a ticket if the individual parks there again, he said.

Suspicious man

Police believe a scruffy looking man in an older model greenish-blue pickup could be an area handyman seeking work.

The person complaining about the man said he came to her door first thing in the morning, asked if she had young kids, and if he could do work on the house.

Police had a composite drawn and put out a flash message over LEAPS.

However, based on the composite, police think they may know who he is.

The incident is under investigation and at the very least, police want to speak to him about the way he tries to solicit business.

Shoplifter

Police were called to Stop & Shop at 11:45 a.m. on Sunday (Oct. 21) on a report the manager had detained a female shoplifter wearing a white sweater and Capri pants. The caller called back to report she had broken away. Police apprehended the woman, who allegedly stole cosmetics and food items. Stop & Shop management issued a verbal no-trespass order but did not want to pursue the matter through the courts.

Chief Hussey explained that the woman could be arrested if she returns to Stop & Shop. Store managers or security personnel have the right of arrest on their property. Therefore, it was OK that the manager had detained the woman. Store security personnel also can turn an arrest over to police, he said.

Lost wallet, cell phone

Police want anyone who has lost a wallet or purse to come down to the station and make a report, Chief Hussey said. That way police will have some knowledge if a credit card is fraudulently used, for example, he said. Last week a caller reported losing her wallet but has not yet come down to file a report. "We need a report as opposed to a log item," he said.

In an unrelated incident a walk-in at the police station turned in cell phone found near the Mobil Mart on 3A. Police were able to locate the owner of the cell phone and return it. Hussey said it is helpful for people to report lost cell phones and also if any are found, to bring them to the station.

Civil matter

Police were called twice last week to a Forest Avenue location where there is a property line dispute between neighbors. Chief Hussey explained that police cannot arbitrate in these situations and determine where property lines lie. They can take a report and refer the people to the building inspector or other knowledgeable person. Often police are contacted because they are available 24/7 and those involved want the matter resolved at the time. Police can suggest that someone move their car, for example, if it is blocking a driveway but cannot determine the outcome of a dispute. That is up to civil court, Hussey said.

Traffic accident

The operator of a 1994 Mercury was cited for failure to yield to oncoming traffic last Monday (Oct. 15) following a two-car accident at the lights at Stop & Shop.

Police said a 2000 Chevy was headed northbound on Route 3A and while going through the green light was struck by the southbound Mercury while it was attempted to make a left-hand turn into the plaza.

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Two units slated at 821 Jerusalem Road

Developer bids are in

By Nancy White
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The Housing Partnership Committee is plugging along on the process to construct two affordable units under Chapter 40-B at 821 Jerusalem Road. The town has heard back from two developers on its request for proposal for the town-owned property.

The Housing Partnership has been working on this project since the spring. The town foreclosed on the property in May 2005 due to non-payment of property taxes. Over the summer, the partnership received assurances the proposed units would be deemed affordable from the Department of Housing and Community Development, the state department that oversees the development of Chapter 40-B housing.

If affordable units are developed in 821 Jerusalem, the project will be the Housing Partnership's first to come to fruition.

McKenna Building Contractors of Cohasset put in a bid for $163,000 to build two three-bedroom rental units, with one rented as affordable and the other at a market rate. As rental units, both would qualify as affordable under state regulations. The other bid put forth by Rockland-based Michael Durante was for a three units at $75,000.

Before the process moves forward, two issues need to be resolved. At the upcoming special Town Meeting, voters will need to approve Article 11. Approval of the article would authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of 821 Jerusalem Road under the state's procurement laws, Chapter 30B.

In addition, there is an ongoing effort by the daughters of the former owner of the property to get back the house. The petition has been denied at Land Court and was appealed to the state appeals court. There has been no determination on the state appeal.

Once the issues are resolved, the Selectmen will award the bid subject to all appropriate permits being obtained.

However, the Partnership is looking ahead and has recommended the Selectmen accept the McKenna bid, in part due to the large difference in purchase price. McKenna's proposal calls for two "family-sized" three-bedroom units. The bid allows for the outstanding taxes, approximately $70,000, to be paid to the town, with excess funds to go toward a third affordable housing unit somewhere else, explained Partnership chairman Tom Callahan.

Although the partnership would have liked to see three units on the property, there are challenges on the site in doing so. If the other bid was chosen and three units were unrealized, the town would end up with only two units and little money to put toward another project, said Callahan.

The partnership intends to work with the developer to get the proper permits and the 40-B certification under a Local Initiative Project (LIP). Only then will the town close the sale and transfer the property title.

The Partnership is working on creating a generic agreement to be entered into between developers and the town for this project and other future LIP developments.

"It's nice to have the committee making progress," said Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil.

Briefly

Rec Director retiring

Longtime Recreation Director Jack Worley notified the Town Manager of his intent to retire in the spring. Worley has served as the town's first and only Recreation Director.

"Having spent 31 years in this position coupled with the extensive numbers of hours worked each week. I feel that is far more than employment that I am leaving. Rather, it is a fine community with very fine residents that I have had the privilege to serve these past three decades that I leave," Worley wrote.

Town Manager Bill Griffin described Worley "as one of the most dedicated and professional public servants I have ever had the pleasure to work with. He will be sorely missed."

Worley's retirement will become effective on April 30, 2008. Griffin, along with the Recreation Commission will commence the process to select the next director.

Train work remains

With revenue passenger service on the Greenbush Line to commence next week on Wednesday, Oct. 31, the MBTA has sent the town a list of items that will not be completed prior to the train's rolling through town. The memo indicates all outstanding items will be completed in the next year.

Intersection improvements at Route 3A and King Street will be completed in 2008. A traffic signal at the entrance of Route 3A will be constructed in association with the proposed transit oriented district shopping mall development. The traffic signal design is under development and will need to be reviewed by the Mass Highway Department; it should be in operation by the end of 2008.

Other smaller items including the row of eight additional parking spaces near the Teen Center, an advance warning sign on Pond Street, and paving of the turnaround at the closed Spring Street crossing will all be completed in November.

Lastly, a draft design proposal for the North Main Street crossing corrective work was sent to the town earlier this month. The MBTA is awaiting the town's comments.

Town Meeting warrant off to printer

With Special Town Meeting only two weeks from Tuesday, the Board of Selectmen voted to approve the warrant and send it to the printer. A total of 11 articles, or items of business, will be discussed and voted on Tuesday, November 13 at 7p.m. The warrant will be sent to all Cohasset households on Oct. 30, two weeks before Town Meeting.

The Selectmen recommended approval of three of the articles at Monday night's meeting. The Water Resource District Zoning Bylaw (Article 3) seeks to change the language over the storage of deicing chemicals and animal manure in the water resource district.

Article 7 would eliminate several committees that are no longer relevant or populated with members from the bylaws. The committees proposed to be eliminated are Personnel Committee, Design Review Board, Committee to Survey Structure and Function of Town Government, Drainage Committee, Commission on Disabilities and Civilian Dispatch Committee.

Article 11 is proposed to give the Selectmen the authority to dispose of the property at 821 Jerusalem Road. The town for non-payment of taxes previously foreclosed on the property, a two-family dwelling. The Housing Partnership Committee is pursuing the development of two affordable housing units.

All three reviewed articles were recommended by a unanimous vote.

Selectmen to review village bylaw

The Board of Selectmen will review the proposed Village Business District zoning bylaw and likely give their recommendation next Monday night, October 29. The Selectmen encourage all interested parties to come to the meeting to participate in the discussion.

Building Permits

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Brown, 471 Beechwood St., 18 sq. wood side walling, gutters and downspouts, $16,000; Parcel Two Realty, 825 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., new 6,000 square foot one-story commercial building, $188,000; Barunas, 54 Jerusalem Road, 8 sq. cedar roofing, $7,900; Flanagan, 21 Aaron River Road, demolish existing home and build new residence, $700,000; Syatt, 113 Border St., 12 foot by 14 foot screened-in porch at rear of house, $20,000 and Swartwood, 348 South Main St., remodel kitchen, fix exterior wall and new windows, $25,000.

Schwandt, 43 Tower Lane, 27 sq. asphalt roofing, $10,500; Gillis, 130 Wheelwright Farm, remodel 2.5 baths, install cabinet lighting, replace 13 windows, install new handrail and balusters, $35,000; DeSharnais, 12 Holly Lane, second story addition, two new baths, laundry room, three bedrooms; $100,000; Therialt, 42 Stockbridge St., five new windows, new sidewall on two sides, rebuild existing deck, $25,000; Seel, 50 Forest Ave., 25 sq. asphalt roofing, $9,000; Route 3A Group, 152 King St., renovate existing office, $15,000; Stavis, 60 Jerusalem Road, 12 sq. asphalt roofing, $4,700; Hanflig, 395 Jerusalem Road, install beams to support second floor walls on ocean side, $20,000; Laas, 22 Pratt Court, remodel two baths, gut wall board, tile, fixtures and finish, $25,000; Dunne, 21 Beach St., remodel workshop to exercise room, $10,000; Pinnacle Tower, 150 Turkey Hill Lane, add three antennas and two equipment cabinets, $25,000;

Kehoe, 28 Bayberry Lane, remove existing deck and replace with 10 foot by 12 foot deck; $2,200; Young, 24 Short St., remove single story rooms, replace roof, sidewall, new kitchen, new bath, $160,000; Vainisi, 17 Sohier St., 20 foot by 40 foot in ground pool, $30,000.





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Cohasset Triathlon will return

Date set for Sunday, June 29

By Nancy White
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"My goal is to continue looking for ways to make the Cohasset Triathlon the best triathlon."
— Bill Burnett, Race Director

The Cohasset Triathlon is returning to the shores and streets of town next summer. A date for the second annual event has been set for Sunday, June 29. Although still months away, athletes could begin registering for the event as of today (Oct. 26).

Race Director Bill Burnett has been thinking about next year's event almost since the moment the first one was over. No longer a rookie at putting together the run-bike-swim event, Burnett has analyzed last year's event for ways on how to improve and enhance it for all involved.

"My goal is to continue looking for ways to make the Cohasset Triathlon the best triathlon," said Burnett. His passion for the event is contagious and he has been able to recruit a larger team to help him on the effort, "I have a whole group of people who are excited to help me."

Simple items like renting additional port-a-potties, easing traffic hot spots and parking will be targeted in the months ahead. More complex issues, like safety in the water, are being looked at closely.

Safety in the open ocean water is at the forefront of concern after the first triathlon. Four swimmers in distress were pulled from this year's swim leg. The race participants and community mourned after one of those swimmers died.

To ease congestion at the start of the race, athletes and spectators can expect more waves, or heats. The heats, each with less than 100 athletes, will leave the beach in the five-minute intervals.

"We want to spread them out a bit more," said Burnett. Athletes will come off the beach and into the water in smaller groups to give each athlete more breathing room at the start and around the quarter-mile water course.

In addition, on all registrations the athlete will be asked whether this is their first triathlon and/or their first open water ocean swim triathlon. The first-timers will be given a different color swimming cap to alert safety officials on the water to keep a close eye on them.

Burnett says the race will not be bigger than last year, with registrations capped at 700 individual athletes and 25 relay teams. He expects the race to sell out by early 2008, so encourages Cohasset residents especially to sign up early.

A few weeks ago, Burnett came before the Board of Selectmen and proposed a July 13th date for the triathlon. But, when he spoke with members of the Sandy Beach Association they were concerned the July date when Sandy Beach is most heavily used wasn't ideal, says Burnett.

"We wanted to have the least effect on beach goers," said Sandy Beach Association President Robin Lawrence and the event shuts down the beach parking lot for the morning.

The stars seemed to align for the new date June 29, according to Burnett. A morning high tide, availability of the race timing company and rental equipment and no other competing triathlon in the area made the switch easy.

"We're 100 percent in favor" of the triathlon returning, said Lawrence, "it's a great event, managed very well and we expect it to be similarly well run this year."

Along with Sandy Beach Association, the Board of Selectmen, the Harbormaster and the police and fire departments are on board with the new date, says Burnett.

The inaugural triathlon donated all net proceeds to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), a total of $50,219. Burnett would like to raise even more money in this year's triathlon. In addition to the net proceeds, racers are encouraged to get sponsors for the race.

"The race was one of the most successful start up third party events in the country for JDRF this year," said Burnett. On a local level, Burnett and the Cohasset Triathlon Association have joined the town's Adopt-a-street program pledging to keep parts of the racecourse free of litter. He also is seeking local businesses to become sponsors of the race.

The second annual Cohasset Triathlon will consist of a quarter-mile ocean swim, followed by a 12.5-mile bike course and a 3.2 mile run. This event is sanctioned by the USA Triathlon and is expected to draw both first-time triathlon participants as well as ranked elite athletes.

"The triathlon showcases the best parts of Cohasset," says Burnett, who believes the annual triathlon will bring more people to town to visit and patron local businesses.

Online race registration is available through Active.com. Visit the re-vamped Cohasset Tri website at www.cohassettri.com for more information. Hats and triathlon jewelry are on sale on the website.

Adopt-a-street program is under way

The newly established Adopt-a-street program has received support from several local families, organizations and businesses. Last week, safety vests, gloves and bags, along with safety guidelines were handed out to participants.

The program proposed by resident Jim French in the late winter has been met with interest since its official announcement at the end of May. The Cohasset Golf Club donated $500 to subsidize the start-up cost to get the program running. Sponsor signs are in the process of being made and will be posted along the adopted streets.

Six parties have already come forward to participate and keep clean large sections of the town. The Cohasset Triathlon Association has adopted parts of the racecourse to keep clean: Atlantic Avenue from Nichols Road to Sandy Beach, Jerusalem Road between Atlantic Avenue and Forest Avenue and Atlantic Avenue between Sandy Beach and Sandy Cove. The Rotary Club has adopted Government Island. Other residents have volunteered to maintain the pocket park between French Memories and Tedeschi's, North Main Street from Cedar Street to the Hingham town line and lower King Street.

However, program coordinator Tara Tradd has targeted additional areas of town that need a little help with litter: Sohier Street, Beechwood Street, S. Main Street, Ripley Road, Depot Court, Elm Street, Forest Avenue, upper King Street and Pond Street.

Organizations, businesses, families and individuals can adopt a street, a portion of a street, park or other public place and keep it free of litter. If interested, contact program coordinator Tara Tradd at the Board of Health office, (781) 383-4116 or by e-mail at tarat@townofcohasset.org.

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SOX FEVER!

Hello Cohasset. How is everyone doing this week with "Red Sox Fever" happening everywhere? As I write this column, I do not know how we did but of course, feel like we won both games so far! Go Red Sox.

A funny little aside to share with you: this past Monday, I was awaiting some parents for one of our after-school programs to pick up their kiddos so I decided to have a chat about, you guessed it, the Red Sox. I just assumed they would all be psyched and pumped about it and I said, "Hey guys, how about those Sox?" Well, four of the kids had such a great reaction based on how they felt, etc. and two of the others reacted in a very strong manner and said, "YUCK, we hate those guys" and stuck out their tongues. I asked them who they liked and they looked at me like I was an alien or something and the boy said, (they were sister/brother), "we like Chicago baseball people, that is where we were born." I said, "that is great as everyone has favorites and they are not always the same. Who do you like on the Chicago team?" Again, a crazy look from him and he said in a very matter-of-fact way, "I have no idea, I don't even like baseball! My dad just said that I like the Chicago people." It was pretty funny although the other children in the group didn't quite see the humor in it at the time. Oh well, I did.

My last blurb before we get to the news and info is to remind everyone out there to have a wonderful Halloween next week and please make sure to stay happy and safe. As we all know, Halloween is the first day of the train so make sure to stress to the kids of all ages the importance of being super careful and to have a family night discussion maybe the night before of the benefits and good things about the train while setting down the rules both that have been set by the train and town people themselves as well as your own family rules. Happy Halloween to all! Here is the news for the week.

NEW ARRIVAL

We have a new Cohasset resident to welcome this week. **Timothy Joseph Donovan** has arrived on Sept. 23, 2007 weighing in at 7 pouns 13 ounces and measuring 21 inches long.

Baby Timothy is the proud new addition of his family with mom **Jackie,** dad **Joe**, big brother **Ryan** and big sisters **Madeleine** and **Alexis**. The happy grandparents are **Maria and Jose Leitao** and **Martha and Jerry Donovan,** both of Weymouth. Congratulations to all of you on your wonderful new addition.

And of course (drum roll, please) Timothy's parents are **Jackie and Joe Donovan** of Cohasset.

GRIDIRON TRADITION

The Cohasset Gridiron Club is proud to welcome back to Cohasset High School members and their families of the 1957 undefeated football team who are celebrating the 50th anniversary of their perfect season.

The event takes place Friday night, Nov. 2 when the current Cohasset Skippers take on South Shore League rival, Abington. Kickoff is 7 pm, preceded by the traditional honoring of this year's Senior Class players and parents. Come out and support the 2007 team and honor the 1957 team and enjoy some great football action and tradition under the Friday night lights!

BRICK FUNDRAISER

The Beechwood Ballpark is complete. There is a brick fundraiser under way to help pay for maintaining this wonderful new space. Engraved bricks are $100 and will be placed in the grassy area behind the outfield scoreboard. If you are interested, please contact **Michelle Loughlin** at mloughlin521@hotmail.com. Engraving will begin shortly so please get your order forms in by Oct 31.

BIA ART

Brian Houlihan, of Bia Bistro, is not only a great chef, he is also a supporter of the local arts community. The newly renovated bistro on South Main has become an art gallery ("biaart") as well, showing work of Cohasset artists **JoAnne Chittick** and **Diana Rousseau, Sue Charles** (Marshfield), **Page Railsback** (Hingham), and **Daniel Roy** (Woodstock, Conn.). The warm tones of the walls are a perfect background for the richly colored paintings, which include oils, watercolors, acrylics, and pastels. All paintings are for sale. When you enjoy the delicious meals at Bia, be sure to look at the paintings that are exhibited throughout the restaurant.

CLASS REUNION

The Cohasset CHS Class of 2002 would like to announce its reunion information. The invite is as follows. "Please join us for our 5th year reunion on Wednesday evening, Nov. 21 at 8pm in the Salon du Soleil at the Red Lion Inn. Feel free to bring dates and others who went to school with us at any point along the way." This sounds like a great night for you all to get together and share what you have been through over the last five years.

That is all for this week. Make sure to send in all of your news and information to me no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm. Happy Trick-Or-Treating and stay safe!

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Photos and news items may also be dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street. Please have those in by 8 a.m., Tuesday for that week.

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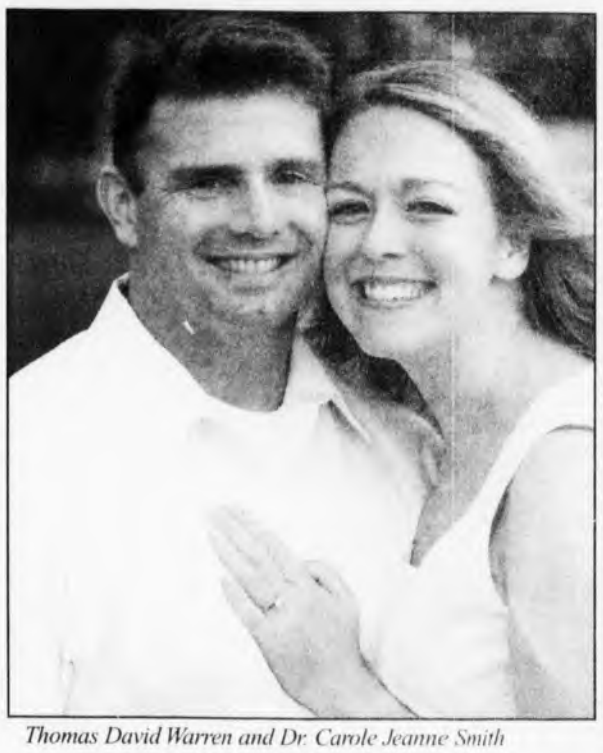
Smith - Warren

Mary Ellen and Peter W. Smith of Cohasset announce the engagement of their daughter, Dr. Carole Jeanne Smith, to Thomas David Warren, son Clare and John P. Warren of South Dennis.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Williams College and UMass Medical School. She completed her residency at Brown University and is employed as a family physician at Harbor Medical Associates in Pembroke.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Assumption College. He received his master's degree in Education from Boston College. He is employed as a sixth grade Social Studies teacher at Walsh Middle School in Framingham.

A July 2008 wedding is planned.



Thomas David Warren and Dr. Carole Jeanne Smith

St. Stephen's Church accepting book donations

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset, is currently accepting donations of slightly worn hardcover and paperback books, DVDs and CDs for its annual book sale, part of the ecumenical Village Fair that will take place this year on Saturday, Dec. 1 on Cohasset Common.

Donations can be brought to the church in bags or boxes and placed inside the parish hall door marked church offices. Use the reserved parking spot to unload books during church office hours, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Pick up of donations can be arranged. For donation pick up or more information, call D'Anne Avotins at 781-923-1104. Books will be sorted at St. Stephen's Church in Walton Rodgers Hall every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11a.m. Donations will be accepted through Nov. 23. Old textbooks, romance novels, damaged or moldy books or books with notes and/or highlighting will not be accepted.

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Money raised from the book sale will be used to send underprivileged children and their families to the Barbara C. Harris Camp in Greenfield, N.H. Donations will help change lives and strengthen the community. For more information about this facility, visit bchcenter.org.

Newcomers Club new member gathering

Scituate/Cohasset Newcomers Club invites all new and prospective members, as well as current members, to a New Member Gathering from 10 a.m. to noon, on Wednesday, Nov. 7.

At this new member coffee, attendees can meet people and learn more about the club. Friends and children are welcome to attend.

Call Kim at 545-2952 or email kim.spires@Comcast.net or Kelly at 545-0866, k-dlee@hotmail.com for more information or to register.

For information about membership, visit the Web site at scnewcomers.com. There are many activities planned throughout the year.

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A story she had to write

JoAnne Fichtner pens book

By Nancy White
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A story is often too important not to share with others. That's why after nine years of thinking about writing a book, first-time author and Cohasset resident JoAnn Fichtner just sat down one day and started writing.

For JoJo, as her friends call her, it wasn't the writing that attracted her to pen an autobiographical book — it was the story she felt she needed to tell.

She describes her book, "Have the Last Dance with Me," as the love story of her and her husband, Herman Fichtner. Their star-crossed tale begins in 1958 when a friend of hers repeatedly asked her to go out on a date with a Navy friend of his who "looked like a movie star." After months of turning down the offer, she acquiesced to the blind date.

"I didn't want to just focus on the medical portion or the disease."
— JoAnn Fichtner, author

"We dated for 11 months and got married," she says with a big smile. From there, the book recounts fond — and often humorous — family memories of moving to Cohasset, raising a son and daughter and growing old together.

But, as they got older, JoJo began to notice moments of forgetfulness in her husband. Lapses in decision making over simple everyday occurrences began to happen more frequently. She began having nagging thoughts that something just wasn't right with her navy fighter pilot, highly educated and loving husband.

Her suspicions turned out to be true, but no doctor could diagnose his condition. Despite long nights at the library doing research and consulting with the best doctors, it wasn't until after he passed away that doctors found out he suffered from Lewy Body Disease, a progressive brain disease.

Lewy Body Disease caused a disruption in perception, thinking, and behavior. It can exist either in its pure form, or in conjunction with other brain changes, including those typically seen in Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's disease.

JoJo hopes her literary venture will bring attention to the disease, which has no cure, "we still don't have any answers."

But, the book's was begun as part of the hearing process, says JoJo. She thought about how she would write her memoirs for close to nine years before ever sitting at a computer to put her thoughts into sentences.

"I actually started writing the book for myself," says JoJo. As she wrote the narrative she realized others could relate to her story.

"For seven years I took care of Herm. I felt he deserved that. It never crossed my mind to put him in a nursing home," says JoJo of her personal choice. She knows there are plenty of other caregivers out there who struggle with that question everyday, "you always wonder if you make the right decision. For me, there was never any other way."

More than sharing the experience at the end of his life, JoJo wanted to give a complete picture of their life together and convey to readers what kind of person her husband Herm was.

"I didn't want to just focus on the medical portion or the disease," JoJo says, although she does give medical information at the end of the book.

JoJo met Herm when he just finished active duty as a Navy pilot, but he was in the reserves for years after that. He flew A4-Skyhawks for years out of the former South Weymouth Naval Air Station. She chose a smiling picture of him climbing into an A4-Skyhawk to grace the cover of the book.

"He was always getting into and out of a plane," she says, "and I just love this picture."

To complement the 75-page text are several pages of pictures to help illustrate their life together.

"You're laughing one minute and the next minute you're crying," JoJo has heard from her test readers. In preparation for the release of the book, JoJo has contacted family and old friends. The effort has put her back in touch with dozens of old friends and books have already been pre-ordered from online bookstores.

She's looking forward to having the book in her hands and to be able to share her story with those close to her and with strangers. The book will be in select bookstores on Nov.19th.

"I really told the story from the heart, just the way it happened. It's the truth," says JoJo, "it just seemed the right thing to do."

"Have the Last Dance with Me" can be ordered online at www.amazon.com.



Author of "Have the Last Dance with Me" JoAnne "JoJo" Fichtner with her late husband, Herm, at the 1993 Memorial Day parade. The autobiographical book, currently available for pre-order online, chronicles the couple's love story.

Senior Scene

Charlie Cards at the CEA

Call 781-383-9112 as soon as possible to sign up for the following events.

SPECIAL EVENTS

MBTA Charlie Cards at CEA – Tuesday, Nov. 6, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 3 North Main St.

Cohasset Cabaret – Nov. 2 and 3, at 7 p.m., at St. Anthony's Hall. Tickets are $25. Transportation available. Call 781-383-0752 for more information. Sponsored by Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs and St. Anthony's Parish.

Make a Difference Day – Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 17 and 18. Sponsored by Cohasset's PTO. Call for fall cleanup, yards raked, etc.

Thanksgiving Feast at Atlantica Restaurant – Tuesday, Nov. 20, at noon. Sponsored by Roy and Joe Campbell family and staff.

ONGOING CLASSES

Senior Dance Aerobics – Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 8 to 8:45 a.m.

Line Dancing – Tuesdays, at 1:15 p.m.

Drop-in Bridge – Wednesdays, at 1 p.m.

Arthritis Exercises – Fridays, at 9:30 a.m.

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For more information and to follow the progress of the relocation, visit www.town.scit-uate.ma.us/animalshelter, www.3afarm-fund.com, or call the shelter at 781-545-8703, between 3 and 5 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturdays.



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Please stop by 106 South Main St. to see these and other artifacts from our collection.

From the Archives is a weekly feature provided by Cohasset Historical Society.

The Cohasset Historical Society welcomes donations.

If you have something that you would consider donating to our archives please give us a call at 781-383-1434.

Forest Avenue Sidewalk Celebration is Saturday

The Forest Avenue Sidewalk Celebration will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 27. The schedule of activities is as follows.

Sidewalk Celebration – All events are free from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Activities will be held from 10 a.m. to noon. The opening ceremony, ribbon cutting, and raffle drawing will take place at noon on Surry Drive.

Bike It – Visit 78 Forest Ave., for kids bike decorating, mini race-course and bike helmet safety station. Refreshments and energy bars will be available.

Ride It – Visit 78 Forest Ave., for MBTA train schedules, kids coloring activities and train safety information.

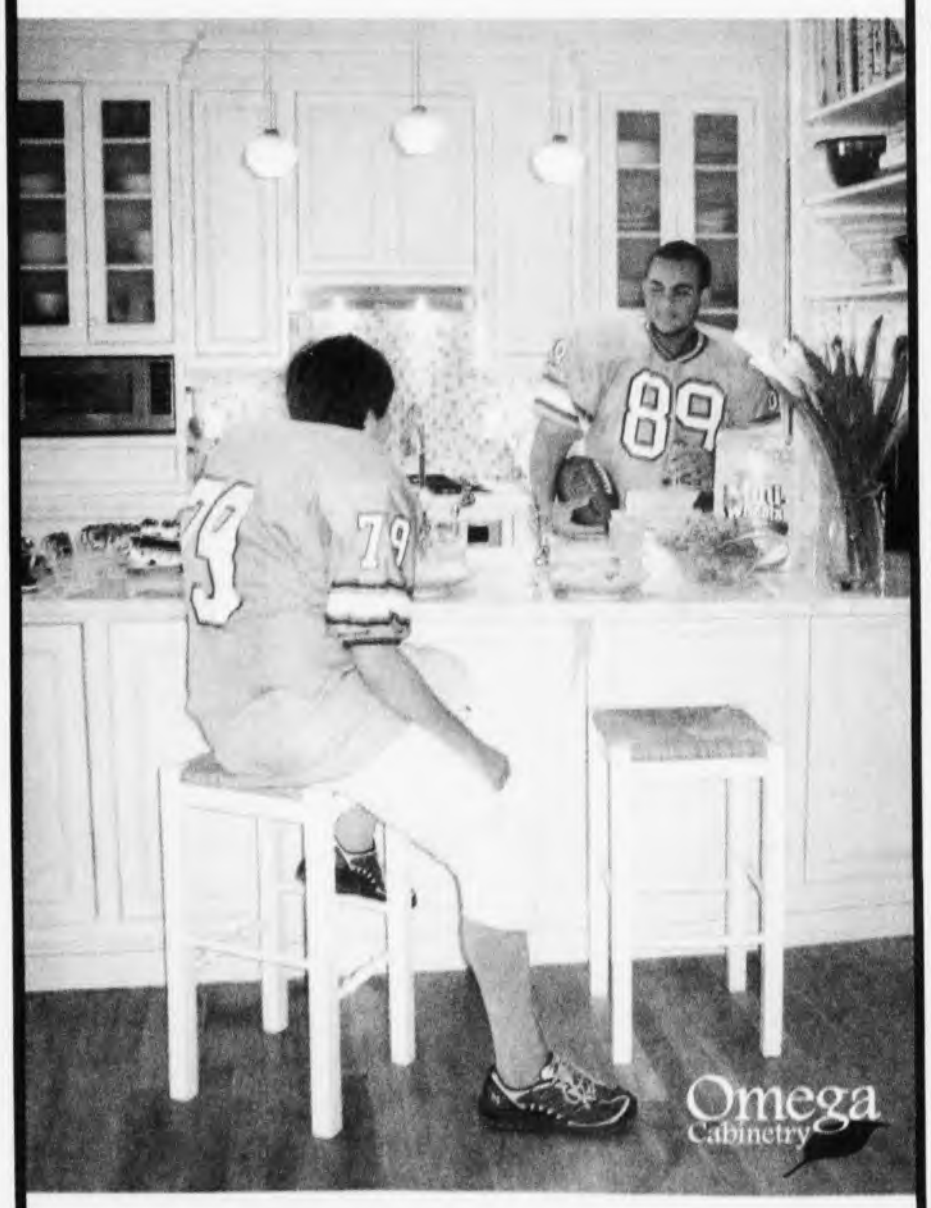
Hike It – Free trail maps will be available, as well as guided tours at 10:30 and 11 a.m., at Wheelwright Park. Hike to and from the Pumpkin Patch on North Main Street. Trail Treats included.

Walk It – Join the Doggie Meet and Greet at Wheelwright Park. Dog treats, biscuits and bandanas will be provided.

Beach It – Visit 306 Forest Ave., for seaside storytelling and poems, sailboat cookie decorating with colored sugar beach sand. Fresh apples and apple cider will be served. Enjoy the seabirds, rocks and seashells at Rocky Beach.

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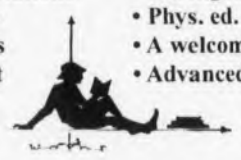
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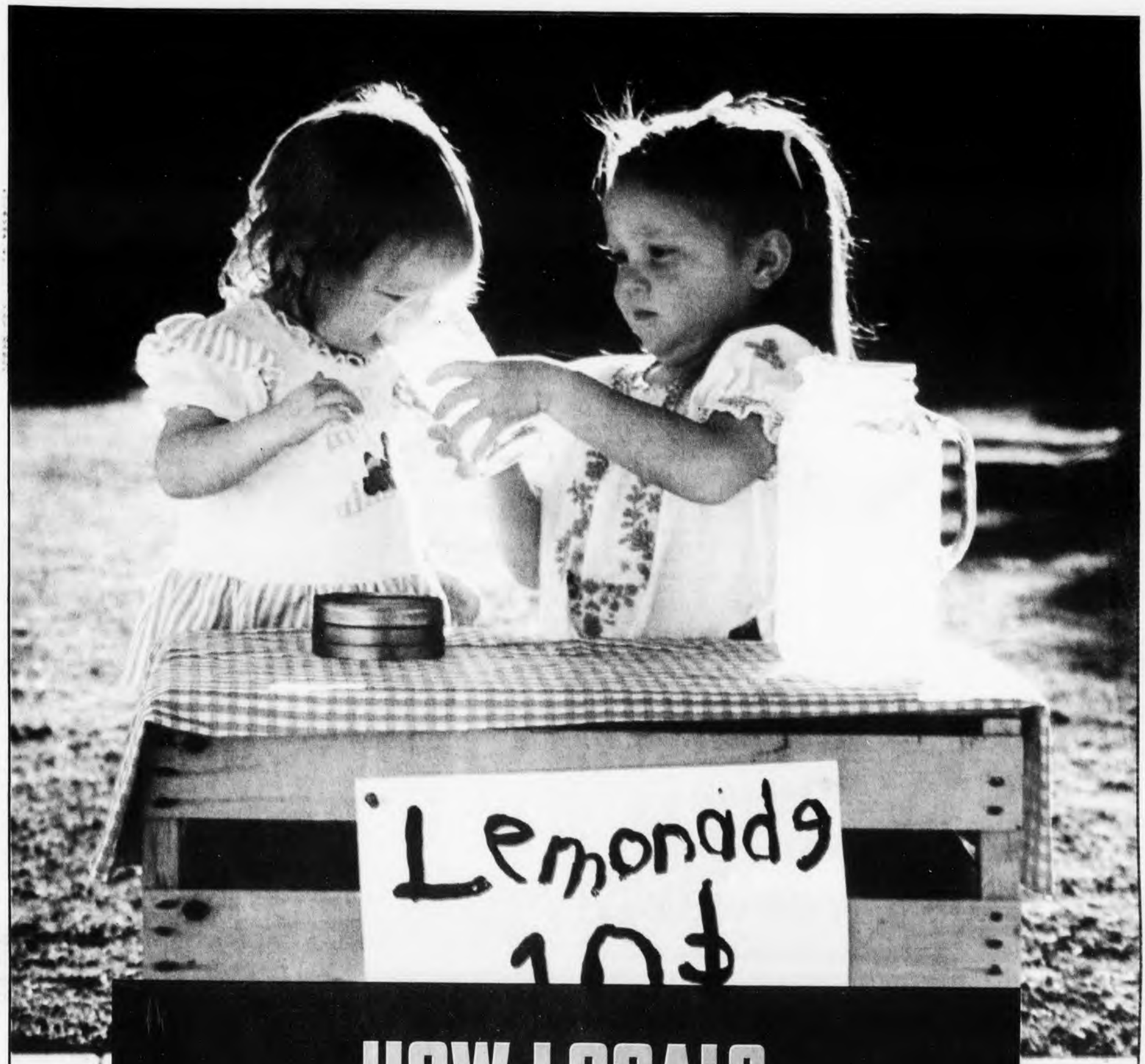
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Abbruzzese receives regional recognition

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tireless advocate for the senior center. Abbruzzese counts herself in good company, "[Keating] was an essential figure in Cohasset".

Cohasset is a regional standout with the highest number of volunteers when compared to the 11 other towns in the South Shore Elder Service region, which stretches from Quincy to Holbrook to Scituate.

Other than a few staff members, it's mostly volunteers that keep the senior center running, says Abbruzzese, making the volunteers a vital part of the organization.

The Senior Center housed inside the South Shore Community Center across from the Town Common has over a hundred seniors involved in their programs and activities each week. Aerobics, arthritic exercise, knitting group, and book club all meet at the Senior Center regularly. Lunch is served on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. A crowd of 40 regularly attends on Wednesdays for a gourmet lunch served up by the Angel Food Project, a group started out of St. Anthony's Church.

Several times per month workshops and speakers are conducted on subjects relevant to senior citizens. There is an outreach program to help homebound seniors.

"We live in such transient society, a lot of [senior citizens] don't have families living in town or even in the state. They rely on information and services from the center," says Abbruzzese. The Senior Center can fill the gaps for seniors with rides to the grocery store and to appointments or with a volunteer visit to chat and read a book. There is someone to help seniors navigate through the maze of medical insurance, which can be overwhelming.

"There is so much stuff out there that people can help with," says Abbruzzese. She encourages anyone to walk in or call the senior center — the same way she got started over two decades ago. She was looking for a new activity with her kids grown and moved out, "I like to be busy and fill my time…it's a nice little club to belong to."

Linda Ellworthy, director of Elder Affairs, says Abbruzzese is more than a tireless volunteer, she has a way about her that people just can't say no to her. Ellworthy says Abbruzzese has recruited dozens of volunteers to help out at the senior center, "she's a wonderful recipient for this award."

Abbruzzese lends her cooking skills to a senior cooking class and runs a bereavement group for families at St. Anthony's. She organizes a group of 25 people who make homemade items that she brings into the Pine Street Inn on a bi-monthly basis to serve to the homeless. Abbruzzese is also a part of the five-member board organizing the June to October Farmer's Market.

"I like to think of it as collecting frequent flyer points for my ticket to heaven," jokes Abbruzzese.

The Cohasset Elder Affairs mission is to offer outstanding programs and services that provide for the physical, social and emotional needs of our older adults by assisting them to lead independent, stimulating and self-reliant lives as members of the community. Currently, Elder Affairs provides services to more than 1700 seniors.

The senior center is constantly looking for volunteers to share their skills and time. To volunteer or to find more information, please call volunteer coordinator Martha Horsefield at 781-383-9112.



PHOTO/CRAIG GOEDECKE

Roy Colella and Kaye Kelley rehearse a scene from "Fiddler on the Roof" for Cohasset Cabaret, which is on stage Nov. 2 & 3. Proceeds benefit the Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs.

Cabaret tickets are still available

Cohasset's Cabaret fundraiser will take place Nov. 2 and 3, at 8 p.m., with a social and raffle hour starting at 7 p.m. Many people in town have attended the Hingham Cabaret fundraiser that has been selling out to crowds for 45 years. Those who have enjoyed that show will recognize some of the performers who will share their talent with Cohasset too. St. Anthony Parish and the Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs are joining forces to present an evening of entertainment, food and frolic at St. Anthony Parish Hall. There will be show tunes from "Chicago," "Cats" and "Fiddler on the Roof"; and glimpses of Marilyn Monroe, Johnny Cash and the Dream Girls. Rich Hebert will be a special feature of the show as he has won the Bay Area Critics Circle Award in Boston for his performance in "Les Miserables," has two Grammy Award-winning CDs, been in six Broadway shows and numerous television shows.

People can purchase a table with friends and bring their favorite goodies to munch on while the South Shore cast members sing and dance. There will be a cash bar where alcoholic beverages and soft drinks will be available. Those who plan ahead can order an already prepared "just for you" gourmet snack box for $10. While at the Cabaret, make sure to buy a few raffle tickets and take a chance at bringing something special home.

Tickets will be available during the week at St. Anthony Parish Hall and Cohasset Elder Affairs office at South Shore Community Center, Main Street. Cost of tickets is $25. Tickets may also be purchased Mondays, Oct. 22 and Oct. 29, 5 to 10 p.m., at St. Anthony Parish Hall. For more information on ticket sales, call 781-383-0752. Proceeds benefit the Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs.

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Community Center

Halloween fun with Mary Brennock

The South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St., Cohasset, will offer the following fall programs.

For more information or to register, visit the center, call 781-383-0088, or go to southshorecommunitycenter.com

CHILDREN

Halloween Fun – Children 4 to 6 can join Mary Brennock from 3:15 to 5 p.m., Monday, Oct. 29, to celebrate Halloween with face painting, music, storytelling and games. Children may come in costume if they wish. The cost is $20 for members and $22 for nonmembers.

Che-Mystery – Mad Science of Greater Boston will conduct this program for children in kindergarten through grade 3, from 3:30 to 4:40 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 7. Children will explore one of the most exciting and fundamental sciences by experimenting with and observing various chemicals, potions and solutions in action. Fee: $15.

Puppet Shows – Pat Boylan will present the following puppet shows each month at 10:30 a.m., Friday: "The Fifth Witch," Nov. 2. The cost is $3.50 per person at the door.

Gym Dandy – Session I programs meet each Wednesday: Movers and Shakers, for children 2 and older, meets from 9 to 9:45 a.m.; Toddlers and Tumblers, for children 1 to 11/2 meets from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is $192 for members and $224 for nonmembers.

ADULTS

Pediatric CPR – Join Linda Farrag R.N., from 7 to 10 p.m., Wednesdays, Nov. 7 and 14 to learn basic rescue techniques and CPR, as well as how to make a safer environment infants and children. The cost is $55 for members and $60 for nonmembers.

Digital Photography – Join Laura Sinclair, a professional photographer with Community Newspaper Company, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Oct. 17 and 24. This workshop, for the absolute beginner, is for those individuals who recently purchased a digital camera or are thinking about doing so. This class will demonstrate the marvelous capabilities of digital photography. Students are encouraged to bring their digital cameras and manuals to class. The following subjects will be covered: how the digital camera relates to computers, pixels, resolution, storage mediums, battery systems, downloading techniques, the use of menus and possible settings, printing options and the basics of image editing. The cost is $49 for members and $52 for nonmembers.

Holidays Ideas – Join Chef Maryann Saporito Boothroyd, from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m., Monday, Nov. 5, who will show you how to make wild rice Crespelles with mushrooms, duck prosciutto and spinach; grilled and roasted lamb sirloin with rosemary, mustard, and red wine sauce; and a winter salad of romaine and radicchio with roasted beets and granjes figs and fried goat cheese. The cost is $50 for members and 55 for nonmembers.

Wicked Local site debuts in Cohasset

GateHouse Media New England has transformed its TownOnline websites into the new Wicked Local network of 158 hyper-local community sites.

Developed from the prize-winning Wicked Local Plymouth, each town-specific site features a combination of news from GateHouse newspapers, opportunities for user participation, deep community information and lots of advertising from local merchants.

Spread across eastern Massachusetts from the North Shore to the tip of Cape Cod and out to Worcester County in the west, each Wicked Local site allows a visitor to:

- Read the local news, comment on it, and discuss it with other citizens.
- Get local information about schools, government, organizations, and history.
- Share photographs and videos.
- Read blogs from GateHouse reporters, editors, and community members.

"We want each of our sites to be thought of as a one-stop resource for living in that community," said Kirk Davis, President and CEO of GateHouse Media New England. "With deep roots in every one of our communities and the cutting-edge technology platform, we feel we are in the best position to become that one-stop resource in all our cities and towns."

The 158 town-specific sites join GateHouse Media's existing Wicked Local verticals, which include Wicked Local Homes for real estate, Wicked Local Wheels for auto sales and Wicked Local Jobs, in partnership with Yahoo! HotJobs, for employment.

The goal of Wicked Local is to go beyond being just "the newspaper online," explained Anne Eisenmenger, Vice President of Audience Development for GateHouse Media New England. "We've designed Wicked Local to be a forum for debate, a central local marketplace, a place for neighbors to exchange information about milestones and happenings. A place to brag. A place to grieve. A place to argue. A place to come together."

In line with that philosophy, the navigational "tabs" on the site do not read like the sections of a newspaper. While "News" contains most of the relevant newspaper's content (and more), "Sports," "Fun," "Blogs" and "Town/City Info" go beyond traditional newspaper fare.

At the same time, GateHouse Media New England — with its eight daily newspapers and more than 100 weekly titles throughout eastern Massachusetts — has the on-the-ground reporting resources to provide timely, accurate, professional news reporting in all 158 Wicked Local communities.

The new Wicked Local sites replace the Town Online websites previously maintained by the GateHouse weekly newspapers. The GateHouse daily newspapers retain their individual websites, working synergistically with the Wicked Local sites.

The original Wicked Local Plymouth site, launched in the spring of 2006, was named Website of the Year by Suburban Newspapers of America in 2006 and Best Local Community Website in 2007. Also this year, Wicked Local Plymouth was one of 32 websites from around the world honored by Editor & Publisher and MediaWeek magazines with a prestigious EPpy award.

While changing technology platforms to expand Wicked Local from three to 158 sites, GateHouse endeavored to retain the original Wicked Local functionality and add some new features, such as the ability for users to post video and start their own blogs.

To see the new websites, go to www.wickedlocal.com and, from there, to "Wicked Local Towns," and click on your community.

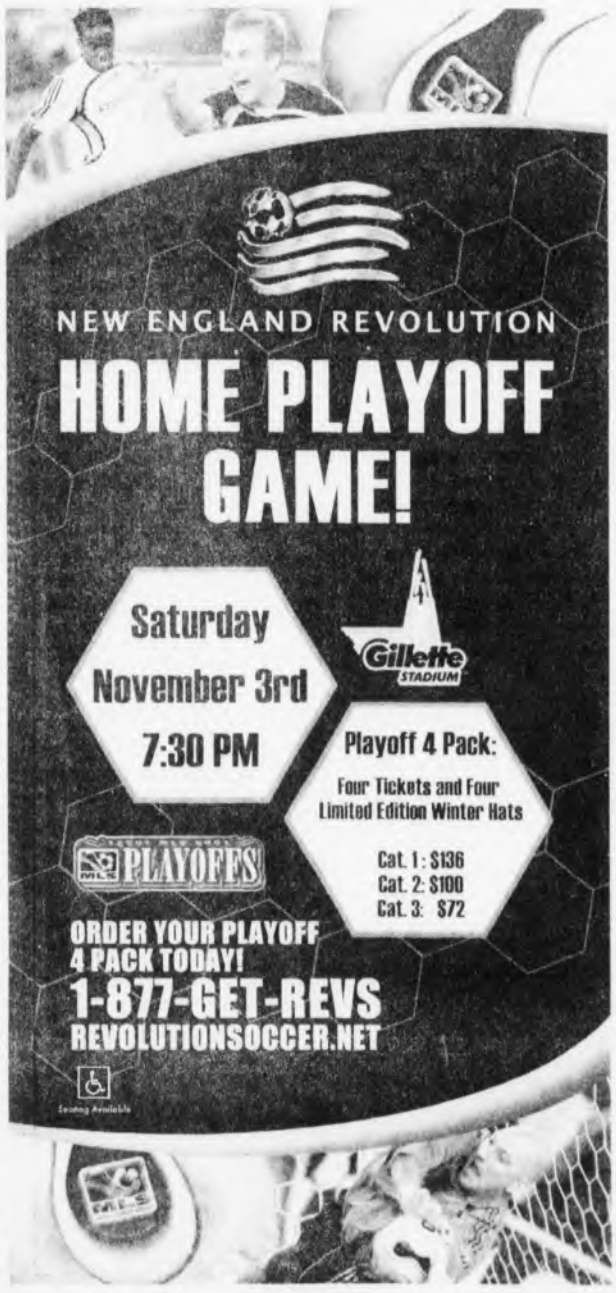
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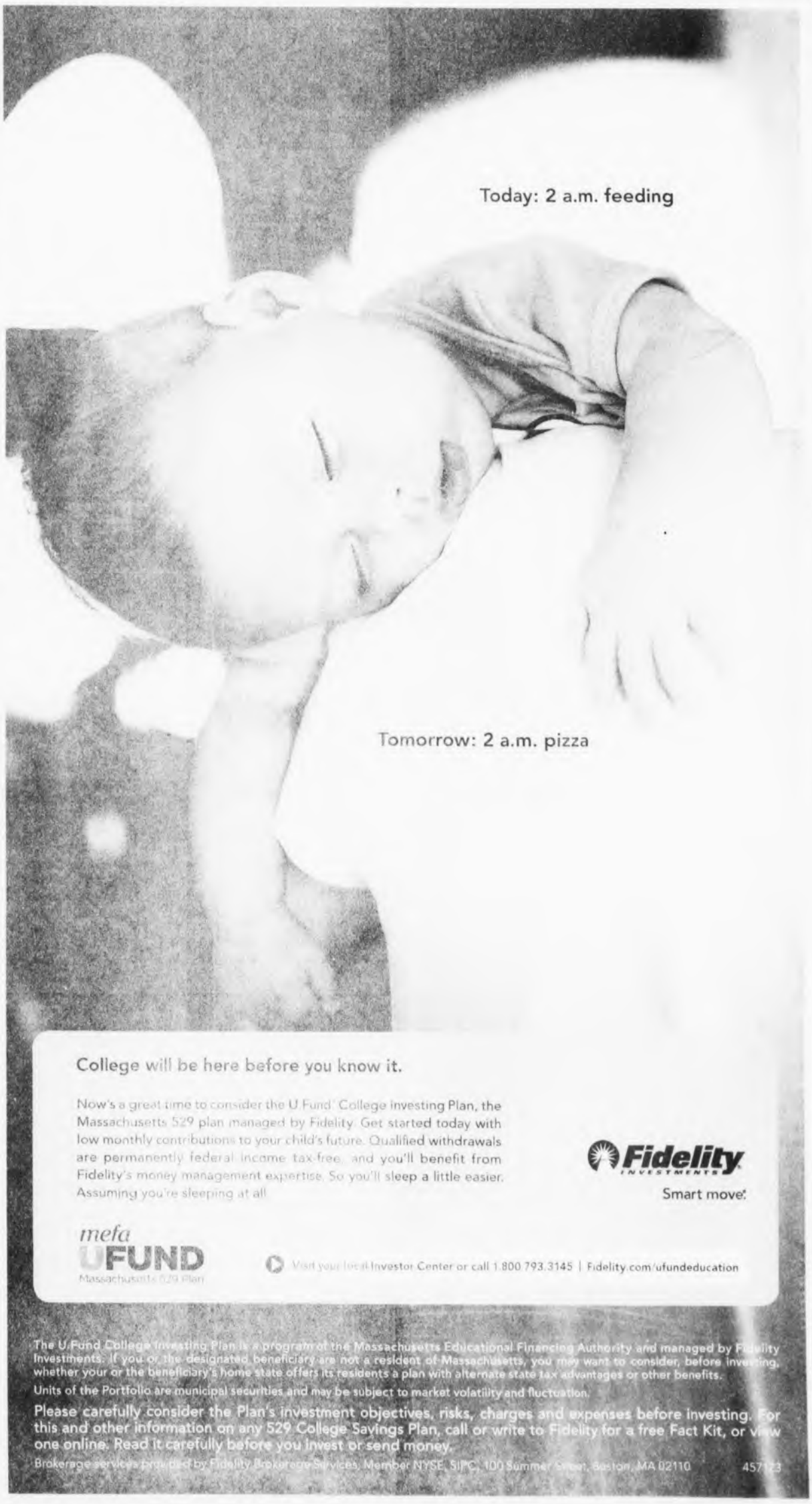
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Quiet trains

All told, we have probably used more newsprint covering Greenbush over the past 15 years than any other issue.

From the get-go, restoration of the Greenbush — the third leg of the Old Colony project — was fraught with controversy.

Going forward, we will bet there will be more train stories to cover as Cohasset and the other four towns along the line get used to a new neighbor, who for many is quite literally in their own backyards.

Next week that new neighbor moves in for good. There will be those that will continue to argue whether the train with its half-billion-dollar price tag was worth the cost not only in terms of dollars but also in environmental impacts.

However, we believe that everyone — whether pro, con or on the fence about Greenbush — wants the train to be as safe as possible.

The Greenbush towns have banded together and successfully applied to the Federal Railroad Administration for the corridor to be "whistle-free." That means that train whistles will not sound routinely as the train passes through grade crossings.

Supplemental safety measures (which cost some $80 million) that, authorities believe, are as effective as a train whistle had to be put in place at those crossings for the FRR to consider the whistle-waiver.

Those safety enhancements included:

• Construction of four, grade separation projects (tunnels, bridges) eliminating eight grade crossings

• Closing seven additional grade crossings

• Installing four-quadrant gates with presence detection or curbed medians at the 23 remaining grade crossings

As you can see, Greenbush's being a whistle-free zone was not accomplished without planning. In fact, Greenbush was constructed from the start not to have whistles blaring through the 28 remaining grade crossings, many of which are just a few feet from houses.

Quiet zones are not unusual; they exist in other places in Massachusetts and across the country. What makes Greenbush somewhat unique is that is was actually constructed with the Quiet Zone in mind, and unlike other places, will not have to retrofit grade crossings with enhanced safety measures.

Whistles have been sounding on the Greenbush test runs conducted over the past several months. All the trains will be equipped with whistles that the engineers can use at their discretion. In other words, if an engineer sees someone or a vehicle on or near the tracks, he or she will sound the whistle.

However, with that being said, some citizens in the five towns and some public safety officials still have legitimate concerns that train horns are a safety measure that warns motorists from afar, giving them time to prepare. The fact that a whistle would blow once someone or a vehicle is on the tracks may be too late — it takes a mile for a train to fully stop.

Starting next week, we won't be hearing "that lonesome whistle blow" but we all need to be aware that a train can come down those tracks at any time!

As Operation Lifesaver is a national, non-profit, public education program on railroad safety, says, "always expect a train!"

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:
Advisory Committee, Nov. 6, 7 p.m.
Alternative Energy Committee, Nov. 6 and Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m.
Assessors, Oct. 30, 4 p.m.
Cable Advisory Committee, Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m.
Capital Budget Committee, Oct. 29, Nov. 5 & 6, 7:30 p.m.
Cohasset Housing Partnership, 6:30 p.m., Nov. 13 at the high school (before Town Meeting)
Conservation Commission, Nov. 1, 7 p.m.
Library Trustees, Nov. 14, 7 p.m.
Planning Board, Nov. 7, 7 p.m., public hearing Special Town Meeting Articles 3 & 5
Recreation Commission, Nov. 7, 6:30 p.m.
School Committee, Nov. 7, 7 p.m. at the high school
Selectmen, Oct. 29 & Nov. 5, 7 p.m.
Stormwater Committee, Nov. 5, 7 p.m.
Town Hall Design Selection Committee, Nov. 5, 6 p.m.
Water Commission Nov. 24, 6 p.m., King Street plant.
ZBA, Oct. 29 & 30, & Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Little Harbor tidal flow and Cat Dam

TO THE EDITOR:

Re: "Inner Little Harbor gets close look" article in Oct 19, 2007, Cohasset Mariner.

For those who are interested, a few clarifications may be helpful. The tide gates at "Cat Dam" do NOT slow tidal flow into inner Little Harbor; they only slow the receding tidal flow out of inner Little Harbor, thus maintaining water cover in inner Little Harbor when the tide gates are lowered as intended and designed.

Steve Brown spoke on the behalf of *12 individuals*, representing *six families*, three of whom are NOT abutters on inner Little Harbor. Only one of these families provided financial support for the recently required maintenance work on the tide gates at Cat Dam. There are 19 families, 18 of whom are direct abutters, who contributed to the maintenance of the tide gates. It does not require a great leap of faith to conclude that those who did not contribute would prefer that the tide gates deteriorate to the point that they are no longer functional.

Chamillard indicated a willingness to evaluate changes to the tide gate-operating program (opening and closing) to see if there was any effect on the annual, seasonal algae bloom. He did not agree to "opening the gates up to six days a month", although there may well be some months when the algae is most sensitive to less water (i.e., May and June) and *more* than six days a month might be effective in reducing algae presence. The algae appear in specific areas of the 18-acre inner Little Harbor and are seasonal, lasting about eight to 10 weeks in the late spring and early summer. These details are being discussed with the interested parties.

Chamillard also stated that his group is ready and willing to re-constitute a democratically elected committee, representing *all* direct abutters to work on the most effective ways to insure the continuing health of inner Little Harbor. It is anticipated that this committee should be up and running before the end of the year.

The major cause of the annual algae blooms has little, if anything, to do with flushing. It is the direct result of nutrient flow into inner Little Harbor from septic leach fields in the Little Harbor watershed, storm-water run-off, and tributary flow into inner Little Harbor, i.e., Richardson Brook. Richardson Brook drains farmland which is a prime source of nutrients. The sewering of the watershed and improvements in storm-water flow treatment and catch basins for that flow will have a significant positive impact on the quality of Little Harbor water. Baseline testing of the Little Harbor waters will be done prior to any effect from sewering, and further testing will be continued for at least five years after homes begin to hook up to the new sewer.

John Beck
44 Nichols Road

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Village, harbor development worries

COMMENTARY

GEORGINA MASSA

This is an open letter to the citizens of Cohasset regarding the proposed amendments to the zoning bylaws for the village and harbor areas. If there were any two places that should remain un-violated by the growing and seemingly constant stream of non-stop construction in the town, it would be the village and harbor. Since these are considered sort of the "crown jewels" of Cohasset, we should be vigilant to nip in the bud any attempts to change the laws protecting these two areas. And now just such an occasion has again arisen.

On Wednesday, Nov. 7, there is a hearing at 7:30 p.m. in the basement meeting room of the Town Hall, open to the public, concerning a citizens' petition proposing changes to the harbor bylaw. And on Tuesday, Nov. 13, there is a "special" town meeting at 7 p.m. at the high school gymnasium for the public to vote on both the village and harbor proposed amendments. It's important that we stop this at its point of conception before a toehold is gained, opening the door to more and more development. As it always seems to be: First a toehold, then a foothold, and then a strong hold. Cohasset citizens have the opportunity to vote against these amendments and protect the historical integrity of our town now.

There have already been the inroads of such an assault in the village in the form of a crude hacking off of a beautiful rock outcropping at St. Stephen's Church to accommodate an unnecessary sidewalk. (I personally have never seen anyone use it). And the unused sidewalk, in turn, has made driving through the village an obstacle course, and dangerous. The new brick crosswalks are already sinking into the streets. And there is an ungainly, out-of-sync building in the process of being squeezed in not too far from the charm of the truly neo-classical New England common with its traditional architecture.

If anyone would like to have a preview of what could happen to the harbor, just take a look at the nondescript jumble of ill-fitting buildings that have recently begun to overwhelm the Scituate harbor area.

There are practical considerations as well. The last thing we need in the Town is any more drain on the main water supply, since for quite a while now many Cohasset residents have had contaminated water coming into their homes. I was told that one of the reasons for this is the increased demand on the supply. And though we are constantly being held-up and rerouted by the water department's projects devastating our streets, heralded by a sign promising "improvements;" the end result of all this vaunted improvement is unusable brown water coming through many of our spigots. Do we really want to worsen the situation by unnecessarily increasing the population?

I also think it's safe to say that we are all "construction-weary" by now. The dust and the dirt, the traffic tie-ups and detours, the maddening noise have all taken their toll in the past decade or so. Long-time residents

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Start up will be in several phases

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Greenbush — There is hardly a person in Town who does not know that the Greenbush is about ready to start operation next week. It just does not seem like two years and 10 months since we have started working on this project. Time has just flown for both of us. We both have had a lot of fun and a few hard times working on the project on behalf of our Town. We've had the chance to meet a lot on new people and answer their questions and concerns. We have done our best to work on your behalf to make the Greenbush as good as it can be for the Town of Cohasset. The Selectmen and the Town Manager have given us their strong support, for which we are grateful. Thank you Cohasset for the opportunity to work with so many great people. It has made a difference.

The start up of the Greenbush line will be in several phases. The first, is a private fund raiser that will take place on Saturday, Oct. 27th. The Friends of the Scituate Library in concert with the Cohasset Historical Society have leased a train from the MBTA for a fundraiser ride from Greenbush to Boston, a 2-hour layover, and return trip to Scituate. As we understand, this trip has proven to be very popular and is sold out. But, this will be the First, First train ride for those who stepped up to support two good local causes.

The "First" train on Tuesday, Oct. 30th will be a grand affair. It will begin in Boston loaded with VIPs and leave South Station at 9:26 a.m.. It will make stops at Weymouth Landing, East Weymouth, and Hingham prior to its arrival at Cohasset Station at 10:57 a.m.. The train will be welcomed by the Cohasset High School Band. The MBTA will have light refreshments and commemorative gifts at our station for everyone. The station platform will be festooned with decorative bunting in honor of the special day. The Key VIPs will leave the train for a brief ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open our station and will promptly return to the train. Due to the tight schedule, the selected Cohasset residents with prearranged train passes will then board for the trip to Greenbush for the Grand Opening of the Greenbush Rail Line.



COURTESY PHOTO

The sign announcing the parking lot is for commuter rail only will soon become a familiar sight.

There will also be a "Second First" train, immediately behind the VIP "First" train which anyone can board free of charge to the Grand Opening ceremony at Greenbush. At the conclusion of the ceremony each train will retrace its steps and return all to the station of their choice. If you are planning on attending, make sure you are early.

Then of course, revenue service starts the next day, Wednesday Oct. 31st. (*That means you pay for the ride and you pay for parking.*) So that's what's in store for next week.

Lots to be done, yet — Last week the Town received a letter from the MBTA giving their list of "Open Items" for Greenbush completion. These are both large and small tasks that have never been completed. We did take exception to their list in that we felt that they omitted a large number of tasks that still need to be completed. Perhaps the biggest issue is the additional work that the MBTA needs to do on Route 3A between King Street and the station. The Cohasset Mitigation Agreement calls for the MBTA to provide a traffic light at the entrance on Route 3A. This was approved by Mass Highway Department on April 28, 2005. Since then the MBTA has made little visible progress. So, we will be facing up to a year of rail service without a traffic light at the station entrance. The Cohasset Police Department is very concerned about the safety of making left turn in the evening into the southbound rush hour traffic. The MBTA is also telling the Town that they won't complete the widening of Route 3A at Lower King Street until sometime in 2008.

The Town Manager has written a letter to the Greenbush Project expressing our concerns about the safety implications of postponing this work. We also included an updated list of specific places where the MBTA needs to finish or correct their work.

More on Horns — Last week we heard a news broadcast on a Boston news station saying that a Scituate Fire representative was not aware that there would be no horns on the Greenbush. We were flabbergasted at this statement. We have been directly involved in the Greenbush Project since the late 1990's. At that time anyone associated project knew that the design from the get-go was to be hornless. In Cohasset, both the fire and police departments participated in the mitigation meetings. We assume that Scituate had similar representation in their deliberations.

The facts are that the Greenbush is a totally different rail system than would have been designed to operate with horns. Many, many extra safety features have been built into this system simply because it was designed to be hornless. Things such as closed crossings, quad gates, road median dividers, and special train control systems, etc. Another reported misconception is that the FRA (Federal Railroad Administration) forced us to have a hornless system. Not true! A hornless system must be requested by the communities through which it operates. All five Greenbush towns requested that the FRA grant a hornless waiver. After this request is made, the FRA evaluates the system, looking for these added safety features. Without them we would not have received our hornless permit.

Now for the big news. Cohasset and the other four Greenbush towns have just voted among themselves to officially request that the MBTA blow the horns for Halloween only. Scituate will make the request to the MBTA on behalf of all the other towns.

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When penguins start trash talking

THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT

DIANE K. DANIELSON



As a writer, critics come with the territory, especially since the bulk of my written work involves two hot-button topics: generational and gender issues in the workplace. Depending on how controversial an angle I cover, the publication's "Letters to the Editor" section, my inbox and/or blog comments can overflow with individuals challenging my point of view.

I've always found it important to hear different opinions on any issue, even if they oppose my own. In fact, sometimes at night to liven things up, I might post a tidbit on my blog questioning whether Boomers broke the generational contract by leaving our society in worse shape than when they got it. Usually, it's only a few minutes before someone from that generation, who forgot to take their Ambien pill and somehow mastered these new-fangled computer thingies, will blast off an email or comment about how my generation, X, and the one younger than me, Y, are ungrateful, overly-entitled whiners. Now, I'm kidding here, because in this column, that's what I do to make a point. The point this time is how, through constructive debate, everyone can learn and evolve.

Similarly, if I write something in support of women in the workplace, I will invariably get a 3,000-word email, or two or three, about how the whole glass ceiling and gender gap doesn't actually exist and I'm part of a conspiracy to emasculate men. Individuals who have interesting, albeit creative arguments on this point, can usually be convinced to at least consider the possibility that one might be able to support women without actively being against men. Of course, there are others who clearly have been wronged by women their entire lives and while I am sympathetic to their plight, there is simply no use attempting to reason with them. Instead, I tell them that I'm really part of a super-secret plot to make women and minorities so dominant in our society, that all the best universities will desperately need white males by the time my son is ready to apply. So far, I've only had one response back inquiring where he could get more information on this. Again I'm kidding, but this time only about the last sentence.

However, this week a different type of critic appeared online at the Cohasset Mariner Web site, in the comment area at the bottom of my last column at www.wickedlocal.com/cohasset. This critic clearly had some very strong opinions about me personally, as well as my writing capabilities. Unlike my normal critics, there was neither an intellectual challenge to an idea or something specific I had written, nor were they willing to sign their name to it. Instead, it was an anonymous personal attack meant to slander, to harm my reputation, and to convince the Mariner to drop my column.

I have requested that the comment remain visible on the Web site. Most Web sites moderate and delete personal attacks and then ban the offending commenter or take other legal action. As mentioned above, I believe in a person's right to their opinions. In fact, I'll be the first to admit that sometimes I'm not as funny as I would like to be. But, there are days when I wake up to find that there are things happening in our world that are just not funny. And, cyberbullying is one of them.

Slandering someone with the intent to harm their reputation or influence behavior, whether it's spoken or written online, can be a form of bullying. In light of recent events at our high school, and the fact it is National Bullying Prevention Awareness Week; for me to ignore this incident would be a missed opportunity to create awareness of a new and emerging societal problem.

To the Mariner readers, I ask that you take some time in the next week to speak to your children about cyberbullying. Adult online bullying is prevalent and possibly dangerous, as demonstrated in a Forbes cover story earlier this month. But, it's also a reality for our children. Club Penguin, a popular Web site for younger kids, has protocols for reporting penguins that bully, use foul language, or otherwise break the Penguin Code. As our children grow older and are no longer talking about or through penguins, the Web sites have less protections, the potential for abuse increases, and the consequences become much more dire.

Start a discussion by asking your child if they are aware of anyone being mean on the Internet. When I posed this question to my son, he informed me that a friend had to first block, and then report a trash-talking penguin that was bothering him. That seven-year old knew how to handle it properly. Would yours? Have conversations about why online bullying can be just as harmful as playground bullying. Then help your child develop an effective strategy for dealing with both.

There are a number of resources available on the Internet detailing how to speak with your child about cyberbullying, and even what do if you discover that they have been victimized, or if they have been the one sending out hurtful messages. Other steps you can take include moving their computer into a public area of your home.

Next share in the positive aspects of the Internet with your child, whether it's visiting the land of Webkinz or Club Penguin, battling corporate cogs on ToonTown — my personal favorite, creating a MySpace page, or even having them teach you how to download music. These are all ways to educate both yourself and your child while keeping the conversation open and flowing.

The Internet is a remarkable tool and can be used in many positive ways. Providing your child with a strategy and plan to handle individuals, who may be using the Internet to make hurtful comments or threats, will empower them. Empowered children can go on to do great things and as a result, lead happy lives. This is probably the genesis behind a quote I kept coming across repeatedly during my research for this column: "Those who can, do. Those who can't, bully." Let's help all our children grow up to be ones that "do."

Diane K. Danielson is a Cohasset resident who apologizes in advance to any Boomers and men she might have offended at the outset of the column. She'll gladly buy you a cup of coffee to make up for it, unless you're one of those anti-coffee people who wrote in to criticize her column last year about her coffee addiction. Despite some well-reasoned arguments on your part, she remains steadfast in her resolve to stay on the dark roast side and has no plans to become a tea-drinker at any time in the near future.

Tailgating comes of age

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



One of these days, some local institution of higher learning, probably Johnson & Wales University, the Providence cooking college, is going to introduce a course in how to broil steaks on the trunk of your car.

They'll call it Tailgating 101 and give you five credits for it.

If I recall my days in college, when ice covered most of the stadium parking lot as well as the earth, we held a hot dog on a stick over a blazing can of Sterno and washed it down with a flagon of heavy Pick.

The subject of tailgating came up the other day when I learned that there is an American Tailgaters Association.

We called that Tailgating, too, and all it ever gave us was a hangover.

There was also another form of tailgating but whether you practiced it depended on whether you wanted a new appliance on the cheap and some absent-minded trucker left one unguarded on the tailgate of his truck. But I digress . . .

The subject of tailgating came up the other day when I learned that there is an American Tailgaters Association, complete with members, officers and a burning desire to unite hungry football fans everywhere.

They even come equipped with a website — atatailgate.com. You might say tailgating, which is as much a part of football as the kickoff, has come of age.

Right now, members of the association are busy cooking up the ATA Hall of Flame Foundation with the expressed mission "to recognize, educate and unite the Tailgating Community as we 'Grill for the Greater Good.'"

The foundation logo is an overgrown hibachi grill with its cover up and rising wavy lines indicating a steak is broiling over hot coals inside. Or maybe it's shrimp on the barbie, for all I know.

One of the stated goals of the foundation is to "provide education to millions of tailgaters with a focus on promoting safe and responsible tailgating habits and behavior," which include sportsmanship, responsible drinking and related topics.

Another is to "recognize those Tailgaters who go above and beyond to give back to their local communities through advocacy, volunteerism and charitable giving."

The ATA is a relatively new organization so it hasn't had time to put out guides for rookie tailgaters. The apparent spokesman for the group is one Jeff "Doc" Dockery, who I was unable to find. But Kelly DiNardo of USA Weekend magazine did.

"Tailgating is a high performance sport," he advised her, "and you don't want to miss out because you weren't dressed appropriately for the weather."

And get to the stadium parking lot early so you can socialize with your fellow tailgaters and not get shuffled off into some remote area of the lot where you're unable to trade a bite of your dynamite chicken Marengo with the guy at the next grill for a taste of his shrimp scampi.

You think I'm kidding when I list chicken Marengo and shrimp scampi as tailgate items. Think again. There is even a new tailgating cookbook, "Tan Fare," by Debbie Moose, which lists such finger-licking good items as sweet potato ham biscuits and spicy cole slaw with jalapenos.

That'll be on the menu in the Johnson & Wales parking lot before you know it.

LIBRARY CORNER

'National Velvet' movie matinee Nov. 2

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library at 35 Ripley Road. For more information call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Movie Matinee – Come to the library for a free showing of the film "National Velvet," starring Elizabeth Taylor, Mickey Rooney and Angela Lansbury at 11 a.m., Friday, Nov. 2. The Friends of the Library will provide light refreshments. The Movie site license was generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee.

Great Decisions Group – The first Great Decisions Discussion group will begin at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 4, in the Meeting Room. For those who have registered for the program, the group will discuss Central Asia, found in chapter seven of the assigned text.

We're Not Making This Up – Ever wonder what the story behind the story is? Hear from true crime writers, drug agents, cyber sleuths and others about what really goes on behind the scenes. "Sisters in Crime" authors Kate Flora and Jayne Hitchcock lead this panel discussion at 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 28. Light refreshments will follow and the authors will sign copies of their work, which can be purchased at the event. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Admission is free.

Library Book Group – Join the book group for coffee and a discussion of "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan," by Lisa See at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 31, in the Meeting Room. All are welcome.

New Titles – Check out the great new titles now on the library shelves: "Home to Holly Springs," by Jan Karon; "The Race," by Richard North Patterson and "The Heir," by Barbara Taylor Bradford. To reserve your copy, stop by or call the library or visit the library Web site.

FOR CHILDREN

MamaSteph – Performances of children's music will be from 10:30 to 11 a.m., Monday, Oct. 29, Nov. 5, 19, and 26, and Dec. 3, in the Meeting Room. Come sing and dance. All ages and communities welcome. Funded by the Friends of Cohasset Library.

Drop In Story Time – Join others in the Story Room from 10:30 to 11 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 30, and Nov. 6, 13, 20, and 27, for Big Book adventures, music and movement. All ages and communities welcome.

Family Read-A-Loud Books – Try some of these old and new classics for a family read-a-loud: Any "Adventures of" story by Thornton W. Burgess; "The Adventures of Paddington Bear," by Michael Bond; "The Adventures of Pippi Longstocking," by Astrid Lindgren; "The Reluctant Dragon," by Kenneth Grahame; "Mrs. Piggle Wiggle," by Betty MacDonald; "Toys Go Out," by Emily Jenkins; "The Rosie Stories," by Cynthia Voigt and "Gooseberry Park," by Cynthia Rylant.

Affordable housing is Our Town focus

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Tony Callahan, Co-chair of the Cohasset Affordable Housing Partnership, sits down with co-hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin to discuss the efforts of the partnership to develop affordable housing in Cohasset as well as to detail the zoning articles going before voters at the Special Town Meeting on Nov. 13.

Tune in at 9p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays on Comcast channel 10.

Missed the Cohasset High School football games?

Tune in Saturday or Sunday nights beginning 7p.m. to catch the boys in blue on Channel 10

Disappointed in handling of Cat Dam issue

COMMENTARY

FRANK WHITE

The following is a copy of a letter sent Oct. 18, 2007, by Frank White to the Cohasset Board of Selectmen:

I am disappointed in the manner with which you handled the two-part petition from the group of citizens anxious to improve the environmental quality of Inner Little Harbor.

First, I find it irresponsible that you will continue to allow a private group of citizens the authority to manage Cat Dam and not turn the management over to a publicly controlled body. The past management system dependent as it was on a small group of citizens interested primarily in preserving the financial value of their personal homes and having little or no regard for the environmental interests of the community as a whole demonstrates clearly the principle of conflict of interest.

The fact that the board's solution seeks to have the Cat Dam management group's membership include additional citizens representing views counter to the founding group will not, in reality, decrease the conflict of interest factor. A controversial issue with potentially widespread ramifications like this one needs to be under the management of the town that is, in turn, accountable to the whole community.

Second, I find it dismaying to find the board or at least those that voiced opinions defending so easily the current Cat Dam management group's dismissal on the basis of the alleged unreasonable bias of Coastal Zone Management's offer to provide the town with a study of the effect of the dam's current open and shut practices on the environment of Inner Little Harbor.

Coastal Zone Management's mission is to look out for interests of the larger community, present and future, by assuring our coastal waters are protected from environmental abuse, not to protect the immediate financial interests of a small group of citizen. Those who believe CZM should compromise their conclusions about a significant environmental issue clearly demonstrates the all too prevalent attitude in this country that environmental issues should have a lesser priority than financial concerns. Hence, we now have our environment compromised by belching factories and emission spewing automobiles because to control that pollution, we are told, would cost jobs and lower industry profits. I would hope Cohasset's Board of Selectmen could do better.

Finally, I found the board's dismissal of the evidence presented that there is ongoing destruction of the salt marsh of Peck's Meadow to be discouraging. The proliferation of phragmites at the expense of salt marsh is primarily the result of changing ratios of fresh water and salt water, not the increase of nutrients. The new central sewer system, when it's in place in 2012, may or may not make a difference to the nutrient values in Inner Little Harbor. Its presence alone will have little or no impact on the ongoing destruction of Peck's Meadow salt marsh.

Yes, I did hear that the Board of Selectmen is aware of the invasion of phragmites in other salt marshes in Cohasset. But no one seemed overly alarmed about the loss of this valuable resource and the implications for the greater marine environment. Major portions of the Peck's Meadow salt marsh may be lost forever, but that's not an acceptable excuse for not taking steps to preserve what's left.

Frank H. White lives at 190 Jerusalem Road.

HEALTH NOTES

Building up your immunity

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Do common flu and other modern diseases need to be so common?

As you know, it's flu season and last Tuesday we had our first of three flu clinics for those with compromised immune systems, dispensing more than 280 shots. Next week we will have another at the same time, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the same place, the town hall theater. Shots will also be available Saturday, Nov. 3, at the town hall theater for all residents.

Flu shots bestow a measure of immunity. In general, a robust immune system is one that carries antibodies for a diversity of illnesses. And the more antibodies you have, the more resistant to diseases you become. A laboratory test that measures the presence and amount of antibodies in blood is called an antibody titer; part of a blood test. The antibody level in the blood is a reflection of your past exposure to an antigen or to something that the body does not recognize as belonging to itself but uses to attack and remove foreign substances.

The antibody titer will determine the strength of an immune response to the body's own tissue, your need for a booster immunization, or whether a recent vaccine is strong enough to protect against the disease

Do common flu and other modern diseases need to be so common? According to Jessica Snyder Sachs, of Science Digest, the author of "Good Germs, Bad Germs: Health and Survival in a Bacterial World," a University of Michigan poll says more parents than ever before, nearly 65 percent, intend to vaccinate their young children this year. With better vaccines and most no longer using mercury-based preservatives, there is little reason not to.

Since the beginnings of history, people have wondered why some people are susceptible to diseases and others not. During the World War I, British soldiers believed that the big strapping country farm hands were far more likely to die from wounds, fever and flu than the smaller, sometimes emaciated cockneys from the London slums. Each generation has its own ideas about how immunity works.

Now, the often-held view that colds and flu are a means for toughening up a developing immune system has been declared wrong. Studies now show that the more infections a person has during childhood, the greater the chance of premature death from other factors like heart disease and cancer from chronic inflammation, a kind of lingering collateral damage from the body's disease-fighting response.

Some modern parents have come to believe it's natural to have the 6 to 10 respiratory infections the typical American child gets every year, or even the two to four we adults experience. But more probably, colds, flu and most other contagious diseases found a central place in our lives only after we and our domestic animals began crowding together in large settlements some 5,000 years ago.

True, as a group, babies in large families and daycare are less likely to develop allergies and asthma than are children born into smaller families and kept at home. The same protective effect can be seen in children born on farms and in areas without public sanitation. The cause seems to be early and ample exposure to harmless bacteria, especially the kinds encountered living close to the land around livestock and other young children. In other words, dirt, dung and diapers, or as a local veterinarian refers to it: The Dung Titer. Others call it the Peck of Dirt Syndrome, the one everyone eats before he dies. Just as disease-causing microbes clearly bring on inflammation, harmless microorganisms appear to exert a calming effect on the immune system.

Perhaps the most compelling reason to get a flu shot this year is a new threat: methicillin-resistant Staphylo-coccus Aureus, or MRSA, a dangerous kind of staph that has been causing outbreaks of pneumonia among the otherwise young and healthy, typically on the heels of the flu. Unfortunately, we have no practical way to eradicate MRSA. About a third of us silently carry staph at any given time, and trying to eradicate MRSA or any other staph strain from a community of symptom-free carriers is difficult to impossible. Worse, the experts conclude, any widespread effort to do so is certain to breed greater drug resistance.

Flu shots don't guarantee protection from MRSA pneumonia, but protecting yourself and your children from the flu may be the best way to reduce your family's risk. Try to avoid any exposures that may make you ill. Use the commonplace defenses: Wash your hands, cough into your elbow, and eat and drink sensibly.

Steve Bobo is a long time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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A heartfelt thank you

TO THE EDITOR:

The village was alive with people and activity Thursday, Oct. 18, during the first Night Out On Main Street. Under spectacular summer-like weather, groups of friends strolled along Main Street, stopping to sample hors de oeuvres, "shrimp on the barbie," fall desserts, and wine. Shop windows outlined with white lights and highlighted with pink balloons added to the festive atmosphere, and the entertainment in Ports was lively. WATD radio broadcasted interviews and created a buzz about Cohasset Village with its listening audience.

Customers and friends visited each shop, collecting raffle tickets for a chance to win one of the 13 prizes donated by each merchant. Several new businesses made their introductions to the community, and the established businesses greeted both new visitors and old friends. The businesses that participated included Bia Bistro, Carmela Drew, Focus Gallery, Darilynn's, Epiphany Designs, Flemings, Hernan's, Independence Fireplace, Paperscapes, Ports, The Red Geranium, Twist, and Village Wine and Spirits.

While sponsoring an open house for the town was one goal, the evening also had a charitable purpose. Ten percent of the evening's sales were donated to Hope in Bloom, Inc., an organization that plants indoor and outdoor gardens for women undergoing breast cancer treatment. The founder of this group, Roberta Hershon, actually drove down from Newton, visited each shop, and thanked us for our efforts in supporting her group. In addition, Beth Anderson, a local garden recipient and native of Cohasset, also stopped in to show her appreciation.

On behalf of the 13 merchants who sponsored this first Night Out on Main Street, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all those who came out to make this event a success. With three new businesses opening, and an energetic, committed group of merchants, we are excited about the future of the business climate here in Cohasset Village.

Darilynn Evans
Beverly Bielewicz
Nancy Levanchy
Lisa Lynch



COURTESY PHOTO

Bob Cunningham, Sandy and Kevin Crough serving up delicious pancakes at the Annual Soccer Pancake Breakfast.

Soccer Booster Club says thanks

TO THE EDITOR:

Cohasset High School Soccer would like to thank all who supported our recent fundraising annual Pancake Breakfast and Raffle. This event has become an annual tradition in the town and we are grateful for the large number of local merchants and families that help make this event a success.

Through the efforts of the Booster Club, the funds raised at the Pancake Breakfast go to support the men and women's soccer programs in the Middle and High school. Four $1,000 scholarships were awarded this past year to Cohasset students who excelled not only in soccer, but academically and in community service as well. Proceeds are also used to buy warm ups and provide supplemental technical training for the student athletes.

We would like to personally thank the following local merchants and families for their generous donations to the 32nd Annual Breakfast and Raffle: Marty Corry, Red Sox Fan; Joe Campbell and Atlantica; Sean and Christine Cunning; Mark Tosi and Mariann Cannon; David and Nancy Wise; Nancy and Hank Kucinski; Good Sport; Buttonwood Books; Village Butcher & Deli; Darilynn's; MTC and Tom Lemaire; Feng Shui; Kathy and Rich Ofstrun; Black Rock Country Club; Liz Richardson, Photographer; The Coggins' Family and Michael Sceery, Auto Cleanser.

Thank you to the Cohasset School Administration for the use of the Deer Hill cafeteria, and to Mr. Jones and Ms. Rhodes for their guidance and help in the kitchen. We greatly appreciate the efforts of parents for spearheading the ticket, food, and personnel responsibilities of the breakfast, as well as the spirited culinary consortium that so graciously satisfied a record-dining crowd. More than 350 hungry boosters attended the event.

We look forward seeing everyone next year!

George McGoldrick
President Cohasset Soccer Booster Club

Al Jazeera News Channel

TO THE EDITOR:

A new library book, "Mission Al Jazeera," by Josh Rushing describes how this Qatar-based Arab language news and opinion channel is providing the Arab and the wider Muslim world with balanced coverage of events and opinions, to supplement the output of the media organizations which are tightly controlled by the various authoritarian governments. Apparently the progressive and London-educated Emir of Qatar believes strongly in a free press and has the vast oil revenues to enable him to support his ideals.

Satellite dishes disseminating balanced news and opinion will erode the mind control attempts of authoritarian governments, as well as providing broader access to the mind-numbing trash that the free world tolerates and generates.

Josh Rushing was a U.S. Marine media liaison for 14 years and somewhat jaundiced by our own government's efforts to spin the news and by the absence of understanding of and interest in other cultures by our civilian and military leaders. He is now the Washington correspondent of Al Jazeera English, the English language version launched in 2006, which hopefully will help the xenophobic West to better understand the East, just as the original Al Jazeera is generating understanding of our rationales. The effusions of Al Qaeda and other extremists are granted air time, thus providing cover for more timid media organizations to copy together with competing opinions and news, so that the viewer can draw his or her own conclusions.

Let us hope that this idealistic, determined and well-financed attempt to bridge the gap between cultures, replace misconceptions with information, and encourage individual judgments, counter to judgments imposed by authoritarian governments, will damper the fires of ignorance that lead to wars, or lead to sanctions that punish the innocent more than the guilty.

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Village, harbor development worries

COMMENTARY

GEORGINA MASSA

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can remember back to former undisturbed decades of peace they enjoyed before the continual invasions of heavy machinery and chaos we are now constantly forced to suffer.

There are many other issues as well, such as traffic and parking. At present, the harbor area cannot support the summer traffic and parking just as it is now. Adding any more businesses or residences in any form would constitute a sort of progressively suicidal move on the part of the town. Sometimes deterioration can come in the disguise of so-called progress.

One of the reasons why they were conscientiously framed laws protecting these areas against precisely what is now being proposed by a few, is to preserve the uniquely aesthetic character of an unusually lovely New England town for the many; some of whom are already being taxed out of town as a result of having to pay, higher and higher taxes, for some of these unnecessary changes and the construction errors that usually accompany them.

The Cohasset village and harbor area was considered so unusually beautiful by Warner Bros., that they did a special unscheduled aerial shot over it during the 1986 filming of "The Witches of Eastwick" here, because they said: "No one would believe it was real if we didn't; they'd think we created it on a sound-stage." Could jaded Hollywood appreciate our town more than we do? Do you think they would have had the same response to a harbor cluttered with condominiums" or a town beginning to take on the appearance of a deranged jigsaw puzzle?

Unfortunately, we really have been on alert to collectively and individually do whatever we can to save the long-standing and peerless quality of our town or it will slip away bit by bit, as has already started. These things seem to just "happen" when we're not looking. It would also be a good idea to call 383-4105 or 383-3517, the selectmen's and the planner's numbers, respectively, before the abovementioned meetings to check if these important articles are still on the agenda; since these things are prone to change with little or no notice. And keep abreast of any rescheduling and/or "new approaches." It's pretty much up to Cohasset townspeople who still care, to be watchful. Because the stratagem of the others, even when rejected, just seem to keep coming under the cover of more jargon and sophistry.

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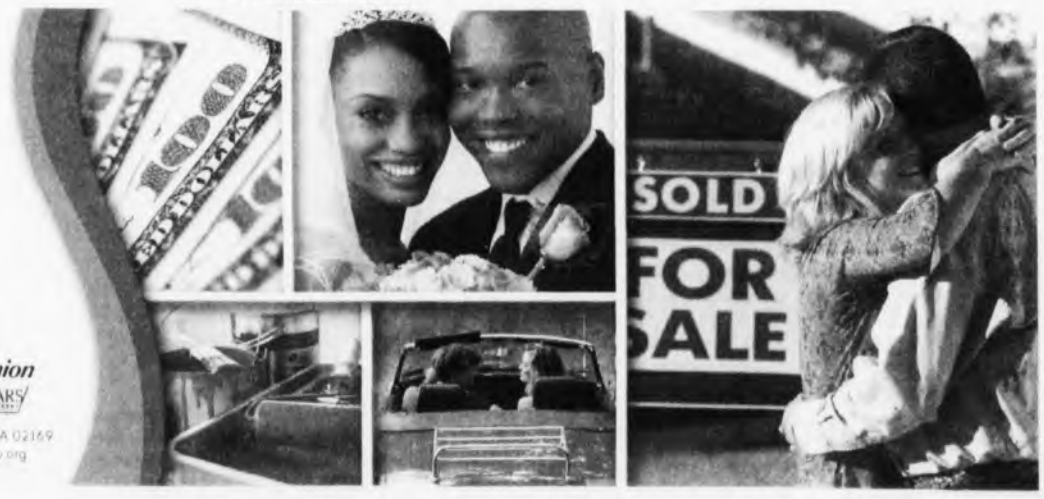
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Capital issue

Budget committee looks to future

In recent history, the town has relied on free cash for maintenance and capital purchases, instead of including the costs in the department's operational budgets.

By Nancy White
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The Capital Budget Committee has its work cut out for them. Each town meeting season, town departments line up at the door to request money for capital projects, maintenance and investments. The Capital Budget Committee then has the difficult task of allocating limited funds to the most urgent needs in the town.

But, this year as was suggested on Wednesday night, this short-term strategy could be traded in for a more long-range goal. An informal discussion born out of a proposal by some members of the Advisory Committee proposed the possibility of not spending any, or only some, of the money currently available for capital items.

In this Town Meeting round, Town Manager Bill Griffin said there is approximately $300,000, the majority from free cash, available to fund capital items. Voters will have the final say on where the money is allocated at Town Meeting on Nov. 13.

The idea of not spending all the money currently available for capital items, ties into another proposal floated by the Capital Budget Committee. In early September, the committee proposed to the Board of Selectmen a $500,000 override for fiscal 2009. The committee suggested establishing a "capital stabilization fund," a separate fund dedicated to capital improvements, which in the future would maintain a balance of $2 to $3 million. The money would be used for capital maintenance, new, non-bonded purchases, and possibly down payments on bonded projects.

If the override passed, Griffin explained in subsequent years the Board of Selectmen would need to bring forth an article to Town Meeting giving at least $500,000, with the option to increase by 2.5 percent, to the capital stabilization fund. The article would have to pass by a two-thirds vote, said Griffin.

If the committee decides not to use all the available funds for capital items, the money would remain in free cash. At spring Town Meeting, if a stabilization fund is proposed and approved, the free cash earmarked for capital could be transferred to the newly established fund.

Advisory Committee member Pat Waters said if the town were not to spend any money on capital items in this round, it would show the committee is committed to the capital stabilization fund effort.

Both efforts could begin to change the way the town thinks about capital. In recent history, the town has relied on free cash for maintenance and capital purchases, instead of including the costs in the department's operational budgets. Although capital budget chairman Steve Gaumer said this method is more or less standard for small municipalities; the committee would like to see the town take a more long-range approach.

"Our view is if we do this now over the longer view, in the neighborhood of 10 years residents will start seeing the benefits," said Gaumer in a phone interview. If the town's departments have the money to properly maintain their capital assets, it will prevent a big ticket refurbishment or replacement down the line. He likened the effort to painting your house every few years, instead of a complete re-siding every 20 years.

"Can we afford to not spend any money on health, safety and education in Cohasset at this time?" asked Gaumer at the meeting. The committee will mull that question over in the few weeks as they hear from more departments and decide what to do with the available $300,000. Gaumer said the idea would be fully vetted by the committee before making a formal recommendation to town boards and Town Meeting.

On Tuesday night, the Capital Budget Committee discussed capital items with three groups. Neighbors in the Rose Hill development off Route 3A came before the board to discuss their citizen's petition to have the town fund a sidewalk between lower King St. and the entrance to their development. The current estimate for the 600 feet of sidewalk is $100,000.

Carl Sestito, superintendent of the DPW, listed his top three capital items as the purchase of a new bucket truck ($70,000), the refurbishment of the loader at the Recycling Transfer Facility ($30,000) and replacement of a tractor ($120,000).

Lastly, Griffin presented three items on behalf of the Board of Selectmen (in order of priority): funding for development of a flood control master plan ($85,000), design and replacement of a new Jacob's Meadow outlet channel ($40,000), and a town sewer connection for the Lightkeepers Building ($50,000).

After the Capital Budget Committee hears from the school department, the library and fire department on Tuesday, October 30 they will discuss how to allocate the monies. They will meet with the Board of Selectmen on Monday, Nov. 4 and the Advisory Committee Tues. Nov. 5.



Local legislators testify in favor of changes to 40B

"To me, the 'B' in 40B stands for 'broken."
— State Sen. Robert Hedlund

Sen. Robert Hedlund (R-Weymouth), Rep. Frank Hynes (D-Marshfield), and Rep. Garrett Bradley (D-Hingham) each testified this week before the Joint Committee on Housing in favor of bills altering Chapter 40B, the state's so-called affordable housing law.

Developers who build projects under Chapter 40B, also known as the comprehensive permit law, are allowed to skirt local zoning and planning regulations in exchange for deeding between 20 and 25 percent of the built housing units as affordable according to state housing guidelines.

While the legislators support the need for affordable housing in their districts, they feel that Chapter 40B is not working; that the law is instead being abused by developers looking to maximize profits at the expense of the host communities.

"To me, the 'B' in 40B stands for 'broken,'" Sen. Hedlund said. "Too often Chapter 40B is being abused by unscrupulous developers with little interest in actually providing affordable housing. They hijack a well-intentioned law and use it to build as many units as they can, for as much money as possible, with little regard to the impact on the town."

Both Sen. Hedlund and Rep. Hynes have filed legislation calling for a state-wide moratorium on projects proposed under Chapter 40B.

"It has been several years since the Senate has had a chance to debate this problematic law and until we do, I don't think its fair for the towns I represent to continue to be hammered by these projects," Sen. Hedlund said.

Hynes said previous attempts to review and reform 40B have never been fully implemented and never got to the core of the problems caused by the comprehensive permit law. He said projects built with comprehensive permits can short-circuit a community's attempt at long-term planning.

"We recognize that a need exists for housing that is affordable, but with the wide latitude granted by the statute, the lack of objective oversight of a development's lasting impacts and a project's finances in many cases serve as an incentive for a developer to use 40B to their advantage," he said. "South Shore legislators are among the leaders in seeking responsible reforms to this unworkable law."

In addition to the moratorium, Sen. Hedlund has also filed a bill that would require 100 percent of all housing units built using a comprehensive permit to be classified as "affordable," up from the current requirement of 20 to 25 percent.

Rep. Bradley has filed bills that would expand the definition of affordable units, require a full audit by the inspector general's office of Chapter 40B project profit levels, and allow zoning boards of appeal to take into consideration the financial feasibility of projects. "It is clear that 40B has not worked and has been abused," Rep. Bradley said. "I will continue to work with Representative Hynes and Senator Hedlund to allow our communities to have more of a say on potential projects. Many developers have been using loop-holes in the 40B law to bypass local regulations and that is wrong. We must return some level of local control to communities." Rep. Hynes has filed with bills that would, among other things, commission a special panel to review 40B and make recommendations, redefine what would make a project proposed under the law "uneconomical", give more control over projects to cities and town.

VETERANS

Prayer service Nov. 11

Cohasset American Legion and Veterans of Foreign War posts and the Sons of the American Legion will conduct a prayer service in honor of Veterans Day at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11 (Sunday) at the Veterans Memorial at Cohasset Harbor.

Thanksgiving breakfast

Will be held from 7:30 to 930 a.m. at the Legion Hall. $5, all you can eat. The American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring the breakfast.

Healing Field

On Memorial Day 2008 the Sons of The American Legion will be sponsoring a Healing Field. The field is made up of all American Flags that will be set in a military row. Plans are to place 400 flags. The flags will be placed on the traffic island located at the corner of Summer and Border streets. (Across from the American Legion Post) This Healing Field will pay homage to all our veterans, loved ones and friends who have gone before us.

If would like to donate, please write a check for $25 for a flag in the name of: (Please Print Clearly) and drop check off at the American Legion off Summer Street.

All proceeds will go to Veterans projects of The Sons of The American Legion.



Greenbush

Firefighters look at train up close

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to respond they would need to have some familiarity with the trains.

The first stop was the locomotive. Beyond the noise and heat of the engine is a small room where the track ahead lays out in front of the engineer. In cramped quarters typically only occupied by one person, a dozen firefighters got a overview of the controls that operate the train. The firefighters peppered Kevin Amaral, an electrical technician with MBCR, with questions about emergency braking and dispatch communication.

Any given train is at least staffed by a conductor and engineer who work together to get the train where it needs to go — and stay on time. More conductors to collect tickets and oversee the coach part of the train are added depending on the number of train cars and crowd on the train.

Next, MBCR safety advisor Jack Mimms took the firefighters through the coaches. Mimms showed the group how to open the emergency windows and doors. An open area at the front and rear of the train were ideal if EMTs needed to work on a patient, or put someone on a stretcher, said Mimms. In MBCR's experience in routine first aid emergencies the EMTs will be called to the next station, rather than the tracks between stations, MBCR representative said.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Fire Lt. John Dockray pulls an emergency brake valve during the safety training of the Cohasset firefighters on Tuesday.

The location of key controls and emergency brakes were highlighted. The firefighters were shown how to shut down the power to the train car completely, if the emergency necessitated it. The fire officials tested the emergency brake in a coach car, as well as opened and closed the emergency doors.

MBCR is giving similar tours of the trains in all the Greenbush towns to give the fire departments an overview of the equipment.

However, the tour of the train is neither the beginning nor the end of the town's emergency response of training for the train. The on site walk-through was in addition to a two-hour classroom course, "this was a follow-up to actually see the train. A powerpoint slideshow can only do so much," said Silvia. Each fire department shift was brought in to get the tour of the train this week, he said .

In upcoming months, the emergency personnel from all Greenbush towns will participate in a "mass casualty drill" where a train accident will be simulated, 'it will be actual hands on training," said Silvia.

Going into next week, Silvia feels confident the Fire Department is prepared. His major concern is people not heeding the warning signals.

It will be the Fire Department's protocol to wait at train crossings, if the red lights are flashing and the arms are down, "if we can wait, someone certainly getting a cup of coffee can wait," said Silvia.

If there is an emergency on the tracks that the fire department needs to respond to, Silvia said they would communicate with the MBCR dispatch center to alert the running trains that they will be on the tracks.

Since residents do not have the ability to contact the dispatch center, they need to stay off the tracks and not use the MBTA right of way as a cut through.

The rail siding where the stationary train was brought for the training will be used to store equipment for repairs or maintenance work in the future. All trains will be housed in the Scituate/Greenbush yard.

Train facts and tips

The Operation Lifesaver rail safety program offers the following railroad safety facts and tips:

- Modern trains are quieter than ever, with no telltale "clackety-clack." An approaching train will always be closer and moving faster than you think.
- Railroad tracks, trestles, yards, and equipment are private property.
- Trespassers are subject to arrest and fines.
- Never drive, ride a bike, or walk around a lowered railroad crossing gate.
- Always wait for the train to pass and for the gates to be raised.
- Trains cannot stop quickly. A freight train moving at 55 mph, or an eight-car passenger train moving at 60 mph, can take a mile or more to stop.
- Don't walk, run, cycle, or operate all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on railroad property, including tracks, or through tunnels.
- Cross the tracks only at designated pedestrian or roadway crossings.
- Never play or walk on the tracks.
- Observe all warning signs and signals.
- Don't hunt, fish, or jump around railroad trestles. There is only enough clearance on tracks for a train to pass. Trestles are not meant to be sidewalks or pedestrian bridges.
- Don't attempt to hop aboard railroad equipment at any time. A slip of the foot can cost you a limb, or your life.
- Be aware that trains do not always follow set schedules. Any time is train time.
- Don't skateboard or Rollerblade on station platforms or in parking lots.
- Always stand behind the yellow platform stripe.

Operation Lifesaver is a national, non-profit, public education program dedicated to ending collisions, deaths, and injuries at grade crossings and along railroad rights-of-way. The program emphasizes the importance of obeying signal lights at railroad street crossings to avoid being struck by a train and not walking on railway beds.

'Quiet zone' means no horns will blow

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sant whistle blowing.

Hingham agreed to act as the "point person" on behalf of the other communities to ensure that the criteria being put into the Greenbush data being sent to the FRA was exactly what each town negotiated.

The FRA may grant exemptions if they are requested by local officials. To be exempt, a grade crossing must have supplemental safety measures, such as four-quadrant gates, that are considered to be as effective as a train whistle.

Cohasset Greenbush liaison Tom Gruber said whistle-free corridor is nothing new. "When I was appointed to the Mitigation Committee in the late 90s, first as a volunteer member and later elected to Chairman, I understood that Greenbush was to be a 'hornless' system from the get-go. All of the MBTA environmental reports were based on this design feature," Gruber said.

"One of the things that has not been publicized about the hornless system is that the basic design of a hornless system is different from a railroad system where the horns will be routinely blown," he explained. "Special safety-related controls, medians to channelize the traffic, quad gates, closed crossings, and grade separations (Rocky Lane Bridge) are all features that may not have been used if we had horns."

The Swift Act, the federal law requiring horn blowing at grade crossings, was enacted in the 1990s partly in response to a federal study that showed a significant increase in train-car collisions at rail crossings in Florida communities with whistle bans.

Hingham Greenbush Coordinator Alexander Macmillan also said Greenbush project was planned without train horns from the beginning. Much of the line cuts through a National Register Historic District, which is entitled to special protection.

The MBTA realized early on that a permit would not be issued for the project if train horns blared, he said in an earlier interview. In other words, the impact on the historic district, which includes dozens of antique homes, would be too great to allow horns.

"From the very first it was clear that horns would not blow, so ways had to be found to adequately address the safety issues without horns or risk having no project," he said.

Cohasset Fire Chief Robert Silvia points out not sounding the horns does not mean the train always be silent.

"The corridor was planned not to have horns and was designed with that in mind," Silvia said. "But it is not as if the trains were built without horns, engineers will blow the horns if anyone is on or near the tracks."

Cohasset Police Chief James Hussey noted that Greenbush towns worked together to create the no-horn environment.

"The trains do have a whistle and any engineer who sees anything that he believes to be an unsafe situation can blow the whistle," said Hussey. He also noted that the towns had safety measures added to the project – things that may not have come about if whistles were routinely allowed.

Hingham resident Martha Bewick said it is a quality of life issue.

"It's almost impossible to live in an area where there is continuous horn blowing," Bewick said. "The quality of life of human beings would be affected for the long-term, as well as the value of their homes."

Bewick, a commuter boat advocate, noted that before Greenbush service ended in the late 1950s, some of the homes along the tracks in Hingham were boarded up. "It was hard for people to live there," she said. "The continuous whistle blowing really makes these neighborhoods almost uninhabitable. Some people in Weymouth have told me that even without the horns, the vibration and noise are much greater than anticipated."

Bewick noted there are a number of other communities that are also designated as quiet zones. "The FRA has agreed that as long as communities have the proper safety equipment installed, these bans are justified," she said. "At the same time, the national policy is to do away with grade crossings."

Mariner editor Mary Ford also contributed to this report.



PHOTO/MARY FORD

No train horn signs, like the one shown here at the North Main Street crossing, were installed at Greenbush grade crossings last spring.

Train can take a mile to stop

The Greenbush commuter line is now an active railway.

A commuter train traveling at 55 mph takes a mile to come to a complete stop, as compared with 200 feet for a car moving at the same speed.

Trains have the right of way, and they can come at any time. The trains are also wider than they appear, with a three-foot hangover on both sides of the tracks.

Town officials, police officers, and the MBTA continue to warn that adults, children, and pets should stay off and away from the tracks at all times and that vehicles should not stop on the tracks under any circumstances.

There are 25 public and three private grade crossings along the Greenbush line. A total of 15 crossings that existed originally have been eliminated through the construction of underpasses in Weymouth Landing, Weymouth Heights, and Hingham Square, an overpass in Cohasset, and the closure or avoidance of seven other grade crossings.

In an emergency situation, such as observing children playing on the tracks, call 911. Local police and fire departments will contact the MBTA as required. The MBTA police emergency number is (617) 222-1212.

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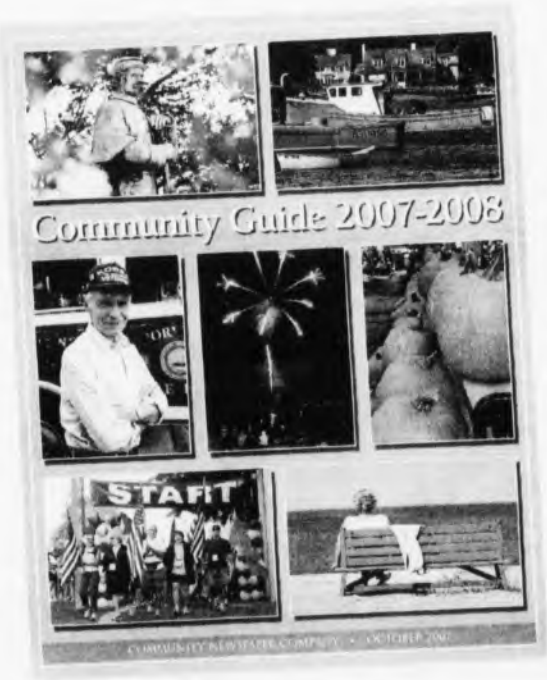
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Greenbush

First commuter trains to roll on Halloween

Inaugural run is Oct. 30

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Next week marks the revitalization of the Greenbush rail line after lying dormant for nearly 50 years.

How the scenario will play out with respect to traffic and parking has yet to be seen, but one thing is certain — the first train carrying paying passengers will leave Scituate next Wednesday (Halloween) — bound for South Station via Cohasset, Hingham, and Weymouth.

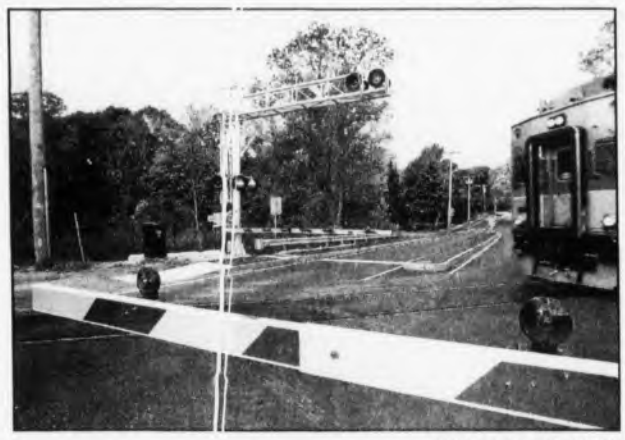
The T will offer 12 round trips on the $513-million, 18-mile Greenbush line on weekdays, excluding holidays, and eight round trips during the weekend. The trains will run between 5:45 a.m. and 11 p.m. A one-way trip from Scituate to South Station is expected to take 59 minutes.

A ceremonial first train carrying a number of state officials will leave South Station the day before (Oct. 30) and head for the Scituate Greenbush station, picking up elected officials in each of the towns that will be served by the new rail line along the way.

The train will stop at one station in each of the communities [Weymouth, Scituate, Cohasset, and Hingham], with special events planned at each location. Hingham has two stations – one at Nantasket Junction and the other near the country club, which is called simply "Hingham Station." The train is expected to arrive there before 10:30 a.m. and to depart at 10:36 a.m. This train will not stop at Nantasket Junction.

There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony at each stop to celebrate the beginning of commuter rail service on the South Shore.

There will be seven new stations in all, providing a total of 3,000 parking spaces — 300 each at the stops in Weymouth Landing and near Jackson Square in East Weymouth; 200 in West Hingham; 500 at Nantasket Junction; 400 each in Cohasset and North Scituate; and 1,000 at the Greenbush station.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

A commuter train goes through the Sohier Street crossing during a test train run on Tuesday afternoon.

Estimates put ridership after three or four years at 4,300 inbound passengers — equivalent to 76,000 fewer driven miles daily, according to T General Manager Daniel Grabauskas.

He noted that a good turnout for a test train run on a rainy Saturday in May showed signs of enthusiasm for the train.

No changes in commuter boats are planned, although proposals to improve the service are being discussed.

Greenbush restoration was delayed for many years due to community opposition based on cost, safety, and other issues related to impacts on South Shore communities. Concerns about impacts to historic Hingham Square were resolved when the MBTA agreed to build a 795-foot tunnel under Hingham Square.

There is concern that passenger service begins on Halloween at a time when residents, particularly children, aren't fully adjusted to the trains. The MBTA didn't target Halloween as its start date, but the necessary permits fell into place to align with an opening date at the end of October, according to MBTA officials.

"Service begins on that date because it follows Oct. 30, the day of the inaugural train," MBTA Spokesperson Joe Pesaturo said. "Trains are operating everyday now, and they have become a very familiar sight as they travel through the towns."

Drills related to overall rail safety and tours to familiarize firefighters, police officers, and towns that are part of the local mutual aid program with the train have been conducted. Tunnel emergency access and evacuation drills have also been completed and staging areas identified in the event of an incident inside the Hingham tunnel.

A fire protection system has been installed inside the tunnel, with back-up equipment on the Quint (the largest piece of Hingham Fire Department) to supply additional water in the event of a train derailment that damages the tunnel water system. Train windows open for emergency access.

A full-scale safety drill involving multiple towns and agencies and South Shore Hospital will be held in the Spring.

Operation Lifesaver plays a major role in educating the public about the dangers posed by the train. The MBTA-sponsored program is designed to educate citizens about train safety. Elementary and middle school students, driver education classes, and school bus drivers have already received OL training, and additional education and training will continue throughout the school year.

The MBTA held a train safety night in Scituate last week to alert residents in all five communities to the do's and don'ts of train safety.

For further information about Greenbush rail service, visit www.cbhgreenbush.com. For schedule, map, and fare information or to ask a question or voice a concern, visit www.mbta.com.

Greenbush Line Schedule
Effective Wednesday October 31, 2007

Saturday and Sunday

Inbound to South Station

Train No. Saturday	1070	1072	1074	1076	1078	1080	1082	1084
Train No. Sunday	2070	2072	2074	2076	2078	2080	2082	2084
	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Greenbush	7 26	9 26	11 26	1 26	3 26	5 26	7 26	9 36
North Scituate	7 32	9 32	11 32	1 32	3 32	5 32	7 32	9 42
Cohasset	7 38	9 38	11 38	1 38	3 38	5 38	7 38	9 48
Nantasket Junction	7 42	9 42	11 42	1 42	3 42	5 42	7 42	9 52
West Hingham	7 47	9 47	11 47	1 47	3 47	5 47	7 47	9 57
East Weymouth	7 52	9 52	11 52	1 52	3 52	5 52	7 52	10 02
Weymouth Landing/East Braintree	7 57	9 57	11 57	1 57	3 57	5 57	7 57	10 07
Quincy Center	L 8 05	L 10 05	L 12 05	L 2 05	L 4 05	L 6 05	L 8 05	L 10 15
JFK/UMASS	L 8 10	L 10 10	L 12 10	L 2 10	L 4 10	L 6 10	L 8 10	L 10 20
SOUTH STATION	8 22	10 22	12 22	2 22	4 22	6 22	8 22	10 32

Outbound from South Station

Train No. Saturday	1071	1073	1075	1077	1079	1081	1083	1085
Train No. Sunday	2071	2073	2075	2077	2079	2081	2083	2085
	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
SOUTH STATION	8 15	10 15	12 15	2 15	4 15	6 15	8 15	10 50
JFK/UMASS	f 8 22	f 10 22	f 12 22	f 2 22	f 4 22	f 6 22	f 8 22	f 10 57
Quincy Center	8 28	10 28	12 28	2 28	4 28	6 28	8 28	11 03
Weymouth Landing/East Braintree	8 37	10 37	12 37	2 37	4 37	6 37	8 37	11 12
East Weymouth	8 42	10 42	12 42	2 42	4 42	6 42	8 42	11 17
West Hingham	8 47	10 47	12 47	2 47	4 47	6 47	8 47	11 22
Nantasket Junction	8 52	10 52	12 52	2 52	4 52	6 52	8 52	11 27
Cohasset	8 56	10 56	12 56	2 56	4 56	6 56	8 56	11 31
North Scituate	9 03	11 03	1 03	3 03	5 03	7 03	9 03	11 38
Greenbush	9 10	11 10	1 10	3 10	5 10	7 10	9 10	11 45

Greenbush Line Schedule
Effective Wednesday October 31, 2007

Monday through Friday

Inbound to South Station

Train No.	070	072	074	076	078	080	082	084	086	088	090	092
	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Greenbush	5 44	6 39	7 32	7 50	8 47	10 42	11 50	2 07	3 45	5 20	7 04	8 10
North Scituate	5 51	6 46	7 39	7 57	8 54	10 49	11 57	2 14	3 52	5 27	7 11	8 17
Cohasset	5 58	6 53	7 46	8 04	9 01	10 56	12 04	2 21	3 59	5 34	7 21	8 24
Nantasket Junction	6 02	6 57	7 50	8 08	9 05	11 00	12 08	2 25	4 03	5 42	7 26	8 28
West Hingham	6 07	7 02	7 55	8 13	9 10	11 05	12 13	2 30	4 08	5 47	7 30	8 33
East Weymouth	6 11	7 06	7 59	8 17	9 14	11 12	12 17	2 38	4 12	5 53	7 34	8 37
Weymouth Landing/East Braintree	6 17	7 12	7 35	8 23	9 20	11 18	12 23	2 44	4 18	5 59	7 40	8 43
Quincy Center	L 6 26	L 7 21	L 7 46	L 8 32	L 9 29	L 11 27	L 12 32	L 2 53	L 4 27	L 6 21	L 7 52	L 8 52
JFK/UMASS	L 6 33	L 7 29	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
SOUTH STATION	6 42	7 37	8 01	8 49	9 45	11 43	12 48	3 09	4 43	6 34	8 07	9 08

Outbound from South Station

Train No.	071	073	075	077	079	081	083	085	087	089	091	093
	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
SOUTH STATION	6 54	9 22	10 39	12 45	2 27	4 02	4 52	5 20	5 45	6 35	8 25	10 00
JFK/UMASS	---	---	---	---	---	4 08	---	---	---	---	---	---
Quincy Center	---	9 35	10 52	12 58	2 40	---	5 06	5 33	5 58	6 48	8 36	10 13
Weymouth Landing/East Braintree	7 16	9 44	11 01	1 07	2 49	4 24	5 15	5 42	6 07	6 57	8 47	10 22
East Weymouth	7 22	9 50	11 07	1 13	2 55	4 30	5 21	5 48	6 13	7 03	8 53	10 28
West Hingham	7 29	9 54	11 11	1 17	2 59	4 34	5 25	5 53	6 17	7 07	8 57	10 32
Nantasket Junction	7 34	9 59	11 16	1 22	3 04	4 39	5 30	5 58	6 22	7 12	9 02	10 37
Cohasset	7 38	10 03	11 20	1 26	3 08	4 43	5 34	6 02	6 26	7 16	9 06	10 41
North Scituate	7 46	10 11	11 28	1 34	3 16	4 51	5 43	6 10	6 34	7 24	9 14	10 49
Greenbush	7 55	10 19	11 36	1 42	3 24	4 59	5 51	6 18	6 42	7 33	9 22	10 57

Key to above: "L" above, denotes that passengers can board or leave the train at this location, but the train may leave the station early (ahead of the times posted). "f" above, denotes that this is a flag stop, i.e., the passenger must be on the platform visible to the engineer for the train to stop. If no passengers are visible, the train will not stop.

T Charlie Van works Greenbush corridor

In preparation for the opening of the Greenbush commuter rail line on Wednesday, Oct. 31, the MBTA's Charlie Van will be available at selected locations along the corridor for customers to purchase monthly Charlie passes and one – way Charlie tickets.

Staffed with T personnel, the Charlie Van will be available through Tuesday, Oct. 30. Only monthly passes and one – way tickets will be sold and only cash will be accepted. Other fare media can be purchased at MBTA fare vending machines at subway stations; the Downtown Crossing Pass Sales office; MBCR Ticket Windows at South, North and Back Bay stations; and online at www.mbta.com.

"We're urging people to take advantage of the Charlie Van and buy their fare in advance of the opening," said MBTA General Manager Daniel A. Grabauskas. "We want customers to experience easy boarding and enjoy their first ride on the Greenbush line. Having your Charlie ticket or Charlie pass in hand will guarantee that."



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Look for the Charlie Van at various locations.

The Charlie Van will be available at the following locations from 4 to 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 26, at Shaw's/Star Market on Snow Street in Marshfield; from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 27 and Sunday, Oct. 28, at Shaw's Supermarket in Cohasset; from 4 to 7 p.m., Monday, Oct.29, at Java Junction, Route 3A, Country Way, Scituate; and Tuesday, Oct. 30, from 9 to 10:30 a.m., at the Weymouth Landing Station and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Greenbush Station. One-way tickets will be sold at stations during the morning rush hours only from Wednesday, Oct. 31 through Friday, Nov. 9.

Customers can also purchase monthly passes and one – way Charlie tickets, between 5 a.m. and 1 p.m., Monday through Saturday at Java Junction Coffee Shop in Scituate.

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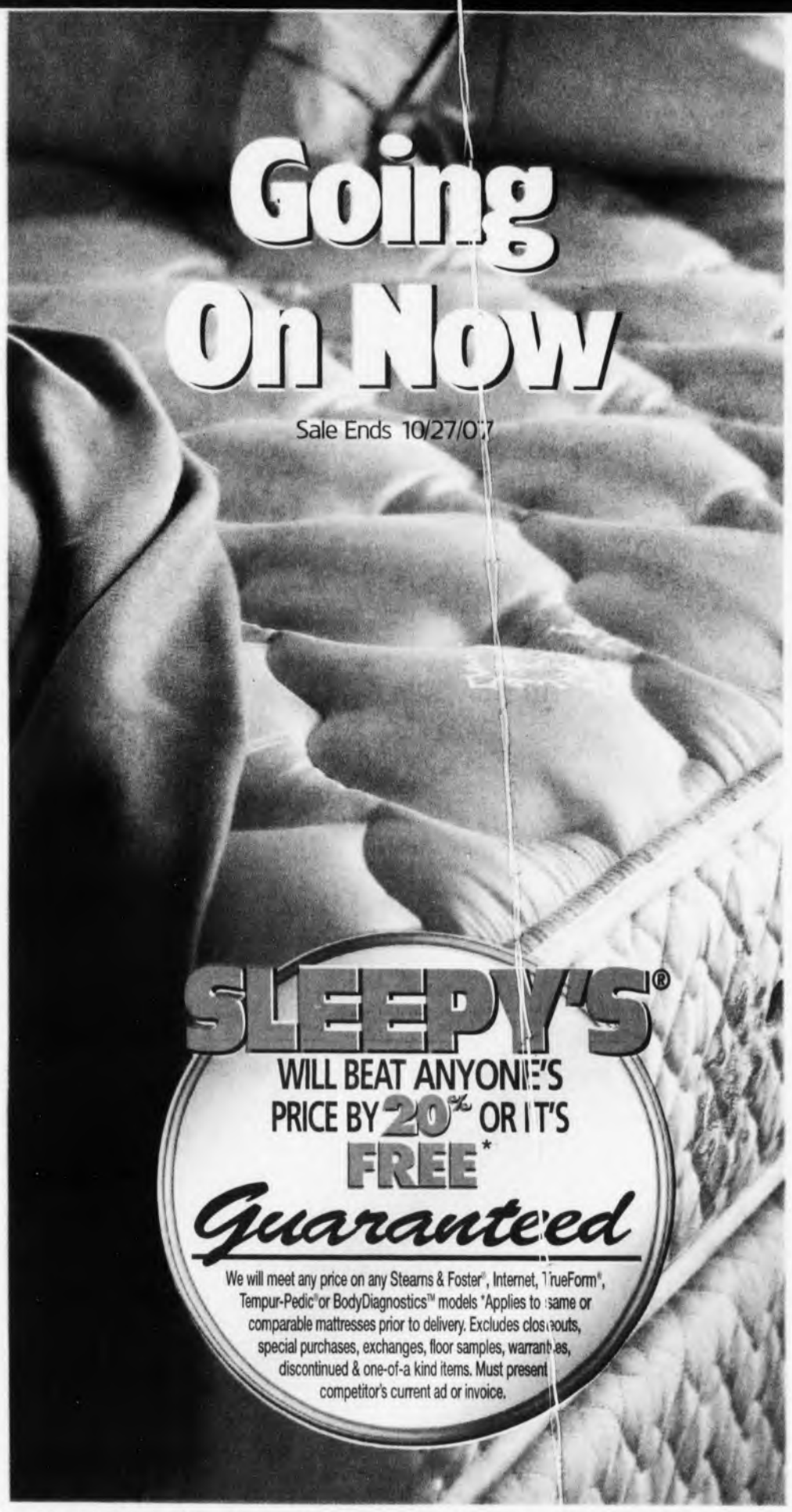
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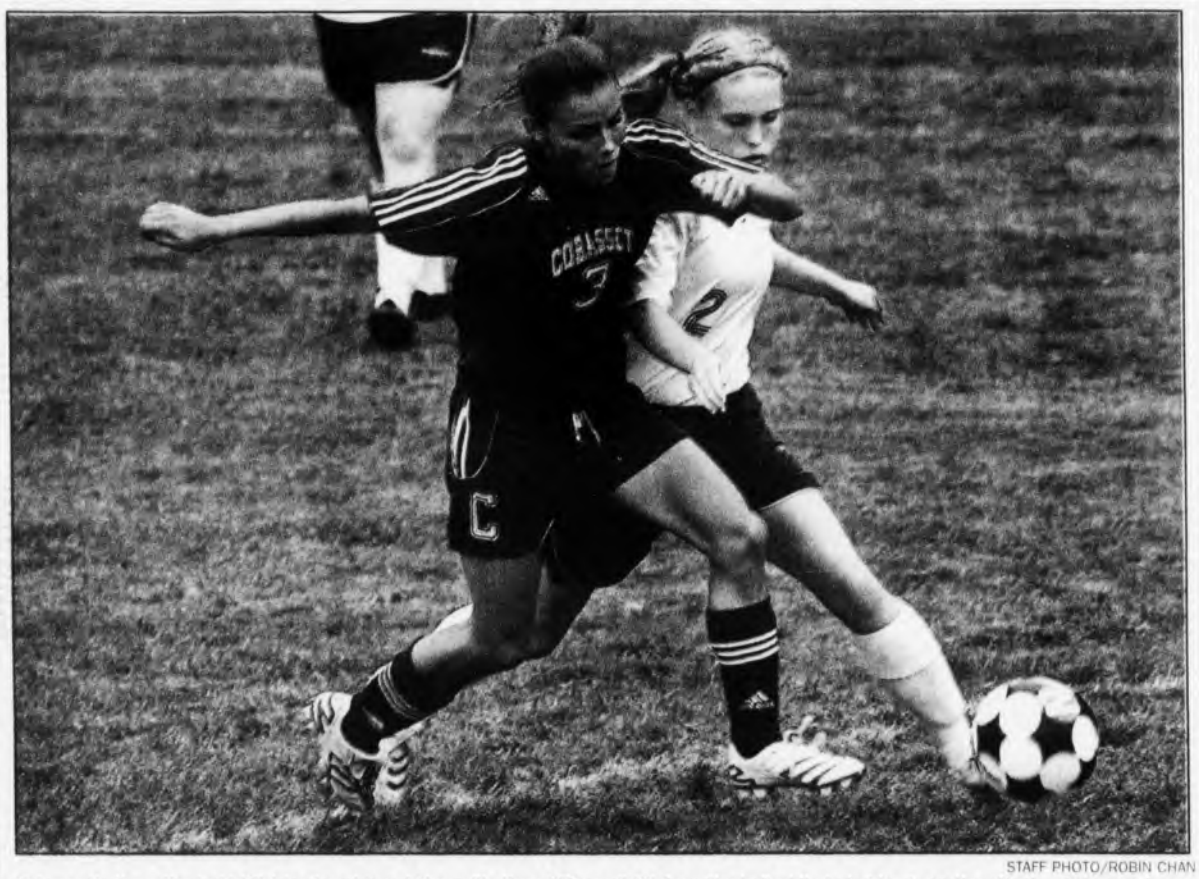
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Cohasset's Kacy Kucinski (3) tries to edge out Norwell's Kara O'Connell (2) from the ball while trying to go on the attack. Cohasset is refocusing its efforts after losing a chance at the SSL title.

Championship dreams dashed

Tie with Mashpee sends Lady Skippers into second place

By Mike Spellman
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This is a tie that will bind for a long, long time.

With Mashpee dropping a surprising 1-1 tie on them Tuesday, the Cohasset High girls soccer team lost their bid for a share of the South Shore League title—a crushing blow to all the hard-working girls on this team, to be sure, but perhaps an even crueler hit on veteran head coach Deb Beal.

"It was there for the taking, but we just didn't play our best game," said the Lady Skippers 10th year head coach, who will have to carry her dream of a championship season into another off-season. "The girls played hard. They played with heart, but we just didn't have quite enough."

Gusting winds, a physical opponent and a few questionable calls/non-calls were factors in the match, but Coach Beal chose not to use any of those as excuses.

"We played into [Mashpee's] hands, playing a kick and chase game rather than spreading the field like we can do on our home field," said Beal. "We just never settled into our game. It was disappointing."

After Cohasset junior Torey Hart was set up by fellow offensive standout Kaci Kucinski to score the game-tying goal with 11 minutes to play, the Lady Skippers showed what they were capable of in pulling out all the stops down the stretch. They came within inches of netting the game-winner several times, but time simply ran out on the game clock and their league title hopes.

"The girls knew that a tie was

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League (meet) champs!

Skippers grab second straight title

By Joel Racicot
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For the second straight year the Cohasset High School golf team won the South Shore League Meet. This year the tournament was held at Ridder Farm Golf Club in East Bridgewater. In the first time in head coach Torin Sweeney's seven-year career as coach, three members from the same team medaled, and they were all from Cohasset.

Jon Wade (77), Chuck Czerkawski (80) and Ian Quinlan (81) all took the top three spots in the meet. After finishing behind Norwell during the regular season for the second consecutive year, the Skippers again exacted their revenge during the league meet.

"It shows the commitment of the kids and how much they enjoy competing," Sweeney said. "They are a good core group of kids."

Wade, who won, had a tough first go-round at Ridder a few weeks back during the regular season, losing one of his only match's of the season. He, along with Quinlan and Chase Stebbins, played a practice round Sunday.

"I really think that round Sunday made a huge difference," Sweeney said.

Stebbins didn't medal in the league meet, but he shined at the Div. 3 South Sectional at Norton Country Club Monday. He finished 10th out of 115 golfers and will move on to the Div. 3 state individual meet at Wentworth Hills Country Club in Plainville, Monday, October 29.

Czerkawski wrapped up his amazing senior season finishing second in the league meet, after finishing fourth last year.

"That really just solidified him as one of the top golfers on the South Shore again," Sweeney said.

There will be more coverage of the CHS golf team in next week's Mariner, including an update on Stebbins's progress at the Div. 3 individual's.

South Shore League All- League Golf Tournament Results

The All-League Golf Tournament was held Wednesday, Oct. 24, at Ridder Farm Golf Club in East Bridgewater. The South Shore League would like to extend its thanks to Jon Ridder and Skip Keene of Ridder Farm Golf Club for donating the course for the 2007 SSL Championship Tournament.

2007 SSL Tournament Team Results

1. Cohasset	**238**
2. Abington	249
3. Norwell	254
4. East Bridgewater	256
5. Mashpee	267
6. Harwich	276
7. Carver	306

2007 SSL Tournament Individual Medalists - par 70

1. Jon Wade	**Cohasset (Jr)**	**77**
2. Chuck Czerkawski	**Cohasset (Sr)**	**80**
3. Corey Donlan	Abington (So)	81 tie
3. Ian Quinlan	**Cohasset (So)**	**81 tie**

2007 SSL Regular Season Standings

SSL	
1. Norwell	12-0
2. Cohasset	**9-3**
3. East Bridgewater	8-4
4. Mashpee	6-6
5. Abington	4-8
6. Harwich	3-9
7. Carver	0-12

2006 SSL Sportsmanship Award - as voted by coaches

1. Carver
2. Cohasset (tie)
2. Norwell (tie)

2007 South Shore League Golf All-Star Team - as voted by coaches

Name	School	Grade
Corey Donlan	Abington	10
Tyler Bohan	Carver	12
Charlie Czerkawski	**Cohasset**	**12**
Jon Wade	**Cohasset**	**11**
Chase Stebbins	**Cohasset**	**10**
Nick Venezia	East Bridgewater	11
Peter Sawyer	Harwich	12
Ben Jenkins	Mashpee	10
Alex Wagner	Mashpee	12
Cody Cavicchi	Norwell	12
Dan Dempsey	Norwell	12
Mike White	Norwell	12

Cruise control

Field hockey team looks strong heading into tournament

By Joel Racicot
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The success keeps on coming for the Cohasset High School field hockey team. The Lady Skippers clinched second place in the South Shore League, with a 11-3-3 overall record and a 8-2-2 total in league. Three girls were named to the South Shore League All-Star team, Sally Meehan, Olivia Kimla and Paige Strecker.

Alyssa Mullin and Katina Martone were both named Honorable Mention. The team tied second place for the Sportsmanship Award.

The girls won their last three games against Carver, Hull and Scituate. They played at Hingham, Thursday passed Mariner deadline.

In their most recent win Tuesday at Scituate (1-0), a pair of all-stars connected for the game's only score. Strecker assisted a Meehan goal on an offensive corner. Head coach Deb Bostwick called Strecker's pass a "beautiful ball."

Mullin notched her 9th shutout of the season, and totaled six saves in the game.

Martone, Lesen Haracz, Erika Reardon, Kaleigh Teague, Jenny Cahill all created a lot of movement on the outside. Kimla and Izzy Franklin added a number of scoring opportunities and Sandra Hart, Marisa Tangherlini and Jean Thomae all played strong defense to preserve the shutout.

The girls dominated Hull on Senior Day, Monday, winning 4-0. Reardon scored twice while

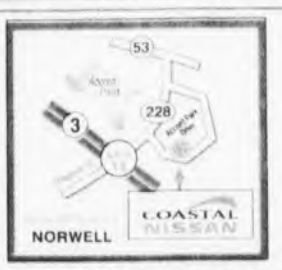
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Cohasset is looking strong going into the state tournament this season. They finished second in the SSL.

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Skippers drop second in a row

Head into bye week 5-2

By Andrew Clark
ENTERPRISE CORRESPONDENT

On Homecoming Weekend, the East Bridgewater stands were full for a festive day that included a showcase of floats and the naming of the homecoming king and queen.

However, as the Vikings hosted South Shore League foe Cohasset, East Bridgewater tailback Brian Phillips made it clear who was king of the field, propelling his squad to a 12-7 victory.

"He's our workhorse," said East Bridgewater head coach Shawn Tarpey of his star captain following Saturday's victory. "He always gives us everything he has. We didn't get him a lot of carries against Abington and we lost that game. We made sure to give him a lot of carries today."

The senior captain ran for 112 yards on 24 carries, accounting for all of his team's 12 points, en route to being named co-offensive player of the game along with quarterback Greg O'Sullivan.

East Bridgewater (5-1) jumped out of the gate on its first possession after a strong defensive stand against the Skippers.

Starting on the Cohasset 32, Coach Tarpey relied heavily on the legs of Phillips to beat down the Skippers defense. Phillips carried six times on the seven-play drive which was punctuated by an 11-yard touchdown run by the senior tailback as he sifted through the middle of Cohasset (5-2) defense, scampering into the end zone.

Following a missed extra point attempt, East Bridgewater assumed the early 6-0 lead.

Early in the second quarter, the Vikings struck again. After recovering a muffed punt return, East Bridgewater took over with favorable starting field position at the Cohasset 26.

The Vikings wasted no time capitalizing as Coach Tarpey got a little creative with his play calling.

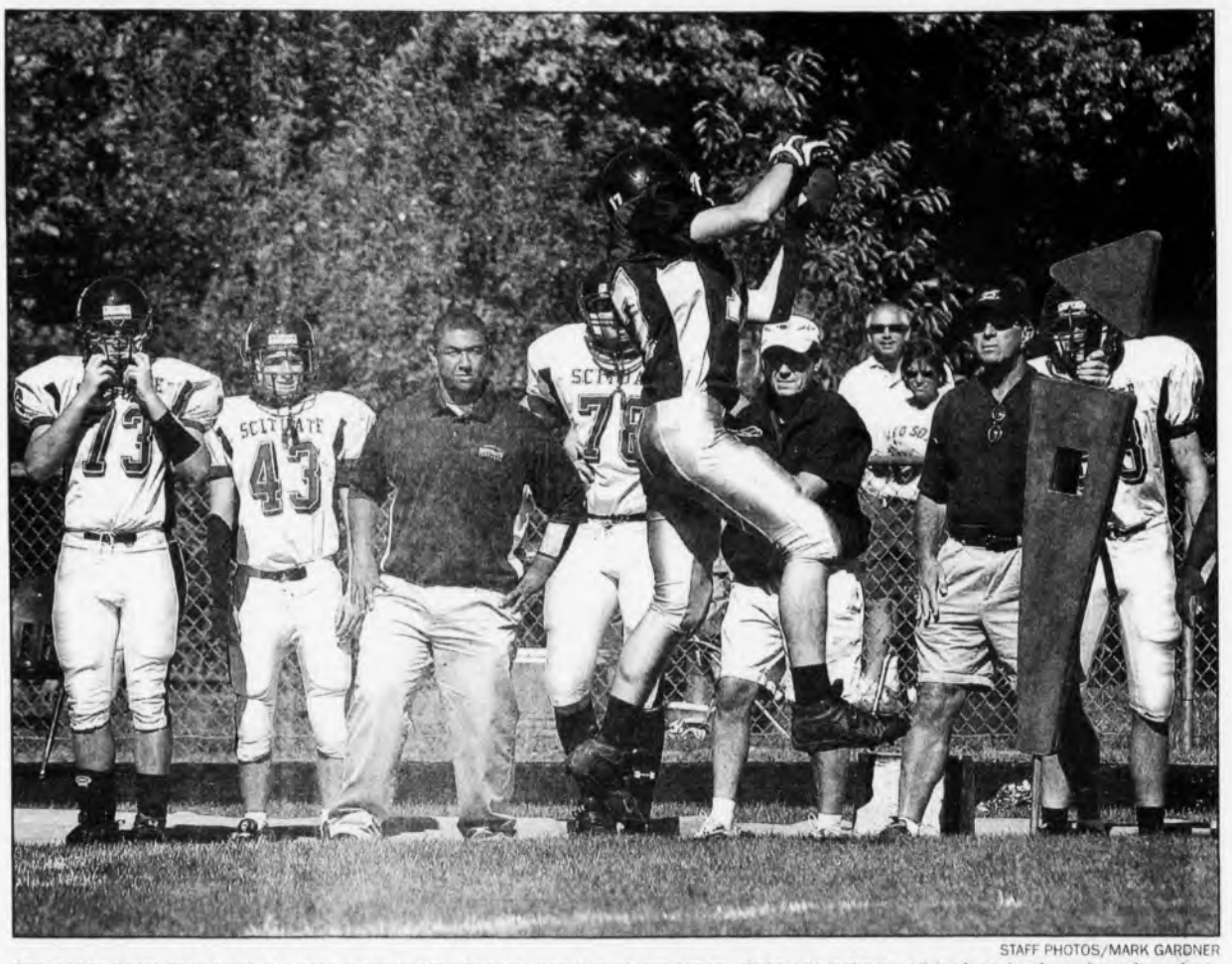
Following two incomplete pass attempts, Phillips lined up in the shotgun position and took the direct snap. The tailback then sprinted for a 26-yard score and after the two-point conversion attempt failed, the East Bridgewater lead increased to 12-0.

The Vikings defense gave a strong performance as well, staving off the Cohasset attack. The Skippers struggled to get a rhythm going offensively in their first two drives and on their third drive, they marched all the way down to the East Bridgewater 10, where they were forced into a turnover on downs.

"Our defense has been tough all year," said Tarpey. "I thought they out hit them for the most part today."

The only blemish for the Vikings came at the start of the third quarter.

Cohasset attempted and recovered an onside kick right out of the gate. The Skippers utilized both their vertical game and rushing attack to chip away at the Vikings defense. Senior quarterback David Snowdale led his squad down to the goal line, where running back Sam DeGiacomo punched the ball in for the one-yard score.



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Cohasset's Kenny Muir hauls in a pass in front of the Scituate bench in recent action. Cohasset looks to get back on track next week against Abington.

After Pat Doonan converted the extra-point attempt, the Skippers cut the deficit to 12-7.

The Skippers posed a threat late, but East Bridgewater shut them down. Junior defensive back Justin DeAndrade picked off a Snowdale pass with 1:19 left and the Vikings played a clock control offense, halting any chance of a Cohasset comeback and sealing the 12-7 victory.

"East Bridgewater was fired up and played aggressive," said Cohasset head coach Pete Afanasiw. "You have to give credit where credit is due. It's tough to play catch up against a good team like that. We just gave too little, too late."



Cohasset's Pat Doonan looks to evade Scituate's Alex Cuomo (left, 33) and George Russo (right, 53). The Skippers are 5-2 heading into the bye-week.

Cohasset High School football schedule

November

2	Abington	7 p.m.
9	Norwell	7 p.m.
22	@Hull	10 a.m.

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Neighboring power struggle

Sailors upend Skippers on pitch with tourney implications on the line

By Joel Racicot
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The more desperate team won Monday when the Scituate and Cohasset boys soccer teams played, but when levels of despondency are measured it usually means neither team is very good. That was not the case Monday, as both teams played an evenly fought game that had the Sailors coming out on top, 3-2.

It took a Jamie Pratt goal in the 76th minute for Scituate to prevail over the opportunistic Skippers. Scituate improved to 7-7-2 with the win, and has to beat either East Bridgewater or Carver to qualify for the Division 2 state tournament.

They play the Vikings at home Friday for a 6:00 p.m. start.

Cohasset dropped to 5-6-5 with the loss and 3-3 tie with Mashpee Tuesday. They have to win one of its final two against Rockland and Hull to get in the Division 3 bracket. An early season tie with Nantucket became a win when it was learned that the Whalers had an ineligible player on their team.

They played the Bulldogs Thursday after the Mariner went to press. They will play Hull at home Tuesday. Game time is 3:30 p.m.

Pratt's late game-winning goal showcased why the senior is an invaluable piece in the Sailors attack.

"Jamie is just a really strong player for me," Scituate coach James Forde said about the versatile halfback. "When he wants to take over a game he can take over a game. He can win the fifty-fifty balls, he can distribute and he can finish, as you saw tonight. He stepped up in the mid-field and kept the charge going."

The even keeled Pratt may not be the biggest player on the field but his quick feet and strong scoring ability has been key to Scituate's tournament run.

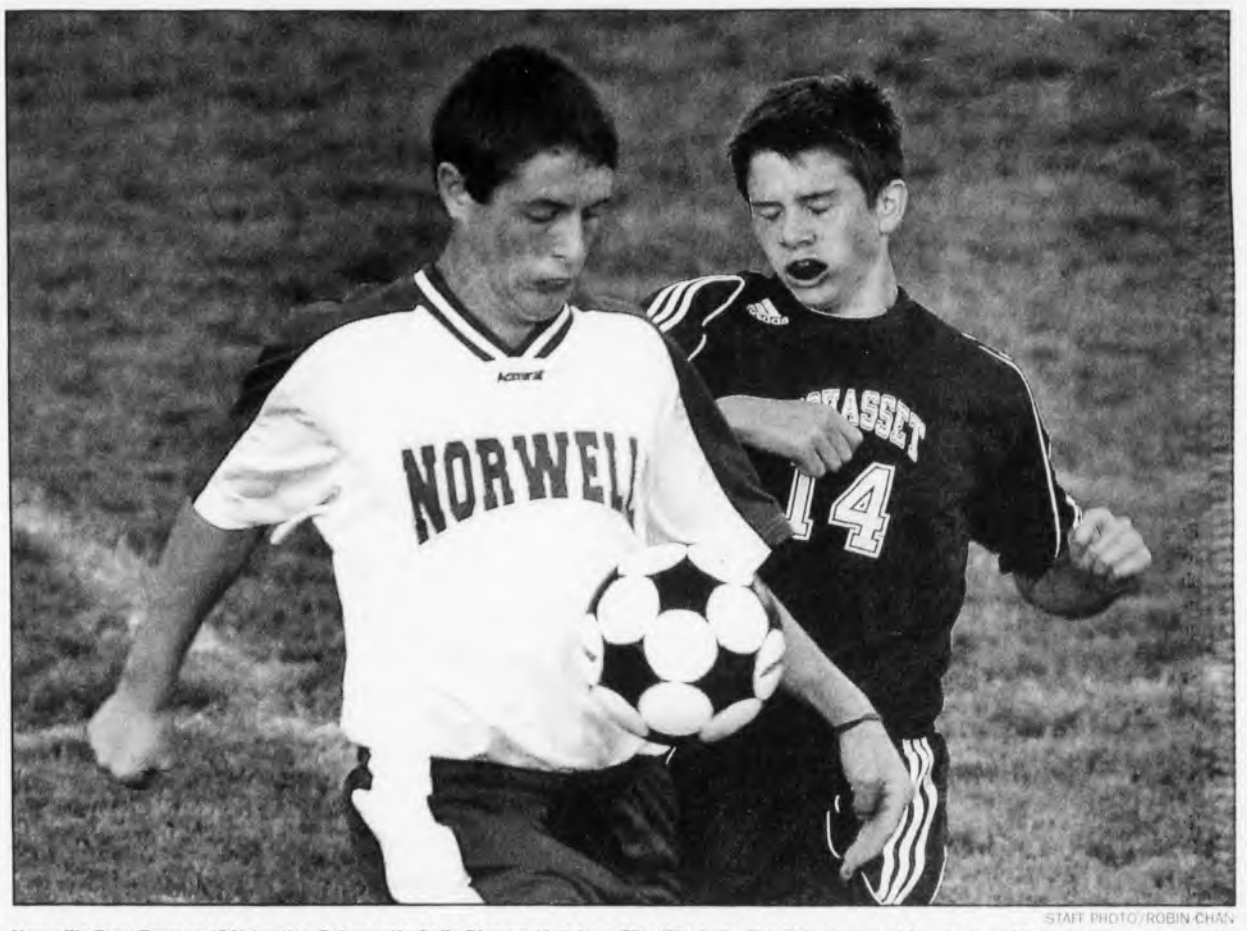
"We had to stay aggressive," Pratt said afterwards. "This was a must win game."

Monday was also a homecoming of sorts for Cohasset head coach Jim Willis. Willis coached Scituate varsity for eight seasons before heading to Cohasset. He also coached the 12 and 14 and under all-star teams that showcased many Sailors seniors.

"It's hard to come back here, you want to shake hands and talk to everybody and catch up but you got business to do," Willis said. "The other hard part about it is I have been coaching these seniors since they were in fifth grade. I'm happy for them, I hope they make the tournament, but at the same time I'm glad they are division two and we are division three."

Scituate's Cory Walls got things started scoring in the 5th minute of the game on Max Liedtka's first of two assists. Cohasset tied it up later in the half on a Mike Grimm goal from 25 yards out. The ball floated just over Greg Hall's head into the net. Grimm's was a perfect kick.

Both teams went into the half tied 1-1.



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Norwell's Tony Ferzoco (21) battles Cohasset's Colin Dignam (14) for a fifty/fifty ball. The Skippers need to win one of their last two games to get into the tournament.

Chris Nelson scored in the 59th minute for Scituate. Cohasset tied it up in the 70th minute on a Scituate breakdown in the box, when Sam Roth hit a strike into the lower right side of the net. At that point the momentum swung in the Skippers direction and it seemed they would leave with a point.

"It was tough, it was physical, both teams were playing for a tournament spot but they were a little more desperate than us," Willis said. "They only have three games left and they have to win two and I think they played like it."

Scituate played strong but missed on a number of offensive opportunities. Had they not come out with a win it would have been a huge disappointment.

"We had chances, we are the type of team where we unfortunately get a dozen chances and only score on a few," Forde said. "You have to give them credit, we are getting good ball movement and good chances but we just don't have that pure finisher. In a way it's good because we are so balanced."

Robbie Vogel came back from his high ankle sprain for Scituate and spelled its "iron-man" Kurt Stephens, at stopper back. Utilizing its versatility will help Scituate during this critical stretch.

Ryan Crough continued his stellar play for the Skippers.

"Crough was outstanding in the middle of the field," said Willis. "He took a lot of shots but he kept bouncing up and doing what he had to do, he was moving well really pushing the offense up."

Skippers 3, Mashpee 3

Roth, Crough and Lennart Brown all scored against the Hawks. The Skippers actually led 3-0 at halftime until they broke down in the second half.

"We are going through a bad stretch," said Willis. "We were doing pretty well, but the last three games we have played terrible. After playing them (Mashpee) well the first time, we did pretty poorly last night."

Cohasset looked to get back on track against a tough Rockland team out of the Patriot League.

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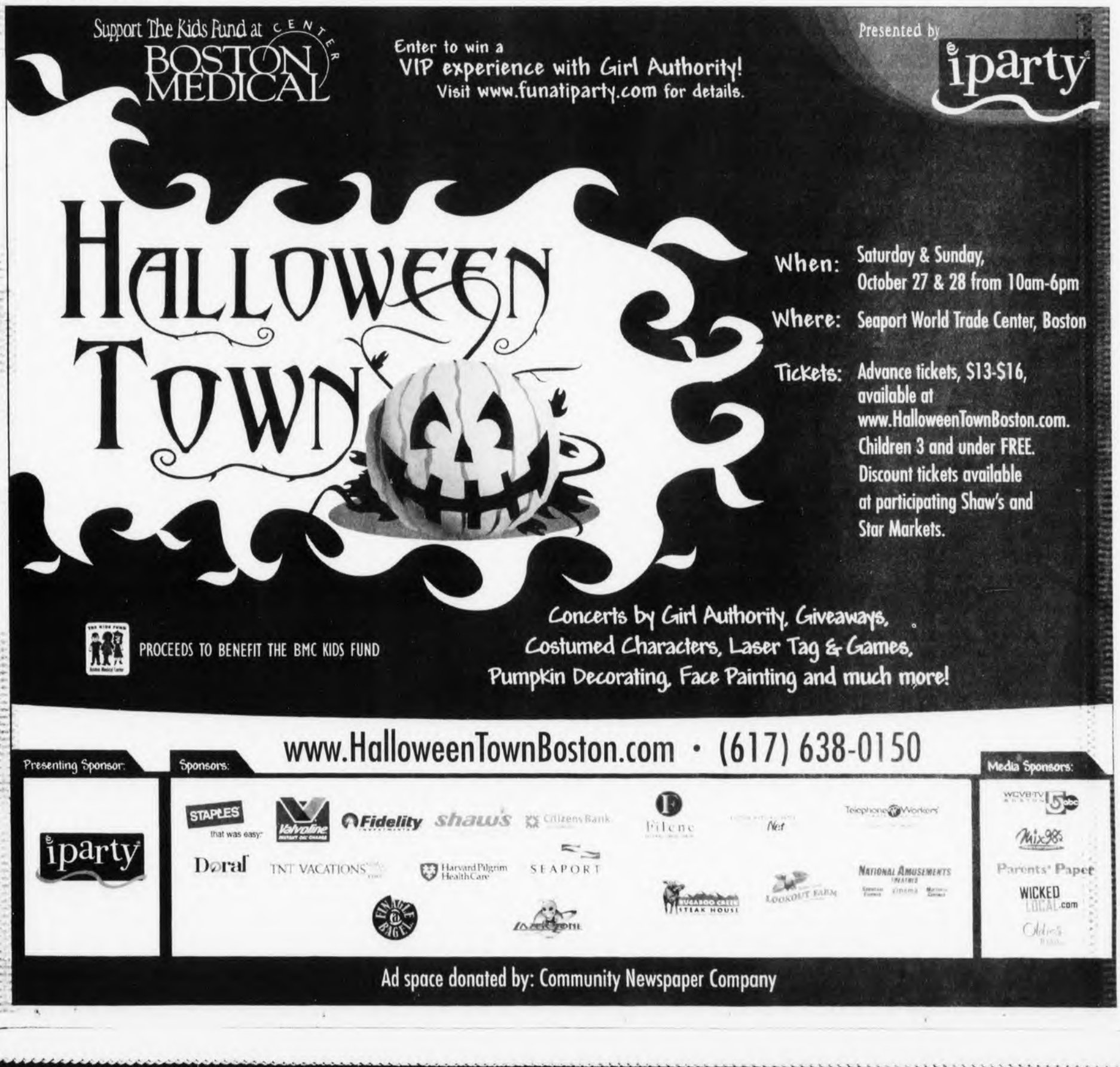
Southeast Medical 5K Road Race

The Southeast Medical 5K Road Race and walk to benefit scholarship funds at East Bridgewater High School will take place Sunday, Oct. 28, at 8:30 a.m. The runners begin the 3.1-mile course at the high school and travel over flat, suburban roads. Along the course there will be one water stop and volunteers at each mile mark. This is a USA Track & Field sanctioned race. There will be post-race festivities, including refreshments, music and an awards ceremony.

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Extra Innings, 319 Manley St., West Bridgewater, is taking registration for the following clinic. To register, go to www.extrainningswbridgewater.com or call 508-580-3113.

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Field hockey team looks strong heading into tournament

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Strecker, Cahill and Meehan finished off the Pirates.

"All the seniors contributed to a highly successful day," added Bostwick.

Hilary Gaumer, Hannah Burgess and Kate O'Callahan all played well in the win. Senior Chrissy Kent recorded her first career shutout in net.

Thursday, the defense of Strecker, Meehan, Haracz and Franklin slowed down Carver's Kayla Littig, one of the state's premier scorers. Meehan, Kimla and Teague all scored in the game.

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Tie with Mashpee sends Lady Skippers into second place

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like a loss, so they just poured it all out for those last few minutes," said Beal. "It hurt to see how much this hurt them, but that's something we can build on. This loss hurts, but it would hurt a lot more if it came a couple weeks from now."

In other words, in the state tourney. Indeed, the disappointment of a second place league finish would be quickly overshadowed by a long postseason run.

At 12-3-2 (9-1-2 in SSL play) heading in to a pair of non-league matches to close out the regular season, the Lady Skippers should receive a high seed and quite likely a home match or two when the MIAA announces the seedings and pairings on Nov. 1.

Doing her best to see the glass as half full, Beal expressed hope that Tuesday's performance will serve as a wakeup call for her charges.

"Maybe we've gotten a little complacent," offered Beal. "It happens sometimes. It doesn't mean the girls aren't playing hard. There are just some little things we're not doing as well right now as we were before. We'll get back to some basics in practice: passing to feet, one touching the ball. I'm sure we'll come out of it a better team. I remain optimistic."

The Lady Skippers were slated to play Scituate, of the larger school Patriot League, yesterday, and then close out the season on Monday with Hanover, another Patriot league team.

"Those non-league games should be pretty good for getting us ready for battle," said Beal. "Then, we're going to have a week or so off before we play our first tourney game, and I think that's just what we need right now. There isn't a lot of downtime built in to the season. We've been playing a lot of tough games one on top of the other. We can use this stretch to regroup a little."

Another consolation for the veteran coach is the fact that, after losing 22 players to graduation the previous two seasons, she'll lose just two this season: versatile standouts Meg Anderson and Anna Hagerty.

"Obviously, I'll miss Anna and Meg a lot, but looking what we've got coming back is pretty exciting," said Beal. "I'm not looking beyond this season, but I think it's safe to say we'll be in pretty good shape for another league run next year."

Skippers 4, E. Bridgewater 2

The Skippers officially qualified for the Div. 3 state tourney with this victory last Monday at home. Sarah Coggins, Meg Anderson, Christine Coner and Mackenzie Hart each scored for the hosts.

Skippers 3, Carver 0

Junior Sarah Coggins scored the winning goal fewer than 10 minutes into the game. Freshman Kaci Kucinski scored her team best 16th goal of the season, and junior Brittany Dunn rounded out the scoring.

Junior Torey Hart had two assists in the victory.

Recent Standouts

Beal expressed a good deal of satisfaction over the improving chemistry between her top two offensive talents, freshman Kaci Kucinski and junior Torey Hart.

"They both do so many things well on the field, but they're looking more and more comfortable playing off one another," said Beal. "It's pretty exciting going into the playoffs with Kaci and Torey really clicking together."

The veteran coach also lauded the play of late of juniors Maggy McGoldrick, at stopper, and Sarah Coggins, as the "defensive" center midfielder.

"Sarah takes so much pride in what she does out there," said Beal. "She brings an unbelievable amount of passion to the game. She's really stepped it up recently, and done an outstanding job."

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Sports Notes

The Cohasset Gridiron Club

The Cohasset Gridiron Club is proud to welcome back to Cohasset High School members and their families of the 1957 undefeated football team who are celebrating the 50th anniversary of their perfect season.

The event takes place Friday night, November 2, when the current Cohasset Skippers take on South Shore League rival, Abington. Kickoff is 7 p.m., preceded by the traditional honoring of this year's Senior Class players and parents.

Come out and support the 2007 team and honor the 1957 team and enjoy some great football action and tradition under the Friday night lights!"

Cohasset Travel Basketball winter 2007/2008

Tryouts for Cohasset Travel Basketball for boys and girls in grades 5-8 will take place Monday, Oct 29 and Tuesday Oct. 30 as follows, same times each night:

At the Osgood School the girls grades 5 and 6 will tryout from 5:30-7 p.m. Grade 7 will be from 7-8 p.m. and Grade 8 will be from 8-9 p.m. All girls interested in trying out please email Mr. Fredey at stredey@aol.com. Put "Travel Basketball" in the subject line and just give him your name and grade.

At the Deer Hill school the boys grade 5 from 5:30-6:30 p.m., grade 6 from 6:30-7:30 p.m., grade 7 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. and Grade 8 from 8:30-9 p.m.

All boys interested in trying out please email Mr. Haggerty at chaggerty22@yahoo.com. Put "Travel Basketball" in the subject line and just give him your name and grade.

SCHOOLS

Halloween train a little scary

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Boo!

Readers, it is that time of the year that every kid looks forward to and every parent secretly dreads. Yes, I am talking about Halloween! Bring on the sugar rushes and crazy costumes, and, oh yeah, the train? For reasons unbeknownst to me, and I am sure to plenty of parents the MBTA people have decided to begin running the SILENT train on the one night kids roam freely in the streets with or without parental supervision. Like kids won't already have a hard enough time hearing their parents over all the candy commotion… not to mention those wearing masks who will only see half of the night. Hopefully, this grand premiere will be postponed to a time when people can be excited by, and appreciate, the train.

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On a different note, it seems as though Cohasset High is home to numerous and talented athletes. With both the girl's soccer and field hockey teams entering tournament it is safe to say that girls can definitely kick butt! But, it would be unfair to not mention that the boy's varsity soccer is ranked second in the league — quite an accomplishment after last years under-whelming season. I guess the Red Sox and the Patriots aren't the only New England teams bringing their "A" games this sports season. Don't you just love Boston!

Now for the week's top stories:

• Monday, Oct. 22: The Varsity field hockey team played on turf against Hull. In addition to beating our friendly rivals, the senior teammates basked in the glory of Senior's Night as they took center stage at half time to receive roses and hugs from parents and coaches alike.

• Tuesday, Oct. 23: Careful drivers! A new session of Driver's Ed. has begun. Who doesn't love watching clips of horrific accidents and movies about the car anatomy for three hours straight? The true test is when students are actually learning first hand how to drive…so don't forget to buckle up and keep checking your rear view mirror!

• Wednesday, Oct. 24: First game of the World Series!!!!…. Enough said! Oh, and the whole school showed their Red Sox players some love by sporting Red Sox apparel.

• Thursday, Oct. 25: Rehearsals continue for the Middle School play, "Fifteen Reasons Not to be in a One Act Play."

• Friday, Oct. 26: The middle school kids had the Halloween dance.

Well, that is it for me this week! Have a great and safe weekend!

Don't miss the Osgood Book Fair!

The Joseph Osgood School Parent School Organization, PSO, will host a Book Fair fundraiser, from 2 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 7, at the Joseph Osgood School, 210 Sohier St.

This year, the Joseph Osgood School PSO will introduce a new and different book fair, "Bookfairs by Bookends." This dynamic company has been hosting books-only book fairs that are packed with a premier selection of books from over forty different publishers. There will be thousands of quality books with titles that you and your children will be excited to read. Lively picture books, captivating beginning readers, enchanting chapter books, and timeless classics and award winners will be among fact-packed science and reference books, popular adult titles and perfect gift books.

This year, the Joseph Osgood School PSO will introduce a new and different book fair.

Attendees can also help the school build classroom libraries and the school library by purchasing books for teachers through the Classroom Wish List.

The PSO is a non-profit organization whose role is to act as an advocate for public education and serve as the official link between parents and schools. The PSO voices parental responses to school issues, and provides forums for administrators, teachers, and students to present their programs and policies to the public. Through fundraising efforts, like the upcoming Book Fair, the PSO provides programs and activities that enrich the school experience for students, teachers, and parents. Families, teachers, and all members of the community are invited to attend the fair and discover the magic of reading.

Youth Drama Workshop at middle-high school

Cohasset MHS Arts Boosters is pleased to announce a unique enrichment opportunity for Cohasset High School students: Youth Drama Workshop.

The workshop will be held on Tuesdays Nov. 13, 20, 27 & Dec. 4 from7-8:30 p.m.

Attend Cohasset High School's first Drama Workshop and learn from a professional how to:

• develop vocal techniques and delivery,

• shape a dramatic scene,

• perform monologues,

• practice improvisation … and much more.

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Sign up for all four *free* sessions in the HS Office or see Mrs. Noble by Nov. 7th.

All experience levels welcome. Space is limited.

Cohasset MHS Arts Boosters has applied for a 2007 Cohasset Cultural Council Grant to help subsidize this program.

Cohasset Schools to conduct 'Child Find'

Cohasset Public Schools, in accordance with federal law IDEA 2004 and Massachusetts Special Education Regulations 603 CMR 28.00, are in the process of conducting "Child Find." The school department is seeking children with suspected disabilities residing in Cohasset who may be in need of Special Education services.

Cohasset Public Schools will evaluate students from age 3 through high school age who are unable to progress effectively in a regular education program due to a suspected disability in one of the following areas: developmental or intellectual delay, sensory, neurological, emotional, communication, physical, specific learning disability or health impairment. Cohasset Public Schools will also arrange for an evaluation of young people ages 16 through 21 who have not graduated from high school and who are not now attending school.

In addition, screenings for three- to five-year-olds take place the third Friday of each month at Osgood School. Call the Integrated Pre-school staff at 781-383-6117 for more information.

Cohasset provides all children with an opportunity to participate in the public school programs using a continuous and systematic process to identify students in need of special education. Programs and services are offered without regard to color, race, sex, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or disability.

Parents who have a child they suspect may have a disability or know a child with a disability who may be in need of special education services, should call the director of Student Services, Linda Gill, at 781-383-6104 for information.

Letters About Literature contest entries sought

Letters About Literature, a national reading and writing promotion program for young readers in grades 4 through 12, is sponsored in part by the Massachusetts Center for the Book, with lead support from the Calderwood Writing Initiative at the Boston Athenaeum and additional assistance from Houghton Mifflin Co. and Massachusetts libraries.

Last year more than 55,000 young people from across the nation entered the competition and two Cohasset students, Madeline Blackburn and Foster Eymer, won in the honorable mention category. To read their winning entries visit http://www.massbook.org/lal2006.html and scroll down to honorable mention.

To enter, readers must write a personal letter to an author explaining how his or her work changed their view of the world or of themselves. Young readers can select authors from any genre including fiction or nonfiction, contemporary or classic. The deadline for entries is Friday, Dec. 14.

Judges, working with the Massachusetts Center for the Book, will select the top letter writers in the commonwealth from three competition levels. Entries will be assessed on three criteria: content, or the writer's achievement in addressing the contest theme; exposition, or the writer's use of language skills; and voice, the writer's style and originality of expression.

State winners receive a $50 Target Gift Card and are invited to a State House awards ceremony. The three state winners then advance to the national competition. A panel of judges for the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress will select six national winners and 12 national runners-up. Each national winner will receive a $500 Target Gift Card. In addition, he or she will win a Reading Promotion Grant of $10,000 for his or her school or community library. National winners will be instrumental in deciding how the library funds will be spent. The 12 national runners-up will win a $100 Target Gift Card and a Reading Promotion Grant of $1,000 for their school or community libraries.

To obtain the required entry coupon and a copy of the guidelines, visit www.massbook.org/letters or contact the Massachusetts Center for the Book by sending email to massbook@simmons.edu.

Make a difference!

Make-a-Difference Day is a national day of volunteering in its 16th year. It has long been a tradition at the Osgood School to participate and this year, the Deer Hill School will be holding its second Make-a-Difference Day. Make sure to mark in your calendars the following information so that you and your family can take part and Make-A-Difference here in town.

Get ready for Nov. 17 and 18, when students of Osgood and Deer Hill families and community members will work in teams to help with fall cleanup for some of Cohasset's elderly residents.

Volunteers will rake, pull down storm windows, change outdoor light bulbs and remove window air conditioners.

To volunteer, or for more information, contact Patty Cunningham at 781-383-1378.



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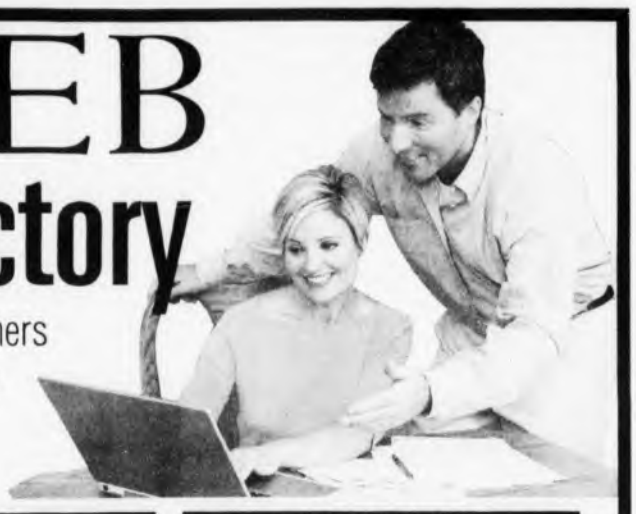
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McAleer finds role she relishes

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For Trish McAleer, changing roles has come naturally. The former agent with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and current Hingham resident, is now a drama teacher with her own business.

"I did have to use acting and improvisational skills in my past life," quips McAleer, referring to her work as an undercover narcotics agent. Now she is married and the mother of two young children.

After having children McAleer decided continuing her career in law enforcement was not something she wanted to do. She was searching the Internet for a "family friendly" opportunity and discovered Drama Kids International, a franchise opportunity that would allow her to work with children while having some flexibility in terms of hours. She could also run the business-side of Drama Kids from her house.

"It looked like such a blast," McAleer recalls about her first impression of Drama Kids.

McAleer, who is a native of Long Island and admits to being "a bit of a ham" as a child and teenager, launched Drama Kids South Shore this year. She and her husband, Rob Baynes, a software engineer, moved to Hingham in 2003 from San Francisco. Baynes grew up in Hingham, so moving here provided them with the opportunity to be closer to family.

They have not looked back.

"Housing prices in San Francisco are worse than here," says McAleer, who had no trouble adjusting to life in Hingham. "This is the first town where I have gotten to know so many of my neighbors."

Flexibility and running a home-based business aside, McAleer believes in the Drama Kids' mission.

McAleer explains that most theater groups are performance-based while Drama Kids is "process based." Instead of learning "a" part in "a" play, Drama Kids uses a variety of speech drills, voice exercises, and different improvisations each week. The program focuses on building a child's verbal ability and uses drama as a means to that end.

"Enhancing a child's verbal ability leads to better self-confidence and self-esteem," she explains. "It is important to develop those skills more than ever." McAleer notes that with computers and the Internet, some children are having less and less opportunity to interact.

Although there is an original staged production each spring, Drama Kids is more of an educational program than a theater program, she says. "Students learn theatrical skills and acting along the way – but we are more strongly focused on overall development of students communication skills that lead to social confidence and self-esteem."

The program can help the extrovert become more focused and bring out a more withdrawn child, who may not like to speak in public.

Drama Kids encourages participants to speak in complete sentences through different exercises and activities. Teamwork is also stressed and students learn how to project their voices.

McAleer attended training through Drama Kids in Baltimore where she was able to see the program from the student's point of view. Critiques from field visits have also helped her develop as a teacher. McAleer serves as lead teacher for all three locations at present although she has hired Cohasset resident Jen Piepenbrink, to teach the "Drama Tykes and Kinder Kids" classes.

Drama Kids South Shore is conducting classes in Scituate, Hingham and Cohasset, open to ages 3-12. Classes meet once a week for one hour. Cost ranges from $75 for a six-week session to $125 for 10 weeks. Locations include Old Ship Parish House in Hingham; St. Luke's activity center, 465B First Parish Road in Scituate; and Cohasset's Deer Hill School off Sohier St. Call 781-749-4911 or visit dramakids.com for more information.



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Drama Kids director Trish McAleer of Hingham goes through a few improvisational lines for children during a workshop held last summer at the Scituate Libary.



Drama Kids director Trish McAleer of Hingham gives an elocution lesson during last summer's workshop.

Piepenbrink joins staff of Drama Kids

Here in Cohasset, Drama Kids programs are being run on Thursday afternoons through Cohasset Recreation and One Creative Place, Here, There and Anywhere. Cohasset resident Jen Piepenbrink is training with Trish McAleer. A special four-week program is being added for November and will be held on Thursday afternoons for grades 3-5 and K-2 right after school. More information can be found by going to www.dramakids.com.

Jen is certified in Early Childhood Education and has more than 25 years of experience with children from birth through teens. Children have been a main focus in Jen's life from the time she was quite young. Having taught and worked in many children's programs, for the last two years Jen has owned and operated One Creative Place in Cohasset, which has provided music, art and theater classes for South Shore kids. Jen hasperformed and worked with local community theater, and now extends her interest in drama by joining our Drama Kids staff where she teaches our Drama Tykes and Kinder Kids programs.



Drama Kids director Trish McAleer of Hingham works with David Sullivan, 8, during a workshop held last summer at the Scituate library.

"We are strongly focused on development of students' communication skills that lead to social confidence and self-esteem."
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Nighttime at the Green Mountain Inn in Stowe, Vermont.

Haunted New England

By Kim Foley MacKinnon
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Want to have a spooky good time at Halloween? Consider spending a night or two at a haunted New England inn. All the following properties report they have residents who have never checked out and haven't paid their bills either – they don't have to, they're ghosts.

The Green Mountain Inn in Stowe, Vermont., has, of all things, a tap dancer as its resident ghost. Boots Berry was born in Room 302 in 1840 (his parents worked at the inn). As an adult, he learned to tap dance while in prison in New Orleans. Years later, after returning home, he died after supposedly rescuing a girl from the roof during a snowstorm in 1902 – he saved the girl, but fell to his death. Where was he when he fell? Above Room 302, of course. It is said during bad storms, tap dancing can be heard up on the roof, perhaps Boots warning away anyone with roof-top shenanigans in mind. Innkeeper Patti Clark says Boots also has a mischievous side, opening filing cabinets and moving a rocking chair outside Room 302.

At the Inn Bliss Bed & Breakfast in Newport, Rhode Island, co-owner Nick Maioe says the first night he slept in the Victorian inn after purchasing it, he had a dream of an old woman who showed him around the house. He didn't tell anyone about it at first, but as guests started to stay there, they would come to the breakfast table with the same tale of this old woman. "I was shocked," said Maioe. Research of the home's occupants revealed that Nellie Gleason was born in the house in 1889 and died there in 1974. It is likely it is her ghost who reportedly pays a visit to many guests spending their first night there.

A younger ghost can be found at the Watson House in South Windsor, Connecticut. In 1818, 2 1/2-year-old Maryanne Hayden died in the house of small pox. She is buried on the property along with a few unidentified graves marked with stones. Owner Brandy Feldmeier says Maryanne usually only makes her presence known if asked, except for playing with the lights. When Feldmeier was pregnant, she asked a visiting medium if Maryanne would mind having a baby around. The medium reported that Maryanne was excited at the prospect, but annoyed that Feldmeier was too busy to listen to her when she tried to communicate. Perhaps the fact that Feldmeier and her husband Mike named their daughter Hayden in her honor will appease Maryanne.

Another child ghost is said to reside at the Admiral Peary House in Fryeburg, Maine. The inn is named for Admiral Robert E. Peary, a previous resident and the first person to venture to the North Pole in 1909. Owners Hilary and Derreck Schlottmann can't find any historical evidence of any child ever living, or dying, in the 19th century house. But guests repeatedly report seeing a 7- or 8-year-old girl hanging about – when no real-life children are present. And this, despite the fact that the innkeepers don't regularly bring the subject up to guests, not wanting to frighten anyone. A psychic guest told the Schlottmanns that the girl's name is "Annabelle."

A ghost named Hannah makes her presence known at the Three Chimneys Inn in Durham, New Hampshire, by hiding objects, opening drawers, turning deadbolts and moving furniture. This 1649 mansion, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is one of the oldest homes in New Hampshire. Once, Hannah supposedly smashed a glass during a dinner party. Another time, a staff member reported that she awoke to Hannah playing with her hair. She told her to go away and Hannah did. If Hannah doesn't appear to you in the inn, try paying a visit to the neighboring graveyard, which dates back to the 1700s.

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Spooky Tours

If sleeping with a ghost is a little much, but you still want to get the shivers, try a spooky tour. Most are about 90 minutes and storytellers take you through locales relating ghost stories and histories of cemeteries, haunted houses and buildings.

On the popular Boston Ghosts and Gravestones tour, for instance, you board the "Trolley of the Doomed," and are escorted by costumed characters, including a gravedigger, who will take you to both the Copp's Hill Burying Ground in the North End and the Granary Burying Ground on Tremont Street.

You'll hop off the trolley as you walk through the cemeteries, listening to tales of who is buried there, as well as stories about the Boston Strangler and the Angel of Death. Though the stories are pretty grave (get it?), the guides keep things light hearted with jokes and bad puns.

The following are some haunted tour options.

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Providence Ghost Tour
www.providenceghosttour.com
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Providence Ghost Walk
401-454-0977; www.roryraven.com
Tickets: $7
Ghost Tours of Newport
866-33-GHOST; www.ghostsofnewport.com
Tickets: $18 adults, $10 kids

Golfing indoors

By Tim Jones
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Fall sometimes means perfect weather for a round of golf. Sadly, sometimes it doesn't.

If you aren't quite ready to put your clubs away for the season, and you don't have time to head to sunnier climes, you've at least got some really good indoor golf options nearby.

At Okemo Mountain Resort (800-786-5366; www.okemo.com) in Ludlow, Vt., there's a 6,000-square foot Indoor Golf Training Center, housed in what looks like a classic Vermont red barn. This is a place where avid golfers can sharpen their skills on a 9-hole putting green and three swinging stations. The fee is $15 for all-day use.

Want more challenge? Try the "Full Swing Golf Simulator" with a computer and TV display that lets you "play" famous golf courses from around the world ($30 per hour). Great fun.

If the weather is cooperating, play at the par 70 Okemo Valley Golf Club, Vermont's only Heathland course, named by "Golfweek" as the Best Public Course in Vermont.

Packages with lodging, play and instruction, start at $189 per person, per night (two-night minimum stay required).

Or combine your golf with time at gaming tables. At Lake of Isles at Foxwoods Resort (800-foxwoods; www.foxwoods.com, www.lakeofisles.com) in Ledyard, Ct., you can practice your swing at the Lake of Isles Golf Academy, operated by Troon Golf.

The pros put you in a clean white room in front of an open garage door (if the weather is nasty, they can close the door), turn the lights on really bright and videotape you simultaneously from two angles.

Then they put you on a computer screen and play it back frame by frame. The instructors can even put up a sequence of Tiger Woods teeing off and compare his swing with yours, inch by inch. Great learning tool; not the best salve for your fragile ego.

But, then again, if your ego is that fragile, why are you playing golf?

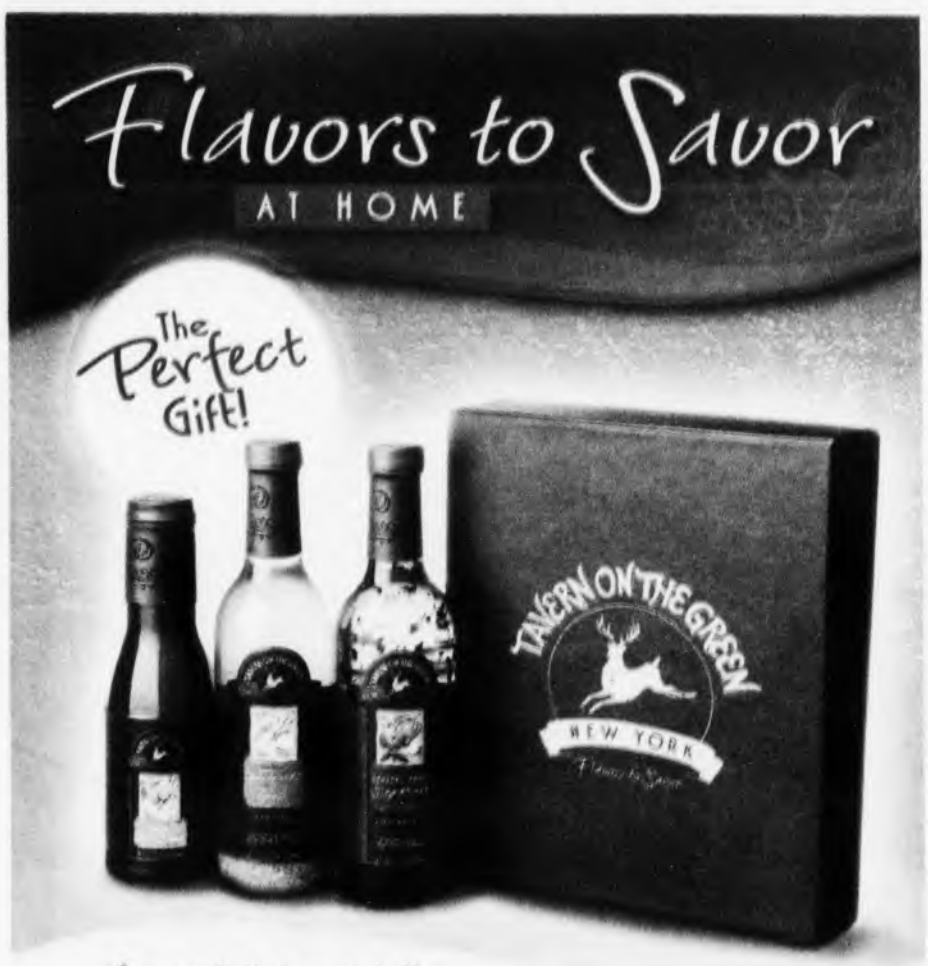
There's also an indoor practice area. Private instruction is $100 per hour.

Weather permitting, play is on the 18-hole North course designed by Rees Jones, and named one of the "Top 100 Golf Courses You Can Play" by "Golf Magazine." [The Jones-designed South course is off limits to all but members and their guests.] Stay and play packages are from $215 per person, per night.



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Teeing off at Foxwoods.



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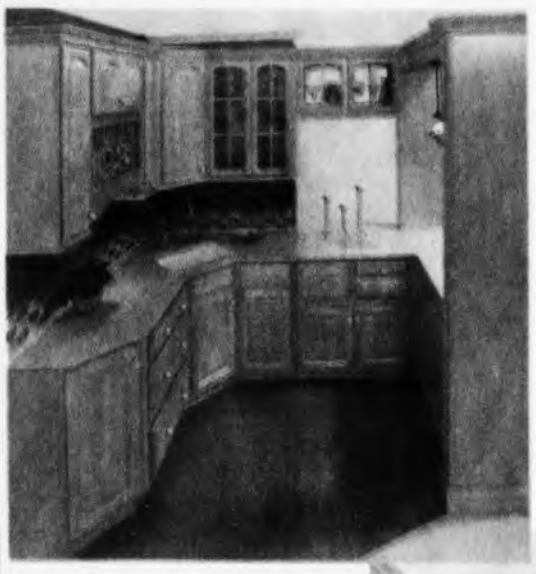
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Six-year-old Elizabeth Mitterando of Cohasset became a junior live window model for Ports & Company during Cohasset's first ever Night Out on Main Street. Behind Elizabeth is Angie Goossen of Hingham, at left, and Phyllis Donovan of Hull. Shoppers enjoyed great sales and samplings of special foods along with wine tasting. Ten percent of sales went to Hope in Bloom, a breast cancer charity.



The Hochkeppel family (Kurt, Kelly, Cole, and Finn) enjoy first ever Night Out on Main street in Cohasset last week. Shops on Main Street stayed open after hours for the event. In recognition of October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, 10 percent of sales will be donated to Hope in Bloom, a nonprofit organization which provides indoor and outdoor gardens to those undergoing breast cancer treatment.



Rebecca Behema of Cohasset tries the Beef Wellington from Maria DePaoli of Weymouth. The food is from Carmella Drew's Fine Foods and Accessories that will be opening Oct. 29th on South Main Street.

Village shops host special night

Photos by Craig Goedecke



(Left) Shoppers seeking bargains strolled South Main street in Cohasset Thursday evening during the first ever Night Out on Main street. There were games,raffles and samplings of foods and wine and a live fashion window show.

(Right) Window Model Cindy Mathelson of Cohasset shows a Night Out on Main Street shopper a pair of gold laced boots at the Ports & Company.





Ted Maguire of Cohasset works the grill in front of Independence Fireplace on South Main Street,, while shoppers take in the great bargains during the first ever Night Out on Main Street held last Thursday evening (Oct. 18) in the village.



Angie Goossen of Hingham who played window model during Cohasset's first ever Night Out on Main Street, enjoys a hot dog while watching shoppers on South Main Street.



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Derby environmental project makes the grade

Derby Academy conducted a "media event" last week to herald a new, ongoing partnership with creatures and plants that cannot speak for themselves.

But if they could talk, the waterfowl, fish and plant life would surely be glad that the private, independent school is in their backyard.

The estuary that abuts Derby Academy grounds is suffering from reduced tidal exchange between Broad Cove and Hingham Harbor that threatens various species – from salt marsh grass to fish and birdlife that live there.

The Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management, through the wetlands restoration program, recently declared Broad Cove a priority project.

The school has committed to a scientific monitoring program of Hingham's Broad Cove, one of the town's environmental gems.

The program is called the Derby Academy Broad Cove Stewardship Project. The school, along with the Center for Student Coastal Research in Cohasset and the state Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, has launched an effort to revive Broad Cove, a salt marsh.

Coastal Zone Management will co-host an open house at Derby at 7 p.m. on Nov. 27 for those interested in learning more about the project.

The project got under way in 2006 when Jason Burtner and Tim Smith of CSM installed a data logger to get a baseline reading on the water. The logger recorded salt and oxygen content, tidal levels, water temperature as well as how much estuary water is being regularly flushed through a culvert connecting Hingham Harbor to the cove.

That summer Jay Sadlon, Derby's assistant head of school, and school trustee Ellen Roy Herzfelder, a Cohasset resident and former state Secretary of Environmental Affairs, volunteered their time doing fieldwork and collecting data at nearby World's End. The CSCR provided their training.

The 2006-2007 school year saw the integration of the Broad Cove Field Study with Derby's science curriculum.

This past summer six Derby student volunteers with the guidance of two faculty members conducted a detailed study of Broad Cove that has exhibited reduced salinity levels.

In addition to Derby faculty, staff, student volunteers and their parents, attendees at Friday's event included state Sen. Robert Hedlund, Jack Buckley (director of CSCR), Jason Burtner (CZM regional coordinator), and Philip Griffiths of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs.

Griffiths gave the program high marks and stressed the importance of engaging the students.

"We are encouraging the next generation of environmental stewards," he said.

The program was helped with state grant money that is administered through the Center for Student Coastal Research.



This is the wetlands by the school where the students did their research over the summer.



Giuliana D'Esopo, 13, of Norwell looks through a refractometer while showing the audience what they did over the summer.



Desmond Herzfelder, 6 left, and his sister Julia, 9, both of Cohasset, sit by a refractometer and a field guide for birds during the press conference.



Senator Hedlund points to an aerial map of Derby Academy while talking about an old icehouse that he used to remember in the area.



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Hannah Rawson, 13, middle of Cohasset, shows Philip Griffiths, left, of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, how to use a refractometer which they used in their research over the summer. The other girls from left to right are: Giuliana D'Esopo, 13, of Norwell; Erika Wolff, 13, of Marshfield; Chrissy Kalpin, 13, of Scituate; and Marissa Mitchell, 14, of East Bridgewater.

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9:16 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building secure.

11:41 p.m. **South Main St.**, disturbance.

THURSDAY, OCT. 11

1:07 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer reports building appears secured.

1:08 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building appears secured.

5:49 a.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.**, suspicious activity, walk in party reports at the empty white house there is recorder on – music and prayers. Officer reports this is part of a haunted house display.

8:27 a.m. **North Main St.**, officer wanted, caller requests to see an officer, she is having problems with her neighbor.

1:40 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, officer wanted, walk in party requests a well being check for neighbor.

2:19 p.m. **King St.**, investigation, officer reports that two pieces of jewelry recovered from a larceny reported stolen on Sept. 24, were positively identified by store owner.

3:43 p.m. **Elm St., and Highland Ave.**, notification, caller reports he drove an employee to the hospital this afternoon and her car is parked in this location and may be there overnight.

3:45 p.m. **Irving Rd., Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

7:35 p.m. **Linden Drive**, assist citizen, caller reports he has a water leak inside residence, caller needs help shutting off main water valve to residence, contacted Water Dept. – they will contact homeowner.

7:44 p.m. **King St.**, disturbance, caller reports white female threatened him, she left in a light blue BMW.

9:21 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:30 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint, caller reports several vehicles are at above location, one vehicle moved – one tagged.

10:32 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building check.

10:33 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building check.

FRIDAY, OCT. 12

12:30 a.m. **East St.**, downed tree, Hingham reports a tree down on East Street. Hingham requests North Main Street be closed until the tree can be removed.

12:42 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service, the storm drain is flooded.

1:11 a.m. **Forest Ave., and Jerusalem Rd.**, public service, dirt has washed into the roadway, notified DPW later in the am.

1:36 a.m. **Windy Hill Rd.**, power outage, caller states the power is out. National Grid notified. National Grid is aware of the problem.

1:42 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Doane St.**, the area is completely flooded.

5:05 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist citizen, caller requests assistance with a broken key. Unable to gain entry. Employee to notify a locksmith.

7:08 a.m. **Norfolk Rd., and Bancroft Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7:10 a.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, calm, 60.

9:47 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, dead animal, detail officer reports a deceased animal

SEE POLICE LOG, PAGE 32

Status Reports

Police made five arrests in September

There were 49 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $1,290 in fines. And 24 parking tickets issued totaling $575 in fines.

Cohasset Police made five arrests in September: one for assault and battery, one for operating under the influence of alcohol, one for shoplifting, one for vandalizing property, and finally one for protective custody, Police Chief James Hussey said.

During the month of September the police department investigated eight motor vehicle accidents: one of which resulted in personal injury. There were 49 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $1,290 in fines. Additionally, there were 24 parking tickets issued totaling $575 in fines, Hussey said.

Also in the month of September the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 677 calls for police services and of those, 246 were emergency 911 calls, he said.

In the month of September there were three reports of breaking and entering, all involving private residences. Also, there were five criminal complaints issued for the month of September, he said.

CFD responded to 170 incidents last month

Advanced life support transports were required for 34 of the 51 transports. Mutual aid ambulances were dispatched to six incidents.

During the month of September the Fire Department responded to 170 incidents, Chief Robert Silvia said. The summary of Fire Department responses during the month: two building fires; seven motor vehicle crashes; four outside fires; one illegal burning; 69 medical emergencies; 35 inspections; 14 investigations; 17 automatic alarm activations; one downed power line; seven assistance; one hazardous materials; one lock out; one fire drill; three mutual aid structure fires; and six miscellaneous responses.

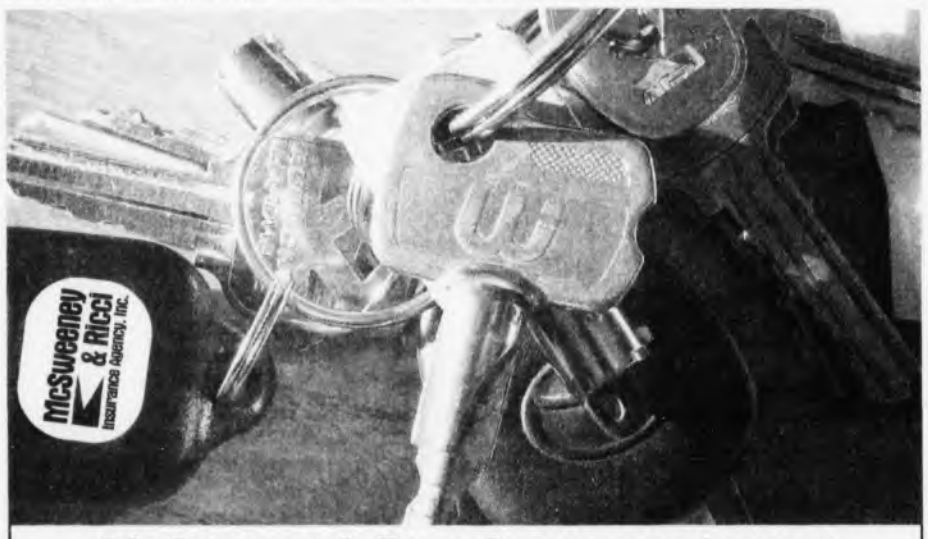
A total of 38 emergency incidents were reported by 911 telephone: 30 medical emergencies; one structure fire; four motor vehicle crashes; one fire alarm activation; one downed wire and one call for assistance, Silvia said.

The Fire Department ambulance transported 50 patients to South Shore Hospital and one patient to Quincy Medical Center. Advanced life support transports were required for 34 of the 51 transports. Mutual aid ambulances were dispatched to six incidents. They transported four patients to South Shore Hospital. Two of the four mutual aid ambulance transports were advanced life support. There were two motor vehicle crashes that required the victims to be transported to the hospital, he said.

Automatic fire alarm activation responses totaled 17 for the month. Accidental activation of the alarm system accounted for 10 responses and alarm malfunction was the cause for seven responses.

Two responses were classified as building fires for the month; one was for a fire in a residence that was started when curtains came into contact with a halogen lamp. The other was for malfunctioning electrical equipment.

Probationary Firefighter/Paramedic Kevin Durette graduated from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy on Sept. 28 after completing the 12-week recruit training course, Silvia said.



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Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Oct. 28

8 a.m. - Circle Ministry in the Parish House/Atkinson Room - Group led by Bill Baird and Kirk Jackisch

9:45 a.m.- Chidren and youth meet in the Parish House to prepare for your Processional!

10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House

Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull will lead worship and preach on "Ghosts."

Children and youth will spend the first part of the morning in the service in the Meeting House and then return to the Parish House, where Al MacDonald of our Green Sanctuary Group will show you how we can be green all week long!

Religious education classes for our toddlers and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 a.m. in the Parish House.

Refreshments and fellowship follow the morning service and RE classes.

11:30 a.m.– Work Fest at Holly Hill Farm for all generations - Come to church in your jeans!

Come dressed in your jeans and old shoes or garden clogs, with garden tools ready to go. Right after refreshments in Trueblood Hall, we'll head to Holly Hill Farm to help the staff there prepare for a long winter for our plant friends.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church invites families and residents to join us this fall. We are a welcoming, Christian community dedicated to caring for our communities, both near and across the world. Highlights of our parish life include this fall:

- "Godly Play" Christian education for children ages three through grade 5.
- Jr. High and High School youth groups, adult education, Bible study, book group
- Outreach to the hungry, homeless and those in prison
- Monthly luncheon for seniors
- Fellowship and fun; music
- Environmental ministry; weekly yoga and meditation group

This week at St. Stephen's:

- Sunday, Oct. 28: Services at 8 am and 10 am. Church school at 10 am, Youth group worship at 5 pm followed by pizza.
- Monday, Oct. 29: 4 pm Christian meditation
- Wednesday, Oct. 31: 9:30 am Healing Eucharist; 10:30 am Bible Study
- Friday, Nov. 2: 9:30 am Yoga
- Saturday, Nov. 3: 7 am Bible Fellowship
- Sunday, Nov. 4: Celebration of All Saints Day. Services at 8 am and 10 am. 9 am Youth Group meeting.

To contact us: Stop by at 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset (We are the church "on the rock." Enter during the week at office around back) or call 781-383-1083, or email cwood@ststephenscohasset.org.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Sunday Nov. 4th – Get ready for Chanukah – Craft and Book Fair from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. From 9-10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary, book signing and lecture with Rabbi Joseph Meszler.

The author of "Witness to the One: The Spiritual History of the Sh'ma" takes us on an exploration of the history and the heart of our most sacred proclamation. Please RSVP to the office.

Saturday Nov. 10th – 9 am KIDushat Shabbat – preschool age children.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702). Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mfont@cnc.com.

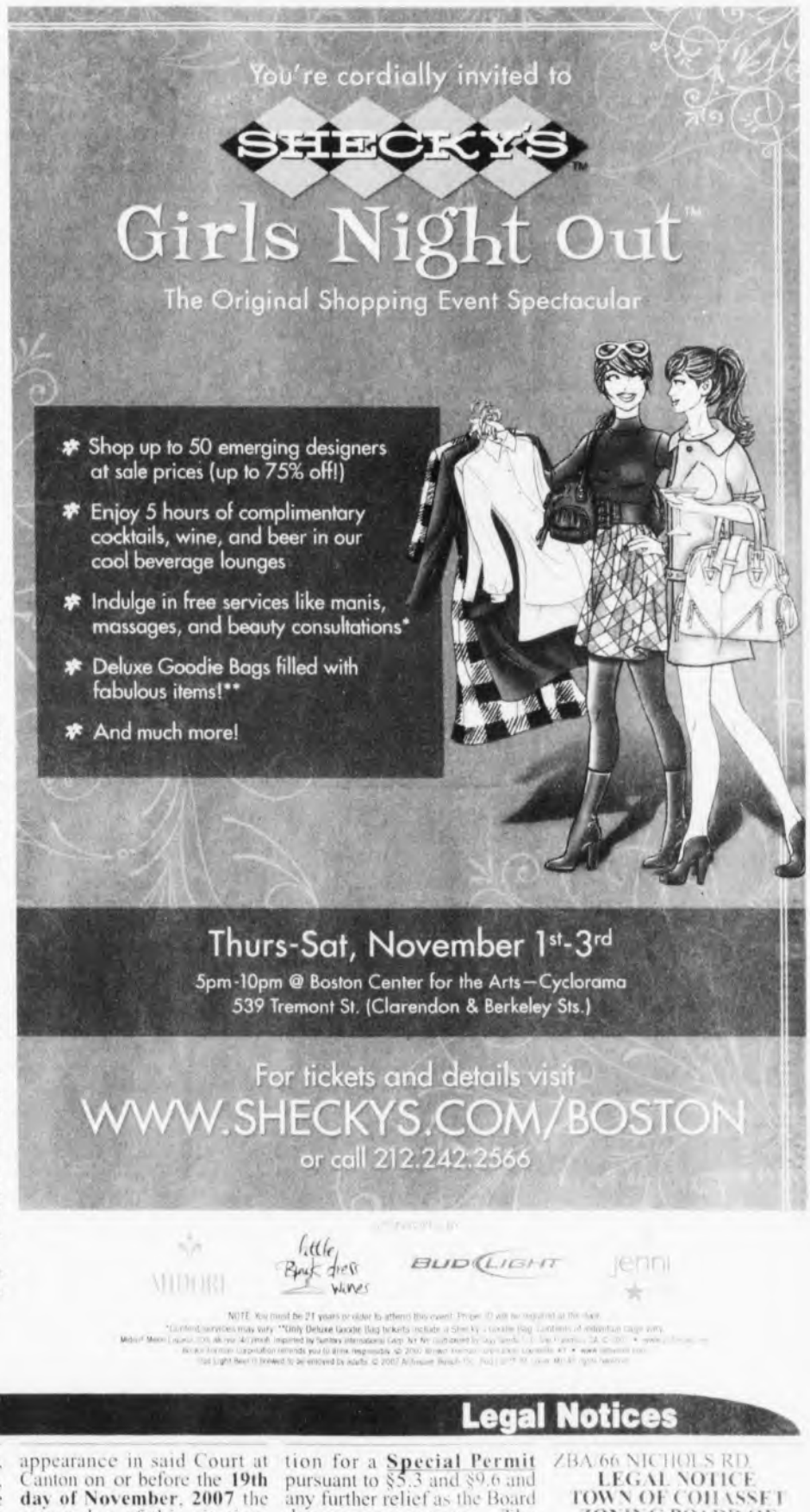
Second Congregational Church to host celebration on Sunday, Nov. 4

The Second Congregational Church of Cohasset at 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset Common, will host several special events during and after the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, Nov. 4, which is All Saints Sunday.

New members will be received and the congregation is encouraged to invite friends for Bring a Friend to Church Day. Immediately after the service, there will be a Christian Education Open House and Classroom Tour.

Following the open house and tour, a lunch will be held for all which will include soups, salads and desserts, made from recipes from the soon to be published "Church Cook Book."

Reverend Gary Ritts and his wife, Judy will then show slides and tell stories about their summer travels and studies in New Hampshire, West Virginia, New Mexico, and Europe.



Worship News

Retreat programs at St. Joseph's

St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset is hosting the following upcoming programs:

- Tuesday, Oct. 30: Day of Prayer, 10 a.m.– 3 p.m. "The Spirituality of Aging"
- Wednesday, Nov.7, Morning of Prayer, 9:15-11:45. "From the Rising of the Sun to its Setting"
- Nov. 9-11, Quilting Retreat Weekend, "The Fabric of Our Lives: Co-Creating a Holy Pattern"
- Nov. 12-16, Directed Retreat.
- Saturday, Nov. 17, Day of Prayer, 9:00 – 3:30. "Heart for the Holidays during a Time of Loss"
- Sunday, Nov. 18, Reflective Workshop, 9:00 – 3:30. "Grief and Gratitude in Prayer and Spiritual Direction"
- Dec.7-9, Weekend Retreat. "Soul Collage - A Journey of Discovery"

Besides scheduled events, the retreat house is often available for private retreat days. For more information and to register, visit www.csjretreatcenter.org or call 781-383-6024.

Adult education series

Congregation Sha'ary Shalom, 1112 Main St., Hingham will hold "Magic, Superstition and Things That Go Bump In The Night," with Rabbi Shira Joseph that continues at 7:30 p.m., Mondays, Oct. 29, and Nov. 5 and 12, as part of its adult education series.

Trace the Jewish history of ghosts and magic from biblical times throughout the ages. Learn the origins of magical incantations, red ribbons, and more. This course will also examine the Jewish origins of numerology, reincarnation and Frankenstein. The final session will include a 1937 Yiddish movie about a romantic tragedy of possession and exorcism.

For more information, call the Temple office at 781-749-8103 or visit www.shaaray.org.

Legal Notices

MCCULLOUGH ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 07P2344EP

In the Estate of MURIEL M. MCCULLOUGH
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death September 10, 2007

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that WILLIAM C. HAYS of LEXINGTON in the County of MIDDLESEX or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **NOVEMBER 14, 2007**.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, October 1, 2007.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11488380
Cohasset Mariner 10/26/07

SEL/A TASTE FOR WINE, INC.
LEGAL NOTICE
Board of Selectmen
Public Hearing Notice

The Cohasset Board of Selectmen, acting as liquor license authority, will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 19, 2007 at 7:15 PM in the Selectmen's Office, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, to consider the application of 380 Corporation d/b/a Cohasset Plaza Liquors, 380 Chief Justice Cushing Highway to transfer its annual all alcoholic package store license to A Taste for Wine, Inc. d/b/a A Taste for Wine & Spirits, same address. The proposed manager is Bruce K. Sinclaire. The licensed premise is Unit F in the Cohasset Plaza Retail Center, comprised of a retail store, storage area, and office space. Three exits, one front entrance/exit and two rear emergency exits. The public is invited to offer public input on this proposed in writing in advance of the public hearing or in person at the hearing.

Board of Selectmen

AD#11494790
Cohasset Mariner 10/26/07

PRATT ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Norfolk Division
Docket No. 04P1816EP
Notice of Fiduciary's Account

To the persons interested in the estate of Adelaide Pratt late of Cohasset, in the county of Norfolk.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the 1st and final account(s) of United States Trust Company NA and Walter V. Tripp III as executor(the fiduciary) of said estate has been presented to this Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Canton on or before the **19th day of November, 2007** the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account (s). If you desire to object to any item of said account (s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, FIRST JUSTICE of said Court at Canton this 11th day of October, 2007.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11488345
Cohasset Mariner 10/26/07

ZBA/609 JERUSALEM RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tuesday, November 6th at 8:15 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §5.3 and §9.6 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Heidi Condon, Architectural Designer**, seeks to build an addition to the existing house and demolish the existing barn and construct a new garage at **609 Jerusalem Road**, according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-10-15a.

AD#11487274
Cohasset Mariner 10/19, 10/26/07

ZBA/6 NICHOLS RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tuesday November 6th at 9:15 PM**, to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal** of the Building Commissioner's opinion decision allowing a portion of the property at **198 Jerusalem Road** be used as a staging area for the municipal sewer system project. The applicant is **Eileen Craven of 6 Nichols Road,** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office **File #07-10-15b.**

AD#11487265
Cohasset Mariner 10/19, 10/26/07

ZBA/66 NICHOLS RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **November 6th , at 8:15 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7.2 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Pamela J. Ireland and Michael Mellone**, seek to construct an addition within the setback at **66 Nichols Road** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-10-09.

AD#11487251
Cohasset Mariner 10/19, 10/26/07

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

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in front of this residence. ACO will be notified.

10:56 a.m. Sex offenses, walk in party reports her neighbor has been exposing himself in his front yard, see officer report.

11:04 a.m. **Summer St.**, escort, officer escorting a funeral procession to Woodside Cemetery.

11:15 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party turned over a shot gun to be held for safe keeping, he no longer wants possession of the weapon.

12:05 p.m. **Elm St.**, suspicious letter, officer received a letter in the mail from this party at HQ.

12:53 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, State Police truck team enroute, ETA 1 hour. Truck team on scene at this time.

12:56 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

3:44 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller stated that there is a fire in a tree just north of the train station on 3A. National Grid on scene.

4:09 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller stated there is smoke in the generator room.

4:42 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, downed tree, caller reports large tree down in the middle of the road. DPW also reports there is a guide wire (not live wire) next to pole where the tree was located – notified National Grid.

4:54 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, dead animal, caller reports a dead raccoon in her back yard.

5:09 p.m. **Elm Ct.**, suspicious activity, officer reports out on follow up traffic.

9:26 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:36 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

9:41 p.m. **Elms St.**, notification, walk in party reports she is going to park her vehicle in the parking lot near the house of elderly. Her mother lives there, she is visiting.

9:46 p.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, medical aid.

10:18 p.m. **Hull St.**, assault and battery, caller reports large fight at above location. Hingham PD requesting R3 at above location. E3 reports R3 treating 2 subjects – E3 in service at scene. Officer requesting flatbed.

SATURDAY, OCT. 13

12:45 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, there is an orange flashing light on the side of the building. Left message for the custodian.

12:48 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks secure.

12:49 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

4 a.m. **Pond St.**, assist citizen, caller states there is a male party standing in the middle of the roadway. Male party was turned over to his parents.

7 a.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, calm, 44.

9:56 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, caller reports she just turned her furnace on about a half hour ago and her carbon monoxide detectors are sounding.

11 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

11:04 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disturbance, caller reports an irate customer claiming damage done to a jacket of his. The male went behind the counter, grabbed a jacket that appeared to be his and left. The jacket was not his. Male is in an older model Nissan Altima, color gold or tan.

11:17 a.m. **Edward Foster Rd., Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

11:30 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

12:19 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Atlantic Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:23 p.m. **Old Coach Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

1:48 p.m. **Bancroft Way**, parking complaint, caller reports cars parked illegally at this location.

2 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, alarm-holdup, alarm company reports a hold-up alarm at this location. All units on scene. Robbery did occur and suspect has fled. Broadcast sent over bapern and leaps with the description being a female in her 20's with a pea coat, lots of make-up and Greek style fishing hat. FBI, Lt. notified. Det. paged. Scituate canine responding. Canine on scene.

2 p.m. **South Main St.**, notification, walk in reports that the water dept. knocked over a wood post in his yard. He will come in tomorrow to file a report.

2:45 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, well being check, caller reports a party in her motor vehicle sleeping and would like a well being check.

4:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, clerk reports a drive-off, owner of motor vehicle contacted and is going back to pay.

4:50 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, clerk states this motor vehicle drove off without paying. Message was left with owner.

9:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, well being check.

10:47 p.m. **Sohier St., and King St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a small red 2 door motor vehicle going the wrong way through the intersection. Officer reports operation normal.

SUNDAY, OCT. 14

1:36 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:37 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, calm, 48.

12:14 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, officer wanted, caller reports he would like to see an officer. Male party is at his residence in Cohasset units are speaking to him there. Officers have spoken to the male party at his residence in Cohasset. All is fine for the time.

2:01 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St., Deer Hill/Osgood School** check.

2:24 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, school check.

3:06 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, call directly into fire HQ for an odor of plastic burning. No problems found in the area.

4:42 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Route 228**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS. Hingham Fire requests R3 for a motor vehicle accident.

6:10 p.m. **Elm St.**, threats. Juvenile arrest: Age: 16. Charges: Intimidating a witness. Juvenile arrest: Age: 16. Charges: Intimidating a witness, threat to commit a crime.

7:48 p.m. **Elm St.**, investigation.

MONDAY, OCT. 15

12:15 a.m. **King St.**, public service, caller reports the gates down and lights flashing. MBTA notified. MBTA crews working on Lower King Street and Sohier Street. MBTA working on the Pleasant Street Crossing.

1:10 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:11 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:39 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:40 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

6:25 a.m. **Forest Ave., and North Main St.**, public service, caller states the traffic light is stuck. Lights appear to be functioning now. Note: Traffic lights are partially controlled by the MBTA.

6:55 a.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:58 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:12 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7:22 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:31 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, calm, 46.

9:04 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St.**, motor vehicle crash/injuries, several callers reports a motor vehicle crash at this location. McBrien's notified for two vehicles.

1:20 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, disturbance, caller reports he is having a dispute with his neighbor. Units will be clear, one neighbor parked his vehicle too close to the other neighbor's property. Caller has been advised to contact his attorney.

1:54 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, well being check, mail carrier reports the mail is piling up at the door step, nobody has seen the elderly male for a while. Officers reports the male is in the hospital and the son is caring for the dog and the home.

2 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, hazard (traffic), 911 caller reports her car has broken down in the middle of the street at a bad spot and is afraid it might cause an accident.

3:06 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, disturbance, caller reports a black male in a black pick up truck just went by the house yelling swears out his window.

3:15 p.m. **Elm St.**, bolo announcement, bank robbery just occurred in Hingham at Rockland Trust. White male about 5'7-5'8 acne on his face wearing a white ball cap, baggy jeans and sunglasses. Male did state he was going back to shoot people.

4:55 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS. Scituate Fire requests R3 for a medical aid.

6:38 p.m. **Haystack Lane**, medical aid.

TUESDAY, OCT. 16

12:20 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:21 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, officer reports building appears secured.

5:51 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:13 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Deep Run**, notification, detail officer reports – above location down to one lane.

7:19 a.m. **Beechwood St., and King St.**, notification, detail officer reports above location down to one lane.

8:15 a.m. **South Main St.**, officer wanted, caller requests an officer regarding an irate customer. Caller requests canceling the officer due to the customer leaving. Officer to this location, officer reports the customer was upset about re-paying for an inspection sticker.

8:27 a.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid.

9:03 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, bolo announcement, Hingham PD reports they have just had a lo jack hit on a stolen vehicle out of Boston. 1998 green Acura Integra. Hingham PD reports it is headed southbound on 3A.

9:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, notification, detail officers report there will be a lane shift change, all traffic will be able to get through. Fire Dept. notified.

10:37 a.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:45 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

12:36 p.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, transported other/ALS, caller reports a female has fallen off a ladder from the roof, she is conscious and breathing. Medflight notified 14 ETA.

1:23 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

2:18 p.m. **Little Harbor Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

2:50 p.m. **Elm St.**, B&E, walk in party reports the door has been kicked in at this location. Neighbor reports that the home owner was locked out and had to kick the door down, no further actions required.

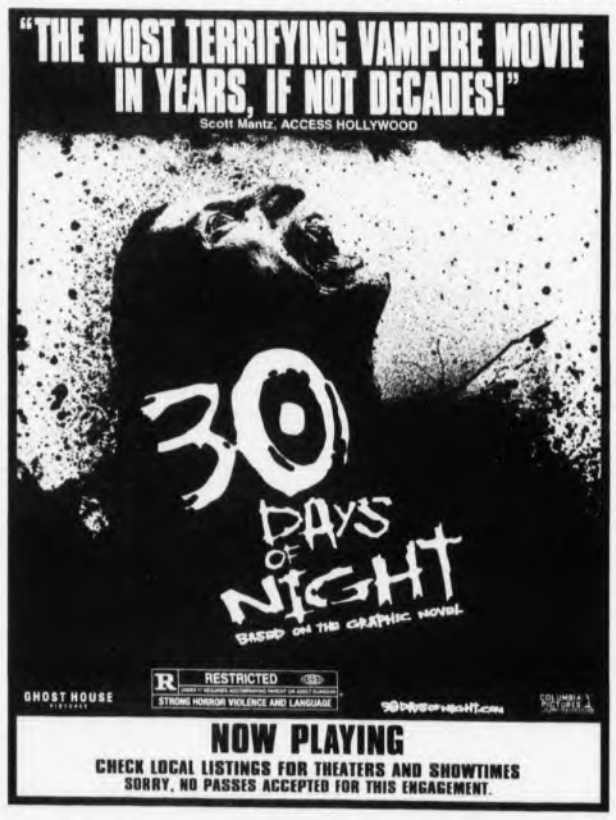
5:06 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller stated that there is a Mustang going up and down the street screeching tires.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 17

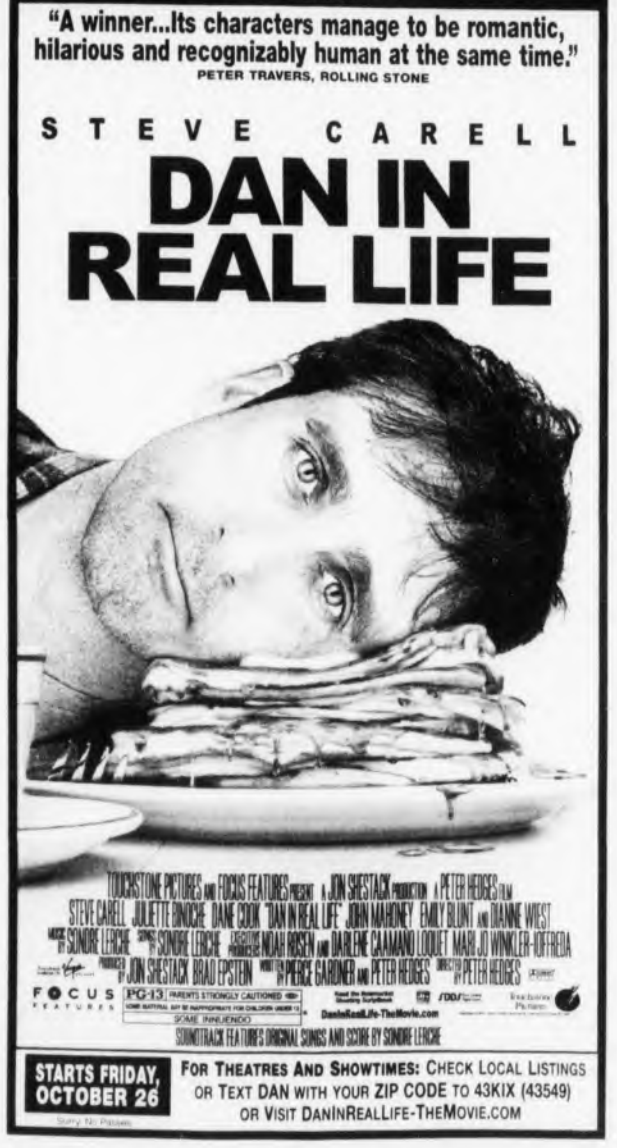
12:26 a.m. **King St.**, open door/window, officer reports out at above location with open door. Officer reports open door is doorway, not inside business. Building appears secured.

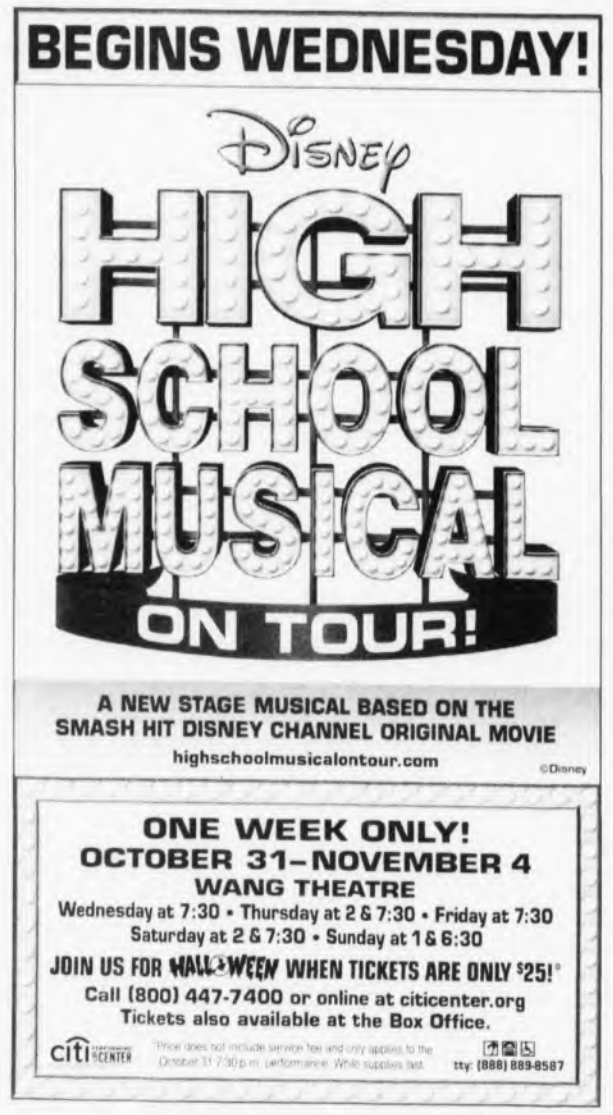














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What's happening on the South Shore

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A blast from the past

Member of Shirelles comes to Memorial Hall stage

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

If there hadn't been a Shirley Owens, there might never have been a Diana Ross.

Before The Supremes, there was The Shirelles—the first powerhouse female vocal group of the rock and roll era. It was Owens, Beverly Lee, Doris Coley, and Addie "Micki" Harris—neighbors and schoolmates in 1950s Passaic, N.J.—whose harmonies blended pop, R&B, and soul to define the so-called girl-group sound.

For Owens, now known as Shirley Alston Reeves, who comes to Plymouth Memorial Hall on Nov. 3, what started out as something that was fun to do with friends soon became a career.

"We loved singing in the neighborhood for the other kids long before we became famous," recalled Reeves, 66, by telephone last week from her Hillside, N.J., home. "We were all friends from school and church. Beverly and I were making money babysitting when we decided to try and do something more with our music. We hired two additional girls, Doris Coley and Addie Harris, to sing harmony, because we knew we wanted a good, strong R&B sound. We called ourselves 'The Poquellos' and we entered a talent show at Passaic High School with a song we wrote called 'I Met Him on a Sunday.' Not too much later, we auditioned for Florence Greenberg and she signed us to her label, Tiara Records, and changed our name to the Shirelles, which was a combination of my first name and The Chantels, one of my favorite groups of all time."

Greenberg licensed the Shirelles recording of "I Met Him on a Sunday" to Decca where it rose to the Top 50 in 1958. After two subsequent singles flopped, however, Decca passed on further releases and Greenberg signed the girls to her new label, Scepter Records, and brought in producer Luther Dixon to help shape their sound. After "Dedicated to the One I Love" (1959) and "Tonight's the Night" (1960) fared only so well on the charts, the Shirelles released "Will You Love Me Tomorrow," by Gerry Goffin and Carole King, in late 1960 and it went on to become the first number one single of the rock era by a girl group on the Billboard Hot 100. Their subsequent hits included "Mama Said," "Soldier Boy," and "Foolish Little Girl."



Shirley Alston Reeves

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Shirley Alston Reeves

The group's initial success, however, was marred by the racial prejudice that held back so many black artists of the time.

"They wouldn't put our pictures on the cover of our first album, 'Tonight's the Night,' because of fear that white parents wouldn't allow their children to buy an album with four black faces on the cover. We were lucky, however, that we waited until our songs broke big before we went on tour. We were booked in a club in North Carolina and when we arrived, and the owner saw us in person and realized we were black, he flatly refused to even let us inside. Finally, his son protested so loudly that the owner relented and we ended up playing to a sold-out house."

In the early days, The Shirelles often toured with other groups including Motown's most famous girl group.

"We used to work a lot with The Supremes. We liked Diana (Ross), Florence (Ballard) and Mary (Wilson) very much. It wasn't long, though, before we realized what we were up against. Motown did everything right for its acts. They focused not just on the music, but on grooming and poise, too. The Supremes started wearing perfect gowns and beautiful wigs which we certainly didn't have and it hurt us. We dressed ourselves and we always tried to dress in clothes that were appropriate, but we could never compete with their gowns. Ultimately, we never became as big as they did. We were the door openers. The Supremes followed us and became bigger than us in every way."

When Motown head Berry Gordy placed his star's name above the title and "Diana Ross and The Supremes" were born, Greenberg renamed her label's girl group, "Shirley and the Shirelles." It was a short-lived change that never sat well with Reeves.

"From the very beginning, Florence tried to get me to be the leader. She even wanted to pay me more, but I said no to all of it. I told her I couldn't do it, because we were a group. I didn't want my name on the group, because I didn't want to create any animosity."

Reeves left the group in 1976 to start a family that now includes two daughters, Amber and Chonna, as well as grandchildren from her second marriage. She has reunited with her fellow surviving Shirelles only on rare occasions such as their 1996 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction, and for a few television and recording dates with their one-time Scepter Records labelmate and sometime Shirelle fill-in, Dionne Warwick.

While Beverly Lee still top lines a group she calls The Shirelles, Coley and Harris have passed away, and Reeves prefers to continue her solo career.

"I love performing and I love being on stage. In my own act, I don't only do Shirelles music, but a little bit of everything including music made famous by other girl groups. It amazes me how many people still love the music we did over 40 years ago, but they really do. I might forget a lyric once in a great while, but the audience never does."

Harvey Robbins will present the Doo Wop Hall of Fame of America Concert with Shirley Alston Reeves, The Belmonts, Jimmy Clanton, and guitarist Billy Davis at Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth, on Nov. 3 at 7:30 p.m. For tickets and information, call 508-747-1340, go online at ticketweb.com or visit any FYE or Strawberries store.

Warwick takes center stage

In 1962, the songwriting team of Burt Bacharach and Hal David wrote the chart-topping "Baby It's You" for The Shirelles. That same year, another Bacharach and David composition, "Don't Make Me Over," was recorded by a Scepter Records back-up singer named Dionne Warwick, whose distinctive vocals took the song to number 21 on the Billboard charts. Briefly a substitute Shirelle, when Shirley Owens and Doris Coley took leaves to get married, Warwick — who will give two concerts at Boston's Cutler Majestic Theatre this weekend — instantly became a star in her own right and launched a decade-long partnership with Bacharach and David that would produce more than 30 hit singles.

In the 45th year of a still-vibrant career, the East Orange, N.J.-born Warwick is second only to Aretha Franklin among rock era female vocalists, with 56 chart hits including "Do You Know the Way to San Jose," "A House Is Not a Home," "Alfie," "Theme from Valley of the Dolls," "Anyone Who Had A Heart," "I'll Never Fall in Love Again," "Then Came You," and "That's What Friends Are For." Warwick has earned five Grammy awards over three decades as well as Bachelor's and Master's degrees in music from the Hartt School of Music at the University of Hartford. Her latest album, "My Favorite Time of the Year," will be released by Rhino Records on Oct. 30.



Dionne Warwick

"I knew Dionne had it from the very first time I heard her sing," recalls Shirelles original lead singer Shirley Alston Reeves. "We were on the same label in those days and it was as clear then as it is now that no one sings like Dionne Warwick. I'm very proud to call her my friend, not just because she is immensely talented, but also because I love her."

Dionne Warwick will be at the Cutler Majestic Theatre, 219 Tremont Street, Boston on Oct. 27 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 28 at 3 p.m. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 1-800-233-3123 or go online at telecharge.com.

—R. Scott Reedy

Calendar of events

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Paint! A national show, juried by Boston artist Gerry Bergstein, opens at South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, on Nov. 2 with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. The Dillon Gallery will showcase the work of SSAC Gallery Artists with "Small Works" all artwork under 400 square inches and priced for holiday giving. 781 383-2787 ext. 10. Artists whose work was selected for Paint! are Boston artists Lisa Houck, Colleen Kiely, C.J. Lori, and William Tamowski. Artists from the South Shore include Abby Zonies from Milton; Veevy Strekalovsky, Michael Weymouth, Page Railsback, and Priscilla Seddon from Hingham; Paul Andrade from Quincy; and Richard and Kimberlee Alemian from Cohasset. Eleven states across the country including New York and California are represented in the exhibition. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. 781-383-2787 ext. 10. ssac.org



Artwork by Fred Lynch, Winchester.



Artwork by Christie Allan-Piper, West Newton.

Send your calendar events to Dorothy Dunsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or fax 781-837-4543 or email ddunsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at wickedlocal.com/towncommons, then click on this link.

Thursday, Oct. 25

Celebrate the wedding of Abigail Smith and John Adams Oct. 25 at 10 a.m. Abigail Smith Adams Birthplace, at 180 Norton St., South Weymouth, for her wedding. At 7 p.m. the wedding of Abigail Smith and John Adams takes place at the First Church in Weymouth, 27 Church St., Weymouth. At 8 p.m. toast and well wishes for the new couple at their home, the John Quincy Adams Birthplace, 141 Franklin St., Quincy. Rain or shine. For further information call Cassie Kennedy 617-773-1177 or Jessie Mulcahy 617-732-1361.

October is Lupus Awareness Month. The Greater Plymouth Lupus Group with guest speaker Rheumatologist Dr. Tanya Dwan who practices with Dr. Doris Stokes on 45 Resnick Road, Plymouth. Dr. Dwan's talk is titled LUPUS and SLE. The meeting will be held Oct. 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Plymouth Public Library on Nelson Street. Light Refreshments will be served. For information, contact Sue Peterson 781-585-7501 or email her at

The Plymouth Farmers Market, held from 2 to 6:30 p.m.

Yoga at the Country Club of Hingham. This an all levels yoga class is currently ongoing at the Country Club of Hingham on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. The class is suitable for all levels. Register in advance. Email drop-in Adrienne for information, contact Stacey at 617-548-5879 or via email at stacey@celebrityexpressions.com.

Fish Tale On the Water. [illegible] Road, Scituate, presents Drift Wood with J. Place, Joe Mcardle, John Erwin, performing [illegible] the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's. Music is from 8 to 10:30 p.m. [illegible]

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke, [illegible] Sweet Melissa with Chris Snow and Brown [illegible]

Mount Blue Music at [illegible] Rachel Parsons and Rick Jackson.

The Next Page Blues [illegible] Brook St., Weymouth, [illegible] Rosmond's open mic [illegible] Riley [illegible]

Dang's Village [illegible] Holly Stevenson [illegible]

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South Shore Conservatory presents Spooky Suzuki on Oct. 28 at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury at 4 p.m. Come in costume if you wish and enjoy Conservatory Suzuki faculty and students perform together. From the most seasoned performers playing Bach and Vivaldi to the newest students playing charming pieces. This informal, fun family concert. Free for all. 781-749-7565 x19 or amyschoenpf southshoreconservatory.org.



Chris Rathbun, bass instructor, as Frankenstein performs with a Conservatory student.

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The South Shore Folk Music Club, welcomes Session Americana, to Tanger Newton's best kept secret, on Friday, Nov. 2. The concert will be held at The Boat House of the Unitarian Universalist Church, 222 Main St., Route 106, Kingston. The hall is handicapped accessible and smoke and alcohol-free. Doors open at 7:30. The concert starts at 8 p.m. Tickets at the door are $13 for members and $15 for non-members. Advance tickets are available by mailing your request and check at least 10 days in advance to: South Shore Folk Music Club, P.O. Box 156, Kingston, Mass. 02364. ssfmc.org or 781-871-1052.

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Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield. Oct. 25, **DJ Ramu** 781-837-6368.

Friday, Oct. 26

On the Path Wellness Center is hosting a **guided imagery, meditation workshop** with **Dawne Corti-Migre.** This workshop will help you to learn how to cope with the daily stresses that we all experience and enable you to enjoy that quite place within. Friday Oct. 26, at 7 p.m. For details call Dawne at 617-750-8101or e-mail balancepoint2006@aol.com

Comedy Night to support **South Shore Habitat For Humanity** Oct. 26, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Emerald Hall, 120 Bay State Drive, Braintree. DJ, comedians, raffles, and more Comedians: **Harrison Stebbins, Annette Pollack, Dave Rattigan, Matt McArthur and Larry Lee Lewis**. Tickets: $30. For tickets call Julie 978-877-0053; Shannon 781-843-9010 x14 or Annette 781-843-4833 For tax-deductible donations: e-Mail to: communitydev@habitat.org

The South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham presents "**Water Water Everywhere",** the works of **Jane Flavell Collins** of Duxbury, The **opening event will take place Oct. 26**, from 6 to 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and visitors will have a chance to meet the artist at that time. The exhibit will be on display until Nov. 15. Hours are from Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For additional information, call 781-749-0430 or visit southstreetgallery.com

Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra's annual auction gala and dinner takes place from Oct. 26, from 6:30 to 11 p.m., at the Waverly Oaks Golf Club, 444 Long Pond Road, Plymouth. This year the theme is the Great Gatsby. Black tie or 1920s attire optional. Cost is $75 per person/$560 per table of eight. For tickets or more information call 508-746-8008. For information about the PPO's 92nd season, visit plymouthphil.org.

Monponsett Inn, Rt. 58, Halifax, Dinner show scheduled for Friday evening, Oct. 26. **The Ghost of Mad Table Manor** an interactive whodun-it comedy mystery dinner. Social hour starts at 6:30 p.m. followed by the dinner and show at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $40 per person and must be purchased in advance.

"Single Executives Club" Halloween Party & Singles Dance. Oct. 26 at Raffael's, 1601 Main St., Rte. 1A, Walpole. Dancing with music by award-winning DJ from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Complimentary buffet all night, free door prizes, and MATCH GAME prizes. Hundreds of singles and couples, 35+ years old. Cost is $10 before 9. Proper business-casual dress acceptable tonight only. Prizes for best three costumes.781-446-0234. Co-sponsored by Rhode Island's Most Eligible Singles. 508-668-8071 **se-4u.com**

South Shore Singles will sponsor its **annual Halloween dance** with DJ: Rick Walsh from 8 to 11:30 p.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Doors open 7:15 p.m. Free dance lesson 7:30 to 8 p.m. $2 off admission if you come in costume. Free snacks and coffee, cash bar. 781-331-0021. southshoresingles.org

Hull Performing Arts, Inc. presents **Harbor Haunts** an adaptation of legends and ghost stories recorded by Edward Rowe Snow in his history of the Boston Harbor Islands. A special adaptation of **A Lady in Black**, written by Hingham High School student William Hall is included. Friday, Oct. 26, 7 p.m. at the Lifesaving Museum 1117 Nantasket Avenue, Hull. Admission is $5 for members, $3 for non-members of the museum. Call 781-925-2406 for directions and other information.

All Seasons Restaurant and Sports Lounge, 327 Plymouth St., Halifax, Oct. 26, **Code 7** 781-293-4135.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Oct. 26, **Clubba Lang** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Oct. 26, at 9:15 p.m., **Racky Thomas Band.** No cover 781-335-9796 visit nextpagecafe.com or myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell, Oct.26, **The Dan Byrnes Trio.**

Run of the Mill, 6 Spring Lane, Plymouth. **The Hot Sauce Band** will perform. 508-830-1262. No cover charge.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Oct. 26, **Young Neal & The Vipers.** Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield. Oct. 26, **Spank** 781-837-6368.

Saturday, Oct. 27

Sauchuk Farm, 53 Palmer Road, (Rt. 58), Plympton. **Fall Corn Maze** spread throughout six acres on Center St. (off Route 58) in Plympton. Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to dusk through Oct. 28. Admission $8 adults age 12 and up; $5 children ages 4-11; toddlers age 3 and under free. 781-585-1522 sauchukfarm.net

The Hull Lifesaving Museum's 20th Annual Head of the Weir River Race. Registration begins 11 a.m. Oct. 27, at the race starting line behind the Hull Public Works building at the Hull Town Line on Route 228. The coxswains' meeting is at 12:45 p.m., and race start at 1:30 p.m. For information or questions, call Ed McCabe, or Lory Newmyer, at 781-925-5433 or visit lifesavingmuseum.org

Southeast Medical Center Community Health Fair Compass Medical, P.C. Southeast Medical Center, 1 Compass Way/Rt. 18, East Bridgewater, 1 to 4 p.m. Oct. 27. Free event - health education, free screenings, facility tour, games, giveaways, fire trucks. No registration is necessary. For information, call 508-350-2350.

Bark 'n' Howl Ball, The Hatherly Country Club in Scituate. Oct. 27, to benefit the **Scituate Animal Shelter** featuring local band **Section 8.** Join **WATD's news diva Christine James** and the hard-working 3A Farm Fund volunteers. Tickets are $50 each and are available at the Shelter on the Driftway. All proceeds help the Scituate Animal Shelter relocate from the Driftway to the 3A Farm.

Viking Club, Braintree Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m. Enjoy barbershop music broadway show tunes negro spirituals dixie land band. **Cabaret seating Featuring (tables of 10) Island Grove Chorus, Basket** Raffles, Katrina Armando, Cash Bar. Christian Potts, Debby Rawson, The Dixie Diehards Tickets $15. Call Judy 781-848-5843

Mt Hope Coffee House, located at the intersection of Clapp and Cedar Road Scituate - **The Bear Bones Band** will host another 'nite of music' Other performers include **Dave Smith, Burning Moth, Andy Bergsten, Greg and Nancy Zappolo, Susie Arana, Rocky Run Jam Band , Archie** and more. Doors open at 7 p.m., music 7:30 to 11 p.m. Donation at door to Mt. Hope Improvement Society Scholarship Fund $5. Coffee and snacks available. For info or to perform at the next Coffee House contact Bearbonesband@gmail.com. or Chris at 781-544-3122.

All Seasons Restaurant and Sports Lounge, 327 Plymouth St., Halifax, Oct. 27, **Rock Star Poses** 781-293-4135.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Oct. 27, **Mother Focus Party Band** 781-829-6999.

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New England Singles Dances, VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission $9. 617-325-4900 Ages 40 and over singlesdances-newengland.com

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell, Oct.27, 9 p.m. **The Hoochies Rock Halloween Party,** Cover charge.

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St. Nicholas UMC, 130 Spring St., Hull presents **Dick Mandell**, one man orchestra and DJ featuring **Tina.** Oct. 28, 3 p.m. Reception following in Gould Hall. Tickets $10 by calling 781-925-2461, 781-925-4962, or 781-925-5796.

St. Stephen's Church, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset presents pianist **Michael Crane** of New York in a recital Oct. 28 at 3 p.m. in the Music Room. A reception will follow the program. Handicap accessible, and plenty of parking is available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. 781-383-1083.

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Rivers' comedic timing doesn't need surgery

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

The subject of plastic surgery hasn't even been raised, but Joan Rivers thinks it has and that's enough to get under the preternaturally tight skin of the legendary comedienne.

"I've only done plastic surgery twice and somehow I've become the poster girl for plastic surgery," exclaimed Rivers last week by telephone from her New York City apartment. "I'm tired of people talking about it. It is time for everyone to move on to Michelle Pfeiffer already."



Joan Rivers

With that, Rivers leaves behind a topic for which she has become known in recent years in favor of one that has been the basis of her career for the past 40 years.

"The comedy is what I am about and it is who I am. If your looks improve, your comedy doesn't change. You're still who you are inside."

At an age only a rotter would reveal, Rivers remains one of the hardest-working women in show business. In addition to her stand-up comedy — which will bring her to Boston's Berklee Performance Center on Saturday — the Brooklyn-born performer, and eight-time author, is also an Emmy Award-winner for her now defunct daytime talk show and a Tony nominee for her work on Broadway. Since 1990, she has been selling her own fashion jewelry, and more recently beauty products, on QVC. A mother and grandmother, Rivers refuses to say what part of her professional life gives her the most satisfaction.

"Whatever I'm doing at the time is what makes me happiest. I just love the business. The work ethic is very important to me. Just keep me busy and I'm fine. I think work spares people a lot of problems. The pioneers worked hard churning butter and chopping wood and nobody heard them complaining. I think Britney Spears could do herself a big favor by focusing on her career and getting back to work."

The trouble-plagued pop star just better make sure she isn't in Rivers' way when she does resume her career.

"I'm very competitive. I love Kathy Griffin and Sarah Silverman, but I'm the only comedienne I want to see up on stage. When I walk out on stage to do my act, I immediately know this is where I belong. And when I am out there, it is my job to make people believe that I am the funniest person alive."

Joan Rivers will be at the Berklee Performance Center, 136 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, on Oct. 27 at 8p.m. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-931-2787 or go online at ticketmaster.com.

Halloween happenings

THE LITTLE THEATRE OF STOUGHTON presents one act plays featuring "Beast of the Baskervilles" and "Frankenstein Slept Here" Oct. 27, at 2:30 p.m. Town Hall, Great Hall third floor, Stoughton. Free admission. Costumes optional.

HULL PERFORMING ARTS, INC. PRESENTS HARBOR HAUNTS an adaptation of legends and ghost stories recorded by Edward Rowe Snow in his history of the Boston Harbor Islands. A special adaptation of **A Lady in Black**, written by Hingham High School student William Hall is included. Friday, Oct. 26, 7 p.m. at the Lifesaving Museum 1117 Nantasket Avenue, Hull. Admission is $5 for members, $3 for non-members of the museum. Call 781-925-2406 for directions and other information.

THE INN AT SILVER LAKE HALLOWEEN PARTY The residents of The Inn at Silver Lake invite the community to join their annual Halloween party. Festivities for the kids include peanut free trick-or-treating, costume contests, games, food and more. The party will take place Oct. 29, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The Inn at Silver Lake is located at 21 Chipman Way in Kingston. For information or directions call 781-336-5220.

HAUNTED HALLWAYS Federal Furnace Home and School Association of Marshfield presents Haunted Hallways Oct. 26, at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Admission: $6 per person.

PLYMPTON HAUNTED HOUSE The Plympton Cub Scouts Pack 53 -14th Annual Haunted House behind Plympton Town House on Oct. 26, from 7 to 9 p.m. and, Oct. 27, from 6 to 8 p.m. Cost is $4 each. Meals will be available for purchase, along with Halloween trinkets, face painting and tattoos. Raffle of a signed Boston Bruins team hockey stick.

27th ANNUAL BRAINTREE HAUNTED HOUSE Tour a Classic Haunted House and Graveyard Oct.. 26 and 27, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at 10 Plain St., (near Bayshore Athletic Club) in Braintree. Admission is $6 for children and $7.50 for adults. A "Not So Scary" lights-on night appropriate for younger children will be held on Thursday Oct. 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. for just $5. Wheelchair accessible. Free child care and pizza, soda and treats are available. Visit gpvillage.com/highlandsschool for information.

FAMILY HALLOWEEN FUN at the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. **Halloween Howl** is Oct. 27, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Science Center and features an evening of spook-tacular fun with crafts, animal presentations, night hike, spooky room and treats! Wear a costume and bring a pumpkin to carve. Pre-registration required, Cost is $10 member/ $12 non-member per child and $3 per adult. Program suitable for children ages 3 and up, children must be accompanied with an adult. Enjoy a not too scary walk through Halloween scenes in the Science Center's woods at **Spooky Woods** Oct. 28 from 5:30-8 p.m. Wear a costume, bring a flashlight and be bewitched! In the event of inclement weather, event will be held inside. Cost $5 per person, no pre-registration required, drop in anytime during the bewitching hours of 5:30 to 8 p.m. For information and pre-registration contact the Science Center at 781-659-2559 or view the website at ssnsc.org

HALLOWEEN FUNFEST, Marshfield High School, noon to 4 p.m. Oct. 27 for ages 1 to 12, costume parade, haunted hallway, picture taking, games, face paiting. 781-834-5050.

HALLOWEEN PADDLE, North and South River Watershed Association Halloween Paddle on South River, noon to 4 p.m. Oct. 28, costumes welcome. Meet at Rexhame Beach, marshfield, parking lot at 11:30 a.m. lunch at noon. $10 donation requested. Pre-registration required. 781-659-8168.

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE sponsored by the Hanover Woman's Club Juniors (HWCJ) will be held Oct. 28. The sign up registration begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Hanover Boys Club. The parade will be led by the Hanover Fire Department and the Hanover Marching Band. March to the Sylvester field where there will be entertainment by Bob Ryan Tall Tales. Rain or Shine and expected to end at 2:45 p.m. A food item donation is requested to benefit the local Food Pantry. Contact Lynne at 781-871-3065 for more information.

ANNUAL SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY CENTER NURSERY SCHOOL HALLOWEEN FAIR steps off Oct. 28, with its traditional costume parade at 1:45 p.m. around the duck pond. Little ghosts and goblins will want to stay around until the fair's end at 4 p.m. to try their hand at enchanting games of skill and luck, a giant slide, a train ride and the always fun pony rides. Tickets for activities and rides can be purchased at the event. All proceeds from the fair directly benefit the SSCCNS's Enrichment fund. For information call 781-383-0036.

TRICK OR TREAT Halifax Town Hall, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 31.

HALLOWEEN TOUR OF BEACON HILL This tour takes place on Oct. 31, at 5:30 p.m. Walk the darker side of this seemingly charming neighborhood. From the public hangings on the Common to the dismembered George Parkman, Beacon Hill's heritage of mystery and suspense is a perfect way to spend All Hallows Eve. Guided by Boston By Foot, Inc., the tour begins from the steps of the Massachusetts State House on Beacon Street. Admission is $15 per person and reservations are not required. For further information and a brochure, call 617-367-2345 or visit bostonbyfoot.org.

MASS AUDUBON'S MOOSE HILL, 293 Moose Hill St., Sharon, **Halloween Critters:** Oct. 31; from 10 to 11:30 a.m. What animals are associated with Halloween? Take a peek into the lives of bats, spiders, owls, and other Halloween creatures of the night. $8-$11 **Pumpkin Carving:** Oct. 25: 6 to 8:30 p.m. Plenty of pumpkins donated by Ward's Berry Farm, will be available, volunteers are needed to help carve pumpkins into Jack-O-Lanterns for the annual *Halloween Prowl*. Help appreciated any time after 1 p.m. Free, donations appreciated. 781-784-5691.

ADULT HALLOWEEN NIGHT PROGRAM The Ventress Memorial Library in Marshfield will present an **Adult Halloween Night Program** on Oct. 31, at 7 p.m. titled "Halloween, Graveyards and Family Trees." Dick Sullivan, a retired Randolph teacher and Marshfield resident, will blend themes of pagan festivals, human psychology and the occult with using gravestones to aid in genealogy research of family trees. The lecture is a unique blend of scary and scholarly topics, with a dose of personal anecdote. The program is free and open to the public, no tickets are required. Cider and candy corn will be served. The library and the program room are handicapped accessible. For information contact librarian Chris Woods at 781-835-5535 or visit ventresslibrary.org

Send your Halloween events to ddinsmore@cnc.com or fax 781-837-4543.



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Oceanside 17 Studio & Gallery, 17 Rockland Circle, Hull, Here & Away: Four Hull Artists Murton Sudalter and Sharyn Fireman photographs and jewelry inspired by travel to exotic lands, Arlene Tuck-landscapes in oil, Kim McNeil-pastel landscapes. Opening reception 6:30 to 9 p.m. Nov. 2, Gallery Open: Thursday-Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appt. 781-773-1563 Fandahazy@comcast.net

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The Cohasset Chorale will appear on Nov. 2, and Nov. 3, at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, 120 South Main St. Each evening will begin with a social hour from 7 to 8 p.m., featuring a raffle table with items from local artists and merchants, followed by the cabaret. Tickets cost $25 each and are available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., each Sunday, at St. Anthony's Parish Hall. Tickets are also available during the week at the Parish Hall, and at the Cohasset Elder Affairs office at the South Shore Community Center on Main St. 781-383-0752.

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Southeast Medical Center 5k Foot Race & Walk to benefit The East Bridgewater High School Scholarship Fund, Oct. 28, at East Bridgewater High School, 11 Plymouth St., East Bridgewater, Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. Race starts promptly at 8:30 a.m. Register on-line at racedirectors.com/semc5k Applications are also available on the day of the race, beginning at 7:30 a.m. 617-699-6914.

South Shore Conservatory presents **Spooky Suzuki** on Oct. 28 at the **Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury** at 4 p.m. Come in costume if you wish and enjoy Conservatory Suzuki faculty and students perform together. From the most seasoned performers playing Bach and Vivaldi to the newest students playing charming pieces. This informal, fun family concert. Free for all. 781-749-7565 x19 or amyschomp@southshoreconservatory.org.

Monday, Oct 29

New Beginnings, a nonprofit, nonsectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, has helped more than 9,400 south shore residents start a new life over the past 20 years. New Beginnings meets at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and is highly recommended for newcomers. All are welcome. For information, call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. every Monday, free **Texas Hold'em** with Northern poker league 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, Oct. 30

The Friends of the Scituate Library and **Grub Street South at Buttonwood** welcome the nationally recognized author **Claire Cook** on Oct. 30, 7 p.m. at the Scituate Town Library, 85 Branch St. Scituate, for a writing workshop. Claire will be hosting a class titled "**Finding the Muse: How to start, and actually finish, the book only you can write.**" For reservations, call the Scituate Library at 781-545-8727. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a signed copy, call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665.Visit buttonwoodbooks.com or sctuatetownlibrary.org

The Braintree High School Band and Orchestra will present its annual **Fall Concert** on Oct. 30, at 7:30 pm in the Grabosky Auditorium at Braintree High School. The program will present a diverse collection of musical compositions from many areas of the world. Free and open to the public.

The South Shore Men of Harmony Barbershop Chorus invites men of all ages who like to sing to join them during the month of November to rehearsals that will be open to anyone who would like to learn Christmas music sung in the Barbershop acapella style. They will be accepting invitations from all sorts of organizations to present Christmas programs and would be delighted to include whoever is interested in having fun singing. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. in the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St., at the corner of Central Street. Call 781-337-SING for additional information or e-mail danielcostello@gmail.com or billfitzjr@aol.com.

The North River Arts Society presents **Faces & Places**, a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery, Library Plaza, Webster St., Marshfield, featuring original watercolor paintings by **Wendy Hale** through Nov. 6. For information, call NRAS at 781-837-8091 or email northriverarts@verizon.net 781-834-5535

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield. Oct. 23, **Game Show Trivia** 781-837-6368.

Wednesday, Oct. 31

Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., (Route 18), Weymouth presents **Fall For The Arts**, final week for this multi-media show featuring new gallery artists, **Dick O'Brien, Vincent Elliot, George Hartley, Lisa Smith , and Danielle Festa** showing in the Glass Gallery. The Studio Gallery is featuring the artwork of 20 of New England's finest artists. Hours: Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. All other times are by appointment. No admission charge and plenty of free parking. 781-331-3384, dickinsonartgallery.com.

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Wednesday and Thursday evening from 8 to 11 p.m.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Oct. 31, **Halloween Party with SPANK** 781-829-6999.

Thursday, Nov. 1

Network4Success Business-to-Business Networking Group meets the first Thursday of the month at the Plympton Library from 5 to 6 p.m. and the third Thursday of the month at the Halifax Country Club from noon to 1:30 p.m. For meeting info, email info@network4success.org or visit network4success.org

Toastmasters Club, Hanover, The new South Shore Professionals Toastmasters club will meet on the first and third Monday of every month. This is a great opportunity to learn about how Toastmasters can help you become a more effective leader and communicator. The meetings will run from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and will be held at the Rockland Trust building, 2036 Washington St.- third floor. Arrive 15 minutes early since the meeting starts at 6 p.m. sharp. Contact Stacey for information at 617-548-5877 or stacey@letitflowfitness.com. or toastmasters.org.

The Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham invites the public to hear **Rappaport Foundation's report** on the impact of commuter rail on host communities. This free talk will be presented by **David Luberoff**, Executive Director of Harvard's Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston, on Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Library's Whiton Meeting Room. As Greeenbush line service begins on the South Shore, David Luberoff will help clarify expectations for commuter rail and offer commentary on how far commuter rail can take our communities. No reservations are required. 781-741-1405, ext. 2600. hinghamlibrary.org

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South Shore Conservatory presents Opera By The Bay's production of "La Traviata" in Cox Hall, South Shore Conservatory, Hingham, Nov. 2, and at the Ellison Center for the Arts, Duxbury, on Nov. 3. Both concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. A wine and cheese reception will precede the performances at 6:45 p.m. Opera by the Bay's production of Verdi's immortal classic features talented artists, full sets and costumes, and our intimate atmosphere that promises a first class operatic experience. Tickets are $20 for adults and $12 for children. For information contact Amy Schomp, 781-749-7565 x19 or amyschomp@southshoreconservatory.org.

Violetta,(Natalie Polito) rejects Alfredo, (Kevin Hayden) for the sake of his family in South Shore Conservatory's La Traviata.

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Café Bella Coffeehouse, North River Community Church, 334 Old Oak St., Pembroke, presents acoustic artist Rosie Thomas Nov. 2. Show starts at 7 p.m., doors open 6:45 p.m. Admission is $10 and includes Starbucks coffee and desserts. All ages are welcome, handicap accessible. 781-826-0722 ext. 12. Visit rosiethomas.com or cafebella.org.

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Country star Josh Gracin will make his area debut with a show at Plymouth Memorial Hall on Nov. 2, at 8 p.m. For country music fans, one of the highlights of "American Idol 2" was the success of a young Marine named Josh Gracin, and there were more than a few people thinking about how nice it would be to welcome him to the country charts. Opening for Gracin will be Carmen Rasmusen, who will feature her new song, "Nothin' Like the Summer." Tickets are priced at $45-$25, with a limited number of VIP tickets available which include a pre-show reception with Josh Gracin and Carmen Rasmusen, with the proceeds from the reception going to Habitat for Humanity. Tickets are available at the Plymouth Hall box-office at 50 Court Street in Plymouth, Ma, by phone at 508-747-1340, online at plymouthhall.com, and at all FYE & Strawberries outlets.

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Fairs and festivals

CRAFT FAIR Immaculate Conception, 1199 Commercial St., E. Weymouth, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 27, Lots of crafts and food.

AUTUMN TRAIN FESTIVAL Celebrate the new look of North Scituate and the start of train service on the Greenbush line. Travel the shops and visit with the merchants for specials, activities, food, music, raffles and fun for all ages throughout the village. Train safety presentations will also be held. Pick up your "ticket" at Clipper Travel between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Oct. 27, to start your "trip" (rain or shine). Call Funtastics at 545-2813 for info. Sponsored by the merchants of North Scituate and the Scituate Chamber of Commerce.

THE SOUTH SHORE MODEL RAILWAY CLUB, 51 Bare Cove Park, Hingham Fall Open House & Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 27 and 28. The entrance to Bare Cove Park is 1/10 of a mile west of The South Shore Country Club at 19 Fort Hill St. Hingham, In addition to the club's operating layout, there will be over 40 dealer tables, a "White Elephant Table" and demonstrations of model railroad construction. Admission is $4 for Adults, $2 Senior's (65+), Children (6-12, with an adult) $2. ssmrc.org 781-740-2000.

THE SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA, Norwell Middle School PTO Shopping Extravaganza 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 3, at the Cushing Center, 673 Main St., Norwell. Showcasing a variety of products designed and created by area business owners and local shops. and artisans. Refreshments and bake sale table raffle prizes. Admission Tickets $ 3 sold at the door.

HARVEST FAIR St. Luke's, Route 3A and First Parish Road, Scituate from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 3. Silent auction, food, crafts, face painting, moonwalk, pet boutique, lunch and more. 781-545-9482.

ANNUAL SWEDISH COUNTRY FAIR at the Covenant Congregational Church. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 3, 204 Center St., North Easton. Admission is free.

ANNUAL HOLLY DAY BAZAAR. Avon Baptist Church 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nov. 3, 119 North Main St., Avon. Will include crafts, a knit/crochet and sewing table, bake table, silent auction, white elephant room, book nook, photos with Santa, and the "Village Café."

21ST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL New England's Largest Fine Art and Craft Show at World Trade Center, Boston. Nov. 2, 3 and 4, at Boston's Seaport World Trade Center featuring the work of more than 300 artists and master craftsmen. Hours are Friday, noon to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tickets are $12 for adults and free for children under 14. 617-385-5000, christmascraftfestival.com

ANNUAL BROCKTON TRAIN SHOW. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 4, at the Brotherhood of Temple Beth Emunah located in Brockton. The kosher snack bar will be open for breakfast, lunch and snacks. Admission is $3 for adults, $2 for senior citizens over 65 and children ages 8 to 17 and $7 for a family fare. Children 7 and under admitted free with an adult. For more information call 508-583-5810 or E-mail to acastaline@alum.mit.edu.

ANNUAL CHURCH FAIR, Bryantville United Methodist Church, 546 Mattakeesett St., Pembroke, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 10. Arts and crafts, silent auction, snack bar and more.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR - The St. Francis of Assisi holiday bazaar held in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 875 Washington St., Braintree 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 10. Coffee, muffins, donuts and soft drinks will be available. Lunch at 11:30 a.m. until sold out. Tables include crafts, knitted items, jewelry, baked goods, face painting religious items and country kitchen with jams, preserves and fudge. 781-843-1597.

FALL FAIR Pilgrim Congregational Church, 24 Athens St., North Weymouth, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 17. Crafts, baked goods, luncheon. 781-337 2075.

ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR North Pembroke Elementary School PTO 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nov. 18, from at the school. More than 40 local crafters, enjoy the bake sale tables, snack in the cafeteria and take a chance on the raffles from local merchants and crafters. Pictures with Santa, craft room and special shopping tables with free gift wrapping just for the kids.

E-mail fair and festival listings to ddinsmore@cnc.com

Reunions

COHASSET HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1972 is planning a reunion for Oct. 26. More information is available at classmates.com and will be updated regularly. They are trying to locate classmates. Log on to the Classmates web site and become a member so that they can reach you and you can receive notice of updates. You can also visit tessahoc72@yahoo.com

CARDINAL CUSHING CENTRAL HS SO. BOSTON – Class of 1967, 40th reunion Oct. 28 from 1 to 5 p.m. Luncheon at Best Western Adams Inn 29 Hancock St Quincy, River Room. Cost: $26 per person. RSVP by Oct. 24 call 781-335-9327.

ALL FORMER CAMPER/COUNSELORS-50TH CAMP REUNION, Camps Winni, Kingsmont and Ossipee. Nov. 3, from 7 p.m. to midnight at Lantana in Randolph 43 Scanlon Drive, Randolph. Cost: $50 per/person dinner, entertainment, dancing and a "camp momento." Register on-line youhadtobethere.org or send a check to Don McGibbon, 108 Walker Lane Abington, MA 02351. For information contact Don McGibbon at DonaldMcGi@aol.com or Donna (Ripley) Fallon at djfall@comcast.net or visit youhadtobethere.org. Spread the word. RSVP by Oct. 15. 781-961-4660.

HOLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL 20th reunion class of 1987, Nov. 10, 7 to 11 p.m. Cocktail Reception at The Four's Restaurant, 15 Cottage Ave., Quincy. Includes: cash bar, appetizer buffet, desserts, and a DJ. $40 per person. RSVP to: hhsclass1987reunion@yahoo.com or call 617-240-3846 as soon as possible. Tickets must be pre-paid.

NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1987 20 year class reunion on Nov. 23rd, 7:30-12:30 at Black Rock Country Club, Hingham. Ticket price is $50 per person, includes: cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, desserts and DJ. Call Cheri (Connolly) Farley at 781-659-5898 for more information or visit norwellhs1987.myevent.com

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL 10 Year Reunion – class of 1997, Nov. 23, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Jillian's on Lansdowne St., Boston, on the second floor in the main Jillian's complex. $25 per person and guests are welcome. Includes plenty of food, lots of pool tables, and bowling.

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL 20th reunion Class of 1987, Nov. 23, 7 p.m. to midnight at the Red Parrot in Hull Alumni are looking for classmates. Contact Tracy O'Sullivan at 781-982-1226 *or* Dawn Youngworth at shaneandmom@comcast.net

RANDOLPH HIGH SCHOOL 30th reunion Class of 1977 Nov. 23, from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. at the Randolph Lodge of Elks. Contact Mary Graziano at 781-986-5754 or Maria Civita at 781-961-2292/ M.Civita@comcast.net for information and ticket confirmation.

WHITMAN-HANSON HIGH SCHOOL 25th reunion Class of 1982 Nov. 23, from 6 to 11 p.m., at the Radisson Hotel, Rockland. Tickets cost $60 per person. Dinner and music will be provided. For address changes and information, contact Michelle Webber at 508-528-7509, Diana Marcotte at 978-663-7257, John Rozen at 781-618-7214, or e-mail whrhs1982@yahoo.com.

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL 15th reunion Class of 1992 Nov. 23 8 p.m. to midnight at F1 Boston on Wood Rd. in Braintree. The cost is $45 per person and the evening will include DJ, cash bar, and apps. Checks can be made payable to Laurice Vallancourt/BHS Class of 1992 and mailed to 11 Winter Terrace, Hanson MA 02341 by Nov. 9. Any questions, contact Laurice (Gunn) Vallancourt at vallancourt11@comcast.net

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL 30th Reunion Class of 1977 Nov. 23, 7 p.m. to midnight at Braintree Son's of Italy Hall. Tickets are $40 per person, or $75 per couple, if purchased by Nov. 1,includes a buffet dinner. To purchase tickets or to update your contact information visit BraintreeHigh.com/1977.html or mail your check to: BHS Class of 1977, P.O. Box 850088, Braintree, MA 02184-0088. All class members are invited to attend.

STOUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL, Class of 1987 will be holding its 20th class reunion on Nov. 24, at the Holiday Inn at 195 Westgate Dr.,Brockton. E-mails and addresses of fellow classmates are needed. E-mail or contact Kathy (Kosinski) Nelson at shs1987reunion@yahoo.com or 508-286-4261 or Jenn Remmes at 401-333-6730. Hotels rooms are available for $89. Call the Holiday Inn, 508-588-6300. Use code# S87 holiday-inn.com/brocktonma.

WEYMOUTH SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL- Class of 1977 30th year reunion, 7 to 11:30 p.m. Nov. 24. Dinner buffet at The Weymouth Elks, Washington St., (Rte. 53). Includes: cash bar, appetizers, dinner buffet, dessert and DJ. $35 per person. RSVP to weymouthsouth77@yahoo.com by Nov. 12.

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL 20th reunion Class of 1987 Saturday, Nov. 24, from 7 p.m. to midnight at Sons of Italy in Braintree. $35 per person or $60 per couple. Includes D.J., cash bar and apps until 10 p.m. Checks made payable to B.H.S. Class of 1987 and should be mailed to Mary Ellen Coffey, 53 Till Rock Lane, Norwell, MA 02061. Any questions, contact Mary Ellen (Gunn) Coffey at maryellen724@yahoo.com.

WEYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL ALL CLASSES REUNION will be held Feb. 8 and 9, 2008 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, 7470 Highway 192 in Kissimee, Fla. Call 1-800-327-9170 for reservations. On Feb. 10, a cruise departs for four nights, five days to the Bahamas. For information visit geocities.com/Lureman72 or contact Dick Laneau for registration for at 727-345-4323 or e-mail luresWanted@tampabay.rr.com

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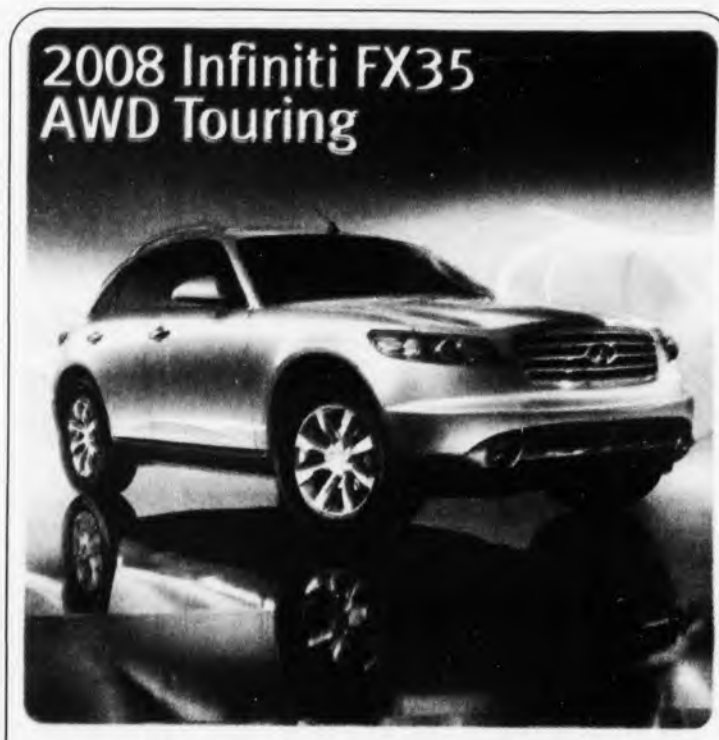
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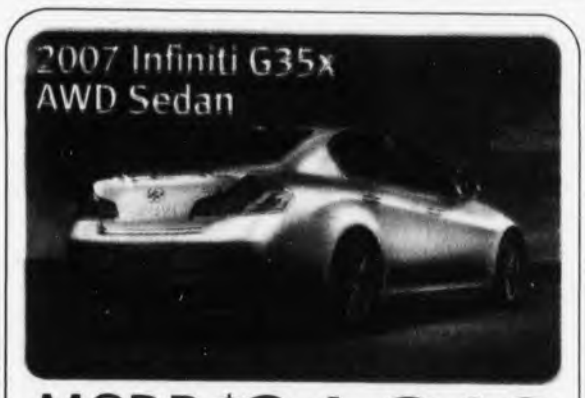
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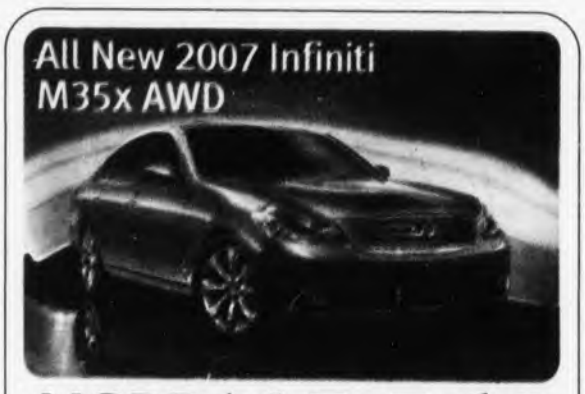
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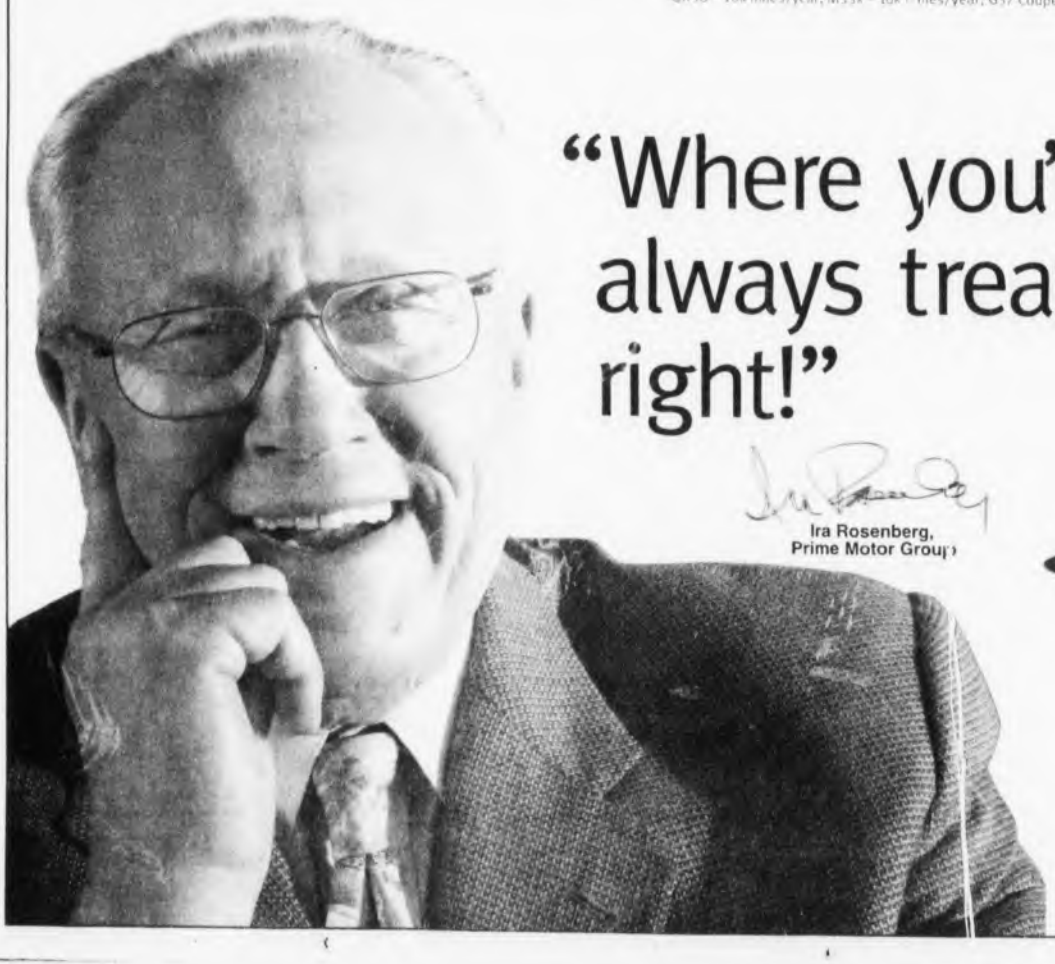
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It's a banner day for Greenbush

Train makes an entrance to fanfare

By Nancy White
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While the Red Sox paraded the streets of Boston for their World Series championship Rolling Rally, the five Greenbush towns were having a rolling rally of their own to celebrate this week's opening of the commuter rail line.

The young and old, town officials and townies, politicians and dignitaries gathered Tuesday morning on a picture perfect autumn day — clear skies, sunshine and mild temperatures — to welcome the historic return of the Greenbush commuter rail to Cohasset.

Buntings of red, white and blue hung from the rafters of the Cohasset station, while purple details, the official color of the MBTA commuter line, complemented the setting. Excited residents waited patiently for the arrival of the purple and silver train. When the sounds of the bells and lights flashing from the nearby grade crossing on North Main Street were heard, everyone turned to watch the train pull into town.

It was a scene that harkened back to a time when trains were the latest technology and the locomotive was making its way out west. Although the train rumbled through Cohasset for nearly 100

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Selectmen Paul Carlson, center, and Ted Carr, right, help state Rep. Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield, cut the ceremonial ribbon in front of the Cohasset station on Tuesday.

Rail Revival ceremonial train supplement inside



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS SHORES

Bill "Spanky" Sorenson, shown here at the train station on Wednesday morning, is sure to become a familiar figure to Cohasset commuters.

Coffee, breakfast for commuters

Spanky sets up service at station

By Mary Ford
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Cohasset's Boston-bound commuters who opt to take the Greenbush line should be pleasantly surprised that they can grab a cup of coffee and a muffin at the train station.

At all stations along the Greenbush line, vendors who have obtained a license from the MBTA will be setting up shop.

In Cohasset, Bill "Spanky" Sorenson, a self-described "people-person," will be there with his Spanky's Top Dog truck.

The Norwell native and Hanover resident is familiar with the area.

"I am looking forward to it, I am excited," said Sorenson in an interview earlier this week before the trains started to roll.

Cohasset commuters will soon come to recognize Sorenson, whose nickname "Spanky" has something to do with a childhood resemblance to Spanky of the "Little Rascals."

Today, only Sorenson's blue eyes and warm grin match his strawberry blonde hair and moustache.

Sorenson, who will be operating out of his truck for the weekday morning and afternoon commutes, expects that business may not be brisk at first. He realizes that a lot of commuters may not know about the service.

He will offer fresh coffee (decaf and

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Permit power

By Nancy White
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The village zoning bylaw has been crafted with hundreds of hours of labor by both the town's consultants, Planning Board members and citizens. Discussion over this integral piece of both Cohasset history and daily life has been both spirited and thorough over the last six months.

"For 52 years village zoning has been in the hands of the zoning board, if there is a turf war it has been created by the planning board."
— Woody Chittick, ZBA

As promised by the Planning Board, a proposed village zoning bylaw is on the warrant for the upcoming Special Town Meeting, Nov. 13. For the Selectmen, the complex six-page village zoning bylaw has come down to the issue of jurisdiction — which board, Planning Board of Zoning Board of Appeals, will be the primary special permit granting authority for the village business district.

The overlying intent of the village bylaw is to allow additional development to increase economical vitality,

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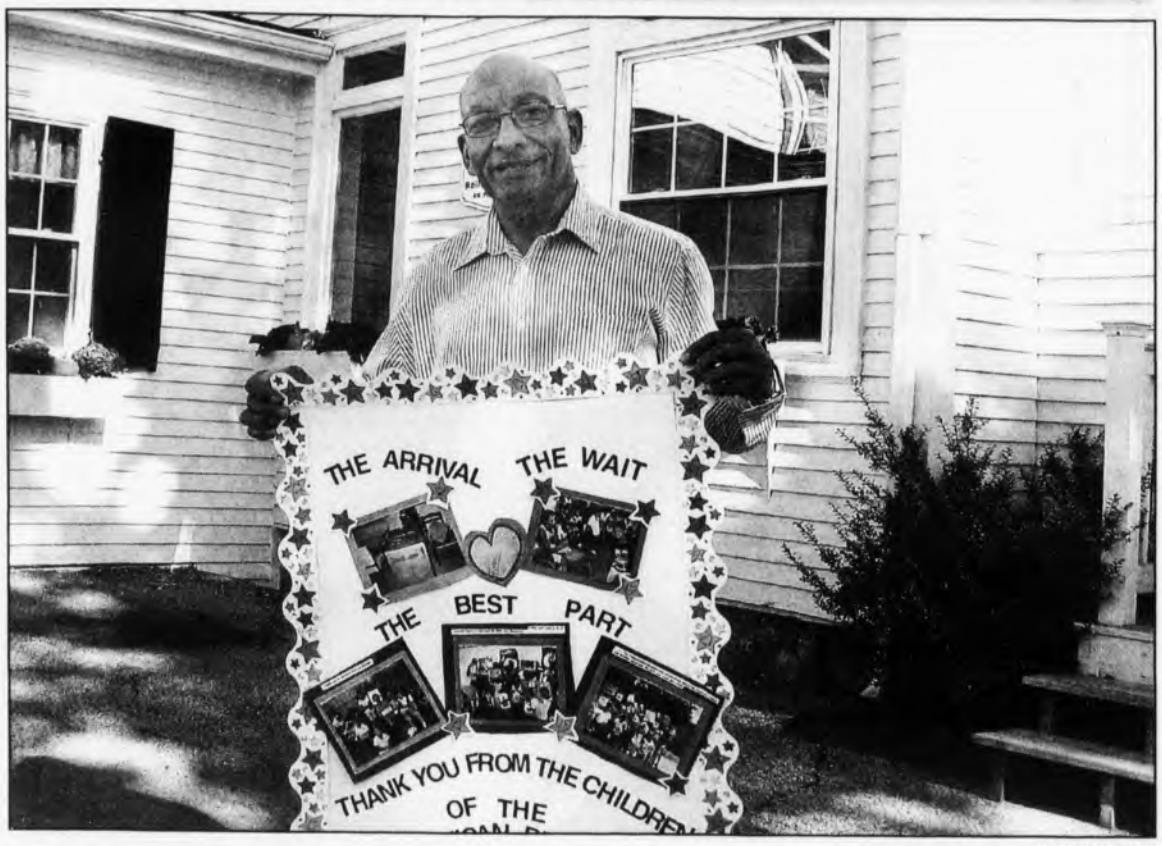
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The Mariner caught up with Julio Falcon this week at the South Shore Community Center. He is holding a poster with thank you notes and photos of children in Santo Domingo holding and opening the gifts sent to them through the SSCC toy and clothing drive. In addition to clothes and toys, the SSCC encourages cash donations to defray the expense of the shipments. For more information, stop by the center at 3 N. Main St. or call 781-383-0088.

Name: Julio Falcon

Occupation: Building maintenance at the South Shore Community Center.

Best day of your life: Sept. 22, 1944, the day I was born.

Best vacation: March 15, 2005, when I went to Santo Domingo.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite holiday: July 4th.

Favorite food: Chocolate, turkey and potato fries.

Best book: The Bible.

Best movie: "Police."

Best TV show: Sports, especially baseball.

Pet peeve: Rude drivers.

Most memorable moment: The day I got married.

Goal: For the children in Santo Domingo to have a nice Christmas.

Person you'd most like to meet: The President.

Biggest worry: Not to live long enough to see my son and grandchildren come to the United States.

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POLICE BEAT

Two men attacked with baseball bats Saturday morning

By Mary Ford
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Police are investigating an assault with baseball bats on two men who stopped their car at the corner of Hull Street and Grace Drive at about 12:20 a .m. on Saturday (Oct. 27). Chief James Hussey said police received a call from a Jerusalem Road resident that someone was trying to break into her house. As it turned out, one of the victims of the assault was looking for assistance.

Police said the man (seeking assistance) and the operator of the car had stopped to meet a female friend. Within seconds of getting out of the car, the operator was attacked by a group wielding baseball bats; he got back into the car and the attackers hit the car with a bat, breaking the windows. The passenger of the car also got out and was assaulted. The operator, who was an 18-year-old white male from Dedham, drove away from the scene, headed toward Hull and went to the Hull police. He was transported to the hospital.

The passenger, who was a 22-year-old white male from Hull, went up Grace Drive to the home on Jerusalem Road. Cohasset police took him to the station where he was checked out by paramedics for a cut on his forehead; he did not wish to be taken to the hospital, Hussey said.

Police believe those involved in the attack went into a house on Hull Street. Based on information officers gathered and in speaking to people in and around the area that night, officers have developed information on two suspects – a 21-year-old white male from Hingham and a 21-year-old white Hull male — and are seeking warrants for their arrests on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and willful and malicious destruction of property, Hussey said. The incident remains under investigation.

"We are not 100 percent sure of what the motivation was," Hussey said about the attack. "But we do know that it was not a random act."

There is a potential that more people could be charged; police believe there were more than two attackers, Hussey said.

One of the bats used was found at the scene and taken as evidence, he said.

"We are not 100 percent sure of what the motivation was. But we do know that it was not a random act."

— Police Chief James Hussey

Drunken teens

In investigating the assault detailed above, police went to a home on Hull Street in Cohasset on Saturday night and came across teens that appeared to be intoxicated, Chief Hussey said. Police ended up speaking with the mother of one of the teens; she had just arrived home and told police she had kicked a couple of people out of her house before police had arrived.

"We believe after the assault took place, people involved in the assault went into that house," Chief Hussey said. "We do believe the two incidents are related."

The woman's son, age 15, and another boy, 16, who lives in Cambridge and is formerly of Cohasset, came outside after police arrived and appeared to be under the influence, police said.

The 15-year-old Cohasset boy was allowed to remain with his mother.

Because the 16-year-old was not a resident of the home and was in an intoxicated state, police took him under protective custody. A 15-year-old girl and a 14-year-old girl, who were also in the house, and are both from Hull, also presented themselves and appeared to be intoxicated. They were also taken into protective custody; their parents were called and picked them up at the station. The parents of the Cambridge boy could not be immediately contacted and he was taken back to the Hull Street home and released into the custody of the other boy's mother.

Hussey said when police take people who are under 17 into protective custody they do not try to hold them at the station; they try to release them to a parent or responsible adult.

Officers did believe that the mother had not been at home and returned to find the teens had been drinking. "There was no evidence that she had knowledge this was taking place and she did throw two people out," Chief Hussey said.

Erratic driver

A 25-year-old Norwell man is facing the charge of operating under the influence of marijuana after he was stopped for driving erratically at about 10:36 p.m. on Friday (Oct. 26).

Police received a cell call reporting a gray or silver car that was headed south and was stopping at green lights and swerving on Route 3A. Police pulled the vehicle over by Shaw's.

The operator was asked to step out of the car and to perform field sobriety tests. Chief Hussey said the operator started the test, then stopped and refused to cooperate. Based on police investigation at the scene marijuana was recovered from the MV.

The man was also charged with possession of marijuana and marked lanes violation.

Tipped over

A tractor-trailer tipped over onto its side on the truck owner's property last week in a work-related mishap.

Cohasset fire was able to quickly contain some hydraulic fluid that had leaked.

The owner called Clean Harbors, which siphoned the fuel out of the truck before it was righted. There was no damage to the environment, police said.

OSHA and the DEP were initially notified but did not have to investigate.

The State Police truck team did not issue any citations. The incident was reported last Thursday (Oct. 25) at about 11:24 a.m.

Suspended license

A 43-year-old Scituate man was arrested last week for operating on a suspended license. Two days earlier on Oct. 22 officer, who knew the man had a suspended license, had observed him pull out of a parking lot on Route 3A (CJC Hwy.); the officer, who was not in the cruiser at the time, notified other units that were unable to locate the driver.

Then at about 10 a.m. on Oct. 24, the officer saw the same man drive out of the same parking lot and was able to stop him and place him under arrest.

Playground vandal

Police are investigating a vandalism incident at the playground behind the library. The vandal drew an obscene picture on the walkway with a black marker. The drawing has since been either covered up or removed after police took a photo of it for their investigation. The matter was reported to police on Tuesday (Oct. 23).

Burglary

An envelope with $168 was taken from the Texaco station on S. Main Street last week. An employee reported the break-in when he arrived at work on Saturday morning (Oct. 27). Police inspected the scene and it was determined that entry was gained by removing a panel in one of the garage doors. Evidence has been collected. Police have not found the Plexiglas panel, Chief Hussey said.

Bikes taken

Two bicycles valued at $330 each were stolen from an unlocked shed last Saturday. The S. Main Street resident reported the theft at 11:09 a.m. The door to the shed had been closed but that morning she noticed that the shed door was open. There was no forced entry, police said. One of the bikes is a green Rigid Bike and the other is a silver, woman's specialized bike.

Lot accident

The operator of a 1990 Pontiac contacted police after attempting to pull into a parking space off Route 3A and hitting another car last Tuesday (Oct. 23) at 12:42 p.m. The motorist explained that his foot slipped off the brake and hit the gas. The 2000 Toyota was unoccupied but information was left for the owner. There was minor damage to the passenger side door of the Toyota, police said. There were no citations issued. "The motorist 'fessed up' and the insurance companies will take it from there," Chief Hussey said.

Boat trailer

A walk-in to the police station last week reported that his boat trailer valued at about $2,000 had been stolen from a Route 3A boatyard.

The trailer had been at that location since May and the owner discovered the theft when he went to retrieve it; police said. Police are not sure when the theft occurred and the incident is under investigation.

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Getaway driver in bank robbery charged

On Oct. 29, 2007, Cohasset Police charged Scott Brown, 25, of Quincy with unarmed robbery in connection with the robbery of the Cohasset branch of the Sovereign Bank, 380 Chief Justice Cushing Highway. On Oct. 13, 2007, a lone female entered the Sovereign Bank and passed a demand note to the victim teller, indicating that she was robbing the bank. After taking a sum of money, the robber fled the bank on foot. Brown is believed to have been the getaway driver, picking the robber up on Sohier Street following the robbery. Cohasset Police detectives have also identified the female robber and expect to file similar charges against her in the coming week. She was taken into custody in Holbrook on Friday, Oct. 26, by Cohasset Police and FBI agents as a result of a warrant that had been issued for her arrest in connection with a bank robbery she is believed to have committed in another jurisdiction.

Brown was identified as a result of an intensive joint investigation between the Cohasset Police Criminal Investigation Division and the Boston Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Violent Crime/Bank Robbery Task Force. Weymouth and Hingham Police assisted with the investigation.

Chief Hussey said it is always satisfying to solve a serious crime in the community.

"Our officers did a great job responding to the robbery and collecting evidence," he said. "Our detectives evaluated the evidence, and diligently worked with the FBI and other local law enforcement personnel to identify and take into custody those persons responsible for the bank robbery."

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$220,000 in capital items recommended

By Nancy White
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Town Meeting voters will have the final say on how the money is allocated on Nov. 13.

Paring down a list of dozens of capital requests is the task put forth to the Capital Budget Committee for this Town Meeting cycle. With only $300,000 to dole out, the committee had to determine the town department needs versus wants and balance that with more long-range goals.

For the upcoming Special Town Meeting, the Capital Budget Committee is recommending six capital items be funded with the available monies.

"There are certain items that can't be put off," said chairman Steve Gaumer. However, the recommended allocations will leave $80,000 to spare to possibly be used toward a capital stabilization fund, a proposal the budget committee may bring to spring Town Meeting.

The Capital Budget Committee heard from the department heads over the last month about each department's capital priorities. The requests ranged from new gutters at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library to a DPW bucket truck. On Tuesday evening the committee waded through the requests and discussed the urgency of each item.

The committee's recommendations will be presented to both the Board of Selectmen next Monday (Nov. 5) and the Advisory Committee next Tuesday (Nov. 6). Town Meeting voters will have the final say on how the money is allocated on Nov. 13.

The biggest ticket item, coming in at $80,000, is for a Flood Control Master Plan. Brought forth by the Board of Selectmen, the engineering study would take an in-depth look at the flood prone areas of town: Jacob's Meadow, Atlantic Avenue and other smaller areas, like Rattlesnake Run.

The town-wide study, as described in the Request for Proposals for the project, would develop a conceptual, phased drainage master plan that the town can implement over the next few years, the exact schedule depending on the pace of funding. A detailed engineering design of each phase is not part of the present scope; instead, it will be done at a later time as the master plan is implemented.

The School Department had one urgent priority for a new handicap accessible special education van. In the spring, the schools requested money to purchase a replacement for the 12-year old van, but the repair of the High School library windows was determined more urgent and was funded instead.

Superintendent Denise Walsh explained on Tuesday evening the van has gone from "need to critical need in the last two weeks." The brakes on the van went out completely and the schools have been borrowing a Scituate van in the meantime.

"It reached a point where it could have been a disaster," said Walsh. About $45,000 was left-over from the library windows project after the necessary work was not as extensive as originally believed, the committee felt that savings should be used toward the purchase of the van.

The committee recommended the Fire Department received a total of $50,000 for two items. Fire Chief Robert Silvia identified a new ambulance as his priority, but the hefty price tag, $165,000, was too much at this time. Instead, the committee proposed putting $25,000 to repair the six-year-old ambulance.

With the regular commuter train service starting this week, the Capital Budget Committee recommended the purchase of $25,000 worth of heavy rescue tools to use in case of a serious car or train accident.

A new marked cruiser for the Police Department, $30,000, was added to the recommended list; as well as $15,000 for the purchase of 11 new staff computers at the library. The Old Colony Library Network, which Cohasset is a part of, is updating their computer network in the coming year and the current staff computers will not be compatible.

With an eye to the future, the Capital Budget Committee left approximately $80,000 of the $300,000, or about 25 percent, in free cash. The committee had formally proposed an $500,000 override in the spring to begin a capital stabilization fund, a separate fund dedicated to capital improvements, which in the future would maintain a balance of $2 to $3 million. The money would be used for capital maintenance, new, non-bonded purchases, and possibly down payments on bonded projects.

"We wish we could put $200,000" aside for the fund, Griffin said. But with several pressing capital needs and the uncertainty ahead of winter weather took precedence.

Recommended capital purchases

Fire	
Heavy rescue tools	$25,000
Repairs to ambulance	$25,000
Schools	
Special Ed van	$45,000
Police	
Marked cruiser	$30,000
Selectmen	
Flood control master plan	$80,000
Library	
11 Staff computers	$15,000
TOTAL	$220,000

POLICE BEAT

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Parking ban

No all-night parking is allowed on any street in Cohasset from Nov. 15th-April 1st per the town's traffic rules and orders.

Coyote

A caller reported coming "face to face" with a rabid coyote on Hull Street last Wednesday morning (Oct. 24) and was concerned about schoolchildren at bus stops. The caller said the coyote was headed toward Lambert's Lane.

Officers went to the scene but could not find the animal. Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy is following up to see if there were other sightings.

Warrant

Police received a call last Wed. (Oct. 24) about a Cohasset resident that did not appear in court in South Boston. A warrant was issued and Cohasset police took the 24-year-old man into custody.

Faceplate

A Cohasset High student reported to police last week that the faceplate that covers the stereo in her car had been taken sometime between 7:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Her car, which had a defective door that would not lock, was parked in the school lot. There were no signs of forced entry. Police are reviewing surveillance tapes to see if there is any evidence to determine who might be responsible.

Argument

Police responded to a call about an argument in the dining room at a local establishment between the owner and an employee who had been terminated. The employee, who further claimed she had been harassed, wanted her final paycheck. Management assured police that she would be paid once it was determined what she was owed. She was asked to return an hour later but was asked not to come back without a police escort.

Police provided the employee with a statement form if she decides to file a complaint about workplace harassment.

BB gun

Police informed two boys who were spotted with a BB gun last week that they cannot shoot it off in any direction where the BB has the potential to leave their property.

Cars egged

Motorists from Hull and Scituate last Friday (Oct. 26) had their cars egged as they drove along Forest Avenue. Both called police on their cell phones. Police have not located those responsible. One driver got out and found pieces of eggshell on his car. The incidents occurred in the evening about one hour apart.

MVA

There was a minor accident at the lights at Beechwood and Route 3A last week.

The accident involved a Nissan that was traveling northbound on 3A and a brown Toyota Tundra that was southbound.

The Nissan was attempting to turn left onto Beechwood Street but the motorist's view of oncoming traffic was blocked by a southbound truck, also waiting to turn left.

The Nissan and Toyota, which came around the truck, were both going slowly when the collision occurred.

There was minor damage and the motorists exchanged papers.

Window smashed

A caller reported that when she went to move her car at about 9:40 p.m. on Sunday (Oct. 28), she discovered that her rear window was smashed. Police said there was glass inside the car and recovered pieces that looked like they were part of a bottle mixed in with the window glass.

The woman said she had parked the car about 6:30 p.m. She told police that she was not having any difficulties with anyone.

Police think it could be a random incident and are not sure if someone threw a bottle out of car or walked by and used the bottle to break the window.

Bartender

A bartender at a local establishment reported to police last week that he had a disagreement with management and was punched in the back of the head. Chief Hussey said police are in the process of investigating and will make a determination whether to take any criminal action.

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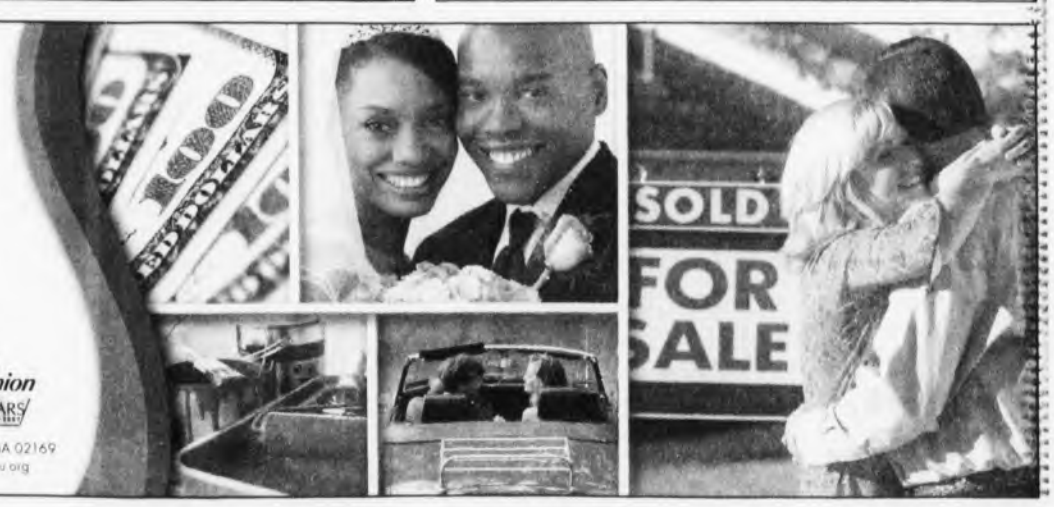
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Village bylaw prepares for Town Meeting

FROM PERMIT, PAGE 1

add vibrancy to the village and create a positive economic climate all while maintaining the character of the district seemed to be supported by all.

At their meeting Monday night, the Selectmen postponed making a recommendation for the Town Meeting article (Article 4) until next Monday's meeting (Nov. 5) so all five Selectmen could vote. Selectman Fred Koed was absent Monday evening.

Although the Selectmen's recommendation carries some weight, the voters at Special Town Meeting will ultimately determine the fate of the village bylaw. Like all zoning bylaw amendments, a two-thirds majority vote is required to enter the changes into the books.

Angus Jennings of Concord Square Development Company was hired by the town to look at the existing bylaws and propose meaningful amendments. In addition to constructing a bylaw to promoting a strong economic center, Jennings looked at housing/apartments, parking and open space.

The Planning Board approved the bylaw two weeks ago at its continued public hearing. As written the Planning Board is the primary special permit granting authority for the village business district. The philosophy is to streamline the permitting process to make it easier and therefore more attractive for developers to invest in their property. Any application that is outside the zoning bylaws set forth would have to appeal to the ZBA for a variance.

A similar permitting process, with the Planning Board as the authority, is currently in place for the Transit Oriented Overlay District (TOD) instituted at the 2006 Annual Town Meeting.

Currently, in cases of commercial expansion or new construction in the village the applicant would need to go before the Planning Board for a site plan review and before the ZBA for a special permit or variance.

"It's fair to say Zoning Board of Appeals in favor of the intention of the bylaw but unanimously opposed to current bylaw as it is written," said Zoning Board Chairman Woody Chittick. The ZBA has taken exception to making the Planning Board the primary permit granting authority. The ZBA plans to take make its official recommendation on the bylaw at its meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

He went on to explain the current dual board process adds a layer of checks and balances to the permitting system. In the current procedure, the Planning Board's site plan review is taken into consideration before a permit is issued, said Chittick.

Chittick said the if Planning Board is given permit granting authority, they would have no jurisdiction over abutting residential districts. "[the ZBA] is not anti-development, we just need to balance the interests of all in town."

"For 52 years village zoning has been in the hands of the zoning board, if there is a turf war it has been created by the planning board," who desired the permitting power be transferred to their board, said Chittick in a phone interview, "any problems with downtown development has been in the bylaw (as they are written) not in their administration."

"It's a well intentioned bylaw and I wish we could come to a resolution," said Chittick at the meeting.

A "compromise," or as Town Manager Bill Griffin later said was more accurately an "alternative," in the form of an amendment has been prepared by the town's village bylaw consultant Angus Jennings to effectively transfer the permit granting authority back to the ZBA. Concerns were raised that a substantial amendment on the floor of Town Meeting could cause voter confusion.

"The bylaw is already six pages long. It's full, rich and complex," said Chittick.

Griffin said if the Selectmen would like to go that direction, printed copies of the amendment could be handed out to Town Meeting voters at the meeting.

Planning Board member Bob Sturdy said he didn't buy into the ZBA's rationale, adding his board was better equipped to look at the big picture issues facing the village — architecture, massing, design, drainage, lighting, noise, "there's a lot of arm wrestling (with the developer)," to get a project that works for everyone, he said.

The varied buildings and lot areas in the village beg for compromise and coordination between abutting property owners and an eye on a greater vision for the village, "[the ZBA's] workload deals with the fine print. Ours is in plans, designs and drawings," said Sturdy.

Jennings said in every instance he's been hired to consult on zoning bylaws for a new overlay or specialty zoning district, the permit granting authority has been given to the Planning Board.

"I think we all support the intent and wording of the bylaw," said Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil but needed to make a determination on the jurisdiction issue.

"If this doesn't pass, it's a terrible disservice to the town," said Selectman Ralph Dormitzer and hoped they could determine a compromise that could pass muster with voters.

"I think by (next) Monday we can come to grips with this," said Vanderweil. At Monday's meeting, the Selectmen will vote on their recommendation for the village bylaw.

Village bylaw in brief

To the greatest extent possible, and to keep things simple, all existing bylaws are being preserved. The Village Business District runs from approximately the Red Lion Inn to Carousel Antiques including Brook and Elm St. (to Flemings) and James Brook Crossing shops.

- **Definition of apartment**: Apartment has never been defined in the town bylaws. A single apartment in the village business district will be limited to no less than 700 square feet, but no more than 1,500 square feet.
- **Definition of floor area ratio**: A new term and mechanism to limit the amount of development on a given piece of land. It is the relation between buildable lot size and sum of gross floor area of all buildings on a lot. For the purposes of calculating floor area ratio, gross floor area will exclude garages, uninhabitable attic or cellar space, and underground parking.
- **Permitting authority**: The special permit granting authority for the downtown village business district is the Planning Board. Any application that is outside the zoning bylaws set forth would have to appeal to the ZBA for a variance.
- **Sidewalk sales**: In the village business district merchants may display their goods on public sidewalks on a temporary basis as long as the display is routinely removed outside of normal business hours. The display must still allow for safe pedestrian passage.
- **Inclusionary bylaw**: The Village will be exempt from the inclusionary bylaw, which states all multi-family residential development of five or more apartment units must include one unit or 10 percent affordable housing units, whichever is greater. The Housing Partnership Committee is in the process of rewriting this bylaw so it is subject to change at a future Town Meeting. Given that, the bylaw crafters though it wise to leave the village exempt for the time being.
- **Table of area regulations**: The table does away with the 40,000 square foot lot size requirement for apartments reducing it to 5,000 square feet. Frontage must be at least 50 feet. It defines minimum yard setbacks for the front and rear as 15 feet. Side yard setbacks are given a minimum of 10 feet. However, it enables narrower setbacks based on adjacent buildings and (to be written) Planning Board design guidelines. There is no change in height restrictions or lot coverage, which are set at 35 feet and 80 percent, respectively.
- **Parking**: The bylaw stipulates any existing parking in the village business district should be maintained.
- **Floor area ratio**: The maximum allowable floor area ratio for new buildings will be 1.3, however, the maximum may be increased to 2.0 by the special permit granting authority based on providing a providing a public benefit, such as a green building, parking, sidewalks or affordable housing.
- **Residential only buildings**: Apartment units on the ground floors of buildings will be allowed if two requirements are met. First, the building is located behind another building, or is a portion of a building, that has one or more retail or service uses on the ground floor. Second, the first floor residences will not have an adverse impact on the continuity of any retail or services uses located adjacent to a street.

Maximum buildout

The Selectmen requested Jennings and his team to look at the maximum number of allowable apartment/condominium units under the new bylaw. To preface the number, Jennings said the maximum buildout would take likely a 20-year time period. Using his database, he was able to calculate a total of 94 housing units possible in the district. Twenty-nine apartment units are currently in the district and Jennings said there might be some overlap in the numbers. About half of the units will be part of smaller scale developments with one to six apartments in a building.

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TURN CLOCKS

Hey Cohasset, how is everyone this week? I hope that Halloween was fun, safe and tasty for all who enjoyed the day and evening and that everyone is back on track schedule-wise. Actually, a new schedule is happening tomorrow night so don't forget to turn your clocks BACK one hour. Also get ready for some cool weather that is headed our way although it looks like it will stay rather dry for the most part. I cannot believe that it is November already, time flies when you are having fun I guess!

GRIDIRON EVENT

The Cohasset Gridiron Club is proud to welcome back to Cohasset High School members and their families of the 1957 undefeated football team who are celebrating the 50th anniversary of their perfect season.

The event takes place Friday night, November 2 when the current Cohasset Skippers take on South Shore League rival, Abington. Kickoff is 7 pm, preceded by the traditional honoring of this year's Senior Class players and parents. Come out and support the 2007 team and honor the 1957 team and enjoy some great football action and tradition under the Friday night-lights!

COAT DRIVE

Cohasset Girl Scout Troops #4784 and #4777 will be collecting coats for the homeless on Sunday, Nov. 11th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the back of Saint Anthony's parking lot. Kids, women, and men's coats are needed. Please give to this worthy cause. The scouts collected more than250 coats at the last coat collection two years ago and hopes to break that record! If you have any questions, please call 781-383-0695.

CHEERLEADERS

The Cohasset High Cheerleaders would like to thank all the wonderful people who donated money to their team. The girls worked together to do a can drive at Stop & Shop and CVS over these past two weekends. With their time and effort, the girls raised more than $400. They were very successful is raising money for things like POM POMs, and maybe in the future new uniforms among other things. So thank you all very much for your support of the CHS Cheerleaders.



Ensign Cosimo F. Cambi

COAST GUARD

Sunny skies were the backdrop this past May 23rd for the 126th USCGA Commencement ceremony which featured keynote speaker President George W. Bush. Proud family members and guests listened along with 228 graduates as President Bush gave a speech which lauded the cadets for their commitment and devotion to duty. The address was followed by the conferral of commissions, and presentation of their degree by President Bush and USCGA Superintendent Admiral Scott Burhoe.

Among the graduating Cadets was **Cosimo F. Cambi**, son of **Michele and Michael Hubley** of Cohasset, who were joined by Cosimo's proud grandparents, **Mike and Anna Abbruzzese,** along with many family members. Ensign Cambi is presently commissioned on the USCG Cutter Sherman based in Alameda, Calif. Congratulations on this wonderful news Cosimo.

JURIED SHOW

Paint! a nationally juried show, opens this Friday at the South Shore Art Center. Opening reception is Friday, Nov. 2 from 6-8 p.m. and all are welcome to attend. The exhibition, held in conjunction with the South Shore Art Center Gallery Artists' annual Small Works show, will be up through the end of December. Small Works features paintings, photographs,and other artwork priced for holiday gift giving. For more information, go to www.ssac.org

ON STAGE

If you are looking for a wonderful evening out with friends, why not come to the Cohasset Dramatic Club's fall 2007 production, "Moon Over Buffalo" by **Ken Ludwig**, directed by **Eric Henderson** and produced by **Jean DiGiacomandrea**. This hilarious comedy centers on the lives of George & Charlotte Hay, two fading repertory stage actors, stuck in a stop on their tour in thrilling 1950s Buffalo. George and Charlotte have lost their last chance at stardom, their agent is smitten with Charlotte and the company ingénue has become pregnant by George. The plot is full of misunderstandings, misplaced affections and missing persons. Cohasset residents, **Kurt Hochkeppel** is playing the role of Paul and **Sharon White** is Eileen.

Performances take place at Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 8 - 10th at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, Nov. 11th at 2 p.m. For tickets call 617-697-2115.

FUNDRAISER

Here is some yummy news from our current fifth-grade class at Deer Hill School. From now until Nov. 13th, the Deer Hill Fifth Graders are selling Kinnealey Meats for their first Camp Bournedale Fundraiser. If you are interested in purchasing Kinnealey Meats and do not know a fifth grader, please contact either **Beth Marsden Gilman** at bmarsden@comcast.net or **Lisa Dooley** at the4dooleys@comcast.net and they will be able to assist you.

NEW ARRIVAL

Best of wishes go out to a wonderful family here in Cohasset. **Billy and Katie Oliver**, along with big brother **Bobby**, who is 8, and big sisters **Abby**, 5, and **Amanda**, 3, would like to announce the birth of the new addition, **Katelyn May Oliver**.

Katelyn was born on Oct. 10, 2007 and is so blessed and lucky to have so much love at home as she settles into life in our town with her family and friends. Enjoy this beautiful new addition and congratulations to all.

POST PROM

The next Post Prom Committee Meeting for CHS Seniors parents will be held on Thursday evening, November 15 at 7:30 pm at the Cohasset High School Library. Support, ideas and thoughts are encouraged and it would be wonderful to have you involved. If you have any questions, please contact **Babette** at 781-383-2561.

That is all for this week. My daughter is going in next week for a bit of surgery (we are all thinking of you cutie and know you will be fine) so if possible, could you try to send in all of your news to me by Tuesday at noon? That would be a huge help all around for the column, thanks so much in advance.

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ENGAGEMENT



Adrienne Michelle Sullivan and Matthew Scott DiFonzo

Sullivan - DiFonzo

Priscilla and Stephen Sullivan of Cohasset and Avon, Conn., announce the engagement of their daughter, Adrienne Michelle, to Matthew Scott DiFonzo, son of Maureen and Alan DiFonzo of Hopedale.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Avon High School and a 2002 graduate of Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. She currently works in human resources at Winn Management Group in Boston.

Her fiancé is a 1996 graduate of Milford High School and a 2000 graduate of Plymouth State University. He works as a senior benefits analyst for Diversified Investment Advisors in Newton.

The couple will reside in Natick following a September 2008 wedding in Cohasset.

St. Stephen's Church accepting book donations

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., is accepting donations of slightly worn hardcover and paperback books, DVDs and CDs for its annual book sale, part of the ecumenical Village Fair that will take place this year on Saturday, Dec. 1 on Cohasset Common.

Donations can be brought to the church in bags or boxes and placed inside the parish hall door marked church offices. Use the reserved parking spot to unload books during church office hours, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Pick up of donations can be arranged. For donation pick up or more information, call D'Anne Avotins at 781-923-1104. Books will be sorted at St. Stephen's in Walton Rodgers Hall every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11a.m. Donations will be accepted through Nov. 23. Old text books, romance novels, damaged or moldy books or books with notes and/or highlighting will not be accepted.

Money raised from the book sale will be used to send underprivileged children and their families to the Barbara C. Harris Camp in Greenfield, N.H. For more information visit: bchcenter.org.

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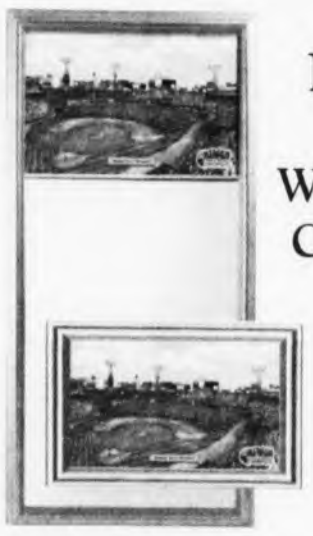
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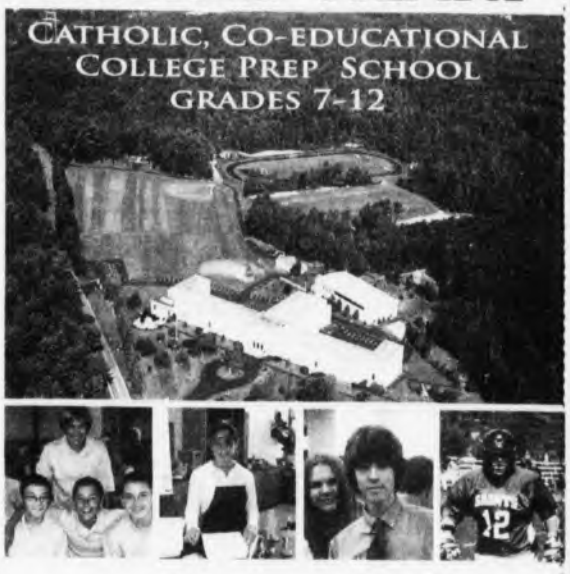


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Troop 28 hikes in White Mountains

The entire trip was organized by Patrol Leader Tucker Oddleifson, who has the rank of Star Scout.



COURTESY PHOTOS

On top of Mt. Washington, from left, back row: Bruce Sinclair, Morgan McCarthy, Christian Quebec, RK Quebec, Paul Berube, Greg Berube, Graham Sinclair, Chris Oddleifson; kneeling, left to right: August Oddleifson and Tucker Oddleifson.

Members of Cohasset Boy Scout Troop 28 traveled to the White Mountains in New Hampshire on two separate hiking trips on Oct. 6 through 8. On Saturday, a group of senior Scouts backpacked to Mizpah Springs in the Presidential Range and set up camp. On Sunday, that group climbed to the top of Mount Washington by way of the peak of Mount Pierce (4,310 feet) and then along the Crawford Path to the summit of Mount Eisenhower (4,760 feet) and then to the summit of Mount Washington (6,288 feet). The hike covered more than 12 miles in more than 9fi hours.

While weather early on Sunday was not promising, the day turned out to be clear with unseasonably light winds. The views from the peaks, and from the trail above the tree line, were spectacular. All seven Scouts and all three adults accompanying them completed the hike.

The second group of Scouts camped at nearby Lafayette State Park in the Franconia Range. That group hiked portions of Cannon Mountain to Lonesome Lake. The latter group also hiked the geologic formations in the Flume Gorge.

The entire trip was organized by Patrol Leader Tucker Oddleifson, who has the rank of Star Scout. Several Scouts took advantage of the opportunity for Scout rank advancement by taking responsibility for camp cooking and by leading portions of the Cannon Mountain hike with map and compass.

Boys ages 12 through 17 interested in the fun, adventure and service opportunities offered by Scouting can contact Troop 28 for more information through the troop's Web site at troop28cohasset.org.



At Lonesome Lake, from left, Blake Erler, Thomas Fogarty, Jack O'Brien, Kevin Mack, Robbie Hillman, Alex Kent, Hugh Gideon-Murphy and Colin Gideon-Murphy.

From the Archives of the Cohasset Historical Society



Train at Cohasset, Feb.19, 1896.

Pictured above is another photograph reproduced from our collection of glass slides. As the Greenbush line began to service Cohasset this week we thought a look back was appropriate. Our exhibit on the history of the railroad in Cohasset will remain until Nov. 6th. Don't miss your opportunity to stop by and see the photographs and memorabilia.

From the Archives is a weekly feature provided by Cohasset Historical Society.

The Cohasset Historical Society welcomes donations. If you have something that you would consider donating to our archives please give us a call at 781-383-1434.

Teen dance set for Nov. 2

Cohasset Youth Resources will host a Midnight Blue Teen Center Dance for Cohasset youngsters in grades six through eight from 7 to 10 p.m., on Friday, Nov. 2. Cost is $5 per person, and those attending will be required to show their student ID when they sign in for the dance.

Students should be sure they gain admittance to the dance before their ride lives, as once full capacity is reached no further admittance will be allowed. There will be no admittance after 8:30 p.m.

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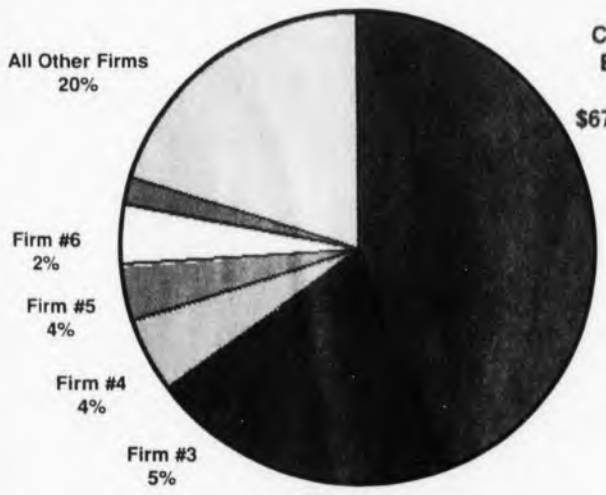
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Each raffle ticket has 32 chances to be a winner in a daily drawing of prizes and gift certificates from local merchants ranging in value from $50 to $300 per day. Be sure to purchase raffle tickets, support Cohasset varsity hockey team and perhaps be a winner in December for the holidays.

LIBRARY CORNER

Showing of 'National Velvet' Nov. 2

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library at 35 Ripley Road.

For more information call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Great Decisions Group – The first Great Decisions Discussion group will begin at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 4, in the Meeting Room. For those who have registered for the program, the group will discuss Central Asia, found in chapter seven of the assigned text.

Movie Matinee – Come to the library for a free showing of the film "National Velvet," starring Elizabeth Taylor, Mickey Rooney, and Angela Lansbury, at 11 a.m., Friday, Nov. 2. The Friends of the Library will provide light refreshments. The Friends of the Library and the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee generously sponsored the movie site license.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film, "The Way I Spent the End of the World" at 6 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 15. Free admission and refreshments will be provided. A Romanian schoolgirl, played by Dorothea Petrie, finds her life forever changed when she accidentally knocks over a bust of dictator Nicolae Ceausescu in director Catalin Mitulescu's tragic and comic coming-of-age tale.

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By Judy Graham
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Cohasset Consignment Shop on Route 3A in Cohasset's CVS Plaza, is more than your typical consignment store. At the Consignment Shop you can purchase gently used home goods, furniture and clothing, or consign items when you are downsizing a household or want to make room for something new. A lesser-known fact is that the Consignment Shop is the cornerstone and major funding source for the Social Service League of Cohasset, a non-profit organization whose programs have provided a beacon of hope for people in need all over the South Shore since 1912.

The Consignment Shop is co-managed by Marita Carpenter and Leslie Lemaire who, with the help of volunteers, welcome customers six days a week. Customers from local communities find the shop a treasure trove of furniture, home decorative items and affordable clothing and accessories. Others welcome the shop's reputation as a respected, well-run organization, as they consign items for sale.

"We have many long-standing customers who we work with on a regular basis," says Shop Manager Marita Carpenter. "We are proud to provide a valuable service to the people in the area who rely on us for the purchase and sale of quality consignment goods."

Leftover goods not sold are donated to the Sea-Renity Rose Recovery Home in Scituate.

Barbara Conway of Scituate shopped in the store for many years before becoming a volunteer, "I have loved shopping here and now I enjoy interacting with the customers. There is such an excitement they find something great. The other day we had a woman find the same dress she just bought at Bloomingdales for $500 priced here at $30."

"I heard about the shop from the ladies in my cooking class," said Merry Ann Hilson of Norwell. "I was downsizing my home, so I came in and consigned. I will be back with my mother's Hummel collection. Your volunteers were so helpful."



Consignment Shop co-managers, Marita Carpenter and Leslie Lemaire, holding the new logo for the Social Service League, designed by Lisa Corrado of Hingham.

"We are proud to provide a valuable service to the people in the area who rely on us for the purchase and sale of quality consignment goods."
— Marita Carpenter, co-manager

The Consignment Shop's benefit to the community extends far beyond the walls of the store. By generating funds for the nonprofit Social Service League, the shop is an extension of the League's mission, which is to identify and assist the most needy and least served people of all ages within our surrounding communities and to provide programs, which will directly assist them. Last year the League conducted an in-depth needs assessment survey, canvassing educators, law enforcement officials, clergy and local lawmakers from South Shore communities to determine which social services were most urgent. Elder services, teen safety, affordable childcare and housing, and alcohol problems were the major issues identified by the survey, as was a need to link local communities and service providers together to pool resources and help direct those in need to appropriate agencies for help.

In response, the Social Service League conducted lecture series to educate parents and college-bound teenagers on the dangers and issues they could face in college such as alcohol and drug abuse, rape and abduction, and to prepare them to be socially responsible young adults.

For many years the League has supported Elder Affairs programs by providing Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to local seniors, organizing Meals on Wheels, and the Christmas Angel Program, which is a holiday gift-giving program for seniors through the Council on Aging. In addition, the League manages the Wilcutt Fund, which provides funds for elderly couples to remain living in their homes, when escalating taxes and other housing expenses become unaffordable.

The Social Service League has long provided annual assistance and funding to Wellspring of Hull, which helps many families throughout surrounding communities by providing domestic violence intervention programs, crisis counseling and adult learning programs.

The recent community needs assessment has invigorated the Social Service League as it enters its 95th year of service to our communities. An updated mission statement and new logo promotes the League's dedication to being a beacon of hope for those less fortunate. In the coming weeks the League's new Web site will be launched, which will be a clearinghouse of information and resources, providing vital links to social service providers in communities all over the South Shore.

The Cohasset Consignment Shop offers affordable clothing and home goods items for sale and provides a reputable place to consign your personal treasures six days a week, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The support the shop provides to the underserved in our surrounding communities through the Social Service League has an impact that is felt every single day.

To volunteer or get information on consigning at the Consignment Shop, contact Marita Carpenter at 781-383-0687.

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The fifth annual Mistletoe Boutique will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 4, at the Atlantica Restaurant, 44 Border St.. The boutique will feature more than 30 artisans and vendors.

In addition to Atlantica, vendors for the boutique will also be at Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum in Cohasset. Admission is free at both locations.

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Also information on using veteran's benefits towards the cost of assistant living will be discussed. A question and answer session will follow the presentation. Light refreshments will be served.

Sunrise senior living is committed to furthering the knowledge of senior living though events and seminars designed to help inform seniors and their caregivers.

EVENT DETAILS

Estate Planning
for Seniors and Caregivers
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

1-4-3 (I/We love you)

Ahoy there!

Here at the Cohasset Mariner, we appreciate our readership and relish the fact we've become a tradition in the vast majority of households in town.

However, it's always bothered us that *everyone* isn't a subscriber. To that end, we're mailing the Cohasset Mariner to every household in town this week in the hope that we'll convince those who don't read the paper to give us a try.

The Cohasset Mariner has been around since 1978 so we are beginning to feel like a "venerable" institution.

And since we turn back the clocks this Sunday (Nov. 2), we thought it would be fun to give you a snapshot of the year your hometown paper debuted.

According to www.thepeoplehistory.com:

A gallon of gas cost 63 cents in 1978. A pound of bacon was $1.20 and a dozen eggs, 48 cents. The average cost of a new house was $54,800.

At year-end, the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 805.

The most popular movies were "Grease," "Saturday Night Fever," and "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." The Bee Gees topped the charts with "Night Fever and Stayin' Alive." The most popular musicians were Paul McCartney and Wings and the Rolling Stones.

On the small screen, "Happy Days," "Little House on the Prairie," and "The Rockford Files" were watched by the most Americans.

For sports fans, according to informationplease.com:

Dallas beat Denver 27-10 in the Super Bowl; The Yankees beat the LA Dodgers (4-2) in the World Series; Montreal defeated Boston (4-2) in the Stanley Cup, and in the Wimbledon finals, Martina Navratilova beat Chris Evert and Bjorn Borg beat Jimmy Connors.

Although we are not anywhere near as historic or as old as Minot Ledge Lighthouse, we are proud to include its rendering in our flag on page one as a symbol of Cohasset heritage.

Some of our readers may not know that the lighthouse, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was rebuilt in granite in 1858-59 on outer Minot's ledge after the original lighthouse toppled in a gale. It was lit in 1860 and about 30 years later, the U.S. Lighthouse Service assigned it the distinctive 1-4-3 pattern so it could be easily recognized. Over the years the familiar flashing light has come to mean "I Love You."

The top of the lighthouse was replaced in 1987 and the granite blocks were recycled to construct the replica that adorns Government Island where the lightkeepers once lived.

Cohasset is a great town and we pledge to continue to provide the coverage it deserves. Every week we publish all the news we can scout up in the Mariner and that wouldn't be possible without a lot teamwork that includes staff reporter Nancy White; sports editor Joel Racicot; staff photographers Robin Chan and Chris Shores; cartoonist Jim Hamilton; Around Town columnist Jennifer Piepenbrink; correspondents, freelance photographers, columnists and other contributors. We're also grateful to tech support, our typesetters, and paginators.

But the most important part of our team is you, our readers. You provide us with the tidbits of information that compile Around Town, Happenings, social and club news. Many of our news tips come from you.

In short, you are the reason we're here. You're the reason we're still publishing after 29 years.

Let us know what you think.

We love what we do and consider it a privilege to keep you informed and be part of the continuing Mariner tradition.

— Mary Ford
mford@cnc.com

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Advisory Committee, Nov. 6, 7 p.m.

Alternative Energy Committee, Nov. 6 and Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m.

Board of Health, Nov. 15, 7 p.m.

Capital Budget Committee, Nov. 5 & 6, 7:30 p.m.

Cohasset Housing Partnership, 6:30 p.m., Nov. 13 at the high school (before Town Meeting)

Historical Commission, Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m.

Library Trustees, Nov. 14, 7 p.m.

Planning Board, Nov. 7, 7 p.m., public hearing Special Town Meeting Articles 3 & 5

Recreation Commission, Nov. 7, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee, Nov. 7, 7 p.m. at the high school

Selectmen, Nov. 5, 7 p.m.; Nov. 13, 6 p.m. at Sullivan gym before Town Meeting; Nov. 19, 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Nov. 26, 6 p.m.

Stormwater Committee, Nov. 5, 7 p.m.

Town Hall Design Selection Committee, Nov. 5 & 6, 6 p.m

Water Commission, Nov. 7, 7 p.m. at the Planning Board meeting at Town Hall; Nov. 8 and Nov. 24, 6 p.m., King Street plant.

ZBA, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Some commuters didn't think twice about Halloween being the charter Greenbush run



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Water Dept. thanked

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to commend the people at the Cohasset Water Company for being "on the job" and helping to prevent a potential disaster.

On Friday, the construction company digging on Nichols Road broke our gas line. Thanks to Keyspan it was replaced the next day. On Monday, the same construction company broke our water line. During the repair, they connected our line to the main water line. Next, they began to tap-in a line for the water company's use as a feeder line for adding components such as chlorine. Luckily, a water company supervisor was on site and noticed that the feeder line was being connected to the main line on the wrong side of the valve and he corrected the workmen. Without the correction, the chlorine would have fed directly into our drinking water with dire consequences.

Thanks to the Water Company for their timely interference and supervision!

George Watts
76 Nichols Road

The shared cost of NIMBY

TO THE EDITOR:

Little Harbor area residents scheduled to be connected to the sewer system will bear substantial first cost plus a doubling of their water bills. So it's a shame that the pique of one or two residents (about locating the equipment and materials staging area near their homes) may result in all residents sharing the increased cost of satisfying that pique. The Building Inspector's permit will be challenged at a ZBA hearing Nov. 6 at 9.15 p.m. If the complainant's lawyer succeeds in identifying some technical deficiency in the permit, the cost of delay and subsequent legal jousting may add significantly to the shared cost. Because the town granted the permit, presumably the contractor would have good grounds to claim reimbursement from the town for all costs of mitigation or relocation and interruption of the work.

The town is fortunate that the contractor found a large enough and flat enough plot close to the work, and available for lease (on Jerusalem Road at Nichols Road) and owned by the Jenkins family). Proximity to the work not only reduces cost of time consumed in movement of materials and equipment, but reduces the number of people to be annoyed by the movement, and reduces street damage from moving heavy equipment. The lot is temporarily paved so as to reduce mud dragged out into the streets.

If anyone is dismayed that the lessor would be profiting from the sewer activity that will cost the rest of us money, be comforted by realizing that the lots location enables more effective and less costly use of the contractor's manpower. There is no suitable town-owned land anywhere nearby.

Let us hope that the work is not interrupted or made more costly by this challenge.

While on the subject of sewers, why hasn't the Sewer Commission transferred or emulated the excellent reporting of Tom Gruber and Mark Brennan on the train and Forest Avenue to reporting on the sewer project. We have endured a few weeks of noise, equipment traffic and hieroglyphics painted on the asphalt without the benefit of information. Information tends to generate support, lack thereof tends to encourage the opposite.

R. Murray Campbell
217 Jerusalem Road

Inviting tragedy

TO THE EDITOR:

As a long time resident of Cohasset, I am not happy with those few who are refusing to allow the MBTA train to sound its horn at railroad crossings. Unlike the sound the sound of click, clack that went out with Charlie Chaplin movies, the high-tech joining of the tracks of today are so smooth, so tightly fit together, and so silent, that they do not give you any warning.

MBTA officials who I have spoken with have told me that they are not happy about this; they also told me that many local police are also alarmed by the lack of a horn sounding. This could spell doom for the hard of hearing, children, the handicapped, and anyone not warned by the sound of a train horn.

Please urge elected officials in your town that the demands of a select few, who do not want to be disturbed by the sound of the train horn, is a selfish move and it's putting the safety of citizens at risk. It will only take one accident, one death, to reverse this no-horn policy.

Rik Tinory
PO Box 311
Cohasset

Village article different from harbor article

COMMENTARY

TOM CALLAHAN

I write in response to the letter last week opposing both the village and harbor zoning bylaw changes. First, it is critically important to separate the village article from the harbor article. They come forth neither as a package nor from the same source. Indeed, their motivations are quite different. They should not be so casually mixed together for your consideration as was done last week.

The village zoning article is the result of a concentrated, two-year effort by your elected Planning Board, and indeed from a longer seven-year process going back to the foundings of the Master Plan. It does not represent change; instead, it actually represents a return to the historical character of the village, a place of mixed uses where people lived, worked and shopped. It is unfortunate that 200 years of common sense development patterns in this country now have to carry new monikers such as smart growth and new urbanism, but these terms merely represent a return to what was, in contrast to the now-apparent destructiveness of post-war suburban sprawl.

Communities all around New England and this country are desperately moving back in this direction and seeking to revitalize villages and downtowns. The driving, public-spirited, public-focused motivation of the village zoning has always been to return, save and/or preserve its economic and social vitality and its central role in this community in the face of suburbanism and big box retail, by indeed making it an attractive and economically viable place to live, work and shop. Hyper care has gone into the crafting of the bylaw and its accompanying design guidelines to preserve the character of the village and town we all care for and to avoid a Scituate Harbor outcome; a result of very different zoning guidelines not present in this bylaw.

Further, it is important to note that the proposed changes have enjoyed almost universal support amongst town leaders, but for the turf war waged by ZBA, and the support of Town Meeting through prior groundwork articles over the years.

The harbor bylaw is none of this. It is a citizen article, not the product of a careful, deliberate and professionally augmented development process. Ms. Massa is a harbor resident, who not surprisingly, opposes it. Although the article bears 100 citizens' signatures, none of the lead ones are from the harbor and I would be surprised to find any harbor supporters at all. In fact, the article appears to be nothing more than a cynical attempt by the single dominant owner within the Waterfront Business District to piggy-back on a popular

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A momentous week for Cohasset

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN



COURTESY PHOTO

Pat Martin and Merle Brown of Cohasset join in conversation during the VIP ride.



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS SHORES

Commuters get ready as the 9 a.m. train arrives in Cohasset on Wednesday morning.

It was really nice to ride in comfort. The view out the rail car windows was very pleasant. From our standpoint, it was good to meet old friends whom we had met and worked with over the years on the rail project. Truly, this was a big day on the South Shore.

This Past Week — What a week this has been for the Town and us. The neighborhood spirit shown along Forest Avenue last Saturday had to give anyone from that neighborhood a sense of pride. Likewise, the Saturday special run of the Greenbush co-sponsored by the Cohasset Historical Society (CHS) and the Scituate Library Foundation was likewise a great event and a lot of fun. But the crowning event was the Grand Opening of the Cohasset Station and the Greenbush Rail line on Wednesday the 30th. Since there are two of us we decided to split up on Saturday, one of us would attend the Forest Avenue Celebration and the other would attend the CHS trip so we could report both events to you.

Forest Avenue Celebration —On Saturday the 27th of October a gathering of appreciative Forest Avenue neighbors and Town officials gathered on Surrey Drive to celebrate the completion of the Forest Avenue sidewalk. To be accurate, there are still some finishing touches being constructed this week and into the next. But the project is substantially complete. Trish Morse and Diana Vanetten were the prime organizing dynamos responsible for the event. They did a marvelous job bringing neighbors together for what may possibly turn out to be an annual celebration. Both Town and Norfolk County officials responsible for the project truly appreciate the sense of civic pride demonstrated, the enthusiasm of all, and humbly, the recognition given by these fine citizens. To see children together was the neatest visual of all. What was most impressive was how Trish and Diana managed to stop the rain for the entire gathering!! How did they ever do that? (*We'll keep them in mind for weather control during our next project.*) Thanks Trish and Diana.

Saturday Special Trip to Boston — The historical society trip had almost a carnival atmosphere. An entire train was filled top the brim as it left the Greenbush Station in Scituate last Saturday morning. The trip was the brainchild of Ed McCann of Scituate. (Those of you who have been in Town for a while may remember Ed as the interim Town Manager during the Cohasset's change from Town Administrator to Town Manager.) About 900 boarded the train in Scituate for this inaugural run of the Greenbush. The train pulled out for the trip to South Station promptly at 11:26. The passengers were serenaded by a roving band on musicians and even joined in singing the chorus of "Charlie on the MTA." The ride was amazing and there are large areas along the right of way where the riders can't see any sign of development and feel like they are in a large uninhabited forest area … quite a beautiful sight.

After a two-hour layover in Boston, during which most took in the sights and enjoyed a leisurely lunch break, the train returned to Scituate. Nearly everyone seemed to like the trip and had a great time during the entire festive ride. And, the train didn't even get lost. It found its way back in grand style.

Greenbush Opening — The big day has come and gone. The State and local officials from Boston swarmed our Town briefly for a ribbon cutting ceremony at our station Tuesday morning. The high School band did a great job of providing background music while all of the guests and visitors awaited the VIP train from Boston. The MBTA had organized the ceremony to a "T" (no pun intended). After the ribbon cutting ceremony to open the Cohasset Station, the VIPs piled back on the train with a number of local dignitaries for the ride to Greenbush for the BIG opening ceremony for the Greenbush line.

It was really nice to ride in comfort. The view out the rail car windows was very pleasant. From our standpoint, it was good to meet old friends whom we had met and worked with over the years on the rail project. Truly, this was a big day on the South Shore.

Wednesday AM — Always being a bit curious, we traveled to the station just before 9 a.m. to see if people were in fact riding the train. Lo and behold, there were about 75 cars in the parking lot with more still arriving. Not a bad turnout for the first day. A coffee and snack wagon was parked in front of the walkway ready to cater to the needs of the passengers.

You may notice that a black storage shed has been plopped down at the edge of the parking lot in front of the platform. We do wish that they had found a better out-of-the-way place to keep it.

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Those baseball commercials

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I was watching the commercials on the tube the other night when a baseball game broke out.

Or so it seemed.

I know that Fox or NBC or whoever paid the equivalent of the gross national product of a third world nation to be allowed to turn their cameras on the game has to make it back by hustling ads to us folks who can no longer afford tickets.

But do they have to make it all back during the TV timeout between the first and second innings?

The game times in the current World Series between Colorado and Our Olde Towne Team were nudging the four-hour mark and I'll bet that two hours of that span were taken up selling Chevies, Budweiser, or Taco Bell burritos.

And the sales pitch was shown over and over and over for those who didn't get it or missed it the first time.

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Somehow, watching that girl jogger run in the parked car failed to inspire me to run out and buy a Chevy Malibu in spite of the announcer's promise that "Soon there'll be a car you can't ignore."

I'll admit that the commercial for Chili Cheese Nachos El Grande showing the bubbling pot of chili did send me out to the kitchen for a sandwich, but the girl with the lap dog and the dragon tattoo cooled by appetite.

Halfway through the game, I was more interested in checking out the ads than the score, which was heavily weighted for the home team at the time.

Did you know there's an ad for "bankofamerica.com" over the Red Sox dugout, which is an appropriate place for it since that's where the millionaires go when they're not in the field?

Fenway's famed left field wall, the Green Monster, is defiled by two ads for CVS and W.B. Mason, but when one of the Sox, I think it was Dustin Pedroia, homered off the Coke bottle up top, there was no mention of it since Coke was not a sponsor.

The panel that appeared on the grandstand fence behind home plate had me baffled for a while when, in successive innings, it advertised Dick's Sporting Goods, State Farm Insurance, Verizon, AT&T, and Taco Bell.

But when the TV camera showed a replay from a different angle the panel was empty of messages.

I finally figured out that it was one of those TV tricks that enable them to put on the screen something that isn't there and make it appear that it is, like the yellow first down line in a football game.

Best of all was the recorded dugout conversations among Coco Crisp, Royce Clayton, and Jacoby Ellsbury about Taco Bell's promise to give everyone in the United States a free Crunchy Seasoned Beef Taco for the first stolen base in the series.

"You could go to every Taco Bell in the world and say that 'I ain't got my taco!' How they gonna know?" asked Clayton after Ellsbury stole the required base.

"I knew it was big when the text messages and emails started coming in," said Rob Poetsch, the Taco Bell man who just happened to be at the game. "This is the kind of a thing that you really can't pay for."

And that's about all that went unpaid for in Fenway the other night.

Communing with cats

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

It may be too late to help Muffin, but I'm telling you my kids can forget about camping in the Hostess factory from now on.

It has come to my attention that two weeks ago my daughter Emily let herself out of the house and somehow managed to get onto the Internet. For 90 minutes she hacked gateways, left viruses in her wake, and scrawled nasty comments on several sites including Wicked Local. If she did to the World Wide Web half the damage she does to her clothes closet every morning, no doubt we have a lot of cleaning up to do. I apologize to anyone who was adversely affected.

This is the same daughter who is going for her First Holy Communion in the spring. Children like her are never shoe-ins for salvation, so we say they're "going for" a sacrament in the same way one might go out for the varsity football team. When she learned that confession was part of the deal she bristled, thinking of the long hours she'd be spending with the priest trying to clear her conscience.

"You're not evil, Emily," my wife reassured her. "You may be naughty sometimes. You may be destructive, and whiny, and prone to tearing up your sister's social studies projects with a maniacal laugh, but you haven't committed any sins. Yet. That I know of."

Emily's lower lip began quivering. "I've sinned against a cat," she said tearfully.

I had to agree. The only real saint I've met in my life is our cat Muffin, who, in exchange for little more than an endless supply of free food and protection from vicious predators, has been tolerating Emily for five years. She's at the point now where she wants him to like her, but the concept small children don't grasp is that animals have memories. Even though you're being nice to Muffin *at the moment*, he hasn't forgotten what you did to him last week with the vacuum and the chop sticks.

I was exactly the same way as a kid. My friend Davy and I — two of the kinder, gentler boys I knew — liked to stuff Davy's big Siamese cat Sweeney into a sleeping bag, climb in after him, and toboggan down the stairs. Davy had a husky named Viking too, and we would get Viking to eat all kinds of things dogs aren't meant to eat by hiding them inside Twinkies, sort of along the same lines as Jessica Seinfeld's cookbook. What I've realized now as an adult is that every child, no matter how caring or sensitive they are to other people's feelings, should be kept away from animals, sleeping bags and Twinkies. It may be too late to help Muffin, but I'm telling you my kids can forget about camping in the Hostess factory from now on.

The question raised by First Communion season is an interesting one: namely, at what age can a child's thoughts and actions be considered sinful, and not merely heinous and criminal? This issue is relevant to everyone living here on the South Shore, whether you're Catholic, Roman Catholic, or even Episcopalian I suppose. What exactly is innocence, and when is it finally, irretrievably lost? As academic standards rise, and preschool children are taught to read, compete at sports, and begin planning for their retirements, can we still consider a six-year-old incorruptible? More to the point, how soon can we introduce the threat of eternal damnation when she sticks entire rolls of first class stamps all over our kitchen cabinets? Because seriously, time-outs aren't cutting it.

I'm not overly worried about Emily's soul if she doesn't make the First Communion team. After all I was raised a congregationalist and haven't turned to serial killing yet. But as a parent I have to be mindful of the potential for evil that every new person represents, which is why I worry so much about other people's children. Joey Havis, for instance. Now there's a bad egg. The day that kid learns about cyberbullying is a day we'll all regret.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset. Although some animals were harmed during the making of his childhood he would just like to point out that there are plenty more gerbils where those came from.

Accidental gas, water service line breaks

SEWER REPORT

JOHN BECK

Be assured that the location of all new lines will be precisely known and recorded with GPS coordinates, thus eliminating location uncertainties for future work.

This is one in a continuing series of status reports on the Little Harbor/Atlantic Ave. Sewer and Water Projects.

The contractor is fully mobilized and is making progress on all fronts. There are three crews simultaneously deployed in three different areas of the overall project: Nichols Road, Deep Run/Rust Way and Whitehead Lane.

Many may have noticed two different events recently: an accidental break of a gas service line and a water line while excavation was being done on Nichols Road. In both of these incidents the broken lines were a substantial distance from the "dig safe" locations provided by the gas company and the water department or were lines whose locations were not known to the respective utilities. Because of the historical legacy of inaccurate or missing records of past installations by the gas company and water department, we are unfortunately exposed to a continuing risk of encountering other unknown pipe locations as the excavation work continues for installation of the new water, drain and sewer service piping. Be assured that the location of all new lines will be precisely known and recorded with GPS coordinates, thus eliminating location uncertainties for future work.

In the case of a broken water line, it is an inconvenience for the water users to wait without service for repairs to be done, but there is not a safety issue. This is not the case for gas lines, where a break poses a safety risk of fire or explosion. This potential risk is further exacerbated by the current inability of the gas company to isolate the Nichols Road gas lines. This inability is understood to be due to either missing or inoperative isolation valves. The gas company has been put on notice that this is an unnecessary and unacceptable safety risk, and that they must correct it as soon as possible. In the meantime, all excavation work in this area is proceeding with extra care and caution when there is any likelihood that a gas or water line may be encountered.

By-pass lines — You may have noticed the yellow pipes that have been installed along the streets in all the areas. These pipes are temporary water by-pass lines that will provide the water supply to affected homes while the old water mains are being replaced. Once the by-pass lines have been appropriately installed, cleaned and sanitized, the by-pass lines will be connected to outside faucets at each home and provide water through that connection while the normal supply path is disabled during replacement of the old water mains. These bypasses will be removed when the threat of freezing conditions no longer make them a viable supply path or when the work has been completed. Water work has been given a priority, and planned water main replacement that has not been completed before freezing conditions this fall will be completed in the spring. When it is no longer possible to do water work, sewer work will be done throughout the winter and early spring in these areas.

For those interested, the overall schedule (downloadable PDF format) for the water and sewer projects will soon be added to the Sewer Commission web page on the Town of Cohasset's web site at : www.townofcohasset.org/sewer/documents.html.

Contacts — Should anyone have questions about any aspect of this work, there is a construction trailer located in the lay-down area off Jerusalem Road maintained by Coughlin Environmental Services, LLC (CES). CES is the engineering firm responsible for the project. The telephone number for the trailer is 781-383-2900, and this trailer will be staffed during normal working hours. Mr. Kevin McRae is the CES Resident Engineer whose cell phone number is 617-592-3276.

Questions about the updates — Anyone having questions about the updates may send an email to the author, John Beck, at johnbeckiii@msn.com . A prompt response will be sent.

John Beck is vice chairman of the Cohasset Sewer Commission.

STM articles explained

During the next Our Town, articles going before voters at the Special Town meeting are the focus. Local attorney Charles Humphreys details the article he authored for zoning changes to the Waterfront Business District.

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Consultant Angus Jennings then joins the show to outline the Downtown Village Zoning article and its plans to create more mixed use in the village.

Finally, Andrew Willard of the Alternative Energy Committee presents information on how supporters can bring a free solar energy system to the town's library.

Tune in starting Monday at 9pm on channel 10 or catch up on Tuesdays or Thursday at 9pm.

Our Town will be offering pre town meeting coverage starting at 6pm on channel 22 on Tuesday, Nov. 13.

Tune in, Cohasset, and stay informed.

It's a banner day for Greenbush

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years until 1959 for most residents the train is an entirely new entity.

Lt. Governor Timothy Murray, Secretary of Transportation Bernard Cohen and MBTA General Manager Daniel Grabauskas led a host of elected town officials and special guests on a ceremonial train, marking the inaugural trip from South Station to Greenbush. A second train followed close behind the first to pick up any stragglers.

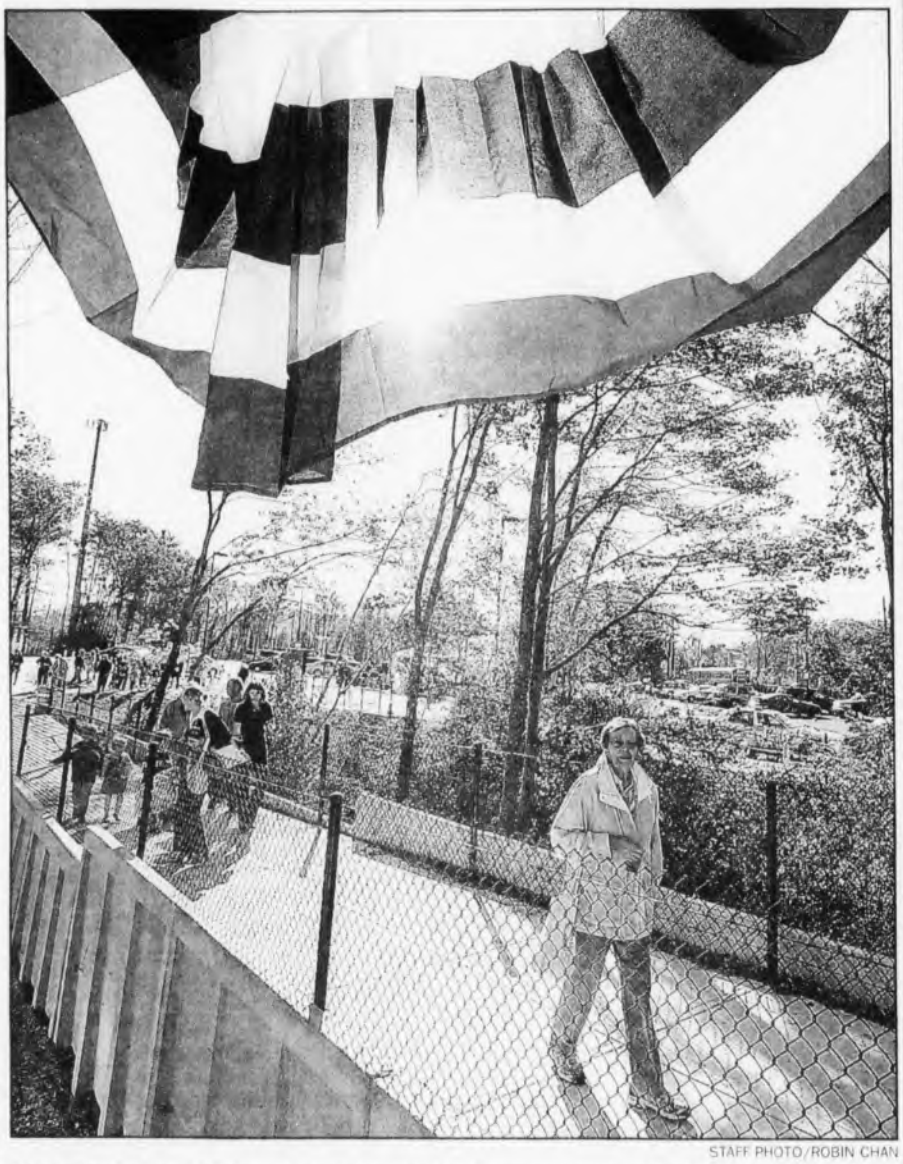
Officials from the MBTA, the state and the town, including state Senator Robert Hedlund and state Rep. Garrett Bradley, filed off the train, down the ramp and assembled behind the purple ribbon that once cut would officially open the Cohasset station off Route 3A. The Cohasset Middle High School band played a few musical numbers to enrich the celebratory atmosphere.

Residents came from all over town and each for their own reasons. There was a positive atmosphere of anticipation. Beverly Spearin of Forest Avenue said she wanted to be among the first to ride the train.

"I've never been first for anything in my life," said Spearin with a bright smile. Accompanied by her husband, Malcolm, she arrived early to the station to ensure she would get a parking space and a seat on the train. Spearin said this would be her first Greenbush ride, but assuredly not her last. She and her husband plan to take the commuter train frequently into Boston hospitals as opposed to driving to Quincy to take the Red Line train, "this will be much easier."

Others just wanted to see the train in action, "I've been in the midst of all the construction and wanted to come out and take a ride on the train," said Pleasant Street resident Mary Bohmer, who has lived in town for over 40-years. Despite her proximity to the construction, Bohmer said she supported the train all along because she felt it was a needed amenity in town.

Louis Eaton, who commuted on the train to Boston from 1946 to 1959 until the Old Colony Line was abandoned, is looking forward to having the train back in town. Although his days of commuting have since past, Eaton has long supported the train's return. He represented Cohasset on the MBTA Advisory Board for 40 years and said his feelings on the day were reflected by the beautiful day nature had provided for the celebration.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Shirley Tewksbury of Cohasset heads towards the Greenbush train at the Cohasset station during the inaugural run on Tuesday.

About 10 young families with their pre-school aged children came out to see and ride the "choo-choo" through Cohasset.

"We wanted to celebrate. I wanted my daughter Lily to realize how big of a deal this is," said Kim Reilly of Elm Court. In the two years they have lived in town they have watched the tracks take shape and this was the culmination.

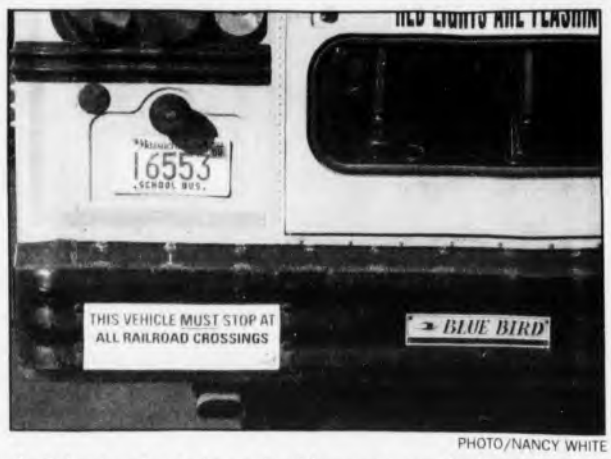
After the purple ribbon was cut to cheers from onlookers, the majority of the audience got on the train to continue to the Greenbush terminus for the official ceremony.

Eighteen miles in length, the $512 million Greenbush line has seven new stations with a combined total of 3,000 parking spaces, and serves the communities of Braintree, Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate.

Twelve round trips between South Station in Boston and Greenbush Station in Scituate each weekday, with the first weekday train leaving the Cohasset station at 5:58a.m. and the last train pulling in at 10:37p.m. The ride from the Cohasset station will be 44 minutes.

Cohasset Station by the numbers

- Number of parking spaces: 410
- Daily parking cost: $2.00
- One-way cost to South Station: $5.75 (discounts available for seniors, persons with disabilities, and high school students).
- Monthly pass cost: $186



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By federal and state law, school bus must stop, look and listen at every rail crossing, no matter what. The procedure, which takes 30-45 seconds, may delay drivers behind them. Bus driver Dama Dow hopes those drivers will be patient for this necessary safety precaution.

Buses must stop at grade crossings

By Nancy White
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School buses have special rules when it comes to rail grade crossings. With the safety of their passengers always at the forefront, bus drivers are required to take the mantra "always expect a train" in their daily travels.

The Cohasset Public Schools' bus drivers have been training with representatives from Operation Lifesaver every year for four years, says schools bus driver training instructor Dama Dow.

"We have to make sure the kids are safe," says Dow, "We've been stopping at [rail] crossings every since the grade crossings became a reality."

School buses are required by both federal and state law to make a complete stop at least 15 feet before a rail crossing. Dow says as a general rule they require even the smaller special education vans to stop at the crossings. The operator of a school bus, in addition to bringing his vehicle to a full stop, must then open the service door and driver's side window to get a clear look up and down the track. If children are on the bus they are asked to be quiet. The driver listens for any indication a train is approaching. If the driver ascertains the bus can cross safely, the door will be closed and the bus will continue on its way.

"In a nutshell it's stop, look, and listen for a train regardless if the signals indicate a train is coming," says Dow. The entire process takes between 30 and 45 seconds to complete. Even if the bus has stopped behind a lowered grade crossing as the second or third car, Dow says they will stop again to ensure the railway is safe to cross. All buses have a bumper sticker indicating, "This vehicle must stop at all railroad crossings."

In addition, bus drivers who suspect there are malfunctioning signals have to stop and call an emergency number, as well as local police, "we just can't take the chance," says Dow. Busses won't take a chance either if a bus stalls on the tracks, "we will evacuate the bus as quickly as possible."

In all instances, the procedure may delay drivers following behind the school bus, much like dropping off kids at a bus stop would. However, Dow is afraid impatience might get the best of some drivers as she recently witnessed at the Pleasant Street grade crossing.

Dow was walking the trainee through the rail crossing process when a car following behind the bus decided to circumvent the stopped bus.

"The driver of the car behind the bus decided she wasn't going to wait and drove around the bus into oncoming traffic," says Dow, "that driver put everyone at risk."

The safety risk is clear, if there had been oncoming traffic, an oncoming train, or the bus driver did not see the car passing to the left there could have been a serious accident, says Dow, "thank goodness no one was coming on."

Dow reported the incident to the police immediately, but they were not able to find a match for the license plate provided. Although this was the first incident of its kind she is aware of in Cohasset, it raised a red flag in her mind.

With school buses carrying Cohasset's most valuable cargo — its children, Dow says she hopes drivers will have the patience to allow the buses to take the proper (and mandated) safety precautions at rail grade crossings.

"People who pass buses put everyone at risk and I'd hate to see anything bad happen," says Dow.

Coffee, breakfast for commuters

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regular), muffins, bagels and breakfast sandwiches in the morning and steamed hot dogs and cold-cut subs in the afternoon. The menu will change and expand according to customer demand. Coffee prices are $1.50 for a small and $2 for a large. Muffins run about $1.50. Eventually he hopes to sell newspapers from his catering truck.

Some area residents may recognize Sorenson, who worked in the food distribution business before branching out on his own, from Nantasket Beach where he operated a concession in Hull this past summer.

"Once commuters see the truck and know that I will be there, business should pick up," he said about his Cohasset service.

Sorenson plans to be at the Cohasset station, which has spaces for 410 cars, by 5:15-5:30 a.m. The first in-bound, weekday Cohasset train is 5:58 a.m.

"At that time in the morning, some people are still half asleep," he quipped. "I will try to tell a joke to cheer them up."

Over the summer in Nantasket, Sorenson became a familiar figure and enjoyed lots of return business.

Joe Pesaturo, spokesman for the MBTA, said the MBTA has been offering food service at its commuter rail stations for about 10 years. Vendors sent letters and requested the station they would like. He said plans are in place to ensure smooth operation.

"The Railroad Operations department will meet the vendor on site and show them their spot to place either their trailer or catering truck," Pesaturo said. "They are also instructed that if it is a trailer they must transport it in and out on a daily basis and are also told where they can park their vehicle. They are also told to take their trash with them on a daily basis and when we have a snowstorm they need to work with the parking lot vendor as far as if their spot is cleared or if they need to move."

It is OK for commuters to take their coffee and food items onto the train.

MBTA General Manager Daniel Grabauskas said The T does everything possible to make the commuter rail experience a pleasant one.

"We think it's great that customers can relax, sip a coffee and enjoy a newspaper while we do the driving," he said.

Sorenson said it would not be long before he gets to know his "regulars."

"Eventually I will know this person is a regular and this person is large cream no sugar," he said. "Everything is going to run smoothly."

Vendors at other Greenbush stations include: Coffee Train (Greenbush); Java Junction (North Scituate); Red Eye Roasters (Nantasket Junction); Steve's Catering (West Hingham); JDS Catering (Weymouth Landing) and Woodies Goodies (East Weymouth).



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Bill "Spanky" Sorenson gets a cup of coffee ready for a thirsty commuter.

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These BC High students, who previously had taken a 1-1/2 hour bus ride to school, were asked as they exited their first return train ride Wednesday what they liked best. Here is what they said: John Spence (left): "More flexible schedule." Patrick Cantillon: "Funny stuff written on the seats." Andrew Cantillon: "Short ride."

Regular rail service is back on track

By Nancy White
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"I liked seeing all my neighbors on the platform."
— Howie Altholtz, Cohasset commuter

After the fanfare of Tuesday's inaugural train ride and ceremony, it was down to business on Wednesday morning when regular Greenbush commuter service began. Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2007 will go down in the history books as the first day of restored service to the long dormant tracks.

It's been over 48 years since Cohasset residents had the opportunity to ride the rails into South Station and the Greenbush line itself has been decades in the making. With mitigation and the bulk of controversy a thing of the past, the train ran smoothly and on time through the five Greenbush towns.

The Cohasset Station parking lot was one-quarter full after the morning commuting hours. On the return trips, cars idled in the parking lot waiting to pick up returning commuters.

"I liked seeing all my neighbors on the platform," said commuter Howie Altholtz, explaining while the commuter boat gets a mix of people from different South Shore towns, the Cohasset station is almost entirely Cohasset residents, "everyone was in a good mood."

Seeing the South Shore from the tracks made for a scenic ride from an entirely new perspective, "it was an interesting ride along the neighborhoods and towns I've only seen from the car," said Altholtz.

While the train will not be Altholtz's exclusive method of commuting (he's still going to take the boat out of Hingham), "I'm sure I will drive less because of it."

BC High students lined up to take the commuter rail, which drops them at JFK/UMASS station about a half-mile from the Dorchester school. Cohasset boys who attend the private high school previously endured an hour and a half bus ride or had to be driven into school.

Commuters commented on how smooth and quiet the train ride itself was. Mark Brennan, the town's Greenbush liaison, was struck by the smoothness of the ride on the ceremonial train ride Tuesday. He said the ride was not unlike the Acela to New York, "the new technological advancements in rail construction and equipment they are using enhanced the quality of the ride."

While commuters will likely be the primary users of the railroad, many residents who don't work in Boston are looking forward to heading into Boston to catch a theatre matinee, lunch with friends or shop at the department stores.

Joan McDonald and two friends didn't waste any time taking advantage of Cohasset's new access into Boston, "this was our maiden voyage. We took the train to the Huntington Theatre to see 'Brendan,'" said McDonald, "it was quite a deal — $6.50 round trip for senior citizens. We might do it everyday!"

Town Manager Bill Griffin said he has heard from several people how they look forward to bringing the family into Boston to visit the Aquarium or meet a family member who works in Boston for lunch. The train makes for a convenient connection from Cohasset to Boston, he said.

In addition, as several commuters pointed out, the train also allows for inter-town travel, which previously could only be done by car.

Only time will tell what the eventual success of the Greenbush line will be or what impacts the train will have on the town, "I suspect the T will ultimately get the ridership it needs," said Brennan.

"I expect the train is here to stay," he quipped.

For further information about Greenbush rail service, visit www.cbbgreenbush.com. For schedule and more fare information and maps, or to ask a question or voice a concern, visit www.mbta.com.

For sale: Cohasset Hardware

By Nancy White
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"I'm hoping for something great to happen to the building."
— Jim Watson, co-owner

The iconic Cohasset Hardware building is for sale.

Last weekend, "for sale" signs were posted in the windows of the prominent village building that has been vacant since the hardware store closed in May.

"We decided rather than develop and manage the building for 10 years, we'd sell it," said Jim Watson, who owns the building with his sister, Tina.

The decision did not come easy to the pair. The building has been in their immediate family since 1964 and their extended family since 1920s. Jim spent a good part of his career owning and working at Cohasset Hardware. The building holds a special place in their hearts.

Yet, both feel this was the right decision to make, "the time is right for our family to sell," said Tina in a phone interview. Tina said both are back to doing what they went to school for and what they love. Jim has returned to landscaping and Tina is an artist. The frustration involved in developing the property was not their cup of tea, said Tina.

The intent to sell comes as a surprise as re-development plans for the building had been in the works for the better part of a year. Plans for a restaurant and four upstairs apartments were posted in the hardware store windows. Over the summer, the Watsons applied for and received (after several hearings with the Zoning Board of Appeals) a special permit to transform the second and third floors into four one-bedroom apartments. The Board of Selectmen approved a liquor license application for a new location for a South End restaurant, Stella, in August.

The Watsons obtained sewer connections. Everything seemed to be chugging along. But, then in the fall the lease with Stella fell through.

"It was disappointing," said Tina, "instead of going on with the hassle of developing the property, we're going to let someone else do it."

But that's not to say the Watsons aren't interested in finding the right buyer for the property.

"We're interested in keeping the place in line with the village character," said Jim, although both admit they can't pick a buyer. They'd like to see the property developed much like they had originally envisioned — with mixed-use of apartments and retail.

"It's basically what the building needs, it's ideal for a (upstairs) living area," said Tina.

The two are selling the building on their own and have gotten several inquiries on the property already. Its prime location they hope will be a major selling point. No asking price was disclosed.

"I'm hoping for something great to happen to the building," said Jim.

After doing the tough job of placing the 'for sale' sign in the window, Tina took her dog for a walk to clear her mind. While talking to her mother on her cell phone, she asked for some sort of sign that they were making the right decision. When she looked off in the distance she saw a rainbow, "I knew we had done the right thing."

"Now, we're going to go forward and be positive about it," said Tina. "We really do care what happens to the building. We want what's best for the village."

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Paying attention to the little things

HEALTH NOTES

STEVE BOBO

SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

It seems that traces of chemicals from personal care products and other sources have been linked to reproduction changes in fish and microvertibrates.

When I was young, I had a roommate who, I now recollect, had an obvious disability. His arms had been deformed exiting his mother's womb. Although, we haven't spoken of it ever (it's 64 years ago) I reflect on his choices as a teenager. He would have done anything to get on the crew team. He wanted soccer — and many other sports with an urgency of youth, but he pursued them with determination that left all of us with perhaps better abilities in awe. Nevertheless, we loved him. As a junior, he just missed being class president although we, his friends, voted for him. So what happened to him? He wrote and became a successful author, not because he had good penmanship, perhaps the typewriter saved him, but because in his heart, he had something to say. And he has said it well through the many years since our youth. We learn our strengths, but we discover our values.

It's time to review this column and answer the question "is the information valuable?" True, there needs to be a place where the current thinking about health matters is discussed, notices are given — upcoming clinics, etc. And we need warnings about current threats to our health and safety. But is enough happening in the broad category titled "health news" to warrant a weekly column. Generally, this column is written by Monday afternoon, the week's health topics in press, tube and net have been perused. Those shouting to be commented upon are noted, wild claims of miraculous cures from the onslaught of medicinal ads mediated, the local news scanned and an issue is usually commented upon. For example, this week, the CDC is filled with news about smoke from wildfires. Do wildfires really affect us. Well, there are useful bits of information about smoke inhalation from which we can all benefit. One doesn't need to smell them for small smoke particles to affect us. Fire is one factor that can introduce contaminants into the air. But so can boiling water or heat rising from a dusty surface. The CDC recounts the ways to detect irritants in the air, who's most susceptible and how to lessen any health effects from such contamination, what will and won't work. How many of us have had fits of sneezing when the heat's first turned on? It's from dust rising off hot pipes or being circulated by heating fans. Wear a mask? — the CDC says: "not effective" — get outside and ventilate the space. All from wildfire PR. Well, maybe such advice needs explanation that we try to provide here. So, we comment on those elements of the health picture that affect us and neglect those with little relevance.

Which somehow brings us to the issue of trace contaminants. At a recent Massachusetts Health Officer's Association meeting the Department of Public Health presented a report on the increasing effect of trace contaminants entering the environment and finding their way into the food chain. It seems that traces of chemicals from personal care products and other sources have been linked to reproduction changes in fish and microvertibrates. Possibly linked, for example, to the fact that of the flounder populations in some estuaries, only females can be found. It makes one wonder if increasing amounts of trace contaminants may, at some time in the future, have an effect on our genes.

No question about it; small things are important. Some are highly therapeutic: quiet, laughter, optimism, feeling good about yourself — more than self esteem. And speaking of self-esteem, why not be a volunteer. Don't tell me volunteering isn't therapeutic. Anybody over 65 who doesn't volunteer is missing something and is probably less healthy for it. Volunteers always get more than they give.

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So what little things are keeping you healthy?

Steve Bobo is a long time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Simple arithmetic on Cat Dam

TO THE EDITOR:

Regarding Cat Dam – the most important issue is the long term health of Cohasset's wetlands and not the number of people who think one way or another. However, since the numbers were brought up in John Beck's letter in last week's Mariner, I would like to set the record straight. Beck stated, "Steve Brown spoke on the behalf of 12 individuals, representing six families, three of whom are not abutters on inner Little Harbor." I helped to coordinate the group for whom Steve was speaking. We received the support of the following households, all of whom agreed to have their names listed on our request that the town assume control of the town-owned Cat Dam and that the town accept a free non-binding offer from Coastal Zone Management (CZM) to study the health of Inner Little Harbor (ILH):

Steve and Margie Brown, 275 Jerusalem Road.

Susan Playfair and Richard O'Connell, 249 Jerusalem Road.

Rustam Devitre, 430 Atlantic Ave.

Ross and Kathleen Sherbrooke, 311 Jerusalem Road.

George and Lynda Parks, 279 Jerusalem Road.

Tom and Martha Horsefield, 255 Jerusalem Road.

Nancy and Sean Teague, 271 Jerusalem Road.

Ed and Lucia Woods, 231 Jerusalem Road.

Frank and Jean White, 190 Jerusalem Road.

Don and Joan White, 226 Jerusalem Road.

Al and Barb Stefan, 260 Jerusalem Road.

Tom and Meg Nelson, 264 Jerusalem Road.

I count 12 families (not six) and 23 individuals (not 12). Six (not three) of these households are direct abutters to ILH. Four of these households are direct abutters to Peck's Meadow, which is the marsh surrounding Richardson's Brook. Richardson's Brook is part of ILH (artificially separated by Jerusalem Road). The brook flows into ILH, and the marsh in Peck's Meadow is fed by the salt water from ILH. The other two families overlook ILH and Peck's Meadow. All of these 12 households are concerned about the long term health of ILH, and I believe the 19 families supporting Beck's position are also interested in the health of ILH. Our differences are primarily based on conflicting views about the current amount of flushing, the value of more flushing, and who should control both the operation of the town-owned dam and any testing done in ILH.

The 2000 Camp Dresser & McKee report states, "Since ILH suffers from elevated nutrients and little flushing, opening of Cat Dam will provide a relief to eutrophic conditions. For there to be a more permanent remedial response in the harbor, the dam will need to be opened indefinitely." We think intermediate solutions may be available to improve the health of the harbor, but none of the neighbors involved in this controversy are marine biologists or estuary experts – hence our request for the town to accept the free non-binding offer from CZM to study how best to improve the health of ILH.

John Beck goes on to say, "Chamillard also stated that his group is ready and willing to reconstitute a democratically elected committee, representing all direct abutters to work on the most effective ways to insure the continuing health of inner Little Harbor." The direct abutters are fortunate to have the opportunity to view ILH's beauty out of their windows every day, but I believe that ILH is a public resource – not private property. In addition, the health of ILH affects surrounding wetlands and bodies of water, such as Peck's Meadow and the Main Little Harbor near Cat Dam. I believe a group of private citizens with vested interests is not the right group to manage the town-owned Cat Dam and the public resource that is ILH. Just as the direct abutters to Cohasset Harbor do not own the harbor nor control how it is managed, similarly ILH abutters should not solely control ILH. A municipal board, such as the Conservation Commission whose responsibility is maintaining the health of all the town's wetlands, would likely be a more objective body. The Board of Selectmen has not yet voted on our request to have a municipal board or commission take control of the operation of Cat Dam.

Marjorie Brown
275 Jerusalem Road

Village, harbors article differ

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bylaw and momentum in the village, so as to overcome the past obstacles that have prevented desired high-end condo development on the harbor.

This article has not been vetted, thought through, and tested as has the village article, nor has it kept up with the constructive changes that have been made to the village article during the vetting process. Although I personally think the mill buildings could and should be redeveloped into mixed use and liked one idea I saw a couple of years ago, doing so with this ill-begotten sledgehammer of a bylaw that could bring unwanted development elsewhere, and overrule a 30-plus year restriction on one building, is not the way to do it.

The other reasons cited for opposing the village article have little merit. The current state of construction, indeed annoying, comes from a well documented near-century of neglect of our water delivery system. Only in the last 10 years or so have we finally awakened to updating and caring for the entire infrastructure that was ignored for so long. The transient annoyances of construction are part of the price we pay to correct our mistakes. That the construction seems ill-coordinated and without rhyme or reason is a legitimate critique, but not a reason to avoid its necessity.

Likewise, even if one agrees that the results of the village's aesthetic improvements are disappointing, that should not prevent the town from pursuing the right course that the village bylaw represents. We also have more water than we need by far, even managing somehow to sell it to other towns. That it tastes and looks as it does has nothing to do with overpopulation. We cannot put a wall around Cohasset and ignore development patterns around us. Change comes, like it or not, and the village needs change, whether one thinks of it as smart growth or a return to a sensible past. We hopefully learn from past change to make future change better. I prefer to bring forward this managed change than leave the village to a long, lingering death.

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Changes in store for North Main Street crossing

Three safety issues addressed in new plan

By Nancy White
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A permanent solution to the North Main Street grade crossing is in the works.

Town officials have been calling for changes to address three issues afflicting the stretch of track that passes over the main Cohasset byway. Engineering plans are in the hands of the town's Greenbush liaisons and they are currently working with the MBTA to tweak the design.

Next to Route 3A, North Main Street is the main street on which to enter Cohasset. With an entrance to the train station and parking lot, the residential street is expected to have increased traffic during morning and evening commuter hours.

But it is concerns over bike accidents, cars veering off the road and onto the tracks, and left turns in to Woodside Cemetery that are addressed in the new design.

Currently, visitors and residents are welcomed into Cohasset with seven yellow sand barrels situated to prevent left turns into Woodside Cemetery. The new plans call for an extended median island, said Greenbush liaison Tom Gruber.

Although more aesthetically pleasing than the yellow barrels, the bad news is visitors and funeral processions still will be unable to make a left turn into or out of the cemetery. To curtail the illegal left turns (or really u-turns around the extended median) into Woodside, the cemetery entrance will be narrowed, explained Gruber. Right now, three jersey barriers form a makeshift narrowing to reduce the driveway width.

Gruber said to make the extended median possible and safe, North Main Street will have to be slightly widened to accommodate the median island.

More than the turn at Woodside Cemetery, the severe angle at which the track is laid on the street has caused bicycle accidents in the double-digits. Bicycle wheels get trapped in the tracks, causing them to stop abruptly, in some cases sending riders over the handlebars. Cyclists heading down North Main Street in either direction are warned by yellow signage of the impending danger. However, many cyclists ride with their heads down, looking at the street, and do not see the signs.

The new engineering designs call for a "jug handle" – basically a small bike path in the shape the name implies – off to the right on each side of the street, so bicycles will hit the track at a less severe angle. The grade crossing rubber matting on the tracks will extend a few feet on each side to accommodate the bike path.

To complement the jug handles, more signage and painting on the road — to notify those bicyclists with their head down — will be added to the crossing, said Gruber.

At the crossing there are white lines running parallel to the track that at night, on several occasions, have been mistaken for fog lines. The confusion has led three cars to drive down the track, where they ultimately get stuck.

This most recently happened to a driver of a 2007 Corvette in late August. This is an obvious safety hazard to both cars and the train.

To address this safety issue, the parallel lines delineating the rail tracks will be removed. The fog lines – the white lines at the edge of the street – will be painted over the rubber matting on the grade crossing.

"They are definitely positive," said Gruber of the proposed changes.

Gruber and Mark Brennan, liaison for Greenbush engineering, have submitted comments on the engineering plans since receiving them in the beginning of October. They are expecting a revised copy of the plans within the next month.

If the town okays the plans, Brennan suspects the MBTA will implement the corrections shortly after.

To make the extended median possible and safe, North Main Street will have to be slightly widened to accommodate the median island.

Other items for MBTA

Despite revenue service beginning this week, there is still Greenbush work to be done according to town officials. Town Manager Bill Griffin responded to a letter from James Eng, the MBTA's director of Greenbush construction, regarding outstanding project work. He states there remain questions and concerns that need to be resolved.

Griffin asked for a more specific timeline for the intersection improvements for Route 3A and King Street. Eng's letter said the improvements would be "completed in 2008."

"The whole reason for the expansion of the Route 3A roadway was to make this area safer for the increased traffic expected from the railroad passengers," stated Griffin, "delay in this widening will force the town to operate with a traffic pattern that is less safe than the redesign that the MBTA has permitted and promised."

The key intersection is in the center of a few potentially large developments: the MBTA station and potential transit oriented district (TOD) to the north and Avalon development to the south. A traffic light is also in the works for that intersection of King and 3A in association with the Scituate Hill Development planned for next to the Cohasset Family Medical Center.

Farther north on Route 3A, the road has been widened and lined to accommodate a traffic light at the entrance of the station, there is no light yet and the MBTA said an operational light could be as far away as the end of 2008.

"We need to have a better time frame other than by the end of 2008. We also need to know what safety measures the MBTA will employ at the station entrance on Route 3A until the traffic light is functional," wrote Griffin.

Attached with the letter was a three-page spreadsheet listing and describing open items that need the MBTA's attention.

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Lady Skippers luck

CHS girls soccer team set to open tourney vs. Blue Hills tomorrow

By Mike Spellman
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Though Deb Beal won't say it, a lost coin flip on Tuesday night appears to have put her Cohasset girls soccer team in a preferential position.

Losing the 50-50 proposition for the number three seed in the Div. 3 south tourney dropped the Lady Skippers to the number four slotting and placed them on the right side of the bracket, away from perceived postseason monsters Sacred Heart (18-0), Ashland and long time arch-nemesis Norwell.

"We've got some good teams on our side of the bracket too, but there are a few teams on the other side I really didn't want to see early on," said Beal, in her 10th season at the helm of the Lady Skippers program.

At the time of this writing, it appeared the Lady Skippers (14-3-2) would be opening postseason play at home against Blue Hills. A second home game on Monday would be the prize for a victory here, with the winner of South Shore Christian vs. Ursuline coming to town.

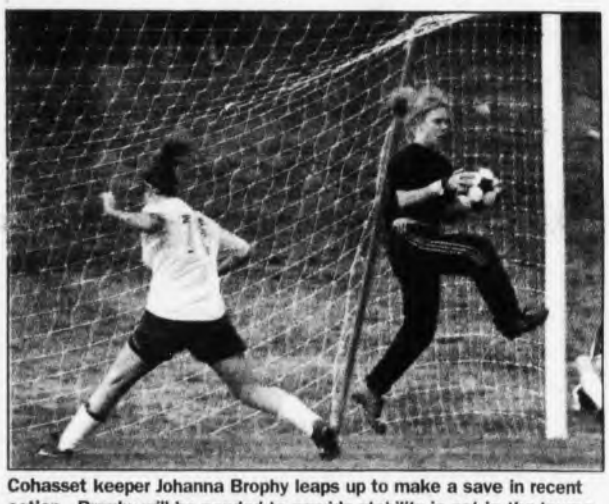
"The girls are excited and so am I," said Beal. "I feel like this is the best team I've ever coached, and we definitely seem to be playing good, hungry soccer going into the tourney."

A stunning 1-1 tie with Mashpee last Tuesday cost the Cohasset girls a shot at their first South Shore League title of Beal's tenure. Looking back a week removed from that crusher, however, Beal feels that was a necessary, albeit excruciating, wakeup call.

"Considering how we're playing now, that tie might have been the best thing that could have happened to us," said Beal. "The girls definitely are playing with more aggressiveness right now, and we're looking good."

Indeed.

The Lady Skippers closed their season by besting a pair of state tourney bound teams from the larger school Patriot League. They topped PL title contender Scituate (12-5) last Friday, then also beat Hanover by a two-goal margin, 4-2, to cap the regular season on Monday.



Cohasset keeper Johanna Brophy leaps up to make a save in recent action. Brophy will be needed to provide stability in net in the tournament.

Skippers 3, Scituate 1

Goals by juniors Christine Coner and Sammi Lehr, as well as frosh phenom Kaci Kucinski helped the visiting Skippers to their first victory over neighboring town rival Scituate of Beal's tenure.

"This was a tremendous victory," gushed Beal, a Scituate native. "At first we didn't even think we'd play the game (because of a scheduling conflict), but then we worked things out and the girls played a phenomenal game from top to bottom."

Skippers 4, Hanover 2

The Skippers lost leads of 1-0 and 2-1, and were forced to go into the half tied at 2-2. Red-hot junior midfielder Sarah Coggins scored her second goal of the game a few minutes after the respite, though, to break the tie for good.

Kaci Kucinski scored her team-best 18th goal of the season a short while later, enabling the Lady Skippers to breathe easily down the stretch.

"Kaci and Torey Hart are working better and better off each other," Beal said of Kucinski's teaming up front with star junior midfielder Torey Hart (9 goals, team-best 12 assists). "They're both such talented players, and their feel for where the other is going to be just keeps getting better and better. They're fun to watch together."

Sophomore Christine Coner, moved recently from striker to outside halfback, continued her torrid play, scoring Cohasset's second goal.

"Christine is looking real comfortable with the ball since we made that move," said Beal. "She can really run, and she knows just where everyone should be at the offensive end from her time at striker."

Looking ahead

The Lady Skippers head into the postseason as healthy as they've been in some time. Senior Meg Anderson, a returning starter who went down early on with mononucleosis, got back into action this past week, and has looked strong in the last few practices, according to Beal.

The only other senior on the team, fullback Anna Hagerty, continues to provide strong play opposite fast-improving sophomore fullback Meredith Kelly.

"Meredith is really starting to peak," appraised Beal. "She's playing as hard as a kid can play. She's become a real asset to the program, and it's exciting to think that she's still got two more years with us after this one."

Practice makes perfect

Beal has been pleased in general with the tenor of practices leading up to the tourney opener.

"We're just concentrating on reenforcing the things that got us here," noted the veteran coach. "It's not like we need to learn anything new at this stage. The girls have been going hard. We're doing a lot of running. We've got a good balance going right now."

Nothing artificial about this offer

Should the Lady Skippers win their two home games, every game after that would be played on a neutral site artificial turf field.

If it gets to that point, Scituate High Athletic Director Rick Cash has assured Beal he'll find a way to get the CHS girls some practice time on his turf pitch.

Hey now, I'm an All-Star

If you think this year's Lady Skippers team is good, just wait until next season.

Six Lady Skippers were named this week to the South Shore League all-star team, five juniors and one freshman.

The juniors voted in by league coaches were keeper Johanna Brophy, sweeper Sammi Lehr, stopper Maggy McGoldrick, defensive center-midfielder Sarah Coggins and offensive center mid-fielder Torey Hart (nine goals, 12 assists)

"Obviously, the strength of our team is up the middle," noted Beal.

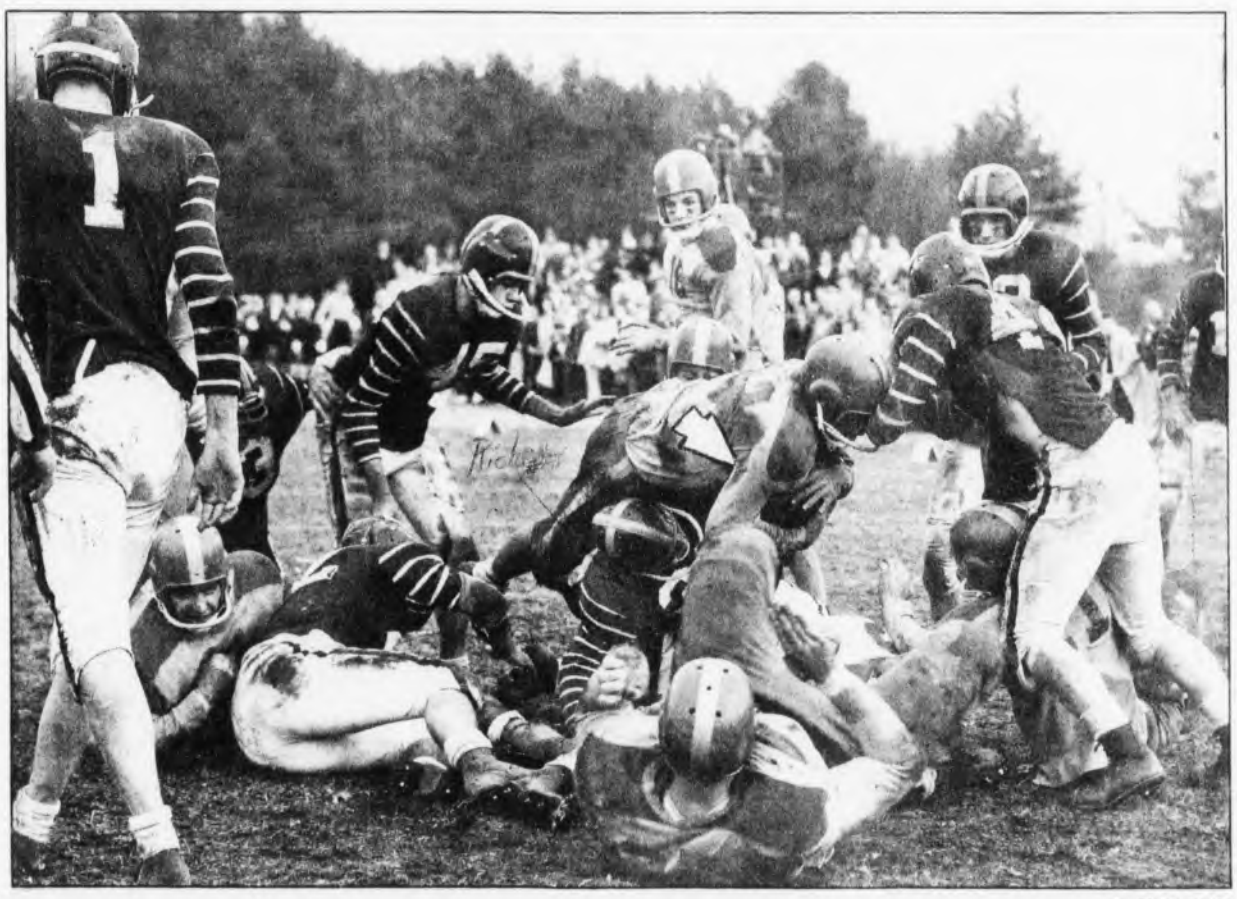
The sixth member of the SSL all-elite team is freshman striker Kaci Kuscinski, who led the league in scoring in her rookie campaign with 18 goals and eight assists.

"You don't see too many freshman being named league all-stars, but leading the league in scoring carries a little weight," deadpanned Beal.



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Cohasset's Sammi Lehr (20) goes up and tries to prevent Norwell's Krista Prouty (20) from getting the ball. Lehr leads a young and talented Skippers team into the tournament.



COURTESY PHOTO

Cohasset players make a gang tackle against Hanover during the 1957 season. The Skippers finished the season 9-0 and will be honored Friday, November 7, against Abington. Game time and festivities start at 7 p.m.

Undefeated and unforgettable

Former Skippers reminisce for 50th anniversary

By Joel Racicot
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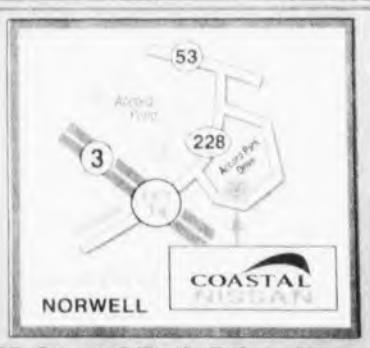
In the hub of Cohasset history, the freshman and the senior sit at one end of a table long enough to hold a 20-person dinner party, and talk about a Cohasset High School football game from 50 years ago like it took place last Friday night. A gaggle of historical non-fiction is spread in front of them and piece by piece they begin to put it together, making sense of the archived pictures, sports cartoons and stories, about a team that made a splash on its small coastal community so long ago.

It is the story of the undefeated 1957 Cohasset High School football team and they will be honored this Friday night during halftime of the Abington game. Not all of the members from the team will be in attendance for the 50th anniversary, but many will make either the long or short trek to Alumni Field, the place of their namesake.

Jim "Whitey" Campbell was a senior on the '57 team. Rich Silvia, the proprietor of the old Quincy Ledgers, was a freshman. The difference between the two is Campbell, unlike his younger teammate at the time, had to endure years of losing and frustration before that magical year when the stars aligned and coach Evie Dorr managed to create an atmosphere of winning.

"We used to get beat up all the time and we would lose some games by embarrassing scores when we were freshman and sophomores," said Campbell, who played tight end and linebacker. "But it slowly turned and we realized with hard work, good coaching and continued practice it came together. It's an axiom, nothing new there we didn't need a Vince Lombardi to teach us that, we had coach Dorr."

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Boys secure spot in tournament

Finish the regular season on a high note

By Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset varsity soccer finished up its season strong with wins against Rockland, 2-1, and a shutout against South Shore League opponent Hull, 5-0.

Despite finishing 5th in the league at 8-6-4 with a 5-5-5, league record, Cohasset's victory over Rockland gave them a spot in this year's state tournament. A total of five South Shore League teams clinched spots in the tournament. The seeding's for the tournament come out this week and it's possible that Cohasset will play a preliminary game this weekend.

"I'm just excited to start it," said coach Jim Willis. "We're going to practice hard this week and see how it goes this weekend."

In an equally special night for two captains of Cohasset, the team easily defeat rival Hull Tuesday night. Seniors Mike Grimm and Sam Roth were both elected and named to the South Shore League All-Star team.

Both Grimm and Roth also scored in the game against the Pirates, Roth twice. Roth's two goals tied him for third in the league for scoring. Grimm's goal gave him a total of eight for the season. Junior Ivan Scerey also had a great game with two goals, which gave him a total of eight goals for the season as well.

Although Cohasset doesn't know who they will be playing, or even when they will be playing, Willis is confident that his team is ready to play no matter. Cohasset tied league opponent East Bridgewater a couple weeks ago, a team that finished one point out of first, and in doing so, knocked them out of the running for a tie in first place with Carver.

"We can play with anybody if we show up on the right day, at the right place, at the right time," said Willis of the upcoming tourney game.

If Cohasset does not have to play a preliminary game, then they will most likely play a higher seeded team and these Skippers will have to show up if they hope to win.

Willis also commented on the difference between a tournament game and a regular season game saying, "a team can't hope to win by scoring a lot of goals, you have to be able to rely on defense, wait for the opportunities, and take them, your playing against good teams."

A good thing for this Cohasset team is the depth from upperclassmen to underclassmen. As he has done all year, Willis reiterated how much the young guys have stepped it up, and how well his senior core is playing. They will hope to keep it going in the playoffs.

More than 70 area youth attend clinic

Josh Davis, Aaron Peirsol Highlight "Incredible Experience"

By Ed Carpenter
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

More than 70 area youth swimmers ages 8 to 18 were on hand Saturday (October 27) at the Weymouth Club as Olympic Gold Medal swimmers Josh Davis and Aaron Peirsol conducted the Mutual of Omaha Break*out!* Swim Clinic.

"It was an incredible experience," said Mike Riley, head coach of the Weymouth Waves, which swims out of the Weymouth Club.

"Everyone benefited from it, the parents, the (Waves) coaches, and most importantly, the swimmers," continued Riley, who engineered the Clinic.

"It was better than I had expected," said Riley. "Both Josh and Aaron brought their Gold Medals, and you should have seen the kids as they saw the medals and touched them. It is an amazing what an Olympic Gold Medal means.

"This is the first time we have brought (swimming) Olympians to the Weymouth Club," concluded Riley. "Not only that but Aaron is the fastest (backstroke) swimmer on the planet right now."

While the 2008 Olympic Trials aren't scheduled until next summer, Peirsol, who currently holds the world record in the 100-meter backstroke, is a favorite to represent the United States at the Beijing (China) Games next year. This would be his third Olympiad as he also competed in 2000 and 2004.

At his first Olympics in 2000, he took home a Silver Medal in the 200-meter backstroke. At his second Olympics in 2004, he took home the Gold Medal in the 100-, 200-meter backstroke becoming just the fifth male to sweep the backstroke races. In addition, he was on the Gold Medal-winning 400-meter medley relay.

Recently at the 2007 World Championships, he earned a Silver Medal in the 200-meter backstroke and set a new world record in the 100-meter backstroke, adding another international Gold Medal to his collection.

Davis began his Olympic experiences in 1996. There, he was the only man from any nation to win three Gold Medals in one sport as he was on the winning U.S. 400- and 800-meter freestyle and 400-meter medley relays.

He made his second Olympic appearance in the 2000 Games in Sydney, Australia where he was elected captain of the USA men's swim team and took home Silver Medals in the 400- and 800-meter relays. He went on to break the American record three times in the 200-meter freestyle.

After two Olympics and five medals, Davis has established himself as an ambassador for the sport of swimming and is pioneering the road for the next generation of professional swimmers.

The Clinic was a unique experience developed by Davis, in conjunction with Mutual of Omaha, to inspire and motivate a new generation of swim stars. As an official sponsor of USA Swimming, Mutual of Omaha actively supports the sport on all levels, from local clubs across the country to the National Team.



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Cohasset's Emma Humphrey high fives Olympic Gold Medalist Josh Davis after she completed a lap.

Sports Notes

The Cohasset Gridiron Club

The Cohasset Gridiron Club is proud to welcome back to Cohasset High School members and their families of the 1957 undefeated football team who are celebrating the 50th anniversary of their perfect season.

The event takes place Friday night, November 2, when the current Cohasset Skippers take on South Shore League rival, Abington. Kickoff is 7 p.m., preceded by the traditional honoring of this year's Senior Class players and parents.

Come out and support the 2007 team and honor the 1957 team and enjoy some great football action and tradition under the Friday night lights!"

Cohasset Travel Basketball winter 07-08

Tryouts for Cohasset Travel Basketball for boys and girls in grades 5-8 will take place Monday, Oct 29, and Tuesday, Oct 30.

The girls grade 5 and 6 will tryout at the Osgood School from 5:30-7 p.m., Grade 7 will be from 7-8 p.m. and Grade 8 will be from 8-9 p.m. All girls interested in trying out please email Mr. Fredey at sfredey@aol.com put "Travel Basketball" in the subject line and just give him your name and grade.

The boys will tryout at the Deer Hill School. Grade 5 from 5:30-6:30 p.m., grade 6 from 6:30-7:30 p.m., grade 7 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. and grade 8 from 8:30-9 p.m.. All boys interested in trying out please email Mr. Haggerty at chaggerty22@yahoo.com. Put "Travel Basketball" in the subject line and just give him your name and grade.

Turkey shoot is November 18

A fun family afternoon is planned at the Scituate Rod & Gun Club off Route 3A (near the Cohasset line) Sunday, Nov. 18, from noon to 4 p.m.

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Former Skippers reminisce for 50th anniversary

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The years prior to '57 could be classified as disappointing.

Cohasset could barely field a team, and when Silvia's older brother, Reggie, went down to play Nantucket some years before his arrival at the school, they had to play with nine, so too did the Whalers. As the years passed and the team got slowly better, the numbers that came out to play continued to grow. After a slew of talented players came and went without much of a supporting cast, the '57 team finally put a roster around its top names.

"It's hard for kids to be on a losing team, people would feel so bad for them," Silvia said. "They would put 15 kids out there and some weighed 110 pounds, and these busloads of kids from Bridgewater would just beat the hell out of them."

Greg Koval, a star running back on the team, could attest to the beatings.

"My freshman year we had something like 13 players and I was getting my teeth knocked in," he said from his home in Tennessee. "I had to take my knocks, we had some tough seasons but as the years progressed seeing it culminate was just phenomenal. It was the reward for all the broken bones, bumps and bruises."

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The Skippers realization that excellence might be in their sights came during a pre-season jamboree in which they scored 20 points in 15 minutes against vaunted Foxboro.

"Foxboro came out with 30 players or so then they announced Cohasset and I could here the snickers," Silvia said. "People thought it was a mistake even having us there, but we just kept coming out, there was 55 guys all with brand new uniforms. All you could play was one quarter and we blew them apart."

Coach Dorr and assistants Pat Donahue and Frank Giuliano didn't want the Skippers' heads to swell with the impressive preseason showing, but the players knew they were good.

"I thought, 'you know, we might have something here'," said Nat Towle, now living outside Detroit, Michigan. Towle was a center on both sides of the ball during the '57 season and agreed that the jamboree was the clear starting point to the unbeaten campaign.

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Greg Koval

"The coaches tried to down play it but we knew we had (a good team)."

Heading into week five the Skippers were 4-0 and cruising along as they prepared to face Mario Moriello's Canton team. The Bulldogs struggled but were a much bigger school. Cohasset scheduled Canton to get some payback against Moriello, who coached at Hopkinton the previous two seasons before heading to Canton. Moriello and the Skippers assistants, Donahue and Giuliano, were teammates at Boston University, adding to the rivalry. While in Hopkinton, Moriello defeated the Skippers 32-0 (piling on the points according to Silvia, who was still in junior high and watching from the sidelines) and 7-6 in consecutive years.

The Skippers dominated this game, however, beating the Bulldogs 46-13 and totaling 520 total yards on offense.

They got their revenge and at 5-0 were well on their way to a May Shore League Championship and an undefeated season.

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Walter Francis Sweeney was a junior running back on the '57 team. Along with Koval and Eddie Figueiredo, the Skippers backfield was their undeniable strength. Sweeney went to play football at Syracuse University where he made the school's All Century Team. After a successful college career, the National Football League's Cleveland Browns and the American Football League's San Diego Chargers drafted Sweeney. He went on to help the Chargers win the AFL Championship, and made nine consecutive all-star or Pro Bowl teams playing offensive line.

Capt. Robert Scobie, USCG (Ret.), was a freshman on the '57 team who earned a junior varsity letter that year and three subsequent varsity letters until he graduated. A neighbor of Towle on Border Street, Scobie saw very little varsity action during his freshman year.

"I was certainly a bystander in a lot of that excitement," Scobie said from his home on Merritt Island, Florida. "I was 5-foot, 4-inches at the time, Walt Sweeney, Greg Koval, Wally McLarey were just huge as far as I was concerned."

In the "Whose who in football in 1957," it said Scobie "weighed 116 pounds with an anvil in each hand."

"I remember one drill where you match up with somebody and run a 40-yard dash and the loser has to do a lap," said Scobie. "I look over and there is Walt Sweeney next to me, my steps were two and a half feet, his were two and a half yards — he was over the horizon before I even started."

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Evie Dorr had played football at Boston University only to be swept up by WWII like so many other boys his age. While in combat on Iwo Jima he injured his leg. By the time he got back to Boston, the former running back was determined to continue his football career, despite the injury.

He got creative. Dorr won the Swede Nelson Trophy in 1947 becoming one of the nation's best kickers.

The Gridiron Club of Greater Boston hands out the award annually. Other past winners include Doak Walker, Dick Jauron, Tom Waddle, Jay Fiedler and Matt Hasselback.

Dorr was loved by his charges long before they reached the high school ranks. He became a fixture around town and a father figure for many of the players who lost theirs to the war. His wife Frances also took care of the boys and kept up with them long after they left Cohasset.

"Evie Dorr, he was our father, he was a father to all of us," said Silvia.

Dorr was the physical education teacher from the high school down to kindergarten, so he was well known by almost all of the town's kids.

"When I was in the third grade I was a water boy," said Silvia. "I lived near the field and Dorr had me from that time on. I went to every game and every practice until I graduated."

In fact, Dorr got more than he bargained for with Silvia. Silvia's older brother Reggie was a senior when he was in eighth grade. Determined to either cause a raucous or, otherwise get the only chance to play with his older brother, the youngest Silvia made a bold attempt to infiltrate the Archbishop Williams game.

"I was bigger than most of the other kids on the team at the time and I wanted to play in the game," Silvia said slyly smiling. "I had just done my junior high practice and I saw a varsity uniform and put on the shirt. We were doing pretty well and my brother is on the field playing and the coach was starting to send players in, so I walked up next to him and he put his arm around me and he sent me in."

Once Dorr realized the opportunistic eighth grader was in the game he was forced to call a timeout. Silvia got his one play with big brother Reggie.

"Evie called time out and I wouldn't come out," Silvia said laughing. "My brother, he didn't pay too much attention to it."

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"We had a joke, we would say that their average IQ was higher than their average weights," said former assistant coach Frank Giuliano.

Giuliano came to Cohasset in the fall of 1957 after coaching the US Army 7th Corps Jayhawks for one season. He went on to be a principal and an administrator in the Cohasset school system for more than two decades.

"They were a very bright team," Giuliano said. "I had about three-fourths of the kids in trigonometry during the first period and then again for calculus in the last period. They made very few mistakes on the football field, once we told them about the center of gravity that is where they hit (the opponent)."

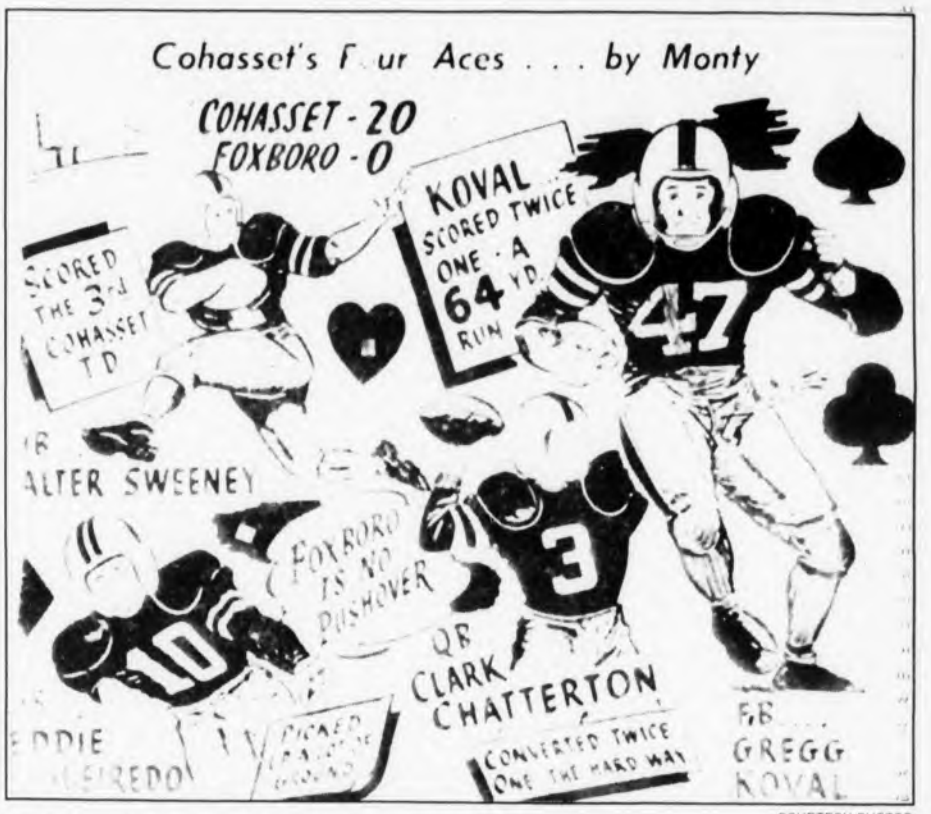
Cohasset hit its center of gravity by beating Hull, 19-0, Thanksgiving 1957, to finish a perfect 9-0. Clark Chatterton played heady ball at quarterback like he always did. Towle and McLarey held the Pirates' running attack in check, while Campbell picked off three passes.

Figueiredo (who is a lobsterman in town) recovered a fumble that led to a Sweeney touchdown. Koval and Allan Ingram added scores and the season was over.

"It just ended for us that year which was disappointing, we wanted to just keep playing," said Campbell, who went on to marry his high school sweetheart and co-captain of the 1957 cheerleading team, Elinor Tower. "It was a brotherhood, everybody looked out for everybody on that team."

Fifty years later the memories are just as vivid, rich, enjoyable and humorous for so many of the players from that team. Many still live in the area, including Giuliano, Donahue, Sweeney, McLarey, Ingram, Roger Pompeo, Dick Conant, Peter Barnier, Bill Connelly, Phil Tumey, Keith Megathlin, Richard Pope, Frank Carey, Bobby Tilden and Ray Vanderweil.

"Sports and activities builds a feeling amongst the active members, it bonds them together," Giuliano said from his home in Milton Tuesday night. "Whether it's the band, the school newspaper or the football team, the kids grow and learn and build character. These guys went on to become important, strong citizens and it makes you feel good to see that."



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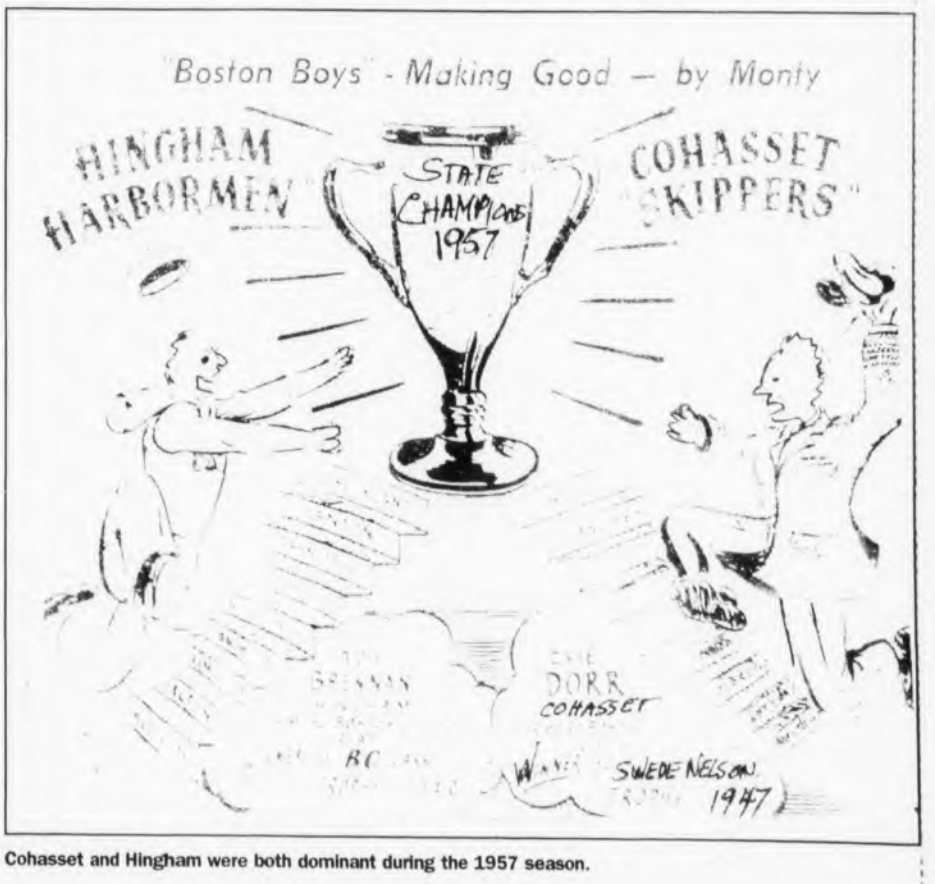
The jamboree domination is depicted via a sports cartoon circa 1957.



Front, from the left; Dick Conant, Allan Ingram, Bruce Williams, Nat Towle, Frank Carey, Wally McLarey, and Jim Campbell. Back row; Clark Chatterton, Ed Figueiredo, coach Evie Dorr, Walter Sweeney and Greg Koval.



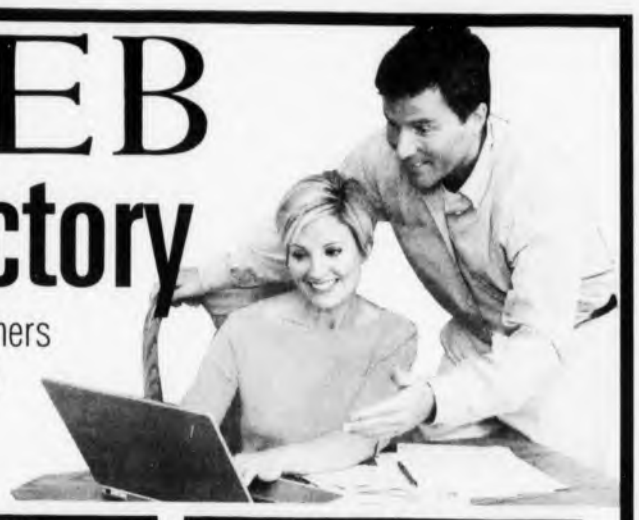
Rich Silvia during his senior year at Cohasset. Silvia was a freshman on the '57 team.



Cohasset and Hingham were both dominant during the 1957 season.

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Skippers senior night

Friday night, November 2, will be senior night for the Cohasset High School football team. Ceremonies for the players will go off sometime before game time so get there early. The gridiron club will honor the undefeated 1957 Skippers as well.

Cohasset is 5-2 overall coming of its bye-week and looks to get on track against Abington, the top team in the South Shore League.

Asked what his team needs to do to get back to its winning ways after two straight losses, head coach Pete Afanasiw simply said, "win."

Players to be honored for their last home game as members of the Cohasset High School football team include; Sam DeGiacomo (C), PJ McCaw, David Snowdale, Pat Doonan, Kenny Muir, Mark Flibotte, Kyle Pinkus (C), Cliff Musto, Tyler Kelly, Stephen Hurlbut, Jake Cuneo (C) and Jordan Sargent.

The honoring of the undefeated 1957 team will include the return of many former players to watch this highly anticipated game. Cohasset hopes to rebound and still has an outside shot at a South Shore League title of they win Friday.

"We have a couple of tough games but there is a lot of football left to be played," said Afanasiw. "They need to finish what they started with as much pride and commitment as they can."

Cohasset finishes the season with two monster SSL games against Norwell, Friday November 9, at 7 p.m. and Thanksgiving at Hull. Game time will be 10 a.m.

See next week's Mariner for full coverage of Friday's game.



STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

Cohasset quarterback David Snowdale rolls out. The Skippers are 5-2 heading into Friday's game with undefeated Abington.



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Cohasset earned the 7th seed in the Div. 2 South Sectional tournament and will host Seekonk, Friday, November 2 at 3 p.m. See next week's Mariner for full coverage.

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CHRISTINE KENT

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"Good Times Never Seemed to Be So Good!" Wise words Neil.

Good weather, good sports games, good times trick or treating! Putting aside the stress of research papers or college apps, it is safe to say that this October has been a pleasant time as we welcome the train, appreciate the greatness that is the Red Sox, and cheer on our successful CHS athletes. There is just something about Fall that makes a person feel good. Maybes it's due to an overdose of family movie specials or the prospect of Winter Vacation just two months away. But in truth, so far this Autumn has not been marked by serious "disaster" (with the exception of a small Staph outbreak) meaning, it is definitely time to embrace the good times and put any tension aside whether it be between seniors and the administration or between fellow classmates.

On a totally different note, it is important to thank the Red Sox. If it hadn't been for their awesome sweep in the World Series many kids would have been forced to spend another dull day in school on. Just kidding…but I understand that an epidemic of the 24-hour flu hit Cohasset schools on Tuesday. Nothing gets the heart pumping faster then a celebration for the Sox! Times like these make one remember why Boston is such a great place to call home. In a city with so much pride and passion it is hard to not embrace the culture. Plus, who else can say that their city has a soundtrack: Dropkick Murphys anyone?

So, in the spirit of Red Sox Nation let's show our support for the girl's varsity soccer and field hockey teams who will be facing off in their first tournament game…. let's hope there's a second! Bring out the blue and white, it's time to finally show some CHS sports pride for teams other than the obvious (but still well deserving) ones. Rest assured, both games will be packed with intensity and entertainment. Put any stereotypes or laziness aside and go watch as these girls take names and kick butt in tournament!

Now for the run down of the week!

- Monday, Oct. 29: The Sox returned from their victorious stint in Colorado where they beat the Rockies!
- Tuesday, Oct. 30: Ms. Hoskins jazz band played at the grand opening of the train.
- Wednesday, Oct. 31: Trick or treat, it was Halloween on Wednesday!
- Thursday, Nov. 1: THIS FIRST OF A NEW MONTH!
- Friday, Nov. 2: Field hockey girls compete in their first tournament game against SeeKonk at the Deer Hill at 3 p.m.

Christine Kent is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly in the Mariner..

Don't miss the Osgood Book Fair!

The Joseph Osgood School Parent School Organization, PSO, will host a Book Fair fundraiser, from 2 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 7, at Osgood.

This year, the Joseph Osgood School PSO will introduce a new and different book fair, "Bookfairs by Bookends." This dynamic company has been hosting books-only book fairs that are packed with a premier selection of books from over forty different publishers. There will be thousands of quality books with titles that you and your children will be excited to read. Lively picture books, captivating beginning readers, enchanting chapter books, and timeless classics and award winners will be among fact-packed science and reference books, popular adult titles and perfect gift books.

Attendees can also help the school build classroom libraries and the school library by purchasing books for teachers through the Classroom Wish List.

The PSO is a non-profit organization whose role is to act as an advocate for public education and serve as the official link between parents and schools. The PSO voices parental responses to school issues, and provides forums for administrators, teachers, and students to present their programs and policies to the public. Through fundraising efforts, like the upcoming Book Fair, the PSO provides programs and activities that enrich the school experience for students, teachers, and parents. Families, teachers, and all members of the community are invited to attend the fair and discover the magic of reading.

Apple Project meeting

All are welcome to attend the upcoming meeting, which is an overview of the A.P.P.L.E. Project, on Tuesday (Nov. 6) at 7:30 p.m. at the Osgood School library.

On Oct. 18-20, the Cohasset School District had the unique experience to be involved with the A.P.P.L.E. Institute — Advancing Parent-Professional Leadership in Education. A total of five Massachusetts towns participated. Five Cohasset parents came together with their school districts SPED Director to learn more about ways to improve communication and collaboration between parents of children receiving special education services and their school system.

The meeting starts promptly at 7:30 p.m. All workshops and presentations are free; the meeting is sponsored by the PSO/PAC.

SOUTH SHORE PAC Network promotes communication, combines workshops and establishes a broader network. The South Shore PAC Network hopes to meets informally throughout the year. If you would like to be added to the e-mail network for updates forward your contact information to: southshorepac@comcast.net



Volunteers from left, Marie Dunkleborger, Marcella Hoehn, Jen Havlicek, Jen Gallagher and Bill Babner.

Scaring up some fun!

Halloween came early on Cohasset Town Common this week. The South Shore Community Center Nursery School held its annual Halloween Fair on Sunday. Janice Batts, everyone's favorite witch, began the event leading the children in a costume parade around the duck pond.

The fair was a tremendous success due to the efforts of SSCC parent volunteers. The SSCC thanks Kelli Gildea and Sara Fox for chairing this event.

Proceeds from the Halloween Fair benefit the Nardo Scholarship Fund and enrichment activities for the nursery school families.



South Shore Community Center Nursery School students, Emma and Sean Thornton, at Sunday's Halloween Fair.



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South Shore Community Center Nursery School teachers Marianne Smith and Weezie Welz are in the Halloween spirit.

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Turkey shoot is Nov. 18

A fun family afternoon is planned at the Scituate Rod & Gun Club off Route 3A (near the Cohasset line) on Sunday, Nov. 18 from noon to 4 p.m.

Turkeys will be awarded for winners of different events including skeet shooting and archery.

Everyone is invited!

Anti-Racism workshop set for Nov. 17

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset, is sponsoring Seeing the Face of God In Each Other, an inter-faith workshop on anti-racism, with The Rev. Cannon Ed Rodman from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 17.

This free event is open to people of all faith traditions, ages teen and up. Lunch will be served.

'NE Perspectives' at the James Library

Three South Shore landscape photographers, Margot Cheel of Cohasset, Mike Sleeper, and Stephen Eames, will present a photography exhibit at the James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St, Norwell. An opening reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 2, and the show continues until Thursday, Nov. 29.

The show, "New England Perspectives," will showcase the different views from each photographer. Margot Cheel presents aerial photography of the South Shore and Cape as abstract art. Mike Sleeper is well known for his panoramic photos of the South Shore landscape. Steve Eames captures New England scenes with a painter's eye. Margot Cheel's web site is at www.margotcheel.com; Mike Sleeper's web site is at www.mikesleeper.com and Steve Eames web site is at www.eamescreative.com.

The James Library is open from 1 to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday. For more information, visit http://www.firstparishnorwell.org/james.html.

Newcomers Club new member gathering

Scituate/Cohasset Newcomers Club invites all new and prospective members, as well as current members, to a New Member Gathering from 10 a.m. to noon, on Wednesday, Nov. 7. At this new member coffee, attendees can meet people and learn more about the club. Friends and children are welcome to attend.

Call Kim at 545-2952 or email kim.spires@Comcast.net or Kelly at 545-0866, k-dlee@hotmail.com for more information or to register. For information about membership, visit the Web site at scnewcomers.com. There are many activities planned throughout the year.

Glastonbury Abbey to hold fundraiser

Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull St., Hingham, will hold a fundraiser from 4 to 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 3. The event will feature an evening of wine tasting, music and food. Proceeds benefit Glastonbury Abbey. For more information or tickets, call Ann McCarthy-Egan at 781-749-9423 or Kay Trask at 781-545-0993.

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Community Center holds clothing and toy drive

The collection begins early, because it takes three weeks for the donated items to be shipped. and then received in Santo Domingo

Since Nov. 2001, the South Shore Community Center has been privileged to sponsor an annual clothing and toy collection to be distributed to the impoverished children of Santo Domingo during the winter holidays. The drive started when Stephanie Church and Ruthanne Ardrizzoni were moved by the poverty of Santo Domingo, the homeland of the center's beloved janitor, Julio Falcon.

What began as simple donations, given by Stephanie and Ruthann of needed items, has flourished and become a wonderful holiday tradition. All arms of the Community Center participate in this Toy and Clothing Drive, including the Gymnastic Program, the Nursery School and the toddler Gym Dandy Program. Each year, they continue to be overjoyed by the generosity of the Cohasset community.

Each November the Community Center distributes letters to the parents of all of its students to remind them of this mission. The Directors of all programs incorporate this collection into their classes as a lesson in sharing with others less fortunate. The collection begins early, because it takes three weeks for the donated items to be shipped. and then received in Santo Domingo.

The center usually sends out three to four shipments. In addition to gift giving, they also encourage cash donations to defray the costly expense of the shipments. As most are aware, the center is a nonprofit organization that depends upon the public good, so that it can continue to bring joy into the lives of needy children. Every year, they receive thank you notes and photographs of the children holding and opening the gifts and the photographs are posted throughout the center, so that all of the students can see the fruit of their labor.



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Still time to make your holiday travel plans

Fran Golden
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Aruba, Mexico's Riviera Maya, the Dominican Republic, Caribbean cruises, Disney World and Italy are popular places travelers are heading for the upcoming holidays, according to Boston-area travel agents. Some folks are even going on African safaris.

And the good news for those who have yet to make their holiday plans is there is still space available – though it's going fast.

Procrastinators will find comfort in numbers. Maybe the lingering warm weather is to blame. But the cold is coming and so are our thoughts of someplace warm.

Barbara Nason, senior expert with Vacation Outlet, said don't panic if you have yet to book your holiday trip. While scheduled air alone to a warm Caribbean destination may cost you $1,200 to $1,500 for Christmas week, there are companies like Apple Vacations and TNT Vacations with special charter flights from Boston that bring the costs way down.

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With the charter packages (offered on specific dates), Nason said she had available a weeklong Christmas week stay at the Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort in Aruba, including air, from $1,599 per person.

Even Thanksgiving holiday travel is still doable.

"I booked a client on a two-week Thanksgiving cruise just this week," Nason said.

Barbara Katz, an agent with American Express Travel in Boston, said those with flexible dates may have the best luck when it comes to getting good prices. And travelers may want to think beyond the Caribbean.

She said Italy is hot with her clients this year, and she's suggesting New Year's in Rome.

"The Italians love to celebrate," Katz said.

She noted hotel prices and air in Europe are a lot cheaper in the winter than in the high summer season.



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All-inclusive properties on Mexico's Riviera Maya are a popular holiday choice.

"It's especially a value after Christmas and including for New Year's and there's no snow," Katz said.

Cruise lines pull out all the stops for the holidays, adding decorations and special activities, with Santa onboard for the kiddies. Like hotels and airlines, they also tend to pump up their prices during this period.

But Amani Richardson, a senior cruise expert for Vacation Outlet, said plenty of holiday cruises out of easy-to-get-to Florida are still available and at decent prices.

For instance, Richardson said she has a six-night New Year's cruise on Carnival Cruise Line's brand new Liberty departing Dec. 30 from Fort Lauderdale, from $729 per person. Or do a five-night cruise out of Tampa on Carnival's Inspiration, departing Dec. 22, from $599.

Even posh Holland America has oceanview cabins on the Veendam for a Christmas week cruise out of Tampa, departing Dec. 23, from $1,399 per person, a bargain for that line at that time of year, Richardson said.

Marilyn Wexler, an agent with Tzell Travel, said she is getting last-minute requests from clients for exotic holiday vacations for their families such as African safaris and trips to the Galapagos.

"They are very late at this point and it's more (inquiries) than usual," Wexler said. Typically, these types of high-end trips are booked 10 months to a year in advance, she added.

And Wexler said if people think by waiting they will get a better deal, they're wrong.

"At this point, you have to be prepared to pay a lot of money for it," Wexler said.

Holiday vacationers need to be flexible with dates and willing to pay more, agreed Diane Macedo, owner/manager of Carlson Wagonlit Travel in Wrentham.

"But we definitely tell people there is no reason to stay home. You just may need to do some digging."

She said a popular trip she's booking is Christmas or New Year's at Disney World.

"They do the big New Year's Eve parties and things like that and it's an easy destination to get families together from across the country," Macedo said.

Another great spot, she said, is Mexico's Riviera Maya.

"You fly into Cancun, and the all-inclusives are great for families with a variety of restaurants and activities," Macedo said.

For true bargain hunters, she said one of the best times to book is after the holidays. For instance, at a five-star resort in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, you can book a charter trip for Christmas for $1,849. That goes down to $1,379 for New Year's. But wait another week and it's only $1,189, Macedo said.

She added she is also busily booking trips for the February and April school vacations, and it's not too early to get going on that.

Tips for Holiday Travelers

Your vacation should be fun and stress-free. Toward that end, here are a few important things to consider as you make your holiday travel plans.

✈ Beginning Jan. 1, you will need a passport to travel to the Caribbean, Mexico, Bermuda, Canada and everywhere else outside the U.S. Find details at www.travel.state.gov.

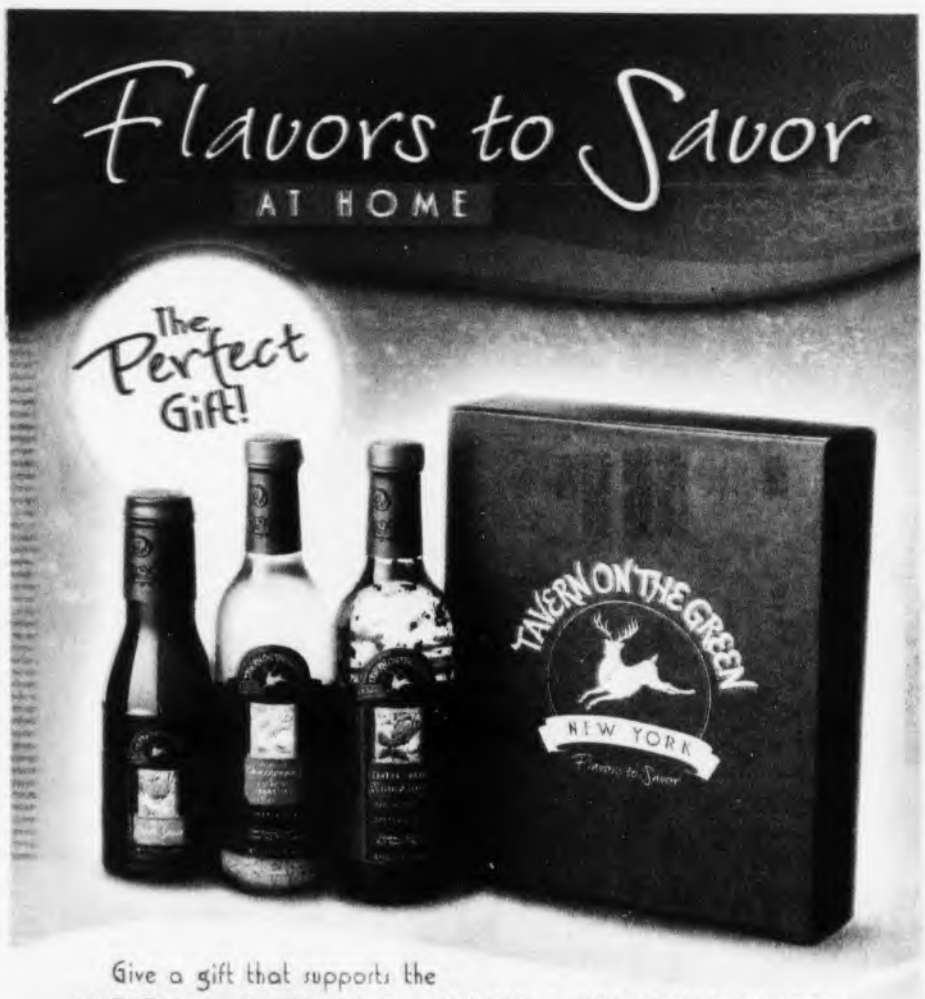
✈ Being flexible is the best way to get a deal. Consider traveling, for instance, on Christmas Eve or even Christmas Day.

✈ Look to alternative airports where low-cost carriers may fly (for instance, drive to Manchester or Providence, where you'll find Southwest Airlines, which does not fly from Logan).

✈ Do research online but use a travel agent to make your booking; a good agent knows when a deal is a deal and with holiday trips – especially when kids are involved – you don't want to take any chances. Find more on travel agents at www.travelsense.org.

✈ Get to the airport early. These are the busiest times for travel and there will be lines.

✈ Check with your airline about luggage weight limits. And mail your gifts to your destination ahead of time or you'll need to keep them unwrapped for airport security (which will ruin the surprise if the gift recipients are accompanying you).



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The Eaton Village Store is once again a popular gathering place.

The Village Store

Fran Folsom
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IN NEW ENGLAND
BY FRAN GOLDEN

In today's high-tech, get-everything-at-the-mall society, many of New England's traditional general stores have gone by the wayside. One store that has survived — through the determination of its community — is the Eaton Village Store in quaint Eaton Centre, in New Hampshire's Mount Washington Valley.

The lakeside store was built in 1800 as a private home; it became a general store in 1947 selling gas, groceries and blocks of ice cut from the lake. Through the years, the store was successfully operated by several owners including Babe Ruth's daughter Judy Stevens in the early 1950s. Other owners added improvements including a lunch counter.

In 2003, new owners gutted and stripped the building and made the place upscale, selling fancy arts and crafts and serving nouveau cuisine. They didn't make a go of it.

Enter the Eaton Village Preservation Society, which bought the building in 2004. With the help of 400 town residents, the group returned the store to its original look and purpose.

Today's proprietor, Phil Kelly, sells crafts by local artists, fruit and vegetables from area farms and uses local ingredients in his cooking.

"I make it work by being open long hours and being friendly," Kelly said. "Sure people could shop at Wal-Mart, but this is more than just a general store. It's the social center of town."

Others in the village agree.

"When it was in danger of closing for good, it really had an impact on the town," said Tom Ostendorf, who runs the Inn at Crystal Lake in Eaton Centre, a local bed & breakfast. "It always has been and finally is again, the heart of the town.

While the inn serves its guests a full country breakfast (included in the daily rate) on select days they also have the option of having breakfast with the local "crowd" at the Eaton Village Store.

Eaton Centre is historically significant as the place where Helen Keller spent her summers. Attractions include sparkling Crystal Lake, where you can swim in summer and skate in winter. There is also a barley candy shop, pottery studios, antique shops, an alpaca farm and a photographic little white church.

For more information on the Eaton Village Store, call 603-447-2403 or visit www.evps.org. Rates at the Inn at Crystal Lake are from $109 to $209 per night for two. Call 800-343-7336 or visit www.innatcrystallake.com.



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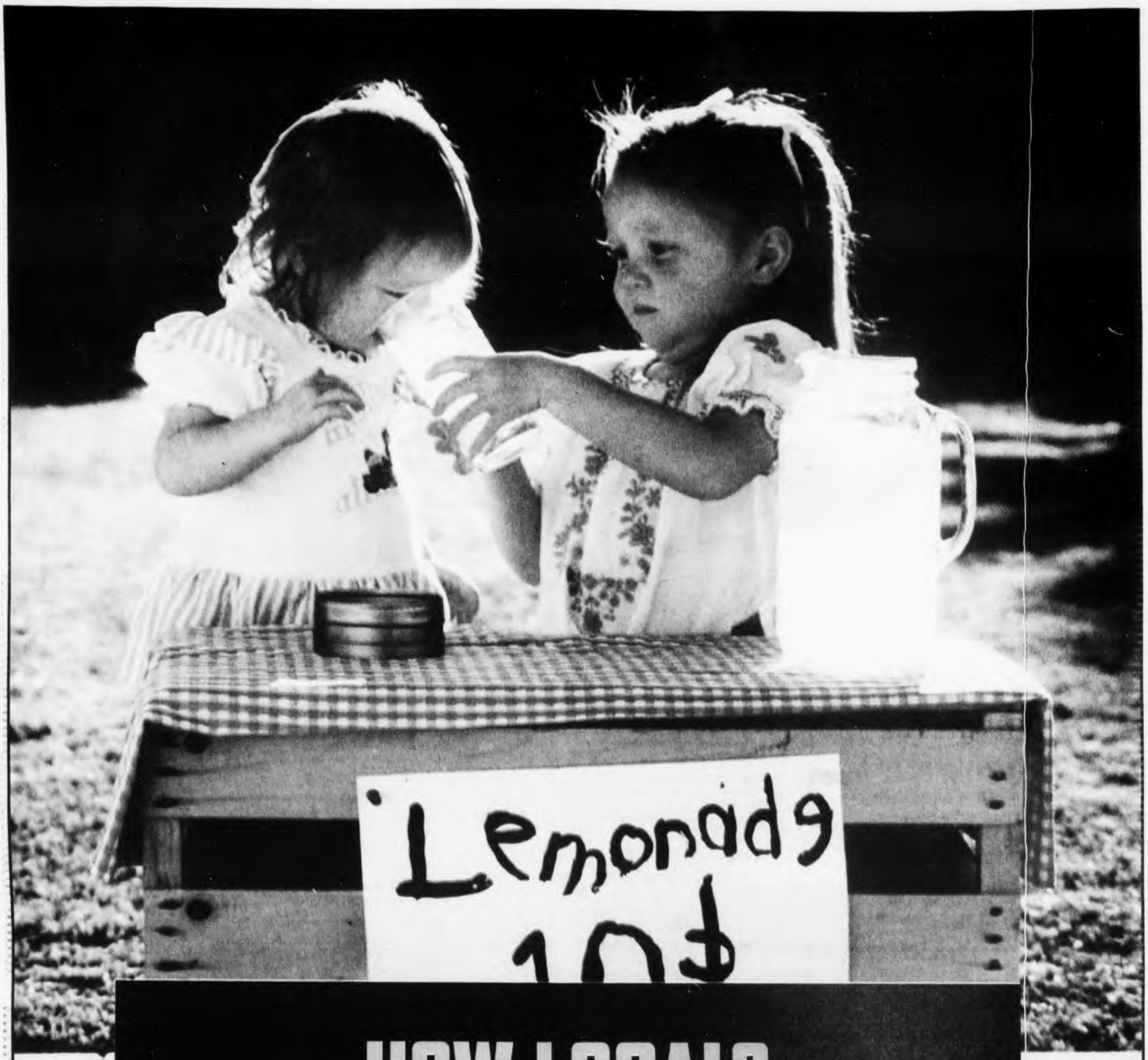
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Jamey Kupsc gets Kiwi all suited up in a pumpkin costume before the dog show at the Farmers Market.



Hog dog! "Boston" works the crowd during the dog costume show at the Farmers Market last month.

Dogs on parade

Costumed canines at Farmers Market



Bridget DeGroat, 2, takes a closer look at "spider-dog" Charlie at the Farmers Market. It was a dog show, although some other pets also arrived.



Hannah Nichols, 1-1/2, gives "Tucker" a pat because he is such an angel.

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First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Nov. 4

8 a.m. - Circle Ministry in the Parish House/Atkinson Room - Group led by Joan Kovach & Susan Meikleham and meeting 1st & 3rd Sundays)

10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House – "Just ask!"

Do you have a question or two you'd like to ask our minister? Think about it, and come with those questions in mind. Ushers will have index cards for you to post your questions. These will be collected and given to Jan, who in her sermon will make good on her invitation to you to "Just ask!"

Religious education classes for toddlers, children and youth and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 AM in the Parish House.

Refreshments and fellowship follow the morning service and RE classes.

Noon – 2:30 p.m. – Soul Work: Conversations across Congregations – Atkinson Room - First-timers welcome!

This session marks the second in this season's collaborative venture of First Parish UU in Cohasset, First Parish (Old Ship) in Hingham and Second Parish UU in Hingham. Lunch will be available at noon (fsuggested contribution of $5/person), and we'll convene for conversation from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.. In respectful dialogue, we undertake the work of anti-racism as spiritual practice. Our discussions are based on *Soul Work: anti-racist theologies in dialogue*. We'll focus this time on the essay, "Racism and Anti-racism in a Culture of Violence," by Rev. Dr. George Tinker. Eva Marx and Jan Carlsson-Bull continue to co-facilitate.

5 to 6 p.m. – Candlelight Peace Vigil on Cohasset Common

Join us for this first Sunday of the month witness for peace in our world, our nation, and our communities. Open to peacemakers of all ages throughout the community! Please bring your candles, though we will have some available.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church invites families and residents to join us this fall. We are a welcoming, Christian community dedicated to caring for our communities, both near and across the world. Highlights of our parish life include this fall:

- "Godly Play" Christian education for children ages three through grade 5.
- Jr. High and High School youth groups, adult education, Bible study, book group
- Outreach to the hungry, homeless and those in prison
- Monthly luncheon for seniors
- Fellowship and fun; music
- Environmental ministry; weekly yoga and meditation group

This week at St. Stephen's:

- Friday, Nov. 2: 9:30 am Yoga
- Saturday, Nov. 3: 7 am Bible Fellowship
- Sunday, Nov. 4: Celebration of All Saints Day. Services at 8 am and 10 am. 9 am Youth Group meeting.

To contact us: Stop by at 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset (We are the church "on the rock." Enter during the week at office around back) or call 781-383-1083, or email cwood@ststephenscohasset.org.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Sunday Nov. 4th – Get ready for Chanukah – Craft and Book Fair from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. From 9-10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary, book signing and lecture with Rabbi Joseph Meszler.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

WORSHIP NOTES

Celebration Sunday at Second Congregational

The Second Congregational Church of Cohasset at 43 Highland Ave.,, will host several special events during and after the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, Nov. 4, which is All Saints Sunday.

New members will be received and the congregation is encouraged to invite friends for Bring a Friend to Church Day. Immediately after the service, there will be a Christian Education Open House and Classroom Tour.

Following the open house and tour, a lunch will be held for all which will include soups, salads and desserts, made from recipes from the soon to be published "Church Cook Book."

Reverend Gary Ritts and his wife, Judy will then show slides and tell stories about their summer travels and studies in New Hampshire, West Virginia, New Mexico, and Europe.

Retreat programs at St. Joseph's

St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, is hosting the following programs:

- Wednesday, Nov.7, Morning of Prayer, 9:15-11:45. "From the Rising of the Sun to its Setting"
- Nov. 9-11, Quilting Retreat Weekend, "The Fabric of Our Lives: Co-Creating a Holy Pattern"
- Nov. 12-16, Directed Retreat.
- Saturday, Nov. 17, Day of Prayer, 9:00 – 3:30. "Heart for the Holidays during a Time of Loss"
- Sunday, Nov. 18, Reflective Workshop, 9:00 – 3:30. "Grief and Gratitude in Prayer and Spiritual Direction"
- Dec.7-9, Weekend Retreat. "Soul Collage - A Journey of Discovery"

The retreat house is often available for private retreat days. For more information and to register, visit www.csjretreat-center.org or call 781-383-6024.

Worship notes and changes to the worship guide may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.

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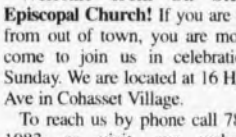

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~ Buffet ~
New England Clam Chowder & Turkey Vegetable Soup
Roast Turkey with traditional stuffing & Gravy
Stuffed Pork Loin (Figs & Gorgonzola)
Baked Stuffed Sole with rock shrimp scampi sauce
Mixed Greens with cranberries & walnuts
Roasted Butternut Squash
Green Bean Casserole
Pumpkin Ravioli (with confit duck in hazelnut cream sauce)
Mashed Potato ~ Rice Pilaf ~ Peas & Onions
Sugar Glazed Yams ~ Fresh Baked Breads
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POLICE LOG

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 17

12:52 a.m. **Lower King St.**, notification, officer reports there is a crew working on RR tracks at above location. 2 vehicles parked on side of road.

1:19 a.m. **King St.**, notification, officer reports there is a work crew at above location.

1:38 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, officer reports building appears secured.

1:39 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, officer reports building appears secured.

6:29 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:10 a.m. **Cushing Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7:11 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, notification, detail officer reports above location down to one lane, emergency vehicles and buses can get through. Jerusalem at Deep Run also down to one lane, emergency vehicles able to pass.

10:40 a.m. **Highland Ave**, downed power lines, officer reports phone lines still hanging in this location. This is the fourth call to Verizon. Verizon reports there should be a truck coming out to fix this today.

10:41 a.m. **Sohier St., Deer Hill/Osgood School** check.

10:49 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, school check.

11:10 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, officer wanted, caller would like to speak with an officer regarding a car parked in front of his driveway that is stopping him from doing work on the driveway. Officer requesting the building inspector for neighbor disputing over property lines. Officer has advised both parties how to go about resolving this. This is a civil matter.

11:14 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party would like to speak with an officer regarding a past report.

11:46 a.m. **Cedar St.**, animal complaint, caller reports a coyote running around the area. Animal control notified.

1:29 p.m. **Forest Ave., and North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop traffic citation/warning.

1:50 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, lost property, calling party states she lost her wallet at this location.

2:40 p.m. **Crocker Lane**, lost person, caller reports he's lost in Whitney Woods. Officers are stationed at two different locations and are sounding their sirens to see if the missing party can hear them. Cruiser is at the top of Crocker Lane sounding the sirens. Calling party is close to this location. Fire is enroute and calling party is now with the officers. Officer transporting the party to his motor vehicle.

4:56 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Mill Lane**, traffic enforcement.

5 p.m. **Lincoln Park, Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

5:05 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

5:24 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:57 p.m. **King St.**, property (recovered), walk in party found cell phone. Located owner of cell phone, he will be in tomorrow.

7:08 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:31 p.m. **Lower King St.**, hazard, caller reports the gates are up – bells ringing – lights flashing and the train has already gone through. Officer reports malfunction of lights and gates, contacted MBTA. Officer reports MBTA is working on RR tracks – there are trucks parked on scene.

9:37 p.m. **N. Main St.**, suspicious activity, there were subjects with flashlights out at above location. Officer reports subjects on scene is in charge of above location, he left something on scene and is now looking for it.

10:12 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

11:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, animal complaint, 911 caller states he hit a deer. Scituate Fire reports incident also. McBrien's notified for tow. State DPW notified.

THURSDAY, OCT. 18

12:16 a.m. **King St**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

7:04 a.m. **South Main St., and Summer St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:08 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic complaint, caller states "a truck is parked on the sidewalk forcing mothers and children into the street." Ongoing problem. Motor vehicle owner will move the vehicle.

7:14 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:45 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, public service. Beechwood Street from CJC Highway to King Street is down to one lane.

8 a.m. Weather: Foggy, calm, 63.

12:52 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

5:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:30 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

6:45 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint, caller reports vehicles are parked all over parking lot. Officer reports one vehicle moved and one tagged.

6:53 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic complaint, caller reports they are paving driveway – large truck in the middle of the road. Officer reports no traffic hazard at this time.

7:39 p.m. **Lower King St.**, hazard, caller reports the train went through but the lights are still flashing and bells are ringing. Contacted MBTA they advised there are test trains going through however there is someone responding to above location ETA 5-10 minutes. MBTA called reports all equipment working and worker will stay on scene to find out why malfunction occurred. Contacted MBTA reported when he called he stated everything is back working and test train is running.

11:14 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

FRIDAY, OCT. 19

1205 a.m. **HQ.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, Hull Police report a small black motor vehicle with tinted windows traveling at a high rate of speed. Unknown direction of travel.

1:21 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:22 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

7:06 a.m. **Norfolk Rd., and Bancroft Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7:15 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, public service, Beechwood Street between CJC Highway and King Street will be detoured. Emergency vehicles can get through.

7:23 a.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:24 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, public service, Jerusalem Road by #198 will be down to one lane. Emergency vehicles can get through.

8 a.m. Weather: Cloudy, calm, 67.

10:37 a.m. **Mohawk Way**, fire alarm activation, caller reports her fire alarms have activated in her house. Units responding.

12:43 p.m. **Border St.**, fire alarm activation, alarm company reports fire alarm activation from the second and third floor. No problems found at the residence, unable to gain access and no keyholder is available at this time, units clear.

1:33 p.m. **Parking Way**, public service, there will be two large Allied moving tractor trailer trucks parked in the town lot for the night that will be transporting to Jerusalem Lane in the a.m.

1:45 p.m. **Doane St.**, suspicious activity, walk in party reports a male in his late 50's or early 60's came to her door and first thing he asked was if she had any young kids, then asked if he can do work in the house. The male was very scruffy looking driving an older model greenish blue pick up truck. No plate available. Walk in party also reported that the pick up truck had a Vere sticker on the back of it. Administrative flash message put out over leaps. BCI responding to HQ for a composite.

2:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

2:40 p.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious person, female caller reports she was approached by male party in a blue/green pick up truck asking if she knew where the dog that was in his truck belonged. The female stated no and the male asked if she could help him find where the dog lives. Female would not give any information. No suspicious activity, male party was actually attempting to return a dog to its owner, male is known to department and checks out OK. Male has found the owner and returned the dog, no problems.

3:25 p.m. **Elm St.**, animal complaint.

8:44 p.m. **Hull St.**, disabled motor vehicle, caller stated that a car just ran up the curb and hit a pole. Officer reports car is stuck, no pole was hit. Vehicle stuck on curb.

11:01 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

SATURDAY, OCT. 20

12:40 a.m. **Red Gate Lane**, medical aid.

12:45 a.m. **Red Gate Lane**, assist citizen, 2nd 911 call from the residence, caller advised R3 is on the way.

12:46 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:46 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

7:07 a.m. **Sohier St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

7:29 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, 911 cell caller states there is an older model motor vehicle with a Hispanic operator all over the road. Motor vehicle was on Forest Ave but turned onto Jerusalem Road, unknown which side of Jerusalem Road. Motor vehicle not in the area now.

8:53 a.m. **Sohier St., Deer Hill/Osgood School** check.

9:30 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:27 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, school check.

10:35 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:52 a.m. **Buttonwood Lane**, fire – public assist, Fire Dept called public assist at above location. Fire report large tree that has split in back yard of above location – tree may by unsafe. Fire reports there is a tree contractor that is going to take care of tree.

12:02 p.m. **Hull St.**, officer wanted, caller reports there is a vehicle parked in front of his residence.

1:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, special assignment.

6:57 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

8:08 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

8:18 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

8:41 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, disturbance, caller reports a large group of kids in this area throwing bottles and trash around. Officer reports no on in this area but there is a group at the Tedeschi's, he will be patrolling the area.

9:23 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled motor vehicle, officer reports the cruiser will not start, McBrien's notified. Officer reports he got the vehicle started and will head for the station, cruiser is not running right. Cruiser dropped off a t Robbin's Garage.

9:36 p.m. **Oak St.**, fire, caller reports the above address is under construction and n on e lives there and the smoke alarms are going off.

10:48 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports her 16-year-old son is unconscious, R3 transporting the SSH/BLS at this time.

11:13 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, medical aid, caller reports someone has been knocking on her door, her neighbor stated there were two people standing across the street in white T-shirts when they saw him, they took off towards the beach. Officer reports area search negative, no one around.

11:18 p.m. **Elm Ct.**, follow up

SUNDAY, OCT. 21

12:29 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:29 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

7:53 a.m. **Red Gate Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:58 a.m. **First Parish Rd., Scituate**, medical aid.

11:45 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, shoplifting, caller reports they have a shoplifter detained. Caller called back stating the female has broken away from the manager and is running from the store wearing a white sweater and lube Capri pants. Units are out with the female. Officers report they are clear, management does not wish to persue the matter through the courts, but they have issued a verbal 'No Trespass' order.

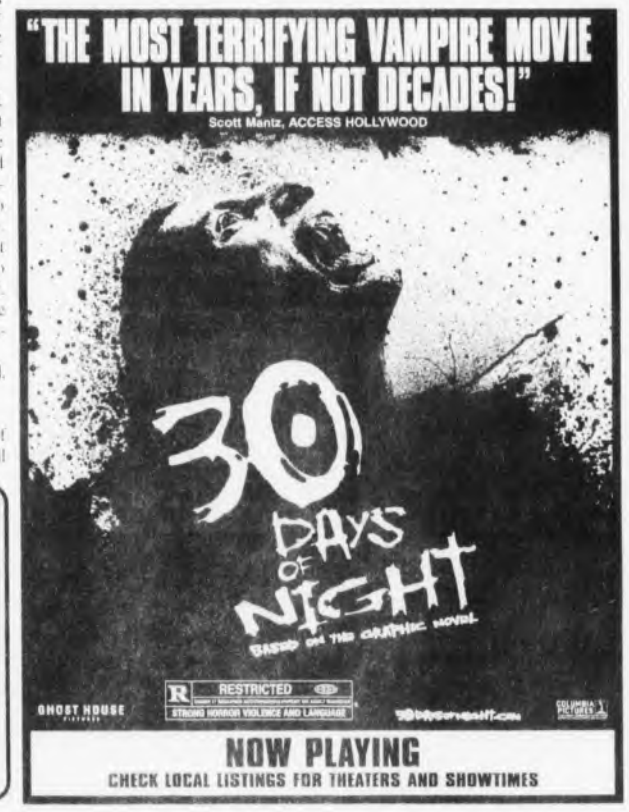
12:26 p.m. **School Buildings**, building checks, officer reports all school buildings check ok, all secure.

2:48 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports they were just pulling into the driveway of their residence and a young male was exiting their house and jumped into a vehicle waiting and they took off. 911 caller was kept on the line and they are following the suspicious vehicle. This was a misunderstanding, one of the young males was getting a football from his residence to bring back for a family cookout and then just grabbed the football and ran back to the car. No problems. Officers have confirmed misunderstanding, units clear.

4:52 p.m. **South Main St.**, fire, investigation, direct call into FD reporting outside odor of natural gas. Gas company notified.

5:54 p.m. **Ash St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports his trash compactor is smoking, possible fire in the wall. E3 reports under control, units in service.

7:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, Scituate PD reports an erratic operator, driving very, very slow, breaking and swerving. Headed North on 3A. Officer checked 3A from Scituate line, nothing in the area, Hingham PD notified.









Legal Notices

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LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 07P2413AD

In the Estate of PETER R. SOUTHER

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In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death May 11, 2007

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

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WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, October 10, 2007.

Patrick W. McDermott,
Register of Probate

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Celebrating diversity

Latin dance party was a hit

By Chartis Tebbetts
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Cohasset Diversity Committee hosted an evening of Latin-style dancing on Saturday, Oct. 20th, at the River Club in North Scituate. The Diversity Committee has hosted several social evenings around Oct. 24th, which is United Nations Day. The 2007 theme gave us an opportunity to appreciate the music and style of the Brazilian beat, along with delicious hors d'oeuvres prepared by the River Club's Brazilian chef. Demonstrations of these lively dances encouraged many of those in attendance to try the steps. The Diversity Committee raised approximately $1500, which will support many programs both in the schools and the community.

The major focus of the Diversity Committee in the past two years has been the Peer Leader Training program, now a strong part of the Cohasset Middle High School. Fifty sophomores, juniors and seniors have been trained by staff from the World of Difference Institute of the Anti-Defamation League. Funds from the ADL, the Diversity Committee, the Parent School Organization (PSO) and area churches and synagogues made this training possible.

Introduced in New York City in 1991, A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE Institute's Peer Training Program now operates in 13 U. S. cities and 11 European countries. In the New England region, more than 65 middle and high schools sponsor the Program, with 2,000 students trained annually to deliver workshops to over 60,000 peers. The workshops address bias-motivated behaviors such as name-calling, bullying, and harassment. The Program empowers young people to recognize the prejudices in themselves and others, and provides participants with the knowledge and skills to facilitate greater inter-group dialogue, understanding and respect.

Other activities, which are supported by the Diversity Committee, include the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast. This January event rotates among the churches of Cohasset and is co-sponsored with the Cohasset Clergy Association.

The Diversity Committee hosted a speaker from the ADL in 2006 about Hate Crimes Response, and is currently in the final stages of facilitating a Response Protocol with Police Chief Hussey, Superintendent of Schools Walsh, and Town Manager Griffin.

The Diversity Committee welcomes anyone in the community to join its group and to help plan and implement these and other events and activities. The Committee also thanks all those who support the activities financially.



Rolando Maldon, lead singer and rhythm guitarist with the Grupo Chevere Band sings during an evening filled with Zumba Latin Dancing.



Cohasset's Diversity Committee members at the dance party included, from left, Chartis Tebbets, Jane Ellis, Susan Etkind, Connie Afshar, Amy Geyer and Eva Haber.



Percussionist Angel Rivera of Brockton gets the crowd in the mood with music and singing.



Zumba Dancers Johana O'Neill, left, Ann Saldi, center, and Danielle Buckley, right, go over the music with DJ Willy Colom before hitting the dance floor.



David Bigley of Cohasset, center with white hat, observes Zumba Dancer Ann Saldi show her moves during the night of live music and Zumba Latin dancing. The event took place at Scituate's River Club.



Laura and Lee Stone have a great time kicking up their heels at Scituate's River Club to the rhythm of the Grupo Chevere Band.



Almis and Danguole Kuolas dance a Latin waltz during an evening filled with Latin music and Zumba dancing.



Zumba dancer Johana O'Neill of Weymouth served as emcee during the evening of live music and Latin dancing, including some instruction and demonstrations.



Linda Nathan, right, learns the steps of Zumba dancing from instructor Johana O'Neill at left.

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What's happening on the South Shore

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Disney takes show on the road

'High School Musical' enjoys success on stage

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Since it debuted on the Disney Channel in January 2006, "High School Musical" has evolved from a TV-movie about a handsome high school basketball star and a pretty, but shy bookworm who share a love for singing, into an international phenomenon. Blockbuster ratings and worldwide broadcasts spawned an ever higher rated television sequel in August, an album that was the biggest selling soundtrack of 2006, plans for third installment for feature release, and a stage adaptation now at Boston's Wang Theatre.

The intensity of the hoopla surrounding all things "High School Musical" managed to escape the attention of director Jeff Calhoun, however, right up until the time the Broadway veteran signed on to direct the current national tour and watched its first public performance from backstage.

"I didn't really know what to expect on this project. I don't watch The Disney Channel so I had no idea how big this was until the first preview in Atlanta. When the houselights dimmed and the audience erupted in cheers, I don't think I was really ready for that. I started to feel very nervous. I kept thinking that all the applause was for the movie and wondering what would happen when people realized the stage show was not the movie," recalled Calhoun last week by telephone from New York. "By the end of our show, however, the entire audience was standing and cheering just as loud. I was very relieved."



PHOTO BY JOAN MARCUS

"Wildcat Cheer" from Disney's "High School Musical" National Tour.

Calhoun — represented on Broadway last season for his musical staging of "Grey Gardens" and director of the Tony Award-winning 1999 revival of "Annie Get Your Gun" starring Bernadette Peters and the 1994 "Grease" revival that brought Rosie O'Donnell to Broadway — knows something about successful shows, but admits that "High School Musical" is more than just a hit.

"I don't know how you can really explain the phenomenal success of something this big. It probably has a lot to do with there being someone on stage for everyone in the audience to relate to. In some ways it is like 'Grease' for the 21st century, but with a polar opposite story. Instead of being about the importance of looking, acting, or dressing a certain way in order to be cool, this is about how everyone can be cool just by being themselves."

Calhoun may not watch the Disney Channel, but he still relates to his main characters.

"I was the football quarterback who also the choreographer for my high school musical," says Calhoun who first gained fame in New York as a protégé of the legendary Tommy Tune on "My One and Only" and "The Will Rogers Follies."

"This story really resonates with me, because I can still remember having to leave football practice an hour early on Wednesdays to go to tap-dance class."

"High School Musical" will be at the Citi Performing Arts Center Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont St., Boston, through Nov. 4. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 1-800-447-7400 or go online at citicenter.org.

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at townonline.com — click on your town — then click the entertainment tab.

Thursday, Nov. 1

Network4Success Business-to-Business Networking Group meets the first Thursday of the month at the Plympton Library from 5 to 6 p.m. and the third Thursday of the month at the Halifax Country Club from noon to 1:30 p.m. For meeting info, email info@network4success.org or visit network4success.org

The Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham invites the public to hear **Rappaport Foundation's report** on the impact of commuter rail on host communities. This free talk will be presented by **David Luberoff**, Executive Director of Harvard's Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston, on Nov. 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Library's Whiton Meeting Room. No reservations are required. 781-741-1405, ext. 2600. hinghamlibrary.org

Yoga at the Country Club of Halifax. This an all levels yoga class is currently ongoing at the Country Club of Halifax, on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This class is suitable for all levels - beginners to advanced - and drop-ins are welcome. For information contact Stacey at 617-548-5877 or via email at stacey@letitflowfitness.com.

Mount Vernon Mortgage Corporation - Free Educational Homebuyer Seminars for South Shore Residents, Nov. 1, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Weymouth: Tufts Library (Main Branch), 46 Broad St., Nov. 3, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Quincy: 500 Victory Road, Marina Bay. Free and open to the public. Pre-registration is required. Participants can register online at MtVernonMortgage.com/Events or register by phone at 781-337-2432 x16.

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Wednesday and Thursday evening from 8 to 11 p.m.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Nov. 1, **Infractions.** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

Fish Tale On the Water, 44 Jericho Road, Scituate, presents **Drift Away** with **J. Place, Joe Micarelli** and **John Litwin,** performing music from the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's.every Thursday at 8:30 p.m. 781-545-4700

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's open mic** with **Erin & The Soul Drivers** Nov. 1, at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell, Nov. 1, 9 p.m. **Sean Killoran**



Photograph by Mike Sleeper

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Landscape Perspectives three photographers Margot Cheel, Mike Sleeper and Stephen Eames will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, from Nov. 2 through Nov. 28. An opening reception for the public will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 2. The exhibit may be viewed Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. jameslibrary.org. or 781.659.7100.



Photograph by Stephen Eames



Photograph by Margot Cheel

American Idol Finalist Elliott Yamin will perform a special concert immediately following the Celtics vs. Denver Nuggets game on Nov. 7, at the TD Banknorth Garden. This unique performance is the first of three post-game concerts. Tickets are available now and start at just $10 in the Rite Aid Pharmacy Family Section. To purchase tickets, log on toceltics.com or call 1-800-4NBA-T.I.X. or visit the Garden Box Office. One ticket grants admission to both Celtics NBA action and the special concert performance. Game time 7:30 p.m.



Elliott Yamin

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THE PILGRIM FESTIVAL CHORUS Fall Concert performance, Nov. 11 at 3 p.m. at The Church of the Pilgrimage, 8 Town Square in Plymouth. Tickets are $12 in advance and $15 at the door. Advance tickets are available at The Golden Gull Studios at 17 South Park Avenue, Plymouth, 508-746-8091; Frame It Studio and Gallery at The Pinehills, Meeting Way in Plymouth, 508-209-0550; The Plymouth Philharmonic office at 16 Court St., Plymouth, 508-746-8008; and from PFC members. pilgrimfestival.org

THE 16TH ANNUAL OPEN STUDIOS, with 36 artists located in the ET Wright Building, 379 Liberty St., Rockland and seven artists located in the American Sandpaper Co., 83 E. Water St. Rockland. Nov. 17, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Nov. 18 from noon to 5 p.m. In each building, see artists working and demonstrating in their studios, see displays of their work, Artists include painters, printmakers, sculptors, photographers, jewelers, graphic designers, interior designers, architects, fiber artists, woodworkers, and potters. Plenty of free parking with police details. The ET Wright building is handicapped accessible. 781-792-1705 4thfloorartists.org

NORTH POLE EXPRESS Nov. 24, take a ride on the Polar Express at Kingston Commuter Rail Station. The event includes a magical ride aboard "The Polar Express" train, treats, a special gift from Santa and Mrs Claus and more. Tickets are $20 each and the train will leave the station at noon, 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Daniel Webster Elementary School Project Playground and PTO, Marshfield. For information or to purchase tickets, call 781-837-3555.

Friday, Nov. 2

Seaside Mothers of Multiples will be hosting its **sixth annual Trunk Show** from 7 to 11 p.m. Nov. 2, at The River Club, 78 Broad St., Scituate. The public is invited to this fun evening of stress-free, pre-holiday shopping featuring 25 hot vendors, cash bar, mini-massages, mini-facials and more. For information, contact Maureen Brennan at 781-740-8177 or visit the group's website at seasidemoms.org

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Boston in the Burbs!!! Ladies Night Out to benefit the Pembroke Education Foundation and the Pembroke Food Pantry, Nov. 2, from 7 to 11 p.m. at Halifax Country Club, (Route 106) 100 Country Club Drive, Halifax. Enjoy drawings, DJ, appetizers and a cash bar. Unique specialty shop vendors. Tickets $10 in advance by calling Cheryl Bocash at 781-293-2451or at the door. Visit womensclubofPembroke.org

Café Bella Coffeehouse, North River Community Church, 334 Old Oak St., Pembroke, presents acoustic artist **Rosie Thomas** Nov. 2. Show starts at 7 p.m., doors open 6:45 p.m. Admission is $10 and includes Starbucks coffee and desserts. All ages are welcome, handicap accessible. 781-826-0722 ext. 12. Visit rosiethomas.com or cafebella.org.

Oceanside 17 Studio & Gallery, **17 Rockland Circle,** Hull. **Here & Away:** Four Hull Artists **Murton Sudalter** and **Sharyn Fireman** photographs and jewelry inspired by travel to exotic lands, **Arlene Tuck** landscapes in oil, **Kim McNeil** pastel landscapes. Opening reception 6:30 to 9 p.m. Nov. 2, Gallery Open Thursday-Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appt. 781-773-1563 Fandahazy@comcast.net

Paint! A national show, juried by Boston artist Gerry Bergstein, opens at **South Shore Art Center,** 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, on **Nov. 2** with a **reception** from 6 to 8 p.m. The Dillon Gallery will showcase the work of SSAC Gallery Artists with "Small Works" all artwork under 400 square inches and priced for holiday giving. 781-383-2787 ext. 10

The Cohasset Education Foundation is hosting its first annual family **Barn Bash** Nov. 2, at 6 p.m. the Red Lion Barn and will offer live music from the **Armstrong Brothers**, square dancing, country style food, pie baking contest, costume prizes and fun for all ages. Tickets for the Barn Bash are $25 for adults and $15 for children (under 5 years old are free). Space is limited so visit cohassetedfoundation.org to download an invitation or send in your check to the CEF at PO Box 309 Cohasset, MA 02025. For information, call Catherine O'Callaghan at 781-383-6868.

The Ventress Library, Library Plaza, off Rt. 139, Marshfield, Sunday Concert Series continues on Nov. 4, at 2 p.m. with a performance featuring jazz/pop/rock singer Lisa Yves of Easton. Yves, a member of the final nine out of 731 contestants in the 2004 Boston Pops talent search, has performed with Harry Connick, Jr. and Dave McKenna. She recently appeared on the Today Show with her female rock band "HRT" co-founded in 2004 with two other mothers (see hrtrocks.com) Yves appears in Marshfield with pianist Richard Rancatore, bassist Marshall Wood and clarinetist Elmer Drotos. The program, called "Musical Astonomy", will feature a variety of tunes from the jazz and pop repertoire. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served at a post-performance social hour. No tickets are required. For information, contact librarian Chris Woods at 781-834-5535 or visit ventrelllibrary.org



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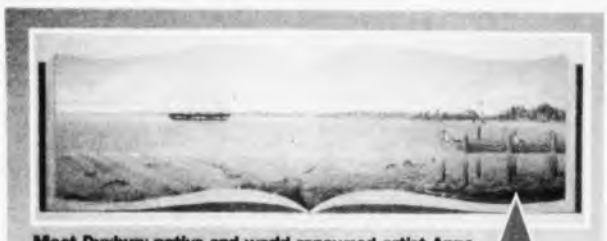
The Cohasset Cabaret will make its debut Nov. 2, and Nov. 3, at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, 129 South Main St. Each evening will begin with a social hour from 7 to 8 p.m., featuring a raffle table with items from local artists and merchants, followed by the cabaret. Tickets cost $25 each and are available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., each Sunday, at St. Anthony's Parish Hall. Tickets are also available during the week at the Parish Hall, and at the Cohasset Elder Affairs office at the South Shore Community Center on Main St. 781-383-0752.

The Autism Center of the South Shore, Inc will its first annual **Harvest Dinner** at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 2, at the Radisson Hotel, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Cost: $50 per person; $475 for a table of 10. Corporate sponsorships are available and donations are tax-deductible . To donate or reserve a ticket to this event, contact Judy Geagan at 800-482-5788 or info@autismsouthshore.org. The featured keynote speaker will be Susan Senator, author of "Making Peace with Autism." Berkshire Hills Music Academy will provide entertainment and Tiffany Kelly, Miss Massachusetts 2006, will serve as the Master of Ceremonies.

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Meet Duxbury native and world renowned artist Anna Conway and co artist John Hodany creators of the Duxbury Bay Mural featured in the picture book room of the Children's Department. Nov. 3, at the Duxbury Free Library from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Both artists will be signing limited editions of their Mural. Small giclee prints are $125 and larger prints are $200.All proceeds benefit the Library. Tickets are $45 per guest and only 200 tickets will be sold through the Library and Westwinds Bookshop. Music provided by Duxbury students. Coastal theme fare catered by Simply Divine with a raw bar provided by Island Creek Oysters and cash bar. Duxbury Bay Murals framed by Artica Gallery, now on display at the Library will be raffled during the evening. The Friends are accepting preorders for prints at 781-837-0834.

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The South Shore Folk Music Club presents **Session Americana**, no longer Boston's best kept secret, on Friday, Nov. 2. The concert will be held at The Beal House of the Unitarian Universalist Church, 222 Main St., Route 106, Kingston. The hall is handicapped accessible and smoke and alcohol-free. Doors open at 7:30. The concert starts at 8 p.m. Tickets at the door are $13 for members and $15 for non-members. Advance tickets are available by mailing your request and check at least 10 days in advance to: South Shore Folk Music Club, P.O. Box 156, Kingston, Mass. 02364. ssfmc.org or 781-871-1052.

Country star Josh Gracin will make his area debut with a show at Plymouth Memorial Hall on Nov. 2, at 8 p.m. Opening for Gracin will be **Carmen Rasmusen**. Tickets are priced at $45-$25, with a limited number of VIP tickets available which include a pre-show reception with Josh Gracin and Carmen Rasmusen, with the proceeds from the reception going to Habitat for Humanity. Tickets are available at the Plymouth Hall box-office at 50 Court Street in Plymouth, Ma, by phone at 508-747-1340, online at plymouthhall.com, and at all FYE & Strawberries outlets.

South Shore Conservatory presents ***Opera By The Bay's* production of La Traviata** in Cox Hall, South Shore Conservatory, Hingham, Nov. 2, and at the Ellison Center for the Arts, Duxbury, on Nov. 3. Both concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. A wine and cheese reception will precede the performances at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are $20 for adults and $12 for children. For information contact Amy Schomp, 781-749-7565 x19 or amyschomp@southshoreconservatory.org.

Tuscan House Restaurant, 58 E. Grove Street (Rt. 28) Middleboro **Comedy & Dinner Show**, Nov. 2, 7 p.m. Rescheduled and back by popular demand: **Frank Santorelli** and a very special performance by **Rex Trailer** of "Boomtown fame. Other comics: **Annette Pollack Taylor Connelly**, and your host: **Joe List** (508) 923-0099 For Tix/ReservationsDinner/Show Package $35.95. Comedy Show $22. Advance reservations required by calling 508-923-0099 or 781-843-4833.

New England Singles Dances, Mosely on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham. Admission $12. 617-325-4900 Adults of all ages. Music from the 70s to the present and requests .singlesdances-newengland.com

Single Executives Club Singles Dance, South Shore Country Club, 274 South St., Hingham. 8:30 p.m. to midnight. For singles and couples age 35 and over. Proper dress required, ties and jackets recommended. Admittance $10 before 9 p.m. or $15 after. Free dance lesson from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dance music by DJ. Se-4u.com 781-446-0234.

The Academy of The Company Theatre's production of **Give My Regards to Broadway.** Young performers will be bringing back the music and dance of those old-time Hollywood musicals. Performances are Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 3 at 7:30 p.m., and Nov. 4 at 3 p.m. Tickets are $12 and can be purchased at The Company Theatre box-office at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, companytheatre.com

All Seasons Restaurant and Sports Lounge, 327 Plymouth St., Halifax, Nov. 2, **Don't Call Me Junior** 781-293-4135.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Nov. 2, **10K-Shimmer** 781-829-6999.

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell, Nov. 2, 9 p.m. **Too Loud,** Cover charge.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth.Nov. 2, at 9:15 p.m., **Satch and The Mighty Houserockers**. No cover 781-335-9796 visit nextpagecafe.com or myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree, **DJ Rick** every Friday. 781-849-7007.

Singles Executive Club, Singles Dance, Nov. 2, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. **South Shore Country Club**, 274 South St,. Hingham. Free dance lessons 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Singles and couples age 35 and over. Proper dress required, ties and jackets recommended. Admittance is $10 before 9 p.m. or $15 after. 781-446-0234 se-4u.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Nov. 2 **Chris Fitz Band**. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Saturday, Nov. 3

Mount Vernon Mortgage Corporation - Free Educational Homebuyer Seminars for South Shore Residents, Nov. 1, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Weymouth: Tufts Library (Main Branch), 46 Broad St., Nov. 3, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Quincy: 500 Victory Road, Marina Bay. Free and open to the public. Pre-registration is required. Participants can register online at MtVernonMortgage.com/Events or register by phone at 781-337-2432 x16.

Securitas Financial Group, One Derby St., Hingham and Guardian Life Insurance Company of American, New York, is offering an educational seminar for members of the community Nov. 3, at 10 a.m. on the subject of "Education Funding Strategies". Contact: Richard Gilman, 781-682-8120, or via email: Richard_gilman@securitasfg.com

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset welcomes the award winning artist/author **Tomie dePaola** at 11 a.m. Nov. 3. Tomie will be reading (reading will start promptly at 11 a.m.) from his new book, **Front Porch Tales & North Country Whoppers.** Tomie will be happy to sign all books bought at the store for this event, including one (but only one) book from your home, library, or classroom. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a personalized or signed copy, call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665.

Latin American Food Festival from 3 to 5 p.m. Nov. 3, North River Community Church 334 Old Oak St., Pembroke. Sample typical food from different Latin American countries including: Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Venezuela. Enjoy music and cultural presentations and interact with native Spanish speakers. Free event! Kids activities. For information call Rosa 781-927-9337.

Ballroom Dance, Trinity Episcopal Church Hall, 241 Broad St., Weymouth, Nov. 3, from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Tickets $12 advance / $15 door. DJ Music by DanceSport of Boston. Refreshments - door prizes.617-325-1562(open to the public),

Hingham Nursery School will host its Harvest Party and Auction on Nov. 3, Parents and all community friends are welcome to attend. The event will take place at the Old Ship Church Parish House from 7 p.m. through 11 p.m. The night will include cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and music. Both a live and silent auction will be held showcasing variety of exiting items donated by the community. Tickets are $50 per person. For ticket information, contact Hingham Nursery School at 781-749-0029. All proceeds will benefit Hingham Nursery School.

Cradles to Crayons: second annual Family Time To Give a large-scale donation drive and family volunteer day on Nov. 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Resurrection Church, 1057 Main St., Hingham. Volunteer your time and bring donations of new and gently-used children's clothes and shoes, maternity clothes, children's games and toys, school supplies, and baby items and equipment. Visit cradlestocrayons.org for more details or contact Jen at jpoakley5@hotmail.com.

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Reunions

ALL FORMER CAMPER/COUNSELORS-50TH CAMP REUNION, Camps Winni, Kingsmont and Ossipee. Nov. 3, from 7 p.m. to midnight at Lantana in Randolph 43 Scanlon Drive, Randolph. Cost: $50 per/person dinner, entertainment, dancing and a "camp momento." Register on-line youhadtobethere.org or send a check to Don McGibbon, 108 Walker Lane Abington, MA 02351. For information contact Don McGibbon at DonaldMcGi@aol.com or Donna (Ripley) Fallon at djfall@comcast.net or visit youhadtobethere.org. Spread the word. RSVP by Oct. 15. 781-961-4660.

HOLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL 20th reunion class of 1987, Nov. 10, 7 to 11 p.m. Cocktail Reception at The Four's Restaurant, 15 Cottage Ave., Quincy. Includes: cash bar, appetizer buffet, desserts, and a DJ. $40 per person. RSVP to: hhsclass1987reunion@yahoo.com or call 617-240-3846 as soon as possible. Tickets must be pre-paid.

COHASSET HIGH SCHOOL Class of 2002- Fifth year reunion Nov. 21, at 8 p.m. in the Salon du Soleil at the Red Lion Inn, Cohasset.

NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1987 20 year class reunion on Nov. 23, 7:30-12:30 at Black Rock Country Club, Hingham. Ticket price is $50 per person, includes: cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, desserts and DJ. Call Cheri (Connolly) Farley at 781-659-5898 for more information or visit norwellhs1987.myevent.com

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL 10 Year Reunion – class of 1997, Nov. 23, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Jillian's on Lansdowne St., Boston, on the second floor in the main Jillian's complex. $25 per person and guests are welcome. Includes plenty of food, lots of pool tables, and bowling.

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL 20th reunion Class of 1987, Nov. 23, 7 p.m. to midnight at the Red Parrot in Hull Alumni are looking for classmates. Contact Tracy O'Sullivan at 781-982-1226 *or* Dawn Youngworth at shaneandmom@comcast.net

RANDOLPH HIGH SCHOOL 30th reunion Class of 1977 Nov. 23, from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. at the Randolph Lodge of Elks. Contact Mary Graziano at 781-986-5754 or Maria Civita at 781-961-2292/ M.Civita@comcast.net for information and ticket confirmation.

WHITMAN-HANSON HIGH SCHOOL 25th reunion Class of 1982 Nov. 23, from 6 to 11 p.m., at the Radisson Hotel, Rockland. Tickets cost $60 per person. Dinner and music will be provided. For address changes and information, contact Michelle Webber at 508-528-7509, Diana Marcotte at 978-663-7257, John Rozen at 781-618-7214, or e-mail whrhs1982@yahoo.com.

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL 15th reunion Class of 1992 Nov. 23, 8 p.m. to midnight at F1 Boston on Wood Rd. in Braintree. The cost is $45 per person and the evening will include DJ, cash bar, and apps. Checks can be made payable to Laurice Vallancourt/BHS Class of 1992 and mailed to 11 Winter Terrace, Hanson MA 02341 by Nov. 9. Any questions, contact Laurice (Gunn) Vallancourt at vallancourt11@comcast.net

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL 30th Reunion Class of 1977 Nov. 23, 7 p.m. to midnight at Braintree Son's of Italy Hall. Tickets are $40 per person, or $75 per couple, if purchased by Nov. 1,includes a buffet dinner. To purchase tickets or to update your contact information visit BraintreeHigh.com/1977.html or mail your check to: BHS Class of 1977, P.O. Box 850088, Braintree, MA 02184-0088. All class members are invited to attend.

STOUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL, Class of 1987 will be holding its 20th class reunion on Nov. 24, at the Holiday Inn at 195 Westgate Dr., Brockton. E-mails and addresses of fellow classmates are needed. E-mail or contact Kathy (Kosinski) Nelson at shs1987reunion@yahoo.com or 508-286-4261 or Jenn Remmes at 401-333-6730. Hotels rooms are available for $89. Call the Holiday Inn, 508-588-6300. Use code# S87 holiday-inn.com/brocktonma.

WEYMOUTH SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL- Class of 1977 30th year reunion, 7 to 11:30 p.m. Nov. 24. Dinner buffet at The Weymouth Elks, Washington St., (Rte. 53). Includes: cash bar, appetizers, dinner buffet, dessert and DJ. $35 per person. RSVP to weymouthsouth77@yahoo.com by Nov. 12.

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL 20th reunion Class of 1987 Saturday, Nov. 24, from 7 p.m. to midnight at Sons of Italy in Braintree. $35 per person or $60 per couple. Includes D.J., cash bar and apps until 10 p.m. Checks made payable to B.H.S. Class of 1987 and should be mailed to Mary Ellen Coffey, 53 Till Rock Lane, Norwell, MA 02061. Any questions, contact Mary Ellen (Gunn) Coffey at maryellen724@yahoo.com.

WEYMOUTH SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1982, 25th Reunion, Dec. 1, from 7 to 11 p.m.at The Jones River Trading Company, 42 Elm St., Kingston, $40 per person check payable to: WEYMOUTH SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF '82 Mail to: Mary Beth Hillson, 5 Collins Circle, South Weymouth, MA 02190. For more info or questions e-mail weymouthsouth82@yahoo.com

WEYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL ALL CLASSES REUNION will be held Feb. 8 and 9, 2008 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, 7470 Highway192 in Kissimee, Fla. Call 1-800-327-9170 for reservations. On Feb. 10, a cruise departs for four nights, five days to the Bahamas. For information visit geocities.com/Lureman72 or contact Dick Laneau for registration for at 727-345-4323 or e-mail luresWanted@tampabay.rr.com

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL ALL CLASS FLORIDA REUNION: The 25th Annual Braintree High All Class Florida Reunion will be held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Kissimmee, FL the weekend of Feb. 8, 2008. The reunion luncheon is scheduled for Feb. 9, 2008. The cost of the luncheon will be $25 per person. For complete details, logon to braintreehigh.com, click on "Florida" or contact Jill (Whitten) Coyle at 781-843-3275 or jcoyle@beld.net.

Want your reunion posted in Town Commons? E-mail ddinsmore@cnc.com



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Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., Weymouth presents the mixed-media works of the experimental contemporary painter, Stanley Krupa, in the Glass Gallery from Nov. 3 through Nov. 16. The studio gallery will be showing works by Edwina Caci, Vincent Elliot, William Beyer, Steve Boczanowski, Dominic Farrell, Kathy Ferrara, Roger Gill, Dick O'Brien, Isabelle Shamitz, Brian Josellyn, Charyl Weissbach, Marilyn Reisberg, Stephan H. Holland, Danielle Myers, Chris Myers, George Hartley, Corey Ritch, Charlie Robinson, J. Marshall Dyke, Danielle Festa, George Murray, Lisa Smith, and Fred Madden, as well as the private collection of the gallery owner, Donald Dickinson. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. -6 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. 781-331-3384 dickinsonartgallery.com

The Marshfield Republican Town Committee is hosting a **Pasta & Politics dinner** on Nov. 3, at the Elks Lodge in Marshfield from 6 to 9 pm. The suggested donation is $10 for adults, $5 for kids. For tickets and more information please call Ed O'Connell at (781) 834-8715, Lynne Cooper at (781) 837-8268 or Paul Fitzpatrick at (781) 424-9945.

Clift Rogers Library Harvest Dance Nov. 3,at the Clift Rogers Library will hold their annual Harvest Dance at the North Community Parish House in Marshfield. It begins at 7:30 p.m. and dance lessons will be offered. Limited tickets are available for $10 per person. All proceeds go directly to the Clift Rogers Library. To purchase tickets or for more information, call 781-834-4597.

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The Cohasset Cabaret will make its debut Nov. 2, and Nov. 3, at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, 129 South Main St. Each evening will begin with a social hour from 7 to 8 p.m., featuring a raffle table with items from local artists and merchants, followed by the cabaret. Tickets cost $25 each and are available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., each Sunday, at St. Anthony's Parish Hall. Tickets are also available during the week at the Parish Hall, and at the Cohasset Elder Affairs office at the South Shore Community Center on Main St. 781-383-0752.

Randolph Theater Company presents **CINDERELLA** Nov. 3, 4, 5, Evening performances at 7:30 p.m. Matinee at 2 p.m. Randolph High School, Memorial Parkway, Randolph. For information, call 781-961-0939.

Meet Duxbury native and world renowned artist Anna Conway and co artist John Hodany creators of the Duxbury Bay Mural featured in the picture book room of the Children's Department. Nov. 3, at the Duxbury Free Library from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. The Friends are accepting preorders for prints at 781-837-0834.

Comedy and dinner show at X & O Restaurant. 217 Washington St., Stoughton. Nov. 3, 7 p.m., Featured comic is **Frank Santorelli**. The dinner and show package is $40. Comedy show alone is $20. Advance reservations required. For more information, tickets and reservations, call 781-344-1800 or 781-843-4833.

New England Singles Dances, Halifax Country Club, 100 Country Club Dr., Route 106, Halifax. DJ Admission $9 617-325-4900 Adults of all ages. Music from the 70s to the present and requests. singlesdances-newengland.com

Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth, Nov. 3, **Traditional Irish Seisiun** every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hornpipes, with great craic and singalong. Admission is free. No Cover. 508-830-1262.

Sweet Fordy's, 290 Center St, Pembroke. First Saturday of the month, **Wine and Pastry tasting** from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. 781-294-8550

All Seasons Restaurant and Sports Lounge, 327 Plymouth St., Halifax, Nov. 3, **Blind Ambition** 781-293-4135.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Nov. 3, **Rob Benton Band** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree, Nov. 3, **Torpedo Ray**. 781-849-7007.

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell, Nov. 3, 9 p.m. **The Smoking Jackets .**

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth.Nov. 3, at 9:15 p.m., **Track 44**. No cover 781-335-9796 visit nextpagecafe.com or myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Nov. 3, **Steve Smith & The Nakeds**. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sunday, Nov. 4

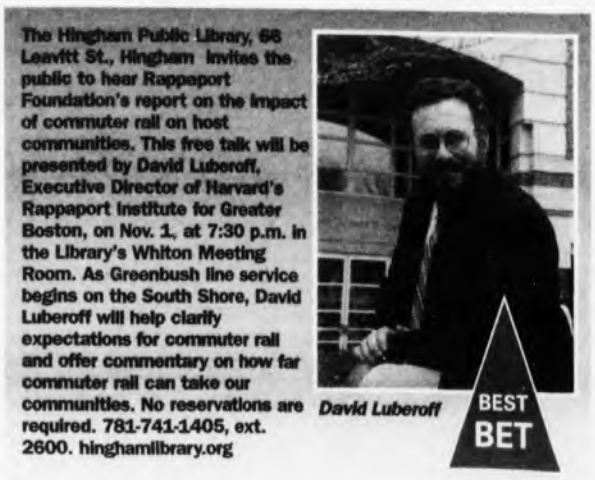
All you can eat breakfast, Nov. 4, from 8 to 11:30 a.m. **Corner Stone Lodge,** 585 Washington St, Duxbury. Scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, toast, English muffins, baked beans, juice and coffee. Pancakes and French toast cooked to order. Adults, $7; seniors, $6; children ages 12 and under $5. **Open to the public.**

The Calyx Piano Trio will kick off the concert season at James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell on Sunday, Nov. 4 at 3 p.m. Tickets are $20 adult/$18 senior/ $10 student and will be available at the door or by calling The James at 781-659-7100. The concert includes classics of the piano trio repertoire by Mozart, Bach and Tchaikovsky. A complimentary reception to meet the musicians follows the concert. JamesLibrary.org.

The Scituate Library Foundation presents a **KidsConcert** program at Scituate Town Library at 12:30 p.m. Nov.4. An octet of **Atlantic Symphony Orchestra** musicians, two from each "family" of instruments (strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion) and conductor Jin Kim present a lively introduction to classical music to students ages 5 and up, accompanied by an adult. Tickets are $3 for children and adults. Space is limited so advance purchase is recommended. Tickets are available for purchase at the circulation desk at Scituate Town Library, 85 Branch St., 781-545-8727 or scituatetownlibrary.org.

The Art Complex Museum 189 Alden St., Duxbury presents pianist, **Levon Hovsepian** in concert at 4 p.m. Nov. 4. The concert is free and open to the public. 781-934-6634 x 12 artcomplex.org

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David Luberoff

The Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham invites the public to hear Rappaport Foundation's report on the impact of commuter rail on host communities. This free talk will be presented by David Luberoff, Executive Director of Harvard's Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston, on Nov. 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Library's Whiton Meeting Room. As Greenbush line service begins on the South Shore, David Luberoff will help clarify expectations for commuter rail and offer commentary on how far commuter rail can take our communities. No reservations are required. 781-741-1405, ext. 2600. hinghamlibrary.org





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The Historical Society of Old Abington, Inc. will hold its next meeting at 2:30 p.m. Nov. 4, at the Dyer Memorial Library, 28 Centre Avenue, in Abington. A program titled "Retrospective on the Dyer Memorial Library" will be presented by Library Director, Joice Himawan. The public is welcome to attend. 781-878-8480.

The annual Candlelight Concert series at Hingham's Old Ship Church, 107 Main St., Hingham, kicks off its new season on Sunday, Nov. 4, with a free performance by the **Chameleon Arts Ensemble of Boston** at 4 p.m. in the meeting house. Free and open to the public. Handicap accessible. Children are especially welcome accompanied by adults. Call 781-749-1067 for large group reservations. Directions are available from the church office during business hours at 781-749-1679, or online at oldshipchurch.org.

The Ventress Library, Library Plaze, off Rt. 139, Marshfield **Sunday Concert Series** continues on Nov. 4, at 2 p.m. with a performance featuring jazz/pop/rock singer Lisa Yves of Easton. Yves, a member of the final nine out of 731 contestants in the 2004 Boston Pops talent search, has performed with Harry Connick, Jr. and Dave McKenna. She recently appeared on the Today Show with her female rock band "HRT" co-founded in 2004 with two other mothers (see hrtrocks.com) Yves appears in Marshfield with pianist Richard Rancatore, bassist Marshall Wood and clarinetist Elmer Drotos. The program, called "Musical Astonomy", will feature a variety of tunes from the jazz and pop repertoire. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served at a post-performance social hour. No tickets are required. For information, Chris Woods at 781-834-5535 or visit ventrelllibrary.org

Monday, Nov. 5

Toastmasters Club, Hanover, The new South Shore Professionals Toastmasters club will meet on the first and third Monday of every month. Learn about how Toastmasters can help you become a more effective leader and communicator. The meetings will run from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and will be held at the Rockland Trust building, 2036 Washington St.- third floor. 617-548-5877 or stacey@letitflowfitness.com. or toastmasters.org.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. every Monday, free **Texas Hold'em** with Northern poker league 781-829-6999.

New Beginnings, a nonprofit, nonsectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, has helped more than 9,400 South Shore residents start a new life over the past 20 years. New Beginnings meets at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and is highly recommended for newcomers. All are welcome. For information, call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857 .

Tuesday, Nov. 6

The South Shore Men of Harmony Barbershop Chorus invites men of all ages who like to sing to join them during the month of November to rehearsals that will be open to anyone who would like to learn Christmas music sung in the Barbershop acapella style. They will be accepting invitations from all sorts of organizations to present Christmas programs and would be delighted to include whoever is interested in having fun singing. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. in the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St., at the corner of Central Street. Call 781-337-SING for additional information or e-mail danielcostello@gmail.com or billfitzjr@aol.com.

The North River Arts Society presents **Faces & Places**, a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery, Library Plaza, Webster St., Marshfield, featuring original watercolor paintings by **Wendy Hale** through Nov. 6. For information, call NRAS at 781-837-8091 or email northriverarts@verizon.net 781-834-5535

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield. Nov. 6, **Game Show Trivia** 781-837-6368.

The New England Landscapes of Duxbury photographer Steven Eames are featured in the Dolphin Gallery at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St, Hingham through Nov. 29. The exhibit may be viewed during library hours. Hinghamlibrary.org 781-741-1405 ext. 2600.

Wednesday, Nov. 7

Food Allergy Group of the South Shore meeting Topic: **Food Allergy Myth Busters** 7 to 9 p.m. at South Shore Hospital, 55 Fogg Rd., So. Weymouth. Free. For information call 781-444-7778, or visit asthmaandallergies.org.

The Hingham Library and Buttonwood Books welcome **Diane Rapaport** at 7 p.m. Nov.7, at the Hingham Library. Rapaport will be hosting an illustrated presentation about her new book, **The Naked Quaker: True Crimes and Controversies from the Courts of Colonial New England.** This is a free event. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a personalized or signed copy, call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665.

Rockland Garden Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Nov. 7, Rockland Memorial Library, Belmont St., Rockland, Program: **What the Garden Has Taught Me** by Marcia Baker of A Family Affair in Hanson. Guests are welcome. 781-878-8629.

Eastern Bank will host a free, first-time homebuyer seminars providing a variety of information on financing from 7 to 9 p.m. Nov. 7 at Hingham Community Center, 70 South St., Hingham. For information or to register to attend, call Pat Talbot 781-348-4963.

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Wednesday and Thursday evening from 8 to 11 p.m.

American Idol Finalist Elliott Yamin will perform a special concert immediately following the **Celtics vs. Denver Nuggets** game on Nov. 7, at the TD Banknorth Garden. This unique performance is the first of three post-game concerts. Tickets are available now and start at just $10 in the Rite Aid Pharmacy Family Section. To purchase tickets, log on toceltics.com or call 1-800-4NBA-TIX, or visit the Garden Box Office. One ticket grants admission to both Celtics NBA action and the special concert performance. Game time 7:30 p.m.

First Time Home Buyer Seminar: Eastern Bank. Nov. 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. Hingham Community Center, 70 South St., Hingham. Learn about a variety of options for homebuyers programs such as My Community which provides 100 percent financing as well as Mass Advantage products through Mass Housing Finance Agency. Call to register at 781-348-4963.

Thursday, Nov. 8

The Friends of the Scituate Library and Buttonwood Books & Toys welcome **Archer Mayor,** 2004 Winner - Book Award for Best Fiction by New England Booksellers, at 7 p.m. Nov. 8, at the Scituate Library, 85 Branch St., Scituate. Mayor will discuss "Chat", the 18th book in the highly successful and well-loved mystery series featuring Brattleboro, Vermont, policeman Joe Gunther. Books, provided by Buttonwood, will be available for purchase. If you are unable to attend and would like to purchase a signed book, call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 or order online at buttonwoodbooks.com.

The Duxbury Newcomers Club invites the public to support local area women and invited guests as they showcase their handmade unique gifts and those of the companies they represent in the club's second annual **Shop-A-Palooza.** The event takes place at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, at The Pub in the Kingsbury Club in Kingston. It promises to be an evening of good food, good drink and - best of all - good shopping! More than 25 vendors include Mermaids of Duxbury, Bella of Cape Cod, Simply Beads, Celebrations, etc., Jilly Bean Bags and Wiggee's. Proceeds go to local charities. For information call Lori Mullin at 781-934-7173 or Mollie O'Hara at 781-934-9484.

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The Academy of The Company Theatre presents "Give My Regards to Broadway." Young performers will be bringing back the music and dance of those old-time Hollywood musicals. Performances are Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 3 at 7:30 p.m., and Nov. 4 at 3 p.m. Tickets are $12 and can be purchased at The Company Theatre box-office at 30 Accord Park Drive Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, companytheatre.com

Luke Sullivan of Hingham and Natalie Mirabito of Norwell

The Buttonwood Book Group for Middle School children (Grades 6-8) will meet on Nov. 8, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset. The facilitator is Ms. Barb Mullin. The selected book is "Flush" by Carl Hiaasen. No reservations are necessary. All are welcome. 781-383-2665.

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Wine Tasting and silent auction to benefit TIC Network 6 to 9 p.m. on Nov. 8, at Plymouth Country Club featuring wine provided by Empire Wine and Spirits of Kingston and food prepared by the club's executive chef Keith Kolinsky Local singer **Lori Asher** will be performing. Tickets are $25 and are available through TIC by calling 781-834-4400 or e-mailing Ron Bersani at rbersani@ticnetwork.com

Yoga at the Country Club of Halifax. This all levels yoga class is currently ongoing at the Country Club of Halifax, on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This class is suitable for all levels - beginners to advanced - and drop-ins are welcome. For information contact Stacey at 617-548-5877 or via email at stacey@letitflowfitness.com.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Nov. 8, **Living Proof** 781-829-6999.

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell, Nov. 8, 9 p.m. **Jamie Walker.**

Friday, Nov. 9

Wellspring Silver Star Soiree, A sparkling evening supporting the programs of Wellspring Nov. 9, 7 to 10 p.m. At the Derby Street Shoppes, 98 Derby St., Suite 460, Hingham. Food stations, music, wine silver giving stars, and the chance to win $1,000 shopping spree at the Derby Street Shoppes, $35 per person. Call 781-925-3211 for information or to purchase tickets

Communicating with deceased loved ones with Rita. Nov. 9, 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Center at Westwoods, Westwood. Costs $40 before Nov 1 and $50 after. For information, call Candita at 781-834-2728.

Phillips Old Colony House 780 Morrissey Blvd., Boston. **Comedy and dinner show.** Nov. 9, 7 p.m. Comics include **Kevin Knox, Dan Boulger, Annette Pollack, Christine Hurley and Corey Manning**. Call 617-282-7700, extension 0 or 781-843-4833 for reservations. The dinner and show is $39.95 per person. The comedy show alone is $25. Advance reservations are required.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its bi-monthly dance with **DJ: Dave Becker** Nov. 9, from 8 to 11:30 at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Doors open 7:15 p.m. Free dance lesson 7:30 to 8 p.m. Free snacks and coffee, cash bar. 781-331-0021 southshoresingles.org

All Seasons Restaurant and Sports Lounge, 327 Plymouth St., Halifax, Nov. 9, **Sage** 781-293-4135.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Nov. 9, **Flydown** 781-829-6999.

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell, Nov. 9, 9 p.m. **The Vibe**, top 40. Cover charge.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Nov. 9, **Funky White Honkies** Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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Theater review



The cast of "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street"

Todd' cuts to the core

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Much has been written about John Doyle's "revolutionary re-imagining" of Stephen Sondheim's classic musical "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" since it opened in England in 2004 and on Broadway the following year. Those of us fortunate enough to have seen the original Harold Prince production in 1979 fondly remember its grand scale and Grand Guignol styling complete with a 30-member cast and full orchestra. When word came from London that Doyle was dispensing with the pit band, paring down the acting company, and having his 10-member "Sweeney" cast play their own instruments, many wondered whether the director best known for his work in regional theater was really reworking a masterwork or just finding a way to make it work for less. The Broadway revival quieted some of the naysayers when it opened two years ago this week, and went on to win Doyle the Tony Award for Best Direction of a Musical and enough critical acclaim to send out the first-rate national tour now at Boston's Colonial Theatre.

There was grandness in every part of Harold Prince's original telling of "Sweeney Todd," with a Hugh Wheeler book based on the 19th century legend of a London barber who embarks on a life of crime after a spiteful judge separated him from his wife and daughter by sending him to prison, and a truly magnificent performance by Angela Lansbury as the pie-making Mrs. Lovett. Lansbury shared that two-story, rolling "Sweeney" stage set with Len Cariou on Broadway and later George Hearn on national tour. In the 2005 revival, Patti Lupone had to hoist a tuba to her lips to define her Mrs. Lovett as a bakeshop trollop trolling for ingredients in all the wrong places. Lupone has a voice many people love, but she never seems able to lose herself completely in any character. Lupone was also only so willing to share the stage even with her sexy Sweeney Todd, the estimable Michael Cerveris whose madman barber out for revenge seemed genuinely mad in every way.

The tour, which launched here last week, features the splendid Judy Kaye as Mrs. Lovett. Unlike Lupone, who not for a single minute seemed ever to have been an English schoolgirl, Kaye appears British to the bone, especially in an Aquanet-enforced jet black wig that looks like it came from the wardrobe department at a BBC sitcom. Kaye doesn't just look the part of Mrs. Lovett, she sings it, too, most memorably on "The Worst Pies in London," "Poor Thing," and "Wait." David Hess is very good as Todd and he has palpable chemistry with Kaye that makes their characters work as a couple in ways that haven't always been clear in prior productions. Edmund Bagnell, as both the straight jacketed resident of the asylum and Mrs. Lovett's young bakeshop employee, has the audience's attention from his first entrance and does a yeoman job on the violin and clarinet. Benjamin Magnuson and Lauren Molina play the cello and keyboard, and cello, respectively, while also doing top-notch work as the sweet, doomed young couple, Anthony and Johanna. Magnuson delivers the first "Johanna" beautifully in act one, before it is sung again to disturbing effect by Keith Buterbaugh as Judge Turpin, the jurist whose malevolence didn't end when he jailed Todd and became Johanna's foster father.

Whether you prefer the Lovett of Lansbury, Lupone or Kaye, and whether you like your "Sweeney Todd" as a garish spectacle that you can't take your eyes off of, or as a dark and intimate tale that at once repels and lures you in, you can't help but revel in Sondheim's masterful score. From the rousing, riveting exhortation of "The Ballad of Sweeney Todd" through the hauntingly ethereal "Johanna" to "Pretty Women" and the gorgeous "Not While I'm Around," this may very well be the best work of one of Broadway's most prolific and highly regarded composers and lyricists. You may wish these great voices were left only to sing and were accompanied by equally great Broadway-level musicians, but you will still have an experience to remember if you attend the tale of "Sweeney Todd."

"Sweeney Todd, The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," will be at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston St., Boston, through Nov. 4. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-931-2787 or go online at broadwayacrossamerica.com/boston.

Fairs and festivals

THE SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA, Norwell Middle School PTO Shopping Extravaganza 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 3, at the Cushing Center, 673 Main St., Norwell. Showcasing a variety of products designed and created by area business owners and local shops. and artisans. Refreshments and bake sale table raffle prizes. Admission Tickets $ 3 sold at the door.

HARVEST FAIR St. Luke's, Route 3A and First Parish Road, Scituate from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 3. 781-545-9482.

ANNUAL SWEDISH COUNTRY FAIR at the Covenant Congregational Church. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 3, 204 Center St., North Easton. Admission is free.

ANNUAL HOLLY DAY BAZAAR. Avon Baptist Church 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nov. 3, 119 North Main St., Avon.

21ST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL New England's Largest Fine Art and Craft Show at World Trade Center, Boston. Nov. 2, 3 and 4, at Boston's Seaport World Trade Center featuring more than 300 artists and master craftsmen. Hours are Friday, noon to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tickets are $12 for adults and free for children under 14. 617-385-5000, christmascraftfestival.com

ANNUAL BROCKTON TRAIN SHOW. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 4, at the Brotherhood of Temple Beth Emunah located in Brockton. The kosher snack bar will be open for breakfast, lunch and snacks. Admission is $3 for adults, $2 for senior citizens over 65 and children ages 8 to 17 and $7 for a family fare. Children 7 and under admitted free with an adult. 508-583-5810 or e-mail to acastaline@alum.mit.edu.

15TH ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR, St. Ann by the Sea Crafters, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 17, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 18. Parish hall, 591 Ocean St., (Rt. 139) Marshfield. Table space available, $25 for two days. Call 781-83702447 or 781-834-4953.

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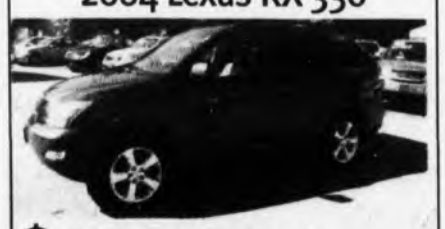
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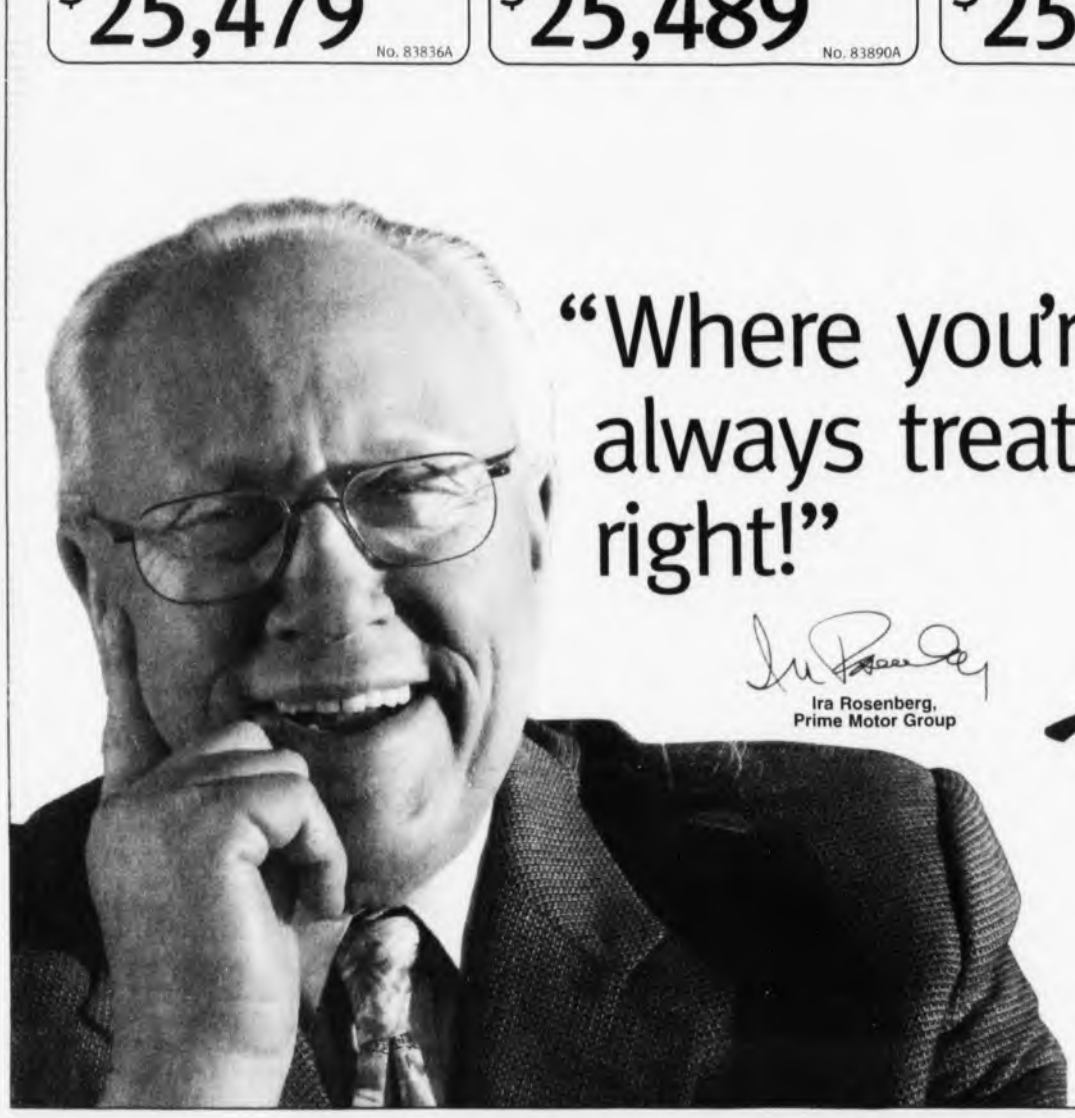


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Village zoning at center stage Tuesday

Special Town Meeting to start at 7 p.m.

By Nancy White
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For perhaps the first time at least in recent history Special Town Meeting will begin on a Tuesday night. The observance of Veterans Day, a federal holiday, precluded Town Meeting from beginning on its typical Monday evening.

This Tuesday, Nov. 13 at Special Town Meeting will convene at the Cohasset High School Sullivan Gymnasium at 7p.m. Voters will be asked their collective opinion on a total of 11 articles, or items of business, including budget amendments, capital purchases and four zoning bylaws, including amendments to the village business district and the waterfront district.

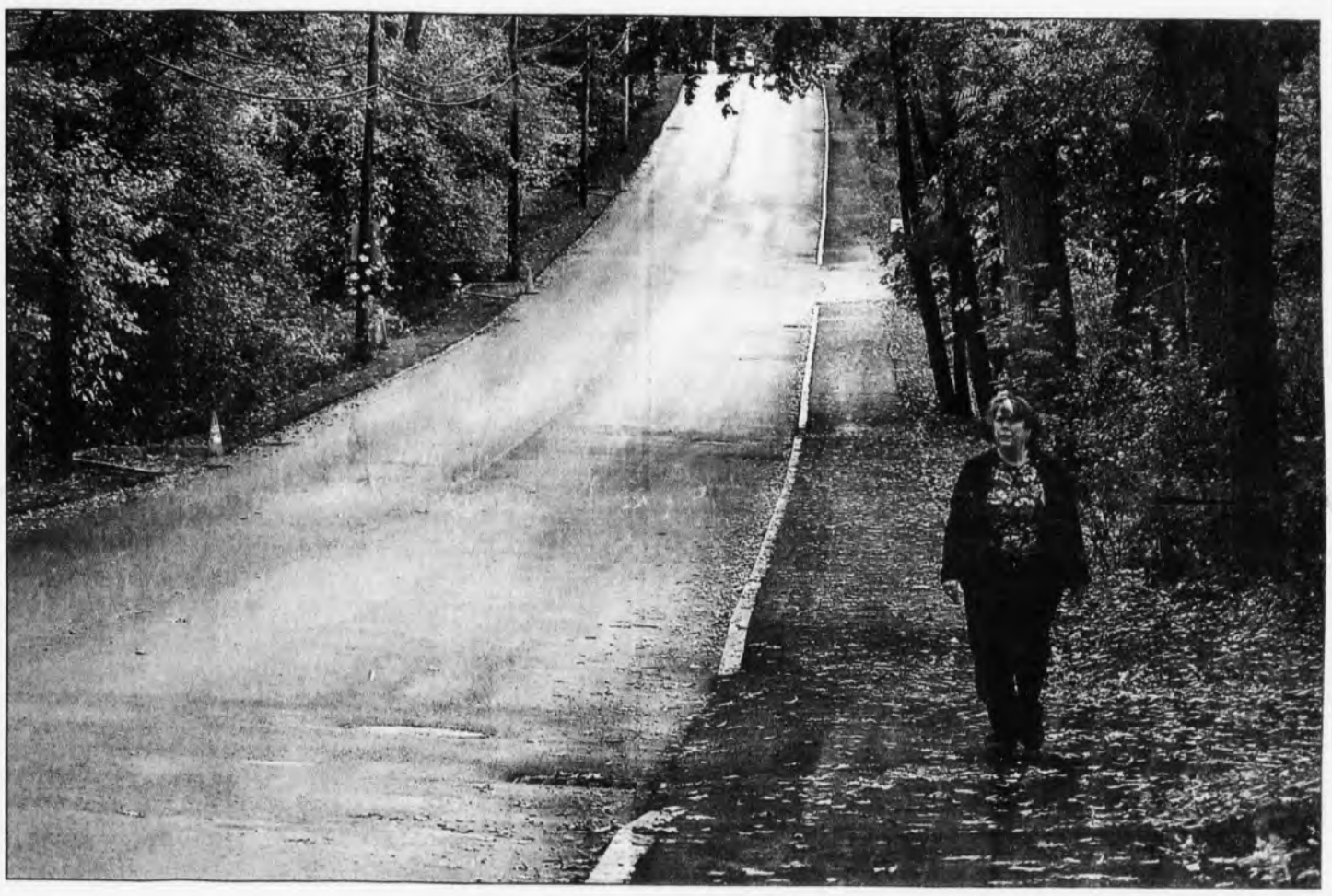
The Village Zoning bylaw (Article 4) is prepared to take center stage early on in the evening. The effort to bring this bylaw to the floor of Town Meeting has been a six-month long process and involved various expert consultants: architects, town planners, civil engineers and market analysts. The Planning Board has spearheaded the project to change the bylaws and provide a framework for the development of an economically viable town center.

The six-page article is a complicated piece of zoning, but the underlying concept behind the bylaw is to allow mixed-use development, with retail and business space on the first floors, and residential units on the upper floors. Currently, a 40,000 square foot lot requirement prohibits additional apartments in the village.

But, in recent weeks a debate over which board — the Planning Board and

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SIDEWALK SAFETY



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Ann Pompeo of Forest Avenue walks down the new sidewalks for the first time. She has waited 50 years for the sidewalks to be installed and was enjoying her worry free stroll. For photos on the neighborhood sidewalk celebration, see page 26.

Schools take on bullying

Adopt policy for teachers and administrators

By Nancy White
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Bullying manifests itself in different ways throughout all grade levels. But, until Wednesday night, school administration had no uniform way of dealing with the serious issue. In the works since last year, a Cohasset Public Schools bullying policy was brought forth and approved unanimously by the School Committee.

"We were not dealing with this very important issue with any consistency through all the schools," said High School Assistant Principal Mike Gill. The four-page document defines bullying, sets goals and outlines a method for teachers and administrators to deal with bullies, including an incident report document and a step-by-step procedure to follow when a bullying situation is reported or witnessed. Representatives from all three schools, as well as a parent voice, put together the policy.

Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh said the policy shifts the focus from what students to a positive enforcement of the type of culture and environment the entire school community should strive to create. Three phrases on the cover page she said aptly describe the overarching goals of the policy, "creating a culture of intolerance for inappropriate behavior, maintaining a culture of respect and providing a healthy atmosphere for student growth."

...we need to keep reminding ourselves it's not all about test scores, these are real kids with real problems."

— Mike Gill,
CHS assistant principal

There are instructional pieces at all levels to educate the school community about bullying, Gill said. Teachers will be trained, students will be educated and parents will be informed.

"We are at a time where our schools are being run by high stakes testing,"

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Staging area for sewer project in question

By Nancy White
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The Big Dig Cohasset has begun. The Little Harbor sewer and water project is the largest municipal project, with the exception of the school building project, to be undertaken by the Town of Cohasset.

Heavy trucks, long pipes and construction trailers have become a passing site along Jerusalem Road near Nichols Road. But, is this where they belong?

That was the question the Zoning Board of Appeals began to tackle at a hearing Tuesday night. With a construction project of this magnitude there is a need for a location — a staging area — to store equipment and materials as well as serve as headquarters for the multi-faceted project.

Before the start of the project, the town's contractor, L M Holdings, located a piece of property, less than an acre, on Jerusalem Road to serve the staging area for the duration of the project, approximately two years. The contractor got the green light from Building Inspector Bob Egan and prepared the site for use by blacktopping, fencing and placing hay bails around a section of private property at 198 Jerusalem Road, conveniently located right in the midst of the majority of project work.

"The contractor has to provide this area to the town and we are actively operating as agents of the town on the site."

— Dan Coughlin

A neighbor in near proximity to the staging area, Eileen Craven of 6 Nichols Road, appealed Egan's opinion/decision to bring the issue before the ZBA.

The presence of a construction yard in a residential neighborhood and if that

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PICTURE THIS/Woody Chittick



PHOTO/NANCY WHITE

The Mariner caught up with chairman Woody Chittick during a break in the ZBA meeting on Tuesday at Town Hall.

Name: Woody Chittick.

Occupation: Working without pay (a.k.a. "retired").

Best day of your life: Wedding.

Best vacation: Biking in the Dordogne with my wife, JoAnne.

Favorite season: Summer (so I can sail!)

Favorite holiday: Christmas — I'm still a kid at heart.

Favorite food: Anything spicy.

Best book: Any Jeeves story by P. G. Wodehouse.

Best movie: "Casablanca" — could there be any other?

Best TV show: "Winds of War."

Pet peeve: Sanctimonious people.

Dumbest thing you've ever done: On my maiden voyage with my cruising boat, losing power and sailing through Cohasset Harbor on a pitch-black night. Why didn't I drop an anchor outside?

Most memorable moment: Discovering our Cohasset house (the only house we've ever owned) on a day when we weren't house hunting. In fact, we didn't even know where Cohasset was!

Goal: A happy, healthy family.

Person you'd most like to meet: Harry Truman.

Biggest worry: Many politicians' seeming ignorance of foreign cultures and histories (and seeming unwillingness to get educated) — a trait shared by both major parties.

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Lining the streets

Poorly marked pavement makes driving dangerous at night

By Nancy White
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Cohasset attracts many a Sunday driver out to see the expansive ocean views and beautiful homes of Jerusalem Road or to see the New England charm of the town common and village. But, some residents are concerned when the views fade into the darkness, driving through town can be a difficult undertaking due to poorly lined streets.

Robert Ernst Sr. of 60 Elm St. represented 13 residents looking for the town to address the lack of visible lines on the Cohasset byways. While the roads were charming in the daytime, it was at night where the absence of visible street lines caused a dangerous problem for many residents, particularly his fellow senior citizens.

Ernst recounted recent difficulties traveling the streets of Cohasset. He recently ordered dinner at a restaurant as night was falling, then began to worry about driving home as a result he cancelled his order and left the restaurant promptly. Other times he has had trouble turning onto Border Street from Elm Street and maneuvering on Beechwood Street when it meets Norman Todd Road.

"There may be a number of people like me who don't venture out in the evening because roads don't allow you to proceed with confidence," said Ernst. If he finds himself having to drive at night in Cohasset, he goes slow and often with his hazard flashers on.

Ernst met with police Lt. Bill Quigley in the late summer to identify and discuss his concerns. On a drive in a marked cruiser, they identified several streets as being unsafe due to faded markings: Border Street, Summer Street, Atlantic Avenue, Sohier Street, Beach Street, North and South Main streets, Beechwood Street from S. Main to Route 3A, Norman Todd Road and Elm Street.

Although Quigley asked if his aging eyesight was a factor, Ernst said while with age eyesight deteriorates, he has had two doctors give him a green light for driving.

Selectman Paul Carlson said Ernst is not alone, at a recent Council on Elder Affairs meeting, Carlson brought up the issue to see if the member shared in Ernst's concerns. "a number of people at the meeting, including some much younger than I, expressed concern over seeing the lines on the road," said Carlson.

Town Manager Bill Griffin said part of the problem is the road lines are only painted once a year, while other towns typically paint the lines twice a year, "it's too long between paintings." The fiscal 2008 budget includes $9,000 for line painting.

"Other towns do a much better job than you folks do" with street lining, said Ernst.

"Public safety is a priority, but we can't direct the DPW to paint more than budget allows," said Griffin.

The Selectmen directed Griffin to include an additional $9,000 for street lining in the preparation of next year's budget. With the additional funds, the centerlines and the fog lines of the main byways will be painted every six months.

"I'm delighted you guys are taking into serious consideration my concerns," said Ernst. "I don't think people should be hindering their lifestyle because they are scared to go out after dark."

CPD enhances response rate to child abductions

When a child is reported missing, time is one of law enforcement's greatest enemies. Every hour a child is missing, the likelihood of a safe recovery decreases. In order to ensure a high level of preparedness for child abduction cases, Cohasset Police Department today announced the implementation of LOCATER – Lost Child Alert Technology Resource.

There are many challenges facing law-enforcement personnel in missing-child cases. One of the greatest is collecting and disseminating the child's descriptive information quickly. With that goal in mind, LOCATER was created to provide the computer hardware and software needed to rapidly distribute critical missing child data on a local, statewide or nationwide basis. This program enables law enforcement agencies to rapidly disseminate images and information about missing and abducted children to other law enforcement agencies, the media and the public. Although it is designed for missing child posters, the technology may also be used for a number of purposes such as stolen vehicles, wanted persons and crime alerts.

Chief James Hussey said, "The Cohasset Police Department will utilize every resource available to ensure a safe recovery of a missing child. This technology will enhance those efforts especially in the rare case of a child abduction."

Cohasset Police Department is pleased to be working with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children to implement LOCATER. NCMEC has found that when pictures of missing children or abductors are made available to the public, one in six children is recovered as a direct result.

Brush chipping day

Residential brush will be accepted for chipping from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 17, in the parking area of the D.P.W. at 91 Cedar St., Cohasset. No trees over 3 inches in diameter will be accepted and no trees will be accepted from contractors.

POLICE BEAT

Motorists urged to report rail crossing issues

By Mary Ford
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Police Chief James Hussey said over the past week some motorists have complained that the crossing gates are down too long. He explained that the gates go down in anticipation of a train coming before it is actually visible.

In one incident on N. Main Street on Saturday morning, the lights flashed and bells rang for about five minutes. The MBTA was contacted and sent a crew out.

In Hingham on Wednesday morning a motorist proceeded through the grade crossing on Hersey Street because the gate went back up, even though the bells were still ringing and lights flashing. As he was crossing he looked to the right and saw the train. Shaken up, he reported the incident to Hingham police who sent out a reverse 911 call warning residents to stop and remain stopped at crossings when the lights are on and bells ringing, even if the gate is not down.

Chief Hussey echoed those concerns and said all drivers should stop and wait at the crossing when the lights are flashing and bells ringing.

He also encouraged residents to contact police if they have concerns or think there is a malfunction at a crossing.

"We want to make sure we are in communication with the MBTA and are flagging these issues," he said. "We want people to call if they experience anything that is out of the ordinary."

Woodpecker

In what could be a first for Cohasset, a hungry woodpecker caused enough of a disturbance to end up in the police log. Dispatch received a call at 5:11 p.m. last Thursday (Nov. 1) from a South Main Street resident reporting that a woodpecker was pecking a hole from outside her home into her son's bedroom. She wanted the incident logged and left a message for Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy.

In an interview this week, Murphy said woodpeckers will drill into exterior walls to try and get to the insects under the shingles. He said this type of incident is not uncommon and in some cases the birds can be pretty intense. He recommends using tinsel or pie plates — or something that is reflective and moves in the breeze — as a deterrent. Even hanging old CDs would work, he said. "That will deter birds from chewing into the walls," he said.

Murphy said he called the concerned homeowner about what action she could take. He said there is really no way to set a trap for a woodpecker.

Jewelry missing

An Atlantic Avenue resident reported that two bowls containing a wedding band and some costume jewelry were taken from her some sometime between about 10 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. on Monday (Oct. 29). There were no signs of forced entry; the doors of the home were closed but left unlocked. Police are asking neighbors if they saw anyone around the property.

Fairoaks larceny

Police are investigating a larceny on Fair Oaks Lane that was reported last week. The homeowner is not sure when the items were taken but when he went to look, they were gone. Among the missing is a small coin collection valued at $200. There were no signs of forced entry and police are looking into who might have had access to the property.

Eviction process

Police said a person at the site of his business had a right to be there last week as the eviction from the property had not taken place. Apparently there was some confusion over the timing and calls were made to police about suspicious activity at the 3A location. The individual was able to remove items. Police were able to determine that the individual was not there illegally, Chief Hussey said.

Water pipe

Reports about a "frozen" water pipe this early in the season proved to be false last week. The seam in the pipe split apart and the owner of the business called a plumber to fix the problem. The owner of the business was contacted after a caller reported water pouring out of the building and said a pipe was possibly frozen.

Verbal altercation

A verbal altercation between two women, whom police said were under the influence of alcohol, allegedly got physical last week, police said. One was a tenant in a building on N. Main and the other was visiting one of the apartments in the building. An ambulance was called to check out one of the women but she did not have to be transported.

Police did not witness the alleged fight and the women were told how to go about seeking complaints if they chose to do so.

'Stolen' plates

Police said as it turned out plates that were reported stolen by a man who contacted Cohasset police had actually been confiscated by Marshfield police in that town because the registration had been revoked for non-payment of insurance. Cohasset put the plates through the NCIC (National Criminal Information Center) that revealed the plates had been confiscated a few days before.

Silly string

The day after Halloween, some "trick or treaters" apparently still had some tricks up their sleeves. According to police they opened the outer door to a home on Lamberts Lane and sprayed silly string on the front door. The initial call at about 3:18 p.m. on Nov. 1 reported that the kids had opened the front door and sprayed silly string inside the house. That was not the case. There were no other incidents reported.

Briefcase stolen

A caller wanted it logged last week that her briefcase was stolen from her vehicle while she was in Walgreen's Thursday afternoon (Nov. 1) She did not report the theft until she got back to her Norwell office. She also did not want to leave any information and did not want to file a report.

Operator cited

A cell phone caller told police that a red SUV was driving "real slow" in front of him on Route 3A with no lights. Officers went to the scene and observed the vehicle, stopping it by Shaw's. The operator was cited for not staying within marked lanes and for defective equipment (rear lights). The operator was evaluated and deemed OK to drive. The incident occurred Friday (Nov. 2) at about 8:15 p.m.

Roaming dog

The owners of a dog that keeps roaming around the village and to the fire station have been fined, Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy said. He explained that dog owners are fined $25, $35 or $50, depending on the number of offenses. Dogs must be kept under control at all times in Cohasset.

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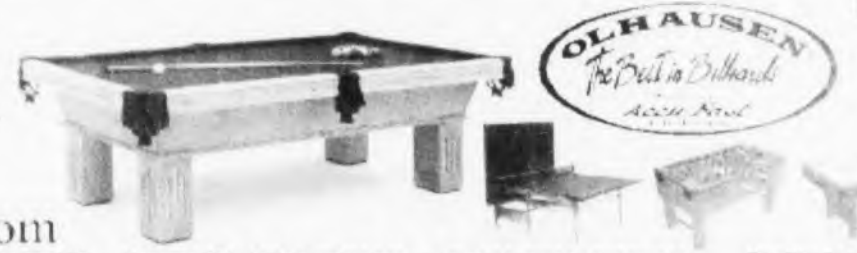
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Village zoning at center stage Tuesday

FROM ZONING, PAGE 1

the Zoning Board of Appeals — will have the special permit granting authority has come to the forefront. The bylaw as written and endorsed by the Planning Board had the special permit granting authority for the downtown village business district is the Planning Board. Any application that is outside the zoning bylaws set forth would have to appeal to the ZBA for a variance. The Board of Selectmen has yet to make a recommendation on the article (*see related story*).

"It may prove to be a controversial debate," said Vanderweil, "other articles are smaller and have less impact."

Despite some big issues, this Special Town Meeting is significantly smaller than last year's fall Town Meeting that tackled 28 articles.

"It's not a purposeful move, but it is a welcome change," said Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil adding Special Town Meeting was originally intended as a means to clean up the budget if there were shortfalls or unexpected expenses.

"With only 11 articles in the Warrant, a few of which may be indefinitely postponed, it is very realistic that we can finish in one evening," said Town Moderator Dan Evans.

Vanderweil is less hesitant to make a prediction. "I've given up predicting Town Meeting," he quipped, explaining he is usually wrong when he does make a prediction. With the majority of residents, including himself, heading to work in the morning he hoped Town Meeting could finish at a reasonable hour.

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"I would hope that we could finish by 10p.m. or so, but if necessary I would plan to push on to 11p.m. or later in order to wrap up in one session," said Evans.

A quorum of 100 registered voters is required before Town Meeting can be called to session. Once a quorum is determined at the start of the meeting, it is assumed a quorum is present unless challenged. If challenged the number of voters will be counted, and if a quorum does not exist, the meeting will be adjourned.

"While I'll keep my fingers crossed, there appears to be strong interest in at least a couple of the articles, so I don't anticipate an issue getting a quorum Tuesday evening," said Evans.

Each article will be taken up one at a time, citizens will a motion will be made, and votes will typically be taken on a voice basis.

Article 1 would amend the fiscal 2008 operating budget. The town is proposing two amendments to the budget for unexpected increases. The budget was previously approved at the Annual Town Meeting in April.

First, Director of Finance Mike Buckley has requested a $15,000 increase in his general expenses budget to undertake a new analysis now required by the Government Accounting Standards Board, a group that establishes standards of financial accounting and reporting for state and local governmental entities. The town is obligated to provide an analysis of the town's post-retirement healthcare liability as of Jan. 1, 2008.

Second, there is a $29,752 increase in the South Shore Regional School District assessment. Town Manager Bill Griffin allocated his original estimate presented at Town Meeting based on a five-year trend because the regional school committee did not adopt its budget until after the Annual Town Meeting. This year, there was a larger than expected regional school budget and a reallocation of that budget among member towns due to student enrollment shifts. Griffin has said the numbers are very difficult to predict ahead of time.

Despite the two unexpected increases, totaling $44,752, the amount can be accommodated within the bottom line budget because the state assessment for retired teacher health care decreased by $56,489, Griffin said.

Article 2 proposes capital budget spending items. Based on current finances, Griffin told the Capital Budget Committee — which recommends capital expenditures to the Board of Selectmen — $300,000 could be made available spending $300,000 in free cash for capital projects. The budget committee recommended six capital investments, $45,000 for a new school special education van; $80,000 for a Flood Control Master Plan study; $25,000 to repair the Fire Department's 2001 ambulance; $25,000 for the purchase of heavy rescue tools for the Fire Dept.; and $15,000 to fund the purchase of new staff computers at the library. The items total $220,000, which leaves $80,000 to remain in free cash.

However, the Selectmen requested an addition to the capital items at their meeting Monday night — $40,000 in funds to design the replacement of the deteriorating Jacob's Meadow outlet channel to the harbor. Vanderweil called fixing the culvert was a "crisis situation." For several years, abutters to the meadow have experienced severe flooding in their backyards and homes during major storms. The bottleneck at the Jacob's Meadow outlet is viewed as a key component to a solution. The town is also on a waiting list for a FEMA grant to partially fund the replacement of the culvert.

Next up, the Water Commission is seeking to amend the water resource district bylaw (established in 1986) to the most current regulatory language required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection in Article 3. The article specifically addresses two specific deficiencies regarding the storage of deicing chemicals and animal manure. The Water Commission is up against a deadline of December 31, 2007 to get these changes on the books as a condition of their Water Management Permit, which allows the Water Department to withdraw water for the public water supply system.

The most vetted article leading up to Town Meeting is the village zoning bylaw (Article 4). The article, proposed by the Planning Board, is designed to enable limited and appropriate mixed-use development in the Village Business District. Currently, apartments are prohibited for any lot under 40,000 square feet, which encompasses nearly all the village lots. The bylaw modifies existing dimensional requirements and permitting procedures in the village business district to establish a single set of dimensional standards (lot size, building height, setbacks) that would apply to all development in the village business district.

Article 5 is a citizen's petition to amend the zoning bylaws for the waterfront business district. If passed, apartments, in conjunction with stores or other permitted uses, will be allowed by special permit to be granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Like the village bylaw amendment, it introduces the Floor Area Ratio calculation and exempts the district from the inclusionary zoning bylaw that mandates affordable housing. At the required public hearing on the article with the Planning Board Wednesday evening, the board voted to indefinitely postpone the article. Planning Board member Mike Westcott said the board would undertake a similar "open, public process" as what was done for the village this past year with Article 4. Although voters will be able to take up the article and discuss its merits, it is likely the article will be indefinitely postponed on the floor of Town Meeting.

The Community Preservation Committee (Article 6) received no requests for funding in this Town Meeting cycle. The article will likely be indefinitely postponed.

Article 7 would eliminate several committees that are no longer relevant or populated with members from the bylaws. The committees eliminated in the article are Personnel Committee, Design Review Board, Committee to Survey Structure and Function of Town Government, Drainage Committee, Commission on Disabilities and Civilian Dispatch Committee.

Article 8 & 9 are companion articles. In short, the passage of the articles would correct a defective title on the property at 55 Norfolk Road. The town sold the property a decade ago, a house was built on the property and now the owners are seeking to sell the home. But, the defective deed title is preventing the house from being sold. The first seeks to take a portion of land at 55 Norfolk Road, likely by eminent domain. The purpose of the acquisition is to clarify and correct a defective title to lands previously granted by the Town of Cohasset by deed dated Oct. 20, 1998. Article 9 seeks to dispose of the portion of land at 55 Norfolk Road to complete the process and clear the deed title. The article may be amended on the floor of Town Meeting pending further review from Town Counsel.

A second citizen's petition, Article 10, seeks the funds to construct approximately 600 feet of sidewalk on Route 3A between Lower King Street and Sanctuary Pond Road/Rose Hill development. However, the petitioner's have decided to seek an indefinite proposal of the article.

Article 11 seeks to give the Board of Selectmen the authority to dispose of 821 Jerusalem Road. The town foreclosed on the property, which includes a two-unit dwelling, due to nonpayment of property taxes. The property would be sold through a competitive process for the purpose of increasing the town's affordable inventory.

The Special Town Meeting will be held Tuesday, November 13 at 7p.m. in the Cohasset High School Sullivan Gymnasium. Warrants have been mailed to every household, and extras will be available at the meeting.

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Selectmen defer village bylaw vote

By Nancy White
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A Board of Selectmen recommendation on the village zoning bylaw was deferred until shortly before Town Meeting. After a lengthy discussion on the village bylaw, which carried over from the previous week's meeting (Oct. 29), the consensus of the Selectmen was to wait a week to see if the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board could work out the issue of special permit granting authority.

The Selectmen have scheduled a pre-Town Meeting conference beginning at 6p.m. to discuss several articles, including the village bylaw, and vote on their recommendations.

Two amendments to the village bylaw will be brought to the floor of Town Meeting, one to change the special permit granting authority to the Zoning Board of Appeals and another to amend the parking regulation for the district.

It's been called a stumbling block, a turf war and a power struggle, but the jurisdictional issue between the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board some fear could become a deal breaker. Future projects in the village area hang in the balance waiting for the village bylaw to go into effect.

"Let's let both sides go at it at Town Meeting, both sides can present their best arguments on the floor of Town Meeting," said Selectman Fred Koed, calling Town Meeting the highest authority and most appropriate to make a final decision on the issue.

"How are we [the Selectmen] going to get three boards to agree," seconded Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil and later said, "I'm not sure if this board has an opinion on jurisdiction."

After the meeting, the Selectmen said they hoped the ZBA and the Planning Board could come to some sort of resolution before Town Meeting. But, both the ZBA and the Planning Board fervently believe in their own board having the power to issue special permits in the district.

The Planning Board has been the driving force behind the bylaw, which welcomed public input and involvement since early May. A series of public hearings and meetings were held throughout the summer and early fall to ensure the bylaws were what the town desired for the village.

Currently, in cases of commercial expansion or new construction in the village the applicant would need to go before the Planning Board for a site plan review and before the ZBA for a special permit or variance. Although the ZBA takes into consideration the Planning Board's opinion, the ZBA is the final authority.

The village bylaw has been drafted to give the Planning Board more teeth in their site plan review where they would be the permit granting authority. The reasoning was to create a simplified process for those developers not looking to build outside the zoning bylaws. The Planning Board has argued they are more equipped to deal with the big picture issues facing the village such as architecture, massing, design, drainage, parking, lighting, and noise.

The ZBA has held the special permit granting authority for the village since zoning was instituted in 1955. In their view, the current system provides checks and balances for both boards.

To support their view the ZBA, with a consensus at their meeting Tuesday evening, will put forth an amendment to the bylaw which would essentially keep the permit granting authority with the Zoning Board. Copies of the bylaw (which is about two-pages long) will be distributed to Town Meeting voters on Tuesday evening.

The town's village consultant Angus Jennings of Concord Square Development Company drafted the amendment a few weeks ago, but the Planning Board voted (4-0) to move ahead with the village bylaw as it was originally drafted and intended.

At the meeting, Planning Board member Mike Westcott said if there is jurisdictional change, the entire bylaw should be re-drafted.

"I, for one, could not support the article," if the ZBA is given special permit granting authority said Planning Board Chairman Al Moore, "I am in total disagreement with the opposition. If successfully proposed, it will be the death of the article."

Although ZBA Chairman Woody Chittick said in a phone interview, the change of jurisdiction was minor in the greater scheme and concept of the article; the proposal could cause confusion on the floor of Town Meeting.

Meanwhile, developers and property owners have been counting on this passage of the village bylaw so they can begin to renovate and develop their land.

"If the bylaw doesn't pass it stalls any development planned right now in the village to an uncertain time in the future," said Wayne Sawchuk, owner of 35-39 South Main Street. Through the public process to draft the bylaw a momentum has built with developers and adjacent property owners to begin to think cooperatively about the village — including working together on open space and pedestrian walkways.

Without the village bylaw, the village will stay the same or developers may be forced to rethink their plans to likely less attractive and commercially oriented buildings, said Sawchuk.

Parking amendment

With new residential units a possibility and a desire to come out of the village zoning bylaw, the Selectmen expressed concern there was no requirement for parking spaces per unit. To that end, the Planning Board voted to put forth an amendment at Town Meeting to require one parking space per new unit in the village business district. The requirement will apply to new construction and buildings constructed post-zoning (1955). For example, the Hardware store, which has almost 100 percent lot coverage, would not be required to have on-site parking.

In the drafting of the bylaw, the market analyst and property owners, told the Planning Board market forces would necessitate the inclusion of on-site parking in the village which is why the parking requirement was not included in the bylaw as it appeared in the warrant. This amendment reinforces what the Planning Board has been learned through the process.

Angus Jennings, village consultant, said the amendment still gives the special permit granting authority (the Planning Board) the ability to use their discretion on certain parcels. The parking requirement is able to be waived if parking is addressed in another way, or is inconsistent with design guidelines. For example, the Planning Board does not want any additional curb cuts on S. Main Street. Likewise, a permit could be granted on the condition of providing more parking units than required.

In addition, the bylaw stipulates any existing parking in the village business district should be maintained. The proposed amendment, which is less than a page long, will be distributed when checking in at Town Meeting.

Rain check for waterfront bylaw

Planning Board votes to indefinitely postpone

By Nancy White
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Cohasset Harbor is considered the crowning jewel of the town.

At Town Meeting Tuesday, voters will be asked to determine if the waterfront business district is primed for some change. A Citizen's Petition (Article 5) proposes several changes to the zoning bylaws enabling mixed-use development, similar to what is being proposed for the village. If passed, developers on the waterfront could add condos or apartments to already existing buildings and build new construction with mixed-use within the established regulations.

Like the village zoning bylaw, the harbor is so much a part of what identifies Cohasset it was bound to spark ample discussion on the floor of Town Meeting. But, while that still could be the case, the Planning Board voted to recommend indefinite postponement of the article on Wednesday evening.

Planning Board member Mike Westcott told the representative proponent, Charles Humphreys, there was discussion about developing an overall master plan for the harbor in the near future, similar to what was done for the village.

"It was always part of the plan to move to the harbor next," said Westcott in a phone interview Thursday. A well-vetted public process to look at the issues facing the harbor is the goal, "it might be that we decide the harbor doesn't need any changes but, the process will help us determine that."

A close look at the village could provide the data and projections the Selectmen said was lacking for the proposed bylaw Monday night.

"I don't want something to happen no one anticipated," said Selectman Ralph Dormitzer, "I would like to know the worst case scenario."

Dormitzer was concerned with the possibilities for development the bylaw provides, rather than what is concretely planned for the properties.

"This is a significant commitment on the town end and we haven't looked at any data," agreed Vice Chairman Ted Carr.

Humphreys was hired by Peter Roy of 49 Margin St. and owner of much of the very limited Waterfront Business District, which includes the businesses on the harbor side of Border Street — Cohasset Harbor Inn, Atlantica, Olde Salt House and the Mill River Marine — ending at the Border Street bridge. The small storefronts near the intersection of Elm Street and Border Street are considered downtown zoning district, not the waterfront.

Humphreys outlined what was planned for the properties in the waterfront district, if the bylaw passed. The second and third floors of the Cohasset Harbor Inn would be converted into 16-18 residential condominium units. The marina would be renovated to include three condos on the second floor.

The Waterfront Business District suffers from the same economic viability problems as the village, Humphreys said. In that vein, many of the same concepts from the village bylaw have been applied to the waterfront zoning bylaw.

"Fundamentally, the purpose is to allow something not allowed in the current bylaw — mixed-use development," said Humphreys.

On Monday night, the Selectmen decided to hold off on making their recommendation until the Planning Board could hold their public hearing on the bylaw. They will formally make their recommendation at a pre-town meeting conference Tuesday, Nov. 13, 6p.m.

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COOL TIMES

Hello Cohasset. How did everyone make out during the storm, Daylight Saving time and the starts of our cold weather this past week? I hope for the most part that everyone fared pretty well.

MARATHON EFFORT

Wow, congratulations go out to **Meghan Marr** of Cohasset who finished the New York Marathon in 4 hours and 16 minutes. Meghan is a senior at Providence College and this was her first marathon. She ran with her friend and classmate **Molly Concannon**. Parents **Matthew and Sally Marr** attended the race and were waiting at the finish line!

In order for Meghan to run in the Marathon, she had to raise $2500 for a charity. She picked the Team for Kids who fund fitness and character building programs for underprivileged kids in more than 150 schools and community centers. Meghan would like to send out a huge thank you to everyone who supported her in this effort! Great work Meghan, Cohasset is proud of you as well.

CENTURY MARK

Dorothy Busa from Cohasset, will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Dec 3rd. There will be a party for her at Queen Anne Nursing Home where she is now residing, on Dec 2nd. Her children, grandchildren, her great-grandchildren and other family members will surround her. Up until a year and a half ago she had been living with her daughter and son-in law **Roberta and Bob Raffa**. She has many friends from Cohasset Elder Affairs where she would have lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



COURTESY PHOTO

Meghan Marr, right, poses with Christen Reardon, also of Cohasset, after Meghan finished the NYC Marathon.

CANCELLATIONS

There are two cancellations of programs for this upcoming week.

The first is the Post Prom Committee Meeting scheduled for Nov. 15 at 7:30 has been cancelled due to a variety of scheduling conflicts.

The next cancellation is as follows. The Cohasset Historical Society regrets that the Fall Lecture "Exploration of China and Tibet" by Edyth Ford that was scheduled for Nov. 14 has been canceled. This program will be rescheduled for the Spring of 2008. There will be no program on Nov. 14.

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COAT COLLECTION

Cohasset Girl Scout Troops #4784 and #4777 will collect coats for the homeless on Sunday, Nov. 11th from 8:30 to 12:30. The girls will be collecting the coats at the back of Saint Anthony's parking lot. Kids', women's, and men's coats are needed. Please give to this worthy cause. We collected over 250 coats at the last coat collection two years ago! The girls hope to break that record!! If you have any questions, please call 781-383-0695.

ON STAGE

Here is a great weekend event for many of you. Don't miss Cohasset Dramatic Club's fall 2007 production, "Moon Over Buffalo" by Ken Ludwig, directed by **Eric Henderson** and produced by **Jean DiGiacomandrea.** This hilarious comedy centers on the lives of George & Charlotte Hay, two fading repertory stage actors, stuck in a stop on their tour in thrilling 1950s Buffalo. George and Charlotte have lost their last chance at stardom, their agent is smitten with Charlotte and the company ingénue has become pregnant by George. The plot is full of misunderstandings, misplaced affections and missing persons. The show premiered on Broadway starring Carol Burnett, so it is sure to be a laughter filled evening of pure entertainment. Performances take place at Cohasset Town Hall tonight and tomorrow night at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, Nov. 11 at 2 p.m. For tickets call 617-697-2115.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Make-a-Difference Day is a national day of volunteering in its 16th year. It has long been a tradition at the Osgood School to participate and this year, the Deer Hill School will be holding its second Make-a-Difference Day. One event has past with success but another one is coming up soon. This weekend of activities is planned for Nov. 17/18th, when students of both Osgood and Deer Hill families alongside other community members, will be working in teams to help with fall cleanup for some of Cohasset's elderly residents. Volunteers will rake, pull down storm windows, change outdoor light bulbs and remove window air conditioners. This is a wonderful opportunity for the whole family to Make-a-Difference. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact **Patty Cunningham** at 781-383-1378.

That is it for this week. Send in all of your news no later than Tuesdays by 5:00 pm. Email works best and for photos, please send them to mford@cnc.com with the written portion coming to me.

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ENGAGEMENT



Chloe Johanna Chittick and Andrew Caleb Patton

Chittick - Patton

Woody and JoAnne Chittick of Cohasset announce the engagement of their daughter, Chloe Johanna Chittick, to Andrew Caleb Patton, son of Stephen and Linda Patton of Evanston, Ill.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Cohasset High School and a 2000 graduate of Colby College in Waterville, Maine. She is currently employed at Slover Linett Strategies, Inc., a research and planning firm for non-profits.

Her fiancé graduated from St. Ignatius College Prep in Chicago in 1996, Boston College in 2000, and Indiana University School of Law in 2004. He is currently employed as an attorney at Zelechowski & Associates in Chicago.

The couple resides in Chicago with their dog, Doug. An August 2008 wedding is planned in Cohasset.

Jade Forest to host 'The Myth of Aging'

John Loupos and Steven Aronstein, founder of Somatic Systems Institute, will co-present a workshop on clinical somatics titled "The Myth of Aging," on Sunday, Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The simple movement patterns that will be taught are designed to eliminate pain and stiffness and enhance proprioception and flexibility. Somatics use yoga-like movement patterns to help people gain smarter muscles by recalibrating the faulty brain/muscle control settings that cause chronic pain and stiffness. Somatics doesn't require exertion – it's non-competitive and non-jarring – making it suitable regardless of one's physical condition.

This event will be offered by the Pain & Mobility Clinic at Jade Forest Kung Fu/Tai Chi, 130 King St., Route 3A, Cohasset. The fee to attend is $150. For more information, call Loupos at 781-383-6822.

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Dogs find home sweet home

St. Croix Puppy Connection has placed over 300 dogs

By Nancy White
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When Angel, a tiny puppy with unmistakable ears from St. Croix, came to Cohasset she was shy and anxious around people. She shook with fear any time someone came close. But, slowly but surely — with kindness and love — Angel came around and now jumps into the laps of visitors for a good belly rub.

Angel is just one of more than 300 dogs that have been placed in loving homes by the St. Croix Puppy Connection based in Cohasset. The non-profit organization's focus is to rescue small mixed-breed dogs from St. Croix, a Caribbean island and US territory, and provide them with loving homes in the Massachusetts area.

"It's almost as if [the dogs] know they have a second chance," says volunteer Kathleen Womersley, who hears from adopters regularly on how loving and affectionate their dog is. She believes part of the reason is the dogs know how lucky they are.

The St. Croix Puppy Connection was born out of a group of volunteers at the Scituate Animal Shelter. The Mariner met with Joan McCafferty, Kathy Arthur-Tyler and Womersley, three of the seven volunteers who make up the organization. They found out about the plight of St. Croix dogs from a volunteer at another shelter who encouraged them to establish their own group. In the spring of 2003, they teamed up with an animal shelter in St. Croix for an off-island program called "Pets from Paradise."

"Our focus is on small mixed-breed dogs or puppies that will be small," says McCafferty. While volunteering at the Scituate Animal Shelter, many prospective dog owners would come in looking for a smaller dog but all they would find was larger dogs, "the waitlist was usually 10 people long." Meanwhile in St. Croix small dogs were being euthanized.

McCafferty jokes the St. Croix dogs are AKC — All Kinds of Crucian — because they are such a mix of different breeds it's often difficult to determine what the dominant breed is. Typically, the dogs are a cross of chihuahua, poodle, dachshund, spaniel, terrier or a combination of some, or all, of the above.

Now, four and half years later the St. Croix Puppy Connection has placed hundreds of dogs in happy homes.

The organization goes to great lengths to ensure the dogs' safety, comfort and well being in their travels to the US and in their future life.



Kizzy, Angel and Michelle, three small mixed-breed dogs from St. Croix, came to Cohasset through the St. Croix Puppy Connection. Together with several other volunteers, Kathy Arthur-Tyler and Joan McCafferty work with a shelter on St. Croix to bring young dogs to the US.

The process begins in St. Croix, which suffers from an overpopulation of dogs. A spay/neuter program now in place on the island has curbed the problem to some extent, but there is still a need for the Cohasset-based program as well as other similar programs in the US.

Before their trip to Massachusetts, the dogs are vet-checked and given every vaccination possible given their age. In addition, the dogs are spayed and neutered.

The dogs never travel by themselves; a travel partner accompanies each dog on their voyage. The dog is either toted as a carry-on or travels in a special cargo area in a crate. The amount of dogs that arrive each week depends on if there are travel partners available and if dogs are ready to go. On average, the organization can receive anywhere between two and four dogs each month. "it goes in waves," says McCafferty.

"It gives me so much hope that anything is possible, these dogs got through despite the overwhelming odds against them."
— Kathleen Womersley

Once the dogs arrive at Logan Airport, a volunteer picks them up personally. Womersley says for her each trip to the airport brings a renewal of hope.

"It gives me so much hope that anything is possible," says Womersley, "these dogs got through despite the overwhelming odds against them."

Before they reached the shelter on the island, many roamed the streets of St. Croix searching for food. Some dogs have been abused, found in a dumpster or neglected.

"The older the dogs are, the more baggage they come with," says Womersley, but the trio has scores of happy "tails" to tell.

"The dogs are sponges for kindness," says Arthur-Tyler. With kindness and consistency, the volunteers have been able to turn the dogs into prized family pets.

"Once they connect with a human, any human, they can easily transfer that connection to another human," says Womersley. Once a dog is able to connect with her — follow her around the house or cuddle on the couch — she knows they are ready for adoption.

Before being fostered, the dogs are placed in an isolation facility for 48 hours as part of a new regulation mandated by the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture for all rescue or for sale dogs coming from out-of-state without an owner. The dogs are vet-checked once again by a South Shore vet.

"The local vets have been very supportive," says Arthur-Tyler. Veterinarian Jenny Maas of South River Veterinary Service in Marshfield and Dr. Fawn Stevenson of Crazy Paws in Cohasset have both been generous with their time and services, the St. Croix volunteers say.

The organization relies on foster homes to house the dogs before a permanent family can be found.

"With foster homes you're able to get a real sense of the dogs," says McCafferty, then the foster moms and dads can give prospective adopters a fuller picture of the dog's personality and quirks.

The volunteers take great care in ensuring the dogs find a home where they can live out the rest of their days happily. Each dog is matched, not adopted out on a first-come first-serve basis. "it can be an agonizing choice, especially if you're deciding between two applications," says Arthur-Tyler. They check the personal and vet references of each applicant.

"Sometimes you have to go with your gut. If a warning sign goes up and it's not a good fit for the family, it's definitely not a good fit for the dog," says McCafferty.

The St. Croix Puppy Connection volunteers believe in what they are doing and don't see any sign of slowing down.

"As long as there is a need, we'll keep doing this," says McCafferty, "they need us and we need them."

The St. Croix Puppy Connection's available dogs are listed on www.petfinder.com. E-mail Joansoolai@aol.com for more information.

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Kukala is a 1-year-old Chihuahua, Dachshund and all around AKC — All Kinds of Crucian. She weighs in at 10.5 pounds. She loves the company of other dogs and does well with the cats in her foster family. Kukala can be shy around men initially, but warms up to them when given the chance. If interested in adopting, e-mail joansoolai@aol.com.

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Plans underway for Holiday House Tour

It's beginning to look and feel a lot like Christmas already as the members of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset begin preparations for "Christmas Memories," a holiday house tour of the Cohasset Historical Society's Paul Pratt building, and five of Cohasset's loveliest homes. The tour will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 6, rain or shine, and is for adults only.

Tickets are $20 in advance and $25 on the day of the tour and may be purchased the first week in November in Cohasset at Fleming's, Windsor Tea Shop, Buttonwoods Books and Toys, and Darilynn's. Other ticket sales locations include: The Welch Company in Scituate; Stonehouse Gardens in Norwell; and Talbots, Johannah's, and The Shoe Market in Hingham's Derby Street Shoppes.



COURTESY PHOTO

Doris Flint of the Community Garden Club admires a beautiful Christmas plate that she has decorated for the "Christmas Memories " Holiday House Tour to be held on Dec.6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

From the Archives of the Cohasset Historical Society



IS THIS YOUR HOUSE?

The Cohasset Historical Society was recently given the photograph of this house to add to our archives but we don't recognize its location. If you can identify it, please contact us at 781-383-1434.

From the Archives is a weekly feature provided by Cohasset Historical Society.

The Cohasset Historical Society welcomes donations. If you have something that you would consider donating to our archives please give us a call at 781-383-1434.

LIBRARY CORNER

Independent Film Night to be held Nov. 15

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library at 35 Ripley Road. For more information call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

A Romanian schoolgirl, played by Dorothea Petrie, finds her life forever changed when she accidentally knocks over a bust of dictator Nicolae Ceausescu...

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film, "The Way I Spent the End of the World" at 6 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 15. Free admission and refreshments will be provided. A Romanian schoolgirl, played by Dorothea Petrie, finds her life forever changed when she accidentally knocks over a bust of dictator Nicolae Ceausescu in director Catalin Mitulescu's tragic and comic coming-of-age tale.

Movie Matinee – Come to the library for a free showing of the film "Singing in the Rain," starring Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds and Donald O'Connor, at 11 a.m., Friday, Dec. 7. The Friends of the Library will provide light refreshments. The Friends of the Library and the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee generously sponsored the movie site license.

Great Decisions Group – The first Great Decisions Discussion group will begin at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 18, in the Meeting Room. For those who have registered for the program, the group will discuss Children, found in chapter eight of the assigned text.

Library Book Group – Join the book group for coffee and a discussion of Penelope Fitzgerald's book "Offshore," at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 28, in the meeting room. According to NoveList, the book "offers a portrait of a group of eccentrics living in houseboats on the river Thames and describes how their disparate lives intertwine and complicate matters for everyone." The book won the Booker Prize in 1979. All are welcome.

FOR CHILDREN

School Project Help – The library Web site, www.cohassetlibrary.org, is set up to help with many school projects. Students in grades 1 through 5 will find everything they need on the Children's Page under links and homework help. A new addition to the search engine category is the CIA World Fact Book, which includes everything needed for country reports. The library has many research databases designed and written for students. Middle and high school students will find the research page extensive.

In addition, project help is always available by emailing the children's librarian, Sharon Moody, at smoody@ocln.org or the reference librarian, Gayle Walsh, at gwalsh@olcn.org.

NoveList – Looking for a good book? Click on NoveList, an extensive database of juvenile and young adult fiction, complete with reviews and reading levels.

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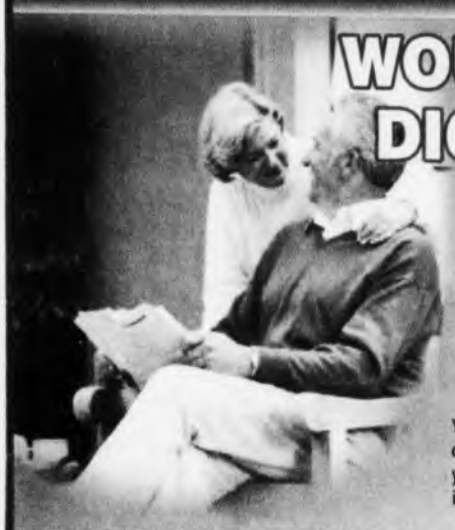
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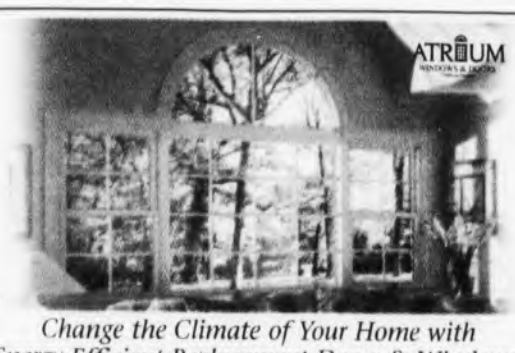
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Maryann Saporito Boothroyd prepares the lamb for roasting.

Class provides holiday cooking ideas

Maryann Saporito Boothroyd led a cooking class Monday, Nov. 5, which gave her students lots of fabulous ideas for cooking during the holiday season. The menu included roasted lamb, duck, and winter salads. Maryann has been teaching at the South Shore Community Center since 2002 and is the former owner of Saporito's Restaurant in Hull, which was rated one of Boston's top five restaurants by the New York Times. She recently opened Hola, a new restaurant in downtown Marshfield, which specializes in Tapas and flatbreads.

For more information on SSCC's programs visit www.southshorecommunitycenter.com or call 781-383-0088.

Anti-racism workshop to be held

A workshop on multiculturalism and anti-racism will be offered from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 17, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Cohasset. The free workshop, which will focus on issues of racism and multi-culturalism, will be presented by Rev. Ed Rodman, an Episcopal priest, former president of the Massachusetts Council of Churches, and professor at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge. Rodman has spent most of his career working around issues of racism, urban ministry, ecumenical and interfaith efforts, and social justice.

No one likes to think that they are racist or culturally insensitive, but the truth is, there are many challenges to living in a way that truly honors differences in race, culture, gender and religion. The workshop, "The Marks of a Multi-Culturally Competent Person," will be geared toward an interfaith audience and will help participants understand the difference between race and racism, ethnicity and national origin and culture, acknowledge their own prejudices and stereotypical thinking about different groups, and challenge the myth of color-blindness and the reality of color-consciousness.

The workshop will also help participants realize that race, gender, religion and many other factors can be used as organizing principles for discrimination and/or empowerment and that there are multiple centers of truth, which are related to different experiences, as well as help them appreciate that in most societies one experience is held as normative as a result of the social power that group has attained.

The event includes lunch. To reserve a space, call Colette Wood at 781-383-1083, or email her at cwood@ststephenscohasset.org.

Community Center holding clothing and toy drive

Since Nov. 2001, the South Shore Community Center has been privileged to sponsor an annual clothing and toy collection to be distributed to the impoverished children of Santo Domingo during the winter holidays. The drive started when Stephanie Church and Ruthanne Ardrizzoni were moved by the poverty of Santo Domingo, the homeland of the center's beloved janitor, Julio Falcon.

What began as simple donations, given by Stephanie and Ruthann of needed items, has flourished and become a wonderful holiday tradition. All arms of the Community Center participate in this Toy and Clothing Drive, including the Gymnastic Program, the Nursery School and the toddler Gym Dandy Program. Each year, they continue to be overjoyed by the generosity of the Cohasset community.

Each November the Community Center distributes letters to the parents of all of its students to remind them of this mission. The Directors of all programs incorporate this collection into their classes as a lesson in sharing with others less fortunate. The collection begins early, because it takes three weeks for the donated items to be shipped, and then received in Santo Domingo.

The center usually sends out three to four shipments. In addition to gift giving, they also encourage cash donations to defray the costly expense of the shipments. As most are aware, the center is a nonprofit organization that depends upon the public good, so that it can continue to bring joy into the lives of needy children. Every year, they receive thank you notes and photographs of the children holding and opening the gifts and the photographs are posted throughout the center, so that all of the students can see the fruit of their labor.

Train DVD available

DVDs of the Greenbush Line Grand Opening Celebration are now available to purchase for $20 each. To order a copy, call Shaun Galvin at 781-424-2197 or email shaungalvin@yahoo.com. The request can also be sent with a check for $20 per DVD to Shaun Galvin, P.O. Box 526, Hingham, MA 02043.

Senior Scene

PTO to help seniors with fall chores

The following events are sponsored by Cohasset Elder Affairs at 3 North Street. Registration is required for all events unless noted by calling 781-383-9112.

EVENTS

Make a Difference Days – Members of the Cohasset PTO and their families will go to the homes of senior residents to rake leaves and perform other chores, Saturday, Nov. 17, and Sunday, Nov. 18.

Thanksgiving Feast – Enjoy a Thanksgiving Feast at noon, Tuesday, Nov. 20, which is being offered to Cohasset seniors at the Atlantica Restaurant.

Lunchtime Lectures

The Lunchtime Lecture series will be held at 11 a.m. The cost is $2.50 including a gourmet lunch.

The Longevity Revolution – Join Frank and Libet Callahan, Wednesday, Nov. 14, for "Managing your Medications."

Medicare Part D – Sid Whiting from Senior Initiatives will go over the Medicare Part D changes for 2008, Wednesday, Dec. 5. The Angel Food Project will prepare lunch.

St. Stephen's Church accepting book donations

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset, is currently accepting donations of slightly worn hardcover and paperback books, DVDs and CDs for its annual book sale, part of the ecumenical Village Fair that will take place this year on Saturday, Dec. 1 on Cohasset Common.

Donations can be brought to the church in bags or boxes and placed inside the parish hall door marked church offices. Use the reserved parking spot to unload books during church office hours, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Old textbooks, romance novels, damaged or moldy books or books with notes and/or highlighting will not be accepted.

Money raised from the book sale will be used to send underprivileged children and their families to the Barbara C. Harris Camp in Greenfield, N.H.

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EDITORIAL

Brave hearts, strong arms

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, the Armistice ended the bloody saga of World War I.

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Yet the Armistice did not end war, because the enemies of freedom continued to spawn in the fetid waters of tyranny and radicalism.

And every time this threat hunkers down on the horizon, the response of the sons and daughters of liberty is swift and sure.

If the price of liberty is eternal vigilance, the cost of liberty is eternal defense against the enemies of a free society.

Down through the years, this cost has been met by the brave hearts and strong arms of our men and women in the military.

On Veterans Day, which has its roots in Armistice Day, we honor and thank all our veterans.

We acknowledge the courage and stamina of our military families.

Like the soldiers on the front line, our military families back home face a fearsome battle.

Today, as our troops serve in Iraq, Afghanistan, and myriad "hot spots" over the world, the response is no different than it was in 1776, 1914,World War II, the 1950s Korean War Era, the 1960s Vietnam Era, or during the Cold War. Our military families, all of the United States, face these hardships with stamina and endurance.

The War on Terrorism may be generations long.

There are days when we feel like this war may never end.

As we at home bear the burden, tears, loneliness, and sacrifice of war, the image of our military men and women, marching just as courageously today as in 1776, rises up before us.

This image renews our resolve.

We know that ultimately freedom will be the victor.

Nineteenth-century composer William W. How once wrote, "And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, hearts are brave again, and arms are strong."

On Veterans Day, we give thanks to the brave hearts and strong arms of our veterans of yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

On Veterans Day, we revere those who gave their lives in defense of our nation in all wars.

When the sound of "Taps" echoes through the sky this Veterans Day, the notes will be both a reverent goodbye and a tearful blessing to our servicemen and women who gave their lives for their country. We would do well to remember that the roll call of heroes is not static. It is ever changing, ever expanding, with each life sacrificed in defense of our freedom.

We also revere the men and women, strong and sure as arrows, who currently fight the eternal fight on foreign soil.

We can hardly begin to comprehend the hardships our troops face, or to remember that our men and women oversees miss so many precious things we take for granted. Only in their dreams do they take part in family celebrations and embrace loved ones at home.

These are our veterans of tomorrow.

We owe a sacred debt to our veterans.

This is not a debt that can be paid in a single day. Let's resolve to carry our gratitude into action.

As Veterans Day ceremonies draw to a close, what will we do to support our troops as vigorously and selflessly as they defend us?

It's fitting that we should cheer and wave flags, and it is even more fitting that we do all we can to ensure our veterans have a hero's homecoming, quality health care when they return, and all the benefits to which they are more than entitled.

It's fitting that we remember our neighbors with family members overseas with words of encouragement and friendly acts to help out when needed.

On Nov. 11, we have the opportunity to offer our heartfelt "thank you" to America's veteran soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, Coastguardsmen, Reserves, and members of the National Guard.

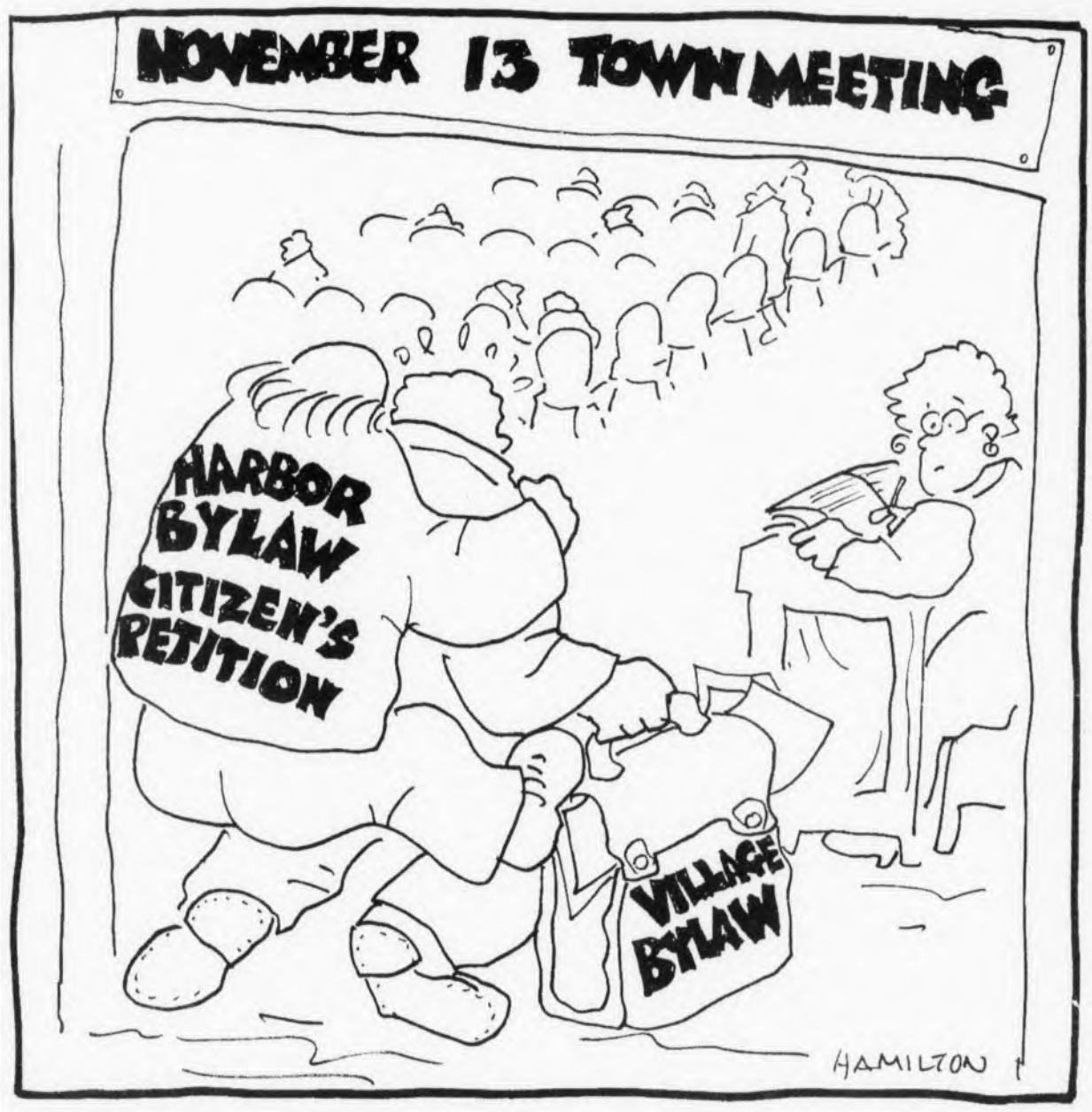
Our town will join communities across the country in giving special thanks to our veterans on Veterans Day.

Let's be sure the sidewalks are filled with cheers and waves, so our veterans will know they remain in our hearts.

We will never forget or neglect.

Prayer service on Nov. 11

Cohasset American Legion and Veterans of Foreign War posts and the Sons of the American Legion will conduct a prayer service in honor of Veterans Day at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11 (Sunday) at the Veterans Memorial at Cohasset Harbor.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote 'no' on Harbor article

TO THE EDITOR:

As a 14-plus year resident of Border Street, this is my families' "neighborhood."

Even after this period of time, I am reminded on a daily basis of the natural beauty of this long rocky place. I am deeply troubled by the prospect of multi-family development replacing or supplementing existing properties in the Waterfront Business (harbor) area. I urge my fellow citizens to plan to attend the Nov. 13 Special Town Meeting and vote no on Article 5. Passage of Article 5 would change the zoning in the Waterfront Business (WB) district from one that does not now allow "dwellings for more than one family, in combination with stores and other permitted uses" to "Special Permit" and the possibility of development of multi-family dwellings combined with stores, in the Waterfront Business (harbor) area. Additional development in the harbor area would strain the area, burdening it with additional cars/traffic and forever changing its character, further restricting public access to the harbor and pushing out marine related uses.

Please read Article 5 and join me in voting no on Article 5 at the Nov. 13 Special Town Meeting.

Susan Galligan
31 Border St.

'Wrongheaded opposition'

TO THE EDITOR:

With respect to the Commentary column by Tom Callahan in the Mariner of Nov. 2, in which he praises the Town Meeting article about village revitalization and damns the citizens' article about Harbor revitalization, he is too negative. Because I have great respect for Tom's public service, integrity and intelligence, I'm dismayed that his condemnation reminds me of the wrongheaded opposition to the efforts of the now defunct Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, in which a group of mostly business owners attempted to be a catalyst for improvement.

Of course the improvements would have benefited some owners of business property, especially in the Harbor area, but the critics could not grasp that the improvements would also benefit the Town, at no great cost to the Town. Rather than work responsibly and thoughtfully with the CRC, the opponents chose a nasty and thoughtless campaign to discredit the proponents and their proposals.

We'll probably experience more of this behavior at town meeting. But reasonable people should consider that the Town benefits more from a motel and boatyard that are rendered economically viable (by the provisions of proposed article) than from businesses that may no longer be subsidized by the current owners and are sold off to purchasers with much less interest in maintaining attractive and well-managed operations.

I was not one of the signatories nor do I carry any water for the owner, but I don't believe in cutting off one's nose to spite one's face!

Tom Callahan may be correct that the article needs more review and revision by experts before adoption, to safeguard the interests of all parties current and future, but let the discussion be civil, constructive and rational, and avoid the nasty ad hominem attacks that characterized the CRC discussions.

R. Murray Campbell
217 Jerusalem Road

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Planning Board support urged

COMMENTARY

TOM CALLAHAN

Should the Planning Board or ZBA should be the special permit granting authority (SPGA) under the new village bylaw? The new bylaw would consolidate site plan review and the special permit application in the PB. The ZBA is waging a petty turf war and would risk years of effort and possibilities for the village. Its objection should be seen for what it is. The PB should be supported for these reasons:

1. An objective is to streamline the permitting process. Consolidation into the PB does this as to zoning and site plan issues.

2. Increasingly common in *modern* zoning is the use of specialized districts and overlays targeted for specific development objectives (exs.: like our TOD). The trend under such bylaws is that the Planning Board is SPGA.

3. Neither state law nor town bylaws mandate ZBA as the exclusive SPGA. The PB is *already* the SPGA for the TOD district (a perfect analogy to village zoning) and the former Senior Overlay Bylaw.

4. Specific state law-mandated duties for each board create key distinctions in their focus. The ZBA's sole statutorily mandated duties create a narrower focus, solely on the zoning bylaw's impacts at the individual property level. In contrast, the mandated duties of a Planning Board create a focus on the *broader* scope of development. Specialty district zoning, for ex., the village, is focused on district-wide impacts and consistency. The PB, through the experience of its statutorily mandated duties, is clearly the board that is better equipped to handle specialty district development.

5. Our current site plan review process, vested in the PB, is not also a special permit process, as is more often the case in other communities. Site plan review without a special permit attached to it is relatively toothless, with tenuous binding authority and appeal rights. Findings and conditions under a combined site plan/special permit process *have teeth*, and there is a clear process of appeal. The Senior Overlay and TOD bylaws have already begun the transition towards making site plan reviews by the PB into special permit processes.

6. *ZBA admits* it has *no expertise, or indeed even authority*, to address the comprehensive

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Parents should teach kids about tracks

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

An Open Letter to Cohasset Parents— This past week we have had a few very troubling reports regarding train safety and Cohasset youth.

On Trick-Or-Treat night we saw, first hand, a small group of youths who went under the gates at the Pond Street crossing and proceeded to the end of the median island to look down the track to get a better view of the approaching train. This placed them inside of the gates only a few feet from the train as it went through the crossing. Clearly this was a dangerous and risky thing to do. But, when you are in Middle School, we guess you are invincible.

Another incident reported to us concerned youth at the Pleasant Street crossing hanging over the wrought-iron fence to get a better view of the train as it sped by. The person who saw the incident said the children leaned so far over the railing he was worried that they would fall over the fence onto the tracks. The photos show where the children were when the trains went by. Also, about month ago, we reported that in one neighborhood, someone cut a trap door into the railroad safety fence so they could gain access to the track. This was probably so they could continue to use their favorite shortcuts. This is an incredibly dangerous and potentially lethal thing to do.

Even though the MBTA has spent considerable time and effort through Operation Lifesaver supporting programs about train safety at the schools, the message has apparently not sunk in fully. It is up to you, the parents, to review and review again the commonsense safety issues about the train with your children. No one else will do it as well as you can! Your children need to learn that they are not invincible and the train can squash them just like when someone stomps on a soda can. It is not our style to be alarmist, but safety is very serious stuff. And, the potential impacts to your children are indeed very real and incredibly tragic.

Beechwood Street Sidewalk — This week, you may see construction starting on Beechwood Street, weather permitting. To refresh your memory, the Town is constructing a new sidewalk from South Main Street to Telarico Lane along the southern side of Beechwood Street. The plans have been drawn up for some time and the project has been approved by the Conservation Commission. P.A. Landers, who was the primary sidewalk contractor for the Forest Avenue sidewalk project, will be doing the Beechwood sidewalk work as well. Once the work actually starts, we would expect to be complete in 2 to 3 weeks. The only possible exception to this schedule might be the safety fence that needs to be constructed along the walkway on the N. Main Street side of the railroad crossing. If the weather holds we might be able to move to Lower King Street and complete a portion of that sidewalk as well. Stay tuned; we'll keep you up to date.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Note dangerous location: Children leaned over the railing to get a look at the train near the Pleasant Street crossing.



Note dangerous location: On Halloween night a group of youths went under the gates to the end of the median at the Pond Street crossing.

Greenbush stuff – This office has received a number of favorable comments about the new Greenbush commuter rail line. Most seem impressed with the smoothness of the ride. And, 45 minutes to South Station ain't bad! This past Sunday, as we drove past the West Hingham and Cohasset stations, there were a number of cars of people enjoying a day trip into Boston. The number of vehicles parked at the Cohasset Station also seems to be increasing daily.

This week we had another report from an eyewitness of a northbound car driving onto the tracks at the North Main Street railroad crossing. The MBTA is in the process of making major changes to the crossing, but we have no information regarding the final design or when they plan to start construction. This is the fourth occurrence that we know of where cars have driven onto the tracks. Fortunately, the car had enough time and ground clearance to back up onto the road and drive away. The MBTA has come up with some rather simple road marking changes that might eliminate this problem. We are anxiously waiting for those changes to occur quickly as they are simple and could save lives now that the train is operating.

Occasionally, we receive calls from residents who may perceive that odd things are happening at the various crossings. Each call we get is taken very seriously and is passed on to the MBTA project personnel and beyond, if necessary. We do not stop until we are satisfied with objective evidence that all systems are working as intended. There are some quirks that you may have noticed in the system. For example at Lower King Street when a southbound train is in the station, the King Street gates will come down. If the train stays in the station for a prolonged period of time, the King Street gates will go back up. (A handicapped passenger, an unusually heavy number of exiting passengers, or a "hold" placed by central dispatch in Boston may be the cause of a longer than normal in-station time.) As soon as the train begins to move toward King Street, the southbound the gates will come down again. We have received a number of calls about this down and up and down and up maneuver. Even though it looks silly, safety is not an issue as long as drivers and pedestrians do not try to "beat" the gates. We are hoping that we can get the gate control systems fine tuned a bit more, but we need to see how things operate for a while.

Keeping up with the Jetsons

THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT

DIANE K. DANIELSON



Yet, look around today, and with the exception of flying cars, we're not that far from a Jetsonian lifestyle.

Recently, I watched an episode of The Jetsons with my son. It brought back memories of my brother and I wearing footie pajamas, sitting on the floor, eating Cream of Wheat on TV trays, with our eyes glued to the Saturday morning cartoon lineup. *(Note to son: Yes, there once was a time when SpongeBob was not on television 24/7/365.)* We would dream of flying cars, Rosie the robot maid, "Rrrr-Astro" the dog, and wanting to look like daughter Judy (that would be me, not my brother).

The Jetsons' futurized world seemed so far away from our lives in an early 1970s Maryland suburb. Yet, look around today, and with the exception of flying cars, we're not that far from a Jetsonian lifestyle. In the cartoon, George Jetson works three hours per day, three days per week at a job that consists of pushing a single computer button (shades of Tim Ferriss' bestseller, *The 4-hour Workweek* — although clearly something only Tim and George have figured out how to accomplish). From episode to episode, despite the banality of his job, George is arbitrarily promoted, demoted, fired and rehired by his company (shades of life in any corporation these days).

While I don't have a Rosie (either live or robotocized) I do have my self-propelled Roomba vacuum that gets the job done with a push of a button. And top of my holiday wish list this year? A Scooba (another iRobot invention that scrubs floors). Moreover, the microwave is responsible for more meals than I'd care to admit. And what Jetsons fan could step on a treadmill without at least once thinking of Astro dragging George along after him?

However, despite the many innovations and shortcuts like remote controls, online banking, home-delivered groceries, people movers and GPS systems, there's one thing the Jetsons' writers missed: if we truly kept up with the Jetsons, we would have an even worse obesity issue on our hands.

I never noticed how much we don't do physically anymore until a recent rental car experience. Mine was in the shop, so I rented the cheapest available, and ended up with a car with manual locks, steering, and windows. I couldn't recall when I'd last leaned across a passenger seat to roll down the window to hand my credit card to the gas attendant. Certainly not since I was old enough to strain my neck and shoulder doing so. In fact, when did I stop pumping my own gas? But, thanks to my "manual" rental, I got some extra exercise that week by walking around the car to unlock my son's door by actually putting the key into the lock and turning it (after the window roll down incident, I couldn't move my neck to reach it from inside).

It seems that all this automation has made me frightfully lazy. Step outside or open a window to check the weather? Naaaah. I just look it up on the computer. Open Netflix video envelopes to see what I ordered several weeks earlier? It's much easier to check my orders online. Fortunately, now that I can download and TiVo movies at my convenience, I no longer need to exert myself by opening any envelopes.

Even mentally I'm slacking. Memorize phone numbers? Why do that, when you can program in a name or scroll down the call-list. PIN numbers and passwords? I just hit the "forgot password" button. Hmmmm. Perhaps I should start doing that Sudoku puzzle in the paper to stay one step ahead of senility. The only problem is that I stopped getting the paper. It took too much effort to walk all the way downstairs to retrieve it when I could read it on my laptop.

With all that in mind, I'm not sure a Jetsonian life is necessarily the right thing for society. So, perhaps it's just as well that we may never live to see flying cars. I personally gave up on that dream when I realized that the Jetsons' writers missed another big one: that the day after the first flying car was invented, lawyers would be lining up to file NIMAS lawsuits. Not. In. My. Air. Space.

Diane K. Danielson is a Cohasset resident who instead of holding out for a flying car has set her sights on a hybrid (with a GPS system and automatic everything) and she will just have to settle for pretending that it flies. For more of her random musings and other insights, visit her blog at www.womensDISH.com.

HEALTH NOTES

Weighing need for Shingles shot

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Shingles — an ailment that is associated with chicken pox, is usually accompanied by considerable distress. In addition to the bad rash, a case may involve severe pain, fever, an upset stomach, or headaches. But the pain from postherpetic neuralgia, the aftermath of shingles, can make life miserable for months, even years. You can't get shingles unless you've first had chicken pox. Currently, more than 90 percent of Americans have had chicken pox and about one in three will get shingles at some time in their lives.

If you have a new sharp irritation that you don't recognize, it could be anywhere, get it checked by a doctor immediately. most doctors can successfully stop the early onset of shingles if it's detected within 72 hours of onset.

Last spring a new vaccine, *Zostavax* was approved by the FDA based on a large clinical trial that showed it halved the risk of getting shingles. Even more important, it cut by two-thirds the risk of developing postherpetic neuralgia, which develops in about a third of the cases in people age 60 and over. However, with all the good reviews, the vaccine is not in widespread use for several reasons:

High Cost — Merck charges about $150 for the one-shot vaccine. In Cohasset, expect to pay as much as $300. Because Zostavax must be stored at a temperature of -5° F (-15° C), it's shipped frozen to points of distribution and most doctors who see adult patients don't store it or carry it. Generally, hospitals have set up centralized by-appointment-only Zostavax clinics, staffed by pharmacists.

Medicare D will cover flu, pneumococcal and hepatitis B, but it's up to each plan to decide about shingles vaccine, and considering the difficulty surrounding its handling it may be more nuisance than benefit. You'd be wise to contact the your primary care doctor to find about its availability in your specific case. In comparison, the standard flu vaccine costs between $11 and $15, and the pneumococcal vaccine, about $25. Traditionally, vaccines are one of the best health bargains out there — a low up-front cost that pays for itself many times over in averted sickness and early death. But vaccine costs are going up and the economics are no longer clearcut anymore. An analysis of Zostavax in the Annals of Internal Medicine has put it in the intermediate cost effectiveness category.

For people who have had shingles — the chances of getting another attack are extremely low. Accordingly, Zostavax probably won't help people who have had shingles.

Lack of urgency — Vaccines have traditionally targeted communicable diseases, so getting immunized has a social purpose: You're protecting yourself and others that you might infect with a contagious disease. People with shingles can infect others with the herpes virus that causes the disease (the result is chicken pox, not shingles). Still, shingles is less contagious—and far less lethal—than flu, measles, and many other diseases we get vaccinated for. One of the most impressive results from the Shingles Prevention Study that led to approval of the vaccine was the two-thirds reduction in postherpetic neuralgia.

Should you get the shingles vaccine? — Adverse reactions to the vaccine don't seem to be a huge problem. A small group of people get a rash around the injection site. It's a new vaccine and side effects may emerge as more people take it. Age is a consideration. The vaccine is approved for people 60 and over. The likelihood of getting shingles increases with age but the older you are the less effective the vaccine is against shingles. For many people the worst part of shingles is the pain from the postherpetic neuralgia that develops after shingles. Results from the clinical trial of the vaccine showed that it was actually more effective in preventing postherpetic neuralgia in people 70 or older than in those age 60 to 69.

Experts say once the immune system has been primed by shingles the vaccine doesn't accomplish much, especially in the years following an attack. But the shingles induced immunity may taper off, so depending on how long ago you had shingles there might be some value to getting the vaccine

Finally there's the cost to consider. If you want the vaccine you need to check whether it is covered by your health plan or Part D Medicare prescription plan first. Coverage is by no means universal. If you have to pay for it out of pocket, you may want to reconsider and take your chances.

Portions taken from Harvard Medical Review: www.health.harvard.edu

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Sleep well, my hero

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



A war hero died with little fanfare last week and I don't want to let him to go quietly because he was a particular hero of mine and several hundred thousand others who don't have the opportunity to put words on paper for all to see.

Paul Tibbetts was a general when he died but to me he'll always be Col. Tibbetts, the pilot of the B-29 called the Enola Gay that dropped the first atom bomb on Hiroshima, killing at least 70,000 people, but saving hundreds of thousands more.

There's a better than 50-50 chance that I was one of them.

FMF stood for Fleet Marine Force, the guys who jumped out of the LCIs and ran up the beach.

I was a radio-gunner on a PBJ Mitchell medium bomber attached to Marine squadron VMB 423 in a place called Malabang on the island of Mindanao in the Philippines at the time, preparing for the invasion of the Japanese homeland.

We didn't know when it was coming or what our role was to be because the Marines had a disquieting habit of raiding their Air Wing to find warm bodies for the FMF after a particularly bloody battle and this was right after Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

FMF stood for Fleet Marine Force, the guys who jumped out of the LCIs and ran up the beach. It was not a pleasant prospect to one who had spent the previous months dropping bombs on stranded Japanese in remote places like Rabaul and Kavieng.

The scuttlebutt was that there would be upwards of 800,000, maybe a million, casualties in the invasion of Japan, not counting the Japanese themselves, the same people who had fought to the death across the Pacific, even to the point of suicide.

The beginning of the end of all that came on the morning of Aug. 6, 1945 when Col. Tibbetts flew the Enola Gay over Hiroshima. Eight days and another A-bomb later, Japan surrendered and World War II was over.

In the 62 years that have passed since the bloodiest war of them all ended and the horrors of nuclear warfare have become apparent, attempts have been made to paint Col. Tibbetts as a villain who needlessly killed thousands of innocent women and children.

Those who are wont to rewrite history reported at various times that he was in prison or a hopeless alcoholic or driven insane by guilt over what he had done. Actually, he had done very well, rising to the rank of brigadier general in the Air Force, retiring in 1966 to take over an air taxi service and retiring from that in 1985.

"I'm not proud that I killed 800,000 people," he said. "We were at war. You use anything at your disposal."

The second sentence of his obit said: "He was 92 and insisted for six decades after the war that he had no regrets about the mission and slept just fine at night."

For the thousands of us who lived long and productive lives, I say, "Thanks and continue to sleep well, Col. Tibbetts."

STM articles explained

Articles going before voters at the Special Town meeting are the focus.

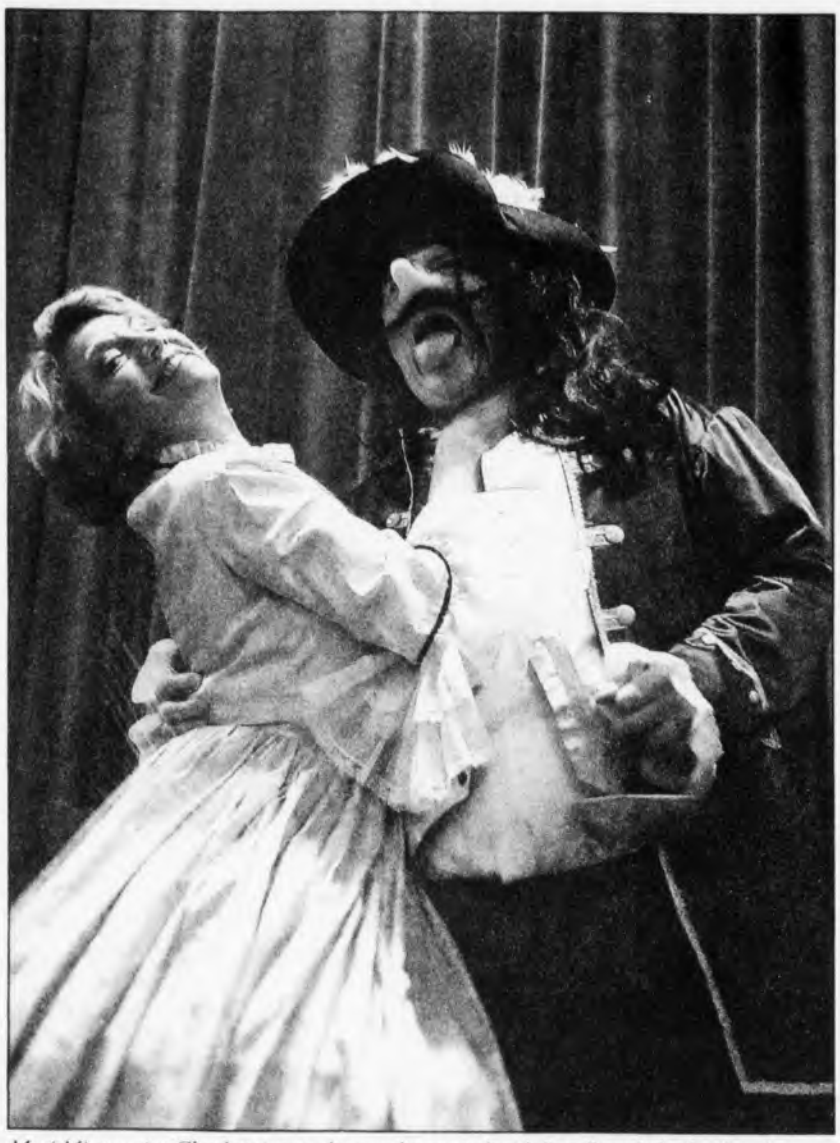
Local attorney Charles Humphreys details the article he authored for zoning changes to the Waterfront Business District.

Consultant Angus Jennings then joins the show to outline the Downtown Village Zoning article and its plans to create more mixed use in the village.

Finally, Andrew Willard of the Alternative Energy Committee presents information on how supporters can bring a free solar energy system to the town's library.

Tune in Monday at 9pm on channel 10.

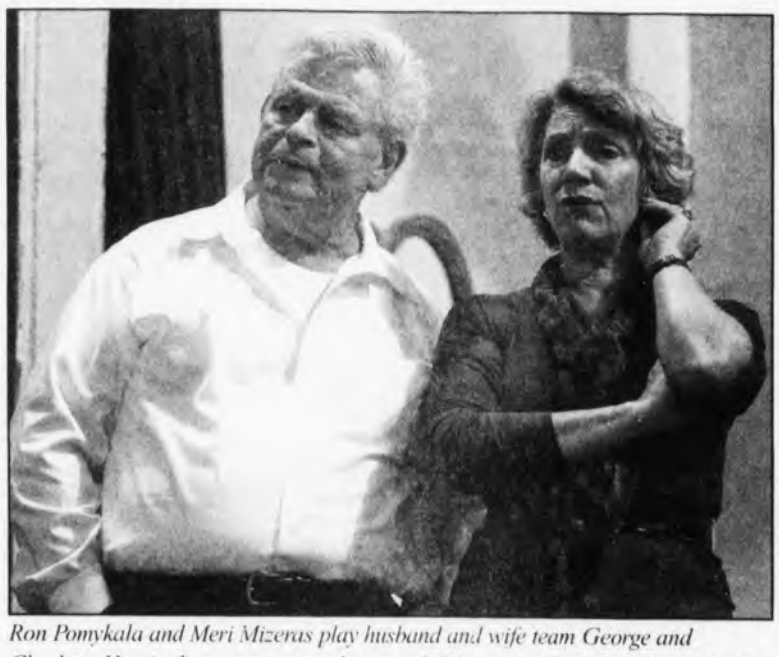
Our Town will be offering pre town meeting coverage starting at 6pm on channel 22 on Tuesday, Nov. 13. Tune in Cohasset and stay informed.



Meri Mizeras (as Charlotte) gets close and personal with Ron Pomykala (husband George). Mizeras and Pomykala are starring in the Cohasset Dramatic Club's upcoming "Moon over Buffalo" at Cohasset Town Hall.



Angela Paz, right, who plays Rosalind, shares a moment of joy with her grandmother, Ethel, played by Jean DiGiacomandrea. . For tickets call 617-697-2115.



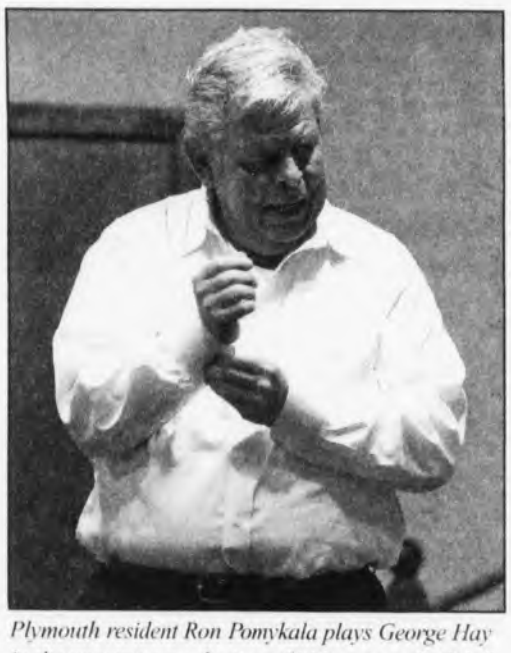
Ron Pomykala and Meri Mizeras play husband and wife team George and Charlotte Hay in the upcoming production of "Moon over Buffalo". The plot is full of misunderstandings, misplaced affections and missing persons.

Sidesplitting comedy takes Town Hall stage

Staff photos/Mark Gardner



Angela Paz as Rosalind with her stage fiancé Howard played by Scituate resident Terry Low. Performances at Town Hall are , at 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 9, and Saturday, Nov. 10, and at 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 11. For tickets call 617-697-2115.



Plymouth resident Ron Pomykala plays George Hay in the upcoming production of "Moon over Buffalo" at Cohasset Town Hall. The cast is made up of eight South Shore residents hailing from as far as Randolph, Plymouth and Middleborough and as close as right here in Cohasset.



Cohasset native Kurt Hochkeppel plays the role of Paul and Angela Paz (Scituate) plays Rosalind as part of the Cohasset Dramatic Club's production of "Moon over Buffalo," which opens in Cohasset this weekend. The comedy centers on the lives of George and Charlotte Hay, two fading repertory stage actors, stuck in a stop on their tour in thrilling 1950s Buffalo.

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At the Nov. 3 Climate Action Rally in the Hull Lifesaving Museum, Selectmen Gary Vanderweil and Fred Koed, holding the A in "ARE," joined Hingham and Hull Selectmen and other Hull officials to report on the town's progress and call on residents and businesses to join in cutting carbon dioxide to stabilize climate and sea level.

Cohasset represented at Climate Action Rally

Koed encouraged Cohasset residents to sign up for Green Start, an option on their National Grid bills. By signing up for Green Start, residents get their electricity from renewable energy.

During the storm on Saturday, a standing-room-only group of over sixty people gathered at the Hull Lifesaving Museum for the Climate Action Day Rally. Cohasset Selectmen Gary Vanderweil and Fred Koed spoke about the work of Cohasset's Alternative Energy Committee and Sustainable Cohasset to cut carbon dioxide and save money on fuel costs. Hingham Selectman Laura Burns reported on Hingham's efforts. The Hull Selectmen issued Hull's Greenhouse Gas Report and along with members of the Hull Planning Board, Light Board, and School Committee issued a call to action for residents and businesses.

Residents of all three towns were invited to attend the fall quarterly meeting of Sustainable South Shore at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 27, at First Parish Church, 24 River St., Norwell. The event was part of a National Day of Climate Action. Pictures of the Rally are available at www.StepItUp2007.org

Vanderweil noted Cohasset budgets about $850,000 for fossil fuels each year. He said there are two groups working on cutting fuel costs and carbon dioxide in Cohasset: the Alternative Energy Committee, which is responsible for the wind anemometer on Turkey Hill, and Sustainable Cohasset. He showed one of the cloth shopping bags that he had purchased from Sustainable Cohasset. He smiled, "Now my wife and I are learning to remember to take them into stores."

Koed encouraged Cohasset residents to sign up for Green Start, an option on their National Grid bills. By signing up for Green Start, residents get their electricity from renewable energy. Mass Technology Collaborative matches the added money on their bill to help the town purchase a photovoltaic array. He said that right now 30 Cohasset's residents are signed up for Green Start. The goal is to have 300 residents sign up by April 30, 2008, to obtain a 10 KW photovoltaic array for the library. The PV array would provide five percent of the library's electricity and reduce peak demand, thus increasing the savings. Koed added the Alternative Energy Committee is also investigating the feasibility of geothermal for the Town Hall, solar thermal and daylight sun pipes for the schools, library, and DPW, and Tornado FuelSavers for town vehicles. He also mentioned the 20-foot by 20-foot carbon cube built by Cohasset High School students to show residents the size of a ton of CO2.

Sustainable South Shore president Judeth Van Hamm invited South Shore residents to the fall quarterly meeting, scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 27, at Norwell First Parish Church, 24 River St., just off Main Street in Norwell, to share ideas with other South Shore residents about ways to cut carbon dioxide and fuel costs.

The Rally will be aired on Community TV. Watch for it.

Letters to the Editor

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Sandy Beach appreciates business support

To the Editor:

The Sandy Beach Association is a nonprofit organization that manages all beach operations including staffing, maintenance and insurance. The costs to manage the beach are significant and the association is grateful to each and every individual in town who donates to the annual fundraising drive. The association placed a full-page note thanking supporters in the Mariner several weeks ago.

In addition to these individuals there are many local businesses that provide the association with services, often at discounted rates, to help maintain the beach. The association is especially grateful to: Bill Cavanaro (Cohasset Collision), Doug Saleski Cleaning Service, Rosano-Davis, Vinnie Cogliano Plumbing, David Marks, Eagle Flag, Hassan Sign Company, Old Colony Locksmith, D.J. Richard Electrician, Fox Associates Graphic Design, Kevin Sneyd (Northeast Fence), as well as special recognition to Carl Sestito and the entire Cohasset DPW for their work to maintain the beach parking lot.

Sandy Beach is a town-wide treasure and on behalf of our town's citizens we thank these local businesses for their wonderful services.

Robin Lawrence
on behalf of the Sandy Beach Association

Planning Board support urged

COMMENTARY

Tom Callahan

FROM PLANNING BOARD, PAGE 10

development impact issues that fall under site-plan review. Thus, a combined process cannot be vested in it. With ZBA as SPGA, as now throughout most of our bylaw, the opportunity exists for it to simply ignore or disagree with the PB, whose site plan conditions are but mere recommendations. The ZBA's promise that it would not do so is all well and good. A proposed compromise that would add compel ZBA to do so is not a compromise at all — it is already what is required. However, conflict with the PB has occurred in the past and nevertheless should not be risked if one seeks any type of efficient permitting process. Without a guarantee that the conditions of the PB will become binding in a special permit, obtainable only when you have a combined site plan/special permit process vested in a PB, the Town is at risk for a poorly developed project or one that inadequately addresses all the impacts of that development.

7. To the ZBA's comment made that placing the SPGA power within the PB has the potential for creating a "czar-ship" with no ability to appeal, such a catchy statement is *loaded* with stunning legal inaccuracies resulting from either not knowing the law or a disingenuous obfuscation in order to keep its contrary "czar-ship". Whichever board is the SPGA, it is the sole authority on the special permit requested. Becoming a "czar" is always a possibility if a board acts irresponsibly. The ZBA simply wishes to keep the potential (or indeed actuality) of being that "czar".

8. Appeal rights are not changed under the village bylaw. Any special permit decision can be appealed to court by statute. That is the *sole* means of appeal now with the ZBA as SPGA and it will continue to be the *sole* means of appeal if the PB is SPGA. For those who think some check and balance is needed, what check and balance now exists on ZBA? The same as would with the PB – the court.

9. To the extent that the ZBA and others believe there now exists, or could exist, some town-level of appeal to ZBA if the SPGA is the PB, they are simply *wrong on the law*. There is no statutory authority for ZBA to act as a de facto appellate court in this context. Any attempt to vest it with such power would be overly burdensome, guarantee inter-board conflict, and be contrary to and in conflict with state law governing the appeal process.

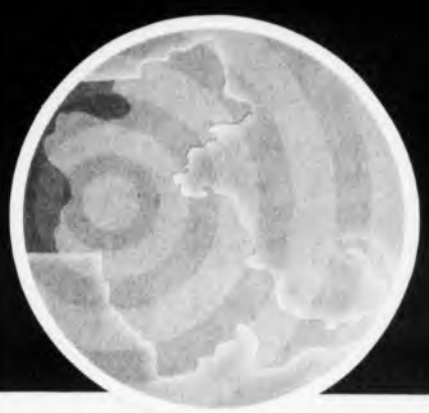
10. ZBA also argues that where Section 8 of our zoning bylaw (involving non-conforming lots and where it is SPGA) could still come into play, a two-step permitting process would still be required. Correct, but far overstated. Most, but not all, presently existing non-conformity would, in fact, be eliminated by this bylaw. Section 8's SPGA can likewise be either board. To comprehensively put all zoning issues into one site plan/special permit process, Section 8 should be amended to make the PB the SPGA for Section 8 issues that arise in the village. It is a simple amendment to accomplish, and I am prepared to offer it at town meeting.

Tom Callahan lives at 35 Hillside Drive.

New sidewalks slated for West Corner

The West Corner Culvert Replacement Project will give the intersection a whole new look. On top of the new culvert, the Hull Street, Jerusalem Road, Rockland Street intersection will be realigned. New sidewalk sections at the Jerusalem Road intersection and a completely new sidewalk on the Hingham side of Hull Street will also be incorporated.

When Selectmen made the decision to institute two new parking spaces for DiNero's Restaurant on the Cohasset side of Hull Street, they ran the chance of losing the area to a new sidewalk. Town Manager Bill Griffin told the Selectmen that was no longer a possibility. There will be no change to the parking situation on the restaurant side of the street.



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Staging area in question

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was allowed under the town's zoning bylaws was the first issue taken up. Attorney for Craven, Rich Henderson, said the contract to lease the land was a private contract between L M Holdings and the landowner.

"There is no municipal aspect," said Henderson, "it is not subject to the town, it's purely private."

The distinction was important to his argument because under the zoning bylaws the use of the property as a staging area was allowed in a residential district if the town or other governmental agency was operating the use of the property.

"It isn't being operated by the town, it's being operated by a contractor who happens to be doing municipal work," said Henderson.

But, when Egan had the floor he explained his thought process was the Little Harbor sewer and water project was a municipal project and because of that, the staging area was permissible in the residential district.

"Towns always hire a private contractor," said Egan.

In typical large municipal projects, like this one, the town requires by contract a staging area but does not provide one, said project manager Dan Coughlin of Coughlin Environmental. Coughlin's firm is overseeing the project on behalf of the town and its central office is located in the secure staging area.

"The contractor has to provide this area to the town and we are actively operating as agents of the town on the site," said Coughlin, adding the town does not provide a staging area because they do not know the exact needs of the contractor.

Some of the neighbors, including Craven and others, were frustrated with the lack of information available and provided to them, which indicated them the town was not operating the site. Paula Becker of 185 Jerusalem Road said she could not find out the duration or terms of the lease agreement between the contractor and the property owners, the Jenkins family.



COURTESY PHOTO

Staging for the Little Harbor sewer project in the Jenkinses' backyard as viewed from their rear deck.

"All we wanted was answers and a chance to be heard, not pavement, trailers, pipes, wire fencing basically a warehouse, a commercial entity in our residential neighborhood," Becker said. Other residents said as abutters they had a right to know if an abutting property was changing use.

Jean White of 190 Jerusalem Road, and the abutter closest to the staging area, said the staging area was unavoidable.

"It's necessary for all of us to live with. It's accessible and convenient to Little Harbor. We all have to put up with some form of inconvenience. To undo it now would cost the taxpayers so much money," said White. In fact, it will be the homeowners in the 485 to-be-sewered households in the Little Harbor district that paying for the entire project price of all $15.2 million.

"I wish we had a magic wand to accomplish this project without disturbances, but we don't," said Sewer Commissioner John Beck, adding he was happy to sit down with the neighbors to talk about the issues.

Owners of the property where the staging area is located, Leonora and Leland Jenkins, were present but did not speak at the meeting.

"It is the town municipal water and sewer project, the town's project manager on site, all the materials on the property belongs to the town. It's not a private project at all," said Leonora Jenkins, when contacted by phone Wednesday.

"By having the staging area here it benefits all involved—and paying for—the water and sewer project," said Jenkins, "the further you have to travel from the project the more disruption it is for the rest of the town not involved in the project."

ZBA Chairman Woody Chittick said the issue for the board came down to whether the staging area was legal or not under the zoning bylaws. The ZBA left the hearing open so the Planning Board could have the opportunity to have a hearing of their own and provide comments to the ZBA. A decision will be made at the next ZBA meeting on Tuesday, December 11.

Schools take on bullying

FROM BULLYING, PAGE 1

said Gill, "but we can't lose sight of educating the whole child. We need time and resources to do that...we need to keep reminding ourselves it's not all about test scores, these are real kids with real problems."

Important to recognize, said Chairman Rick Flynn, bullying is often the result of issues at home, "there's a lot that goes on there and there's responsibility there."

Member Alfred Slanetz said he would have like to see incorporated into the policy what was being done in the schools to change the culture and teach kids how and why they need to be respectful of other's differences. But, the policy was meant to put in place a straightforward definition and method to deal with bullying, administrators said. A definition that was needed, according to Osgood School Principal Janet Sheehan, who said when issues arose the lack of a clear-cut definition often made communication with parents difficult.

"This is perfect for you to deal with bullying," said School Committee member Adrienne MacCarthy.

Cohasset Library Trust to hold its first meeting

After a lengthy trip through the legal and legislative process, the Cohasset Library Trust is up and running. Created to protect and grow the Paul Pratt Memorial Library's endowment, the trust will hold its first annual meeting Tuesday, Nov. 20.

"We are blessed with a library that is truly at the center of town life," said Jane Goedecke, President of the Trust. "This treasure must be nurtured and protected. It is an investment in our future, so we must invest in its future."

Goedecke outlined different ways residents can help the endowment to grow. Gifts of $5,000 can create a named book fund to honor or remember loved ones and will earn the donor a place on the endowment donor wall, which will soon be installed in the library.

A brochure created by the trust describes pressures on the library budget: greater usage and a rapidly changing and increasing need for technology. At the same time, the library's share of Cohasset's annual budget has steadily decreased. Trust members are committed to improving library service by insuring funding that will "match the vision," according to Goedecke.

The Trust Board of Directors, appointed by the Library Trustees, in addition to Goedecke, includes Sheila S. Evans, Rodney M. Hobson, Linda M. Litchfield, Bernadette Faulkner, James T. McKenna, Sarah E. Morton, Brian M. Murphy, Christopher Oddleifson, Sarah R. Pease, John P. Reardon, Jr., Robert E. Riley, Deborah A. Shadd, Gordon M. Stevenson Jr., and Patience G. Towle.

BRIEFLY

Cable ascertainment hearing is Nov. 15

The Cable Advisory Committee is looking for public input on existing and potential future cable television service in Cohasset in preparation for contract negotiation with cable television providers in the upcoming year. They will hold an ascertainment hearing on Thursday, Nov. 15.

Town Manager Bill Griffin drafted a memo describing a few of the problems the town has experienced over the last few years with Comcast, including poor audio and picture quality of meeting broadcasts. Citizens are encouraged to attend to provide community input.

National Grid looking at trees

National Grid will be initiating a tree hazard mitigation program to remove or trim overhanging or hazardous trees along several town roads to lessen the risk of power outages over the next few months.

"Electrical outages are most often caused by nature, and, specifically, tree contact with our wires," stated Joan Callahan of coordinator for National Grid's hazard tree mitigation program.

Several streets have been identified as having a "chronic tree-caused outage problem." Those streets will be looked at for potential tree removal. The area includes Route 3A from the Scituate line to Pond St., Pond St., Spring St., Summer St., Elm St. and North Main St. from the village to the intersection of Jerusalem Road.

Both a certified arborist and the town's tree warden Andy Swanson will inspect the entire length of the above streets. Trees in poor condition and hazardous to the electric line will be identified and marked.

If the tree is on public property and scheduled for removal, Swanson will hold a public hearing as required by the shade tree law. If the tree is on private property, the owner will be notified in writing and will have to give written consent before the tree is removed.

Free legal clinic

Do you have a legal question or are you confused about a legal issue? The Bar Association of Norfolk County will sponsor a free legal clinic as a public service to the community from 6 to 8 p.m., Dec. 11, at Quincy District Court, 1 Dennis F. Ryan Parkway, Quincy Center.

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Virtual high school

Online courses available at CHS

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It is no secret computers are an integral part of our modern society. We use them for recreation, for work, for communication and now, at the Middle-High School, for education. This fall, students have had the opportunity to attend a "virtual high school" — online classes for high school students.

The program is ideal for Cohasset small size, which limits the number of diverse courses that can be offered. Right off the bat, the high school's course catalog increased by over 200 courses.

"Virtual high school offers students a platform for distance learning…students could potentially take a course not offered within Cohasset High School's four walls," says Principal Joel Antolini. This semester, 10 students are enrolled in varied classes including such as zoology, music composition, screen writing and AP Government and Politics — courses that piqued the student's personal interests and fit in with the student's educational goals.

Virtual High School, a non-profit collaborative consisting of schools, teachers and students, has courses for all different level students, including college-level advanced placement courses.

The virtual high school has its home base out of the high school library with library director Theresa Conroy acting as the site coordinator. The students do the coursework from one of the ten library computers during a set block in their schedule. Conroy says she adds a human side to the virtual environment and can help the students troubleshoot if they run into technical difficulty or simply have a question about the program.

Conroy had to take a four-week virtual high school course to become a site coordinator. Using the same platform as the students use now, she become familiar with the virtual classroom environment. At the start of the program the virtual environment overwhelmed some of the students because it is so different that traditional classroom work.

"The students did a good job acclimating to that environment," says Conroy. The web-based program, which requires a log in and password, includes elements of the classroom situation the students are familiar with. A discussion board simulates classroom discussion and multi-media elements intertwine with online reading and textbooks.

Being pioneers of the program, the students had to do some adapting to the web-based program and online courses. "I found it hard to get used to at first," says CHS junior Lily Simon, who is taking animal behavior and zoology this semester, "but now it's gotten easier, probably because I'm mostly enjoying it."

"The students can participate in discussions with kids throughout the world."
— Prinicipal Joel Antolini

Conroy says the courses involve a fair amount of independence on behalf of the student, which may not be for everyone. In the same token, she says it can build confidence in the student as they succeed.

Many high schools across Massachusetts and the globe are a part of the virtual high school halls. CHS senior Lindsey Blake has two students from Asia in her "101 ways to write an essay" course.

"The students can participate in discussions with kids throughout the world," says Antolini, giving kids the advantage of a global perspective that might not readily find within the high school walls.

The addition of virtual high school is a reflection of a more technology driven world. Involvement in an online learning environment will be useful both in higher education and the workplace, says Antolini.

"I think there is a potential for all high school students to take a course online before they graduate," says Conroy. The experience could prove invaluable down the line for students as online-based learning is becoming more prevalent at colleges and universities. Both Conroy and Antolini hope to grow the program in the coming years. Right now, the program is solely student-based, but there is an opportunity for CHS teachers to become Virtual High School teachers, which Antolini foresees down the line.

"There's a move toward technology based education, it's not to replace anything else, but just move forward," says Conroy.

The Cohasset Education Foundation, a non-profit local education fund, financed the virtual high school program through a grant to the Middle-High School. With the school's tight operating budget, the $15,000 yearly membership fee and the one-time $1,500 site coordinator training, would have been out their reach otherwise. The membership fee allows for 20 students to take advantage of the program.

CEF board member and chair of the grant committee Mary McGoldrick said the virtual high school program is an ideal fit for the organization. She said they look to support innovative programs, programs that integrate technology into the curriculum and impact a significant number of students.

Without the virtual high school program, McGoldrick says the enrolled students would be doing independent studies or having a non-academic block.



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This fall Cohasset High School students had the opportunity to enroll in online classes on the web platform Virtual High School. Junior Lily Simon attends to her online coursework in her animal behavior and zoology course.

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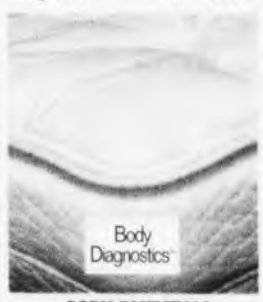
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The Cohasset field hockey team celebrates its dramatic 2-1 playoff win in penalty shots over Seekonk surrounding goalie Alyssa Mullin, center.

Wild, wild win

Skippers bow out of tourney after historic first round victory

By Joel Racicot
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Where do we start with this one? How does one possibly recap what happened last week at the South Sectionals for the Cohasset High School field hockey team.

First off, we can just forget about the 7-0 loss to Harwich in the quarterfinals of the sectionals for a moment and look back at Friday's historic 2-1 win over Seekonk in the opening round.

Harwich is really good, they won big and the second seeded Rough Ryders are already in the finals. But last Friday, Cohasset hosted one of the most exciting tournament games of any kind in its history when the Skippers won in four overtimes, including a pair of shootouts.

This one had it all.

Leading 1-0 late in the game Cohasset continued to play aggressive, not settling into its small lead. As the game winded down, literally seconds away from the win, Seekonk led an offensive attack and powered a ball into the circle where senior captain Paige Strecker defended. Strecker swung at the moving ball that ricochet away. She was called for a foul and with no time left Seekonk was awarded a corner.

"I said to myself 'this isn't happening'," said Deb Bostwick. "Then I turned to my assistants and said 'watch they are going to score'."

They did. Tie game 1-1.

"Paige felt terrible," Bostwick said.

Her redemption would soon come.

In the first overtime both teams played tight and neither scored, although Cohasset carried much of the play like it did for most of the game, according to Bostwick. In

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Sensational senior night

Skippers defeat Abington in final home game of season

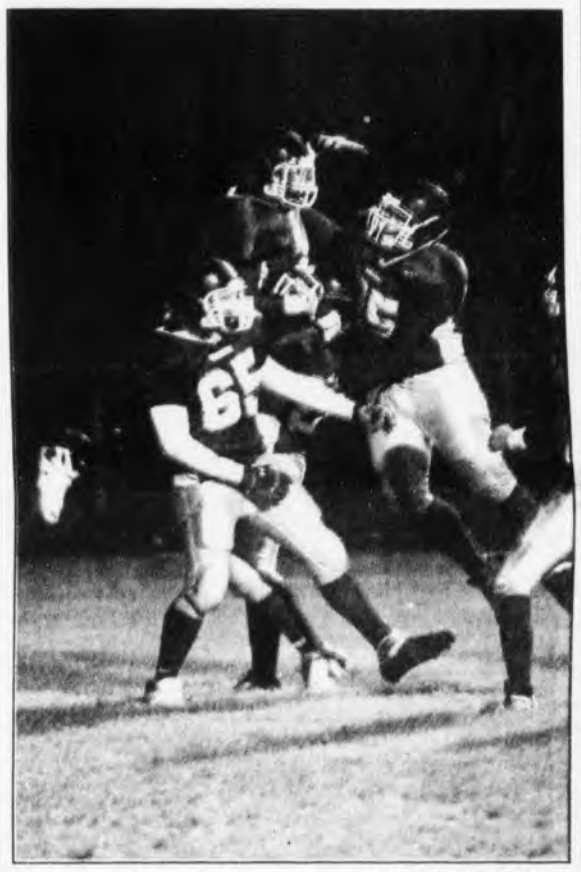
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Cohasset varsity football faced off against the Green Wave of Abington Friday night in its last home game of the season, the last for seniors. On their very own night, the seniors enjoyed an impressive 20-6 victory over the Green Wave.

Cohasset came out with some left over tricks in its bag from Halloween, and on the very first kickoff the Skippers attempted an onside kick to try and catch Abington off guard. Unfortunately, the plan failed and Abington started the game with great field position.

After quickly driving

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STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS SHORES

Cohasset players celebrate after a touchdown by Dana Valentine against Abington Friday.

Semi-tough showdown

Red hot Lady Skippers square off with unbeaten top seed Sacred Heart

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Immovable object, meet irresistible force.

The Cohasset girls soccer team swept through the opening two rounds of the state tourney in dominant fashion, topping Blue Hills and Ursuline earlier this week by a combined score of 10-1.

Amazingly, the Lady Skippers semifinal's opponent, Sacred Heart (Kingston), has bested its own first two postseason opponents by an even greater margin of victory, 13-3-- running past Case, 6-1 on Monday, and Cape Cod Academy on Wednesday, 7-2.

Sacred Heart has already surpassed this fall what those in Patriots-nation are now only whispering about in revered tones: a 19-0 season. With Wednesday's shellacking of Cape Cod Academy, the Saints stretched their mark on the season to a perfect 20-0.

Obviously, something has to give when these two high powered teams meet in tonight's semifinals showdown on Scituate High's new turf field (5 p.m. start). The only seeming certainty is there'll be a pretty high caliber of soccer played.

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Caroline Fein (9) fights for the ball in the first half of their playoff game with Ursuline.

Defensive day falls short

Boys lose heartbreaker to Hanover in final seconds

By Joel Racicot
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After successfully defending 15 corner kicks during its game against Hanover, Cohasset head coach Jim Willis turned to draw up an overtime game plan right before Hanover set to kick its sixteenth corner of the day, seconds before the end of the second half.

You can't blame Willis for his opportunistic coaching during the preliminaries of the Div. 3 South Sectional. The Skippers (18th seed) defense had stymied the home team all game. Lennart Brown moved from midfield to sweeper and played masterful, as he had done against East Bridgewater only a few weeks back. Evan Deutch, Matt Burgess and Ryan Crough along with goalie Will Wise turned away the 15th seeded Indians at every turn.

But there it was, with less than 30 seconds to play, the ball went up in the air and off the heads of two Indians before finding its way into the back of the Cohasset net.

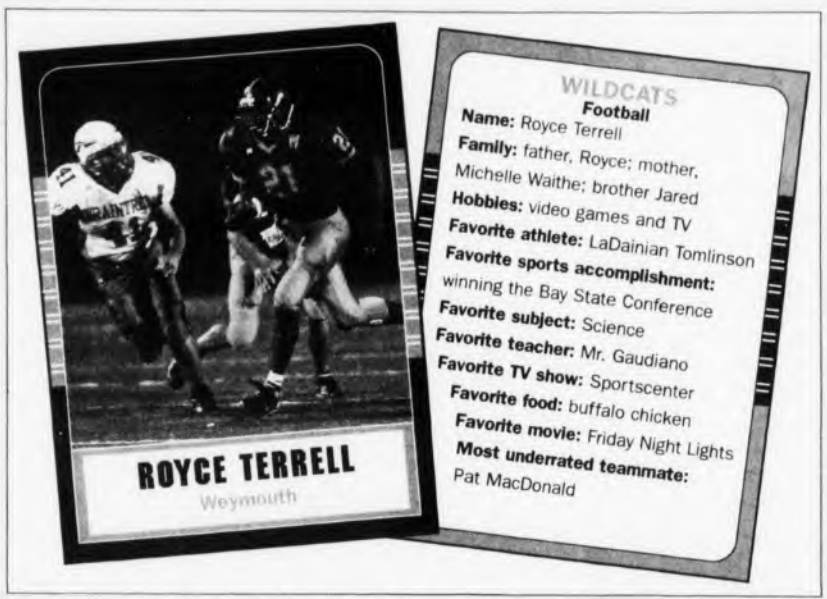
Hanover 1, Cohasset 0. Season over.

"When you play in the tournament you want to play good defense, bear down and hope the bounces go your way," Willis

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Nominees for the month of October are: Abington: Keith Faxon; Braintree: Joe Ponticelli; Cohasset: Sam Roth; Hanover: Mike Wheeler; Hingham: Meri McCann; Marshfield: Molly Shanley; Norwell: Cam Evans; Rockland: Corey McCauley; Scituate: Rosie Branton; Weymouth: Royce Terrell.

The Athlete of the Month for October is Royce Terrell of Weymouth. Terrell has gone over 1,000 yards in eight games, while leading the Wildcats to the Bay State League title and a playoff berth. He is ranked second in Division 1A with 16 rushing touchdowns.

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Ryan Mclellan, who is a freshman at Rochester Institute of Technology, and Nick Cambi, a freshman at Roger Williams College, both 2007 graduates of Cohasset H.S., were with their respective wrestling teams this past weekend at the Ithaca College wrestling Tournament.

Cambi named RWU Male Athlete of the Week

Freshman wrestler **Nick Cambi (Cohasset, Mass.)** has been named Roger Williams Male Athlete of the Week after his outstanding performance at the Ithaca College Invitational November 3 and 4. Cambi, who wrestles at 197 pounds, was one of only two freshmen to earn a berth in the tournament's final round.

Earning his place in the finals, Cambi defeated three opponents, including the 4th and 5th seeds, Alex Chianurashvili of NYU and Matthew Andrikut of the University of Southern Maine, respectively. Cambi lost in the finals to the 2 seed, Shawn VanWinger of TCNJ.

Head Coach Dave Kemmy describes Cambi as a strong and hard-working student-athlete with technical skill.

"He has quite a bit of potential," he said.

Cambi will represent Roger Williams again this weekend on the mat, as the Hawks hosts the 13-team Roger Williams Invitational on Saturday beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Wild, wild win

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the second overtime it becomes seven-on-seven and Cohasset went with a lineup of Strecker and Marissa Thomae on defense, and Kaleigh Teague, Sally Meehan, Olivia Kimla and Katina Martone with Alyssa Mullin in net.

"We dominated," said Bostwick, but to no avail.

The third OT meant a shootout. The first four Skippers missed and the fourth Seekonk player scored. This meant that young gun Lucy Noble had all the pressure on her shoulders heading into the final shot. She misses and Cohasset goes home.

"She is so steady and so technical," said Bostwick, justifying her decision to have her shoot last.

Noble rifled the ball in and now it was up to Mullin to get one more save.

"We mauled her (Noble) at the line," Bostwick said. "Then I told Alyssa, "do what you know how to do'."

She did saving the final shot.

Fourth OT and a new school record, as no team had ever ventured this deep into a game in the history of Cohasset field hockey.

This time it is sudden death. The same five go for Cohasset. Both Cohasset and Seekonk misfire on the first shot. Up steps Strecker.

"She looked at me and said 'coach do you want me to go weak side'," Bostwick said. "I said 'no, just do whatever you have to do to put that in the net'."

She did, putting the pressure on the Seekonk shooter.

"She totally redeemed herself I was so proud of her," Bostwick said about Strecker.

Mullin made a waist high lunging stick save on the Seekonk attempt (not a simple task) and Cohasset was the winner.

"It was just outstanding," Bostwick said.

Chrissy Kent, Kate Durant and Lauren Mack kept the bench alive during the whole ordeal.

"They were so focused on keeping everybody pumped," Bostwick said.

SPORTS NOTES

Learn to skate at Pilgrim Rink

The Learn to Skate Program starts Saturday, October 27, 2007 and runs thru March 2008 on every Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This program is an hour of open ice provided for children who are novice ice skaters.

Parents are encouraged to join and teach their children how to skate. The program is held every Saturday at Pilgrim Arena, rink A from 11:30 to 12:30. There is a $50 annual registration fee required for all children in addition to a weekly fee of $5 (no charge for parents). The maximum registration fee is $100 for families with more than two children participating in this program. Helmets and gloves/mittens are required for all children (no one is allowed on the ice without skates please). Additional padding for elbows and knees are recommended. You can register any Saturday at rink A from 11:20 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. starting Oct 27.

Turkey shoot is November 18

A fun family afternoon is planned at the Scituate Rod & Gun Club off Route 3A (near the Cohasset line) Sunday, Nov. 18, from noon to 4 p.m.

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Defensive day falls short

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said.

Cohasset nailed two of those three staples to success as they allowed Hanover to control most of the offensive play while moving a pair of players from front to back helping the defense. The conservative play calling opened up in the final 10 minutes of the game, a plan Willis thought gave his team its best chance at winning.

After preparing for Westport for two days, Cohasset found out it would play Hanover after a team had put an extra win on its totals, wreaking havoc on the brackets.

Willis was proud of the way his team handled the game plan change and impressed with the way they executed under duress.

"They played awesome, they worked their butts off all game," Willis said.

The offense did get a share of chances in the second half thanks to the solid play from Sam Roth, Mike Grimm and Ivan Sceery. They were more or less stuck up front to do most of the offensive duties with a pair of mates moved back on defense. They made a valiant attempt, but never broke through.

"They play in a very good league," Willis said about Hanover. "We knew it was going to be a tough game."

Roth finished the season with 13 goals and 5 assists leading the team in scoring. Grimm finished second with 8 goals and 6 assists. Sceery scored 8 goals. Wise ended with a 1.55 goals against average. Both Roth and Grim were named to the South Shore League All-Star team.



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Cohasset's Mike Grimm (7) goes up for a header in the first half of its 1-0 loss to Hanover.

Sports Notes

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Sensational senior night

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down the field, Abington was unable to get the ball into the end zone on third down and was forced to try a field goal. Abington also had some tricks in its bag as they tried a fake field goal run.

Cohasset wasn't having it and easily stuffed them in the backfield.

Cohasset looked primed to play and on the first set of downs senior captain Kyle Pinkus broke free for a 50-yard run. Once again though, things were not going Cohasset's way, as the run was called back on a block in the back penalty. Cohasset would be forced to punt and the first quarter would see no score.

The Skippers' defense looked completely different during the Green Wave's next drive as they forced them three and out. Cohasset once again made a simple error that almost cost them dearly. After coming inches away from blocking the punt, senior captain Sam DeGiacomo was called for running into the kicker.

Abington took full advantage of its new life and once again began to drive down the field. On a fourth and one, Abington's Steve Perakslis scrambled and found room for a first down. Then on a third and seven, Abington completed a 21-yard catch down into the red zone.

Then Cohasset's defense turned it on.

Senior P.J. McCaw sacked the quarterback on a huge hit. Then on a fourth and five from the Cohasset 11-yard line, Abington yielded to kick a field goal and decided to go for it. The pass was thrown into the end zone and batted down by Cohasset to force a turnover on downs.

"Our boys played the best football they've played all season," said Cohasset coach Pete Afanasiw about the 6-2 Skippers. "The (defense) played with tremendous intensity and passion unlike what I've seen in other games."

Although the first half contained no scoring, both teams came out right away and put some points on the board. In their first drive of the third quarter, quarterback Dave Snowdale completed a long catch and run to McCaw all the way down to the 15-yard line. After a false start on Cohasset, Snowdale hooked up with senior Mark Flibotte on a 20-yard touchdown pass, putting Cohasset up 7-0 after the extra point.

On the next Abington possession Cohasset forced a fumble and appeared to have jumped on it, but the call was Abington ball. The Green Wave went on for a 10-play, 66-yard scoring drive.

Once again Abington was feeling tricky, and went for the two-point conversion. After receiving the handoff, the halfback jumped up, lobbing the ball over the linemen. Despite the effort the Cohasset defense held strong.

Cohasset's sideline stirred with excitement.

On the kickoff, Brendan Doonan received the ball and returned it 75 yards to the Abington 10-yard line; setting up a five-yard touchdown run by fellow sophomore Dana Valentine. The extra point was blocked this time and Cohasset's lead was 13-6.

As the fourth quarter went on, Cohasset had the ball with less than three minutes left in the game. After a handoff, Abington forced a fumble. Snowdale dove on the ball without hesitation and came up with it after the pile had been dislodged. Despite this, the referees signaled Abington possession at the Cohasset 30-yard line.

On the next play following the lost fumble, the Skippers rush defense forced a bad throw by Steve Perakslis and sophomore John Maher intercepted the pass.

On a third and three, senior tight end Kenny Muir caught a pass for a first down right on the sideline, barely staying in bounds. Cohasset added one more punch as Snowdale broke a quarterback keeper for a 43-yard touchdown run to seal the win with just over a minute to play.

Cohasset Football Notes

For a number of years, Cohasset's Alumni Field has been nothing but a house of horrors for the Green Wave, and Friday night the nightmare was kept alive as the Skippers threw a wrench in the Green Wave's postseason plans by taking the 20-6 win.

"It's absolutely huge," head coach Pete Afanasiw said of the win. "These seniors can walk off the field with their heads held high knowing they played their hearts out on the field they have known since they were little kids. I'm happy for those 12 seniors because they earned it."

Doonan's kick return proved vital.

"It was absolutely huge because it gave us some breathing room," Afanasiw said. "That was a great job by Brendan and the entire kick team to open up some holes for him."

Nick French contributed to the CHS Football Notes

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Red hot Lady Skippers square off with unbeaten top seed Sacred Heart

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"We're just all really excited right now," said veteran Skippers coach Deb Beal, following Wednesday's win. "The girls were really clicking (Wednesday) and played with an incredible amount of fierceness and competitiveness. When we play like that, we can compete with anyone."

Of course, the Sacred Heart girls aren't just anyone. The Lady Saints embarked into this postseason as the top seed in the Div. 3 South standings. The Lady Skippers, now 15-3-2, were awarded the fourth seed in the 19-team field, and had little trouble in dispatching 13th seeded Blue Hills, 5-0, and 12th seeded Ursuline, 5-1.

Beal, who will be coaching in the first semifinals game of her 10 year career tonight, is not talking like the coach of an underdog.

"Sacred Heart has to contend with our speed, our passing and our overall game," said Beal. "We played a very tough non-league schedule, and I think that gave us the confidence to play with everyone. I looked at Sacred Heart's schedule, and no one they played really jumps out at me."

Beal actually went out and caught the first half of Sacred Heart's game on Wednesday, as it started at 2:30 p.m., more than two hours before the start of the Lady Skippers game. Unfortunately, the Saints scored four goals before the game was nine minutes old, making it tough for Beal to get much of a read on how they defend or contend with pressure.

The coach arrived back at Cohasset High around 4 p.m. to the sight of her charges getting loose on the field and the Ursuline bus pulling into the lot.

"That's when the butterflies started going a little," admitted Beal.

She then added with a laugh: "You know, the girls have the easy job. They get to go out and play. I get to worry about the next opponent and every little thing. But that's exactly the way I want it. The girls have worked hard to get to this point. If they just play their game with confidence, I like our chances."

Cohasset senior Meg Anderson got her coach breathing a little easier 2:30 into Wednesday's quarterfinal tilt, as she ran onto a ball just over the 18 on the right flank with room to settle it, did so and quickly blasted home a winner.

Anderson returned to action just before the start of the tourney after being shelved for over a month with mononucleosis. Beal reports the senior has been slowly getting her wind back, and sounded nearly as thrilled over this goal as she did the win itself.

"Oh, it was just so great for Meg to get that goal that I can't even describe it," said Beal. "It's so important that Meg and Anna (Hagerty, the only other senior on the team) play well in these games, because their next one could be their last.

Sweeper Sammi Lehr got a rare scoring chance five minutes later, as Beal picked her to do the honors on a direct kick from just outside the 18. The strong-legged junior made her coach look like a genius, as she lofted her shot over the wall and just inside the far post.

The coach said she made the choice based on the success of Lehr in the post-practice contests several players hold to see who can hit the cross bar from long distance. Of course, the coach's resolved was also helped along by the fact Lehr buried a re-start shot from almost the same spot in a win two weeks ago over Scituate.

"Sammi has definitely shown the most on shots like that, so she was the logical choice," explained Beal. "She doesn't get the recognition she deserves on this team, because so many people talk about the scorers, so that was definitely nice to see."

It was one of those high profile scorers who extended the Lady Skippers lead to 3-0 eight minutes before the halftime break. Junior Tory Hart ran onto a well-served pass from the end line by fast-emerging freshman Caroline Fein, and chipped it home from six yards out.

The Lady Skippers seemed to grow a little complacent after that, according to Beal, and a rare push the other way turned quickly into an odd-man rush and a goal on hung out to dry keeper Johanna Brophy 2:30 before halftime.

"That's always a big no-no to me, giving up a goal in the first five or last five minutes of a half," said Beal. "That's when you see a lot of teams not into the game or letting down a bit, and so you see a lot of goals scored."

Beal figures that put her charges back on their collective heels a bit to start out the second half. Fortunately, the defense held it together until the Hart girls teamed up to get the Lady Skippers back their three-goal cushion in the 58th minute. Junior Tory sent a pretty cross into the box and freshman sis MacKenzie finished like a seasoned vet.

Another freshman, Fein, put the final nail in Ursuline's coffin a minute later, with the elder Hart again notching the assist.

After this, Beal dropped back junior standouts Maggy McGoldrick and Sarah Coggins, both South Shore League all-stars, to bolster the defense, which served to pretty much scuttle Ursuline's all-out attack.

Skippers 5, Blue Hills 0

Not much suspense in this one either.

Red-hot Tory Hart scored three times, which gives her five goals in her last three contests.

Hart finished on a McGldrick pass six minutes in to get the ball rolling. Four minutes later, Sara Coggins created space on the left side of the box and drilled a low shot across the goal into the far right side, Christine Coner getting the assist.

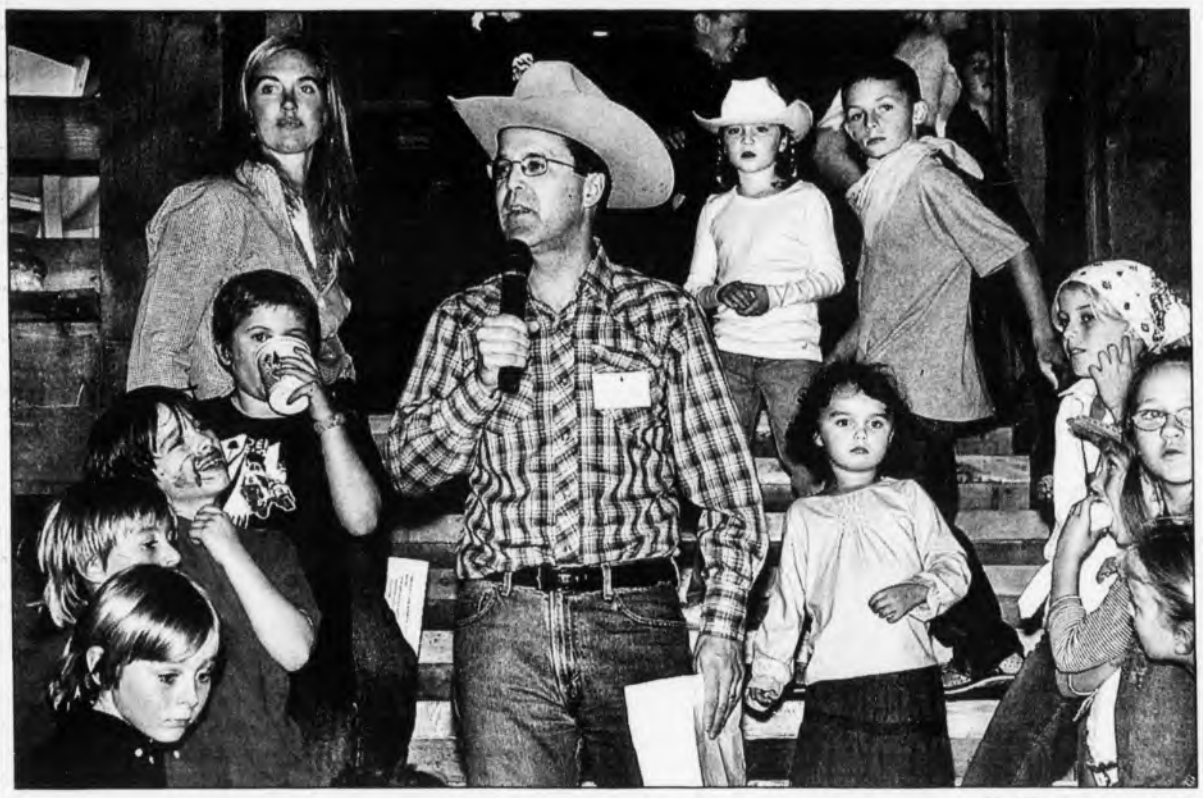
Hart made it 3-0 in the 26th minute, running onto a Coggins cross. She was not done, though, as her pea from 25 yards out in the 38th minute sent the host Lady Skippers into the break with a 4-0 lead.

Freshman Danielle Sookiasian, a recent call-up from the JV team, pounced on a short rebound with 20 minutes to play and tucked it home to close out the scoring.

Girls soccer sectional semi-finals Cohasset vs. Sacred Heart At Scituate High School Tonight, 5 p.m.



SCHOOLS



COURTESY PHOTO/AMY OSTEN

CEF President Chris Oddleifson addresses the crowd and announces this month's CEF annual appeal during last Friday's Barn Bash at the Red Lion Inn. For more photos, see page 23.

CEF Barn Bash tops the charts!

It was a game that left both the team and spectators on the edge of their seats, as the game entered into two scoreless sudden death periods.

The Cohasset Education Foundation hosted its first Family Barn Bash Friday, Nov. 2, at the Red Lion Inn. Hundreds of adults and children came out to enjoy the live music, square dancing and excitement of the evening. This event wouldn't have been possible without the continued support of the Cohasset community. The CEF would like to thank Gerd Ordelheide, proprietor of the Red Lion Inn for the use of his beautiful barn and all of his generous support with the event. CEF would also like to recognize Doug Eymer, for his creative genius and guidance with the CEF designs and logos.

Jim Armstrong and his band, The Armstrong Brothers filled the rafters of the barn with their music and song. Shannon Lynch and students from Cohasset, Ana and Thomas Buckley performed with the Armstrong Brothers at the Barn Bash. The Red Lion barn was festooned with plants from the Village Greenery, pumpkins and gourds donated by the ASP organization and opulent floral arrangements provided by Patty Gillis and Kathy Giuggio. Amy Osten of Osten Photography took family photographs of guests sitting on hay bales in front of a beautifully decorated wagon.

Raffle prizes that evening included a complete clambake for six people donated by Jakes Seafood Restaurant, tickets to a Boston Bruins hockey game donated by the Englander family, a Lilly Pulitzer barn coat from E.A. Davis of Wellesley donated by the Skolnick family and an iPod Nano donated by the Schubert – Matheison family.

The CEF sponsored this family event in celebration of the tremendous support it has received from the community since their reemergence a year ago. The CEF has raised over $446,000, which has been divided into their Project Fund account and Endowment account. The Barn Bash marks the kick off to the CEF annual appeal, which will be mailed out to Cohasset residents this month. For more information on the CEF, visit their Web site at www.cohasseteducation.org.

Field hockey game was awesome

LIFE AT CHS

CHRISTINE KENT



Hey everyone!

First of all, what an incredible weekend of high school sports! Last Friday, the varsity field hockey girls competed in their first tournament game against Seekonk. It was a game that left both the team and spectators on the edge of their seats, as the game entered into two scoreless sudden death periods. Then continued into penalty shoot outs were both goalies were like FREAKS OF NATURE (a compliment) as they saved shot after shot. Paige Strecker scored the winning penalty shot, setting off an explosion of excitement and celebration. Unfortunately, the Harwich game was not as victorious, loosing 8-0. However, players and fans alike will always remember one of the most exciting contests ever played by a Cohasset team, at least in this decade!

On a different note, if you find yourself wondering what the perfect gift is this holiday season, then rest assured, the following idea is a great alternative to itchy sweaters and talking toys! In addition to presents you might be buying for friends and family, why not consider a donation to a nonprofit organization that helps to better the lives of those in need.

Here's one opportunity you might want to consider: Thanks to the guidance of two Cohasset teachers, Ms. Noble (who spent her summer in Mali working with the local orphanage) and Mrs. Gordon, the middle school has opened the window of opportunity for those willing to help out a great cause. Starting on Tuesday, Nov. 13th, a collection box will be available to drop off summer and spring clothes, cotton blankets as well as money for newborn babies and young kids around the age of 3 who live at the Centre d'Accueil et de Placement Familial, an orphanage in Mali, West Africa. The money donated will enable the purchase of infant scales and antibiotics. Be proactive, by giving the best gift a person could ask for, a helping hand.

Why not make a difference this holiday season by donating to a cause that's important to you? Whether it is to the orphanage in Mali, or something else, show how thankful you are, by putting a smile on the face of someone in need.

Now, for the week's top stories:

- Monday, Nov. 5: The Spinnaker staff started to make preparations for the Thanksgiving issue…coming out Nov. 19!
- Tuesday, Nov. 6:: To be or not to be, that is the question, at least for those involved in the drama workshop, which takes place in the auditorium.
- Wednesday, Nov. 7: The girl's varsity soccer kicked off in their second tournament game, proving once again their awesome skills. Also, the first quarter comes to an end, meaning just three more to go!
- Thursday, Nov. 8: Yearbook time, hopefully all seniors have handed in their write ups!
- Friday, Nov. 9:: The beginning of a much needed long weekend! (Happy Birthday Abby!)

Make a difference!

Make-a-Difference Day is a national day of volunteering in its 16th year. It has long been a tradition at the Osgood School to participate and this year, the Deer Hill School will be holding its second Make-a-Difference Day. Make sure to mark in your calendars the following information so that you and your family can take part and Make-A-Difference here in town. Get ready for Nov. 17/18th, when students of both Osgood and Deer Hill families alongside other community members, will be working in teams to help with fall cleanup for some of Cohasset's elderly residents. Volunteers will rake, pull down storm windows, change outdoor light bulbs and remove window air conditioners. These are wonderful opportunities for the whole family to Make-a-Difference. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact Patty Cunningham at 781-383-1378.

Youth Drama Workshop at middle-high school

Cohasset MHS Arts Boosters is pleased to announce a unique enrichment opportunity for Cohasset High School students: Youth Drama Workshop.

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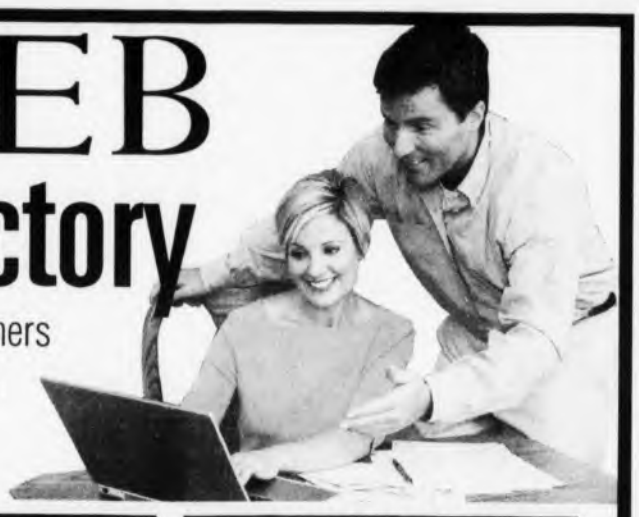
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First Parish welcomes Jim FitzGerald

Jim FitzGerald has joined the staff at First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Cohasset as interim director of religious education. Since 1997, FitzGerald has worked as a sexuality educator/trainer at Planned Parenthood Mohawk Hudson in upstate/central New York. While at Planned Parenthood, he co-advised Teen View, a peer education program consisting of 20 middle school and high school students. Using their own personal experiences as teens, Teen View members create their own interactive theater skits to be performed with community audiences on a variety of issues facing teens.

It was Planned Parenthood's connection with area Unitarian Universalist congregations that ignited FitzGerald's interest in being involved with Unitarian Universalist congregations. Over the last five years, he linked his theological studies with his work as a sexuality educator and partnered with Unitarian Universalist congregations on topics related to sexuality and spirituality. FitzGerald holds a master's degree in educational psychology from The College of St. Rose in Albany, N.Y., and a master's degree in theology and ethics from Hartford Seminary in Connecticut.



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From his arrival at First Parish in mid-October, FitzGerald has expressed a ready enthusiasm for meeting parishioners of all ages to discern how the religious education program might grow and expand to meet the needs of this faith community. This has begun. In his formal introduction to the congregation during the worship service on Sunday, Oct. 28, FitzGerald asked everyone under the age of 18 to stand. He addressed them with these words: "To the children and youth of First Parish standing, I promise that during my time here at First Parish, I will make your religious education my first priority. In me, you will find one who will never judge you, b always honor the person you ar I will never cease in cheerin you on to be the person you wer created to be." He continue with promises to parents, care givers and guardians of childre as well as to teachers, youth group leaders and the entire con gregation. His remarks conclud ed with a prayer borrowed fron the Buddhist tradition:

May we all be filled with lovin kindness
May we all be well
May we all be peaceful and a ease
May we all be happy.
Namaste, Blessed Be, Amen.

FitzGerald and his partner, Jaimy, relocated from upstate New York to the Boston area this past summer, when Jaimy accepted a new position as an environmental educator/naturalist at the Boston Nature Center. As a progressive Catholic, FitzGerald serves on the board of directors of Call to Action, a national Catholic organization dedicated to peace and social justice. Begun in 1976, Call to Action has worked for greater dialogue on controversial issues with other faith traditions as well as the secular community. In the spring 2008, FitzGerald will augment his work at First Parish by coordinating Call to Action's efforts to promote dialogue on a variety of issues within Catholic circles such as abortion, stem cell research and same sex marriage. While rooted in the Catholic tradition, FitzGerald believes that every person must be encouraged and supported in finding their personal spiritual path.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

The Rusty Skippers play holiday songs inside First Parish during the Cohasset Village Fair.

First Parish ready to usher in the holidays

A trio of holiday events is featured during Cohasset's Village Fair on Saturday, Dec. 1st from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Parish House of First Parish Unitarian Universalist, 23 North Main St.. Holiday shopping is easy and affordable when your gifts are to be found at the Estate Sale, also known the ReUUsable Sale, from fine china to antiques, from gently used jewelry to once loved toys — all ready and waiting to be wrapped and laid under a tree or a menorah or enjoyed by you. If you would like to donate something to the sale — not including computer equipment, stuffed animals, or clothes other than winter coats and baby clothes—please phone the church for donation instructions (781-381-1100).

New amid the offerings of this year's event are Silver Star ornaments. Proceeds from the sale of these ornaments will benefit Wellspring, the non-profit multi-service agency based in Hull and providing support and skill development for those among us facing challenges in our financial, physical, or emotional well-being. Purchase a silver star and help us all shine brighter.

Also new this year is a Gingerbread Fantasia. Come with your young ones and decorate gingerbread people to adorn your holiday table or to admire briefly and then savor.

At 11 a.m., head to the Meeting House, where the Rusty Skippers will perform their Holiday Pops Concert. Get into the holiday spirit with tunes that include "Sleigh Ride," made famous by the Boston Pops, and a selection from Tchaikovsky's "Nutrcracker Suite." This year's concert will feature vocalist Lily Sestito. The concert is free and friendly for all ages. A good will offering will benefit the Cohasset Food Pantry. Formed in 1995 through the inspiration of the late Rev. Ed Atkinson of First Parish Unitarian Universalist, the Rusty Skippers perform under the direction of Steve Biagini, instrumental music director at Deer Hill School. You can also enjoy the Skippers at the lighting of the town tree on Friday, November 23. Rusty Skipper performances are funded in part by the Cohasset Cultural Council.

On Sunday, Dec. 2, at 3 p.m. bring your dogs and cats and hamsters and bunnies and more for the Annual Blessing of the Animals in the First Parish Meeting House. Last year two alpacas made a grand entrance at benediction time. This is a community event, and all animal friends are welcome — live, stuffed, or photographed. Please ensure that the live ones are house-trained and leashed. Come and share the blessings!

Come share the holiday festivities! To learn more about the happenings at First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Cohasset, phone 781-383-1100 or visit www.firstparishcohasset.org, or come by the Parish House and pick up a newsletter.

OBITUARIES

Gertrude C. Murray

Gertrude C. Murray, 91, of Cohasset, formerly of Belmont, died Nov. 2, 2007.

Wife of the late Bernard C. Murray, she leaves her children, Richard B. Murray and his wife, Joanne, of Santa Fe, N.M., and Susan Whitney and her husband, Daniel, of Scituate; her daughter-in-law, Rachel Murray of South Hampton, N.H.; and her grandchildren, Josh Messina, Jesse Murray, Ryan, Colin and Sean Whitney, and Austin and Matthew Murray; and loving remembered by Barbara Murray.

She was the mother of the late Michael Murray.

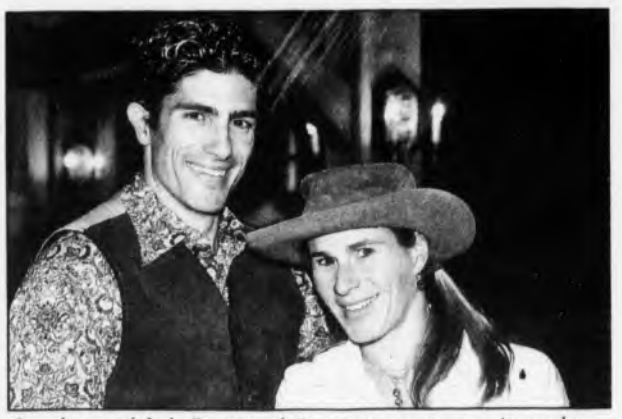
A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. Arrangements were handled McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Memorial donations may be made to Home for Little Wanderers, 271 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02115.

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The Armstrong Brothers Band and guests, Joe Armstrong; Shannon Lynch, guest singer with the band; Bill White, square dance caller; Thomas Buckley, Cohasset student and guest musician; Bill Holbrook; Gerard Armstrong; Ana Buckley, Cohasset student and guest performer; and Jim Armstrong.



Jonathan and Judy Stavis in their country western attire at the Barn Bash.

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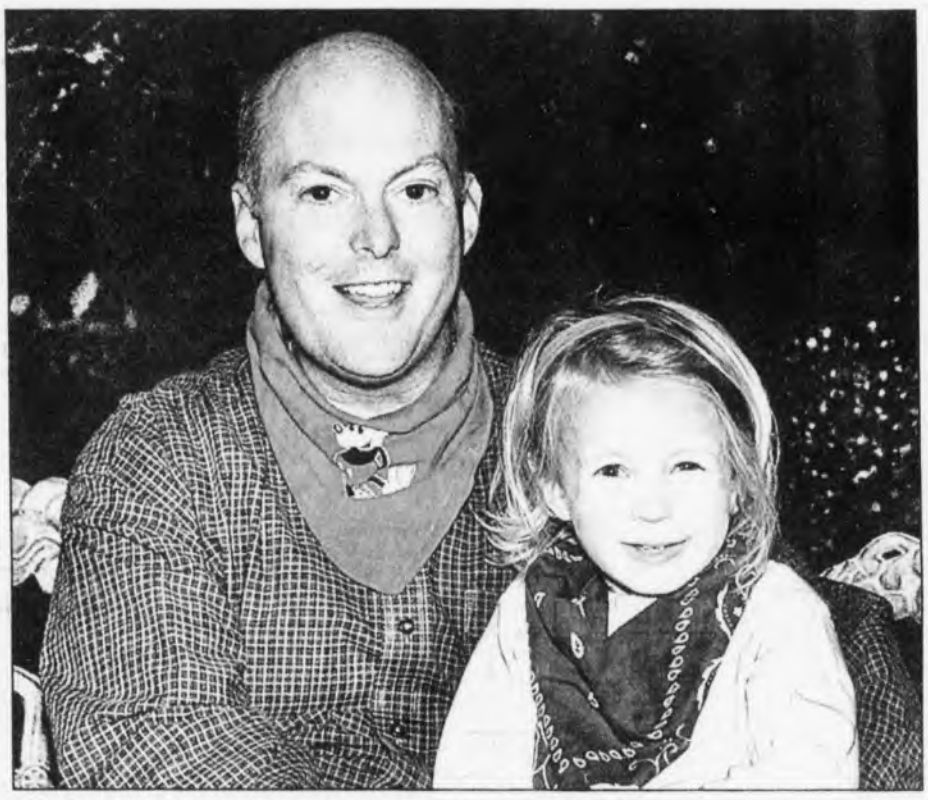
Barn Bash kicks off annual appeal

The Cohasset Education Foundation hosted its first annual family Barn Bash Friday, Nov. 2, in the barn at the Red Lion Inn. Hundreds of adults and children showed up to enjoy the music from the Armstrong Brothers and live square dancing. The Cohasset Education Foundation is a privately funded nonprofit organization, which supports programs that enhance, enrich and maintain excellence in the Cohasset public schools.

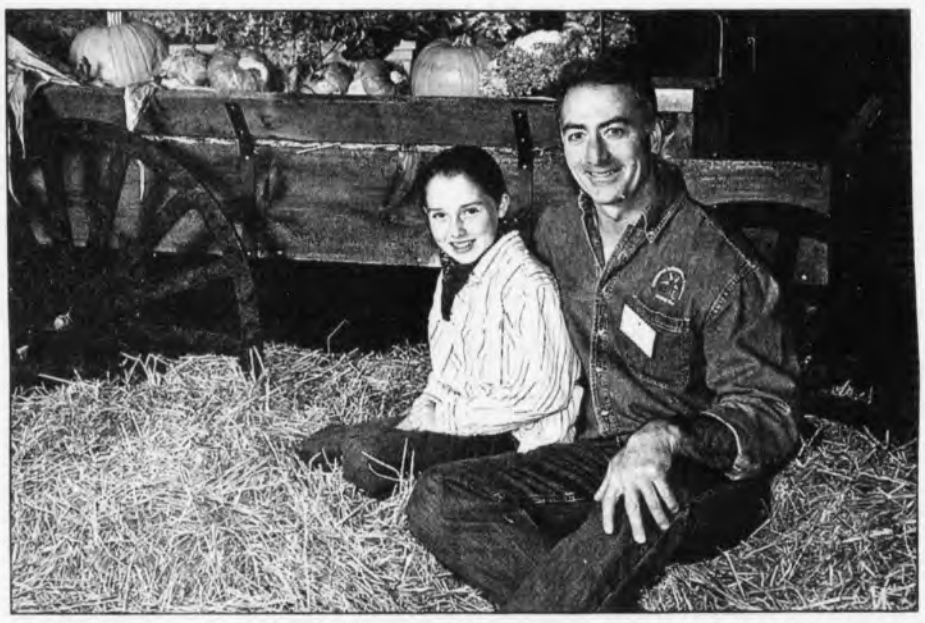
The party was a kick off to the CEF's annual appeal, which will be mailed out this month. The goal of the CEF is to ensure that Cohasset students, teachers and administrators are provided with the programs, materials and up-to-date equipment necessary to maintain a level of academic excellence in today's compelling environment.

To date the CEF has raised over $498,817 in cash and pledges. More than $100,000 has been disbursed from the CEF Project Fund to finance approved grants for projects in all of the schools. The CEF's Endowment Fund currently holds over $180,000. They hosted this event in appreciation of the continued support of the Cohasset community. For more information, visit www.cohasseteducation.org.

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Tucker Glavin and his daughter, Paige, came out to support the CEF.



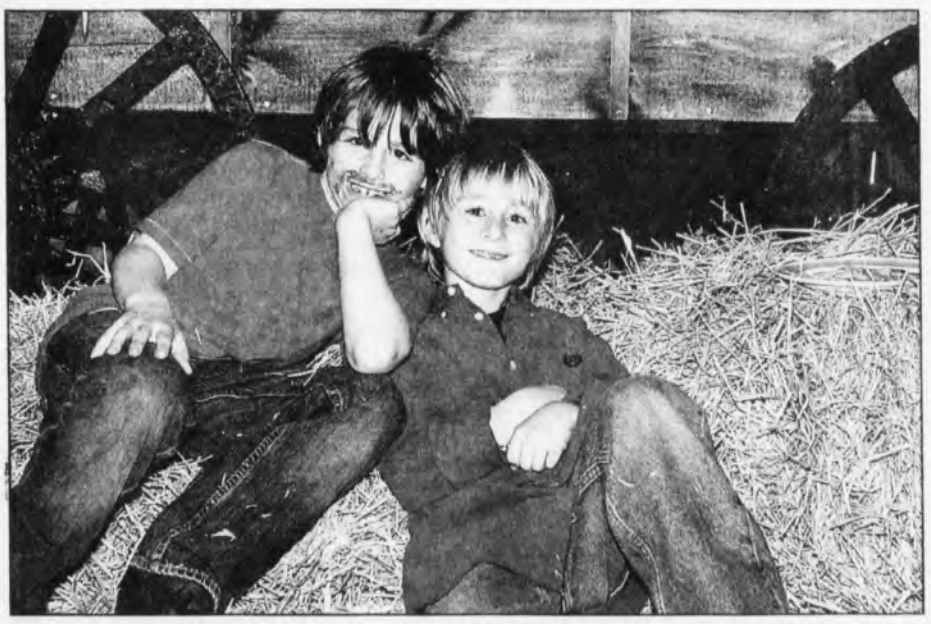
CEF Board Member, John Dunn enjoys the CEF family event with his daughter, Kerry.



Dan Varney listens to the music of the Armstrong Brothers Band.



CEF Board Member, Pam Wilson takes in the action with Kelly Lynch and Nora Speer.



Will Englander and Michael Slanetz take a break from square dancing.



Junior Committee Member, Olivia Blackburn puts on her cowboy hat at the first annual CEF Barn Bash.

get AWAY

Ski Report - What's New in the Mountains of New England

Tim Jones
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

It was the worst of times, it was the best of times (sorry Charles Dickens). Last year's ski season started with warmth – and no snow – and ended with the best snowfall, and some of the best ski conditions ever in March and April.

Everyone's hoping the weather won't be big news again this year. What certainly is big news is the demise of the giant American Skiing Company and new owners for Sugarloaf and Sunday River in Maine, Attitash in New Hampshire, Mount Snow, and Killington and Pico in Vermont.

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New capital is flowing into these resorts as the new owners improve their facilities. Given the horrendous start to last year's season, it's not surprising that energy-efficient compressors, snow-guns and groomers are tops on everyone's shopping list. In fact, Attitash, Bretton Woods, Killington, Sugarbush, Sugarloaf and Sunday River all started making serious snow for the season in late October.

New lifts, trails, base lodges, slopeside villages, spas and health clubs will come about thanks to the new owners, but all take years of planning and construction. We'll see the results down the road. But other projects that have been ongoing for years are now producing results.

New Hampshire

New owners and/or operators will eventually mean change at Attitash (Peak Resorts), Ragged Mountain (RMR Pacific) and Loon Mountain Resort (Boyne USA). But what you'll see already at Loon, in Lincoln, is that after more than a decade of planning and permit processing they are finally opening three new runs – two groomed trails and a new glade – with two new lifts as the first phase of their expansion onto 2,450-foot South Peak.

Though the slopes at Bretton Woods in Bretton Woods are going to look pretty much the same this year, the off-slope experience is changing with a new 25,000-square foot spa and health club and 30,000-square foot convention center attached to the elegant Mount Washington Hotel. You'll see it rise before your very eyes as the season progresses, and it should be open in late 2008.



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Skiing at Stowe

Vermont

Four resorts have new owners in Vermont this season: Killington and Pico (Powder Corp.), Mount Snow (Peak Resorts) and Bolton Valley (Redstone). All will have much-needed upgrades before snow flies.

But the biggest and most visible changes are at Stowe, which is looking brand new – at least Spruce Peak where they've replaced slow lifts with new high speeds, added a new gondola to connect the Spruce base with Mount Mansfield across route 108, and created some new trail configurations. Stowe is also smack in the middle of building a complete new base village, including a base lodge and a huge slopeside hotel. The base lodge should be on-line in December while the hotel will open later in the season.

Believe it or not, there's a brand-new lift at Mad River Glen, where nothing is ever supposed to change. But traditionalists needn't worry. It doesn't look like a new lift. MRG spent $1.5 million this season to fully restore and refurbish their iconic single chair. You can enjoy the same 45-minute wait in line for the 11-minute ride to the top in glorious solitude.

Maine

Both Sugarloaf and Sunday River were purchased in August by Boyne USA. The hotels are being spiffed up, new carpet lifts have been installed for beginners, and there's more snowmaking.

But the biggest change in Maine is at Saddleback, where new lifts and a beautiful new base lodge opened last season are transforming this once-forgotten old warhorse. If you've never skied Saddleback, you've missed some of best terrain in New England.

Massachusetts

Cruise out to Jiminy Peak if you want to get a glimpse of the future at ski resorts. On top of their hill, they've installed a huge new wind turbine, called The Zephyr, which will generate a full 1/3 of the electricity used by this humming resort. It looks like a moving Brancusi sculpture and, in its own way, is as beautiful and practical as Boston's Zakim Bridge.

OFF THE RADAR

One of the best things about New England skiing is the sheer diversity. If you only ski the big-name resorts with high mountains, high-speed lifts and high-ticket prices, you are missing some of the best.

Here are samples of some favorite smaller areas you may never have visited.

Whaleback Mountain (Enfield, N.H.; 603 448-1489; www.whaleback.com) is already open for skiing and riding, sort of. In late October, they started trucking in ice shavings from local skating rinks and using them to lubricate their brand new Jib Park where skiers and snowboarders grind rails and other urban-style hits on snowboards and twin-tipped skis. Great fun if you are under 25 and still on Mom and Dad's health insurance.

Burke Mountain (East Burke, Vt.; 802-626-3322; www.skiburke.com) is about to go mainstream with lots of new slopeside lodging. Get there now, while it's still quiet. You'll love the terrain and the views.

Magic Mountain (London derry, Vt.; 802-824-5645; www.magicmtn.com) is the best-kept secret in southern Vermont. If you like challenging terrain and no crowds, don't miss it.

Black Mountain (Jackson, N.H.; 800-475-4669; www.blackmt.com) and Berkshire East (Charlemont, Mass.; 413-339-6617; www.berkshireeast.com) are ski areas that time has forgotten. The lifts are slow, but the prices are reasonable and the terrain is great.

Cannon Mountain (Franconia N.H.; 603-823-8800; www.cannonmt.com) is always cold, often icy, but is the biggest, most challenging and least crowded mountain close to Boston.

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Where the Mountains Meet the Sea

Stephen Jermanok
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

IN NEW ENGLAND

Ride the double chair to the top of Maine's Ragged Mountain this ski season and you'll soon understand the allure of the Camden Snow Bowl. The smell of early morning powder is overpowered by a blast of salty mist from the sea. Yes, this Maine ski area is the only spot in America where you can carve your turn and look at an expanse of ocean.

Below is the rock-strewn harbor of Camden, a favorite anchorage of yachters in summer but in winter only visited by fishermen haling in their catch of shrimp. Beyond the town are the emerald green Penobscot Bay Islands and the mountains fronting the lone National Park in the northeast, Acadia.



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Even the lift has sea views at Camden Snow Bowl.

The Snow Bowl's proximity to the Atlantic means the weather can be iffy. The fog rolls in and snow turns to mush. A nor'easter whips by and suddenly you're gleefully skiing in a blizzard. When the ski gods are with you, expect to share the mountain with local kids, dropped off by mom and dad; and couples who want a good dose of outdoors before settling back into one of several nearby, historic B&Bs.

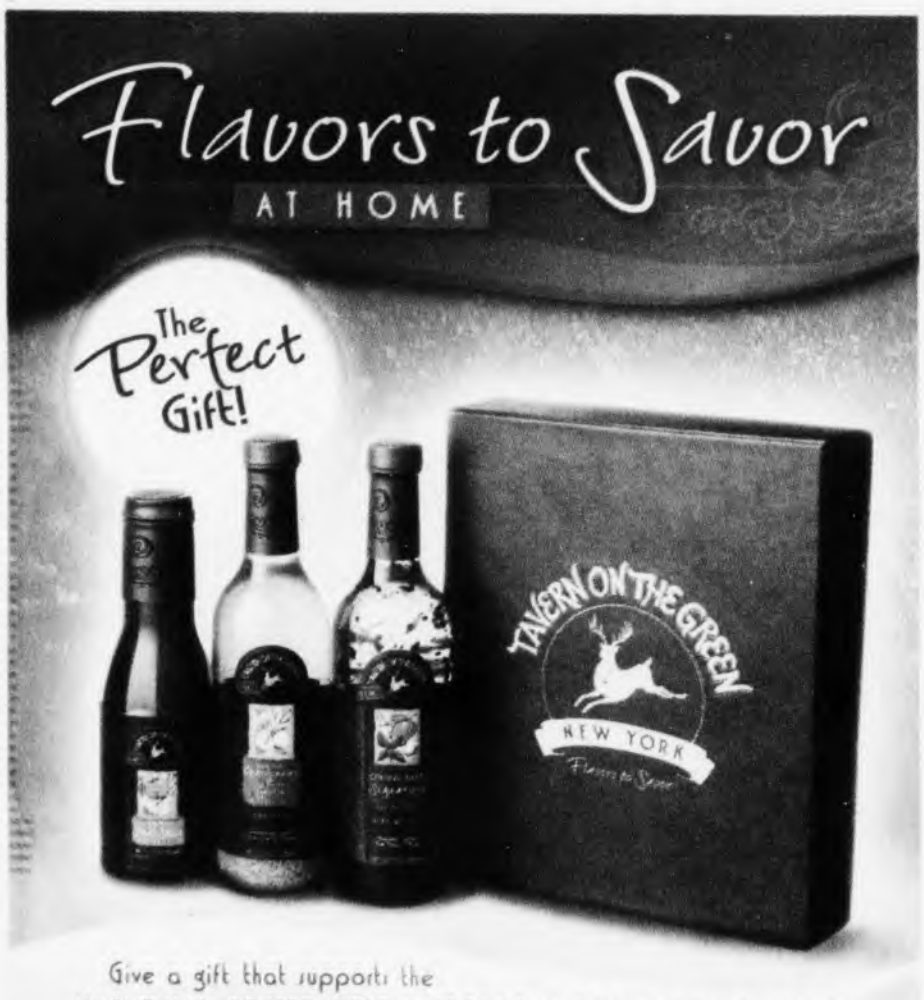
With only 40 skiable acres and a vertical of 950 feet, the mountain is one of the smallest in New England – on par with Suicide Six in Vermont or King Pine in New Hampshire. Most of the 11 trails are deemed intermediate, perhaps to give the Mainers a feeling of accomplishment.

The Clipper slices through the pines down the front face for that stellar ocean view, while Upper and Lower Spinnaker are nice easy cruisers on the outer perimeter.

Shredders have one run called Mussel Ridge. If you yearn for steeps, take off the skis and go sledding. Perhaps the real reason Maine's oldest ski area is still around and operated by the town recreation department is the Snow Bowl's 440-foot long ice-coated toboggan chute. Originally built in 1936, this narrow track will have you shrieking as the toboggan drops off the side of Ragged Mountain at 30 miles per hour and glides halfway across Hosmer Pond.

Unwind afterward with a warm cup of chowdah washed down with a Maine microbrew.

Camden Snow Bowl (207-236-3438; www.camdensnowbowl.com) is a 3 1/2-hour drive north of Boston. Lift tickets cost $14 to $30.



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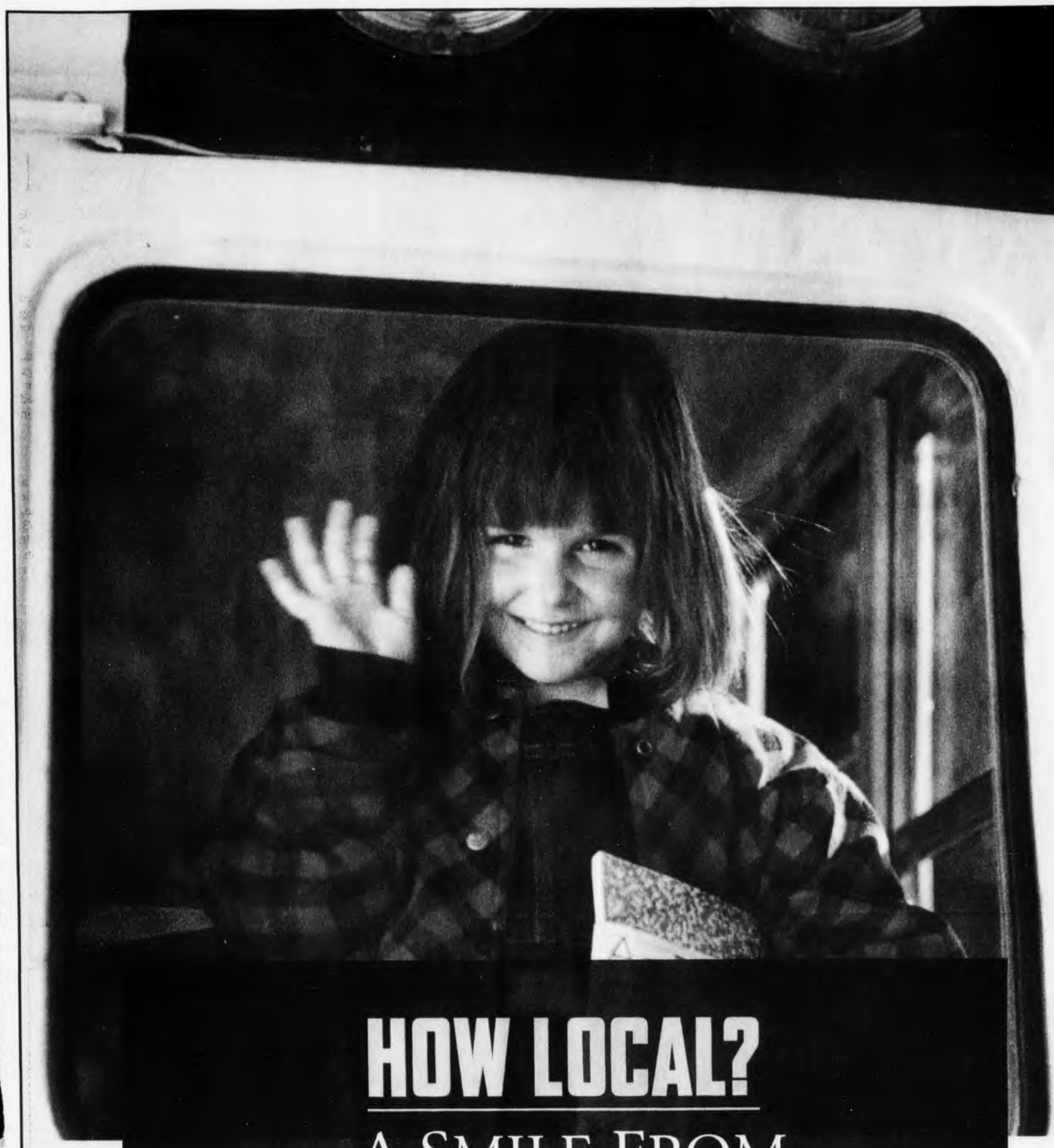
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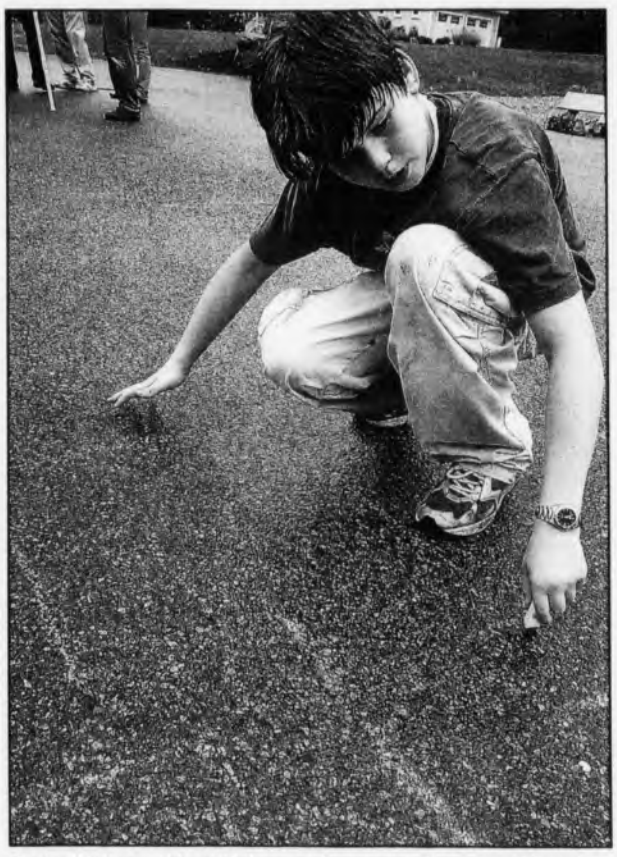
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Sidewalk celebration Forest Avenue neighbors get together



Nikki Federle, 9, of Cohasset puts spokes on her wheel during the sidewalk party at Surry Drive. Festivities included a bike-decorating contest.



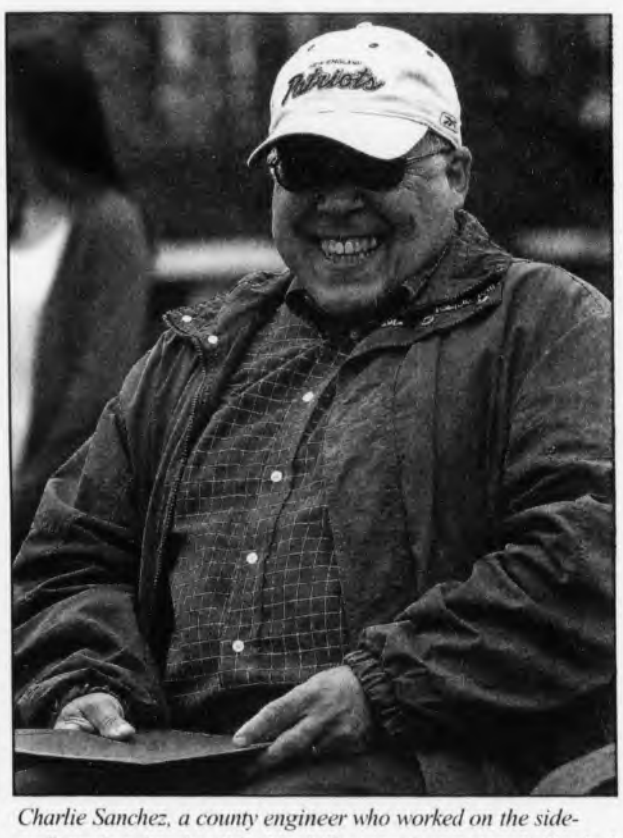
Colby Williams, 11, of Cohasset draws out a hopscotch board on the street during the sidewalk celebration at Surry Drive.



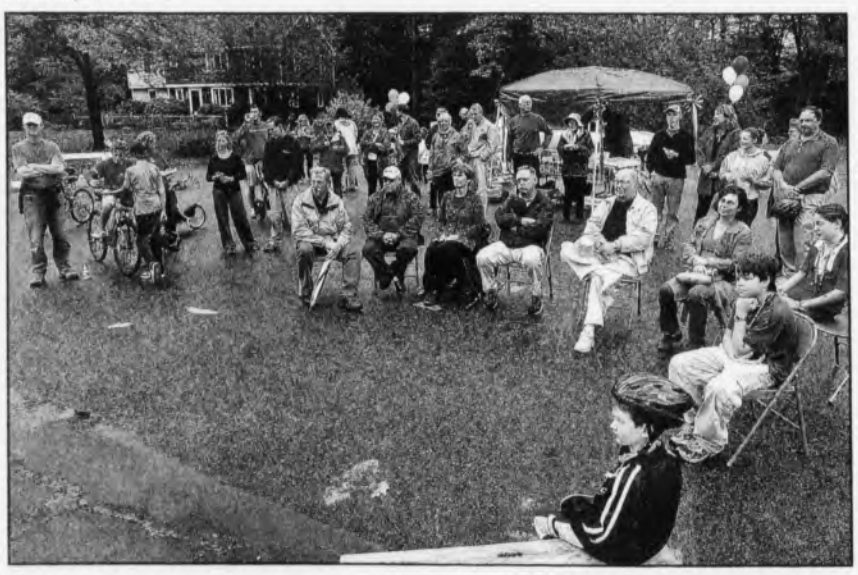
Jonathan Kripke, 6, of Cohasset outlines the feet of his cousin, Holly Van Etten, 6 1/2, of Cohasset during the sidewalk party on Saturday (Oct. 27)



Dick Avery gives a hug to Trish Morse after receiving the Unsung Hero Award for helping keep Forest Avenue beautiful during the "grand opening" of the new sidewalk.



Charlie Sanchez, a county engineer who worked on the sidewalk project, laughs while Mark Brennan (not pictured) thanked everyone involved in the project.



Left: Neighbors along Forest Avenue gather at Surry Drive on Saturday (Oct. 27) to celebrate the sidewalk that will allow them to move along the length of the street safely linking a community that was previously disjointed. The entire roadway was also improved.

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Right: "Hedda" looks up and is a moment away from smacking a kiss on Sue Barry of St. Paul, Minn., who was putting a bandana on the Baumgarten family dog during the sidewalk party.

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Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Nov. 11

8 a.m. — Circle Ministry in the Parish House/Atkinson Room — Group led by Bill Baird & Kirk Jackisch and meeting 2nd & 4th Sundays)

10 a.m.—Worship in the Meeting House — "Armistice"

Religious education classes for toddlers, children and youth and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 AM in the Parish House. Our children will craft gifts for a First Parish son who grew up in this congregation and is now serving in Iraq.

Refreshments and fellowship follow the morning service and RE classes.

11:30 a.m. - RE Committee for Children & Youth

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Welcome to You and Unitarian Universalism and to First Parish UU — An Overview, Discussion & Brunch for New & Prospective Members

Come and discover who we are and what we're about—as Unitarian Universalists and as First Parish in and beyond Cohasset. This gathering is the first step in the membership process. While it doesn't obligate you, it does prepare you to receive the "right hand of fellowship" during New Member Sunday on November 18. Our minister will be joined by representatives of our Membership Committee, leading us in conversation and story. Childcare is provided.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church invites families and residents to join us this fall. We are an open, welcoming, Christian community dedicated to caring for all people, both near and across the world. For information on us go to www.ststephenscohasset.org or to learn about the Episcopal Church go to www.ecusa.anglican.org.

Highlights of our parish life include:

- "Godly Play" Christian education for children ages three through grade 5.
- Jr. High and High School youth groups , adult education, Bible study, book group
- Outreach to the hungry, homeless and those in prison
- Monthly luncheon for seniors
- Fellowship and fun; music
- Environmental ministry; weekly yoga and meditation group

This week at St. Stephen's:

Sunday, Nov. 11: Services at 8 am and 10 am. Church school at 10 am

Monday, Nov. 12: Veterans Day, office closed; 4 pm Christian meditation

Wednesday, Nov. 14: 9:30 am Healing Eucharist; 10:40 am Bible Study

Friday, Nov. 16: 9:30 am Yoga

Saturday, Nov. 17: 7:00 am Bible Fellowship; Workshop on multiculturalism and anti-racism, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.. Free and open to people of all faiths.

Sunday, Nov. 18 : Services at 8 am and 10 am. 9 am Youth Group meeting.

To contact us: Stop by at 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset (We are the church "on the rock." Enter during the week at office around back) or call 781-383-1083, or email cwood@ststephenscohasset.org.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am. These services will be held every weekend for the rest of November.

Saturday Nov. 10th – 9 am KIDushat Shabbat – preschool-age children.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.

Click on CohassetCares.com







Check out this month's Parents and Kids November issue

Greater Boston's Guide to Smart Parenting



One in 12 children in the U.S. has special needs tied to one or more physical challenge, sensory disorder, hearing impairment, or developmental delay. Find out the latest on special needs education and advice on how and when to share private information about your child with special needs. Plus holiday features on toy shopping for differently-abled children and manners 101 just in time for Thanksgiving.

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Legal Notices

MCELWAIN ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Norfolk Division
Docket No. 144952T18
Notice of Fiduciary's Account

To the persons interested in the estate of J. Franklin McElwain late of Cohasset, in the county of Norfolk.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the **5th – 10th (being the 32nd –37th)** account(s) of Horace S. Nichols and Grant H. Gray as trustees (the fiduciary) under Article 7 of the will of said deceased for the benefit of W.H.M. Talbot, has been presented to this Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Canton on or before the **21st day of November, 2007**, the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account (s). If you desire to object to any item of said account (s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, FIRST JUSTICE of said Court at Canton this 9th day of October, 2007.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11507741
Cohasset Mariner 11/9/07

To Place A Legal Ad Call Mary (781) 433-7902

POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, OCT. 22

1:03 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

1:05 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:57 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:27 a.m. **Pond St.**, parking complaint, the assistant principal reports there is a vehicle parked at above location – ongoing problem.

7:52 a.m. **James Lane**, animal complaint, walk in party report black lab not on leash running loose, chasing children.

9:50 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle violations.

10:02 a.m. **Hill St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:15 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:29 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, hazard, caller reports there are two dark colored vehicle parked on the sidewalk and people are having to walk in the street to go around these vehicles.

12:51 p.m. **Kings St.**, suspicious activity, caller reported a party came into her store and asked what type of items they sold.

1:06 p.m. **Garden Rd., Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

2:14 p.m. **Ridge Top Rd., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle violations.

2:50 p.m. **Depot Ct., and North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:45 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

7:55 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:45 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

9:50 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

TUESDAY, OCT. 23

12:55 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, officer report building appears secured. There are line painters at above location for about another hour.

12:56 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:17 a.m. **Highland Ave.**, suspicious vehicle, officer reports vehicle parked at above location – interior light on – no one around it.

10:18 a.m. **Sohier St.**, vandalism report, caller reports someone or some kids took a permanent marker to the playground and wrote inappropriate things.

10:47 a.m. **Meeting House Lane, Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:42 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller reports a motorist backed into his motor vehicle.

2:06 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, lost property, caller reports two kid's bicycles have been left on her property for a few days now and they do not belong to her or any of her neighbors.

2:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, stolen property, walk in party reports his trailer has been stolen from the above location.

2:55 p.m. **North Main St.**, notification, speed board has been posted across from this location.

3:01 p.m. **North Main St.**, notification.

3:17 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, downed tree, National Grid notified with a priority 2.

3:19 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, power outage, caller reports all of Nichols Road has no power. National Grid notified.

3:59 p.m. **Sohier St.**, fire, training.

5:49 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, downed tree, received several calls, tree across the road at above location.

6:34 p.m. **Hingham,** fire, training.

7:54 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint, clerk at store reports vehicles parked all over.

9:23 p.m. **S. Main St.**, officer wanted, caller stated that she just returned home and the front door was unlocked. Caller wanted officer to walk through with her. Officer reports the wind may have blown door open. Everything appears fine inside.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24

1:20 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:20 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

6:58 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:37 a.m. **Hull St.**, animal complaint, caller states "he just came face to face with a rabid coyote." The coyote is headed towards Lambert's Lane. The caller was concerned for school children at bus stops.

8 a.m. Weather: Cloudy, light wind, 62.

8:38 a.m. **Stockbridge St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:44 a.m. **Pratt Ct.**, missing child, 911 caller hysterical on 911 reports that her 9-year-old son is missing from home. He stayed home sick from school and was on the couch and now he is not there. Child has been located, he did end up going to school and has spoken to his mother. All units clear.

10:01 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop. One male is custody for operating after license suspension. Arrest: Robert V. Whelan, 12 7th Ave., Scituate. Charges: Operating motor vehicle with suspended license (2 counts).

11:18 a.m. **Elm St.**, fire, 911 caller reports she has a fire in her kitchen. Problem with the stove, units are clearing.

12:56 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports someone has left a damaged BMW behind the building by the dumpster. The BMW has tinted windows and some damage to it. Female has returned to get her vehicle, units clear for the time.

1:30 p.m. **Hillside Drive**, warrant services, male party in custody at this time. Arrest: George David Proctor, 17 Hillside Drive, Cohasset. Charges: WMS warrant.

3:18 p.m. **Elm St.**, fire – public assist.

5:08 p.m. **Norman Todd Rd., and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:17 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, B&E (past report), walk in party reports her vehicle was broke into and radio was taken, this occurred at above location.

6:09 p.m. **Sohier St.**, fire, training.

7:49 p.m. **Pond St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports inside odor of gas. All company investigating. Slight odor of gas. Command reports gas company on scene.

10:08 p.m. **Elm St.**, assist citizen, caller is from Connecticut, is upset that her husband has not contacted her, he is staying at above location. Male party has contacted home – everything is fine.

10:58 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:59 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

THURSDAY, OCT. 25

12:20 a.m. **Deer Hill St., and Sohier St.**, building checks.

12:33 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

7:45 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, suspicious activity.

8:37 a.m. **Elm St.**, transport prisoner.

11:24 a.m. **Arrowwood Rd., and Clay Spring Rd.**, motor vehicle crash/roll over. Callers report a trailer truck roll over. Units are reporting this occurred at about 10:30 a.m. and the parties failed to call for assistance and called the tow company first. OSHA notified to respond to the scene as well as the state truck team and dot. Water dept. notified. State Police truck team is responding as well as DEP. DEP is not responding at this time. Clean Harbors on scene at this time. Fire Capt. reports units will be tied up for a while longer. Fuel transfer has begun with Clean Harbors and the vehicle that has flipped over. Truck has been righted.

12:55 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, fire, caller reports an odor of something burning at this location. Units tied up at the scene ventilating.

2:51 p.m. **Beechwood St., and King St.**, fire, (misc.), E3 going to this location for inspection of a new hydrant.

3:44 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

4:11 p.m. **Sohier St.**, fire, (misc.), fire units out at this location for training.

4:14 p.m. **King St., and North Main St.**, hazard (traffic), car 20 notified dispatch that the lights and bells were on at the RR crossing, but the arms were not coming down. No train was coming through. MBTA notified and are on scene.

5:05 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury.

6:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

8:08 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint, clerk is complaining about cars parked out front too often. Two motor vehicles tagged.

9:23 p.m. **Elm St.**, bolo announcement, Scituate PD requests a welfare check on a red Cadillac Deville. Party is on medication and was just released from the hospital.

FRIDAY, OCT. 26

1:24 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:26 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:08 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:33 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire alarm activation, caller from Anderson Fuel reports while they were making a delivery to this location they could hear the fire alarm gong off. Fire Capt. reports units will be tied up, there is a fire in the boiler. Homeowner contacted and is now on scene.

9:47 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

1:07 p.m. **South Main St.**, assault and battery, walk in party reports he is a bar tender at this location and was punched in the back of the head by the owner of the business.

1:28 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, fire, investigation, caller reports a gas main has been struck with a fire in the gas main. Nichols Road will be shut down at this time. Keyspan notified and responding.

2:07 p.m. **Linden Drive**, suspicious activity.

2:50 p.m. **Hull St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports two teenagers sitting on the front step with a shotgun or a large BB gun. No problems at this address, kids paying in the yard.

3:06 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported other/BLS.

4:36 p.m. **Country Way, Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

4:51 p.m. **South Main St.**, disturbance, caller reports there is an argument going on in the dining room. An argument between an owner and the employee, the employee has been terminated and was requesting their final pay check.

7:42 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Forest Notch**, vandalism report, walk in party reports his car was hit with an egg at this location, when he got out of his car to look there was pieces of shell stuck to his car. Officer to check the area.

8:46 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, disturbance, caller reports kids throwing eggs at cars.

9:09 p.m. **Beechwood St., and King St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St.**, caller reports gray or silver Cavalier swerving in front of him and stopping at green light. Officer is out with this vehicle. Scituate K-9 unit has been paged. Scituate K-9 unavailable, Hull paging their K-9 unit. Hull K-9 also unavailable. Arrest: Joshua G. Knudsen, 251 Mount Blue St., Norwell. Charges: OUI of drugs, marked lanes violation, possession of Class B drug.



TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

NOVEMBER 8-16, 2007

Pilgrim Festival Chorus to highlight works of Elgar and Brahms

The Pilgrim Festival Chorus will perform its fall concert Sunday, Nov. 11, at 3 p.m. in The Church of the Pilgrimage at 8 Town Square in Plymouth. The 62-member community chorus will be conducted by PFC Music Director William B. Richter.

The concert will feature several works by composer Edward Elgar, in honor of the 150th anniversary of his birth.

"Marking an anniversary of a composer with a concert is a tradition throughout Europe," PFC Accompanist Elizabeth Reilly said. "Featuring Elgar's works is a wonderful way to keep the music alive in modern society. This tribute reminds us of the diverse, progressive nature of music through the ages."

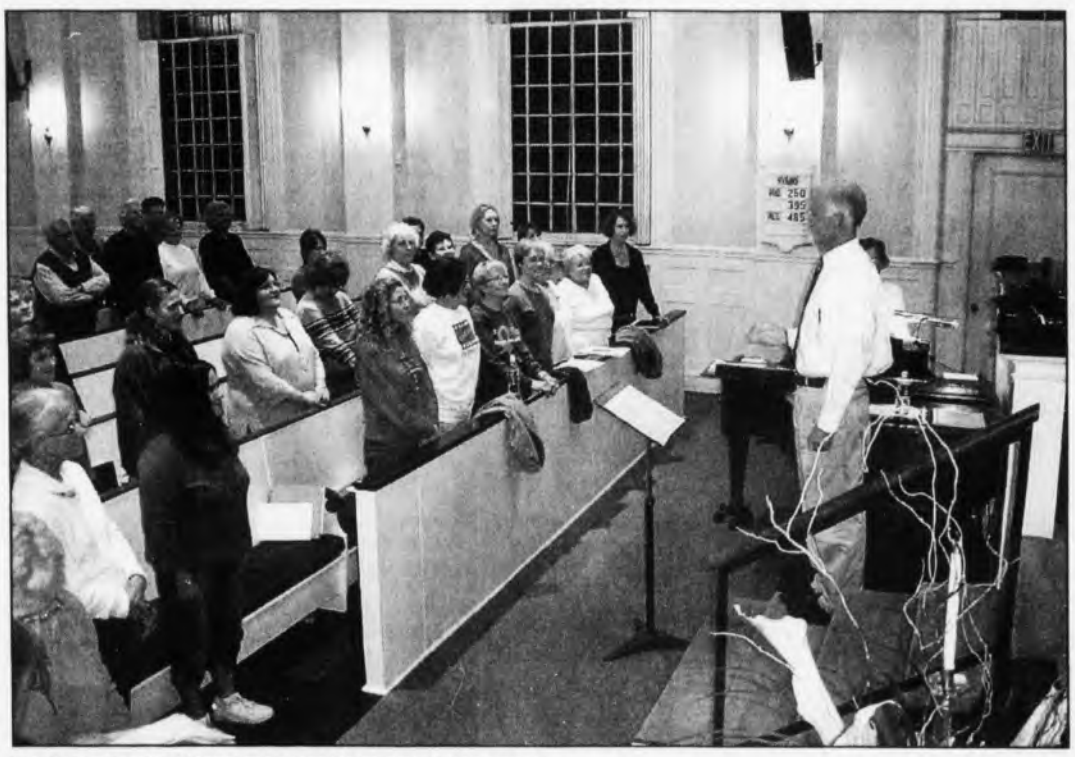
The chorus is currently rehearsing its performance of four of Elgar's part-songs and his rendition of the Catholic hymn "Ave Verum".

Elgar (1857-1934) was an English composer who often derived his compositions from his Catholic faith. He was a self-taught pianist, organist and violinist, under the influence of his father, who was also a musician. He composed more than 100 choral works that earned him knighthood and other recognitions.

Also in preparation is "The Liebeslieder Waltzes" by Johannes Brahms. This German-language piece features a unique four-hand piano accompaniment, to be performed by Reilly and guest pianist Vickie Schlosser.



Guest Accompanist Vickie Schlosser, left, and PFC Accompanist Elizabeth Reilly rehearse the four-hand piano accompaniment for "The Liebeslieder Waltzes" by Johannes Brahms.



The Pilgrim Festival Chorus rehearses for its Nov. 11 fall concert.

"These fast-moving selections of love songs were the popular music for dancing and socializing in the 19th century," Richter said. "The chorus is focused on perfecting the dynamics and presentation of this piece, so that it may remain true to its original form."

Brahms (1833-1897) was also the son of a musician, and began composing music as early as age 13. He devised music techniques that have influenced composers ever since. Brahms' greatest vocal work, "German Requiem," along with many others, is still widely performed today.

Tickets for the Nov. 11 performance are $12 in advance and $15 at the door. Advance tickets are available at The Golden Gull Studios at 17 South Park Ave. (508-746-8091); Frame It Studio and Gallery at The Pinehills, on Meeting Way (508-209-0550); and at the Plymouth Philharmonic office at 16 Court St., (508-746-8008). Tickets are also available from all PFC members.

For more information, visit the chorus' Web site at www.pilgrimfestival.org.

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at townonline.com — click on your town — then click the funtab.

Thursday, Nov. 8

Food Allergy/Insect Sting Allergy: EpiPen Response seminar. 7 to 9 p.m. Nov. 9, at the Conant Community Health Center, Bridgewater. To sign up for this free program, call 508-697-5800.

Cohasset Dramatic Club presents **Moon Over Buffalo** Performances take place at Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 8-10, at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, Nov. 11, at 2 p.m. For tickets call 617-697-2115.

The Friends of the Scituate Library and Buttonwood Books & Toys welcome **Archer Mayor,** . at 7 p.m. Nov. 8, at the Scituate Library, 85 Branch St., Scituate. Mayor will discuss "Chat", the 18th book in the highly successful and well-loved mystery series featuring Brattleboro, Vermont, policeman Joe Gunther. Books, provided by Buttonwood, will be available for purchase. If you are unable to attend and would like to purchase a signed book, call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 or order online at buttonwood-books.com.

The Duxbury Newcomers Club invites the public to support local area women and invited guests as they showcase their handmade unique gifts and those of the companies they represent in the club's second annual **Shop-A-Palooza.** The event takes place at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, at The Pub in the Kingsbury Club in Kingston. It promises to be an evening of good food, good drink and - best of all - good shopping! More than 25 vendors include Mermaids of Duxbury, Bella of Cape Cod, Simply Beads, Celebrations, etc., Jilly Bean Bags and Wiggee's. Proceeds go to local charities. For information call Lori Mullin at 781-934-7173 or Mollie O'Hara at 781-934-9484.

The Buttonwood Book Group for Middle School children (Grades 6-8) will meet on Nov. 8, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset. The facilitator is Ms. Barb Mullin. The selected book is "Flush" by Carl Hiaasen. No reservations are necessary. All are welcome. 781-383-2665.

Wine Tasting and silent auction to benefit TIC Network 6 to 9 p.m. on Nov. 8, at Plymouth Country Club featuring wine provided by Empire Wine and Spirits of Kingston and food prepared by the club's executive chef Keith Kolinsky Local singer **Lori Asher** will be performing. Tickets are $25 and are available through TIC by calling 781-834-4400 or e-mailing Ron Bersani at rbersani@ticnet-work.com



"Block Island Cottage" an acrylic by Susan Benoit

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Gayle A. Loik and Susan Benoit present A Life in Color, through the end of December at Bella's Restaurant, 933 Hingham St, Rockland. Opening reception Nov. 11, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

"Musical Memories" a watercolor by Gayle A. Loik

Fairs and festivals

HOLLY FAIR at the Church of the Holy Nativity, 8 Nevin Road, South Weymouth, Nov. 9, 3 to 9 p.m.; Nov. 10, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Silent auction, and much more. Wii raffle. Roast-beef dinner, 6:30 p.m. Adults $10, children $5. All Welcome. 781-335-2030. Handicapped-accessible.

YE OLDE VILLAGE FAIR & LUNCHEON at the Harbor United Methodist Church 55 First Parish Road, Scituate, Nov. 10, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Luncheon 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Homemade luncheon featuring: fresh lobster rolls, fresh lobster salad dinner

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR - The St. Francis of Assisi holiday bazaar held in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 875 Washington St., Braintree 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 10. Lunch at 11:30 a.m. until sold out. 781-843-1597.

CRAFT FAIR The Mayflower Congregational Church, 207 Main St., Kingston, Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Briggs Building on Main Street. Tables available for rent. Anyone interested in a table or crafters who are interested in displaying at the fair contact Jo-Ann Gabriel at 508-747-8967 for details.

ANNUAL CHURCH FAIR, Bryantville United Methodist Church, 546 Mattakeesett St., Pembroke, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 10.

FALL HOLIDAY SALE, First Baptist Church of Abington 219 Adams St., Jct Routes 58 and 139, Abington,.9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 10 781-878-2447

17TH ANNUAL ANTIQUE SOUVENIR SHOW, Larry W. Williams Memorial Antique Souvenir, Taunton Holiday Inn, exit 9 off Rt. 495) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 11. Admission $3.75. Club members on hand to offer free appraisals and information. 413-436-5998 or e-mail ctrtle@comcast.net

26TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY ART SALE The North River Arts Society Nov. 17 and Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. Admission is free.

15TH ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR, St. Ann by the Sea Crafters, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 17, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 18. Parish hall, 591 Ocean St., (Rt. 139) Marshfield. Table space available, $25 for two days. Call 781-83702447 or 781-834-4953.

PSYCHIC FAIRE: Wareham Lodge of Elks, 2855 Cranberry Highway, (Rt. 28 and 6) East Wareham, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 17. Admission $2.

AN OLD-FASHIONED HARVEST FAIR at the Norwell First Parish Church (at the junction of Rt.123 and River St. in Norwell Center) 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 17, rain or shine. Handicapped accessible. Call 781-659-7122 (mornings) for info.

FALL FAIR Pilgrim Congregational Church, 24 Athens St., North Weymouth, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 17. 781-337 2075.

ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR North Pembroke Elementary School PTO 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nov. 18, from at the school. More than 40 local crafters, Pictures with Santa.

NINTH ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR Woodsdale School, 128 Chestnut St., (off Route 139) Abington from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 18, 86 craft tables, $1 adult admission to be donated to the Abington Food Pantry. Students will be selling Abington pajama bottoms.

CHANUKAH BAZAAR Congregation Shirat Hayam will be holding its annual Chanukah Bazaar Nov. 18. at their Temple located at 185 Plain St., (Route 139) in Marshfield from 9:30a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Open to the public and will feature holiday shopping, raffles and a bake sale. Congregation For info e-mail at info@shirathayam.net or by phone at 781.582.2700 shirathayam.net

LADIES HOLIDAY BAZAAR Black Rock Country Club, 19 Clubhouse Dr., Hingham, is hosting a, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 18, blackrockcc.com $25 per person.



Maureen Burke Santos



John Taormina

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The South Shore Folk Music Club will hold a coffeehouse on Nov. 9, with John Taormina opening for Maureen Burke Santos, at the Beal House of the Unitarian Universalist Church, 222 Main St., Route 106, Kingston. The coffeehouse starts at 8 p.m.; doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $5 for members and $6 for non-members. The evening will close with an open mike. ssfmc.org or 781-871-1052

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The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's open mic** with **Cindy Daley Band** Nov. 8, at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Nov. 8, **Living Proof** 781-829-6999.

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell, Nov. 8, 9 p.m. **Jamie Walker.**

Friday, Nov. 9

Friends of Braintree High Football Annual Comedy Night, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m. at the Braintree Moose Lodge, 175 West Howard St., Braintree. The show is featuring three professional comedians on stage at 8 p.m. plus an open mike session, DJ and raffles. Bring your own snacks, full service bar, adults only. A fun night for only $20 per person or $175 for a table of 10. Tickets available at the door. Proceeds will go to help support the Braintree High Football Program. For additional information, call Phil at 781-356-4135.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its bi-monthly dance with **DJ: Dave Becker** Nov. 9, from 8 to 11:30 at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Doors open 7:15 p.m. Free dance lesson 7:30 to 8 p.m. Free snacks and coffee, cash bar. 781-331-0021 southshoresingles.org

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The Capitol Steps bring their comedy and music to Plymouth Memorial Hall in Plymouth, on Friday, Nov. 9, at 8 p.m. Capitol Steps began as a group of Senate staffers who set out to satirize the very people and places that employed them, with album titles like, "I'm So Indicted," or "Papa's Got a Brand New Bagdad." Tickets priced at $40 for cabaret seating (which includes beverage service) and $30 for general admission, are on sale at the Plymouth Memorial Hall box-office at 50 Court St., in Plymouth, by phone at 508-747-1340 and 866-468-7619, online at plymouthhall.com and at all FYE and Strawberries stores.



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"Afternoon Reflections," watercolor by Mary A. Smith

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Wellspring Silver Star Soiree, A sparkling evening supporting the programs of Wellspring Nov. 9, 7 to 10 p.m. At the Derby Street Shoppes, 98 Derby St., Suite 460, Hingham. Food stations, music, wine silver giving stars, and the chance to win $1,000 shopping spree at the Derby Street Shoppes, $35 per person. Call 781-925-3211 for information or to purchase tickets

Communicating with deceased loved ones with Rita. Nov. 9, 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Center at Westwoods, Westwood. Costs $40 before Nov 1 and $50 after. For information, call Candita at 781-834-2728.

Phillips Old Colony House 780 Morrissey Blvd., Boston. **Comedy and dinner show.** Nov. 9, 7 p.m. Comics include **Kevin Knox, Dan Boulger, Annette Pollack, Christine Hurley and Corey Manning**. Call 617-282-7700, extension 0 or 781-843-4833 for reservations. The dinner and show is $39.95 per person. The comedy show alone is $25. Advance reservations are required.

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All Seasons Restaurant and Sports Lounge, 327 Plymouth St., Halifax, Nov. 9, **Sage** 781-293-4135.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Nov. 9, **Flydown** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth. **Hoodoo Revelator** Nov. 9, at 9:15 p.m., No cover 781-335-9796 visit nextpage-cafe.com or myspace.com/satch-snewbluesrevue

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree, **DJ Rick** every Friday. 781-849-7007.

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell, Nov. 9, 9 p.m. **The Vibe**, top 40. Cover charge.

Run of the Mill Tavern, 6 Spring St., Plymouth Nov. 9, **Ole dudes.**

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Nov. 9, **Funky White Honkies** Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Saturday, Nov. 10

First Annual Veteran's Day Benefit Car Show Middleboro Town Hall Parking Lot, 10 Nickerson Ave., Middleboro, Nov. 10, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Prizes for best-entered cars, food and family fun. Car entry fee: $10 – all proceeds go to support working military dogs. All classic, muscle and show cars welcome. For information, call Kevin J. Cook, US Navy, Seabee – Retired and Middleboro resident. 617-899-2046, email: vetsdaycarshow@hotmail.com

Edaville USA, Christmas Festival of Lights, Route 58, Carver, Nov. 9-11 and Nov. 16-18. Visit Edaville.com for information

SCOH Learn To Skate: Our "Skate With US" program is a US Figure Skating Association Basic Skills program for boys and girls of all ages and skating abilities. Groups are kept small to allow for individual attention to student needs. Classes are held on Saturday mornings from 10:40-11:40 a.m. at the Pilgrim Skating Arena, 75 Recreation Park Drive, Hingham. For information call 781-741-8194 or check out our website: http://www.skateclub-hingham.org/learn.html

Adoption & Education Forum 2007 will be hosted by ASAP (Adoption & Foster Care School Awareness Project) on Nov. 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pembroke Public Library, 142 Center St., Pembroke. Speakers will be **Dr. Joyce Maguire Pavao, Dr. Boris Gindhis. Hollee A. McGinnis** will host a panel of young adoptees on "Being Adopted - Being Different - Being in School." Workshops on cultural diversity, language comprehension, behavior management and more will be facilitated by professionals from Children of the World Books, Love & Logic Institute, Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes, DSS and Life Coach Anne Jolles. Registration is $35 (free to classroom teachers). We hope you will join us in forging a partnership for better, more sensitive and inclusive education. For information or to register visit asapmass.org or contact ASAP at asapmass@verizon.net or 781 293-3341

The South Shore Dancers will hold an **Upscale Yard Sale** at their next dance on Nov. 10. at the Cushing Center on Route 123 in Norwell. New or nearly new items can be donated for the sale. All proceeds will benefit the Lend-a-Hand program. There will be a dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. and dancing from 8 to 11 p.m. Admission is $9 for members and $10 for non-members. Reserve by calling Tom Osterland at 781 659-4703 or by email through our website: SouthShoreDancers.org.

Halifax Mobile Home Estates invites all adults to their monthly dinner dance. Nov. 10 at 6 to 11 p.m. Beef Stew Dinner with all of the fixings at 6: p.m. Dance with Dave Burbank and the DB Orchestra until 11 p.m. BYOB $15 per person. Henrich Hall Redwood Drive, Halifax. Reservations call Sally Burke at 781-293-8646 or Jo Schofield at 781-293-1206.

Down East Dancers monthly Country Dance at the Taunton Elks Lodge, 119 High St., Taunton. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Couples and Line dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight with DJs Frankie & Marie. Potluck snacks, raffle, cash bar. $6. Information: 508-680-6736 or 781-925-1170. downeastdancers.com

Comedy night at Hong Kong City & Roseland Function Hall. 9 p.m., 174 Broadway, Taunton. Comics include **Kevin Knox, Annette Pollack, Mike Bobek, Bobby Giardini, Chris Trabulsie, Alyx King**, and **Christine Hurley.** Cover is $18 in advance, $23 the day of the show. For tickets call 508-822-2888 or 781-843-4833. Dinner will be served before the show, appetizers will be available during the show. Musical entertainment to follow.

All Seasons Restaurant and Sports Lounge, 327 Plymouth St., Halifax, Nov. 10, **Easy Access** 781-293-4135.



Violetta,(Natalie Polito) rejects Alfredo, (Kevin Hayden) for the sake of his family in South Shore Conservatory's La Traviata.

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The South Shore Conservatory's presents *Opera By The Bay's* production of "La Traviata" at the Ellison Center for the Arts, Duxbury. This event has been rescheduled to Nov. 8, at 7:30 p.m. A wine and cheese reception will precede the performances at 6:45 p.m. *Opera by the Bay's* production of Verdi's immortal classic features talented artists, full sets and costumes, and our intimate atmosphere that promises a first class operatic experience. Tickets are $20 for adults and $12 for children. For information contact Amy Schomp, 781-749-7565 x19 or amyschomp@southshoreconservatory.org.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Nov. 10, **Six Foot Sunday** 781-829-6999.

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Mount Blue, Main St,. Norwell, Nov. 10, **The Mystics.**

Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth, Nov. 10, Traditional Irish Seisiun every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hornpipes, with great craic and sing-along. Admission is free. No Cover. 508-830-1262.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Nov. 10, **Bellevue Cadillac** Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sunday, Nov. 11

Edaville USA, Christmas Festival of Lights, Route 58, Carver, Nov. 9-11 and Nov. 16-18. Visit Edaville.com for information

The Pilgrim Festival Chorus Fall Concert performance, Nov. 11 at 3 p.m. at The Church of the Pilgrimage, 8 Town Square in Plymouth. Tickets are $12 in advance and $15 at the door. Advance tickets are available at The Golden Gull Studios at 17 South Park Avenue, Plymouth, 508-746-8091; Frame It Studio and Gallery at The Pinehills, Meeting Way in Plymouth, 508-209-0550; The Plymouth Philharmonic office at 16 Court St., Plymouth, 508-746-8008; and from PFC members. pilgrimfestival.org

Gayle A. Loik and Susan Benoit present **A Life in Color,** through the end of December at **Bella's Restaurant**, 933 Hingham St, Rockland. **Opening reception Nov. 11**, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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THE 16TH ANNUAL OPEN STUDIOS, with 36 artists located in the ET Wright Building, 379 Liberty St., Rockland and seven artists located in the American Sandpaper Co., 83 E. Water St. Rockland. Nov. 17, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Nov. 18 from noon to 5 p.m. **The 4rth Floor Artists** will be working and demonstrating in their studios, see displays of their work, Artists include painters, printmakers, sculptors, photographers, jewelers, graphic designers, interior designers, architects, fiber artists, woodworkers, and potters. Plenty of free parking with police details. The ET Wright building is handicapped accessible. 781-792-1705 4thfloorartists.org

BENEFIT CONCERT FEATURING HISTORIC EAST WEYMOUTH ORGAN The historic century-old organ of East Weymouth Congregational Church will be the star of a Nov. 18 concert featuring five organists in a benefit to restore and preserve the instrument. Admission is $10 for adults and $7 for students and seniors, and all proceeds will benefit the restoration and preservation of the instrument.For information call 781-340-1403, 781-974-3503 or visit www.eweyucc.org.

NORTH POLE EXPRESS Nov. 24, take a ride on the Polar Express at Kingston Commuter Rail Station.The event includes a magical ride aboard "The Polar Express" train, treats, a special gift from Santa and Mrs Claus and more. Tickets are $20 each and the train will leave the station at noon, 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Daniel Webster Elementary School Project Playground and PTO, Marshfield. For information or to purchase tickets, call 781-837-3555.

Movie review

Dirty 'Old Men'

No Country for Old Men (A)

Film Review
By Al Alexander



Joel and Ethan Coen like to cast actors with interesting faces. Javier Bardem gets the nod in their terrific new film, "No Country for Old Men.

I've never paid much attention to Josh Brolin. I always thought of him as a marginal talent feeding off his father's fame, sort of like Lorenzo Lamas.

Then I saw "American Gangster" and was surprised at how forcibly he registered in a few short scenes as a corrupt New York City detective sporting a sinister scowl and even more sinister mustache. He was great. And now he's even better, giving an Oscar-worthy performance in "No Country for Old Men."

This dude can act.

As terrific as he is, playing a trailer-park schnook on a run for his life after playing finders-keepers with a satchel containing $2 million in cash, Brolin isn't even the best actor in the movie. He's not even the runner-up.

Those spots go to Tommy Lee Jones and Javier Bardem, both even more mesmerizing than usual as Texans on opposite sides of the law and the opposite sides of a sea change in a way of life.

They form the fissured heart of Joel and Ethan Coen's brilliant adaptation of Cormac McCarthy's prize-winning novel about the borders between nations, eras and men's souls. A finer film, you will not see this year.

It has everything, from biblical themes of good vs. evil to ruminations on karma, fate and chance. But it's the way the Coens fold these esoteric musings into a standard chase film that reek of genius.

It couldn't have come at a more opportune time for the brothers, either, following arguably the two worst films of their career in "The Ladykillers" and the aptly named "Intolerable Cruelty."

Both were broad comedies that were a radical departure from their forte of crafting dark, subtle humor out of human foibles, as was the case with their two masterpieces, "Fargo" and "Blood Simple."

"No Country for Old Men" finds them back in suspense mode, combining elements of both pictures into something familiar yet so utterly unique it's practically beyond explanation. Like McCarthy's novel, it's a story that envelops you, luring you deeper and deeper into characters driven by a sense of duty, no matter if that means killing people, a la Bardem's assassin in a Prince Valiant haircut, or protecting them, a la Jones' wise old Texas lawman.

Both keep you riveted, as does Brolin as the resourceful rube they're chasing for wildly divergent reasons. Will they catch him? If so, who will get there first? And is Brolin's Llewelyn Moss just dumb and naïve enough to think he can elude them?

Those are among the many questions the Coens raise, as they keep you guessing about where the story is headed next. It's thrilling to behold, especially when you consider the whole thing is built around a standard plot in which a regular guy, albeit one as handsome as Brolin, goes hunting in the West Texas desert, comes across the bloody remains of a drug deal gone bad and finds a bag filled with more money than he and his beloved wife Carla Jean (Scot Kelly Macdonald nailing the Texas accent) could ever need.

Like the equally delicious "A Simple Plan," Llewelyn grabs the cash knowing, but not really considering the consequences of his actions. And those consequences are Bardem's ruthless killer Anton Chigurh, a man so evil he'd make Hannibal Lector shake in his body harness. It doesn't take him long to figure out who has the money, setting the stage for a terrific cat-and mouse game between Llewelyn, Chigurh and the town's wise old bloodhound of a sheriff, played by Jones.

Woody Harrelson eventually joins in the pursuit, too, playing a private detective hired by the money's rightful owner, an unscrupulous businessman played by Steve Root. Toss in a nasty pit bull, a crazy old uncle (Barry Corbin) and enough clueless counter jockies to stock eight Kevin Smith movies and you're talking one helluva good time.

The great Roger Deakins, serving as the Coens' director of photography for a ninth time, captures it all in a rapturous mix of stark open spaces and tight gaudy interiors, mostly flea-bag motel rooms that almost become characters in themselves.

It's in these run-down dens of inequity where some of the most thrilling scenes take place, as the Coens tap into their inner-Hitchcocks to create suspense out of something so simple as a ringing telephone.

If there were a flaw, it would be the ending, which may be construed as a bit pretentious by some, especially when you're expecting it to end with more of a bang. But a big, loud shootout would be a horrible efface to a film that's all about subtlety and reading between the lines.

It's an ambiguity that leaves the story wide open to interpretation. Why, for example, does Chigurh off his many victims with a pneumatic punch instead of a gun? And why does Jones' sheriff still investigate crime scenes on horseback? And why do these two desperate traits dovetail together so well?

The beauty of "No Country for Old Men" is trying to figure it all out. And the more you jostle its ideas in your head, the more you love everything about it. It's in a word, spectacular.

"No Country for Old Men" is rated R for strong graphic violence and some language.

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Dr. Libor Dudas, Director
Sunday, Nov. 18, 4:00 pm, Old South Union Church
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Featuring Mozart's "Missa Brevis in F Major,"
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J.S. Bach's "Missa Brevis in A Major."
Tickets $15.00, $12.00 for seniors and students.
For more information 800-230-7555
or visit www.fineartschorale.org.

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Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center of Norwell presents performances of "The Guyer Girls" on Nov. 16 and 17, at 7 p.m. and Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. at the Dreamchasers home, The Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main St., Norwell. Starring in "The Guyer Girls" is Corinne Manning of Norwell as Mama. Her daughters are played by Emma Parrish of Duxbury, Raisa Hoffman of Marshfield, Tess Wenger, Rachael Caldwell and Alice Tilles all of Norwell. Tickets are $10, $8 senior citizens and students and $5 for Dreamchasers students. 508224-4548 dreamchaserstheatre.org

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Monday, Nov. 12

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, offers a safe place for healing and encouragement as you start a new chapter of your life. Meetings are every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Monday All are welcome. For information, call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857 or e-mail uccnorwell@aol.com

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke, every Monday, free **Texas Hold'em** with Northern poker league 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, Nov. 13

The South Shore Men of Harmony Barbershop Chorus invites men of all ages who like to sing to join them during the month of November to rehearsals that will be open to anyone who would like to learn Christmas music sung in the Barbershop acapella style. They will be accepting invitations from all sorts of organizations to present Christmas programs and would be delighted to include whoever is interested in having fun singing. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. in the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St., at the corner of Central Street. Call 781-337-SING for additional information or e-mail danielcostello@gmail.com or billfitzjr@aol.com.

Hull artist Lenore Schneider presents ***Forever a'Bloom*** in the Clemens Gallery at Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham through Nov. 30. The show consists of eight flower drawings. She invites the public to her Sunday, Nov. 4, opening reception from 2 to 4 p.m. *"Forever a'Bloom"* may be viewed during library business hours. Learn more about Lenore Schneider and her art work by visiting lenoreschneider.com

The Buttonwood Book Group for Adults will meet at 7 p.m. Nov.13, at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. The selected book is **Emma** by Jane Austen. The facilitator is Ms. Sarah Duffield. No reservations are necessary. All are welcome. 781-383-2665.

La Leche League meeting: Mothers and mothers-to-be who would like to learn more about the normal course of breastfeeding are invited to attend this month's meeting at 7 p.m. Nov. 13, at the Hingham Public Library (corner of East and Leavitt Street). Babies are welcome. Other LLL services include a lending library and 24-hour telephone help. For information, call Christie 781-740-7808.

The Ventress Memorial Library in Marshfield hosts an ongoing book discussion group. The next session will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 13, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the historical room. The fall sessions will feature the Pulitzer Prize winning novel "**Angle of Repose**" by Wallace Stegner. Contact librarian Chris Woods if you need a copy of the book. Sign up in advance to reserve a seat, or just come on the day to listen. Free and open to the public. New members welcome. Light refreshments will be served. 781-834-5535 or visit ventresslibrary.org

Wednesday, Nov. 14

Dukakis to speak at Bridgewater State College. 1:30 p.m. Nov. 14, in the Campus Center Large Ballroom. Former Massachusetts Governor and Presidential nominee Michael Dukakis will present "The Uninsured: Forty-seven Million ....and Counting." For information, call 508-531-2627.

Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., Weymouth presents the mixed-media works of the experimental contemporary painter, **Stanley Krupa**, in the Glass Gallery from Nov. 3 through Nov. 16. The studio gallery will be showing works by **Edwina Caci, Vincent Elliot, William Beyer, Steve Boczanowski, Dominic Farrell, Kathy Ferrara, Roger Gill, Dick O'Brien, Isabelle Shamitz, Brian Josellyn, Charyl Weissbach, Marilyn Reisberg, Stephan H. Holland, Danielle Myers, Chris Myers, George Hartley, Corey Ritch, Charlie Robinson, J. Marshall Dyke, Danielle Festa, George Murray, Lisa Smith, and Fred Madden**, as well as the private collection of the gallery owner, Donald Dickinson. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. dickinsonartgallery.com 781-331-3384.

The Fogg Lecture Series at First Parish Norwell, 124 River St., Norwell welcomes **Kate Braestrup** discussing her book, **Here If You Need Me**, on Nov. 14, 7 p.m. "Here If You Need Me" is an engrossing memoir filled with anecdotal stories recounting Kate's life after her Maine state trooper husband was killed by a driver who lost control of his car. After his death, Braestrup decided to pursue the career he had planned for his retirement. She became a Unitarian Universalist minister. This is a free event. Books, provided by Buttonwood Books & Toys, will be available for purchase at the event. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a personalized or signed copy, call Buttonwood Books at 1-781-383-2665.

The South Shore OCD Support Group holds monthly meetings for adults suffering from OCD, parents of children suffering from OCD or friends and family of adults suffering from OCD. Meetings are at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at the Duxbury Senior Community Center, 10 Mayflower St.,, Duxbury. (Route 3 to exit 10 east, to Tremont Street, (RT 3A North) to 10 Mayflower). The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 14, at 7p.m. No cost. Wheelchair accessible. 508 830-1630.

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Braintree Art Association meeting, Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Thayer Public Library, second floor, 798 Washington St., Braintree. **David Curtis** will demonstrate watercolors. Free and open to the public.

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Network4Success Business-to-Business Networking Group meets the first Thursday of the month at the Plympton Library from 5 to 6 p.m. and the third Thursday of the month at the Halifax Country Club from noon to 1:30 p.m. For meeting info, email info@network4success.org or visit network4success.org

Toastmasters Club, Hanover. The new South Shore Professionals Toastmasters club will meet on the first and third Monday of every month. This is a great opportunity to learn about how Toastmasters can help you become a more effective leader and communicator. The meetings will run from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and will be held at the Rockland Trust building, 2036 Washington St.- third floor. Arrive 15 minutes early since the meeting starts at 6 p.m. sharp. Contact Stacey for information at 617-548-5877 or stacey@letitflowfitness.com. or toastmasters.org.

The Norwell Garden Club in collaboration with the **Scituate Garden Club** will present **Holiday Designs with Robin Murphy** Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. at Cushing Memorial Hall, 673 Main St., Norwell. Refreshments will be served and admission is Free.

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Friday, Nov. 16

The South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham will feature "Evidence of Life" works of **Mary A. Smith** on Nov. 16 from 6 to 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and visitors will have a chance to meet the artist at that time. The exhibit will be on display until Dec. 6. Hours are from Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 781-749-0430 or visit southstreetgallery.com

JM Productions presents **Bandstand Revue** with an **Elvis Tribute and dancing. Dinner Show**. Raffael's at the Clarion Hotel, Hull. **For tickets, call:** JM Productions at (617) 786-SHOW (7469) or visit JM Productions secure website for on line credit card purchasing at jmproductionspresents.com Patrons can also call Raffael's directly for telephone orders at 781-925-4515. Tickets for show only are $30 per person for dinner and show $50 per person with special hotel rates to stay over at the Clarion.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Nov. 16 **Johnny Hoy**. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com.



Left to right, Jean DiGiacomandrea, Meri Mizaras, Ron Pomykala and Kurt Hochkeppel.

BEST BET

Cohasset Dramatic Club presents "Moon Over Buffalo." Performances take place at Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium, 41 Highland Ave, Cohasset, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 8-10, at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, Nov. 11, at 2 p.m. For tickets call 617-697-2115. The cast is made up of eight South Shore residents with Kurt Hochkeppel playing the role of Paul and Sharon White as Eileen, both Cohasset residents. The lead characters, George and Charlotte Hay are portrayed by Ron Pomykala of Plymouth and Meri Mizaras of Middleboro. The cast also includes Jean DiGiacomandrea in the comic role of Charlotte's mother, Ethel, Angela Paz as George and Charlotte's ever so rational and practical daughter, Rosalind, and Terry Low Those performers all hail from Scituate. Stephen Lee of Randolph rounds out the cast of characters as Richard.

Reunions

HOLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL 20th reunion class of 1987, Nov. 10, 7 to 11 p.m. Cocktail Reception at The Four's Restaurant, 15 Cottage Ave., Quincy. Includes: cash bar, appetizer buffet, desserts, and a DJ. $40 per person. RSVP to: hhsclass1987reunion@yahoo.com or call 617-240-3846 as soon as possible. Tickets must be pre-paid.

COHASSET HIGH SCHOOL Class of 2002-Fifth year reunion Nov. 21, at 8 p.m. in the Salon du Soleil at the Red Lion Inn, Cohasset.

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL Class of 72 35th class reunion, Nov 23, at Royal Garden Restaurant, Kingston Tickets are $25 per person includes Chinese buffet. Send check to Silver Lake Class of 72 Reunion, P.O. Box 2227 Duxbury, MA 02332. E-mail silverlaker72@yahoo.com or contact mirish21@hotmail.com or call 781-582-3516.

NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1987 20 year class reunion on Nov. 23, 7:30-12:30 at Black Rock Country Club, Hingham. Ticket price is $50 per person, includes: cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, desserts and DJ. Call Cheri (Connolly) Farley at 781-659-5898 for more information or visit norwellhs1987.myevent.com

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL 10 Year Reunion – class of 1997, Nov. 23, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Jillian's on Lansdowne St., Boston, on the second floor in the main Jillian's complex. $25 per person and guests are welcome. Includes plenty of food, lots of pool tables, and bowling.

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL 20th reunion Class of 1987, Nov. 23, 7 p.m. to midnight at the Red Parrot in Hull Alumni are looking for classmates. Contact Tracy O'Sullivan at 781-982-1226 *or* Dawn Youngworth at shaneandmom@comcast.net

RANDOLPH HIGH SCHOOL 30th reunion Class of 1977 Nov. 23, from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. at the Randolph Lodge of Elks. Contact Mary Graziano at 781-986-5754 or Maria Civita at 781-961-2292/ M.Civita@comcast.net for information and ticket confirmation.

WHITMAN-HANSON HIGH SCHOOL 25th reunion Class of 1982 Nov. 23, from 6 to 11 p.m., at the Radisson Hotel, Rockland. Tickets cost $60 per person. Dinner and music will be provided. For address changes and information, contact Michelle Webber at 508-528-7509, Diana Marcotte at 978-663-7257, John Rozen at 781-618-7214, or e-mail whrhs1982@yahoo.com.

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL 15th reunion Class of 1992 Nov. 23, 8 p.m. to midnight at F1 Boston on Wood Rd. in Braintree. The cost is $45 per person and the evening will include DJ, cash bar, and apps. Checks can be made payable to Laurice Vallancourt/BHS Class of 1992 and mailed to 11 Winter Terrace, Hanson MA 02341 by Nov. 9. Any questions, contact Laurice (Gunn) Vallancourt at vallancourt11@comcast.net

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL 30th Reunion Class of 1977 Nov. 23, 7 p.m. to midnight at Braintree Son's of Italy Hall. Tickets are $40 per person, or $75 per couple, if purchased by Nov. 1,includes a buffet dinner. To purchase tickets or to update your contact information visit BraintreeHigh.com/1977.html or mail your check to: BHS Class of 1977, P.O. Box 850088, Braintree, MA 02184-0088. All class members are invited to attend.

QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1987. 20th Reunion. Nov. 24, from 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Marriott Hotel, Quincy. Ticket price is $60 per person, includes: appetizers, cash bar, and DJ. For information contact siobhan@swerling.com. Tickets must be pre-paid. Hotel Rooms are available

STOUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL, Class of 1987 will be holding its 20th class reunion on Nov. 24, at the Holiday Inn at 195 Westgate Dr., Brockton. E-mails and addresses of fellow classmates are needed. E-mail or contact Kathy (Kosinski) Nelson at shs1987reunion@yahoo.com or 508-286-4261 or Jenn Remmes at 401-333-6730. Hotels rooms are available for $89. Call the Holiday Inn, 508-588-6300. Use code# S87 holiday-inn.com/brocktonma.

WEYMOUTH SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1977 30th year reunion, 7 to 11:30 p.m. Nov. 24. Dinner buffet at The Weymouth Elks, Washington St., (Rte. 53). Includes: cash bar, appetizers, dinner buffet, dessert and DJ. $35 per person. RSVP to weymouthsouth77@yahoo.com by Nov. 12.

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL 20th reunion Class of 1987 Saturday, Nov. 24, from 7 p.m. to midnight at Sons of Italy in Braintree. $35 per person or $60 per couple. Includes D.J., cash bar and apps until 10 p.m. Checks made payable to B.H.S. Class of 1987 and should be mailed to Mary Ellen Coffey, 53 Till Rock Lane, Norwell, MA 02061. Any questions, contact Mary Ellen (Gunn) Coffey at maryellen724@yahoo.com.

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL 25th reunion - Class of 1982. Nov 24, 7 p.m. Emerald Hall Function Facility, 125 Bay State Drive, Braintree. Appetizers served throughout the evening and DJ for dancing. The cost is $35 per person, $60 per couple. For information visit braintreehigh.com and click on 1982. Endorse checks to Bob Malloy/BHS 82 and mail check with your name and guest's name to: 171 Helen Drive, Abington, MA 02351. Include phone or email so we can acknowledge receipt. For information or to update your contact information contact Bhs82@beld.net.

WEYMOUTH SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1982, 25th Reunion, Dec. 1, from 7 to 11 p.m.at The Jones River Trading Company, 42 Elm St., Kingston, $40 per person check payable to: WEYMOUTH SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF '82 Mail to: Mary Beth Hillson, 5 Collins Circle, South Weymouth, MA 02190. For more info or questions e-mail weymouthsouth82@yahoo.com

WEYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL ALL CLASSES REUNION will be held Feb. 8 and 9, 2008 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, 7470 Highway192 in Kissimee, Fla. Call 1-800-327-9170 for reservations. On Feb. 10, a cruise departs for four nights, five days to the Bahamas. For information visit geocities.com/Lureman72 or contact Dick Laneau for registration for at 727-345-4323 or e-mail luresWanted@tampabay.rr.com

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL ALL CLASS FLORIDA REUNION: The 25th Annual Braintree High All Class Florida Reunion will be held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Kissimmee, FL the weekend of Feb. 8, 2008. The reunion luncheon is scheduled for Feb. 9, 2008. The cost of the luncheon will be $25 per person. For complete details, logon to braintreehigh.com, click on "Florida" or contact Jill (Whitten) Coyle at 781-843-3275 or jcoyle@beld.net.

ABINGTON HIGH SCHOOL 25th Reunion, Class of 1983 July 12, Location: TBD Time: tentatively 6 to 11 p.m. Seeking classmates. Contact Lisa Daniels (c.508-404-8326 or muffinmanny2000@yahoo.com) or (w 508-350-0101 or jimstoffel@hotmail.com) with updated contact information.

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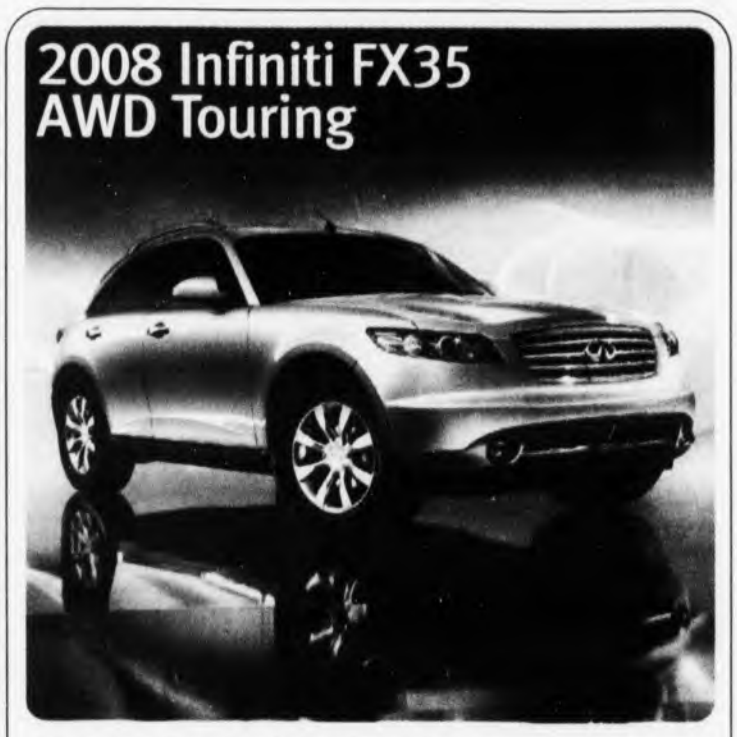
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Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the Cohasset Mariner will go to press a day early next week. Therefore, all news items and photographs must arrive by noon, Tuesday for next week's issue.
Even though, the Mariner goes to press on Wednesday, your hometown paper will arrive at the newsstands and in your mailboxes on Friday, as usual.
Contact Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com with questions.
Happy Thanksgiving!

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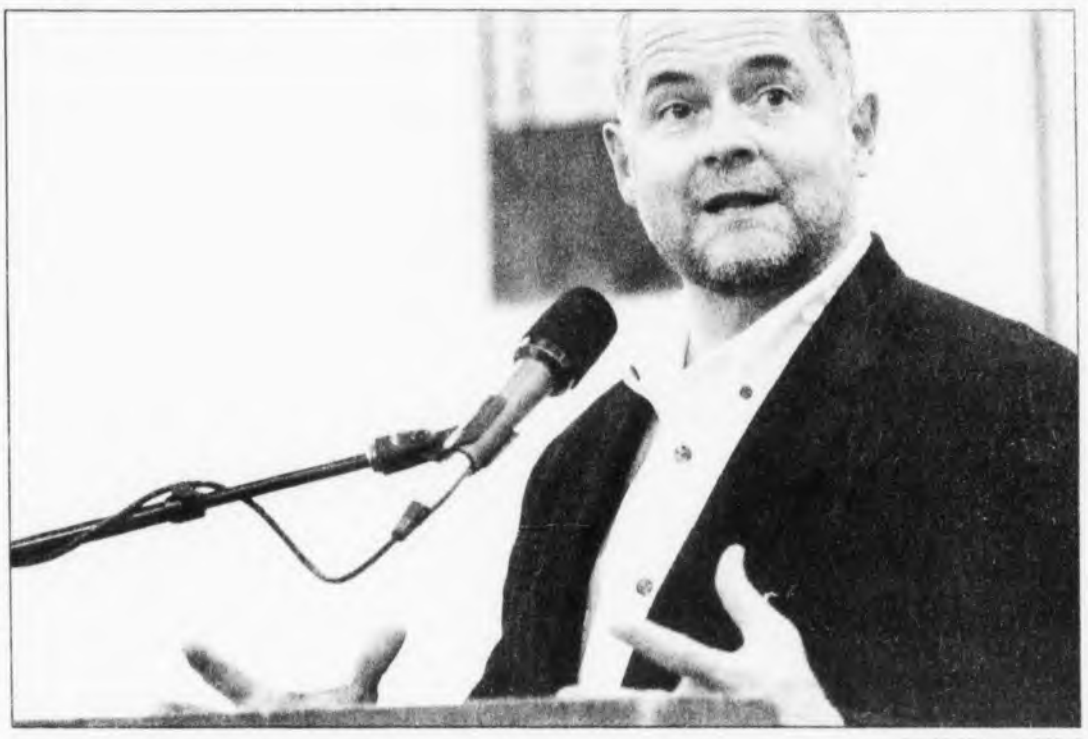
By Nancy White
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The Village bylaw stole the show. Besides taking up over half of the Special Town Meeting discussion time, it elicited a passionate debate from both its proponents and opponents. In the end, the village bylaw (Article 4) passed after barely squeaking by with a two-thirds majority vote.

Six months of meetings and labor on the bylaw came down to a hand count on the floor of Town Meeting, with 151 in favor and 68 opposed. The motion surpassed the needed two-thirds threshold by just five votes.

With a cross section of citizens interested in the fate of the village, Special Town Meeting held on Tuesday (Nov. 13) in the Cohasset High gymnasium had little problem drumming up a quorum. The meeting began shortly after 7p.m. after the necessary 100 registered voters had checked in, in total 252 voters came out to discuss the 11-article warrant. Town Meeting dissolved around 10p.m., a little less than three hours after it began

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Mike Westcott of the Planning Board presents a brief overview of the six-page bylaw to voters at Tuesday's Special Town Meeting.

Fulfilling an orphan's dream

Retired CHS teacher leads the charge

By Nancy White
NWHITE@CNC.COM

For 32 years, Virginia Burbank taught grammar and literature at Cohasset High School and when she retired 10 years ago she figured she would spend the rest of her days relaxing in the rocking chair given to her as a parting gift. But in the past year, Mrs. Burbank's quality rocking chair time has been replaced with a determined and passionate drive to build an orphanage in Africa.

"It's exhausting but it's worth it, I can't wait to put my arms around the very first orphan."
— Virginia Burbank

A little over a year ago, Burbank accompanied her missionary sister into the heart of Kenya — and to the largest and worst slum in the world — a section of Nairobi called Kibera.

"I cried for the first two days of the trip because of what I saw — the poverty and the horror," says Burbank with a frown. She recalls a scene she won't soon forget: finding 13 orphaned infants on the floor of a tiny, dirty hut; one woman had taken them in so they would have at the very least a watchful eye over them. The region, like so many in Africa, has been badly stricken by the AIDS epidemic and many children lose their parents to the disease.

After two days of overwhelming emotion, Burbank prayed to find some way to help the situation. "I didn't know it was like this. I didn't want to go back to America the same way I came."

She didn't wait long for the answer to her prayers, late that morning at 4a.m. she woke up and began writing in a journal. The inspiration that came out was to build an orphanage in Kenya to house 72 children at one time. Four hours later she had a skeleton framework of how she would proceed with building an orphanage.

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An Orphan's Dream, a non-profit South Shore-based charity, is raising money to build an orphanage in Kenya. Thousands of children are left orphaned after losing their parents to AIDS.

Train crossing

No malfunctions or near misses in Cohasset

By Nancy White

Steps have been taken to make the Greenbush grade crossings as safe as possible, but residents still need to be vigilant when driving through a rail crossing.

If the red lights are flashing and bells are sounding, do not cross the tracks, says Police Lieutenant Bill Quigley, regardless of whether the gates are down.

There have been several calls to the station with concerns the Lower King Street grade crossing was not working properly, but after witnessing the gates operate Quigley says the gates are working the way they were designed.

When a southbound train approaches the Cohasset station, the lights flash, bells sound and the gates are lowered at the Lower King Street crossing. However, as the train leaves the station or as the rear of the train clears the intersection, the gates start to raise. The lights remain flashing and the bells persist. When the train is approaching again, the gates are lowered once again.

"The law says to stay stopped as long as the red lights are flashing," says Quigley. Despite some confusion reported on the part of drivers to the Police Department, there have been no accidents or near misses at the crossing in Cohasset.

A similar system exists at Hingham at the Union Street crossing and to the north at the West Hingham station. On Wednesday of last week, a motorist went through the crossing when the gates were up, but the lights still flashing, as he went through the intersection the rear of the train was about 50 yards away.

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PICTURE THIS/Abigail Hobson Alves



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The Mariner caught up with Abigail Hobson Alves as she was checking voters in at the Special Town Meeting in the Sullivan Gymnasium on Tuesday night.

Name: Abigail Hobson Alves.

Occupation: Mom and part-time paraprofessional at South School (in Hingham).

Best day of your life: The day the man I had such a crush on in college asked me to marry him.

Best vacation: Trip to Japan my senior year in college to meet my pen pal I'd had since eighth grade.

Favorite season: Fall.

Favorite holiday: Each of my girl's birthdays: Melissa, July 9 and Grace, Feb. 9.

Favorite junk food: Oreo cookies.

Best magazine: Cooking Light.

Best movie: "Curious George." I love the soundtrack.

Best TV show: Frontline.

Dumbest thing you have ever done: Walking into a sliding glass door with a plate full of food.

Most memorable moment: When my first baby was born and the Doctor said, "It's a girl weighing 9 pounds 15 ounces!"

Pet peeve: Christmas decorations up before Halloween.

Goal: To raise respectful, happy, healthy daughters.

Person you'd most like to meet: Abigail Adams.

Biggest worry: Paying for my daughters' college educations.

Best part of Cohasset: Every part.

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An SUV makes its way across the tracks on lower King Street. The police log has been full of complaints over the past week about the grade crossings in town.

Care urged at all grade crossings

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Quigley says there may be some fine-tuning of the rail crossing on Lower King Street, "we want to make sure it is safe."

At the North Main Street crossing, the gates on the street and at the entrance to the station are not working in sync. For a northbound train, the North Main Street safety signals are activated before the station entrance signals. They have contacted the MBTA to work on a solution to this issue.

"Usually when we call, the MBTA is responsive," said Quigley.

According to MBTA spokesman Joe Pesaturo, sensors installed at the grade crossings trigger an interruption of the signal system in certain instances.

"That interruption tells the train to stop," he said. "If someone is on the crossing after the gates come down, the sensors will interrupt the signal system and the train is required to stop."

At the same time, these sensors don't specifically indicate a grade crossing obstruction. "The indication is the same should a rail break or the signal system shut down and for many other conditions," Pesaturo said. "All of these situations require the train to stop, but none of them require the train to sound a horn." Train engineers are expected to sound a whistle when they know for sure that there is an obstruction on the track, however.

"The fact that the gates are already down is all the warning a motorist should need to get away from the tracks, grade crossing, and/or stalled automobile," Pesaturo said. "The horn will [sound] well after the gate activation and will usually be the result of visual detection of an obstruction by the locomotive engineer. Until the obstruction is seen, the engineer would not have information about why the signal system was interrupted."

The train may or may not be able to stop short of a grade crossing, depending on where the train is when the signal system is interrupted.

"The train will [eventually] stop, but it will require a certain distance for stopping," Pesaturo said. "The actual distance is a function of many variables, including train speed, track grade and curvature, train length and weight, and wet rails or other substances on the tracks, such as leaves."

Even though Greenbush trains will run on a schedule, a train could appear on the tracks at any time due to unforeseen circumstances. This means that adults, children, and pets should stay off and away from the tracks at all times and that vehicles should not stop on the tracks under any circumstances.

While engineers are allowed to blow their train's horns if they notice a person, vehicle, or T workers on the tracks, some fear that this warning could come too late because it takes up to a mile for a train to stop.

Police officers will continue to monitor all grade crossings and continue their public education campaign. Two officers are trained in Operation Lifesaver, an international organization devoted to education about train and grade crossing safety, and have been in the schools already this year to speak with children about train safety.

The Cohasset police have adopted a "no tolerance" policy when it comes to rail safety. Criminal complaints will be sought for anyone caught on the tracks or inside fences.

Reporter Carol Britton Meyer contributed to this report.

For more information about Operation Lifesaver and its public education programs, visit www.oli.org. For more information about OL and its public education programs, contact the MBTA Rail Safety Trespass Prevention Office, 500 Arborway, Boston, MA 02130.

POLICE BEAT

Turkeys tossed after store mishap

By Mary Ford
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As many as three or four carriages full of turkeys had to be disposed of after a food freezer went on the fritz at Stop & Shop on Saturday afternoon.

Two police officers, two Cohasset engines and the Scituate ladder truck responded to the supermarket after receiving a call about 2:23 p.m. about smoke coming from one of the food freezers.

The store was evacuated and the Board of Health notified. Public safety personnel were tied up at the scene for about 80 minutes. A fire engine from Hull covered the Cohasset station in case of another call.

Cohasset Health Inspector Tara Tradd said the cause of the fire was the fluorescent light inside the case. "Some plastic was stuck to it and created the mishap," she said. "There were approximately 30 turkeys thrown out. About 20 feet of frozen product was thrown away."

She said she is waiting for the final list of all products and quantities from the store manager. She said the aisle was closed off until the contaminated product was removed.

No-left turns

Police continue to monitor Route 3A near the Dunkin' Donuts exit for motorists who are attempting to make left turns onto the state highway during peak hours. The driveway has a sign warning motorists not to turn left during certain hours. Police received a complaint last Monday (Nov. 5) that the sign was being ignored.

Lt. William Quigley said police are also working on an overall traffic plan for Route 3A that would address certain problem spots.

He said police urge motorists not to attempt the left out of the Dunkin' Donuts parking lot during rush hour. "It is especially dangerous when someone is juggling their coffee," Quigley said.

Abandoned bikes

Two more abandoned bicycles were turned over to the police last week. On Monday (Nov. 5) within 30 minutes police received two calls about bicycles left on residents' property and were asked to collect them.

The bike left on Border Street is a 21-speed boys' diamond back, valued at $200. The second bike found on Jerusalem Road is a boys' 18-speed silver Shimano bike with no seat. The Shimano bicycle is valued at $150, police said. In both instances residents notified police that bikes were abandoned on their property.

Lt. William Quigley said no one has called to report the bikes as missing. There are now a total of four abandoned bikes at the station. Police recently had propertyroom.com pick up a number of unclaimed bikes.

"We average about two abandoned bikes a week," he said.

MVAs

• Police are following up to see if a medical issue caused an accident last Monday (Nov. 5) involving a 93-year-old Cohasset woman who drove into a legally parked 2001 Chevy pickup on the side of the road. The accident occurred about 6:30 p.m. on Elm Street. The woman was passing the police station heading toward the harbor when she rear-ended the truck. There was heavy rear-end damage to the truck and front-end damage to the 1997 Saturn that the woman was driving. She was transported to the hospital with what appeared to be minor injuries, police said.

• At about 10:26 a.m. on Tuesday (Nov. 6), a water department employee in a town-owned Ford pickup truck apparently did not see an approaching car as he backed out of a spot in Shaw's parking lot and hit a 2000 Mazda Protégé that was driving by in the travel lane. The Protégé was being driven by a 78-year-old Scituate woman. There were no injuries. The Mazda had front-end damage but did not have to be towed and the truck had no visible damage. Police cannot issue citations on private ways. Lt. Quigley said the town employee's view was obstructed by the SUV parked in the next spot.

• Police credit seatbelts with preventing any injuries among teenagers who were involved in an accident at Route 3A and lower King Street last Tuesday (Nov. 6). A 2001 Chevy Astrovan driven by a 17-year-old Hingham girl was stopped on 3A in the southbound lane. The Astrovan was going to turn left when it was rear-ended by a 1994 Nissan driven by an 18-year-old Hull teen. There were four people in the Nissan, all under the age of 20, police said. "Everyone was belted and there were no injuries," Lt. Quigley said. The Astrovan had minor rear-end damage and the Nissan had some front-end damage. Both cars were towed. A citation will be issued to the driver of the Nissan for following too closely, police said.

• A 23-year-old woman from Blackburg, Va., was apparently lost and passed the turn on Pond Street when she pulled the 2004 Hyundai sedan she was driving over to the side of the northbound lane on Route 3A last Friday at about 5:30

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p.m. As she pulled back into the lane, she struck a 2006 Mercury Grand Marquis driven by a 55-year-old Hull man who was trying to pass her on the left. She was cited for failure to use caution on a state highway.

• A man walked into the police station to report that his car had been "tapped" from behind by another vehicle when he was at a stop sign near the harbor and the car drove off. He asked police to look over his car and they did not find any damage, Lt. Quigley said. The man was unable to provide a plate number but said the car looked like a livery vehicle and could have been a Lincoln or a Crown Victoria. Police checked the area and notified area towns but were not able to locate the other car.

K-9 search

Some residents of Jerusalem Road may be wondering why a police K-9 unit was called in and officers were searching the area last Tuesday (Nov. 6) at about 8:45 p.m. Cohasset police said the incident originated in Hingham. Hingham police requested assistance from Cohasset and the Hull K-9 unit. The dog tracked the suspect from West Corner along Jerusalem Road toward Wadleigh Park. Hingham police later called off the search. Cohasset police said the suspect was wanted for motor vehicle infractions and was not dangerous.

Car B&E

A 66-year-old Cohasset man told police that while he was inside Walgreen's at 9 a.m. last Wednesday (Nov. 7), someone broke into his 1989 Ford pickup truck and stole about $4 in coins, including a silver dollar, and three Country Western cassette tapes. The truck was unlocked. Police viewed surveillance tapes from Shaw's but views of the truck were unclear. The incident is under investigation.

Dog bite

A dog has been quarantined after it chased and bit a 17-year-old boy who was on his way home from school last Wednesday (Nov. 7). The incident occurred on North Main Street and was reported by the teen's mother. The dog bit the back of the boy's thigh and ripped his pants, police said.

Locker larceny

Police are investigating the theft of a girl's purse from her locker at the middle school last Wednesday sometime between noon and 2 p.m. The girl's pink handbag containing two Visa gift cards valued at $150; $150 in cash, her student ID, some change, a Cingular/AT&T black razor cell phone, gum, lip gloss and pens and pencils, was taken. The incident was also reported to the assistant principal. There are no suspects at this time but detectives are investigating, police said.

Suspicious man

A woman ran into Walgreen's with her three children after a man approached her in the parking lot last Friday (Nov. 9). He told her that she had left her car in reverse. When she told him to leave her alone, he began to walk toward her and she ran into the store. Police think there could have been a misunderstanding and that he may have been trying to tell her that her "reverse" lights were staying on which sometimes occurs with car alarms. She notified police about 1/2 hour following the incident. When police arrived the man had left. The incident was out of view of the surveillance cameras.

ID theft

A Cohasset man thinks he may be the victim of identity theft after he wired a large sum of money to a bank in Nevada after attempting to purchase a boat on eBay. He was subsequently notified by eBay that his password might have been compromised.

eBay also said it had no listing of the boat or the transaction.

Cohasset detectives are following up with the bank in Nevada and eBay security. The victim was asked to notify credit-reporting bureaus.

For more information about scams and identity theft, visit the Cohasset Police web site at: cohassetpolice.com.

Dump closed

The RTF being closed on Veterans Day, Sunday (Nov. 11) did not deter some residents from dumping their leaves anyway. Police responded to a complaint that the chain to the back entrance had been opened and suspect that some people wanted to drop off leaves and yard debris. The officer replaced the chain. There were several calls complaining about the dump being closed on Sunday.

Parking ban

No all-night parking is allowed on any street in Cohasset from Nov. 15-April 1 per the town's traffic rules and orders.

Post-Prom gets okay to use school facility

By Nancy White
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"Finding a venue to take 150 teenagers starting at midnight is really, really difficult."
— Ann Kelly, Post Prom co-chair

After a two-year hiatus, the School Committee has given the go ahead for the annual post-prom party to return to school grounds. The Post-Prom Committee, a privately funded parent-run event and organization, has started work months early in preparation for the annual party.

Post prom and/or post graduation night-long events have grown in popularity in many towns over the past decade as a way to prevent the drinking that is often seen as a rite of passage for teenagers. The post-prom party is not a school-sponsored function.

The post-prom committees of the past two years have not come before School Committee to request the use of a school facility. Instead, they decided to hold the party at off-site venues. The class of 2006's post-prom party was held in the garage, the Recreation Department's building near the village parking lot. Last year's class celebrated at the River Club in Scituate.

With a new set of parent organizers at the helm, four members of the post-prom committee came before the School Committee to request the use of a school building. School Committee members Adrienne MacCarthy and Lucia Flibotte, recused themselves from a vote because of their involvement in planning the event. Both have sons in the graduating class.

"Finding a venue to take 150 teenagers starting at midnight is really, really difficult," said co-chair Ann Kelly, "and the options that are out there are cost prohibitive."

The committee had done research into local post-prom/post-graduation parties and most in the area were held at in the town's school facilities. To support their request, they resurrected a post-prom pact written in 2005 to be signed by all parents, students and chaperones. The pact was drafted in cooperation with the Police Department, School Department and School Committee after problems arose with alcohol and rowdiness at the 2004 post-prom party held at the high school.

Chairman Rick Flynn said the one of the most important factors was the kind of committee in charge of the party.

"This will be a law abiding event," affirmed Flibotte, "we're all on the same page to keep kids safe."

However, member Alfred Slanetz said the school buildings were institutions for learning, not for a party.

"Philosophically, should we be having a party in our school buildings? In my own opinion, school buildings should not be used for this purpose," said Slanetz, adding with the party on school property, the schools take on additional liability.

With MacCarthy and Flibotte recused, the vote was 2-1 in favor of allowing the post-prom to utilize a school building for the party, just which school building is being kept a secret as a surprise for the graduating class. Slanetz voted against the motion.

The Post-Prom Committee will return to the School Committee after the first of the year to discuss the logistics for the party and review the post-prom pact.

Building Permits

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Suzdell, 6 Stoneleigh, 18 sq. asphalt roofing, $11,500; Chamberlain, 235 Pond St., extend kitchen and add screen porch over existing deck, $35,000; Mullen, 100 Pond St., Unit 66, remodel master bath and hall bath, $35,000; Chase, 170 South Main St., construct roof over entry and landscape arbor, $2,500; Silvia, 445 Beechwood St., 10 sq. asphalt roofing, $2,000; McKenna, 155 Beach St., new bathroom, $12,000; Paul, 68A Nichols Road, 30 sq. asphalt roofing, $11,750; Verrochi, 90 North Main St., remove and replace six windows, $6,500 and Carpenter, 70 King St., construct farmer's porch, $29,000.

Teen dance Nov. 30

Cohasset Youth Resources will host a Midnight Blue Dance for students in grades six through eight at the Teen Center from 7 to 10 p.m., on Friday, Nov. 30. There will be a door charge of $5 per person, and those attending will be required to show a student ID when signing in for the dance.

Students should be sure they gain admittance to the dance before their ride lives, as once full capacity is reached no further admittance will be allowed. There will be no admittance after 8:30 p.m.

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$80K flood control master plan included in capital items

By Nancy White
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The budget amendments sailed through with no discussion and unanimous approval, but the Capital Improvement Budget did not have it as easy. Debate centered on whether to fund the $80,000 flood control master plan, the heftiest item on the list. The master plan ended up in the final motion to expend $259,000 on seven capital items.

Balancing urgent capital needs with long-term goals has been the constant struggle of the Capital Budget Committee over the past few months.

"We had over $1.2 million in expenditure requests this year," said Steve Gaumer, chairman of the Capital Budget Committee. However, Town Manager Bill Griffin recommended only spending $300,000, mostly from free cash, on capital projects at Special Town Meeting.

Finding a more predictable source of capital funding is one of the primary objectives of the Capital Budget Committee in the upcoming months, said Gaumer, "it will not be a simple thing." Maintaining the current base of assets, nearly $93 million (not including roads and bridges or water/sewer infrastructure) worth, is not being adequately done because of lack of available funds, he said.

The Advisory Committee agreed something has to be done to better fund capital purchases, "the practice of using left over free cash for capital items must come to an end," said member Ed Lappen. However, a majority of the Advisory Committee endorsed the motion to expend $279,000.

A minority report from the Advisory Committee presented by Sam Wakeman contested the article on the grounds it continues the shortsighted, inefficient use of money. As an alternative, Wakeman proposed the available $300,000 be used to begin a capital stabilization fund — a concept the Capital Budget Committee is currently working on and will perhaps bring to Town Meeting in the future.

Gaumer returned to the podium to propose an amendment to strike the $80,000 flood control master plan for a total of $219,000 in requests. The removal of the big ticket item was partly due to the desire to limit spending as much as possible, "after due consideration we determined not to spend every last dime the town has."

The Board of Selectmen opposed this amendment unanimously, while the Advisory Committee endorsed it. The Selectmen viewed the flood control master plan as a critical need.

"We'd like to start to do the groundwork to begin to address serious flooding problems townwide," said Selectman Fred Koed. The flood control master plan would be a townwide study to develop a conceptual, phased drainage master plan that the town can implement over the next few years, the exact schedule depending on the pace of funding, said Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil. The implementation of the plan he estimates will be upward of $5 million.

"Flooding issue about town have become exacerbated," said Vanderweil with stronger and more frequent storms as well as increased development in town. "I'm afraid if we wait we would lose seven months of addressing these problems."

Advisory Committee Chairman Merle Brown said the town needed to stop using free cash "willy nilly" and the funding of the plan could wait until the Spring Town Meeting.

Resident suffering from flooding, like Joe Coggins of 57 Elm St., did not agree the plan could wait, "these problems exist, they're not on a spreadsheet or a computer. They're in my backyard, my neighbor's backyard, in the streets...it's going to cost money now or more later."

Karen Quigley of 27 Clay Spring Road said if the town is proactive with the flood control master plan and has engineering in place, it might attract grant monies.

Right now, the town goes from one emergency to another (Mother's Day storm 2006, Patriots Day storm 2007) without addressing the issues comprehensively, said Stormwater Committee Chairman Marty Nee.

"Two years after the Mothers Day storm we are still without a plan to address the problems," said Nee. The committee supported the inclusion of flood control master plan in the capital budget.

By procedure, the Capital Budget Committee's amendment to exclude the flood control master plan was voted on before the main motion. The amendment was defeated by a majority vote.

The original motion to expend $259,000 on seven capital items was subsequently approved by majority vote.

Capital Improvements Budget

Flood control master plan	$80,000
Jacobs Meadow outlet channel design	$40,000
Special ed van replacement	$45,000
Library staff computer replacement	$15,000
Police cruiser replacement	$29,000
Ambulance refurbishment	$25,000
Fire heavy rescue tools	$25,000



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Town Manager William Griffith, left, and Town Counsel Paul DeRensis go over a few details regarding articles at the Special Town meeting Tuesday evening. For more coverage, see page 12.



Dr. Edward Woods and his wife Lucia read through the Town Warrant articles at Cohasset's Special Town Meeting Tuesday evening at the Cohasset High School gymnasium.



Cohasset resident Betsy Millard works on her quilt while taking in all the debate during Tuesday's Special Town Meeting.

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It does not seem possible that we are already here at Thanksgiving time. As we get ready to go into the Holiday season, we all need to enjoy the wonderful colors, sounds, parades and small things for all.

NDA SCHOLAR

I had a message from a very proud mom about her daughter and accomplishments that have been made this year in school. **Courtney Culhane**, a sophomore at Notre Dame Academy in Hingham has been named to the President's list. This accomplishment is the highest level of achievement. Courtney is in all honors classes and programs, is on the Cross Country team and works at Stop and Shop in between it all. Great job Courtney, your family is so proud of you.

NIFTY AT FIFTY!

Linda, Mike, Dave and Lauren Snowdale want to wish a happy birthday to **Al Snowdale** who is turning 50 this Sat. Nov. 17. (People will probably be surprised since he is aging so gracefully!) We all hope that you have a wonderful day Al and look forward to another 50 years. Happy Birthday!



Alexis Zerendow Hambrick has moved up at Turner Broadcasting System, Inc.

MOVING UP

Cohasset's won **Alexis Zerendow Hambrick**, now of Atlanta, was recently promoted to director of entertainment networks and sports marketing for Turner Network Sales (TNS), the domestic distribution, sales and marketing arm of Turner Broadcasting System, Inc. (TBS, Inc.).

Alexis is charged with leading her team in developing and implementing marketing strategies to maximize distribution and affiliate partnership opportunities for Turner's entertainment networks and sports properties.

Alexis most recently served as network marketing manager, developing and managing affiliate marketing for TBS, TNT and CNN en Español. She joined TNS in 1999 as a sales assistant and was soon promoted to marketing coordinator.

Alexis earned a bachelor of arts degree from Union College in New York. She is an active member of the Cable Telecommunications Association for Marketing (CTAM) and Women In Cable Telecommunications (WICT). She was born and raised in Cohasset.

JUNIOR GARDENERS

The Junior Gardeners of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset will meet this month on Monday, Nov.19 from 2:45 to 3:45 in the Deer Hill cafeteria. The children will be making a Thanksgiving holiday centerpiece. Parents are welcome to attend the meetings.

COOKBOOK, TOUR

"Cohasset Entertains," is back again at **Flemings of Cohasset Village** *and* **Windsor Tea Shop.** The cookbook is a collection of treasured recipes from the members of the *Community Garden Club*. There are complete menus for each season and step-by-step, easy to follow illustrations for creating beautiful centerpieces for your holiday table. This Thanksgiving, set the table with a beautiful dried arrangement or serve just a few of the delicious holiday recipes like bisque of butternut, or praline ice cream pie with rum sauce. Each cookbook cost $15 and all proceeds help fund club programs, services, and scholarship funds.

The Community Garden Club will also present "Christmas Memories", a holiday house tour on Thursday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. This year's tour will showcase five of Cohasset's loveliest homes and the Cohasset Historical Society's Paul Pratt building, all lavishly decorated for the holiday season by garden club members. Tickets are $20 in advance and $25 on tour day and include directions to the homes and parking suggestions.

Tickets are now on sale locally at: the Windsor Tea Shop, Buttonwood Books and Toys, Flemings and Darilynn's, or on the day of the tour at the Second Congregational Church. For additional information, please visit the Community Garden Club website:

www.communitygarden-clubofcohasset.org or call 781 383- 0838.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Make-a-Difference weekend of activities is planned for Nov. 17/18th, when students of both Osgood and Deer Hill families alongside other community members, will be working in teams to help with fall cleanup for some of Cohasset's elderly residents. Volunteers will rake, pull down storm windows, change outdoor light bulbs and remove window air conditioners. If you are interested in volunteering, contact **Patty Cunningham** at 781-383-1378.

METCO WREATH SALE

Continuing its annual holiday tradition the Cohasset METCO program is offering fresh, beautiful, double-sided Balsam wreaths for your festive decorating. The cost is $10 per holiday wreath and the proceeds benefit the Cohasset METCO Scholarship Fund. Wreaths will be available for pick-up at the Cohasset Village Fair (between the Town Hall and the Second Congregational Church) on Saturday, Dec 1st.

Pre-ordering is appreciated. For more information, or to place an order, please contact Jody Golden (METCO PSO Rep.) at 781-383-2685.

That is it for this week.

Early deadline next week!

Please send in all of your news no later than Monday at 5 p.m.. Email works best and for photos, please send them to mford@cnc.com with the written portion coming to me.

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WEDDING

Quintin - Norton

Meghan Diana Norton, daughter of Fred and Marie Norton of Framingham, and Paul-Michael Quintin, son of Paul and Anne Quintin of Cohasset, were married June 30, 2007, at Our Lady of Victories Church in Boston. A reception followed at the Boston Radisson in the Theartre District.

Maid of honor was Andrea Norton, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Bethany Quintin, sister of the groom, Sarah Danforth, Laura Engman, Katie Carlson, Sabrina Particelli, Michelle Malone and Alexis Dawicki, all friends of the bride. Flower girl was Olivia Derdul, cousin of the bride.

Best man was Peter Apostolides, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Joseph Norton, brother of the bride, Eric Wenmark, Patrick Hurley, Evan Carlson, Jon Tate, and Jeff Mehne, all friends of the groom. Ring bearer was Patrick Derdul, cousin of the bride.



Mr. and Mrs. Paul-Michael Quintin

The bride is a graduate of Marian High School in Framingham, Babson College, and earned her master's degree at Cambridge College.

The groom attended Cohasset High School and is a graduate of Babson College.

After a two week honeymoon in the Caribbean, the couple lives in Natick.

Jade Forest to host 'The Myth of Aging'

John Loupos and Steven Aronstein, founder of Somatic Systems Institute, will co-present a workshop on clinical somatics titled "The Myth of Aging," on Sunday, Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The simple movement patterns that will be taught are designed to eliminate pain and stiffness and enhance proprioception and flexibility. Somatics use yoga-like movement patterns to help people gain smarter muscles by recalibrating the faulty brain/muscle control settings that cause chronic pain and stiffness. Somatics doesn't require exertion – it's non-competitive and non-jarring – making it suitable regardless of one's physical condition.

This event will be offered by the Pain & Mobility Clinic at Jade Forest Kung Fu/Tai Chi, 130 King St., Route 3A, Cohasset. The fee to attend is $150. For more information, call Loupos at 781-383-6822.

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Vets honored at Deer Hill

By Nancy White
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Take time to remember and thank veterans.

That sentiment was the message at last week's Veterans Day Ceremony at Deer Hill School and it was exactly what the students did. Through the mediums of music, song and written word, Deer Hill students showed their gratitude to a few honored guests in uniform. The show of appreciation was met with equal thanks from the veterans themselves.

"This is our first time going to Cohasset schools to see a veterans' service like this," said Tom Wigmore of the Sons of The American Legion.

The students used their abundant talents to convey their respect and indebtedness to the seven veterans who were able to attend the ceremony and those who were not able to attend.

The fifth-grade band filled the gymnasium with patriotic tunes as the rest of the student body filed into the room. Deer Hill had spent three weeks preparing for the ceremony, across all faces of the curriculum. Classroom teachers taught the students what it meant to be a veteran. In music class, all grades learned three songs for the ceremony.

Principal Jennifer deChiara opened the day by addressing the student body and explaining what Veterans Day means. Unlike celebratory holidays, Veterans Day is a solemn, respectful day to remember and thank those who have served and fought for the United States, deChiara explained to the children.

"We have a responsibility to those brave veterans to let them know they didn't fight for nothing. We can never forget their service or take it for granted," said deChiara who hopes the Veterans Day event would become an annual school tradition.

"I believe it's important for the children to understand that as Americans we enjoy freedoms that do not exist in many other countries, and in large part we have Veterans to thank," wrote deChiara in an e-mail as the impetus to organizing the event. "part of being a good citizen is appreciating those who have made sacrifices on our behalf."

Wigmore got the kids' attention and applause when he made reference to the success of two hometown teams, the New England Patriots and the Red Sox. But, he said, there was another team in need of support, a team of armed forces, "please thank them for their service," said Wigmore.

All fourth- and fifth-grade students wrote an essay about veterans; one student from each grade read their essay at the ceremony. Fourth-grader Mimi Waters said every veteran must be a leader by example, "if you are not determined to win then others won't be determined to win," she wrote. Fifth-grader Kristen Timothy wrote empathy, cooperation and perseverance were the three most important traits veterans must possess.

"Veterans are very special people who put themselves in danger to keep us safe," wrote Kristen. Next, the entire school sang, "We are proud of our veterans."

Several of the veterans stood up to both thank the students for their hard work and heartfelt words and songs.

"I can tell you put a lot of time and effort into this ceremony. I will remember this for the rest of my life," said Charles Daly, Cohasset's American Legion Post chaplain.

A young Army veteran recently returned from active service in Kosovo, Dave Nickerson, said he has received a warm welcome home from the community, "all the support this country gives keeps you going. You all help by supporting the troops."

"Veterans fight so we can have events like this in peace and quiet in tranquil towns like Cohasset," said Selectman Paul Carlson.

Coleman Nee, a Cohasset resident, Operation Desert Storm veteran and state Veterans' Services undersecretary, reminded the assembly "every day is Veterans Day. Veterans defend our freedom, rights and we are a better country because of them."

In a touching close to the ceremony, the entire student body joined by teachers, parents and veterans sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee."



STAFF PHOTOS/CRAIG GOLDECKE

US Army Sergeant David Nickerson of Cohasset points to Kosovo where he was for 18 months on duty with the 101st Engineer Battalion. Nickerson recently returned home. His cousin James Hynes,a fifth grade student at Deer Hill, brought Nickerson back to class for a surprise visit and question and answer session after the school's Veterans Day ceremony.

"We can never forget their service or take it for granted."
— Principal Jennifer deChiara



Mimi Waters, a fourth-grade student, reads her essay to veterans and students at the school's Veterans Day Ceremony held Friday morning. There were several guest speakers including, Thomas Wigmore of the Sons of American Legion and US Army SGT David Nickerson.



Ten-year-old James Hynes, a fifth grade student, chats with his cousin US Army Sergeant David Nickerson after Friday's Veterans Day ceremony at the school. James invited his cousin back to his classroom.

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The "Mad Scientist," Morgan Kuberry, demonstrates a chemical reaction.

Mad Science stirs up fun

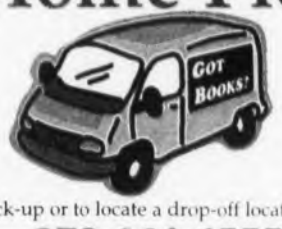
South Shore Community Center hosted Mad Science recently. These classes help children explore the many aspects of science while having fun with hands-on experiments. The week's theme was chemistry.

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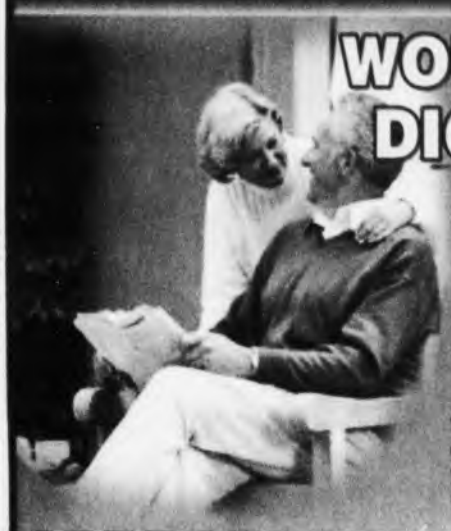
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COURTESY PHOTO

Cohasset resident Deborah Howard and Maggie.

Through Nov. 30, the organization will be holding an online auction to raise funds and awareness called the "Claws and Paws Shop."

Howard's Cohasset-based organization, is the only national nonprofit dedicated exclusively to protecting companion animals with their foremost concern being the abuse and suffering of pet shop and puppy mill dogs. Through Nov. 30, the organization will be holding an online auction to raise funds and awareness called the "Claws and Paws Shop" with amazing items up for bid including: trips to the Galapagos Islands, Bermuda, Australia, Key West and San Francisco, autographed items from Tom Cruise, Cam Neely, Bobby Orr, the Boston Red Sox, the Rock Band Boston, and more locally being a guest on NECN's TV Diner. Not to mention the obvious pet items like: collars, gift baskets and a session with "Animal Communicator" Marlene Sandler and a painting from "the Dog Artist" Jane O'Hara (both based in MA). Log on to www.caps.cmarket.com to bid on these amazing items and help this worthy cause.

'NE Perspectives' at the James Library

Three South Shore landscape photographers, Margot Cheel of Cohasset, Mike Sleeper, and Stephen Eames, are presenting a photography exhibit at the James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St, Norwell. The show continues until Thursday, Nov. 29.

The show, "New England Perspectives," will showcase the different views from each photographer. Margot Cheel presents aerial photography of the South Shore and Cape as abstract art. Mike Sleeper is well known for his panoramic photos of the South Shore landscape. Steve Eames captures New England scenes with a painter's eye. Margot Cheel's web site is at www.margotcheel.com; Mike Sleeper's web site is at www.mikesleeper.com and Steve Eames web site is at www.eamescreative.com.

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EDITORIAL

New neighbor

The good news is we can hope that getting used to Greenbush will not take as long as building it has.

The reality is the train has arrived and commuter rail is going to be a fact of life.

It should ultimately add to the quality of life for many of us — those who use it to commute and those who will use it just to go "in town" for dinner or other event. Having reliable and desirable public transportation should also add to property values or at the very least, maintain current property values.

However, train service is bound to have some hiccups and cause some headaches as we all adjust to the grade crossings, parking lots, and traffic impacts of the stations.

With that being said, safety is always paramount. We applaud our public safety and town officials for their concern and keeping this issue at the forefront.

It is clearly not enough for the MBTA to say that recent incidents involving grade crossings that are solely due to the fact that local motorists are not used to the grade crossings.

Yes, there is a learning curve. But, some of the crossings, particularly the one at North Main Street by Woodside Cemetery and the Cohasset Golf Club needs some adjustment.

On North Main Street last week, we waited a good 5 minutes in a line of cars behind the closed gates while the train was parked at the station unloading and loading passengers. Clearly in this case, the gates should have been up while the train was parked!

The Cohasset police log this week was peppered with complaints and concerns from callers about N. Main and King Street crossings.

Cohasset is not the only town experiencing "Greenbush growing pains" — next door in Hingham there is considerable confusion. There seem to be safety issues at grade crossings at the South Shore Country Club and at Hersey and South streets.

Responsibility for train safety rests on the shoulders of the MBTA, public safety officials, and our elected and appointed leaders. But all of us regular citizens — whether motorists, pedestrians or cyclists – need to take responsibility for our own safety. That means stopping when the red lights are flashing or the bells are ringing, even if the gate arms are not down. It is also important to check to see if a train is coming from either direction before proceeding across the tracks under any circumstance.

If there is any question about whether it is safe to cross, our advice is to sit there and wait before attempting to cross the tracks, and if you have a cell phone handy, call the police at 781-383-1055.

Do not be intimidated by cars behind you. One of the more distressing reports we heard this week in Hingham revealed that cars are honking at other cars in front of them, urging them to move forward when it isn't safe to do so.

Most of us know what it is like to feel that kind of pressure. How many times have you tried to turn left onto Main Street (Route 228) in Hingham from Cushing or Gardner? Have you tried to make a left from Sohier Street onto King Street (Route 3A)? The "lull" seems to take forever, especially if someone is behind you and you sense that motorist is impatient.

We hope you will never find yourself "stuck" on the tracks, but if you start to cross and the arm is down in front of you, drive forward right through the cross arm. Do NOT stop on the tracks!

We urge all motorists to be patient and respect others as we all get used to the grade crossings. Also, it is important that you report any malfunction or perceived malfunction.

Public pressure has and always will be the best way to get issues addressed.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m.

Cohasset Library Trust Inc., Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m. at the library.

Sewer Commission, Nov. 26, 6 p.m.

Water Commission, Nov. 29, 6 p.m., King Street plant.

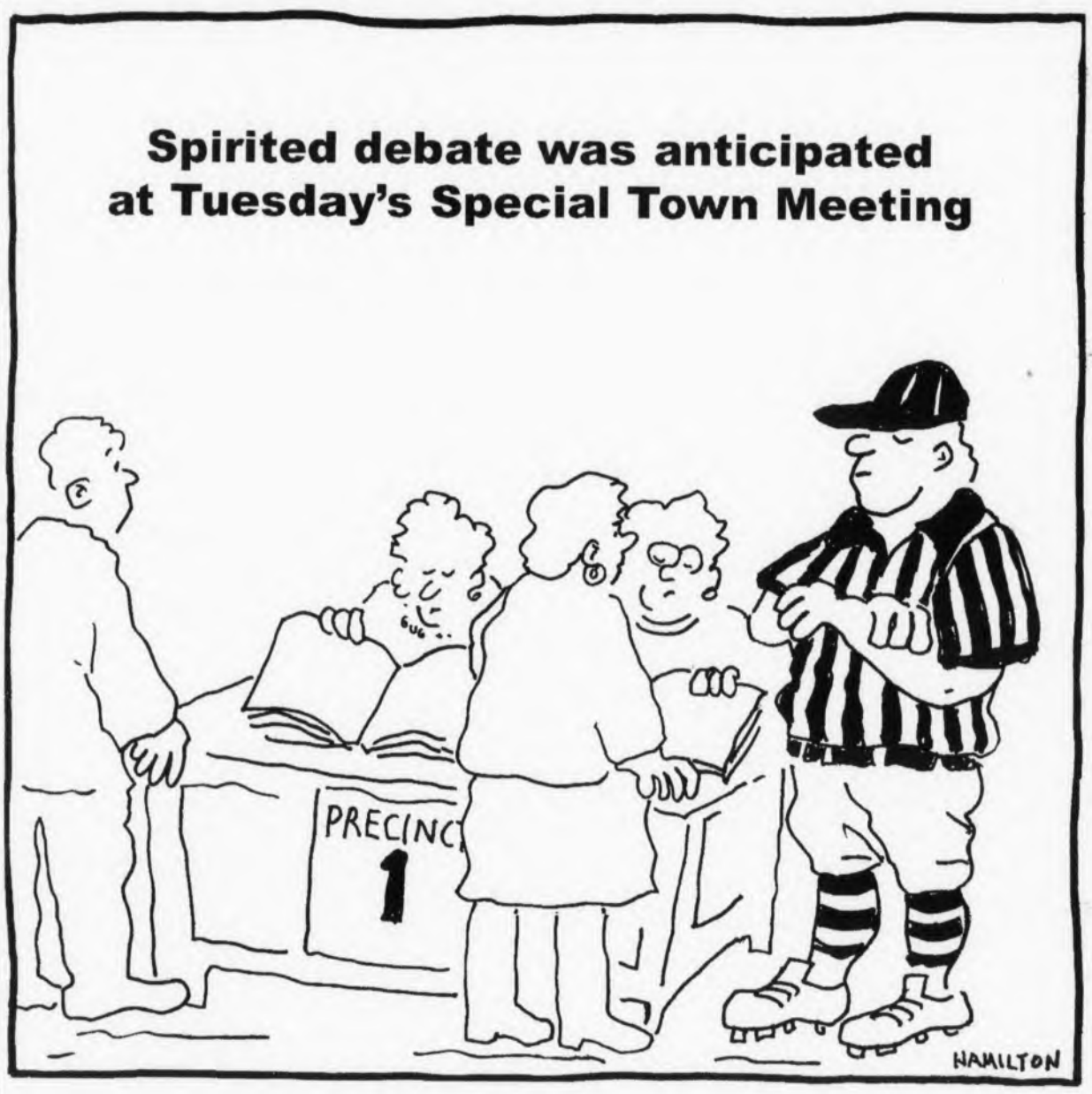
ZBA, Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Care packages for the troops

The George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118 is seeking donations of toiletries and other items for those deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Donations may be dropped off at the Legion Post on Summer Street daily after 3 p.m. or at Pilgrim Cooperative Bank branches on 3A or in the village.

Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks should be made out to the Sons of the American Legion, with "Soldiers Project" written in the memo line on the check. Checks can be mailed to Sons of the American Legion, PO Box 118, Cohasset, MA 02025.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Harborview improvements are appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

The news of the vast improvements planned for Harborview, 60 Elm St., has been previously reported in these pages; the execution of the plans to date has been gratefully observed by this resident.

The work is being carried out by a very diligent work force, that is a joy to watch, and as scheduled and monitored by the local staff as it is completed. The residents have gotten use to the sound of saws and hammers and the presence of ladders and work trucks, but have not heard any words of complaint but only of appreciation from my neighbors.

When this restoration was announced it appeared to be a project of the Cohasset Housing Authority and of the Massachusetts Department of Housing, but other agencies have become involved. The commitments of the Cohasset Conservation Commission and of Rep. Garrett Bradley have had the effect that the entire exterior will be restored, including the paths, road and landscaping.

This letter is intended to be no more than a personal expression of my appreciation, but from casual conversation with my neighbors I think that it represents their attitude as well. It is my opinion that when this work is completed, probably next year, a remarkable restoration will have taken place, something of which we all can be proud; the residents and staff, the town of Cohasset and the Commonwealth. It will be just cause for celebration.

Robert C. Ernst Sr
60 Elm St..

Grateful for Cabaret support!

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to thank all the people who attended the Cohasset Cabaret on the weekend of Nov. 2. As this was our first show, it was our intent to provide a variety of performers that would entertain with high energy and leave the audience with a smile on their face.

We hope you enjoyed the show and we plan to do it all over again with a brand new show called Cohasset Cabaret II on Nov. 7 and 8, 2008, at St. Anthony's Parish Hall. Save the date, tell your friends what they missed and bring them next year. If you really enjoyed the show and cannot wait for next year, you can see many of the performers in a totally new show at the Hingham Armory the first week of February.

Dan Volungis for
Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs

Village bylaw is only the first step

COMMENTARY

ALAIN PINEL

As much as one may wish, vitality will not be achieved only with the residents doing more shopping in their own village

Tuesday night Town Meeting was not that bad after all. The much awaited debate on the infamous article 4 lived up to its promises but, thanks in part to the discipline of an excellent moderator, the passion and the partisan arguments of the various orators were always controlled and respectful. Considering that the subject matter was nothing less than what we have in mind for the future of the village — a subject on which every resident may have a different point of view — this was not a small achievement.

The one thing that probably mobilized and "united" all the attendees was the fact that the village needed a lot of help. We all love the quaint atmosphere of this quintessential New England village but, unless we only look at it with adoring mother's eyes, we need to recognize that it had been for some time following a decaying trend. It was urgent to bring new life to the village, accelerate its commercial and housing development and, to this end, simplify and sweeten the permit process. Well, the Planning Board got what it asked for. Many people are happy for it. I am one of them, as it makes sense to give one single entity the full management of the process and place them in front of their new and tough responsibilities. Now what?

It would be wishful thinking to hope for a quick and significant change. The passing of the motion was not the end result, it was merely about creating the conditions for a more deliberate development of the village. Everything remains to be done: what development, what businesses, when, where, why? We are back to the drawing board. Sure it's going to be easier for entrepreneurs and developers to give Cohasset a try, but the challenge, now, is going to be to anticipate and plan the change, to create tomorrow a Cohasset we all could be happy and proud to live in.

A lady, at the meeting, asked the key question: what is the village going to be like in 25 years? This answer to the question is really the beginning of the new beginning. We need to agree to a common vision and be very astute and strict regarding its implementation. As I had mentioned in a previous letter to the Mariner, we don't need to fabricate a new glorious image for Cohasset; the town is already blessed with the most beautiful coast line and other natural gifts tied to two themes which marry very well: the sea and the art. We just have to capitalize on these assets to bring vitality and prosperity to the village.

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'Start living from the heart'

TOWARD A SUSTAINABLE COHASSET

JoAnn Mirise

The most frequent question that people ask me when they find out that I am Not Buying It – my pledge to not purchase anything new for one year – is "How do you do it?" When I offer up some tips or stories, oftentimes I am pressed for more. What do I and don't I allow myself? How did I come up with my rules? What is my motivation to keep going?

At the beginning of my journey I, too, found myself looking for answers to similar questions. I wanted to know how this year would play out. I wanted to know that I would be protected from the sirens of consumption. (I like beautiful, well-designed things and here, in the small, affluent town where I live, beautiful, well-designed things were everywhere.) And most of all I wanted to know I would succeed.

So I got down to business. I read books. And blogs. And then I signed up for a very popular Yahoo Group, a global forum for people like me who, in an effort to wriggle from the grips of consumerism, have pledged to go a set amount of time without purchasing anything. I was excited to find a community that I could learn from and that wouldn't think I was a martyr or extremist, neither of which I consider myself in the least. I lasted less than 48 hours, hours in that narrow tunnel of stifling co-dependence. The group consisted of posting after posting of people asking if such and such was allowed as if there was an all-knowing authority on Not Buying It. And then there were even more postings of ensuing responses debating the validity of people's answers. I unsubscribed shortly after reading the post "What do I do when I run out of soap?" and before I responded "You need someone else to tell you what to do when you run out of soap?"

It took this experience to remind me that the most gratifying, productive and positive shifts in my life occurred when I didn't try so hard to have everything figured out.

It took this experience to remind me that the most gratifying, productive and positive shifts in my life occurred when I didn't try so hard to have everything figured out. I once had a friend from Spain who was one of those passionate, lick-the-bottom-of-the-ice-cream-bowl-of-life kind of souls. He was also sharp and wise and not afraid to share his opinions. One afternoon he was checking out my bookshelf. He was skimming the titles whilst murmuring little "oohs" and "aahs" and "oh, yeses" that is until he came to the bottom shelf. The self-help shelf. With an incredulous snicker he flung book after book at me, mocking the titles, which most certainly consisted of some variation of make more money, find the work you love and meet the person of your dreams. He asked why I would ever think that someone else would be able to offer me more than I can offer myself. Stop thinking so much and start living, from the heart, that is. Soon after, he gave me a copy of Gabriel Garcia Marquez's "Life in the Time of Cholera." He told me to read it and in a week we would meet up with some friends to linger over a meal, some wine and lively conversation about the book. Then we would dance. This, he said, was self-help, Spanish-style.

What would this world be like if we were to stop looking outward for answers and instead trust foremost in our own selves? What would our lives be like if gurus, life coaches and so-called experts were there as comrades that we invite to walk with us instead of in front of us, and what if we each started to right our wrongs from the inside out before they become the world's problem?

So please, continue to ask me about my experiences with Not Buying It. And ask me about all of my experiences with making a shift on behalf of the planet. And while I won't have any answers, I certainly will have stories. And maybe you'll be inspired to meet up with some friends to linger over a meal and wine and lively conversation about inviting change and making a shift yourself. And if you're lucky, there might be dancing.

JoAnn Mirise lives and writes in Cohasset.

Wagon Ho!

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

John Lengyel

Anyone can shepherd their child through second or third grade, but with every passing year it gets harder and harder to do your child's homework for him. Given unfamiliar methods of multiplication and division, new ancient civilizations, and foreign languages no one really cares about, it's no wonder some helicopter parents feel as if they're in over their heads.

The best way to combat this stress is to know a lot about pretty much everything, which is what I bring to the table in my house. You see, I'm an engineer, a writer, and I've got the Cotton-Eyed Joe almost down pat, so I have all the bases covered. I can "punch up" my 12-year-old's essay on adolescent self-consciousness with some much-needed humor. I can explain to my second grader the rules of NHL hockey fighting. And my technical background makes me ideally suited to designing, building, and presenting fourth grade wagon projects such as the one my daughter Mary completed this week.

Each student was assigned a state, and their job was to tell their parents the name of that state and then get out of the way for the next month while a state-themed wagon was constructed. Our state was Hawaii, so my first thought was to base the design on the "Lost'" crash site, with a miniature Kate and Jack, and a tiny Michael shooting a tiny Ana-Lucia in the chest. Of course this idea was way too edgy and cool for Mary, but I took her rejection like a man, throwing up my hands and telling her she could just design her whole project without me, and that I'd be in my room awaiting the inevitable disaster.

As I stood in the long line of parents and looked down the hall at the first wagons approaching I knew something was up. Most of the projects were significantly larger than I expected.

She decided to fill the front of the wagon with water and the rest with sand, on which sun bathers, palm trees, a Hawaiian flag, and a volcano would sit. I perked up a bit, because I knew my talents would be needed for the critical water/sand barrier. I began schematic drawings in earnest while she looked under the beds for Polly Pockets.

After weeks of preparation last Tuesday was the big day. Early that morning we rolled our Hawaiian wagon into the school cafeteria and did the final assembly. I dumped sand on one side of an angled piece of foam core representing the shoreline, and poured water into the other side. My expert caulking around the foam core worked perfectly to prevent leaks. We added the palm trees, the flag, the volcano, and the sunbathers on their little colored paper towels. We were GO for the parade!

As I stood in the long line of parents and looked down the hall at the first wagons approaching I knew something was up. Most of the projects were significantly larger than I expected. Nevada had flashing lights. Florida was playing music. North Carolina was actually hovering a few feet off the floor under its own power. There were multimedia presentations, a 1/12th scale model of the Zalkin Bridge with working hit-and-run drivers, a milk carton so huge it could have contained a cow, civil war ramparts, roller coasters, and a live alligator.

In contrast, the wagon Mary pulled down the hall looked like a Superfund site. The stop-and-go parade traffic had jostled the sand and turned the crystal clear waters of our Hawaiian lagoon into a grayish soup in which two half-naked Polly Pockets were floating face down. The grass skirt I'd glued to the bow was being slowly drawn-and-quartered by a few tendrils that had got wound around the front axle. And the volcano had somehow desecrated the Hawaiian flag.

No one had any idea what state this was supposed to be. "New Jersey?" I heard someone say. I tried throwing my voice. "I think it's Hawaii," I said at the wall, then pretended to be the father of the boy behind Mary. "You show 'em, Barney!" I said. Whoever it was swerved his 40-pound papier-mâché Mount Rushmore to avoid me and continued on nervously.

When you attend Cohasset's annual fourth grade wagon project for the first time, you realize what a healthy perspective Texans have on their high school football. I simply had no idea what I was up against. But I've got one more crack at it in 2009 and I know just which state I want Emily to get: Alabama. It's the cradle of the civil rights movement; it was the home of George Washington Carver and Forest Gump; and most importantly, bottle rockets and Roman candles are completely legal.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset. He tried to weasel out of writing an article this week by claiming solidarity with the on-strike WGA, but we called horsepucky on that one.

Health Notes

Memorable tips about forgetfulness

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Ah memories...

How many of us can remember some of the first events in our lives? It's a generally acknowledged fact that memory loss accompanies aging. With so many instruments and devices for organizing and managing facts, from post-its on your refrigerator to the personal computer on your desk, who needs memory? Actually, the National Geographic reports that there are at least two individuals now living comfortably without any memory at all. One man was deprived of most of his memory when a virus destroyed his hippocampus, that part of the brain where memory is organized. The other was deprived of his hippocampus surgically to treat seizures. The results in the two cases were similar. Neither individual has any permanent memory of past events, yet both are happy and function normally retaining most mental functions such as arithmetic skills and the ability to read. The lesson: if memory goes completely, you don't have to worry about it any more.

Primitive man only had a few things to worry about, such as being eaten by a lion and where to find food. Then he had to learn about fire. Later reading and writing, then computer literacy, — and the Internet. To survive, there have always been a few core facts to remember. Once mastered, other remembered facts can lead to a life of enrichment, fun and fulfillment. It's just that our core knowledge now needs a substantial component of tools to manage the modern universe of information available to us. Formal education at all levels has been slow to include the new core survival requirements for the information age. And since each of us faces diminished capacity as we get older, we need to develop a system of augmenting what we know with the tools to organize the information we need to exist and find enrichment. Even if it's a notebook in the pocket or managing the answering machine or learning computer basics or meeting someone who already knows. So, I claim that assimilating information management in some of its many forms is as important as the following list of potential steps to improve your memory.

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The NIH with characteristic candor, provides "steps already beneficial in other ways which *may* help reduce the risk of developing memory problems."

• Lower cholesterol and high blood pressure. A number of studies in recent years have suggested that vascular diseases — heart disease and stroke — may contribute to the development of AD, the severity of AD, or the development of multi-infarct dementia (also called vascular dementia).

•Don't smoke or abuse alcohol. According to a recent research report from Harvard Medical School, "Improving Memory: Understanding Age-Related Memory Loss," smokers perform worse than nonsmokers in studies of memory and thinking skills. Heavy alcohol use can also impair memory.

• Get regular exercise. Physical activity may help maintain blood flow to the brain and reduce risk factors associated with dementia.

• Maintain healthy eating habits. According to a study published in the Oct. 24, 2006, issue of Neurology, eating vegetables may help slow down the rate of cognitive change in adults. Researchers studied 3,718 residents in Chicago who were older than age 65. Of the types of vegetables, green leafy vegetables had the strongest association with slowing the rate of cognitive decline. Also reducing foods high in saturated fat and cholesterol and eating fish with beneficial omega-3 fatty acids, such as salmon and tuna, may benefit brain health. An NIA-funded clinical trial to test the effects of omega-3 fatty acids in people with AD is now recruiting patients nationwide.

• Maintain social interactions. Social interaction can help reduce stress levels and has been associated with a lower risk of dementia. In the February 2007 issue of the Archives of General Psychiatry, researchers found that loneliness is associated with an increased risk of late-life dementia.

• Keep your brain active. Some experts suggest that challenging the brain with such activities as reading, writing, learning a new skill, playing games, and gardening stimulates brain cells and the connections between the cells, and may be associated with a lower risk of dementia.

Everything wears out. It's to be expected. As you go on, look for an environment in which you believe you can operate and contribute even with diminished capacity. The lesson to be learned is that if you can't do anything about it worrying isn't going to help. Best to live with it.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Adventures in drinking

HENSHAW

Tom Henshaw



Except for an occasional glass of merlot for old times' sake, I've pretty much eschewed strong drink for the past five or six years, ever since I discovered that I was paying almost as much for a six-pack of Michelob as I used to pay for a used car.

What I learned the other day made me almost regret that I had quit the sauce. Notice I said almost.

During the time I spent on the wrong side of the bar, I was known as an adventurous drinker, a sort of Marco Polo of the wine cellar, ready, willing and able to sample any brew or distillation whether I could pronounce or spell the name or not.

My bout with slivovitz 50 years ago is still spoken of with awe around the bistros on 48th Street.

A friend of mine from Zagreb introduced me to his national drink, which he referred to as plum brandy and which I referred to as (expletive deleted). If the Croats could do that to an otherwise tasty plum, I can see why they flirted with communism.

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But I digress . . .

The news item that brought back not so fond memories of slivovitz the other day was word that absinthe is making a comeback in the jet set bars after being banned in the United States since 1912 because someone thought it was an hallucinogen.

Forty or 50 years ago I would have been the first one in line at Toots Shor's for a taste of "the green fairy," even though I knew it was distillation of wormwood and the favorite drink of Picasso, whose paintings looked like he was hallucinating at the time.

If any of you guys wind up in New York, go to the Waverly Inn and order an absinthe minded martini, made with Lucid absinthe, Martin Miller's gin, fresh sour mix and orange twist for $15 and let a poor teetotaller know what you think.

Another item that caught my attention the other day was the listing of two popular brews made in New England — Smuttynose Pumpkin Ale in New Hampshire and Shipyard Pumpkin Ale in Maine. Those Yankees never let anything go to waste, do they?

I always thought it took barley and hops to make beer and ale but I looked it up and found that the Native Americans made a brew that was 4 or 5 per cent alcohol out of corn. I always thought corn was for White Lightning.

The folks who were here before Columbus intruded on their paradise used to chew the corn kernels to start fermentation, then they put it in water until it sprouted, then ground it up and boiled it. At my most adventurous, I think I would have just sipped it.

I used to be pretty good at ordering wines, too. I knew that generally white wines went with fish and poultry and red wines went with red meat, except maybe St. Emilion's white also was good with veal. You don't need to know that anymore.

The Amazing Food Wine Company of San Francisco is offering "Wine That Loves . . ." for $12.99 a bottle.

For instance, if you're having spaghetti and meat balls you'd order "Wine That Loves Pasta with Tomato Sauce." Kinda takes the adventure out of drinking, doesn't it?

Briefly

Brush being accepted at DPW

Residential brush will be accepted at the DPW parking area on Saturday, Nov. 17, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

No trees over 3 inches in diameter will be accepted. No contractors.

Free legal clinic

Do you have a legal question or are you confused about a legal issue? The Bar Association of Norfolk County will sponsor a free legal clinic as a public service to the community from 6 to 8 p.m., Dec. 11, at Quincy District Court, 1 Dennis F. Ryan Parkway, Quincy Center.

A panel of attorneys experienced in all areas of the law will be available for one-on-one consultations to discuss legal questions. All consultations are strictly confidential.

For information contact Adrienne C. Clarke, Bar Association of Norfolk County, at 617-471-9693.

Village bylaw passes muster at Town Meeting

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Town Moderator Dan Evans kicked off the discussion on the village bylaw article shortly after 8p.m. by reminding voters to keep their comments courteous, "this is an issue where feelings run strong, so please take a deep breath before speaking," said Evans and during the course of the debate many speakers did heed his advice.

Mike Westcott, member of the Planning Board, presented a brief overview of the six-page bylaw.

"It sounds incredibly complicated and in some ways it is," he said, but he simplified the at times confusing zoning language. Maintaining the charm and character of the village was first and foremost, followed by enabling investment and development in village properties that would increase the economic vitality of the district.

The bylaw calls for mixed-use, with retail/commercial use on the first floor and apartments on the second and third floors. He hoped by encouraging more housing options, young families and senior could have the ability to move or stay in town. Maintaining and promoting open space was also a priority.

Despite widespread support for the bylaw's intent to revitalize the village, the issue in debate over the past few weeks has been the special permit granting authority. As approved on Tuesday night, special permits for the Village Business District will be granted by the Planning Board. The Zoning Board of Appeals disagreed with this change. Traditionally, it was the ZBA who granted special permits for this district.

"My job is to find common ground, but there is simply not common ground on this issue," said the town's village consultant Angus Jennings of Concord Square Development Company, calling the difference "irreconcilable."

"It would be unfortunate if the bylaw was defeated on this issue," said Jennings, "if the objective is to remove existing restrictions on the village and keep in place controls for appropriate development, this bylaw does it."

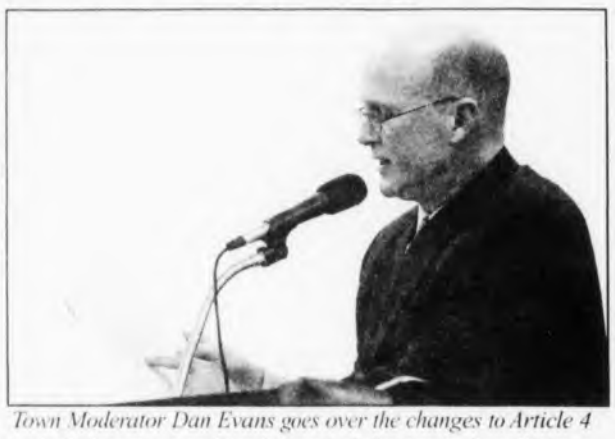
The Board of Selectmen unanimously endorsed the bylaw, while the Advisory Committee voted 6-3 against the bylaw primarily because of the jurisdictional issue.

Although the ZBA agreed with the need for the zoning bylaws to encourage village revitalization, ZBA Chairman Woody Chittick said he could not support the bylaw with the jurisdictional change, "it's a well-intentioned but poorly constructed bylaw."

Chittick read a long list of problems he saw in the bylaw, including it was overly complicated, contained loopholes, eliminated a system of checks and balances between the boards, could cost the town additional money and was not in perfect form, "it's changed almost weekly…this is not a way to create and pass a bylaw."

Although Chittick had said last week the ZBA intended to propose an amendment to the bylaw that would revert the special permit granting authority back to the ZBA, they ultimately decided against it.

"After considerable thought, we decided we would simply be improving a poor bylaw to a mediocre bylaw," said Chittick. In addition, the one and a half page amendment probably would have complicated the issue even further.



Town Moderator Dan Evans goes over the changes to Article 4 with Cohasset voters. He also reminded voters to keep their comments courteous.

Chittick's comments got a few of the proponents riled up, including Westcott, who said he found some of his comments "insulting." He took one of those deep breaths Evans had recommended earlier. Shortly after, the discussion opened up to the floor of Town Meeting.

Ronnie McMorris of 89 Doane St. asked the Planning Board or its consultant to provide some sort of idea of what the village would look like in 25 or 50 years, if the bylaw passed.

Jennings said about 95 housing units could potentially be developed in the village under the bylaw. Over half of those units would be in smaller complexes with one to six units each. The regulations will not allow high-rise buildings (all buildings must be under 35 feet) and lots can only have 80 percent coverage.

Chris Ford, a current village property owner, said he worked in Cohasset Village back in 1981 and not much has changed in the 26 years hence. The zoning bylaws have prevented investment and development for too long and didn't want an dispute over special permitting to hold up change any further.

"I don't care which board it is, just don't throw out the baby with the bathwater," said Ford.

After over an hour and half of discussion Ed Wood of 231 Jerusalem Road, called the question to vote and Town Meeting unanimously voted to proceed to a vote on the village bylaw with not further comments.

A voice vote was taken, after which Town Moderator Dan Evans declared, "the yeas have it, the motion is adopted." Amid clapping from proponents, more than seven voters, including members of the Zoning Board of Appeals, stood up quickly to requests a hand count.

The counters took their place on the floor and the voters in favor of the bylaw raised their orange tickets high in the air. When those against raised their tickets, it was clear there were less, but those who had just voted in favored glanced around with uncertainty.

A few silent and dramatic moments passed as Evans tallied the votes from the podium.

The vote was 151-68 in favor of the motion, "that's slightly more than the two-third majority required, the motion is adopted." Another outburst of applause broke out on the floor.



Planning board member Mike Westcott, left at podium and consultant, Angus Jennings, right, present a slide show on the village article during Tuesday's Special Town meeting. The article passed by the necessary two-thirds with a vote of 151 to 68.



At right, Chris Ford, a village property owner, applauds to the yes vote on the village bylaw at Tuesday's Special Town Meeting.



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Cohasset voters at Tuesday's Special Town Meeting hold up their "vote yes" cards for Article 4, the village bylaw.

Smooth sailing: Seven articles in 15 minutes

By Nancy White
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If the village discussion was a marathon, then the conclusion of Town Meeting was a sprint. The remaining seven articles were tackled in about 15 minutes time. A smaller crowd, indefinite postponements and smaller issues contributed to the speedy finish. The meeting wrapped up around 10p.m.

Article 5, a citizens' petition to amend the waterfront business bylaw was indefinitely postponed. The Planning Board has future plans to look at the district in much the same way they addressed the village business district — with a professional consultant and a well-vetted process.

The Community Preservation Committee had no requests for funding this Town Meeting season and Article 6 was unanimously indefinitely postponed.

Article 7 drew out some discussion from floor and was ultimately amended from its presented form. The article, presented by the Board of Selectmen, was intended to clean up the bylaws and eliminate several committees no longer relevant. These committees included the Personnel Committee, Design Review Board, Committee to Survey Structure and Function of Town Government, Drainage Committee, Commission on Disabilities and Civilian Dispatch Committee.

Good's amendment to remove the Design Review Board from the list of eliminated committees was accepted by a majority vote.

Robin Lawrence of 15 Beach St., and a member of the Board of Health, suggested the Drainage Committee remain intact citing a need for a committee focused on this issue. However, Steve Bobo of 292 Jerusalem Road said the more recently formed Stormwater Committee has absorbed the charges of the Drainage Committee. The motion to exclude the Drainage Committee from the eliminate committee list was defeated.

Next, Bill Good, Vice Chairman of the Planning Board, requested the Design Review Board be saved from elimination.

"In the past the Planning Board relied on its expertise," said Good, "for the kinds of projects likely to come up in the near future their input could be valuable."

Good's amendment to remove the Design Review Board from the list of eliminated committees was accepted by a majority vote. With no more discussion, the article was adopted by a majority vote.

Articles 8 and 9, both concerned with a property at 55 Norfolk Road and correcting a defective deed title, were unanimously voted to indefinitely postpone. Another Citizens' Petition (Article 10) to construct a 600-foot sidewalk on Route 3A between Lower King Street and Sanctuary Pond Road was voted to indefinitely postpone.

Lastly, the Selectmen requested permission to dispose of a property at 821 Jerusalem Road (Article 11). The town foreclosed on the property, which includes a two-unit dwelling, due to non-payment of property taxes. The property would be sold through a competitive process for the purpose of increasing the town's affordable inventory. Town Meeting adopted the motion unanimously with no discussion.

Town Meeting Rundown

Article 1 – Budget Amendments: **adopted unanimously**.

Article 2 – Capital Improvements Budget: **adopted by majority vote.**

Article 3 – Water Resource Bylaw: **adopted unanimously.**

Article 4 – Village Business District Bylaw: **adopted by required 2/3 vote. A hand count was taken: 151 in favor, 68 against.**

Article 5 – Citizens' Petition, Waterfront Business District bylaw: **unanimous vote to indefinitely postpone.**

Article 6 – Community Preservation Committee: **unanimous vote to indefinitely postpone.**

Article 7 – Amend Bylaw to Eliminate Committees: **adopted by majority vote with an amendment, the Design Review Board was removed from the list of eliminated committees.**

Article 8 – Taking of Portion of Land at 55 Norfolk Road: **moved to indefinitely postpone.**

Article 9 – Disposition of Portion of Land at 55 Norfolk Road: **moved to indefinitely postpone.**

Article 10 – Citizens' Petition, Construction of Sidewalk on Route 3A: **unanimous vote to indefinitely postpone.**

Article 11 – Disposition of Property at 821 Jerusalem Road: **adopted unanimously.**

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'B' in 40B stands for 'broken'

HEDLUND REPORT

ROBERT HEDLUND



Regardless of its progressive origins, the truth is that Chapter 40B is a 38-year-old law that has been hijacked by some unscrupulous developers interested in little more than maximizing profits under the guise of providing for the common good.

Late last month, the Joint Committee on Housing, on which I sit, held a hearing on proposed changes to Chapter 40B, our state's so-called affordable housing law.

This hearing is quickly becoming a biannual tradition, as a lengthy line of senators and representatives air their grievances, explaining how developers are taking advantage of giant loopholes in this well-meaning law and burying local communities and volunteer boards with these horrendous projects that do little but drain municipal resources.

And then "affordable housing advocates" get up and tell the panel how everything is fine and nothing needs to be changed. And then nothing is changed.

But as anyone living in my district knows, Chapter 40B has been an abject failure when it comes to providing true affordable housing for the region. As I told the Housing Committee during my testimony, the "B" in Chapter 40B stands for "broken."

Regardless of its progressive origins, the truth is that Chapter 40B is a 38-year-old law that has been hijacked by some unscrupulous developers interested in little more than maximizing profits under the guise of providing for the common good.

Here are some facts about the impact Chapter 40B has had on affordable housing:

- Although the number of housing units built under 40B has skyrocketed, the total number of affordable units in the state has decreased significantly.
- Prior to 1999, 36 percent of all units built under 40B were considered affordable. In 2006, that figure stood at 26.6 percent.
- Since 2003, cities and towns have produced an estimated 5,484 units of affordable housing. Over that same time, 40B projects have generated just 4,517 affordable units, but also resulted in an additional 20,000 market-rate units.

These figures come from Repeal 40B, a grassroots group trying to collect enough signatures to have a question placed on the 2008 state ballot allowing Massachusetts voters to decide whether the law should be eliminated from the books. The reason this group formed in the first place is because the Legislature has failed to address one of the most significant issues facing suburban communities today.

The House of Representatives, to its credit, did approve a bill in 2004 that made modest changes to the law, including increasing the type of housing that can be counted toward a community's affordable housing stock. But like with so many other issues, the Senate shirked its responsibility to take the issue up, and the bill subsequently died.

How important of an issue is this to suburban communities? So far 40 towns have signed on to an initiative asking the Legislature to institute a moratorium on 40B projects.

One of the two 40B bills that I filed, Senate Bill 760, would do just that. It's not just that 40B isn't the solution to our affordable housing needs; it's that the law is being blatantly abused.

State Inspector General Gregory Sullivan last year reviewed the financial paperwork of 10 randomly selected projects and found significant problems with seven of them. We're not talking about misplaced commas, or forgetting to carry a two. We're talking about improperly inflated construction costs, hidden profits through sweetheart deals with friends and business partners and other "accounting fictions," as Sullivan put it. The most concerning part is that a post-completion audit by a monitoring agent missed many of these problems. Among the findings were that several of the projects had actually exceeded the 20 percent profit margin cap and owed the host communities hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"Based on our review to date, it has become clear to this office that the cost certification and monitoring process is 'broken,'" Sullivan wrote. "Our review has revealed that reported developer profits were routinely and substantially understated. The results, in many cases, were profit windfalls to the developers which deprived the respective municipalities of the excess profits that should have been paid."

And in a recent interview with the State House News Service, Sullivan was quoted as saying the problems he has uncovered represent "the biggest scandal in state history."

Changes are needed, and until we in the Legislature do just that, I think it is unfair to ask our local communities to work under the current set of rules.

I also have proposed Senate Bill 758, which would require all housing units built under Chapter 40B to be reserved as affordable. I think we need to ensure that developers have the common good at heart before they propose throwing a town's zoning and building regulations out the window. Developers currently only have to set aside between 20 and 25 percent of the units built as affordable. That's a terrible cost/benefit ratio for host communities who are being forced to provide costly municipal services to housing developments they have little control over and receive minimal benefit from.

Only in Massachusetts can a development where 75 percent of the condos are sold for more than $500,000 be considered an "affordable housing development."

No one doubts that we need more affordable housing, especially as median house prices continue to top $300,000. But Chapter 40B is not the answer. Evidence continues to mount that for every 40B project that lives up to the law's lofty ideals, there are several others that are just bad for the residents of the commonwealth.

For more information on the effort to eliminate Chapter 40B, check out repeal-40b.com.

Republican State Sen. Robert Hedlund represents the eight-town Plymouth-Norfolk District that includes: Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Weymouth, Norwell, Scituate, Marshfield and Duxbury.

Village bylaw is only the first step

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As much as one may wish, vitality will not be achieved only with the residents doing more shopping in their own village. Nor would it be serious to believe that new desirable businesses would wait in line to open in the village just based on the residents' patronage. We need to attract to town the sophisticated and — let's be honest — well off visitors from the entire region, and give them a chance to have a good time, spend their money and waste no time to book their next trip to beautiful Cohasset. Everybody wins.

If we win this challenge, it is because we will clearly identify what would cause these people to come to town in the first place. Surely they would not come all the way to Cohasset Village to buy automotive parts or go to a fast food joint. They would expect to see retail shops that cater to the sea and art themes which represent our strength, i.e. art galleries, shops displaying merchandise relating to the sea, souvenirs, decorations, jewelry, etc. With this new interest growing, you can bet that the second wave of entrepreneurs/investors will follow to take advantage of the change: fancy restaurants and tea houses, high-end boutiques, a couple of new nice hotels within the community... The beauty of such change is that not only would it bring prosperity to Cohasset but, for the most part, it would keep and enhance the basic unique character of the village.

Again, this is not going to happen overnight. We will have to make it happen, together. It is our town. The Planning Board and the Economic Development committee will need to focus on the objectives and embark on a new proactive mission, as any business would/should do. They know it. Much of their time will most likely be devoted to PMP — PR, Marketing and Prospecting. With the support of the residents, such an ambition is very much within our reach.

I realize that this plan is going too far for some. The change may be too much to deal with. To those, I say: what else do you propose? What are the realistic alternatives? Do you want to see your village slide to economic obsolescence and have to chip in more money each and every year for essential town capital expenditures, or do you want CHANGE, and hopefully get to enjoy it and benefit from it in years to come?

Alain Pinel lives at 188 South Main St.

Cohasset Library Trust to hold its first meeting

After a lengthy trip through the legal and legislative process, the Cohasset Library Trust is up and running. Created to protect and grow the Paul Pratt Memorial Library's endowment, the trust will hold its first annual meeting Tuesday, Nov. 20.

"We are blessed with a library that is truly at the center of town life," said Jane Goedecke, President of the Trust. "This treasure must be nurtured and protected. It is an investment in our future, so we must invest in its future."

Goedecke outlined different ways residents can help the endowment to grow. Gifts of $5,000 can create a named book fund to honor or remember loved ones and will earn the donor a place on the endowment donor wall, which will soon be installed in the library.

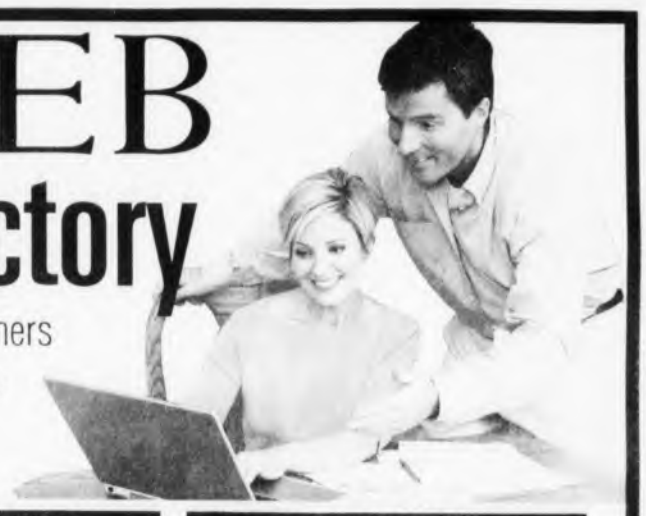
A brochure created by the trust describes pressures on the library budget: greater usage and a rapidly changing and increasing need for technology. At the same time, the library's share of Cohasset's annual budget has steadily decreased. Trust members are committed to improving library service by insuring funding that will "match the vision," according to Goedecke.

The Trust Board of Directors, appointed by the Library Trustees, in addition to Goedecke, includes Sheila S. Evans, Rodney M. Hobson, Linda M. Litchfield, Bernadette Faulkner, James T. McKenna, Sarah E. Morton, Brian M. Murphy, Christopher Oddleifson, Sarah R. Pease, John P. Reardon, Jr., Robert E. Riley, Deborah A. Shadd, Gordon M. Stevenson Jr., and Patience G. Towle.

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Fulfilling an orphan's dream

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A complex of six dormitories for the children would be built. Six children would be supervised and cared for by 12 foster mothers. The orphanage would be called "Oasis of Peace."

"In a desert of disappointment, devastation and destruction, this will be the children's' oasis of peace," says Burbank. The orphanage would be located on at least 30 acres of land to be used for farming.

Burbank didn't waste any time beginning the long journey to bring the orphanage to fruition. In the remaining weeks of her trip, the pieces of the orphanage began to come together. A Kenyan woman, Virginia Maringa, shared in Burbank's vision and co-founded the effort with her. They established a board of directors in Kenya to oversee the African part of the project.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Sharing the same first name, Virginia, the same occupation, teacher, and now the same vision for an orphanage in Kenya, Virginia Maringa, left, and Virginia Burbank co-founded the Oasis of Peace orphanage. Burbank will return to Kenya next week to look at prospective properties for the orphanage.

When Burbank returned home to the US she went right to work spreading the word about the vision for an orphanage in Africa.

"I haven't been thinking of anything else but the orphanage since I got back," says Burbank, "I am so determined to do this."

Her main focus while on these shores has been to raise the needed funds to buy the 30 acres of land and then, the funds to build the orphanage. She estimates the project will cost over $900,000. With such a lofty number, she gathered a team of 14 board members and together they have done all they can to spread the word about both the plight of the Kenyan orphans and the vision of building a home those orphans could call their own. Through fundraising events, speaking at churches, and simply word of mouth, they have been able to raise over $50,000.

"People have been very generous," Burbank says for which she is thankful. Her passion for the project is evident the moment she begins to speak of it. She has met scores of people who have opened both their hearts and their wallets upon hearing about the cause. Although she recognizes there is a long way to go, she believes a higher power is guiding the project to completion.

On Nov. 28, Burbank heads back to Kenya to look at three prospective pieces of land for the orphanage. She expects to stay in Kenya for three or four months.

"It's exhausting but it's worth it," says Burbank, with a warm smile, "I can't wait to put my arms around the very first orphan."

To find out more about An Orphan's Dream or to send a donation, please call 1-888-OASISOP or 617-481-2102. As a registered non-profit organization and a public charity, all donations are tax-deductible. Donations can be sent to An Orphan's Dream, P.O. Box 690243, Quincy, MA 02269.



Retired CHS teacher Virginia Burbank cried for two days after seeing the poverty and horror of the largest slum in the world, Kibera, a section of Nairobi, Kenya. The region, like so many in Africa, has been badly stricken by the AIDS epidemic and many children lose their parents to the disease. Burbank is now raising money to build an orphanage in Kenya to house 72 orphaned children.

SENIOR SCENE

Enjoy Thanksgiving feast on Nov. 20

The following events are sponsored by Cohasset Elder Affairs at 3 North Street. Registration is required for all events unless noted by calling 781-383-9112.

EVENTS

Make a Difference Days – Members of the Cohasset PTO and their families will go to the homes of senior residents to rake leaves and perform other chores, **Saturday, Nov. 17, and Sunday, Nov. 18.**

Thanksgiving Feast – Enjoy a Thanksgiving Feast at noon, **Tuesday, Nov. 20**, which is being offered to Cohasset seniors at the Atlantica Restaurant. Participants are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for St. Anthony's Food Pantry.

Lunchtime Lectures

The Lunchtime Lecture series will be held at 11 a.m. The cost is $2.50 including a gourmet lunch.

The Longevity Revolution – Join Frank and Libet Callahan, **Wednesday, Nov. 14**, for "Managing your Medications."

Medicare Part D Workshop – Join Sid Whiting from Senior Initiatives for this important workshop as he discusses the Medicare Part D changes for 2008, **Wednesday, Dec. 5**. The deadline for the annual open enrollment period is Monday, Dec. 31. The options for coverage will include a number of new plans with a wide range in premium costs. It is important that each plan is reviewed carefully before making a change in health coverage. The Angel Food Project will prepare lunch.

Library Corner

Great Decisions Group meets Sunday

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library at 35 Ripley Road. For more information, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Great Decisions Group – The next Great Decisions Discussion group will meet at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 18, in the Meeting Room. For those who have registered for the program, the group will discuss Children in Chapter Eight of the assigned text.

Library Book Group – Join the group for coffee and discussion of Penelope Fitzgerald's book "Offshore" at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, Nov. 28, in the Meeting Room. This book "offers a portrait of a group of eccentrics living in houseboats on the river Thames and describes how their disparate lives intertwine and complicate matters for everyone," NoveList. The book won the Booker Prize in 1979. All are welcome.

Movie Matinee – Come to the library for a free showing of the film "Singing in the Rain" starring Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds and Donald O'Connor at 11 a.m., on Friday, Dec. 7. Light refreshments provided by Friends of the Library. Movie site license is sponsored by Friends of the Library and Cohasset Democratic Town Committee.

Art Exhibit – Michael Weymouth is a gallery artist at the South Shore Arts Center and an associate gallery artist at the Copley Society in Boston. "Traveling Man" is his first one-man show and consists of paintings from several destinations he spent time in this past year, including Mexico, France and Italy. The show will be up through the end of December at the library.

FOR CHILDREN

School Project Help – The library Web site, www.cohassetlibrary.org, is set up to help with many school projects. Students in grades 1 through 5 will find everything they need on the Children's Page under links and homework help. A new addition to the search engine category is the CIA World Fact Book, which includes everything needed for country reports. The library has many research databases designed and written for students. Middle and high school students will find the research page extensive.

In addition, project help is always available by emailing the children's librarian, Sharon Moody, at smoody@ocln.org or the reference librarian, Gayle Walsh, at gwalsh@olcn.org.

NoveList – Looking for a good book? Click on NoveList, an extensive database of juvenile and young adult fiction, complete with reviews and reading levels.

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Cohasset's Sarah Coggins (17) tries to work her way around a defender during the second half of their Division 3 South final against Norwell.

Wait till next year

Young Skippers lose 1-0 in South final to rival Norwell

By Mark Goodman
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All it takes in a game like Sunday's Div. 3 South girls soccer final between Cohasset and Norwell is one kick.

In the 68th minute, Clippers senior forward Kylie Smith bent in a perfect corner kick from the left side toward the far post. It appeared to take a slight deflection off a Cohasset defender and go into the net, and Norwell won the game, 1-0, to claim its second straight sectional crown. It was Smith's fourth goal in the last three games.

In a game wrought with emotion between rivals and the two preeminent programs in the South Shore League, Norwell senior keeper Sallie Hardy called on a higher power to help bring about the game-winning goal.

"Every time there's a corner, I always go up a little bit out of the box and kneel down, and I just pray," Hardy said. "She (Smith) had a couple awesome goals the last game (against Millis, a 2-0 Norwell win) and, all of a sudden, there's this scramble and it was in the back of the net. My heart just dropped, it was so amazing."

Still, there was work to be done. The Clippers kept the momentum immediately after the goal, as a nice run up the middle of the pitch by senior forward Laura Powers forced a solid defensive play by Cohasset junior sweeper Sammi Lehr. Skipper junior keeper Johanna Brophy made a save in the 71st minute on another Smith corner that was again ticketed for the far post.

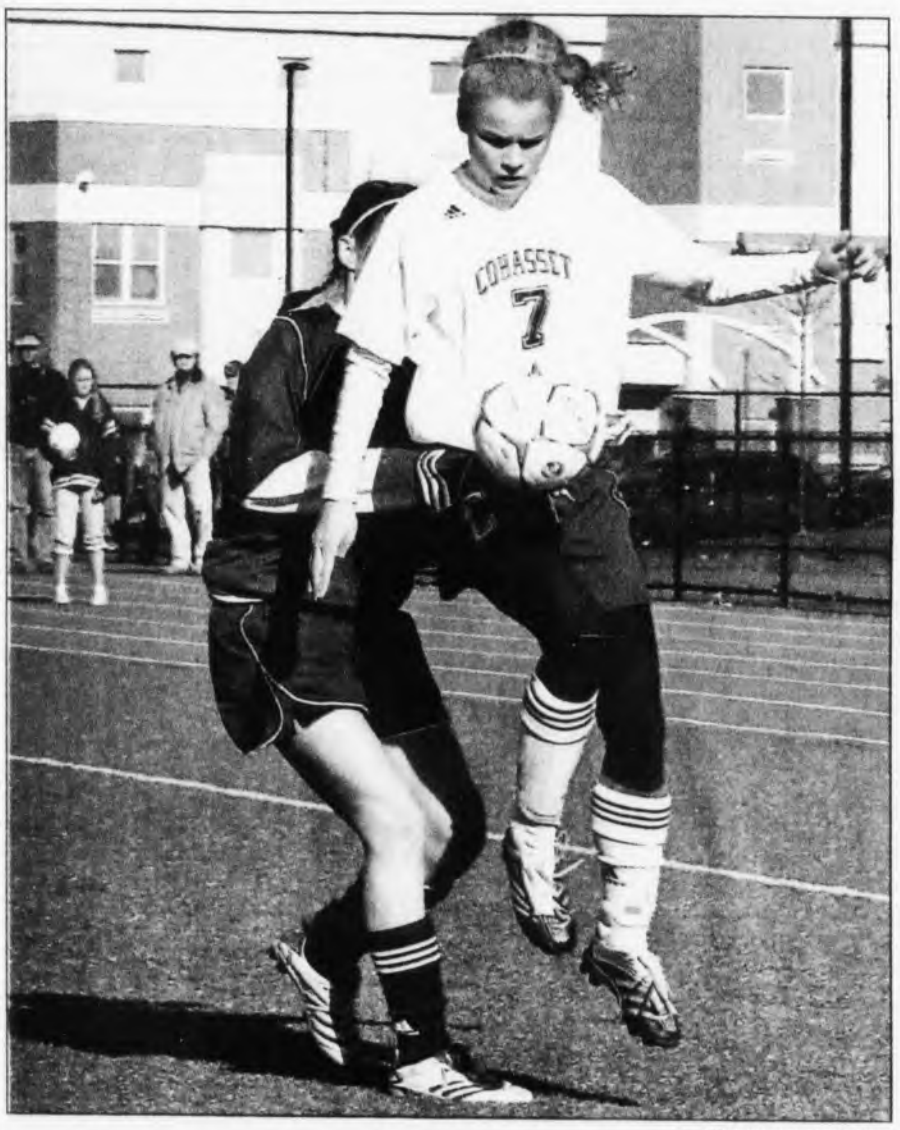
The Skippers started throwing bodies forward in the last 10 minutes in desperate search of a goal, but the Norwell defense continued the exemplary play that has been a staple of the team throughout the tournament. Cohasset junior Sarah Coggins earned a corner in the 73rd minute and it was struck well by junior midfielder Maggie McGoldrick, but Hardy handled it well to end the threat.

After absorbing a couple more Cohasset flurries near its penalty area, Norwell (16-3-3) had most of the possession over the last few minutes to seal the deal. Skipper sophomore Mackenzie Hart sent a good ball into the box with a minute left, but Hardy was again up to the task, and that would be Cohasset's final threat.

After the game, Skippers head coach Debbie Beal said she was proud of the way her team played and is already looking ahead to 2008.

"We made it here, and that's half the battle," Beal said. "I've got two seniors (fullback Anna Haggerty and forward Meg Anderson) who, unfortunately, their careers ended today. But, look at all the kids I have coming back. I can only be positive."

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Mackenzie Hart (7) goes up to trap the ball with her body during the first half of their playoff game Sunday.



Maggie McGoldrick is consoled by Christine Coner (2) following Cohasset's narrow defeat at the hands of Norwell.

Golfers wrap up

Czerkawski finishes successful golf career at CHS

By Joel Racicot
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The Cohasset High School golf team wrapped up its season winning the South Shore League meet for a second straight year. The Skippers finished behind Norwell in the SSL but completed an otherwise very successful season.

Chase Stebbins finished 28th in the Div. 3 State Individual meet at Wentworth Hills Golf Club in Plainville, Ma, October 29.

Stebbins, only a sophomore, will return along with a very talented core of players next season for the Skippers. Charlie Czerkawski, the team's number one, is the only senior starter that will graduate.

Czerkawski was an integral part of a league title in 2005, followed by a pair of league meet championships the last two seasons. He was the team's number five as a sophomore and a three as a junior.

"He has been a big part of this program," said Cohasset golf coach Torin Sweeney.

Czerkawski finished this season with a 6-6-3 match play record, finished second in the SSL tournament and made the

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Skippers win second straight

Flibotte stars on both sides of the ball in win over Norwell

Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

Can you imagine college or pro football players playing both defense and offense, ultimately being on the field at all times? It seems crazy to think that but in high school that is exactly what some players do, and some players make the best of it. Senior Mark Flibotte is one of those players as he dominated the game on both sides of the ball Friday during Cohasset's win against Norwell, 28-7.

Flibotte caught two touchdown catches in the victory and also led the defense with two interceptions. His first touchdown came in the last minutes of a very tight first half. Capping an 80-yard, 15-play drive by the Skippers, Flibotte's 20-yard catch gave Cohasset a 14-7 lead going into the half.

"That was an awesome drive for us," said Cohasset coach Pete Manasow. "We really needed that."

The game had been tied since the first quarter where both teams scored back-to-back touchdowns. Senior captain Kyle Pinkus, who finished with 80 yards on 9 carries, scored the first points of the game with a 25-yard touchdown run, but Norwell answered immediately.

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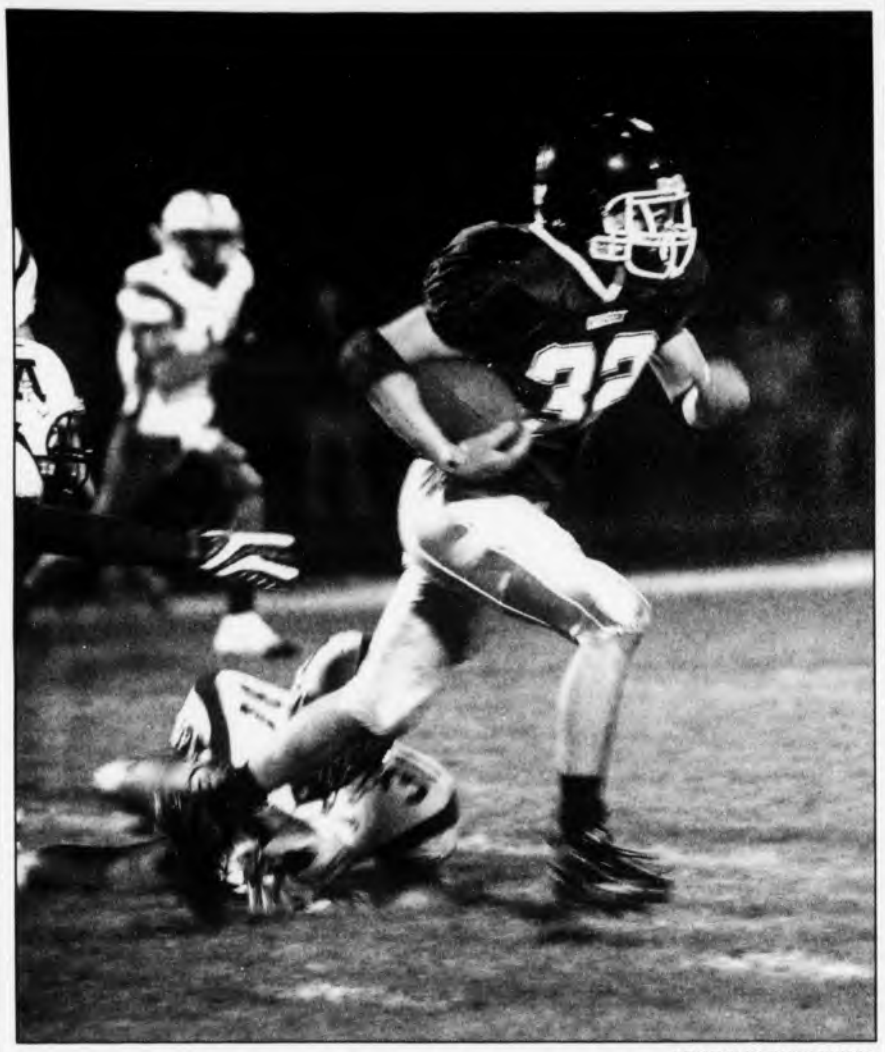
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Cohasset running back Kyle Pinkus runs the ball for a first down against Abington.

Skippers win second straight

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On their next drive, the Clippers, starting on their 35-yard line, drove down the field and scored a touchdown tying the game 7-7.

The game was opened up in the third quarter after Flibotte's second touchdown reception. This gave Cohasset a 21-7 lead. The Skipper defense didn't allow a first down until midway through the fourth quarter and played almost flawless in the second half.

Cohasset's' final touchdown was scored with about two minutes left in the game as they were trying to run the clock out. On a simple up the middle run, senior Sam DeGiacomo broke free for a 19-yard touchdown run.

Cohasset quarterback, senior Dave Snowdale, also had a great game like so many other times this season. Snowdale completed 12-of-20 passing attempts for a total of 163 yards, and two touchdowns.

"We validated our big win last week and the fact that we are a good team in this league," said Afanasiw about the game and his team's performance. "I'm proud of our guys, it's a very good team."

Cohasset's next validation test will come Thanksgiving Day against the Hull Pirates, following its bye week this week.

"The good teams can handle the excitement, handle the adrenaline and the pressure and just come out and make plays," Afanasiw said about the Thanksgiving Day game.

In last year's annual game, Hull came into Cohasset and stunned a good Cohasset team. This year Cohasset will look to not let this game go.

"You don't want to lose on Thanksgiving," said Afanasiw, "it ruins your whole day and makes the turkey taste bad."

Afanasiw also said that his team will have to learn from last year's game and remember how they felt and how that is not the feeling they want to feel

Sports Notes

Youth lacrosse registration begins Dec. 1

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse will open its sign-up for the 2008 spring season Saturday, Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the gymnasium at Cohasset High School.

Families who sign up on the first day of registration have an opportunity to save money, paying the registration price from 2007 of $160 for one player and $300 for two and $425 for three children. Registrants after the first sign-up day – and sign-ups will remain open by mail through a second in-person sign-up day on January 5 – will pay the new, higher, 2008 prices.

Registrations will be taken for both boys and girls at the 15 & Under level (7th and 8th graders) and 13 & Under level (5th and 6th grades) and 11 & Under level (grades 3-4). No previous lacrosse experience is necessary, and the program welcomes and encourages new players at all levels.

The youth lacrosse program is dedicated to introducing children to the sport. All players receive roughly equal playing time regardless of ability. Cohasset's boys teams participate in the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League, while its girls play in the South Shore Lacrosse League; neither league keeps standings or has playoffs, encouraging fair and equal playing time and a commitment to educating all participants in how to play the game. Every Cohasset team makes several road trips per year, which can be as close as games in Scituate or as far away as Nantucket.

Following the initial sign-up day, families interested in participating in the program can register by mail, at the 2008 price of $170 for one player, $320 for two, and $450 for three. That price will hold through the Jan. 5 sign-up day – also held at Cohasset High School from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse expects to field 12 or more teams this spring, depending on demand and available coaching. The program is committed to accepting every player who signs up during its open registration period; once that open sign-up period is completed, the program will establish its ideal roster sizes and take late registrants on a first-come, first-served basis only until the rosters are filled. At that point, a waiting list will be established, or players may be turned away.

Parents who can not attend the Dec. 1 registration session can wait until Jan. 5 to register in person, or can contact Melissa Grasz by e-mail at m.grasz@comcast.net to request registration forms. Include your name, address and the number of children being registered.

The registration fee covers all Cohasset Youth Lacrosse events, a uniform and a youth membership in US Lacrosse, the national governing body for lacrosse. US Lacrosse membership includes mandatory insurance coverage and a subscription to Lacrosse Magazine for Kids.

The program is limited to Cohasset residents, or students in the Cohasset school system.

In general, games for boys and girls are played Sunday afternoons. The spring practice schedule has not yet been set, although the older teams for both boys and girls typically have two practices and one game each week. At the youngest level, there typically is one practice per week. The teams will begin practicing indoors in early March and begin playing games in April. Cohasset's season concludes with the annual Family Day celebration – featuring intra-town games — in June.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse works with other town sports organizations to minimize conflicts and to allow players to participate in as many activities as possible.

In addition to players, Cohasset Youth Lacrosse is looking for additional coaches at all levels. If you are interested in coaching in the boys program, contact Kirk Bukowski at 781-383-6771; if you want to assist in the girls program, contact Chuck Jaffe at 781-383-6688.

CYBSA Annual Meeting

The CYBSA would like to thank all those who volunteered and otherwise supported the CYBSA this past year. We hope all had enjoyable seasons - spring, summer and fall. We held our second annual Awards Night October 24, and it was great to see the kids who played for our division winners awarded team jackets, bags, trophies, etc.

Preparations for next year are well under way. Here are a few important dates to remember over the next month.

Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. we will hold the Annual CYBSA Membership Meeting. All Regular Members of the CYBSA are invited to attend (membership applications are available on our website - CYBSA.net.) Any adult who is interested in furthering the objectives of the CYBSA may become a regular member. We encourage all of you to enroll. At this meeting we will present the state of the league and highlight our plans for 2008. The meeting will be held in the CMHS Cafeteria. A list of existing registered members is also listed on our website.

The CYBSA Constitution provides for a Board of Directors that is elected by the CYBSA's Regular Members. We are in the process of effectuating the transition to a fully elected Board. Last year, we elected 4 new Board members. This year, with service to start on January 1, 2008, we hope to elect 5 new Board members. Each position has a three-year term. We would like to have at least 3 of the new Board members to be non-coaches. That said, we encourage all interested members to run for the Board.

If you are interested in running for the Board, please complete the Statement of Interest form (available on our website) and return to via email to liam.oconnell@hklaw.com, or mail to PO Box 121, Cohasset, MA 02025. We will be accepting Statements of Interest through 5 p.m., Saturday, December 1.

Monday, December 3, we will post the slate of candidates for the elected positions on our website. All Regular Members of the CYBSA will be eligible to vote for the Board candidates. We will be distributing additional information regarding the voting process once the candidates have been posted.

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Wait till next year

FROM SKIPPERS, PAGE 17

Indeed, the Skippers are a young team, but they clearly weren't just happy to be here. They came to win, and outplayed the Clippers for significant stretches of the game. Sophomore fullback Meredith Kelly provided an outstanding physical presence, Coggins had a solid two-way game for Cohasset (16-4-2), and forwards Torey Hart, Caroline Fein and Kaci Kucinski worked well together up front.

The Skippers had a golden opportunity to break the nil-nil deadlock in the 58th minute, when Hart sent a great ball into Fein on the right side of the Norwell box. Fein was getting ready to unleash her shot when Clippers senior sweeper Amelia Cimini came in with a brilliant slide tackle to get the ball away. The Clippers defended the ensuing corner kick to keep Cohasset off the board.

That play turned the momentum back to Norwell's side, with sophomore Kara O'Connell and freshman Krista Prouty both getting good looks at the net within the next several minutes. Only a couple fine plays by Lehr and Brophy kept the Clippers off the board on those chances.

As many, including Beal, observed after the game, either team could have won. After two hard-fought battles in the regular season – resulting in a 1-0 Norwell win and a 0-0 draw – the Cohasset coach was looking forward to Round 3.

"This is the kind of game you want to play," Beal said. "You want to play a team that you know about and that you know how to defend, and you know what you have to do to beat them. They got the corner kick, and in it went."

After the score, Norwell coach Bruce Emerson said he felt his team's postseason experience came into play.

"I do think it made a difference as soon as we scored the goal," Emerson said. "We just picked up, and they just deflated."

With the talent the Skippers will have coming back next year and beyond, however, one has to figure this won't be their last trip to the South finals. That's not going to stop their coach from looking back on 2007 with positive vibes.

"They're upset right now, but they're going to stop and reflect on just how far we did come," Beal said. "The small steps that we started in August has turned into this huge ladder that we keep climbing and climbing."



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Torey Hart (19) battles for the ball during second half play of their Division 3 South final Sunday. Cohasset lost 1-0 to Norwell, it was the third time the Clippers defeated the Skippers this season.

Golfers wrap up

FROM GOLFERS, PAGE 17

league all-star team. His presence will be sorely missed.

"His driving ability sets him apart from other guys," Sweeney said. "He hits the ball long and straight and that always gets him off running, it also can intimidate his opponent."

Czerkawski is no stranger to competition. He stars on the state champion Cohasset lacrosse team and looks to play in college.

Jon Wade played well in the second spot for the Skippers this season. The junior finished with a 9-3-3 record in league play. He finished undefeated at the fourth spot a year ago.

"It's a significant jump to go from the four to the two," Sweeney said. "I think his performance in the league meet made a statement that he is ready to be a top dog in the league."

Wade placed first at the league tourney and made the all-star team.

Stebbins played well enough in the sectional tournament to qualify for the individual state tournament. His 10th place finish in the sectional proved he is a very good golfer with an unlimited ceiling.

"That was just a great experience for him as a sophomore," Sweeney said.

Ian Quinlan, sophomore, finished 9-2-4 in league match play at the fourth spot. His 81 at the league meet should propel him going into the 2008 campaign.

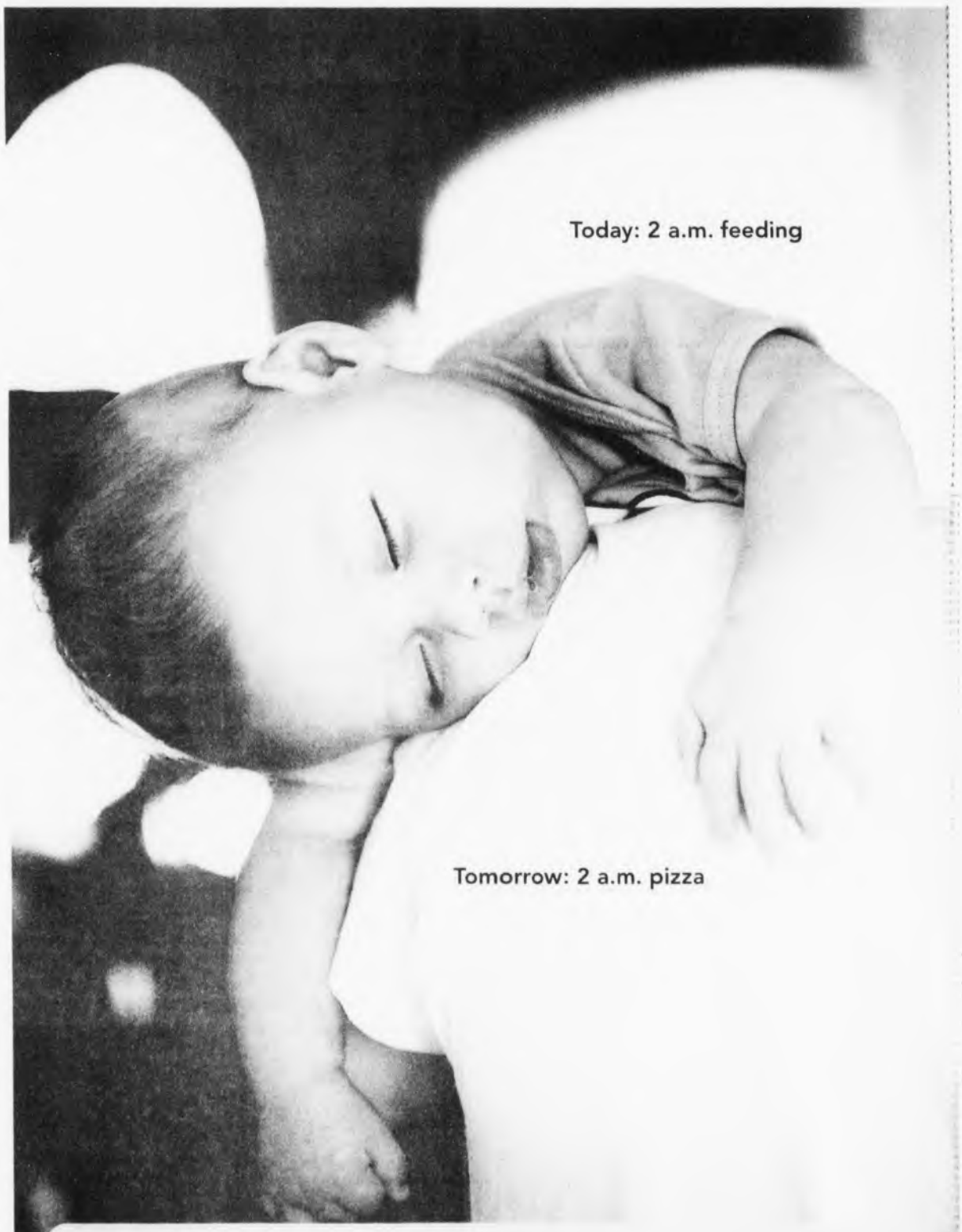
Freshman Robby Hill finished 11-3-1 at the fifth position.

"He had a great season," Sweeney said. "For a freshman to do that is very impressive."

Harry Cipolla (3-3-2) and senior Conor Michaud (2-2-2) shot well from the end of the rotation.

"We were so young this year so we got some great experience," Sweeney said, noting that rival Norwell graduates three senior starters. "We should be in good shape next year."

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Turkey Day Trot to raise funds for DMD

Runners have an opportunity to participate in the Thanksgiving spirit of sharing and appreciation, while also making room for that extra helping of turkey. Dan McCarron of Cohasset, founder and chairman, announces the seventh annual Turkey Trot, Cohasset, will take place Nov. 22, Thanksgiving morning. All funds raised will benefit the Jett Foundation of Pembroke to combat Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

The 3.1-mile race, which starts on Cohasset Common at 8 a.m., follows the town's Little Harbor along its route. Registration will begin at 7 a.m. on the Common. Those signing up by Nov. 9 are guaranteed a number and a runner's shirt, according to McCarron. The registration fee is $20 before Nov. 16 and $25 after. Families of four or more are capped at $100. Runners and their friends are invited to donate more to this cause. Go directly to jettfoundation.org to register. Official trip timing be will be done by Sark Productions of Waltham.

This year's charitable event is co-sponsored by the Shoe Market, Hingham. "We are very appreciative of our sponsors' support. Through their help, the registration fees and the additional generous donations of those who support this important cause, we hope to top all previous year's fundraising efforts," McCarron said.

The Jett Foundation, founded in 2001 by the McSherrys of Pembroke, for their son Jett, raises funds for research and clinical trials to combat DMD, the most common and lethal genetic disorder in the world. DMD affects one in every 3,500 male births; 20,000 new cases are diagnosed each year. It is a muscle wasting disease and most boys are wheelchair bound by 12 and don't live beyond their teen years.

Girls soccer makes us proud!

LIFE AT CHS

CHRISTINE KENT



While still on the topic of girls' sports, it is important to note the annual Powder Puff game after school on Wednesday will certainly be one to watch...

Hey readers!

Hope everyone had a great long weekend. The girls' varsity soccer team definitely kicked off the weekend on a positive note, beating Sacred Heart 1-0 at Scituate High School. A great win for the Lady Skippers who then advanced on to the Division 2 finals on Sunday against long time rival, Norwell. Unable to keep their winning streak alive, the girls lost 1-0 against their harsh competition. With a superb season under their belt, the girls soccer team can only improve next year, and finally take home the tournament title. Awesome season ladies!

While still on the topic of girls' sports, it is important to note the annual Powder Puff game after school on Wednesday will certainly be one to watch. Some local "experts" believe that the juniors are favored by 3-1/2 points, but as a senior, I am obligated to say, I highly doubt this. Never will touch football be played so fiercely, especially between such close rivals. So don't forget to join the company pool, or place your bets, because this year's Powder Puff competition will be a nail biter!

Another contest that always proves to be exciting is the traditional Thanksgiving Day football game against Hull. This year's game is at Hull, so let's make sure our guys get lots of fan support.

On to a completely different topic, don't forget to purchase your Thanksgiving issue of The Spinnaker. For those people who are unaware of The Spinnaker, it is the High School newspaper compiled by the students of Ms. Berman's journalism class. A 40-page paper, filled with intrigue and humor that can be all yours *for the low price of just one dollar!*

Now for the events of the week:

- Monday, Nov. 12: American flags waved proudly as we paid tribute to the Veterans!
- Tuesday, Nov. 13: A town meeting was held in the Gymnasium. Let's hope they didn't scratch the wooden flooring.
- Wednesday, Nov. 14: The senior Peer Leaders reunited with their freshmen friends during lunch. Hopefully, the leaders were able to provide some new pearls of wisdom for these impressionable youths!
- Thursday, Nov. 15: The parents of grade 8 students attended Curriculum Night to discuss....their child's *curriculum.*
- Friday, Nov. 16: Kids wait anxiously for 2 pm to arrive, which marked the beginning of the weekend and another step closer to turkey and pumpkin pie!

Well, that's it for me this week. Have an awesome weekend and yummy Thanksgiving!

Christine Kent is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly in the Mariner.

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Turkey shoot is Nov. 18

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Turkeys will be awarded for winners of different events including skeet shooting and archery.

Everyone is invited!

METCO wreath sale

Continuing its annual holiday tradition the Cohasset METCO program is offering fresh, beautiful, double-sided Balsam wreaths for your festive decorating. The cost is $10 per holiday wreath and the proceeds benefit the Cohasset METCO Scholarship Fund. Wreaths will be available for pick-up at the Cohasset Village Fair (between the Town Hall and the Second Congregational Church) on Saturday, Dec 1st.

Pre-ordering is appreciated. For more information, or to place an order, please contact Jody Golden (METCO PSO Rep.) at 781-383-2685.

Anti-Racism workshop set for Nov. 17

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., is sponsoring Seeing the Face of God In Each Other, an inter-faith workshop on anti-racism, with The Rev. Cannon Ed Rodman from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 17.

This free event is open to people of all faith traditions, ages teen and up. Lunch will be served.

State pageant

Deer Hill puts wagons on parade



Matt Montefusco is all dressed up for the state wagon parade; he represented the state of North Dakota.



Madigan O'Neill represents Arkansas in the state wagon train parade at Deer Hill. The parade has become an annual event.

Staff photos/Chris Shores



Bebe Davis shows off the Buckeye State during the wagon parade at Deer Hill on Tuesday. The annual event is part of the fourth-grade social studies curriculum.



Sean Kearns takes a break during Deer Hill's wagon parade. Family and friends were invited on Tuesday for the annual event.



Charlie DeVries shows Shanaya Merritt his Nevada wagon, featuring Las Vegas. Fourth-graders dressed up and decorated wagons, which were paraded for family, friends, teachers and staff.



Matt Montefusco chose North Dakota and dressed the part. Fourth graders picked a state for their wagon parade projects.

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US Marine Grant Emde shares a poem he wrote while deployed in Iraq.



A wreath was placed at the honor rolls at Veterans Memorial Park.

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Cohasset observes Veterans Day

Staff photos by Chris Shores



Cohasset Veterans Agent Robert Jackson, who served in the US Navy, speaks during a Veterans Day prayer service at 11 a.m. Sunday at Veterans Memorial Park.



Iraq War Veteran U.S. Marine Grant Emde of Cohasset reads the Marines Prayer during Sunday's Veterans Day observance.



American Legion George H. Mealy Post 118 Chaplain Charlie Daley salutes during the singing of the National Anthem.

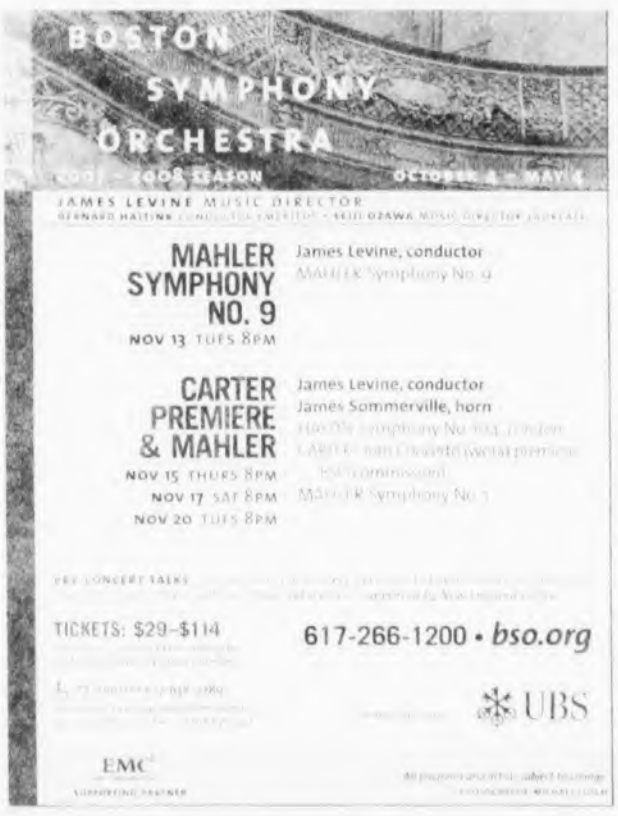


Deirdre Wigmore, president of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, and her father-in-law, American Legion Post Commander Steve Wigmore, place a wreath during the Veterans Day prayer service.



The harbor provides a backdrop for three Cohasset veterans who are standing quietly during the prayer service.







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Holiday fun in the Big Apple

Howard Shapiro
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

In early November, you can see the holiday season begin to seep into New York. It happens before the first public Christmas tree is lit, before the first store window is dressed with a snowflake.

The crowds begin to come into town, and all of Manhattan is a photo opportunity. People stop mid-sidewalk and pose for photos with family and friends. It's a clear sign: New York, especially at this time of year, is a memory that must be captured.

The Big Apple has become synonymous with Christmas holiday celebration. Hotels fill, Broadway booms, restaurants pack in the crowds. Times Square, bustling on any night of the year, becomes a city in itself – the lights of the Great White Way, digitized and even more animated nowadays than ever before, seem brighter given the electricity the holiday crowd generates.

The official start of the holiday season comes Nov. 22, with the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and one of the unofficial holiday pleasures follows immediately after – ambling by the city's department store window displays.

Department stores have been through turbulent times nationally over the past two decades, but New York continues to support a strong department store tradition, which includes spectacular holiday window dressing that brings in shopping crowds. Look for big holiday window displays this season at Macy's, Bloomingdale's, Bergdorf Goodman, Barneys, Saks Fifth Avenue and Lord & Taylor – a walk to them all in a day is not just quintessentially New York, but is a solid way to burn off those extra holiday calories.



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Skating at Rockefeller Center

The area surrounding the Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center – the tree will be lit this year on Nov. 28 – becomes probably the most densely populated block in the United States and the most colorful, in the glow of 30,000 lights. Underneath the majestic tree, skaters celebrate on the open ice-skating rink at Rockefeller Center, watched over by Paul Manship's Prometheus statue, among the city's most iconic pieces of public art and a fountain in warmer months.

The people who crowd Rockefeller Center are continuing a long Christmas tradition. People began to enjoy a Christmas tree there shortly after the Depression, and by 1933, a tree was more prominently decorated, with about 700 lights. The next year, the Prometheus Fountain statue was unveiled and two years later, New Yorkers and visitors began ice-skating at Rockefeller Center.

The tree's closest rival is downtown, at South Street Seaport, which this year celebrates its 25th Christmas tree, at Pier 17, along with many holiday events that now draw visitors from midtown.

Wherever you find the holiday spirit in New York, by all means, bring your camera.

Editor's Note: Broadway stagehands went on strike late last week, with all but eight plays closed as of press time.

Here are details about major attractions and events in New York during the holiday season.

Free attractions

❄ **The Christmas Tree at Rockefeller Center**. Rockefeller Center is located between 5th and 7th Avenues and 47th and 51st Streets. The Christmas tree – New York's most visited – will be lit Nov. 28. www.rockefellercenter.com.

❄ **Holiday store windows.** Barneys (Madison Avenue at 60th Street), Bloomingdale's (Third Avenue at 59th Street), Bergdorf Goodman (Fifth Avenue at 57th Street), Lord & Taylor (Fifth Avenue at 38th Street), Macy's (Herald Square, the intersection of Broadway and Sixth Avenue, at 34th Street), Saks Fifth Avenue (Fifth Avenue at 49th Street).

❄ **South Street Seaport Christmas Tree.** The seaport is at Fulton and South Streets. The tree will be lit Nov. 24. www.southstreetseaport.com.

Big-deal events

❄ **Radio City Christmas Spectacular.** This year, the nation's most well-known Christmas spectacular at the great Art-Deco movie palace in Rockefeller Center celebrates 75 years – a lot of high kicks from the Rockettes and high jinks from the productions. From Nov. 9 to Dec. 30, at Radio City Music Hall, Sixth Avenue at 53rd Street. Call 1-212-307-1000 for tickets, which range from $40 to $90. http://christmas.radiocity.com.

❄ **Ice Rink at Rockefeller Center.** You can ice skate ($9.50-$17.50, depending on the day and your age) and rent skates ($9), for 90-minute sessions from 8:30 a.m. to midnight, on New York's fabled outdoor rink. Fifth Avenue, between 49th and 50th Streets. Information: 1-212-332-7654 or www.therinkatrockcenter.com.

❄ **George Balanchine's The Nutcraker.** The ultimate Christmas dance performance, by the New York City Ballet at the New York State at Lincoln Center, is on-stage from Nov. 23 through Dec. 30. Tickets range from $20 to $120. The theater is at 63rd Street and Columbus Avenue. Information: 1-212-870-5570 or www.nycballet.com.

❄ **Big Apple Circus. Celebrate!** is the circus' 30th-anniversary big-tent show at its annual engagement at Lincoln Center' Damrosch Park, 62nd Street between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues. Performers – human and other animals – are coming from many different nations. Tickets range from $28 to $84. Information: 1-212-721-6500 or www.bigapplecircus.com.



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Enjoying the works at the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art in Amherst.

Once upon a time in Amherst

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IN NEW ENGLAND

No, we're not talking about that soon-to-be butterfly, but the Western Massachusetts-based artist behind The Very Hungry Caterpillar and more than 70 other books, Eric Carle. It was 1995, when the acclaimed children's book author and his wife, Barbara, got hungry to open up a small studio to showcase his work. Well, my friends, fairy tales do come true.

The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art developed in Amherst, Mass., on a far grander scale than even Carle could have imagined.

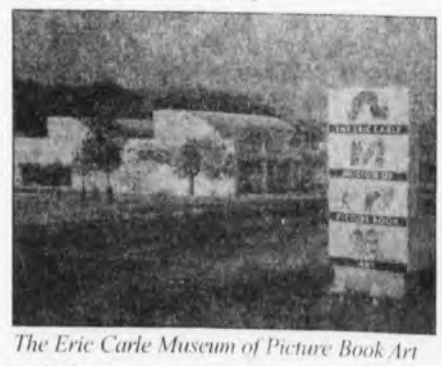
Like Cinderella or Sleeping Beauty, the hero of this story is once again a prince — the honorable Gregory Prince, Jr., President of Hampshire College. Upon hearing about his neighbor's desire, Prince granted the Carles their one wish and donated a 7.5-acre apple orchard on university grounds to build their museum. With far more than a few of Carle's drawings on the walls, the 44,000-square-foot museum today houses the largest collection of children's book illustrations in America.

"Similar to the way picture books are an introduction to literature for the very young reader, we wanted to build a museum that would introduce children to the experience of looking at art," Carle said.

The Central Gallery is devoted to the works of Carle and is rotated regularly to display his inexhaustible supply of illustrations. The West gallery features the works of highly regarded children's book authors. The current exhibition on The Spiderwick Chronicles by Holly Black and Tony Diterlizzi will be on display through Jan. 27.

The museum also boasts an art studio so all child visitors can have their own creative experience. And there's also a reading library with more than 2,000 picture books – and cozy couches and chairs to give the comfort of a living room if overstimulated kids need to decompress. Or, in Carle vernacular, parents can transform The Grouchy Ladybug into The Very Quiet Cricket.

The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art is open every day but Monday. Admission is $7 adults, $5 for children. For hours and directions, visit www.picturebookart.org.



The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art in Amherst.

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3. I have a parent with diabetes.	Yes	1	_____
4. My weight is equal to or above that listed in the chart.	Yes	5	_____
5. I am under 65 years of age **and** I get little or no exercise.	Yes	5	_____
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4' 10"	129
4' 11"	133
5' 0"	138
5' 1"	143
5' 2"	147
5' 3"	152
5' 4"	157
5' 5"	162
5' 6"	167
5' 7"	172
5' 8"	177
5' 9"	182
5' 10"	188
5' 11"	193
6' 0"	199
6' 1"	204
6' 2"	210
6' 3"	216
6' 4"	221

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, OCT. 27

12:19 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, assault and battery, caller reports that someone is trying to break into her house. White male, mid 20's with jeans and a gray shirt. Call given to Hingham as well. Units out near this location with one male. Lt. report person was assaulted at this address. Lt. bringing one in for paramedics. Officer transporting 1. Another officer to station with 2 female juveniles. One juvenile has been dropped off at Hull St. into adult custody. Juvenile protective custody. Age: 16. Juvenile protective custody. Age: 15. Juvenile protective custody. Age: 14. And charges with: A&B with dangerous weapon, malicious destruction of property more than $250. Juvenile summoned on charges: A&B with dangerous weapon, malicious destruction of property more than $250.

7:34 a.m. **South Main St.**, B&E, caller reports that the garage appears to have been broken into. Detectives round.

8:30 a.m. **North St.**, downed power lines, caller reports a downed wire hanging in the middle of the street. Officer reports this is a telephone wire. Verizon being notified.

10:44 a.m. **Howe Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports listed party at the above address owns a pit bull that is off the leash. He is concerned for his kids and states this has happened more than once. Caller left a message for the ACO. Dog is off of the leash and dog is not a full pit bull. Dog is currently unlicensed in Cohasset. Attention ACO.

11:09 a.m. **South Main St.**, property (stolen), walk in party reports two bicycles have been taken from her garage which was left unlocked and was found wide open when she woke up this morning.

12:30 p.m. **Little Harbor Rd., and Jerusalem Rd.**, notification, caller reports the road is starting to flood.

1:38 p.m. **Elm St.**, investigation/follow up, officer taking statement.

4:33 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

5:01 p.m. **North Main St., and Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:03 p.m. **Lincoln Park, Scituate**, medical aid.

8:54 p.m. **Hull St.**, suspicious person, Hingham reports a white male with jeans and white shirt and dark hair looking into motor vehicles. Area search negative.

10:17 p.m. **Hull St. and Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:30 p.m. **N. St.**, medical aid, mutual aid to Hull.

SUNDAY, OCT. 28

1:29 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

4:30 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

3:15 a.m. **Booth Hill Rd., and 3A**, medical aid, Scituate fire requests R3, vehicle vs. deer – possible injuries.

9:24 a.m. **Beach St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:13 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, property damage, caller would like to report part of her fence has been knocked down, she doesn't know how this happened. She would like to speak with an officer. Officer reports no one has damaged this fence. It's old and fell of natural causes.

10:47 a.m. **Church St.**, lock-out/lock-in, caller reports she has locked herself out of the house.

11:13 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, caller from this location reports a drunk shopper and isn't sure if she is driving or has a ride. Officer reports this party checks out ok and is not driving a vehicle.

12:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports a motor vehicle accident in front of Shaw's.

12:51 p.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, animal complaint.

1:19 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

2:46 p.m. **Reservoir Rd.**, medical aid.

8:11 p.m. **North Main St.**, vandalism report, caller reports she went to move her car and her window was smashed.

9:41 p.m. **North Main St.**, parking complaint, caller reports that there are 4 cars parked at this location and it is posted "No Parking". Officer reports no cars parked at or near this location.

11:21 p.m. **Doane St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

MONDAY, OCT. 29

3:13 a.m. **N. Main St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports company detector is going off. House has been checked, found no problems.

8:22 a.m. **Ash St.**, fire – public assist, caller reports her fire alarm is going off, but she cannot reset it, she set it off accidentally.

9:02 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, fire, investigation, caller reports bad water main break at this location. Fire Chief notified responding.

9:52 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:15 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, public service, caller reports she would like to see the OIC regarding the problems that the construction has been causing in the area.

12:11 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, B&E, caller reports her home has been broken into and items are missing from the residence and her dog was outside when they got home.

12:18 p.m. **Elm St.**, lost property.

12:26 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

2:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity.

3:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, notification, Water Dept. reports the hydrant at above location Beechwood side of the road is O.O.S.

5:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller reports she heard noise at above location – they had officers out at above location today. Caller wants officer to walk through and check building, she is there alone. Caller reports telephone is dead, requesting officer to respond back at 6:20 when she is closing. Officer walked through.

5:41 p.m. **Red Gate Lane**, notification, caller reports brown water, contacted Water Dept. they will contact caller.

6:20 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist citizen.

6:41 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, dead animal, caller stated there is a dead raccoon in the middle of 3A.

TUESDAY, OCT. 30

12:49 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

1:13 a.m. **Sohier St.** building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

3:53 a.m. **Reservoir Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

6:22 a.m. **South Main St.**, public service, caller states "there is water pouring out of the building." Water is in the building, possible frozen pipe.

7:27 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, assist citizen, caller requests info concerning school buses getting through.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, calm, 40.

10:59 a.m. **South Main St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports strong outside odor of gas at this location.

2:01 p.m. **Pond St., and Lantern Lane**, traffic enforcement.

2:16 p.m. Disturbance, caller reports she is having a problem with her brother-in-law, he is intoxicated and is being verbally abusive to her. Units clear at this time, peace has been restored.

2:34 p.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

3:07 p.m. **Elm St.**, bolo announcement, bolo put out to Cohasset units….from Sandwich PD, a shooting occurred about 45 minutes ago. Suspect is a white male, bald on top with long hair on side of head with a shaggy beard, a tattoo of a skull and crossbones on his neck. Suspect told victim to pull over and an argument started regarding a Hell's Angel's sticker on the victim's motor vehicle. Victim was then shot by the suspect and the suspect fled.

3:14 p.m. **Border St.**, medical aid.

4:12 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, larceny, caller reports some items missing from her home.

5:01 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

5:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation.

7:31 p.m. **Adams Rd.**, civil matter between homeowner and contractor.

8:52 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid.

8:57 p.m. **Smith Pl.**, disturbance, caller stated that someone is knocking on her door and won't answer when she asks who it is. It is a prank between friends.

9:16 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31

12:39 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:42 a.m. **King St.**, open door/window.

6:33 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

6:59 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

7:59 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

8:11 a.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:45 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle.

10:29 a.m. **School Buildings**, building checks, officer reports all secure.

1:24 p.m. **South Main St., and Depot Ct.**, traffic enforcement.

1:31 p.m. **Nantasket Ave., Hull**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

3:17 p.m. **Hull St.**, annoying phone calls, walk in party reports receiving harassing phone calls.

4:16 p.m. **Hull St.**, suspicious activity, Greenbush dispatcher reports 2 subjects on track. This location is Hingham – given to Hingham PD. Greenbush dispatcher caller reported subject left the tracks.

5:35 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, parking complaint, caller is complaining of a motor vehicle parked on the side of the road and believes it is parked illegally.

6:03 p.m. **George Washington Blvd., Hull**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

8:15 p.m. **Ledgewood Drive**, disturbance, caller reports a group of kids in the woods near this location is throwing candy.

8:48 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

8:56 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:14 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, parking complaint, caller reports that there is a tractor trailer parked illegally.

9:29 p.m. **North Main St.**, disturbance, caller reports there is a verbal argument going on here. A female is in need of medical attention.

9:32 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:34 p.m. **Rust Way**, lost property, caller states her daughter's red and black Trek Mountain bike was lost tonight. Bicycle found in the neighbors yard, no damage.

THURSDAY, NOV. 1

12:30 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:30 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:37 a.m. **King St.**, public service, flat tire.

6:39 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:39 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

7:06 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

7:14 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, Beechwood Street between CJC Highway and King Street will be down to one lane. Emergency motor vehicles can get through.

7:43 a.m. **Hull St**, public service, caller reports the lights are flashing, but the gate is not down. MBTA notified. Hingham notified.

8 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

8 a.m. Weather: Cloudy, windy, 60.

10:19 a.m. **South Main St.**, vandalism report, caller reports he would like to see an officer regarding some damage done to his fence.

10:26 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:34 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:43 a.m. **Church St.**, larceny, caller reports license plates were stolen from his vehicle overnight. Plates were entered into NCIC by dispatch as stolen. Plates have been cancelled in NCIC Marshfield PD has confiscated the plates in their town on 10/30/07, this was confirmed by dispatch.

11:29 a.m. **Elm St.**, animal complaint. Large brown and white dog at fire HQ. ACO notified. ACO to residence and advised the son to retrieve the dog.

12:50 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid.

1:36 p.m. **Elm St.**, vandalism report, caller reports graffiti spray painted on the benches at this location.

1:47 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disturbance, caller reports a male party is on site at this location that was evicted and not supposed to be on the property.

2:55 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, property (lost), caller wants it logged that a brief case has been stolen from her vehicle while she was in the store. She did not want to leave any information and did not want to file a report she already drove back to her office in Norwell and then called. Just a log note at this time.

2:59 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid.

3:18 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, vandalism report, caller reports she was at her house with her kids and heard the front door open and went to the door and there were some kids that opened her front door and sprayed silly string in her house. Sgt. reports they did not open the inside door just the outside one and sprayed silly string on the door. Caller is satisfied.

3:33 p.m. **South Main St.**, disturbance, walk in party reports a group of youths throwing rocks at vehicles at this location.

4:31 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, animal complaint.

4:31 p.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, well being check, caller reports she has not seen or heard from her elderly neighbor in a few days and would like someone to check on her. Officer reports this party is in the hospital, neighbor has been advised.

5:11 p.m. **South Main St.**, animal complaint, caller reports a woodpecker is pecking a hole from the outside of her home into her son's bedroom, she would like this logged and has also left a message for the ACO.

5:21 p.m. **Elm St.**, animal complaint, Fire Dept. reports the brown and white husky looking dog that has been hanging around the station is back. Fire Dept. report the animal control officer wanted it logged every time the dog came around. ACO spoke with the owner, this has been an ongoing problem.

8:12 p.m. **Linden Drive**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:37 p.m. **Elm St.**, animal complaint, dog walked into the station, belongs to the party listed above. ACO responded. Owner has been called.

9:47 p.m. **Rustic Drive**, civil matter, male subject in station regarding an ongoing civil problem. Subject will be contacting his lawyer regarding same.

9:52 p.m. **Border St.**, dead animal, caller reports a dead deer in the middle of Border Street. Caller is a passerby and didn't know where on Border Street, she said it was near a farm and a field. Officer reports this is in Scituate, Scituate PD notified.

10 p.m. **Beach St.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports a mail truck parked on Beach Street. On a call to a contact for the post office, he stated the truck broke down earlier this morning and was supposed to be towed then.

11:03 p.m. **Border St.**, caller reports she has an unwanted guest and he will not leave. She also states he is throwing things around her house. Party is in protective custody.

FRIDAY, NOV. 2

1:08 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service, there is a Halloween decoration hanging over the roadway. Officer unable to remove the decoration. State DPW notified. Mass Highway on scene.

1:20 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:27 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:33 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

7:05 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

7:33 a.m. **Hull St.**, dead animal, caller reports a dead fox in the roadway, left message for ACO.

7:35 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, public service, Nichols Road by #85 is down to one lane.

7:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, light wind, 47.

8:16 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

9:22 a.m. **Sohier St.**, Deer Hill/Osgood School check.

11:38 a.m. **Stagecoach Way**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:16 p.m. **Black Rock Rd.**, fire, (misc.), detail officer was approached by a citizen to report a strong odor of gas outside. Keyspan notified to respond.

2:01 p.m. **South Main St.**, public service.

2:22 p.m. **Pond St.**, school check.

4:06 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, fire, investigation, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports her oil burner is smoking and there is an odor in the house. Caller was advised to get out of the house and wait for the Fire Dept. to arrive. E3 reports a light smoke condition in the basement. Command requests Anderson Fuel to the scene. Command reports there is an oil spill in the basement and to notify the DEP. R3 will be transporting the homeowner to SSH/ALS.

4:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

5:03 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

5:31 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, civil matter, walk in party would like an officer to head up to this location regarding an ongoing civil matter Officer reports no problems at this time.

8:15 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a red SUV driving in front of him going real slow and has no lights on, would like an officer to check. Officer has that vehicle in front of Shaw's Plaza. Driver has been issued a ticket for the violations observed by the officer.

8:55 p.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:10 p.m. **Elm Ct.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

SATURDAY, NOV. 3

12:54 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:55 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building appear secured.

6:44 a.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports vehicle all over the road. Officer reports he has located vehicle – newspaper delivery.

7:13 a.m. **Cedar St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:20 a.m. **North Main St.**, hazard, multiple callers report the gates are down and the lights are flashing at this location. This has been going on for more than 5 minutes and nothing is happening. BMTA has been notified. MBTA is sending out a crew, Hingham Police have been notified to detour traffic on the other side. MBTA crew on scene, the gates have been restored, crew will stick around to make sure there aren't any more malfunctions.

10:47 a.m. **Cemetery Rd.**, downed tree, caller reports a large tree down at this location blocking the roadway in and out.

11:30 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire (misc.), call directly into Fire HQ, calling party reports a problem with a window. Squad 1 requesting the extension ladder, a drill, a piece of wood and some 2-3" screws.

1:02 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, (misc.), caller reports a tree has fallen on some wires at this location.

1:24 p.m. **North Main St.**, fire, (misc.), across from this location multiple callers reports a transformer has blown and there are trees on the wires and in the street. National Grid has been notified.

1:32 p.m. Domestic, walk in wants to speak with an officer regarding domestic problems. Officer will be tied up with this call for an extended period of time – party would like an emergency 209A – on call judge paged.

2:20 p.m. **Hobart Lane**, downed tree, caller reports across from this location there is a tree down that is blocking the road. Tree and park dept. notified.

2:23 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, downed tree, caller reports a tree down across her private driveway – no wires involved. Advised to contact a private tree removal company and call back if there is any problems.

2:24 p.m. **Pond St., and Bancroft Rd.**, downed tree, caller reports a large limb down at this location blocking all of the road.

2:26 p.m. **Pond St., and Bancroft Rd.**, downed tree, 911 caller reports a large tree blocking Pond Street. No units available to respond. DPW notified.

2:28 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, fire (misc.), caller reports a large branch caught in the wires over his driveway. Squad one detailed to scene – situation handled by Fire Captain – Squad one clear.

2:33 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

2:33 p.m. **Sohier St.**, assist other Police Department, callers report tree blocking RR tracks between the Sohier Street Crossing and Pleasant Street Crossing. Transit Police notified. Officer reports that a train is being held-up due to tracks being blocked. Transit Police are advised.

2:38 p.m. **Cushing Rd.**, downed tree, multiple callers report a tree down blocking the whole road.

2:53 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, downed tree, caller reports a large tree branch came down and broke his fence, it is now on his property and in the road. Advised to contact private contractor if branch is on private property.

3:19 p.m. **Forest Ave.** (misc.), caller reports a tree came through the roof of the house – no personal injury at this time. PD and FD responding. FD reports that scene is secure – situation turned back over to the homeowner.

3:32 p.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, 209A service.

3:39 p.m. **Deep Run**, downed power lines, caller reports a wire down in the road. Squad reports this is a telephone wire in the street, Verizon notified.

3:42 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, (misc.), caller reports a large tree on the wires. Officer reports the branch has fallen from the wires, officer had moved it to the side of the road.

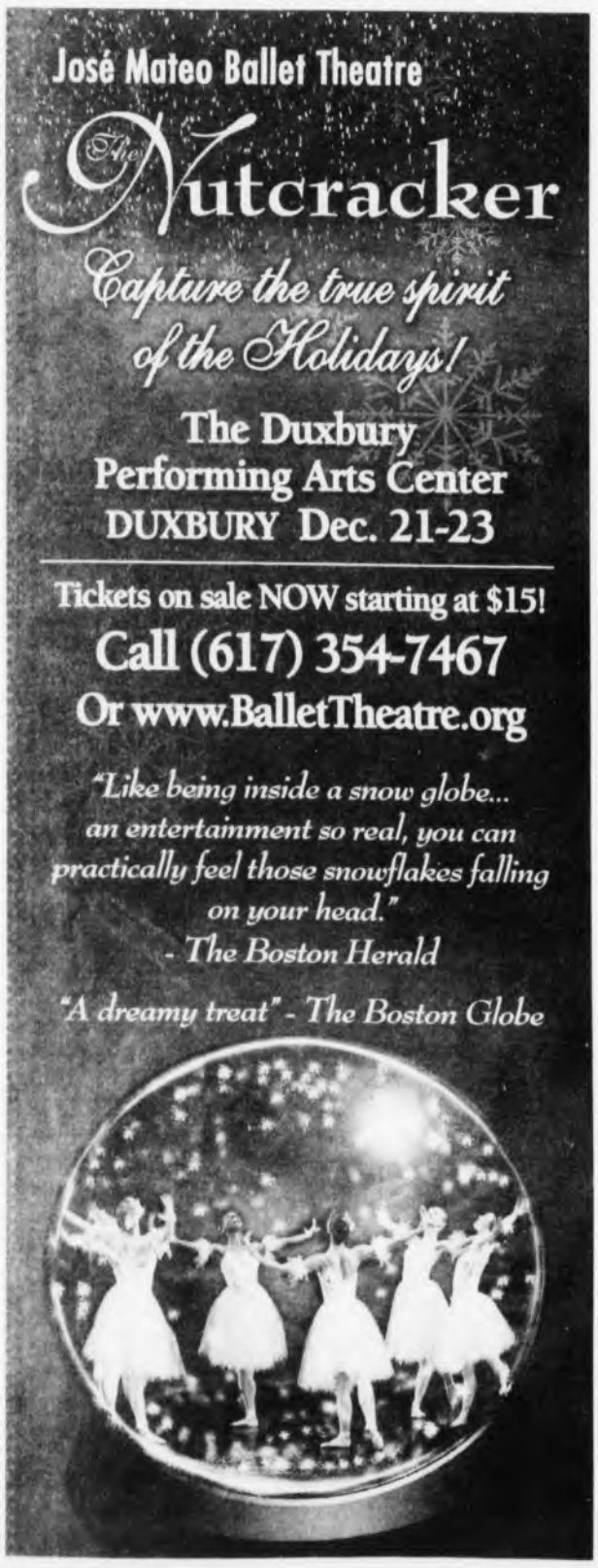
3:52 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, downed tree, callers report a large tree in the road. DPW notified.

3:58 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, downed tree, 911 caller reports a large tree down on wires.

4:07 p.m. **Red Gate Lane**, downed tree, caller reports a large tree down and took the wires down. National Grid notified responding.

4:10 p.m. **Doane St.**, downed tree, caller reports a large tree down on the wires in the back yard of this location. These are the wires that connect to the house. Officer reports the tee is uprooted and resting on the wires.

4:16 p.m. **Bow St.**, notification, caller reports her neighbors are cutting down trees in their yard and are not supposed to be. Caller states they are on conservation land. She wanted this logged.





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Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Nov. 18:

8 a.m.— Circle Ministry in the Parish House/Atkinson Room (group led by Joan Kovach & Susan Meikleham and meeting 1st & 3rd Sundays)

10 a.m. — Worship in the Meeting House — "Harvest Home" - New Member Sunday

We will welcome our new members during this service of worship and celebration! Our children and youth will join us for the first part of this service and then depart for their religious education classes in the Parish House.

Religious education classes for toddlers and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 AM in the Parish House.

Refreshments and fellowship follow the morning service and RE classes.

11:30 a.m. — Circle Ministry Facilitators Gathering - Minister's Study

7 p.m. — An Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service - Panagia Greek Orthodox Church - 811 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset

This many-year-old tradition is shifting nights this year from the Wednesday before Thanksgiving to the Sunday before, and at a family-friendly hour. So come, bring your children and give thanks in this ecumenical service that calls us into that primal spiritual space—gratitude.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church invites families and residents to join us this fall. We are an open, welcoming, Christian community dedicated to caring for all people, both near and across the world. For information on us go to www.ststephenscohasset.org or to learn about the Episcopal Church go to www.ecusa.anglican.org.

Highlights of our parish life include:

- "Godly Play" Christian education for children ages three through grade 5.
- Jr. High and High School youth groups , adult education, Bible study, book group
- Outreach to the hungry, homeless and those in prison
- Monthly luncheon for seniors
- Fellowship and fun; music
- Environmental ministry, weekly yoga and meditation group

This week at St. Stephen's:

Saturday, Nov. 17: 7:00 am Bible Fellowship; Workshop on multi-culturalism and anti-racism, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.. Free and open to people of all faiths.

Sunday, Nov. 18: **Services at 8 am and 10 am. 9 am Youth Group meeting.**

To contact us: Stop by at 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset (We are the church "on the rock." Enter during the week at office around back) or call 781-383-1083, or email cwood@ststephenscohasset.org.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Thanksgiving Day Service on Thursday, Nov. 22nd at 11 a.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph, Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am. These services will be held every weekend for the rest of November.

Obituaries

Madelyne Browne

Volunteer and avid sports fan

Madelyne "Honey" Browne, 88, of Cohasset, who was thrilled to see the Red Sox win two championships in her 80s, died Nov. 13, 2007, at South Shore Hospital following a short illness.

An avid sports fan, Mrs. Browne, who recently turned 88, grew up in Cambridge and had been a Cohasset resident for more than 60 years, where she and her late husband, internationally known architect W. Chester Browne, raised four daughters.

Three of the children, Pamela Prendergast and her late husband Kevin; Meredith Gledhill and her husband, Robert; and Melissa Browne and her husband, Ronald Hobson, also settled in Cohasset. Her fourth daughter, Linda Dalby, lives in Glendale, Calif. She also leaves seven grandchildren, Jennifer, Prescott, Rebecca, Boyd, Tucker, Ted and Will; and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Browne was well known for her cooking, and had been trained as a home economics teacher at LaSalle Junior College and Framingham State Teachers College. She and her husband hosted legendary dinner parties for family and friends.

She was an active volunteer of the Carnivale Charity Trust, St. Anthony's Parish Guild, and had been an active parent at Derby Academy, Milton Academy and Newton Country Day School of the Sacred Heart.

Mrs. Browne was also a member of the advisory committee to develop the commonwealth's community college system in the 1960s.

She was also member of Cohasset Golf Club, Cohasset Yacht Club and The Neighborhood Club.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., on Saturday, Nov. 17, at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Summer Street, Cohasset.



Madelyne Browne

Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Baystate Dr., Braintree, Ma. 02184

McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. For an online guestbook, visit: www.mcnamara-sparrell.com

Worship News

St. Stephen's accepting book donations

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church is currently accepting donations of slightly worn hardcover and paperback books, DVDs and CDs for its annual book sale, part of the ecumenical Village Fair that will take place this year on Saturday, Dec. 1 on Cohasset Common.

Donations can be brought to the church in bags or boxes and placed inside the parish hall door marked church offices. Use the reserved parking spot to unload books during church office hours, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Old textbooks, romance novels, damaged or moldy books or books with notes and/or highlighting will not be accepted.

Money raised from the book sale will be used to send underprivileged children and their families to the Barbara C. Harris Camp in Greenfield, N.H.

Interfaith Thanksgiving service at Greek Church

The Cohasset Interfaith **Thanksgiving Service** will be held this year on Sunday, Nov. 18th at Nativity-Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 811 Jerusalem Road. The celebration of Thanksgiving begins at 7 p.m. and will feature choirs and clergy from various congregations in Cohasset.

This annual tradition was changed from its usual time the night before Thanksgiving, to the Sunday before with the hopes it will be easier for people to attend who might be busy with company on Thanksgiving-Eve. The time was also moved early in the evening making it easier for families with children to attend.

Retreat programs at St. Joseph's

St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset is hosting the following upcoming programs:

- Saturday, Nov. 17, Day of Prayer, 9:00 – 3:30. "Heart for the Holidays during a Time of Loss"
- Sunday, Nov. 18, Reflective Workshop, 9:00 – 3:30. "Grief and Gratitude in Prayer and Spiritual Direction"
- Dec.7-9, Weekend Retreat. "Soul Collage – A Journey of Discovery"

Besides scheduled events, the retreat house is often available for private retreat days. For more information and to register, visit www.csjretreatcenter.org or call 781-383-6024.

Legal Notices

ZBA/13 HILL ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **December 11, 2007 at 8:15PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7.2 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Curt Dukeshire**, seeks to build a two car garage at **13 Hill Street**. According to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-11-09.

AD#11516754
Cohasset Mariner 11/16, 11/23/07

ZBA/88B BEACH ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tuesday, December 11th at 8:45 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Mark Ellis**, seeks to raze the existing structure and construct a new single family dwelling at **88B Beach Street,** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-11-13.

AD#11516796
Cohasset Mariner 11/16, 11/23/07

COLLINS ESTATE (4)
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Norfolk Division
Docket No. 85P0907T4
Notice of Fiduciary's Account

To the persons interested in the estate of Mary McElwain Collins late of Cohasset, in the county of Norfolk.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the 16th – 19th account(s) of Horace S. Nichols and Grant H. Gray as trustees (the fiduciary) under Article 14th (2) of the will of said deceased for the benefit of JMG, has been presented to this Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Canton on or before the 21st day of January, 2008 the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney of the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account (s). If you desire to object to any item of said account (s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, FIRST JUSTICE of said Court at Canton this 10th day of October, 2007.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11516676
Cohasset Mariner 11/16/07

COLLINS ESTATE (3)
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Norfolk Division
Docket No. 85P0907T3
Notice of Fiduciary's Account

To the persons interested in the estate of Mary McElwain Collins late of Cohasset, in the county of Norfolk.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the 16th – 21st account(s) of Horace S. Nichols and Grant H. Gray as trustees (the fiduciary) under Article 14th (3) of the will of said deceased for the benefit of Frank H. Gleason, has been presented to this Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Canton on or before the 21st day of January, 2008 the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney of the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account (s). If you desire to object to any item of said account (s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, FIRST JUSTICE of said Court at Canton this 10th day of October, 2007.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11516680
Cohasset Mariner 11/16/07

COLLINS ESTATE (2)
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Norfolk Division
Docket No. 85P0907T2
Notice of Fiduciary's Account

To the persons interested in the estate of Mary McElwain Collins late of Cohasset, in the county of Norfolk.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the 17th – 22nd account(s) of Horace S. Nichols and Grant H. Gray as trustees (the fiduciary) under Article 13th (2) of the will of said deceased for the benefit of Joanna M. Gleason, has been presented to this Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Canton on or before the 21st day of January, 2008 the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney of the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account (s). If you desire to object to any item of said account (s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, FIRST JUSTICE of said Court at Canton this 10th day of October, 2007.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11516669
Cohasset Mariner 11/16/07

COLLINS ESTATE (1)
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Norfolk Division
Docket No. 85P0907T1
Notice of Fiduciary's Account

To the persons interested in the estate of Mary McElwain Collins late of Cohasset, in the county of Norfolk.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the 17th – 22nd account(s) of Horace S. Nichols and Grant H. Gray as trustees (the fiduciary) under Article 13th (3) of the will of said deceased for the benefit of Frank Gleason, has been presented to this Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Canton on or before the 21st day of January, 2008 the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney of the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account (s). If you desire to object to any item of said account (s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, FIRST JUSTICE of said Court at Canton this 9th day of October, 2007.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11516819
Cohasset Mariner 11/16/07

MCELWAIN ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Norfolk Division
Docket No. 144952T16
Notice of Fiduciary's Account

To the persons interested in the estate of J. Franklin McElwain late of Cohasset, in the county of Norfolk.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the **16th – 21st (being the 33rd – 38th)** account (s) of Horace S. Nichols and Grant H. Gray as trustees (the fiduciary) under Article 10 of the will of said deceased for the benefit of Helen M. Shepler, has been presented to this Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Canton on or before the 21st day of November, 2007 the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account (s). If you desire to object to any item of said account (s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

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Deutz Brut	750ml $29.97	Korbel Brut, Extra Dry, Chardonnay & Rose	750ml $9.97	Canella Prosecco	750ml $11.97
Duval Leroy Brut	750ml $25.97	Domaine Ste. Michelle Brut, Extra Dry & Frizzante	750ml $8.97		

RED WINES

2003 Rombauer Merlot	750ml $26.97	Artesa Napa Cabernet Sauvignon	750ml $12.97	2005 Esmonin Gevrey Chambertin	750ml $19.97
2004 Sebastiani Merlot Alexander Valley	750ml $19.97	Curious Beagle Cabernet Sauvignon	750ml $10.97	2004 Domaine Lafarge Passetoutgrains	750ml $16.97
Frei Brothers Merlot	750ml $12.97	Hedges CMS Red	750ml $9.97	Domaine Fougeray De Beauclair Bourgogne Rouge	750ml $10.97
Michael Pozzan Napa Merlot	750ml $10.97	Henry's Drive Shiraz	750ml $24.97	2005 La Spinetta Langhe Nebbiolo	750ml $21.97
2006 Abbotts Table Red Blend	750ml $21.97	Penfolds Bin 389	750ml $23.97	Cascina Garitina Barbera D Asti "Cararti"	750ml $11.97
2004 Dashe Dry Creek Zinfandel	750ml $18.97	Torbreck Woodcutters Shiraz	750ml $17.97	200X Marina Cvetic Montepulciano d Abruzzo	750ml $24.97
Seghesio Zinfandel	750ml $15.97	Wakefield Shiraz	750ml $13.97	2004 Terrabianca Campaccio	750ml $27.97
Gnarly Head Zinfandel	750ml $7.97	Billi Billi Shiraz	750ml $8.97	2003 Siro Pacenti Rosso D. Montalcino	750ml $19.97
Ponzi Pinot Noir	750ml $29.97	Jadot Beaujolais Villages	750ml $8.97	Villa Antinori Toscana IGT	750ml $19.97
Elk Cove Pinot Noir	750ml $22.97	Guigal Cotes Du Rhone	750ml $8.97	Villa Cafaggio Chianti Classico	750ml $16.97
Elke Pinot Noir	750ml $19.97	2003 Ch. Clarke	750ml $24.97	Da Vinci Chianti	750ml $10.97
Paraiso Pinot Noir	750ml $16.97	2003 Ch. Malmaison	750ml $15.97	Marques De Caceres Crianza	750ml $10.97
Belvedere Pinot Noir Russian River	750ml $14.97	2003 Ch. Le Sartre	750ml $13.97	1997 Dows Vintage Port	750ml $55.97
Mark West Pinot Noir	750ml $8.97	2005 Ch. Haut Nadeau	750ml $10.97	Warres LBV Port	750ml $16.97
Mirassou Pinot Noir	750ml $7.97	2004 Domaine Charvin Chateauneuf Du Pape	750ml $51.97	Harvey's Bristol Cream Sherry	750ml $10.97
2003 Terra Valentine Napa Cabernet Sauvignon	750ml $29.97	Domaine Des Martinelles Crozes Hermitage	750ml $14.97		
2005 Justin Cabernet Sauvignon	750ml $22.97	Ch. St. Martin De La Garrigue "Bronzinelle"	750ml $11.97		
2004 Simi Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon	750ml $17.97	2005 Domaine Chantal Lescure Cote De Beaune	750ml $22.97		

WHITE WINES

2003 Mount Eden Estate Chardonnay	750ml $33.97	Greg Norman Chardonnay	750ml $9.97	Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc	750ml $13.97
Sonoma Cutrer Chardonnay Sonoma Coast	750ml $19.97	J Lohr Chardonnay Riverstone	750ml $9.97	Oyster Bay Chardonnay & Sauvignon Blanc	750ml $8.97
Newton Red Label Chardonnay	750ml $18.97	Sterling Vintners Chardonnay & Pinot Grigio	750ml $9.97	Conundrum	750ml $22.97
Au Bon Climat Chardonnay	750ml $17.97	Kenwood Sonoma Chardonnay	750ml $8.97	Trimbach Pinot Gris	750ml $14.97
Cuvaison Chardonnay	750ml $16.97	Estancia Chardonnay	750ml $7.97	Willm Pinot Blanc	750ml $7.97
Sterling Napa Chardonnay	750ml $13.97	2005 Domaine Matrot Meursault	750ml $29.97	Santa Margherita Pinot Grigio	750ml $18.97
Frei Brothers Chardonnay	750ml $12.97	Jadot Pouilly Fuisse	750ml $18.97	Terlan Pinot Grigio	750ml $14.97
Beringer Napa Chardonnay	750ml $12.97	J J Vincent Bourgogne Chardonnay	750ml $12.97	Il Vignale Pinot Grigio	750ml $10.97
Kendall Jackson Chardonnay	750ml $10.97	Alphonse Mellot Sancerre "La Moussiere"	750ml $14.97	Hogue Riesling & Gewurztraminer	750ml $7.97
Toasted Head Chardonnay	750ml $9.97	2006 Sbragia Sauvignon Blanc	750ml $17.97	Lois Gruner Veltliner	750ml $9.97

FAMILIES

Greg Norman Red Wines	750ml $10.97	Fat Bastard All Types	750ml $7.97	Barefoot Cellars	1.5L $8.97
Beringer Founders Estate All Types	750ml $8.97	Montes Cabernet, Chardonnay & Merlot	750ml $7.97	CK Mondavi All Types	1.5L $8.97
Rosemount Diamond Reds	750ml $7.97	Fetzer All Types	1.5L $11.97	Sutter Home Cab, Chard, Merlot & Pinot Grigio	1.5L $8.97
Columbia Crest Grand Estate All Types	750ml $7.97	Woodbridge Cab, Chard, Merlot, Pinot Grigio & Shiraz	1.5L $9.97	Bella Sera All Types	1.5L $9.97
Mondavi Private Selections All Types	750ml $7.97	Yellow Tail All Types	1.5L $9.97	Cavit All Types	1.5L $10.97
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What's happening on the South Shore

NOVEMBER 15-23, 2007

Theater review

'Brendan' comes to Boston

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



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Parked at his favorite spot in his favorite Allston pub, Brendan (Dashiell Eaves) gets a lecture on friendship and loyalty from bartender Josh (Tommy Schrider) as his mother (Nancy E. Carroll) looks on in the Huntington's world premiere production of *Brendan* by Ronan Noone, running through Nov. 17 at the Calderwood Pavilion.

Playwright Ronan Noone has written "Brendan" — a heart tugging, warmly humorous and insightful treatise on what it means to restart one's life in a new country — as the second in a planned trilogy of American plays dealing with an outsider's perspective on the U.S. After mounting the trilogy's first installment, "The Atheist," earlier this season, the Huntington Theatre Company is now presenting a superb world premiere production of "Brendan," also at the Calderwood Pavilion in the Boston Center for the Arts. The Irish-born Noone began his collaboration with the Huntington as a playwriting fellow in 2004 and has rapidly become one of America's most promising young dramatists. With "Brendan" it is easy to see why.

Director Justin Waldman, once again at the helm, ensures that Noone's tale of a young Irishman who relocates to Boston comes vividly and richly to life. It is a relatively uneventful life until a letter from home informs Brendan of his mother's passing and further lets him know that she has already been buried. Brendan was in the U.S. by himself, but with his mother's death he is even more alone. Her memory, however, remains, as does her influence over his daily life. His mother is, quite literally, with him always and always willing to share her advice.

With a new relationship in its infancy, a test to get his driver's license, and a citizenship ceremony to worry about, Brendan has only so much time to grieve and so he carries his mother's memory with him everywhere he goes. Noone has beautifully crafted a mother-son relationship to which many will relate. As Brendan, the shy classical music fan determined to make a go of his new life, the perfectly cast Dashiell Eaves captures his character in look, demeanor and heart. Nancy E. Carroll, a veteran actress with considerable local credits, also has just the right sound and feel of an Irish mother from the old country who wants only what is best for her son even if that means questioning his every decision. Brendan may be the only one who can see her, but no one who sees the play will be able to forget her.

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Natalie Gold is also terrific as Rose, the Stop & Shop store manager who lives above Brendan and who just might like to live with him if they can each overcome their respective awkwardness. Kelly McAndrew — who memorably replaced Ashley Judd as Maggie in the 2003 Broadway revival of "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" — manages to be both sinfully sexy and sincerely sweet as the young "professional" who teaches Brendan to do more than just drive a car. Like the rest of this great cast, Ciaran Crawford has a memorable turn as "Steveo," Brendan's closest friend and workmate.

Scenic Designer Alexander Dodge captures everything we need to know about the backdrop of Brendan's new life with a John Hancock Tower-dominated set from which everything from Brendan's apartment and car to the neighborhood bar emerge with clever, convincing authenticity.

The Huntington Theatre Company will present "Brendan" at the Stanford Calderwood Pavilion, 527 Tremont St., Boston, through Nov. 18. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-266-0800 or go online at huntingtontheatre.org.

Movie review

Reviewer takes out 'Claus'

Fred Claus (D+)
Film Review
By Al Alexander



Family dysfunction is one of the themes of the regrettable "Fred Claus," with Paul Giamatti and Vince Vaughn.

Raise a glass of Christmas jeer to "Fred Claus," the most annoying sentimental holiday tripe Hollywood ever tried to shove up your chimney.

It's a real pain in the ash, too, wasting an outstanding cast on a story that's not naughty or nice, just bland and shockingly unfunny. I say "shocking" because the director is David Dobkin, the guy behind last summer's hit "Wedding Crashers."

Given that film's wit and charm, you'd think he could come up with something beyond lame slapstick and tired gags rooted in sibling rivalry and the fact that elves are short.

Writer Dan Fogelman ("Cars"), who's not above stealing a bit or two from Will Ferrell's "Elf," uses family dysfunction as a premise.

Life in the elves quarters was never as chilly, though, as it is in Santa's abode. His is a house divided, with Santa (Paul Giamatti) on one side and his less saintly brother Fred (Vince Vaughn) on the other. How could the preeminent corporate icon of peace, love and understanding be so reviled by his lying, panhandling brother?

The movie offers no discernable reason beyond the contrivance that Fred is jealous of his brother's international celebrity. Oh, yeah, and that Mom (Kathy Bates) always liked him best.

Dumb as it is, the film still might have worked if it weren't so poorly cast. Come on, the pudgy 5-foot 8 Giamatti as Santa and the hunky 6-foot-5 Vaughn as Fred? They look about as mismatched as Schwarzenegger and DeVito in "Twins."

Worse, the white-bearded Giamatti plays Father Christmas so victimized and sullen that he comes off more like a homeless Yale grad than the alleged propagator of happiness and good will. And Vaughn tries so hard to be funny that he goes from merely grating to being as irritating as your drunken uncle at a holiday meal.

Surely the film's three Oscar-winning actors — Kevin Spacey, Rachel Weisz and Bates — can compensate, can't they? No dice. All three are wasted in nothing roles that could have been played by just about anyone. So why are they even here? Ditto the rest of the supporting cast of Elizabeth Banks ("The 40-Year-Old Virgin"), Chris "Ludacris" Bridges ("Crash") and John Michael Higgins ("The Break-Up"). Apparently Dobkin was given too many toys and simply didn't know what to do with them all. He would have been better served by a script that was far less plot-heavy and more about the very real issues that can drive wedges when one brother is hugely successful and the other struggles at nearly every turn.

The only time the movie comes remotely close to accomplishing this is when Fred, frustrated and feeling alone after unintentionally ruining Christmas, heads to a meeting of Siblings Anonymous, where he meets up with Frank Stallone, Stephen Baldwin and Roger Clinton.

Yet, even that is more clever than funny. Even so, more of that kind of off-the-wall wit would have been preferable to ridiculous plot machinations like Spacey's efficiency expert threatening to shut down Santa and outsource his operations to the South Pole. Or Higgins' milquetoast elf trying to summon the courage to ask out Santa's tall, leggy operations manager, played by Banks, outfitted in a ridiculously short, low-cut red dress.

Just seeing her in that get-up made be shiver, as did the schmaltz ending Dobkin cooks up in a weak play for tears that is beyond pathetic. Almost as pathetic as "Fred Claus," the cheap holiday gift that keeps on giving — migraines.

Rated PG. "Fred Claus" contains mild language and some rude humor.

Calendar of events



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The Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield, presents TrainDay! Nov. 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., a free festival of events and activities with appeal to all ages. The day will feature a working model railroad, food, games, music, railroad history and shopping. Celebrate the October, 2007 opening of the Greenbush rail line that links the South Shore to Boston by train for the first time since 1959. Experience a real electric model train display in action thanks to special guests, the Cape Cod Model Railroad Club. View a train photography exhibit by Greg Guimond, Jonelle DeFelice and Doug Scott. See displays of trains in Marshfield history and around New England. Sample desserts made from authentic Pullman car recipes. Children can play games in the Children's Room and pose inside Thomas the Tank Engine to have a photo taken as a Thomas conductor handicapped accessible. 781-834-5535 or visit ventresslibrary.org

Thursday, Nov. 15

Braintree Art Association meeting, Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Thayer Public Library, second floor, 798 Washington St., Braintree. **David Curtis** will demonstrate watercolors. Free and open to the public.

Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center of Norwell presents **The Guyer Girls.** This is the final dress rehearsal at 4 p.m. Nov. 15, to which **senior citizens and teachers are invited free of charge**. Doors open at The Norwell Grange, 142 Main St., Norwell at 3:30 p.m. 508-224-4548 dreamchasersthreatre.org

Network4Success Business-to-Business Networking Group meets the first Thursday of the month at the Plympton Library from 5 to 6 p.m. and the third Thursday of the month at the Halifax Country Club from noon to 1:30 p.m. For meeting info, email info@network4success.org or visit network4success.org

The Norwell Garden Club in collaboration with the **Scituate Garden Club** will present **Holiday Designs with Robin Murphy** Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. at Cushing Memorial Hall, 673 Main St., Norwell. Refreshments will be served and admission is Free.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke Nov. 15, **Apex Goodbye** 781-829-6999.

Fish Tale On the Water, 44 Jericho Road, Scituate, presents **Drift Away** with **J. Place, Joe Micarelli** and **John Litwin,** performing music from the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's.every Thursday at 8:30 p.m. 781-545-4700

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Wednesday and Thursday evening from 8 to 11 p.m.

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell **Nov. 15, Jeff Conley.**

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's open mic** with Slo-Burn Nov. 15, at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield. Nov. 15. **DJ Ramu** 781-837-6368.

Friday, Nov. 16

The South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham will feature "Evidence of Life" works of **Mary A. Smith** on Nov. 16 from 6 to 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and visitors will have a chance to meet the artist at that time. The exhibit will be on display until Dec. 6. Hours are from Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 781-749-0430 or visit southstreetgallery.com

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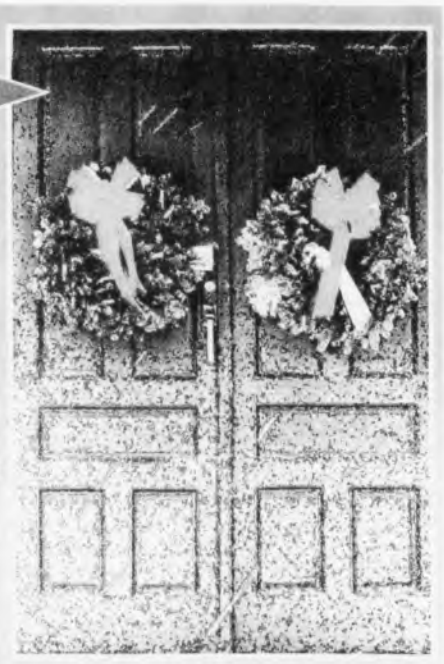
NORTH POLE EXPRESS Nov. 24, take a ride on the Polar Express at Kingston Commuter Rail Station. The event includes a magical ride aboard "The Polar Express" train, treats, a special gift from Santa and Mrs Claus and more. Tickets are $20 each and the train will leave the station at noon, 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Daniel Webster Elementary School Project Playground and PTO, Marshfield. For information or to purchase tickets, call 781-837-3555.

NSRWA THANKSGIVING WEEKEND WALK on the Hanover Greenway Summer St. Conservation Parcel, at 1 p.m. Nov. 25. Walk off your turkey dinner with the NSRWA and make this a family tradition. At about mid-route along the 8.5 mile Hanover Greenway is the Summer Street parcel, large woods where French's Stream joins the Drinkwater River. Board Member Doug Thomson will lead this walk of about two miles round trip through the woods and over the longest (40 ft) of the Greenway footbridges. The trail passes into the recently acquired 70 acre King Street parcel as well as around the Clark Bog before looping back to the bridge. Ample parking is available at Ellis Field, which is at the junction of Circuit St. and Summer St in Hanover. Suggested donation is $5. Pre-registration is required. Contact Paula Christie at 781 659 8168 or e-mail paula@nsrwa.org register. Visit nsrwa.org for information.

THE DANIEL WEBSTER ESTATE AND HERITAGE CENTER, 238 Webster St., Marshfield. The third **Victorian Christmas Show House** will open the Season with a Gala Cocktail Party on Friday, Nov. 30 from 7 to 10 p.m. Tickets are $50 per person. To order tickets call Virginia at 781-837-2403. **RSVP Date: Nov. 20.** For further information, visit danielwebsterestate.org

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The North River Arts Society is holding its 26th Annual Holiday Art Sale on Saturday, Nov. 17 and Sunday, Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. Admission is free.
This event is geared toward holiday shopping, and showcases hundreds of wonderful works of art including original paintings, prints and photographs, as well as 3D and mixed media works - with prices starting as low as $15. Also offered is an exclusive Gallery on Stage, featuring original art starting at $400, as well as the 2008 NRAS Art Calendar.
Also featured is an Early Bird Admission at 9 a.m. on Saturday. For $15 you can beat the crowds and perhaps find the perfect piece of art for gift-giving or for your own collection!
Artists who have participated in past NRAS Holiday Art Sales include: Norma Brown, Margaret Farrell Bruno, Sue Charles, Lilly Cleveland, Dominic Farrell, Mary Felton, Dorit Flowers, Patricia Flaherty, Wendy Hale, Laura Harvey, Nancy Sargent Howell, Brooks Kelly, Bernard Korites, Jeanne MacFarland, Marjorie Osborne Whorf, Peggy Roth Major, Elizabeth Trubia, Page Railsback, Donna Rossetti-Bailey, Mike Sleeper, Cindy Vallino and many more. For information call the NRAS office at 781.837.8091, Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. to noon.

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JM Productions presents **Bandstand Revue** with an **Elvis Tribute and dancing. Dinner Show**. Raffael's at the Clarion Hotel, Hull. **For tickets, call:** JM Productions at (617) 786-SHOW (7469) or visit JM Productions secure website for on line credit card purchasing at jmproductionspresents.com Patrons can also call Raffael's directly for telephone orders at 781-925-4515. Tickets for show only are $30 per person for dinner and show $50 per person with special hotel rates to stay over at the Clarion.

Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center of Norwell presents performances of **The Guyer Girls** on Nov. 16 and 17, at 7 p.m. and Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. at the Dreamchasers home, The Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main St., Norwell. Tickets are $10, $8 senior citizens and students and $5 for Dreamchasers students. 508-224-4548 dreamchaserstheatre.org

The New Art Forum of Kingston, presents **The Painted Verse**, Nov. 16, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Ye Olde Yellar Yankee Barn, 228 Main St., Kingston. The exhibit may also be viewed from 1 to 4 p.m. Nov. 17 and 18, 20, 21, and 24and 25 781-585-5622.

Abington High School Drama Club presents **Little Women** Nov. 16 and 17, 7:30 p.m. PKS Music Room, Abington High School. Tickets are $5 for students and senior citizens, and $7 for adults.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance Oct. 16, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte. 3. Dancing with music by award-winning DJ from 8:30 to midnight. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes, and match game prizes. Free dance lessons from 7:30-8:30 p.m. For singles & couples, 35+ years old. Cost is $10 before 9. Proper business dress required; sports jacket highly recommended. 781-446-0234. se-4u.com.

All Seasons Restaurant and Sports Lounge, 327 Plymouth St., Halifax, Nov. 16, **The Crew** 781-293-4135.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Nov. 16, **Chain Drive** 781-829-6999.

Run of the Mill Tavern, 6 Spring St., Plymouth Nov. 16, **Tex Mad Dog & the Cat.**

The 1940's Radio Show. Nov. 16, 8 p.m. and Nov. 18, at 2 p.m. A dinner theater package includes seating for the performance, a meal, tax and gratuity for $45. Deadline for dinner reservations is Nov. 10. Performances will be held at the Paris Cabaret and Starline Room Dinner Theater, 49 Monk St., Stoughton. For reservations or more information call 508-823-1584 or E-mail PhoenixRising Enterprises@Gmail.com.

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell Nov. 16, **3 South.**

New England Singles Dances, VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington, Nov. 16, 8 p.m. to midnight. $9.

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield. Nov. 16, **Spank** 781-837-6368.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth. **Gracie Blues** Nov. 16, at 9:15 p.m., No cover 781-335-9796 visit nextpagecafe.com or myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Nov. 16 **Johnny Hoy**. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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The Bumpus Gallery, 77 Alden St., Duxbury presents the work of **Cape Cod artist Elizabeth Pratt** titled **Potpourri** during November and December. A reception will be held at the gallery on Nov. 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. The artist will give a slide presentation and explain how she manipulates paint to achieve unusual effects. Refreshments will be served and all are invited to attend. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours. For information call 781-934-2721.

Wellness Workshop, Nov. 17 at noon at **Medspa New England** 2 Main St.,, 2nd Floor, Plymouth. Learn how to enhance your Physical and Environmental Wellness. Learn how to "Go Green". No charge to attend. Limited Seating—Call Cathy for reservations at 617-827-1360.

Scituate High School's Drama Club is presenting **William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night Performances** on Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 18, at 2 p.m. Tickets are $5 each and are available at SHS's student-run store and at the door on performance days. Scituate High School is located at 606 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Scituate.

AFSP hosts Annual Survivors of Suicide Conference More than 30,000 people in the United States die by suicide every year. Suicide is a growing epidemic that takes the lives of more Massachusetts residents than homicide. On Nov. 17, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) will sponsor its annual **National Survivors of Suicide Day Conference** at Mount Ida College at the New England Institute Building in the Dodge Auditorium in Newton Conference registration will take place between 9 and 10 a.m. Participants will view a teleconference via a satellite and Internet broadcast, allowing survivors throughout the U.S. to share their experiences of loss and gather information about resources for healing. (For participants who are unable to attend the conference, the 90-minute program will be broadcast on afsp.org from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time, with a live online chat immediately following the broadcast.) Registration is $20 ($10 for students) and scholarships are available. For information, 617-439-0940.

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Artwork by Pat Isaac

The 4th Floor Artists present The 16th Annual Open Studios, with 36 artists located in the ET Wright Building, 379 Liberty St., Rockland and seven artists located in the American Sandpaper Co., 83 E. Water St. Rockland. Nov. 17, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Nov. 18 from noon to 5 p.m. In each building, see artists working and demonstrating in their studios, see displays of their work, do a little holiday shopping, and enjoy tasty refreshments. Maps will be available in each building. Artists include painters, printmakers, sculptors, photographers, jewelers, graphic designers, interior designers, architects, fiber artists, woodworkers, and potters. Plenty of free parking with police details. The ET Wright building is handicapped accessible. 781-792-1705 4thfloorartists.org

Susie Burke and David Surette will perform at **The Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square,** 107 Main St., Hingham on Nov. 17, at 8 p.m. The Coffeehouse off the Square is at the Old Ship Church Parish Hall, 107 Main St., in Hingham Square just up from the Loring Hall Theater and on the MBTA's 220 bus from Quincy Center. Admission is $10 at the door. The concert begins with an open mike at 8 p.m. For information or to volunteer (free admission) call 781-749-1767 or visit burkesurette.com

All Seasons Restaurant and Sports Lounge, 327 Plymouth St., Halifax, Nov. 17, **Brother Spyke** 781-293-4135.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Nov. 17, **Radio For the Blind** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree, Nov. 17, **Tommy Baker Band**. 781-849-7007.

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Benefit concert featuring historic East Weymouth organ The historic century-old organ of East Weymouth Congregational Church will be the star of a Nov. 18 concert featuring five organists in a benefit to restore and preserve the instrument. Admission is $10 for adults and $7 for students and seniors, and all proceeds will benefit the restoration and preservation of the instrument. For information call 781-340-1403, 781-974-3503 or visit eweyucc.org.

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Reunions

COHASSET HIGH SCHOOL Class of 2002- Fifth year reunion Nov. 21, at 8 p.m. in the Salon du Soleil at the Red Lion Inn, Cohasset.

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL 15th reunion Class of 1992 Nov. 23, 8 p.m. to midnight at F1 Boston on Wood Rd. in Braintree. The cost is $45 per person and the evening will include DJ, cash bar, and apps. Checks can be made payable to Laurice Vallancourt/BHS Class of 1992 and mailed to 11 Winter Terrace, Hanson MA 02341 by Nov. 9. Any questions, contact Laurice (Gunn) Vallancourt at vallancourt11@comcast.net

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL 30th Reunion Class of 1977 Nov. 23, 7 p.m. to midnight at Braintree Son's of Italy Hall. Tickets are $40 per person, or $75 per couple, if purchased by Nov. 1,includes a buffet dinner. To purchase tickets or to update your contact information visit BraintreeHigh.com/1977.html or mail your check to: BHS Class of 1977, P.O. Box 850088, Braintree, MA 02184-0088. All class members are invited to attend.

HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL The class of 1997 reunion will be held anytime after 8 p.m. Nov. 23 at Hurricane O'Reilly's, 150 Canal St., Boston. Contact Renee George (Heckathorn) at Reneelyda@hotmail.com with questions.

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL 10 Year Reunion – class of 1997, Nov. 23, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Jillian's on Lansdowne St., Boston, on the second floor in the main Jillian's complex. $25 per person and guests are welcome. Includes plenty of food, lots of pool tables, and bowling.

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL 20th reunion Class of 1987, Nov. 23, 7 p.m. to midnight at the Red Parrot in Hull Alumni are looking for classmates. Contact Tracy O'Sullivan at 781-982-1226 *or* Dawn Youngworth at shaneandmom@comcast.net

NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1987, 20 year class reunion on Nov. 23, 7:30-12:30 at Black Rock Country Club, Hingham. Ticket price is $50 per person, includes: cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, desserts and DJ. Call Cheri (Connolly) Farley at 781-659-5898 for more information or visit norwellhs1987.myevent.com

RANDOLPH HIGH SCHOOL 30th reunion Class of 1977 Nov. 23, from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. at the Randolph Lodge of Elks. Contact Mary Graziano at 781-986-5754 or Maria Civita at 781-961-2292/ M.Civita@comcast.net for information and ticket confirmation.

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL Class of 72 35th class reunion, Nov 23, at Royal Garden Restaurant, Kingston Tickets are $25 per person includes Chinese buffet. Send check to Silver Lake Class of 72 Reunion, P.O. Box 2227 Duxbury, MA 02332. E-mail silverlaker72@yahoo.com or contact mirish21@hotmail.com or call 781-582-3516.

WEYMOUTH NORTH HIGH SCHOOL - Class of 1987, 20th year reunion Nov. 23, at The Weymouth Elks. Tickets are $30. each, and include DJ, dancing, buffet dinner, and cash bar. For information and tickets, e-mail class officers at WNHS1987@yahoo.com.

WHITMAN-HANSON HIGH SCHOOL 25th reunion Class of 1982 Nov. 23, from 6 to 11 p.m., at the Radisson Hotel, Rockland. Tickets cost $60 per person. Dinner and music will be provided. For address changes and information, contact Michelle Webber at 508-528-7509, Diana Marcotte at 978-663-7257, John Rozen at 781-618-7214, or e-mail whrhs1982@yahoo.com.

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL 20th reunion Class of 1987 Nov. 24, from 7 p.m. to midnight at Sons of Italy in Braintree. $35 per person or $60 per couple. Includes D.J., cash bar and apps until 10 p.m. Checks made payable to B.H.S. Class of 1987 and should be mailed to Mary Ellen Coffey, 53 Till Rock Lane, Norwell, MA 02061. Any questions, contact Mary Ellen (Gunn) Coffey at maryellen724@yahoo.com.

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL 25th reunion - Class of 1982. Nov 24, 7 p.m. Emerald Hall Function Facility, 125 Bay State Drive, Braintree. Appetizers served throughout the evening and DJ for dancing. The cost is $35 per person, $60 per couple. For information visit braintreehigh.com and click on 1982. Endorse checks to Bob Malloy/BHS 82 and mail check with your name and guest's name to: 171 Helen Drive, Abington, MA 02351. Include phone or email so we can acknowledge receipt. For information or to update your contact information contact Bhs82@beld.net

HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1987 20 Year Reunion, Blackstone's at Indian Pond Country Club, Nov. 24, 7 p.m. to midnight. Tickets: $60 at the door, or $50 in advance. Mail your check payable to: Hanover High School Class of 1987 to Betsy Gillis, 71 Pond Rd., Duxbury, MA 021332. Tickets include passed hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and entertainment.

QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1987. 20th Reunion. Nov. 24, from 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Marriott Hotel, Quincy. Ticket price is $60 per person, includes: appetizers, cash bar, and DJ. For information contact siobhan@swerling.com Tickets must be pre-paid. Hotel Rooms are available

STOUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL, Class of 1987 will be holding its 20th class reunion on Nov. 24, at the Holiday Inn at 195 Westgate Dr., Brockton. E-mails and addresses of fellow classmates are needed. E-mail or contact Kathy (Kosinski) Nelson at shs1987reunion@yahoo.com or 508-286-4261 or Jenn Remmes at 401-333-6730. Hotels rooms are available for $89. Call the Holiday Inn, 508-588-6300. Use code# S87 holiday-inn.com/brocktonma.

WEYMOUTH SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL- Class of 1977 30th year reunion, 7 to 11:30 p.m. Nov. 24. Dinner buffet at The Weymouth Elks, Washington St., (Rte. 53). Includes: cash bar, appetizers, dinner buffet, dessert and DJ. $35 per person. RSVP to weymouthsouth77@yahoo.com by Nov. 12.

WEYMOUTH SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1982, 25th Reunion, Dec. 1, from 7 to 11 p.m. at The Jones River Trading Company, 42 Elm St., Kingston, $40 per person check payable to: Weymouth South High School Class Of '82 Mail to: Mary Beth Hillson, 5 Collins Circle, South Weymouth, MA 02190. For more info or questions e-mail weymouthsouth82@yahoo.com

WEYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL ALL CLASSES REUNION will be held Feb. 8 and 9, 2008 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, 7470 Highway 192 in Kissimee, Fla. Call 1-800-327-9170 for reservations. On Feb. 10, a cruise departs for four nights, five days to the Bahamas. For information visit geocities.com/Lureman72 or contact Dick Laneau for registration for at 727-345-4323 or e-mail luresWanted@tampabay.rr.com

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL ALL CLASS FLORIDA REUNION: The 25th Annual Braintree High All Class Florida Reunion will be held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Kissimmee, FL the weekend of Feb. 8, 2008. The reunion luncheon is scheduled for Feb. 9, 2008. The cost of the luncheon will be $25 per person. For complete details, logon to braintreehigh.com, click on "Florida" or contact Jill (Whitten) Coyle at 781-843-3275 or jcoyle@beld.net.

ABINGTON HIGH SCHOOL 25th Reunion, Class of 1983 July 12, Location: TBD Time: tentatively 6 to 11 p.m. Seeking classmates. Contact Lisa Daniels (c.508-404-8326 or muffinmanny2000@yahoo.com or (w 508-350-0101 or jimstoffel@hotmail.com with updated contact information.

Want your reunion posted in Town Commons? E-mail ddinsmore@cnc.com

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Artwork by Elizabeth Pratt

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The Bumpus Gallery, 77 Alden St., Duxbury presents the work of Cape Cod artist Elizabeth Pratt titled "Potpourri" during November and December. A reception will be held at the gallery on Nov. 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. The artist will give a slide presentation and explain how she manipulates paint to achieve unusual effects. Refreshments will be served and all are invited to attend. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours. For information call 781-934-2721.

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Sunday, Nov. 18

The Marshfield Lions Club is having a **Pancake Breakfast** from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Nov. 18, at the Marshfield Elks Club, 1321 Ocean St., Route 139. Adults $4 and children $3.

Guitarist Steve Lin will perform at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham on Nov. 18, at 3:30 p.m. This free concert is sponsored by the Boston Classical Guitar Society and the Hingham Public Library.

The North River Arts Society is holding its **26th Annual Holiday Art Sale** on Saturday, Nov. 17 and Sunday, Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. Admission is free. For information call the NRAS office at 781.837.8091, Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. to noon.

Plymouth Cordage Museum, Cordage Commerce Center, 10 Cordage Park Circle, off Route 3A, Plymouth. The Annual Cordage Reunion will again bring together former workers, families, and friends on Nov. 18, from 2 to 4 p.m. A dedication ceremony will unveil a plaque of donor's names. The plaque will be added to the ever growing collection of memorabilia found in the Cordage Museum and will honor those who helped put the museum on the map. The first and last locomotives purchased by the Plymouth Cordage Company are now on display. The museum is open Saturdays and Sundays, except for holidays, from noon to 4 p.m. It is handicapped-accessible and admission is free.

Norwell native and Harvard professor John R. Stilgoe will discuss **Norwell Before the Information Age** at the James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St. in Norwell on Nov. 18 at 3 p.m. Free and open to the public. Stilgoe will discuss aspects of the so-called information age. For information call the James Library 781-659-7100 or visit jameslibrary.org

Ladies Holiday Bazaar Fundraising Event to benefit **Wellspring** hosted by **Black Rock Country Club,** 19 Clubhouse Dr,. Hingham, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 18. Enjoy an afternoon of shopping, silent auction, and raffle to benefit Wellspring. Crafts, adult and children's clothing, accessories, floral arrangements, holiday gifts, pillow caps, stationery, skin care products, handbags, travel totes, and much more. Cash and credit cards will be accepted. **Proper dress required** (no jeans please) $25 per person Includes light fare, cash bar, and $5 donation to Wellspring. Bring your donation of new hats, gloves, mittens, or scarves to decorate the Wellspring Tree. Registration is required. To register, and for more information about Wellspring, Visit blackrockcc.com Black Rock Country Club, 19 Clubhouse Dr., Hingham, MA 02043

Persephone's Daughters, the Plymouth based women's a cappella chorus, presents "What We Share A Concert of World Music" at First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Top of Town Square, Plymouth on Nov. 18, at 3 p.m. The proceeds of this concert will go to Cranberry Hospice. Tickets are $15 for adults , $10 for seniors and children and are available at the door. For reservations and information call 508-747-0212.

John Kramer, pianist and composer, will perform a **free concert** at **Thayer Public Library**, 798 Washington St., Braintree, on at 3 p.m., Nov. 18. Kramer will play works of Wm. Albright, F. Chopin, C. Debussey, F. Liszt, and T. Monk. 781-413-1327.

The 16th Annual Open Studios, with 36 artists located in the ET Wright Building, 379 Liberty St., Rockland and seven artists located in the American Sandpaper Co., 83 E. Water St. Rockland. **Nov. 17, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Nov. 18 from noon to 5 p.m**. Plenty of free parking with police details. The ET Wright building is handicapped accessible. 781-792-1705 4thfloorartists.org

Join the Fine Arts Chorale at 4 p.m. on Nov. 18, featuring Mozart's "Missa Brevis in F Major," Dvorak's "Mass in D Major," and J.S. Bach's "Missa Brevis in A Major" at Old South Union Church, 25 Columbian St., South Weymouth. The chorale and orchestra will be directed by Dr. Libor Dudas and joined by soloists **Anastasia Nikolova**, soprano; **Sara Bielanski,** alto; **Brian Padilla,** tenor; **Ishan Johnson,** bass; and organist **Dr. G. Frederick Guzasky.** Tickets are $15, $12 for seniors and students. For tickets call 800-230-7555, e-mail FineArtsChorale@aol.com or visit fineartschorale.org Handicapped accessible.

The 1940's Radio Show. Nov. 18, at 2 p.m. A dinner theater package includes seating for the performance, a meal, tax and gratuity for $45. Deadline for dinner reservations is Nov. 10. Performances will be held at the Paris Cabaret and Starline Room Dinner Theater, 49 Monk St., Stoughton. For reservations or more information call 508-823-1584 or E-mail PhoenixRising Enterprises@Gmail.com.

Benefit concert featuring historic East Weymouth organ The historic century-old organ of East Weymouth Congregational Church will be the star of a Nov. 18 concert featuring five organists in a benefit to restore and preserve the instrument. Admission is $10 for adults and $7 for students and seniors, and all proceeds will benefit the restoration and preservation of the instrument. For information call 781-340-1403, 781-974-3503 or visit eweyucc.org.

Monday, Nov. 19

The North River Arts Society presents **Don & John Lasting Impressions**, a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery featuring original works by **Donald R. Dacier** and Hanover resident **John Nutter**. This show will run through Jan. 12, 2008. The public is invited to a free opening reception on Monday, Nov. 19 from 7 to 9 p.m. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster St., Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: info@northriverarts.org. Visit John's website at nuttart.com

New Beginnings, a nonprofit, nonsectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, has helped more than 9,400 South Shore residents start a new life over the past 20 years. New Beginnings meets at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and is highly recommended for newcomers. All are welcome. For information, call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857.

Toastmasters Club, Hanover, The new South Shore Professionals Toastmasters club will meet on the first and third Monday of every month. This is a great opportunity to learn about how Toastmasters can help you become a more effective leader and communicator. The meetings will run from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and will be held at the Rockland Trust building, 2036 Washington St.- third floor. Arrive 15 minutes early since the meeting starts at 6 p.m. sharp. Contact Stacey for information at 617-548-5877 or stacey@letitflow fitness.com. or toastmasters.org.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Nov. 19, **Free Texas Hold Em Poker with Northern Poker League** 781-829-6999.

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield. Nov. 19, **Texas Hold Em Poker**781-837-6368.

Tuesday, Nov. 20

The South Shore Men of Harmony Barbershop Chorus invites men of all ages who like to sing to join them during the month of November to rehearsals that will be open to anyone who would like to learn Christmas music sung in the Barbershop acapella style. They will be accepting invitations from all sorts of organizations to present Christmas programs and would be delighted to include whoever is interested in having fun singing. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. in the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St., at the corner of Central Street. Call 781-337-SING for additional information or e-mail danielcostello@gmail.com or billfitzjr@aol.com.

The Inconvenient Truth with Al Gore film viewing at **Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree** Nov. 20, 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium on the upper level Doors open at 6:45 p.m.; film starts promptly at 7 p.m. Free and open to the public. 781-848-0405 x4420.

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield. Nov. 20, **Game Show Trivia** 781-837-6368.

Wednesday, Nov. 21

The Dickinson Gallery, 1132 Main St., Weymouth will feature the work of **Stephen H. Holland** until Nov. 30 in its new "Featured Artist" series. Holland is a former illustrator who paints in an exciting realistic style. The gallery is now showing works by **Edwina Caci, Vincent Elliot, William Beyer, Steve Boczanowski, Dominic Farrell, Kathy Ferrara, Roger Gill, Dick O'Brien, Isabelle Shamitz, Brian Josellyn, Stanley Krupa, Charyl Weissbach, Marilyn Reisberg, Danielle Myers, Chris Myers, George Hartley, Corey Ritch, Charlie Robinson, J. Marshall Dyke, Danielle Festa, George Murray, Lisa Smith, Fred Madden** and the private collection of gallery owner, **Donald Dickinson**. Hours: Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. 781-331-3384 dickinsonartgallery.com

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Nov. 21, **Clubba Lang** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree, Nov. 21, **Thanksgiving Eve DJ party** 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth. **Satch and The Mighty Houserockers** Nov. 21, at 9:15 p.m., No cover 781-335-9796 visit nextpagecafe.com or myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell Nov. 21, **Matt Chase.**

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Wednesday and Thursday evening from 8 to 11 p.m.

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield. Nov. 21, **Night before Thanksgiving** with two floors of entertainment First floor featuring **Twenty Eight**; second floor **DJ Battle between two of Boston's Finest DJ's** 781-837-6368.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Nov. 21, **Covered in Funk**. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com



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Scene Stealer artwork by John Nutter

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Thursday, Nov. 22

The Duxbury Interfaith Council Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will take place at Bumpus Park, King Caesar Rd. on Thursday morning, Nov. 22 at 7:30 a.m. Clergy from our community congregations will conduct an ecumenical service commemorating the Pilgrims first Thanksgiving. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the service in King Caesar's Barn across the street.

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Friday, Nov. 23

Landscape Perspectives three photographers **Margot Cheel, Mike Sleeper and Stephen Eames** will be on view at the **James Library and Center for the Arts**, Norwell Center, through Nov. 28. The exhibit may be viewed Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. jameslibrary.org, or 781.659.7100.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Nov. 23, **Clubba Lang** 781-829-6999.

All Seasons Restaurant and Sports Lounge, 327 Plymouth St., Halifax, Nov. 23, **Radio for the Blind** 781-293-4135.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth. **The Gulf Boys** Nov. 23, at 9:15 p.m., No cover 781-335-9796 visit nextpagecafe.com or myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Fairs and festivals

26TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY ART SALE The North River Arts Society Nov. 17 and Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. Admission is free.

15TH ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR, St. Ann by the Sea Crafters, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 17, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 18. Parish hall, 591 Ocean St., (Rt. 139) Marshfield. Table space available, $25 for two days. Call 781-83702447 or 781-834-4953.

PSYCHIC FAIRE: Wareham Lodge of Elks, 2855 Cranberry Highway, (Rt. 28 and 6) East Wareham, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 17. Admission $2.

AN OLD-FASHIONED HARVEST FAIR at the Norwell First Parish Church (at the junction of Rt.123 and River St. in Norwell Center) 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 17, rain or shine. Handicapped accessible. Call 781-659-7122 (mornings) for info.

FALL FAIR Pilgrim Congregational Church, 24 Athens St., North Weymouth, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 17. 781-337 2075.

ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR North Pembroke Elementary School PTO, Pilgrim Road, Pembroke 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nov. 18, from at the school. More than 40 local crafters; Pictures with Santa.

NINTH ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR Woodsdale School, 128 Chestnut St., (off Route 139) Abington from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 18, 66 craft tables, $1 adult admission to be donated to the Abington Food Pantry. Students will be selling Abington pajama bottoms.

CHANUKAH BAZAAR Congregation Shirat Hayam will be holding its annual Chanukah Bazaar Nov. 18, at their Temple located at 185 Plain St., (Route 139) in Marshfield from 9:30a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Open to the public and will feature holiday shopping, raffles and a bake sale. Congregation For info e-mail at info@shirathayam.net or by phone at 781.582.2700 shirathayam.net

LADIES HOLIDAY BAZAAR Black Rock Country Club, 19 Clubhouse Dr., Hingham, is hosting a, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 18, blackrockcc.com $25 per person

THE HULL HOLIDAY SHOWCASE will be held Saturday, Nov. 24 at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Center, 45 Hull Shore Drive, Hull, MA from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. FREE Admission.

CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR: The 1718 Stetson House in Hanover Center, Route 139, Nov. 30, from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. followed by concert and refreshments. $10.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR South Shore Christian Academy, 45 Broad St., Weymouth. Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

HOLIDAY TRUNK SHOW, James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell. Dec. 1, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rug hooking demonstrations of contemporary rug designs by the Duxbury Rug Hookers. Custom crafts and arts by regional artisans including handbags, hooked rugs, organic honey, custom jewelry and more. Free. 781-659-7100 or jameslibrary.org for information.

NEW ENGLAND ARTISANS SHOWCASE Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, 16 Hull Street (Route 228) in Hingham and will feature 18 exhibitors from six New England states whose work will be familiar to folk art collectors and readers of Early American Life Magazine, Country Home and Country Living. Admission is $3. Ticket proceeds benefit the Robert Weiser Memorial Scholarship Fund at Hingham High School. 781-749-6764.

SNOWFLAKE FAIR First Parish UU, 330 First Parish Road. Scituate. Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Holiday Wreaths and swags crafts and toys homemade baked goods and candy hand made gifts lunch and refreshments

HARBOR HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE: The Barker Tavern, 21 Barker Road, Scituate, Dec. 2, from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free and open to the public.

FOURTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY SHOPPING BONANZA supporting the Jordan Hospital Club Cancer Center, Dec. 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cedarville Community Room, 2209 State Road, Plymouth. Call 508-844-1855.

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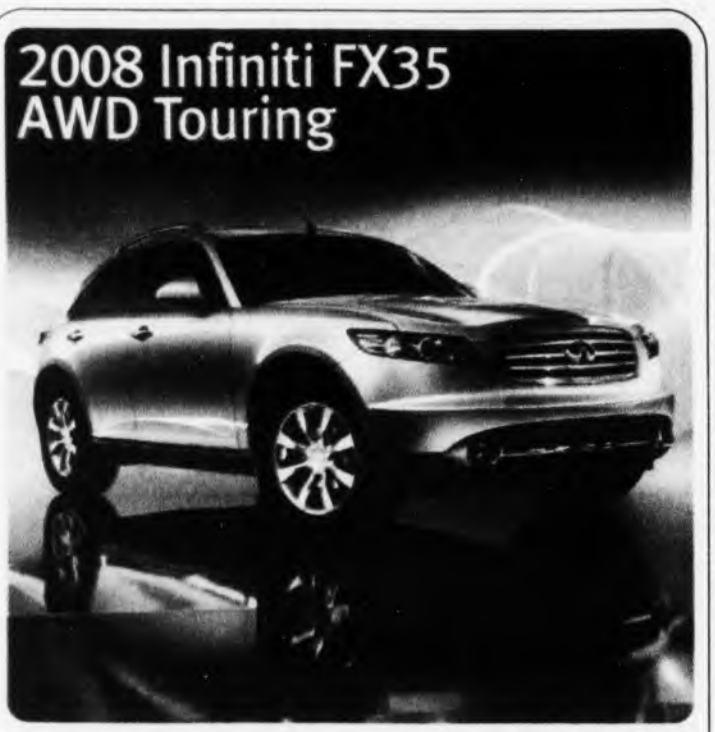


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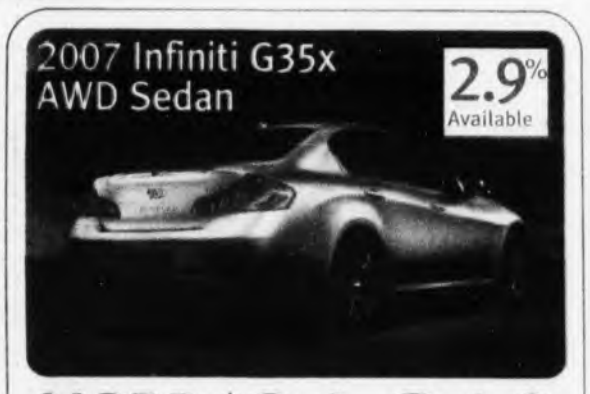


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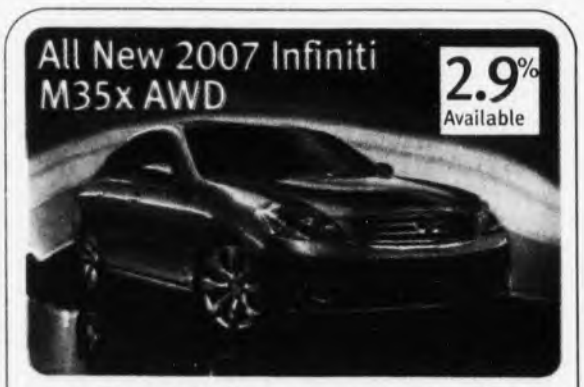


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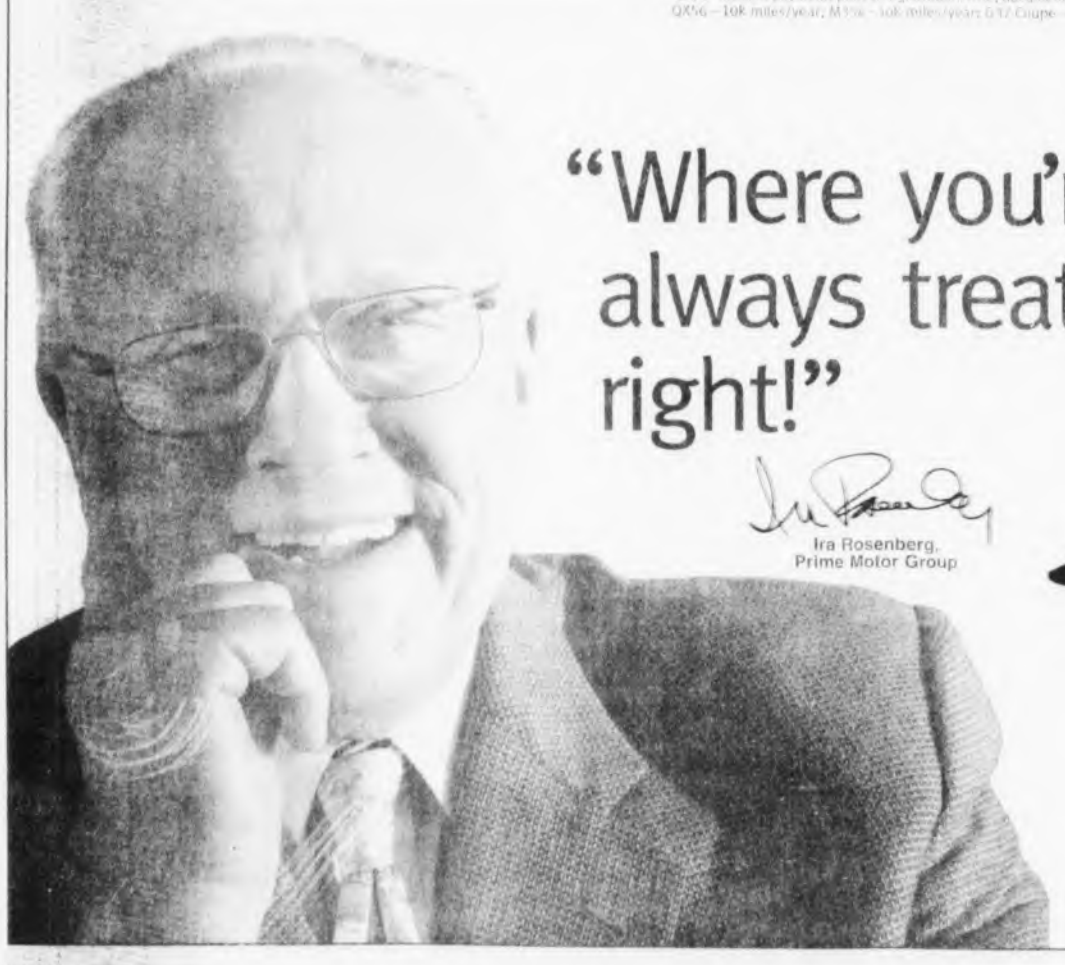
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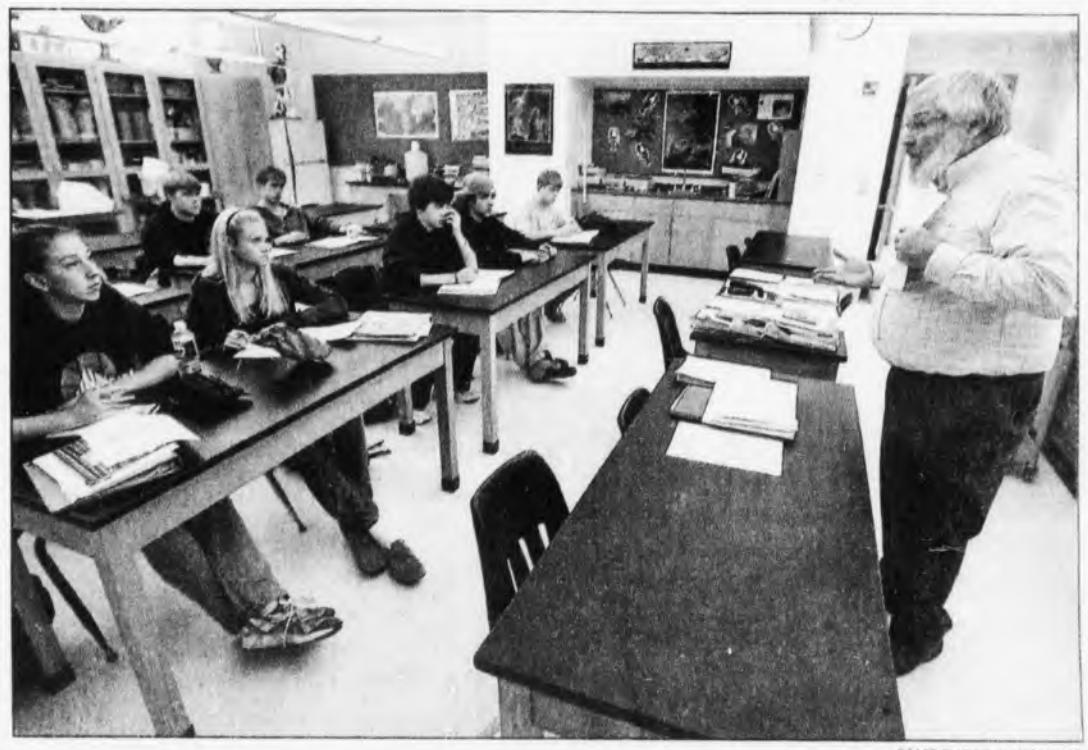
By Nancy White
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Sitting down is something David Magnussen readily admits he does badly. As a Cohasset High School teacher for nearly 26 years and science department chair, he has plenty to do — a science curriculum to oversee, teachers to mentor and four classes of students. With an easy smile framed by his trademark beard, "Mr. Mag" as he is called by most of his students and their parents, is never bored and enjoys every minute.

Recently, the veteran teacher was honored with the Harvard Club 2007 Excellence in Teaching Award from the Harvard Club of Boston. He was one of nine teachers in the New England selected. The teachers were recognized for their ability to inspire curiosity and excellence among their students.

Fittingly enough, that's what Magnussen says he tries to do day in and day out, "my philosophy funda-

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Award-winning teacher, David Magnussen, who is affectionately called "Mr. Mag," talks about the carbon cycle in his Marine Science class at Cohasset High. ***See a video show about Mr. Magnussen's class at www.wickedlocalcohasset.com.***

Lesson in giving

Fourth-grade class learns about El Salvador

By Nancy White
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It's not everyday a fourth grader hears about El Salvador. The tiny country in the faraway place of Central America might show up only on a world geography test or on the nightly world news. But, over the next few weeks Jane Thomas's fourth-grade class at Deer Hill School will learn a lot about El Salvador and about what it is like for some people that live there, particularly its children. They might even change a few lives for the better.

"We can't assume they have anything, we keep trying to make life better for these children."
— Diane Fischer

Last Friday, Diane Fischer of Weymouth visited Mrs. Thomas's class to talk to them about her first visit to El Salvador about a year ago. Fischer became connected to the Spanish speaking country after adopting her daughter Jenny from a Salvadorian orphanage; together they traveled to see the country over 25 years later.

Fischer will return to El Salvador in January and asked the students in Mrs. Thomas's class to collect some needed items she will bring with her. The Salvadorian children need very little to be able to attend school—shoes, pencils and paper. But, the children in Barrio Hortensia don't even have those simple things. The students were charged to each put together a pencil case for the children to take with them to school.



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Fourth-grader Jack Osten takes a closer look at a cut-ins made in El Salvador during Diane Fischer's talk.

To give the class a taste of what it is like in El Salvador, Fischer brought photos and Salvadorian crafts to share. The painted crafts feature brightly colored figures outlined in black — the trademark of a Salvadorian craft.

She told them of the barrio, the Spanish word for neighborhood, they spent a considerable amount of time in and will return to on their upcoming trip in January. Barrio Hortensia, located outside of the El Salvador capital San Salvador, is a grouping of tiny

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Train Panels

Station to show times gone by

By Nancy White
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Greenbush commuters will soon get a history lesson while waiting for the train.

As part of an agreement between the MBTA, Army Corps of Engineers, and the Massachusetts Historical Commission, three large interpretative panels at each of the seven stations in Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate, Braintree, and Weymouth will detail the history of the Greenbush line in each community. The displays will feature a combination of written narrative and historic photos with captions.

"The panels are being fabricated and designed as part of the MBTA's effort to address the impacts the restoration will have on the historical resources along the Greenbush line," said Virginia H. Adams, senior architectural historian with the Public Archaeology Laboratory in Pawtucket, R.I. The project is managed by the MBTA, which hired PAL to serve as the project's cultural research consultant. PAL has been working on the project in various phases for more than a decade.

PAL asked each of the historical societies in towns served by Greenbush to provide compelling photos and other images and has received input from all five communities on a draft of the four-foot by four-foot panels, which are now at the printer. The Cohasset Historical Society made some suggested modifications to the originally proposed text, according to Historical Society Executive Administrator Lynne DeGiacomo.

The purpose of the panels is to give train riders and others who might stop

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Mrs. Claus arrives in the harbor during last year's Jingle Bell Walk. She and Santa will be arriving this year at 2 p.m. today (Nov. 23) at the town landing off Border Street. From there they will take a horse-drawn hayride to the South Shore Community Center for refreshments and singing.

Name: Mrs. Claus

Occupation: Helping Santa make the holidays special for children everywhere.

Best day of your life: Marrying Santa.

Best vacation: Skiing in the Alps.

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Favorite holiday: Christmas Eve.

Favorite food: Gingerbread cookies and milk.

Best book: "The Polar Express," by Chris Van Allsburg.

Best movie: "White Christmas."

Best TV show: Santa and I do not have cable!

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N. Main sidewalk to station floated

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"The need for a walkable area to the train station via North Main Street is common sense."
— Howie Altholtz, 4 Cedar Ledge

Sidewalks are among the issues of the moment.

Forest Avenue recently got its long-awaited and lobbied for sidewalk.

At the recent special Town Meeting there was a citizens petition to install a sidewalk on Route 3A (ultimately, the article was indefinitely postponed).

Now, a resident has come forward to discuss the need for a sidewalk on North Main Street from King Street to Cohasset train station.

"The need for a walkable area to the train station via North Main Street is common sense," said Howie Altholtz of 4 Cedar Ledge. After a series of e-mails to Town Manager Bill Griffin and the Greenbush office (Tom Gruber and Mark Brennan), Altholtz put on the Selectmen's agenda Monday night to discuss the issue. Right now, there is no pedestrian/bike sidewalk access to the Cohasset station. But, funds and design plans are in place to build a sidewalk—just not on North Main Street.

The town received a transit-oriented district grant from the state for approximately $275,000 in 2006. The grant was given for the construction of a sidewalk up Lower King Street and then along Route 3A to the station entrance. Greenbush liaison Mark Brennan expects work on the Route 3A sidewalk to begin in the spring months.

However, Altholtz said a sidewalk on North Main made more sense because it was a direct route to the station which people would be more apt to use, "some people characterize the lack of a sidewalk to the station as the biggest disappointment of the mitigation process."

A sidewalk on North Main Street to the station has like most Greenbush issues a long history. In 2002, the Board of Health, in conjunction with the Rails with Trails program, hired a consultant to look at the possibility of a pedestrian/bike pathway to the commuter train station. The town talked with the MBTA about using the maintenance road next to the track for a pedestrian walkway, but in the end the proposal was turned down. When the Greenbush guys came on in early 2005, the options were a sidewalk via North Main or Route 3A. After meetings with representatives from the Board of Health, police, fire and DPW, it became clear the most practical solution was Route 3A. Two major developments, Scituate Hill (across from King Street on Route 3A) and the TOD shopping plaza, Old Colony Square, made the 3A sidewalk even more practical.

The challenges to construct a sidewalk on North Main were both numerous and costly, Brennan explained to the Selectmen. On one side of North Main Street there is ledge, private homes, culverts and wetlands. On the other there are wetlands, coupled with a drastic drop off several feet from the current street curb. Over 200 trees stand in the way as well, Brennan estimated. There's not even room to widen the street a few feet for larger fog lines.

"The first 400 feet you might be okay, but the last 2300 feet is virtually impossible," said Brennan. Rough, conservative estimates for a North Main Street sidewalk were almost $1.4 million.

Despite the practical reasons Brennan enumerated, Selectman Fred Koed said the project might be inevitable, "there was always a sense someday something would have to be done on North Main."

"I'm pessimistic about getting anything from the T," said Selectman Ralph Dormitzer in terms of money, but Koed said state monies could be a possibility down the line.

"We should plan to deal with it when it makes sense," said Altholtz and wanted the Selectmen to recognize the sidewalk as an issue.

"I'm not at all opposed to it but there are some real challenges here, money is one of them," said Dormitzer.

Altholtz was charged with making informal inquiries at the state level about support for the North Main sidewalk. Brennan said he would re-look at the North Main Street and see if he could come up with any alternatives.

Health insurance cut for some town officials

No longer will paid elected officials working less than 20 hours per week be able to have the benefit of health insurance through the town. For many years, paid elected officials (members of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors) have had the option of town health insurance.

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to grandfather the current health insurance takers (two members of the Board of Assessors) while doing away with the benefit in the future.

The primary reason for doing away with this benefit is cost. Family health insurance annually costs $11,000. The town was responsible for 69 percent of that cost, over $7,000.

POLICE BEAT

Residents on alert for scams

By Mary Ford
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"The letter did not pass the smell test."
– Police Chief James Hussey

A Beechwood Street resident told police last week that some time ago a man who identified himself as Mr. Shepard called to tell him that he had won $4.5 million that would be delivered to him and all he had to pay was $150 in order to receive the check, Chief James Hussey said.

The man said he would contact him later with further details. When Shepard called again, he said the man bringing the check was delayed and asked the resident to send him the $150. At that point, the resident knew there was a potential scam taking place and contacted police.

While the officer was at the residence, Shepard called again. The officer identified himself and after he hung up, a successful phone trace was conducted.

"Detectives are following up to see what they might have," Hussey said.

In an unrelated incident, another resident notified police after receiving a letter in the mail telling him he had won $1.5 million. "The letter did not pass the smell test," Hussey said. The letter, which was sent bulk mail, asked for personal information and was apparently an attempt to steal someone's identity.

Hussey said the letter was forwarded to the Secret Service, which is monitoring this type of mailing.

Cohasset police gave the resident, who received the letter, an ID theft package that explains how to check on one's credit and credit cards.

Stolen laptop

Police are trying to help a local woman find a laptop that she believes was stolen. The last time the woman used the laptop was at Los Angeles airport and when she retrieved her luggage at Logan Airport the computer was missing.

Cohasset police took the report and forwarded it to the Massachusetts State Police and police at Los Angeles Airport.

Chief Hussey said police have also put information on the NCIC (National Criminal Investigation Center).

Mailbox

Police do not believe damage to a mailbox on Lamberts Lane last week was a deliberate act of vandalism. Based on the officer's observations, it appears that a car caused the dent in the post and it is possible that a motorist backed into the post and left the scene.

Deer on tracks

A caller reported a dead deer on the railroad tracks last Wednesday (Nov. 14) at about 7:42 a.m. The deer was removed by the MBTA.

Chief Hussey said deer on the tracks is not uncommon and the animals can enter the right of way at any of the grade crossings.

Cartridges

A caller reported finding two boxes of empty aerosol cartridges in the Town Parking Lot last week. Police are trying to determine where they came from. Chief Hussey said they looked like trash that someone had just left there and they were not hazardous.

MVAs

• There was a three-car accident last Thursday (Nov. 15) at 2:06 p.m. near the entrance to the middle-high school. Police said a 2000 Chrysler was traveling west on Pond Street toward 3A near the high school driveway when it collided with a 2007 Nissan that was attempting to turn left into the driveway. Based on that collision, the Chrysler was pushed into the middle of the driveway colliding with a 2000 Jeep that was waiting to come out and was turned back onto Pond Street in the direction of 3A. The operator and passenger in the Chrysler and the operator of the Nissan were transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries, police said. The operator of the Nissan was cited for failure to yield.

• On Friday (Nov. 16) at 5:03 p.m., there was a collision between a 2003 BMW and a 2007 Hyundai at the traffic light at 3A and Pond Street. The BMW was headed southbound and the Hyundai was on the northbound side. Both cars were stopped at the light. When the light turned, the operator of the BMW thought the operator of the Hyundai signaled that it was OK for her to take a left. The Hyundai was proceeding to take a right turn onto Pond Street when the collision occurred.

There was minor damage to both cars and no citations were issued.

Property dispute

Police have advised Forest Avenue neighbors to have their property surveyed to resolve a property line dispute. The matter came to the attention of police last week after a walk-in to the station complained that a neighbor had pulled up stakes on his property and was parking his car on his property, preventing him from doing work.

Cigar sale

Police appreciate being alerted to the potential sale of tobacco to minors. Last week a customer reported seeing a clerk sell a cigar to a minor. Police went to the store and spoke with the clerk who assured police that an illegal sale had not occurred. At this point, there is no solid evidence to prove the customer's claim, police said.

Hussey said police follow up on this type of call and appreciate it when people pass information to the police.

Parking ban

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Magnussen wins Excellence in Teaching Award

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mentally is to keep kids stimulated," he says, "stimulation and interest comes as a result of doing interesting things and working hard."

When students begin to feel successful from their hard word it gives them confidence in their intelligence and abilities, he says.

"I've always thought as a teacher you make a kid as good as they can be," says Magnussen.

Energetic, demanding and passionate about both science and teaching is the way he says his students would describe him. He also strives to be a teacher, who is approachable and willing to work with students. He enjoys getting involved in the college application process with the high school seniors, offering both ideas and writing recommendations, "this school puts a lot of kids in the science field," he says proudly.

Magnussen didn't always envision himself a teacher, but while a senior at Bates College in Maine he was encouraged by a favorite professor to try his hand at teaching. His first teaching experience was in a pre-school classroom with learning disabled children.

"I found it was something I was very interested in," he says sincerely, then quips, "I've been dedicated and poor ever since."



Junior, Andrew Smith, inspects his saltwater tank during class on Tuesday.



David Magnussen checks out the animals in junior Sammi Lehr's, right, and junior Torey Hart's (not pictured) saltwater tank during their Marine Science Class. The tanks are being used so that the students can appreciate how chemical cycles work in the real world.

After teaching in Maine for a couple years, he moved to the South Shore to teach at Hanover Middle School. Although he says the school was an "extraordinary place to be" with young teachers and plenty of fresh ideas, he primarily taught one course — life science.

"I get tired very quickly of doing the same thing," says Magnussen. When a job for a middle school science teacher opened up at the Cohasset Middle-High School he accepted the job on the promise he'd have the chance to move up to the high school where he could teach a variety of courses.

"When I came here I requested (variety) and the school has never disappointed me," said Magnussen with a laugh. This semester alone he is teaching AP Biology, Marine Biology, Anatomy and Physiology and Introduction to Physics. All in all he's taught 19 different courses over the years.

For the last 15 years, he has held the responsibilities of science department chair as well. A self-described man who can't stay still for long, he relishes the movement teaching a class of high school student provides.

This movement ties into the his simple motto "science is a verb," meaning students do things — hands-on projects, maintaining salt water aquariums, field research and getting outdoors to explore.

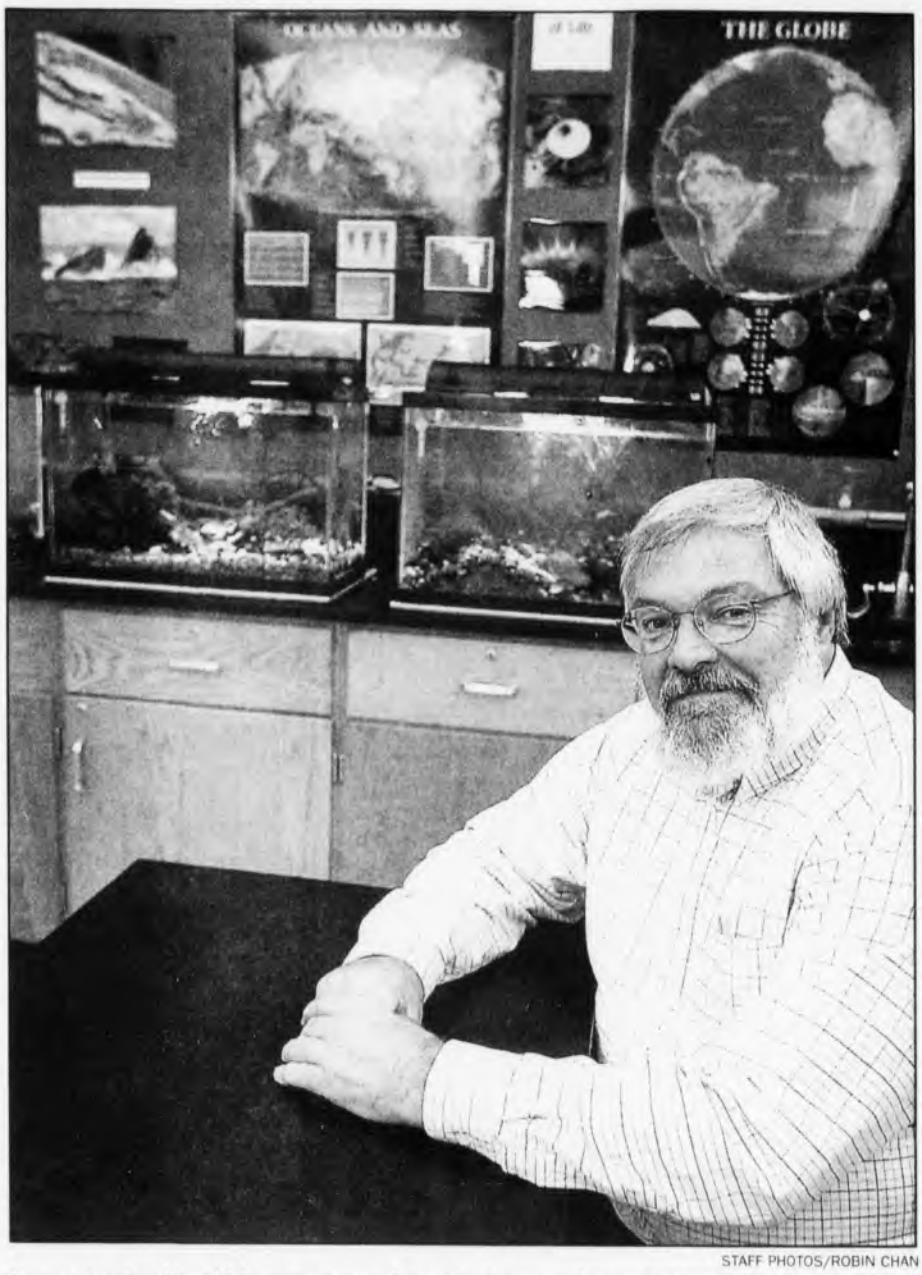
"Kids today have lost an appreciation of the natural world," says Magnussen, so in many ways he's tried to incorporate the out of doors into his classroom. In his science classes they learn a lot of science theory, but he always teaches how that theory applies in the real world.

Some of his favorite memories from years gone by were field trips — really, adventures — to Belize, Guatemala and Costa Rica. From 1995 to 2005 he traveled each year with a group of about 25 students to Central America to explore the tropical ecology of the area.

"It is by far the best thing I've ever done in education," says Magnussen. The trips to Belize and Guatemala were a learning vacation and took its participants from bird watching in a freshwater lagoon, snorkeling on a coral reef to seeing the wildlife deep in a rainforest first hand. After all that, the student would head to the Mayan ruins in Guatemala and actually stay with a Mayan family.

"It's pretty exotic stuff…far away from Cohasset," he says with a laugh.

In 26 years, Magnussen has seen many changes in Cohasset, its schools and its students. Most strikingly, he says, is the way MCAS testing has changed the way teachers have to teach. Teachers must spend a good amount of class time and energy focusing on MCAS topics and scores, which takes away from time teachers can devote to more interesting pursuits that may engage students more.



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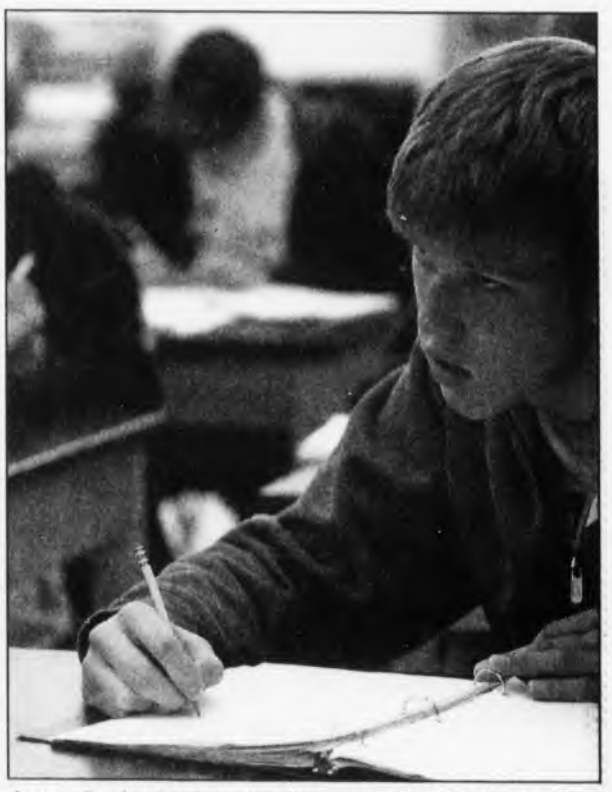
Science teacher David Magnussen recently received an award from the Harvard Club of Boston. After 26 years, the chair of the science department will be retiring from Cohasset High this spring.

"It's a measure of mediocrity and it isn't the solution," says Magnussen. Luckily, he says, for most students it stops at 10th grade, "but for the teachers in grades six through nine it can be very stressful."

He's noticed a difference in his students as well over the years, "I don't know how they do all they do," he says explaining many students are strung out and overbooked. But, in the same token, some are increasingly distracted from academics by a variety of things.

Magnussen is scheduled to retire this spring and looking back he's proud of the wonderful staff he has to work with day in and day out so he knows he's leaving the department in good hands, "they are inspiring."

But, it's the students that he may miss the most, "The cast of characters are so different year to year, it's been really fun getting to know them," he says.



Junior, Gordon Smith, copies down one of the six cycles during class on Tuesdasy.

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MCAS scores are in

Cohasset schools plugging along at all levels

By Nancy White
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The MCAS results are in and Cohasset is making strides in all areas.

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System, or MCAS, is an annual statewide test in its 10th year of administration. The School Committee took a long, hard look at the 2007 MCAS results a few weeks back (Nov. 7) along with each of the three school principals.

Regionally, Cohasset ranked highest on both the grade three reading and math tests as well as the grade six and grade eight math tests. The region included the nearby public school district of Hanover, Hingham, Norwell, Scituate, Duxbury, and Marshfield.

The percentage of Cohasset students at the proficient or advanced levels is higher than the state percentages at all grade levels on both the MCAS math and English portions. All three Cohasset schools are meeting their targeted annual yearly progress scores on both the English and math. If Cohasset keeps on pace with its yearly gains, all students should score proficient and above by 2014 when all students are required to be proficient in reading and math by the federal No Child Left Behind act.

MCAS tests include multiple choice, open response, and short answer questions and writing prompts. School and district results are used to evaluate, revise, and update the curriculum and instruction programs, aligned with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.

Beginning in the third grade, each year students take the MCAS tests yearly until eighth grade and then again in grade 10. Passing the grade 10 MCAS is a requirement for high school graduation.

About a month ago, the Boston Globe printed the statewide MCAS ratings. Cohasset High School ranked 105 in English and 106 in Math for grade 10. Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh said the scores did not take into consideration all the variables inherent in the statistics.

"The only true, valid comparison is to look at the cohort groups," which means looking at each class's results as they progress through grade levels, said Walsh, "we're not interested so much in surrounding communities. We looked at what our students are doing."

The two-hour presentation dove into each grade's scores and the principals enumerated what they believed contributed to the score as well as what they plans for improvement.

"I love the cohort analysis, you look at it and you see the children moving. I think it's impressive," said School Committee member Adrienne MacCarthy at the end of the presentation.

Deer Hill Grade 3

The grade three scores for both math and reading ranked first among neighboring South Shore schools. On the reading portion 81 percent of students garnered a proficient or advanced score, 85 percent for the math portion. Although the third grade students attend Deer Hill, Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan presented the grade three schools because Osgood's curriculum prepares the students for the test while in kindergarten through second grade.

Sheehan credited a new full-time reading specialist, co-teaching classes, professional development, increased MCAS analysis, and a new Reading Street program as some of the reasons for the improved scores. Full-day kindergarten, increased technology resources, lower class size and increased assessment helped to boost the math scores as well, said Sheehan.

"We're starting to see all the effort put into the literacy program at Osgood pay off," said School Committee member Alfred Slanetz, "it's very positive to start to see the results."

The increase in math scores Sheehan attributed to a new Everyday Math curriculum, including additional professional development, more time for math instruction and small class sizes.

Deer Hill Grades 4 and 5

At the fourth and fifth grade levels Deer Hill Principal Jennifer deChiara said there have been gains almost across the board. The biggest jump was in grade four math MCAS, 5 percent more students reached a proficient or advanced rating over last year, or 56 percent, said deChiara.

In the English portion of the MCAS at grade four, 76 percent passed with a proficient or advanced score, 80 percent in grade five. New classroom libraries, small reading groups, and additional professional development were some of the reasons named for contributing to the improvement in scores.

Despite a five percent gain, regionally the grade four math scores were still on the lower end. DeChiara expects this to change as teachers become more familiar with the new Everyday Math curriculum and knowing the areas to emphasize and de-emphasize.

In the analysis of both portions of the MCAS (math and English), deChiara found students had trouble fully developing their ideas and writing. While the grade three MCAS is mostly about facts and skills, the grade four test asks students to explain how they got their answers. There is deeper thinking involved. To combat the problem, deChiara and the Deer Hill teachers are incorporating more writing across the curriculum such as, math journals and follow-up questions to explain how a student got the answer through oral reasoning.

Looking ahead to next year, deChiara is hopeful a math consultant and math specialist could be included in the upcoming fiscal 2009 budget.

"It's the same model used over the last few years to improve literacy," said Walsh.

Middle-High School Grades 6 to 10

The Middle High School is seeing some movement in their schools, but no significant jumps in scores, said Principal Joel Antolini. Because each class has a unique individual make-up, it's the cohort group that tells the story of the class, explained Antolini.

The grade 10 math scores jumped to 81 percent of student scoring proficient and advanced, over just 56 percent when the same students took the test back in the eighth grade (2005). The English scores moved slightly from 81 percent to 83 percent from eighth grade to tenth grade.

To improve English scores, which 83 percent of the students passed this past year, Antolini plans to get the teachers more involved in MCAS analysis, implement a writing guide of core concepts and a continued focus on classroom instruction. Additional time for math instruction, in the form of math labs, has been added this year.

A taste for wine

Cohasset resident receives liquor license

By Nancy White
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His shop, A Taste for Wine & Spirits, will take up residence in the current Cohasset Plaza Liquors storefront off Route 3A.

Cohasset residents with a taste for wine will soon have a go-to place to quench their thirst. Cohasset resident Bruce Sinclair has been working for the better part of two years developing a business plan for an upscale liquor store specializing in fine wines.

On Monday night, the Board of Selectmen approved one of the integral pieces to the project, the application for an all-alcoholic liquor license. His shop, A Taste for Wine & Spirits, will take up residence in the current Cohasset Plaza Liquors storefront off Route 3A. The approval transferred the all-alcoholic license of Cohasset Plaza Liquors to A Taste for Wine & Spirits. Sinclair, owner and manager, plans to open within a few months time.

"My goal is to bring the present business into a new business model," said Sinclair moving from a typical package store to a fine wine business.

As the father of two young teenagers, Sinclair told the Selectmen he would maintain high vigilance when it came to underage drinking.

"I hold the law very highly," said Sinclair. He is certified by the Mass Pack organization in beverage alcohol training and recently attended the 2007 educational seminar offered by the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC). All employees will be required to get similar training.

Although Sinclair has spent the past 20-plus years working in the athletic industry, he started his career life as a manager of Gimbel's Liquors in Brookline. Over the past few years, he has revisited his early passion for the wine business by taking courses in wine studies and entrepreneurialism.

Sinclair went into some detail with an overview of his business plan. His primary customer target is individuals in the 35 to 55+ age range that have the ability income-wise to enjoy finer wines. He plans on making wine approachable with suggested food pairings and organization by wine character, flavor profile and varietal influence. The paint on interior walls will give customers visual clues as to where their wine of choice is located.

To supplement the wines will be choice craft brews and specialty spirits. There will also be a selection of organic and low or no sulfite wines. A small display of wine accessories from books to corkscrews will be available as well.

Several neighbors and friends came to the meeting to speak on Sinclair's behalf and all gave glowing reviews.

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BUSY SEASON

Hi Cohasset, I hope all families and friends enjoyed Thanksgiving this week and being with all. Now get ready to enjoy this weekend, which is loaded with fairs, events and shopping!

This column talks a lot about some Cohasset happenings for the holidays as well as recognizing some deserving Cohasset students. Have a great week.

TOP STUDENTS

Congratulations go out from two schools to Cohasset residents. The first school is Fontbonne Academy, a Catholic, college-preparatory high school at which **Emily St. John**, Grade 10, earned First Honors on the Fontbonne Academy First Quarter Honor Roll.

The second school is Tufts University where Cohasset's **Caren Garber** is attending for her first year. "Drawn from 15,387 candidates for admission-the second-largest pool in the University's history-the 1,375 members of the Class of 2011 are an exciting collection of academic and personal achievement," said Lee Coffin, dean of undergraduate admissions." Have a wonderful year Caren!

YOUNG AUTHOR

Amanda Thomson of Cohasset and daughter of **Ray and Sue Thomson** has released her second book called "Season." Season is a sequel to "Millenium Girl" and is the continuing story of Carolyn (the main character) as she tries to discover who she is and what she stands for through the challenges of adolescent life. Make sure to check it out at local bookstores and online. Congratulations on your success Amanda, your family, friends and Cohasset are all so proud of you.

VILLAGE STROLL

Village merchants are busy planning the annual Cohasset Village Holiday Stroll to be held on Saturday Dec. 15th in Cohasset Village, encompassing South Main Street, Elm Street, Depot Court, Pleasant Street, and Ripley Road. From 4-7 p.m. the streets will be alive with holiday cheer as businesses stay open late with refreshments, open houses, entertainment, and special holiday celebrations. For children, there will be a hay ride and visits with Santa. Each participating business will offer a raffle prize; tickets are available at the Village businesses and all proceeds will benefit the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project. For more information visit any of the Village locations.

HOUSE TOUR

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will present "Christmas Memories", a holiday house tour on Thursday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. This year's tour will showcase five of Cohasset's loveliest homes and the Cohasset Historical Society's Paul Pratt building, all lavishly decorated for the holiday season by garden club members. Tea and light refreshments will be served at Bates Hall in the Second Congregational Church on Highland Avenue in Cohasset. There will also be a holiday gift boutique where wreaths, garlands, and holiday decorations may be purchased. Tickets are $20 in advance and $25 on tour day and include directions to the homes and parking suggestions. The tour will be held rain or shine and is suitable for adults only. Tickets are limited so be sure to purchase your tickets as soon as possible. Tickets are now on sale locally at: Windsor Tea Shop, Buttonwood Books and Toys, Flemings, and Darilynn's. You may also purchase tickets on the day of the tour at the Second Congregational Church.

For additional information, please visit the Community Garden Club website at www.communitygardenclubofcohasset.org or call 781 383-0838. Proceeds from the tour fund the garden club's scholarship and its many civic projects. The Community Garden Club of Cohasset is a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc. and the Massachusetts Federation of Garden Clubs.

HOLIDAY DECORATING

The monthly meeting of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 27, in Bates Hall at the Second Congregational Church on Highland Avenue.

This month's program, "Holiday Decorating: Topiaries to Swags" will be presented by horticulturist consultant Paul F. Split. Techniques for making fresh holiday wreaths, buffet and table arrangements with candles and evergreens, as well as roping, swags and topiaries will be demonstrated. Coffee will be served at 9 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 9:30.

SNOWFLAKE FAIR

Stop by the Beechwood Church's Annual Snowflake Fair on Saturday, Dec. 1, to shop for the holidays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Have coffee and donuts and then lunch while you shop. Children will enjoy choosing interesting White Elephant items. For crafty types, check out our homemade goods: hand knit items, centerpieces, jewelry and decorated wreaths. Don't have time to bake? Buy our baked goods, especially our much sort after Beach Glass Candy. A Clam Chowder luncheon will be served at 11:30. The Beechwood Church is located on Church Street.

WREATH SALE

Continuing its annual holiday tradition the Cohasset METCO program is offering fresh, beautiful, double-sided Balsam wreaths for your festive decorating. The cost is $10 per holiday wreath and the proceeds benefit the Cohasset METCO Scholarship Fund. Wreaths will be available for pick-up at the Cohasset Village Fair (between the Town Hall and the Second Congregational Church) on Saturday, Dec 1st.

Pre-ordering is appreciated. For more information, or to place an order, please contact Jody Golden (METCO PSO Rep.) at 781-383-2685.

TEEN DANCE

Cohasset Youth Resources will host a Midnight Blue Dance for students in grades six through eight at the Teen Center from 7 to 10 p.m., on Friday, Nov. 30. There will be a door charge of $5 per person, and those attending will be required to show a student ID when signing in for the dance.

Students should be sure they gain admittance to the dance before their ride lives, as once full capacity is reached no further admittance will be allowed. There will be no admittance after 8:30 p.m.

Snacks and refreshments will be on sale. This is not a school function.

HOLIDAY SHOWCASE

Hull Holiday Showcase will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 24, at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Center, 45 Hull Shore Dr., Hull. Admission is free.

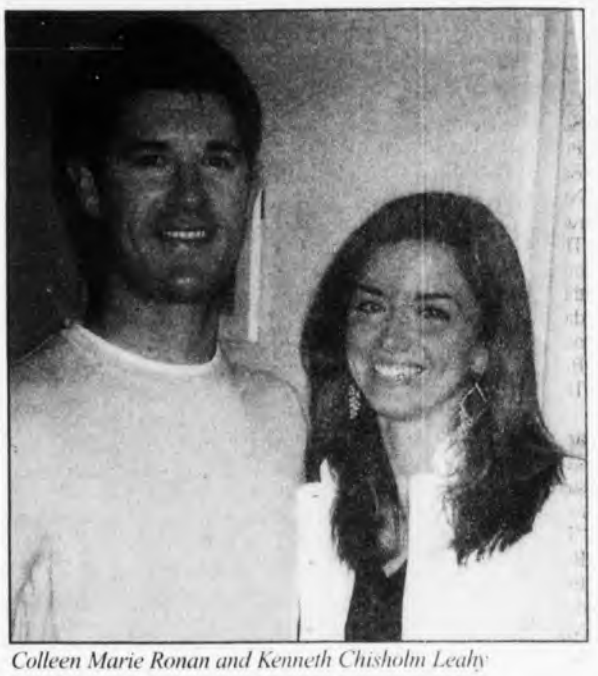
Purchase gifts and decorations for the holiday season from retailers, artisans, crafters and more. The Snowflake Café will feature muffins, soups, sandwiches, hot chocolate, coffee and more to satisfy one's hunger. There will also be a Children's Shopping Center just for kids to do their holiday shopping for family, friends, teachers, etc. All items will be priced under $10.

That is all for this week. Send me in all of your news and information no later than Tuesday by 5:00 pm.

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ENGAGEMENTS



Colleen Marie Ronan and Kenneth Chisholm Leahy

Ronan – Leahy

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Ronan of Wilmette, Ill., announce the engagement of their daughter, Colleen Marie, to Kenneth Chisholm Leahy, son of David and Barbara Leahy of Cohasset.

The bride-to-be graduated from Creighton University in 2003. She is currently employed by Starcom Worldwide in Chicago as an associate media director.

Her fiancé attended Cohasset High School and graduated from Providence College in 2000. He is employed as a territory manager for Innova Surgical Group.

An August 2008 wedding is planned.

'NE Perspectives' at the James Library

Three South Shore landscape photographers, Margot Cheel of Cohasset, Mike Sleeper, and Stephen Eames, are presenting a photography exhibit at the James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St, Norwell. The show continues until Thursday, Nov. 29.

The show, "New England Perspectives," will showcase the different views from each photographer. Margot Cheel presents aerial photography of the South Shore and Cape as abstract art. Mike Sleeper is well known for his panoramic photos of the South Shore landscape. Steve Eames captures New England scenes with a painter's eye. Margot Cheel's web site is at www.margotcheel.com; Mike Sleeper's web site is at www.mikesleeper.com and Steve Eames web site is at www.eamescreative.com.

The James Library is open from 1 to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday. For more information, visit http://www.firstparishnorwell.org/james.html.

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Young dancers to perform in Boston Ballet's Nutcracker at Opera House

Three young dancers from Cohasset, **Brianne Crough, Sofia Deligiannidis**, and **Faith Porter**, will perform in Boston Ballet's 2007 production of The Nutcracker at the Opera House, running Nov. 29 through Dec. 29. These young ballerinas join 200 other young dancers from the three Boston Ballet School studios in performing with the internationally acclaimed Boston Ballet in the magical and beloved The Nutcracker.

Brianne, the daughter of **Kevin and Sandy Crough**, has been a student at Boston Ballet's Norwell studio for five years. Her past roles have included a Page in "The Sleeping Beauty" with the Russian Perm Ballet and a Bug in Boston Ballet's Balanchine production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Most recently she was cast as a ballet student in the Disney movie, "The Game Plan," and was featured with the stars of that film in the tea party scene. This is Brianne's third year dancing in The Nutcracker. She will dance the role of Polichinelle, one of the clowns appearing from under Mother Ginger's skirt and dancing for Clara.

Sofia is the daughter of **Chris and Fili Deligiannidis**. She has been a student at Boston Ballet's Norwell studio for seven years. Sofia has proudly performed in The Nutcracker in various roles including the Chinese Doll and Angel. This year, in her fourth year, she will perform the role of Soldier in the battle scene between the Mice and the Nutcracker.

Faith, the daughter of **Jim and Sarah Porter**, has been a student at Boston Ballet's Norwell studio for six years. Last year, she performed in Boston Ballet's Balanchine production of A Midsummer Night's Dream as a Bug. This year, she was cast as an alternate Reel Girl in Boston Ballet's La Sylphide. This is Faith's first time appearing in The Nutcracker. She will dance the role of Polichinelle.

All three girls attend ballet class four times a week in the Intensive Division of the Boston Ballet School, the largest ballet school in North America, at the school's South Shore Studio in Norwell. When they are not dancing, the girls all enjoy the beach, spending time with their friends and family and sailing lessons at the Cohasset Sailing Club. Sofia is an avid fisherman. In addition, Brianne plays soccer and Sofia and Faith enjoy reading, drawing and playing the guitar. Faith also enjoys musicals and was a cheerleader in the Cohasset Dramatic Club's summer production of "High School Musical." Brianne, Sofia and Faith are all sixth-grade students at Cohasset Middle School.



COURTESY PHOTO

Three young dancers from Cohasset, Brianne Crough, Sofia Deligiannidis, and Faith Porter, are pictured with their ballet teachers, Christine Busch and Laura Young.

The girls are pictured with their ballet teachers, Christine Busch and Laura Young. Ms. Busch danced with the American Ballet Theatre, the San Francisco Ballet and the Metropolitan Opera Ballet. She is the Principal of the Boston Ballet School South Shore Studio in Norwell. Ms. Young, a Cohasset native, performed as a Principal dancer with the Boston Ballet. She danced the role of Kitri, partnered by Rudolf Nureyev, in "Don Quixote," the ballet that first gave Boston Ballet international recognition. She also danced with Nureyev in "Swan Lake" at the London Coliseum in the role of Odette-Odile. She was the first American ballerina to perform in China after the Cultural Revolution. Ms. Young first danced Boston Ballet's Sugarplum Fairy in the 1972 production of The Nutcracker.

Tickets for The Nutcracker can be purchased by phone through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, online at www.ticketmaster.com or www.bostonballet.org., or in person at the Opera House box office.

LIBRARY CORNER

Book group to discuss 'Offshore'

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library at 35 Ripley Road. For more information call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Holiday Closing – The library will be closed Thursday, **Nov. 22**, and Friday, **Nov. 23**, for Thanksgiving. However, library materials may be returned by using the book drop.

Library Book Group – Join the group for coffee and discussion of Penelope Fitzgerald's book, "Offshore," at 10 a.m., Wednesday, **Nov. 28**, in the Meeting Room. According to NoveList, the book "offers a portrait of a group of eccentrics living in houseboats on the river Thames and describes how their disparate lives intertwine and complicate matters for everyone." "Offshore" won the Booker Prize in 1979. All are welcome.

Movie Matinee – Come for a free showing of the film, "Singing' in the Rain," starring Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds and Donald O'Connor at 11 a.m., Friday, **Dec. 7**. Light refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library. Movie site license generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee.

FOR CHILDREN

School Project Help – The library Web site, www.cohassetlibrary.org, is set up to help with many school projects. Students in grades 1 through 5 will find everything they need on the Children's Page under links and homework help. A new addition to the search engine category is the CIA World Fact Book, which includes everything needed for country reports. The library has many research databases designed and written for students. Middle and high school students will find the research page extensive.

In addition, project help is always available by emailing the children's librarian, Sharon Moody, at smoody@ocln.org or the reference librarian, Gayle Walsh, at gwalsh@olcn.org.

NoveList – Looking for a good book? Click on NoveList, an extensive database of juvenile and young adult fiction, complete with reviews and reading levels.

Young Adult Page – The Young Adult page has links to sites and databases of interest to teens.

House tour: It takes a town

One of the highlights of the Christmas season in Cohasset is the biennial holiday House Tour of the **Community Garden Club of Cohasset** and the wonderful holiday spirit it evokes in town. This year's tour is called "**Christmas Memories**" and is sure to create new memories with its beautiful decorations, joyful sounds, and wonderful scents. It will be held on Thursday, Dec.6, from 10 to 4.

This is a much anticipated event which takes months of preparation and hard work by both club members and non-members alike.

It began last spring as garden club president **Mary Eisenhaure** and house tour chairwoman **Dolores Roy** began the search for unique homes to tour. In the end they were delighted to find five exceptional homes that reflect a variety of periods and styles in architecture- an antique sea captain's home, an elegant Second Empire style home, two new shingle-style homes with dramatic Little Harbor views and a charming cape-style colonial on the Gulph River. As a wonderful beginning to the tour, Cohasset Historical Society members will also recreate a Victorian Christmas in the Paul Pratt building.

Decorating workshops began this fall where garden club members have been busy creating swags, wreaths, garlands and holiday crafts that will be used to decorate the homes, the Paul Pratt building, and Bates Hall in the Second Congregational Church.

Head decorators have met with the homeowners and toured the homes and have created a unique design for each home which incorporates as much natural material as possible.

In the next two weeks, the club's many talented members who include floral designers, interior decorators, artists, and flower show judges will contribute their time and artistry as they work as teams with the head decorators to bring the designs to completion

The members of the hospitality committee have enlisted the help of all bakers in the club who will make the dozens of delicious cakes, cookies, and breads served at the holiday tea set up in the Second Congregational Church.

Storeowners have offered to sell the tickets or have become sponsors of the event and townspeople have donated crafts for the holiday boutique. As a finishing touch, the bells of Saint Stephen's will ring out carols to accompany the tour goers as they stroll through town.

Come join the Community Garden Club and all its helpers for a memorable holiday event.

Tickets of the tour include maps and parking directions. The tour is held rain or shine and is for adults only. Tickets are $20 in advance and $25 on the day of the tour at the Second Congregational Church on Cohasset Common. Tickets are on sale locally at Flemings, Darilynn's, Windsor Tea Shop, and Buttonwood Books and Toys. For additional information, call 781 383-0838 or visit www.communitygardenclubofcohasset.org

Proceeds from the house tour help fund the many programs and projects of the club which include civic beautification, scholarships, and educational programs. Community Garden Club of Cohasset is a member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.

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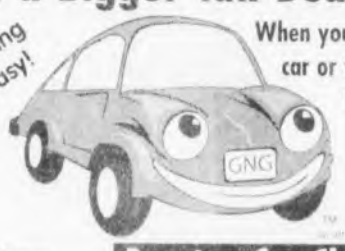
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Pre-K children enjoy a feast.

Community Center celebrates Thanksgiving

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Enrichment class shares songs and stories about the history of Thanksgiving.



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From left, Justin Appleby, Elise Regan, Ellie Fox, Jamie Fox and Sam Farber donating canned goods to the Food Pantry.

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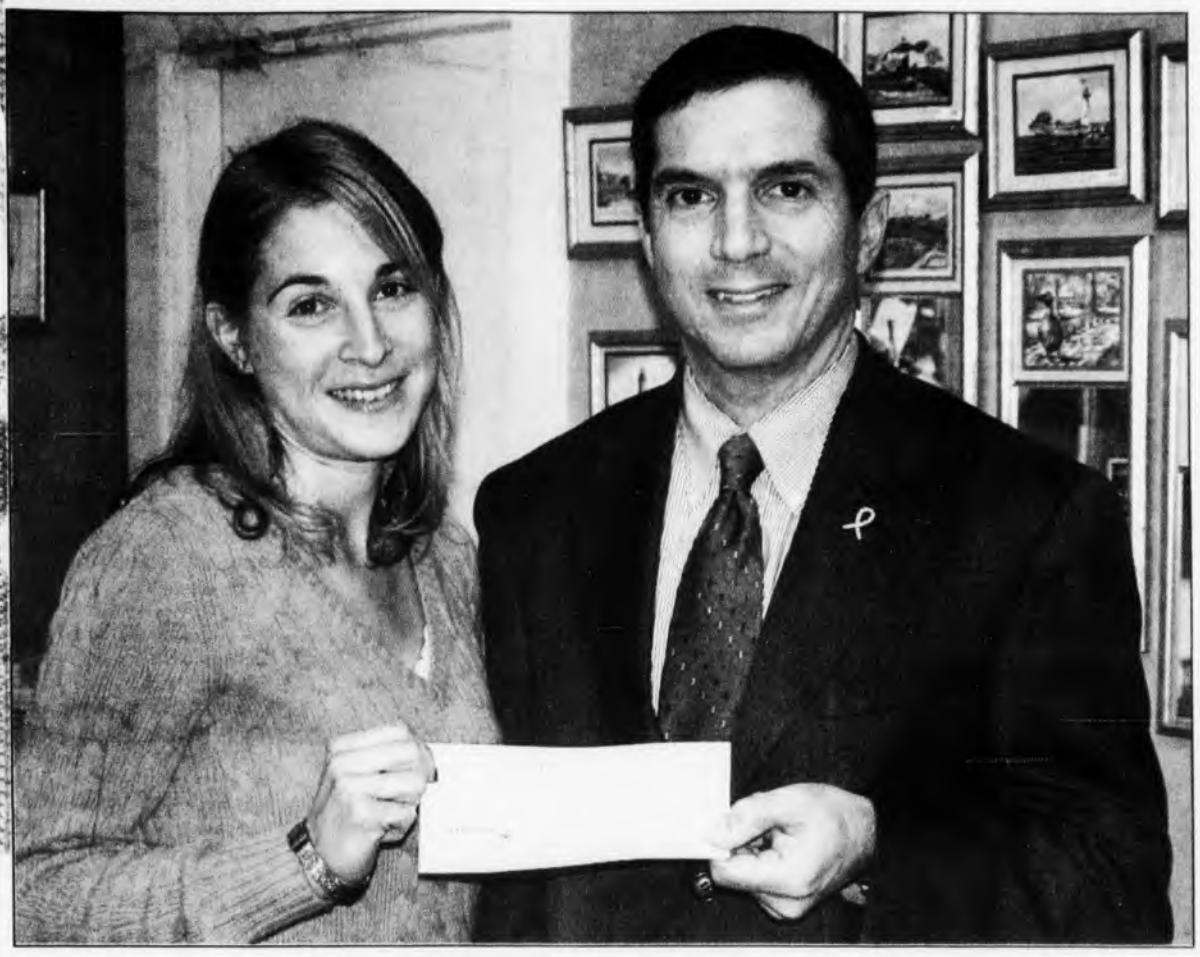
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The workshop is free, however, reservations are necessary and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 781-383-2665.

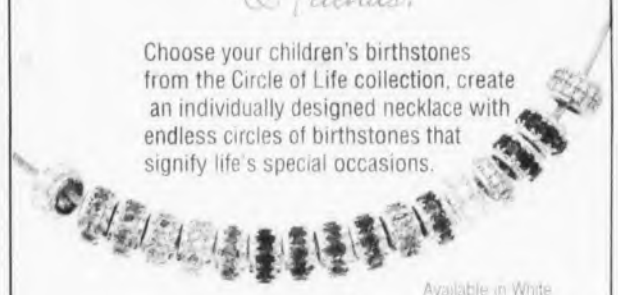
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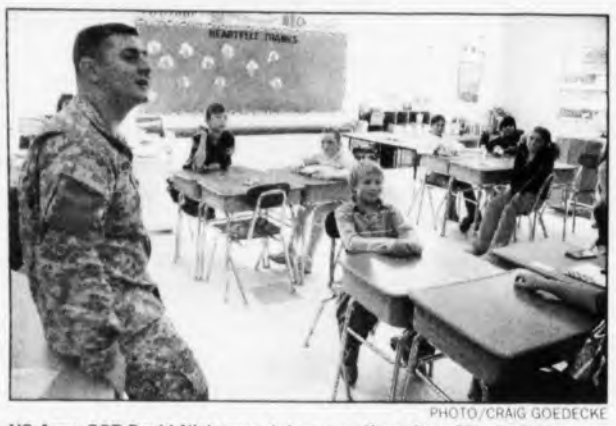
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US Army SGT David Nickerson takes questions from Ms. Jordan's grade 5 class at Deer Hill School after the school's Veterans Day ceremony. Nickerson's cousin James Hynes, age 10, is a student in the class.

Deer Hill students' Veterans Day essays

As part of the Deer Hill School character education program, students were asked to write an open response essay explaining what they considered to be the most important character traits for a veteran to have and why. The following essays were chosen and read at the Veterans Day ceremony held Nov. 9.

Veterans

- By Maria Waters, grade 4

Do you know who veterans are or how they help our country? If not, read on and it might give you a better idea.

Veterans are courageous soldiers who fight for our country. Veterans must be brave, willing, and determined. If they are not those three things they will have a smaller chance of winning the war. If they are those three things they will have a much better chance of succeeding. Veterans fight overseas and in our country. Veterans fight to protect our country and to gain freedom.

Did you know you don't have to fight to be a veteran? You can be a doctor, a nurse, or a mechanic. They can serve in the Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, or National Guard.

Veterans help our country become free and fight for different things to be fair to everyone. You also have to be a leader to fight in war. You have to be a leader because if you are not calm or ready to win, no one will be calm or ready to win. You have to be brave because if you are not brave everyone else will be scared. If you are brave and courageous, everyone else will be brave and courageous. You must be determined to win or no one else will be determined to win. You must be willing. If you are not willing, no one else will be willing and you will fail to succeed.

Veterans fight for us to make sure our lives and our country are safer than ever. Veterans Day is very important. It is a day when there are parades to congratulate our soldiers.

Our Veterans

- By Kristin Timothy, grade 5

Veterans need unique traits, such as empathy, cooperation and perseverance in order to do their best. Every day veterans depend on these traits to survive the day. Veteran's face challenging situations each day and these traits help veterans accomplish tasks that wouldn't get done.

Empathy is needed to help veterans understand other people's feelings. Veterans help people in other countries by understanding their problems and needs. They don't force their ways on them; instead they work with the people to make life better. Empathy is a difficult trait to have and takes patience to get, but veterans seem to have empathy naturally.

Cooperation is the only way veterans get their jobs done. Veterans need cooperation to work together to keep themselves and us safe. Each veteran needs to listen to their leaders and do what they are told. When veterans use cooperation they are working together to win a battle or accomplish a common goal.

Perseverance is the hardest trait for veterans to have. Many veterans are away from their families for a long time. Sometimes the weather conditions are difficult where they are fighting. Sometimes the battles are dangerous and their friends can get badly hurt or killed. Veterans need perseverance to get through these hard times.

Empathy, cooperation, and perseverance are the most important traits for veterans to have. These traits help veterans get along, do their best, stay focused and accomplish their goals. Veterans are special people. They put their lives in danger for our freedom. Veterans are important to us and make our lives better by using these traits.

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Business



Tim Chamberlain

Chamberlain honored by Boston Business Journal

Tim Chamberlain, a Cohasset resident, has been chosen as one of the Boston Business Journal's "40 Under 40." The 38-year-old is the Director of Development at New Boston Fund, Inc., a real estate investment, development and management firm located in Boston.

Every year, the Boston Business Journal picks 40 of Boston's up-and-comers to highlight. Tim was chosen from about 250 nominations. In addition to professional accomplishments, community involvement and volunteer work are also considered.

Tim's community activities include volunteering as a coach for his community baseball teams and volunteering to provide food for the homeless on the streets of Boston with his friends. In addition, Tim provides support for organizations such as Partners for Youth with Disabilities in Boston, Regina Snowden's organization that provides a mentoring big brother big sister program for disabled children; Catholic Charities; Thayer Academy; Boston College; and The Thomas M. Brennan Memorial Foundation, which provides scholarship grants to an incoming Boston College freshman who exemplifies Tim's friend and classmate, Tom, who died at the World Trade Center on September 11.

Tim Chamberlain has more than a decade of experience in the real estate industry and has spent the past six years with New Boston. As Director of Development, his primary focus is to source, analyze, negotiate, entitle and implement development investment opportunities in the New England region. He is currently involved in more than $300 million of development investment projects ranging from dense urban redevelopment to suburban mixed-use developments in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. Most importantly, for the communities in which these investments are made, the projected job and tax creation for these projects exceeds 2,000 construction and 5,000 permanent jobs with over $20 million in tax generation for the communities.

Tim's experience includes working as a commercial real estate broker for GVA Williams, serving as a member of Cushman & Wakefield's downtown Boston brokerage team, and working for Fish & Fred O'Neil's Business Development Team as a Development Executive for Suffolk Construction Company, Inc.

A Massachusetts native, Tim Chamberlain attended high school at Thayer Academy in Braintree and went on to earn a degree in Business Administration from Boston College. A devoted husband and father, Tim resides in Cohasset with his wife Maureen; his son, Jack; his daughter, Aidan; and his dog, Seamus.

South Shore Skin Center announces 'paperless' practice

South Shore Skin Center, a dermatology practice offering a wide range of medical, surgical and cosmetic services, has recently gone "paperless" and integrated an Electronic Medical Records system.

EMR allows the medical staff at South Shore Skin Center's Plymouth and Cohasset offices easier access to patient data, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, which is essential for patient history/case research and during a patient emergency. EMR enables faster transmission of patient data to a patient's primary care physician or specialist. Electronic prescriptions may be sent to a patient's pharmacy right from the office so they may be ready for the patient to pick-up after a medical appointment.

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South Shore Skin Center offices are at 223 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Suite 202, Cohasset, 781-383-3340; and 45 Resnik Road, Suite 102, Plymouth, 508-747-0711. For more information, visit the Web site at southshoreskincenter.com.

Pilgrim Bank welcomes new board members

Francis E. Campbell, president and chief executive officer of Pilgrim Bank, has announced the election of two new members to the board of directors of the bank:

Melissa J. Browne is a senior vice president, director of marketing and research and a partner at Meredith & Grew, a commercial real estate investment firm in Boston. Browne holds a CPM designation and is an advisory board member of Warren Group Publishing. She is also president of Cohasset Golf Club and was recently appointed to the board of directors of the Francis Quinet Scholarship Fund. Browne graduated from Georgetown University.

Mary E. Granville is the owner and president of The Appraisers Collaborative Inc. in Braintree, a real estate appraisal firm. Granville is a former president of the Massachusetts Board of Real Estate Appraisers and the Society of Real Estate Appraisers. Currently, Granville, who holds both SRA and MRA designations, recently served on the Compliance Committee of the Massachusetts Board of Registration for Real Estate Appraisers and is a certified general appraiser in the Commonwealth.

Train DVD available

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OPINION

Our nation's first Thanksgiving

By Jim Rose
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Although Chief Josiah Wompatuck was born six years after our nation's first Thanksgiving, he more than likely later became friends with the Wompanoags and English participants. The exact date of the first Thanksgiving in 1621 is not known, but it is assumed to be in late September or early October, soon after the crop of barley, beans, corn, peas and squash were harvested. It is also a period that Plymouth hosted a sizeable number of migrating birds.

A detailed eyewitness description of the celebration comes from Edward Winslow's Mourt's Relation: "Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a special manner rejoice together, after we had gathered the fruits of our labors; they four in one day killed as much fowl, as with little help beside, served the Company almost a week, at which time amongst other Recreations, we exercised our Arms, many of the Indians coming among us, and amongst the rest their greatest king, Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five Deer, which they brought to the Plantation and bestowed on the Governor, and upon the Captain and others. And although it be not always so plentiful, as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want, that we often wish you partakers of our plenty."

The term, "Thanksgiving," was first applied in the 1800's. Pilgrims did not use it themselves, since the event instead was a time of spiritual devotion. Everything the Pilgrims did revolved around a spiritual context. But as Winslow's description reveals, the celebration was similar to the traditional English harvest festival, a secular festivity dating back to the middle ages, where villagers ate, drank and played games.

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"The Mayflower on Her Arrival in Plymouth Harbor" by William Formsby Halsall (1841-1919).



Map of Plymouth Harbor drawn by French explorer Samuel de Champlain in 1605.

The choicest food was placed next to the most important people. Diners didn't sample everything on the table like we do today; they just ate what was closest to them. The most important table was called the High Table. The guests at this seating probably included Governor William Bradford' Captain Miles Standish. A military leader who massacred six Indians in Weymouth in 1623; William Brewster, the Pilgrims religious leader; Chief Massasoit; and Squanto, who taught the Pilgrims how to plant native crops and was also an interpreter for them.

Outside of the High Table, the majority of the guests stood, squatted, or sat on the ground, clustering around open fires where venison and waterfowl turned on a spit and varieties of meat and vegetable stews simmered. Besides ducks and deer, there was a good supply of wild turkey in 1621. Turkeys were not a new discovery to the English. When the Conquistadors arrived in Mexico in the early 1500's, they found the Indians had domesticated their turkeys for consumption. By 1575, the domesticated Central American turkey made its way to the English table. However, the wild turkeys of New England were much bigger and faster.

The Pilgrims also added seafood to their Thanksgiving celebration. In the autumn, bluefish, cod, eels and striped bass were caught, as well as shellfish such as oysters, clams and lobster. Pilgrim William Bradford recalls the feast in Plimoth Plantation: "For some were thus employed in affairs abroad, others were exercised in fishing, about cod and bass and other fish, of which they took good store, of which every family had their portion. All the summer there was no want; and now began to come in store of fowl, as winter approached, of which this place did abound when they came first (but afterwards decreased by degrees). And besides waterfowl there was great store of wild turkeys, of which they took many, besides venison, etc. Besides, they had about a peck of meal a week to a person, or now since harvest, Indian corn to that proportion."

The Pilgrims didn't use forks until the last decades of the 17th century. They ate with spoons, knives and fingers. They wiped their hands on cloth napkins, which they also used to pick up hot food. However, the Pilgrims were without pumpkin pies, cranberry sauce and mashed potatoes.

Today Americans think of the English as having bland food, but the Pilgrims used many spices including cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, salt, pepper, and dried fruit. They brought sugar over on the Mayflower, but at the time of the feast the supply was small. The Pilgrims didn't have ovens, so pies, cakes and breads weren't available. But they did cook samp, a corn-based porridge.

The food that was eaten at the feast would have seemed fatty by our present standards. Yet it was probably healthier for them then, seeing they were more active and needed the protein. They were more concerned about the plague and the pox than clogged arteries. Vegetable dishes, one of the mainstays of our modern celebration, didn't contribute to the feast as much. Depending on the time of year, many vegetables weren't available to the Pilgrims. Albeit they did consume beans, cabbage, corn, onions, peas and squash.

Between meals the Pilgrims and Wompanoags played games for entertainment. The Indians might have taught the English the Pin Game, where a player attempted to toss a small ring onto a pin. Blind Man's Bluff may have been played as well. Target shooting was a popular sport among the English to see who was the best shot. In addition to sports, both the English and the Indians enjoyed singing and dancing.

For the Pilgrims at the first Thanksgiving, the Indians were not a despised band of savages. They were human beings similar to themselves. Edward Winslow recounts they were "very trustworthy, quick of apprehension, ripe witted and just." Without Massasoit and Squanto to rescue them with food and advice, the Pilgrims might not have survived. As it was, half of the original Mayflower passengers perished that first winter.

The Continental Congress issued the first official Thanksgiving Proclamation in America in 1777. Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a Federal holiday as a "prayerful day of Thanksgiving." In 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt set the date for the holiday to take place on the fourth Thursday of November.

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Water mains and staging area appeal

SEWER REPORT

JOHN BECK

This is one in a continuing series of status reports on the Little Harbor/Atlantic Avenue sewer and water projects.

The contractor is fully mobilized and is making progress on all fronts. There are three crews simultaneously deployed in three different areas: Nichols Road, Deep Run/Rust Way and Whitehead Road.

The water main replacement in all three areas is continuing as the race against freezing weather accelerates. As mentioned in the last report, the temporary water lines (the yellow pipes on the roadside) cannot be used when there is a threat of significant freezing, because they are not protected by at least four feet of earth. Replacement of the water mains in many areas will be in the same location as the old pipes, using the same trench that was part of the original installation. This will not require any ledge removal and thus should be relatively easy. There are a few areas where new trenches for the water mains or lateral lines need to be dug. This work will be more difficult and time consuming and may require small-charge blasting of any existing ledge. Pre-blast surveys will be done by the contractor for each property that could be affected by blasting. If you received a notice that you may be in a blast zone, it is your responsibility to contact Sandy Penttinen of Penttinen Associates at 978-836-7052 to schedule a free survey. If you suspect that damage has occurred as a result of the blasting, immediately contact the CES project manager and report the suspected damage. This will assure that any needed repairs will be done and the cost covered by the contractor's insurance carrier.

Any water main replacements that cannot be done before the onset of freezing weather will be done in the spring.

When the water work closes down for the winter, the contractor will begin the sewer excavation and installation with crews in all three areas. Much of the sewer pipe installation will require blasting due to the extensive ledge in our town. Some blasting for the new sewer has already begun on Deep Run. The pre-blast surveys and notification recommendations above apply equally to the sewer work.

Earlier this week a failed hydraulic line on a truck delivering material to the staging area leaked hydraulic fluid onto the roadway and within the staging area. The hydraulic fluid was cleaned up using standard procedures for such events and the site returned to normal operation the next day. Hydraulic fluid is similar to the brake fluid in your car.

A few citizens have continued to object to the location of the project staging area in their neighborhood. They have appealed the decision by the Building Inspector that this staging area for the town's sewer, water and drain projects meets zoning requirements. This appeal is before the ZBA on the grounds that the zoning requirements have been violated because the staging area sub-contract is between two private entities, the town's contractor and a private land owner. They contend that this does not involve "town operations" as defined by the appropriate zoning bylaw. It is the firm opinion of the Sewer Commission that this narrow legal interpretation is incorrect for the following reasons:

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• The operations conducted on a daily basis in the staging area are for the singular purpose of supporting the construction of the new sewers and drains and replacing aging water mains and services, all for the town, not a private entity. The contractor's activities are overseen by the town's agent and project manager, Coughlin Environmental Services LLC (CES), who has a construction trailer in the staging area, again in accordance with the town's contract with L&M Holdings. Water pipe currently owned by the town is now secured at the site under the control of the town's agent. There is no doubt that the town has operational control of the staging area.

• The Building Inspector's interpretation of the Zoning Bylaw is therefore correct. This is clearly a "Community Facility" under Section 4.2 and falls within the categories of "wastewater treatment, water supply – or other protective use operated by the town."

• The contractor is required to supply the area for the town's uses and the actual procurement of the site is left up to the contractor. The basis for this strategy is to allow the contractor to secure facilities as economically as possible so that the cost savings can be transferred to the community. The staging area is central to the work zone and conveniently located for resident access to the project manager's trailer. It will help reduce the construction period because of shorter travel distances for equipment and supplies and will enhance emergency response.

• Members of the ZBA will deliberate the appeal during their next meeting on Dec. 11. Should the staging area be forced to relocate, the cost to the project will be substantial, and delays will be inevitable. The cost impacts will be passed on to all the water consumers in town and the new sewer users.

The overall schedule (download-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Good neighbors

TO THE EDITOR:

Several greathearted families volunteered to the Senior Center to do autumn yard clean up for senior citizens who requested it. Not only do the seniors benefit from this assistance, but also their thankful donations to the Senior Center will help fund other activities. Best of all, the children of these public-spirited families are introduced to the concept of service and community responsibility. These children will enjoy more fulfilling lives, and the communities they inhabit later as adults will be better places, thanks to their parent's good example.

The leaves are falling late this year, so there still will remain plentiful opportunity for the seniors to enjoy exercise and character-enhancing labor in the fresh air.

R. Murray Campbell
217 Jerusalem Road

Making a difference

TO THE EDITOR:

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who participated in the Make-A-Difference-Days both at the Osgood and Deer Hill schools and out in the community in conjunction with Cohasset Elder Affairs. We were lucky to have favorable weather conditions and I know many people went above and beyond what was necessary. How nice it was to see not only members from our school communities (K-12) alongside other members of our town, who made an effort to come out and help some of their neighbors.

I have received wonderful feedback from many of our participants and understand many friendships and connections were created. I feel lucky to live in such a caring community and wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Patty Cunningham
PSO Chairperson of Make-A-Difference-Day

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Sidewalk work takes center stage

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Beechwood sidewalk – The Town committed to the Beechwood residents several years ago that it would put a sidewalk on Beechwood Street to connect as much of the residential area as possible to South Main Street. After a very long wait, work has begun connecting Talarico Lane to South Main Street via a bright shinny new sidewalk. The grading has been done and the area now awaits its asphalt sidewalk surface. Weather permitting; by the time you read this, the asphalt should be down.

We did get a few questions this past week wondering what was being done on Beechwood Street. One call wondered why the Town was putting granite curb on Beechwood Street. When we started putting the granite curbing at N. Main Street. end of Beechwood, they probably assumed that the curbing was going to be placed the entire length of the construction, which is not the case. The real answer is quite simple. The area to the south side of Beechwood Street at S, Main Street rises quite high above the road way. To construct a proper sidewalk, we needed to cut into that small hillside. In order to hold the dirt back on either side of the sidewalk a small retaining wall was needed. Being rather budget conscious, we reached into our bag of tricks and used old curbing that was squirreled away from the Village Revitalization Project to construct the small wall and curbing. The net result is a handsome set of retaining walls and curbing with the used granite adding a bit of character to them. Of course, the curb and wall extend only as far down Beechwood as needed based on the land contour. The balance of the curbing is asphalt Cape Cod berm, which was placed last week. Where the Cape Cod berm is used, there will be a grass strip between the street and the sidewalk as a safety measure.

Lower King Street sidewalk – We have mentioned numerous times that the Town received a Transportation Oriented Development (TOD) grant to design, permit and construct a sidewalk from the Forest/Main/King intersection to the Greenbush Station. As way of background, we examined a series of more direct routes to the station other than the one finally selected. The most direct way would have been to use the maintenance road that the MBTA has constructed parallel to the tracks from King Street to the station. However, there were a series of problems with this solution. First, the maintenance road is inside of the railroad fencing, so it would not be safe for general public use. Secondly, since this distance is about one-half mile, there would be security and policing issues due to the isolation of the path, especially after dark. Third, the MBTA absolutely prohibits the public from walking on their property, which is where this maintenance road would be. So, this route was a "dead duck."



Curb and retaining wall from Old Village Curbing.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Last minute grading at Talarico Lane prior to paving.

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A second solution would have been along N. Main Street to the station. This pathway presents tremendous Conservation Commission issues due to the adjacent wetlands that would need to be replicated. Further, there are extensive portions of the road where the land drops away from the road and there is just no place to construct a sidewalk. The road is also very narrow, so no space can be carved from the road for a sidewalk. Where the edge of the road would need to be widened to accommodate a sidewalk, either retaining walls and fill (with appropriate wetland replication as required by the Con Com) would be required. Of course we could also build a cantilever structure for the sidewalk to extend it over the wetland, but that clearly would be a nightmare and very expensive. A conservation estimated cost for the N. Main Street path would be at least four times greater than the route actually chosen of King to Route 3A to the station. So, that's how we got where we are.

The Town paid the MBTA to design and build sidewalk from Main/Forest/King to Laugelle Lane, including a pedestrian crossing and a pedestrian gate. As soon as P. A. Landers is finished with the grading on Beechwood Street they will move to do some of the preliminary grading on King Street between Laugelle Lane and Route 3A. Possibly the paving will be done this fall, as well, depending on the weather. The balance of this sidewalk will wait for next spring. So, you should see some activity on King Street this coming week, if it hasn't started already.

Forest Avenue – This week we received a Traffic Sign and Pavement Marking recommendation report from the Norfolk County traffic consultant. This report contained the county's recommendation for road markings, signs and crosswalks. Before we can finalize the road markings and signs we will hold a joint meeting with the Town Safety Forces as well as the DPW to determine if we need to make any modifications to this plan. We had originally planned to do all of the road striping using a new long-lasting epoxy marking material. However, the epoxy cannot be used when the road gets too cold. So, we will be using a conventional water-based paint that should hold us 'till spring and then we'll repaint with epoxy. No cross walks will be added now, because each cross walk will require a bit of additional construction on the non-sidewalk side of the road to build the required pedestrian safe landing area.

Dumb and dumber, yet – Last week we had an eyewitness report that someone took a page from this movie and executed a really dumb move at the Lower King Street railroad crossing. Are you sitting down for this one? A person actually approached the crossing in their car, stopped at the tracks, did a U turn between the traffic islands on either side of the tracks and went back from whence they came. What were they thinking? Honest folks, you can't make this stuff up!

Miscellaneous Greenbush – You may remember that we reported about 75 cars in the Greenbush parking lot on Oct. 31, the first day of regular operation. A quick count of cars on Tuesday, Nov. 20th shows about 130 cars.

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National symbol

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



The state is fixing to spend $680,000 to protect Plymouth Rock and pretty up that symbol of our founding for the hordes of tourists and others who have been conned into thinking it's the exact place where our Pilgrim Forefathers hit the beach that day in 1620.

Better they should spend the money tidying up the Brooklyn Bridge for sale.

Actually, no one knows for sure just where the Pilgrims landed and the myth that they stepped ashore on the Rock, like the myth that Abner Doubleday invented baseball in Cooperstown, N. Y., is only the recollection of a 94-year-old man who wasn't there.

"On Monday, they sounded ye harbor and found it fit for shipping, and marched onto ye land & found diverse cornfields & little running brooks, a place fit for situation," was all that William Bradford, who was there at the time, had to say of the landing.

It was not until 1741, more than a century later, that Thomas Faunce, son of the Mayflower's John Faunce and the last ruling elder of the Pilgrim church, recalled hearing talk of the rock when he was a kid, born 27 years after his father came ashore.

The Rock itself was not identified until 1769 when someone pointed to a nondescript stone and said, "That's it!"

Until then, it was just another granite boulder left by a melting glacier during a time when global warming was a meteorological condition, not a political issue.

The Rock will be protected by a reinforced plywood box from March through May next spring while a Greek-style portico above it is rehabbed.

"We want to protect the Rock and be very careful with what's left of the Rock," state Senate President Therese Murray is quoted as saying. "We don't need something falling on it."

It hasn't been handled so gently in the past.

When Plymouth's Liberty Boys, inspired by the Boston Tea Party, chained a team of oxen to the Rock to drag it to a more appropriate location for the celebration of Forefathers' Day in 1774, it broke in two.

The larger part was left behind and the smaller section taken to Town Square.

It was still there in 1815 when the great controversy broke out. Who was first to step on the Rock that day in 1620 — Mary Chilton or John Alden?

The answer? Neither. There were no women in that first landing party, and John was back on the Mayflower tending to the beer supply.

The section of the Rock that was left behind in 1774 was located in use as a doorstep in a beachfront warehouse, and the two parts were united in Pilgrim Hall in 1880.

Never mind that the two parts didn't fit together well. This was the Rock because they said so.

As the 300th anniversary of the Pilgrims' landing approached in 1920, someone noted that the expected crowds of tourists might wonder how the Forefathers could have stepped ashore on the Rock when it was nowhere near the water.

So once again it was placed in chains and a steam shovel employed to take it back to the beach, and once again it broke in two pieces.

The battered old boulder was repaired and set down on the beach under the Greek portico so tourists could view it and say, as they have for years:

"I thought it was bigger than that."

Busy, busy, busy holidays

THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT

DIANE K. DANIELSON



Busy, busy, busy. That's all we hear around the holidays. Just like the evil magician from "Frosty the Snowman," we run around muttering that we're "busy, busy, busy!" to anyone who tries to get our attention. Don't they realize that during the holidays we're much too busy for friends and family? Who has time for them when we've got cards to send, presents to buy, trips to plan, turkeys to roast, parties to attend and houses to decorate? Admittedly, for some people simply being busy is their idea of fun. But is busy, busy, busy the best way to spend the holidays?

Unfortunately, I don't foresee any end to this "busy-ness" trend. In fact, we continue to invent products to enable us to become even busier. Would Starbucks be such a success if we all regularly got a full night's sleep? How about protein bars? Why stop to eat a complete meal when you can have all the protein you need in a single candy bar? Add in one of my son's "go-gurts" — yogurt in a tube, for anyone who has yet to discover this time-management miracle — and I can literally consume a full day's worth of calories in less than five minutes flat (and not enjoy a single second of it).

What about stem cell research and the Genome Project? The most likely use will be to engineer humans who function on less sleep. (Note to self: At first breakthrough, sell off Starbucks' stock.) Or perhaps we could add an opposable big toe. Imagine how much more we could accomplish if we had the equivalent of four hands. (Thus leading to the retirement of the phrase, "But I only have two hands.") Even better, what if we could literally be in two places at one time? Now that must be worth an NIH grant or two. Of course we would then be a nation where everyone was always in two places at once and not enjoying either one, because we could only imagine what else we might be missing out on. (Thus leading to the birth of the phrase, "If I could only be in 1001 places at one time!")

But not all breakthroughs in efficiency actually help us be more efficient. Take email. For me, the primary use of email seems to be scheduling and rescheduling phone calls, meetings and other events for which I'm much too busy. My guess is that it would probably save me more time to actually go through with the originally schedule plan in lieu of exchanging 30 minutes worth of emails about how I can't possibly make that 10-minute phone call three weeks from now because I'm "busy, busy, busy!"

A couple of years ago, realizing that all this busyness was completely ruining the holidays for me, I figured it was time to check out this therapy thing. I knew I had crossed over some sort of line when I caught myself telling a colleague that "sleep was overrated," while simultaneously contemplating how one might improve the flavor of zinc lozenges so that they wouldn't clash so much with my third cup of coffee of the morning. But the problem with therapy is that you actually have to make time for it; and I didn't have any time to begin with.

So, it wasn't long before the number of voicemails and emails exchanged in attempts to schedule and reschedule potential therapy sessions made my good intentions fruitless. Add to that some resulting billing discrepancies over which sessions actually took place, and I figured that I would need another therapist simply to deal with the stress that this one was causing. So much for that plan.

This year, to get through the holidays, I'm going to try a completely different strategy. I'm planning one weekend where I have absolutely nothing on the agenda. And I can't wait for someone to ask me what I'm going to be doing over that weekend, just so I can reply, "not a single bloody thing!" Then I'll watch as they pick their chin up off the floor, give me a quizzical look, and offer me the name of their therapist.

Diane K. Danielson is a Cohasset resident who would like to encourage other Mariner readers to join her in making room for one agenda-free day or weekend during this holiday season. For more random musings and career insights from Diane, visit the Downtown Women's Club blog at womensDISH.com.

What our children think about America

COMMENTARY

LEE JENKINS

A few weeks ago a talk show conducted some Kid on the Street interviews with 14-to 17-year-olds. The questions posed were "What does it mean to you to be an American?" or "What do you think you owe your country?"

Some answered that they didn't owe America anything because it doesn't do anything for them, instead America owes them big time. Other students were looking forward to getting out of school so that they could leave for someplace better — like the Middle East or Europe. The majority consensus indicated no loyalty or respect to the U.S., but rather an entitlement mentality to a lot more than they perceived America was providing.

Soon after, while at a local college football game a senior sociology major began a conversation with me. In his opinion America is an appalling place to live because supposedly 47 million people do not have health insurance. Also, the undocumented workers are not getting enough benefits. Both parents in a household have to work to afford what he considered the entitled American lifestyle – cell phones for everyone in the household, premium cable, big screen TVs, etc., etc.

How much longer can we expect to be the greatest nation on earth while we are nurturing our children with negative impressions of what America is really all about?

Boy Scouts wanting to boost troop morale by collecting items for America's soldiers were banned in Cambridge for being too "pro-war."

Parents are paying college tuitions for their students to take courses on happiness. One of the most popular courses at Harvard is Positive Psychology where students learn to have a fulfilling and flourishing life.

In a recent front-page story in the Mariner, it was disclosed that the Cohasset School administration has finally developed a uniform way of dealing with bullying. This behavior has been plaguing the public schools for decades. In all of these cases it comes across loud and clear that somewhere along the way we have been failing our children.

How much longer can we expect to be the greatest nation on earth while we are nurturing our children with negative impressions of what America is really all about?

It would be interesting to discover how many teachers took time to discuss with their students the following remarks made by French President Sarkozy on his visit to Washington earlier this month. "...to the millions of men and women who came from every country of the world and who – with their own hands, their intelligence, and their hearts – built the greatest nation in the world, America did not say, 'Come, and everything will be given to you.' Rather, she said, 'Come, and the only limits to what you will be able to achieve will be those of your own courage, your boldness, and your talent.'"

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BRIEFLY

Department of Corrections

Due to a reporting error, an article that ran in last week's Mariner "Train Crossing" warrants some clarification as to how the gates at Lower King Street operate.

When a southbound train approaches the Cohasset station, the lights flash, bells sound and the gates are lowered at the Lower King Street crossing. However, if the train is at the station for an extended time (typically during rush hours) the gates and warning lights "time out." The gates raise and the lights and bells stop ringing. Traffic can pass through, but typically only one or two cars. As soon as the train starts to move out of the station, the gates, lights and bells are once again activated. The train passes through and everything shuts off, cars are free to cross the tracks.

Last week's article incorrectly reported the lights and bells remain flashing and sounding while the gates are raised. Residents should be aware of how the grade crossing signals operate to ensure a safe crossing of the tracks.

Cohasset has had a couple of signal malfunctions at various grade crossings. Some were storm-related during the 'Noel' storm and others were due to glitches in the system. The MBTA responded to all incidents. There have been no near misses that the police are aware of.

Assessors to conduct public disclosure program

The Cohasset Board of Assessors is required to undertake, subsequent to the Bureau of Local Assessments' preliminary certification review, a Public Disclosure Program. This disclosure is intended to inform property owners of the current assessments for fiscal year 2008 Certification. The 2008 assessments reflect overall stability in the Cohasset real estate market, which results in modest increases in valuations.

The Public Disclosure will be conducted at the Office of the Board of Assessors at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue during normal business hours, Monday, Nov. 26, and concluding Friday, Nov. 30. Business hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday; and 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday.

The Assessors' office staff will be available for taxpayers to review, discuss, and request changes in proposed values during the disclosure period. Any questions pertaining to this disclosure may be directed to the Assessors' Office at 781-383-4114. For the convenience of taxpayers, the disclosure will also be available at the Paul Pratt Public Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset, during normal business hours, which are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday and Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday; and 2 to 5 p.m., Sunday.

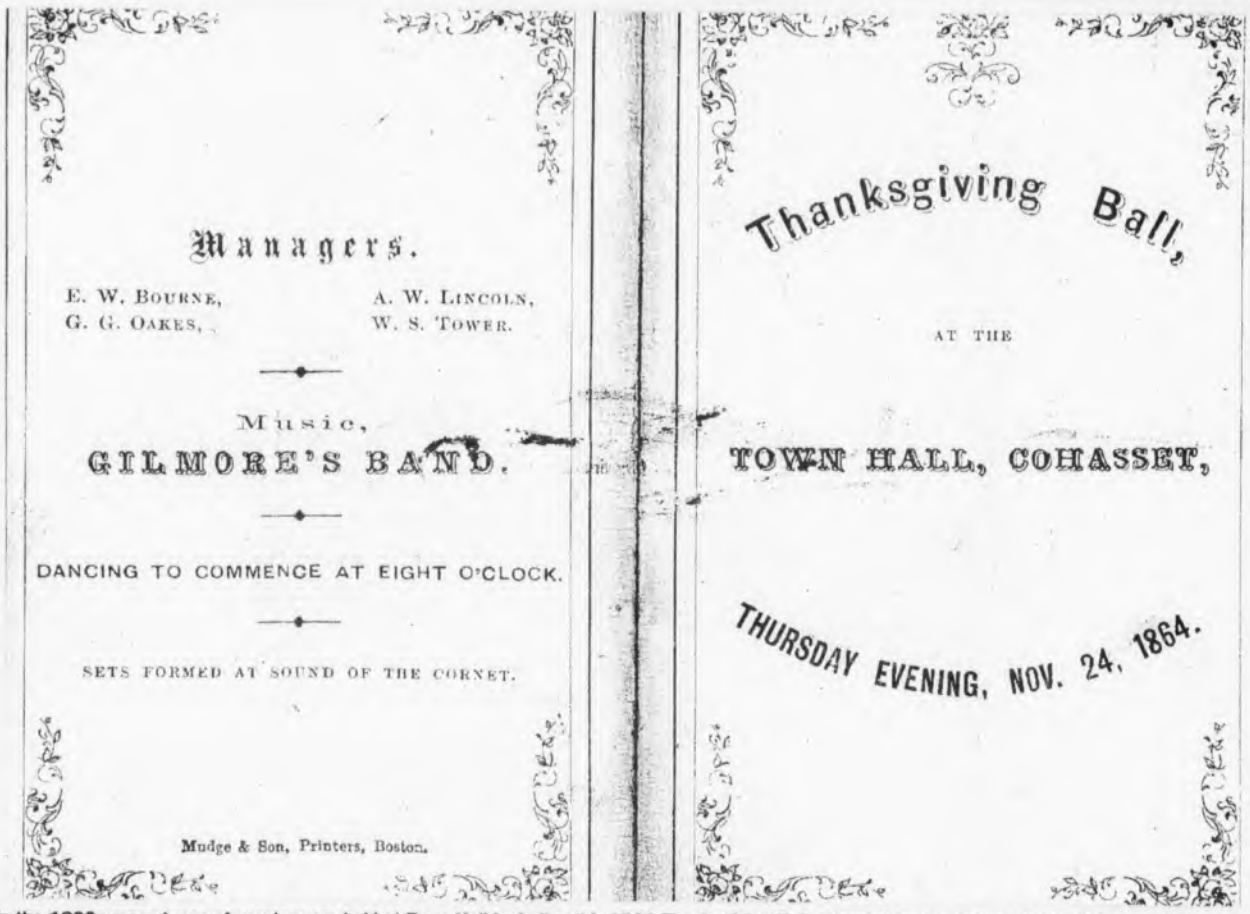
Annual Town Meeting date set

With the Special Town Meeting in the rear view mirror, the Board of Selectmen is looking ahead to the spring Annual Town Meeting. On Monday evening, they voted to set the date for Saturday, March 29, 2008. The meeting will begin at the Cohasset High School Sullivan Gymnasium at 9a.m. Any petitioned article submissions for the Town Warrant from town boards or citizens petitions will be accepted until Monday, Jan. 14, 2008.

The Town Election is scheduled for a week later on Saturday, April 5.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen

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November 12-16, 2007



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By Bob Katzen

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives and senators' votes on four roll calls from the week of November 12-16.

SPEAKER DIMASI'S ENERGY CONSERVATION LEGISLATION (H 4365)

House 151-0, approved and sent to the Senate a comprehensive energy package aimed at expanding the use of cleaner, renewable energy in the state. Only a handful of controversial amendments were debated on the House floor. Many representatives who filed amendments pitched their proposals in a room near the House chamber to Democratic leaders who drafted "consolidated amendments" that were then brought to the House floor for consideration. All of these consolidated amendments were easily approved. The House also disposed of several amendments on the House floor without a roll call vote and without debate. Provisions include establishment of a new Department of Clean Energy; a $2,000 income tax deduction for consumers who purchase hybrid or alternative fuel vehicles; extension of a 15 percent or $300 tax credit to businesses that purchase a solar water heating system; requiring that the state replace government vehicles with more fuel efficient ones and new programs to provide loans and grants to cities and towns to finance the cost of energy efficient improvements. The measure also establishes specific energy goals including meeting at least 20 percent of the state's electric load by the year 2020 through new, renewable generation; reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 20 percent from 1990 levels by the year 2020 and reducing total energy consumption by at least 10 per cent by 2017. Supporters said that this landmark pro-environmental legislation, supported by businesses, the energy industry and environmentalists, would increase the state's use of cleaner, renewable energy and reduce its dependence on foreign oil. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill).

SLIDING SCALE FOR AUTO SALES TAX BASED ON FUEL EFFICIENCY (H 4365)

House 33-119, rejected an amendment replacing the state's flat five percent sales tax on passenger cars with a sliding scale sales tax ranging from zero percent to five percent. Buyers would pay a lower tax on vehicles with greater fuel efficiency. Vehicles would be divided into categories based on the vehicle's seating capacity in order to determine the sales tax. An owner of an SUV would not be penalized for simply owning an SUV. Owners of hybrid SUVs with greater fuel efficiency would pay less than an owner of a less efficient SUV. Amendment supporters said that these tax incentives would encourage and reward consumers who buy fuel efficient vehicles and discourage and penalize those who choose to pollute the environment. They noted that the amendment would help clean up the environment and lower the state's dependence on foreign oil. Amendment opponents said that the amendment is well-intentioned but goes too far and would jeopardize the delicate balance of business and environmental groups that support the legislation. They noted that amendment proponents have not offered an estimate of how much the sliding scale sales tax would cost the state. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment replacing the state's flat five percent sales tax on passenger cars with a sliding scale sales tax. A "No" vote is against the amendment).

EXEMPT SOME OF THE SALES TAX ON HYBRID AUTOS (H 4365)

House 152-0, approved an amendment giving a sales tax break to car buyers who purchase hybrid vehicles. The amendment would exempt from the state's five percent sales tax the dollar difference between the cost of the hybrid and the cost of the same non-hybrid vehicle. Amendment supporters said that this would mean that a consumer who buys a hybrid for $35,000 instead of the same non-hybrid car for $30,000 would not have to pay the sales tax on the $5,000 difference. They argued that this would encourage the purchase of hybrids and would cost the state very little in lost revenue. (A "Yes" vote is for the sales tax break).

DELAY GREEN BUILDING TAX CREDIT (H 4365)

House 150-2, approved an amendment creating a "green building tax credit" that includes financial incentives to encourage developers to build energy efficient buildings but preventing the tax credits from taking effect until the Department of Revenue issues a report on their economic impact. The portion of the amendment delaying the amendment was added on a voice vote, without a roll call, to the original proposal that simply provided the tax credits. Amendment supporters said that the proposal is well-intentioned but the cost of the tax credits is unknown and should be determined prior to actually offering them. Opponents offered no arguments. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment that provides and delays the tax credits. A "No" vote is against the amendment).

ALLOW GOVERNOR'S COUNCILORS TO PRACTICE LAW IN COURTS (S 2332)

Senate 27-5, approved a bill allowing members of the Governor's Council who are lawyers to represent clients before courts, state boards and agencies. Current law prohibits all state employees, except legislators, from representing clients in these capacities. The council is an elected eight-member body that screens and votes on the confirmation of the governor's judicial appointments and on requests for pardons and commutations of sentences. Supporters of the bill said that it is unfair to prohibit councilors who are lawyers from practicing before the courts, state boards and agencies. They noted that councilors earn only $25,000 per year and in most cases depend on outside income to support their families. Opponents said that the bill is special interest legislation filed on behalf on former Judge and current Eighth District Governor's Councilor Thomas Merrigan who says that he was not aware of the law when he was elected. They argued that the proposal creates a conflict of interest because it would allow councilors to practice before judges whose appointments were or might in the future be acted upon by the same councilor. The House approved the measure on a voice vote without a roll call or debate. Only final approval is needed in both branches prior to the measure going to Gov. Patrick. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill allowing members of the Governor's Council to represent clients before courts, state boards and agencies. A "No" vote is against the bill).

BAN LAWYER-LEGISLATORS FROM PRACTICING BEFORE STATE BOARDS AND AGENCIES (S 2332)

Senate 5-25, rejected an amendment to prohibit legislators who are lawyers from representing clients in front of state boards and agencies. Amendment supporters said that current law bans all state employees, except legislators from this practice. They argued that it is a conflict of interest for representatives and senators to represent clients before boards and agencies when these same legislators are voting on the funding of these entities. Amendment opponents said that legislators are technically not public employees. They argued that the ban is unnecessary and would discourage potential candidates from running for election to the Legislature. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment prohibiting legislators who are lawyers from representing clients in front of state boards and agencies. A "No" vote is against the amendment).

$15 MILLION FOR FUEL ASSISTANCE (H 4332)

Senate 37-0, approved and sent to Gov. Deval Patrick a measure providing $15 million for low-income residents to purchase heating oil, propane and natural gas and electricity. Supporters said that rising energy costs and the forecast of a very cold winter make this funding necessary. They noted that the funds would supplement the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill).

CHANGE DATE OF PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY (S 2414)

Senate 33-5, approved a bill changing the date of the state's presidential primary from March 4 to February 5. The measure would also allow several special elections for vacant state representative and senate seats to be held on the same day. The move would mean that the state's primary would be on "Super Tuesday" along with more than 20 other states. Supporters said that a nominee might already be chosen if the state waits until March and argued that the move to February would make the state's primary relevant. They noted that allowing special legislative elections on the same day would save the state an estimated $100,000 in Election Day costs including the printing of ballots. Some opponents said that this bill appeared out of nowhere and is being rushed through the Legislature while important legislation is stalled in committees. They argued that they suspect that the proposal is somehow designed to benefit Sen. Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign and hurt former Gov. Mitt Romney's campaign by making him spend time in Massachusetts to avoid an embarrassing loss here. Others noted that the change would increase election costs for many cities and towns that have already scheduled local elections for March 4, the day on which they expected that the presidential primary would be held. (A "Yes" vote is for the change to February 5. A "No" vote is against the change).

	Robert L. Hedlund (R-Weymouth)	Garrett J. Bradley (D-Hingham)
H 4365	Y	Y
H 4365	N	Y
H 4365	Y	Y
S 2332	N	Y
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H 4332	Y	Y
S 2414	N	Y

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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HEALTH NOTES

Fire-safe cigarettes could save lives

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Tobacco is bad, perhaps not the worst compound we can put in our bodies; after all, there's heroin; meth, crack, etc. Nevertheless, it's a compound we like to hate. From time to time we take a new swipe at tobacco. We tax it; we prohibit its use in public places, restaurants, schools, and buildings. Would that we were so effective in stamping out other killers in society: Drunk drivers, guns, obesity, etc. Nevertheless, a new Massachusetts law, the so called so called Fire Safe Cigarette law, is scheduled to go into effect in January 2008. The legislation was developed and placed in effect in New York State on June 28, 2004. For those interested in its details, the Massachusetts version of this law may be found on the web at:

mass.gov/legis/laws/seslaw06/sl060140.htm.

The law is aimed at reducing one of the associated risks of tobacco use: fires started by inadvertent (or perhaps intentional) failure to extinguish cigarettes. Cigarettes will continue to burn if not extinguished. The cigarette burns in public places have long since disappeared because smoking is disappearing.

Proponents of the law report that smoking-materials are still the #1 cause of home fire deaths in the United States, killing between 700 and 900 people — smokers and non-smokers alike — per year. About a quarter of the fatalities in smoking deaths were not the smokers. About a third are children of the smokers. About a quarter were neighbors or friends and the rest were spouses or parents of the smoker. Mattresses and bedding, upholstered furniture and trash are the items most commonly ignited in smoking.

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Fire-safe cigarettes are a proven practical, and effective way to eliminate the risk of cigarette-ignited fires. It's an easy step for cigarette manufacturers to take, just remove the potassium nitrate introduced into cigarettes to promote continued burning. It's used in gunpowder, fuses and anywhere oxygen is needed to promote burning. The use of cigarettes that have a reduced propensity to burn when left unattended will help prevent tens of thousands of cigarette-ignited fires each year. "Fire-safe" cigarettes are the law in New York, California, and Vermont (covering 20 percent of Americans) and in all of Canada.

Doubtless, fire-safe cigarettes will save hundreds of lives each year. Deaths caused by cigarette fires have declined dramatically in New York State in the first few months that fire-safe cigarettes were mandated there in 2004. The use of cigarettes with a proven, reduced propensity to ignite other materials will achieve improved fire protection.

Much depends on one's outlook that certainly plays a part in laws such as the Fire Safe Cigarette law. For smokers the new law could be considered just another assault on personal freedom and cigarette manufacturers, which depend on an industry in business long before there was a constitution. It makes one wonder why guns that also kill lots of people are not banned as well. If one puts posturing and politics aside, it probably has to do with the fact that dangerous things such as knives and guns have some concomitant value as a potential protector while smoking tobacco is just a nasty habit and has no such virtue. Indeed, forensic experts have noted that cigarettes have often been implicated in acts of arson. The lit cigarette in a book of matches has long been a favorite with mystery writers as the initiator of suspicious fires and has in fact become a much-used tool by arsonists. Could such a law be effective in forestalling terrorists as well?

Rep. Ed Markey of the seventh district in Massachusetts helped introduce the bill, known as the Joe Moakley Memorial Bill in memory of the late Rep. Moakley who fought for this legislation ever since a family in his district perished in a cigarette-caused fire in their home.

So, in January, your legislature will enact another law to help protect us from another of life's evils. Lets hope they can do as much for a few of other significant problems, which face us in the near future.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Water mains and staging area appeal

SEWER REPORT

JOHN BECK

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able PDF format) for water and sewer projects will soon be added to the Sewer Commission Web page on the Town of Cohasset's Web site at townofcohasset.org/sewer/documents.

Contacts: Questions about any aspect of the work should be addressed to Kevin McRae, the resident engineer for the town's contractor, Coughlin Environmental Services LLC (CES). His office is in the construction trailer in the staging area off Jerusalem Road. The telephone number for the trailer, which will be staffed during normal working hours, is 781-383-2900. McRae's cell phone number is 617-592-3276.

Questions about the updates: Any questions about the updates may be sent to the author, John Beck, at johnbeckiii@msn.com.

John Beck is Vice Chairman of the Cohasset Sewer Commission.

Sustainable Cohasset to host reception Nov. 29

Sustainable Cohasset will host a reception with hors de 'oeuvres and beverages for new and existing members from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 29, in the Bartow Room at St. Stephen's Church on Cohasset Common. The program will open with a Native American ceremony by Bob Charlebois, a Native American pipe keeper and interpreter for the Wampanoag Indigenous Program at Plimoth Plantation.

The second segment of the program will be devoted to realizing the vision of Sustainable Cohasset with the formation of working groups that will engage members in doable tasks that sustain their individual environmental passions and advance the objectives of Sustainable Cohasset as it continues into its second year.

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Sustainable Cohasset celebrated its one-year anniversary in October. In its first year, Sustainable Cohasset's accomplishments included an environmental film series, fundraising with 20 local merchants to create cloth shopping bags to encourage local shopping and to reduce plastic bag use, a survival workshop, a Buying Circle for organic turkey, grass-fed beef, and pesticide-free cranberries, and participation in the annual MCAN conference.

In addition, they designed and developed the CO2 Cube in conjunction with Cohasset High School students, which illustrates the metric volume of a ton of CO2 and developed an advertisement for sustainability as part of a national advertising campaign.

GOP Town Committee to host holiday party

The Cohasset Republican Town Committee will host its annual holiday party from 4 to 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 2, at Bancroft Hall Lightkeepers Residence, Cohasset Harbor. The cost is $20 per person and $30 per couple. There will be a cash bar.

To register call Julie Guild at 781-383-6443, Polly Logan at 781-383-0031, or Kevin O'Donnell at 781-383-6113. Make checks payable to The Cohasset Republican Town Committee, Julie Guild, 365 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Contributions help fund Republican Candidates and Annual Scholarships for college bound high school seniors. Participants are asked to bring canned goods for the Cohasset Food Pantry.

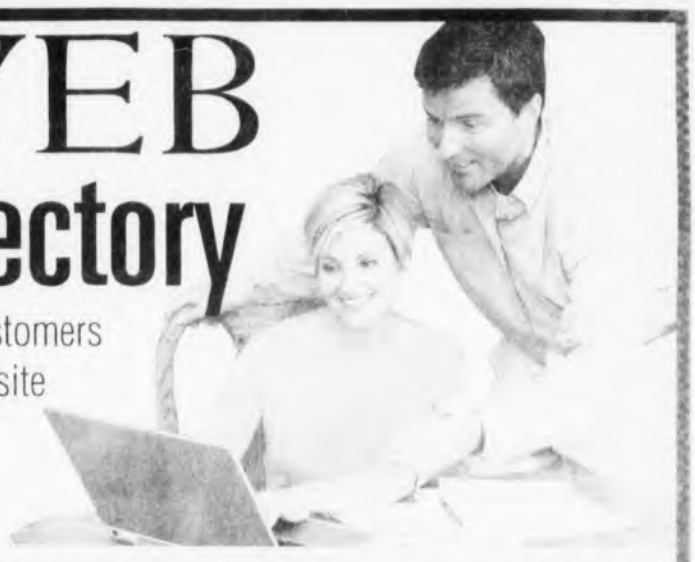
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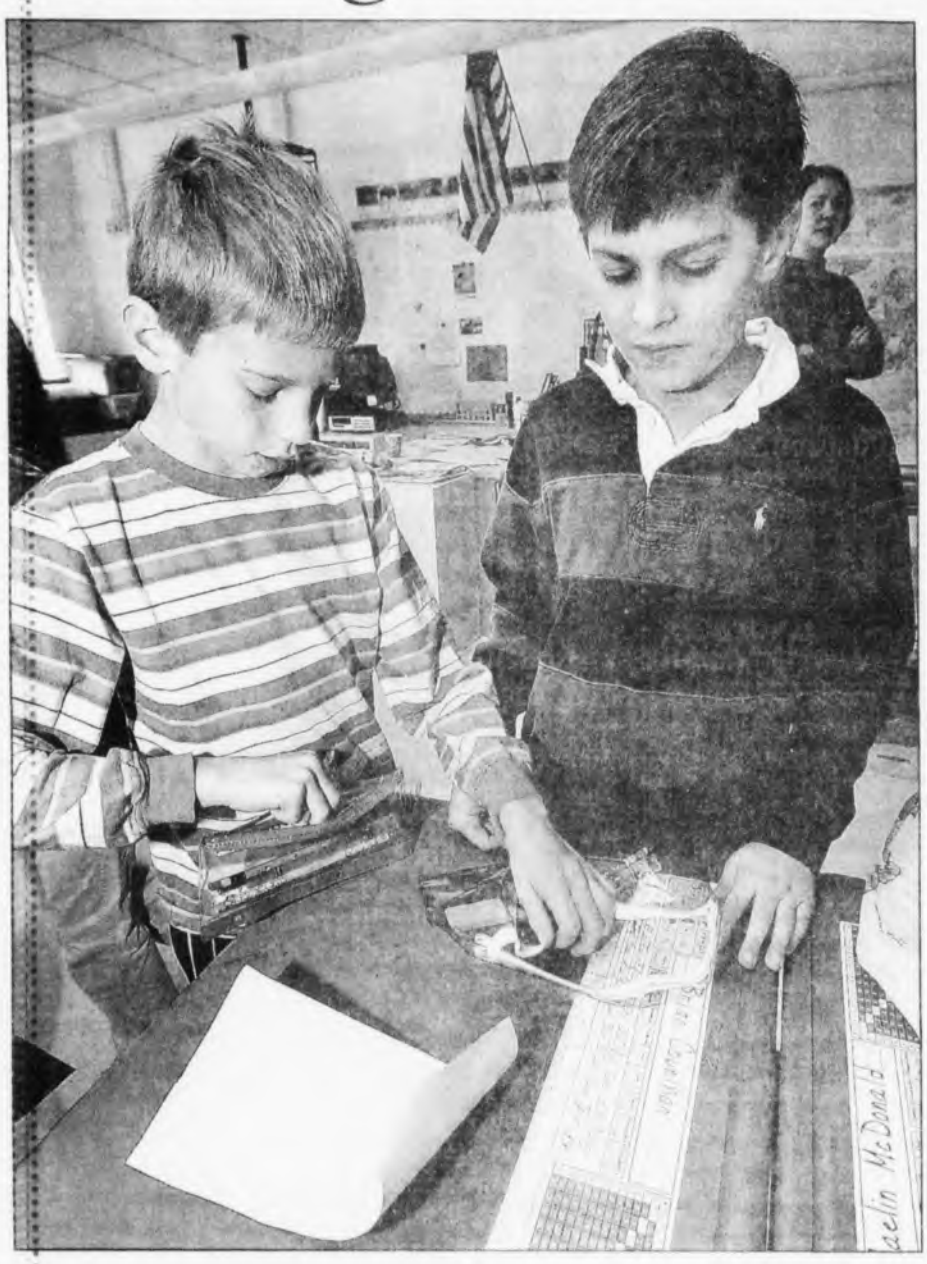
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Fourth-grade class learns about El Salvador







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(Far left)Adam Koropey, right, looks on, as fourth-grader Brian Counihan, left, makes two pencil case sets out of one which he brought to Miss Thomas's class for Salvadoran children.

(Left) Diane Fischer of Hingham talks to Miss Thomas's fourth grade class about El Salvador on Friday. She is holding pictures of her adopted daughter from El Salvador.

(Bottom left) Diane Fischer talks to Miss Thomas's fourth-grade class on Friday (Nov. 16) about El Salvador and her fundraising drive for mattresses and pencil cases for children.

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one and two bedroom huts.

"They don't have a place to cook, they don't have bathrooms or sinks," said Fischer. She told the class of their paltry diet consisting mostly of tortillas, beans and rice. The mattresses they sleep are only springs with sheets over them.

"We can't assume they have anything," said Fischer, "we keep trying to make life better for these children."

When Decathlon Sports in Hanover went out of business last summer, Fischer went to the clearance sale and bought every pair of shoes they had to bring to El Salvador. Now, all the children need is a few school supplies to be able to get an education.

"We want you to be a part of this project," said Fischer. She asked the kids buy a small pencil case to fill with a few pencils, erasers, pencil sharpener, colored pencils and stickers.

"If we're doing this project, we want you to know all you can about the country," Fischer said she would return to Mrs. Thomas's class to tell them more about the country and its people over the next few weeks. She hopes the students would raise money through doing chores or other odd jobs to buy the school supplies. A jar has been placed in the classroom to collect money for the purchase of mattresses.

Fourth-grade teacher Mrs. Thomas hopes to reinforce the community service initiative through academic reflection,

"It is my intention that students will be able to apply reading, writing, calculation, and research skill to this initiative," wrote Mrs. Thomas in a letter to her student's parents.

"How nice it will be for our kids to experience the joy in knowing that they may touch the lives of others, even if they never meet them, through giving of themselves," said Thomas.

Fischer has pledged to return to El Salvador each year with more goods and money to make the lives of a few Salvadorian a little better. She'll travel with three others on her upcoming trip, each with the full luggage weight limit allowed by the airlines.

"We're committed to going back every year," said Fischer.

To learn more about the El Salvador project, call Diane Fischer at 781-337-2356.

Free legal clinic

Do you have a legal question or are you confused about a legal issue? The Bar Association of Norfolk County will sponsor a free legal clinic as a public service to the community from 6 to 8 p.m., Dec. 11, at Quincy District Court, 1 Dennis F. Ryan Parkway, Quincy Center.

A panel of attorneys experienced in all areas of the law will be available for one-on-one consultations to discuss legal questions. All consultations are strictly confidential.

For information contact Adrienne C. Clarke, Bar Association of Norfolk County, at 617-471-9693.

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Weymouth Dealer Refuses To Suspend Upcoming Event:

Hugely Successful $29 Down & $99 Per Month* Pricing Event Will Go On.

Due To The Overwhelming Response Innovative Car Buying Program Will Continue Despite Local Competitors' Attempts To Pressure Dealer To Discontinue Event.

Staff Writer: Dan Ready

WEYMOUTH, MA- Aaron Smith, General Manager of **Ricky Smith Pontiac GMC**, announced today that he is planning another hugely successful **"Insider"** pricing event this **Wednesday, November 28th thru Saturday, December 1st,** regardless of any attempt by the local competitors' to pressure him to suspend the program which he began running periodically over the past few months that stunned a number of his competitors. The program, also known as the **"National Automotive Insider Sales Event"**, has been conducted at dealerships throughout the U.S. Customers who have participated in this unique sales event have been raving about the tremendous deals they have received and can't get over the fact that they have been able to buy new and pre-owned vehicles for only $29 **down** and **$99 per month***.

The next event scheduled at Ricky Smith Pontiac GMC will be held this **Wednesday, November 28th through Saturday, December 1st.** Smith offers a simple explanation as to why these innovative events will continue, "Dealers today are facing stiff competition and as one of the leading & innovative dealers in the area, we're committed to turning over our inventory of new and pre-owned vehicles every month, as quickly as possible. Everyday we receive pristine lease turn-ins, factory-program cars, recent trade-ins, new vehicle duplications and bank repossessions. By aggressively discounting these vehicles, we easily beat the competition on a regular basis." He adds, "rather than have them sit on our lot unsold and then being forced to sell them to wholesalers or strangers at auctions, we've begun taking a new approach; we're offering them at drastically discounted prices direct to the general public." During this upcoming event, vehicles will be clearly marked and sold for as low as $29 **down** and just $99 **per month***. Every effort will be made to secure credit approval for those who may have had credit problems in the past.

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Smith cites another example, a 2000 Chevrolet Cavalier, for only **$29 down** and **$99 per month****. We'll even pay off your trade regardless of any balance due. This is an unbelievable opportunity to buy a car, truck, minivan or sport utility vehicle for just twenty-nine* dollars down!

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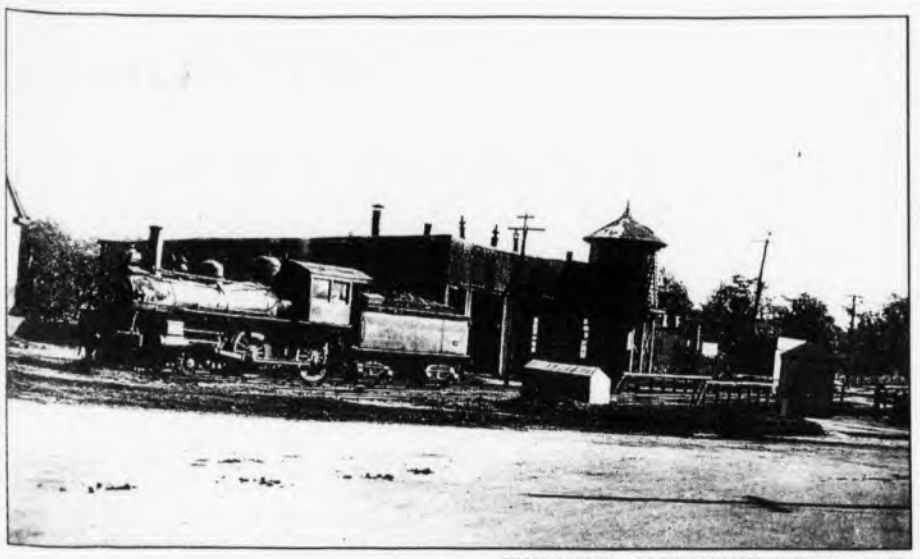


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The Cohasset roundhouse, the terminus of the South Shore Railroad between 1849 and 1874, will be featured on one of the historic panels at Cohasset Station. The roundhouse served as the home base for engines to get repaired or inspected. The depot also included a turntable to rotate engines for their next trip into Boston and a water tower.

Train station panels provide history lesson

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by the station an opportunity to learn about the history of the Greenbush line and the neighborhoods that have grown around these stations over the past 150 years. The first Greenbush trains ran from 1849 to 1959. The panels are expected to go up sometime this fall.

"There's a long history of rail service along this corridor, and each community has its own history around the Greenbush line," Adams said. "We want to give people a sense of what the areas around the stations looked like in the past. There have been a lot of changes over time."

Original locations

At each stop, a map showing the original station locations will enhance the panel detailing the history of the line. A second panel will give the history of the line in that particular community. In Cohasset, photos of the Beechwood Station, the Cohasset Center station, the Black Rock/King Street station and the former terminus of the rail line between 1849 to 1974 — the Cohasset roundhouse and turntable will be highlighted.

A third panel at each station will provide interesting information about the historic neighborhoods surrounding the station and their architecture. For example, the Cohasset panel will show the 10 historical districts that run along the rail corridor including the Cohasset Common Historic District and the Cohasset Center Historic District. The Cohasset Historical Society provided photos of Cohasset Common and historic homes for the panel.

"All the towns have been very helpful, and we appreciate how responsive the historical societies have been," Adams said.

Assistant curator Laura Abrams, who is no longer with the Society, worked closely with the PAL representatives to gather photos and information for the panels over the summer. She researched numerous materials and photograph collections on several topics, including railroad stations, historic homes, train tracks, and the neighborhood areas near the stations.

Abrams worked with Adams and John Daly, industrial historian for PAL. The final selection included eight images from the Cohasset Historical Society — Ripley Road homes, John Bates House on corner of Sohier and North Main St., the Pratt house on Spring St., Cohasset Common, the Omstead House on North Main, the Black Rock station, Beechwood station and roundhouse.

Other images were obtained from other organizations, such as Historic New England.

Pannier Graphics of Pennsylvania will create the fiberglass panels of printed graphics that will not crack, chip, tear, or peel. The scanned photographs will be produced by Pannier as enlargements for the historic interpretative panels at each of the new railroad stations.

Cohasset's history

"It will be interesting to those waiting at the station to either ride the train or pick someone up to learn a little bit about the history of the train in Cohasset," said DeGiacomo, "it will be nice to give commuters a sense of where the town has come from, in both a broader historical sense and more focused transportation sense."

Commuters will likely note how much Cohasset has changed — and how much it has stayed the same, said DeGiacomo, "the train has been an integral part of Cohasset's history and the panels are a great way to represent that piece of our town."

Work on the panels began long before silver and purple commuter rail become Cohasset's new neighbor.

"Before construction started, [PAL] worked with the MBTA, state and federal agencies, and town officials to identify impacts the train would have on its cultural resources, including historic and archeological sites," Adams said. "We also considered ways to lessen those impacts, including landscaping, fencing, and in Hingham, construction of a tunnel under the Square."

A number of steps have been taken to minimize impacts on historic resources. "We've worked with the Historic Districts Commission on noise mitigation issues and with the Historic Districts Commission and property owners to come up with windows, doors, and insulation that are appropriate for historic properties," Adams said. "The panels are part of the MBTA's commitment to offer communities the opportunity to understand the history of the Greenbush line, their own communities, and the natural and historical areas around the train stations. It's satisfying for us to be able to make this historical information accessible to everyone."

Reporter Carol Britton Meyer contributed to this article.

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Luck of the Irish

Cohasset's Tommy Chase signs with Notre Dame

By Joel Racicot
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Boston College High School senior and Cohasset resident Tommy Chase signed a letter of intent to play baseball at Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana last week.

The decision was an easy one for Chase.

"It's been my dream school," Chase said Tuesday afternoon. "My dad went there and my sister goes there now, I have always been a fan of Notre Dame."

Chase has starred on the Eagles baseball team since his sophomore year and played AAU ball for the South Shore Seadogs.

Ryan Morgan, a Boston College graduate who was drafted by the Chicago Cubs, coached Chase for the better part of two seasons.

"He has an unparalleled work ethic," said Morgan. "It's what got him in the position to be able to play at a place like Notre Dame."

Chase's versatility will be utilized at three infield positions but he will mainly be used at second base.

"It's going to be tough," Chase said about playing in the Big East. "I'm going to have to keep working hard to play at that level."

Columbia, Army and Navy were other top programs on Chase's short list amongst a bevy of other Div. 1 programs that were interested.

"He is a real smart and disciplined kid," added Morgan. "Those are the type of kids you want to coach and keep in touch with."

Having a sister who will be a senior on campus should also help the transition next year.

"It will definitely help," Chase said, "we are real close."



COURTESY PHOTO

Tommy Chase signed a letter of intent to play baseball at Notre Dame. The Cohasset resident plays second base for Boston College High School.

More than the closer

Thanksgiving day to look back on great season for Skippers

By Joel Racicot
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Maybe Cohasset is the best team in its division not heading to the playoffs this high school football season. What the Skippers have accomplished this season is remarkable considering the size of the school and the size of the team.

But I'm sure they are tired of hearing that.

Judging by the talent level on the field and the dedication shown by 12 seniors all season long, maybe nobody should be surprised how well the Skippers played this year.

The players and the coaches in the locker room aren't. And as usual, it's the only opinion that really matters.

"I haven't been able to say enough good things about them," Cohasset head coach Pete Afanasiw said about his 12 seniors. "You have guys like Kyle (Pinkus) and PJ (McCaw) that have been playing together since fourth grade and then TK (Tyler Kelly) and Steve (Hurlbut) that have been playing since they got to high school.

"You have 12 different seniors and 12 different stories."

According to Afanasiw, the Skippers led Div. 3 in scoring per game (23.8) and points allowed on defense (7.1). To be the top statistical team on both offense and defense is a testament to the overall quality of football on display in 2007.

Watching Abington head to the playoffs can't be easy for the veterans or the underclassmen. Not including the Thanksgiving Day game against Hull (after the Mariner went to press), Cohasset has a 7-2 overall record (3-2 in the South Shore League). This included a 20-8 win over the playoff bound Green Wave, and convincing wins against Norwell 28-7, Scituate 28-0 and Carver 26-12.

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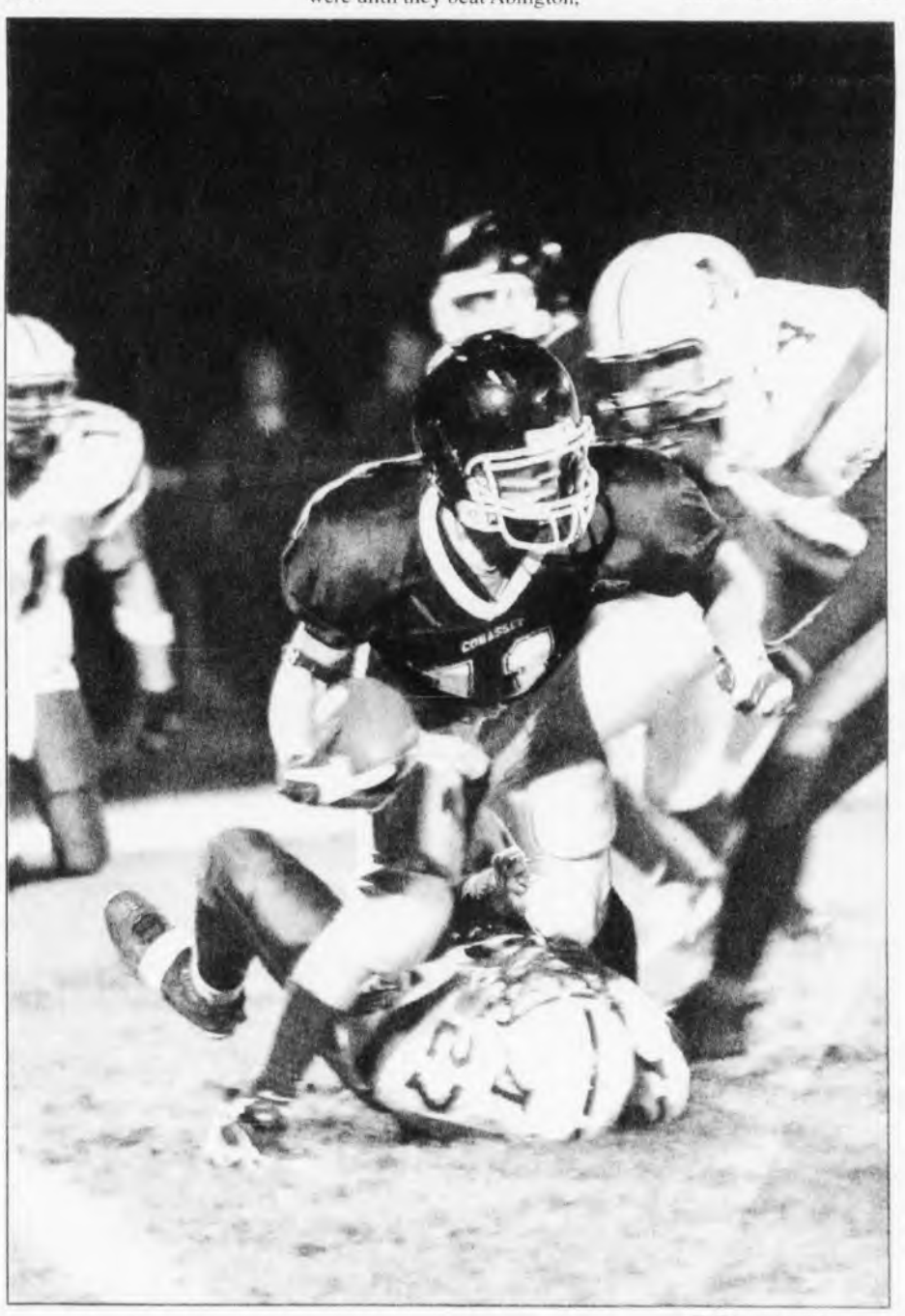
"I don't think they (Cohasset) understood how good they were until they beat Abington," Afanasiw said. "Scituate was a huge confidence boost and they had a good game against Carver, and they never doubted themselves against East Bridgewater or Mashpee, but their intensity waned."

Those hiccups in the middle of the season cost Cohasset a chance at a Super Bowl. That's the thing about high school football there is no room for error.

"Abington won the league, they made fewer mistakes and they deserve to go (playoffs)," Afanasiw said. "They were a little more disciplined, use whatever adjective you like, it just boils down to a handful of plays, if we execute things could have been different."

Few could argue that

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STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS CHRISTO

Cohasset's Pat Doonan gets tackled on a kick return against Abington.

Stretch like a champion: Part 1

By Robert Belley
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

For years athletes from a variety of sports have suffered strenuous muscle cramps, debilitating injuries and annoying inflexibility. It's never a matter of "if" you'll suffer from the above mentioned in your athletic career but the reality of "when" it'll happen. No mater how amazing your current warm-ups are, at some point you'll either over-train, under-train or just not be hydrated enough to sustain the amount of demand required for complete mobility and flexibility for a given movement or exercise.

The human body is amazing in that it tries to constantly prevent injury. It will only allow a muscle group to develop so long as it doesn't place the opposing muscles in the length-tension relationship in harms way. Sure it's not a perfect system, and we do still incur injury, but for the most part we're fortunate in that we are instilled with this internal protective mechanism.

So how can you help your body in the fight against tight and bounded muscles? Easy, begin a stretching program focused around your personal goals as a youth athlete. (Author's note: You don't have to be a youth athlete to benefit from this information.) Whether you're an adult, fitness or non-fitness enthusiast this information will greatly enhance your life.

People tend to forget that even if they're not currently including fitness in their lifestyle they still benefit tremendously from stretching. The body still gets tight, still suffers injury and still needs to be adequately hydrated whether or not participating in sport and recreation. And unless you're competing in regular sport, sport beverages really aren't necessary; water is perfect.

Now the following stretches are something we in the "industry" refer to as 'dynamic' stretching. It yields all the amazing benefits of traditional 'static' stretching only it better prepares you for sport and training ahead. I'm going to walk you through a quick dynamic stretching sequence for your ankles and hamstrings. Next installment we'll focus on the calves, quads and hips.

Beginning with the ankles,

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Sports Notes

Coaching openings
The coaching positions listed are vacant and Cohasset High School is accepting applications for the following; Head Boys and Girls Track and Field Coach (co-operative team w/ Hull) Head Softball Coach JV Softball Coach.

Youth lacrosse registration begins Dec. 1
Cohasset Youth Lacrosse will open its sign-up for the 2008 spring season Saturday, Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the gymnasium at Cohasset High School.

Families who sign up on the first day of registration have an opportunity to save money, paying the registration price from 2007 of $160 for one player and $300 for two and $425 for three children. Registrants after the first sign-up day – and sign-ups will remain open by mail through a second in-person sign-up day on January 5 – will pay the new, higher, 2008 prices.

Registrations will be taken for both boys and girls at the 15 & Under level (7th and 8th graders) and 13 & Under level (5th and 6th grades) and 11 & Under level (grades 3-4). No previous lacrosse experience is necessary, and the program welcomes and encourages new players at all levels.

The youth lacrosse program is dedicated to introducing children to the sport. All players receive roughly equal playing time regardless of ability. Cohasset's boys teams participate in the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League, while its girls play in the South Shore Lacrosse League; neither league keeps standings or has playoffs, encouraging fair and equal playing time and a commitment to educating all participants in how to play the game. Every Cohasset team makes several road trips per year, which can be as close as games in Scituate or as far away as Nantucket.

Following the initial sign-up day, families interested in participating in the program can register by mail, at the 2008 price of $170 for one player, $320 for two, and $450 for three. That price will hold through the Jan. 5 sign-up day – also held at Cohasset High School from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse expects to field 12 or more teams this spring, depending on demand and available coaching. The program is committed to accepting every player who signs up during its open registration period; once that open sign-up period is completed, the program will establish its ideal roster sizes and take late registrants on a first-come, first-served basis only until the rosters are filled. At that point, a waiting list will be established, or players may be turned away.

Parents who can not attend the Dec. 1 registration session can wait until Jan. 5 to register in person, or can contact Melissa Grasz by e-mail at m.grasz@comcast .net to request registration forms. Include your name, address and the number of children being registered.

The registration fee covers all Cohasset Youth Lacrosse events, a uniform and a youth membership in US Lacrosse, the national governing body for lacrosse. US Lacrosse membership includes mandatory insurance coverage and a subscription to Lacrosse Magazine for Kids.

The program is limited to Cohasset residents, or students in the Cohasset school system.

In general, games for boys and girls are played Sunday afternoons. The spring practice schedule has not yet been set, although the older teams for both boys and girls typically have two practices and one game each week. At the youngest level, there typically is one practice per week. The teams will begin practicing indoors in early March and begin playing games in April. Cohasset's season concludes with the annual Family Day celebration – featuring intra-town games — in June.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse works with other town sports organizations to minimize conflicts and to allow players to participate in as many activities as possible.

In addition to players, Cohasset Youth Lacrosse is looking for additional coaches at all levels. If you are interested in coaching in the boys program, contact Kirk Bukowski at 781-383-6771; if you want to assist in the girls program, contact Chuck Jaffe at 781-383-6688.

CYBSA Annual Meeting
The CYBSA would like to thank all those who volunteered and otherwise supported the CYBSA this past year. We hope all had enjoyable seasons - spring, summer and fall. We held our second annual Awards Night October 24, and it was great to see the kids who played for our division winners awarded team jackets, bags, trophies, etc.

Preparations for next year are well under way. Here are a few important dates to remember over the next month.

Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. we will hold the Annual CYBSA Membership Meeting. All Regular Members of the CYBSA are invited to attend (membership applications are available on our website - CYBSA.net.) Any adult who is interested in furthering the objectives of the CYBSA may become a regular member. We encourage all of you to enroll. At this meeting we will present the state of the league and highlight our plans for 2008. The meeting will be held in the CMHS Cafeteria. A list of existing registered members is also listed on our website.

The CYBSA Constitution provides for a Board of Directors that is elected by the CYBSA's Regular Members. We are in the process of effectuating the transition to a fully elected Board. Last year, we elected 4 new Board members. This year, with service to start on January 1, 2008, we hope to elect 5 new Board members. Each position has a three-year term. We would like to have at least 3 of the new Board members to be non-coaches. That said, we encourage all interested members to run for the Board.

If you are interested in running for the Board, please complete the Statement of Interest form (available on our website) and return to via email to liam.oconnell@hklaw.com, or mail to PO Box 121, Cohasset, MA 02025. We will be accepting Statements of Interest through 5 p.m., Saturday, December 1.

Monday, December 3, we will post the slate of candidates for the elected positions on our website. All Regular Members of the CYBSA will be eligible to vote for the Board candidates. We will be distributing additional information regarding the voting process once the candidates have been posted.

Many thanks for your continued support - please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Stretch like a champion: Part 1

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we're going to open up the ankle complex with this exercise. With your feet two-to-three inches apart, toes pointed forward, knees slightly bent, hands placed just above knees, perform a circular motion with the path of your knees while leaving both feet firmly in contact with the floor. Do not let your heels or toes come off the ground. Perform seven circles to the left then seven circles to the right.

The next exercise will help loosing up those hamstrings. Standing upright, lift your right leg about an inch or so off the ground by balancing onto your left leg. Begin, swinging your right leg from front to back in a straight path while making sure your toes constantly point in a forward movement. Try not to reach too far back but really accentuate the swing upward. Do not let the knees bend of either leg. You should feel a really good stretch from the back of your thigh to the lower portion of your glute and outside of your hip. Repeat with the left leg.

Right now you have two new exercises to learn and add to your current routine. If you have any questions about either exercise or would like pictures that illustrate these movements feel free to send me an e-mail. Happy training!

Robert Belley, an advisor for Men's Fitness and Maximum Fitness magazines, operates Robert Belléy Fitness. Information can be reached at www.RBFit.com, by e-mail at Rob@RBFit.com, or by phone at 508-944-3104.

Youth field hockey thriving

SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

In a small town like Cohasset who knew there was a thriving field hockey team for younger girls? The answer is 43 girls from the sixth, seventh and eighth grades, and their families. In only three years, volunteer coaches have built strong teams, dedicated players, a multi-town game schedule, a winter indoor program and a lot of success.

Led by coaches Mike Condon and Beth Marsden-Gilman, the self-funded program began in 2005 with 20 girls and this season grew to 43 players on three teams.

"Mike was already involved in an indoor program when the budget cuts came," says Coach Gilman. "He saw there was a strong interest among Cohasset middle school girls so he took on the task of building a team from the bottom up."

Since the school was unable to sponsor or fund the program it was up to the coaches and players to build the club, meet expenses, create game schedule and carpool to the games.

Between games the team took to the field for practice three or four times each week, running drill after drill and working hard on stick handling, passing, blocking, shooting and defensive skills. The team played at home and away against teams from Canton, Westwood, Carver, Thayer and Derby. This year's combined record was 8-1-1, with the eighth grade Team A girls accounting for four of those wins.

Armed with bright blue mouth guards, multi-colored sticks, protective headgear and generously donated pre-owned skirts from Derby Academy, the girls looked and played like the formidable team they have become.

"At one of our away games, the opposing coach remarked on our improved play and wondered what we were feeding the girls so she could recommend it to her team," added Gilman. "We're so proud of all of our players. We've become a real team with a winning record and a tradition of celebrating our achievements."

Looking ahead, the team is sending approximately 20 eighth grade girls up to the high school next year and there's already been talk of starting a ninth grade team.

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More than the closer

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Cohasset isn't one of the best teams on the entire South Shore. They were picked to finish at the bottom of the pack in the SSL, but, as they say, 'that's why you play the games.'

"Nobody picked us in the league," Afanasiw said, "but maybe we are the best team not going to the playoffs."

Thanksgiving Day 2007

Happy holidays from the edges of the earth, for David Snowdale's sake let's hope the usual gale force winds at Hull render small crafts safe.

The Pirates are hosting the annual game this year with a 2-8 overall record (winless in the league), but as many of us know, Thanksgiving is the proverbial one game playoff.

"The teams know it's a big game," Afanasiw said. "The records are meaningless, to walk off the field a winner, especially for the seniors, is the biggest thing in the world."

This will be Afanasiw's first Thanksgiving in Hull, as the second year coach lost his first taste of New England glory last year with 21-7 loss. And what a place to be for a football game in late November—weather permitting some team does expect to score.

"I've never played or coached there but a lot of our staff has and they said it can be nice," Afanasiw said. "But I have heard stories about the wind blowing off the water and punts going straight up and backwards—you are out in the elements."

The forecast had a balmy 53 degrees with possible rain showers for game time. The mud should make for some memorable photos, anyway.

Cohasset will look to utilize its backfield attack of Pinkus, McCaw, Sam DeGiacomo and Dana Valentine against the Pirates. Out on the flanks, Mark Flibotte and Pat Doonan will look to carry over their big receiving games against Norwell. Both complemented each other against the Clippers with Flibotte being the beneficiary on a pair of touchdown receptions.

"I think with everyone focusing on Pat (Doonan) that got Mark (Flibotte) some open looks," Afanasiw suggested.

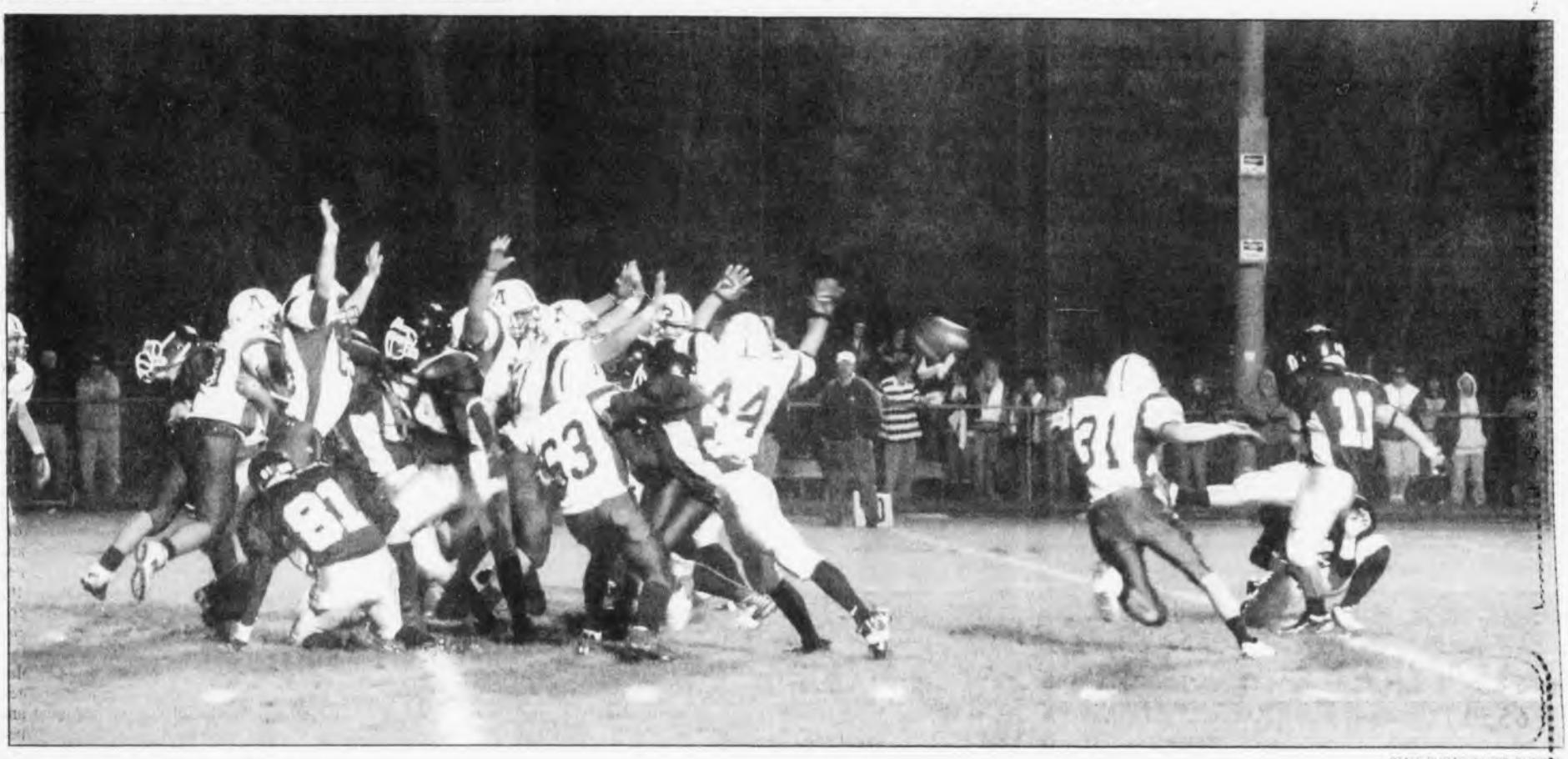
Of course Snowdale will be leading the offense at quarterback, Jake Cuneo, Cliff Musto, Kenny Muir and Co. on the defense.

Afanasiw, who played in a big Thanksgiving rivalry while with Marshfield High School as a player, understands how much fun and rewarding the game can be for everyone involved.

"For the kids growing up next door to each other it's the classic 'cross town' rivalry," Afanasiw said. "I grew up with Marshfield against Duxbury and that is something you carry with you the rest of your life, it's a lot of fun."

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(Left): Cohasset quarterback David Snowdale sits back in the pocket cool and collected.



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Pat Doonan splits the uprights for Cohasset.



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Pre-ordering is appreciated. For more information, or to place an order, please contact Jody Golden (METCO PSO Rep.) at 781-383-2685.

Village holiday stroll

Village merchants are busy planning the annual Cohasset Village Holiday Stroll to be held on Saturday, Dec. 15th in Cohasset Village, encompassing South Main Street, Elm Street, Depot Court, Pleasant Street, and Ripley Road. From 4-7 p.m. the streets will be alive with holiday cheer as businesses stay open late with refreshments, open houses, entertainment, and special holiday celebrations. For children, there will be a hay ride and visits with Santa.

Each participating business will offer a raffle prize; tickets are available at the Village businesses and all proceeds will benefit the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project.

For more information visit any of the Village locations.

Holiday Boutique

Enjoy an evening of shopping at the Holiday Boutique, held by the Scituate and Cohasset Newcomers Club, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 4, at St. Luke's Church, 465 First Parish Road, Scituate. Vendors will display a range of specialty items, such as jewelry and accessories, baby items, stationary, holiday gifts and home accessories and local artisans have handcrafted many items. In addition, there will be complimentary wine sampling, courtesy of Delicato Family Vineyards. Admission is free.

Dance lessons offered

Line dance lessons are held each Tuesday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., at the South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St., for adults of all ages. Learn to Samba, Salsa, and Cha Cha, the Waltz, and other beginner line dances to country and popular music.

For more information, call 781-925-9066 and to sign up, call 781-383-9112.

Snowflake Fair

The Beechwood Church, 51 Church St., Cohasset, will host its annual Snowflake Fair between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1. Coffee and donuts will be available and a clam chowder luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. Interesting White Elephant items will be for sale, as well as homemade goods such as hand knit items, centerpieces, jewelry and decorated wreaths. Baked goods will also be available, including the much sought-after beach glass candy. For more information, call the church at 781-383-0808.

St. Paul Christmas Bazaar

St. Paul School Christmas Bazaar will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Friday, Nov. 30, and 9 a.m. to noon, on Saturday, Dec. 1, in the school hall at 18 Fearing Road, Hingham, adjacent to St. Paul Church.

Santa will arrive on Friday morning and will stay throughout both days. Pictures with Santa will be available.

The bazaar will offer home baked treats, holiday gifts for adults and children, and craft and game tables for children, along with refreshments, a gift boutique, gifts for pets and a raffle table. Boxwood tree Christmas centerpieces will be for sale. This popular item will sell out fast so come early.

A fun family Breakfast with Santa is planned for Saturday Dec. 1, in the school hall. The breakfast is from 9 to 11:30 a.m., and cost is $4 per child and $6 per adult.

For more information regarding the bazaar, call Sue Sullivan at 781-740-4464.

Festival of Trees

Plans are already underway for the 25th anniversary Christmas in the Square and the fourth annual Festival of Trees. This year's Festival of Trees will take place from 5:30 to 8 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 7, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 8.

The Festival of Trees transforms Old Derby Academy into a showcase of decorated trees, gingerbread houses, wreaths and live centerpieces. Items are sold through a silent auction with all proceeds benefiting the Mothers' Club Scholarship Fund and other local charities.

Highlights from last year include a Webkinz Tree, "Merry Christmas with the Three Little Pigs," "Orange you Glad it's Christmas," "You Better Watch Out" and "Christmas in Nantucket."

The success of this community event depends on donations from individuals, families, organizations and local businesses. The Mothers' Club is currently accepting donations and is willing to help with ideas for trees. For more information, call Mary Ann Blackmur at 781-749-4452, Mary Power at 781-749-2195, or visit the Mothers' Club Web site at hinghammothersclub.org.

Holiday celebration at Buttonwood Books

Buttonwood Books & Toys at Shaw's Plaza off Route 3A will hold "Buttonwood Celebrates," a daylong celebration of the holiday season, beginning at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 8. Many exciting events are planned starting with a visit from Santa Claus from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

A book singing with Hingham author and photographer Bill Brett featuring his new book, "Boston: An Extended Family," will take place at 11 a.m. Cohasset young adult author, Amanda Thompson, launches her new book "Seasons" at 1 p.m., and local singer and songwriter Mamasteph, will host a sing-along of holiday favorites, for parents and children, at 3 p.m.

Toy demonstrations will take place in the toy department from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. View and learn about unique toys for kids from 9 to 99 years. Games like Ruk-Shuk, Hyper-Dash, Bananagrams, and others will be demonstrated.

In addition, door prizes will be drawn randomly throughout the day, including knitting kits, volcano kits, books for children and adults, Buttonwood gift certificates and much more. Light refreshments will also be served.

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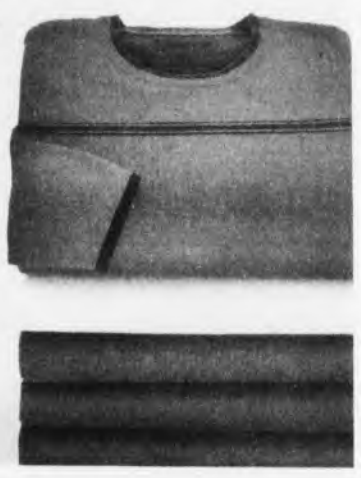
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Community Center holding clothing and toy drive

Since Nov. 2001, the South Shore Community Center has been privileged to sponsor an annual clothing and toy collection to be distributed to the impoverished children of Santo Domingo during the winter holidays. The drive started when Stephanie Church and Ruthanne Ardrizzoni were moved by the poverty of Santo Domingo, the homeland of the center's beloved janitor, Julio Falcon.

What began as simple donations, given by Stephanie and Ruthann of needed items, has flourished and become a wonderful holiday tradition. All arms of the Community Center participate in this Toy and Clothing Drive, including the Gymnastic Program, the Nursery School and the toddler Gym Dandy Program. Each year, they continue to be overjoyed by the generosity of the Cohasset community.

Each November the Community Center distributes letters to the parents of all of its students to remind them of this mission. The Directors of all programs incorporate this collection into their classes as a lesson in sharing with others less fortunate. The collection begins early, because it takes three weeks for the donated items to be shipped, and then received in Santo Domingo.

The center usually sends out three to four shipments. In addition to gift giving, they also encourage cash donations to defray the costly expense of the shipments. As most are aware, the center is a nonprofit organization that depends upon the public good, so that it can continue to bring joy into the lives of needy children. Every year, they receive thank you notes and photographs of the children holding and opening the gifts and the photographs are posted throughout the center, so that all of the students can see the fruit of their labor.

BRIEFLY

Volunteers needed for 4-H youth program

Adult volunteers are currently needed for a couple of hours each month to serve as club leaders for local 4-H clubs. The role of a 4-H volunteer leader is to provide skills from one' own area of expertise while developing a relationship with youth. Especially needed are volunteers with skills in crafts, dog obedience and small animal care, such as rabbits.

The goal of the 4-H program is to help youth, ages 5 through 18, become competent, caring adults through positive mentoring, learning how to take community action and increasing their sense of self-esteem, responsibility, fairness, trust and decision-making techniques. The Norfolk County 4-H office provides training, resource materials, activity curriculum and support.

"We need people who have an interest in spending time with young people and who want to learn alongside them," said Jay Field, Extension 4-H Youth Educator in Norfolk County.

For more information, call Norfolk County 4-H office at 508-668-9793 or visit the state 4-H Web site at mass4H.org. 4-H is the outreach education program in youth and family development of UMass Extension in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture and Norfolk County government.

Drama Kids classes available

Drama Kids is offering after-school classes for children ages 3 through 12. The Drama Kids program focuses on developing children's verbal abilities while enhancing creativity, social confidence and building self esteem. Classes take place at locations in Scituate, Cohasset and Hingham.

Call 781-749-4911 or visit dramakids.com for more information.

CARES grant to South Shore Art Center

South Coastal Bank announced that South Shore Art Center in Cohasset has been awarded a $500 grant from its South Coastal Bank CARES Community Giving Program. Committed to enriching the lives of children in the communities it serves, South Coastal Bank specifically designed CARES to help local not-for-profit groups promote and encourage a sense of Community, Achievement, Responsibility and Excellence in children through exposure to the arts.

South Shore Art Center is dedicated to fostering an understanding and appreciation of the visual arts through art education programs for children and adults as well as year-round special events and exhibitions. The organization used CARES funds to present an educational outreach program for fourth grade students at Wampatuck Elementary School in Scituate. Titled "Living South Shore History Through the Art and Culture of Irish Immigration," the program integrates the visual and performing arts, including photography, a landscape painting project and learning the narrative of Irish ballads to explore the history of Irish immigration to the South Shore during the 19th century.

For more information on South Coastal Bank CARES or to download an application, visit South Coastal Bank's Web site at southcoastalbank.com.

Art classes

South Shore Art Center's winter course and workshop schedule is available and features new classes and workshops in beginning calligraphy, oil painting, and mosaics. Classes begin the week of January 14. Popular courses in printmaking, beginning drawing, oil and pastel, ceramics and sculpture are also offered.

A one-day digital photography basics class will be offered Saturday, Feb. 2, by Cindy Vallino, owner of The Focus Gallery. Cindy, a Marshfield resident and Art Center Gallery Artist, also will offer an Advanced Digital Photography class Saturday, Feb. 9.

New to the schedule is "Fun Furniture Painting," to be held each Friday, Jan. 25 through March 7. Instructor Sharon Perlmutter, who has taught watercolor painting and Trompe L'Oeil at the Art Center, will teach students techniques to turn a dusty piece of furniture into a work of art.

Students are encouraged to register prior to the holidays to avoid disappointment. To register for a class, visit the art center, register with PayPal online at www.ssac.org, or call 781-383-2787. Holiday gift certificates also are available in any denomination by contacting the art center.

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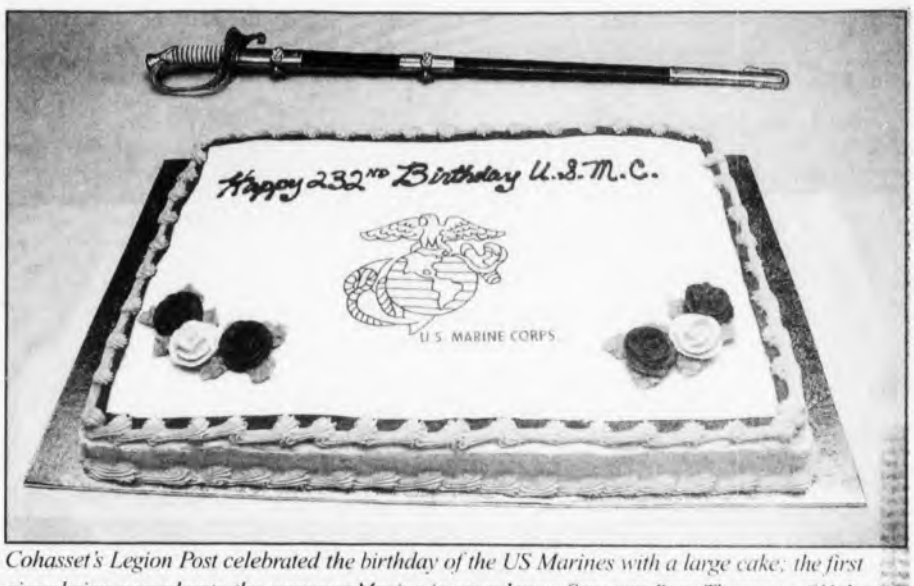
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Larry McGinnis holds a print of his watercolor of a Marine paying tribute to a fallen angel during Christmas time. McGinnis presented the print to Steve and Thomas Wigmore Nov. 10 at the American Legion Hall during the celebration of the 232nd birthday of the US Marines. McGinnis was injured in the first Gulf War while he was serving with the 1058th Transportation Unit of the Massachusetts National Guard, based in Hingham.



Cohasset's Legion Post celebrated the birthday of the US Marines with a large cake; the first piece being passed onto the youngest Marine in attendance, Sergeant Rory Thornton of Nahant.



Legion Commander Steve Wigmore, far right, and Thomas Wigmore of the Sons of the American Legion, center, hold a print of a watercolor titled "Fallen Angel," by Larry McGinnis, far left. The presentation was made during the 232nd Marine Corps birthday celebration.



Jerry Pattison, a retired Marine, snaps a photo of the 232nd Marine Corps Birthday cake before the start of the celebration of the 232nd Marine Corps Birthday held at the American Legion.

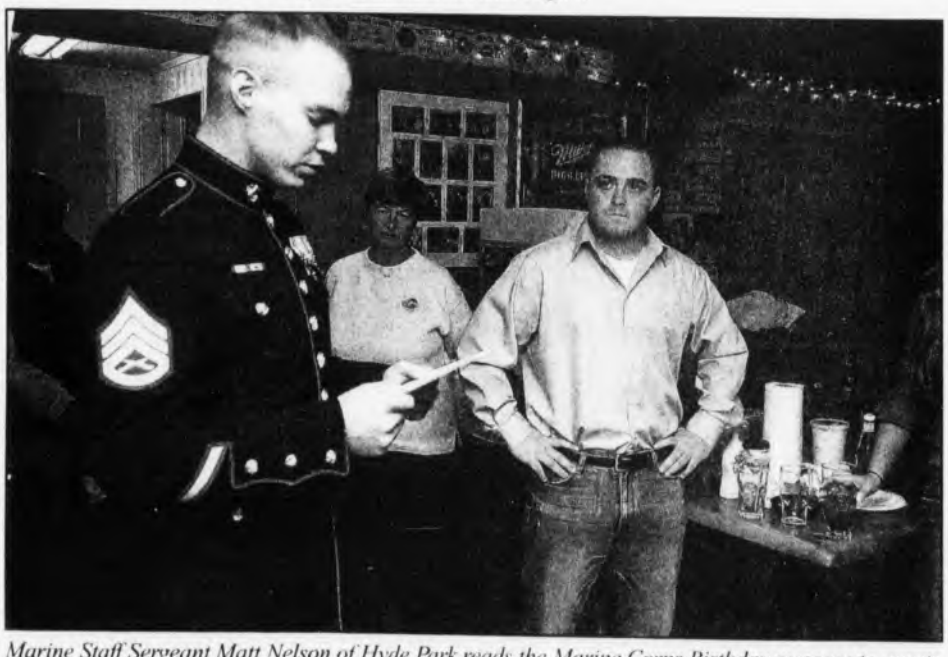
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Legion celebrates Marine Corps milestone

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Korean War veteran Jack Burke, left cuts the first piece cake with a sword that was presented to the youngest Marine at far right, SGT Rory Thornton of Nahant. In the center is World War II veteran, Rocky Laugelle, the second oldest Marine in attendance.



Marine Staff Sergeant Matt Nelson of Hyde Park reads the Marine Corps Birthday message to guests Nov. 10 at the American Legion Post. At right is the youngest Marine in attendance, SGT Rory Thornton of Nahant, who got the first slice of cake.



Marilyn Vannote presents Grant Emde, who just returned from Iraq, with the Marine Corps Sword.

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Turkey Day Deer Hill celebrates with fine feast



Fourth-graders from Mrs. Clark's class enjoy a Thanksgiving lunch on Friday. The lunch is an annual event and students dress up and practice their manners. The delicious food was all prepared by the parents.



Sharayia Merit, a fourth-grader, reads her thoughts on Thanksgiving to her class and to their parents.



Deer Hill principal Dr. Jennifer de Chiara carves her first turkey in keeping with Mrs. Clark's tradition of having the principal carve the turkey for her sixth annual Thanksgiving lunch last Friday.



Fourth-grader Sam Arnold samples a fork full of some stuffing at lunch last Friday at which students dressed up and practiced their manners.

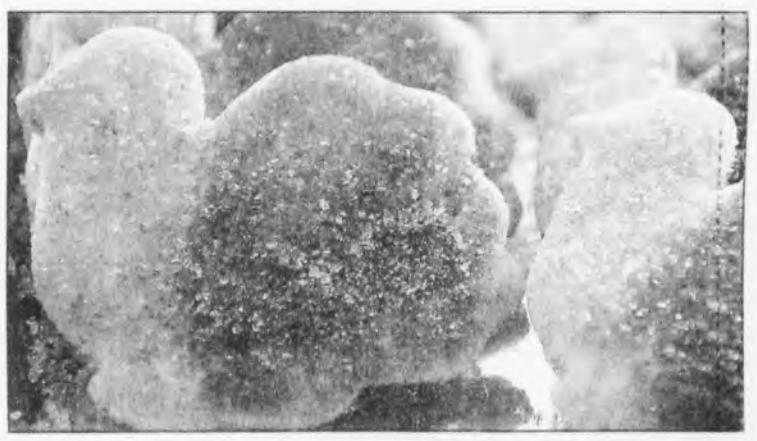


Fourth-grader Sam Greenup takes a bite out of his Thanksgiving lunch at Mrs. Jennifer Clark's 6th annual Thanksgiving feast at the Deer Hill School.

Staff photos
by
Robin Chan



Fourth-grader Rebecca Freddy reads some of the things she wrote about Thanksgiving before their meal last Friday at Deer Hill.



Even the desserts were Thanksgiving themed like these colorful sugar cookies shaped as turkeys.

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Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org. Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates. Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

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Sunday, Nov. 25:

10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House – "First Parish and Our Faith Through the Ages"

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Religious education classes for toddlers and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 AM in the Parish House. Children and youth will participate in a One-Room Schoolhouse with the theme of Thanksgiving.

Refreshments and fellowship follow the service and RE classes.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, **The Common,** or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays). Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church invites families and residents to join us this fall. We are an open, welcoming, Christian community dedicated to caring for all people, both near and across the world. For information on us go to www.ststephenscohasset.org or to learn about the Episcopal Church go to www.ecusa.anglican.org.

Highlights of our parish life include:

- "Godly Play" Christian education for children ages three through grade 5.
- Jr. High and High School youth groups , adult education, Bible study, book group
- Outreach to the hungry, homeless and those in prison
- Monthly luncheon for seniors
- Fellowship and fun; music
- Environmental ministry; weekly yoga and meditation group

To contact us: Stop by at 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset (We are the church "on the rock." Enter during the week at office around back) or call 781-383-1083, or email cwood@ststephenscohasset.org.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am. These services will be held every weekend for the rest of November.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

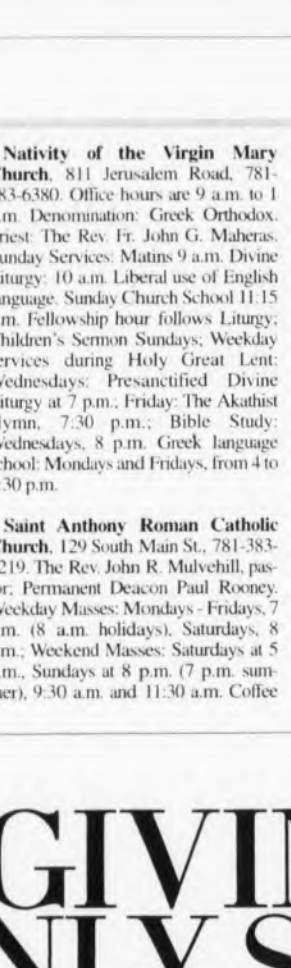
The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

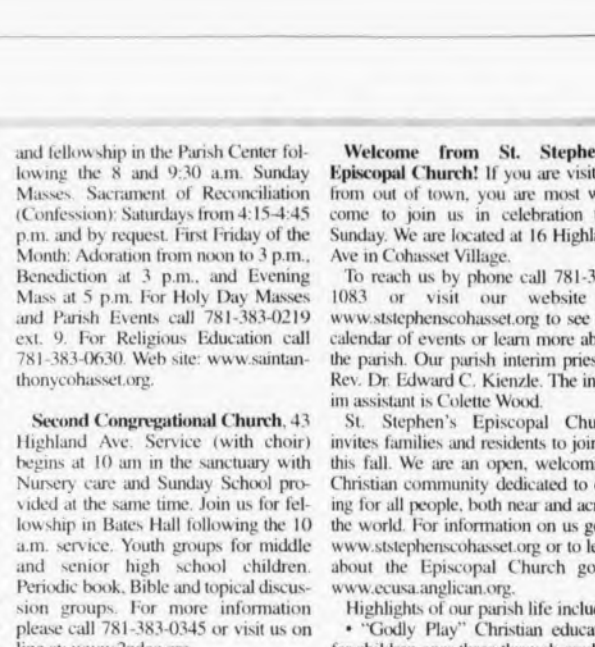
Christ Lutheran Church —Rev. Robert Schipul, Pastor; Dan Eddy, Vicar; Sunday worship 9 a.m.; Adult Bible Study and Sunday School start at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday Prayer Service 7 p.m.; 460 Chief Justice Cushing Highway/Rt.3A, Scituate; Office: 781-545-5271; Parsonage: 781-545-9878; Christ Lutheran is handicapped accessible; www.clc-scituate.org.

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Worship Notes

Lessons & Carols

St. Stephen's Church, 16 Highland Ave., will present its Festival of Lessons and Carols at 3 p.m., on the First Sunday of Advent, Dec. 2. This service of Sacred Scripture and song traces salvation history through readings and song, presenting anthems sung by the choir, as well as hymns of the season sung by all. The Rev. Edward Kienzle will preside and music will be under the direction of choirmaster and organist David Baker. This Advent festival is a wonderful way for all to prepare hearts and minds for the celebrations of Christ's birth.

The church is handicap accessible, and plenty of parking is available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted. For information, call 781-383-1083.

Cantor's concert

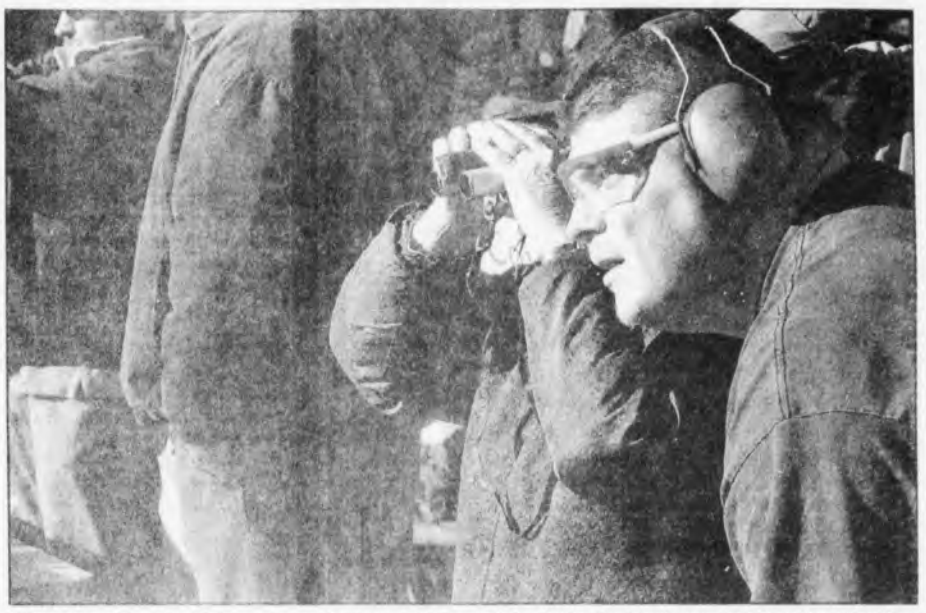
The public is welcome to an evening of music and inspirational speaking at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main St., Hingham, at 8 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 8.

Titled "From Bimah to Broadway – A Cantor's Concert," the event will honor Herb Morse and feature Cantor Steven Weiss and Cantor Joel Colman from Temple Sinai, New Orleans, La.; Cantor Nancy Kassel from Temple Beth Tikvah, Roswell, Ga.; Cantor David Muchnick from Aventura Jewish Center, Aventura Fla.; Cantor Judy Seplowin from Temple Beth-El, Providence, R.I.; and accompanied by Eugene Kaminsky. There will also be a special tribute by Rev. Dr. Ray A. Hammond.

For more information, call the temple office at 781-749-8013, or visit the Web site at shaaray.org.



Five-year-old Margret Curley of Cohasset takes a target lesson from her dad, Joe, at the Lucky Target competition Sunday at the Scituate Rod and Gun Club. Those striking the target won a 16 to 18 pound turkey.



Kingston resident Joel Michaud eyes the target while participating in the black powder 50-caliber shooting competition during the Family Fun afternoon at the Scituate Rod and Gun Club. At left is Dee Benney of Scituate, who is a member of the Gunny Sackers. Benny was assisting Michaud by viewing the target with her field glasses.

Target practice

Locals compete in 'turkey shoot'





Richard Andrew gets his turkey from Susan Lennon of Hingham, who is cowboy chairperson of the Scituate Rod and Gun Club. Participants tried their luck at hitting the target with the "Lucky 22's." Winners were awarded turkeys.

(Above) Molly Fitzgerald, 11, of Cohasset takes a crash course on archery from instructor Tom Grien of Scituate during the Family Fun afternoon held at the Scituate Rod and Gun Club Sunday. Those who attended tried various gun and archery venues. Thanksgiving turkeys were given to those who hit the target.
(Right) Caitlin Beattie of Scituate gets a gun lesson from Hef Hefner of Quincy, who is a member of the Skeet committee at the Scituate Rod and Gun Club Turkeys were awarded for the various events including skeet shooting and archery.





With earplugs in place, 11-year-old Shawn Harris of Scituate aims his 22 rifle at his target during Family Fun Afternoon at the Scituate Rod and Gun Club. The event drew participants from Cohasset, Scituate and other South Shore towns.



(Above) Stephen Dickey of Scituate and others get ready to take aim at the bulls eye in the Lucky Target venue at the Family Fun Afternoon held Sunday at the Scituate Rod and Gun Club, which is near the Cohasset line off 3A. (Right) Scituate Rod and Gun Club members Hef Hefner of Quincy, left and John Black of Scituate, right, remove spent targets while replacing them during the Fun Family afternoon.



Photos by Craig Goedecke









get AWAY

Caribbean Cruises get all shook up – in a good way

Fran Golden
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

It used to be you when you stood on deck and looked past the tiny pink umbrella on your pina colada, you knew where you were heading. The cruise ship routes were pretty standard – departing from Miami for a week in the eastern Caribbean including St. Thomas and St. Maarten, or west to places like Grand Cayman, Jamaica and Cozumel, Mexico.

But the cruise industry has been growing, changing and evolving, and so have the cruise lines' itineraries.

"The big thing about this winter in terms of the Caribbean and the Bahamas is that the cruise lines are trying to shake up the ports of call a bit," said Carolyn Spencer Brown, editor of Cruise Critic, a popular cruise information and planning Web site.

"It used to be seven days out of Miami, and now it's seven days, eight days, nine days, 11 days," Brown said. Embarkation ports, she noted, have broadened as well, with choices including additional ports in Florida (such as Port Everglades in Fort Lauderdale, Port Canaveral near Orlando and Tampa) and ports outside of Florida, including New Orleans and Galveston (Texas).

One of the biggest growing markets for Caribbean cruises is New York, with three big ships — Royal Caribbean's Explorer of the Seas, Norwegian Cruise Line's Norwegian Gem and Holland America's Noordam — cruising from the Big Apple this winter. For New Englanders, that means you no longer have to fly to get to the ship and the warm and sunny ports of the Caribbean or Bahamas – take Amtrak, catch a bus or drive.

Itineraries on the Gem include a weeklong cruise to the Bahamas, priced from $649 per person – there's an overnight in Nassau and a call at Port Canaveral with the option of visiting Disney World or Universal Studios.

The other cruises offered by the three lines range from 9 to 12 days. All include days at sea, which experienced cruisers know are the most relaxing – your big decision is whether to work out in the gym, sit in the sun by the pool, watch a movie, have a massage or participate in a deck game.

For those who don't mind a flight, southern Caribbean cruises from San Juan are also proliferating this year with the cruise lines offering more diverse itineraries than ever before. This year you can also cruise from lesser-known ports on big ships – Carnival's Destiny and Princess Cruises' Sea Princess, for instance, are both offering cruises from Barbados this winter.

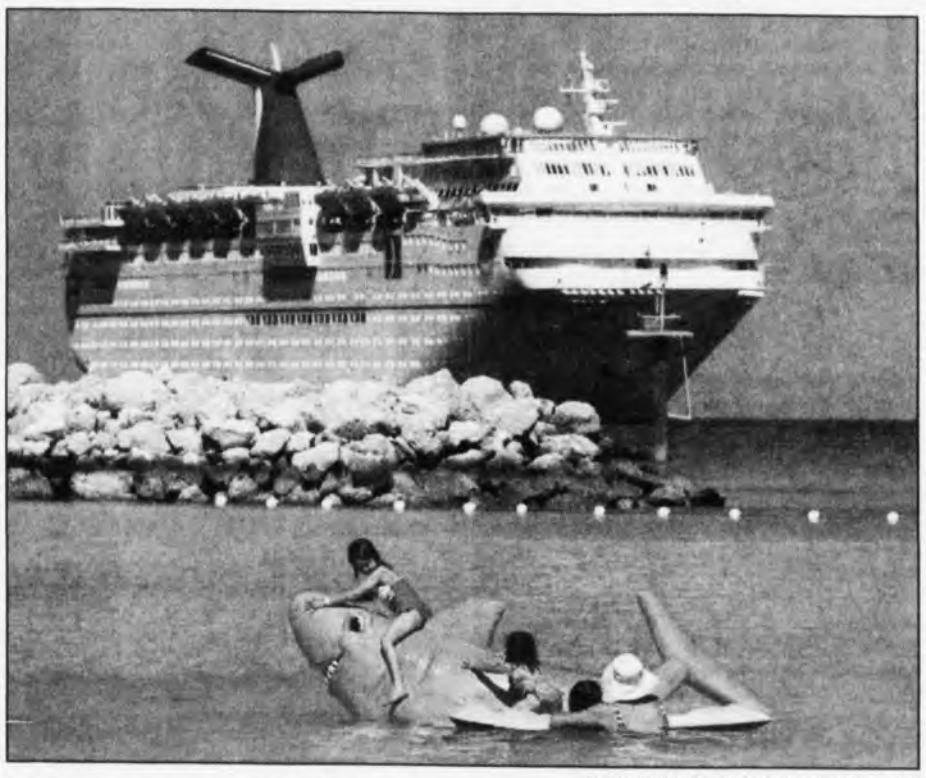


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"Southern [Caribbean] is relatively fresh and genuinely unique and different," Brown said, "the rainforest of Dominica, the French culture experience in Martinique and Guadeloupe, the rich and famous in St. Bart's, a taste of Dutch in Aruba."

Other ports that are being added to itineraries that cruise passengers may not have visited before include Freeport on Grand Bahama Island and the Turks & Caicos Islands. Cruise lines are also increasingly visiting the British Virgin Islands, calling at Tortola, and offering shore excursions to Virgin Gorda and Jost Van Dyke.

These islands are all decisively less touristy than the popular ports (St. Thomas. St. Maarten, Nassau, et al) and all boast beautiful beaches – with fun in the sun always a highlight of winter Caribbean itineraries.

Other trends for the upcoming winter Caribbean cruise season include the use of some of the newest ships on shorter routes. For instance, passengers can check out Norwegian Cruise Line's new Norwegian Pearl (which, like the Gem, boasts a bowling alley at sea) on its first season in the Caribbean on five-day cruises from Miami, priced from only $299 per person.

Cruise Critic's Brown said the shorter offerings are geared toward new cruisers who may not want to commit to a full week their first time out at sea.

Brown said pricing in general is pretty competitive this winter Caribbean cruise season, meaning there are deals to be had.

But beginning in February, a $5 per person, per day ($70 maximum per cruise) will be added to brands including Carnival, Holland America, Princess, Costa, Seabourn and Cunard, due to increasing fuel costs.

For those who like to cruise on the latest, new in the Caribbean this winter in addition to the Norwegian Gem and Norwegian Pearl, are Princess Cruises' Emerald Princess, Carnival's Freedom and Royal Caribbean's Liberty of the Seas.

On Shore Wonders

Shore excursions offered by the cruise lines are designed to help passengers explore the various ports. And the offerings just keep getting wackier.

You have your beach visits and waterfall hiking offered in Ocho Rios, Jamaica, for instance, but if you find that too ho-hum, on lines including Princess Cruises Royal Caribbean and Celebrity Cruises you can now book a dog sledding excursion. Yes, say "mush, Mon!"

The unique Jamaica Dog Sled Team is made up of former street and shelter dogs, who race their wheeled sled, with passengers onboard. Time is allowed on the excursion to play with the dogs and reward them with treats. And no, no snow is involved (the sledding is on dry land).

Those on Western Caribbean cruises operated by Carnival, Holland American and other lines, may want to take the less wacky opportunity to visit one of the new Wonders of the World, the ancient Mayan city of Chichen-Itza, which is located about two hours from the port of Progreso. Excursions that last a full day are also offered from Cozumel. Chichen-Itza's best-known structure on the site is Kukulkan's Pyramid — a square-based, stepped pyramid that is 75 feet tall.

IF YOU go...

Useful Web sites for planning your cruise include www.cruisecritic.com, which is chock full of ship reviews, destination reports, cruise news, message boards and more. Useful information and links to all the major cruise lines can also be found at www.cruising.org, the Web site of the main industry organization, Cruise Lines International Association. For reservations, call your travel agent or visit the cruise lines' individual Web sites.

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It's in the books in Manchester, Vermont

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IN NEW ENGLAND

Once you get past the subtly slip-covered metal detectors and less subtle shelf of tacky New England knick-knack offerings, the Northshire Bookstore in Manchester, Vt., is pure booklovers' haven.

Locals and vacationers alike lose themselves among three floors stocked with 150,000 book titles, music offerings and plenty of sunny reading nooks.

"We can't come to Vermont without coming to this bookstore. It's our favorite," said vacationing Millis, Mass. resident Cheryl Labonte as her son Chris checked out the CD collection, which ranges from Eminem to Welsh folk selections.

There's a collective booklovers spirit, and fellow shoppers aren't shy about praising your selection or recommending their favorite reads.

Dressed in woolen sweaters, employees comfortably carry books over the creaking pine floors of what was once an inn. Avid readers squat, kneel, or sit on footstools, leather chairs or rocking chairs to take in a few pages.

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On a busy Saturday, co-owner Barbara Morrow was positioned behind the register, and talked about the bookstore business.

"We've always tried to stay ahead of the curve and respond to our community," said Morrow, who left a job in international travel to open a much smaller store with her husband in 1976. Demand for more selection and the continued charm of personal service encouraged the Morrows to keep expanding.

Now miles from any chain bookstore, they are clearly an independent success.

Morrow said the bookstore's event calendar – packed with musicians, authors and filmmakers – has played a big role in attracting new and repeat customers to the store. On Nov. 28, the store is hosting a local appearance (at The Equinox resort) by Ken Burns, who will discuss his PBS series, "The War."

Waltham, Mass. native Judy Shachner recently read her book, Skippyjon Jones and the Big Bones, to an enchanted group of superheroes, witches and butterflies gathered for a Halloween party on the store's third floor – a kid-friendly space with books, toys and beanbag chairs.

"Can you say chunky Chihuahas and cheese?" asked Shachner, in a performance that was equal parts musical theater, Spanish lesson and giggle-inducing tongue twisters.

Co-owner Ed Morrow seemed to be enjoying himself as much as his eager young patrons.

"Youngsters from the very beginning are learning much more [than adults]," he said. "They're just absorbing information at a fantastic rate, and to see them light up to books is just great."

Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main Street, Manchester, VT.; 802-362-2200; www.northshire.com



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Customer Meredith Morin reads to her daughter, Eva, 4, during the Northshire Bookstore's Halloween party.

Police/Fire Log

SATURDAY, NOV. 3

4:23 p.m. **White Head Rd.**, fire, (misc.), caller reports the telephone pole in front of his house is about to come down. Squad 1 reports this pole has snapped at ground level, it is pole 10B, National Grid has been notified.

4:34 p.m. **Ledgewood Drive**, downed power lines, caller reports a large tree came down and ripped the service off his house, he has no power.

4:51 p.m. **Pond St., and Bancroft Rd.**, downed tree, caller reports a large tree blocking the entire street.

5:16 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, downed tree, caller reports branch took down wires.

7:01 p.m. **Short St.**, downed tree, 911 caller reports a tree has come down blocking the road. Officer reports road is passable to vehicles.

7:03 p.m. **Atlantic Ave., and Beach St.**, downed power lines, caller reports a wire down across the road.

7:17 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, power outage, MBTA called requesting a cruiser to drive through the parking lot because all of the lights in the station have gone out.

8 p.m. **Elm St., and Stevens Lane**, disabled motor vehicle, walk in party would like it noted that her vehicle has broken down on Elm Street and will be towed on Monday morning. Vehicle is off to the side.

9:13 p.m. **Kendall Village**, property (lost), caller reports a lost cell phone, the phone is a silver Verizon flip phone.

SUNDAY, NOV. 4

12:35 a.m. **Forest Ave., and Old Coach Rd.**, disabled motor vehicle, caller reports vehicle has 2 flat tires – parked at the end of driveway.

5:39 a.m. **Lower King St.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports gates going up and down with no train in sight.

9:07 a.m. **Forest Ave., and Jerusalem Rd.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports coming up Forest from Jerusalem, there is a vehicle parked so far out into the road, you have to go around it and cannot see oncoming traffic when going around this vehicle. Officer reports the only vehicle parked on Forest Ave is the disabled motor vehicle from last night.

10:03 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, fire, (misc.), Squad 1 requests National Grid be notified that there are still branches hanging on the wires on pole 17 at this location. They are on a primary.

10:29 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Doane St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports there are 3 males with a blue truck just at the path into Wompatuck, she states it looks like they are trying to widen the path. She would like an officer to check this out. Officer reports there is no blue truck at the entrance, he will walk up the path to see if the truck is up the path. Officer reports there is no one there at this time.

10:41 a.m. **Bow St.**, civil matter.

11:07 a.m. **Scituate PD.**, bolo announcement, around 10:15 hours at the location listed above in Scituate two males attempted to take kayak. These two males were in a gray pick up truck 4x4, older model, possibly a Dodge. They pulled up to the location and one male got out, a neighbor came walking over and asked what he was doing, the male replied that he was a fisherman and had access to the beaches and anything else he wanted. The neighbor told him he knows who the kayak belongs to and told him he couldn't have it. The male then got into the truck and left. There was no plate given or description of the males.

11:16 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, Scituate PD reports a truck with a trailer attached blowing trash all over 3A. Officer has that stopped the Exxon. Officer and Scituate officer escorting this party back to where some of his load fell out on 3A in Scituate.

12:52 p.m. **Elm St., and Stevens Lane**, disabled motor vehicle, caller reports that there is a disabled motor vehicle in the middle of the road. Officer reports that there is no problem. Driver is just securing a boat in a trailer. No police service necessary.

1:11 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

2:48 p.m. **Doane St.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports when entering the Doane Street entrance to Wompatuck and taking an immediate left, up the path is parked a truck. Officer reports this is a water dept. truck.

5:05 p.m. **Lower King St.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports gates going up and down – trail already went through.

6:34 p.m. **North Main St.**, barking dog, caller reports dogs barking at above location. Officer reports the dogs are in a pen and no one is home.

7:14 p.m. **Reservoir Rd.**, animal bite, caller reports her dog was just bit by another dog. Contacted ACO – left message on cell phone and home phone. Officer has located owner of dog – owner enroute to above location to pick dog up, officer standing by.

8:16 p.m. **Hingham PD.**, bolo announcement, bolo for overdue motorist.

MONDAY, NOV. 5

12:45 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:45 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

6:26 a.m. **North Main St., and King St.**, traffic complaint, caller states the train gate in out of sequence.

6:34 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

7:05 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement, traffic heavier than last week.

7:21 a.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement, anonymous caller states "people are taking a illegal left turn." She would like the situation monitored.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, light wind, 44.

8:15 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement, light traffic.

8:48 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, public service, the water dept. has an open hydrant at this location.

8:58 a.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious activity.

9:44 a.m. **Elm St.**, public service, pick up truck parked on the sidewalk belongs to an employee. Not a traffic hazard at this time.

10:35 a.m. **Cedar St.**, fire, outside, fire extinguished. Fire was located behind the barn.

12:05 p.m. **Border St.**, property (recovered), caller states "someone left a bicycle on her property yesterday." She will leave it at the bottom of the driveway to be picked up. Office to HQ with the bicycle.

12:34 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, property (recovered), walk in party states "a bicycle was left on her property." Officer to the residence to pick up the bicycle.

1:13 p.m. **HQ.**, assist citizen, female party dropped off new paperwork. She requests notification prior to arrival.

1:33 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

2:20 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, assist citizen, caller reports her neighbor put tree limbs and brush in her yard – no officer wanted – she wanted it logged in.

4:47 p.m. **Lower King St.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports the gates went down – back up, thought it was safe to cross track and gates went down and train passed through.

4:59 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement, officer reports out at above location.

5:04 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, animal complaint, caller reports 2 coyote's in the area.

6 p.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, officer wanted, officer to speak to walk in party.

6:26 p.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle crash/injuries, transported SSH/BLS.

9:19 p.m. **Norfolk Co Sheriff Dept.**, bolo announcement, escape from Quincy District Court, white male with brown hair, blue eyes, 5-7', 120 lbs., last known address Boston.

TUESDAY, NOV. 6

12:33 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, fire, investigation, outside odor of gas. E3 in the area investigating. Keyspan notified.

2 a.m. **Curtis Ave., Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

6:41 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

8 a.m. Weather: Cloudy, windy, 55.

8:31 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement, traffic was very light at this location.

9:12 a.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, keep the peace.

9:26 a.m. **Diab Lane**, disturbance, caller reporting concerns about a neighbor.

10:26 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller reports he was just involved in a minor fender bender, but would like an officer. No injuries at this location, both vehicles driveable. Report will be completed.

1:17 p.m. **Elm St.**, notification, male party from Bayside Boatworks in Cohasset has moved some boats from his property to King Street Industrial Park Lane in Hanover Mass if anyone calls looking for their boat.

2:09 p.m. **Pond St., and Lantern Lane**, traffic enforcement.

2:27 p.m. **Aaron River Rd.**, fire, investigation, E3 to this location for an investigation of a smoke detector sounding last night and now the resident would like it checked out.

3:53 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Lower King St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller reports motor vehicle crash at this location with smoke coming from a vehicle. E3 standing by for wreckers. Two tows, 3A has vehicles. Involved juveniles turned over to parents. No injuries.

5:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

7:07 p.m. **Elm St., and Brook St.**, fire, (misc.), a passer by smelled an outside odor of gas.

8:46 p.m. **Hull St., and Jerusalem Rd.**, assist other Police Department. Hingham PD requests cruiser to assist in search of a suspect who failed to stop for a detective and bailed out in Dinero parking lot. Hull requests an officer to sit at Hull and Jerusalem with lights off. 884 reports K-9 is tracking down Jerusalem towards Wadley Road. 884 reports the track leads to behind 735 Jerusalem Road. 884 reports new location in the back yard of 725 Jerusalem Road. 884 reports new location at 715 Jerusalem. 884 reports new location 685 Jerusalem Road. Hingham detective called off search.

10:13 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:22 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 7

1:47 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:48 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:51 a.m. **King St.**, open door/window, the gates were left open. Property checks secure.

6:11 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, disabled motor vehicle, caller states his motor vehicle is disabled near the RR tracks. 3A notified for the tow.

6:34 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement, 5 cars exiting for the 6:53 train, traffic light.

7 a.m. **Hull St.**, medical aid, transported other/BLS.

7:03 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, building checks.

7:40 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

7:42 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, assist citizen, caller requests further info on the "person that the K-9 was chasing last night." She was advised the incident was in Hingham.

7:58 a.m. **Elm St.**, animal complaint, officer reports the dog is running loose in this area.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, light wind, 39.

8:33 a.m. **Elm St.**, lost property.

9:04 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, B&E of motor vehicle, caller reports he was in Walgreen's not more than 5 minutes and came out to find his vehicle was broken into and money and CD missing. Officer reports she is going to Shaw's to view videotapes if possible.

9:55 a.m. **Elm St.**, animal complaint, large brown and white dog laying down in front of the station.

10:49 a.m. **Ledgewood Drive**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

1:43 p.m. **Norman Todd Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

2:30 pm. **Cedar St.**, disturbance.

2:33 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, animal complaint, caller stated that a black and white cat was just brought into the clinic, it was hit by a car.

4:47 p.m. **Lower King St.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports the train gates at this location have malfunctioned. He states the gates went down and the train never came, the gates went back up, one car went through and they came back down again and that is when the train passed through. MBTA notified.

4:51 p.m. **North Main St.**, animal bite, caller reports while her 17-year-old son was walking home from school today he was chased and bit by a dog at the above address listed. He was bitten in the back of his right thigh, the dog also ripped his pants. ACO has been notified.

7:27 p.m. **Oak St.**, fire, chimney, caller reports he thinks he may have a chimney fire, the house is full of smoke. Fire is extinguished, units are cleaning up.

9:09 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

10:18 p.m. **Doane St.**, annoying phone calls, caller would like to speak with an officer.

10:57 p.m. **Hull PD.**, bolo announcement, Hull PD is looking for a silver Suburban with front passenger damage. It is wanted for hit and run property damage.

THURSDAY, NOV. 8

6:32 a.m. **Cohasset Station**, parking enforcement.

7:02 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement, traffic – very light.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, light wind, 40.

10:12 a.m. **Branch St., Scituate**, medical aid.

10:23 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS. Norwell Rescue responding.

10:38 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

2:10 p.m. **Pond St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a black pick up truck traveling at a high rate of speed and passing vehicles on Pond Street.

3:06 p.m. **South Main St.**, notification, speed board is at 394 South Main Street.

3:59 p.m. **Sohier St.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports the gates at this location are up but the lights are flashing and the bells are ringing. Cars are either stopping or going right through. The MBTA is sending someone out. MBTA reports there is no train coming through at this time, there is MBTA personnel en route to this location. Officer reports the lights have reset. He will remain at this location until a technician arrives.

4:18 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports there has been a fox in her yard and it is now lying down in her driveway.

4:19 p.m. **Pond St.**, larceny (report), walk in party would like to report his daughter had her pocketbook stolen out of her locker today at school. He states the assistant principal is aware of this. Walk in party states it is a small bright pink handbag. In it were VISA gift cards, student ID, some change, $150 in cash, Cingular/AT&T Black Razor cell phone, gum, lip gloss, pens and pencils. Officer reports this happened between noon and 2 this afternoon.

4:37 p.m. **King St.**, suspicious person, caller reports a man wearing all fatigues, hat, pants, jacket walking down the street with a cross bow. Officer reports no one in the area, this has been reported to the Environmental Police also.

9:37 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:09 p.m. **North Main St.**, notification, officer reports a car parked far out into the road. Call was made to owner who didn't answer, message was left for him to move his vehicle.

FRIDAY, NOV. 9

1:34 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:35 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

8:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, animal complaint, caller reports two dogs running loose in this area. She is concerned they will run out onto 3A. One dog looks like a Jack Russell, he is white/tan, the other dog is some kind of Spaniel, also white/tan.

10:01 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:09 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks. Deer Hill/Osgood School check.

2:21 p.m. **Pond St.**, medical aid, caller stated that she saw a party get hit by a car.

4:58 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person.

5:08 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

5:31 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, calls report motor vehicle crash at this location, unknown injuries.

6:13 p.m. **Lower King St.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports the gates went down for the train and the lights were flashing, then the gates went back up and the train came through without the gates coming down. MBTA notified and responding.

6:33 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

Police Status Report

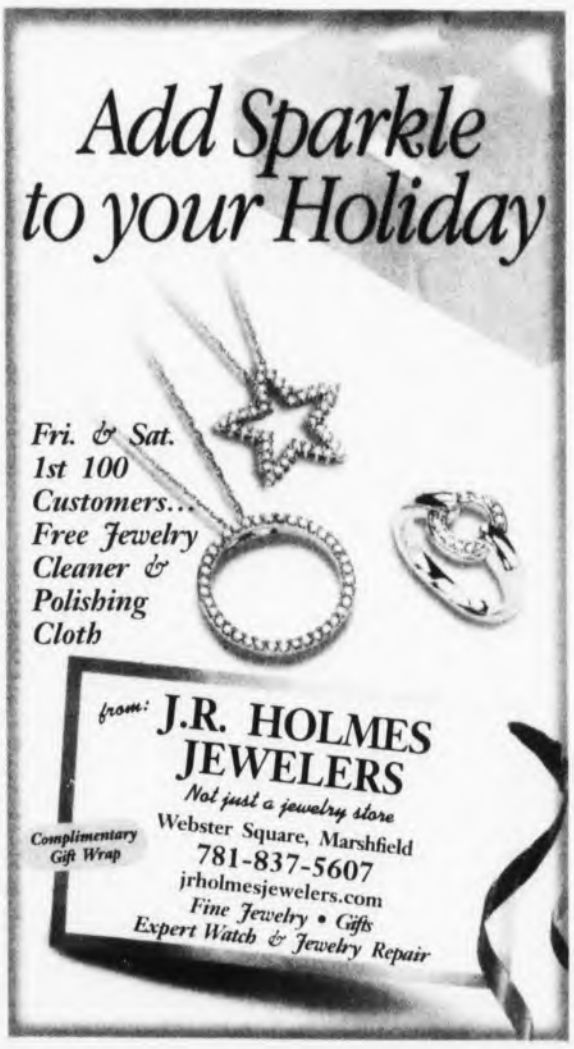
Police arrested 11 last month

Cohasset Police made 11 arrests in October: two for intimidation of a witness, two for operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, one for operating under the influence of drugs, one for an outstanding warrant, and finally, five for protective custody, Chief James Hussey said.

During the month of October the police department investigated six motor vehicle accidents, one of which resulted in personal injury. There were 33 motor vehicle citations issued, totaling $505 in fines. Additionally, there were 21 parking tickets issued totaling $525 in fines, Hussey said.

Also in the month of October the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 711 calls for police services; of those 273 were emergency 911 calls, he said.

In the month of October there were five reports of breaking and entering; one involving a town building, two involving motor vehicles, and two involving private residences. Also, there were five criminal complaints issued for the month of October, Hussey said.





Legal Notices

SEL/TAX ALLOCATION
LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
COHASSET, MASSACHUSETTS
LEGAL NOTICE
TAX ALLOCATION

The Board of Selectmen for the Town of Cohasset will conduct a public hearing under Chapter 20, Section 56, as amended by the Chapter 79 of the Acts of 1983, on Monday, December 3, 2007 at 7:15 PM in the Office of the Board of Selectmen. The purpose of the hearing will be to review the issue of allocating the local property tax among the five (5) property classes for fiscal year 2008. The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors will provide information regarding the various policy decisions available. All interested persons and/or parties wishing to be heard will be afforded the opportunity to be heard at this time.

Cohasset Board of Selectmen

Gary Vanderweil – Chairman
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Ralph Dormitzer
Paul Carlson

AD#11522788
Cohasset Mariner 11/23/07

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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **December 11th at 9:15 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a Special Permit pursuant to the provisions of §5.3.1, and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, Architectural Designer Heidi Condon, seeks to construct two additions at **1 Jerusalem Lane,** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-11-15.

AD#11521304
Cohasset Mariner 11/22, 11/29/07

ZBA/88B BEACH ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tuesday, December 11th, 2007 at 8:45 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Mark Ellis**, seeks to raze the existing structure and construct a new single family dwelling at **88B Beach Street,** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-11-13.

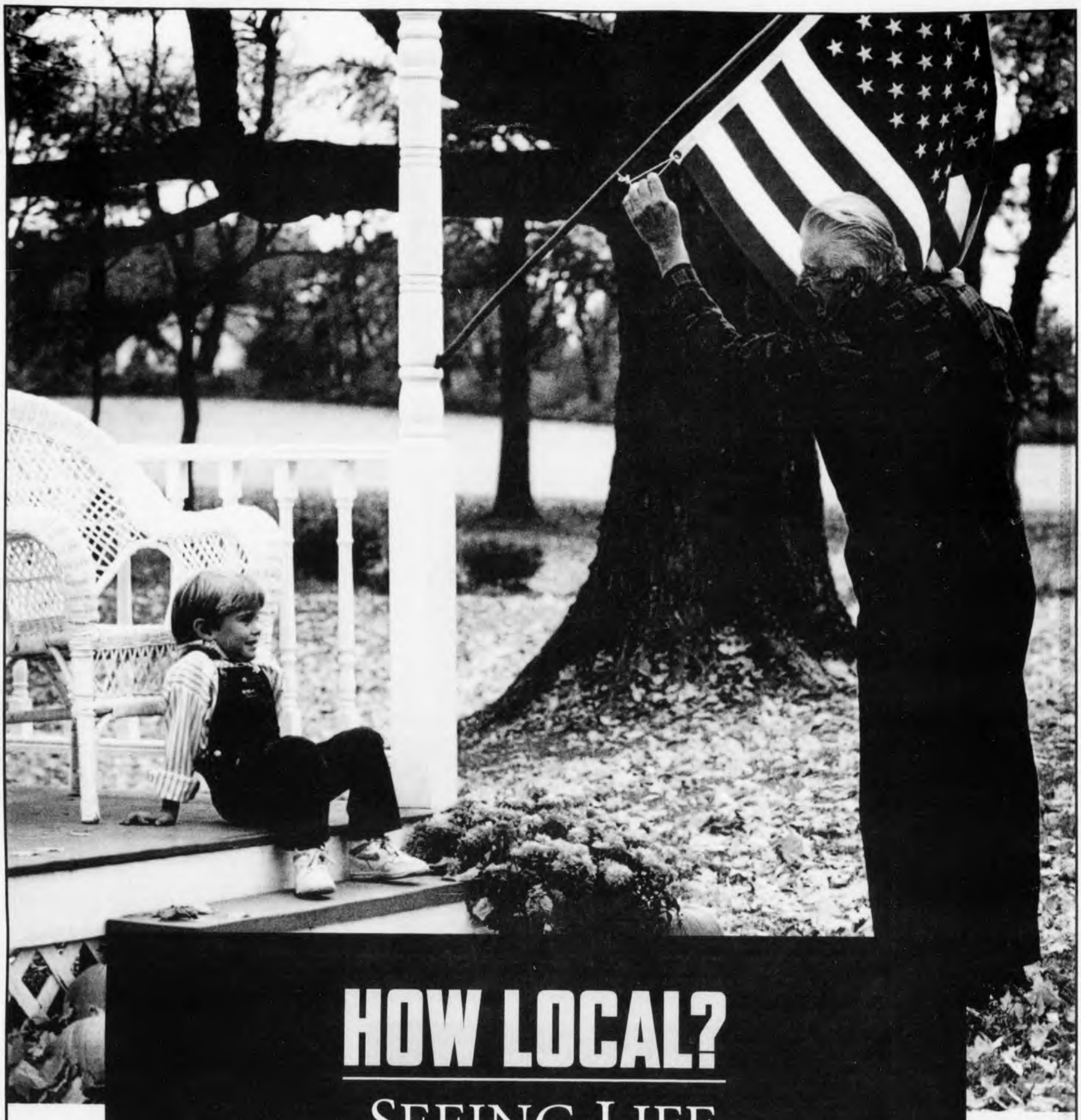
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ZBA/13 HILL ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **December 11, 2007 at 8:15PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7.2 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Curt Dukeshire**, seeks to build a two car garage at **13 Hill Street**. According to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-11-09.

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RED WINES

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Frei Brothers Merlot	750ml $12.97	**Hedges CMS Red**	750ml $9.97	**Domaine Fougeray De Beauclair**	$10.97
Michael Pozzan Napa Merlot	750ml $10.97	**Henry's Drive** Shiraz	750ml $24.97	**2005 La Spinetta**	$21.97
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Gnarly Head Zinfandel	750ml $7.97	**Billi Billi** Shiraz	750ml $8.97	**2003 Siro Pacenti**	$19.97
Ponzi Pinot Noir	750ml $29.97	**Jadot Beaujolais Villages**	750ml $8.97	**Villa Antinori Toscana IGT**	$19.97
Elk Cove Pinot Noir	750ml $22.97	**Guigal Cotes Du Rhone**	750ml $8.97	**Villa Cafaggio Chianti Classico**	$16.97
Elke Pinot Noir	750ml $19.97	**2003 Ch. Clarke**	750ml $24.97	**Da Vinci Chianti**	$10.97
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Belvedere Pinot Noir Russian River	750ml $14.97	**2003 Ch. Le Sartre**	750ml $13.97	**1997 Dows Vintage Port**	$55.97
Mark West Pinot Noir	750ml $8.97	**2005 Ch. Haut Nadeau**	750ml $10.97	**Warres LBV Port**	$16.97
Mirassou Pinot Noir	750ml $7.97	**2004 Domaine Charvin** Chateauneuf Du Pape	750ml $51.97	**Harvey's Bristol Cream Sherry**	$10.97
2003 Terra Valentine Napa Cabernet Sauvignon	750ml $29.97	**Domaine Des Martinelles Crozes Hermitage**	750ml $14.97		
2005 Justin Cabernet Sauvignon	750ml $22.97	**Ch. St. Martin De La Garrigue "Bronzinelle"**	750ml $11.97		
2004 Simi Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon	750ml $17.97	**2005 Domaine Chantal** Cuvee Cote De Beaune	750ml $22.97		

WHITE WINES

2003 Mount Eden Estate Chardonnay	750ml $33.97	**Greg Norman** Chardonnay	750ml $9.97	**Kim Crawford**	$13.97
Sonoma Cutrer Chardonnay Sonoma Coast	750ml $19.97	**J Lohr Chardonnay Riverstone**	750ml $9.97	**Oyster Bay**	$8.97
Newton Red Label Chardonnay	750ml $18.97	**Sterling Vintners** Chardonnay & Pinot Grigio	750ml $9.97	**Conundrum**	$22.97
Au Bon Climat Chardonnay	750ml $17.97	**Kenwood Sonoma** Chardonnay	750ml $8.97	**Trimbach**	$14.97
Cuvaison Chardonnay	750ml $16.97	**Estancia** Chardonnay	750ml $7.97	**Willm**	$7.97
Sterling Napa Chardonnay	750ml $13.97	**2005 Domaine Matrot Meursault**	750ml $29.97	**Santa Margherita**	$18.97
Frei Brothers Chardonnay	750ml $12.97	**Jadot** Pouilly Fuisse	750ml $18.97	**Terlan**	$14.97
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Toasted Head Chardonnay	750ml $9.97	**2006 Sbragia** Sauvignon Blanc	750ml $17.97	**Lois Gruner Veltliner**	$9.97

FAMILIES

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Blackstone All Types	750ml $7.97	**Turning Leaf** All Types	1.5L $9.97	**Sutter Home** Pinot Grigio	$6.97
BV Coastals All Types	750ml $7.97	**Black Swan** All Types	1.5L $8.97	**Beringer** Main Street	$4.99 2 for $9.00
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TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

NOVEMBER 22-30, 2007

'Christmas' makes a comeback

Popular holiday show returns after five-year hiatus

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Local entertainment presenter John F. McDonald Jr. doesn't have to go any further than the Stop & Shop in Wollaston to be reminded of the enduring place his holiday show, "What Christmas Means to Me," has in the hearts of its many South Shore fans.

"At this time of year, whether I'm on the Red Line or in line at the supermarket checkout, it is inevitable that someone will stop me to ask if we're doing our Christmas show. The problem often is that we get more requests from patrons than interest and availability from our cast who are busy with their own lives raising families and singing in church choirs. We'd love to do the show annually, but we can't always get the cast together for the necessary rehearsal and performance time," explained McDonald last week by telephone from his Quincy home. "This year, after a five-year hiatus, I am very happy to be able to report that we will be doing four performances of the show at Raffael's in Hull, Dec. 6-7 and 13-14."

First presented at Woodward School for Girls in Quincy in the 1980s, "What Christmas Means to Me" has since been produced at the Common Market, St. Ann's Church, the old Raffael's, and the Fox & Hound Wood Grille in Quincy. While the venues have changed, some things about the perennial favorite remain the same.

"Sheila Fahey and I have been in every production of the show since the very first year and we'll be in it again this time around," says McDonald. "Sheila has made the story of her life experiences at Christmas, from her parents and her siblings through her own husband and children, into a now-legendary monologue that is a true highlight every time we do this show."

Fahey — a Neponset native and former Boston meter maid known for her starring role in the musical revues "Connie, Brenda, Patsy and Me" and "Guys by Dolls" — will be joined not only by McDonald this year, but also by her frequent co-stars and collaborators Patricia Lee and Maryellen Anson from Braintree, Kathy Teevens Fitzpatrick from Quincy, and Jennifer Fahey of Neponset. Each of the performers will share their favorite holiday music — including "Do You Hear What I Hear," "Silent Night" and "White Christmas" — as well as their own special memories. McDonald promises solos, full-cast medleys, a visit from a certain red-suit wearing North Pole denizen, and a monologue all his own.



Cast of "What Christmas Means to Me."

"I will probably talk about my experience as a Santa Claus at the Macy's flagship store in Manhattan many years ago. I was just one Santa away from being chosen to appear in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. It was a very memorable time in my life and I have some great stories to share. I've loved this time of year since I was one of eight children growing up in Wollaston. Every year, my mother would sit us down in front of the television to watch the classic Christmas specials with Perry Como, Bob Hope, and Bing Crosby. That is probably why I have loved holiday music since childhood."

McDonald is keenly aware that much has changed in his own life, in the lives of his cast, and in the world since "What Christmas Means to Me" was first performed some 20 years ago.

"Our show is sentimental and there is considerable poignancy about the people we have loved and lost over the years, but we also make certain that there is a great deal of humor and fun. It makes me very proud that so many people tell us that they consider this show to be a not-to-be-missed holiday tradition. This is the one show I still do as a performer, because it means so much to me. What we set out to do is calm everyone down during these hectic weeks, remove the commercialism, and focus on the warm and fuzzy meaning of Christmas."

JM Productions will present "What Christmas Means to Me" at Raffael's at Nantasket, 25 Hull Shore Drive, Hull, on Dec. 6-7 and 13-14. Tickets for show only are $30 per person with seating at 8 p.m. Tickets for dinner and show are $50 with seating beginning at 6:30 p.m. Special hotel packages for the Clarion Hotel on Nantasket Beach are also available. For tickets, call JM Productions at 617-786-7469, Raffael's at 718-925-4515 or go online at jmproductionspresents.com.



Pembroke resident Brooks Kelly's Admiral Farragut, a part of the South Shore Art Center's Small Works exhibition and sale.

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South Shore Art Center's annual Small Works exhibition, showcases more than over 200 pieces of art by Art Center Gallery Artists, priced for holiday giving. Give the gift of art and support local artists. Art Center members are available to assist you in selecting work. Small Works is being held in conjunction with the nationally juried show Paint! which also features work of South Shore Art Center Gallery Artists Kimberlee Alemian (Cohasset), Richard Alemian (Cohasset), Irma Cerese (Easton), Page Railsback (Hingham), Beverly Rippel (Easton), and Mike Weymouth (Hingham). South Shore Art Center gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Visit ssac.org or call 781-383-2787 for information.



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Bettina Lesieur welcomes the public to an open studio and gallery. Meet the artist, and view paintings in the space where they were created. Bettina Lesieur's Duxbury studio and gallery located at 301 St. George St., provides art enthusiasts with a unique opportunity for viewing original works, displayed in the creative setting in which they were painted. Although typically open by appointment only, the gallery will be open Nov. 30-Dec. 16, on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 22

The Duxbury Interfaith Council Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will take place at Bumpus Park, King Caesar Rd. on Thursday morning, Nov. 22 at 7:30 a.m. Clergy from our community congregations will conduct an ecumenical service commemorating the Pilgrims first Thanksgiving. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the service in King Caesar's Barn across the street.

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Wednesday and Thursday evening from 8 to 11 p.m.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Nov. 22, **Girls, Guns & Glory Forgetful Jones and Shay's Rebellion.** Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Friday, Nov. 23

South Shore Singles will sponsor its bi-monthly dance with DJ: Dave Becker from 8 to 11:30 p.m. Nov. 23, at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Doors open 7:15 p.m. Free dance lesson 7:30 to 8 p.m. Free snacks and coffee, cash bar. 781-331-0021 southshoresingles.org

Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners, **Comedy Night** Nov. 23, at 9 p.m. featuring South Shore's own **Tommy Dunham** along with **Annette Pollack, Scott Darby, Vernon Harrison (Bubba) Dave McDonough, Chris Chandler, Amy Beckerman** and your host, **Bill Farrell.** Tickets $15. 781-848-0300 jimbossteakandfin.com or myspace.com/annettepollack

Landscape Perspectives three photographers **Margot Cheel, Mike Sleeper and Stephen Eames** will be on view at the **James Library and Center for the Arts**, Norwell Center, through Nov. 28. The exhibit may be viewed Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. jameslibrary.org or 781-659-7100.

The Dickinson Gallery, 1132 Main St., Weymouth will feature the work of Pembroke resident **Stephen H. Holland** until Nov. 30 in its new "Featured Artist" series. Holland is a former ill illustrator who paints in an exciting realistic style. The gallery is now showing works by **Edwina Caci, Vincent Elliot, William Beyer, Steve Boczanowski, Dominic Farrell, Kathy Ferrara, Roger Gill, Dick O'Brien, Isabelle Shamitz, Brian Josellyn, Stanley Krupa, Cheryl Weissbach, Marilyn Reisberg, Danielle Myers, Chris Myers, George Hartley, Corey Ritch, Charlie Robinson, J. Marshall Dyke, Danielle Festa, George Murray, Lisa Smith, Fred Madden** and the private collection of gallery owner, **Donald Dickinson**. Hours: Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. 781-331-3384 dickinsonartgallery.com

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke, Nov. 23, **Chubba Lang** 781-829-6969.

Holiday Festival of Lights at Edaville Railroad through December. Pine St., (Route 58), South Carver. 508-866-8190 edaville.com

The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park, Norwell presents A Christmas Carol from Nov. 23-Dec. 16. Tickets are $28-$30. Available at the box-office or by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companytheatre.com

All Seasons Restaurant and Sports Lounge, 327 Plymouth St., Halifax, Nov. 23, **Radio for the Blind** 781-293-4135.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth. **The Gulf Boys** Nov. 23, at 9:15 p.m., No cover 781-335-9796 visit nextpagecafe.com or myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell Nov. 23, **Elbow Room.**

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield, Nov. 23, **Chain Drive** 781-837-6368.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Nov. 23, **Barrence Whitfield.** Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Saturday, Nov. 24

Kreative License Art Studio - Art Show and Reception at Weymouth Teen Center. Local artist Karen Graham and students from **KLAS** will host an open house and art exhibit. On display will be works of art by the students in various media, charcoal, paint, mosaic and more. Light refreshments will be served. 4 to 7 p.m. 1393 Pleasant St., E. Weymouth. For information, visit http://klas514.com/ART_SHOW.html

Hull Artists Studio Connection is sponsoring a **Winter Arts Festival**, Nov. 24 and 25, MJM Bathhouse, Nantasket Ave. Hull, paintings, photography, pottery, stained glass, floral arrangements, jewelry, other unique gifts. Quilt raffled off Sunday at 3 p.m. Free Admission. Handicapped accessible. 781-749-2084 hullartists.com

North Pole Express Nov. 24, take a ride on the Polar Express at Kingston Commuter Rail Station. The event includes a magical ride aboard "The Polar Express" train, treats, a special gift from Santa and Mrs. Claus and more. Tickets are $20 each and the train will leave the station at noon, 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Daniel Webster Elementary School Project Playground and PTO, Marshfield. For information or to purchase tickets, call 781-837-3555.

Holiday Festival of Lights at Edaville Railroad through December. Pine St., (Route 58), South Carver. 508-866-8190 edaville.com

Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth, Nov. 24. Traditional Irish Seisiun every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hornpipes, with great craic and singalong. Admission is free. No Cover. 508-830-1262.

All Seasons Restaurant and Sports Lounge, 327 Plymouth St., Halifax, Nov. 24, **John the Conqueror** 781-293-4135.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Nov. 24, **Mother Focus Party Band** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree, Nov. 24, **Six Foot Sunday Band** 781-849-7007.

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell Nov. 24, **The Dan Byrnes Trio**

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth. **The Dons** Nov. 24, at 9:15 p.m., No cover 781-335-9796 visit nextpagecafe.com or myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Nov. 24, **Toni Lynn Washington.** Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sunday, Nov. 25

Gayle A. Loik and Susan Benoit present **A Life in Color,** through the end of December at **Bella's Restaurant**, 933 Hingham St, Rockland. **Opening reception Nov. 11**, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

CALENDAR, see next page

Mark your calendar



THE SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY, One Conservatory Dr., Hingham. **Conservatory Concert Series**, Piano Department Chair **Jane Viemeister and members of the Piano Faculty** bring their passion and virtuosic skill to you Dec. 2, at 4 p.m. in Cox Hall. Faculty will perform selections by Bach, Schumann and Rachmaninoff among others. Appropriate for all including school age children and families too. Tickets $20 adults - $12 children - free SSC students may be purchased online at southshoreconservatory.org For information and tickets contact Amy Schomp 781-749-7565 x 19 or amyschomp@southshoreconservatory.org

HOLIDAY AT HOGWARTS, KIDS NIGHT OUT at the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Do you enjoy Harry Potter? Are you age 6 or above? If you've answered yes to both questions, sign-up for Holiday at Hogwarts, Nov. 30, from 6 to 8 p.m. Visit the shops of Diagon Alley and Hogsmeade, taste some sweet treats, and create your own wands and wizard crafts. Come dressed in your best Hogwarts clothes and enjoy a night of magical merriment. Cost is $20 members/$25 non-members. Additional siblings $3 discount. Pre-registration and Pre-payment required; for your convenience payment may be taken by telephone with a major credit card. For information 781-659-2559 or visit ssnsc.org

THE DANIEL WEBSTER ESTATE AND HERITAGE CENTER, 238 Webster St., Marshfield. The third **Victorian Christmas Show House** will open the Season with a Gala Cocktail Party on Friday, Nov. 30 from 7 to 10 p.m. Tickets are $50 per person in advance by Nov. 28. To order tickets call Virginia at 781-837-2403. For further information, visit danielwebsterestate.org

Volunteers

HOSPICE OF THE SOUTH SHORE SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

- Greater numbers of people are turning to hospice services as they near the end of life and therefore the need for hospice volunteers is growing.

Hospice of the South Shore, a program of South Shore Hospital, is looking for volunteers to share time each week with hospice patients and their families. Volunteers do a variety of things, depending on the needs of the patient and his or her family. Activities may include providing respite for caregivers, running errands, or just keeping someone company. Many hospice volunteers describe the experience of helping individuals with advanced illness as an honor and a privilege. Hospice of the South Shore will be conducting a volunteer training class. If you are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, call Marcia Clifford at 617-755-1314.

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NOVEMBER 22-30, 2007



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South Shore Conservatory, One Conservatory Dr., Hingham, presents fiddling instructor Eden MacAdam-Somer and fiddling students for a family dance featuring American, Celtic and Eastern European fiddle tunes for all ages. Nov. 27, at 5:30 p.m., in Cox Hall, Hingham, Chrissy Fowler, caller, will instruct everyone so no experience or partner is needed. Tickets may be purchased online at southshoreconservatory.org For information and tickets contact Amy Schomp 781-749-7565 x 19 or amyschomp@southshoreconservatory.org Tickets: $8 adults - $4 children - $15 family maximum. Current SSC students receive free admission to all concerts.

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Duxbury Business Association's annual Holly Day. Free events are scheduled throughout town on Nov. 25, from noon until 4 pm. Starting at Hall's Corner. Special Concerts in the area include St. John's Jr. Choir at 1 p.m. and Holy Family Choir at 3 p.m. additional musical performances are offered by the Duxbury High School Men's A Cappela (Pac Men) at 1:30 pm at the Marketplace; the Girl Scout Choir at 2 p.m. in front of Foodies and The Snugtones at 2:30 p.m. at the Marketplace. At 3 p.m. a magician will be performing at the Marketplace. Parking is available at the Senior Center, Foodies Plaza and the Town Pier. There will be caroling on the free trolleys which are available to bring visitors to the various activities. Parking is available at the Senior Center, Foodies Plaza and the Town Pier.

NSRWA Sponsors Thanksgiving Weekend Walk on the Hanover Greenway – Summer Street Conservation Parcel, Sunday, Nov. 25, from 1 to 4 p.m. Walk off your turkey dinner with the NSRWA. At about mid-route along the 8.5 mile Hanover Greenway is the Summer Street parcel, a large woods where French's Stream joins the Drinkwater River. Come join us for a beautiful walk of about two miles round trip through the woods and over the longest (40 ft.)of the Greenway footbridges. The trail passes into the recently acquired 70 acre King St. parcel as well a around the Clark Bog before looping back to the bridge. Ample parking is available at Ellis Field, which is at the junction of Circuit St. and Summer St. Pre-registration is required, please contact Paula Christie at (781)-659-8168 or email paula@nsrwa.org to register.

Monday, Nov. 26

South Shore Art Center's annual ***Small* Works** exhibition, showcases more than over 200 pieces of art by Art Center Gallery Artists, priced for holiday giving. Give the gift of art and support local artists. Art Center members are available to assist you in selecting work. *Small Works* is being held in conjunction with the nationally juried show ***Paint!*** which also features work of South Shore Art Center Gallery Artists **Kimberlee Alemian** (Cohasset), **Richard Alemian** (Cohasset), **Irma Cerese** (Easton), **Page Railsback** (Hingham), **Beverly Rippel** (Easton), and **Mike Weymouth** (Hingham). South Shore Art Center gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Visit ssac.org or call 781-383-2787 for information.

Pet Night with Santa at The Hanover Mall, Center Court, 1775 Washington St., Hanover will take place from Monday, Nov. 26 thru Friday, Nov. 30 from 5 to 8 p.m. only. Bring your pet in for a family photo this holiday season and receive a Free goody bag from Just for Dogs! Supplies are limited. Various photo packages available. 781-826-7386 Ext 222 or 237. hanovermall.com

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield. Nov. 26, **Texas Hold Em Poker** 781-837-6368.

Tuesday, Nov. 27

Merchants Row on Route 53 in Hanover is having an **Open House - Meet the Merchants** Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 27 and Dec. 4. Each merchant is showcasing a special talent. Fun-free girls night out.

The New England Landscapes of Duxbury photographer Steven Eames are featured in the Hingham Public Library's Dolphin Gallery through Nov. 29. The Library is located on 66 Leavitt St. off Route 228. More information can be found at hinghamlibrary.org

Grub Street South at Buttonwood welcomes columnist **Suzette Martinez Standring on** Nov. 27, 7p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset. Suzette will host a workshop titled "Learn how to Write with Brevity and Impact." Learn the techniques that columnists use to engage readers. The workshop is free; however, reservations are necessary and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

Historical Weather Researcher and New England folklorist John Horrigan presents a program on **Portland Gale of 1898** at Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield, Nov. 27 at 7:30 p.m. on 109th Anniversary of the storm. Admission is free and no tickets are required. Refreshments will be served. Handicapped accessible. For information contact Chris Woods at 781-834-5535 or visit ventresslibrary.org. Information on John Horrigan's programs can be found at johnhorrigan.com

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Wednesday, Nov. 28

The Scituate Chamber of Commerce will hold the **2007 Excellence in Business Awards and Annual Meeting** on Nov. 28, from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at the Barker Tavern. This year the awards will be going to **Chuck and Toni Cullum**, Beaucoup Beads for Entrepreneurial Spirit; **Ann Burbine**, The New Upholstery Shop for Community Support; **Jane Tenaglia,** Scituate Pharmacy for Independent Spirit; **Debra Tranberg,** Scituate Harbor Chiropractic, for Small; Business of the Year and **Jack Conway**, Conway and Company for the "Chick" Gates Lifetime Achievement Award. The event will include a buffet dinner, awards presentation and annual meeting. Tickets are $30 each and may be purchased at Verge Fine Jewelers and Jack Conway Real Estate office in Scituate Harbor and The New Upholstery Shop in North Scituate. For information call 781-545-4000.

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield. Nov. 28, **Texas Hold Em Poker** 781-837-6368.

Thursday, Nov. 29

Crafts at the Castle, which will take place Nov. 29 – Dec. 2, at the Hynes Convention center, Boston. As New England's original and most popular sale of artisan-made, museum quality American crafts, featuring 150 artists who were chosen by jury from over 600 applicants, we are a major cultural event in the heart of Boston. All proceeds from ticket sales go to support the programs and services provided by FSGB to the poor, and neglected children and families of the Greater Boston area. Tickets are on sale now. Visit craftcastle.org for information.

Interfaith Social Services will be hosting its 10th Annual **Feed the Hungry** campaign at 6 p.m. Nov. 29, take place at Lombardo's Function Facility, 6 Billings St., Randolph. This year's *Holiday Spectacular* will feature dinner, dancing, the opportunity to bid on exciting items in silent and live auctions, as well as a performance by **United States Ballroom Dance Champions Daniel Radler and Deirdre Radler.** The evening will also include a special performance by ***The Ovations***, 10-piece orchestra. Tickets are $65 each, while tables of ten can be reserved for $650. To purchase tickets or make a donation, make checks payable to Feed the Hungry and mail to Interfaith Social Services, 105 Adams St., Quincy, MA 02169. For information, contact Interfaith Social Services Executive Director Laura Stracco at 617-773-6203 or visitInterfaithSocialServices.org

Linden Ponds, 203 Linden Ponds Way, Hingham, hosts **Jim Mahoney**, director of photography at the Boston Herald, at 3 p.m. Nov. 29 discussing his experiences within the photography field. He has been working for the Boston Herald for almost 25 years and has been overseeing the photography department there since 2002. He will talk about his vast experience working "behind the lens" as he shares an impressive portfolio of photographs that he has taken through the years. Also he will incorporate some photographs from his travels to Northern Ireland. This will be a discussion/forum and audience participation is welcomed. All are welcome. Directions: ericksoncommunities.com/lph/directions.asp. The lecture is free but seating is limited and pre-registration is required. Call 800-832-5319 to register.

Family Forum: Coping With Alcoholism- A free information session for families and helping professionals by Timothy O'Farrell, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology, Harvard Medical School and director of the Family Project at Bay State Community Services in Quincy. Dr. O'Farrell will discuss family-involved treatment for substance abuse. The event will take place at Quincy Medical Center on Nov. 29, from 7 to 8 p.m. in first floor conference rooms B& C. RSVP-Not Necessary, call 508-208-5802 for information.

The Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham presents **Highway Robbery: The Rise & Fall Of "The Big Dig"** on Nov. 29 at 7:30 p.m. It began in the 1970s with a mere scribble on the back of an envelope and ended as the American traffic jam of the century, costing some $15 billion along the way. Get the inside scoop on the Central Artery/Tunnel Project Join Boston Globe reporter Sean P. Murphy for a crash course on the most expensive – and most elaborate – highway project in America. From its early conception through five gubernatorial administrations beginning with Governor Dukakis, to the Fort Point Crossing, the leaks and the ceiling collapse, this is the story of politicians, union workers and commuters who have been shoveling the Big Dig's dirt for over 30 years. After a chronological presentation of the key players and events of this mega project, Murphy will answer audience questions. For information about this free event, call 781-741-1405 or visit hinghamlibrary.org.

Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree, presents: **John Root**, naturalist and educator, presents **The Majesty and Mystery of Crop Circles,** a power point presentation that includes breathtaking images, interpretation, and discussion of this mysterious phenomenon Nov. 29, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the auditorium on the upper level. Come early as seating is limited. Free and open to the public. For information, call 781-848-0405 x4420.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Nov. 29, **Jackson Wetherbee Band** 781-829-6999.

Fish Tale On the Water, 44 Jericho Road, Scituate, presents **Drift Away** with **J. Place, Joe Micarelli** and **John Litwin,** performing music from the 40s, 50s, 60s and 70s at 8:30 p.m. 781-545-4700.

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield. Nov. 29, **DJ Ramu** 781-837-6368.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth. **Catfish Bowl** Nov. 29, at 9:15 p.m., No cover 781-335-9796 visit nextpage-cafe.com or myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue



On the Wing by Steven Eames

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Friday, Nov. 30

Comedy Night Dinner to benefit **Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth** will be held at the 14 Union Restaurant in Plymouth on Nov. 30. A three-course dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and entertainment will begin at 8 p.m. Featured comedians are **Artie Januario** and **Carolyn Plummer**. Tickets are $50 per person. To purchase tickets, call the Habitat office at 508 866-4188 or go to hfhplymouth.org/events.htm

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New England Singles Dances, Moseley's On The Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Nov. 30, 8 p.m. to midnight. Adults of all ages. Casual dress. Music from the 70s to the present and requests. $12. 617-325-4900 singlesdances-newengland.com

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Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners, Comedy Night Nov. 23, at 9 p.m. featuring South Shore's own Tommy Dunham along with Annette Pollack, Scott Darby, Vernon Harrison (Bubba) Dave McDonough, Chris Chandler, Amy Beckerman and your host, Bill Farrell. Tickets $15. 781-848-0300 jimbossteakandfin.com or myspace.com/annette pollack



Tommy Dunham

Fairs and festivals

CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR: The 1718 Stetson House in Hanover Center, Route 139, Nov. 30, from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. followed by concert and refreshments. $10.

HOLIDAY FAIR - St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 17 Church St., Hanover, Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall, a special guest will be available for holiday photographs. 781-826-2062.

NEW ENGLAND ARTISANS SHOWCASE Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, 16 Hull Street (Route 228) in Hingham and will feature 18 exhibitors from six New England states whose work will be familiar to folk art collectors and readers of Early American Life Magazine, Country Home and Country Living. Admission is $3. Ticket proceeds benefit the Robert Weiser Memorial Scholarship Fund at Hingham High School. 781-749-6764.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR South Shore Christian Academy, 45 Broad St., Weymouth. Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

HOLIDAY TRUNK SHOW, James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell. Dec. 1, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rug hooking demonstrations of contemporary rug designs by the Duxbury Rug Hookers. Custom crafts and arts by regional artisans including handbags, hooked rugs, organic honey, custom jewelry and more. Free. 781-659-7100 or jameslibrary.org for information.

HOLIDAY ART SALE – Scituate Arts Association one-day Holiday Arts Fair, will take place from noon to 4 p.m., on Dec. 1, at St. Mary's hall, Scituate Harbor. Jewelry, original art, gifts, refreshments and raffles will be featured.

SNOWFLAKE FAIR First Parish UU, 330 First Parish Road, Scituate. Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Holiday Wreaths and swags crafts and toys homemade baked goods and candy hand made gifts lunch and refreshments

HARBOR HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE: The Barker Tavern, 21 Barker Road, Scituate, Dec. 2, from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free and open to the public.

FOURTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY SHOPPING BONANZA supporting the Jordan Hospital Club Cancer Center, Dec. 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cedarville Community Room, 2209 State Road, Plymouth. Call 508-844-1855.

E-mail ddinsmore@cnc.com to include your fair and festival listing

Reunions

WEYMOUTH SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1982, 25th Reunion, Dec. 1, from 7 to 11 p.m. at The Jones River Trading Company, 42 Elm St., Kingston, $40 per person check payable to: Weymouth South High School Class Of '82 Mail to: Mary Beth Hillson, 5 Collins Circle, South Weymouth, MA 02190. For more info or questions e-mail weymouthsouth82@yahoo.com

NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1997 – 10-year reunion Dec. 22, at The Greatest Bar at 262 Friend St. (across from the Garden) from 7 until 10 p.m. The cost will be $20 per person and will include a private function room and food. Contact Mike Panarelli at 781-223-4831 if you can attend.

WEYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL ALL CLASSES REUNION will be held Feb. 8 and 9, 2008 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, 7470 Highway192 in Kissimee, Fla. Call 1-800-327-9170 for reservations. On Feb. 10, a cruise departs for four nights, five days to the Bahamas. For information visit geocities.com/Lureman72 or contact Dick Laneau for registration for at 727-345-4323 or e-mail luresWanted@tampabay.rr.com

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL ALL CLASS FLORIDA REUNION: The 25th Annual Braintree High All Class Florida Reunion will be held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Kissimmee, FL the weekend of Feb. 8, 2008. The reunion luncheon is scheduled for Feb. 9, 2008. The cost of the luncheon will be $25 per person. For complete details, logon to braintreehigh.com, click on "Florida" or contact Jill (Whitten) Coyle at 781-843-3275 or jcoyle@beld.net.

ABINGTON HIGH SCHOOL 25th Reunion, Class of 1983 July 12, Location: TBD Time: tentatively 6 to 11 p.m. Seeking classmates. Contact Lisa Daniels (c.508-404-8326 or muffinmanny2000@yahoo.com or (w 508-350-0101 or jimstoffel@hotmail.com with updated contact information.

Want your reunion posted in Town Commons? E-mail ddinsmore@cnc.com

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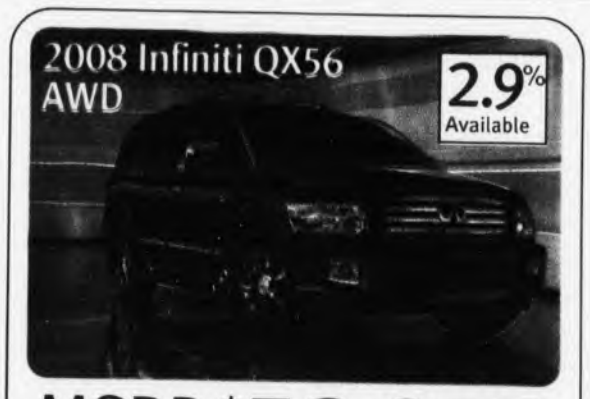
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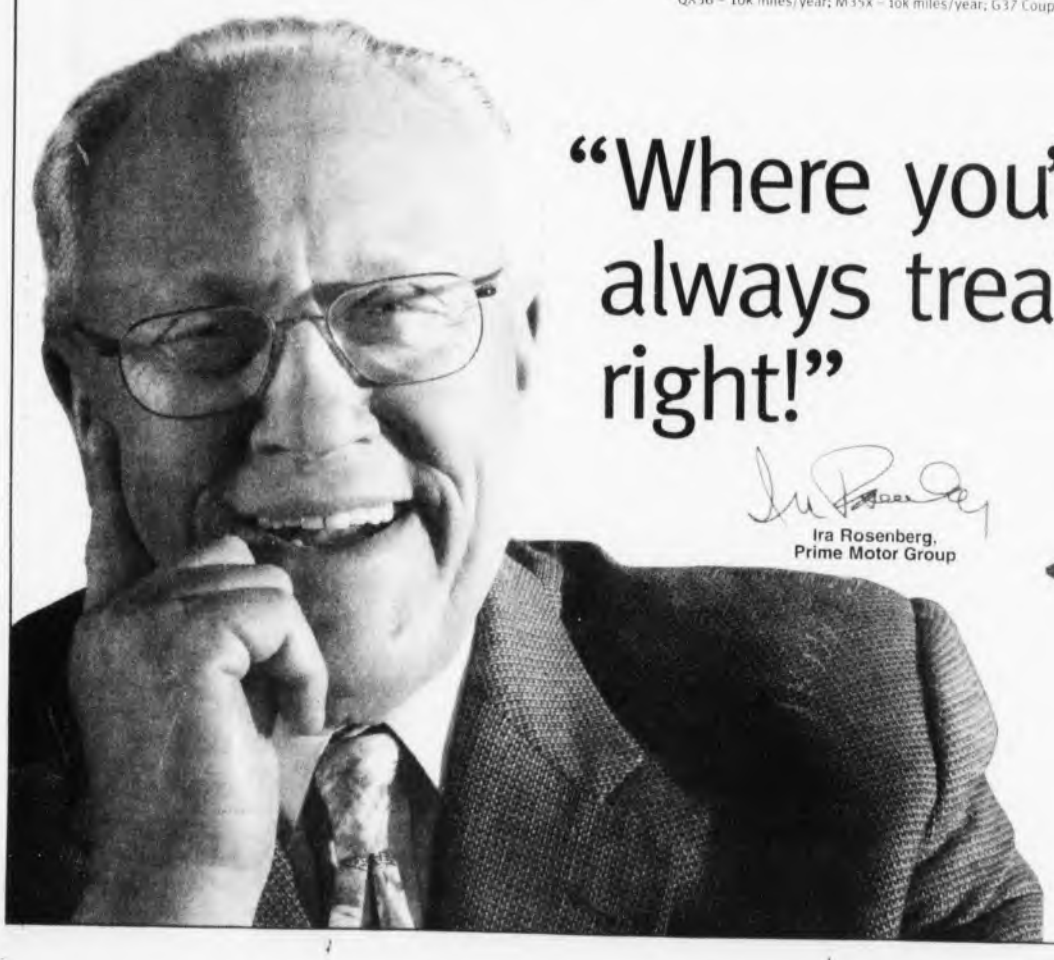
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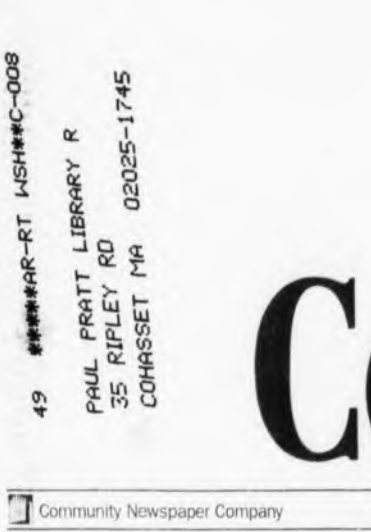
Hometown cookbook hot off the press



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Polka gets seniors on their feet



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Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving

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SANTA'S HELPER



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Karina Errichetti, 5, holds the hands of her sister Kady, 13, while Santa and his wife sing Christmas carols at the South Shore Community Center Jingle Bell Walk last Friday. The event started with the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus at the harbor, from there they took a horse-drawn hayride to the community center for refreshments and singing. For more photos, see page 21

Facelift for Town Hall

Architect hired for restoration

By Nancy White
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The oldest part of Town Hall is on the verge of receiving a good once over. At the Spring Town Meeting, voters earmarked $35,000 of Community Preservation funds for a historic restoration architectural firm to advise the Town on how to best repair the "old" part of Town Hall.

Subject to successful negotiation of a contract, Town Manager Bill Griffin has awarded the contract to Carr, Lynch and Sandell, the first choice of the Design Review Committee. Carr, Lynch and Sandell was recently involved with the town in the development of the village business district zoning bylaw. The firm provided its architectural expertise for both hypothetical renderings and determining what type of development the new bylaw would allow.

Resident David Farrag applied for and received the CPC funds to have professional architects devise the best way to restore the antique portion of Town Hall to its glory days. The "old" part of Town Hall houses an auditorium with

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A helping hand during the holidays

Wellspring is making a difference

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Wellspring Multi-Service Center in Hull spreads abundant goodwill and cheer during the holiday season.

This year-round organization, founded 21 years ago, provides food, toys, and support to individuals and families in need — some who might otherwise have been forgotten during busy holiday times or who might not have much cause for celebration without Wellspring's helping hand.

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"While we help people year-round, the holidays are a joyful time of year when people are often more willing to reach out to their neighbors, even if they don't know their names," said Director Vinny Harte. "This establishes a genuine human connection, and hopefully the sense of fulfillment that comes from providing for others will carry on throughout the rest of the year with their continued involvement."

Wellspring serves residents of Hull, Hingham, Cohasset, Weymouth, Braintree, Norwell, Rockland, and other communities through direct assistance or referrals.

Its mission is to provide support and skills to people facing challenges to their financial, physical, or emotional well being in order to help them achieve independence and self-sufficiency.

Wellspring kicked off its Silver Star Project, a holiday giving program and fund-raising drive in collaboration with the Derby Street Shoppes at the recent Silver Star Soiree held at the shopping center. This event helped raise $15,000 of the $25,000 fund-raising goal. This initiative involves community and school groups, businesses, and others who want to show support for the many programs and services that Wellspring offers.

The decorative "giving stars" make attractive and meaningful tree ornaments, wall decorations, and gift tags. Each one is engraved with an inspirational quote. The stars will be sold throughout the holiday season at community, art, and church fairs, at holiday concerts, and during choral performances at the Derby Street Shoppes.

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Wellspring Executive Director Vinny Harte holds up a holiday star that is being sold at both the Derby Street Shoppes and at Wellspring in Hull. The stars are $5 each and the proceeds will help benefit the programs at Wellspring. The non-profit is also one of the local charitable organizations being supported in the Mariner's Gifts of Hope campaign.

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Betts Murray, Steve Biagini and Melinda Murray are tuning up for the Rusky Skippers concert Saturday at 11:15 a.m., Saturday at First Parish Church during the Village Fair.

Names: Betts Murray, Steve Biagini, and Melinda Murray.

Occupation: Rowing director, Duxbury Bay Maritime School and cheerleader for musical and fun events (Betts); music teacher at Deer Hill (Steve); operations supervisor, pediatrics, South Shore Hospital and chief elf, North Pole Enterprises (Melinda).

Best day of your life: Wedding and kids' births (Betts); days my children were born (Steve); the day I met Santa Claus (Melinda).

Best vacation: Sailing with family (Betts); Outer Banks, N.C. (Steve); the Bavarian Accordion Players Festival in Wisconsin, Summer 2001 (Melinda).

Favorite season: Summer (Betts & Melinda). Fall (Steve).

Favorite holiday: Christmas (Betts, Steve & Melinda).

Favorite food: The orange citrus peanuts Santa brings me every year! (Betts); barbecue (Steve); Christmas cookies (Melinda).

Best book: "Crossing to Safety," by Wallace Stegner (Betts); anything by John Irving (Steve); "Polar Express," by Chris Van Allsburg.

Best movie: "White Christmas" (Betts); "Schindler's List" (Steve); "Christmas Vacation" (Melinda).

Best TV show: American Experience on PBS and "A Charlie Brown Christmas" (Betts); "The Sopranos" (Steve); "Seinfeld" (Melinda).

Dumbest thing you have ever done: Left car running in the parking lot at work for eight hours (Melinda).

Pet peeve: Christmas music and decorations in October (Betts); drivers who don't use directionals (Steve); people who stop believing in the magic of Christmas (Melinda).

Goal: Appreciate every day and something about every person (Betts); to get better (Steve); to live each day as if it were Christmas (Melinda).

Person you'd most like to meet: My great grandparents (Betts); Princess Diana (Melinda).

Biggest worry: Environmental deterioration (Betts); that I have no worries (Melinda).

Best part of Cohasset: The water: Little Harbor, Gulf River and Cohasset Harbor (Betts); the people (Steve); summer (Melinda).

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Center staging area

Hydraulic fluid spill raises eyebrows

By Nancy White
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...with the staging area and a construction project comes issues with noise, traffic and accidents, like last week's hydraulic fluid spill.

As the Little Harbor sewer and water improvement project moves into the winter months, the fate of its staging area located on Jerusalem Road is still in question. The Zoning Board of Appeals is reviewing a resident's appeal of the Building Inspector's decision to allow the contractor to use the private piece of land for its central base.

A construction project of this magnitude involving several construction crews, heavy trucks, and large water and sewer pipes needs a central location — a staging area — to both store equipment and materials as well as serve as the headquarters for the multi-faceted project. But, with the staging area and a construction project comes issues with noise, traffic and accidents, like last week's hydraulic fluid spill.

As the town waits for the Zoning Board of Appeals decision (scheduled to be discussed at the ZBA monthly meeting Tuesday, Dec. 11), the Planning Board has made its recommendation in favor of the appellant, Eileen Craven of 6 Nichols Road.

"It seemed to us a lengthy intrusion to a residential area at the very least needed some public review," said Planning Board Chairman Al Moore in a phone interview earlier this week. The Zoning Board will take the Planning Board's recommendation into consideration as they make their final decision.

The agreement to use the private land at 198 Jerusalem Road is between the property owners and the town's project contractor, L M Holdings.

Before the start of the project, the town's contractor, L M Holdings, located the piece of property, less than an acre, to serve as the staging area for the duration of the project, approximately two years. The contractor got the green light from Building Inspector Bob Egan and prepared the site for use by blacktopping, fencing and placing hay bails around the section of property situated in the midst of project work.

At the ZBA hearing on the matter, neighbors spoke out against the staging area because of its presence in a residential district — a district not zoned for commercial or industrial use. However, the town's zoning bylaws allows uses like a staging area in a residential district if the town or other governmental agency was operating the use of the property.

Whether the town is operating the site is a central question. The town's agents, both the contractor and its engineering consultant, Coughlin Environmental, operate the day to day business out of the staging area.

The staging area raised some eyebrows after one of the project trucks broke its hydraulic line while in the staging area on Monday, Nov. 19. The driver of the PA Landers truck did not realize the line had broken as he pulled out of the staging area entrance onto Jerusalem Road. The truck got as far as the intersection of Jerusalem Road and Nichols Road — less than 100 feet.

"The spill may have been about 15 gallons," said Fire Chief Robert Silvia. 15 gallons was the total reservoir of the hydraulic fluid tank according to the truck's driver. Fire units responded to the scene. The DEP was notified, but did not respond, said Silvia. Cyn Environmental was contacted and assisted in the clean up of the spill.

The road was shut down for a short time so the crews could clean up the fluids on the road. Fire officials were on the scene from 3:3. to 5:40p.m. as the clean-up took place, said Silvia.

South Shore Tide Chart
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Nov.-Dec.	HIGH				LOW			
	AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 29	2:32	8.8	2:43	9.8	8:21	0.6	9:03	-0.2
Sunrise: 6:50 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:13 p.m.*			
Fri. 30	3:30	8.5	3:42	9.2	9:19	1.0	9:59	0.3
Sunrise: 6:51 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:12 p.m.*			
Sat. 1	4:28	8.4	4:42	8.7	10:20	1.3	10:55	0.8
Sunrise: 6:52 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:12 p.m.*			
Sun. 2	5:26	8.3	5:44	8.3	11:22	1.4	11:51	1.1
Sunrise: 6:53 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:12 p.m.*			
Mon. 3	6:21	8.3	6:44	8.0	—	—	12:24	1.4
Sunrise: 6:54 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:11 p.m.*			
Tues. 4	7:13	8.5	7:40	7.9	12:45	1.3	1:22	1.2
Sunrise: 6:55 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:11 p.m.*			
Wed. 5	8:00	8.6	8:32	7.8	1:35	1.4	2:14	1.0
Sunrise: 6:56 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:11 p.m.*			
Thurs. 6	8:44	8.8	9:20	7.9	2:21	1.5	3:01	0.8
Sunrise: 6:57 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:11 p.m.*			

Tides between Cohasset and Plymouth may differ from these

Police Beat

Red Lion could get round before selectmen

By Mary Ford
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The management of the Red Lion Inn could be before the selectmen in the weeks ahead after apparent violations of the establishment's liquor license the night before Thanksgiving.

Police observed patrons drinking on the porch at about 11:40 p.m. on Wednesday (Nov. 21) and spoke with the person in charge about having the people move back inside. "We were assured this would be taken care of," Chief James Hussey said. An officer also took a male patron home after he dropped a beer bottle that broke on S. Main Street. He was not underage, Hussey said, but appeared to be intoxicated.

Later on that night, police went back and saw some patrons drinking outside on the sidewalk and also saw patrons drinking inside at closing time, about 1 a.m. The officers told the bartender to turn the lights up, it was time to go, Hussey said.

"I am putting a package together to send to the town manager," Hussey said. "On its face, it appears there were violations of the liquor license, including drinking outside off the property and possibly serving people after hours."

Hussey explained that "last call" is usually between 12:30-12:45 a.m., and by 1 a.m., establishments start clearing out.

Officers also drove a Cohasset woman and a Scituate woman home. Both appeared to be intoxicated, police said.

No one at the Red Lion Inn was available to comment by press time.

Murder hoax

State Police asked Cohasset Police to do a well being check on Thanksgiving after receiving a cell phone call from a caller who claimed to have witnessed on the Internet a murder that had just occurred in Cohasset. Police went to the Old Pasture Road address and were assured by the resident that everything was fine. The resident also let police inside and there was "nothing showing," Chief Hussey said. State Police have the cell phone number of the caller.

Cohasset Police are working in conjunction with State Police to determine who that number belongs to and to see what action should be taken. "It was the false report of a crime and tied up police resources for no apparent reason," Hussey said.

Car doors

Police are investigating the apparent theft of two doors from a Jeep that was parked for repairs at a car repair business off Route 3A. The incident occurred sometime from Sunday afternoon (Nov. 18) into Monday morning (Nov. 19). Chief Hussey said each of the Jeep doors is valued at $700. He explained that a variety of markets for stolen car items, such as air bags have developed in recent years.

Laptops stolen

A number of laptops valued at $1,100 each were stolen from the Deer Hill School. The incident was reported on Monday (Nov. 19) but it is unclear when the theft occurred.

Chief Hussey said the computers were stored in a locked cabinet and were discovered missing when the technology staffer went to access the computers in order to upgrade memory and noticed that a number of them were missing. Because the incident is under investigation, police did not say how many were stolen.

MV crashes

• At about 3:30 p.m. on Monday (Nov. 19), a 2001 Lexus operated by a Cohasset man veered off North Main Street and into a tree. The Lexus was traveling southbound (toward the Village) and was in the vicinity of Dolan Lane when the incident occurred. According to witnesses, he crossed the centerline without provocation and hit a tree on the northbound side. The operator told police he was distracted and took his eyes of the road for a short time, when he looked up, it was too late to make a correction. The man said he was not injured. There was damage to the front of the Lexus, which was towed. The driver was cited for marked lanes violation.

• A three-car, chain reaction collision occurred at 10:10 p.m. on Monday (Nov. 19) at the lights at Stop & Shop on Route 3A. A 2002 Honda, driven by a Braintree man, and a 2003 Chrysler, driven by a Hingham woman, were headed north and had stopped at the lights. A Boston woman driving a 1995 Jeep tried to stop but made contact with the Chrysler, pushing it into the Honda. The Honda did not appear to be damaged. The Chrysler had extensive damage to the rear of the car and the Jeep had front-end damage. No one claimed to be injured and none of the cars were towed, Chief Hussey said.

• A 1995 Chrysler driven by a Brockton woman that was trying to turn left (north) onto Route 3A from a driveway of a business off the state highway collided with a southbound 1997 Dodge driven by a Scituate woman at about 9:25 p.m. on Sunday (Nov. 25). Police said the Brockton woman was lost and pulled into the driveway of Route 3A to turn around. Both vehicles were towed and the Brockton woman was cited for failure to use care when entering a state highway.

Self-reporting

A man who backed into an unoccupied vehicle on Highland Avenue, not only left a note with his contact information, but he also contacted the police. "This is what we would like to see happen

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Temporary pipes freeze

By Nancy White
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Twenty-eight homes woke up this past Saturday morning, turned out the faucet and nothing came out. The Little Harbor district homes were receiving water service from above ground temporary water pipes due to the ongoing Little Harbor water and sewer improvement project.

Several residents called the police department which promptly notified the Water Department. The temporary connections, which are rubber hoses, attach to the house through an outside faucet. When these temporary pipes, not the water main, froze no water could get into the individual homes.

Water Commission Chairman Glenn Pratt said representatives from the Water Department spoke to all the homeowners on temporary pipes and given them a connection that they can leave running to prevent another freeze.

The temporary connections, which are rubber hoses, attach to the house through an outside faucet.

"We have also attempted to add insulation to the connections," said Pratt in an e-mail.

As a result of this incident the water work in conjunction with the Little Harbor sewer project has been slightly altered. The original plan was to complete the water work on Deep Run, Whitehead Road and parts of Nichols Road this year before the freeze set in. All water work on these streets was scheduled first so the sewer work could continue through the winter months. If the weather had cooperated, the temporary pipes would have been removed before the first freeze.

"We have rearranged the work schedule and expect that none of the temporary pipes will be needed by the 15th of December," said Pratt.

The new schedule moves the remaining work on Nichols Road for the spring, Deep Run will be completed in the coming weeks and most of the Whitehead work will be able to be completed as planned.

"The overall project should not be impacted in the long run," said Pratt, "the project is scheduled to run 700-plus days."

The Little Harbor sewer and water improvement project is the largest municipal public works project (exclusive of the school buildings) to be undertaken by the town. At the end of the two-year long project, 485 homes will be added to town sewer. The homeowners benefiting from the new sewer lines will pay the $15.2 million price tag for the project.

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Police Beat

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in these incidents," Chief Hussey said. Too often, a motorist, who hits an unoccupied car and causes damage, leaves the scene without leaving any identifying information.

In this incident that was reported last Tuesday (Nov. 20) at about 10:40 p.m., there was some minor, visible damage.

"We encourage people to go that extra mile and give us a call," Hussey said. That way the other party can be assured of being notified. A note left on a windshield could blow away or be taken. "When people call us, we can then be sure the insurance companies can take it from there."

High-end bike stolen

Police are investigating the theft of a black and white "Look 585" bicycle valued a more than $1,000 from a Jerusalem Road garage sometime overnight last Wednesday into Thursday morning (Nov. 21-22). The resident called police when he saw the garage door open that morning and the bike was missing. The garage door had been closed but was unlocked, police said. Detectives gathered evidence from the scene and the serial number has been put into NCIC (National Crime Information Center) database.

Bike found

Police took custody of an 18-speed bicycle after a Clay Spring Road resident called last week to explain the bike had been leaning on the fence across from her house for two days. It was not chained and no one had been near the bike. Chief Hussey said the bike is valued at a "few hundred dollars."

ID theft

Police gave a Scituate woman an identity theft package after she reported an unauthorized purchase of $148 on her credit card issued by a bank in Cohasset. The charge was made to a shipping address in Albany, N.Y. There appeared to be no other unauthorized transactions and she cancelled the card.

Drive off

Police have not been able to match up a plate number provided by an attendant at a local gas station to a white car that drove off without paying for $50.18 in gas last week.

The attendant provided a seven-character plate number, and in Massachusetts, there are only six characters on a plate. The person, who drove off, has not returned and it is not clear if he/she left on purpose or left without realizing they had not paid for the gas.

Raccoon complaint

A frustrated caller threatened to take matters into his own hands and shoot a raccoon that was playing in the back yard with his dog last week. When police arrived, the raccoon had moved on.

Chief Hussey said that if a raccoon is behaving oddly, then callers should tell the dispatcher who will send an officer right out. In this case, the caller was put into the animal control officer's voicemail.

When he called back, he threatened to shoot the raccoon himself.

"If the animal looks sick or acting strangely then we will send an officer right down who can take care of the animal in a safe manner," Hussey said.

Architect hired for Town Hall restoration

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entry foyer and several second story offices for town departments.

Farrag has headed up the five person Design Selection Committee that interviewed five architectural firms for the job. Through a series of meetings and interviews, the committee narrowed down the field to their top three picks.

"It was a tough decision between the five firms," said Farrag.

The Design Review Committee was appointed by Town Manager Bill Griffin to supervise and advise the town during the project. In addition to the interviews, the committee did research into past projects of similar natures and checked references. A similar five-person committee will work hand in hand with the architect as the firm completes the project scope.

The architect will look at the building in a holistic fashion, paying attention to heating, electricity, space utilization and energy conservation as they develop what will likely be a phased restoration project, said Farrag.

One of the challenges with the Town Hall restoration is the fact the building is a working Town Hall with several town offices located on the second floor of the building.

"This is not a dead building," said Farrag, the Town Hall is host to the town election, Cohasset Dramatic Club performances and day-to-day town business.

"We want to keep the time periods for disturbances as low as possible," said Farrag.

Furthermore, the architects are limited to the "envelope of the building," said Farrag, meaning they are limited to what they can do within the current four walls of the building. The architect will need to walk the line between future functionality and historical preservation. Special care will be paid to making the building as "green" as possible. The architects working on the project are LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified.

The Design Review Committee's recommended Carr, Lynch and Sandell for several reasons, explained Griffin. The firm came to the interview with a specific plan of action and task list for the project. The project manager has specific experience in renovating an old theater and the engineers have experience working with an aging Town Hall. The firm plans to hire a professional cost-estimating firm to assist on the project, "where the rubber reaches the road is how much this is going to cost," says Farrag. Other benefits included one of firm's principals lives locally, and they received excellent references from other clients.

"They set forth a workable time schedule and indicated they could complete the scope of services within the allotted budget," Griffin said. Farrag estimates the feasibility study to take about two months, once the contract is signed. But, to complete the renovation and restoration will take much longer.

"There's so much to do and it will take awhile to get the funds in line," says Farrag.

Farrag foresees presenting progress at the Annual Town Meeting in March. Parts of the project could qualify for Community Preservation funds, but he hopes to find several other sources of funding to complete the restoration, including grant funding.

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Cohasset Land Foundation plugging along

George M. Ingram Park in the works

By Nancy White
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The CLF held a reception this past weekend to honor and thank Ingram and his family for working with the Land Foundation to create the park.

Step by step the Cohasset Land Foundation has been working to realize its plan for a 40-acre parcel of land off Beechwood Street/Norman Todd Road. The Land Foundation, a not-for profit group of private citizens, finalized the purchase of the land over the summer and is working on developing a small portion of the tract while leaving the majority of land for open space.

Establishing a park accessible to the public is one of the primary objectives of the Land Foundation at this time. Nearly 26 acres of land is intended for a park to be named after George M. Ingram. The CLF purchased the land from Osborne "Ozzie" Ingram. Part of the purchase and sale agreement stipulated at least 50 percent of the land remain undeveloped and be a park named in Ingram's late father's honor.



COURTESY PHOTOS

The Cohasset Land Foundation purchased nearly 40 acres of land from Osborne "Ozzie" Ingram over the summer. Nearly 26 acres of the land will be converted to George M. Ingram Park, named in Ingram's father's honor. The CLF held a reception this past weekend to honor and thank Ingram and his family for working with the Land Foundation to create the park.

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"It was heartening to see such love between an admiring son, and his late father," said CLF Chairman Rick Swanborg in an e-mail.

Ingram's father purchased the majority of the land—31 acres—while the family was living on the North Shore in 1922. He later bought adjacent parcels and at one time owned about 50 acres of land in Cohasset.

"I hope [the park] is an appropriate memorial to the man who brought me up and worked hard all his life," said In gram in a phone interview, adding he thought it was fitting the man who preserved the land from development be honored in the park's name.

The creation of the park involves a small gravel parking area, an Ingram Park sign and some simple walking trails through the area. This parcel will add to one of three wildlife migration routes defined for future preservation needs called for in the Cohasset Master Plan drafted a few years ago, said Swanborg.

As the CLF never intended to be the owners of land, the title and management of the future Ingram Park has been conferred to another private land group, the Cohasset Conservation Trust. The Conservation Trust, which owns and cares for other properties throughout town, will hold the conservation restrictions on the land.

In addition, the abutting Vedanta Centre purchased six acres to buffer its current land and community.

"Both groups were great to work with on a very complex transaction," said Swanborg.

Ingram, too, speaks highly of working with the members of the CLF in this transaction and was glad to provide the CLF with the opportunity to do their first project, "I'm very pleased with this arrangement."



The Land Foundation presented Osborne "Ozzie" Ingram with a mock-up of the sign to designate the George M. Ingram Park. His son, Alan, and two daughters, Martha and Judy joined him at the reception last Saturday. The park will include a small gravel parking area, an Ingram Park sign and some simple walking trails.

The CLF negotiated a price tag of $1.25 million to purchase the 37.5 acres of land, a combination of wetlands, ledge and forest. The land's designation as forestland places it under a Chapter 61 statute that granted the Town the right of first refusal. The Board of Selectmen waived that right this past spring.

Members of the CLF have appeared in front of all major town boards in the last few months, including the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Board of Health to get the permits required for development. An open house for potential developers was held in October and there were several expressions of interest, said Swanborg. Three two-acre, single-family home lots will fund the land acquisition price and investments made by the CLF.

The Cohasset Land Foundation is a public/private partnership founded to assist the town in identifying, acquiring, preserving and appropriately developing parcels of land of special interest in a manner consistent with the goals outlined in the 2003 Cohasset Master Plan. The CLF is modeled after a successful organization established in the town of Lincoln. The organization seeks further opportunities with local landowners and estates to "save what needs to be saved and develop what needs to be developed" to meet the towns future needs.

"We have started searching for other opportunities to purchase property at a fair price and convert it for meeting the objectives of the Cohasset Master Plan," said Swanborg, "Ozzie Ingram's property was a great example of our team working to pay a fair price for precious land that will be a Park, a nice land buffer for existing home owners, and limited development. We would look forward to discussions with other property owners."

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AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

FAIR(S) WEEKEND

Hi Cohasset. How is everyone doing this week? The start of December is here tomorrow and holiday fun and activities have arrived. Don't forget to head on down to the Common tomorrow for the Village Fair and to visit with the famed "Man of the hour in the Big Red Suit!" After that, you can head over to the wonderful Beechwood Snowflake Fair, more to follow in this column. As the holiday season continues to get underway and grow, we all need to make sure to take each day in stride with a nice deep breath and enjoy! Whether you celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa or another special day and time, we are all in this together to have a wonderful holiday season.

OH BOY!

We have some wonderful news to share about a former Cohasset resident and her family. **Jennifer (Cellucci) Edgar** and her husband **Robert** would like announce the birth of their son, **Jacob Daniel Edgar**. Jacob was born in Weymouth on Nov. 10, 2007 weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Jacob's very proud and happy grandparents are **Judy and Dan Cellucci** of Cohasset and **Pat and Bob Edgar** of Hanover. Jacob and his mom and dad are residing in North Weymouth getting ready to have a wonderful holiday season. Congratulations to all as you enjoy this new little person.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

A super Happy Birthday wish is going out to a very special young lady from everyone in my household along with all of your friends and family! **Abbey Johnson,** a Cohasset first grader, celebrated her 7th birthday this week. You are getting to be such a big girl Miss Abbey and we are all so proud of you. Happy Happy Birthday Abba-Doo!

JOSEPH AUDITIONS

Auditions for Cohasset Dramatic Club's Spring musical, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" by Andrew Lloyd Webber, will be held at the Cohasset Town Hall on Sunday, Dec. 9th at 6 p.m. for youth ages 10 and up and at 7:30 pm for Adults. Auditions will also be held on Monday, Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m. for youth ages 10 and up and at 7:30 p.m. for adults. Callbacks, if needed, will be Tuesday Dec. 11th at 7 pm. Cast size can vary. Both men and women are needed, specifically as many as 17 principal men (some of these parts can be played by women) and two specific women with a women's chorus; there will also be a youth chorus of 20-24, ages 10 and up. Boys and girls are welcome. Audition requirements are a prepared 16-32 bars of an upbeat song in the style of the show. Music from the show is acceptable as well. There will be a dance movement audition as well, so dress comfortably. Some may be asked to do a cold reading.

Performance dates will be Feb. 29, March 1, 2, 7,8,9,14,15 &16 at the Cohasset Town Hall. Lisa Rafferty will direct the show, with music direction by Mark Bono. Lisa Pratt will produce it. For any questions regarding auditions or anything pertaining to the show including a more complete description of the show, please contact Lisa Pratt at 617-852-0091.



COURTESY PHOTO

If you see Judy and Dan Cellucci of Cohasset around town smiling more than usual, be sure to congratulate them! They have a brand-new grandson, Jacob Daniel Edgar, who arrived on Nov. 10.

HOLIDAY STROLL

Village merchants are busy planning the annual Cohasset Village Holiday Stroll to be held on Saturday Dec. 15th in Cohasset Village, encompassing South Main Street, Elm Street, Depot Court, Pleasant Street, and Ripley Road. From 4-7 p.m. the streets will be alive with holiday cheer as businesses stay open late with refreshments, open houses, entertainment, and special holiday celebrations. For children, there will be a hay ride and visits with Santa. Each participating business will offer a raffle prize; tickets are available at the Village businesses and all proceeds will benefit the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project. For more information visit any of the Village locations.

HOUSE TOUR

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will present "Christmas Memories", a holiday house tour on Thursday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. This year's tour will showcase five of Cohasset's loveliest homes and the Cohasset Historical Society's Paul Pratt building, all lavishly decorated for the holiday season by garden club members. Tea and light refreshments will be served at Bates Hall in the Second Congregational Church on Highland Avenue in Cohasset. There will also be a holiday gift boutique where wreaths, garlands, and holiday decorations may be purchased. Tickets are $20 in advance and $25 on tour day and include directions to the homes and parking suggestions. The tour will be held rain or shine and is suitable for adults only. Tickets are limited so be sure to purchase your tickets as soon as possible. Tickets are now on sale locally at: Windsor Tea Shop, Buttonwood Books and Toys, Flemings, and Darilynn's. You may also purchase tickets on the day of the tour at the Second Congregational Church.

CHORAL CONCERT

They are at it again. So what do the names **Avery, Game, Tebbetts, Haber, Lengyel, Kovach, Roche, Sceery**, and **Norman** have in common? They are all members of the South Shore's Choral Arts Society, conducted by **Danica A. Buckley**, and composed of your neighbors and local friends from many south shore towns who love to sing. CAS will hold its glorious winter concert, Holiday Fanfare, with seasonal works of Irving Berlin, Vittoria, and Robert Shaw, followed by Ralph Vaughan Williams' stunning Hodie, on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 8pm at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 465 First Parish Road, (corner of 3A) Scituate. The concert will benefit the work of the society and its scholarship fund. Tickets are available at Buttonwood Books in Shaw's Plaza, at the Front Street Book Shop, 88 Front St., and from choir members. $15 per person, $12. for seniors and students., This event is funded in part by the Local Arts Councils of Cohasset, Hull, Norwell and Scituate under the umbrella of the Mass Cultural Council. Come hear the dazzlingly piano performance of **Susan Gilleece-Reilley**, the four part harmony and exquisite solo work of the society.. It will carry you gently into the holiday spirit! For information call 617-285-6339.

VILLAGE FAIR

The Village Fair on Cohasset Common is this Saturday, Dec. 1, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., sponsored by Second Congregational, St. Stephen's Episcopal and First Parish Unitarian Universalist churches. Arts and crafts, chowder bar, bake tables, rummage sale, visit with Santa, and specially priced items for children to buy gifts. Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox church will sell Greek pastry and holiday greens and wreaths at the South Shore Community Center. Rusty Skippers band performs at 11 a.m. at First Parish Meeting House. Many programs are being run with the Cohasset Appalachian Service Project including the photos with Santa and the Children's Gift Room. Don't forget to come on down and enjoy the sunny, winter and holiday-like special day!

SNOWFLAKE FAIR

Stop by the Beechwood Church's Annual Snowflake Fair on Saturday, Dec. 1, to shop for the holidays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Have coffee and donuts and then lunch while you shop. Children will enjoy choosing interesting White Elephant items. For crafty types, check out our homemade goods: hand knit items, centerpieces, jewelry and decorated wreaths. Don't have time to bake? Buy our baked goods, especially our much sort after Beach Glass Candy. A Clam Chowder luncheon will be served at 11:30. The Beechwood Church is located on Church Street.

That is all for this week. Send me in all of your news and information no later than Tuesday by 5:00 pm.

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'Tis the 'Season'

Amanda Thompson publishes second book

By Nancy White
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Don't wait.

This is the advice Cohasset's own young author, Amanda Thompson, offers to aspiring writers because it is exactly what she did. The 18-year-old college freshman is a twice-published author and always sees writing a part of her future.

"If writing is something you love, don't wait. Write about what you want when you want. And trust me, you have more time to write in middle school and high school," Thompson explains with a smile while sitting in her living room. Twenty minutes earlier she returned home for Thanksgiving break from Gordon College in Wenham, Mass.

She describes herself as an impatient person and didn't want to wait around for the right job or higher education or more experience before she started writing and encourages other budding novelists to do the same.

Like many writers, Thompson has had the frustration of writer's block on more than one occasion. Moving beyond making something sound perfect, by instead focusing on getting the emotion behind the words on paper is key.

"You want to get the emotion out, even if you don't like it," she says the wording can always be changed down the line, "writing without emotion is not powerful."

Often Thompson uses sticky notes when creativity hits her to write down phrases or sentences to be inserted somewhere someday, "my desk at school is covered with them," she says with a laugh.



Cohasset's Amanda Thompson holds a copy of "Season," her second novel. Thompson is a freshman at Gordon College.



STAFF PHOTOS/CHRIS SHORES

Cohasset's Amanda Thompson, a college freshman and author of "Season," which is a sequel to her first young adult novel, "Millennium Girl," sits at her home computer.

Thompson's second book, "Season," is a sequel to her first young adult novel, "Millennium Girl," which came out when she was just 14-years-old. In "Season" her heroine Carolyn is growing up and discovering who she is. The story picks up where "Millenium Girl" left off with Carolyn in the midst of eighth grade.

"["Season"] is about changes and how life can't stay the same but through its challenges we discover who we are and what we stand for," says Thompson. Although "Season" and "Millennium Girl" are two distinct books and stories, she sees the books as the continuing story of one girl growing up, "life is a progression of events. I see [the books] as one thing with several pieces."

In this second installment, Carolyn deals with issues and problems with those closest to her — parents, friends, boyfriends, but most of all within herself. She hopes her readers will relate to Carolyn and her story as much as they did "Millennium Girl."

Being a published author at such a young age was a little surreal at first, says Thompson, "but after a little bit it feels normal, it doesn't feel weird."

"Writing is something I've always done and something I always see myself doing," and one of the best parts about being published is hearing feedback from her readers, "it's exciting to have an impact."

Some of the more memorable comments were about how "Millennium Girl" was really in a language teens and pre-teens could relate to, "That's the highest praise."

Writing is a part of Thompson's life in more ways than one. She's been writing since she could read and even before that she and her father would make up stories at bedtime, says Thompson's mother, Sue Thompson.

In addition to novel writing she works on poetry and songwriting. She plays a little guitar, but says she isn't yet adept to write music to go along with her lyrics. At college, she has written a few articles for the college newspaper. But, one type of writing she's never gravitated to is the short story, preferring to focus on character development and dialogue the length of novel writing allows.

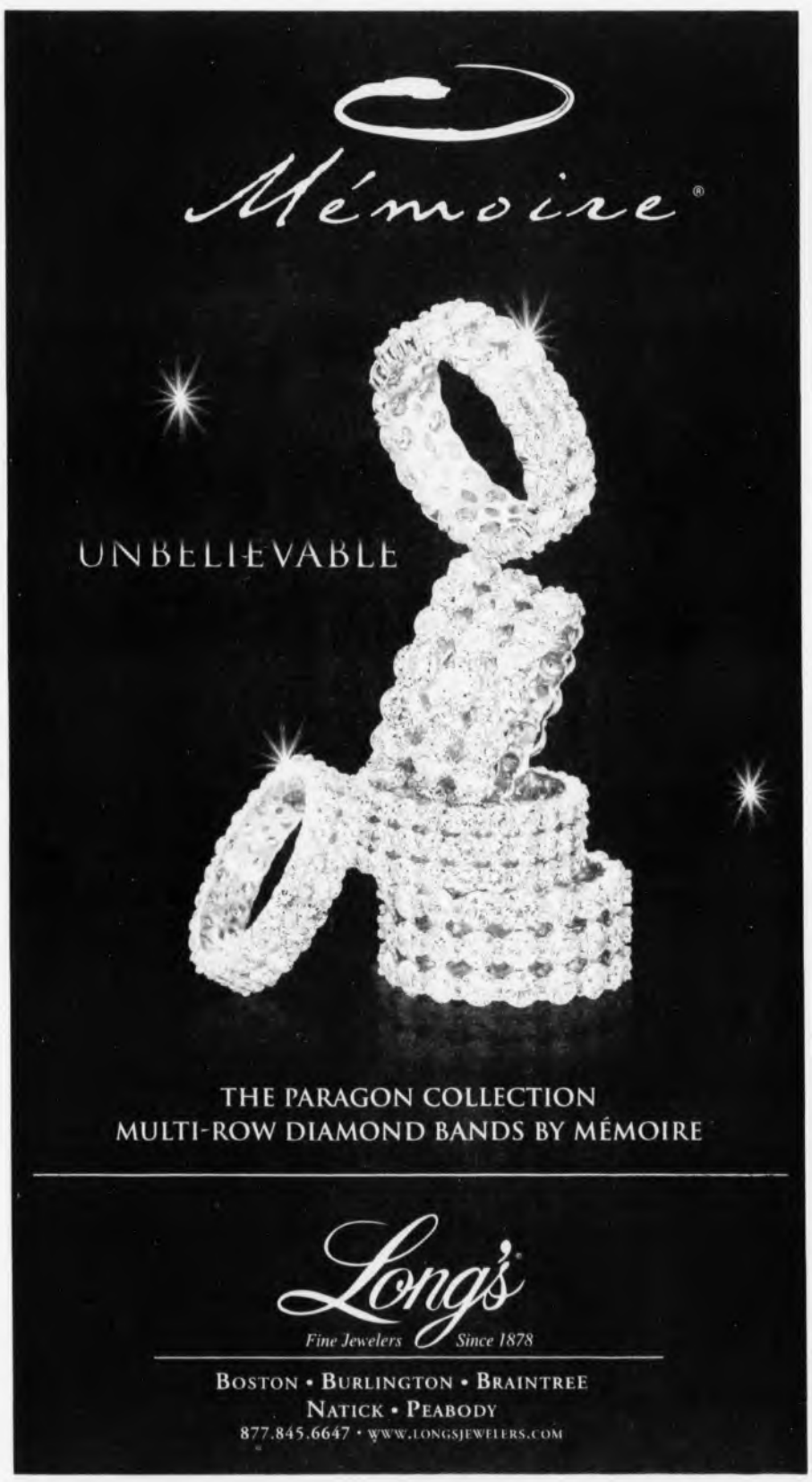
At Gordon, her chosen major is communication arts partly because of the hands-on writing coursework, "I just want to dive in and write."

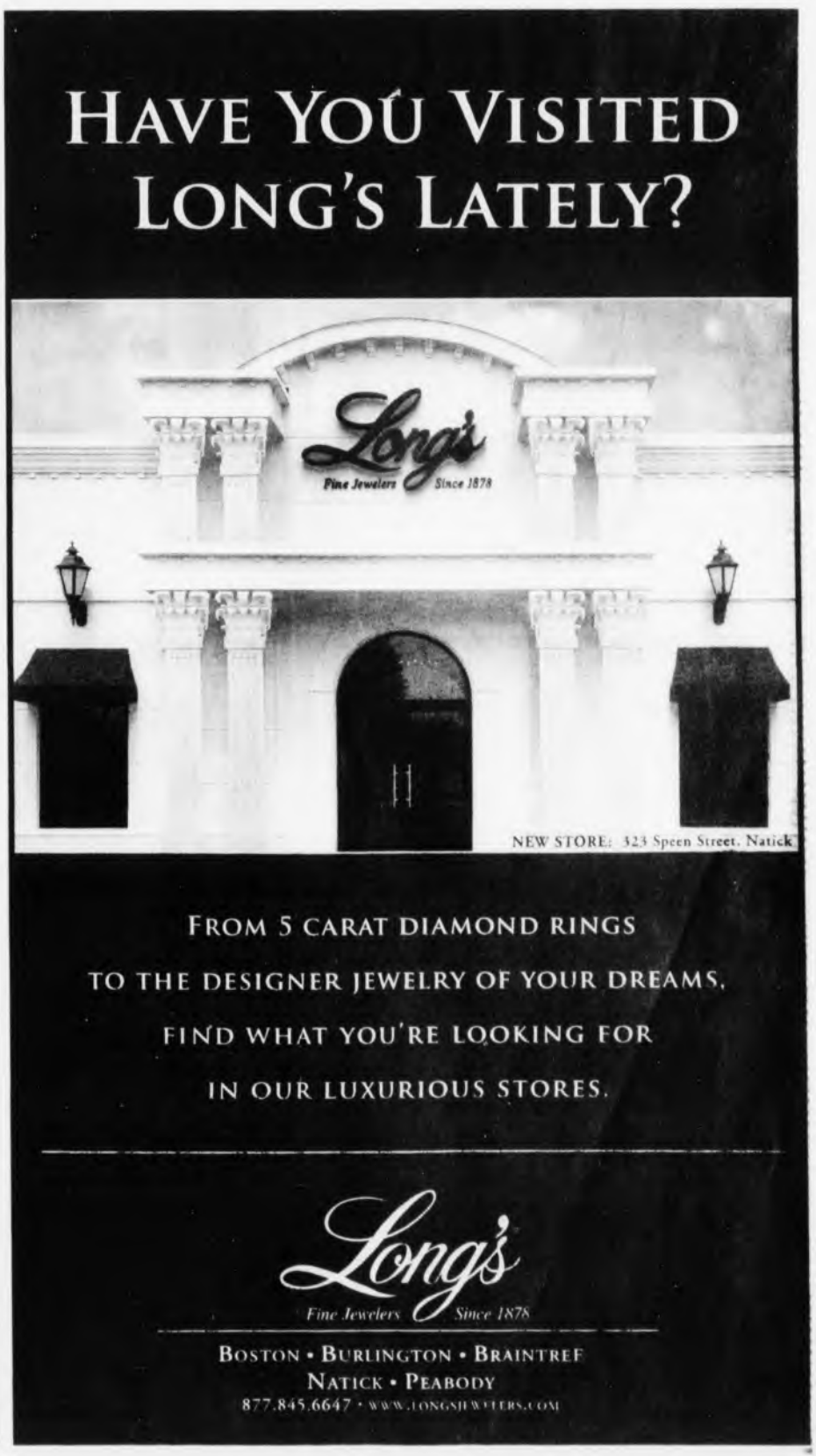
As for her next project, she's in the beginning stages of writing and developing a fantasy novel along the lines of the Chronicles of Narnia.

"I know I want to continue with Carolyn," says Thompson. She plans to see Carolyn, who finishes eighth grade in "Season," through high school, but for right now she is interested in writing in another genre.

While home from school on Christmas break, Thompson will be making the rounds to local bookstores to talk to readers and sign her new book. She will be at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset on Saturday, December 8 from 1 to 3 p.m. On Sunday, December 9 she's scheduled for Story Book Cove in Merchants Row in Hanover from 1 to 3 p.m.

"Season" is now available in the online bookstores of AuthorHouse.com, Barnes and Nobles, Borders and Amazon.





Garden Club to host holiday house tour

Community Garden Club of Cohasset will host "Christmas Memories," a holiday house tour, tea, and boutique from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 6. The tour will feature five beautiful Cohasset homes and the Cohasset Historical Society's Paul Pratt building. Each home has been selected for its beauty, charm, and distinctive architectural design.

"Christmas Memories" will begin at the Cohasset Historical Society where society staff members will use period furnishings and antiques to transform the Paul Pratt building into a Victorian Christmas. Garden club members will embellish the scene with fresh holiday greens and flowers.

The featured homes on the tour include: An antique sea captain's home dating back to the 18th century, which has been renovated, but retains its historic charm. Santa will have a hard time deciding what chimney to come down as there are four fireplaces which will be decorated using flowers, fruits, and fresh greens in classic arrangements to complement the home's antique architectural details; a cape-style colonial home with an open floor enhanced by detail and craftsmanship. The guesthouse on the property will also be decorated in a seaside motif; A newly built shingle-style home with sweeping views of the marshes and Little Harbor, reminiscent of the shingle-style manors of the past that dotted the east coast; a new shingle-style house with an old-fashioned beach house feel. Natural materials abound and the decorations will echo the beauty of the sea, marshes, and woodlands that surround it; and lastly, a second empire-style home with elaborate and unique details throughout. Decorations will be used to create a seaside Victorian Christmas.

To add to the festive mood of the tour, the bells of Saint Stephen's will play carols and songs of the season and a holiday tea with light refreshments will be included in the ticket price.

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The tour will be held rain or shine and is suitable for adults only. Tickets cost $20 in advance and $25 on the day of the tour. Tickets are limited and can be purchased at Windsor Tea Shop, 1 Pleasant St., Cohasset; Buttonwood Books and Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Cohasset; Flemings of Cohasset Village, 24 Elm St., Cohasset; Darilynn's 64 South Main St., Cohasset; The Welch Company, 146 Front St., Scituate; Talbots 164 North St., Hingham; Johannah's 106 North St., Hingham; The Shoe Market, Derby St. Shoppes, Hingham; and Stonehouse Gardens, Main St. Norwell.

Tickets may also be purchased on the day of the tour at the Second Congregational Church. Proceeds from the house tour help fund the many programs and projects of the club, which include civic beautification, scholarships, and educational programs. Community Garden Club of Cohasset is a member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. For more information, call 781-383-0838 or visit www.communitygardenclubofcohasset.org

From the Archives of the Cohasset Historical Society



This gracious hostess is preparing to entertain guests in her 1903 Victorian home located at 106 South Main St., Cohasset. Her lovely house has been decorated for Christmas by the Historical Society in collaboration with the Community Garden Club of Cohasset. While her young children are at play in the nursery, guests mingle in the dining room and parlor. A woman's boudoir and man's study complete the exhibit. Objects carefully selected from the Society's collection beautifully decorate these rooms for the holidays.

Be sure to join the Community Garden Club's House Tour on Thursday, Dec. 6 to see this display as well as the other houses on tour that day. Tickets can be purchased from several local merchants and a gingerbread house made by Ginger Betty's of Quincy will be raffled at the Historical Society for $1 per chance.

From the Archives is a weekly feature provided by Cohasset Historical Society.

The Cohasset Historical Society welcomes donations. If you have something that you would consider donating to our archives please give us a call at 781-383-1434.

BRIEFLY

Caroling on the Common

Hey there, songsters. Here's a holiday treat for young and old. Once again, Cohasset's First Parish Church is sponsoring a well-loved Cohasset tradition – Caroling on the Common – on Saturday, Dec. 15.

Everyone is welcome to this community event for young and old, especially families with school-age children. Exceptional singing voices are not required; carols will be familiar and simple. Because it gets dark quickly, participants are asked to bring flashlights.

Carolers will leave from the Parish House at 4 p.m. As in the past, carolers will serenade a few homes on the Common, but this year most of our singing will be done around the duck pond – as weather permits. At approximately 4:45 p.m., everyone will return to the Parish House for cocoa, cider and cookies. Cookie donations would be appreciated.

Everyone is asked to bring a pair of socks – or two or three – which will be donated to Boston Health Care for the Homeless. Socks should be white cotton; both men's and women's sizes are welcome.

Come join friends for an old-fashioned holiday get-together, and pass the word. The more the merrier! For more information, call Sandy Bailey at 383-1100 or Woody Chittick at 383-3215.

Historical Society to host Wassail Party

Cohasset Historical Society will celebrate the holiday season with its annual Wassail Party from 2 to 4 p.m., on Sunday Dec. 9. An invitation is extended to members, guests and the public to join in the festivities at the Pratt Building, 105 South Main St. Refreshments, beverages and the traditional Wassail will be served, and musical entertainment will add to the occasion.

The Pratt Building will be decorated for the season as part of the Community Garden Club's Holiday House Tour with vignettes representing the Victorian era.

Rusty Skippers Holiday Concert

Rusty Skippers, Cohasset's own community concert band, will perform the annual Holiday Pops Concert at First Parish Church, Cohasset, at 11:15 a.m., on Saturday, Dec. 1. The Skippers will be playing a variety of holiday pieces including "Sleigh Ride," made famous by the Boston Pops, a selection from Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite," "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" and many other familiar tunes and carols in all styles. The concert will also feature a special guest, vocalist Lily Sestito. The concert is free and appropriate for all ages. A freewill cash offering for Cohasset Food Pantry will be taken.

Rusty Skippers formed in 1995 as part of the Cohasset Harborfest at the suggestion of the late Rev. Ed Atkinson of First Parish in Cohasset. Rusty Skippers play under the direction of Steve Biagini, the instrumental music teacher at Deer Hill School. After the December concert schedule is completed, the band will reconvene in March to prepare selections for appearances including the South Shore Festival of the Arts, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Cohasset Memorial Day Parade and various nursing homes and concert series.

Rusty Skippers Band has openings in some instrumental sections. Anyone interested in joining or booking the band, can call Biagini at Deer Hill School at 781-383-6115, ext. 155, or email sbiagini@cohassetk12.org.

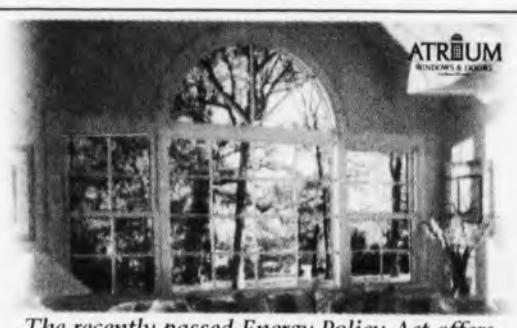
Holiday party

The Cohasset Republican Town Committee will host its annual holiday party from 4 to 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 2, at Bancroft Hall Lightkeepers Residence, Cohasset Harbor. The cost is $20 per person and $30 per couple. There will be a cash bar.

To register call Julie Guild at 781-383-6443, Polly Logan at 781-383-0031, or Kevin O'Donnell at 781-383-6118. Make checks payable to The Cohasset Republican Town Committee, Julie Guild, 363 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Contributions help fund Republican Candidates and Annual Scholarships for college bound high school seniors. Participants are asked to bring canned goods for the Cohasset Food Pantry.

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Hometown cooking

Second Congregational Church debuts cookbook

By Nancy White
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Celebrations and good food usually go hand in hand. As a testament to that fact, members of the Second Congregational Church have put together a cookbook with 418 recipes to complement each of the celebrations that go along with each season.

"Festivals and Festivities" offers recipes for appetizers, main dishes, vegetables, soups and desserts. The title came from the series of festivals the church is involved in each year: in the spring there is the Quilt Show and luncheon, in the early summer the Strawberry Festival coinciding with the Arts Festival, and this Saturday, December 1 is the annual Village Fair.

"Everything we do revolves around food," says co-chair Annette Sawchuk, which made the cookbook the perfect fit. Hot off the presses, the cookbook will be available for sale at Saturday's Village Fair.

However, the initial idea for a cookbook was born out annual requests for the dessert recipes at the quilt show and luncheon. The dessert menu boasts several items, each as equally appetizing as the next: lemon soufflé, apple pie, crème de menthe soufflé, chocolate mousse cake and carrot cake.

Last winter, a group of ladies at the Second Congregational Church decided to begin the process of putting together a cookbook, says Sawchuk. Although a committee of eight did much of the organizing and executing of the cookbook, all members of the congregation were encouraged to submit their family's favorite recipes.

Amazingly, Sawchuk says, the recipes came in were evenly distributed across the type of entrée, from appetizers to desserts, as well as a cross section of regional favorites often reflecting the background of the person whose name appears along with the recipe.

The committee has spent the better part of this year pulling together hundreds of recipes—and testing almost all of them.

"The great thing about the meetings were we ate," says Debbie Anderson, who organized the winter recipes, "we had a lot of fun together."

At the start of the project the group met monthly, but beginning in May they met almost on a weekly basis. Each meeting brought a new selection of recipes and tastes to the table.

"We tested every recipe but not for taste, we wanted to make sure the recipes were fundamentally sound," says Sawchuk. Specifically, cooking times, directions clarity, oven temperatures, and correct ingredient ratios were checked for accuracy.

The cookbook's recipes are divided according to the most appropriate season. The much sought after Quilt Show luncheon dessert recipes appear in the spring section as well as recipes for an Easter ham dinner. The summer section contains recipes for a barbeques, salads and ice cream desserts. Favorites like pumpkin and pecan pie are included in the fall section. The winter portion includes recipes for hearty soups and homemade candies.

Each season contains a complete dinner party menu to make entertaining in any season simple. Peter Logan of Cohasset Liquors got them in touch with Len Presutti, a representative from Martignetti Liquors, who expertly paired the dinner menus up with a bottle of wine. A wine dinner was held in the spring where over 40 recipes were tested and tasted.

For example, the winter dinner menu includes hot crab dip, almond stuffed dates and cream of mushroom soup as appetizers, with the main course including Portuguese roast pork loin, wild rice casserole, broccoli rabe with pancetta and olives. For dessert, the recipes include red velvet cake and cheesecake.

The cookbook will be for sale at the Village Fair on Saturday, Dec. 2 and at Carmela Drew Fine Foods at 39 S. Main Street after that for $18. All proceeds from the cookbook will go into the Second Congregational Church's general fund.

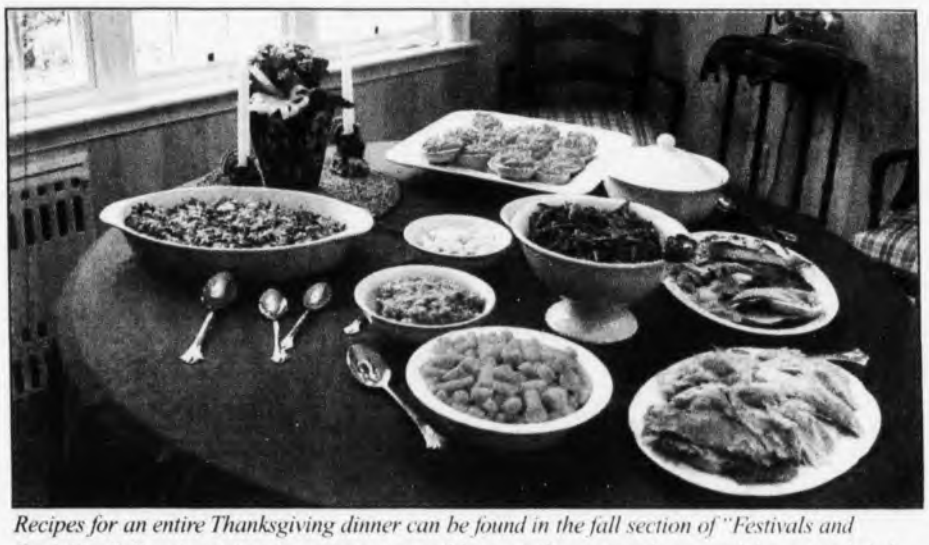
At the Village Fair the church will be offering samples of five different candies featured in the cookbook: peppermint bark, toffee crunch, pistachio bark, popcorn nut crunch and chocolate fudge. About 25 other desserts and baked goods whose recipes appear in the cookbook will be available for sale.

"People can try the recipe before buying the cookbook," says Sawchuk.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Dozens of recipes for appetizers appear in "Festivals and Festivities," a collection of family favorites from members of the Second Congregational Church. Annette Sawchuk, co-chair of the cookbook committee, checks out the fig and walnut tapenade and holiday spread.



Recipes for an entire Thanksgiving dinner can be found in the fall section of "Festivals and Festivities." Sweet potatoes in orange cups, wild rice stuffing, green beans with bacon and shallots, glazed carrots, sangria cranberries, roasted turkey, make ahead turkey gravy and buttered parsnips grace the table.

Village Fair on Cohasset Common

This Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10a.m. to 3p.m. the common will be outfitted for holiday cheer. Four churches are involved in the festivities and many of the proceeds from the event will benefit local charities.

"The Village Fair is special because it brings together people in the community from different faith traditions. Something about that speaks of the spirit of Christmas in a unique way," said Colette Wood, interim assitant at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

"What is also nice this year is that organizations like the Appalachia Service Project and Wellspring will benefit from the fair, so in a way it helps people nearby and far away. Most of the churches also use the proceeds from their fair for outreach project that their church supports."

At the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church on the common they will be having a ReUUsable sale with jewelry, small furniture items, toys and Wellspring Silver star Christmas ornaments. Gingerbread Fantasia, a gingerbread cookie decorating table will be set up for the young and old.

First Parish will host the Rusty Skippers Holiday Pops Concert in the Meeting House at 11a.m. The concert is free and for all ages. Donations will be taken for the Cohasset Food Pantry.

The Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church will have Greek pastries and wreathes will be for sale in the Town Hall auditorium.

A holiday boutique and clam chowder bar will be in set up at the Second Congregational Church next to the Town Hall. Handmade gifts, decorations and stocking stuffers will be among the offerings.

St. Stephen's Church will have a Children's "Secret Room" where kids can purchase and wrap gift "in secret" from their parents and other loved ones. Appalachia Service Project volunteers will be on hand to help the children. A book sale, bake shop and country store will have goodies for the holidays as well.

Jolly old Santa Claus will stop by from 11a.m. to 2p.m. on the Common. Proceeds from photos with Santa will go toward the Appalachia Service Project.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Spirit of giving

GIFTS of HOPE
YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER CARES

This is the season for giving thanks — and for giving, as well.

Again this year we ask you, our readers, to help us in our efforts to assist those local organizations helping those on the South Shore.

"We've always tried to partner with local groups to help lessen the burden for some of our most needy in the communities," said Mark Skala, editor in chief for CNC/South. "It seems every year over the past several years the demand for help continues to rise. Our goal, in some small way, is to bring attention to the good work of so many dedicated volunteers and in the process serve as a means to generate needed funds."

Readers have a long history of helping others through the Gifts of Hope campaign. The first years of the program focused on the issue of homelessness on the South Shore. Organizations such as Fr. Bill's Place, South Shore Friends and Carolina Hill in Marshfield benefited from readers' generosity.

In 2003 CNC's Gifts of Hope campaign shifted efforts to assist the South Shore Women's Center, an organization dedicated to helping victims of domestic violence.

In 2004 the newspaper group turned its attention to local military support groups as the war in Iraq and Afghanistan escalated, supporting organizations such as the Pembroke Military Support Group; Care Packs of Weymouth; and the Quincy based operations of the National Guard's Family Readiness Groups.

In 2005 and 2006 we partnered with Project Bread and many of the local food pantries to address the issue of hunger.

Each year readers have donate between $5,000 and $8,000 to help those in need and we hope for a similar response this year as local organizations will need support more than ever.

Here at the Cohasset Mariner we have designated three local organizations: Wellspring Multi-Service Center, the Hingham/Hull Chapter of Womanade and the Social Service League of Cohasset, each of which will be featured in a story over the next three weeks.

While each group is based in different towns, Wellspring in Hull and Hingham, the Hingham/Hull Womanade Chapter in Hingham and Hull, and the Social Service League of Cohasset, in Cohasset – the warm, welcoming arms of these organizations reach beyond their individual town borders.

At the Mariner, we know we are in a unique position to tell the local stories and encourage our readers to support the organizations that benefit from that spirit of giving.

Here's how the campaign works. Each week over the course of the holiday season the paper will be running advertisements encouraging support for the charitable organizations. Readers will also see printed a weekly tally of donors. We'll also be featuring stories each week that focus on the work of the charity and the people it helps.

The people you will be helping are not strangers, but people you likely know. It is the family of the child sitting next to your own in school; it is the mother and daughter in the pew behind you in church; or maybe that friendly elderly couple who use to live in your neighborhood.

When you sit down with pen in hand this week to check your grocery list, or your Christmas list, please consider making a donation that is a gift of hope. A donation of any size goes a long way.

Please join **The Cohasset Mariner** in supporting three charities: **Wellspring, Womanade,** and the **Social Service League** in their efforts to help those in need this holiday season.

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MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m.
Assessors, Dec. 7, 8:30 a.m.
Board of Health, Dec. 10, 7 p.m.
Capital Budget Committee, Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m.
Cohasset Cultural Council, Dec. 3, 7 p.m.
Cohasset Housing Authority, Dec. 5, 6 p.m. at 60 Elm St.
Planning Board, Dec. 5, 7 p.m.
Selectmen, Dec. 3 & 17 at 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, Jan. 7, 6 p.m.
Stormwater Committee, Dec. 4, 7 p.m.
ZBA, Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Spilled milk' at staging area

TO THE EDITOR:

When my daughters spill milk at our house, we "clean (it) up using standard procedures for such events and the site return(s) to normal operation" – as John Beck soothes in his Weekly Sewer Report. When 15 gallons of hydraulic fluid spilled along Jerusalem Road and onto the staging area at 194 Jerusalem last week, "standard procedure for such events" required Cyn Environmental Emergency Services, the captain and members of the Cohasset Fire and Police departments and the Department of Environmental Protection to perform hazardous site operations. Cyn, CFD, CPD and the DEP had to make certain that the toxic hydraulic fluid did not leak into the storm drains across the street leading into Little Harbor we are trying to clean up, that the hydraulic fluid was completely cleaned and removed, that the hydraulic fluid did not get into residents' drinking water, that the hydraulic fluid did not contaminate land at White's organic farm and that the hydraulic fuel spill did not impact any of the many residents and children who live adjacent to the site.

The heavy truck and equipment warehousing/staging area on Jerusalem Road is in a residential neighborhood. The neighborhood is not zoned for warehousing or staging. The staging area should not be here and we should not be dealing with Cyn and toxic spills near our children and our homes. Abutting neighbors were not notified or given the opportunity to be heard before the staging area was summarily planted in a residential neighborhood. The landowners of 194 Jerusalem, Leland and Leonora Jenkins, rented their property to the contractor, LM Holdings, LLC – the Town of Cohasset is not a party to the lease. The town is not operating the site according to town bylaws and LM Holdings signage at the site. Assuming for argument sake, that the town is actually operating the site – why then, was the location lease never put to an open bid as required by law for town contracts, or better yet, placed at least cost, on town owned commercially zoned land appropriate for site use? The town cannot have it both ways.

Did you get a good deal? We are being told not to cry over spilled milk. I teach my daughters to be responsible for their slips and to clean up their spills.

Paula L. Becker
185 Jerusalem Road

Delay will add to costs

TO THE EDITOR:

Cohasset is uniquely blessed not only by its physical attributes, but more importantly by the plethora of citizens and citizen organizations that seek to enhance the quality of their neighbors lives and of our natural and man-made environment. For a few examples: our active churches, the Community Center, the Sailing Club, the Appalachian Service Project, the Historical Society, the Center for Coastal Research, the Scouts, the garden clubs, Meals-on Wheels, Fish. There are numerous other organizations and activities that demonstrate the good-hearted public-spiritedness of individuals whose mission is to be constructive.

On the other end of the scale, we have some, fortunately few, whose impact is negative. For example, the small cluster of self-centered individuals whining about the staging area for the Little Harbor Water and Sewer Project. With the help of a lawyer, they seek to have the permit for the staging area nullified, heedless that the long-awaited project could be delayed at considerable cost and inconvenience to their fellow townspeople.

Incredibly, and naively, they think the extra cost will be absorbed by "the town" or its contractor, not by their neighbors and other taxpayers.

Even more incredibly, (or perhaps shamefully is a better word), the Planning Board took an equally unrealistic and irresponsible position on the matter. Hopefully, on Dec. 11 the ZBA will leaven their decision with common sense.

Some people enjoy a fulfilling life because they unselfishly add something constructive to the lives of others; others are perennially unhappy – because they don't. Pity them!

R. Murray Campbell
217 Jerusalem Road

HEALTH NOTES

Hearing loss not all that disquieting

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

A consensus seems to be that the two major threats to hearing is continued exposure to loud noises and old age.

The world around us has become a noisier place. Despite the recent modification of aircraft flight paths over Cohasset through several years of dedicated work by a Town committee, one noise source is being replaced by others such as cars, construction and the train. Let's face it, we live in noisy times. Disturbing from a health standpoint is the occasional car passing from which the sound of a sub whoofer may be heard. Losing ones ability to hear, particularly at a younger age is not particularly disquieting for those to whom it's happening. All activity starts to lessen each year starting shortly after birth. Which of us could, or would want to, replicate the activity of a four year old? It's just that we don't notice the change. Hearing is much the same following a pattern of degradation with beginnings, depending on one's expe-

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Crazy driver skirts school bus

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

The saga of Cohasset drivers continues – One of the school bus drivers reported observing an interesting maneuver the other day. As you may know, it is the law that all school busss must stop at all railroad crossings, open their doors and look both ways down the tracks, before they can proceed across the tracks. While this bus driver was in the process of executing this safety maneuver, an impatient driver went around them on the other side of the road and crossed the tracks. Talk about crazy! We constantly hear citizen comments about waiting for a serious accident to initiate the resumption of the horn blowing. With drivers like this, we won't have to wait long. But the sad thing is that as long as drivers are this cavalier, horns won't do any good anyway.

Greenbush happenings – Last Sunday night, when the last train passed the Sestito Lane private crossing at 11:54 p.m. the crossing gates worked as they should, without a problem. That is, until the train passed by. Unfortunately, the gates went back to their upright position, but the bells and lights stayed on. Needless to say, this did not delight the abutters. They promptly called the Cohasset Police Department, which is the easiest and proper thing to do whenever someone sees any apparent railroad equipment malfunction. The Police promptly called the MBTA Central Dispatch to inform them of the problem. The MBTA dispatched a work crew to the site and had the problem corrected by 4:22 a.m.

Now, there are two separate things we'd like you to know about this situation. First, whenever a problem is reported to MBTA Central Dispatch, the railroad crossing involved in the problem is placed under Manual Control. Manual Control means that a train cannot go through that crossing unless railroad personnel are at the crossing to assure safety of vehicles, pedestrians, and yes, the trains, too. Central Dispatch immediately notifies the train that it is under Manual Control in the problem area. In this particular instance, no trains were due until service resumed in the a.m., so the MBTA had time to get a crew out and fix the problem before service resumed. But, had this occurred during normal service hours here's what might have happened for any crossing under Manual Control. The train will approach the crossing and stop. The conductor will leave the train and act as a flagman to stop the traffic before the train can continue across the road. Then the conductor would reboard the train and it can continue on its way. In lieu of the conductor leaving the train, the MBTA can also dispatch a flagman who has the responsibility to regulate the vehicular and pedestrian traffic and the trains. Under Manual Control, the train must still come to a complete stop and can only proceed when the flagman signals it is safe to proceed. The moral here is: If you see a problem report it promptly. And, after the trouble is reported the Manual Control procedures assure safety at the crossings.



The Beechwood sidewalk has received its base coat of asphalt and part of its topcoat.



Sunday night, the gates at the Sesito Lane crossing went up but the bells and lights stayed on.

The second thing to be determined from this incident is what really happened and was safety compromised? The gate system as designed for the Greenbush is a failsafe system. That is, if a component fails to operate properly, the balance of the systems falls back into a "safe" mode. In this particular case, there is a sensor that senses that the gate is in the "up" position. This sensor tells the control system that the gates are "up" and the crossing is in a safe condition for traffic to flow. In this past Sunday instance, the sensor was misadjusted or faulty, so the control system never received the "gate is in the up position" signal. Consequently, the bells and lights continued to flash, even though the gate was physically "up." As you have read here and in other articles about crossings, if the bells are ringing and the lights are flashing, stay off of the tracks.

In summary, between the "fail safe" design along with the use of the Manual Control procedures, the integrity of the safety system is maintained.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Sidewalk grading along King Street is progressing rapidly.

Sidewalk, sidewalk and more sidewalk – The Beechwood sidewalk has received its base coat of asphalt and part of its top coat. After the topcoat is completed the only remaining work is a protective handrail on the N. Main Street side of the tracks against the drop off at the wetland. We have let the contract to have the fence fabricated and it should be installed as soon as the fabrication is complete. By the way, the Water Department has been grinding and repaving on either side of the tracks so there has been a lot of construction activity on Beechwood Street this week.

Meanwhile, the Lower King Street sidewalk is really kicking into high gear. Grading is underway as we write this and it is possible that the base asphalt coat, weather permitting, may be started this week, as well. Since the area where this sidewalk is being constructed is relatively wide open as compared with the Beechwood area, the King Street construction has progressed quite rapidly. Down near the Route 3A end of the sidewalk the path intrudes into a small wetland area. This wetland is a part of the Bancroft Bird Sanctuary and is on the back side of Sanctuary Pond. The Town has agreed to do a wetland replication alongside the sidewalk in a nearby wetland area to compensate for our construction. The excavation will be done shortly with any planting taking place next spring. The Cohasset Conservation Commission approved this reconstruction late this past summer.

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A Cohasset Christmas

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

It was ten-thirty-seven on Christmas Eve night,
And Cohasset's good children were all tucked in tight.
The village was silent, the harbor was dark,
No wave splashed the sea wall and no collies barked.

The tree on the common shone bright as a flame,
Putting even the old Minot Lighthouse to shame.
Each window in each sturdy home was a frame,
For a single white candle accenting each pane.

Through one of these windows, behind the light's glow,
A bunk could be seen with another below.
The people asleep in this snug bottom bed,
Were a six-year-old girl and a doll with a sled.

Now a sled and a doll can be sharp on the back,
But the tired girl slept till she felt the toy crack.
She opened her eyes, lay the doll on the floor,
And tilted her head toward the half-open door.

A little tree stood out of sight down the hall,
But its presence was known by the light on the wall,
Blinking red, and then green, and then nothing at all,
Such a comfort it was while to sleep she would fall.

Did she hear a soft tap on the window? She did.
It was snowing! Like sugar from heaven to kids.
She jumped from the bed and looked out at the yard,
But what caught her eye first was the sky, which was starred.
Not a cloud blocked the moon or the planets beyond,
Yet a blanket of snow covered fields, hills, and ponds.

Now the boy in the top bunk behind the girl stirred,
And the black cat ensconced in his left arm pit purred,
But before his young sister could utter a word,
An event unlike any she'd witnessed occurred.

Down the road toward her house galloped eight little deer
Who were towing a sleigh driven hard from the rear.
She could hear the man yip at them as they flew near,
Their momentum so wild he was fighting to steer.
It was then, as they shot through her yard like a spear,
That his plan to collide with her house became clear.

For he bore down upon her not slowing a lick.
Then he lifted the reins, simply gave them a flick,
And the deer nimbly ran up the kitchen's north side,
Pulling driver and sleigh to the roof in one glide.

The effect wasn't quiet. The house was still quaking.
She wondered how anyone slept through this shaking.
But brother and cat were still soundly asleep,
As if sleigh landings made not so much as a peep.

She dashed to the hallway and ran down the stair,
Nearly tripped on a fruit cake but she didn't care,
A team of eight deer and a sleigh on your roof
Is a sight you don't see every day—that's the truth.

She was throwing her boots on and grabbing her hat,
When a light in the room where the Christmas tree sat
Cast a flickering eerie blue glow on the wall,
So she quietly tiptoed back down the front hall,
And peeked into the room with the fireplace and tree.
What she saw was a red-suited man on TV.

He was standing on top of a house, near a sleigh.
He adjusted and tuned an antenna array.
Then from out of a sack he pulled presents and candy,
And appeared to be setting them where they'd be handy.

Now leaving behind all the toys, sleigh, and team,
He squeezed into the camera and out of the screen.

The girl stood in shock as he crashed to the floor
And then rolled to his feet as if ready for more.
When he noticed he wasn't alone there he smiled,
"Did my tromping around on your roof wake you, child?"

She was too shy to speak, so he did all the talking.
"The first thing I do is I fill up each stocking."
He walked to the TV, poked both his arms through,
Pulled a gift from the roof and a popcorn ball too.

As Santa Claus worked, the girl saw through the snow
That the neighbors' new den had the same bluish glow.
Down the whole street, in fact, televisions were going,
With the same rooftop scene that her TV was showing.

And the same Santa placing gifts under her tree,
The same one eating cookies and drinking hot tea
Was at that moment setting up trains at her cousin's.
Every house had its Santa. There must have been dozens.

Santa said to her as he prepared now to leave,
"I am only one man, and there's one Christmas Eve.
I can't visit your house and then all of the rest.
It would take me five lifetimes; your mom will attest.
So I broadcast myself like a live tennis match.
I can visit a million and five in a batch!"

As he climbed through the TV and onto the snow
There was one puzzling thing the girl needed to know.

"But how are the presents all different?" she said.
"Remember," he answered while settling the sled,
"We can watch the same show, hear the same song or book,
But you don't take away the same things that I took."

Then her TV went dark—all the other ones too.
And she ran to the window to see what they'd do.
Santa yipped at his team, they ran straight down the shingling,
Took off on a run with the sleigh bells ajingling,
Careened through the woods and were soon out of sight.
And the girl didn't sleep for the rest of the night.

John Lengyel works at home in Cohasset and writes. But he's run out of rhymes so you'll just have to deal.

Christmas in the 21st century

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I wonder how many kids write to Santa Claus anymore.

I used to do it but I can't recall Santa ever bringing me any of the exotic things I asked him for. "Maybe he ran out of electric trains," my father used to say. Besides, although I was too excited to realize it, we didn't have electricity on the farm on Lombard Road in the wilds of Hubbardston.

I went out to the old homestead a couple of years ago. There are houses every hundred feet or so on Lombard Road and Hubbardston has become a bedroom suburb for commuters to Worcester, Gardner and Fitchburg. And they've had electricity for as long as the oldest current inhabitant can recall.

But I digress . . .

I thought about my letters to Santa Claus the other day when I learned that the U. S. Postal Service isn't delivering them anymore. Or rather, the mailman won't drop them off at the Old Gentleman's workshop at the North Pole until he has run them past his attorney. Operation Santa has collided with the trial lawyers.

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Since 1912, the Post Office has passed many of Santa's letters on to charitable groups who investigate them and answer the requests of the needy among them. But this year it won't be that easy.

In order to get the letters, volunteers will have to show a photo ID and sign a waiver releasing the Post Office from "all causes of action, claims, liens, rights or interests of any kind or type whatsoever." No, the mailman hasn't been sued but in times like these, who's waiting?

Sue Brennan, spokeswoman for the Postal Service, told USA Today, the change was made "to protect the children and to protect the integrity of the program and the Postal Service. We were giving out information about these kids to people we didn't know."

The Post Office isn't the only purveyor of Christmas cheer to needy youngsters that has bumped up against the safety concerns of the 21st century. Would you believe that the U. S. Marine Corps is getting nervous over its highly successful Toys for Tots program?

For years, the Marines have collected millions of new and unopened boxes of toys each year for distribution to needy children. But the recent recall of millions of toys, mostly from Red China, that contain lead paint or loose magnets that could choke a child, has complicated even the donation of new toys.

The Marines have asked those who plan to donate to check and see if their toy has been recalled before they buy it and the Toys for Tots Foundation will check the serial numbers before giving them out. All of which will probably mean fewer toys for the kids who need them the most.

"We need toys for children desperately," said Stephanie Tocchi, coordinator for the Foundation's Massachusetts chapter, "but what we don't want to do is raise doubts in parents' minds. People should not be afraid of any toys they get from us because we've already screened them."

And I'm still waiting for Santa to bring those electric trains now that we've got electricity.

BRIEFLY

Register to vote for Presidential Primary

The Governor signed legislation on Monday, Nov. 26, to move the date of the Presidential Primary to Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008. The last day to register to vote will be Wednesday, Jan. 16. Registration will take place at the Town Clerk's office from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a Town Meeting or Election Day may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register to vote. If people move, they may register to vote as soon as they move into a new home. Registration is closed for a brief period before each Town Meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. If people register during a closed period, they will be eligible to vote only in later Town Meetings or elections.



Rose Marie Conn and Bob Ernst of Cohasset do the Polka to the music of Eddie Mirando of Roslindale at Atlantica. The Polish music and dancing were courtesy of the Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs.



Cohasset residents Murray Campbell and Evelyn Prescott dance to the Polish music of Eddie Mirando. The event was sponsored by Cohasset's Council on Elder Affairs.

Dancing feet

Seniors enjoy the Polka!

Photos by Craig Goedecke



Fran Barrett, left, and Joan Barrett, right, listen to the music of Eddie Mirando at Atlantica. Seniors listened and danced to Polish music and danced the Polka.



Cohasset resident Libby Zotos did a little Greek dancing to the accordion music of Eddie Mirando of Roslindale Tuesday (Nov. 20) at Atlantica. Mirando entertained with his Polish and Greek music for the seniors that gathered at the restaurant after an early afternoon lunch.



Polish Music maker Eddie Mirando works the keys and buttons of his 1950's Sonola Accordion Tuesday (Nov. 20) at Atlantica. Some attendees listened and clapped to the music, while others danced.

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'Mr. Mag' packs his bags

By Anna Haggerty
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

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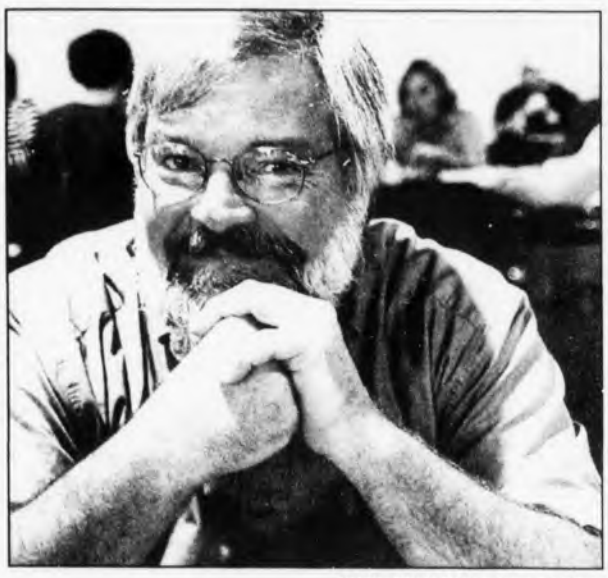
For the past 25 years, Mr. Magnussen has been a favorite teacher of the CHS student body. As his teaching career winds down, students wave farewell to one of the most valuable teachers in the Cohasset Public Schools. Not only is this school losing its science department head, but also a caring and amiable person. Every day students are intrigued by the amount of information Mr. Magnussen has to share. His classes consist of a balance of knowledgeable lectures and hands on experiences that create an enjoyable learning environment.

Having grown up in Holbrook, Mr. Magnussen was fortunate enough to live next to about 400 acres of woods where he could spend most of his time outdoors and learn to love the scientific aspects of life. Mr. Mag did not own a television until he was 10 or 12 years old and said, "I never missed it so I spent a lot of time in the woods," where he spent the majority of his time exploring the nature surrounding him. As far as education, Mr. Magnussen has an undergraduate degree in Biology and Psychology from Bates College and a Master's Degree from Harvard University.

Students have been known to thrive on his wide range of knowledge, and everyday walk out of class with insightful information. Determined to fully prepare his students for college, Mr. Mag is known for teaching techniques that are conducive to success. For example, when most students think of Mr. Magnussen, one of the first things that come to mind is the acronym RHUC: Read, Highlight, Underline, and Circle. Having mastered this skill, students can pick out the necessary information within a chapter, which helps them when it comes time to study later on.

Mr. Magnussen is also known for having an active classroom. Students often find themselves doing hands-on activities where they can explore the material beyond what the textbook provides. As Mr. Magnussen preaches, "Science is a verb; you have to go do things." Students enjoy his many field trips where they can expand their knowledge to an even greater extent. In the past, he has even led groups to Belize and Costa Rica, allowing students to "see an environment they've never seen before."

Mr. Magnussen shared that his favorite thing in Belize was the coral reef and, "The two most enjoyable things in Costa Rica were watching leatherback turtles lay their eggs at midnight on a beach in a full moon and seven miles of zip lines" in the rainforest. Mr. Leary, a good friend and former CHS English teacher, states, "I was always fascinated by the Belize parasites crawling out of his skin. On a serious side, I consider him a consummate professional who always put his students first."



PHOTO/COURTESY OF THE SPINNAKER

Mr. Magnussen is going to be missed by his students. This is the first in an occasional series by the Spinnaker about teachers who will be retiring this spring.

Having grown up in Holbrook, Mr. Magnussen was fortunate enough to live next to about 400 acres of woods where he could spend most of his time outdoors and learn to love the scientific aspects of life.

Mr. Magnussen reports that embarrassing moments occur all the time while teaching. However, one particular moment stands out in his mind. Mr. Mag first started teaching when he was 23 years old in a small town in Maine. At 8 a.m. on the first day of school, he began his classes teaching the seventh grade. At 10 a.m., there was a knock on his door. It was the principal telling him he needed to speak to him immediately in his office. He was brought into the office, which overlooked the courtyard. Directly opposite, stood Mr. Magnussen's room with the window open. Although it was only the third of September, to Mr. Mag's amazement, the courtyard was covered in white. As he looked closer, he could see that the white was really hundreds of paper airplanes that had been flown out of his window while his back was turned to the class.

Since then, Mr. Magnussen hasn't been so easily fooled. Although there have been several embarrassing moments, Mr. Mag has enjoyed his many teaching experiences. As he heads for retirement, Mr. Magnussen will miss the ability to talk to students about his love of science. He states, "I will miss that opportunity to interact with kids and to be with them when they're learning things."

As far as plans for retirement, nothing is set. However, he intends to do a decent amount of traveling and in a few years he plans to move up north to Maine where he can enjoy activities such as fishing and bird watching.

After he leaves, the halls of CHS will greatly miss Mr. Magnussen's presence. Science department colleague, Dr. Thomae, describes Mr. Mag as a, "Warm, father figure to everyone. He looks like Santa Claus and is hilarious in a wet suit. I've never met anyone more dedicated to students and that's what teaching is all about." With that in mind, the faculty and students of CHS will certainly miss Mr. Magnussen and his many contributions to this school.

HEALTH NOTES

Hearing loss not all that disquieting

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rience and environment, at a very young age but more after age 65. Of course, at an earlier time, few lived to that age, so hearing loss was seldom a major problem. Now, in more frenetic times, having a greater number of loud noises drowning out voice communications, and with more people living longer, loss of hearing and the incomplete understanding of spoken words is becoming more of a problem. Also, audiologists report an increasing number of younger persons with hearing problems.

Sound is measured using a unit called a decibel (dB). A plane overhead is about 130 dB a freight train or a food blender, about 90. A consensus seems to be that the two major threats to hearing is continued exposure to loud noises and old age. Most sources indicate damage to your ear starts at about 85 dB. Some car speakers can reach 100 dB; about the same as a motorcycle running alongside. It's generally acknowledged that cumulative exposure to such sounds is a major cause of hearing loss but for those lacking such exposure, the major culprit is growing older.

The inner ear has a set of tiny receptor hair cells of different length that pick up sound waves such as the ring of a doorbell or telephone, words being spoken or the honk of a car horn, and transform them into nerve impulses the brain then interprets. The combination of pitches or frequencies give different sounds their distinctive qualities. The brain also uses the source and direction of the sound and loudness as clues to decipher messages.

At about age 18 we slowly start an irreversible process in which we lose the smallest, more easily damaged cells. These make higher frequency sounds such as "s" and "th" more difficult to distinguish. Voices of women and children can be more difficult to understand. Others find loud noises and sounds especially distracting. Understanding consonant sounds in speech is dependent upon our ability to hear high frequency. Cells are also damaged by loud noises and sometimes medication such as *gentamicin*, an intravenous antibiotic typically used for severe infection; *cisplatin*, a chemotherapy agent; and some diuretic drugs, such as *furosemide* (Lasix).

Hearing loss generally becomes noticeable after age 50 and affects approximately one-third of people over age 65. By age 75 and older, 40 percent to 50 percent are affected. According to the National Institute of Health, about a third of US adults and about half 75 and older have some degree of hearing loss.

Without being aware of it, people may make small adjustments over time, for example, standing closer to someone who is speaking or turning up the TV volume that allow them to perceive the sounds and cues they otherwise would miss.

Hearing loss is just one of the parts of aging. To ensure it comes later than sooner, the following advice is useful: Limit the amount of noise that enters your ear. Maintain normal volume for music and other forms of entertainment. Protect your hearing by wearing earplugs in noisy environments, such as when mowing the lawn or using power equipment.

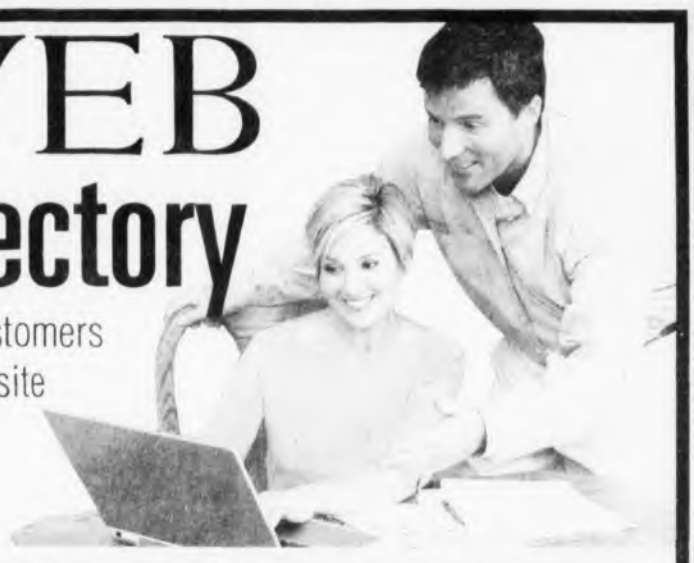
At some point, though, the loss may become too severe. Then it's time to consider a hearing aid; a process we can take up when we first receive the advice "Get a Hearing Aid!"

Federal and State regulations cover hearing aids and other devices used to prevent, diagnose, and treat hearing loss to rule out a medical problem and ensure that they are safe and effective. Most health insurance covers diagnosis and some treatment, but generally not the devices themselves. When hearing loss is suspected, visit a primary care doctor or an ear, nose and throat specialist to determine if any treatable conditions are contributing to hearing loss. An audiologist can confirm the loss and offer ways to improve communication, including behavior changes, the use of hearing aids, or both. Getting fitted for a hearing aid is an involved process consisting of a test, and consultation with a licensed hearing aid dispenser. The best advice about shopping for a hearing aid is do your homework. Also, remember, cell phones and hearing aids may not work well together because of electromagnetic interference. Ask your dispenser which hearing aid models are compatible with your mobile phone.

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Local philanthropist being honored with Cantors' Concert

By Sara Mason Ader
CORRESPONDENT

When the Rev. Dr. Ray Hammond of Boston's Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church visits Hingham on Saturday night, he will lend his voice to a group of cantors from five states who are gathering at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom for a concert Dec. 8 honoring local philanthropist Herbert Morse.

Rev. Hammond won't be singing at the event titled "From Bimah to Broadway: A Cantors' Concert Honoring Herb Morse." Rather, he will speak about Morse's achievements on the boards of The Boston Foundation and the Salvation Army.

"He has been an exemplary member of the board of the Boston Foundation, the chairman of our audit committee, and a wonderful supporter of the Salvation Army. And that's just a sampling of the volunteer civic service he gives, " Rev. Hammond recently wrote in an email. "More than our working together, I've come to consider him a colleague and a friend."

As chairman of The Boston Foundation's board, Rev. Hammond is also involved in numerous community and charitable endeavors. Notably, he is the founder and chair of the Ten Point Coalition, a group of Christian clergy and lay leaders working to mobilize the greater Boston community around issues affecting black youth.

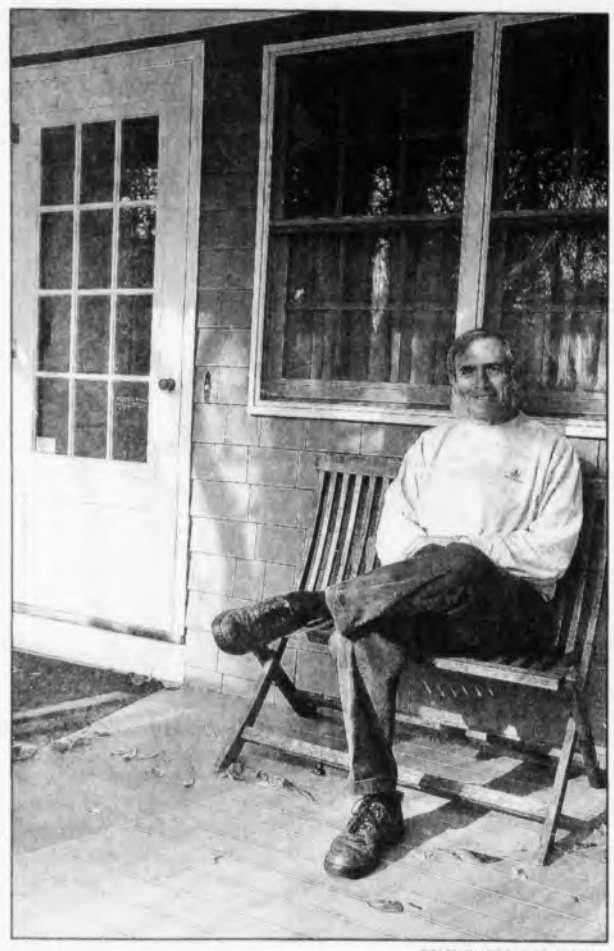
"It will be an honor to have Rev. Hammond participating," said Cantor Steven Weiss of Congregation Sha'aray Shalom. "We are very excited about the concert and the opportunity to recognize Herb Morse for all of the things he's done for the community. He really will have a lasting physical and cultural impact on the city of Boston for years to come."

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In 1995, Morse retired from his work in the business world after a 35-year career spent entirely with international accounting firm KPMG. In addition to serving on the company's board of directors, Morse was managing partner of KPMG's Boston and New York offices.

Retirement has allowed Morse to spend more time with his philanthropic work. About five years ago, he joined the board of the Boston Foundation at the request of the foundation's president Paul Grogan. Morse serves on the executive committee and participates in much of the financial and business work of the board. The Boston Foundation serves as the community organization for the Greater Boston area, awarding grants to nonprofits, partnering with other philanthropic organizations and serving as a hub for community resources and information.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Herb Morse is going to be honored at 8 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 8 at a concert at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom for his work with Boston Foundation and the Salvation Army.

Another of Morse's major achievements was his effort leading the Salvation Army's committee to secure more than $80 million in grant money from Kroc Foundation in 2006 to build a 90,000 square-foot community center in the Uphams Corner section of Dorchester. With fundraising well underway for the remaining $20 million needed to complete the work, the project is on track to break ground next year and open to the public in 2009, Morse said.

Morse first joined the executive board of the Salvation Army in 1982. He said he had always had "soft spot" for the organization because his father was a Boston police officer who often spoke of how the Salvation Army was always willing to take in the poor or downtrodden.

"I was so impressed with the way they provide basic human services to people who are down and out," Morse said.

Morse has been involved with other organizations, including the United Way and Girl Scouts of America. However, he said he concentrates on the Boston Foundation, the Salvation Army and Congregation Sha'aray Shalom. Morse has three grown children and six grandchildren.

The concert honoring Morse is the third orchestrated by Weiss during his four-year tenure in Hingham. Last year's concert honored a local couple, David and Renee Rudolph, for their significant contributions to the Jewish and medical communities in the Boston area and beyond.

The first half of Saturday's program will feature traditional Jewish music and Hanukkah songs. The second half will be songs from newer Broadway shows including "Wicked" and "Spamalot," as well as classics from "Fiddler on the Roof" and "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum."

In addition to Hingham's Cantor Weiss, the other cantors participating in the concert include Joel Colman of Temple Sinai in New Orleans; Nancy Kassel of Temple Beth Tikvah in Roswell, Ga.; David Muchnick of Aventura Jewish Center of Aventura, Fl; and Judy Seplowin of Temple Beth-El of Providence, R.I. Pianist Eugene Kaminsky, an international performer and faculty member of the South Shore Conservatory, will accompany the vocalists.

Tickets for event are available for $25 per person. For more information about the concert or to purchase tickets, call the temple office at 781-749-8103 or visit www.shaaray.org.

Library

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library at 35 Ripley Road. For more information, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Movie Matinee – Come for a free showing of the film "Singing' in the Rain" starring Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds and Donald O'Connor at 11 a.m., Friday, Dec. 7. Light refreshments will be provided by Friends of the Library. The movie site license is sponsored by Friends of the Library and Cohasset Democratic Town Committee.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film "Fraulein" at 6 p.m., on Thursday, Dec. 20. Reza left Belgrade more than 25 years ago to seek a new life in Zurich. Now in her 50s, she has completely detached herself from the past. She owns a cafeteria and maintains an orderly, joyless existence. Ana, a young, itinerant woman who has fled Sarajevo, breezes into the cafeteria looking for work. Reza hires her but is annoyed by Ana's impulsive and spirited efforts to inject life into the cafeteria. Ana, who hides a tragic secret under her passionate spirit, begins to thaw Reza's chill, and their relationship will change both women in ways they never anticipated. Swiss-German, German, Bosnian, Croatian and Serbian with English subtitles. 81 minutes. Free admission and refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

New Titles– New DVDs have just arrived. "Santa Baby" starring Jenny McCarthy; "Shanghai Kiss" starring Hayden Panettiere and Ken Leung; "Waitress" starring Keri Russell; "Mr. Bean's Holiday" starring Rowan Atkinson; and "The Namesake," a movie based on Jhumpa Lahiri's book of the same name.

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Wellspring provides helping hand during the holidays

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Volunteers will be on-hand to sell the stars and to personalize them with engraved names or sayings if desired. The stars can then be placed on the lighted trees to be picked up after the holiday season, or donors may take the stars home with them. The stars may also be purchased at 98 Derby Street, Suite 460, located behind Crate & Barrel in the shopping center.

Donations of food, toys, and money are especially welcome during busy holiday times.

"Cash donations give us options to meet a number of different needs that might not otherwise be met," said Harte. "This allows us the flexibility to vary the types of help we can give."

Through the holiday Adopt-a-Kid program, Wellspring reaches out to families in need, tailoring children's gifts to their individual age, gender, needs (from pajamas to socks), and wants (such as dolls, footballs, or gift cards). "Individuals and groups then 'adopt' a family, anonymously if they wish," Harte said. The identities of and information about the recipients is kept in strictest confidence.

Donors make their purchases from the list of needed and desired items provided by Wellspring and then drop them off at the Nantasket Avenue headquarters. "That's Santa Claus for some people," Harte said.

These gifts of hope not only provide joy to the recipients, but also to the givers. "Donors often have a vision of a child waking up on Christmas morning and of his or her delight at discovering the presents under the tree."

Harte is quick to note that Wellspring's holiday program is geared toward not only Christmas but also to other special days celebrated by a number of different faiths.



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Wellspring executive director Vinny Harte is reflected in one of the stars that is being sold at both Wellspring and at the Derby Street Shoppes to help raise money for the various programs at Wellspring which include a food pantry and adult classes for the GED. The stars are $5 each.

Wellspring is a private non-profit organization that offers "A Hand Up, Not a Handout." Its goal is to reach beyond providing emergency services to help people become more independent and productive members of the community.

In keeping with its slogan, Wellspring keeps in close contact with local churches and organizations to ensure there is no duplication of services provided to the same clients. "We want to be sure there's a real need and that we are giving an appropriate amount to the right families," Harte said. "We supplement Globe Santa and local police department and other efforts."

Donations of gift certificates are welcome. Ones for supermarkets allow clients to purchase items that might not be available at the food pantry. Gift certificates for book stores or ones that specialize in CDs, DVDs, and other similar items and accessories would allow, for example, a teenager who is not used to having his own money in his pocket to visit a store and make his own decision about how to spend the gift certificate.

"This takes away the embarrassment of not having what everyone else has, giving him a sense of enjoyment and independence he might not have experienced before," Harte said.

Wellspring also provides full holiday meals to individuals and families in need, donated by various houses of worship, organizations, and individuals.

In addition, Wellspring has a year-round food pantry that serves Hull residents only because the other towns have their own. All of these activities are in conjunction with Wellspring's annual fund-raising campaign, which will continue through December. This involves sending appeal letters to Hingham, Hull, and Cohasset households "to raise not only funds, but also awareness of our organization," Harte said.

Wellspring helps to bring various community resources together and offers many volunteer opportunities.

This year Wellspring is one of the charities being supported by the Mariner's annual Gifts of Hope Campaign (please see editorial on page 10). Checks should be made out to Wellspring and sent to Gifts of Hope Program; c/o Anne Rodwell; Community Newspaper Company; 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050

For further information about the Star Project, the Adopt-a-Kid holiday program, the food pantry, or other Wellspring offerings, call (781) 925-3211 or visit their website www.wellspring-hull.org. The star ornaments may also be purchased online.

Donations of non-perishable items are preferred, but perishables may be dropped off on Tuesday afternoons before 4 p.m. prior to the regular 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday food pantry hours. Non-perishable items such as soup, tuna, and other canned goods with a long shelf life, peanut butter, and pasta may be dropped off during regular Wellspring business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 814 Nantasket Ave, Hull.

Even a few donated items can make a difference in the fight against not having enough to eat. "A loaf of bread and a jar of peanut butter go a long way," Harte said.

Non-food items such as razors, diapers, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, and shaving cream are also needed.



These holiday stars are being sold at the Derby Street Shoppes and at Wellspring in Hull. Proceeds from the sale of the star will go to all the programs at Wellspring.

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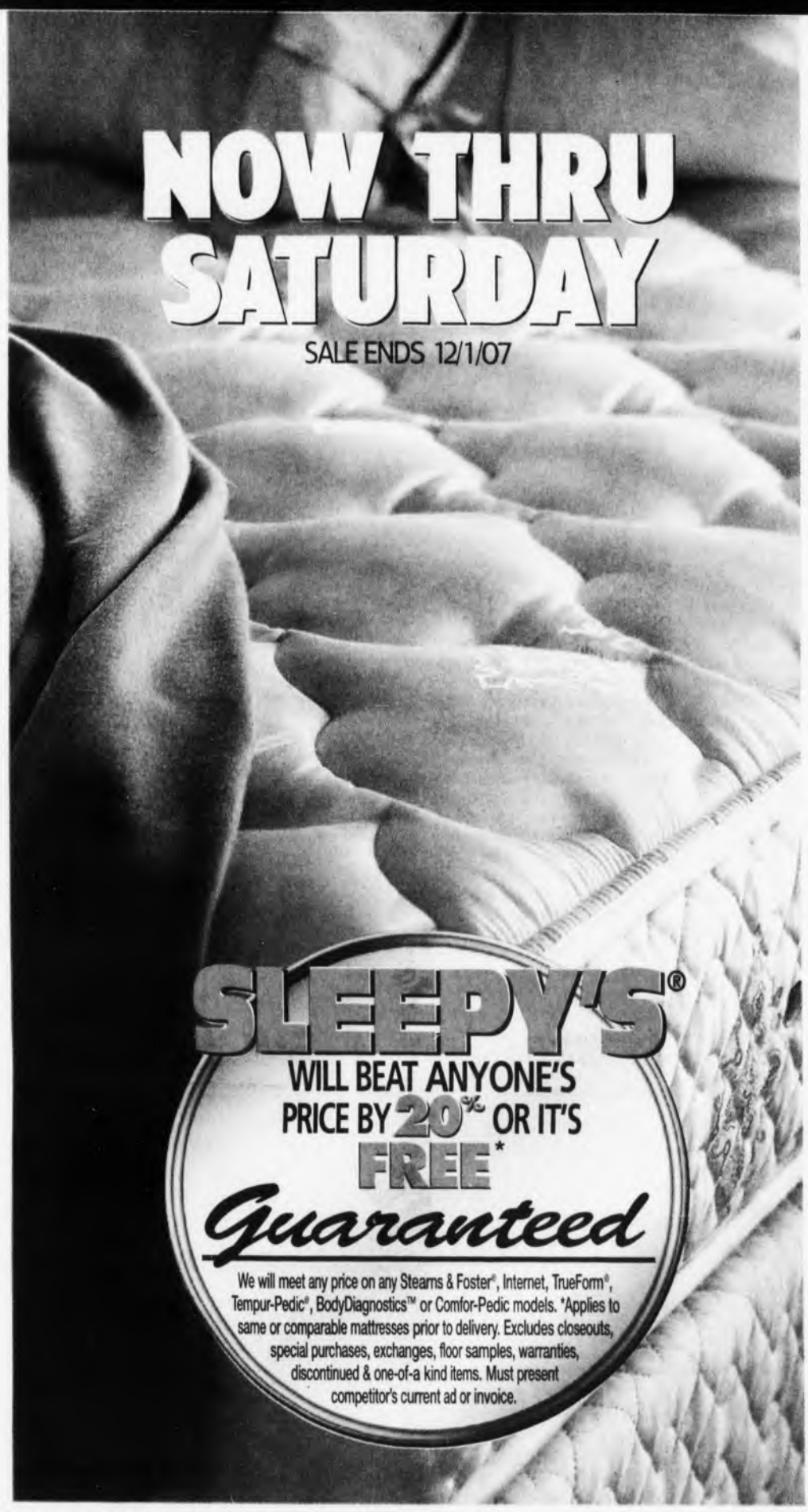
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Foggy finale

Skippers nail down eighth win of the season against Hull

By Joel Racicot
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When Cohasset football coach Pete Afanasiw said to throw those records out the window heading into the Thanksgiving Day game he wasn't kidding. It didn't matter that Hull had only two wins heading into Thursday's game and it didn't matter that Cohasset was coming off wins over league champion Abington and a seven win Norwell team.

When it comes to Cohasset against Hull on the holiday, it is almost always an instant classic, as was this year's game in which the Skippers pulled out a late fourth quarter comeback to knock off the Pirates, 15-12.

Leading, 12-8, with six minutes to go in the fourth quarter Hull faced a critical third-and-six deep in its own territory. A first down could have spelled doom for the Skippers, but as he had done all day, defensive lineman Jake Cuneo broke through for an all-important sack, forcing a Pirates punt.

"He had a big game," Afanasiw said about the two-way starter. "He opened up some big holes, had that critical sack and had two or three tackles for losses – he was playing like a man possessed."

The huge second half defensive performance spiked the final game-winning drive for the Skippers.

With the ball at midfield, Cohasset had just enough time to drive down and take a lead or face a second straight Thanksgiving Day loss to Hull.

The weather was murky and warm, but as the Skippers offense took the field for their final drive rolling plumes of fog swept off the nearby Atlantic.

"There was this ominous feeling to the whole thing," Afanasiw said. "I was thinking, 'if we have to throw the ball will we be able to see it.'"

Instead the Skippers ran hard and executed a near perfect 10-play, 50-yard drive that was capped off by a PJ McCaw 2-yard run into the end zone. Pat Doonan added the extra point and Cohasset led, 15-12, with two minutes to play.

Cohasset fumbled on its own 5-yard line to start the game and Hull took advantage scoring an eventual touchdown on a John Caparrotta 7-yard run. Cohasset continued to turn the ball over in the first half and went into the locker room trailing, 12-8.

Kyle Pinkus recorded a 34-yard touchdown run in the first and David Snowdale added the two-point conversion to give Cohasset its initial eight points. Pinkus played outstanding running for 120-yards with the TD on offense and handing out 12 tackles on defense.

"Our defense played very well, and Hull played one heck of a game, but we never felt like we were letting it slip away," Afanasiw said. "Our confidence never waned, getting the ball with six minutes left and al our timeouts remaining we felt good going into that last drive.

"I told the seniors inside the huddle that it's all about your season, it's your time to take the last five minutes. They didn't get shell-shocked they executed and although we made a lot of mistakes we never lost our cool."

Doonan's defense in the secondary and the job he did in the kicking game were vital in the win.

"He shut down whoever he was covering and Hull had bad field position all game because of his kicking," Afanasiw said.

This was Afanasiw's first Thanksgiving Day win as a coach.

"It was a nice win there were a lot of different emotions," he said. "It's different as a coach and a player, you know you are going to spend time with your family (losing) detracts from the holiday. It's nice being able to enjoy and relish the holiday."

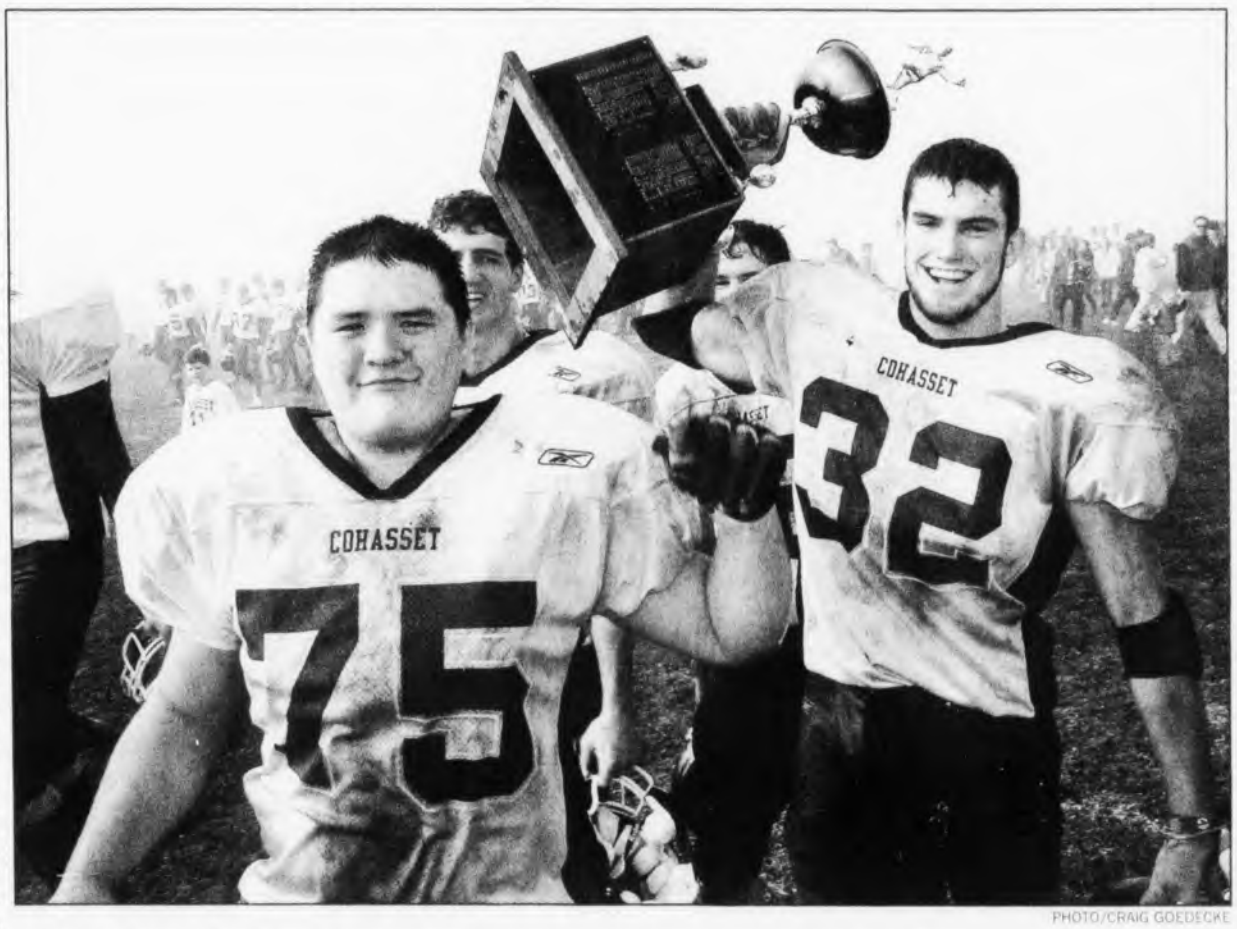
Cohasset finished the season with an 8-2 record, 4-2 in the South Shore League. Thursday capped off an amazing season for a group of seniors that came to play game in and game out.

It wasn't easy handing in the helmets after the game – it never is.

"The kids didn't want to come off the field," Afanasiw said.

When the Skippers made it back to the locker room many of the seniors and coaches just sat and talked, realizing it would be their last time as a group together.

"They didn't want to leave and I cant blame them. I was the same way when I played," Afanasiw said. "But (winning) was a nice way to send them off."



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The Cohasset Skippers walked away from the field at Hull High Thanksgiving day with a 15-12 victory. Cohasset's Kyle Pinkus holds the Thanksgiving Day trophy up along with Jordan Sargent.



Mark Flibotte grabs the legs of Hull's Sean Blackall to keep him from gaining yardage in Thursday's game.



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Cohasset's Christine Coner (2) pokes the ball back to a teammate in the first half of their playoff game with Sacred Heart.

Taking the next step

Finals ouster fuels fire for strong returning cast of CHS lady booters

By Mike Spellman
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Don't get them wrong; all those associated with the Cohasset High girls' soccer team were devastated by the 1-0 loss to archrival Norwell in the South Sectional finals earlier this month.

But even in the hours following that heart-wrenching Nov. 11 ouster it's difficult to believe that many weren't already switching their focus to September of '08.

"I looked at what we accomplished as a team this year, and then I look at that team and realize 22 of the 24 players I had for the tourney can come back next year," noted Lady Skippers veteran coach Deb Beal. "It's pretty exciting."

Especially when you consider that among those 22 potential returnees are the team's six all-stars.

The juniors voted in by league coaches were keeper Johanna Brophy, sweeper Sammi Lehr, stopper Maggy McGoldrick, defensive center-midfielder Sarah Coggins and offensive center mid-fielder Torey Hart. Hart (27 points) tied for the team lead in scoring with the sixth All-Star: freshman phenom Kaci Kucinski (18 goals, 9 assists).

"Obviously, the strength of my team is right up the middle with these five juniors," said Beal, "and then Kaci came in and helped take us to another level."

The 5-foot-2 Brophy, as fiery as she is fearless and athletic, pounces on everything in the goal area like a pit bull on raw meat.

"I think JoJo's thumb is hanging on by a thread at this point it's been bent back so many times, but she always says the same thing: 'I'm fine coach'," said Beal. "Sometimes you get a lump in your throat watching the way she dives to take the ball off (opposing players') feet, but you realize it's the only way she knows how to compete."

It's almost comical to see Brophy stand beside and quite literally in the shadow of her "final line of defense", fluid "5'9" athlete Lehr at sweeper.

"It sometimes looks like Sammi can cover the whole defensive zone from sideline to

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sideline," said Beal. "She's such a fun athlete to watch play. She definitely looks like someone who's going to play a sport at the (college) level, be it basketball or soccer."

McGoldrick and Coggins seem virtually interchangeable at stopper and defensive middie, respectively. In fact, even Beal had trouble discerning how to best use them, as she flipped their positions midway through the season. The two play he game year round, often on the same team.

"Maggie and Sarah are both tireless, smart players who control things in the middle of the field," lauded Beal. "Honestly, I'd love to see them both on the attack. I feel tempted at times to do just that because those positions are kind of the thankless ones that don't get a lot of attention or press, but they really are so valuable to us right where they're playing."

Speaking of press and attention, not to mention adulation, Hart has seen plenty of that in her three-year career as a scoring star, and Kucinski managed to draw a spotlight of her own this season with her 18-goal freshman debut.

Hart, a starter since her freshman year, scored 20 goals last season as a striker, but Beal moved her back to offensive center-mid this year in order to get her more touches and increased control on the flow of the offense.

"Torey could have had at least twice as many goals this year if she'd played up front, but she did everything I asked by moving back and letting the offense flow through her," said Beal. "It definitely made us a better team."

And Kucinski was clearly the main beneficiary of that.

"Kaci and Torey learned to work so well of one another as the season went along," said Beal. "Kaci is just so fast that it's almost impossible to keep her from getting space, and then Torey did such a nice job of finding her."

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Lady Skippers veteran coach Deb Beal

Containing Kucinski turned out to be an even more difficult task once Beal turned loose another super-speedy freshman at the other striker position in Caroline Fein.

Fein scored two goals during the Lady Skippers postseason run, including the lone goal of the semifinals win over unbeaten number one seed Sacred Heart.

"I look at those two freshmen gaining a lot of maturity before next season, and then give them another year working with Corey, and that's going to be a pretty scary thing for opposing defenses to figure out," offered Beal. "Which one of those three do you concentrate on shutting down?"

Beal also made a point to note how thrilled she'd been over the development of junior fullback Meredith Kelly, sophomore wing Christine Coner and freshman front field fill-in Mackenzie Hart (Torey's sister).

What is more, with the JV team finishing this fall with a winning record, Beal sounded confident over the prospect of developing one of the South Shore League's best benches next season.

"No doubt about it, we get an awful lot of talent back, and it's pretty exciting," said Beal, who directed the Lady Skippers to a record of 16-4-3, including her career best three postseason wins. "The way I look at it is we're taking a short break, and then getting right back to it."

This is not to say Beal and her charges won't miss players number 23 and 24—senior co-captains Meg Anderson and Anna Haggerty.

Haggerty was a stalwart at right fullback. Anderson was a key member of the varsity team for several years, but mononucleosis cost her most of her final season. Fortunately, she was cleared to play just before the start of the state tourney. Of course, she never came close to getting her legs all the way back under her.

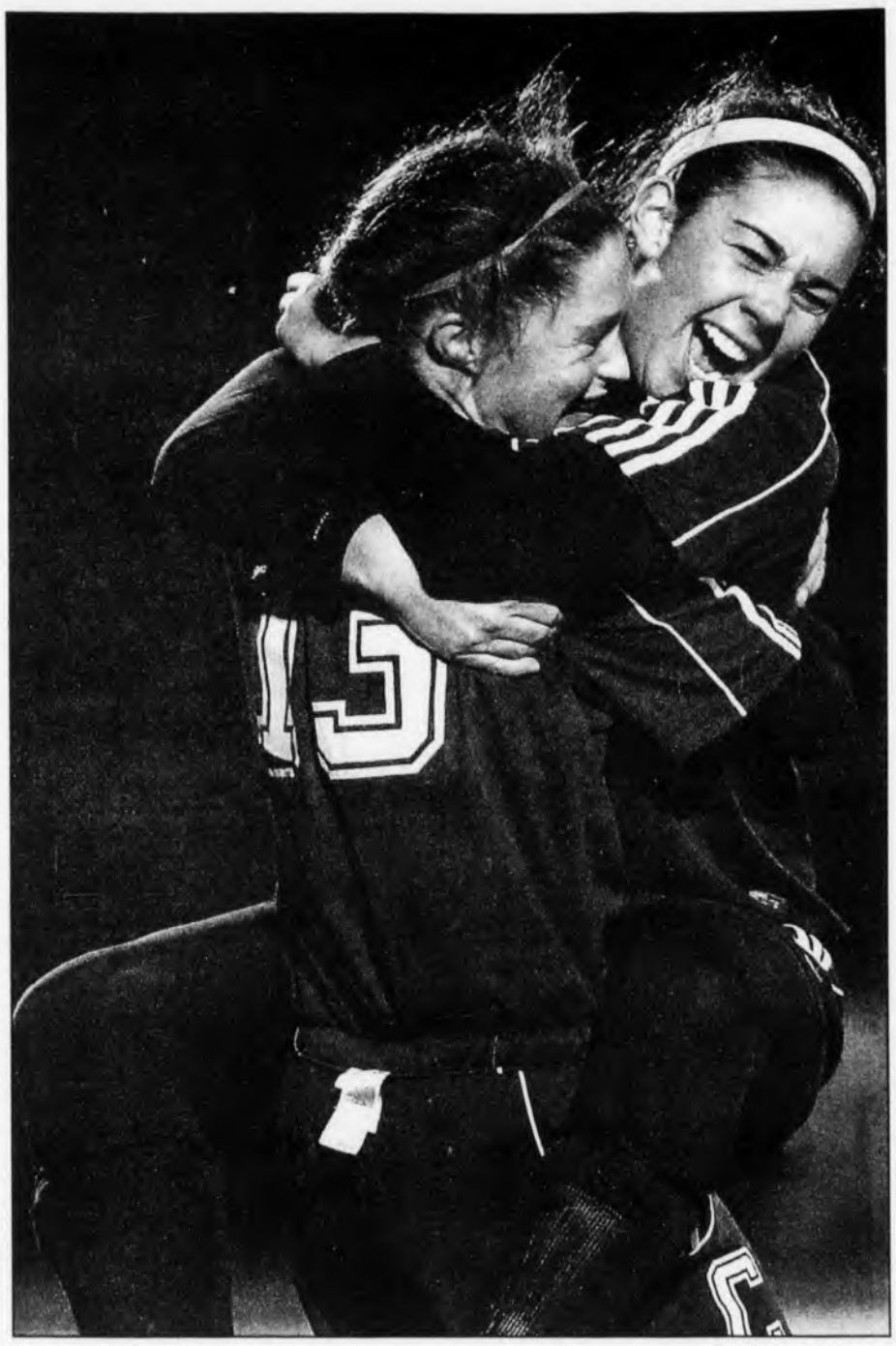
"Both Anna and Meg did everything I asked of them," said Beal. "They were very good captains.

"The big thing with Anna is she was just so consistent in games and in practices. It probably wasn't easy for her, being the only senior and only captain there for a lot of practices. She's more of a leader by example type. But she always showed up to do the best she could.

"And you had to feel so bad for Meg. I'm just glad she was able to come back at the end and be a part of what we did in the (state) tourney."

Several of the Lady Skippers remain active in athletics year round, several doing soccer in all three off seasons.

"I'd like to think all of our players will make it a point to stay active and stay in shape," said Beal. "I'd like to think how close we came this year only fuels their fire. This was great experience for these girls who got there to play on the big stage, but in some ways that adds to the pressure to take that next step. I hope they all take that seriously."



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Cohasset's Meg Anderson, right, jumps in the arms of teammate, Maggie McGoldrick (13) following their 1-0 win over Sacred Heart in the Division 3 South semifinal game.



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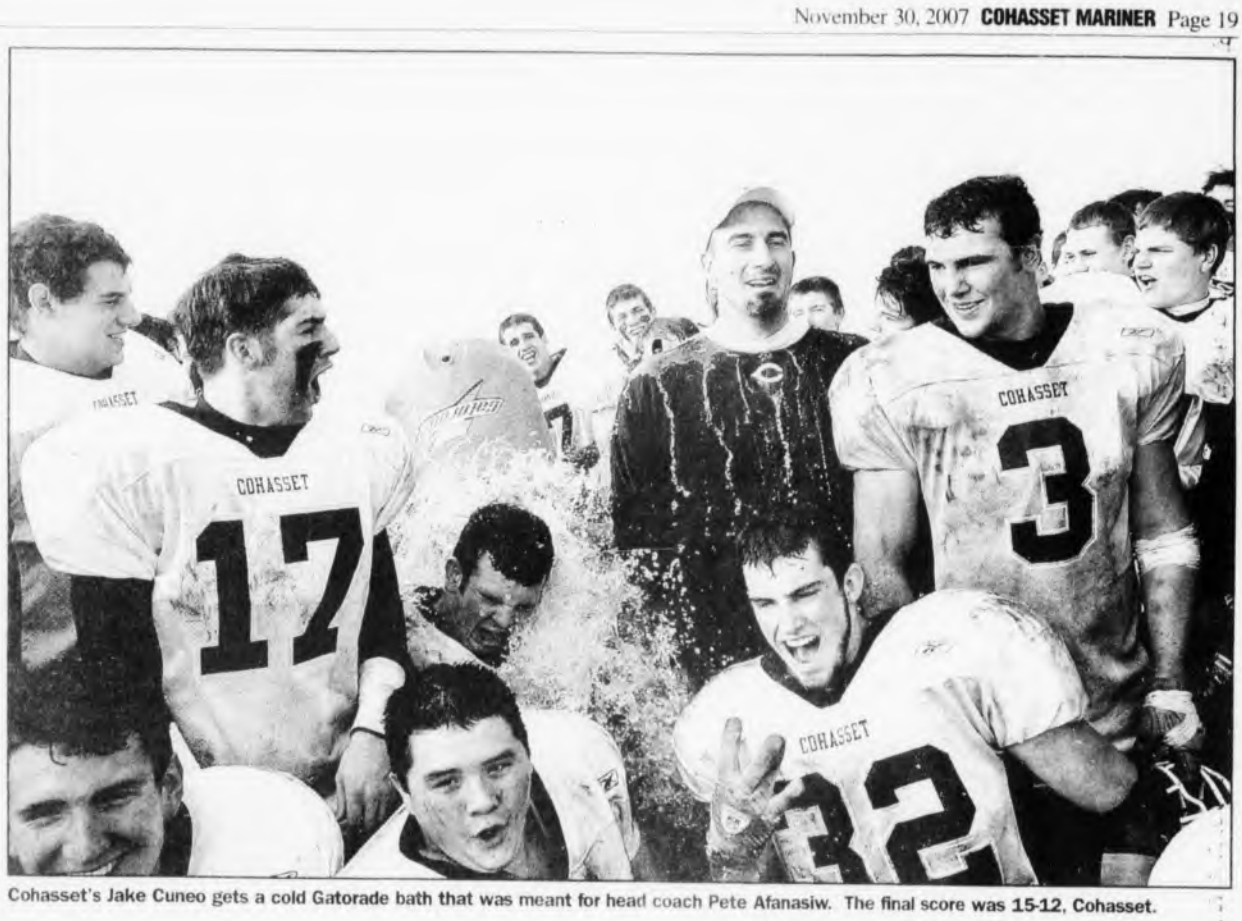
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The Cohasset "Gatorade Guy" was busy during the Thanksgiving Day game, keeping teammates hydrated. Here he hands a bottle to Skippers player Graham Stevenson.



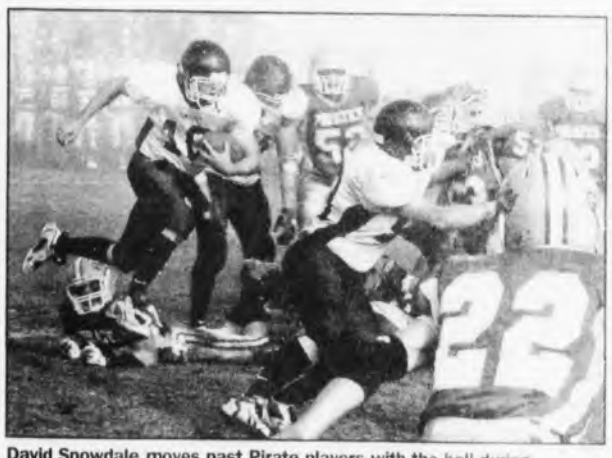
Cohasset's Jake Cuneo gets a cold Gatorade bath that was meant for head coach Pete Afanasiw. The final score was 15-12, Cohasset.

Foggy finale

Photos by Craig Goedecke



Cohasset coach Pete Afanasiw kisses the Thanksgiving Day trophy after beating Hull.



David Snowdale moves past Pirate players with the ball during Thursday's game.



PJ McCaw had some resistance heading down field against Hull.

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Lydia Alomar helps Helen Murphy blow out her candles on her birthday cake marking her 101st birthday at Sunrise Assisted Living. Lydia is a staffer at Sunrise Assisted Living.

Centenarian has her special day

Helen Murphy turns 101

A member of the community, Helen Murphy, turned 101 on Oct. 26, 2007. When asked about her birthday, she said that "birthdays are for the young." After all, she should know, she does have 101 years of experience.

Helen is enjoying life at Sunrise of Cohasset. She is a fixture in the community and greets everyone as they go about their day. As she sits in contentment, her smile lets you know it's going to be a good day. Family and friends are very active in her life, but she is just as independent, strong and modest as ever.

I read this, said Elisabeth Marbury, and it reminded me of Helen: "Years in themselves mean nothing. How we live them means everything." May we all live our years as well as Helen has continued to live hers.



Florence Snape, a resident at Sunrise Assisted Living, right, gives an affectionate pat to Helen Murphy while wishing her a happy birthday on her 101st birthday Oct. 26. Her great great nephew Wayne Covell, center, of Sagamore Beach looks on.

Helen, on your birthday we send you our love and a traditional birthday wish: "May you live as long as you want, and never want as long as you live! Happy Birthday."

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The staff of the award-winning Spinnaker at CHS

...big congratulations to the boy's Varsity Football team, which beat Hull in the annual Thanksgiving Day showdown!

Hopefully, everyone recovered well from last weekend's food filled festivities. Say goodbye to the extended family, elastic waist pants and (big sigh of relief)... the leftovers, because it's time to re-enter regular life! The days of finding new ways to make leftovers more exciting are over or at least until the next holiday season. Though my dad and I are no Top Chefs, may we recommend making a little Turkey Dinner Casserole.... for those who watch the Today Show, you know what I'm talking about!

On a different note, this week the senior girls were able to walk with their heads held high after dominating the juniors in the annual, and may I add, fierce Powderpuff football game. These girls came to kick butt and represent their grade! Fighting for the respect of their peers, the senior skippers were on their A game. Warning to next year's juniors, those footballers can bring it!

Also, big congratulations to the boy's Varsity Football team, which beat Hull in the annual Thanksgiving Day showdown! This nail biting game attracted a large crowd of people, who packed into the stands to watch the exciting competition. Great season guys!

Now, it is time for some shameless promotion of the school newspaper. Recently, the year's first issue of the award-winning High School newspaper, The Spinnaker, was released. For these hardworking journalists, the debut of the paper proved to be a proud moment. Do not let the opportunity pass you by, subscribe today.

It's time for the week's main events:

- Monday, Nov. 26: The Winter Athletic Programs began, meaning no more footballs and smelly cleats. This means it's now time to wash sweaty singlets and lace up the Air Jordans!
- Tuesday, Nov. 27: Is there a new Kate Bosworth in town? Maybe the Drama Workshop knows, after meeting in the auditorium to practice their acting skills.
- Wednesday, Nov. 28: The Yearbook staff met a night earlier. For the seniors who have not yet handed in their senior write-ups and pictures, the clock is ticking. Don't be the names without faces... *bring in the write-ups and pictures before it is too late!*
- Thursday, Nov. 29: Another normal day at CHS.
- Friday, Nov. 30 : For those who like to get an early start on holiday decorating, then it is time make room for the Christmas tree, Menorah, or any other holiday trappings because December first is only a day away.

That's it for me this week. Have a great weekend!

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Integrated Preschool has some openings

The Integrated Preschool at Osgood School currently has a few openings for typically developing peers in its morning program. Children need to be age 3 by Sept. 1, 2007. Cost for the program is $1,500 for the school year and would be pro-rated for the remaining months.

Parents who are interested in having their child attend this four-morning a week program should call the Student Services office at 781-383-6104 for an application and more information.

Teen dance Nov. 30

Cohasset Youth Resources will host a Midnight Blue Dance for students in grades six through eight at the Teen Center from 7 to 10 p.m., on Friday, Nov. 30. There will be a door charge of $5 per person, and those attending will be required to show a student ID when signing in for the dance.

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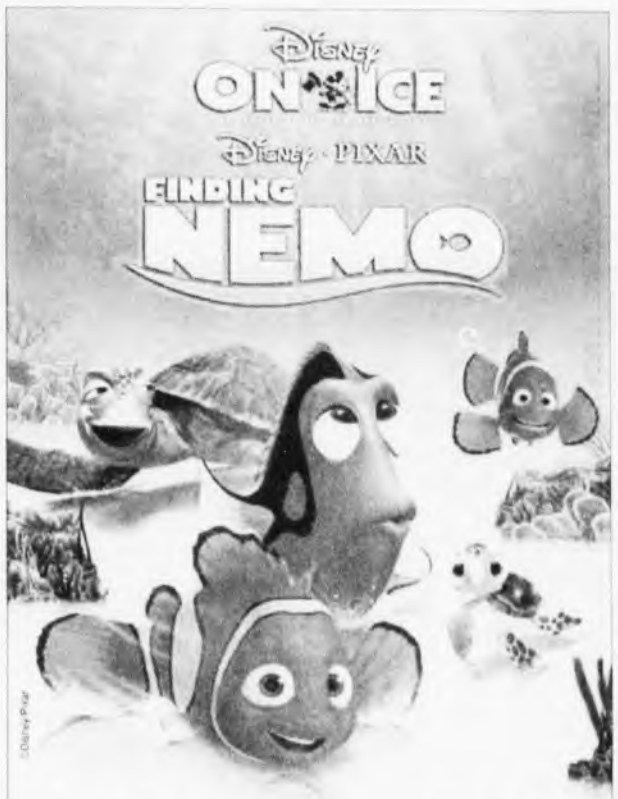
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Brooke Evans, 3, tells Santa what she wants for Christmas during last Friday's Jingle Bell Walk.



Amanda Hickey adjusts her son Shea's Santa hat before the start of the Jingle Ball Walk sponsored by the South Shore Community Center.

Santa makes an early visit

Jingle Bell Walk is local tradition

Staff photos by Robin Chan



Trevor Glavin, 8, shakes hands with Frosty the Snowman after he arrived at the town docks for the Jingle Ball walk on Friday. The annual event is sponsored by the South Shore Community Center.



Doug McLellan of Cohasset plays Christmas carols with the rest of the Rusty Skippers as they ride towards the community center on Friday.



Jennifer Joel, left, and her sister Megan Brinzey, right, who is holding her daughter Maggie, 5 months, pose with Santa at the Community Center.



Holiday fatigue. Lucas Nanjac, 4, was too tired to watch Santa arrive at the town docks for the Jingle Bell Walk.



Ed Finn shows off his holiday spirit by wearing antlers while checking out Santa at the South Shore Community Center.



Morgan Cingari, 6 second from right, chases after the carriage carrying Santa with Emma Stephens, 6 back right, as it takes Santa to the Community Center on Friday.

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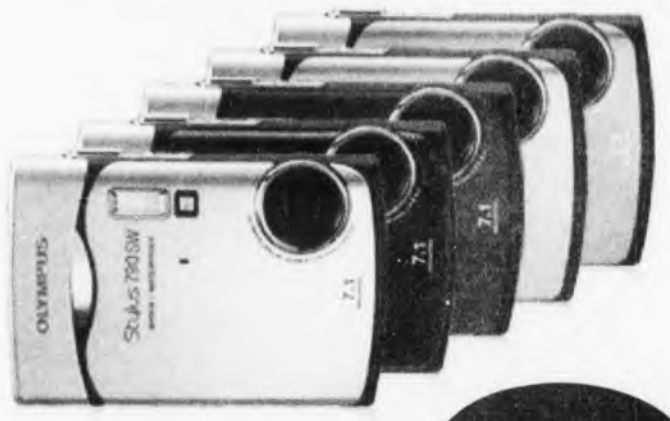
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Paul Cina of Pembroke finished the Turkey Trot in first place last Thursday. This year's event was co-sponsored by the Shoe Market, Hingham.



Thomas Stokes #229 of Hull and Garrett Canney #30 of Cohasset start the Turkey Trot at the front of the pack.



Lisa Smith of Scituate, J. Patrick Kennedy, and Brian Carnes, both of Cohasset, finish up the last mile of the Turkey Trot Thanksgiving Day.

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Foodies find paradise on New Zealand's North Island

Fran Golden
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

The Bay of Islands, north of Auckland, has long drawn the yachting and fishing set for its stunning scenery and the chance to catch a giant marlin.

More recently, the seaside area is drawing foodies and wine aficionados hoping to catch an amazing meal and a stunning vintage.

Fusion is king and local products are the norm for local chefs. Maybe it's the clear blue sea and the sky – scientifically proven to be among the bluest on the planet – that encourages them.

Meanwhile, artisanal food producers are proliferating in the countryside. And boutique vineyards are gaining attention.

A recently established Northland Wine & Food Trail suggests driving routes through the laidback, historic towns of Kerikeri, Pahia and Russell, the country's first capital, and highlights nearly 75 food- and wine-related attractions.

Epicenter of the local food scene is the homey Sunday morning Bay of Islands Farmer's Market in Kerikeri, a town of 6,000 that's the area's commercial center.

While buskers perform nearby, vendors in covered stalls offer thin-skinned Maori potatoes and handmade sausages using local meat. There is Manuka honey, saffron, dried oyster mushrooms and mini kiwis known as kiwi berries. Popular products also include macadamia nuts and locally grown and roasted coffee beans.

These same local products appear on restaurant menus.

"Northland is fast becoming a serious food tourism destination," said Hughie Blues, chef/owner of the Waikokopu Café at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds in Pahia – where the Maoris and British signed a major treaty in 1840.

He described the local cuisine as whatever the chef prefers — Asian, Mediterranean, classic French — combined with anything that's local and fresh. Blues' creations include a Maori potato and chickpea blini with Moroccan spices, pumpkin, roasted eggplant and a fig reduction.

A few miles away at Puretastes in Pahia, Paul Jobin — who gained acclaim in Auckland as one of the country's top chefs — serves "modern global food" at a newly opened venue, one of several chefs drawn to the area's inspirational environment.

The wine scene is vibrant here are well — small compared to other New Zealand wine areas, but growing.



New Zealand's famous sheep are well in evidence in the Bay of Islands. PHOTO BY FRAN GOLDEN

There are three boutique vineyards in Kerikeri, eight in the Northland region. Several have restaurants and offer free wine tastings.

At the Cottle Hill Winery in Kerikeri (www.cottlehill.co.nz) ex-pat Michael Webb tells visitors how he sailed here from San Diego in the 1990s with his wife Barbara on their 35-foot Island Packet and fell in love with the place. The Webbs gave up their previous careers, he as a plumbing contractor and she as a CPA, to open their boutique winery.

Between pouring big tastes of his homegrown chardonnay and pinot noir – and sampling quite a few tastes himself too, – Webb said his philosophy for the wine business is "wines for every day and everybody," which he said fits in well with the local ethic.

"People go fishing and have lives here. They have barbeques and all the stuff you read [about New Zealand] in America," Webb explained. "I'm a winemaker but I also take out the trash."

Webb's wines sell from $11 to $19 per bottle.

Down the road at the Marsden Estate in Kerikeri (www.marsdenestate.co.nz) lunch is romantically served on an outdoor patio and is a relaxed affair with grapevines in the view. The vineyard produces the award-winning Black Rocks Chardonnay, as well as other red and white varieties ($13 to $25 per bottle).

Vintner Rod MacIvor may be tending the vines and offer an impromptu tour that will include a diagnosis of this year's crop and a friendly offer to taste some grapes.

Visiting local food producers also brings rewards. At Mahoe Farmhouse Cheese in Kerikeri you might glimpse some of the 100 cows, but the attraction is the samples at the factory shop including the Very Old Edam, which has won national cheese awards.

The farm doesn't offer tours but you can peek into the cheese factory attached to the shop. Nearby the Fibres Gallery, run by the farmer's wife, is one of the best places in the area for local crafts, including lovely handmade cushion covers and Mohair sweaters.

Another noteworthy stop is Ludbrook House in Ohaeawai (near Kerikeri), a 1,000-acre beef and sheep farm where Chris Ludbrook has gained a reputation as a jam maker extraordinaire. Her products – sold here and at gourmet shops throughout the country – include fig jam, quince jelly and kiwi marmalade.

Ludbrook also offers luxurious farmhouse accommodations.

Recognizing people are coming to the area to eat and drink, local caterer Cedar Corban got the idea visitors may also be interested in learning some cooking techniques.

At her Magnolia House, a dessert grape vineyard in Kerikeri, Corban — great granddaughter of the founder of New Zealand's famous Corban Wines — offers tours that combine visits to the Kerikeri vineyards and food producers with cooking workshops.

You can also stop by to buy dessert grapes and talk food. The smells from Corban's kitchen may include ginger pork meatballs or grape jam tartlets.

Just like in the rest of Northland, seems there's always something cooking.

Sleeping with the Grapes

Time in a vineyard is a quintessential Bay of Islands experience.

You can visit for lunch or dinner or to taste the goods at the vineyard's shop. But to fully immerse yourself, stay overnight.

At the fabulous Omata Estate in Russell, up to 12 guests are housed in luxurious accommodations with views of vines and the sea.

Omata produces a well-known syrah, a merlot and a full-bodied chardonnay – the most expensive bottle is $55.

The vineyard also boasts one of the Northland's most acclaimed dining venues, specializing in rustic, Mediterranean cuisine with a New Zealand twist – the New Zealand antipasto that includes green-lipped mussels and raw oysters along with cheese, olives and salami.

At lunch, a popular choice is the fish and chips, made with tempura batter and Spanish onion caper sauce. At dinner, enjoy main courses including New Zealand lamb loin with chickpeas, ruby chard and minted yogurt.

For reservations, visit www.omata.co.nz. Room rates from $259-$386 per night; main courses in the restaurant from $15-$18 at lunch, $25-$27 at dinner.

IF YOU go...

Getting there
The Bay of Islands is about a three-hour drive from Auckland. You can also fly to Kerikeri from Auckland in less than an hour on Air New Zealand (www.airnewzealand.com).

Flights to Auckland are offered through Los Angeles on Air New Zealand or Qantas Airways (www.qantas.com).

Seasons
With its South Pacific location, New Zealand seasons are the reverse of the U.S., with the summer high season about to start.

Staying there
Magnolia House in Kerikeri: e-mail, magnolia1369@yahoo.co.nz Two-night weekend packages with accommodations, tours, meals and classes, from $352 per person; B&B stays from $89.

Ludbrook House in Ohaeawai; www.ludbrook.co.nz B&B rates from $185 per person.

For more information: www.northlandnz.com





PHOTO BY CHATHAM BARS INN

The spa suites at the Chatham Bars Inn are equipped with hydrotherapy tubs for two, fireplaces and plasma TVs, with massages offered en-suite.

New Spa Oasis on Cape

Fran Golden
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

IN NEW ENGLAND

"There is equipment there that scares the hell out of me," joked hotel general manager Paul Zuest at the recent grand opening party for The Spa at Chatham Bars Inn on the Cape.

But it is just that equipment – including a fancy Vichy shower room – that will no doubt draw spa aficionados to Chatham and the historic resort.

The new $25 million spa is modern and gorgeous – light shades of purple and sea foam green adding to an ambience that just makes you say "ahhh" from the get-go.

Zuest called the place "our little spa," but it's more than that.

The Spa is built lagoon-like, with a heated pool where private cabanas can be used for open-air treatments, weather-permitting.

The 2,500-square-foot indoor space includes a women's area with sauna and three private steam rooms, and a men's area with steam rooms and a plasma TV – where sporting events will be shown. Treatment rooms come in the dry and wet variety, the latter featuring the multi-head Vichy shower and hydrotherapy tubs.

The menu at The Spa features Vinotherapy, which originated in France's Bordeaux region in 1999, and makes use of antioxidant qualities of grape seeds. A Shiraz Body Scrub uses grape seeds from Napa Valley and is followed by a lavish lavender massage, 60 minutes, $120.

Book a Vinotherapy Weekend Package and you and your significant other can enjoy a Shiraz Body Scrub for two, a welcome wine amenity, and two nights' accommodations with breakfast, priced from $875.

More standard treatments include one-hour massages priced from $110. A variety of packages combining various treatments are also available.

For the ultimate indulgence weekend, stay in one of the resort's new spa suites, located in a building adjacent to The Spa, and each equipped with its own state-of-the-art hydrotherapy tub big enough for two, a steam shower and a sauna. They are sexy spaces for couples, and you can even order up a massage in your room (the suites have plasma TVs, fireplaces and Bose sound systems, as well).

For more information, visit www.chathambarsinn.com; or call 508-945-0096 or 800-527-4884. The direct spa phone number is 508-945-6737.

FOCUS ON HIGHER EDUCATION

"Everything is geared to meeting the needs of the work force. We're not preparing people for a doctorate in history. It's very practice-oriented."

Janet L. Castleman, dean of Framingham State graduate and continuing education

Time is on your side at Framingham State College

By John Hilliard
DAILY NEWS STAFF

FRAMINGHAM – Finding time for school is almost always a struggle for working adults, as they have to balance studies, work and family responsibilities while earning a college degree.

At Framingham State College, students are discovering they can work toward a better education - and meet day-to-day obligations.

"Obviously, I have some time, but I didn't want all my time taken up with classes," said Framingham's Justin Lutz, who is studying for his master's degree in business administration at Framingham State College.

But he, like other adults who return to college, have to balance school with other responsibilities.

In Lutz' case, that means spending time with his books and training full time for the U.S. Olympic Team's track and field trials next summer. He's able to train full time as an active duty sergeant with the Marine Corps.

"I've always had running as a passion in my life. ... It happens that physical fitness is highly regarded in the Marine Corps," said Lutz, a veteran of two tours of duty in the Iraq war. He's on a leave of absence as an engineer with Raytheon.

Because he's a veteran, Lutz can attend a public college or university at no cost, he said.

"I looked at it as an opportunity to get a free MBA," said Lutz.

Janet L. Castleman, dean of Framingham State's graduate and continuing education department, said FSC's graduate programs are designed to help students get ahead on the job.

Many of the students in the school's graduate program are school teachers working on advanced degrees required by their profession. Other popular programs include health care, public administration and counseling, plus food and nutrition.



Janet L. Castleman

"Everything is geared to meeting the needs of the work force," Castleman said, and later added, "We're not preparing people for a doctorate in history. It's very practice-oriented."

The graduate program - and undergraduate continuing education - is designed to work around students who have to juggle school with work and family life responsibilities through afternoon and evening courses.

Since 1998, the school has also offered online courses - about 140 now - which allow students to go to class at their own convenience, she said. This semester alone there have been 3,000 enrollments in online courses (students can sign up for more than one, she noted).

But the college is trying to make education possible for working people, not make the curriculum easy.

"Graduate school is hard. College is hard. Students are expected ... to do a lot of outside work," said Castleman. "We're giving them the tools to succeed, but it's not going to happen without a lot of effort and a lot of time."

The school's undergraduate programs, too, have attracted adult students, such as Janet Fannon, who now works as FSC's graduate program assistant.

She took several college courses after high school, but did not pursue a college degree full-time until her three children earned their own degrees, she wrote in an e-mail.

She worked part time and majored in geography with an English minor.

"Because I had waited so long to fulfill my dream, I was much more focused on what interested me than what would lead me to a job," wrote Fannon.

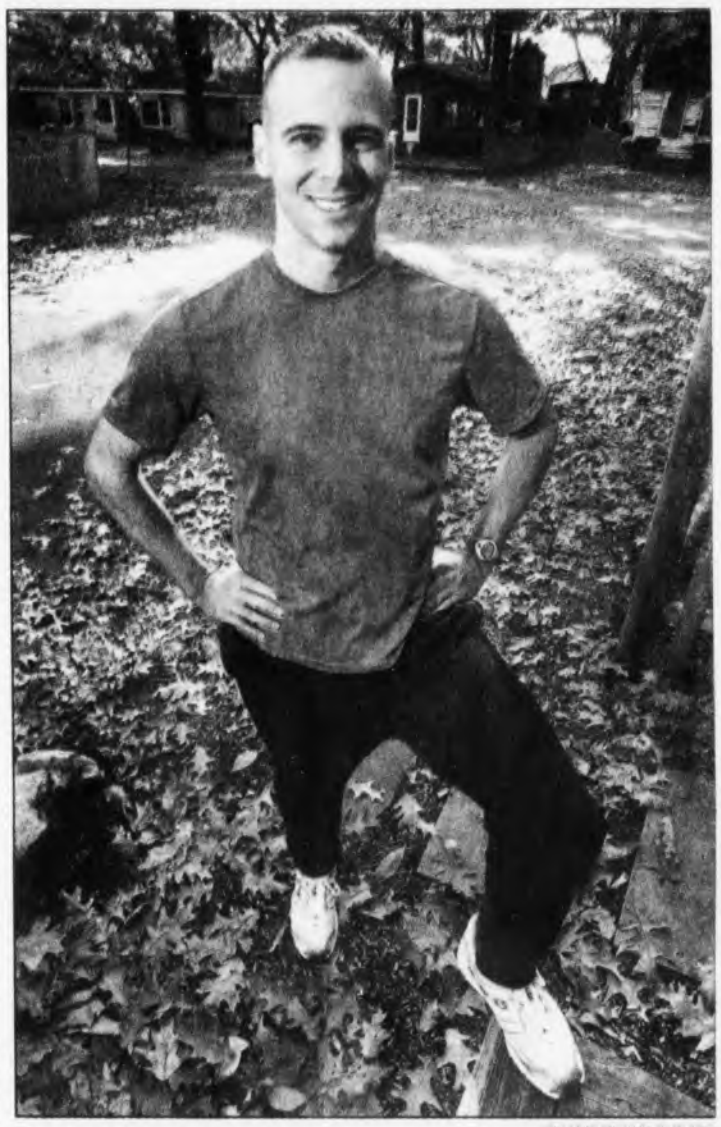
She said the challenge she faced was fitting in with traditional college students, and she co-founded the Adults Returning to College club in the 2003-04 school year.

"We felt a need to come together with other adult students as a group for emotional support and friendship as we went through this unfamiliar journey," she said.

Now she's eyeing a master of education degree and becoming an English-as-a-second-language teacher.

"My geography students have made me feel as much like a global citizen as an American citizen and I think that teaching English will enable me to connect with all types of international people," she said.

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Justin Lutz of Framingham, a Marine Corps sergeant, is enrolled in the MBA program at Framingham State College. At the same time, he's training for the U.S. Olympic track and field trials.

College: A worthy investment

By Patricia McGowan Samson
DEAN COLLEGE

As more people consider the cost of higher education, many may question its value. Is it worth choosing college over full-time employment?

COMMENTARY

Statistics show there is a considerable rate of return on an investment in higher education. Though the earning differential of a high school graduate versus a college graduate is minimal at first, it grows exponentially over time.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, a high school graduate earns an average of $1.2 million during their working life. Associate's degree holders earn about $1.6 million and bachelor's degree holders earn about $2.1 million. Those with college degrees earn nearly double the amount of high school graduates.

How does that break out in yearly terms? The Census Bureau indicates that workers 18 and over with a bachelor's degree earn an average of $57,200 a year; while those with a high school diploma earn $35,725. Workers with a master's degree make an average of $71,530, and workers without a high school diploma average about $26,200.

Though a college degree isn't always necessary in some fields, a degree does qualify you for many jobs that wouldn't be available to you otherwise. Career advancement is also easier because some job promotions require at least some college courses or a full degree.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, a high school graduate earns an average of $1.2 million during their working life. Those with college degrees earn nearly double the amount of high school graduates.

In addition to increased earning potential, there are other benefits to receiving a college degree. In a report published by the Institute for Higher Education Policy, individual benefits enjoyed by college graduates include higher levels of savings, increased personal and professional mobility, improved quality of life for their children, better consumer decision making and more hobbies and leisure activities.

Research in the early 21st century indicates that those who have pursued higher education also have a tendency toward good health, not only for oneself, but for one's children. Also, a number of studies have shown a correlation between education, cultural and family values, and economic growth. A 1992 report by Elchanan Cohn and Terry Geske shows that "college graduates appear to have a more optimistic view of their past and future personal progress."

Should you further your education? What is the best choice for you? Now that there are many more options to the traditional academic year college offerings, those wishing to pursue or complete a college degree have many options that will fit into the schedules of working students and non-traditional students.

Evening, online and continuing education programs are good alternatives for working students, allowing for flexible scheduling.

Many colleges and universities are offering programs on an accelerated schedule, including Dean College. In January, students can take up to three courses in a two-week time period between the end of the fall semester and the beginning of the spring semester.

What will work best for you? That's something only you can answer, and the best way to start is by contacting your local college or university to find out more.

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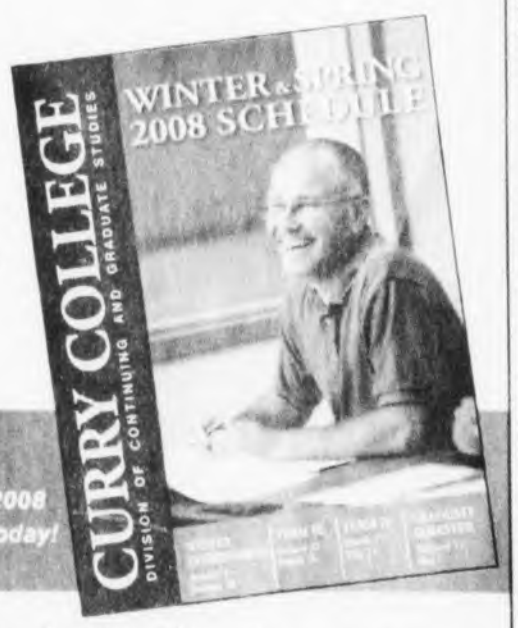
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, NOV. 9

7:03 p.m. **Aaron River Rd.**, lock-out/lock-in, caller reports she is locked out of her house.

7:10 p.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

8:14 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party would like to speak to an officer regarding a custody issue with his son.

8:17 p.m. Well being check, advised legal help.

9:25 p.m. **Stevens Lane**, identify theft/fraud, caller reports someone has been using her Social Security Number after making a purchase on EBay.

9:28 p.m. **School Buildings**, officer reports all school buildings check ok, all secure.

SATURDAY, NOV. 10

1:14 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, building checks, officer reports the lights are on at above location. Officer reports building appears secured.

2:35 a.m. **Cedar St., and Clapp Rd.**, assist other Police Department, detailed to Clapp Road in Scituate to assist with search for male that fled a single car motor vehicle accident. Cohasset officer has male subject that Scituate was looking for. Scituate officer on scene. Officer reports Scuituate has subject in their custody.

6:22 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:27 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks. Deer Hill/Osgood School check.

9:31 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11 a.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:44 a.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle crash/hit and run, walk in party reports someone hit him from behind while stopped at a stop sign, pulled around him and drove off.

1:04 p.m. **Parker Ave.**, lost property, walk in party reports he hasn't been able to find his cell phone, the last he saw of it was at school on Oct. 25.

2:11 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

2:23 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, investigation, caller reports in the frozen food section the doors to the freezers are smoking. Scituate ladder responding for mutual aid. Officer reports fire knocked down, smoke condition in the building. Command reports this is an overheated freezer case. Board of Health has been notified. Fire command has been turned over the Health Agent.

3:49 p.m. **South Main St.**, traffic complaint, both units out at above location reference to traffic issues. There is valet parking – everyone is coming from S. Main Street side traffic is backed up through the square.

3:56 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, property damage, caller reports a truck dropped off firewood – damage was done to her property. Officer spoke to caller – party from company will respond back on Monday to fix damage. This is not a police matter.

4:37 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint, caller reports there are vehicles parked for about 1 fi hours.

4:48 p.m. **North Main St.**, property (found), walk in party found AAA card. Contacted owner he will pick card up.

6:17 p.m. **Red Gate Lane**, fire, investigation, caller reports smoke coming from fireplace. Under control – ventilating above address.

8:07 p.m. **Crocker Lane**, open gate, officer reports the gate has been left open – property of the state.

SUNDAY, NOV. 11

12:50 a.m. **Cedar St.**, public service, the gas pump was sticking. Left message for the DPW.

7:35 a.m. **Cedar St.**, public service, the landfill is closed.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, light wind, 34.

8:23 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, property (lost), walk in party reports she lost her wallet – she put it on top of her vehicle and drove off. Walk in party reports she found her wallet – everything was in it.

9:30 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, property (recovered), walk in party reports they found driver's license at above location.

10:53 a.m. **Cedar St.**, assist citizen, had had several calls regarding landfill closed.

11:28 a.m. **Cedar St.**, suspicious activity, walk in party reports – the chain at landfill has been removed and several people are dumping items. Officer reports chain is back up.

11:32 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports 2 coyote's are in her yard.

12 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party wants to speak to officer.

12:02 p.m. **N. Main St.**, suspicious activity, caller reported subject that lives at above address is blowing leaves into the street and at the ball field.

1:53 p.m. **Elm St.**, well being check, caller reports the phone line has been busy. Fire Dept. is going to walk over to check on her.

3:20 p.m. **Summer St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

5 p.m. **Border St.**, property (lost), walk in party reports losing a cell phone.

8:39 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:03 p.m. **Elm St.**, bolo announcement, just occurred in Weymouth, an armed robbery at knife point of a pizza delivery driver. Suspect is a white male in his 20's, thin build, wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt with long black hair.

MONDAY, NOV. 12

12:36 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:36 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:45 a.m. **Crocker Lane**, the gates to the State DPW barn are open.

2:07 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

3:20 a.m. **James Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

4:22 a.m. **Linden Drive**, noise complaint, 911 caller states "he can hear screaming outside." Nothing in the area. May have been an animal in distress.

742 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, Beechwood Street between South Main and Norman Todd Road is down to one lane.

8 a.m. Weather: Cloudy, calm, 35.

8:15 a.m. **Border St.**, larceny (report), walk in party would like to file a report for a stolen laptop on an airplane.

10:34 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, vandalism report, caller would like to see an officer regarding damage to her mailbox.

10:54 a.m. **Beach St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11:20 a.m. **South Main St.**, investigation.

12:45 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid.

1:37 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:52 p.m. **Bayberry Lane**, suspicious activity, caller states he is babysitting his younger brother and his brother's friend and a male party in a red car stopped at the house and asked the young boys to come over to his vehicle and then asked them if anyone was home with them. The boys then ran into the house. Units on the lookout in the area after speaking to the young boys. Officers did get a hold of the male party in question he does deliver the newspaper to this residence and was asking if anyone was home because the resident owes him many week's payments for the papers. No problem.

4:37 p.m. **Locust Rd., and Beechwood St.**, E1 reports small branch on primary and guide wire pole is adjacent to pole #13 priority 3 all info relayed to National Grid.

5:29 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, sewer overflow, left message with Cohasset Board of Health. Spoke with key point management contact person advised of situation.

7:49 p.m. **First Parish Rd.**, medical aid, Scituate, transported SSH/BLS.

9:25 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:27 p.m. **Deerhill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

TUESDAY, NOV. 13

3:05 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, building checks.

6 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, building checks.

7:20 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:40 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service, the hydrant in front of the building will be flowing.

8 a.m. Weather: Rain light wind, 51.

8:55 a.m. **Black Rock Rd.**, caller reports she has locked herself out of her house.

10:55 a.m. **South Main St.**, well being check.

12:50 p.m. **CJC Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

2:07 p.m. **Kendall Village**, investigation.

2:29 p.m. **Elm St.**, threats.

4:01 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, fire, investigation, caller reports at this address is an excavation site, they have broken a gas line. Gas Company notified.

6:34 p.m. **Lower King St.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports at 6:11 p.m. she was at the above location and would like to report a gate malfunction. Caller reports she stopped at the crossing the gates were down and the lights were flashing, several cars waited and the train hadn't come through, the gates went back up and a car went through, then the gates came back down and the train passed through. MBTA notified.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 14

12:05 a.m. **South Main St.**, assist citizen, caller states "there may be someone squating in his vacant apartment." Caller had moved out of the apartment 2 weeks ago and left the door unlocked. Apartment is locked. No response at the door.

12:25 a.m. **South Main St.**, public service, checking the apartment, again, as there is a light showing.

5:40 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

6:34 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:05 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:14 a.m. **Rocky Lane**, animal complaint, caller states there is a dead deer on the tracks. MBTA notified. The deer has been moved per the MBTA.

7:42 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, assist citizen, walk in party in HQ with a suspicious letter looking for personal information. Male party did not respond to letter and was given an ID theft package.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, light wind, 42.

9:06 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, animal complaint, caller stated that she has a fox in her yard.

11:04 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:29 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, school check.

1:01 p.m. **CJC Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

1:31 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, well being check.

1:58 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

2:27 p.m. **Elm St.**, property (recovered), caller stated that she found a wallet and she will be by the station to drip it off.

2:37 p.m. **South Main St.**, fire, illegal burning, command reports fire is out, all units clear returning.

4:29 p.m. **Route 3A**, traffic enforcement.

4:33 p.m. **Pond St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:55 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:28 p.m. **CJC Highway**, medical aid.

5:38 p.m. **Ripley Rd., and Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:19 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, disturbance – neighborhood, caller would like to speak with an officer regarding her neighbors harassing her. Officer states this is a civil matter, both parties have been advised of their options.

6:20 p.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:29 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:08 p.m. **Hull St.**, traffic enforcement.

THURSDAY, NOV. 15

1:24 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:15 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:02 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:05 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:01 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

9:04 a.m. **North Main St.**, parking complaint, motor vehicle blocking, caller reports across from this location there are cars parked on the sidewalks and he would like something done.

10:45 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

11:10 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:16 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:10 p.m. **Town Parking Lot**, property (recovered), caller reports two boxes of cartridges left at this location.

2:06 p.m. **Pond St.**, motor vehicle crash/injuries, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports a motor vehicle accident. Officer requesting a second ambulance, Scituate R1 en route. Scituate R1 cancelled. 3A Towing notified for two wreckers.

5:23 p.m. **Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:25 p.m. **S. Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:30 p.m. **S. Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:09 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

6:19 p.m. **King St., and North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:01 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

9:09 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

FRIDAY, NOV. 16

1:05 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:14 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:16 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:47 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7:24 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, officer wanted, caller reports he received a call from subject unknown stating he is going the bring a big check to his residence.

7:51 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Nichols Rd.**, fire, (misc.), call directly into Fire HQ for a ripped up gas line at this location. Box 3 struck, all units tied up at the scene. National Grid has the scene, units are clear and returning.

9:02 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

9:53 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist motorist, officer reports he is assisting a citizen with keys locked in a vehicle.

10:32 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, fire, (misc.), caller, who is also working at this location reports a gas line break at the above address. Keyspan has been notified.

10:40 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

11:12 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:19 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St., Deer Hill/Osgood School** check.

12:44 p.m. **River St., Scituate**, medical aid.

1:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

4:15 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, Hull PD reports erratic operator coming from Hingham Rotary on 3A. Officer reports area search negative.

4:18 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

4:26 p.m. **Lower King St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

5:03 p.m. **Pond St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, officer reports no wrecker needed – minor damage both vehicles.

6:47 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

6:53 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning. Written warning.

7:16 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

7:25 p.m. **Weymouth PD**, bolo announcement, wanted by Weymouth Police in connection with a H&R & B&E which occurred at 3:35 p.m. today at 103 Broad St., Weymouth. Toyota Van, gray which was reported stolen out of Boston on 11/11, if located contact Weymouth PD.

7:32 p.m. **N. Main St.**, suspicious vehicle.

8:30 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports he dog is missing – she got loose when they were out walking – no collar on. Dog has a micro-chip.

8:36 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking complaint, caller reports vehicles are parked in no parking zone, also large group of juveniles are hanging around – Grace Drive. Officer reports no parking problems at this time, the group of juveniles moved on.

9 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, property (lost), caller reports she was at a function at above location outside on the picnic table there is a shoebox with silverware inside – she left without taking the shoebox, she went back it was gone.

9:23 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:28 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, notification, officer reports the traffic lights were facing wrong direction – due to the wind. Contacted State DPW – estimated time of arrival – 2 hours. At 11:30 p.m. State DPW are working on the lights.

11:38 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, assist other State DPW, officer assisting State DPW with lights.

SATURDAY, NOV. 17

12:34 a.m. **Border St.**, assist other Police Dept., Scituate Police report a one car motor vehicle accident in their town. Motor vehicle operator stated he was cut off by a dark colored Jetta. Scituate requests area check.

12:46 a.m. **South Main St.**, public service, a lot of smoke coming from the chimney. Resident notified. Resident checked the chimney, no problem.

1:12 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:33 a.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

2:09 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks secure.

2:14 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks secure.

3:27 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:02 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Bound Brook Lane**, traffic enforcement.

8 a.m. Weather; Sunny, light wind, 34.

8:20 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller reports a smell of natural gas. E3 to investigate.

8:30 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

9:21 a.m. **Summer St.**, lost property, walk in dropped off a purse he found at this location. Contacted owner. Owner came into station to pick up purse.

10:19 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

10:30 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

11:20 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, vandalism report, walk in party states that property stakes have been pulled out of his property and his neighbor is parking his motor vehicle on his property preventing him from doing work. He would like to file a report. Advised the parties of their options.

12:47 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

12:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, lost property (report), walk in reports he lost a gray plastic bucket with tools in it somewhere in this vicinity.

12:52 p.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

1:22 p.m. **Ripley Rd., and Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:17 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

3 p.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

4:17 p.m. **Doane St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports there are juveniles on mini bikes riding through the park. Contacted Environmental Police, advised them of this traffic. Officer reports nothing heard – spoke to subject that just came out of the park, they advised they didn't see any mini bikes.

4:22 p.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

4:46 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:53 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious activity, caller requests check on clerk at above location. Detailed to area. Officer reports that there was a small disturbance between customer and store owner. No crimes. This is a civil matter.

5:02 p.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:24 p.m. **Hull St., and Grace Drive**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:50 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, officer wanted, caller reports she is having problems with neighbor.

6:09 p.m. **Elm St.**, investigation.

6:12 p.m. **James Lane**, medical aid.

6:39 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist other Police Dept., Hingham PD request meet Cohasset PD for transport to Atlantic Restaurant.

6:46 p.m. **Evergreen Lane**, animal complaint, caller reports his dog is missing, light tan with black – big bull mastiff.

7:26 p.m. **Ripley Rd., and Smith Pl.**, traffic enforcement.

7:46 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

8:03 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking enforcement, parking ticket issued.

8:20 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

8:28 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

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Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesd r at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 .m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim Fitz-Gerald. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interin. Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Dec. 2:

10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House – "Red and Greener" – A service shared with our Green Sanctuary Committee

Religious education classes for toddlers, children, and youth and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 AM in the Parish House.

Refreshments and fellowship follow the service and RE classes.

3 p.m. – Annual Blessing of the Animals – Meeting House

5 p.m. – Candlelight Peace Vigil – Cohasset Common

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at: www.firstparish-cohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church invites families and residents to join us this fall. We are an open, welcoming, Christian community dedicated to caring for all people, both near and across the world. For information on us go to www.ststephenscohasset.org or to learn about the Episcopal Church go to www.ecusa.anglican.org.

Highlights of our parish life include:

- "Godly Play" Christian education for children ages three through grade 5.
- Jr. High and High School youth groups , adult education, Bible study, book group
- Outreach to the hungry, homeless and those in prison
- Monthly luncheon for seniors
- Fellowship and fun; music
- Environmental ministry; weekly yoga and meditation group

To contact us: Stop by at 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset (We are the church "on the rock." Enter during the week at office around back) or call 781-383-1083, or email cwood@ststephenscohasset.org.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Celebrating Hanukkah

- Monday, Dec. 3: At 6:30 pm, there will be the lighting of the Hanukkah Menorah by the Confirmation class (7 through 10 grades/13-16 year old students)
- Friday, Dec. 7: At 6:30 pm, families will together light "a sea of menorahs."
- Saturday, Dec. 8: At 8 pm, Rev. Dr. Ray A. Hammond will pay tribute to Herb Morse (a Hingham resident).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church -Rev. Robert Schipul, Pastor; Dan Eddy, Vicar; Sunday worship 9 a.m.; Adult Bible Study and Sunday School start at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday Prayer Service 7 p.m.; 460 Chief Justice Cushing Highway/Rt.3A, Scituate; Office: 781-545-5271; Parsonage: 781-545-9878; Christ Lutheran is handicapped accessible; www.clc-scituate.org.

Changes to the worship guide may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.



COURTESY PHOTO

A Cohasset cat waits to be blessed during last year's Blessing of the Animals.

Community welcome at Blessing of the Animals

It's time once again to bless animal companions in the annual Blessing of the Animals at First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Cohasset at 3 p.m., on Sunday, Dec. 2. The public is invited to this blessing of four-legged, feathered, swimming and slithering pets. This translates into cats, dogs, birds, fish, snakes, lizards and more. Last year two alpacas made a grand entrance at benediction time, joining Socks the cat and many other creatures for a service of song, story, poetry, prayer and the blessing of each and every animal at the chancel.

This is a community event, and all animal friends are welcome – live, stuffed or photographed. Live pets must be house-trained and leashed or in a carrier.

For more information, call First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Cohasset at 781-383-1100. Come and share the blessings.

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Obituaries

Edna F. Fielding

Longtime resident of Cohasset

Edna F. Fielding, 93, died Aug. 12, 2007, in Union, Washington.

Born in Newark, N.J., she attended Newark Teachers College. She married Herbert Fielding and moved to Yakima, Wash., during World War II, where her husband was stationed while serving in the military. In 1954, Mrs. Fielding and her husband moved to Cohasset, where they raised six children. Mrs. Fielding was active in the schools, working as a substitute teacher and serving as President of the PTA. She also volunteered as a Cub Scout leader and worked as a salesperson for the World Book Encyclopedia.

Mrs. Fielding was an active member of St. Anthony's Parish and sang in the church choir. She lived in Cohasset for 37 years, until moving in 1991. She lived in St. Petersburg, Fla., for 12 years before moving to Union, Wash., to live with her daughter.



Edna F. Fielding

Wife of 29 years to the late Herbert C. Fielding, she leaves her sons, Richard Fielding of Washington, D.C., Robert Fielding of Los Angeles, Calif., Ronald Fielding of Rochester, N.Y., and Ken Fielding of Lake Tahoe, Calif.; her daughters, Elizabeth Fielding of Wilmot, N.H., and Barbara McDonald of Union, Wash.; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

A memorial service will be held at noon, Saturday, Dec. 1, at Woodside Cemetery, North Main St., Cohasset. In lieu of flowers, donation can be made in her memory to the hospice organization of one's choice.

Austin F. O'Toole

WWII Veteran and pioneer builder of affordable housing

Austin F. O'Toole, 86, of Cohasset, died Nov. 22, 2007, at Harbor House Rehab and Nursing Facility in Hingham, following complications from pneumonia and congestive heart failure.

Born the son of Irish immigrants, he was raised in the St. Peters section of Dorchester, and as a youth sang in St. Peter's Parish Liturgical Choir. Mr. O'Toole sold and delivered newspapers after school while attending English High School in Boston, where he was Vice President of both his junior and senior class. He was awarded a partial college scholarship from Burroughs Newspaper Foundation and attended Boston College, but his studies were interrupted as a result of World War II.

He enlisted in the Marines and served as a First Lieutenant and platoon leader in the Pacific Amphibian Assault Battalion. After serving in the war, Mr. O'Toole completed his college education at Dartmouth College, graduating in 1947. Upon graduation he went on to attend Columbia University. While suffering from a temporary deterioration in eyesight due to pernicious anemia, he managed to study for and graduate with an MBA with the help of his wife Nancy, who would read for him. Mr. and Mrs. O'Toole were married Oct. 1, 1947, and began their lifelong partnership, which continued until her sudden death in March 2007.

After college, he co-founded Greater Boston Builders with his wife. Together they built more than 800 units of housing, including apartments, homes and condominiums, both in Boston and the South Shore. Mr. O'Toole was driven by his belief in affordable housing, particularly for the generation of veterans of which he was a part. He was a former President of the Boston Home Builders Association, Director of the Mass State Builders Association, and Director of the National Association of Home Builders.

Mr. O'Toole was a 45-year resident of Cohasset and an active member in his community, serving as Treasurer and Director of the Cohasset Council of Elder Affairs. For ten years he was a member of the Cohasset Conservation Commission. He and his wife Nancy were long time members of Hatherly Country Club, where they devoted their free time to golf and friendship. Mr. and Mrs. O'Toole also enjoyed traveling, setting out annually to visit the far reaches of the world, later in life spending their winter months in Naples, Fla.

Mr. O'Toole was a second-degree member of the Knights of Columbus who enjoyed poetry and loved singing. For several years he was a member of St. Anthony's choir, in Cohasset. Family and friends fondly recall his keen memory and spontaneous recitation of classical poems, college anthems, and Latin phrases.

He leaves his daughters, Lisa Vivian, Lynn Durkin and her husband Joseph, and Clover Weinstein and her husband Robbie; his son, Austin O'Toole; and his grandchildren, Madeline Vivian, Alison Vivian, Joseph Durkin, Lindsay Durkin, Terence Durkin, Jake Durkin, Megan Durkin, and Lee Ann Weinstein.

Arrangements were handled by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset. Interment is private.

Donations in his memory may be made to Homes For Our Troops, 37 Main St., Taunton, MA., 02780, or to the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 3008, Princeton, N.J. 08543-3008.

Worship News

St. Joseph Retreat Center schedule of events

St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset will host the following programs:

- Dec. 7 through 9, Weekend Retreat, "Soul Collage – A Journey of Discovery."
- Dec. 14 through 16, Quiet Advent Weekend.
- Sunday, Dec. 23, Evening of Prayer, "Blue Christmas." 7 to 8:30 p.m.
- Dec. 27 through Jan. 2, End of Year Retreat. Come for one, three or seven days/nights of directed or private prayer in a quiet, meditative setting.
- Saturday, Jan. 12, Day of Prayer, Knit, Pray, Love: A Day for Knitters.
- Jan. 13 and 20, Days of Prayer, Sacred Images: Contemplation and Creativity, come for one or both days.
- Saturday, Jan. 19, Day of Prayer, A Day of Prayer with 12-step spirituality.
- Thursday, Jan. 24, Morning of Prayer, Celebrating Winter.

Lessons & Carols

St. Stephen's Church, 16 Highland Ave., will present its Festival of Lessons and Carols at 3 p.m., on the First Sunday of Advent, Dec. 2. This service of Sacred Scripture and song traces salvation history through readings and song, presenting anthems sung by the choir, as well as hymns of the season sung by all. The Rev. Edward Kienzle will preside and music will be under the direction of choirmaster and organist David Baker. This Advent festival is a wonderful way for all to prepare hearts and minds for the celebrations of Christ's birth.

The church is handicap accessible, and plenty of parking is available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted. For information, call 781-383-1083.

Cantors' concert

The public is welcome to an evening of music and inspirational speaking at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main St., Hingham, at 8 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 8.

Titled "From Bimah to Broadway – A Cantor's Concert," the event will honor Herb Morse and feature Cantor Steven Weiss and Cantor Joel Colman from Temple Sinai, New Orleans, La.; Cantor Nancy Kassel from Temple Beth Tikvah, Roswell, Ga.; Cantor David Muchnick from Aventura Jewish Center, Aventura Fla.; Cantor Judy Seplowin from Temple Beth-El, Providence, R.I.; and accompanied by Eugene Kaminsky. There will also be a special tribute by Rev. Dr. Ray A. Hammond.

For more information, call the temple office at 781-749-8013, or visit the Web site at shaaray.org.

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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Norfolk Division
Docket No. 144952T19
Notice of Fiduciary's Account

To the persons interested in the estate of J. Franklin McElwain late of Cohasset, in the county of Norfolk.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the 5th – 10th (being the 32nd – 37th) account(s) of Horace S. Nichols and Grant H. Gray as trustees (the fiduciary) under Article 6 of the will of said deceased has been presented to this Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Canton on or before the **23rd day of January, 2008** the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account (s). If you desire to object to any item of said account (s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, FIRST JUSTICE of said Court at Canton this 9th day of October, 2007.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11528449
Cohasset Mariner 11/30/07

SEL/RFQS
LEGAL NOTICE
Town of Cohasset
Public Notice

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS JACOBS MEADOW OUTFALL UPGRADE DESIGN SERVICES

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Cohasset has issued a request for qualifications for professional engineering design services to upgrade the outfall from Jacobs Meadow to Cohasset Harbor, including replacement of existing tide gates. A copy of the RFQ may be obtained at the Town Manager's Office, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025 or by e-mail at wgriffin@townofcohasset.org. The deadline to submit a response to the RFQ is Friday, December 14, 2007 at 12:00 Noon at the above address.

AD#11528483
Cohasset Mariner 11/30/07

ZBA/1 JERUSALEM LANE
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **December 11th at 9:15 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a Special Permit pursuant to the provisions of §5.3.1, and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, Architectural Designer Heidi Condon, seeks to construct two additions at **1 Jerusalem Lane,** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-11-15.

AD#11521304
Cohasset Mariner 11/22, 11/29/07

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TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

NOV. 29 - DEC. 7, 2007

Dancer gets down to show business

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Broadway performer Todd Lattimore moved from Falmouth to Easton in September, but the dancer — and sometime retailer — may be logging more time in Boston than in his new hometown this holiday season.

"I'm spending my days at 'Marc by Marc Jacobs' on Newbury Street, where I'm a sales associate, and my nights onstage at the Wang Theatre in 'Irving Berlin's White Christmas,'" explained Lattimore by telephone recently during a rehearsal break. Lattimore sold his store, The Lily Pad, in Mashpee Commons in July and he and husband, advertising executive Brian Merrill, left the Cape to complete work on their new home.

"Our house was built in 1890 as a church and operated from 1960 to 2005 as a Masonic Temple. We were drawn to the uniqueness of the space so we gutted the building completely and turned it into our home," says Lattimore, whose Broadway credits include the 2001 Tony Award-winning "42nd Street" revival. "Brian and I were married two years ago, but we didn't have a big wedding so when we finally settled in Easton we reenacted our marriage ceremony at the Easton Historical Society and then we had a combined house warming and wedding reception at our home for all our friends and family."



Todd Lattimore

With his days as a storeowner at least temporarily behind him, Lattimore is once again concentrating on a career he began pursuing while a student at the Boson Conservatory.

"Theater is in my blood so, no matter what else I do, I can never really turn off my desire to perform. Now, no longer owning my own business, I can jump on work on a moment's notice. And, when I get a call to do something on stage, I go."

In the past few years, Lattimore has done "Of Thee I Sing" and "Face The Music" with the New York City Center "Encores!" series. And, through Dec. 23, he can be seen in "White Christmas," the stage musical based on the 1954 feature film musical of the same name. As in 2005 when the musical first played the Wang, Lattimore is part of the ensemble of the show that tells the tale of two show business friends who decide to stage a musical spectacular at a quaint Vermont inn. Directed by Broadway veteran Walter Bobbie ("Chicago"), and with choreography by Randy Skinner ("42nd Street"), "White Christmas" was first produced on stage in San Francisco in 2004. While holiday-themed, the show has played some non-traditional dates.



DAVID ALLEN 2004 ORIGINAL COMPANY

Finale: Irving Berlin's "White Christmas."

"In the summer of 2006, I did the show at The Muny in St. Louis, which is the oldest and largest outdoor theater in the country. I had always wanted to play the Muny and 'White Christmas' gave me that opportunity," recalls Lattimore. "It was Christmas in July, but the response was terrific. The Muny audiences are very polite."

The Auburn, N.Y., native expects similar warmth at the Wang.

"Boston loves this show. And what's not to love? We've got the A-Team cast of Brian D'Arcy James, Jeffry Denman, Meredith Patterson, and Kerry O'Malley. Being able to work with each of them is like its own master class in performing for me. And we built quite a following with our 2004 run. People who saw the show last time around are calling me for tickets, because they can't wait to see it again."

"Irving Berlin's White Christmas" will be at the Citi Performing Arts Center's Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont St., Boston, through Dec. 23. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 800-447-7400 or go online at citicenter.org.

Fairs and festivals



NEW ENGLAND ARTISANS SHOWCASE Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, 16 Hull Street (Route 228) in Hingham and will feature 18 exhibitors from six New England states whose work will be familiar to folk art collectors and readers of Early American Life Magazine, Country Home and Country Living. Ad-mission is $3. Ticket proceeds benefit the Robert Weiser Memorial Scholarship Fund at Hingham High School. 781-749-6764.

GLAD TIDINGS FAIR Second Parish UU Church, 685 Main St. (Rt. 228), Hingham. Dec.1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Wreaths, crafts, baked goods, decorations, and more. Refreshments and lunch.

HOLIDAY FAIR. Old Ship Church, 107 Main St., Hingham, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Parish Merrie Market offers holiday delights for all. Fun activities, silent auction items, hand decorated wreaths, gift baskets, bake goods, luncheon menu, a treasures table, Victorian Gingerbread house raffle, and more. Children can decorate their own holiday cookie. The Jingle Bell Café will be serving coffee, snacks, and lunch.

HOLIDAY FAIR - St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 17 Church St., Hanover, Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall. a special guest will be available for holiday photographs. 781-826-2062.

HOLIDAY FAIR: North Community Church, Old Main St., Marshfield Hills, Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Crafters, holiday greenery items, baked goods, children's craft area, Santa, luncheon. Free admittance, handicap accessible. Call 781 837-3784 for more information.

HOLIDAY TRUNK SHOW, James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell. Dec. 1, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rug hooking demonstrations of contemporary rug designs by the Duxbury Rug Hookers. Custom crafts and arts by regional artisans including handbags, hooked rugs, organic honey, custom jewelry and more. Free. 781-659-7100 or jameslibrary.org for information.

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS FAIR at Dalby Farm, 59 Grove St., Scituate, Dec. 1, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wreaths, centerpieces, country gift baskets, unique gifts, children's activities. The revenue generated by your purchase of any item, helps with the cost of upkeep and breeding of the rare farm animals living at Dalby Farm. These animals are considered to be 'ambassadors' of their breed and are a critical part of the educational programs offered at Dalby Farm. DalbyFarm.com

JENKINS HOLIDAY FAIR, 54 Vinal Ave. Scituate, Dec 1, from 2 to 5 p.m. featuring local vendors and crafters, Gingerbread House Contest, bake sale, kids crafts, secret present shopping, Pictures with Santa, Live music featuring Matt Browne and his guitar students.

HOLIDAY ART SALE - Scituate Arts Association one-day Holiday Arts Fair, will take place from noon to 4 p.m., on Dec. 1, at St. Mary's hall, Scituate Harbor. Jewelry, original art, gifts, refreshments and raffles will be featured.

SNOWFLAKE FAIR First Parish UU, 330 First Parish Road. Scituate. Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Holiday Wreaths and swags crafts and toys homemade baked goods and candy hand made gifts lunch and refreshments

HARBOR HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE, Dec. 2, from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., The Barker Tavern, 21 Barker Road, Scituate. Held in conjunction with the Harbor Holiday HouseTour, Open to the public, free of charge, 18 artisans and craftspeople 10 percent of that day's sales will go to the four Scituate elementary schools. Tickets for the house tour will be sold at the boutique. Raffle will be held at boutique. 20 tickets for $10.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR South Shore Christian Academy, 45 Broad St., Weymouth. Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FOURTH ANNUAL HOLiDAY SHOPPING BONANZA supporting the Jordan Hospital Club Cancer Center, Dec. 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cedarville Community Room, 2209 State Road, Plymouth. Call 508-844-1855.

E-mail ddinsmore@cnc.com to include your fair and festival listing

Thursday, Nov. 29

The Maritime Artisans Series is a project of Mass Bay Maritime Artisans at **Jones River Landing Environmental Heritage Center**. The series highlights builders and artisans working in traditional maritime trades in the Mass Bay area. **ePaint Company's Alex Walsh** and **Michael Goodwin** will talk about the science and development of their environmentally sensitive, high-performing bottom coatings. Nov. 29, at 7 p.m. For information go to jonesriver.org, or call or email Reuben Smith, Boatshop Director, at 617 462 7215, and reuben@tumblehomeboatshop.com

Fabric as Art, exhibit by **Coastal Quilt Artists** at the **South Shore Natural Science Center**, Norwell, through Jan. 2, 2008. The public is invited to attend an **opening reception** on Thursday Nov. 29, from 6 to 8 pm at the Science Center. The 12 quilters include **Lynne Conover**, Abington; **Cris Crawford**, Sherborn; **Betty Crowell**, South Yarmouth; **Janet Duncan Dignan**, Weymouth; **Janet Dye**, Bridgewater; **Sandy Gregg**, Cambridge; **Graciela Piccolo**, Pembroke; **Joan Randall**, Hillsboro, N.H.; **Mary Lou Schwinn**, Cotuit; **Pat Smith**, Marshfield; and **Bobbie Sullivan** and **Anne Marcin**, both of Scituate.

South Shore Art Center's annual *Small* Works exhibition, showcases over 200 pieces of art by Art Center Gallery Artists, priced for holiday giving. Give the gift of art and support local artists. **The Art Center will be open Thursdays in December until 8 p.m.** Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. **Thursdays, Dec. 6, 13 and 20 until 8 p.m.** and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Visit ssac.org or call 781-383-2787 for additional information.

Crafts at the Castle, which will take place Nov. 29 to Dec. 2, at the Hynes Convention center, Boston, featuring 150 artists who were chosen by jury from over 600 applicants, we are a major cultural event in the heart of Boston. All proceeds from ticket sales go to support the programs and services provided by FSGB to the poor, and ne-glected children and families of the Greater Boston area. Tickets are on sale now. Visit craftcastle.org for information.

Interfaith Social Services will be hosting its 10th Annual **Feed the Hungry** campaign at 6 p.m. Nov. 29, take place at Lombardo's Function Facility, 6 Billings St., Randolph. This year's *Holiday Spectacular* will feature dinner, dancing, the opportunity to bid on exciting items in silent and live auctions, as well as a performance by **United States Ballroom Dance Champions Daniel Radler and Deirdre Radler.** The evening will also include a special performance by ***The Ovations***, 10-piece orchestra. Tickets are $65 each, while tables of ten can be reserved for $650. To purchase tickets or make a donation, make checks payable to Feed the Hungry and mail to Interfaith Social Services, 105 Adams St., Quincy, MA 02169. For information, contact Interfaith Social Services Executive Director Laura Stracco at 617-773-6203 or visitInterfaithSocial Services.org

Linden Ponds, 203 Linden Ponds Way, Hingham, hosts **Jim Mahoney**, director of photography at the Boston Herald, at 3 p.m. Nov. 29 discussing his experiences within the photography field. He has been working for the Boston Herald for almost 25 years and has been overseeing the photography department there since 2002. He will talk about his vast experience working "behind the lens" as he shares an impressive portfolio of photographs that he has taken through the years. Also he will incorporate some photographs from his travels to Northern Ireland. This will be a discussion/forum and audience participation is welcomed. All are welcome. Directions: ericksoncommunities.com/lph/directions.asp. The lecture is free but seating is limited and pre-registration is required. Call 800-832-5319 to register.

South Shore Caregiver Collaborative is offering a **Creating Balance & Relaxation** presentation to teach caregivers techniques for creating balance and finding peace this holiday season. This free event will be held on Nov. 29, from 1 to 3 p.m. at South Shore Elder Service, 159 Bay State Drive in Braintree. RSVP to Kathleen Capuzzo at South Shore Elder Services. 781-848-3939 ext. 335.



The Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham presents Highway Robbery: The Rise & Fall Of "The Big Dig" on Nov. 29 at 7:30 p.m. It began in the 1970s with a mere scribble on the back of an envelope and ended as the American traffic jam of the century, costing some $15 billion along the way. Get the inside scoop on the Central Artery/Tunnel Project Join Boston Globe reporter Sean P. Murphy for a crash course on the most expensive – and most elaborate – highway project in America. From its early conception through five gubernatorial administrations beginning with Governor Dukakis, to the Fort Point Crossing, the leaks and the ceiling collapse, this is the story of politicians, union workers and commuters who have been shoveling the Big Dig's dirt for over 30 years. After a chronological presentation of the key players and events of this mega project, Murphy will answer audience questions. For information about this free event, call 781-741-1405 or visit hinghamlibrary.org.

BEST BET

The Duxbury Free Library and the Westwinds Bookshop present retired Award-winning Boston Globe photographer Bill Brett, a Hingham resident. He will discuss and sign his newest collection of photographs, Boston: An Extended Family, at a special appearance at the on Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. Admission is free, but due to limited seating, attendees are asked to obtain tickets, which are available at the bookshop and library. Walk-ins will be accommodated as seating allows, and anyone who cannot attend Wednesday's event is welcome to reserve a signed copy that can be picked up at Westwinds at their convenience. Call 781-934-2128.



BEST BET

Family Forum: Coping With Alcoholism- A free information session for families and helping professionals by Timothy O'Farrell, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology, Harvard Medical School and director of the Family Project at Bay State Community Services in Quincy. Dr. O'Farrell will discuss family-involved treatment for substance abuse. The event will take place at Quincy Medical Center on Nov. 29, from 7 to 8 p.m. in first floor conference rooms B& C. RSVP-Not Necessary, call 508-208-5802 for information.

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Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree, presents **John Root**, naturalist and educator, presents **The Majesty and Mystery of Crop Circles,** a power point presentation that includes breathtaking images, interpretation, and discussion of this mysterious phenomenon Nov. 29, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the auditorium on the upper level. Come early as seating is limited. Free and open to the public. For information, call 781-848-0405 x4420.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Nov. 29, **Jackson Wetherbee Band** 781-829-6999.

Fish Tale On the Water, 44 Jericho Road, Scituate, presents **Drift Away** with **J. Place, Joe Micarelli** and **John Litwin,** performing music from the 40s, 50s, 60s and 70s at 8:30 p.m. 781-545-4700.

Venus II, 277 Ocean St. Marshfield Nov. 29, **DJ Ramu** 781-837-6368.

Isang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Wednesday and Thursday evening from 8 to 11 p.m.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St. Weymouth. **Satch Romano's open mic** with **Catfish Bowl Blues Jam** Nov. 29 at 9 p.m. for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9706 nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, Nov. 30

All Seasons Restaurant and Sports Lounge, 327 Plymouth St., Halifax Nov. 30, **Tongue n Groove**, 781-293-4135.

CALENDAR

Volunteers

HOSPICE OFTHE SOUTH SHORE SEEKS VOLUNTEERS Greater numbers of people are turning to hospice services as they near the end of life and therefore the need for hospice volunteers is growing.

Hospice of the South Shore, a program of South Shore Hospital, is looking for volunteers to share time each week with hospice patients and their families. Volunteers do a variety of things, depending on the needs of the patient and his or her family. Activities may include providing respite for caregivers, running errands, or just keeping someone company. Many hospice volunteers describe the experience of helping individuals with advanced illness as an honor and a privilege. Hospice of the South Shore will be conducting a volunteer training class. If you are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, call Marcia Clifford at 617 755-1314.

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South Shore Vo-Tech teacher Gerry Bova as Scrooge of Sandwich and Deb Poppel of Boston perform in The CompanyTheatre's production of "A Chistmas Carol" playing through Dec. 16. Tickets are price at $28-$30. Available at the box-office at 30 Accord Park, Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787,and online at companytheatre.com

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Harry French Night hosted by the Esten, Jefferson and Memorial Park Elementary School PACS in Rockland, Nov. 30, from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Abington V.F.W. Tickets are $20 each or two for $35.To order tickets contact Lisa Flaherty at 781 792-0276.

The Friends of Cranberry Hospice present the **18th Annual Festival of Trees** to be held Nov. 30-Dec. 2 at Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth. The event features over 50 spectacularly decorated Christmas trees, daily entertainment and visits from Santa, a cocktail reception and a unique gift shop. Proceeds benefit Cranberry Hospice. **Open to the Public**: Friday, Nov 30, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, Dec 1, 10 .a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Dec 2, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. General admission is $5 for adults, $4 for seniors and $2 for children under 12.

The Nicholas Jensen Foundation will host its **first comedy show/fundraiser** Nov. 30, at the John Alden Sports Club on Minuteman Lane in Manomet. The doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8:30. Tickets are $30. This is an all adult show (guests must be 18 or older). **Annette's Comedy Asylum** presents comedians **Annette Pollack, Tom Dustin, Plymouth's own Christine Hurley and headliner Mike Donovan**. Visit www.nicholasjensenfoundation.com for information or call Rosemary Jensen at 339-832-8063.

The Daniel Webster Estate And Heritage Center, 238 Webster St., Marshfield. The third **Victorian Christmas Show House** will open the Season with a Gala Cocktail Party on Friday, Nov. 30 from 7 to 10 p.m. Tickets are $50 per person in advance.To order tickets call Virginia at 781-837-2403. For further information, visit danielwebsterestate.org

The Lighthouse Theatre Children's Workshop will be presenting "**Peter Pan**" at the Beal House, 224 Main St., Kingston on Fri. Nov. 30 at 7:30 p.m., Sat. Dec. 1, at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sun. Dec. 2, at 3 pm. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children (12 and under). 508-747-6857.

The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park, Norwell presents **A Christmas Carol** at The Company Theatre through Dec. 16. Tickets are price at $28-$30. Available at the box-office, by phone at 781-871-2787,and online at companytheatre.com

Comedy Night Dinner to benefit **Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth** will be held at the 14 Union Restaurant in Plymouth on Nov. 30. A three-course dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and entertainment will begin at 8 p.m. Featured comedians are **Artie Januario** and **Carolyn Plummer**. Tickets are $50 per person. To purchase tickets, call the Habitat office at 508 866-4188 or go to hfhplymouth.org/events.htm

Holiday at Hogwarts, Kids Night Out at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell. Do you enjoy Harry Potter? Are you age 6 or above? If you've answered yes to both questions, sign-up for Holiday at Hogwarts, Friday Nov. 30, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Come dressed in your best Hogwarts clothes and enjoy a night of magical merriment! Cost is $20 members/$25 non-members. Additional siblings $3 discount. Pre-registration and Pre-payment required; for your convenience payment may be taken by telephone with a major credit card. Contact the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell at 781-659-2559 or view the website at ssnsc.org

Bettina Lesieur welcomes the public to an open studio and gallery. Meet the artist, and view paintings in the space where they were created. Bettina Lesieur's Duxbury studio and gallery located at 301 St. George St., provides art enthusiasts with a unique opportunity for viewing original works, displayed in the creative setting in which they were painted. Although typically open by appointment only, the gallery will be open Nov. 30-Dec. 16, on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell Nov. 30, **Typhoon Ferry.**

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. Nov. 30, **Entrain.** Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Saturday, Dec. 1

Ventress Memorial Library, Library Plaza, Marshfield presents local pre-school teacher and author, **Melissa Sturdy.** She will read from her book **The Room Max Messed Up**. Ms. Sturdy will have books available for purchase and will be signing copies. Contact: Wendy Ward 781-834-5535 for information.

Marj Bates Studio, 28 Rebecca Road, Scituate, **12th annual Open Studio & Sale** Dec. 1 and 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. featuring glass bead making demos. **Tucker O'Day of Tucker & Company** will be also be participating in the event featuring a wide array of painted floor mats and canvas pet bowl mats for this event. She will even personalize mats. A portion of the sales will be donated to the new Scituate Animal Shelter. Studio located at Lighthouse Point. For directions visit glassthings.com

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The Sacred Heart High School, Performing Arts Department will present the popular musical **Bye, Bye Birdie**, Dec. 1 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. in the school auditorium. Tickets are $7 and will be available at the door. Sacred Heart High School, is located at 399 Bishops Highway, Kingston. For further information call, 781-585-7511.

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Dante's @ FireFlys, 516 Adams St., Quincy. **The Mighty HouseRockers** will be performing Dec. 1, for two shows at 9:30 and 11:15 p.m. $6 cover. 617-471-0011



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The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Dec. 1, **Roger Ceresi All Starz**. Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sunday, Dec. 2

Cornerstone Lodge, 585 Washington St., Duxbury. **All you can eat breakfast buffet**, from 8 to 11:30 a.m., Dec. 2. Menu: scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, toast, English muffins, baked beans, juice and coffee. Pancakes and French toast cooked to order. Adults $7, seniors $6, children age 12 and under $5. **Open to the public.**

Immaculate Conception Parish, 720 Broad St., East Weymouth. **Hearty Breakfasts,** first Sunday of every month after the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Mass. in the parish center. *$5 per person/$12 per family.*

Marj Bates Studio, 28 Rebecca Road, Scituate, **12th annual Open Studio & Sale** Dec. 1 and 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. featuring glass bead making demos. **Tucker O'Day of Tucker & Company** will be also be participating in the event featuring a wide array of painted floor mats and canvas pet bowl mats for this event. She will even personalize mats. A portion of the sales will be donated to the new Scituate Animal Shelter. Studio located at Lighthouse Point. For directions visit glassthings.com

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury presents **Unbridled: Horses in Contemporary Art,** an exhibit featuring an intriguing exploration of how diverse contemporary artists, **Carol Bolsey** of Kingston, **Ellizabeth Geissler** of Pembroke view an animal which has long fascinated humans, the magnificent horse. Each artist uses different techniques and mediums but all provide a fascinating glimpse into the nature of this much loved animal. The exhibit runs through Dec. 9. For information call 781-934-6634 x 12 or visit artcomplex.org

Brass Venture, will be presented in concert at **The Art Complex Museum** 189 Alden St., Duxbury at 4 p.m. on Dec. 2. Members are **Erich Ledebuhr,** trumpet; **Jeffrey Hoefler**, trumpet; **Hilary Ledebuhr,** horn; **Jamison Clark**, trombone and **Chip Halt,** tuba. The program will feature the music of well-known composers such as Johannes Brahms, Gustav Holst and, in addition, tradition holiday music. This is a free program. 781-934-6634.

Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., Weymouth, will feature artist **Isabel Shamitz** of Quincy through Dec. 15. The public is invited to her opening reception Dec. 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. At the same time, the paintings of **Roger Gill, George Hartley, Kathy Ferrara, Dick O'Brien, George Murray**, and 15 other talented artists will be exhibited in the studio gallery. Free off-street parking at the gallery. Hours Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sunday noon until 5 p.m. 781-331-3384.

The Friends of Cranberry Hospice present the **18th Annual Festival of Trees** to be held Nov. 30-Dec. 2 at Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth. The event features over 50 spectacularly decorated Christmas trees, daily entertainment and visits from Santa, a cocktail reception and a unique gift shop. Proceeds benefit Cranberry Hospice. **Open to the Public**: Friday, Nov 30, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, Dec 1, 10 .a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Dec 2, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. General admission is $5 for adults, $4 for seniors and $2 for children under 12.

The South Shore Conservatory, One Conservatory Dr., Hingham. **Conservatory Concert Series**, Piano Department Chair **Jane Viemeister and members of the Piano Faculty** bring their passion and virtuosic skill to you Dec. 2, at 4 p.m. in Cox Hall. Faculty will perform selections by Bach, Schumann and Rachmaninoff among others. Appropriate for all including school age children and families too. Tickets $20 adults - $12 children – free SSC students may be purchased online at southshoreconservatory.org For information and tickets contact Amy Schomp 781-749-7565 x 19 or amyschomp@southshoreconservatory.org

The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park, Norwell presents "A Christmas Carol" at The Company Theatre through Dec. 16. Tickets are price at $28-$30. Available at the box-office, by phone at 781-871-2787,and online at www.companytheatre.com

Daniel Banks Memphis Bound Benefit, Dec. 2, from 5 to 9 p.m., **Kilroy's Café,** 132 East Howard St., Quincy, featuring **Mike Crandall Band** (featuring Daniel Banks) **Chris Fitz Band, Rick Russell Band, The Coolerators,** and **The Moondance Band.** $20 suggested donation. Raffles, door prizes and more. Open jam at 9 p.m. All musicians welcome!

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Reunions

WEYMOUTH SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1982, 25th Reunion, Dec. 1, from 7 to 11 p.m. at The Jones River Trading Company, 42 Elm St., Kingston, $40 per person check payable to: Weymouth South High School Class Of '82 Mail to: Mary Beth Hillson, 5 Collins Circle, South Weymouth, MA 02190. For more info or questions e-mail weymouthsouth82@yahoo.com

NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1997 – 10-year reunion Dec. 22, at The Greatest Bar at 262 Friend St. (across from the Garden) from 7 until 10 p.m.The cost will be $20 per person and will include a private function room and food. Contact Mike Panarelli at 781-223-4831 if you can attend.

WEYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL ALL CLASSES REUNION will be held Feb. 8 and 9, 2008 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, 7470 Highway192 in Kissimee, Fla. Call 1-800-327-9170 for reservations. On Feb. 10, a cruise departs for four nights, five days to the Bahamas. For information visit geocities.com/Lureman72 or contact Dick Laneau for registration for at 727-345-4323 or e-mail luresWanted@tampabay.rr.com

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL ALL CLASS FLORIDA REUNION: The 25th Annual Braintree High All Class Florida Reunion will be held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Kissimmee, FL the weekend of Feb. 8, 2008. The reunion luncheon is scheduled for Feb. 9, 2008. The cost of the luncheon will be $25 per person. For complete details, logon to braintreehigh.com, click on "Florida" or contact Jill (Whitten) Coyle at 781-843-3275 or jcoyle@beld.net.

ABINGTON HIGH SCHOOL 25th Reunion, Class of 1983 July 12, Location: TBD Time: tentatively 6 to 11 p.m. Seeking classmates.Contact Lisa Daniels (c.508-404-8326 or muffinmanny2000@yahoo.com or (w 508-350-0101 or jimstoffel@hotmail.com with updated contact information.

Want your reunion posted in Town Commons? E-mail ddinsmore@cnc.com

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Further details call Mary @ 781-337-9585 or Ron @ 781-337-8448

Theater review

'Streamers' shows its age

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



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While Billy (Brad Fleischer, r.) looks on, Richie (Hale Appleman, center), comforts Martin (Charlie Hewson, l.) whose fear of being shipped to Vietnam has led to a suicide attempt in the Huntington Theatre Company's production of "Streamers," directed by Scott Ellis and playing at the Huntington's B.U. Theatre thru Dec. 9.

When Bob Dylan recorded his now-classic protest song "The Times They Are A-Changin" in 1964, the Vietnam conflict was about to escalate into a war that would claim too many American lives and divide a nation along pro- and ant-war lines not unlike those drawn by the current war in Iraq. While the Huntington Theatre Company's current staging of David Rabe's critically acclaimed "Streamers," set in a Virginia boot camp in 1965, has real artistic merit as a production, it also proves that the times have changed and the play's message now resounds with much less impact.

In the early 1970s, while the Vietnam war still raged, playwright David Rabe — a grad school dropout drafted in 1965 and deployed to a military hospital in Vietnam — made a name for himself with a series of Vietnam-set plays including the trilogy "The Basic Training of Pavlo Hummel," "Sticks and Bones," and "The Orphan," and 1976's "Streamers."

In the latter, four young soldiers are witness to the conflict becoming a war as they anxiously await deployment and struggle to make sense of their new, highly regimented lives and of what awaits them in Vietnam. Tensions rise over race, sexuality and class, culminating in an act of senseless violence foreshadowing what they face in Southeast Asia.



Scott Ellis

Director Scott Ellis, a longtime Rabe friend and collaborator whose Broadway credits include the current Kander and Ebb musical "Curtains," last season's much-talked-about off-Broadway-to-Broadway transfer "The Little Dog Laughed," and 2004's acclaimed Round-about Theatre Company production of "Twelve Angry Men," clearly knows how to work this subject matter. How-ever, it is subject matter that sometimes just no longer works.

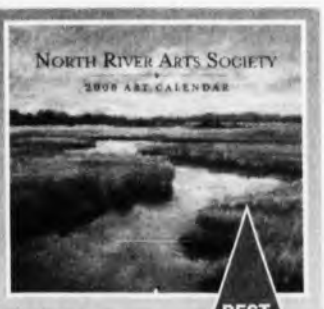
What more than 30 years ago may have had audiences sitting up straight now may have them wondering if they haven't seen it all before. There is a flouncy gay character (Richie, played by Hale Appleman) from a moneyed background, a salt-of-the-earth if perhaps sexually conflicted Midwesterner (Brad Fleischer's Billy), an earnest and hardworking African American (Roger, portrayed by J.D. Williams), another, less well-meaning, black man (the powerful Ato Essandoh as Carlyle), and two drunken louts who just happen to be the sergeants in charge (Larry Clarke and John Sharlan). Rabe's writing is good, but his message now feels of a time instead of timeless.

The problems with the script aside, this first major regional theater revival of "Streamers" does boast an excellent cast and crisp direction from Ellis, but any contribution that the claustrophobia of too-close quarters might have made to the conflicts between these men is undercut by scenic designer Neil Patel's too-spacious barracks.

The Huntington Theatre Company production of "Streamers" will be at the Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Avenue, Boston, through Dec. 9. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-266-0800, or go online at huntingtontheate.org.

TOWN COMMONS

NOV. 29 - DEC. 7, 2007



An exhibit of artwork featured in the North River Arts Society 2008 Art Calendar will be on display at the Dolphin Gallery at the Hingham Public Library from Dec. 1 – Jan. 24, 2008. The public is invited to a reception to honor the artists on Monday, Dec. 3, from 7 to 9 p.m. The exhibit will be open during regular library hours. For further information, please check the Hingham Public Library website at www.hinghamlibrary.org. Calendars may be purchased at the North River Arts Society G.A.R. Hall or at the localities listed below.

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Artica Gallery, Duxbury
Borders Books, Kingston
Buttonwood Books, Cohasset
Christopher Gallery, Cohasset
Queens Garden, South Weymouth
The Cottage Shop, South Weymouth
Fernwood Gallery, Norwell
Frame Center, Hanover
Marshfield Hills General Store
Marshfield Office Supply
Nobles in Cohasset
Hingham, and Norwell
Local Pottery, Pembroke
Sands End Café, Humarock
Welch Company, Scituate
Whole Foods, Hingham

Proceeds benefit NRAS and its programs.

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Gayle A. Loik and Susan Benoit present **A Life in Color,** through the end of December at **Bella's Restaurant**, 933 Hingham St, Rockland.

Merchants Row on Route 53 in Hanover is having an **Open House - Meet the Merchants** from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 4. Each merchant is showcasing a special talent. Fun-free girls night out.

Tuesday, Dec. 4

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The Singles Executives Club and **The Young Professional of Boston** present Boston After Dark Cocktail Party & Singles Dance from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Dec. 3, at Revolutions Rock Bar, 200 High St., Boston. Across from Rowes Wharf Boston Harbor Hotel. Complimentary buffet. Numerous free door prizes. For single professionals, 35-55 years old. **www.se-4u.com** Ties and jackets required for men, party finery for women. Cost is $10. 781-283-0400.

Wednesday, Dec. 5

South Shore Elder Services will hold a FREE **Caregiving 101** program on **Dec. 5,** from 10:30 a.m. to noon at their offices at 159 Bay State Drive in Braintree. To register, contact Eleanor O'Neill, Family Caregiver Specialist at South Shore Elder Services, 781-848-3910 ext. 327.

Food Allergy Group of the South Shore will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. Dec. 5, at South Shore Hospital, 55 Fogg Rd., So. Weymouth. Topic: **Food Allergies: What Would YOU Do?** Free and open to the public. Information: 781-444-7778, or asthmaandallergies.org.



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The Duxbury Free Library and the **Westwinds Bookshop** presents Award-winning retired *Boston Globe* photographer **Bill Brett,** a Hingham resident. He will discuss and sign his newest collection of photographs, ***Boston: An Extended Family***, at a special appearance at the on Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. Admission is free, but due to limited seating, attendees are asked to obtain tickets, which are available at the bookshop and library. Walk-ins will be accommodated as seating allows, and anyone who cannot attend Wednesday's event is welcome to reserve a signed copy that can be picked up at Westwinds at their convenience. Call 781-934-2128.

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Wednesday and Thursday evening from 8 to 11 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 6

South Shore Art Center's annual *Small* Works exhibition, showcases over 200 pieces of art by Art Center Gallery Artists, priced for holiday giving. Give the gift of art and support local artists. **The Art Center will be open Thursdays in December until 8 p.m.** South Shore Art Center gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. **Thursdays, Dec. 6, 13 and 20 until 8 p.m.** and Sunday, Noon-4 p.m. Visit ssac.org or call 781-383-2787 for additional information.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's open mic** with **Lickity Split Blues Jam** Dec. 6 at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

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New England Singles Dances, VFW Hall, 30 Central St,. Abington Dec. 7, 8 p.m. to midnight. Adults of all ages. Casual dress. Music from the 70s to the present and requests. $9. Information: 617-325-4900 singlesdances-newengland.com

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell, Dec. 7, **The Dan Byrnes Trio**

Women Against MS luncheon

Holiday events

CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR: The 1718 Stetson House in Hanover Center, Route 139, Nov. 30, from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. followed by concert and refreshments.

PREVIEW PARTY AND CHORUS at the Stetson House, the antique house will be decorated for Christmas and open from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. A Christmas concert will follow at St. Mary's Church with refreshments. Tickets $10 and may be purchased at the door of the Stetson House on that evening.

THIRD VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS SHOW HOUSE at the Daniel Webster Estate, 238 Webster St., Marshfield, will open to the public Dec. 1 through Dec. 12. Daily Hours: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Evenings: Tuesday, Dec. 4; Thursday, Dec. 6; and Tuesday, Dec. 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. Each room of this 1880 Queen Anne-style Victorian home will offer fabulous ideas for home decorating from the Designers, and a Holly Boutique, Raffle items, and refreshments will combine to create a delightful visit. Tickets sold at the Door at $10 each; Seniors - $8 Groups are welcome and easy parking is available. Visit danielwebsterestate.org for further details and other ticket locations, or call Virginia at 781-837-2403, or Eileen at 781-837-7579.

ROCKLAND'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY STROLL, Dec. 1, 4 to 7 p.m. The Center of Town will be blocked from West Water Street to the Community Center. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be arriving at the Town Hall, via Fire and Police escorts at 4 p.m. where they will pose for free pictures with the children. Enjoy hayrides, entertainment and plenty of food. The businesses and churches uptown will be participating and opening their doors to the public and offering holiday cheer. The Community Center and Fire Station will be open. Call Pam Murphy at 781-878-5055 or Cathy Stewart at 781-878-3789 for info.

THE SNUG HARBOR COMMUNITY CHORUS presents "A Snug Harbor Christmas" Dec. 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center, 73 Alden St. This choral retelling of the Christmas story will feature traditional and new arrangements. The special guests will be the Youth Choir of the St. John the Evangelist Church of Duxbury. All seats are general admission. Tickets are on sale on-line at: snugharborcc.org/tickets.html. Tickets are $15 for adults, $12 for seniors and students. For group sales and Will Call, call 781-834-7041. The box office will open at 7 p.m. on the night of the show.

HARBOR HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR. Five Scituate homes decorated for the holidays will be open to the public on Dec. 2, from noon to 4 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Scituate elementary schools PTOs. Tickets $25. Call 781-545-7701 for ticket information.

PILGRIM HALL MUSEUM'S HOLIDAY HOUSE The tour Pilgrim Hall Museum's second annual Holiday House Tour on Dec. 1 and 2, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. will guide you through some of Plymouth's finest architectural gems from cozy bed and breakfasts to graceful homes at the Pine Hills, all dressed up for the holidays. Feel the warmth of the holiday spirit while you help preserve the museum's superb collection of extraordinary 17th century artifacts and support its educational programs. Your ticket includes lunch at the elegant White Cliffs Country Club, featuring cuisine by award-winning Chef Michael Beriau. This year, Pilgrim Hall has added a Preview Party on Nov. 30, from 6 to 8 p.m. at a home in the Pinehills. Tickets can be purchased in combination with House Tour Tickets. Tickets for the House Tour are $40 through Dec. 2. Lunch seating is limited so reserve early. Combination Preview Party and House Tour Tickets can be purchased for $60. Preview Party only tickets can be purchased for $40. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Museum at 508-746-1620 ext 6. For information, call the Museum or visit pilgrimhall.org.

MUSICAL HOLIDAY PARTY, South Shore Stars Dinner Theater, (formerly Quincy Dinner Theater) Dec. 1-21 at Braintree Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree. Dec. 1-2, 6-9, 13-16, and 20-21. In addition to all evening performances Thursday-Saturday, there will be two Saturday matinees and three Sunday matinees. All evenings: dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m. Matinees dinner at 1 p.m., show at 2:30 p.m. Tickets: $42.50 Thursday; $45 Friday-Sunday. Discounts for seniors and groups over 20. Handicapped accessible, free parking. Call 781-843-5862.

ATLANTIC SYMPHONY presents Joyful Noise! On Dec. 1 and 2, conductor Jin Kim leads Atlantic Symphony Orchestra in their festive concert "Joyful Noise," featuring Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 1, Bizet's Symphony No. 1, and Elgar's Enigma Variations, plus the crowd-pleasing "Sleigh Ride" and a carol-sing along with the orchestra. Two concerts with two different atmospheres – Saturday night at the intimate Larson Hall at Derby Academy and Sunday afternoon in the spacious cathedral-like setting of St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset. Call 781-740-5694 for tickets in advance, order online at atlanticsymphony.org $32 adults, $22 seniors, $10 youth through age 18.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION CONCERT at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., Norwell Dec. 2 with performances scheduled for 3 and 7 p.m. featuring music of the Christmas season performed by UCCs 35-member Sanctuary Choir, two youth choirs, the Celestial Ringers bell choir, and a host of guest instrumentalists. Free and open to the public. 781-659-2887.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE, South Shore Hospital's Cottage Gift Shop, 56 Fogg Road, off Columbian Square, South Weymouth Dec. 6, 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. 781 340 8740.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES HOUSE TOUR IN COHASSET. The Community Garden Club of Cohasset and the Cohasset Historical Society will present a tour of five of Cohasset's most beautiful homes and the all lavishly decorated for the holiday season. Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p. m. Tickets are $20 before Dec. 6 and $25 on the day of the tour. They will be available the first week in November in Cohasset at Fleming's, Windsor Tea Shop, Buttonwoods Books and Toys, and Darilynn's. In Scituate, tickets may be purchased at The Welch Company and in Norwell at Stonehouse Gardens. In Hingham , tickets will be sold at Talbots, Johannah's, and The Shoe Market at Derby Street Shoppes. On tour day, tickets will be available at Bates Hall.

POLAR EXPRESS PARTY, Barnes & Noble, The Derby Street Shoppes, 96 Derby St,. Hingham invites families to celebrate the holidays at a cozy Christmas party where kids can participate in lots of fun activities, including a reading of the classic children's Christmas story, *The Polar Express*. Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. Come in your pajamas, if you want to! For information, contact 781-749-3319.

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME stars the cast of the smash hit "Connie, Brenda, Patsy & Me" along with JM Productions own executive producer John F. McDonald, Jr. of Quincy. This musical event promises to usher in the Christmas season with laughter, sentimental songs, memorable monologues and the ever-favorite audience sing a long and competition. Fours shows Dec 6, 7, 13 and 14. **For tickets, call:** JM Productions at 617-786 SHOW (7469) or visit our secure website for on line credit card purchasing at jmproductionspresents.com Patrons can also call Raffael's directly for telephone orders at 781-925-4515. Tickets for show only seats are $30 per person with seating beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets for dinner and show are $50 per person with seating at 6:30 p.m. Special hotel rates to stay over at the Clarion Hotel on historic Nantasket Beach are available. Call the hotel directly for rates.

HOLIDAY DANCE - South Shore Dancers, presents Fantasy Holiday, the theme for the holiday dance on Dec. 8. Wear your fancy holiday attire. The dance will be held at the Cushing Center on Route 123 in Norwell. It will start with a lesson at 7:30 followed by dancing from 8 to 11 p.m. Cost $9 for members and $10 for non-members. Call Tom Osterland for reservations at 781 659-4703 or reserve at SouthShoreDancers.org.

25th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS IN THE SQUARE CELEBRATION, historic downtown Hingham. Dec. 7 and 8. Santa arrives Dec. 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the corner of Main and North Sts. Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. enjoy the festivities throughout historic downtown Hingham. Gather in the streets around the Square, enjoying holiday performances on the steps of St. Paul's Church, visiting a Festival of Trees, and greeting friends and neighbors in a scene reminiscent of a Norman Rockwell painting. Victorian Carolers fill the streets with song, Brownie troops sing carols in local shops, Oldies 103.3FM broadcasts holiday favorites, and the Bell Tower change ringers add to the holiday spirit. Free horse-drawn hayrides leave from the corner of Main and North Streets Dec. 8, from noon to 3 p.m. Holiday crafts and treats for children provided by the Hingham Rec. Department at Sherwin Williams on South Street. The Festival of Trees' wonderland of decorated trees and gingerbread houses opens at 10 a.m. at Old Derby Academy; the silent auction of all items concludes at 3 p.m. A complete schedule of events and locations is available at discoverhingham.com.

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY hosted by The Hingham Newcomers Club Dec. 8, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Plymouth River Elementary School. Make Christmas, Hanukkah, and seasonal crafts, play fun Games and Win Prizes, buy treats at the bake sale and get their picture taken with SANTA. Admission is $7 per child with a $25 family maximum. Fun, family celebration for kids under the age of 6. Download an Early Registration Discount form at hingham-newcomers.org

ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT performed by the Southeastern Philharmonic Orchestra, presented by The North Weymouth Knights of Columbus Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Saint Jerome's Church Hall (Saint Paula's Hall), 632 Bridge St., Rte. 3A, North Weymouth. Performing will be the directed by Conductor Robert Babb. This annual concert benefits local charities. Tickets are $10 for adults, $7 for seniors and free admission for children under 10 and will be available at the door. For advance tickets or information call 781-337-9585 or 781-337-8448.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY POPS! Conductor Steven Karidoyanes and the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra perform their annual Holiday Pops Dec. 8, at 8 p.m. and Dec. 9, at 3 p.m. Guest performers include the Pilgrim Festival Chorus, the Federal Furnace School Treble Chorus and Boston Pops POPS-Search winner Frances Botelho-Hoeg. This festive program includes much-loved holiday favorites and the very-popular indoor parade, "March of the Toys," a charity toy drive by kids, for kids. Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth. 508.746.8008 plymouthphil.org. Memorial Hall is fully accessible. Individual ticket prices: $50, $45, $35, $20. Senior, Youth and Group discounts offered. $5 student "rush" tickets sold at the door one hour before performance, as available.

HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR, Forbes House Museum, 215 Adams St, Milton, Dec. 9, 1 to 4 p.m. to benefit the Forbes House Museum, 215 Adams St., Milton. Advance Tickets: $18 museum members / $20 non-members. Day of Tour Tickets: $25 for all.

IRISH AND HOLIDAY MUSIC PROGRAM, Scituate Library, 85 Branch St., Scituate. Seasonal music fills the air when Susan (Gedutis) Lindsay makes a return visit to Scituate Town Library for a concert of Irish and Holiday music on Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. The one-hour program features holiday traditions in America and in Ireland. Included are a selection of jigs, reels, and other Irish tunes that celebrate the winter season, and a mix of familiar and less familiar holiday themed music. Performing with Susan are Stephen Lindsay, Helen Kisiel and Brendan Tonra. For information or directions to the library, call 781-545-8727 or visit scituatetownlibrary.org.

HOLIDAY SING ALONG AND STORIES FOR CHILDREN, The James Library & Center for the Arts is located at 24 West St. (off Rt. 123) in Norwell Center. A free children's holiday story time and sing-along will be held Dec. 12 at 10 a.m. The 45-minute program is for children ages 3-5. Call 781-659-7100 to register your child. Stories will be read by Caroline Chapin of the James Library and holiday songs will be led by Alison Barr of Hanover on piano. *For information visitjameslibary.org*

HOLIDAY CONCERT AT OLD SHIP COFFEEHOUSE, 107 Main St., Hingham. **Harpist Aine' Minogue** will perform her Celtic Christmas Concert at the Old Ship's Coffeehouse off the Square on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 4 p.m. Admission $10 at the door. For information or to volunteer (free admissions) call 781-749-1767.

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Auditions

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Cast size can vary. Both men and women are needed, specifically as many as 17 principal men (some of these parts can be played by women) and two specific women with a women's chorus; there will also be a youth chorus of 20-24, ages 10 and up. Boys and girls are welcome. Audition requirements are a prepared 16-32 bars of an upbeat song in the style of the show. Music from the show is acceptable as well. There will be a dance movement audition as well, so dress comfortably. Some may be asked to do a cold reading. Performance dates will be Feb. 29, March 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15,16 at the Cohasset Town Hall. The show will be directed by Lisa Rafferty, with music direction by Mark Bono. It will be produced by Lisa Pratt. For any questions regarding auditions or anything pertaining to the show, contact Lisa Pratt at 617-852-0091.

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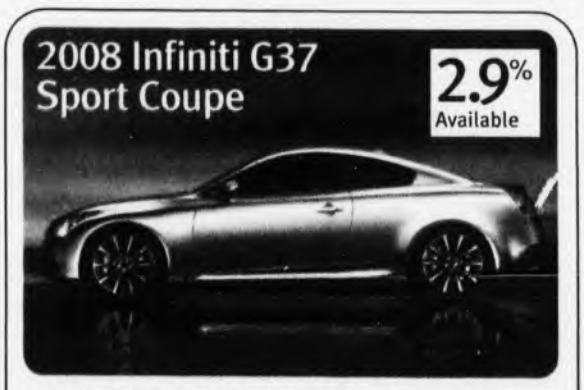
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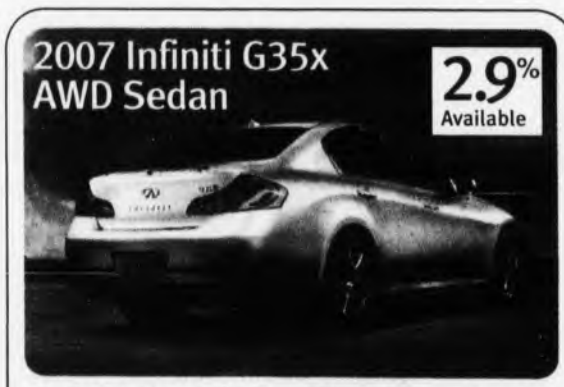
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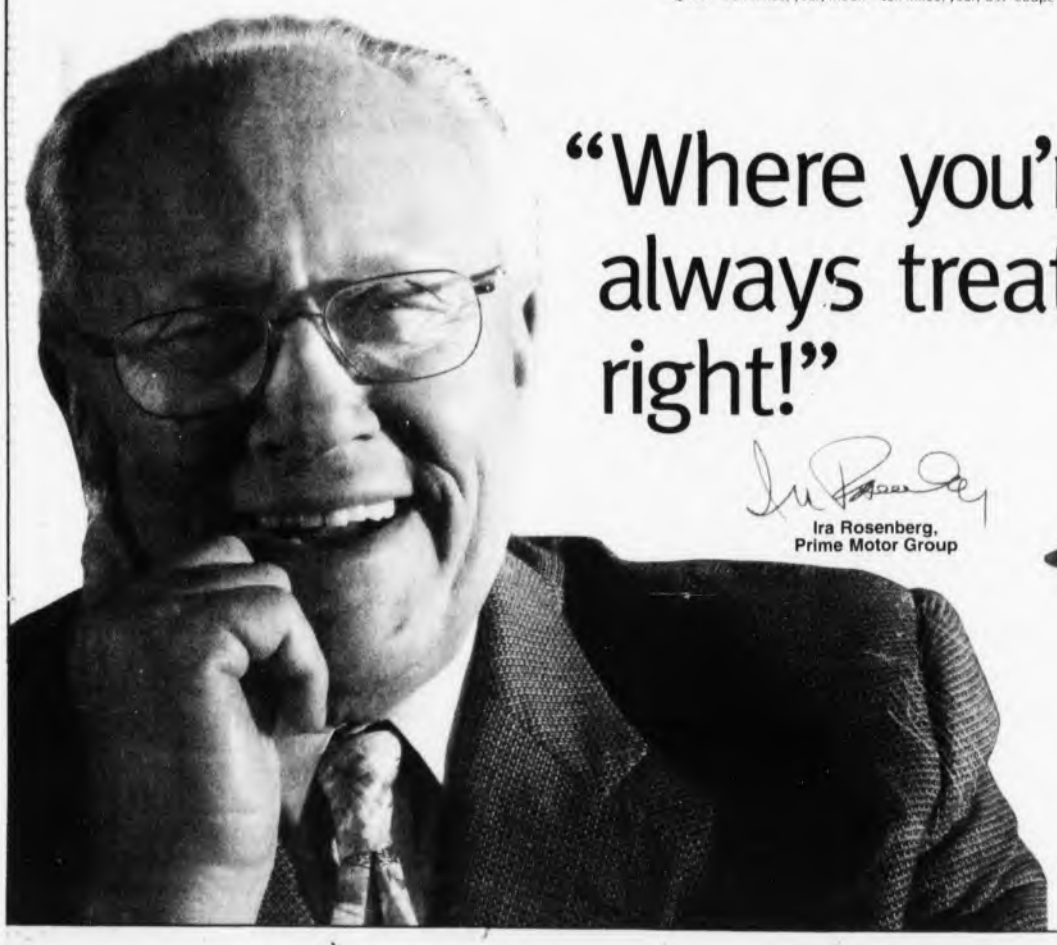
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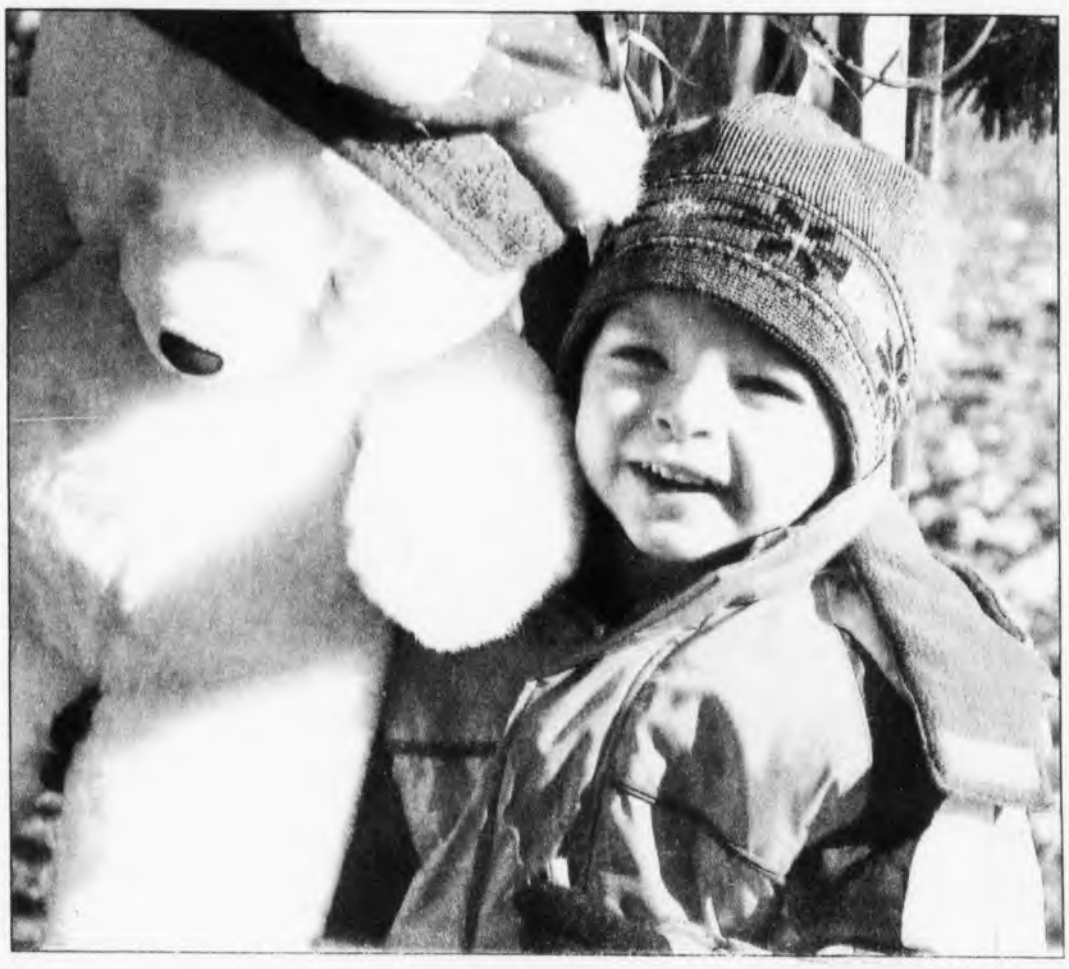


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Two-year-old Liam Higgins warms up to a Teddy Bear as he waits to sit with Santa during the Village Fair on Saturday. For more photos of the annual holiday event, see page 23

Dirty water

Cleaning up the manganese a priority

By Nancy White
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After every Fenway Park win, Red Sox fans celebrate with a little "Dirty water" as the 1966 Standells hit song is played over the speakers. But, love for dirty water only goes so far. In recent months, the Water Department has received complaints all over town about discolored water coming out of their faucets.

On Monday night, the Water Commission came before Selectmen to let them know its is fully aware of the issue and currently working on several efforts to address the problem both in the short-term and long-term.

Although the water is leaving the Lily Pond Treatment Plant clear, the discolored water results from disturbances in the flow of water in the water mains (i.e. a fire hydrant is opened, a break in a water main, or during construction activity). The disturbance of water shakes loose the sediment that coats the water mains. The sediment is primarily pre-

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Avalon update

Developer working with DEP

By Nancy White
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It's another development in the lack of development of the Avalon project. But, Avalon is still working toward the day where it can break ground.

In recent weeks, the Department of Environmental Protection and Avalon have signed a formal extension, or administrative consent order, to conclude DEP mandated testing following a site audit back in the spring. Concerns were raised as to the lingering environmental impact from a former manufacturing company that occupied the site and the DEP issued a Notice of non-compliance requesting additional testing be done.

"An administrative consent order is an enforcement document (the DEP) negotiates with the owner of the property or the responsible party when they are not in compliance with DEP regulations," said Theresa Barao of the DEP Public Affairs office in Lakeville, Mass. in a phone interview. Fines can be a part of an administrative consent order, but no fines were applied in this instance.

Avalon has completed and filed the majority of the tests called for in the notice of non-compliance, but was unable to complete testing on the adjacent, down gradient site, Whitney-Thayer Woods within the initial DEP 60-day timeframe.

In June, the DEP issued a Notice of

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Members of the Hingham Womanade chapter, Kate Pershing, Leisa Setlin, Julia Powers and Mary catherine Mamary visit with Wellspring's Vinnie Harte during a Hingham Mothers Club fashion show last spring to benefit Womanade.

The art of quietly helping others

Local group assists those in need

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Quietly going about their business without fanfare, four friends from Hingham and neighboring Hull are finding a sense of joy and satisfaction in extending a helping hand to South Shore residents in need.

Kate Pershing, Marycatherine Mamary, and Julia Powers of Hingham and Hull resident Leisa Setlin formed a local chapter of Womanade in 2004, and they're still going strong.

This grassroots organization has helped families in Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate, Hull, Weymouth, Quincy, Norwell, Brockton and Easton.

"Womanade started because the four of us wanted to help people who are less fortunate than ourselves," said Pershing. "Although the name of our

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Name: Jane O'Brien

Occupation: Retired teacher, volunteer at Cohasset Elder Affairs.

Best day of your life: The day I married my husband of 48 years, Dick O'Brien.

Best vacation: Family vacation to Ireland.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving.

Favorite junk food: Black licorice.

Best book: "Tuesdays with Morrie," by Mitch Albom.

Best movie: "Gone With the Wind."

Best TV show: "Chronicle."

Most memorable moments: The births of our four children.

Pet peeve: People who are constantly late.

Goal: To do whatever I can to make the world a better place.

Person you'd most like to meet: My paternal grandmother.

Biggest worry: Instability of the world; terrorism.

Best part of Cohasset: The harbor.



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The Mariner caught up with Jane O'Brien at the Senior Center where she is a volunteer

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	Sunrise: 6:57 a.m.				*Sunset: 4:11 p.m.*			
Fri. 7	9:25	8.9	10:03	7.9	3:04	1.5	3:44	0.6
	Sunrise: 6:58 a.m.				*Sunset: 4:11 p.m.*			
Sat. 8	10:05	9.1	10:45	7.9	3:45	1.4	4:24	0.4
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Sun. 9	10:44	9.2	11:24	8.0	4:26	1.4	5:03	0.3
	Sunrise: 7:00 a.m.				*Sunset: 4:11 p.m.*			
Mon. 10	11:23	9.2	—	—	5:05	1.3	5:43	0.2
	Sunrise: 7:01 a.m.				*Sunset: 4:11 p.m.*			
Tues. 11	12:03	8.0	12:02	9.3	5:46	1.3	6:22	0.2
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Wed. 12	12:43	8.0	12:42	9.2	6:26	1.3	7:03	0.2
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Thurs. 13	1:23	8.0	1:24	9.2	7:09	1.3	7:44	0.2
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Annual Town Meeting date set

With the Special Town Meeting in the rear view mirror, the Board of Selectmen is looking ahead to the spring Annual Town Meeting. The board recently voted to set the date for Saturday, March 29, 2008. The meeting will begin at the Cohasset High School Sullivan Gymnasium at 9a.m. Any petitioned article submissions for the Town Warrant from town boards or citizens petitions will be accepted until Monday, Jan. 14, 2008.

The Town Election is scheduled for a week later on Saturday, April 5.

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Round 2: Cat Dam

Committee will oversee operation

Cat Dam is owned by the town but historically has been maintained and operated by the abutters.

By Nancy White
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Neighbors surrounding Little Harbor are still at odds over what to do about "Cat Dam" — a 50-year-old mechanism to slow the flow of water out of inner Little Harbor. The Board of Selectmen denied a group of neighbors' request to put the operation of the town-owned structure into the hands of a town board, specifically the Conservation Commission.

After lengthy discussion, the Selectmen uniformly determined the operation of Cat Dam would remain under the direction of nearby neighbors, at least for the time being. They requested a committee of five, representative of all neighbors, be established to oversee the operation of Cat Dam going forward.

The conversation on Cat Dam was a follow-up to an initial meeting with the Selectmen in mid-October. At that meeting, the Selectmen's office was jam packed with interested neighbors, many of whom stood to hear the hour-long discussion. At the close of the meeting, the Selectmen requested the neighbors, of whom there are two distinct sides, work together to set a new schedule for opening Cat Dam.

At its simplest terms, Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil broke done the two sides of the issue like this: some neighbor would like to see increased flushing of the harbor, while others would like to leave the current flushing schedule the same.

The neighbors advocating for increased flushing cite environmental concerns — increased algae blooms during the early summer, increased phragmite growth and the deterioration of Peck's Meadow. The other side, Vanderweil said, was concerned with leaving a water cover in Little Harbor for aesthetic and property value reasons.

The increased flushing group, spearheaded by Steve and Margie Brown of 275 Jerusalem Road, explained they would like to see a town board take over the operation of the dam.

"[Little Harbor] is a public resource and its health cannot be monitored by neighbors who don't have the proper environmental background," to determine what's best for Little Harbor, said Margie Brown. She said the Conservation Commission could hire an expert to assist them in determining the best course of action with the dam and Little Harbor. Steve Brown said preliminary estimates for a complete study of Cat Dam and Little Harbor could cost in the neighborhood of $200,000.

At the first meeting, the group came to request the town seek a free, non-binding study by the state Coastal Zone Management to evaluate the effects of the dam. However, concerns were raised that CZM was not an objective party and has an agenda to promote flushing wherever possible.

In the meantime, Vanderweil said the Sewer Commission has begun monitoring nutrient levels in Little Harbor in conjunction with the Little Harbor sewer project. It is expected the completion of the project will reduce the amount of nutrients in Little Harbor and improve its overall health, but homes will not be on the sewer system until approximately 2012.

Cat Dam is owned by the town but historically has been maintained and operated by the abutters. For the past few decades, the operational schedule leaves the dam completely open three months of the year (January, February and March) and open three days out of every other month. The rest of the time the tide gates/dam are left closed.

A tentative agreement on a new operational schedule had been discussed to increase the opening of the tide gates by a few days each month. In April and July through December the gates would be left open four days per month. In May and June, the gates would left open four to five days every two weeks during the algae bloom season.

The to-be-established committee would work to fine-tune the operational schedule. The Selectmen and the main proponents on each side agreed some new faces to the committee might be helpful in bringing the issue to a resolution. The neighbors were charged with finding the members of the committee and return to the Selectmen in January.

"If you come back with some names for the committee, we'll empower it. Otherwise, we'll set the schedule," said Vanderweil.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Trahon, 27 Linden Dr., $14,000, 10 squares sidewalls, six windows, trim; Schmidt, 57 Lamberts Lane, $27,000, 28 foot by 40 foot storage building; Noranda Construction, 75 Meadow Lane, $20,000, 11 foot by 16 foot by 16 foot by 36 foot L-shaped Gunite pool; Maynard, 20 Locust Road, $5,274, 12 foot by 18 foot shed; Shannon, 340 North Main St., $50,000, interior renovation per plan;

Lee, 60 Summer St., $10,500, remove/replace 22 foot perimeter sill, replace 12 foot bean, four new floor joists, five footings, install rebar, five new lally columns; Van Etten, 60 Surrey Dr., $29,000, 18 foot by 40 foot in-ground pool; Mattey, 51 Ledgewood Dr., $32,000, remove sliders, reframe and close 12 foot by 18 foot deck to make 12 foot by 40 foot heated room; Place, 63 Summer St., $8,825, 24 squares asphalt/Fiberglass roof.

Buckley, 150 Brewster Road, addition of 12-foot by 10-foot screen porch on existing deck, $15,000; Herndon, 73 Forest Ave., remodeling of existing 10-foot by 12-foot screen porch, $9,000; Curatola, 38 Linden Drive

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Boston man on crack cocaine frightens women

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By Mary Ford
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At about 10:50 p.m. on Nov. 30, Hingham police put out a BOLO (Be On the Look Out) to other area departments for a brown Toyota Corolla involved in two incidents in that town.

About 40 minutes later, a Cohasset woman contacted Cohasset police about a suspicious man in her driveway.

Hingham police were initially alerted by a North Street woman who pulled into her driveway and found a black man described as being about 40 years old sitting in a brown Toyota. The man appeared to be smoking a glass pipe. She pulled by the car and went into her house and called police. When the man saw her go inside, he drove away.

About 30 minutes later, a woman was walking on South Street in downtown Hingham when a black man in a Toyota approached her and started making harassing comments. She turned and walked in the opposite direction, went home and called police.

At 11:30 p.m. a woman called Cohasset police saying that her mother had just pulled into her driveway off Hull Street in Cohasset and was followed by a brown Toyota.

The second call to Cohasset dispatch was from the woman herself. She reported that the man did pull into her driveway and was asking her questions.

According to Hingham police, who later arrested the man in the Toyota, the Cohasset woman reported she asked him what he wanted and he said he needed directions to Boston. He also reportedly leaned toward her car and said his name was "Smitty." The woman later told police she did not think a normal person would be asking directions at that hour. She put her car into reverse and pulled out onto Hull Street. The man in the Toyota followed her and at this point she called Cohasset police and provided a plate number and description of the car.

She drove down Hull Street and saw him turn down Canterbury Street. This time, she wanted to be sure that he was not following her so she drove to Route 3A and made a right onto Kilby Street. Soon he was behind her again and was flashing his headlights. She turned right onto Rockland Street and pulled behind Hingham Police Officer Phil Tracey's cruiser. He saw her flash her lights and he pulled over; she pulled up beside the officer and explained that she had called the police and that the Toyota was behind her.

The officer told her to drive home and she drove past with the Toyota following. Tracey pulled out behind the Toyota, which was weaving all over the road and radioed for backups. After about 1/4 of a mile, the Toyota stopped. Tracey walked up to the driver's side and Officer Ryan O'Shea walked up to the passenger side. In asking for the operator's license and registration, the officers saw him reach down to the floor. Tracey grabbed his hands and O'Shea pushed him out the driver's side door.

Further investigation revealed a glass, crack cocaine pipe under the seat. The man was identified as Freraud Smith, 52, of 1200 Adams St., Dorchester. He allegedly admitted to having smoked about $100 in crack cocaine that evening and was charged with illegal possession of a Class B substance and operating under the influence of drugs (cocaine). He was also charged with disturbing the peace and cited for marked lanes violation.

Smith told police he had become lost and that is how he ended up in Hingham and Cohasset.

Cohasset Chief James Hussey said in this case the women reported the incidents right away.

"It is important that suspicious activity is reported when it is occurring," he said. "By making that call right away, it is more likely we will be able to prevent a crime or determine the activity was legitimate."

Not registered

At about 11 a.m. on Monday (Nov. 26), an officer driving on Elm Street saw a 1986 Buick Le Sabre that was parked half on the sidewalk and had to be moved. A computer check revealed that the vehicle was unregistered and belonged to a Burlington woman. As it turned out the woman's husband had the car and was doing some carpentry work in town. Police spoke to him to apprise him of the situation and obtain the keys. The woman was cited for allowing an unregistered car to be driven, Chief Hussey said.

MV accidents

• A motorist whose view was blocked by an oncoming car was cited for failure to yield the right of way following an accident last week. Chief Hussey said at 11:36 a.m. on Monday (Nov. 26), a 1999 Toyota driven by a Cohasset resident attempted to pull out of a driveway in the 800 block of Chief Justice Cushing Highway and turn left (north) on Route 3A. A car immediately in front of a southbound 2005 Toyota that was driven by a Scituate resident made a right-hand turn into the driveway, blocking the view. The 1999 Toyota pulled out and hit the 2005 Toyota. No one was transported following the accident, police said.

• A Weymouth man refused medical attention after he hit a stonewall with his 1997 Toyota last Tuesday at 1:15 a.m., on Jerusalem Road. A caller reported hearing a loud crash

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Cleaning up manganese in water priority for Water Commission

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cipitated manganese and iron, natural constituents of water, Water Commissioner John McNabb explained.

The manganese has always been in the water but, in the last two years, the issue has intensified after the treatment process was altered to address another problem. In 2005, the Water Department changed their treatment process to comply with new federal requirements to reduce the levels of a potential carcinogen Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) in the drinking water.

To reduce the levels of TTHMs, the Water Department stopped pre-chlorinating the raw water as it entered as it entered the treatment plant and only adds chlorine as one of the last steps in the treatment process. However, the pre-chlorination step was used to remove iron and manganese and the levels of manganese in the treated water have risen.

"Once you do one thing, something else happens," said McNabb.

This past summer, the problem was exacerbated due to increased demand during the drought and summer construction work on the distribution system, particularly in Little Harbor. A total of 97 discolored water calls came into the Water Department in June. In addition, because the Water Commission was encouraging water conservation during the drought this past summer, it didn't feel it was appropriate to be flushing the water mains as much as they would have liked said Glenn Pratt, Water Commission chairman.

"Once you do one thing, something else happens."
— John McNabb, Water Commission

The Water Commission has been aware and working on the manganese issue since it intensified with the treatment process change. In recent months, the Water Commission has been pulling together all its consultants' advice and is looking at all the options available to combat this problem. Currently, six options are underway and ten are under consideration.

The most immediate step will be the installation of an aeration system to Lily Pond. The in-pond aeration system consists of five aeration disks installed in the deeper sections of Lily Pond. The system will be ready for start-up testing and operation by the end of the year. The introduction of oxygen to the pond will help prevent the manganese from being dissolved in the raw water. The result will be less manganese in the raw water entering the plant.

"It's an investment we think holds promise," said Water Commissioner Nathaniel Palmer. The manufacturer says a 90 percent reduction of manganese, but heavy vegetation in Lily Pond may prevent such dramatic results, said Palmer.

"Of all alternatives this was among the least expensive and potentially most effective," Palmer said.

As a side benefit, the increased dissolved oxygen levels will promote a healthy ecosystem in Lily Pond. However, the aeration system will prevent ice skating on Lily Pond this winter.

"We know the aeration system will have an effect on how the ice forms, but it's going to be unpredictable," said Palmer in a phone interview, "it's a public safety issue."

After this winter season, the continued aeration of the pond would depend on the results and could be limited to the three other seasons as not to affect the future use of Lily Pond for ice skating.

In the longer view, a major, $5-6 million retrofit of the Lily Pond Treatment Plant will include the installation of the pre-treatment MIEX system.

"In the pilot program, we found the MIEX system to have a high removal of manganese," said McNabb, the system will also help to reduce the TTHM levels in the water even more. The Water Commission expects to put the project out to bid in spring and begin the two-year construction in the summer. The installation is expected to be complete by the end of 2009.

Targeted flushing of water mains in areas where there were several instances will continue in the spring months.

"If people don't tell us about the problems, we can't do anything about it," said McNabb. "We urge people to call the plant — day or night — about discolored water."

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer suggested a hotline be established for the issue so residents know where to call when they have a problem. He stressed it was important to know the date and time of the incidents so the Water Department could investigate and pinpoint the specific cause(s).

Gymnastic team opened to eighth graders

For 10 years, Cohasset and Norwell high schools have pooled their students' talents on a gymnastics team. However, the cooperative team currently only has one Cohasset High member. Athletic Director Ron Ford came before the committee to request permission to open the varsity gymnastics team to eighth graders.

Six team members are required for a team to participate in a gymnastics meet, Norwell only has six returning gymnasts. Ford feared the team would run the risk of forfeit if any of the gymnasts got injured. After talking with Ruthann Ardizzoni, gymnastics director at the South Shore Community Center, Ford said there were 4 to 6 gymnasts in the eighth grade.

Although the School Committee had previously expressed concerns with having eighth graders participate in high school sports, they seemed to think this was an exception.

"I think this was the mechanism we were looking for," said School Committee member Adrienne MacCarthy, "I don't want to see a team not be able to participate."

School Committee chairman Rick Flynn said gymnastics was a more personal sport with limited contact so age and size would make less of a difference. Member Alfred Slanetz raised concerns as to the eighth graders being ready "psychosocially" to participate with the older team members. Ford said it was likely the eighth graders would take on a slightly lesser practice schedule and would mesh well with the team.

"I'd really hate to lose the momentum of this team," said Ford. The School Committee voted 4-0 (member Steve Fusco was absent) to allow eighth graders the opportunity to join the gymnastics team. Ford still needs to seek approval from the league and the MIAA to proceed.

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and the investigating officer went to the scene and saw a car with heavy front-end and some rear-end damage. The operator appeared uninjured and explained that he was unfamiliar with the roads and misjudged the turn. The operator was cited for marked lanes violation. There was some damage to the town-owned stonewall and the town will be looking to seek restitution from the man's insurance company, Chief Hussey said.

• Police are hoping to locate the pickup truck that a witness said took the driver's side mirror off a car that was parked on North Main Street near the common last Thursday (Nov. 29). The incident occurred about 1:30 p.m. The damaged car is a 1998 Volvo registered to a Winchester woman. The witness provided a plate number but police have been unable to match it up. Police are trying different combinations of numbers to see if they can locate the pickup.

Foolish fun

Police were able to hunt down one of the cars involved in a foolish incident last week. Police responded after a concerned caller at 3:10 p.m. on Monday (Nov. 26) reported teens traveling in two cars on Route 3A were "all over the road" and "sticking their entire bodies out the windows."

Police spoke to the driver of one of the cars and the other teens in the car and told them to "knock it off," Chief Hussey said. Police did not locate the second car.

Being charged

A 21-year-old Hull woman who, police believe, was involved in a theft of jewelry from a local antique shop is being summoned to court on charges of receiving stolen property valued at more than $250.

Good police work by patrol officers has led to the recovery of the jewelry items that were stolen, Chief Hussey said in a prior interview.

Intoxicated teen

Police took a 16-year-old Cohasset boy in protective custody after finding him "weaving and bobbing" along South Main Street in the village last Friday (Nov. 30) at about 7:30 p.m. Chief Hussey said an officer saw the teen who appeared intoxicated; in speaking with him, he could smell alcohol on his breath. The officer took the teen to the station where he was held until his parents could take custody of him. Police have been unable to determine where the boy obtained the alcohol.

Flashlight

Chief Hussey urges residents who see something suspicious to contact police right away. Last week a caller reported eight hours after the incident, seeing a pickup truck that was "dark in color and loud" in her driveway with two white males inside. The incident occurred sometime between 2-3 a.m., Tuesday (Nov. 27). The caller reported that one of the men got out, went to her side door and started shining a flashlight through the window of the door and looking around inside. He then got back into the car and pulled out, shining the flashlight on houses as they drove off. The incident was reported at 10 a.m. that morning.

Hussey said no plate number was provided. He said the activity is one of concern and that police need to be contacted right away in order to have the opportunity of finding the suspicious men.

A& B charge

A man who lives in another town is facing assault and battery charges after he allegedly hit his girlfriend and kicked her out of the car last week, after they had both reportedly been drinking heavily. Police found the woman near Shaw's; she had been punched in the eye and had been sitting in the cold for several hours. Police in the town where the man lives assisted with his arrest. His girlfriend was transported to the hospital; and later he was also transported after complaining about feeling dizzy and not taking his medication.

Drunk

A medical condition may have contributed to a man's inebriated condition, police said. After receiving a call from a local establishment about a drunk and unruly customer, police went to the location and took the man home to his Cohasset residence. The establishment told police that he had arrived in that condition.

Chief Hussey praised the management for not allowing the man to drive. The incident occurred last Friday (Nov. 30) at about 9:50 p.m.

Mailbox damage

A caller is trying to provide police with information about the vehicle, believed to be a charter bus that damaged a mailbox on Lamberts Lane recently. The caller read about the item in the newspaper and witnessed the incident. The caller is gathering information and will be back in touch, police said.

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Attend Town Meeting

The Special Town Meeting last month was not well attended and left at least two School Committee members feeling a little disappointed. School Committee member Lucia Flibotte said she'd like to figure out a way to get more residents to realize the importance of Town Meeting so they will attend.

"Town Meeting barely had a 100-person quorum," said Flibotte. School Committee member Adrienne MacCarthy agreed.

"As a town we need to make people understand our form of government," said MacCarthy, explaining how a vote at Town Meeting to raise water rates affects all town departments, including the schools.

School Committee chairman Rick Flynn said the recent special town meeting was "a benign town meeting." But, Flibotte said even at the spring Annual Town Meeting — a budget meeting — didn't bring in a crowd.

Fire lane

The fire lanes around the Cohasset Middle-High School have recently been re-painted in yellow striping. School Committee member Adrienne MacCarthy encouraged those visiting the school for basketball games or special events to adhere to the no parking signs and striping of the fire lanes.

"Anyone parking in the fire lane can be ticketed or towed," said MacCarthy, adding she understood the inconvenience especially in the cold of parking in the far lot. However, if cars are parked in the fire lane it will be difficult for an ambulance or a fire truck to maneuver to the school's back doors (near the gymnasium).

"Someone's life could depend on it," said MacCarthy.

SPED van on order

The schools will have a new special education van in the next couple of weeks. At the recent Special Town Meeting voters allocated $45,000 in capital funds to pay for a replacement special education van. The need became a crisis shortly before Town Meeting when the brakes went out on the aging special education van the schools had been using.

School business manager Dave DeGennaro reported he was able to find a new Ford E-250 van for $33,600, a significant savings from the amount allotted by Town Meeting. The van is currently being retrofitted to be handicap accessible and he expects to take delivery in the next two weeks. The schools have been borrowing a van from Scituate to cover the need while a new van is ordered.

Donations accepted

The School Committee accepted donations from the Cohasset Education Foundation (CEF) and Cohasset Dunkin' Donuts on Wednesday night.

The CEF donated at total of $23,984 in funds for the purchase of several technology items for all three school buildings. The new technology will support and enhance the established curriculum. Osgood classrooms will receive eight new LCD computer monitors to go with classroom computers (12,800). Three digital presenters will be purchased for Deer Hill ($5124). New projectors will be purchased for the Middle School.

"The CEF donations are a fabulous way to jump start and super-charge our programs," said Superintendent Denise Walsh, adding the schools would not be in the place they are now with curriculum development without the technological support made possible by CEF.

"We all appreciate what they've been doing," said Walsh.

The Cohasset Dunkin' Donuts donated $1500 to support the high school swim team. The School Committee accepted both donations unanimously.

Free legal clinic

Do you have a legal question or are you confused about a legal issue? The Bar Association of Norfolk County will sponsor a free legal clinic as a public service to the community from 6 to 8 p.m., Dec. 11, at Quincy District Court, 1 Dennis F. Ryan Parkway, Quincy Center.

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For information contact Adrienne C. Clarke, Bar Association of Norfolk County, at 617-471-9693.

Town to stick with single tax rate

By Nancy White
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Given the low percentage of commercial properties, the Board of Assessors did not recommend the town opt for a split rate.

Property tax rates will stay uniform for both residential and commercial property for another fiscal year, the Board of Selectmen voted Monday night.

The town's property is valued at over $2.4 billion, including residential, commercial, industrial, and personal property, said Deputy Assessor Mary Quill. Only 6.8 percent of the town's total valuation is commercial, industrial and personal property, leaving over 93 percent of the tax burden on residential properties.

"Cohasset has never had a split rate," said Quill. Given the low percentage of commercial properties, the Board of Assessors did not recommend the town opt for a split rate. A split rate means there would be a higher tax rate for commercial properties. A split tax rate often discourages businesses from locating to a community, said Quill.

"Generally, a split rate should not be considered unless the combined valuation of commercial, industrial and personal property equals 25 percent of the total taxable valuation of the town," stated Quill in a letter to the Selectmen.

The tax rate for Fiscal 2008 is anticipated to increase by 10 cents per $1,000 of assessed valuation, from $10.50 to $10.60. The tax rate will be finalized by the Department of Revenue in the next couple of weeks.

With the 10-cent increase in tax rates, coupled with an average increased property valuation, residents should see an average increase of 3.6 percent.

In the past year, the average valuation of residential property (including single family homes, condominiums and multi-family homes), increased from $750,000 to $770,000. In the same vein, the average tax bill will increase from $7,875 to $8,162, or a $287 increase.

The average valued single family home is assessed at $848,000, a jump from last year's assessed value of $825,000. For the average valued single family home the tax bill will be $8988.

The new tax rate will be reflected in the third quarter tax bills.

Tax bills vary depending on a property's assessed value. By taking the assessed value of the property and dividing it by $1,000 and then multiplying it by the tax rate, a homeowner can compute his property taxes.

Saturday collection for troops at Stop & Shop

Deirdre Wigmore and Ann Marie Goff of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary will be at Stop & Shop from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday collecting items for deployed troops.

They are seeking donations of toiletries and other items for those deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Donations may also be dropped off at the Legion Post on Summer Street daily after 3 p.m. or at Pilgrim Cooperative Bank branches on 3A or in the village.

Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks should be made out to the Sons of the American Legion, with "Soldiers Project" written in the memo line on the check. Checks can be mailed to Sons of the American Legion, PO Box 118, Cohasset, MA 02025. The following items are being collected at the American Legion for deployed servicemen and women:

Batteries AA and AAA, razors, mouthwash, Chapstick, nuts, shaving cream Ziploc bags of all sizes, hand warmers, baby wipes, pens and notepaper, Pringles, toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

Happy Holidays Cohasset to all. The season is here no matter what you celebrate with your family and friends and there are so many wonderful activities, fairs and more happening all around the area. Take the time to enjoy when you can the different events whether they are at home or someone else's home, at a local venue or wherever. Before we know it, 2008 will be here. The weather has decided to meet the season that is for sure. I did here though that this weekend is supposed to warm up a little bit which will be nice. I had a few of my morning walks this past week where it was really beautiful at 7:30 in the am but really, really cold. Well, on with the news and column.

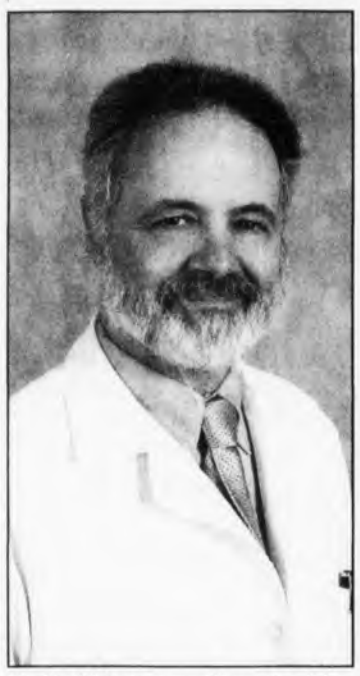
NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations are in order for **Nicole (Barry) Carnes** and her husband **Brian**, along with big sister **Delaney** as they welcomed a bouncing baby boy into their family on Nov. 2nd. **Ronan Gerard Carnes** weighed in at 7 pounds. Grandparents are **Paul and Edna Barry** of Cohasset and **Gerry and Mary Ann Carnes** of Hingham.

Enjoy this handsome new addition to the family and best of wishes to all.

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The following Cohasset students achieved high honors, earning at least a 3.8 quality point average for the first quarter at Boston College High School: **Thomas J. Chase**, 2008; **Erikk L. Hokenson** 2008; **Eric Peter Vanderpool** 2009; **Keegan Robert Flynn** 2010; **Paul Oliver Forrer** 2010; **John McHugh Kearney** 2010; **Maxwell Otto Shipp** 2010; **Charles Dirkson Coffman** 2011; **William Travers Craven** 2011; **James Vincent McKelvey** 2011; **Colin Lewis Quinlan** 2011; **Scott Franklin Wilson** 2011; and **Christopher Franklin Wilson** 2011.



Dr. Paul Musto recently received the distinction of one of the "Best Doctors in America."

The following students achieved honors, earning at least a 3.2 quality point average for the first quarter: **Alexander Shipp** 2008; **Kyle T. DeSisto** 2009; **Patrick E. Hurley** 2009; **David M. Hernon** 2010; **Robert Christopher McCunney** 2010; **Thomas Joseph Pecca** 2010; **Mark H. Dick** 2011; **Anthony J. Testa** 2011; and **Michael F. Troy** 2011.

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Cohasset resident **Dr. Paul C. Musto**, from the Quincy office of Commonwealth Hematology-Oncology, recently received the distinction of one of the "Best Doctors in America" in Medical Oncology and Hematology for 2007-2008. CHO is the largest community-based private cancer care group in New England.

Compiled by Boston-based Best Doctors Inc., the "Best Doctors in America" is derived from a peer-reviewed survey of more than 40,000 physicians in the United States. This survey asked which specialists they would choose for care of themselves or a loved one. Only those doctors recognized in the top 3 to 5 percent of their specialty earn this honor.

Dr. Musto is board certified in hematology, medical oncology and internal medicine, and has hospital appointments at Quincy Medical Center, Caritas Carney Hospital, Milton Hospital and South Shore Hospital. He received his doctor of medicine degree from Michigan State University College of Human Medicine and his bachelor of science degree from Michigan State University Honors College.

N. SCITUATE

This weekend North Scituate will be hosting its Holiday Celebration. The Sandbar (artisan coop and eco-friendly boutique) owned by Cohasset resident, **Margie Koenig**, will be serving wine on Friday evening and roasting marshmallows on Saturday. In addition, you will receive 15 percent off all store purchases. Buy One Get One Blessing Ring Bookmark and/or Necklace (great stocking stuffers for boys or girls or teacher gifts...$8), 25 percent off all custom hand-stamped jewelry by MeKoenig (personalized discs/hearts with your special message, kids names, special dates, or whatever else you want to make it special!) The Holiday Celebration will happen on Dec. 7 from 5 -8 pm with shops open until 8. There will be Strolling Carolers, Holiday Lights, Wine Tasting and Refreshments with more surprises in store. On Saturday, Dec. 8, the times are from 11 am-3 pm with Open Houses, Treats for all,. This event is sponsored by the North Scituate Village Merchants and the Scituate Chamber of Commerce and even though it is not in Cohasset, it is a wonderful family event for all and Margie would love to see you all there!

Lordy, lordy, looks who's 40!



Laura (Pompeo) Ritz is making 40 the new 30! Laura turned the BIG 4-0 on Dec. 5. If you see her around town, be sure to wish her a Happy Birthday! With love from her family, friends and adoring fans.

CDC AUDITIONS

This is the weekend for auditions for Cohasset Dramatic Club's Spring musical, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" by Andrew Lloyd Webber, will be held at the Cohasset Town Hall, on Sunday, Dec. 9 at 6 pm for youth ages 10 and up and at 7:30 pm for Adults. Auditions will also be held on Monday, Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m. for youth ages 10 and up and at 7:30 p.m. for adults. Callbacks, if needed, will be Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 7 pm. Cast size can vary. Both men and women are needed, specifically as many as 17 principal men (some of these parts can be played by women) and 2 specific women with a women's chorus; there will also be a youth chorus of 20-24, ages 10 and up. Boys and girls are welcome. Audition requirements are a prepared 16-32 bars of an upbeat song in the style of the show. Music from the show is acceptable as well. There will be a dance movement audition as well, so dress comfortably. Some may be asked to do a cold reading. Performance dates will be Feb. 29, March 1, 2, 7,8,9,14,15,16 at the Cohasset Town Hall. The show will be directed by **Lisa Rafferty**, with music direction by Mark Bono. It will be produced by Lisa Pratt. For any questions regarding auditions or anything pertaining to the show including a more complete description of the show, please contact **Lisa Pratt** at 617-852-0091.

HOLIDAY STROLL

Here is information on our super community Holiday event for downtown. Village merchants are busy planning the annual Cohasset Village Holiday Stroll to be held on Saturday Dec. 15 in Cohasset Village, encompassing South Main Street, Elm Street, Depot Court, Pleasant Street, and Ripley Road. From 4-7 p.m. the streets will be alive with holiday cheer as businesses stay open late with refreshments, open houses, entertainment, and special holiday celebrations. For children, there will be a hay ride and visits with Santa. Each participating business will offer a raffle prize; tickets are available at the Village businesses and all proceeds will benefit the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project. For more information visit any of the Village locations.

That is all for this week. Send me in all of your news and information no later than Tuesday by 5 pm.

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Beads, jewelry focus of new village shop

By Nancy White
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A mixture of light, color and a bit of sparkle welcome visitors to the recently opened shop, Sagestone Beads, in Cohasset Village. The tiny but historic building on Elm Street, once home to a blacksmith, has been re-incarnated as a hand-crafted jewelry and bead shop.

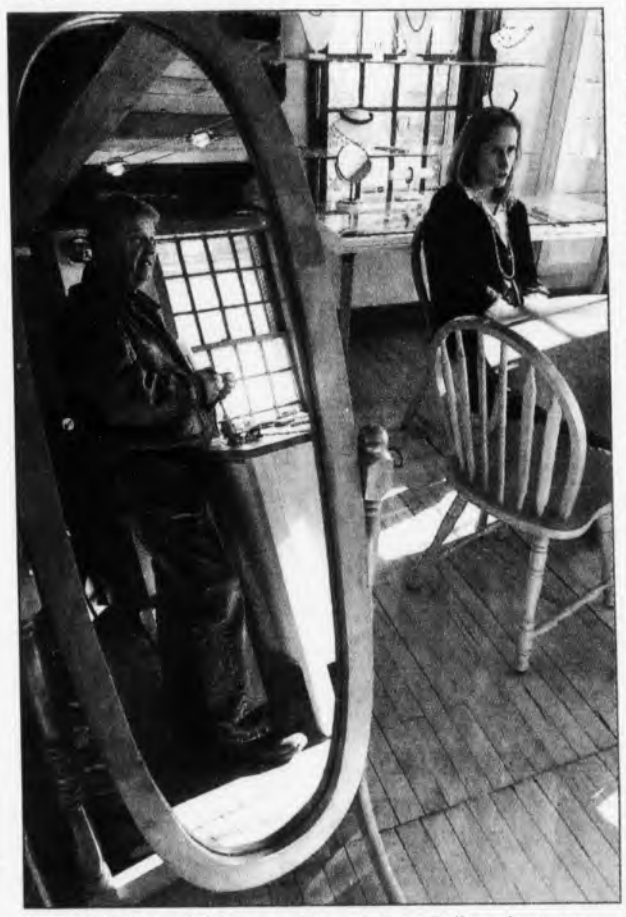
"The building is magical," says Sagestone Beads owner Sage Belber as she sits at her worktable at the rear of the building. The former Donna Green Studio now has walls lined with hanging strings of vibrant beads and finished necklaces. Glass cases hold colorful gemstones just waiting to be transformed into someone's favorite piece of jewelry. Midday light floods the one-room building and spotlights shine on each of the cases and its contents creating a bright and cheery atmosphere.

Sagestone Beads offers hand crafted finished pieces of gemstone jewelry and materials (and instruction, if desired) for those with creative inspiration.

"Even if you've never made anything in your life, come in and we'll sit down and walk you through the process," says Sage, a Scituate resident.

The village shop opened its doors the week before Thanksgiving, but Cohasset Farmer's Market regulars will recognize Sage and her one-of-a-kind jewelry. She has been a fixture at the weekly summer event for the last six years. Up until she opened Sagestone, farmer's markets including the one in Harvard Square and Copley Square, were her main mode of sale.

"I never thought I would have a store," says Sage, but when the opportunity came to occupy her current space in Cohasset she seriously thought about it, "I already had the stock," so it seemed a logical next step.



Steve Hill, left, of Cohasset talks with Sage Belber about a possible new men's line of jewelry that the two of them are working on while buying a leather string for some Tibetan Prayer beads.

Sage has been making jewelry since she was a teenager, but started doing it professionally in 2001 under the name "Jewelry by Sage". Always an artist, she studied painting and photography in undergraduate and graduate school and was primarily an oil painter.

However, while pregnant with her first daughter, Cleo, she decided to pursue this new artistic endeavor and hasn't looked back yet. Her first materials were shells and beads she has picked up while visiting New Mexico.

"I just used what I had and when I made a sale I kept putting the money back into the business," says Sage.

Now, at Sagestone there are literally thousands of beads to choose from and to peruse — all high quality, the majority of which are hand cut stones from India.

"Indian cut stone is really the best," explains Sage. The colorful gemstones are each hand cut and have fine facets to show off the color and allow light into the stone. The industry is mostly family-owned businesses, "it's a skill passed down by generations," she says.

Each bead is unique and she's learned that if she sees something she likes she needs to buy it then and there, "there's no looking back, you just won't see it again."

A few times each year, Sage travels to New York City to buy stones from dealers who make regular trips to India. Bead prices start at10 cents, "you can make a nice pair of earrings for as little as $10," says Sage.

Sage hopes to do children and adult parties in the future. She's already started a beginner group class for those who want to learn how to make jewelry.

Sage's own jewelry creations are like treats for the eye. Chunky necklaces with big beads in bold colors, earthy leather adorned with a mix of gemstones — iolite, topaz, green and red garnet, and bracelets with dozens of pure white pearls are just a few of the standouts.



STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

Sage Belber, owner of Sagestone Beads, stands next to a colorful array of beads on display at her new store in Cohasset Village on Elm Street.

"My favorite pieces to do are the one of a kind ones that are really extravagant. I like to push myself to the limit to create something I have yet accomplished before," says Sage. As an example she brings out a delicate necklace dripping with gemstones hung on a very fine chain. Upon closer scrutiny, Sage explains she crocheted the 14-karat gold chain then added the stones — quartz and citrine, in shades of gold and auburn — as she went along. A bracelet with the same type of crocheted chain and dozens of pink tourmaline and purple tanzanite beads is another example, "I try to let the stone speak for itself," says Sage.

While her inspiration often comes from the stones, she often turns to nature for her muse — trees, colors in the sky, birds. She'll scan the photos in National Geographic looking for colors and new ideas for her jewelry.

Sage's jewelry ranges in prices from a pair of earrings for $38 to an elaborate necklace for over $1000.

Recently, Sage's jewelry has caught the attention of Hollywood. Her brother-in-law, Stephen Belber, a screenwriter and director is currently working on a movie "Management" and told the costume designer about Sage's jewelry. Consequently, some of her pieces will be featured in the upcoming feature film starring Hollywood A-lister Jennifer Aniston. The costume designer then gave Aniston a catalog and she purchased 11 pieces from the catalog for her personal collection.

In addition to her own creations, Sage sells a selection of pieces from two other artisans. Heather Hoffman of Rosindale is a fellow jewelry maker who has unique necklaces, bracelets and rings.

"I don't do rings so her jewelry is a nice complement to my pieces," says Sage. Like Sage's jewelry, Hoffman's pieces are all handmade and one of a kind.

If you're looking for something more tactile than a necklace or a ring, there are hand knit sweaters by Jan McKillip, who owns the shop on Block Island. The sweaters are both colorful and whimsical and each is a one of a kind creation.

Sage is looking forward to seeing familiar Farmer's Market faces and meeting new customers. "I'd like to be a meeting place for people. They can come, have fun and make jewelry," says Sage. "I feel so lucky to be in such a beautiful little spot."

Sagestone Beads is open 10a.m. to 6p.m. Wednesday to Saturday and noon to 5p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call 781-383-6766 or visit www.jewelrybysage.biz.



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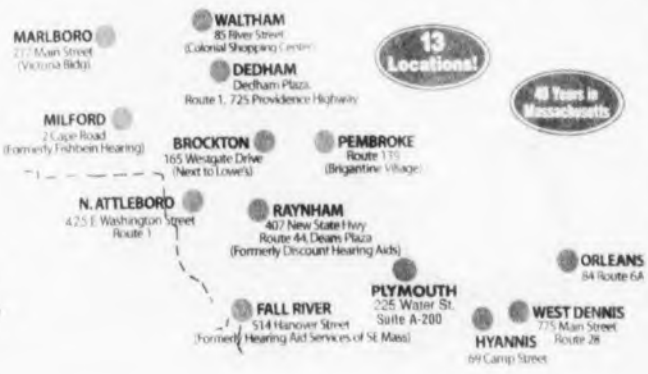
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The art of quietly helping others

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group is Womanade, we serve all people, not just women."

As part of its outreach effort this holiday season, Womanade is contributing gift cards to the Hingham Interfaith Food Pantry at Second Parish to be included in 80 gift baskets that will be distributed to needy South Shore residents.

The Hingham/Hull Womanade is an offshoot of a group started in 2002 known as "Washington [D.C.] Womanade." Similar groups have formed around the country.

The four women go about their business in an efficient yet unobtrusive way, providing much-needed assistance and hope during difficult times. Their good works range from providing warm clothing for a child whose single mother had just lost her job to giving assistance, through DOVE, Inc. (Domestic Violence Ended) in Quincy, to a woman who had left an abusive situation to live on her own.

While the help Womanade offers is wide-reaching, the formula is simple — avoid meetings, paperwork, and overhead costs by holding women's gatherings several times a year and asking the guests to make a donation of at least $35.

The women who accept these invitations are also asked to be the eyes and ears of the group by submitting the name of a family or individual they may know to be in need along with their donations.

Every cent goes directly to people in need of assistance. The Womanade board covers all administrative costs.

Womanade benefits individuals and families who are homeless, poor, ill, or in need of a small amount of cash to meet everyday needs. This could mean paying a doctor or a delinquent utility bill, making rent payments to avoid eviction, or providing money for groceries, clothing, eyeglasses, or to fill a prescription.

So far this year, the Hingham/Hull chapter has made 65 donations to local individuals and families totaling more than $20,000, or an average of $313 per family.

"We are not a large organization, but I think we help families in small, but meaningful, ways," said Powers.

The charity augments efforts by other agencies and consults with social workers and school counselors to screen and subsequently designate those who are eligible for assistance.

"We have developed great working relationships with the Hingham Public Schools, St. Paul's, Notre Dame, the Hingham Interfaith Food Pantry, the Veterans Agency, the Hingham Department of Elder Services, South Shore Visiting Nurses, DOVE, Wellspring in Hull, and several other agencies," Pershing said. "We are able to legally donate to an agency without us having to know the recipient's name." This protects their clients' privacy.

"The recipients tend to be mostly families, many in single-women households," said Pershing, "but we have also helped families with dads heading up the household who are struggling to make ends meet as well as single people trying to get back on their feet after a major illness or disaster."

The group also helps elderly couples with fuel bills and co-pays for their prescriptions and provides them with grocery store gift cards. All requests for help are confidential.

In the past, Womanade helped pay for funeral expenses for a young child and contributed gift cards for the baskets distributed to more than 60 families during the holidays by the Hingham Interfaith Food Pantry at Second Parish Church.

Wellspring in Hull is one example of the partnership Womanade fosters with local agencies. "We have a great connection with Womanade," said Vinny Harte, executive director of Wellspring Multi-Service Center in Hull. "A lot of times, people who are working toward independence can't do it alone. Often our first friend in helping them to get out of that hole and move forward is Womanade."

Wellspring's mission is to provide support and skills to people facing challenges to their financial, physical, or emotional well being in order to help them achieve independence and self-sufficiency. Wellspring provides "a hand up, not a hand-out."

"Womanade asks the right questions but doesn't tie things up in red tape," Harte said. "One hundred percent of the money raised is used to help people, not to pay rent on office space or to pay salaries."

This year Womanade is one of the charities being supported by the Journal's annual Gifts of Hope Campaign). Checks should be made out to Womanade and sent to Gifts of Hope Program; c/o Anne Rodwell; Community Newspaper Company; 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050

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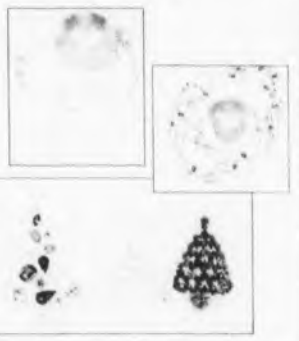
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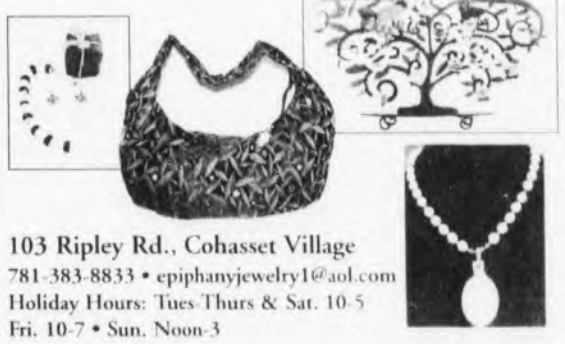


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Avalon continuing to work with DEP

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non-compliance for the prospective Avalon site, which is on 62 acres on the west side of Route 3A. The notice came as a result of a DEP audit performed on the Avalon property in April and outlined certain tests, analysis and reporting that needed to be completed in the next 60 days, or by Aug. 20.

When the deadline passed, the DEP issued an informal extension. In September, Barao said the DEP had seen a "good faith effort" by the developer to submit all the required information. Avalon has submitted the bulk of the required information, however, it was unable to gain access to Whitney-Thayer Woods owned by the Trustees of Reservations. The notice of non-compliance requires groundwater and soil testing to be completed on the property.

The administrative consent order mandates Avalon complete the necessary testing on the down gradient property (Whitney-Thayer Woods) within 150 days of receiving access to it. Within seven days of receiving written approval for access, Avalon is required to notify the DEP. The DEP's deadline of 150 days does not begin until Avalon receives access to Whitney-Thayer Woods.

Scott Dale, Avalon Vice President of development, said Avalon has resolved the access issue and is ready to move forward with the testing. He estimates being able to complete the testing and file the findings with the DEP within 90 days.

The testing required on the Avalon property has been completed, said Dale.

"All the testing just recently performed confirmed the conclusions reached previously were valid," said Dale and he does not expect the additional testing on the Whitney-Thayer Woods to be any different.

Avalon has provided the DEP with interim information as they work on completing the post-audit statement, but the scope of testing required couldn't be completed in the initial 60-day time period, "it was a timing issue."

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— Scott Dale, Avalon vice president

"We're as concerned as anyone, we're not doing these tests reluctantly," said Dale, "it gives us a greater level of confidence."

Once the final testing is complete, Avalon will need to send in a revision of the documents previously submitted to address the DEP's concerns. The other option would be to retract the existing reports and, essentially, start over again.

The current Avalon property is the former location of several manufacturing companies, most recently the Webb-Norfolk Conveyor, a n airport conveyor belt manufacturer that occupied the site from 1975 to 1995. The DEP's audit report stated Webb-Norfolk had a "long history of oil and hazardous materials use marked by poor storage and disposal practices," citing several DEP violations over the years.

The Water Commission requested the audit in the early spring out of its long concern hazardous contamination remained on the site from the prior owners.

The Avalon project was issued a comprehensive permit from the ZBA for 200 apartments more than three years ago. It was approved as a 40-B project. Under Chapter 40B, a state law, a town's zoning board can approve affordable housing developments under flexible rules if at least 20-25 percent of the units have long-term affordability restrictions. Towns that are under the 10 percent threshold of their housing stock deemed as affordable by state standards are vulnerable to 40-B projects.

Sewer issue under appeal

The Avalon Cohasset has pursued two avenues for sewer connection: a town sewer tie-in and on-site groundwater discharge. Currently, both options are in an appeal process.

The Water Commission appealed the DEP's approval of the on-site groundwater discharge permit in August. Lily Pond, which is the prime source of the town's drinking water, is located approximately one-mile from the proposed Avalon site. The commission was concerned the wastewater treatment system would contribute to groundwater pollutants, increase nutrient loading and adversely impact water quality in Lily Pond. The appeal is currently under review by the DEP.

Avalon representatives have said a town sewer tie-in is the preferred mode for wastewater treatment. After being denied sewer tie-in at the local Zoning Board of Appeals level, Avalon appealed to the state Housing Appeals Committee, the division of the state Department of Housing and Community Development that rules on 40-B issues if they are denied at the local Zoning Board of Appeals level and the town is under the 10 percent affordable threshold. In September, the Housing Appeals Committee upheld the ZBA's decision to deny Avalon a town sewer tie-in. Avalon has now appealed that decision to Superior Court.

Relief from airplane noise

By Ralph Dormitzer
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

In October of this year the FAA issued a Record of Decision (ROD) authorizing a significant change in flight routes into and out of Logan International Airport. The effect of this change will be to reduce noise in most communities on the North and South shores by rerouting air traffic and by raising the altitude of over flights as they cross the shoreline.

The ROD is the culmination of efforts by the Community Advisory Committee (CAC), the FAA, and Massport in Phase I of the Boston Logan Airport Noise Study to enhance existing or develop new noise-abatement measures applicable to aircraft over flights.

The effort to reduce noise pollution over Cohasset began in March 2001 with an appropriation of $30,000 by Town Meeting plus additional appropriations of $18,500 and $30,000 in 2002, to support a lawsuit brought against Massport by communities that would be affected by the proposed building of a new runway. The lawsuit was unsuccessful, and in August 2002 the FAA authorized the building of new runway 14/32 at Logan. The ROD that authorized the runway, however, contained a series of mitigation measures, one of which was the Boston Logan Airport Noise Study funded by the FAA and Massport. Now, after six years of meetings, studies, and negotiations, and $3 million later, the CAC, FAA, and Massport have agreed on seven specific measures that will significantly improve the noise environment in Cohasset and many other towns.

For Cohasset the major change is that departing flights will be higher before crossing the shoreline and will remain east of Minot's Light before making the turn south or west.

Prior to the Noise Study and the new runway, approximately 80 percent of all the air traffic from Logan flew over Cohasset. This results from the fact that Logan is north and east of most destinations and Cohasset is the preferred shoreline crossing for flights to the South and West. Two major runway configurations (9/4 and 22/27) cause departures over Cohasset, and one major runway configuration (27/33) causes arrivals over Cohasset. Runways are identified by geographic heading. Add a "0" to each number to obtain the runway heading. The first number is the departure and the second is the arrival e.g., 9/4 means the initial departure heading is 90 degrees and the arrival 40 degrees.

Of the seven over flight measures that will be implemented, four affect departures and three affect arrivals. For Cohasset the major change is that departing flights will be higher before crossing the shoreline and will remain east of Minot's Light before making the turn south or west. Today departing flights cross the town at between 6,000 and 9,000 feet altitude. With the change, over flights will cross the town at between 10,000 and 14,000 feet altitude. In addition, approximately 40 percent of the flights will cross the shoreline south of Cohasset and still higher in altitude. Arriving flights, principally those landing on runway 33 will have an over-the-water alternative using the mouth of Boston Harbor as an arrival corridor. As this is a visual procedure without the benefit of the instrument landing systems at Logan, it will be used only in good-visibility and low-traffic conditions. Several of these changes will be implemented in the next three or four months and the remainder, those that depend on GPS and computer- directed flight management systems on board aircraft, in approximately one year.

Finally, even though none of the over flight measures have been implemented, Cohasset has benefited unexpectedly from the addition of the 14/32 runway. It has enabled Logan to reverse the 27/33 configuration. Now, in northwest winds above 10 knots, runway 33, previously used for arrivals (with planes crossing Cohasset at between 1,500 and 3,000 feet) is used for departures and runways 27 and 32 are used for arrivals. None of these cross Cohasset. I anticipate that, when fully implemented, the sum of all these changes will provide significant relief from aircraft noise for Cohasset.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer is Cohasset's representative to the Community Advisory Committee.

Village holiday stroll is Saturday, Dec. 15

Village merchants are busy planning the annual Cohasset Village Holiday Stroll to be held on Saturday, Dec. 15th in Cohasset Village, encompassing South Main Street, Elm Street, Depot Court, Pleasant Street, and Ripley Road. From 4-7 p.m. the streets will be alive with holiday cheer as businesses stay open late with refreshments, open houses, entertainment, and special holiday celebrations. For children, there will be a hay ride and visits with Santa.

Each participating business will offer a raffle prize; tickets are available at the Village businesses and all proceeds will benefit the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project.

For more information visit any of the Village locations.

Cohasset Triathlon field almost full

The Cohasset Triathlon Association announces that there are just 200 spots left in the second annual Cohasset Sprint Triathlon. The race is set for Sunday, June 29, 2008, with a start time of 8 a.m.

According to founder and race director Bill Burnett, "The overwhelming response to our 2008 race is a fantastic tribute the successful of our race this year."

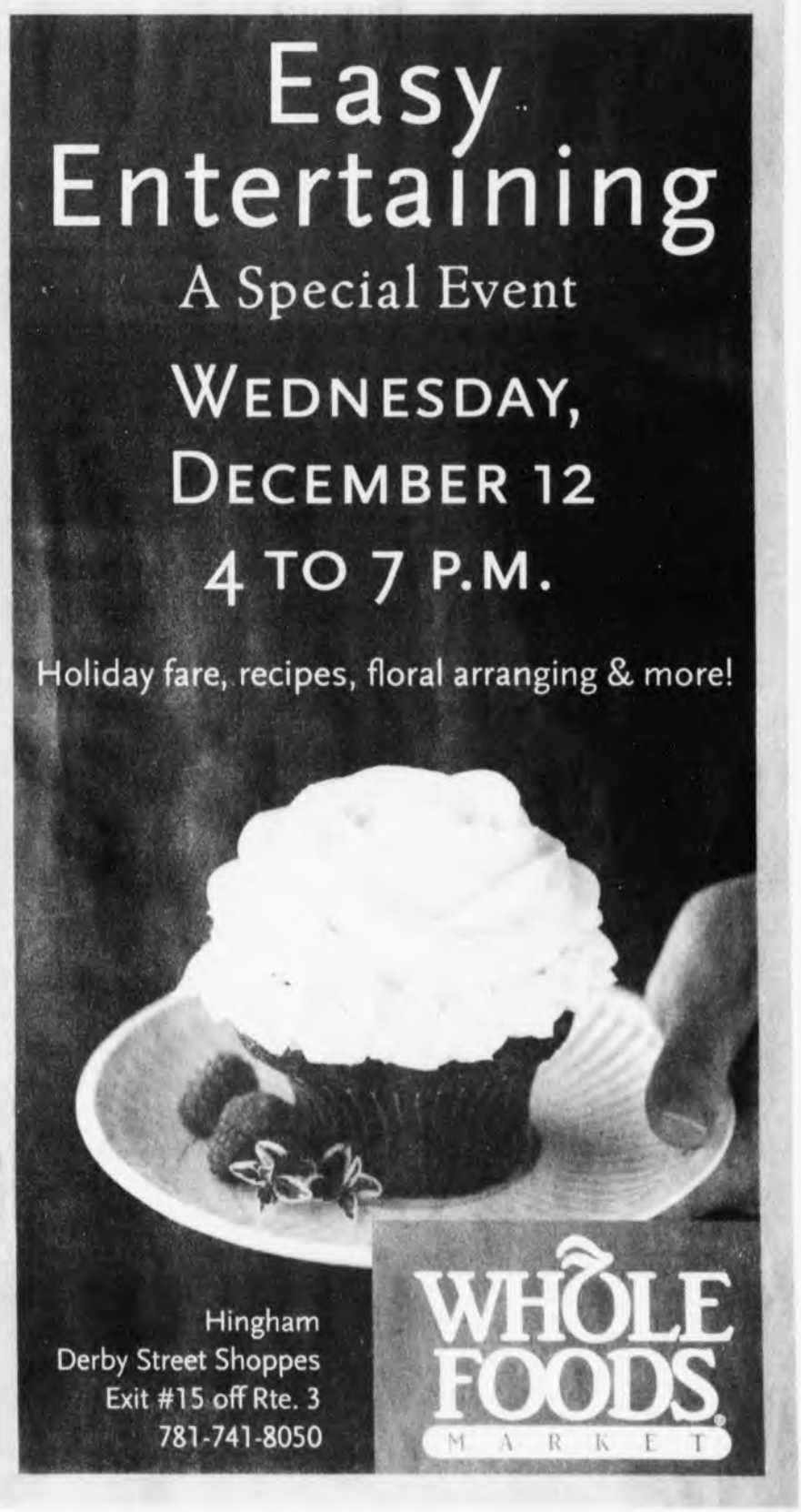
The race field is limited to 700 individual and two to three-person relay teams. The race will consist of a quarter-mile ocean swim, followed by a 12.5-mile bike course and a 3.2-mile run. This USAT sanctioned race is expected to draw both first-time triathlon participants as well as ranked elite athletes.

At the inaugural race this year, the top three male finishers were Scott Colton of Riviera Beach, Fla., with a time of 56:47.00; Joe Walsmith of Scituate, with a time of 1:00.39; and Brian Noyes of Duxbury, with a time of 1:00.49.

The top three female finishers were Pamela Roesch of Whitman, with a time of 1:09.37; Judy Stavis of Cohasset, with a time of 1:10.47; and Erica Allen of Boston, with a time of 1:11.28.

The Cohasset Triathlon supports the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, which helps kids with the lifelong disease. The event's net proceeds will go directly to JDRF, and participants are encouraged to gather sponsors to help find a cure for juvenile diabetes and its life-threatening complications. This year's race donated $50,219 to the JDRF.

For more information about the race, visit the updated Web site at www.cohasset-tri.com. Online race registration is available through Active.com.







Finding a friend a home for life

Local woman launches the Martha Foundation

By Maren Handorf
CORRESPONDENT

For many, the concept of a lifelong home might not be something about which to think twice. Martha, however, was not afforded the luxury of a lifelong home. Nor was she fortunate enough, as many are, to live with the security of knowing she would always have a place to call home. This is because Martha, a 52-year-old Hingham resident, is a mildly developmentally challenged adult. Unfortunately, Martha's future has always hung in the balance because very limited options exist for the developmentally challenged once their parents or caretakers are no longer able to care for them.

Martha's luck changed, however, when an old childhood friend, Maria Read, re-entered her life. As seven-year-olds, Martha and Read had shared the same neighborhood in Hingham. Read, then oblivious to Martha's developmental challenges, remembers the dolls and snacks of cookies and grape juice the two girls shared. But as a young adult Read left Hingham to continue on with her life; Martha was left behind. (Read asked that Martha's last name not be used to protect her privacy.)

It wasn't until years later in 1984 when Read returned to Hingham with her two children that she and Martha re-connected. At first, the two childhood friends simply ran into each other around town. Read, however, became increasingly concerned for Martha, as Martha's elderly mother had not arranged for Martha's lifelong care.

It wasn't until Martha's mother took ill and was hospitalized that Read became legally responsible for Martha. Read welcomed Martha into her home, where Martha lived for several months while Read researched other options for Martha. To Read's dismay, virtually no such options existed. While assisted living and group homes are available for the developmentally challenged, Martha fell through the cracks because she was so high functioning. Read was stunned to learn of the 10-year wait for acceptance into a group home; because Martha is mildly developmentally challenged, she would likely be delayed admittance in favor of more developmentally challenged candidates, therefore prolonging the wait.

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>
> – Maria Read, The Martha Foundation

Out of discouragement and failed attempts to find Martha a comfortable, safe living environment, Read decided to address the problem herself. Through extensive research, Read discovered she was not alone in her pursuit of developing an assisted living community for the developmentally challenged. An organization called COFAR, the Coalition of Families and Advocates for the Retarded, had already demonstrated interest in developing private sector community living for the retarded; communities that would mirror the elder care system. This, Read says, "is something that the elder health care providers have looked into, but doors have always closed. I'm not sure why they haven't pursued it harder."

Over the next four years, Read researched her idea of building a community for the mildly developmentally challenged with the premise that these individuals would be given a home for life.

In June 2004, Read's idea to create a community for Martha and her peers was transformed into a not-for-profit organization christened, The Martha Foundation.

With help from Operations Managing Supervisor Kati Cini and her team of advisors, Read established a secure business plan that will allow for the residents to age in place. "This security," Read says, "is what makes us different. Parents and caretakers will have the peace of mind that their loved ones will be secure even after they die."

The assisted living community, named the Independence Apartments, will be built on 13 acres of land donated by Hingham Resources, LLC, on Sanderson Avenue in Weymouth. Targeted towards the mildly developmentally challenged, the community will be comprised of 70 units. Residents will undergo an intense application process that will include a letter of intent, an evaluation from a doctor and psychologist, as well as a list of basic criteria. There is a required $300,000 subscription fee that will leave with the resident, as well as a monthly care fee. Construction of the community is estimated at $15 million, and Read hopes to have the residence running by 2009.

Read emphasizes that the Independence Apartments are targeted only towards the mildly developmentally challenged. Residents should already be able to take care of their basic needs, although they will be taught and assisted by the residence's staff. "The Independence Apartments are not a good fit for some people," says Read, "for example my little brother Joey, who has Down's syndrome. My heart bleeds for those for whom this community won't fit." But Read says that as the Martha Foundation grows, she hopes to expand the spectrum of candidates. Read also hopes to offer scholarships some day.



COURTESY PHOTO

Lifelong friends, Maria Read and Martha. Read started the Martha Foundation which plans to build a home for mildly developmentally challenged adults, like Martha, in Weymouth.

While Read is more than ready to begin building, the foundation is waiting on commitments from investors and parents. "If parents really want this, they have to commit so that we can go forward," says Read. As the visionary of the Martha Foundation, Read's ultimate goal is to be able to bring her business plan to other companies, to people like herself, so that they will be able to duplicate her template.

Though overwhelming, Read says that the entire process has been extremely rewarding and exciting for everyone, especially for Martha. "Martha has brought so much joy into our family and into our lives - she brings us down to reality."

Conceived out of frustration at a lack of opportunity for the developmentally challenged, and born from a childhood friendship, has grown the Martha Foundation, and with it will come a home for life.

For more information, please visit www.marthafoundation.org, or call the Martha Foundation office at 781-749-4940.

Buttonwood Books sponsors Book Angel Program

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, is sponsoring its annual Book Angel Program to benefit local children. The goal of the program is to promote literacy and give the gift of reading to a local child. The book angel selects an angel from the tree in the store and buys a book for the child described on the angel. Buttonwood will give a 15 percent discount on the book and deliver the book to the appropriate agency. Program recipients will be Wellspring in Hull, Friends of the Homeless in Weymouth and the Blue Hills Healthy Families serving the South Shore.

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Giving spirit

Nine-year-olds donate gifts to Toys for Tots

By Nancy White
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Two nine-year-old boys recently learned how good it feels to give rather than receive.

Taggart Eymer and Zander Schubert, third graders at Deer Hill, donated 54 gifts from their birthday party to Toys for Tots. They delivered the new, unwrapped toys — all nine bagfuls of them — to the Armed Forces recruiting office in Quincy last Thursday afternoon.

"It was really cool," says Taggart of the experience as he and Zander shuffle through some of the photos taken when they delivered the toys. Together they filled an extra large box, about the same height as themselves, with the toys.



A total of 54 gifts, ranging from sports equipment to board games to Lego sets, were donated to Toys for Tots. The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted. A Toys for Tots drop box is located in the Cohasset Police station on Elm Street.

"I felt proud of myself that I did something for somebody else and not for me," says Taggart.

The boys talk excitedly about meeting Marine Sergeant Joseph Gaddi who greeted and thanked them for their donations. In his formal dress blues for the occasion, both Taggart and Zander asked Gaddi about his Marine experiences. Gaddi has been on two tours in Iraq and explained to the boys about what each of the medals on his uniform meant. They called him a real life hero.

Selene Eymer, Taggart's mother, originally came up with the idea to donate all the toys from their recent joint birthday party to Toys for Tots. The boys jumped on board with the idea pretty quickly.

Taggart and Xander say they have been friends since they "were in their mom's tummies." They were born just months apart: Taggart in July and Xander in November. The boys decided over the summer to have a joint birthday party. They settled on a football theme, "Taggart and Zander's Gridiron Classic," to be exact. They invited all of their friends and classmates to join in a flag football game held at Milliken Field on a November Sunday afternoon.

On the invitation they requested guests to bring one unwrapped toy, which would then be donated, to Toys for Tots. About 36 friends came to play football and those who didn't want to play in the game served as the game's press — complete with disposable cameras and press passes.

"We didn't want anyone to feel left out," says Taggart.

When they got home from the party, they spread out the toys and they said it was tempting to want to keep all the shiny, new toys for themselves. The toys ranged from Lego sets to footballs to Matchbox cars, mostly toys a boy of their same age might like. But, after looking through all of the toys, they realized just how many of the toys they already had.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Taggart Eymer (left) and Zander Schubert met Marine Sergeant Joseph Gaddi to deliver 54 new, unwrapped toys collected at their recent birthday party to Toys for Tots. Both boys said giving the toys away and meeting Sergeant Gaddi was the best part of the whole experience — even better than the birthday party itself.

> **"I felt proud of myself that I did something for somebody else and not for me."**
> — Taggart Eymer

"We already have a houseful of toys, we didn't need anymore," says Zander. Taggart chimes in that the kids the toys will go to probably need a little more fun in their life and the toys will help.

In fact, bringing a "message of hope" to needy youngsters through a shiny new toy at Christmas is what the Marines intend to do with the Toys for Tots program.

The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted. Through the distribution of the toys, the Marines hope to motivate the youngsters to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders.

The boys and their parents put together a slideshow of pictures and music to send as a thank you to the party guests for participating.

Both boys said giving the toys away and meeting Sergeant Gaddi was the best part of the whole experience — even better than the birthday party itself.

"We're doing this again next year," the boys enthusiastically say.

Toys for Tots drive under way

Cohasset police are joining with the Marines Corps in the annual holiday Toys for Tots campaign through Dec. 24.

New toys and games can be dropped off at the Cohasset Police Headquarters, on Elm Street, 24 hours a day, and seven days a week. Toys and games should not be wrapped.

For more information, call the police station at 781-383-1055.



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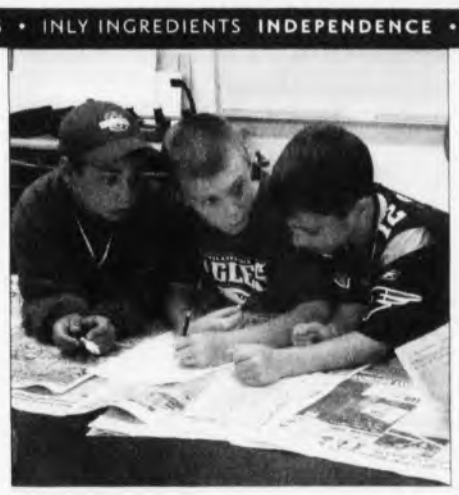
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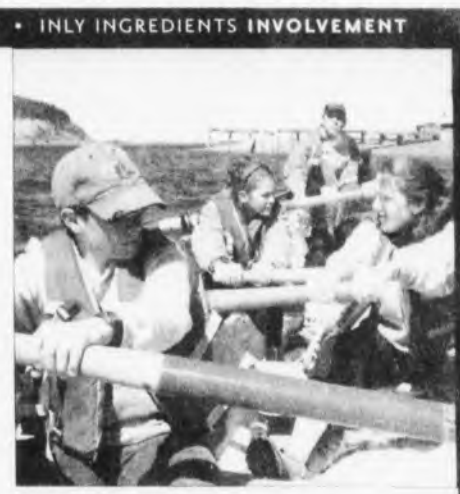
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Tax base

Those listening to or reading local news reports know well that "this is the season" for determining a town's tax rate.

Communities like Cohasset go through the annual exercise of deciding whether to stick with a single tax rate for residential and commercial or go with a split rate that would put more of the tax burden on commercial properties.

It is absolutely no surprise that Cohasset Selectmen vote the single tax rate every year. In fact, it is such a sure thing that one could bet on it and be assured of winning the wager.

What always surprises us, however, is how small Cohasset's commercial tax base actually is.

Route 3A wends its way through Cohasset — and compared to Scituate and Marshfield and the part of 3A before the Hingham Rotary in Hingham — our town looks like it has a fair amount of commercial property.

The town's property is valued at more than $2.4 billion, including residential, commercial, industrial, and personal property. But only 6.8 percent of the town's total valuation is commercial, industrial and personal property, leaving over 93 percent of the tax burden on residential properties.

Municipalities do not generally split their tax rate unless the combined valuation of commercial, industrial and personal property taxes equals about 25 percent or more of the total valuation of the town.

Town Manager Bill Griffin has noted on Cape Cod, there is not a single community with a split tax rate.

Town officials realize that splitting the tax rate would make Cohasset less attractive to prospective businesses, given the added burden that would fall on their shoulders.

Also, since the town is 93 percent residential – the change would only decrease property tax bills a small amount for residential taxpayers and send commercial rates soaring.

For example, lowering the proposed $10.60 tax rate just a few cents for residential property owners — would result in a tax rate of more than $15 for commercial property.

However, with that being said homeowners' tax bills are continuing to rise.

Back in 1992 – when the current editor started covering Cohasset – the average home in town was assessed at $300,000 and the tax rate was $12, yielding an annual bill of $3,600.

The average valued single family home is now assessed at $848,000, a jump from last year's assessed value of $825,000. For the average valued single family home the tax bill will be $8988.

Tax bills vary depending on a property's assessed value. By taking the assessed value of the property and dividing it by $1,000 and then multiplying it by the tax rate, a homeowner can compute his property taxes.

No one is advocating building a Derby Street Shoppes in Cohasset – but the taxes that shopping center generates for Hingham have boosted the town's revenues substantially.

We continue to applaud the work of the Economic Development Committee in seeking out ways to increase Cohasset's commercial tax base. We all love Cohasset just the way it is – but smart development and redevelopment along Route 3A and a vibrant Village can only help the bottom line and won't hurt the town's character one bit with the zoning and planning boards providing the appropriate oversight.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Advisory Committee, Dec. 11, 7 p.m.

Alternative Energy Committee, Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m.

Board of Health, Dec. 10, 7 p.m.

Selectmen, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Jan. 7, 6 p.m.

Technology Committee, Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m.

Water Commission, Jan. 5, 10:15 a.m. at the King St. plant

ZBA, Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rusty Skippers' conductor is superb

TO THE EDITOR,

We had a full house at our Rusty Skippers annual Holiday Pops concert on Saturday: an overflow crowd in the pews and a large (30-plus players) band squeezed in to the spaces all around the front of First Parish Meeting House. Once again, our wonderful director Steve Biagini found us a terrific collection of pieces to play, such as perennial favorite "Sleigh Ride" and a host of new selections, including "Shake Hands with Santa Claus," featuring Lilly Sestito as guest soloist. Our joy in playing seems to have been shared by the audience, who responded to the music with applause and with generous donations totaling $500 to benefit the Cohasset Food Pantry. The band loves to play, anywhere, any time, but especially for such a good cause. We are glad to bring joy to those who hear our music and to make a contribution to our community.

Speaking of generosity, on behalf of the band I want to publicly acknowledge the gifts of talent and time of Steve Biagini. So many of you have commented to me how much you enjoyed the concert, and how great the Rusty Skippers sound. Yes, we have several fine players, but our continued musical improvement as a concert band is due to Steve's leadership. He has brought us to a higher musical level than we could have ever imagined in 1995 when a rag-tag group of us played for the Harborfest Parade. Steve finds music to challenge us and he knows how to direct adults in a way that brings out the best in each of us. Not only is he a superb director, he gives hours of his time, for which he is not compensated. We practice weekly during our two "seasons" (fall and spring), at Deer Hill School under Steve's direction. Steve returns to school for these rehearsals, arrives early, stays late, finds the music, organizes the music folders. When we play at nursing homes and at the Arts Festival, and at the Relay for Life and so on, Steve makes the arrangements, loads his truck with chairs and stands and on and on it goes. He is a superb director and his many gifts to us are not measurable. Thank you, Steve, on behalf of the band and the greater community.

Betts Murray
8 Westgate Lane

NIMBY revisited

TO THE EDITOR:

Last week a correspondent argued that an oil spill from a truck serving the sewer and water staging area on the Jenkins property is an argument for locating the staging area elsewhere (like far away). On the contrary, it demonstrates why the staging area should be in or very close to the work area. The traffic between the work and the staging area is fairly heavy, so the shorter the distance the fewer people who are affected, and the less the probability of accidents, and the less damage to our roads.

It has been argued that there were procedural defects in leasing the area. Even if true, it doesn't alter the apparent absence of suitable town land or privately owned land available anywhere within a reasonable distance. Just because there are some open spaces, like the beach parking lot, doesn't mean they are usable, unencumbered by conservation or other restrictions, or available for lease if privately owned.

And where is the alternate site that would not displease some neighbor, and adversely affect even more people than the existing site, even if the procedural rain-dance is performed flawlessly? And how would one get competitive bids on a site? Each of the joint owners bid separately? Will pragmatism in the public interest triumph? Stay tuned!

R. Murray Campbell
217 Jerusalem Road

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HEALTH NOTES

Rushing creates too much stress in life

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

There's no question; the holidays are highly charged times. With all the bustle, the nerves become frazzled, not necessarily a medical term, but symptomatic of the times. The tendency of everyone is the need to rush, and we can only hope the foolishness of getting up at 2 a.m. on a perfectly good Friday after Thanksgiving to go do battle in a store scheduled to open at 4 a.m. affects only a small fraction of the sane population.

Psychologists have long known that holidays are stressful. Suicide and domestic violence statistics rise. The workload seems to become more burdensome. Priorities seem to pile up like notes upon a desk. Part of the old fashioned way of organizing was a skewer mounted on a pedestal on ones desk. When a note was written and then acted upon it was stabbed down onto the skewer. There's an apt symbology.

Relaxation is a learned attribute. The innate response to a stimulus is to react.

Now we carry our organizers with us. We call them notebooks or if they're electronic devices, Blackberrys, which as of this date have more than 8 million subscribers. And cell phones have more. Such devices are the modern way of organizing. Maps have been surpassed by Google Earth.com and portable GPS devices that display step by step the way to go from one place to another. So convenient – and fast.

But we must be careful of fast. Speed is OK, but it's the instant response and rushing that create stress in life. The need to respond, to "do something" often occurs when we are caught up in an activity such as shopping, when everyone we see is moving, pursuing a goal.

Angst, the call to action, to hurry, all stem from one source: tension; the inability to relax. Relaxation is a learned attribute. The innate response to a stimulus is to react. When a person thinks a stimulus such as a baby's cry or a casual remark, mental images activate ones muscles into particular patterns of tension, as though bracing for a blow to the body or setting ones teeth at a remark. If one learns how to recognize

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Greenbush ridership on the way up

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

In fact ridership, based on car counts, has more than doubled since the line first opened on Oct. 31st.

Date	Number of Cars
Opening Day	
Oct. 31, 2007	75
Nov. 20, 2007	130
Dec. 4, 2007	152

Increase of cars at Cohasset Station.

Greenbush Trivia – From time to time people stop into our digs here in Town hall to share their opinions of the train with us. From these comments, we get an interesting view of what a variety of residents think about the Greenbush Project. Some want the train to blow their horns because they feel it will make the line safer. Interestingly enough, when asked, most of these people tell us they don't live anywhere near the train. Horns will have little affect on their lives.

Some regale us with pleasant experiences they have had in riding the train, either for their daily commute, of for a weekend pleasure trip to Boston. Others pass on comments about their experience or experience of their friends that culminate in: "I (or they) will never ride the train again." So, we do hear opinions of all sorts.

But now, let's look at some facts. We do see a slowly increasing ridership. As we've said before, periodically, we visit the Greenbush Station parking lot and count cars. We find this to be quite revealing. Here's what we have found:

So, the number of cars (and riders) is increasing. In fact ridership, based on car counts, has more than doubled since the line first opened on Oct. 31st. Of course these numbers do not account for those few who walk to the station or those who are dropped off and picked up at the station. An interesting statistic: the MBTA's FEIR (Final Environmental Impact Report) for the Greenbush Project shows an expected 260 daily riders from Cohasset by the year 2010. As you can see the 260 number looks like it could be reachable over the next three years.

Sidewalkville – Recently we have been contacted by residents who have suggested, in retrospect, that a much better route for a sidewalk to the Greenbush station would have been along North Main Street rather than down Lower King Street and Route 3A. Do you know what? They are right. It would be a much better route, on a theoretical basis. But, if you look at the realities of design and construction for this route it becomes unfeasible very quickly. Considering the wetland resources that would be taken, the trees that would need to be removed (over 200 trees), the ledge that would need to be removed, the land that would need to be taken and the walls that would need to be constructed to contain a sidewalk in areas with severe drop-offs, the price tag quickly rises to the neighborhood of $1.4 or $1.5 million. The price tag for the King Street to 3A route is about $300,000. And, the 3A route cost has been covered by a grant from the Commonwealth. So far, no one has suggested where the additional $1.2 million can be found to use the N. Main Street route. Perhaps later someone will make a generous grant to the Town. But, for now, the King to 3A will at least get us to the station by sometime next year.

It has also been suggested to us that the maintenance road that the MBTA constructed alongside the tracks from King Street to the Greenbush Station could also have been used as a walkway to the station. This would again be possible, theoretically. But, meetings with the MBTA at the highest level (the General Manager, Daniel Grabauskas) told us, in no uncertain terms, that the MBTA would not permit it. In addition, this route raises security concerns because the pathway is quite remote, dark at night, hard for the police to patrol, and not visible from the street. It would also be tough to plow and maintain. In any event, this option just won't happen, period.

We are also currently working with the Water Department to evaluate the feasibility of adding a sidewalk over a water main loop the Water Department is considering between the Cohasset Greenbush Station and the Cohasset DPW garage. We're not sure if this sidewalk will be of benefit to the Town, but we'll check it out.

Now let's move to the Lower King Street part of the Greenbush Station Sidewalk Project. P. A. Landers continues to pave the sidewalk area, even in this week's freezing weather. By the time you read this, the paving will be complete. Because the new sidewalk encroached on a small amount of wetlands near Route 3A, we must provide wetland replication to the Town. In this instance, the Conservation Commission required us to create at least 700 square feet of new wetland. The arrow in the accompanying photo shows the wetland replication area, to the right of the new sidewalk, as approved by the Cohasset Conservation Commission. The mitigation area is surrounded by hay bales and siltation fencing which are both visible in the photo. This mitigation area has now been cleared and will be planted with appropriate plants in the spring.

The Beechwood Street sidewalk is practically complete. We are waiting to hear from the fence company who is going to erect the protective fence along the edge of the walkway to protect the drop-off to the adjacent wetland. They will also install wood protection against the rather sharp I beam supports for the street guardrail that abuts the sidewalk. As soon as the fencing is ready, we will have it installed.



COURTESY PHOTOS

King Street sidewalk to the left, arrow indicates new wetland area to the right.



Location of protective fencing on Beechwood Street.

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Dirty tricks are nothing new

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



A friend of mine once worked in the campaign of a congressman from the West Side of New York named Leonard Farbstein.

I was waiting to pick her up at campaign headquarters one night when a kid in his low teens came in with an armful of signs promoting Lennie's opponent. He put them down on a desk. A number of small coins changed hands. The kid went away smiling.

It was the dirty tricks division of the Farbstein campaign in action, only they didn't call it that. The kid was getting a dime for every sign he could find with the opponent's name on it. I'm sure the same thing is still going on in campaigns everywhere right now, although the price has probably gone up to a quarter, maybe even a half a buck.

That's why I was surprised when so many otherwise hip pundits got wedgies in their skivvies when it was disclosed the other day that Hillary Clinton and/or her Democratic cohorts planted loaded questions in the Republican debate on CNN. Don't they know dirty tricks are part of politics and have been almost from the start?

In our third national election, when two votes were cast for president, no less a sneaky operative than Alexander Hamilton devised a plan where members of his Federalist party would cast one vote for Thomas Pinckney and bullet the other for John Adams so that Pinckney might have beaten Thomas Jefferson and become our second president.

Four years later, those fun-loving Federalists spread the rumor that Jefferson, an early supporter of the French Revolution, was in fact an atheist and warned all God-fearing voters to hide their Bibles lest President Jefferson confiscate them. They also spread the rumor that Jefferson was dead and there wasn't a blogger around to refute them.

When Richard Nixon was running for governor of California against Democrat Pat Brown he set up a Committee for the Preservation of the Democratic Party that sent out cards warning that their party had been stolen by left wingers, of whom Brown was one. Democrats sued, got a court order and the case was settled out of court.

No one blamed Herbert Hoover for starting the rumor but it certainly was one of his supporters in the race against the Catholic Al Smith. The Holland Tunnel from New York to New Jersey was being finished at the time and word spread among Protestant voters that it was actually a tunnel to Rome, to the basement of the Vatican.

Hoover won by six million votes and the post-election story made the rounds that Smith had sent a one-word telegram to the Pope — "Unpack!"

The master of the dirty trick, of course, was our own James Michael Curley, whose "poison gas squad" liked to dress up as priests and discuss aloud where voters, most of them Catholic, could hear how unfortunate it was that Jim's opponent was seen eating meat on Friday or was planning to divorce his wife or had joined the Masons.

One such group, posing as members of the Hawes Baptist Club canvassed Catholic South Boston in the interests of Curley's opponent, whose name happened to be Murphy.

Plant a question?

Kid stuff

Too many choices makes us second guess

THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT

DIANE K. DANIELSON



Should I get the Vermonty Python or the Vanilla Swiss Almond Carb Karma? One scoop or two? Cone or cup?

Watching my son painstakingly decide which trinkets he's going to buy with his arcade winnings — all of which would have been much cheaper to simply purchase rather than spend $20 on arcade games — I was reminded of the book, "Paradox of Choice: Why More is Less," by Barry Schwartz. Schwartz raises the question as to whether too much choice is, to put it simply, "too much." I think he's on to something.

Now I'm a "pro-choice" kind of gal, and there are times when having several options is essential, like in presidential elections. But these days, it sometimes feels as if the entire world is a multiple choice test; only with way more options than "a, b, c, d" and the dreaded "e — none of the above."

Take the simple act of ordering a cup of coffee. It was only a few years ago that Starbucks published a 14-page manual on how to order their coffee. Time magazine even calculated that given all the different options, you could order a Starbucks' coffee 19,000 different ways. That's a different cup of coffee every day for 52 years. Not being organized enough to bring my instruction manual with me, I generally end up going for my usual "tall regular coffee of the day." My version of "none of the above."

Now, there are some instances where having a lot of choice can be quite useful, as long as you know what you want. For example, the other day I ventured into Old Navy to buy jeans. Faced with a towering wall of intimidating denim, loud music and teenagers running around with headsets completely ignoring the helplessly and hopelessly unhip old lady in the jeans aisle, I almost gave up. But, then I noticed a chart where you could choose which of four styles you wanted for the waistband — from belly-baring to one that actually hits at your waist, next you could locate your size; select short, regular or long; and, finally, boot cut or not. I don't think I've ever bought a pair of jeans more quickly in my life. Why? Because according to the chart there was only one pair on that entire wall that would work for me. And I was able to find it in record time — without having to actually converse with any teenagers.

On the opposite end of the spectrum is a visit to Ben & Jerry's. Should I get the Vermonty Python or the Vanilla Swiss Almond Carb Karma? One scoop or two? Cone or cup? Yet no matter what I decide I can never help wondering if I would have enjoyed the Phish Food or Cherry Garcia even more. However, when it's a cold, snowy weekend and I'm sitting home on a Saturday night watching chick flicks, sipping Chardonnay and craving sweets, nothing tastes better than to finish off the long-forgotten Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough pint discovered in the back of the freezer lodged behind the frozen chicken (exp. date 2005).

Why? Because having too many choices can cause us to second, third and exponentially re-guess our first choice, taking away most of the enjoyment and in some cases even diluting the quality of our options. This must be why I now have more than 500 television stations to choose from, and can still never find anything worth watching. Yet when faced with a single option, we can take satisfaction in knowing that we made the best possible decision — even if it involves finishing off a pint of 1,000-plus calorie ice cream.

Perhaps life would be less stressful if we adopted the pre-school approach of limited options. I know that mealtimes in my house go much more smoothly when my son only has to decide between the Scooby Doo or SpongeBob macaroni and cheese. And if he doesn't like that, then he gets "none of the above." But, wait a second — when did macaroni and cheese become a multiple choice question?

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Delay is going to cost taxpayers

COMMENTARY

PAUL LUALDI

Now it appears that a few residents nearby to the staging area object to its presence and are embroiling the town in unnecessary and unreasonable litigation.

The Not in My Backyard (NIMBY) syndrome has struck in Cohasset again. As is well known, the town is engaged in a major construction project installing water and sewer mains in the Little Harbor area to improve its water supply and to rectify environmental issues. An integral part of any construction project such as this is the need to establish a local staging area as the focal point of the operation. The town was fortunate there was a suitable location in the construction area, which the landowner was willing to allow the contractor to use. It provides good access to the area under construction, which expedites the job and minimizes the cost to all taxpayers and the residents who are paying the full cost of the sewer. Town Meeting authorized these construction activities (staging area implied).

Now it appears that a few residents nearby to the staging area object to its presence and are embroiling the town in unnecessary and unreasonable litigation. Unfortunately they have found support for their complaint at the Planning Board. A member of the Planning Board explained to me that other areas for staging were available across Route 3A. He ignores the fact that it would expand the area of the town and the number of residents impacted by the construction as it would require large truck and vehicular traffic to travel on and across 3A and then traverse any number of town streets to reach the construction area. That presents a safety and traffic issue. It would also extend the schedule and increase the cost of the project for the town.

It is unfortunate and sad to think that any town resident would be so mean-spirited as to take action to impede this project, delay its completion and increase the cost for all town taxpayers. The ZBA expects to address this issue at its meeting on Dec. 11. Let's hope common sense prevails.

Paul L. Lualdi lives at 56 Deep Run

BRIEFLY

Register to vote for Presidential Primary

The Governor signed legislation on Monday, Nov. 26, to move the date of the Presidential Primary to Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008. The last day to register to vote will be Wednesday, Jan. 16. Registration will take place at the Town Clerk's office from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a Town Meeting or Election Day may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register to vote. If people move, they may register to vote as soon as they move into a new home. Registration is closed for a brief period before each Town Meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. If people register during a closed period, they will be eligible to vote only in later Town Meetings or elections.

Health Notes

Rushing creates stress in life

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which muscle groups are tense and can physically let go of that tension, then he will reduce his need to respond to conditions that make him tense. It is impossible to feel relaxed and tense at the same time. Those who exercise through sports are frequently reminded to relax. They automatically sense the muscle groups that are tense because they are being used in the sport; arms and shoulders for tennis, and bowling; legs and abdomen for calisthenics, etc. Relaxing the shoulder and lower body muscles frequently helps. Many therapists say that regular, daily practice of relaxation techniques will assist you in relieving muscle tension, greatly improve your overall feeling of well being and reduce your anxiety.

When reflection and planning replace instant reaction and response in our lives, we've found one of the secrets to relieving stress. So, it seems the way to obtain relief from the tension of holidays is first, to recognize when you are feeling tension and relax. Before you respond to anything; relax. Next, think of your objective and what you wish to accomplish. Then using your favorite planning tools; Blackberry, notebook, pad and skewer, book of maps, GPS, whatever, work out what you're going to do and deliberately go through the sequence of activities. Perfect, until the phone rings, or there's a knock on the door, etc. Nobody said it was going to be easy and it will always take more time than is available.

So, it's the holidays; we've learned to accept a little tension. Think in advance about how you're going to respond so you don't get hooked into an argument. The following responses may help diffuse things:

"I'll consider it." (Then change the subject.) Better than a hasty inappropriate remark.

Or when someone offers a critique on your apparel "thanks for your consideration." Hopefully reflects their primary purpose, which was to help.

Now, practice by thinking up a response to: "aren't you putting on a little weight?"

And finally when all else fails, there's "Chill out!"

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Letters to the Editor

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Jingle Bell Walk support appreciated

To the Editor:

The South Shore Community Center in Cohasset would like to express our sincere thanks to the many merchants, contributors and volunteers who helped make our annual Jingle Bell Walk a great success!

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Happy Holidays

Stephanie Church
Program Director

Library Corner

Give books this holiday season

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library at 35 Ripley Road. For more information call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Give the gift of books – This holiday season, give the gift of books. The library can help you choose the perfect book for that special someone. Consult the wide selection of book review tools such as the New York Times Book Review, the Genreflecting series, the NoveList and Pearl's Picks databases, and various other publications that make it easy to select the right book. Come and browse the Friends of the Library's book sale rack in the Community Room for great bargains.

New Audiobooks – New books on CD are now available. Choose from well-known authors such as Jennifer Chiaverini, Alexander McCall-Smith, Debbie Macomber, Steve Martin and John McCain and more. Can't find the title you are looking for? No problem. It's easy to place a hold on your favorite title online using the library Web site, www.cohassetlibrary.org, or by visiting the library in person.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film, "Fraulein," at 6 p.m., Thurs. Dec. 20. Reza left Belgrade more than 25 years ago to seek a new life in Zurich. Now in her fifties, she has completely detached herself from the past. She owns a cafeteria and maintains an orderly, joyless existence. Ana, a young, itinerant woman who has fled Sarajevo, breezes into the cafeteria looking for work. Reza hires her but is annoyed by Ana's impulsive and spirited efforts to inject life into the cafeteria. Ana, who hides a tragic secret under her passionate spirit, begins to thaw Reza's chill, and their relationship will change both women in ways they never anticipated. Swiss-German, German, Bosnian, Croatian, and Serbian with English subtitles. The length of the film is 81 minutes. Free admission and refreshments will be provided, courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

FOR CHILDREN

Spotlight on Magazines – The Children's Room has a wonderful selection of magazines for all ages. Many of the magazines are great for school assignments and for gathering information. Faces is a cultural magazine that reports on people, places, and cultures around the world. Cobblestone explores in depth events and people in American History. Calliope explores topics, people, and events in world history.

If you are interested in science and technology you might want to read Kids Discover, National Geographic World, and Zoobooks. Budding writers might be interested in American Girl, New Moon, and Cricket. Ladybug, Nick Jr., and Sesame Street provide great entertainment for younger students. Sports fans will want to keep up to date with "Sports Illustrated for Kids."

Senior Scene

Holiday Melodies Dec. 18 at Allerton House

The following events are sponsored by Cohasset Elder Affairs at 3 North Street. Registration is required for all events unless noted by calling 781-383-9112.

EVENTS

Holiday Melodies – Allerton House invites Cohasset seniors, Tuesday, **Dec. 18**, for wonderful entertainment with "the man with many voices," Joey Canzana beginning at 1:30 p.m., with desserts and punch, followed by holiday melodies from 2 to 3 p.m. Transportation is available by calling the Senior Center.

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Lunchtime events

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Why American women need a wakeup call

Hingham resident publishes book on leadership

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Vicki Donlan asserts that it is time for women to take charge in her just released book, "Her Turn: Why It's Time Women Lead in America."

Before the sun rises, it may be difficult to see a petite brunette pounding the pavement. But everyday for the past 29 years, Vicki Donlan has been running in Hingham while most of us are still snoring. And while we are sipping our coffee, her agenda to boost American women in more top leadership roles is in full print.

Publisher and founder of a monthly newsmagazine, Women's Business Boston, Donlan has just added "author" to her mile-long resume. In her first-released book, "Her Turn: Why It's Time Women Lead in America," she shares some jaw-dropping statistics that effectively show our own corporate world may be facing a crisis when it comes to women leaders.

"Women are moving backwards, even though companies are investing thousands of dollars in their women employees," says Donlan as she sits on the edge of her seat. And she then quickly rattles off statistics, and it's not encouraging. But her ability to motivate makes any woman wonder why she can't go out and conquer the world. After all, that very spirit is what Donlan grew up with.

As a young teenager in Newton, Donlan sat on her bed and wondered aloud whether the Beatles would ever play at the Boston Garden. Her father, a commercial real estate developer, did not hesitate to pick up the phone and after a few calls, managed to get in direct contact with Brian Epstein, the band's agent.

"'A lot of people say you can't ask to so and so," (or someone who may appear better than you) and my father always said, 'Why not?'" Her father treated her like a queen. When mayors and celebrities, like Jackie Gleason, came to visit, he said to them, "You must meet my daughter, Vicki," and not the other way around. Donlan, now 56, realizes that this dignified treatment wasn't the norm for kids, especially those that were girls in the early 60s. But, she says, her father was "bigger than life and taught her how to think outside of the box." She encourages parents of young girls to give them this same type of nurturing and a role model and mentor.

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While the Beatles did not play at the Garden as a result of her father's efforts, she explains that he would often demonstrate his power to believe and plan. She proudly declares, "He was a great visionary."

So great that he even knew how to choose her husband. According to Donlan, he set her up on a blind date, and six months later, she married that man, Francis Donlan. "We both wanted 12 children."

If that plan had come true, Donlan's career would have undeniably taken a different path. As nature has it, the couple gave birth to one boy, David, and for 35 years, her family has remained her number one priority. At the same time, she also says she made the choice to work as well. "I can't imagine *not* working." While she respects stay-at-home moms, she also says that "women have trouble with the guilt" and "we also don't know how to delegate." (Later on she claims that she wrote the book on weekends and actually taught her husband how to do the grocery shopping.)

Seeing her father's ability to think big played a huge role in creating Donlan's drive to succeed. She graduated fifth in her class at an all girls high school, and went on to graduate from Pine Manor College, another all girls college, in 1971. She then went to work at the New England Real Estate Journal, a newspaper owned and operated by her brother, 15 years older. From there, she worked at various jobs in different industries. And over time she had a frustrating sales job, which ultimately led her to take on her campaign to help women achieve higher leadership roles in the workplace. And thus the entrepreneur had emerged.

Smoothing out her skirt, Donlan tells the story about how she founded the South Shore Business Network — and it wasn't on the golf course. As a salesperson, she attended several Chamber of Commerce meetings and "all the guys wanted to talk about sports." She couldn't seem to connect with potential business prospects. So, along with five other women, she started the organization that would quickly grow to 400 members. "It was amazing. I would get 40 messages a day on my machine from women who were interested in becoming members." And finally after an "aha" moment on a plane, she quit her full-time job, wrote a business plan and became the first paid full-time executive director. "Even men started to join. They realized that business was happening."

Donlan is a woman of action, eventually starting several more women's associations and starting her own newspaper, which she sold to the Boston Herald a year after she started it. One of her many mottos: "Plan your exit before you start your beginning." Still working as the publisher and a regular guest on New England Cable News, she dabbles at her own blog, and recently invited readers and their children to the Hillary Clinton event at Symphony Hall last month. That entry evoked some opposition, with one responder labeling her a "left wing liberal."

She's not shy in declaring who she will vote for in the next presidential campaign, but she does want to set the record straight: she has voted Republican all her life, even though she hasn't agreed with all of the candidate's issues. The prospect of having a woman as president makes her very excited. A few weeks ago Donlan had the opportunity to meet Senator Clinton in Boston and personally gave her a copy of the book. Coincidentally, her timing for the book release couldn't have been better.

Convincing and smart, Donlan leans over and shares a secret: her next plan is to see Larry King, and it's easy to imagine her chatting away completely at ease sitting across from him. According to her husband, "she is never at a loss for words."

Women in America

Three things we can learn from Donlan's book about why it's time women lead in America:

- Women are the majority sex at 52 percent
- Women are 85 percent of the consumer purchasing power
- Women are the majority wealth holders

Holiday celebration at Buttonwood Books

Buttonwood Books & Toys at Shaw's Plaza off Route 3A will hold "Buttonwood Celebrates," a daylong celebration of the holiday season, beginning at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 8. Many exciting events are planned starting with a visit from Santa Claus from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

A book singing with Hingham author and photographer Bill Brett featuring his new book, "Boston: An Extended Family," will take place at 11 a.m. Cohasset young adult author, Amanda Thompson, launches her new book "Seasons" at 1 p.m., and local singer and songwriter Mamasteph, will host a sing-along of holiday favorites, for parents and children, at 3 p.m.

Toy demonstrations will take place in the toy department from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. View and learn about unique toys for kids from 9 to 99 years. Games like Ruk-Shuk, Hyper-Dash, Bananagrams, and others will be demonstrated.

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Health Notes

Rushing creates stress in life

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which muscle groups are tense and can physically let go of that tension, then he will reduce his need to respond to conditions that make him tense. It is impossible to feel relaxed and tense at the same time. Those who exercise through sports are frequently reminded to relax. They automatically sense the muscle groups that are tense because they are being used in the sport; arms and shoulders for tennis, and bowling; legs and abdomen for calisthenics, etc. Relaxing the shoulder and lower body muscles frequently helps. Many therapists say that regular, daily practice of relaxation techniques will assist you in relieving muscle tension, greatly improve your overall feeling of well being and reduce your anxiety.

When reflection and planning replace instant reaction and response in our lives, we've found one of the secrets to relieving stress. So, it seems the way to obtain relief from the tension of holidays is first, to recognize when you are feeling tension and relax. Before you respond to anything; relax. Next, think of your objective and what you wish to accomplish. Then using your favorite planning tools; Blackberry, notebook, pad and skewer, book of maps, GPS, whatever, work out what you're going to do and deliberately go through the sequence of activities. Perfect, until the phone rings, or there's a knock on the door, etc. Nobody said it was going to be easy and it will always take more time than is available.

So, it's the holidays; we've learned to accept a little tension. Think in advance about how you're going to respond so you don't get hooked into an argument. The following responses may help diffuse things:

"I'll consider it." (Then change the subject.) Better than a hasty inappropriate remark.

Or when someone offers a critique on your apparel "thanks for your consideration." Hopefully reflects their primary purpose, which was to help.

Now, practice by thinking up a response to: "aren't you putting on a little weight?"

And finally when all else fails, there's "Chill out!"

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To the Editor:

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Happy Holidays

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The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library at 35 Ripley Road. For more information call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

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If you are interested in science and technology you might want to read Kids Discover, National Geographic World, and Zoobooks. Budding writers might be interested in American Girl, New Moon, and Cricket. Ladybug, Nick Jr., and Sesame Street provide great entertainment for younger students. Sports fans will want to keep up to date with "Sports Illustrated for Kids."

Senior Scene

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Why American women need a wakeup call

Hingham resident publishes book on leadership

By Lisa Hennessey
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Vicki Donlan asserts that it is time for women to take charge in her just released book, "Her Turn: Why It's Time Women Lead in America."

Before the sun rises, it may be difficult to see a petite brunette pounding the pavement. But everyday for the past 29 years, Vicki Donlan has been running in Hingham while most of us are still snoring. And while we are sipping our coffee, her agenda to boost American women in more top leadership roles is in full sprint.

Publisher and founder of a monthly newsmagazine, Women's Business Boston, Donlan has just added "author" to her mile-long resume. In her just-released book, "Her Turn: Why It's Time Women Lead in America," she shares some jaw-dropping statistics that effectively show our own corporate world may be facing a crisis when it comes to women leaders.

"Women are moving backwards, even though companies are investing thousands of dollars in their women employees," says Donlan as she sits on the edge of her seat. And she then quickly rattles off statistics, and it's not encouraging. But her ability to motivate makes any woman wonder why she can't go out and conquer the world. After all, that fiery spirit is what Donlan grew up with.

As a young teenager in Newton, Donlan sat on her bed and wondered aloud whether the Beatles would ever play at the Boston Garden. Her father, a commercial real estate developer, did not hesitate to pick up the phone and after a few calls, managed to get in direct contact with Brian Epstein, the band's agent.

"A lot of people say you can't talk to so and so," (or someone who may appear better than you) "and my father always said, 'Why not?'" Her father treated her like a queen. When mayors and celebrities, like Jackie Gleason, came to visit, he said to them, "You must meet my daughter, Vicki," and not the other way around. Donlan, now 56, realizes that this dignified treatment wasn't the norm for kids, especially those that were girls in the early 60s. But, she says, her father was "bigger than life and taught her how to think outside of the box." She encourages parents of young girls to give them this same type of nurturing and a role model and mentor.

While the Beatles did not play at the Garden as a result of her father's efforts, she explains that he would often demonstrate his power to believe and plan. She proudly declares, "He was a great visionary."

So great that he even knew how to choose her husband. According to Donlan, he set her up on a blind date, and six months later, she married that man, Francis Donlan. "We both wanted 12 children."

If that plan had come true, Donlan's career would have undeniably taken a different path. As nature has it, the couple gave birth to one boy, David, and for 35 years, her family has remained her number one priority. At the same time, she also says she made the choice to work as well. "I can't imagine *not* working." While she respects stay-at-home moms, she also says that "women have trouble with the guilt" and "we also don't know how to delegate." (Later on she claims that she wrote the book on weekends and actually taught her husband how to do the grocery shopping.)

"Women are moving backwards, even though companies are investing thousands of dollars in their women employees."
— Vicki Donlan

Seeing her father's ability to think big played a huge role in creating Donlan's drive to succeed. She graduated fifth in her class at an all girls high school, and went on to graduate from Pine Manor College, another all girls college, in 1971. She then went to work at the New England Real Estate Journal, a newspaper owned and operated by her brother, 15 years older. From there, she worked at various jobs in different industries. And over time she had a frustrating sales job, which ultimately led her to take on her campaign to help women achieve higher leadership roles in the workplace. And thus the entrepreneur had emerged.

Smoothing out her skirt, Donlan tells the story about how she founded the South Shore Business Network — and it wasn't on the golf course. As a salesperson, she attended several Chamber of Commerce meetings and "all the guys wanted to talk about sports." She couldn't seem to connect with potential business prospects. So, along with five other women, she started the organization that would quickly grow to 400 members. "It was amazing. I would get 40 messages a day on my machine from women who were interested in becoming members." And finally after an "aha" moment on a plane, she quit her full-time job, wrote a business plan and became the first paid full-time executive director. "Even men started to join. They realized that business was happening."

Donlan is a woman of action, eventually starting several more women's associations and starting her own newspaper, which she sold to the Boston Herald a year after she started it. One of her many mottos: "Plan your exit before you start your beginning." Still working as the publisher and a regular guest on New England Cable News, she dabbles at her own blog, and recently invited readers and their children to the Hillary Clinton event at Symphony Hall last month. That entry evoked some opposition, with one responder labeling her a "left wing liberal."

She's not shy in declaring who she will vote for in the next presidential campaign, but she does want to set the record straight: she has voted Republican all her life, even though she hasn't agreed with all of the candidate's issues. The prospect of having a woman as president makes her very excited. A few weeks ago Donlan had the opportunity to meet Senator Clinton in Boston and personally gave her a copy of the book. Coincidentally, her timing for the book release couldn't have been better.

Convincing and smart, Donlan leans over and shares a secret: her next plan is to see Larry King, and it's easy to imagine her chatting away completely at ease sitting across from him. According to her husband, "she is never at a loss for words."

Women in America

Three things we can learn from Donlan's book about why it's time women lead in America:

- Women are the majority sex at 52 percent
- Women are 85 percent of the consumer purchasing power
- Women are the majority wealth holders

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On the South Shore

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Cohasset's PJ McCaw (3) breaks through the traffic as he heads up field against Hull. McCaw made the South Shore League All-Star team and has future plans to play in college.

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Senior day

Class left big footprint on football program

By Joel Racicot
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When a college coach moves to a new job his first real class is the one he recruited. For a high school coach, like Cohasset head coach Pete Afanasiw, it's usually the second year guys that graduate who constitute that sort of feeling. Year one is marked by newness that normally takes some time getting used to.

Year two the staff has had the players throughout the school year and over the summer. The kids from Cohasset came into camp knowing what to expect and where the orders were going to come from in 2007.

All this said, the 8-2 Skippers were led by one heck of a senior class and Coach Afanasiw couldn't have been happier with the way they responded during his second year, or prouder with the way they played.

"Having them for the last two seasons you can see the effect they have had on this team," Afanasiw said. "They were disappointed with last year's performance (2006) and they shouldered every bit of this season themselves, they came in week in and week out and played hard."

To a man, all 12 seniors had a

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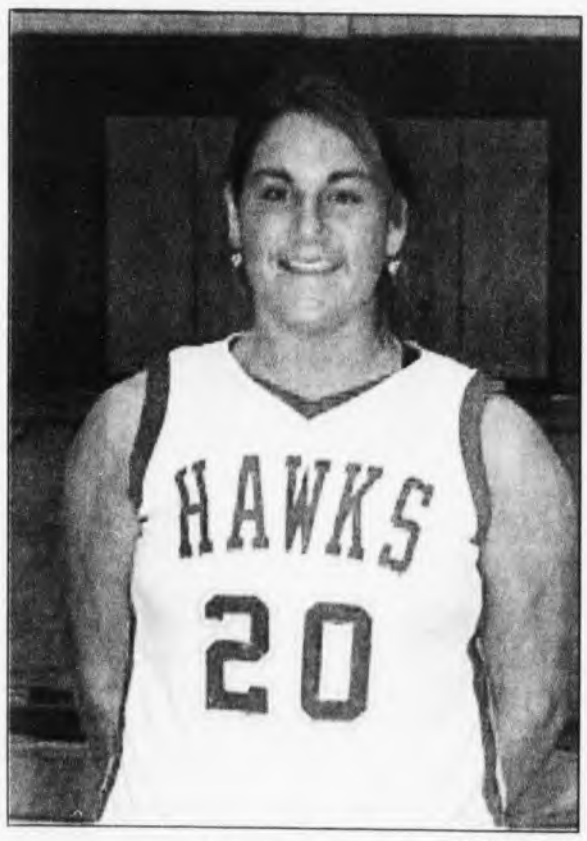
Anderson named RWU athlete of the week

Junior Casey Anderson (Cohasset, Mass.) was named Roger Williams University Female Athlete of the Week after totaling 21 points and 13 rebounds in the women's basketball team's two games last week.

Thursday at Eastern Connecticut State University, Anderson was the lone Hawk to post double-digit points, shooting 4-for-11 from the field and 2-for-2 from the line. The 5-foot, 9-inch forward also pulled down two offensive and two defensive rebounds on the night.

Saturday against Mt. Holyoke College, Anderson was one rebound shy of her season's second double-double, posting 11 points and nine rebounds in 34 minutes of play. She also added a steal and a blocked shot to help lead the Hawks to a 69-64 comeback victory over the Lyons.

Anderson and the team return to action Tuesday in the first half of a RWU double-header beginning at 6 p.m. They host Simmons College prior to an 8 p.m. men's contest against Salve Regina University.



COURTESY PHOTO

Cohasset native Casey Anderson continues to play well for the Roger Williams University girls basketball team. Anderson was named the RWU Female Athlete of the Week.

Cohasset's Altholtz chips in at national tournament

Yee leads Weymouth Club

By Ed Carpenter
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Quincy's Robbie Yee posted a 3-2 record to lead the Weymouth Club's 18-and-under tennis team to a 15th-place finish at the National Junior Tennis Tournament that was held recently in Tucson, AZ.

It marked the first time any Weymouth Club team had qualified for the National Junior Team competition.

Weymouth was one of four teams that competed in Flight 3, which turned out to be one of the most difficult flights of the tournament, featuring teams from Columbia, SC, Puerto Rico, and New Jersey.

In its first match of the tournament, Weymouth lost to the South Carolina team that went on to win the National title.

In the South Carolina match, Yee, who is a senior at Quincy High School, was pitted against David Collins. The two split their two sets, 6-3, 4-6, but Collins went on to win the tie-breaker in one of the tournament's toughest matches. Collins finished the competition undefeated as he helped lead his team to the national title.

Weymouth bounced back in its second match to defeat Puerto Rico only to lose its third-flight finale to New Jersey.

In those first three matches, the Weymouth team combined to win 100 games. In another flights, that win total may have qualified them for one of the higher flights in the next series of matches.

Instead, they advanced to the flight that determined the 13th- through 16th-place finishes.

In their first match, Weymouth lost to Texas pitting them against Hawaii for the final two places. The local youngsters prevailed as they took 15th place, while Hawaii was 16th.

"The kids were in great spirits after the match," said team manager Courtney McLaughlin, who is also the adult tennis coordinator at the Weymouth Club. "They said we might have finished 15th in the tournament, but that makes us the 15th best team in the country.

"It was a great experience for the kids," McLaughlin continued. "They did very well. They were just victims of being in the toughest bracket of the tournament. In fact, their first match was against the team that won the national championship."

Aside from Yee, Katherine Kelley of Norwell also played well as she compiled a 2-3 record. In one of her best matches, she teamed with Kellie MacFarlane (Kingston) to take the girls doubles team from New Jersey to a match tiebreaker.

The other local youth who competed included—Maddy Altholtz (Cohasset) and Roberta Bergstein (Hingham) and—Kevin Hadar (Weymouth), Danny Hajjar (Weymouth), and Max Stalla (Milton).

The team qualified for the National Tournament by winning the Sectional title in late August in Hartford, CT.

"The team had a great season," said McLaughlin. "They should feel very proud about how the season went and they were the first local team to qualify for the National Junior tournament."

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December	Time
8 @Pembroke	10 a.m.
12 @B.C. High	5 p.m.
15 Canton	10 a.m.
15 Hingham	10 a.m.
15 Hanover	10 a.m.
15 Norton	10 a.m.
19 Bristol/Plym.	7 p.m.
22 @Lynnfield	10 a.m.
22 @Wakefield	10 a.m.
22 @Wilmington	10 a.m.
27 @Marshfield Tourn.	10 a.m.
28 @Marshfield Tourn.	12 p.m.
January	
5 @Braintree	1 p.m.
5 @Bridg/Rayn.	1 p.m.
5 @St. John's Prep	1 p.m.
9 @Norwell	3:30 p.m.
12 Cohasset Invit.	10 a.m.
16 @Carver	7 p.m.
19 @Whit/Hans.	10 a.m.
19 @Durfee	10 a.m.
19 @Wayland	10 a.m.
23 Southeast Reg.	7 p.m.
25 @Marshfield	4 p.m.
25 @Rockland	4 p.m.
25 @Scituate	4 p.m.
30 @S.S. Reg.	7 p.m.
February	
2 Nauset	10 a.m.
2 Worcester Tech.	10 a.m.
2 Milton	10 a.m.
5 Tri-County	3:30 p.m.
9 @MIAA Div. 3	TBA

Boys Varsity Basketball

All games at 6:30 p.m. unless nted.

December	
6 @Boston Latin	4:30 p.m.
10 S.S. Christian	
14 @Abington	
18 Carver	
27 Cohasset Tourney	4:30 p.m.
27 Cohasset Tourney	7:30 p.m.
28 Cohasset Tourney	4:30 p.m.
28 Cohasset Tourney	7:30 p.m.
January	
4 Harwich	
8 @Hull	7:30 p.m.
11 @Norwell	
15 Mashpee	
16 @ S.S. Regional	5 p.m.
18 @E. Bridgewater	
22 Abington	
25 @Carver	
29 @Harwich	
February	
1 Hull	6 p.m.
5 Norwell	
7 S.S. Regional	5 p.m.
8 @Mashpee	
13 E. Bridgewater	
14 S.S. Christian	

Girls Varsity Basketball

All games at 6:30 p.m. unless noted.

December	
6 Marshfield	3:15 p.m.
10 S.S. Christian	5 p.m.
14 Abington	
18 @Carver	
20 Cape Cod Reg.	5:30 p.m.
27 Cohasset Tourney	3 p.m.
27 Cohasset Tourney	6 p.m.
28 Cohasset Tourney	3 p.m.
28 Cohasset Tourney	6 p.m.
January	
4 @Harwich	
8 @Hull	6 p.m.
10 Norwell	
15 @Mashpee	
18 E. Bridgewater	
22 @Abington	
25 Carver	
29 Harwich	
February	
1 Hull	7:30 p.m.
5 @Norwell	
8 Mashpee	
11 @Cape Cod Reg.	5:30 p.m.
13 @E. Bridgewater	
14 S.S. Christian	5 p.m.

Girls Varsity Gymnastics

December	
18 @Carver	7 p.m.
January	
5 Bridg./Rayn.	1:30 p.m.
11 Hingham	7 p.m.
14 @Hanover	7 p.m.
19 Pembroke	1:30 p.m.
26 Brockton	1:30 p.m.
28 @Marshfield	7 p.m.
February	
1 Notre Dame	7 p.m.
4 @Silver Lake	7 p.m.
9 @Cranberry Conf. Meet/Somerset	TBA

Boys Varsity Ice Hockey

December	
8 @Foxboro Jamb.	3:10 p.m.
19 @Carver	7:50 p.m.
21 Mansfield	8 p.m.
22 Abington	3 p.m.
27 @Mansfield	8 p.m.
January	
2 @Rockland	5:55 p.m.
4 S.S. Regional	8 p.m.
5 Norwell	7:40 p.m.
11 Old Rochester	6:50 p.m.
12 @Hull	7:40 p.m.
16 Mashpee	5:20 p.m.
19 Harwich	7:40 p.m.
23 Carver	7:40 p.m.
26 @Abington	4:30 p.m.
30 @Norwell	7:40 p.m.
February	
6 Hull	7:40 p.m.
8 Rockland	8 p.m.
10 @Mashpee	6:55 p.m.
13 @Harwich	7 p.m.
16 @S.S. Regional	2:50 p.m.
20 @Old Rochester	10:30 a.m.

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH



Family - Jill, mother; David, father; Michelle, sister
Hobbies - Playing basketball with friends
Favorite Athlete - Terrell Davis
Favorite Accomplishment - Making the Globe All-Scholastic team for football
Favorite Subject - Math
Favorite Teacher - Mr. Battis
Favorite TV Show - Entourage
Favorite Food - Buffalo chicken calzone
Favorite Movie - Billy Madison
Most Underrated Teammate - Matt Kelly

BRAD POIRIER
Marshfield



Family - Jill, mother; David, father; Michelle, sister
Hobbies - Playing all sports
Favorite Athlete - Randy Moss
Favorite Accomplishment - Having winning seasons
Favorite Subject - Science
Favorite Teacher - Mrs. Goode
Favorite TV Show - Chappelle's Show
Favorite Food - Chicken Parmesan
Favorite Movie - Superbad
Most Underrated Teammate - Steve Lunn

LUKE POIRIER
Marshfield

Nominees for the South Shore Athlete of the Month are chosen by sports editors from the following towns: Abington, Braintree, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Marshfield, Norwell, Rockland, Scituate and Weymouth. One student-athlete is chosen from the list of nominees as the South Shore Athlete of the Month. Coastal Nissan, sponsor of the South Shore Athlete of the Month, will present a check in the amount of $500 each month to the athletic department from the winning school.
Nominees for the month of November are: Abington: Kristian LaPointe; Braintree: Joe Gaughan; Cohasset: David Snowdale; Hanover: Mike Murphy; Hingham: Chris Constantine; Marshfield: Brad and Luke Poirier; Norwell: Jill Cammett; Rockland: Amanda Panaro; Scituate: Emily Zaccardi; Weymouth: Nick Patten.
The Athletes of the Month for November are Brad and Luke Poirier of Marshfield.

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Sixth grade boys shine in regional

Cohasset's 6th grade boys travel basketball team enjoyed some pre-season success last weekend on the shiny new floors of the fabulous Bridgewater-Raynham High School facility. A packed house filled the multi-court venue that hosted a regional collection of teams from towns in and around the Patriot League. Cohasset was matched up against a stout team from Norton, a speedy group from Bridgewater and two tough teams from Abington in a lineup that included four games over a two-day span.

Cohasset started the action at 8 a.m. Saturday morning with an eye-opening contest against an eight-man roster from Norton that included some nifty shooters and stingy defenders. After only two days of practice the week leading up to the tournament the kids from Cohasset came out firing to get off to an early lead. Mark Brown led the way with steady play at the center position to dictate the tempo and drain some clean lay-ups down low. Brendan O'Connell directed the action from the point with some great dishes to his teammates setting up some easy baskets. Rocco Laugelle was a force on both ends of the court providing some lighting quick fast-breaks and equally damaging defense to disrupt Norton's rhythm and passing game. Connor Green was a force on the boards throwing his medley of strokes at the opponent to snag any and every rebound within reach. But in the end, Norton would prove to be a little more than Cohasset could handle for breakfast that morning and they ultimately fell in a close contest, 19-16.

Cohasset returned Saturday afternoon to face host team Bridgewater in another close contest that showcased Cohasset's strength and size that generated a steady stream of rebounds, good ball control and smart shooting that kept the boys in blue ahead for most of the game. Mark McKenna gallantly led the charge with a nice pace at point guard to set-up his forwards with some smart jump shots and crisp passing inside to the bangers on the boards.

Mark Rattenbury drained some nice buckets across the court and denied Bridgewater many times with well timed blocks at the net. Chris Haggerty played terrific defense and handled the ball well in the forward position with accurate passes and good shot-making. Zach Coggins was always a threat on offense and played tough "D" with some timely steals and good overall pesky-ness to disrupt the opponent. Cohasset stayed ahead for the remainder of the contest to capture its first victory over a good club from Bridgewater.

Sunday afternoon offered up a back-to-back showdown with two scrappy teams from the Green Belt of Abington, MA. Cohasset never looks past an Abington opponent, as they know these kids mean business and this cool November day in Bridgewater was no different, both teams were ready to rock n' roll. Abington-A was up first. Some of the Abington players may have had size on Timmy Cavanaro, but no fear, Timmy would deny his opponents of any easy shots and maintained a solid presence on the boards to keep the ball in Cohasset's hands in this close contest.

Jack Stanganelli showed his strength with some steady ball control and strong defense. Jack Conte provided a speedy step at point guard and drained some nice shots from the outside to keep Cohasset in the game. This game was a battle from the get-go, which means Joe Buckley was not far away. This boy's middle name is "battle," battle for rebounds, battle for loose balls, battle for close range lay-ups, you don't turn sixteen shades of red for nothing. This kid is a diesel engine heading down the highway, great fun to watch.

Back and forth all game long, messed up scoreboard, more fouls than Frank Purdue's hen house, and yes, we have overtime. And, thankfully Cohasset had Henry Brown on its side. Henry was Cool-Hand Luke down the stretch, making some key jump shots to protect a thin lead in overtime that ultimately would lead to a second overtime. Some clutch foul shooting by Brendan O'Connell led to the win and Cohasset went up 2-1 in the tournament.

The final match-up of the tournament was against a second team from Abington. Abington-B had a little less height than Abington-A, but no less speed, tenacity, and talent. Abington shot off to a quick 5-0 lead that had Cohasset scrambling for a good portion of the first half. Several turnovers kept Cohasset off kilter, but Doug Fitzgerald would steady the ship with his steely hand at the point with impressive outside shooting and terrific ball handling. Cohasset recovered from their early deficit to gain and hold on to the lead for the remainder of the contest to close out the weekend on a great note, 3-1. A terrific weekend of basketball for a team that looks forward to a fun-filled season of success!

CYBSA board elections

The CYBSA is pleased to announce the final list of candidates for new CYBSA Board Members. There are currently five open seats on the Board and we are thrilled to have nine very talented individuals interested in those positions. The voting polls are open and will remain open until the Annual meeting December 11th.

Please visit the CYBSA Web site at www.CYBSA.net and select the tab "Board Election 2008". This page will provide a summary of the voting process (how to vote) and a list of candidates and their Statement of Interest (summary of why they want to join the board).

We appreciate your commitment to the CYBSA and encourage you vote.

Class left big footprint on football program

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major impact on a very good football team, one that finished first in Division 3 on defense (7.6 points per game) and third on offense (22.8 ppg). Coach Afanasiw praised all 12 guys for their hard work and dedication all season long.

Sam DeGiacomo: "Excellent two way player and one of the finest red zone backs in the league." DeGiacomo tied the team lead with six touchdowns and was a three-year varsity player.

PJ McCaw: "Punishing blocker, powerful runner, excellent hands, on defense he was a kid that players ran away from." McCaw, a South Shore League All-Star, tied for the team lead with six sacks and was third in receiving with 200 yards.

David Snowdale: "A very good quarterback, very accurate thrower and a tough runner." Snowdale rushed for six scores and threw for five more. He had over 800 yards through the air in '07.

Pat Doonan: "Pound for pound one of the strongest kids on the team, a true leader and excellent competitor, what he brought will be hard to replace next year." Doonan, a SSL All-Star, had over 340 receiving yards with over 40 receptions and picked off four passes from defensive back.

Kenny Muir: "Excellent hands, tremendous overall athlete, great attitude." In only his second season playing football Muir finished second on the team with 300 yards receiving.

Mark Flibotte: "Controlled the defensive backfield, an excellent and intelligent safety, a field general on defense he had great instincts." Flibotte led the team with six interceptions and had just fewer than 300 receiving yards during the season.

Kyle Pinkus: "He is gong to be very hard to replace. Very coachable, great attitude, excellent leader." Pinkus, a SSL All-Star, had 115 tackles and over 700 yards rushing and will look to play Division 1 football in the future. Voted the team Most Valuable Player.

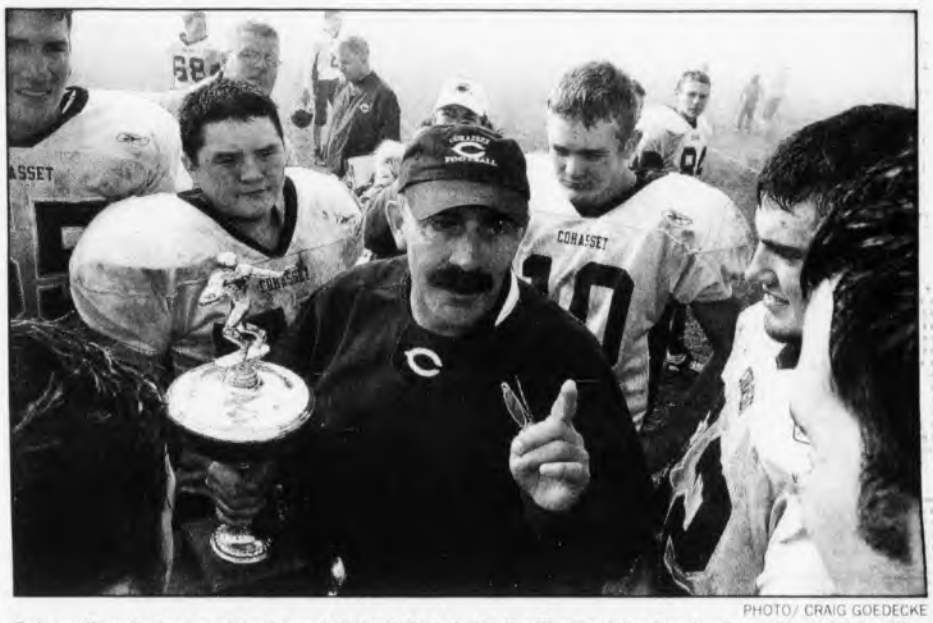
Cliff Musto: "True competitor, hard nosed fierce defensive football player—also had incredible courage. He was the type of leader that showed by example and had an unbelievable work ethic and sense of determination." Tied with the team lead in sacks (6).

Tyler Kelly: "Tremendous attitude, always positive and upbeat, not a starter at the beginning but from training camp until the last game he never came out. Outdid any expectations, I was proud of his performance."

Stephen Hurlbut: "Unselfish, showed up to practice everyday, great personality and great dedication."

Jake Cuneo: "Right in front of Kyle (Pinkus) as the heart and soul of the defense, one of the finest offensive lineman I have ever had the pleasure of coaching in my 15 years of football." Second on the team in tackles despite playing nose guard, SSL All-Star, the 6-foot, 5-inch, 260-pound lineman has a very bright football future ahead of him.

Jordan Sargent: "Like Tyler Kelly and Stephen Hurlbut wasn't projected to be a day to day starter but he came in and played center, a new position for him and had an excellent work ethic."



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Katina Belezos, who is president of the Greek Orthodox Ladies' Philoptochos Society for the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, works with volunteer Vicki Belezos. Philoptochos is Greek and means "friend of the poor."

Holiday happening

Village Fair hosted by church community

Photos by Kim Gately



Bruce and Linda Indek helped host the festivities at the Second Congregational Church.

(Right)
Kelsey Rochleau, 14, and Jamie Canavan, 16, volunteer at St. Stephen's to raise money for the Appalachia Service Project.

(Below)
Soloist, Lilly Sestito, sings with the Rusty Skippers during the holiday pops concert at First Parish.







Dan Turpel, 4, enjoys the craft table at the Second Congregational Church.



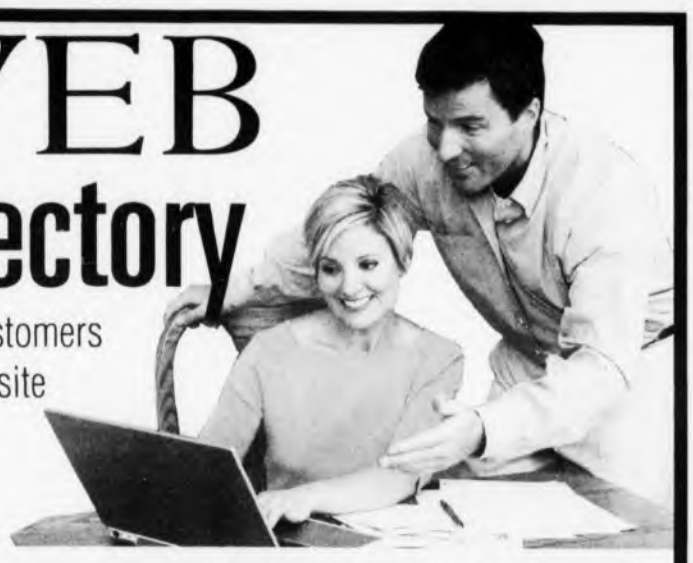
Appalachia Service Project volunteer Caitlin Mahoney helps Jack Greenip, 3, pick out gifts for his family in the children's Secret Room at St. Stephen's.



Nicholas Belezos, 16, and Faye Papadopolous, treasurer of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, set up their show at the South Shore Community Center. The church sale benefited local charities.

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CHRISTINE KENT



Well, Jack Frost has certainly delivered us a nippy taste of winter. Students, don't even bother trying to use the excuse that your car was frozen, you still get marked as tardy....too bad (I thought it was a pretty good one!) If freezing in your car is not enough, the heating in CHS seems to be a little lax in certain rooms and it is just a matter of time before an outbreak of the sniffles is reported! Don't forget to bundle up. Enough talk about the weather, it is time to get down to business.

The population of Cohasset will soon be swelling as last year's seniors along with other former students make their second return home from college this year. Bringing with them their typical teenage antics, not to mention their dirty laundry…better bring out the Shout and Cheer now! Also, this Wednesday marked the long awaited return of the beloved Mr. Young, the middle school Tech teacher. Welcome back and good luck at keeping those Middle School kids in line.

On a different note, this year's seniors await anxiously for those oh so daunting college acceptance letters (hopefully). Congratulations to the lucky students who have already gained admittance into a school.

For those eager to help out the senior class now is time to act. The kids of '08 will be selling raffle tickets. The proceeds will go towards post prom party funding. Each student is recommended to sell 10 tickets before Jan. 24th when the drawing will be held. So, don't be afraid to answer the door to a smiling young senior! This is the ONLY fund-raiser for the grade and participation from the community would be much appreciated. The winner will take home a beautiful LX-50 Vespa scooter. A special thank you to Lucia Flibotte who played an active role in creating this year's fundraiser.

Also, a special announcement about the Cohasset Education Foundation; this holiday season give back to teachers by making a tax-deductible donation to the Teacher Appreciation Program, Extra Credit. The donation to the CEF should be in a teacher's name along with a thank you for their work. These contributions will assist in the funding of further CEF grant programs that promote "excellence in teaching and foster innovation." (CEF) Checks should be written to The Cohasset Education Foundation and mailed to: The Cohasset Education Foundation, P.O Box 309, Cohasset, MA 02025 or visit: cohasseteducation.org for any further questions.

Now, the week's main events:

• Monday, Dec. 3: The High School student council began plans for a toy drive. A collection box will be available at the front door of the school; so don't forget to give a charitable gift!

• Tuesday, Dec. 4: Our excellent Girls Soccer team met at Black Rock CC for their end of season banquet. Happy first night of Hanukkah!

• Wednesday, Dec. 5: Another frosty day! Luckily, the Middle School Drama Club was able to rehearse in the "warmth" of the auditorium.

• Thursday, Dec. 6: The lucky students participating in the Virgin Island Ecology Trip met in room 153. Sorry guys, it is not time to whip out the sunglasses and beach towels just yet! Also, the Boys Varsity Basketball played in Scrimmage against Boston Latin Academy.

• Friday, Dec.7: One week down! How many more until winter vacation?

That's all for me this week! Have a great weekend.

Christine Kent is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly in the Mariner.

Giving Extra Credit to Cohasset teachers

Looking for the perfect gift to thank that special teacher or the helpful school secretary who anwers questions or the art teacher who stayed after school every week to encourage a child to knit hats for the homeless? Cohasset Education Foundation offers the solution to gift giving-needs. With a tax-deductible donation to the CEF's Teacher Appreciation Program, people can send any Cohasset teacher, administrator or school staff member Extra Credit.

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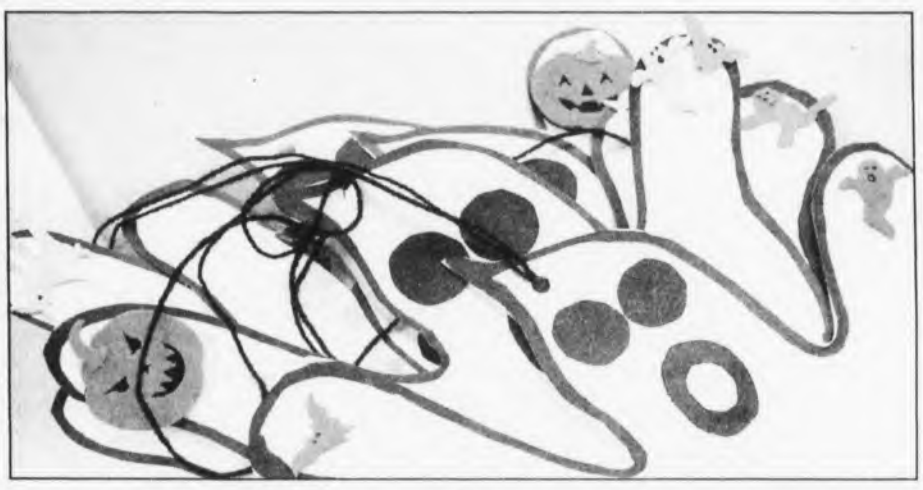


Edith Goodnow helps Batman (Charlie Sullivan) make a ghost for Halloween at the South Shore Community Center during an October event.



(Left) Josh Berger plays with the ghost he created during a special Halloween program at the South Shore Community Center.

(Below) It seems like ages ago, but it was actually only about 6-1/2 weeks back that the children at the South Shore Community Center got in the Halloween spirit by making ghosts.





Mary Brennock reads a short Halloween story to a group at the South Shore Community Center.

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Everyone is welcome to this community event for young and old, especially families with school-age children. Exceptional singing voices are not required; carols will be familiar and simple. Because it gets dark quickly, participants are asked to bring flashlights.

Carolers will leave from the Parish House at 4 p.m. As in the past, carolers will serenade a few homes on the Common, but this year most of our singing will be done around the duck pond – as weather permits. At approximately 4:45 p.m., everyone will return to the Parish House for cocoa, cider and cookies. Cookie donations would be appreciated.

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Everyone is asked to bring a pair of socks – or two or three – which will be donated to Boston Health Care for the Homeless. Socks should be white cotton; both men's and women's sizes are welcome.

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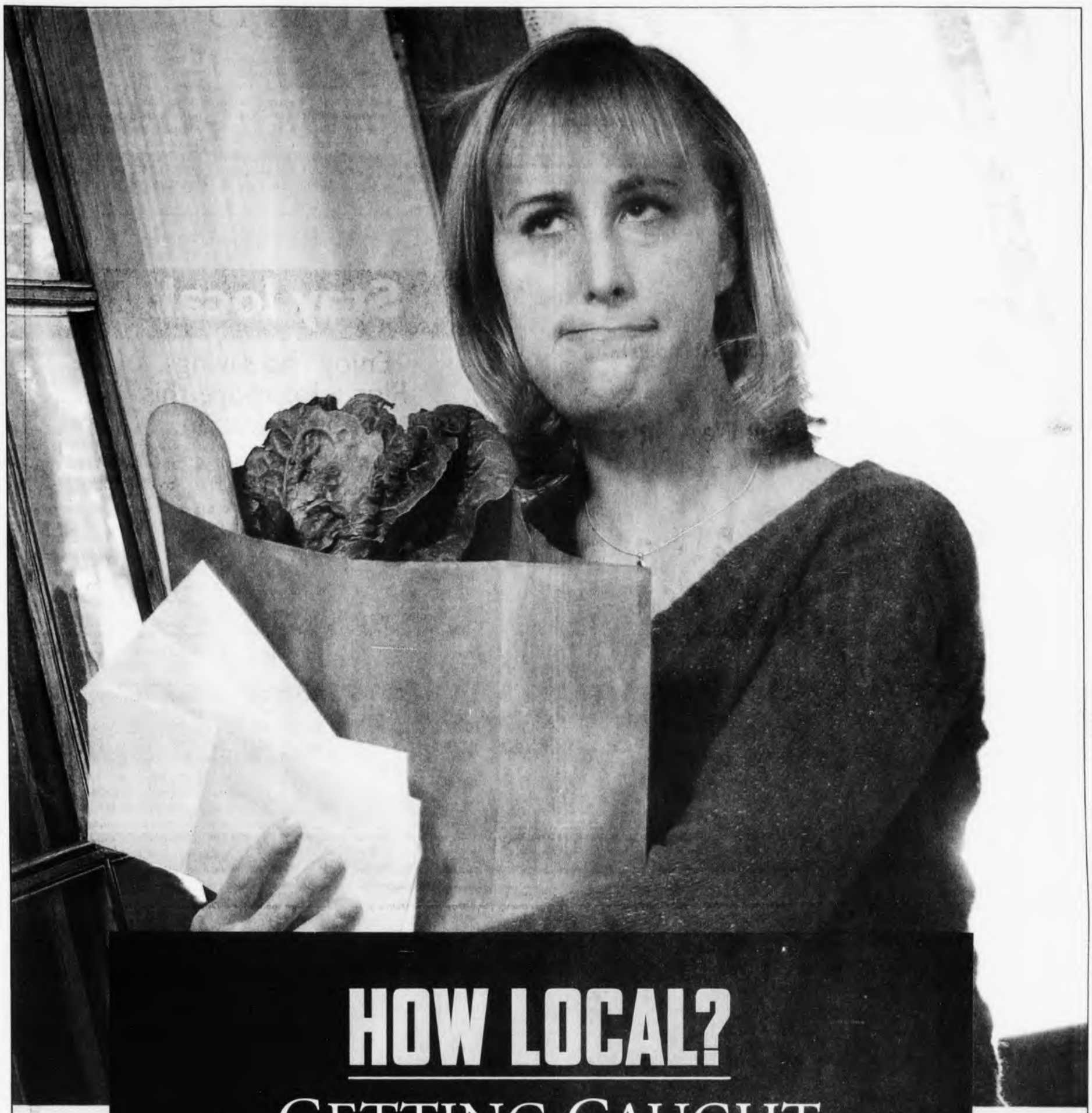
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Getaway: Rivers and Waterfalls Run Through It – Ocho Rios

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Christopher Columbus recognized a gorgeous thing when he stumbled on it.

In 1494, while traipsing the globe in search of India, he accidentally made landfall on the island of Jamaica. He was wowed by the lushness.

The Spanish named the area Ocho Rios, which means eight rivers. There are, in fact, several rivers that wind their way down from the mountains, through the jungle and into the Caribbean Sea in and around this Jamaican town. There are waterfalls, too, in a place that is still one of the most luxuriant spots in the entire Caribbean.

Exploring nature here is a must-do.

Most tourists make a beeline to the area's top natural attraction, Dunn's River Falls, an interactive experience to say the least.

Area resorts and visiting cruise ships offer excursions to the falls. On a recent trip, I joined a tour that promised, and delivered, a soft eco-adventure in fantastically tropical surroundings.

After getting out of the van, you walk just a few feet and suddenly are in a jungle, with the faint sound of rushing water buzzing in the background. After walking another minute or two, the noise grows louder and then there it is, a powerful falls tumbling over rocks at warp speed.

While the view itself is impressive, the best experience here involves getting up close and personal with the falls. You do this by heading down a boardwalk to start at the bottom, where the river empties out into the bluest of seas trimmed by a white, sandy beach. And then you climb your way back up – you can either go it alone or form a human chain with others by holding hands to be led by a guide as you snake your way from rock to rock against the roaring current.

I made my way up alone, but enjoyed the occasional scream of delight from other excited tourists. The water was cold but I felt exhilarated.

A quieter and drier way to experience a Jamaican river and waterfall is to dine at The Ruins at the Falls restaurant, walking distance from the bustling town center of Ocho Rios and the active cruise ship pier.

As soon as you walk through the arched entranceway of the open-air restaurant you are deep inside a tropical paradise enclosing a magnificent wide falls. Little bridges cross over the Turtle River that runs through the restaurant, the sound of rushing water always in the background.

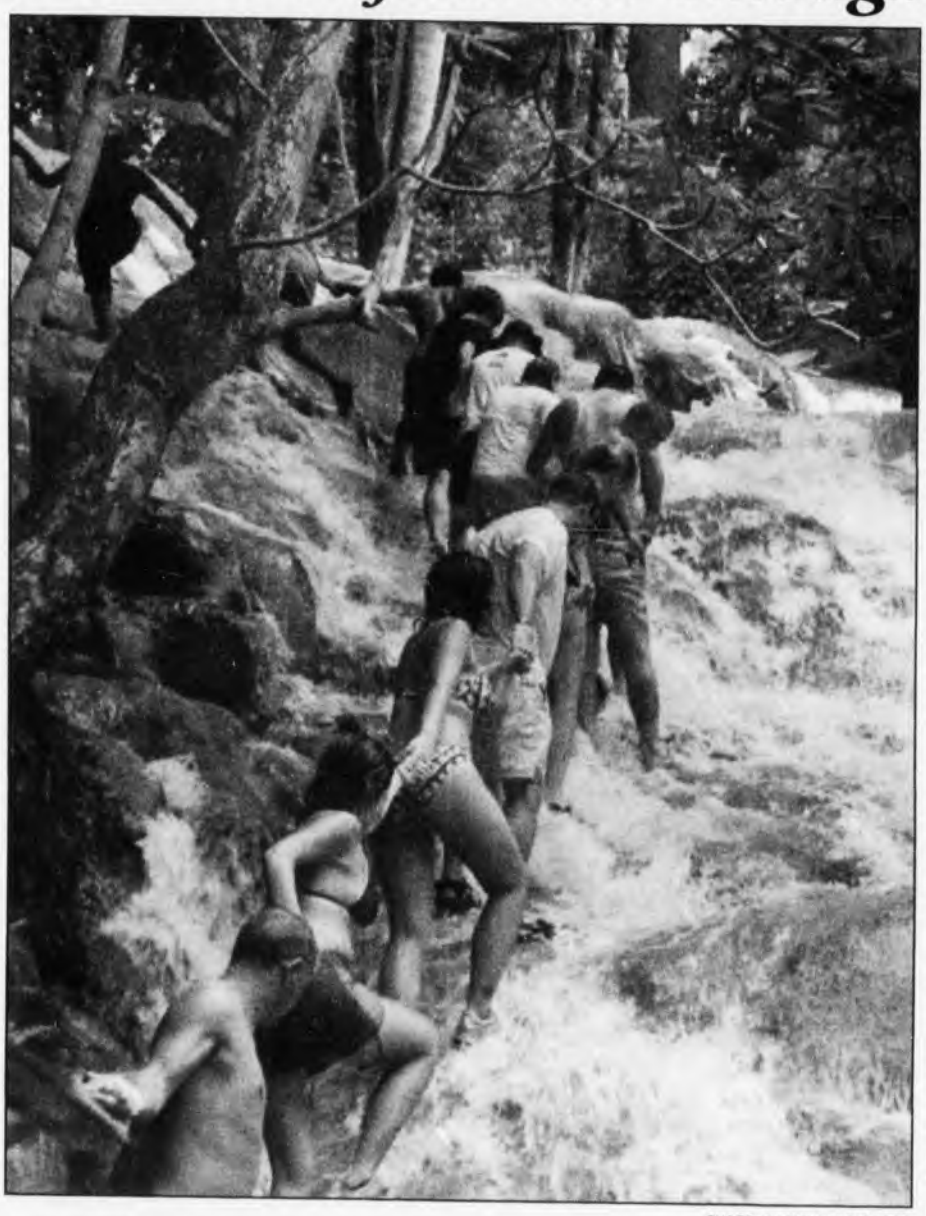


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Snaking up Dunn's River Falls.

You can sit and admire the falls from an open-air terrace shaded by huge banyan and fig trees. It's downright romantic. Menu offerings include local dishes like red pea soup finished with coconut cream, fish chowder, jerk pork or chicken and fried fish. There are Chinese options, too.

You can find another river experience at Coyaba Gardens. Here I drove to the top of the lush mountains that stand as backdrop to Ocho Rios, to find this formal setting of meticulously sculpted gardens, fountains, lawns and brick paths. An easy walk past bright flowers leads to yet another waterfall and platforms from which you can admire the tumbling water, amazing rainforest canopy and stunning coastal vista.

Exploring further, I visited Cranbrook Flower Forest, a privately owned and off-the-beaten-path wild garden that few visitors discover, though it is open to the public. Cranbrook comprises 130 acres of native plants clustered along a walking trail. The grounds have long been the family residence of a local, Ivan Linton, who still unobtrusively lives here.

The day was hot and sultry, and I was lucky enough to bump into Linton, who let me delve into his plant knowledge.

Linton tapped a Traveler's Palm tree with his fist and liquid squirted out. "This was a secret [thirst-quenching] resource known to the island's early settlers," he explained. He pulled a bud from an African tulip and gently squeezed it. Drop after drop plummeted out as he said, "this is good for curing conjunctivitis." Moving on to a cactus, he opined, "the sap of the tuna cactus makes hair shiny."

At the end of the trail is a natural pool overflowing into a waterfall formed by the Laughlands Great River. Guests are invited to jump in.

And that's the way to explore Ocho Rios, jump in and get close to nature.

Bonding with Nature Overnight

The high-end boutique hotel, Goldeneye, is located in the center of a lush jungle about 20 minutes from Ocho Rios. It is a world unto itself, a true tropical paradise. Once the private home of Ian Fleming, who wrote all 13 James Bond novels here, it now consists of five individual units nestled in luxuriant foliage overlooking a perfect beach. Fleming's cottage has an outdoor garden shower and freestanding claw-foot bathtub surrounded by verdant vegetation. Prices start at $660 per night. 1-800-OUTPOST; www.islandoutpost.com.

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Getting there: US Airways offers non-stop service to Montego Bay, on Saturdays only (www.usairways.com). Connecting service is offered through Philadelphia and other airports other days of the week.

Most of the larger Ocho Rios resorts provide airport transfers from Montego Bay. The drive takes about 1 1/2 hours. Taxis run about $120 for up to four people. Inexpensive van service is also available.

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In New England: Art Finds at Dartmouth

Barbara Radcliffe Rogers
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IN NEW ENGLAND

The place may not look like much of an art center, but behind the walls of two buildings facing across the Dartmouth Green at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., visitors will find priceless treasures that span nearly three millennia – some 65,000 works in total.

In the lower level of Baker-Berry Library, there are powerful and dramatic murals by José Clemente Orozco. The frescos, titled "The Epic of American Civilization," were painted by the Mexican artist between 1932 and 1934. The ferocity of their themes and their anti-cleric, even anarchistic message created quite a stir when they were unveiled.



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The José Clemente Orozco work at the Baker-Berry Library is considered one of America's finest murals.

Whatever your beliefs, there's no denying that his vision, imagery, vibrant colors and execution are powerful stuff. These are considered among America's finest murals.

Across the green at the Hood Museum of Art, in a modern building next to the Hopkins Center for the Arts, visitors are greeted by six larger-than-life Assyrian reliefs of a king and his attendants from the Palace of Ashurnasirpal, built about 900 BC in what is now northern Iraq. Nearby are displays of a variety of artifacts of the ancient world – a painted figure of Osyros, Cypriot pottery dating to the 8th century BC and various Roman works.

The museum's excellent collection of American art includes paintings by Paul Sample, Maxfield Parrish, Thomas Eakins, Rockwell Kent and Winslow Homer. There is also early silver work and a Gilbert Stuart portrait of Dartmouth's favorite son, Daniel Webster.

A lot of the art has New England and New Hampshire connections. For instance, a Maxfield Parrish painting, in his early almost photographic style, is of a farm in Windsor, Vt. White Mountain artists and artists in the colonies at Dublin and Cornish, N.H., are well represented.

Most of the rest of the exhibit space is given to traveling shows and changing exhibits from the college's own collections, with only small space reserved for the museum's excellent collection of primitive and Native American art.

Both the Hood Museum and Baker-Berry Library are open and free to the public. Hanover is easily accessed from I-89, an easy stop on your way to Woodstock or Vermont ski resorts, including Killington and Sugarbush.

Find more at www.dartmouth.edu/~hood.

It's Happening

Kitchen Kids workshop

Our World Children's Global Museum, 35 Ripley Road, will host "Cookies Around the World," from 2 to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 8. They will make cookies and treats from all different nations and learn that sweets taste great everywhere. The cost is $25 for members and $28 for non-members. All materials will be included.

To sign up, call 781-383-3198 by 12:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 7.

Historical Society to host Wassail Party

Cohasset Historical Society will celebrate the holiday season with its annual Wassail Party from 2 to 4 p.m., on Sunday Dec. 9. An invitation is extended to members, guests and the public to join in the festivities at the Pratt Building, 105 South Main St. Refreshments, beverages and the traditional Wassail will be served, and musical entertainment will add to the occasion.

The Pratt Building will be decorated for the season as part of the Community Garden Club's Holiday House Tour with vignettes representing the Victorian era.

Trustees winter program registrations

The Trustees of Reservations, 227 East St., Hingham, will hold registrations for its children's winter programs, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 13, at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. This is the first opportunity to sign children up for the winter sessions of Ecosplorations or Snowflakes. For more information on these programs, visit www.thetrustees.org or call 781-740-4796.

The Trustees of Reservations will hold its "Raise the Wreath" event from 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 15, at Weir River Farm on Turkey Hill Lane in Hingham. After a hike to harvest evergreens, join The Trustees of Reservations to make the barn wreath and leave with a centerpiece for your own holiday table. Refreshments will be served. Space is limited. Preregister by calling 781-740-4796. The cost is $3 for members and $5 for non-members.

Bikram Yoga classes

Cohasset Recreation Department has announced registration is underway for Bikram Yoga classes to be taught by Katrina Klein of Bikram Yoga South Shore. Klein is a national licensed master yoga teacher.

Classes for ages 7 through 13 are scheduled to begin Wednesday, Jan. 9, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., at Bikram Yoga Cohasset Studio, 380 CJC Highway, second level, west wing.

The session will be six weeks in duration, meeting each Wednesday from Jan. 6 through Feb. 13. The fee for the six-week session is $70 per participant. Those attending need to bring a mat and water to each class.

Registration may be made online at Bikramyogacohasset.com or at Cohasset Recreation Department at Town Hall.

Bikram Yoga focuses on physical flexibility, coordination and strength of mind and body. Children who practice yoga often experience increased self-esteem and are better able to cope with stress according to many studies. More detailed information is available on the Web site.

Class size is limited; early registration is advised.

Festival of Trees

Plans are already underway for the 25th anniversary Christmas in the Square and the fourth annual Festival of Trees. This year's Festival of Trees will take place from 5:30 to 8 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 7, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 8.

The Festival of Trees transforms Old Derby Academy into a showcase of decorated trees, gingerbread houses, wreaths and live centerpieces. Items are sold through a silent auction with all proceeds benefiting the Mothers' Club Scholarship Fund and other local charities.

Highlights from last year include a Webkinz Tree, "Merry Christmas with the Three Little Pigs," "Orange you Glad it's Christmas," "You Better Watch Out" and "Christmas in Nantucket."

The success of this community event depends on donations from individuals, families, organizations and local businesses. The Mothers' Club is currently accepting donations and is willing to help with ideas for trees. For more information, call Mary Ann Blackmur at 781-749-4452, Mary Power at 781-749-2195, or visit the Mothers' Club Web site at hinghammothersclub.org.

CHS pre-prom DVDs available

DVDs of the 2007 Cohasset High School Pre-prom Reception are still available for purchase for $20 each.

The DVDs, which would make great holiday gifts, can be ordered by calling Shaun Galvin at 781-424-2917 or via email to shaungalvin@yahoo.com. Requests can also be mailed with a check for $20 per DVD to P.O. Box 526, Hingham, MA 02043.

Christmas in Vienna event

Christmas in Vienna, presented by the Broad Cove Chorale and Unicorn Singers, will be held at 8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 8, at the House of Prayer, 916 Main St., Hingham and at 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 9, at First Parish on the Green in Cohasset. The major pieces to be performed are by Mozart, Schubert, Brahms, Bruckner, and Mahler.

Replacing the usual program notes, time-travelers will comment on the era and the music before each piece. These brief conversations will focus on the composers and their lives in Vienna, with speakers such as a boarder living in the same rooming house as Mozart, or a mother describing her son's life as a choirboy singing Schubert's "Magnificat" in a Christmas eve service.

The German and Austrian carols between the major pieces will be orchestrated for choir, audience, instruments, and hand bells. The majority is familiar to most of us, with a few distinctly Austrian favorites thrown in. Part-books with the notes will be included in the program, so be sure to bring your music-reading friends.

The Unicorn Singers are entering their 30th season of music making and the Chorale is in its 33rd season. The members live in Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate, Norwell, Duxbury, Weymouth, Plympton and Braintree. They represent the best qualities of the dedicated amateur singer, with many years of music study between them; quite a few are musical professionals such as vocal and instrumental teachers, soloists, composers and pianotuners. Founder and Director Margo Euler received her bachelor's degree from Smith and her master's degree in Music from Harvard; she taught in the Concord school system and has conducted several children's choirs and musical theatre productions locally.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, NOV. 17

8:32 p.m. **Margin St., and Stockbridge St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:05 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, suspicious vehicle, officer reports 3 vehicles parked at above location, all 3 vehicles no one around.

11:34 p.m. **Diab Lane**, domestic.

SUNDAY, NOV. 18

12:35 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:36 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:56 a.m. **Summer St.**, fire, investigation, walk in party reports smell of smoke and smoky condition. Smoke from a pellet stove.

1:36 a.m. **South Main St.**, parking enforcement.

1:42 a.m. **Elm St.**, parking enforcement.

1:44 a.m. **Border St.**, parking enforcement.

1:47 a.m. **Highland Ave.**, parking enforcement.

2:02 a.m. **N. Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

6:18 a.m. **North Main St., and Forest St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:55 a.m. **South Main St., and Summer St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:07 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Doane St.**, traffic enforcement.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, calm, 36.

9:13 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:27 a.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:35 a.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, traffic enforcement.

10:32 a.m. **Hill St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11:05 a.m. **Pond St., and Woodland Drive**, traffic enforcement.

11:11 a.m. **Highland Ave.**, property damage, walk in reports a truck caused property damage to her driveway and would like to file a report.

12:08 p.m. **North Main St.**, lost property, walk in dropped off a cell phone he found.

12:29 p.m. **South Main St.**, notification, caller reports the clerk at this store sold a cigar to a minor and wanted to report it.

1:57 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:06 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

2:39 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

5:16 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Mill Lane**, traffic enforcement.

5:28 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Mill Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

6:56 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

9:27 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, vehicles parked on basketball court, building secure.

9:40 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

9:45 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

MONDAY, NOV. 19

1:23 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:25 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:19 a.m. **South Main St., and Summer St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:28 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:50 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service, caller states "there is a large, dangerous pothole in CJC Highway, North Bound, just past the lights and Cohasset Plaza." State DPW notified.

7:35 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Kendall Village St.**, public service, Beechwood Street at Kendall Village is down to one lane.

8:22 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, caller reports there is a vehicle in the parking lot waiting for repair that had two doors stolen off the vehicle last night.

8:49 a.m. **Pleasant Lane**, medical aid.

9:13 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

9:18 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mann Lot Rd.**, assist other police department, motor vehicle crash at this location with reported injuries. Units to assist.

9:56 a.m. **Lincoln Park, Scituate**, assist other police department.

11 a.m. **School Buildings**, building checks, officer reports schools check ok all secure.

11:49 a.m. **Deer H ill and Sohier St.**, larceny, caller reports several laptops stolen.

1:06 p.m. **Linden Drive**, disturbance, caller reports a vehicle speeding down his driveway. Asked not to send an officer, he would just like it documented for purposes of showing how often it occurs.

1:23 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, property (lost), Nokia cell phone.

2:54 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, disturbance, caller reports her neighbor just threw food and trash into their yard.

3:25 p.m. **North Main St., and Rocky Lane**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, callers report a vehicle went off the road and into the woods. Unknown injuries.

3:31 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, investigation, detail officer reports a large dump truck has blown a hydraulic line at this location and there are fluids all over the road.

4:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, Hull PD reports they received a call for erratic operation. Their caller reported a black Escalade all over the road.

4:56 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

4:58 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

5:45 p.m. **Lower King St.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports she was at the crossing listed above today around 3:06 p.m. and she states the gates came down for a few minutes, no train came through them, the gates went back up, a few cars passed and the gates came down again and the train then passed. Call was made to the MBTA.

5:51 p.m. **South Main St.**, investigation.

6:11 p.m. **Pond St.**, notification, caller reports her water is dirty, she has left a message for the water dept.

6:20 p.m. **N. Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:32 p.m. **Lower King St.**, hazard, officer reports gates came down, no train came through.

9:39 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

10:10 p.m. **Lower King St.**, notification, caller reports a malfunction with the train gates, earlier this evening, around 5:30 –6 p.m. he was advised to make a call when this happens because it is a safety issue. Caller would like to report the train gates at this location came down, he waited, no train came through, the gates went back up and as he was passing, the gates started to come back down and the train was coming through.

10:21 p.m. **Elm St.**, investigation.

11:20 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:21 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

11:22 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

TUESDAY, NOV. 20

12:45 a.m. **King St., and Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

12:46 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, assist citizen, caller states "her fire alarm is going off." She does not want any response, as it was caused by steam from the shower.

12:51 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

1:47 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:57 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

2:06 a.m. **Oak St.**, parking enforcement.

2:07 a.m. **Ash St.**, parking enforcement.

2:08 a.m. **Hill St.**, parking enforcement.

3:42 a.m. **Bates Lane**, parking enforcement.

4:08 a.m. **Summer St., and Border St.**, parking enforcement.

5:24 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

5:55 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, animal complaint, caller states "there is a large, dead animal in the roadway." Caller gave the location as Doctor's Hill. Doctor's Hill is in Scituate.

7:02 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

8:54 a.m. **King St.**, officer wanted, caller reports a large excavator that is doing construction at this location is parked on her front lawn and tearing up her new grass. Contact person from project spoke with homeowner. It was determined that this was a civil matter and would be handled between the complainant and the contact person for the project.

9:36 a.m. **James Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

10:53 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

11:12 a.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

1:35 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

1:57 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

2:11 p.m. **Old Coach Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:21 p.m. **Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

2:50 p.m. **Hull St.**, traffic enforcement.

2:52 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks, Deer Hill/Osgood.

3:20 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

4:23 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

4:53 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

6:55 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, fire, investigation, caller reports a possible chimney fire.

7:24 p.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

8:36 p.m. **Holly Lane**, caller reports two suspicious cars parked in his driveway. Officers report the vehicles belong to people who are visiting next door.

8:57 p.m. **Town Parking Lot**, property (recovered), officer reports a found backpack.

10:38 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, officer wanted, caller reports he backed into someone's car and would like to speak with an officer. Officer reports he left all the proper information on the vehicle he hit.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 21

12:38 a.m. **Rustic Drive**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

1:01 a.m. **Hull St.**, traffic enforcement.

1:21 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:22 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:29 a.m. **Linden Circle**, parking enforcement.

1:34 a.m. **Linden Drive**, parking enforcement.

1:38 a.m. **Rustic Drive**, parking enforcement.

1:47 a.m. **Summer St.**, parking enforcement.

2:20 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, notification, Mashpee Fire Dept. requests they attempt to locate parents that lives at above address.

5:42 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:26 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, animal complaint, caller reports she hit a rabbit, she moved it to the side of the road.

6:55 a.m. **North Main St., and Rocky Lane**, traffic enforcement.

7:06 a.m. **North Main St., and Rocky Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8 a.m. Weather: Cloudy, 35 degrees.

8:51 a.m. **North Main St.**, parking complaint, caller would like the cars removed from the sidewalk across from this location.

8:52 a.m. **Clay Spring Rd.**, property (recovered), caller reports across from her house is a black mountain bike that has been leaning against the fence for two days. It is not chained and no one has been near it.

9:35 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

10:07 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:59 a.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

1:29 p.m. **Elm St.**, identity theft/fraud.

3:20 p.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

4:04 p.m. **Rustic Drive**, animal complaint, caller lost her dog Max. He is a 25-30 lb black dog.

4:54 p.m. **King St.**, disabled motor vehicle.

4:59 p.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:01 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

7:01 p.m. **Route 3A**, traffic enforcement.

9:15 p.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

11:40 p.m. **South Main St.**, public drinking, officer requests that dispatch call the manager of this establishment and advise him/her that there are patrons consuming liquor in public. Officer reports that they are off with a male that smashed a bottle of beer in the middle of South Main Street after leaving the bar. This male is going to be taken home by officer.

THURSDAY, NOV. 22

12:59 a.m. **South Main St.**, public drinking, officer reports patrons drinking on sidewalk in front of above location.

1:09 a.m. **South Main St.**, public drinking, officer reports patron drinking outside of above location. All units are tied up at the bar – removing patrons. Officer transporting adult female to Jerusalem Rd. Officer transport female from square to North Scituate Viillage.

1:47 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:48 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:26 a.m. **Little Harbor Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

6:40 a.m. **Border St.**, power outage, caller reports he has no electricity.

6:59 a.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, well being check, State Police called to request a well being check at above location. State Police Regional Call Center, Middleboro, received a call from cell phone that someone witnessed a murder on-line at this location. Officers were dispatched to address. Everything is fine at above location. Officers made contact with resident – no problems at this home. Lt. contacted State Police – SP dispatcher states this sounds like a hoax. SP will investigate this further. Resident advised.

7:44 a.m. **Highland Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

8:56 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, larceny (report), caller reports his racing bicycle has been stolen from his garage. He states the garage door was open this morning.

9:19 a.m. **Elm St.**, fire – public assist, walk in party reports his bathroom is flooded.

10:36 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, caller reports he has an outside gas leak. Keyspan has been notified. Command reports gas and power has been shut off to number 457 and number 455 has been evacuated.

1:23 p.m. **Elm St.**, property (returned), walk in party has returned property.

1:29 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

2:07 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, parking complaint, caller reports in this area someone has parked their SUV on the sidewalk, he was asked to move and hasn't.

2:17 p.m. **Cushing Rd.**, well being check, investigated/report taken, units report this party is not at her home at this time. He states she could be at one of the Cohasset beaches. Wanted party has been located.

2:23 p.m. **Hill St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

3:04 p.m. **Border St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

4:35 p.m. **Beach St.**, animal complaint, caller reports there is a small white dog in her front lawn, she thinks he is lost.

4:52 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:03 p.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:43 p.m. **N. Main St.**, fire – public assist, caller requesting public assist – from wheelchair to residence.

7:01 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

7:33 p.m. **N. Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

8:50 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

8:59 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

FRIDAY, NOV. 23

12:48 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

12:49 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:57 a.m. **Hull St.**, traffic enforcement.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

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3:10 a.m. **Elm St.**, parking enforcement.

4:23 a.m. **South Main St.**, fire alarm activation, 911 caller states "her smoke detectors are going off."

5:26 a.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, traffic enforcement.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, light wind, 39.

8:41 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

9:02 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, disturbance, caller reports he needs the police to come to his residence, he is having a problem with his neighbor.

9:12 a.m. **Hull St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports they were taking Christmas decorations out and hit the pull box by accident and activated the alarm.

10:18 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

11:07 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury.

11:18 a.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, fire, investigation, caller reports a smell of something burning in her house.

12:24 p.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

12:29 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:46 p.m. **Elm St.**, flooded basement.

3:08 p.m. **South Main St., and Brook St.**, traffic enforcement, officer on radar at this location.

3:46 p.m. **3A and First Parish Rd.**, medical aid, Scituate FD requests Rescue 3.

4:31 p.m. **Hazel Ave.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, Scituate FD requests Rescue 3.

5:06 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

5:10 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:47 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

7:58 p.m. **Pond St., and King St.**, traffic enforcement.

8:26 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

8:34 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

8:38 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:08 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

SATURDAY, NOV. 24

12:01 a.m. **Church St.**, fire, structure, 911 caller states there are flames shooting out of the chimney of the house next door. 1 fi story wood frame, 30' x 25', chimney fire. All units tied up at the scene. Situation under control. Checking for extension.

1:06 a.m. **South Main St.**, fire, structure, 1:06 a.m. 911 caller states "his chimney is still smoking 2 hours after the fire was extinguished." Church Street Command notified. All CO's responding to scene. 1:16 a.m. problem with the oil burner. All CO's in service from the scene. 1:18 a.m. Anderson Fuel notified.

1:29 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:43 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

6:21 a.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:41 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Bound Brook Lane**, traffic enforcement.

6:55 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

7:15 a.m. **Deep Run**, assist citizen, caller states "the temporary water line is frozen." Water dept. supervisor notified. "NOTE: Houses connected to the temporary water line should have an inside or outside faucet running to prevent the line from freezing.

7:20 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, light wind, 25.

8:55 a.m. **Border St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:33 a.m. **King St., and Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

11:23 a.m. **Deep Run**, notification, multiple callers in this area report frozen water lines. Water dept. notified and the contractor is coming down to fix the problem.

12:17 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, parking enforcement, parked in handicap spot without placard, parking ticket issued.

2:04 p.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

2:30 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

4:13 p.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:29 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

6:50 p.m. **South Main St.**, notification, officer reports street lamp is out directly in front of Tedeschi's.

6:56 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

9:06 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:10 p.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:14 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

10:41 p.m. **Pratt Ct.**, barking dog, caller reports a dog has been outside for about 45 minutes barking. Officer reports nobody is coming to the door at this location where the dog is barking. ACO to be notified.

SUNDAY, NOV. 25

12:22 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, medical aid.

12:59 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

6:31 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:39 a.m. **N. Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

7 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7:07 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, light wind, 31.

8:46 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, open door/window, contractor noticed an open window in the back of this residence, there seems to be no one home. Officer reports the window is slightly open for an animal.

9:03 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks. Deer Hill/Osgood check.

9:09 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

10:14 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:24 a.m. **Black Rock Rd., and Forest Ave.**, traffic citation issued.

11:14 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, verbal warning. Caller reports a gray Corolla driving fast and all over the road.

12:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny (report), caller reports a drive off of gas in the amount of $50.18.

1:09 p.m. **Hammond Ave.**, animal complaint, caller reports a large raccoon in his yard trying to play with his dog. Called ACO left a message. On a second call from this location he stated he would "shoot" the animal himself. Officer reports the animal has left for now.

1:18 p.m. **Rustic Drive**, vandalism report, caller reports her house was egged last night, she did not want to see an officer.

1:31 p.m. **Lower King St.**, hazard (traffic), caller and walk in parties report a malfunction at the T crossing. The gates will come down and go back up and when people start to cross they can see the train and the gates come back down. The MBTA has been notified they are sending a crew out.

1:55 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, traffic complaint, caller reports a black BMW was speeding by and the caller had to jump to the side of the road to avoid being hit.

2:10 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

2:05 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:26 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:03 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

3:13 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Atlantic Ave.**, traffic complaint, caller reports a male speeding around in a Go-Kart in this area.

3:13 p.m. **West Corner**, bolo announcement, Hull PD is looking for a small green Pontiac full of teens. Hull PD reports a caller reported the teens were outside yelling and when she looked she saw them dragging another teen and throwing him in the vehicle.

3:23 p.m. **Hull St.**, traffic enforcement.

3:30 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, officer wanted, caller would like to speak with an officer regarding an ongoing situation. Officer has spoken to caller, this is a civil matter but will talk to other party involved as well.

5:09 p.m. **Deep Run**, fire, investigation, caller reports a propane leak in her house. Command is reporting the leak has been contained at this time, tank has been shut off from outside, units ventilating.

6:13 p.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:45 p.m. **Hull St., and Grace Drive**, traffic enforcement.

9:21 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, property (lost), walk in party reports he has lost his bike.

9:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/injuries, transported SSH/BLS. Caller reporting motor vehicle crash at this location with injuries.

11:52 p.m. **North Main St.**, public service, caller states a train just went through, caller just wanted it logged.

MONDAY, NOV. 26

12:01 a.m. **Pond St.**, public service, caller states the train went by 10 minutes ago, but the lights are flashing and the gate is down. MBTA notified.

12:47 a.m. **Pond St.**, public service, MBTA called to check the status of the lights and gates.

12:58 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:59 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

7:36 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, caller states "there is sand on the roadway." DPW notified.

8 a.m. Weather: Rain, calm, 44.

11 a.m. **Elm St., and Brook St.**, suspicious vehicle, vehicle with suspicious registration. Units are towing the vehicle at this time. Male operator of the vehicle was not operating the vehicle at this time he is doing work on the bank in the square and has been advised of the situation. Male party also has other plates inside this vehicle that are cancelled/revoked, officers are confiscating these plates as well.

11:32 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic complaint, caller reports "it's like the Masspike." Caller request cruisers do traffic on Forest Ave.

11:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/injuries, 911 caller reports motor vehicle crash with unknown injuries.

11:54 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, hazard, fire captain reports a trench from the water dept. project is beginning to cave in due to weather. Water department notified and responding.

1:59 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

2:55 p.m. **North Main St., and Long Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

3:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports two vehicles full of youths traveling 3A all over the road. The drivers were sticking almost their whole body out the window and fooling around. Caller did not want to leave any info but did get information on one of the vehicles involved.

5:27 p.m. **Route 3A**, traffic enforcement.

6:28 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller requests an officer to check the back yard. Caller is elderly and is not sure if she is seeing shadows or people. Officer reports no suspicious activity.

7:09 p.m. **Nichols Rd**, suspicious activity, caller reports seeing people in her back yard again. Officer reports nothing in the yard. He has talked to the resident.

7:35 p.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

8:11 p.m. Sudden death.

10:30 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

TUESDAY, NOV. 27

1:07 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:10 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:20 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:33 a.m. **Cedar St.**, assist citizen, call is requesting assistance with 18 wheeler truck, officer will check to see if detail is needed.

8:45 a.m. **Elm St.**, investigation, 21-year-old woman being summoned. Charges: Receiving stolen property more than $250.

9 a.m. **Arrowwood Rd.**, fire, detail officer reports a contractor hit a sewer main, there is sewage everywhere. Water department contacted per fire chief. Sewer department contacted and responding.

9:01 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:08 a.m. **Black Rock Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports on Sunday night between 2-3 a.m. her neighbor awoke to see an old pick up truck, dark in color and loud in her driveway. She states two white males with dark hair occupied the vehicle, one got out and went to her side door and started shining a flash light through her window of the door looking around inside. He then got back in the car and pulled out and was shining the light on houses as they drove down the street.

10:45 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

11:24 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:35 a.m. **Elm St.**, traffic enforcement.

11:46 a.m. **Sohier St., Deer Hill/Osgood School** check.

12:05 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, lost property, missing surveyor stakes.

2:41 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller reports a woman has hit him and is requesting an officer to exchange papers. No injuries reported.

1:30 p.m. Medical, transported SSH/ALS.

3:33 p.m. **Pond St.**, lock out, caller reports her car is running and she has locked her keys in her vehicle.

4:46 p.m. **Cedar St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:21 p.m. **Lower King St.**, hazard, caller reports that the lights and gates came down then went back up. As the train got closer the gates finally came back down.

6:43 p.m. **Route 3A**, traffic enforcement.

7:10 p.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disturbance – drunks, 911 caller reports that a drunk female is banging on his tractor-trailer. Female party thought that the people that owned the tractor-trailer were going to steal her trees. She got a ride home.

10:39 p.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28

1:10 a.m. **South Main St.**, open door/window.

1:20 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:22 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:43 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:13 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:18 a.m. **Spring St.**, officer wanted, caller reports she hit a parked car and would like an officer to respond so she can leave the right info. Officer reports parties have exchanged info.

11:53 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, hazard, caller reports just past this intersection in the north bound lane there is a metal frame in the middle of the street. Officer reports no debris in the road.

1:28 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

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OBITUARIES

William E. Hall

Sales representative in cosmetics industry

William E. Hall, 72, of Hingham, died Dec. 4, 2007, at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth.

Mr. Hall was born in Pittsburg, Pa., and lived there and in New York and New Jersey before moving to Hingham, where he was a resident for the past 40 years. He was a graduate of Hamilton College, Clinton, N.Y., and in the mid-1950s served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

He had been employed as a sales representative in the fragrance and cosmetic industry for many years, and was a past president of the New England Cosmetics Association.

He leaves his wife, Inta Z. (Eglavs) Hall; his children, Gregory H. Hall of Hingham and Gwendolyn I. Baldry and her husband, Edwin, of Cohasset; his grandchildren, Michael William Baldry and Daniel Evan Baldry, both of Cohasset; his sister-in-law, Dagnija Eyles of Greenwich, Conn.; three nieces and one nephew.

He was the father of the late William E. Hall Jr.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Dec. 8, at Downing Cottage Funeral Chapel, 21 Pond St., Hingham. Visiting hours and flowers omitted by request. Interment is private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts, 30 Lyman St., Suite 10, Westborough, MA 01581.

Robert Daniel Williamson

Carpenter

Robert Daniel Williamson, 44, of Cohasset, died Nov. 26, 2007, at his home following a brief illness.

Born in Weymouth, he was the son of Joan (Ridley) Williamson of Scituate and the late Richard C. Williamson. He was raised in Scituate and graduated from Scituate High School. He had been a Cohasset resident for seven years.

Mr. Williamson was a carpenter for New England Regional Council of Carpenters Local 424 for more than 20 years.

He was an avid fisherman, enjoyed guitar and music, and was a Red Sox and Patriots fan.

He leaves his wife, Pamela J. Hinckley-Williamson; his mother; his brothers, Richard Williamson f Scituate, John Williamson of Douglas, Wyo., and David Williamson of Andover; his sisters, Joanne Kramer of Ruskin, Fla., and Susan McRae of Scituate; his mother- and father-in-law, Edward and Barbara (Fitzgerald) Hinckley of Hingham; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral was held from Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home, Scituate, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary of the Nativity Church, Scituate. Interment in St. Mary's Cemetery, Scituate.

Memorial donations may be made to Friends of Scituate Shelter, P.O. Box 823, Scituate, MA 02066.

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WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Dec. 9

8 a.m. – Circle Ministry (group led by Bill Baird & Kirk Jackisch and meeting 2nd & 4th Sundays, but this Sunday only in December

10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House – "The Servant Candle" – A celebration of Hanukkah

Religious education classes for toddlers, children, and youth and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 a.m. in the Parish House.

Refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall follow the service and RE classes

Continuing a tradition begun a quarter century ago by the late Rev. Ed Atkinson, our **Angel Tree** will be adorned with suggestions for gifts to be given to our South Shore Friends of the Homeless. Please choose your angel and return your gifts by Sunday, Dec.16.

11:15 – Noon – Children and youth – Rehearsal for "Morning Star," our Dec. 23 intergenerational service of Christmas

11:30 a.m. – Religious Education Committee for Children and Youth – Atkinson Room

4 p.m. – Broad Cove Chorale & Unicorn Singers – Christmas in Vienna – The Meeting House

Come join this guided tour through the choral masterpieces of a magical city. This Christmas Concert fundraiser will benefit the Wellspring Multi-Service Center. Listen to the music, and join in! Tickets are $15 per person or $25 for a concert sponsor and are available for purchase at the Parish House, Noble's or by phoning Kathy Reardon (781-749-0162). Please make checks payable to Wellspring.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church invites families and residents to join us this fall. We are an open, welcoming, Christian community dedicated to caring for all people, both near and across the world. For information on us go to www.ststephenscohasset.org or to learn about the Episcopal Church go to www.ecusa.anglican.org.

Highlights of our parish life include:

- "Godly Play" Christian education for children ages three through grade 5.
- Jr. High and High School youth groups , adult education, Bible study, book group
- Outreach to the hungry, homeless and those in prison
- Monthly luncheon for seniors
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To contact us: Stop by at 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset (We are the church "on the rock." Enter during the week at office around back) or call 781-383-1083, or email cwood@ststephenscohasset.org.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Celebrating Hanukkah

- Friday, Dec. 7: At 6:30 pm, families will together light "a sea of menorahs."
- Saturday, Dec. 8: At 8 pm, Rev. Dr. Ray A. Hammond will pay tribute to Herb Morse (a Hingham resident).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church —Rev. Robert Schipul, Pastor; Dan Eddy, Vicar; Sunday worship 9 a.m.; Adult Bible Study and Sunday School start at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday Prayer Service 7 p.m.; 460 Chief Justice Cushing Highway/Rt.3A, Scituate; Office: 781-545-5271; Parsonage: 781-545-9878; Christ Lutheran is handicapped accessible; www.clcscituate.org.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.

WORSHIP NOTES

Cantors' concert

The public is welcome to an evening of music and inspirational speaking at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main St., Hingham, at 8 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 8.

Titled "From Bimah to Broadway – A Cantor's Concert," the event will honor Herb Morse and feature Cantor Steven Weiss and Cantor Joel Colman from Temple Sinai, New Orleans, La.; Cantor Nancy Kassel from Temple Beth Tikvah, Roswell, Ga.; Cantor David Muchnick from Aventura Jewish Center, Aventura Fla.; Cantor Judy Seplowin from Temple Beth-El, Providence, R.I.; and accompanied by Eugene Kaminsky. There will also be a special tribute by Rev. Dr. Ray A. Hammond.

For more information, call the temple office at 781-749-8013, or visit the Web site at shaaray.org.

St. Joseph Retreat Center schedule of events

St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset will host the following programs:

- Dec. 7 through 9, Weekend Retreat, "Soul Collage – A Journey of Discovery."
- Dec. 14 through 16, Quiet Advent Weekend.
- Sunday, Dec. 23, Evening of Prayer, "Blue Christmas." 7 to 8:30 p.m.
- Dec. 27 through Jan. 2, End of Year Retreat. Come for one, three or seven days/nights of directed or private prayer in a quiet, meditative setting.
- Saturday, Jan. 12, Day of Prayer, Knit, Pray, Love: A Day for Knitters.
- Jan. 13 and 20, Days of Prayer, Sacred Images: Contemplation and Creativity, come for one or both days.
- Saturday, Jan. 19, Day of Prayer, A Day of Prayer with 12-step spirituality.
- Thursday, Jan. 24, Morning of Prayer, Celebrating Winter.

'Messiah' to be performed at Second Congregational

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., , will perform selections of Handel's "Messiah" at 10 a.m., on Sunday, Dec. 16. The choir will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra featuring Atlantic Strings and vocal soloists from the Boston area.

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What's happening on the South Shore

DECEMBER 6-14, 2007

'Miracle' stands the test of time

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Every year at this time, come snow or high winds, Hollywood releases new holiday movies —whether we like it not and whether we like them or not. With apologies to the usually dependable Matthew Broderick, does anyone remember the 2006 clunker "Deck the Halls?" Will any of us, even or maybe especially Vince Vaughn, ever again mention "Fred Claus" after this year? It wasn't always this way. Not so long ago a well-made Christmas movie stood a fair chance of becoming a holiday classic.

"It challenges you to try and understand what makes you believe."
Bill Gardiner

One such film, "Miracle on 34th Street," was released 60 years ago and remains so beloved that it is has been remade no fewer that three more times for television and even as a 1994 feature starring Sir Richard Attenborough as the North Pole's most famous resident. It was also turned into a 1963 Broadway musical entitled "Here's Love," by composer Meredith Willson ("The Music Man"). With no dimming of the film's popularity in the forecast, a non-musical stage production based on it is now being presented at Stoneham Theatre.

"With 'Miracle on 34th Street,' it is the innocence that gives the story its lasting appeal and there is genuine innocence here which takes us all to a time when a little girl could really believe in Santa Claus," explains Bill Gardiner of Weymouth, who is playing Kris Kringle in Stoneham. "It challenges you to try and understand what makes you believe."

Based on a screenplay by Valentine Davies and directed by George Seaton, the 1947 film version starred Maureen O'Hara, John Payne, Edmund Gwynn, and a nine-year-old Natalie Wood. The story takes place just after the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade as a single mother and her daughter, an attorney, and several other people, are left to ponder whether or not Macy's Santa may just be the real Mr. Claus. In Stoneham, the stage production is being directed by the theater company's Producing Artistic Director Weylin Symes from an adaptation by Patricia Di Benedetto, Will Severin and John Vreeke. Gardiner readily admits his own fondness for the story and for the original film.



Bill Gardiner of Weymouth.



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Susan Walker (Rebecca Lerman) and Kris Kringle (Bill Gardiner) in Stoneham Theatre's theatre production of the holiday classic "Miracle On 34th Street" through Dec. 23.

"I love the classic movie version and I have watched it many, many times over the years," explained Gardiner recently by telephone. "It always gets to me. Just reading the script for this play made me teary-eyed all over again. It shows that Santa is not just some man who automatically delivers presents. Santa is about so much more than just the delivery of toys and gifts to children. Santa delivers on wishes and helps the parents of children who believe in him."

A graduate of Hull High School and a Weymouth resident for the past 12 years, Gardiner is presently pursuing his MFA in Theater Education at Boston University and is also a drama instructor at Boston University Academy. Gardiner doesn't only like the story of "Miracle on 34th Street," he is also quite enamored with his character. Indeed, the longtime professional actor has played Santa twice before at "Breakfast with Santa" events at Weymouth's Pilgrim Congregational Church.

"I'm having a great time. I have to come up with Kris Kringle's jolliness, but it's hard not to be jolly with such a fun part to play. I've even grown my own beard which, with a little additional artificial whitening, makes me look pretty authentic I don't interact with too many children in the show, but I want those from the audience who happen to see me off-stage to be able to tug on the beard and know that it is real and that Santa just may be, too."

"Miracle on 34th Street" will be at the Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham, through Dec. 23. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 781-279-2200 or go online at stonehamtheatre.org.



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Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., Weymouth, will feature artist Isabel Shamitz of Quincy through Dec. 15. At the same time, the paintings of Roger Gill, George Hartley, Kathy Ferrara, Dick O'Brien, George Murray, and 15 other talented artists will be exhibited in the studio gallery. Free off-street parking at the gallery. Hours Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sunday noon until 5 p.m. 781-331-3384.

Movie review

Highway 61 man revisited

I'm Not There (A-)
Film Review
By Al Alexander

Just like his subject, Todd Haynes goes electric with "I'm Not There," his masterful and imaginative interpretation of the life and times of Bob Dylan. It delivers a buzz like no biopic before it, simply because there's no other quite like it.

You can have your dull, plodding, by-the-numbers junk like "Ray" and "Walk the Line." Me? I'd rather bask in the utter weirdness of a movie that's not so much about Dylan, but *is* Dylan, elusive, enigmatic and brilliant.

To fully enjoy it, though, come equipped with two things: an advanced knowledge of the subject and an open mind. Without both, you'll either be galled or dumbfounded by all the tricks Haynes employs to trick out a movie that can best be described as a crosspollination of Fellini and Andy Warhol.

Everything about it is interpretative and abstract, right down to Haynes' decision to use six diverse actors — from Richard Gere to Cate Blanchett — to depict Dylan's seven personalities: poet, prophet, outlaw, fake, martyr, rock star and born-again Christian. Yet the film's message that no one really knows Dylan — even himself — is always clear and linear.

It's also infinitely intriguing, as the man, and the musician, keeps unpredictability and reinvention as his constant companions. And then gleefully sits back and lets those twin obsessions torment fickle fans and sycophants with the same intensity that they torment him.

Caught in the crossfire, unfortunately, is Dylan's marriage; some might even say his sanity. After all, even his staunchest fans will admit the guy is a little bit nutty. Could that be a lingering effect of the 1966 motorcycle accident that nearly killed him?

Haynes seems to think so, using the crash as a demarcation between the folk singer with the deep thoughts, or as he liked to say "the guy who made finger-pointing music," and the androgynous, amphetamine-fueled jerk who drove away friends, fans and family by becoming a virtual recluse for nearly 20 years.

Christian Bale, enjoying the best year of his career, represents the former, and Cate Blanchett, who won an Oscar for impersonating Katharine Hepburn and could well win a second for playing another American icon, represents the former. They form the heart and soul of the movie and garner much of the screen time.



Cate Blanchett conjures up the feminine side of Bob Dylan.

But huge contributions also come via 11-year-old Marcus Carl Franklin, representing Dylan as a fib-telling Woody Guthrie wannabe; Ben Wishaw, portraying the Dylan who became the poet of a generation and the unnerving source of FBI paranoia; and Heath Ledger, handed the unenviable task of representing the singer's numerous faults.

Even a couple of ill-conceived personas — one by Gere, representing the outlaw inside Dylan, aka Billy the Kid, and another by Bale depicting the Pentecostal preacher, manage to engage on a certain level. As do Charlotte Gainsbourg as Dylan's neglected wife, Michelle Williams as his fetching mistress, Julianne Moore as a thinly veiled Joan Biaz, and Bruce Greenwood as both the inspiration for Dylan's infamous "Mr. Jones" and as Pat Garrett, the lawman determined to destroy a legend.

Haynes skillfully weaves each into a story that unfolds through a mix of black and white and color images that jump back and forth between the various stages of Dylan's career, often accompanied by one of his classic tunes, many of them taking on new meaning as you see how they fit into the context of his real life.

The feelings such moments instill are surprisingly moving. And when Haynes cleverly dabbles in metaphor, like Dylan firing machine guns at fans the day he makes the decidedly unpopular decision to go electric at Newport, the film almost feels hallucinogenic.

It's hard to know what to make of Haynes off-beat style initially, but once you fall into his rhythms his collision of style and substance blends into perfect harmony with what he's attempting to do. And that's to present a film that's almost a mirror of a Dylan song, challenging, raspy and inspirational.

Some might even say spiritual, given how Dylan's life eerily reflects that of another man who began life as a Jew, adopted Christian beliefs, was belittled and persecuted by the establishment, and possessed the ability to move millions with his messages.

Such comparisons would no doubt anger Dylan, all seven versions of him. And it would probably be for seven very different reasons.

All of the Dylans, though, including the real one, would have to agree "I'm Not There" is a work of genius. Albeit a wondrously communal one that begins with Haynes and trickles down through his actors, writing partner Oren Moverman, and most especially, his director of photography, Ed Lachman.

Like their collaboration on the Oscar-nominated "Far From Heaven," Haynes and Lachman summon one indelible image after another until you're rendered breathless by all the beauty working in juxtaposition to the pain, sorrow and regret at the fore.

Of course, the film's chief lure will be the timeless music (and there is plenty) of a man who saw the times a changin' and joined The Beatles (seen here in a very funny and clever cameo) in writing the soundtrack for what would become a cultural revolution. And, like John Lennon, it came at a cost. A huge cost that I never fully understood or appreciated until Haynes so eloquently depicted it onscreen.

Now I know, and I doubt I'll ever forget it. Neither will you. But see for yourself, and don't think twice, 'cause it's all right.

Rated R. "I'm Not There" contains language and some sexuality and nudity.

Calendar of events

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun tab.

Thursday, Dec. 6

Network4Success Business-to-Business Networking Group meets the first Thursday of the month at the Plympton Library from 5 to 6 p.m. and the third Thursday of the month at the Halifax Country Club from noon to 1:30 p.m. For meeting info, email info@network4success.org or visit network4success.org

South Shore Art Center's annual *Small* Works exhibition, showcases over 200 pieces of art by Art Center Gallery Artists, priced for holiday giving. Give the gift of art and support local artists. The Art Center will be open Thursdays in December until 8 p.m. South Shore Art Center gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursdays, Dec. 6, 13 and 20 until 8 p.m. and Sunday, Noon-4 p.m. Visit ssac.org or call 781-383-2787 for additional information.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Dec. 6, **Infractions** 781-829-6999.

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Wednesday and Thursday evening from 8 to 11 p.m.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's open mic** with **Lickity Split Blues Jam** Dec. 6 at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpage-cafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, Dec. 7

Edaville USA Christmas Festival of Lights, Route 58, Carver through Jan. 1. Fireworks on Fridays through Dec. 28. Visit edaville.com or call 877-edaville for information.

The Braintree Art Association Artist of the month, **Elaine Moriarty,** will exhibit her work for the month of December at Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

The Notre Dame Academy Players present the production of their musical **Once Upon A Mattress**, a lavish musical comedy that is fun and folly for the whole family. Performances will be in the Cardinal Cushing Auditorium at Notre Dame Academy - 1073 Main St, Hingham, on Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $7 for students and seniors and $10 for adults. Seating is general admission and we are wheelchair accessible. Visit ndahingham.com for more information.

Tuscan House Restaurant, 58 E. Grove Street (Rt. 28) Middleboro **Comedy dinner and holiday party** featuring **Harrison Stebbins**, along with **Annette Pollack, Chris Trabulsie, Andrea Henry Christine Hurley.** Dec. 7, at 6:30 p.m. Dinner/show/DJ and dancing. Advance reservations required by calling 508-923-0099 or 781-843-4833.

South Shore Folk Music, located at the Beal House, Route 106, Kingston presents **Chris Smither**, Dec. 7. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Concerts begins at 8 p.m. Tickets: members- $20 non-members- $22 Information: ssfmc.org or 781-871-1052

The Duxbury Rug Hookers at the **James Library and Center for the Arts**, Norwell Center, will be on view Dec. 7-29. An opening reception will be held on Dec. 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. Exhibit may be viewed Tuesday - Friday 1 to 5 p.m. for information visit jameslibrary.org or call 781-659-7100.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Dec. 7, **Greg MacKenzie & Greenbacks**, at 9:15 p.m., No cover 781-335-9796 visit nextpagecafe.com or myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree, **DJ Rick** every Friday 781-849-7007

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Volunteers

HOSPICE OF THE SOUTH SHORE SEEKS VOLUNTEERS - Greater numbers of people are turning to hospice services as they near the end of life and therefore the need for hospice volunteers is growing.

Hospice of the South Shore, a program of South Shore Hospital, is looking for volunteers to share time each week with hospice patients and their families. Volunteers do a variety of things, depending on the needs of the patient and his or her family. Activities may include providing respite for caregivers, running errands, or just keeping someone company. Many hospice volunteers describe the experience of helping individuals with advanced illness as an honor and a privilege. Hospice of the South Shore will be conducting a volunteer training class. If you are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, call Marcia Clifford at 617-755-1314.

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Pictured Left to right: Back row: Brittany Stevens, Emily Burke, Robert E. Treichel III, Marie Treichel, Alison LaFerrara, Cassandra LeBel. Front Row: Zachariah Supka, Erin Crowell, Kira Hillery-Stogryn, Ashley Burke. Actors are from: Plymouth, Kingston, Sagamore Beach, Wareham, Middleboro, Scituate, Cotuit and West Barnstable.

Starcreations Theater presents the musical "The Story of the Velveteen Rabbit" on Sundays, Dec. 9 and 16 at 4 p.m. held at Kendall Hall, First Church of Plymouth, 19 Town Square, Plymouth. Tickets: Adult $10, Child $5. For info and reservations, call 508-747-1234 or email info@starcreations.org

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Women Against MS luncheon Join *Chronicle* host **Anthony Everett** and humorist and stress expert **Loretta LaRoche** for a motivational luncheon and local networking opportunity from noon to 2 p.m. Dec. 7, (rescheduled from Nov. 16) in the ballroom of the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor, at 180 Water St. Following the program, a luncheon will be served, catered by the Radisson. Three gift baskets valued at $1,000 each will be raffled off to conclude the afternoon. This Women Against Multiple Sclerosis luncheon event allows women to join women in moving toward a world free of multiple sclerosis, a lifelong disease of the central nervous system that interrupts the flow of information from the brain to the body. Symptoms range from numbness and tingling, to blindness and paralysis. Individual tickets are $65, or become a sponsor or table host or donate to the gift baskets. Call Marianna Mele at 508-759-0402 or e-mail her at Marianna.Mele@mam.nmss.org for details or visit msnewengland.org.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance Dec. 7, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight South Shore Country Club, Grand Ballroom, 274 South St., Hingham. 781749-1720. Exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte.3. Free dance lessons 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dance music by award-winning DJ, 8:30 to midnight Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, 9-10. Free door prizes, raffles, and additional MATCH game prizes. For singles and couples 35+ years. old. Proper dress required, ties and jackets recommended. Admittance is only $10 before 9. Co-Sponsored by the Young Professionals Club USA. Info call 781-446-0234. *'Toys For Tots' donation accepted.*

New England Singles Dances, VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington Dec. 7, 8 p.m. to midnight. Adults of all ages. Casual dress. Music from the 70s to the present and requests. $9. Information: 617-325-4900 singlesdances-newengland.com

The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park, Norwell presents "A Christmas Carol" at The Company Theatre through Dec. 16. Tickets are price at $28-$30. Available at the box-office. by phone at 781-871-2787,and online at companytheatre.com

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Dec.7, **Radio For The Blind** 781-829-6999.

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell, Dec. 7, **The Dan Byrnes Trio**

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Dec. 7, **Soul Ambition.** Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Saturday, Dec. 8

The South Shore Writer's Club, located at the Abington Public Library, will feature **John Fulton** as their guest speaker on Dec. 8, at 10 a.m. A creative writing professor at UMass in Boston, Fulton's writings include a collection called **Retribution** and his latest novel **The Criminal Girl.** Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For information, contact 781-337-7032.

The South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham will once again offer its **Art Appraisal Day** Dec. 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hingham resident **Arthur Garrity,** a professional fine art appraiser, will offer verbal appraisals at the Gallery. Etchings, prints or original oil or watercolor paintings may be submitted for review. There is a fee of $10 per appraisal. For additional information, call 781-749-0430 or visit southstreet gallery.com

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. **Buttonwood Celebrates** is a daylong celebration on Dec. 8 of the holiday season Many events are planned, starting with Santa Claus at 10:30 a.m. until noon. Hingham author and photographer **Bill Brett** signs his new book "**Boston: An Extended Family**" at 11 a.m. Cohasset young adult author, **Amanda Thompson**, launches her new book "**Seasons**" at 1 p.m. and local singer/songwriter **Mamasteph,** will host a sing-along of holiday favorites, for parents and children, at 3 p.m. Toy demonstrations will take place in the toy department from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. View and learn about unique toys for kids from 9-99.. Great door prizes for children and adults, Gift certificates and more, will be drawn randomly throughout out the day. Light refreshments will be served. Call 781-383-2665 for information.

Down East Dancers monthly Country Dance Dec. 8, at the Taunton Elks Lodge, 119 High St., Taunton. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Couples and Line dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight with **DJ Paul DeMaria**. Potluck snacks, raffle, cash bar. $6. 508-680-6736 or 781-925-1170. downeastdancers.com

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The South Street Gallery offers fine art and framing, and is committed to the advancement of developing artists as well as those with established reputa-tions. Many artists who display with South Street Gallery engage in the plein-art tradition characterized by a unique combination of fresh color, accurate values and interesting compositions. The South Street Gallery is located at 149 South St., one minute from the Square in Hingham. Hours are from Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For additional information, call 781-749-0430 or visit southstreetgallery.com.

"The Fruit With Flowers" oil painting by Dianne Panarelli Miller.

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New England Singles Dance, Dec. 8, 8 p.m. to midnight **Pembroke Country Club** DJ. 617-325-0591.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Dec. 8 **Strange Medicine** 781-829-6999.

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell, Dec. 8, **Despite Dwight.**

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Dec.8, **Beale Street Band** at 9:15 p.m., No cover 781-335-9796 visit nextpagecafe.com or myspace.com/satchsnewblues-revue

The North End Tavern, 213 Standish Ave., Plymouth Dec. 8, 9:15 p.m. **The J Place Band. No cover.** 508-746-4199

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Dec. 8 **Jeff Pitchell.** Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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Frank Wallace, Boston Classical Guitar Society Artistic Director and singer **Nancy Knowles** perform a holiday concert as part of the **Sunday Sounds Special** Series at the Hingham Public Library on Dec. 9 at 3:30 p.m. The performance of guitar and vocals is free and open to the general public.

Standish Humane Society's Pet Photos with Santa. Volunteers will be helping Santa at the Plymouth PetSmart on Dec. 8 and 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds will benefit both the shelter and reduced-cost spay/neuter program.

Gayle A. Loik and Susan Benoit present **A Life in Color,** through the end of December at **Bella's Restaurant**, 933 Hingham St, Rockland.

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Monday, Dec. 10

By Land and By Still Life, the oil paintings of **Weymouth artist Kaye O'Brien** will be featured in the Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery from through Jan. 3, 2008. The Library is located on 66 Leavitt St. For information visit the Library's website hinghamlibrary.org.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Dec. 10 **Free Texas Hold'Em with Northern Poker League** 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, Dec. 11

The Buttonwood Book Group for Adults will meet on Tue, Dec. 11, 7 PM at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. The selected book is "The Gathering," winner of the 2007 Man Booker Prize, by Anne Enright. The facilitator is Ms. Sarah Duffield. No reservations are necessary. All are welcome. 781-383-2665.

The Bar Association of Norfolk County's next upcoming **Free Legal Clinic**, will be held on Dec. 11, at the Quincy District Court from 6 to 8 p.m. This is a free community service. Call 617-417-9693 for information.

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Reunions

NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1997 – 10-year reunion Dec. 22, at The Greatest Bar at 262 Friend St. (across from the Garden) from 7 until 10 p.m. The cost will be $20 per person and will include a private function room and food. Contact Mike Panarelli at 781-223-4831 if you can attend.

WEYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL ALL CLASSES REUNION will be held Feb. 8 and 9, 2008 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, 7470 Highway192 in Kissimee, Fla. Call 1-800-327-9170 for reservations. On Feb. 10, a cruise departs for four nights, five days to the Bahamas. For information visit geocities.com/Lureman72 or contact Dick Laneau for registration for at 727-345-4323 or e-mail luresWanted@tampabay.rr.com

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL ALL CLASS FLORIDA REUNION: The 25th Annual Braintree High All Class Florida Reunion will be held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Kissimmee, FL the weekend of Feb. 8, 2008.The reunion luncheon is scheduled for Feb. 9, 2008.The cost of the luncheon will be $25 per person. For complete details, logon to braintreehigh.com, click on "Florida" or contact Jill (Whitten) Coyle at 781-843-3275 or jcoyle@beld.net.

ABINGTON HIGH SCHOOL 25th Reunion, Class of 1983 July 12, Location: TBD Time: tentatively 6 to 11 p.m. Seeking classmates.Contact Lisa Daniels (c.508-404-8326 or muffinmanny2000@yahoo.com or (w 508-350-0101 or jimstoffel@hotmail .com with updated contact information.

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Theater review

'Mamma Mia' a musical treat

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



Mary Jayne Raleigh and cast from the national tour of Mamma Mia!

First a confession: although I'm old enough to be a part of the original 1970s ABBA fan base, I don't own a single record — on vinyl or otherwise — by the vocal quartet. Now an admission: as I write this it has been three days since I saw "Mamma Mia!" at Boston's Colonial Theatre and the show's songs - including "SOS," "Dancing Queen," "Money, Money, Money," "The Winner Takes It All" and some 20 other pop hits originally recorded by the Swedish super group — are still running on a continuous loop in my head. And I'm not complaining, because "Mamma Mia!" and the music that inspired it aren't just guilty pleasures, they are real pleasures to be enjoyed over and over again.

On its fourth visit to Boston in the six years since it first played here prior to Broadway, "Mamma Mia!" remains a powerhouse at theater box offices worldwide and pure fun for those lucky enough to get tickets. With music and lyrics by Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus, and a clever and sweet book by Catherine Johnson, "Mamma Mia!" takes place on a fictional Greek island where Donna Sheridan (Mary Jane Raleigh) owns and runs a taverna. Donna's daughter Sophie (Carrie Manolakos) is engaged to be married to a young local, Sky (Timothy Ware), and, before she walks down the aisle, hopes to learn the identity of her father. When her mother's diary reveals that it could be any one of a trio of men from her past, Sophie decides to invite all three to Greece for her wedding without consulting Donna. The men, Harry Bright (Ian Simpson), Bill Austin (Milo Shandel) and Sam Carmichael (Sean Allan Krill) may not know of their possible daughter, but they do remember Donna and so they travel to Greece for the wedding as do two of Donna's old friends from her days as lead singer of "Donna and the Dynamos," three-time divorcee Tanya (Christine Sherrill) and the unmarried but still-open-to-the-idea Rosie (Allison Briner.)

If you're a romantic then you will enjoy the plot for sure, and if you're not, then just sit back and let one great, familiar song after another wash over you like warm waves from the Aegean Sea. A wonderfully exuberant cast perfectly captures the spirit and humor inherent in these highly appealing characters. Director Phyllidia Lloyd and choreographer Anthony Van Laast keep their talented cast moving to the music on production designer Mark Thompson's simple, but appealing Greek island set which is appropriately sun-splashed thanks to fine work by lighting designer Howard Harrison.

A feature film version of "Mamma Mia!," starring Meryl Streep, is set for release next year, but why wait for the movie? As this sprightly national tour proves, this is one show you can see more than once. So try not to miss this current Boston visit. And if you do go, don't head up the aisle at the first sign of the curtain call or you'll miss the liveliest encore ever in a Broadway show. Would you really want to leave without hearing 'Waterloo'? From start to finish, "Mamma Mia!" is an irresistible musical delight that will put you in a good mood for days — not such a bad thing, especially during the holiday season.

"Mamma Mia!" will be at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston St., Boston, through Dec. 16. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-931-2787 or go online at broadwayacrossamerica.com.

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Frank Wallace, Boston Classical Guitar Society Artistic Director and singer Nancy Knowles perform a holiday concert as part of the Sunday Sounds Special Series at the Hingham Public Library on Dec. 9 at 3:30 p.m. The performance of guitar and vocals is free and open to the general public.

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The South Shore Men of Harmony Barbershop Chorus invites men of all ages who like to sing to join them during the month of November to rehearsals that will be open to anyone who would like to learn Christmas music sung in the Barbershop acapella style. They will be accepting invitations from all sorts of organizations to present Christmas programs and would be delighted to include whoever is interested in having fun singing. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. in the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St., at the corner of Central Street. Call 781-337-SING for additional information or e-mail danielcostello@gmail.com or billfitzjr@aol.com.

La Leche League will hold a meeting on Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Hingham Public Library (corner of East and Leavitt Street). The discussion topic is **Nutrition & Weaning.** La Leche League is a non-profit international organization offering information, education and support for breastfeeding and parenting .Meetings are free. Pregnant and nursing mothers are encouraged to attend. Babies are always welcome. For information, call Christie 781-740-780, Heather 781-544-9230, Love 781-740-4876, Patti 781-986-6980, Tina 781-544-6226 or Kathleen 781-749-2404.

Wednesday, Dec. 12

Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St.,, Weymouth. The exhibit of **Urban Views — Cityscapes in Oil,** the paintings of Quincy artist **Isabel Shamitz,** continues through Dec. 15 in the main "Glass Gallery." At the same time, the paintings of **Roger Gill, George Hartley, Kathy Ferrara, Dick O'Brien, George Murray,** and 15 other talented artists will be exhibited in the studio gallery. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. 781-331-3384.

The South Shore OCD Support Group holds monthly meetings for adults suffering from OCD, parents of children suffering from OCD or friends and family of adults suffering from OCD. Meetings are at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at the Duxbury Senior Community Center, 10 Mayflower St., Duxbury. (Route 3 to exit 10 east, to Tremont Street, (RT 3A North) to 10 Mayflower). The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. No cost. Wheelchair accessible. Call Barbara Lashley at 508 830-1630 for information.

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Wednesday and Thursday evening from 8 to 11 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 13

The Trustees of Reservations Children's Winter Program Registration Hingham Public Library, Hingham Dec. 13, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. This is your first opportunity to sign up your child for the winter sessions of Ecosplorations or Snowflakes. For information on these programs, including dates and times, consult the website at the trustees.org or call 781-740-4796.

The Buttonwood Book Group for Middle School children (Grades 6-8) will meet on Dec. 13, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset. The facilitator is Ms. Barb Mullin. The selected book is "**Miracle on 49th Street,**" a smile inducing sports and holiday novel, from the #1 New York Times bestselling author Mike Lupica. No reservations are necessary. All are welcome. 781-383-2665.

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Down East Dancers Special Holiday Dance Dec. 13,at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Dance lesson at 7 p.m. DJ Paul DeMaria. Holiday Refreshments and cash bar. $12. 781-925-1170; 508-653-7937. downeastdancers.com

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's open mic** with **Undaunted Professor Harp Blues Jam** Dec. 13 at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, Dec. 14

Edaville USA Christmas Festival of Lights, Route 58, Caver through Jan. 1. Fireworks on Fridays through Dec. 28. Visit edaville.com or call 877-edaville for informatin.



Perry Ross



Bobby Galegos

"A Jazz Christmas." presented by The Ventress Library Sunday Concert Series, Ventress Library, Marshfield, will feature a special holiday concert Dec. 9, at 2 p.m. Trumpeter Bobby Gallegos of Weymouth and keyboardist Perry Rossi of Pembroke join together to perform. Listen to jazzy renditions of popular favorites such as "I'll Be Home for Christmas", "Winter Wonderland" and "Let It Snow". Free and open to the public. No tickets are required. Refreshments are served at a post concert reception. Handicapped accessible. For information call Chris Woods at 781-834-5535 or visit ventresslibrary.org

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Auditions

COHASSET DRAMATIC CLUB announces auditions for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" by Andrew Lloyd Webber, at the Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave, Cohasset, on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 6 pm for youth ages 10 and up and at 7:30 pm for Adults. Auditions will also be held on Monday, Dec. 10, at 6:30 p.m. for youth ages 10 and up and at 7:30 p.m. for adults. Call backs, if needed, will be Tuesday Dec. 11, at 7 pm.

Cast size can vary. Both men and women are needed, specifically as many as 17 principal men (some of these parts can be played by women) and two specific women with a women's chorus; there will also be a youth chorus of 20-24, ages 10 and up. Boys and girls are welcome. Audition requirements are a prepared 16-32 bars of an upbeat song in the style of the show. Music from the show is acceptable as well. There will be a dance movement audition as well, so dress comfortably. Some may be asked to do a cold reading. Performance dates will be Feb. 29, March 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15,16 at the Cohasset Town Hall. The show will be directed by Lisa Rafferty, with music direction by Mark Bono. It will be produced by Lisa Pratt. For any questions regarding auditions or anything pertaining to the show, contact Lisa Pratt at 617-852-0091.

Holiday events

THIRD VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS SHOW HOUSE at the Daniel Webster Estate, 238 Webster St., Marshfield, will open to the public through Dec. 12. Daily Hours: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Evenings: Thursday, Dec. 6; and Tuesday, Dec. 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. Each room of this 1880 Queen Anne-style Victorian home will offer fabulous ideas for home decorating from the Designers, and a Holly Boutique, Raffle items, and refreshments will combine to create a delightful visit. Tickets sold at the Door at $10 each; Seniors - $8 Groups are welcome and easy parking is available. Visit danielwebsterestate.org for further details and other ticket locations, or call Virginia at 781-837-2403, or Eileen at 781-837-7579.

MUSICAL HOLIDAY PARTY South Shore Stars Dinner Theater, (formerly Quincy Dinner Theater) Dec. 1-21 at Braintree Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree Dec. 6-9, 13-16, and 20-21. In addition to all evening performances Thursday-Saturday, there will be two Saturday matinees and three Sunday matinees. All evenings: dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m. Matinees dinner at 1 p.m., show at 2:30 p.m. Tickets: $42.50 Thursday; $45 Friday-Sunday. Discounts for seniors and groups over 20. Handicapped accessible, free parking. Call 781-843-5862.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE, South Shore Hospital's Cottage Gift Shop, 56 Fogg Road, off Columbian Square, South Weymouth Dec. 6, 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. 781 340 8740.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES HOUSE TOUR IN COHASSET. The Community Garden Club of Cohasset and the Cohasset Historical Society will present a tour of five of Cohasset's most beautiful homes and the all lavishly decorated for the holiday season. Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p. m. Tickets are $20 before Dec. 6 and $25 on the day of the tour. They will be available the first week in November in Cohasset at Fleming's, Windsor Tea Shop, Buttonwoods Books and Toys, and Darilynn's. In Scituate, tickets may be purchased at The Welch Company and in Norwell at Stonehouse Gardens. In Hingham , tickets will be sold at Talbots, Johannah's, and The Shoe Market at Derby Street Shoppes. On tour day, tickets will be available at Bates Hall.

SCITUATE HARBOR HOLIDAY STROLL Dec. 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Holiday-themed customer appreciation night sponsored by the Scituate Harbor Merchants. Offerings vary by store, and include discounts, refreshments, and activities. Free.

POLAR EXPRESS PARTY, Barnes & Noble, The Derby Street Shoppes, 96 Derby St,. Hingham invites families to celebrate the holidays at a cozy Christmas party where kids can participate in lots of fun activities, including a reading of the classic children's Christmas story, *The Polar Express*. Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. Come in your pajamas, if you want to! For information, contact 781-749-3319.

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WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME stars the cast of the smash hit "Connie, Brenda, Patsy & Me" along with JM Productions own executive producer John F. McDonald, Jr. of Quincy. This musical event promises to usher in the Christmas season with laughter, sentimental songs, memorable monologues and the ever-favorite audience sing a long and competition. Fours shows Dec 6, 7, 13 and 14. For tickets, call: JM Productions at 617-786 SHOW (7469) or visit our secure website for on line credit card purchasing at jmproductionspresents.com Patrons can also call Raffael's directly for telephone orders at 781-925-4515. Tickets for show only seats are $30 per person with seating beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets for dinner and show are $50 per person with seating at 6:30 p.m. Special hotel rates to stay over at the Clarion Hotel on historic Nantasket Beach are available. Call the hotel directly for rates.

SPIRIT OF THE SEASON The North Scituate Merchants, a newly organized group of business owners in North Scituate Village, is offering residents a chance to get into the spirit of the season. On Dec. 7 and 8, the group has planned a holiday celebration. As part of the holiday event, on Friday night, Dec. 7 until 8 p.m. and during the day on Saturday, Dec. 8, stores will have open houses with each offering its own refreshments and activities. There will also be caroling and the village will be adorned with holiday lights and decorations. The events of Dec. 8 will focus on children and families, with a stroll by Santa Claus through the village. For information, call 781-545-2813.

HOLIDAY DANCE - South Shore Dancers, presents Fantasy Holiday, the theme for the holiday dance on Dec. 8. Wear your fancy holiday attire. The dance will be held at the Cushing Center on Route 123 in Norwell. It will start with a lesson at 7:30 followed by dancing from 8 to 11 p.m. Cost $9 for members and $10 for non-members. Call Tom Osterland for reservations at 781 659-4703 or reserve at SouthShoreDancers.org.

25th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS IN THE SQUARE CELEBRATION, historic downtown Hingham. Dec. 7 and 8. Santa arrives Dec. 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the corner of Main and North Sts. Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. enjoy the festivities throughout historic downtown Hingham. Gather in the streets around the Square, enjoying holiday performances on the steps of St. Paul's Church, visiting a Festival of Trees, and greeting friends and neighbors in a scene reminiscent of a Norman Rockwell painting. Victorian Carolers fill the streets with song, Brownie troops sing carols in local shops, Oldies 103.3FM broadcasts holiday favorites, and the Bell Tower change ringers add to the holiday spirit. Free horse-drawn hayrides leave from the corner of Main and North Streets Dec. 8, from noon to 3 p.m. Holiday crafts and treats for children provided by the Hingham Rec. Department at Sherwin Williams on South Street. The Festival of Trees' wonderland of decorated trees and gingerbread houses opens at 10 a.m. at Old Derby Academy; the silent auction of all items concludes at 3 p.m. A complete schedule of events and locations is available at discoverhingham.com.

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY hosted by The Hingham Newcomers Club Dec. 8, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Plymouth River Elementary School. Make Christmas, Hanukkah, and seasonal crafts, play fun Games and Win Prizes, buy treats at the bake sale and get their picture taken with SANTA. Admission is $7 per child with a $25 family maximum. Fun, family celebration for kids under the age of 6. Download an Early Registration Discount form at hinghamnewcomers.org

ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT performed by the Southeastern Philharmonic Orchestra, presented by The North Weymouth Knights of Columbus Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Saint Jerome's Church Hall (Saint Paula's Hall), 632 Bridge St., Rte. 3A, North Weymouth. Performing will be the directed by Conductor Robert Babb. This annual concert benefits local charities. Tickets are $10 for adults, $7 for seniors and free admission for children under 10 and will be available at the door. For advance tickets or information call 781-337-9585 or 781-337-8448.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY POPS! Conductor Steven Karidoyanes and the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra perform their annual Holiday Pops Dec. 8, at 8 p.m. and Dec. 9, at 3 p.m. Guest performers include the Pilgrim Festival Chorus, the Federal Furnace School Treble Chorus and Boston Pops POPS-Search winner Frances Botelho-Hoeg. This festive program includes much-loved holiday favorites and the very-popular indoor parade, "March of the Toys," a charity toy drive by kids, for kids. Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth. 508.746.3008 plymouthphil.org. Memorial Hall is fully accessible. Individual ticket prices: $50, $45, $35, $20. Senior, Youth and Group discounts offered. $5 student "rush" tickets sold at the door one hour before performance, as available.

FOURTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY SHOPPING BONANZA supporting the Jordan Hospital Club Cancer Center, Dec. 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cedarville Community Room, 2209 State Road, Plymouth. Call 508-844-1855.

HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR, Forbes House Museum, 215 Adams St, Milton, Dec. 9, 1 to 4 p.m. to benefit the Forbes House Museum, 215 Adams St., Milton. Advance Tickets: $18 museum members / $20 non-members. Day of Tour Tickets: $25 for all.

IRISH AND HOLIDAY MUSIC PROGRAM, Scituate Library, 85 Branch St., Scituate. Seasonal music fills the air when Susan (Gedutis) Lindsay makes a return visit to Scituate Town Library for a concert of Irish and Holiday music on Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. The one-hour program features holiday traditions in America and in Ireland. Included are a selection of jigs, reels, and other Irish tunes that celebrate the winter season, and a mix of familiar and less familiar holiday themed music. Performing with Susan are Stephen Lindsay, Helen Kisiel and Brendan Tonra. For information or directions to the library, call 781-545-8727 or visit scituatetownlibrary.org.

HOLIDAY SING ALONG AND STORIES FOR CHILDREN, The James Library & Center for the Arts is located at 24 West St. (off Rt. 123) in Norwell Center. A free children's holiday story time and sing-along will be held Dec. 12 at 10 a.m. The 45-minute program is for children ages 3-5. Call 781-659-7100 to register your child. Stories will be read by Caroline Chapin of the James Library and holiday songs will be led by Alison Barr of Hanover on piano. *For information visitjameslibary.org*

HOLIDAY SALE FOCUS Gallery, Fine Art Photography, 115 Ripley Road, Cohasset will feature a wide selection of photographic art by regional, award-winning photographers on Dec. 15 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. 781-383-0663.

HOLIDAY CONCERT AT OLD SHIP COFFEEHOUSE, 107 Main St., Hingham. Harpist Aine' Minogue will perform her Celtic Christmas Concert at the Old Ship's Coffeehouse off the Square on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 4 p.m. Admission $10 at the door. For information or to volunteer (free admissions) call 781-749-1767.

HOLIDAY CAROLING CONCERT AND SING-ALONG. South Shore Conservatory Enjoy faculty and students performing holiday carols and sing-along with them on Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. Cox Hall, Hingham and Dec. 20 at 6 p.m. Ellison Center, Duxbury Admission: $8 adults/$4 children/$15 family maximum. Holiday cookies and eggnog served. Visit southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565 x10 or 781-934-2731 x 10.

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BEACON OF HOPE



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Paula Dickinson, Millie Oswald, Patty Smith, and Jane Reardon of the Social Service League stand behind baskets from the Christmas Angel Project that will be delivered to seniors at Christmas.

Social Service League of Cohasset serves South Shore

By Nancy White
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Since 1912, the Social Service League of Cohasset has identified and assisted the most needy and least served people within Cohasset and its surrounding communities. From families to teens to senior citizens, the Social Service League serves as a beacon of hope for those in need.

The organization's longevity has not altered their commitment to their mission — they've had the same focus for 95 years. The objectives of the League are to foster "cooperation for the temporal welfare of the townspeople in relieving poverty, promoting thrift and helping those who are trying to help themselves."

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Although the end has remained the same, the group's work is constantly evolving with the growth and needs of the community.

"We try to cover all ages — kids, adults, families, the elderly. It's a big, all encompassing job," says Patty Smith, an officer in the Social Service League Board of Directors and chair of the outreach committee.

The Social Service League of Cohasset has always been based in Cohasset, but much of the work the organization does is beyond Cohasset's

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Sewer staging

By Nancy White
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It could be another two months before the Zoning Board of Appeals make its decision on the legality of the Little Harbor water and sewer project staging area on Jerusalem Road. Additional evidence and testimony were entered into the record at the continued hearing earlier this week.

No decision was reached and the hearing was left open until next month. The Zoning Board of Appeals requested additional documentation to help it make a determination on whether the staging area at 198 Jerusalem Road is an allowable use under the zoning bylaws.

Since the early fall, pipes, trailers, heavy-duty trucks and equipment have been situated on the private property of 198 Jerusalem Road as the home base for the Little Harbor project. Before the start of the long awaited project, the town's contractor, L. M Holdings, located the small piece of property on Jerusalem Road to serve as the staging area for the duration of the project, approximately two years.

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Sam Burgoon of French Memories is seen through a wreath on the door Wednesday afternoon. The wreaths were purchased by local businesses from the METCO program scholarship fundraiser.

Village all set

Stroll is Saturday

By Nancy White
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"City sidewalks, busy sidewalks dressed in holiday style."

The lyrics of the timeless Christmas carol, "Silver Bells" will come alive this Saturday evening in Cohasset village. In recent years, the Village Holiday Stroll has become an annual holiday favorite for both the young and the old. The merchants and business owners strive each year to make the event bigger and brighter than the year before — and this year more businesses are involved than ever.

"It's an event that brings the village together to celebrate the season," says Darilynn Evans, owner of Darilynn's. "There's going to be a festive atmosphere."

The Village Holiday Stroll will be held tomorrow (Saturday, Dec. 15) from 4 to 7 p.m. Village shops and businesses from Ripley Road, South Place and South Main Street will join in the fun with each business offering something different to the mix — music, crafts, food, drink.

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PICTURE THIS/David Bigley, Karen Kirkendall and Pete Taylor



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David Bigley, Karen Kirkendall, and Pete Taylor hope to see all Mariner readers at the Village Stroll on Saturday evening.

Names: David Bigley, Karen Kirkendall and Pete Taylor

Occupation: Owner "All the Best Natural Foods" (David); real estate business owner, senior aerobic instructor, ASP advisor and Miss Goody-Two-Shoes (Karen); Service Center owner (Pete).

Best day of your life: When my son Morgan told me at my 60th birthday party that I was going to be a grandfather (David); the day I left Albany, Texas, population 2,000 (Karen); returning to the U.S. while in the Navy (Pete).

Best vacation: Renting a Gypsy Caravan (horse & wagon) and traveling in the West of Ireland (David); San Francisco to Napa Valley to Monterrey; Rome wasn't bad either (Karen); St. Maarten (Pete).

Favorite season: Spring (David); September (isn't that a season? Karen); Summer (Pete).

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving, great food, family and no presents (David); Thanksgiving, it's like Christmas without the gifts and stress (Karen); July 4th (Pete).

Favorite meal: Dinner at #9 Park when son Morgan was a chef there (David); chicken fried steak and gravy (you can take the girl out of Texas…Karen); Maryland crab cakes (Pete).

Best book: "The Glass Castle" (David); "Weird Stories from the Lonesome Café" (Best if shared with a 7-year-old…Karen); "Flags of Our Fathers" (Pete).

Best movie: "Casablanca" (David); "My Cousin Vinny" (Karen); "Caine Mutiny" (Pete).

Best TV show: "Posh Nosh" (David); "Dancing With the Stars" (I am waiting for the call…Karen); "The Simpsons" (Pete).

Most memorable moment: Holding Tiffany, the 6 lb., 5-month-old baby girl of the family we helped on last year's ASP trip (David); a surprise visit from our kids and grandkids on our 40th wedding anniversary (wait, I meant 40th birthday…Karen).

Pet peeve: Selfish people (David); rude, honking drivers (in Texas a honk means "Heh ya'll doin'?" Karen); clueless cell phone users (Pete).

Goal: To be an awesome grandfather (David); never to give a straight answer to a newspaper reporter (think, "presidential candidates"…Karen); making it to retirement (Pete).

Person you'd most like to meet: Jimmy Carter (David); Santa Baby or Tim Russert (aren't they one in the same? Karen); my grandfather (Pete).

Biggest worry: Running out of chocolate (David); turning into Santa (the hair, the tummy, the beard…Karen); my kids (Pete).

Best part of Cohasset: The village and the village people (David); ecumenical spirit and community events like the Village Stroll (Karen); the ocean (Pete).

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Lt. Quigley recognized by police council

Cohasset Police Lt. William Quigley was presented the 2007 Award for Excellence in Police Service by the Greater Boston Police Council (GBPC) at its annual meeting on Monday, Dec. 3.

The GBPC, with an Executive Board of 10 police chiefs, provides the Boston Area Police Emergency Radio Network (BAPERN), Simulation Based Incident Command Training and Collective Purchasing for its 143 member agencies.

The GBPC gives an annual award to an officer who best utilizes the BAPERN system to assist in resolving a law enforcement incident.

Numerous people from the 143 agencies were nominated for the 2007 award.

Lt. Quigley was chosen for his monitoring of the BAYPERN system after a State Trooper was fired upon while attempting to stop a vehicle involved in a previous robbery. A police pursuit followed and made its way down Route 3A heading toward Cohasset.

Lt. Quigley's monitoring this situation led to the use of "stop sticks" on the suspect vehicle and to the suspect's eventual arrest.

Chief James Hussey said this is a great example of being able to communicate with other law enforcement jurisdictions.

"This dangerous felon had made his way through numerous communities, showing a total disregard for anyone's safety," Hussey said. "Lt. Quigley's monitoring of the situation via the BAPERN radio system, and quick thinking, led to the capture of this suspect."

Police Beat

Weather wreaks havoc with motorists

By Mary Ford
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Police say last Friday's snowfall, which made the area look like a Currier and Ives holiday card, was a nightmare for motorists.

At least five accidents from about 4 p.m., Friday, to 1 a.m., Saturday, appeared to be weather-related.

Chief James Hussey said if conditions worsen again last night (after the Mariner went to press) and later this weekend, extra manpower would be called in to help with any emergency situations.

However, he urges motorists to stay off the roads if possible when the snow falls to allow DPW crews to "get out in front of the storm."

Those who must drive should travel below the speed limit. "They should really slow down – if they are going fast and hit the brakes, they will lose control," Hussey said.

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— Chief James Hussey

Loss of control in slippery conditions appears to be exactly what happened in several instances last Friday (Dec. 7).

• At 4:03 p.m. that afternoon, the driver of a car traveling north on Jerusalem Road, applied the brakes at a curve and struck a wall in the 750 block. There appeared to be only minor injuries and the 2000 Ford Toyota driven by a Weymouth resident was towed.

• At 4:39 p.m., a 2006 Hyundai driven by a Scituate resident was traveling on Forest Avenue toward the water when it went into a slide and traveled through the intersection with Jerusalem Road and hit a boulder. That car was also towed and the operator did not have any apparent injuries.

• At 6:19 p.m., a Cohasset resident hit the brakes of a 1998 Volvo and was unable to recover from the resulting skid. The car hit and snapped a utility pole on lower King Street. There were no apparent injuries. The car was towed and National Grid was called to repair the pole.

• At 10:46 p.m., on North Main Street, a Cohasset resident driving a 1998 Nissan from Hingham at about 40 mph slid on the icy road near the grade crossing, drove up on the sidewalk, took down a sign and crashed into the gate crossing signal at the railroad tracks. The operator was treated at the scene for minor injuries. The car was towed and the driver was cited for excessive speed for the conditions. An MBTA crew came out to fix the damage to the crossing gate. The last train of the evening had already passed through.

• At 1:05 a.m. (Saturday), a 2001 Toyota driven by a Norwell resident came to a bend eastbound on Jerusalem Road; the operator hit the brakes and slid into a utility pole, snapping it. The car was towed and National Grid was called. The driver was not injured, police said.

Other accidents

• On Tuesday (Dec. 4) at about 2:20 p.m., a three-car chain reaction accident occurred on Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A).

All cars involved were headed southbound when the first in line, a 1997 Ford driven by an Abington resident, stopped to allow a car headed in the opposite direction to make a left-hand turn. A 1990 Oldsmobile out of Weymouth hit the rear of the Ford; and a 1994 Toyota out of Hingham hit the Oldsmobile. The Oldsmobile was towed.

• Later that afternoon (Tuesday) at about 3:07 p.m., a northbound 2006 Dodge driven by a Cohasset woman on Chief Justice Cushing Highway (3A) stopped to make a left into a business and was rear-ended by a 2000 Volvo out of Cohasset. The Volvo was towed. There were no apparent injuries.

• Following a minor accident on Mendel Road last Thursday (Dec. 6) at about 7:55 a.m. involving a trailer that was read-ended by a vehicle, one of the people involved is being summonsed to court for unlicensed operation. Chief Hussey said the 27-year-old Weymouth man provided the police officer with a Brazilian license and did not have a Massachusetts license as required for all residents who drive.

Bank robber

A 26-year-old Braintree woman has been arrested on a warrant for her role in a bank robbery in October in Cohasset.

Marci D. Picardi of 192 West St. is facing charges of armed robbery and threat to commit a crime. Cohasset has been working with the FBI and other agencies in investigating the crime. On Oct. 13, a lone female – now believed to be Picardi — entered the Sovereign Bank, 380 CJC Highway and passed a demand note to the victim teller, indicating that she was robbing the bank. After taking a sum of money, she fled the bank on foot.

On Oct. 29, Cohasset Police charged Scott Brown, 25, of Quincy with unarmed robbery in connection with the robbery. Brown is believed to have been the getaway driver, picking up Picardi on Sohier Street following the robbery.

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ZBA requests additional information for next hearing

FROM STAGING, PAGE 1

The contractor got a verbal go ahead from Building Inspector Bob Egan and prepared the site for use by blacktopping, fencing and placing hay bails around a section of private property at 198 Jerusalem Road, located right in the midst of project work.

But, a neighbor in close proximity to the staging area, Eileen Craven of 6 Nichols Road, appealed Building Inspector Bob Egan's opinion/decision that allowed the project contractor to base its operations in the residential district. The Zoning Board of Appeals held the second session of the continued hearing on the appeal Tuesday evening.

At the heart of the matter is whether the town is operating the staging area. The zoning bylaws allow the staging-area use in a residential district if the town or other governmental agency is operating the use of the property.

In between the two hearings, the Sewer Commission sought out the opinion of Town Counsel on the matter. In short, Town Counsel affirmed Building Inspector Bob Egan's decision.

In his memo to the Sewer Commission, Town Counsel Rick Hucksam stated "the project is being conducted by the Town with the construction company and the engineering company acting on behalf of and/or agents for the town," and he argues, if that is the case the staging area is an allowed use of the lot.

The town owns the project material stored on the site and the town's project engineering firm, Coughlin Environment, works out the trailers on the site.

Identifying the relationship between the town and the contractor, who holds the lease on the staging area property, was a key issue to Zoning Board member Kathleen Hunter. She requested Coughlin provide a copy of the contract between L M Holdings and the town to help determine the legal relationship between the two entities.

> **"There will be complaints anywhere you go."**
> — Ray Kasperowicz, Sewer Commission

Attorney for the appellant, Rich Henderson, cited evidence that indicated the town has attempted to "disavow association with the staging area."

"Everything done indicates the town is not in or wanted control [of the staging area]," said Henderson. Details of the private lease between the landowner and the contractor were not public; supporting his argument the town is not operating the site.

Bob Sturdy, Planning Board member and a resident of Jerusalem Road, said the staging area's operations often spill out onto the Jerusalem Road blocking traffic.

"You call it a staging area, I would call it a heavy industrial site," Sturdy said, adding the staging area could have an impact on the residential neighborhood in home valuation, "we pay long green (in taxes) and are entitled to the benefits given in the zoning bylaws."

Sturdy suggested other sites, like the town land used for the Recycling Transfer Facility or the prospective Avalon site, would be more suitable — and have more room — for the staging area operations. In a phone interview, he said these sites were only suggestions and he hadn't researched the feasibility of either site.

Wayne Sawchuk of 432 Beechwood St. said he helped the contractor find the site for the staging area on Jerusalem Road, "we looked at over 30 sites, in and out of town," he said. But, the property at 198 Jerusalem Road worked best because of its near proximity to the project work.

"If we found the right staging area, it was possible the work could be done in a year and a half," he said, saving the town significant funds on police details and mobilization costs.

Reading from a copy of the private contract between L M Holdings and the property owner, Sawchuk said protections and safeguards were in place. By citing just part of the previously private document, he thereby entered it into public record. But, Sawchuk did not submit the document at the end of the hearing.

The *Mariner* was able to obtain a copy of the lease and it does provide some safeguards for the leasor and the neighborhood, including not allowing "hazardous, toxic, inflammable, combustible or explosive fluid" etc. except for fluids contained in construction equipment and vehicles, installing security lighting as necessary without causing glare on any abutting residence, no work after 7p.m. or before 6a.m., and no mud or dust be carried onto public roadway. The contract also calls for the contractor to request permission from the contract awarding authority (the town) to use the site as a staging area and to obtain necessary permits.

Chairman Woody Chittick requested Henderson provide documentation to show the appellant, Eileen Craven, has standing as an aggrieved party by the presence of the staging area.

The homeowners in the 485 to-be-sewered households in the Little Harbor district are paying for the entire project price of all $15.2 million. A delay caused by the moving of the staging area could cost the residents of Little Harbor, Sewer Commissioner Ray Kasperowicz said.

"We're not able to come up with an immaculate sewer project," said Kasperowicz, "I think [the appellant] would be hard pressed to tell us where else to put the staging area…There will be complaints anywhere you go."

As the town waits for the Zoning Board of Appeals decision, the Planning Board has made its recommendation in favor of the appellant. If the ZBA does not agree with the Planning Board's opinion, per the bylaws it will have to give its reasons for disagreeing.

It could be February before a decision is made. The Zoning Board requested a 60-day extension from the appellant; Henderson said he would file it with the town. With an appeal, by law the Zoning Board has to hand down a decision within 100 days of the application filing.

If the Zoning Board upholds Craven's appeal, the decision could then be appealed to Superior Court. It's unclear whether the Jerusalem Road staging area would have to be shut down while the issue was under court appeal.

The hearing will continue at the next Zoning Board meeting, Jan. 8, 2008.

POLICE BEAT

FROM BEAT, PAGE 3

Wreath heist

A Weymouth woman is facing the charge of attempting to commit a crime after, police said, she was trying to steal five wreaths from the Village Greenery after hours. An officer saw the woman pull in at about 10:50 p.m. on Friday (Dec. 7) and he parked across the street to observe.

The officer saw the woman put wreaths into her vehicle. He went over and got her identification and confiscated the wreaths, which were later returned to the Village Greenery.

The woman allegedly told the officer that she had permission from the owner to take them. The officer could not confirm that at that time, but further investigation revealed that was not the case and she is being summonsed to court to face the criminal charge.

Stolen package

A Hammond Avenue resident left a package from a family friend on the doorstep so the children inside would not see it. However, when she went to retrieve it, it was gone. Police believe the package was stolen; and ask anyone who may have seen anything suspicious to contact them. The incident was reported on Wednesday (Dec. 5).

Strange email

At about 9:11 a.m., last Thursday (Dec. 6), Cohasset police received an email from a man who said he had been chatting with a woman from Randolph online on Myspace and the woman said "I'm going to OD and goodbye" and signed off. Police emailed the man back and received no response but have contacted the Randolph PD.

OUI arrest

Cohasset police arrested a 42-year-old Hull woman with operating under the influence of liquor after Hingham police stopped her on Hull Street in Cohasset. HPD radioed Cohasset. In speaking with Hingham police and based on the officer's observations at the scene, it was determined her driving was impaired by alcohol, Chief Hussey said.

Revoked registration

An 18-year-old Scituate woman is being summonsed on charges of operating an uninsured and unregistered motor vehicle. A Cohasset officer on patrol saw a blue 1994 Chevy Cavalier come into the Tedeschi Plaza parking lot at a high rate of speed last Saturday (Dec. 8) at about 7:34 p.m. when people were still shopping and pedestrians were walking about. She pulled up near Starbucks and the officer drove over. The officer determined that the registration had been revoked due to insurance cancellation. The car was towed and she is being summonsed on those charges.

Random check

An officer ran a random registration check on a 2008 Cadillac Seville that revealed the plate was revoked due to no payment of insurance. As it turned out the registered owner, a 60-year-old Norwell man who was driving the car, had an expired license. He is being summonsed on charges of operating with a suspended registration, operating without insurance, and driving while unlicensed. The traffic stop took place last Saturday (Dec. 8) at 10:23 p.m. on Sohier Street.

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Energy alternatives

AEC making strides toward efficiency

By Nancy White
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"So far all signs are positive that we have good wind for turbines in Cohasset."
— Andrew Willard, AEC chairman

The Alternative Energy Committee is looking to make changes, both large and small, throughout town buildings to increase energy efficiency. Incremental and innovative energy solutions are on the horizon — a zoning bylaw for commercial wind turbines, solar walls, and a way for residents to get involved in the effort are just a few of the AEC's current projects.

Coming up at the Annual spring Town Meeting, the AEC (along with the Planning Board) is putting forth a zoning bylaw creating guidelines, including height restrictions, for govern the implementation of commercial-sized wind turbine(s). Members of the AEC have been working on the wind-zoning bylaw since the summer months. The bylaw will address large wind turbines, like the two windmills in Hull, not small, residential wind turbines.

The voters at Annual Town Meeting will have the final say on the wind bylaw.

To complement the wind-zoning bylaw, the AEC is currently gathering a year's worth of wind data to see if Cohasset has enough wind to make a turbine feasible.

"So far all signs are positive that we have good wind for turbines in Cohasset," says AEC chairman Andrew Willard. A meteorological experimental test, or MET tower, was installed on Turkey Hill in May to collect the wind data.

The AEC efforts with the MET tower have required little town taxpayer funds: the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative is covering the cost of the entire MET tower effort, from its installation to the data analysis to an end report showing the "quality of the wind" in Cohasset. If the town were to pay for the project, the cost would be between $25,000 and $35,000.

The largest town energy consumer, the Middle-High School, and the transfer station have been floated as possible future locations for a wind turbine.

Wind isn't the only energy alternative the committee is exploring. Both Keyspan and National Grid recently completed energy audits on all town buildings. The committee is going to be reviewing the audit reports and determining the best ways to increase the energy efficiency in each municipal building.

Many of the grants available for alternative energy efforts require the town to provide energy audit data. The AEC's professional consultants, Joanne Sanders and Judeth VanHamm, will assist as the committee creates action items out of the audit findings.

Installing a solar wall at Deer Hill School, or other municipal buildings, is one of the leading endeavors. Solar walls are just catching on in the US, but have been used successfully for decades in Canada, said Willard. The solar wall is a mechanism to pre-heat air before it enters the building. The air is pulled up from the bottom of the panels and heats the air from 20 degrees (or whatever the outside temperature is) to 50 degrees. The result is the natural gas heating system does not have to work as hard, or expend as much energy, to heat the air to a comfortable inside temperature of 70 degrees.

Especially in the cold New England winters when the clean outside air from outside is in the 20s and 30s, the solar wall can be an energy and cost saver, "it's a very effective way to pre-heat the air," said Willard. Deer Hill has been targeted because of its southerly facing wall.

To achieve energy efficiency throughout the town's buildings, the AEC is looking for grants and other alternative funding methods. The AEC is encouraging residents to sign up for National Grid's Clean Energy Choice program. Residents who participate pay a few extra dollars (between $5 and $12) on each month's electricity bill and the money supports the development of renewable energy. Each additional participating household helps to earn matching grants for the town.

"Cohasset currently has a over $7,000 in grant funding available with fewer than 50 homes participating in 2007. If we can have another 200 to 250 homes sign up we can boost the grant funding to $100,000 and install a solar photovoltaic (PV) array on the Paul Pratt Library for free," explained Willard.

The Cohasset Alternative Energy Committee normally meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Briefly

DPW ready for the snow

The Department of Public Works is gearing up the weekend snowstorms as the Mariner went to print on Thursday morning. If the weather forecasts are correct, between six to 10 inches will be on the ground Friday and another storm close on the horizon.

The Cohasset DPW is prepared for the first big snowfall of the season. The salt and sand shed is filled to the brim and the plows are on the trucks just waiting for the snow to begin falling, said Mary Snow, the DPW administrative assistant. The shed was recently refilled after the icy storms of the last few weeks.

Typically, the DPW waits for the Police Department to give the go ahead to begin sanding and salting the roads, "they let us know when the roads start getting slippery," said Snow. A layer of the white stuff is usually on the road when the Police call. The DPW begins plowing the roads after a few inches have fallen.

Toys for Tots drive under way

Cohasset police are joining with the Marines Corps in the annual holiday Toys for Tots campaign through Dec. 24.

New toys and games can be dropped off at the Cohasset Police Headquarters, on Elm Street, 24 hours a day, and seven days a week. Toys and games should not be wrapped.

For more information, call the police station at 781-383-1055.

Free legal clinic

Do you have a legal question or are you confused about a legal issue? The Bar Association of Norfolk County will sponsor a free legal clinic as a public service to the community from 6 to 8 p.m., Dec. 11, at Quincy District Court, 1 Dennis F. Ryan Parkway, Quincy Center.

A panel of attorneys experienced in all areas of the law will be available for one-on-one consultations to discuss legal questions. All consultations are strictly confidential.

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BRIGHT SIDE

Hello Cohasset. As you are reading this, we may have a town filled with snow with more to come this weekend or, a mix of stuff, with snow and rain etc. Whatever we have at this time or get, try to look at the bright side of it if you can. That means outdoor time for the kiddos that is a lot of fun if they are sledding. Etc., enjoying the prettiness of it before it gets icky looking and the fact that with each storm we get, spring gets a day or two closer, hee, hee! How is everyone doing with their holiday plans and shopping? The time is now I know but boy oh boy, it is tricky to say the least! In this family, we have a lot to be thankful for and happy with as my oldest just had his surgery this past week and it went relatively well and that is more than enough surgery in a year for us!

Happy Holidays to all and I know I say this a lot but I have to remind myself as well, "Enjoy the small moments of happiness and wonder each day while having to deal with and figure out all of the big moments." It does help when life gets big and overwhelming, it is just a matter of remembering and doing it. Well, here is this week's column with a lot of news and event information to look over.

SISTER HAZEL

Congratulations to **Rebecca Dickinson, Jenny Magruder** and **Carly Oddleifson**, all students at the South Shore Conservatory. On Dec. 1st, they and fellow students from the Conservatory were asked to accompany the band Sister Hazel as participants of a vocal and string ensemble. The concert was held at the Somerville Theater in Davis Square. The band, Sister Hazel, is famous for the 1997 hit, "All for You", and has just released a Christmas album called "Santa's Playlist." The students from the Conservatory sang and played backup for several of the songs before a merry crowd of almost 900. A truly wonderful experience for these young musicians!

BASIC TRAINING

Navy Seaman Recruit **Joseph M. Naples**, son of **Teresa J. Connor** of Marshfield and **Joseph T. Naples** of Cohasset recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, Joseph completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness. The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor. Joseph is a 2007 graduate of Weymouth High School of Weymouth and his family and friends are so proud of him and his accomplishments. Great work Joseph, keep it up!

HOLIDAY STROLL

Village merchants are busy planning the annual Cohasset Village Holiday Stroll to be held on Saturday, Dec.15th in Cohasset Village, encompassing South Main Street, Elm Street, Depot Court, Pleasant Street, and Ripley Road. From 4-7 p.m. the streets will be alive with holiday cheer as businesses stay open late with refreshments, open houses, entertainment, and special holiday celebrations. For children, there will be a hay ride and visits with Santa. Each participating business will offer a raffle prize; tickets are available at the Village businesses and all proceeds will benefit the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project. For more information visit any of the Village locations.

EXTRA CREDIT!

Walk through any of the Cohasset schools and you can see the impact of CEF's fundraising efforts. The CEF's grant programs are made possible by you — families with an interest in fostering excellence in our schools through innovation and creativity in teaching. Please consider donating to the CEF's annual donor campaign, which is currently under way. And look forward to CEF's upcoming events including the Annual Spring Gala and first Children's Spelling Bee for grades 2 - 5. And, don't forget to participate in the CEF's Teacher Appreciation Program, "Extra Credit" this holiday season!

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

A special musical program featuring selections from Handel's Messiah will be presented this Sunday, Dec. 16 at 10 a.m. at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Don't miss this beautiful holiday presentation, which features a full choir, strings, and brass instruments. Admission is free and everyone is welcomed. What a wonderful way to get into the season and enjoy some truly spectacular music.

CAROLING!

Reminder! Caroling on the Common tomorrow (Saturday) at 4 p.m., followed by cider, cocoa & cookies at First Parish's Trueblood Hall. Bring a flashlight, cookies, and cotton socks for the homeless. Everyone is welcome!

That is all for this week. Please send me in all of your Holiday week news no later than next Tuesday by 5 pm.

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Evans elected to BGCB's board

Sheila Evens of Cohasset was among the 16 new overseers appointed to the Board of Overseers by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston at the agency's 113th annual meeting held Nov. 27. The meeting and reception were held at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston in celebration of the six-year partnership between the two organizations that is providing Club members with access to a world-class museum's collections and bringing hands-on arts programming into the Clubs.

"Our Board continues to be the most impressive in the city, and it is an honor for me to work with such an esteemed group of philanthropists who care so deeply about our city and its youth," said Linda Whitlock, BGCB's Nicholas President and CEO. "The newly elected Board members join us at a pivotal time in our history. As we begin implementation of our five-year Strategic Plan, they can have a significant impact on our work."

Sheila Evans is a community volunteer who has served Greater Boston and Cohasset for more than 40 years.



Sheila Evans

Board Chair Sandra Edgerley said, "I'm so grateful to our highly engaged Board members for the important achievements of the past year, including the rededication of our newly renovated and expanded Blue Hill Club in Dorchester and remarkable progress on our $100 million Comprehensive Campaign, which we will complete in June 2008."

The Board of Overseers is charged with supporting BGCB's principal activities and policies, and acting as a liaison between the agency and the various communities it serves.

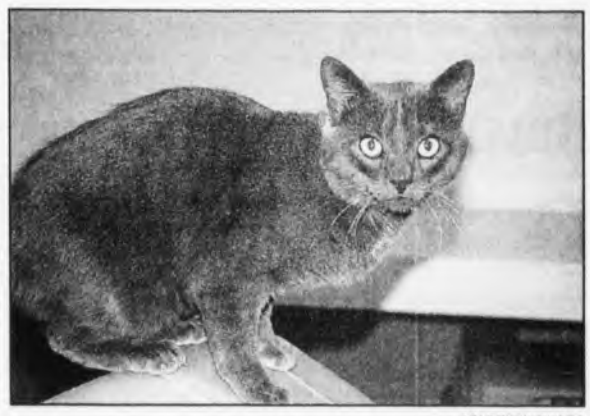
Sheila Evans is a community volunteer who has served Greater Boston and Cohasset for more than 40 years. Her work, often focused on development, has benefited the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Cohasset Library Trust, Inc., Cohasset Central Cemetery, Smith College, Town of Cohasset and WGBH. She completed her education at the Dana Hall School and Smith College. She currently lives in Cohasset with her husband, and has three children and nine grandchildren.

GIMME SHELTER

Patrick is a young gray male short-hair. He is currently being fostered, but the person fostering him spends the winter in Florida and cannot bring Patrick. Patrick needs to be the only animal in the family. He is bright and playful and would benefit by finding a forever home.

HSAR (Hull Seaside Animal Rescue) is a no kill shelter, and prides itself on caring for each animal and attending to their individual needs.

The shelter would like to compile a list of people available for occasional vet runs during day-time hours. Give then shelter a call at 877-378-1198 to be put on its list. Every effort will be made to call back within 24 hours. For more information, email hsar@hsar.org or visit the Web site at hsar.org.



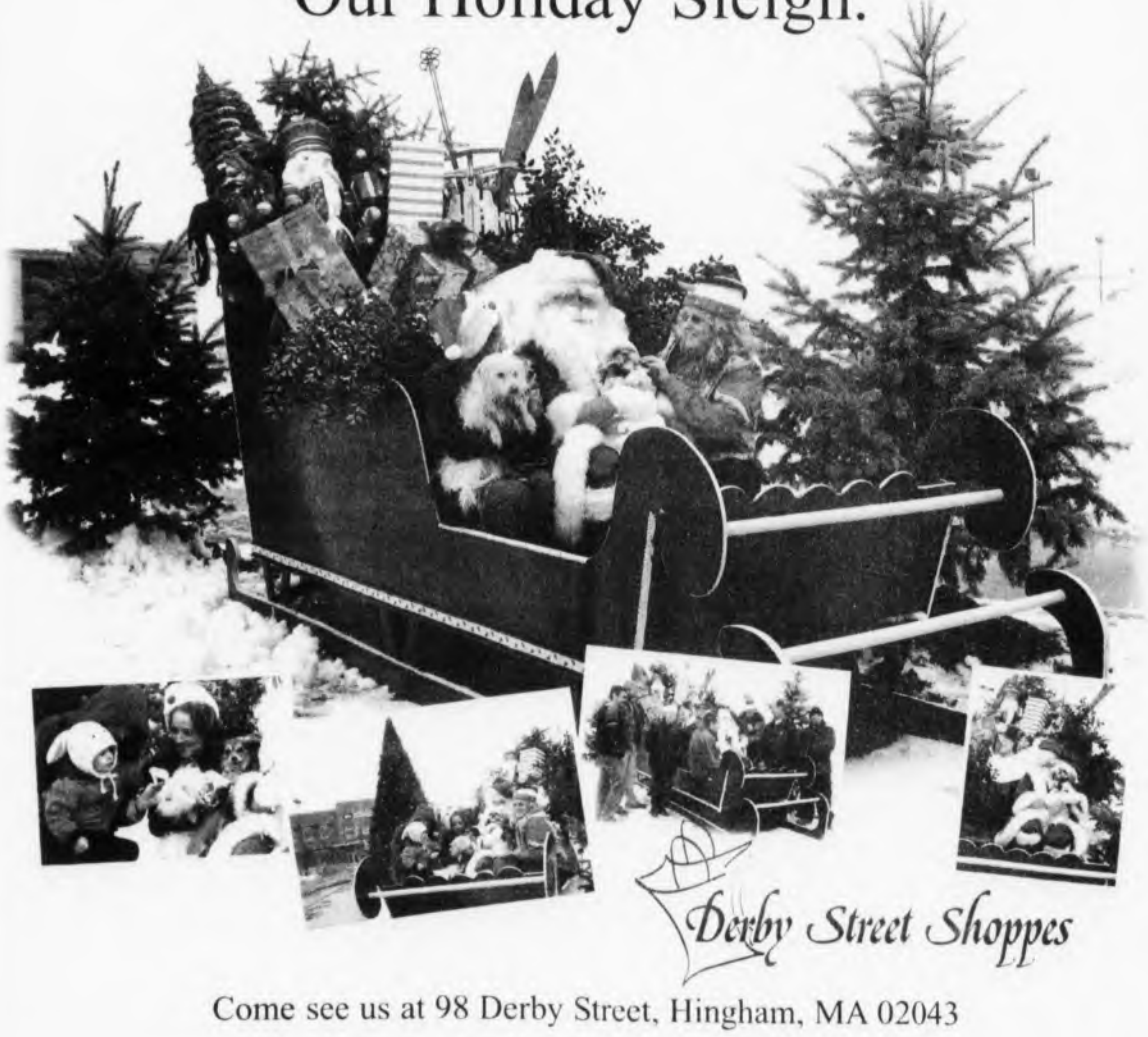
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Drama at the high school

Arts Boosters put on workshop

By Nancy White
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The high school has a little bit of drama over the past month — in a good way. The Cohasset Arts Boosters recently sponsored an evening drama workshop for a small group of students to hone their acting chops.

The drama workshop is the second workshop the Arts Boosters have sponsored at the high school to enhance the current arts curriculum. In the late spring, the Arts Boosters put on a sound recording workshop to teach a small group of musically inclined students how to operate in-house digital recording equipment.

"The workshop was so successful, we wanted to do something similar for the students interested in drama," said Elaine Breslow, president of the Arts Boosters.

Like the sound recording workshop, the Arts Boosters sought out a professional to bring on for the workshop series. They found a collaborating partner in Steve Dooner, a drama professor, actor and experienced director for the Company Theatre, Fiddlehead Theatre, Bay Colony Orpheum Theater, and Quincy College Drama Society.

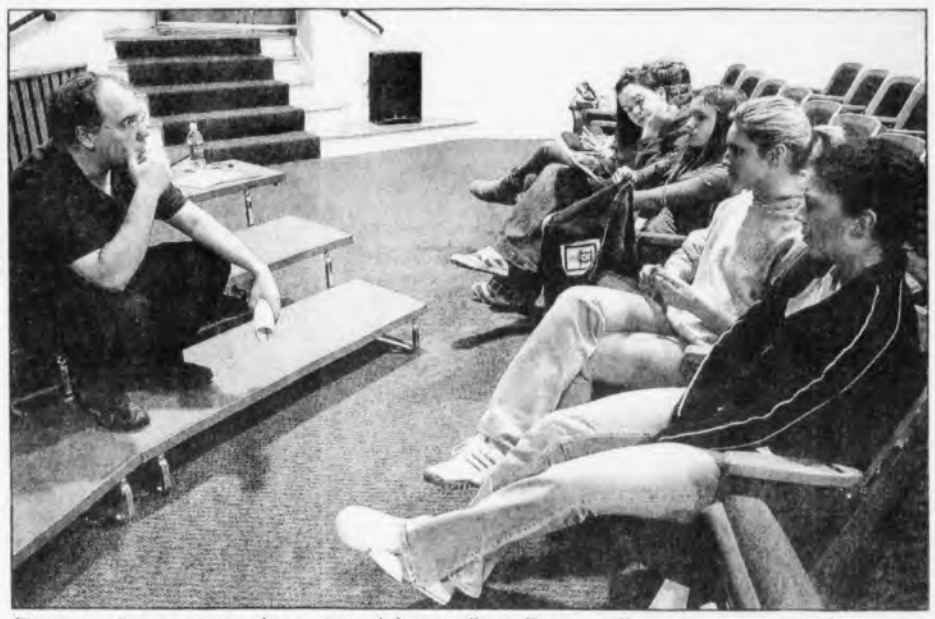


During an exercise to help the students learn how to create performance on stage freshman Ashley Howard shows how she would read in her room.

The four sessions, each an hour and a half long, were held on consecutive weeks in November and December. Each workshop addressed different dramatic skills; developing vocal techniques and delivery, shaping a dramatic scene, performing monologues, and practicing improvisation, to name a few. The class is intended to bring the students acting abilities to the next level.

Although Cohasset High School students participate in each spring in the Massachusetts High School Drama Guild Festival and put on a musical production every other year, there is no drama program in the current high school curriculum.

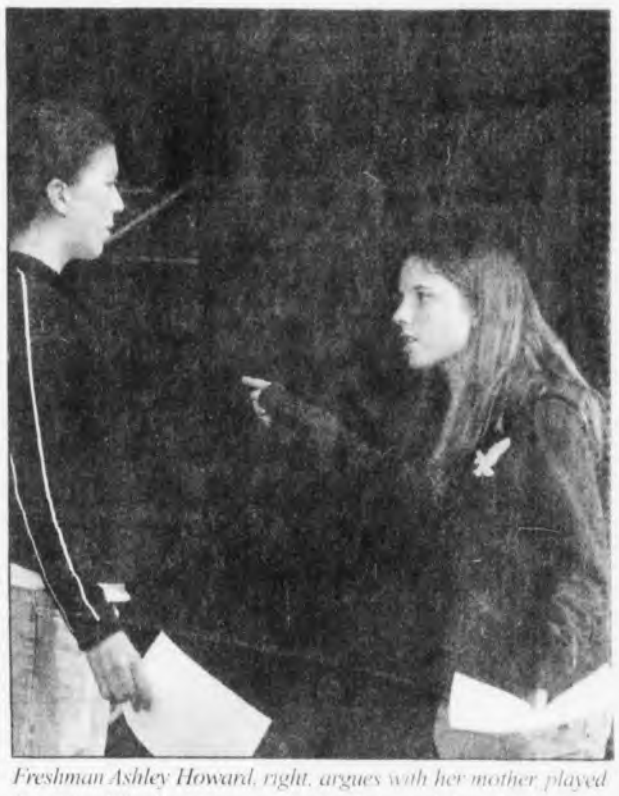
"Our school is at a huge disadvantage," when competing with larger high schools with strong drama programs, says Breslow, "we wanted to give kids a little bit of training."



Drama professor, actor and experienced director Steve Dooner talks to the group of students at a session of the Arts Booster-sponsored workshop. The four sessions, each an hour and a half long, were held on consecutive weeks in November and December.

About 10 students signed up for the workshop, some were completely new to the stage while others have basked in the stage lights glow before, says Breslow. The workshop was free to participants.

"We want to support kids that are interested and we want to get kids interested in dramatics," says Breslow.



Freshman Ashley Howard, right, argues with her mother, played by junior Ellie Baumgarten, during their workshop final session of the Arts Booster drama workshop. The drama workshop allowed students interested in the dramatic arts to hone their skills.



Senior Sally Meehan eyes the center of the stage while doing a stage exercise to train the actors how to establish a presence on the stage. Drama workshop instructor Steve Dooner took the exercise from Japanese No theatre where the actors have to think of a goal and then attain it in the exercise.



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Freshman Tara Goodwin lounges in a chair bored out of her mind, but she's only acting—she's simulating what she would do in her bedroom. The exercise was a part of the Arts Boosters recent series of drama workshops.

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Cohasset helps Hingham fight house fire

Eight towns provide mutual aid

Staff photos by Robin Chan



Two Scituate firefighters frame Cohasset Fire Chief Robert Silvia as he pulls up a hose up to the second floor of the four-alarm fire that severely damaged a $2 million, 8,000-square-foot home on Crooked Meadow Lane in Hingham on Tuesday. No one was injured. Officials estimate the house sustained at least $1 million in damage.



Cohasset firefighter Jim Curley stands by the hydrant on Hingham's Main Street (Route 228) while listening to chatter on the CV during the four-alarm fire at Crooked Meadow Lane on Tuesday. It took approximately 2,000 feet of hose to reach the hydrant on Main Street. Eight area towns helped the Hingham Fire Department fight the blaze that started from improperly disposed of ashes from a pellet stove.



Cohasset Fire Lt. Bob Protulis he tries to take down part of the burned out roof while helping fight the four-alarm blaze in Hingham on Tuesday. The fire started in a bag of smoldering ashes that was left outside; the fire eventually worked its way from the outside into an inside wall. Hingham Chief Mark Duff said it was the third fire in that town in a week caused by the improper disposal of ashes.

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From the Archives of the Cohasset Historical Society



Nellie Bates Stoddard wore this "Blue Star" pin proudly every day during WWII to signify that she had four sons in the service. She quite possibly also had a four star flag hanging in her home's front window which was the custom during the war.

Happy Holidays from the Cohasset Historical Society

As we approach the first anniversary of From the Archives we thought it would be appropriate and timely to look back to our first column. We started this endeavor last December by publishing letters from Cohasset men serving our country during World War II. As their letters were so moving we would like to share a couple more.

Jan. 15, 1945

I wish to express my appreciation for the nice Xmas card, and the very welcome money order. I wish to thank both the American Legion and the Rotary as well as the people of Cohasset. It makes you feel proud to come from a town that is as public spirited as is Cohasset. This will make my eighteenth crossing of the Atlantic and the one thought I have in mind each trip is the hope of getting back to Cohasset, if for only a few hours. Thanking you again.

I am yours very truly,
George H. Snow, Jr. C.C.S.

Jan. 25, 1945

Somewhere in Luxembourg
Dear Cohasset Friends-

How pleasant to discover that, although another year has passed, one is still remembered in that little New England town of which one speaks and thinks so very often. As a sort of adopted daughter, I am, I suppose more than usually surprised and touched when that Christmas remembrance arrives. Think of me spending it happily-and gratefully-in a Paris book stall or box office.

It might amuse you to know that this stationary came from Bastogne, that Belgian town so prominent in the news of late. We were there for five days recently, to serve an armored division, sleeping in windowless buildings, plowing through deep snow and, best of all, rejoicing with the boys over the wonderful reports from both fronts.

My very best wishes to everyone.

Sincerely yours,
Mary Churchill Small

If you have enjoyed reading our columns and discovering some of what we hold in our archives, please consider supporting the Historical Society in your year-end giving. Your tax-deductible donation can be sent to: Cohasset Historical Society, PO Box 627, Cohasset, MA 02025. All donations are gratefully appreciated.

If you have something that you would consider donating to our archives please give us a call at 781-383-1434.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Fire safety

We are all very thankful that no one was hurt Tuesday in a four-alarm fire at a home on Crooked Meadow Lane in Hingham.

The Cohasset Fire Department was among eight area FDs to provide mutual aid.

The improper disposal of ashes caused the fire and not surprisingly – this type of fire is not uncommon.

So with cold weather here and more fireplaces and wood stoves in operation, this is a good time to review some fire safety recommendations.

According the National Fire Protection Association, over a four-year period nationwide a hot fireplace ember or ash that was abandoned or discarded caused nearly 10,000 structure fires. Those fires caused millions of dollars in property damage and dozens of civilian deaths and injuries.

The NFPA recommends discarding fireplace ashes in a heavy metal container, moistening the ashes and covering the container with a metal lid. Never use a paper bag, cardboard box or plastic trash bag.

The NFPA also notes that the ashes should be kept in a metal container outside, away from the house, not the garage or deck. After four days, select a non-wooded place to dump the ashes.

Other fireplace recommendations include:

- Burn only dry, well-seasoned wood.
- Use artificial logs according to manufacturer's recommendations.
- Use only newspaper and kindling wood to start a fire. Never use flammable liquids, such as lighter fluid, kerosene or gasoline to start a fire.
- Have a sturdy screen on a fireplace.
- Do not burn wrapping paper or plastic items in the fireplace. These materials can ignite suddenly and burn intensely, resulting in a flash fire

This time of year, candles are also popular. In fact, many people give holiday candles as gifts. Candles can also cause structure fires. So please observe the following safety tips:

- Keep candles at least 12 inches from anything that can burn.
- Use sturdy, safe candleholders.
- Never leave a burning candle unattended. Extinguish candles when you leave a room.
- Be careful not to splatter wax when extinguishing a candle.
- Avoid using candles in bedrooms and sleeping areas.
- Always use a flashlight, not a candle, for emergency lighting.
- Consider using battery-operated flameless candles.

This might also be a good time to buy yourself a present. If you cannot remember how old your smoke detector is – it is probably time to replace it or at the very least replace the batteries.

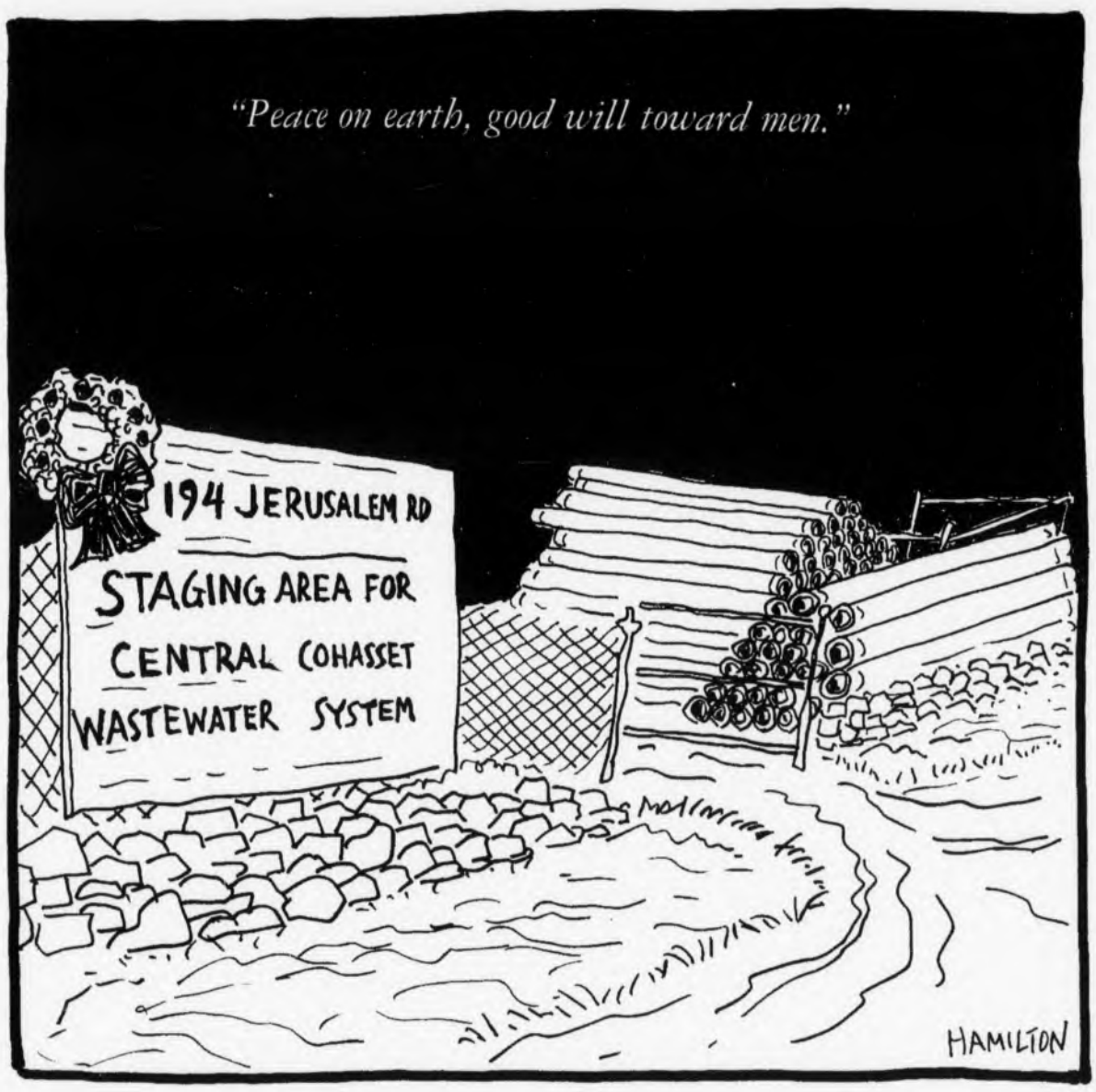
We have tremendous respect for the fire departments and their ability to coordinate and work together. Mutual aid is a wonderful thing. However, no one — especially the firefighters — want to see any family put out of their home because of a fire.

Please be careful. During the holiday season, we can become stressed and distracted and not pay as much attention as we should to fire safety.

Sit down with your family today and go over fire safety, including contact numbers and an escape plan. If you have a question, call the fire department.

The US Fire Administration says each year fires occurring during the holiday season claim the lives of more than 400 people, injure 1,650 more, and cause more than $990 million in damage.

None of us wants to be part of that statistic.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Scouts support the troops

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to thank the following junior Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts who showed their support for the troops deployed overseas by collecting items and bringing gifts.

Fifth-grade Junior Girl Scout Troop 4014 (Leader Trisha Czajak and parent helpers, Marty Donoghue & Diane Kennedy) donated three boxes of toiletries & snacks for the troops. Members of the troop are: Jillian Ahern, Maggie Czajak, Emily Davis , Allie Donoghue, Christine Guinee, Caroline Kennedy, Sami Mushin, Jenna O'Brien, Merideth Roche, Margaret St Sauveur, and Kristin Timothy.

Cub Scouts from Old Colony Pack 38 Den 6 (Den Leader Roger Hill and Co-Leaders Jean Fitzpatrick and Jill Otis) each bought a gift for each soldier and wrapped it with a card with the soldier's name on it. The Cub Scouts are: Quentin Hill. Matt Fitzpatrick, Matt Keenan, Ryan Conforti, Jeremy Otis, Bobby Oliver, Robert Raymond, Taylor Otis (sister of Jeremy).

The George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118 continues to seek donations of toiletries and other items for those deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Donations may be dropped off at the Legion Post on Summer Street daily after 3 p.m. or at Pilgrim Cooperative Bank branches on 3A or in the village.

Ann Marie Goff
Local coordinator for packages for the troops

Relief from jet noise

TO THE EDITOR:

Ralph Dormitzer brought us welcome news in his article last week about the FAA's decision to change Logan's departure and arrival routes, to reduce jet noise pollution over the South Shore. Ralph played a very key role in bringing this about. Not only was he the Cohasset member of the South Shore Jet Pollution Council which brought the original lawsuit, he went on to become co-chair of the CAC, which represents all 26 cities and towns in the Greater Boston area affected by air traffic.

Jet noise is difficult to measure, and a highly contentious and emotional issue for many. Ralph kept the negotiations between the FAA, Massport and affected communities on track for the five years it has taken to get to this point, spending countless hours in often hostile meetings. He deserves great credit, and our thanks for a job well done. Without him this would never have happened.

The voters of Cohasset, Hingham and Hull deserve a pat on the back as well for voting the monies necessary to sustain legal action against Massport and the FAA, which led to the $3 million noise study – and ultimately the redesign of the traffic patterns which he described in his article. Without this action on the part of the towns, working collaboratively, these two government bureaucracies would have paid scant attention to the worsening noise situation over the South Shore.

A grateful citizen.

Eric Oddleifson
42 River Road

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MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Board of Health, Jan. 9, 7 p.m.
Cable Advisory Committee, Dec. 20, 7:30 p.m.
CMHS School Council, Jan. 2 and Feb. 6, 2:30 p.m., Room 116 at the high school.
Cohasset Housing Partnership, Dec. 20, 7 p.m.
Economic Development Committee, Dec. 17, 7 p.m. at Selectmen's meeting.
Planning Board, Jan. 9, 7p.m.
Selectmen, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m.; Jan. 7, 7 p.m.
School Committee, Dec. 19, 7 p.m. at the high school.
Sewer Commission, Jan. 7, 6 p.m.
Water Commission, Jan. 5, 10:15 a.m. at the King St. plant.
Zoning Board of Appearls, Jan. 8, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

HEALTH NOTES

Heimlich Maneuver saves lives

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Last week, my wife did something few have done. At a restaurant at dinner after a show, I choked on a piece of steak and she calmly got up, turned, and with the Heimlich Maneuver, saved my life.

Every year about 3,000 adults die when food or another substance gets stuck and blocks their trachea, making breathing impossible. Death follows rapidly unless the food or other foreign material can be dislodged from the airway. This condition is so common it has been nicknamed the "cafe coronary." One of our friends, Nancy Gilmore, has told us that as a teacher, she performed the maneuver on children in her class. She said there were four or five such episodes during her 21 years teaching elementary school. "Mostly 'Fireballs,' the red sour candy preferred by youngsters, and quarters; they would come flying out across the floor and hit the wall." There's a heroine.

A standard part of all first aid courses, the technique, first described in 1974 by Dr. Henry Heimlich, is simple enough that it can be performed by anyone.

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The theory behind the Heimlich Maneuver is that by compressing the abdomen below the diaphragm, air is forced under pressure out of the lungs dislodging the obstruction in the trachea and bringing the foreign material back up into the mouth. It's used to expel solid material like food, coins, vomit or small toys. For drowning victims, it should be used only as a last resort after traditional airway clearance techniques and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) have been tried repeatedly and failed, or if it is clear that a solid foreign object is blocking the airway.

Signs are clear: The airway is blocked if one can't speak or cry out; the person desperately grabs at the throat, or produces a weak cough or if labored breathing produces a high-pitched noise. Unconsciousness follows.

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Malfunction, accident make for busy week

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Greenbush items – This past week was very busy Greenbush wise, especially over the weekend. Friday afternoon at rush hour it was reported to us that the railroad gates on North Main Street malfunctioned and were closed for a prolonged period of time with no train in sight. Motorists were very confused and generally didn't know what to do. Many of them turned around every which way and went back the way they had come. A person who was caught in the back up told us that eventually, a work crew showed up and restored the gate's normal operation. Workmen were on site at both King and N. Main streets working in the respective signal bungalows both last Saturday and Sunday.

On Sunday we stopped to talk with the workers and they said that apparently salt from the road had caused some of the very low level electrical signals in the tracks to short out, making the system think that a train was at the crossing. It is important to note that the safety systems are designed to be fail-safe. That's why the gates were down, the lights flashing and the bells ringing. Thus, a failure caused the crossing gates to close, protecting the cars from any potential harm. That's what fail-safe means.

The crossing signal technicians had to spend quite a bit of time fine-tuning the gate sensing and control systems so that the false signals would disappear. Apparently, the reason this was a problem is that the track angle is very oblique to the road. This means that the length of track exposed to road salt is much greater than at a normal crossing. Ultimately, the crossing was returned to proper operation.

On top of this, late Friday evening, a car coming from Hingham was speeding, lost control on the slippery roadway and hit the gate support structure in front of Woodside Cemetery. The car was totaled and made a general mess of the gate and its supports. We understand that the counterweights for the gate were even broken off. By the time we saw the accident site the MBTA had replaced the counter weights and had the gate back in operation. Any time an equipment malfunction (regardless of the cause) is reported, the dispatcher places the train under manual control. The train *must* come to a full stop before the affected crossing. The conductor must leave the train and stop the cars on the road before the train can cross the street. Again, the MBTA is cautious and errs on the side of safety.



Accident scene at the N. Main Street grade crossing.

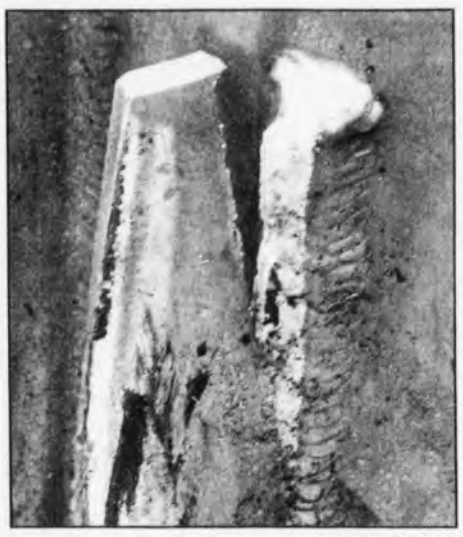
Date	Number of Cars
Opening Day	
Oct. 31, 2007	75
Nov. 20, 2007	130
Dec. 4, 2007	152
Dec. 11, 2007	169

More cars have been parking at the Cohasset Station.

We, from time to time, like to do our own informal rider survey of the Greenbush by counting cars. Now that the weather is tending toward winter ice and snow, the ridership continues to climb a bit as the table indicates.

Beechwood sidewalk — Betcha that you thought this project was finished, at least when you drove by the new sidewalk. However, for those who are sharp of eye, you probably noticed that last week's article had a picture of the drop-off that needed some fencing to protect the sidewalk users from falling into the wetland on the N. Main Street side of the tracks. As ice and snow season starts that would not a particularly good thing. Early this week the fence guys started their work and set the posts that will support the safety fence.

Mid-week, boards were added along the posts to provide the protection. And, yes, we know the posts were originally all different heights. But as you can see, they have been trimmed to a uniform height and galvanized caps were added to each post to finish them off. Also, notice in the picture, boards were added to the back of the guard rail supports to hide their sharp edges and make the area more pedestrian friendly.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Cracked gate support.



Workers apply finishing touches to Beechwood sidewalk.

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Making a list...

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Here it is only a couple of weeks before Christmas and I haven't even started my Christmas shopping yet.

It's not that I haven't had the opportunity. It seems like the stores at South Shore Plaza have been offering me pre-Christmas sales at least since Labor Day. They've been singing Christmas carols ever since we put away our Dick Cheney masks at Halloween.

It's just that, once you've seen as many Christmases and bought as many Christmas presents as I have, some of the excitement goes out of putting up the Christmas tree and opening presents on Christmas morning and watching others open theirs.

Buying Christmas presents for dogs is comparatively new for me in my search for Christmas excitement.

It's gotten so that the most exciting Christmas I've had recently was last year when a friend of mine brought her scissors and a sheet and gave me a haircut right in the middle of my living room. So you can see how easily Christmas excites me.

Before that, my most exciting Christmas was the time I was conned into taking a dog to see Santa Claus, who was actually taking money to let folks photograph him with a wiggly pup in his lap, trying to escape this new form of seasonal torture.

Buying Christmas presents for dogs is comparatively new for me in my search for Christmas excitement.

I was considering it once, a long time ago, but then a friend of mine thought he was being funny when he bought his girl friend's dog, a Chihuahua, a hydrant for Christmas. Dog owners have no sense of humor. Not Chihuahua owners, anyway.

Since we are now dog-owners ourselves — not to mention three cats — I keep a petty close watch on possible presents for our four-footed friends. My only rules are: No hydrants and no visits to Santa Claus, at least not while anyone's watching.

The first possibility that attracted me was an indoor doghouse made of faux leather, available in "warm red and dark brown," big enough for small or medium-sized dogs. The purpose of an indoor doghouse is not explained but it costs $129.99.

If you can't afford that there's always an At Home Doggy & Kittycat Daycare DVD for $14.95. If you're going out for the evening, just pop it in the TV and let your cat watch the Kitty Cup, a soccer match with two teams of Maine Coon kittens.

I don't know about you, but in our house the oldest cat may glance at the screen and go to sleep on the back of the sofa and the twins would go back to attacking the box the At Home Doggy & Kittycat Daycare DVD came in.

And, incidentally, if you're having a Christmas party, Dr. Karen Halligan, who writes the "Pet Chat" column for Parade Magazine, suggests that you put your pets in another room with some toys to play with.

"Playing soft music, especially classical, also helps them to relax," she writes. "They'll feel safer and less stressed."

I may try that myself as I start my search for exciting presents.

Lengyel Christmas Letter

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

Dear friends,

It's hard to believe 12 months have gone by since our last Christmas letter! I'll tell you, once you hit 40 every year goes by so fast that death seems just around the corner! Yet incredibly the Lengyels have managed to pack 2007 with enough rustic family adventures, artistic accomplishments, and home construction projects to choke a cow! I've had four mugs of cappuccino eggnog this morning! Let's get to the news!

Caroline turned 12 in June and had a great birthday. We made her stay in her room, didn't talk to her for 24 hours, and fed her nothing but carbohydrates. She's never been happier, and has already requested the same birthday theme for next year.

Her big present was an August stay at Camp Tanamakoon, a few hours north of Toronto. We were looking for a girls-only camp near a lake, with flush toilets and absolutely no bugs, because she has a thing about bugs. She'll be in her room for three solid hours, listening to her iPod and decompressing after another fun-filled week of middle school, and suddenly I'll hear her shrill call from across the house, which means either she's being abducted by space aliens or she's spotted a moth. Usually it's just the moth, which isn't half as cool as space aliens, and while I'm dutifully removing it she has to close her eyes and cover her ears, in case the moth cries out in Mothglish I guess. How a person can fear and loathe bugs so much and still want to save the rain forests is beyond me.

My wife made several executive decisions in 2007, one of which was that I must never ever mention her name in print ever again...

Anyway despite the likelihood of some insect encounters, Camp Rabid Raccoon looked like the best fit for Caroline, but it was pricey and far away, so we had to skimp a bit on transportation. Luckily the New York State Canal System goes right in that direction all the way to Lake Erie, and you'd be amazed how fast some of those freight barges can travel between locks. I even found a crew that would let the two of us ride for free as long as we groomed them and danced the tarantella after every meal, and in six short days we were in Toronto, no poorer and even fitter than when we started.

We had signed Caroline up for one week at Camp Hakuna Matata, which was now over unfortunately, so we had to stay on board the barge and head straight back, this time hauling masses of thick ropes around and showering on deck. Those were the 10 longest days of the trip, but we had met some really interesting people and learned a ton about proper sluice gate operation, so as camp experiences go I think it could have been a lot worse.

Mary decided this fall that she wanted to play the clarinet in fourth-grade band. It turns out she mainly wanted to rent the clarinet, but that won't stop her on concert day, you mark my words. Nine-year-olds do seem to go through a conscientious phase for some reason, where being organized and following the rules are very important all of a sudden, and somehow Mary got it into her head that the corks in her clarinet were in constant danger of drying out and had to be oiled every three to four hours. For weeks she was oiling those things around the clock until her band teacher finally intervened. He told her she'd done such a great job that her corks wouldn't need re-oiling until 2035, and she could now concentrate on producing a note that didn't kill dogs.

Emily lost three teeth this year. Then they came back.

My wife made several executive decisions in 2007, one of which was that I must never ever mention her name in print ever again, ever. She Who Must Not Be Named is a person who doesn't like unwanted attention, or wanted attention for that matter. She explained that she was born in New York City, was taught to stare ahead purposefully as she walked down the street, to ignore muggings and lunatics and celebrities alike — basically to observe humanity from a distance but never to get involved. She wishes everyone the warmest and merriest of Christmases.

For my part I had another productive year as patriarch trapped in a matriarchal organization. I managed to reduce the number of hours I spent recycling to about 60 percent of my free time. My jumping at the TV and whooping excitedly helped carry the Red Sox to their first World Series crown in three agonizing seasons. And my record of preventing any member of my family from strangling any other member remains perfect at 13 and 0. I cannot be beat in the area of strangling prevention!

Here's to you and yours, and an even more amazing 2008!

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset!

LIBRARY CORNER

Don't miss 'Fraulein' on Dec. 20

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. For more information, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film, "Fraulein," at 6 p.m., on Thursday, Dec. 20. Reza left Belgrade more than 25 years ago to seek a new life in Zurich. Now in her 50s, she has completely detached herself from the past. She owns a cafeteria and maintains an orderly, joyless existence. Ana, a young, itinerant woman who has fled Sarajevo, breezes into the cafeteria looking for work. Reza hires her but is annoyed by Ana's impulsive and spirited efforts to inject life into the cafeteria. Ana, who hides a tragic secret under her passionate spirit, begins to thaw Reza's chill, and their relationship will change both women in ways they never anticipated. Swiss-German, German, Bosnian, Croatian and Serbian with English subtitles. The length of the film is 81 minutes. Free admission and refreshments will be provided, courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Books for Sale – Browse the book sale rack in the Community Room for some holiday bargains on books, CDs and videos. All proceeds go to the Friends of the Library.

Library Book Group – The group will not meet in December. Instead, the group will meet after the holidays at 10 a.m., on Jan. 30, to discuss Diane Setterfield's book "The Thirteenth Tale."

FOR CHILDREN

Safety Alert – A safety alert was issued to librarians across the country last week regarding the "Magic Attic Club" series for girls. The "Join the Club" 800 telephone number at the back of the book has been reassigned to a "less than desirable" company. The author of the series is requesting that all parents and librarians remove the last page that lists the toll free number for "Joining the Club." Check children's home collection for the "Magic Attic Club" series.

New Series – New in the paperback collection is the "Jack Russell: Dog Detective" series by Darrel Ogders. Have fun helping Jack Russell solve the mystery. Great for new chapter book readers. New additions to the "Tiara Club" by Vivian French can be found in the paperback collection. Also great for new chapter book readers.

BRIEFLY

Dickens Christmas

Beginning on Monday (Dec. 17), Our Town offers an end-of-the-year special that starts with Roving Reporter Rich Ofsthun heading south for the Dickens Christmas event in Scituate.

The show then goes on to highlight two big 2007 happenings for Cohasset: the Beechwood Ballfield dedication and the coming of the Greenbush Train line. Wrapping up this special one-hour show is a performance by Cohasset's very own Gr8fls playing the Sea Note. Tune in starting Monday at 9pm on Comcast channel 10.

Town Meeting, election

Selectmen voted to set the date for Saturday, March 29, 2008. Town Meeting will begin at the Cohasset High School Sullivan Gymnasium at 9a.m. Any petitioned article submissions for the Town Warrant from town boards or citizens petitions will be accepted until Monday, Jan. 14, 2008.

The Town Election is scheduled for a week later on Saturday, April 5.

'There is just something about December'

TOWARD A SUSTAINABLE COHASSET

JoAnn Mirise

Last week I had occasion to relax in front of the woodstove with my children. It was one of those moments of stillness that seldom happens in our typically animated house. The Boys Choir of Harlem played on the radio. Their pitch-perfect, angelic voices channeled peace. Outside, big, glistening snowflakes floated about without an apparent origin or destination. The beauty of what I was hearing and seeing, punctuated with the warm cuddles from my kids was overwhelming. I felt a few tears roll down my face at which point my daughter jumped up and ran to the bathroom for a square of toilet paper to wipe my cheeks. She asked why I was crying. I tried to explain that sometimes being surrounded by intense beauty makes one feel so good and so alive that they overflow with happiness. I assured her that tears of this kind were a very good thing.

There is just something about December. It is a time full of moments of beauty. Yes, it is beautiful because of all the kindness and giving that flows so freely this time of year. This cannot be underestimated. However, the beauty I speak of is the kind that stimulates our senses — the experiences that we see, hear, taste, touch and smell that make us feel so joyful, so alive. Like the twinkle lights that illuminate our neighborhoods and town — gorgeous. Or the wreathes that hang in the store windows and welcome one and all to our charming Village — lovely. Or the jewelry studios, art galleries, and fashion and decorating shops that remind us of the incredible creative spirit we humans possess — inspiring.

At this time of the year we seem to be more engaged in surrounding ourselves with beauty. We dust off the china and polish the silverware. Even those of us who don't have silver seem to find something to polish. We become artisans of the food we prepare and the decor that we fashion. The pride that we take in our craft is the energy that propels us through the endless engagements, to-do lists and obligations.

Even on a personal level we seem to take better care of ourselves. We groom and preen. We reach to the back of the closet for the fancy, handsome outfits. We give ourselves an additional once-over before we head off to our commitments. When we put our best foot forward we often attract the same. Beauty, it seems, begets beauty.

The novelist, Dostoevsky, posed the question in his book, "The Idiot" — Could beauty save the world? I am uncertain that there ever will be a literal answer to this inquiry, but it does warrant consideration since beauty has such power over our thoughts, feelings and actions. Its mere ability to cause us to take pause — to be completely absorbed and in the moment — is evidence enough of its influence. Anyone who has been stopped in their tracks by a beautiful woman, painting, meal, vista, baby or even golf swing knows this power. It doesn't matter our economic status, class or education. Beauty allows any one of us to open up and be transformed. Not kept authentic, beauty can sprout indulgence, narcissism and shallowness. But beauty, in its pure form, reigns as a state of grace.

What I think might be beauty's most promising attribute is its ability to cultivate reverence for the interconnectedness of life. To be moved by a beautiful person, object or experience is to admit that there is something beyond ourselves. With this reverence we cultivate respect. And with respect we act with awareness.

If we are to turn the tide of commodified consumerism; if we are to plan our towns and architect our buildings with a sense of place and humanity; if we are to be an inspired, caring people then now is time to restore beauty in our every day lives. Buckminster Fuller said, "When I'm working on a problem, I never think about beauty. I think only how to solve the problem. But when I have finished, if the solution is not beautiful, I know it is wrong."

So come January, perhaps we can continue cultivating beauty instead of letting it fade away with the wilted poinsettias and fallen pine needles. In time, we might not only restore beauty, but also our spirit and the well being of the earth.

JoAnn Mirise lives and writes in Cohasset.

National Grid looking at trees

National Grid will be initiating a tree hazard mitigation program to remove or trim overhanging or hazardous trees along several town roads to lessen the risk of power outages over the next few months.

"Electrical outages are most often caused by nature, and, specifically, tree contact with our wires," stated Joan Callahan of coordinator for National Grid's hazard tree mitigation program.

Several streets have been identified as having a "chronic tree-caused outage problem." Those streets will be looked at for potential tree removal. The area includes Route 3A from the Scituate line to Pond St., Pond St., Spring St., Summer St., Elm St. and North Main St. from the village to the intersection of Jerusalem Road.

Both a certified arborist and the town's tree warden Andy Swanson will inspect the entire length of the above streets. Trees in poor condition and hazardous to the electric line will be identified and marked.

If the tree is on public property and scheduled for removal, Swanson will hold a public hearing as required by the shade tree law. If the tree is on private property, the owner will be notified in writing and will have to give written consent before the tree is removed.

Check out CohassetCares.com

HEALTH NOTES

Heimlich Maneuver saves lives

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To perform the maneuver on adults: On a conscious adult, stand behind the victim, either sitting or standing. Make a fist with one hand and place it, thumb toward the victim, below the rib cage and above the waist. Encircle the victim's waist, placing the other hand on top of the fist. Generally, one sharp squeeze will do it. Develop enough rapid pressure to force the foreign object back up the trachea. If you fail, repeat. Don't give up! As the victim is deprived of oxygen, the muscles of the trachea relax slightly. Because of this loosening, it is possible that the foreign object may be expelled on a second or third attempt.

If unconscious, lay the victim on the floor, bend the chin forward, make sure the tongue is not blocking the airway, and feel in the mouth for foreign objects, being careful not to push them farther into the airway. Kneel astride the thighs and place fists between the bottom of the victim's breastbone and the navel. Use a few sharp compressions pushing inward and upward.

After the abdominal thrusts, lift the chin, moving the tongue. Remove any the foreign material. If the airway is not clear, repeat the abdominal thrusts. If the foreign object has been removed, but the victim is not breathing and you know how, start CPR. Otherwise call 911.

You can apply the Heimlich Maneuver to yourself. Calm yourself. Relax your muscles. Make a fist with one hand and place it above the navel and below the breastbone, then grasp the fist with the other hand and push sharply inward and upward. If this fails, lean over the back of a chair, edge of a table, porch railing and thrust up and inward.

The Heimlich Maneuver can be performed on others such as the pregnant, the very obese and infants. Google "Heimlich Maneuver" for more complete instructions.

You can perform the Heimlich Maneuver. Knowing how may save someone's life; perhaps your own. If you don't, the person will die from lack of oxygen.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM LETTERS, PAGE 10

Sewer and water staging saga continues

To the Editor:

Too bad the Zoning Board of Appeals hearing, held Dec. 11, couldn't have been a forum devoted simply to finding the solution that best benefits the community. Debating about milk already spilt and fretting about contractual and procedural niceties doesn't do much for us when there really isn't a realistic alternative to the current site. Now we wait until Jan. 8.

A more distant site would not only damage more roads and discombobulate more people, but would substantially increase the cost to be borne by those in the area to be sewered. The real nuisance is not the site itself as much as it is the traffic between it and the work. We can't transfer the work elsewhere, as seems to be included in the thinking of one member of the Planning Board. He seems to think that loudness is equivalent to rationality, but sometimes it is only loud.

One member of the ZBA, by displaying cold arrogance for any citizen who seeks to speak, may be confusing this citizen's meeting with a law court, where cowing the witness is a useful tactic when the case is weak. Even though the ZBA has a quasi-legal function or duty, such behavior is inappropriate where the overriding objective should be what is in the best long-term interest of the community, and fellow citizens are inputting to the process. And, in a small town, such behavior is noticed unfavorably. Oh well, with experience and maturity comes the wisdom to be empathetic rather than antagonistic.

But who am I to pontificate that one catches more flies with honey than with vinegar?

R. Murray Campbell
217 Jerusalem Road

House Tour support was super!

To the Editor:

The Nov. 23 issue of the Cohasset Mariner carried an article titled "House Tour – It Takes a Town." Indeed, the Community Garden Club's holiday house tour last Thursday was a wonderful example of support by the Cohasset community and beyond. We are grateful to all who contributed to the success of the tour, including businesses that sold tickets, donated food and bought advertising space in the ticket book.

Thank you to: Buttonwood Books and Toys, Darilynn's, Fleming's, The Windsor Tea Shop; Johannah's, Talbots and the Shoe Market in Hingham; Stone House Gardens in Norwell; The Welch Company in Scituate; Atlantic Bagel, Atlantica, Bernard's, Bia Bistro, Dunkin' Donuts, French Memories, Maggie's Corner, Pacini's, Shaw's, Starbucks, Stop and Shop and Victoria's; Roche Bros. in Marshfield; Chester's and Circe's Grotto in Scituate; The Ocean Club in Hull; Joseph's Hardware, Edward Jones, Rockland Trust, Gray-Lewis Advisory Group, Cohasset Village Greenery, Christopher Gallery, Feng Shui, Scituate Harbor Chiropractic, Adrian Morris, Coastal Countryside, Ports & Company, Curves, Hassan Sign, WebWrite Services, Lynne Layman, Paperscapes, Cohasset Travel, Kitchen & Home Theater Design, Claire Tinory, Cohasset Greenery, Country House Furniture and Interiors, Cohasset Antiques, Emporium Naturals, Platinum Spike, Crazy Paws, Vital Touch and All The Best Natural Food Store.

Thanks also to Mary Kennedy for playing Christmas music on the Cohasset Carillon and to the Cohasset Police Department for monitoring traffic and assisting with parking.

Finally, we thank the homeowners who graciously opened their beautiful homes for the tour and the Cohasset Historical Society for joining this year's tour and filling the Paul Pratt building with "Christmas Memories."

Dolores Roy
House Tour Coordinator

Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen

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QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about this week's report, e-mail us at beaconhill@aol.com or call us at (617)720-1562.

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By Bob Katzen

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

Beacon Hill Roll Call reports local senators' final roll call attendance records for the 2007 session.

The Senate held 154 roll call votes. Beacon Hill Roll Call tabulates the number of roll calls on which each senator was present and voting and then calculates that number as a percentage of the total roll call votes held. That percentage is the number commonly referred to as the roll call attendance record.

Only 13 or one-third of the Senate's 39 members have 100 percent roll call attendance records. The worst roll call attendance record belongs to Sen. Richard Moore (D-Uxbridge) who missed 43 roll calls (72.0 percent roll call attendance record).

Rounding out the top five members with the worst records are Sens. Gale Candaras (D-Wilbraham) who missed 35 roll calls (77.2 percent attendance record); Frederick Berry (D-Peabody) who missed 19 roll calls (87.6 percent roll call attendance record); Pamela Resor (D-Acton) who missed 17 roll calls (88.9 percent roll call attendance record) and Stephen Brewer (D-Barre) who missed 16 roll calls (89.6 percent roll call attendance record).

LOCAL SENATORS' 2007 ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE RECORDS

The percentage listed next to the senator's name is the percentage of roll call votes for which the senator was present and voting. The number in parentheses represents the number of roll calls that the senator missed.



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Robert L. Hedlund
(R-Weymouth)
(617) 722-1646
Room 413F

92.2% (12)



Representative
Garrett J. Bradley
(D-Hingham)
(617) 722-2120
Room 472

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

CONTAMINATED BAND INSTRUMENTS (S 2436) - The House and Senate have agreed on the Senate version of a bill establishing a task force to examine hygienic procedures relating to the use of band instruments in schools by students and teachers. The task force would examine policies to prevent the spread of contagious diseases such as tuberculosis and minimize the risks of cross-contamination when instruments are transferred from one musician to the next. The Senate version allows the governor and the legislative leadership to appoint the members of the task force. The House agreed to drop its earlier version (H 413) that gives the appointment power to the Department of Education. Only final House and Senate approval are necessary prior to the measure going to Gov. Deval Patrick.

USED MATTRESSES (H 4299) - The House approved and sent to the Senate legislation requiring the labeling of any mattress or box spring that has been used by a consumer and returned to the store for resale. The required wording on the label would indicate that "this mattress, box spring, studio couch or futon mattress has been previously sold, delivered, used and returned and is being offered for resale."

MENTAL HEALTH - The Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse approved a bill requiring health insurance companies to establish complete parity for all mental health disorders (H 1871). A 2000 law requires companies to provide mental health benefits for "biologically based disorders" such as major depression and schizophrenia at the same level as other physical medical conditions but does not require the same for "non-biologically based" disorders such as substance abuse and eating disorders. The committee also gave thumbs up to a proposal requiring the Departments of Public Health and Mental Health to design and enforce regulations to ensure the safe and effective care and dignity of individuals with psychiatric disorders or behavioral issues in hospital emergency departments (H 2042).

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURES (H 4387) - Gov. Patrick signed into law a bill aimed at stemming the tide of the state's growing epidemic of mortgage foreclosures. The measure requires thousands of unlicensed, non-bank loan originators to pay an annual $500 licensing fee and to undergo criminal background checks. Other provisions require in-person counseling for first-time homebuyers prior to purchasing variable rate sub-prime loans and give homeowners 90 days to make any overdue mortgage payments and stay in their homes instead of allowing the lender to demand the payoff of the entire mortgage once the borrower falls behind in payments. The Legislature attached an emergency preamble that makes the law effective immediately rather than in the usual 90 days.

EMINENT DOMAIN AND SMALL CLAIMS COURT - The Judiciary Committee held a hearing on legislation prohibiting local officials from taking private property by eminent domain for private commercial development if the acquisition is designed to generate a profit or other exclusive benefit for a limited class of persons or other private entities rather than for members of the general public (H 1499). The legislation was filed in response to a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that allows communities to seize private homes and businesses solely for the benefit of private interests. The committee is also considering a bill raising from $2,000 to $5,000 the maximum amount for which a person can bring suit in small claims court (H 1746).

Y = Yes, N = No, NV = No Vote

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Water mains and sewer service stubs

SEWER REPORT

JOHN BECK

This is one in a continuing series of status reports on the Little Harbor/Atlantic Avenue sewer and water projects.

The contractor continues to make progress on all fronts. There are three main line crews simultaneously deployed in three different areas: Nichols Road, Deep Run/Rust Way and Whitehead Road.

The water main replacement is continuing on Deep Run and Whitehead Road with permanent service connections being installed. Water work on Nichols Road has been stopped until spring. As the water work closes down for the winter, the contractor switches his attention to the sewer excavation and installation with crews in all three areas. Much of the sewer pipe installation will require blasting or hoe ram excavation due to the extensive ledge in our town. The decision of which method to use is a complex one. It depends on many variables such as type of rock, depth to ledge, proposed pipe depth, proximity of other utilities, amount of rock to be removed, relative time required for the excavation, and finally how these variables combine to affect the total cost.

As the sewer work nears a particular residence, the homeowner will be asked about a week or two in advance of the construction to confirm the desired location of the sewer service stub off the collector pipe in the street. It is very important that each property owner know the most desirable location for their stub, as the cost of moving the stub later will be the responsibility of the homeowner. Each homeowner should work with their chosen contractor to select the best location for the stub. Confirmations should be returned to the construction inspector or dropped off at the engineer's trailer on Jerusalem Road within one week of notification to ensure that service layout is done in accordance with residents' wishes.

It is very important that each property owner know the most desirable location for their stub, as the cost of moving the stub later will be the responsibility of the homeowner.

The ZBA extended their consideration of the appeal regarding the location of the joint project staging area until their next meeting in early January.

As winter weather sets in, asphalt plants will begin to close down for the winter, so trench repaving will be intermittent and trench surfaces will remain unpaved until conditions are suitable for paving. The contractor is responsible for maintaining a drivable surface and for snow removal on impacted streets. In inclement weather, the trench surface can settle or become rutted by vehicular traffic very quickly. Although the contractor and the engineer canvas the area periodically for such conditions, the speed at which the road can degrade is highly variable. Any resident noticing significant settlement or rutting of the trench should contact the resident engineer, Kevin McRae so that the contractor can be made aware and address the issue. We realize that construction activity can be annoying and traffic navigation aggravating, especially during winter months, but we all need to anticipate the final goals and benefits of the project to our properties and the environment. We are working in winter to help expedite the project and reduce the overall construction period. The estimated completion date is Aug. 15, 2009, less than two years away.

For those interested, the overall schedule in a downloadable PDF format for the water and sewer projects will soon be added to the Sewer Commission Web page on the Town of Cohasset's Web site at townofcohasset.org/sewer/documents.

Questions about any aspect of the work should be addressed to Kevin McRae, resident engineer for the town's contractor, Coughlin Environmental Services LLC. His office is located in the construction trailer in the staging area off Jerusalem Road. The telephone number for the trailer, which will be staffed during normal working hours, is 781-383-2900. Mr. McRae's cell phone number is 617-592-3276.

Any questions about the updates may be sent to the author, John Beck, at: johnbeckiii@msn.com.

John Beck is vice chairman of the Cohasset Sewer Commission.

School grants and grades for Legislature

HEDLUND REPORT



ROBERT HEDLUND

In one of the year's most highly anticipated announcements, the Massachusetts School Building Authority revealed its early list of construction and repair projects on track to receive state money. The four-year moratorium on new school building assistance grants was lifted this past July and 162 school districts submitted 423 projects for consideration for funding. Needless to say, competition is tight now that the state is limited to funding just $500 million worth of projects annually.

Fortunately for my district, the list of 83 projects that survived the first-round of cuts included four that will benefit my district: Chandler Elementary School in Duxbury, Plymouth River Elementary School in Hingham, the Gov. Edward Winslow Elementary School in Marshfield, and the South Shore Regional Vocational-Technical High School in Hanover, which serves students from Cohasset, Norwell and Scituate.

This is terrific news not only for the children of these communities, who will see significant improvements to their schools and classrooms, but also for local taxpayers, who could see savings of hundreds of thousands of dollars thanks to the state grants.

Ideally, the state would have enough money to choose more than just 83 projects to receive funding. But I feel the new process is fiscally responsible and will ensure we don't again find ourselves with $11 billion in outstanding obligations, as we did when the moratorium was put in place back in 2004.

I do feel a certain degree of pride while reflecting on the current state of our school construction grant program, as I was among an initial small group of legislators to push for a change in the way we fund these projects as early as 2002. Our reform proposal included clearing out the $11 billion backlog through bonding. Subsequently, Gov. Romney filed a detailed reform plan in early 2004 that would have refinanced existing bonds and extended the terms out from 20 years to 40 years. Ultimately, the Legislature passed a reform plan that created the Massachusetts School Building Authority and dedicated 20 percent of the state's sales tax revenue to paying off the bonds used to fund the school building assistance program.

If I was scoring the session to date, I'd have to give the Legislature mixed grades.

Doing so allowed us to eliminate this massive waiting list in just three years, instead of a decade, as originally feared. It was one of those all too rare of times where state government, faced with a big problem, was able to come together, and devise a solution that actually worked.

End of session

Tuesday, Nov. 20, the Senate met for the last time this year in a formal session that stretched into the night.

I feel it's important to point out that the Legislature — well, most of us, at least — have not turned off the lights and gone home for the Holidays. We continue to meet at least three times a week, albeit in informal sessions where one person can prevent a controversial matter from moving forward. Also, both of my offices in Weymouth and in the State House remain open and available to any questions, comments, or concerns that you may have.

In January, the Legislature will reconvene to start the second year of its bi-annual calendar. All bills will be carried over, and considering the amount of issues we have not yet touched, I expect it will be a busy few months until we again adjourn on July 31.

If I was scoring the session to date, I'd have to give the Legislature mixed grades. I certainly expected more action considering we are operating with a Democratic governor for the first time in 16 years.

Some positive measures approved by the Legislature this year include:

- expanding access for adoptees to their birth records,
- giving an additional $15 million for the state's Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program,
- divesting our state pension money from all companies doing business with Sudan;
- increasing funeral benefits for police and firefighters killed in the line of duty;
- strengthening ID protection laws, and creating long-term care insurance.

Also, in recent weeks, I think we have been particularly responsible in meeting our obligations to our veterans. We have increased funding for veterans' shelters, upped the allowance given to vets to heat their homes, increased the amount of money provided to bury indigent veterans, and placed a check-off box on state income tax forms to help identify recently returned veterans eligible for a "Welcome Home" bonus.

But there are still many important issues that we have neglected to address, including

- fixing Chapter 40B,
- expanding tax credits for elderly,
- passing a much-needed environmental bond bill,
- strengthening penalties against sex offenders (Jessica's Law),
- crafting a strategy to fund the $20 billion worth of transportation maintenance needs
- property tax relief for our residents.

Hopefully my colleagues will be ready to roll up their sleeves when we reconvene in formal sessions come January. The governor will submit his second state budget Jan. 23 kicking off five months of tough budget talks. We're also likely going to have extensive debate on casino gambling, and transportation and housing bond bills, and auto insurance reform.

State Senator Robert "Bob" Hedlund represents the eight-town Plymouth-Norfolk District that includes Cohasset.

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Social Service League of Cohasset serves South Shore

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borders. They serve the communities of Cohasset, Hingham Hull, Scituate, and Marshfield through cooperation with other non-profit organizations, like Wellspring Multi-Service Center of Hull and running their own programs, like Meals on Wheels and lecture series for parents.

"We look at the needs throughout the surrounding communities and help in whatever way possible," says Smith.

Keeping in touch with the community and its issues is an ongoing task. Every few years, the League conducts a needs assessment. The 13-members of the League spoke with the schools, the clergy, police and fire officials and other organizations to figure out what needs are not being met in the community.

"We're always changing, looking to redefine what we're working on," said Smith. In the most recent assessment last year, elder services, teen safety, affordable childcare and housing, and alcohol problems surfaced in the surveys as major issues.

A need to link local communities and service providers together to pool resources and help direct those in need to appropriate agencies for help also came up in the assessment. To that end, the League is launching a new website (www.socialserviceleagueofcohasset.org) this month.

"It's important for us to be in touch with local organizations so we know what the needs are," says Smith, "then we can react accordingly,"

The League hopes to grow the website so it will be a go-to website for organized information on local services and resources.

"We don't want to overlap what other groups and towns are doing," says Smith. Although limited at first, the website will develop as more people and organizations become aware of it and offer their information, "in this day in age, it's a great way to get the word out."

The website seems the next logical step for the Social Service League which has remained relevant throughout its 95 years by continuingly re-evaluating itself. A new slogan, "beacon of hope," along with a re-designed logo of a lighthouse and its beam completes the League's transition to a modern age.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

A senior citizen will get a delightful basket like this one on Christmas through the Christmas Angel Project that is being run by the Social Service League with Cohasset Elder Affairs.

When the League got its start a nurse was an integral part of the organization. The need for a nurse in the organization diminished when the town incorporated a town nurse. Then for many years the Social Service League enlisted the services of a social worker to seek out and support families in need. But, collaboration with Wellspring beginning in 2002 eclipsed the need for a social worker as well. Through working with Wellspring, the Social Service League is able to reach families in need—a demographic they previously found difficult to provide for. "It's worked out great," says Smith.

The League provides annual assistance and funding to Wellspring. Wellspring's mission is to provide support and skills to people facing challenges to their financial, physical, or emotional well being in order to help them achieve independence and self-sufficiency. They offer domestic violence intervention programs, crisis counseling and adult learning programs.

The Social Service League maintains a close relationship with the Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs. They coordinate the Meals on Wheels program in Cohasset year round to delivers meals to seniors in need. During the holiday season, with the help of Cohasset Elder Services, they make sure seniors are provided with a full holiday meal if homebound or unable to cook for themselves. On Thanksgiving Day, they delivered several turkey meals with all the fixings to seniors in the area and plan to do for the same for Christmas Day.

The Christmas Angels program is also a part of the Social Service League's holiday giving. Members put together themed holiday gift baskets to be given to area elders in need.

The League also is the steward of several devoted funds. The Wilcutt fund provides money for elderly couples that through rising taxes or a broken water heater would otherwise not be able to stay in their home. The Margaret F. Loud fund provides scholarships to students pursuing degrees in the medical field.

Another facet of the Social Service League is programming, a sub-committee seeks out interesting and informative lectures and programs to bring to the community. Last year, they funded the College Fair at Cohasset High School, a parenting lecture series, supported the diversity committee and paid for a Cohasset police officer and a high school teacher to be trained in Rape Action Defense (R.A.D.).

The League raises money through an annual fall appeal and through a spring event, but its major funding source is the Cohasset Consignment Shop, located in CVS Plaza on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. The shop fills a need in the community, Smith says, by providing an opportunity to purchase affordable gently worn or used clothing, home goods and furniture while being a useful outlet for those downsizing or dismantling a family household.

The consignment shop is always in need of volunteers. Two paid staffers anchor the shop, but volunteers keep the shop running six days week. Contact the Social Service League consignment shop at 781-383-0771 to find out more information on volunteering.

This year Social Service League of Cohasset is one of the charities being supported by the Mariner's annual Gifts of Hope Campaign. Checks should be made out to Social Service League of Cohasset and sent to Gifts of Hope Program; c/o Anne Rodwell; Community Newspaper Company; 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050

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Lady Skippers say goodbye

Bostwick steps down; talented class on the go

By Joel Racicot
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What a wonderful season the Cohasset High girls field hockey team had and what a bitter sweet time it is for the program as 19-year veteran head coach Deb Bostwick will step down. Bostwick made the decision to leave her post as coach of the field hockey and softball teams to focus on her daughter's athletic career at Pembroke High School.

"I got the ball rolling here for almost 20 years," she said. "When I started we had 22 kids and one team now we have 75 to 80 kids and four teams."

The popularity of field hockey in Cohasset can be in part attributed to the much loved head coach, and as she prepares to step down to spend more time watching her own kid play, she marveled in what was a very exciting season in 2007.

"It was an emotional year I had a lot of these seniors since they were freshman," Bostwick said. "You want to finish each year with the next group of seniors, and this year's juniors were asking why I couldn't finish one more year, but it's time to move on."

Cohasset will graduate a very talented class that won 26 games over the last two seasons including a pair of trips to the Division 3 South sectionals. Eleven seniors will graduate including South Shore League All-Stars and team captains Olivia Kimla, Sally Meehan and Paige Strecker. Senior Katina Martone and junior Alyssa Mullin were both named to the league honorable

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Cohasset goalie Alyssa Mullin throws her stick out to make the final save to secure the Division 2 South first round playoff win over Seekonk in the seventh round of penalty shots. The Skippers won, 2-1.



Cohasset's Olivi Kimla rushes upfield with the ball to go on the attack during the first overtime of the Skippers' Division 2 South first round game against Seekonk.



Coach Deb Bostwick hugs her goalie Alyssa Mullin following the Skippers' dramatic 2-1 postseason win over Seekonk on penalty shots while the rest of her team celebrate in the background. Bostwick is stepping down as head coach after 19 seasons.

Solid showing in season opener

Eighth grade girls travel basketball team falls to Hull

The eighth girls travel basketball team lost its season opener recently to rival Hull, 36-17. The team, with nine returning players and one new member, had some exciting moments in this first contest of the season.

In the first half, Cohasset got off to a rocky start against Hull's man-to-man defense. The offense led by guards Anna Seraikas and Christie Fitzgerald executed some great plays, but the team had trouble finding their groove. Cohasset didn't get on the scoreboard until six minutes into the game as Ellie Tedeschi drove the baseline for a basket. Trailing, 10-2, Isabel Robinson tallied a basket at nine-minute mark. Lacking defensive energy, Cohasset was unable to develop its rhythm, and Hull's offense, led by one particular player (who tallied two 3-pointers in the contest) put Cohasset behind, 22-4, at the half.

In the second half, Cohasset come out to play. Cohasset's half-court press held Hull scoreless for the first four minutes. Sage Stebbins grabbed a defensive rebound and found Isabel Robinson who took the ball down court for two points. Anna Seraikas followed suit with a perfect jumper off a steal. Hull answered with a 3-point shot. Sparked by defensive energy generated from 10 blocked shots and 10 steals, including one by newest squad member Ruthann Barry, Cohasset's offense came alive.

Allie Farren and Olivia Franklin executed a sweet pick-and-roll play the next time down the court that placed Allie in perfect position for two points. Hull answered again, but next time down the court Christie Fitzgerald took it right up the middle of Hull's zone for a lay-up making the score, 34-14. With under a minute left to play, Allie Farren pushed up through a mass of defenders to score, landing on the foul line where she iced the free throw. Unfortunately time ran out on Cohasset's second half push and the game ended with the final score, 36-17.

Cohasset matched Hull in sec-

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Sunday, Oct. 14, a group of mothers and their sons battled it out on a baseball diamond of Barnes Field. Moms and sons: Donna Hayden with Steven Iantosca, left, Connor Hayden couldn't play because of a broken arm; Betty and Cole Morrison, Kathy and Michael Iantosca, Deb and Jake Johnson, Wendy and Christian Kennedy, Linda, Luke and Jack O'Brien, Stacey and Cameron Steele, Maureen and Jack Chamberlain and Laura and Ford Murphy. See Page 18 for article and photos.

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Mothers and sons battle it out on baseball diamond

Sunday, Oct. 14, a group of mothers and their sons battled it out on a baseball diamond of Barnes Field. It was a close game throughout the nine innings, but Team Moms came out on top, 12-11. Over the summer, a group of mothers were watching their sons play in the 10B summer league. Wendy Kennedy suggested the mothers play the boys and an idea was born. The mothers recruited coaches Brian Murphy and Jeff Morrison, who over a series of practices sharpened the mothers fielding and batting skills.

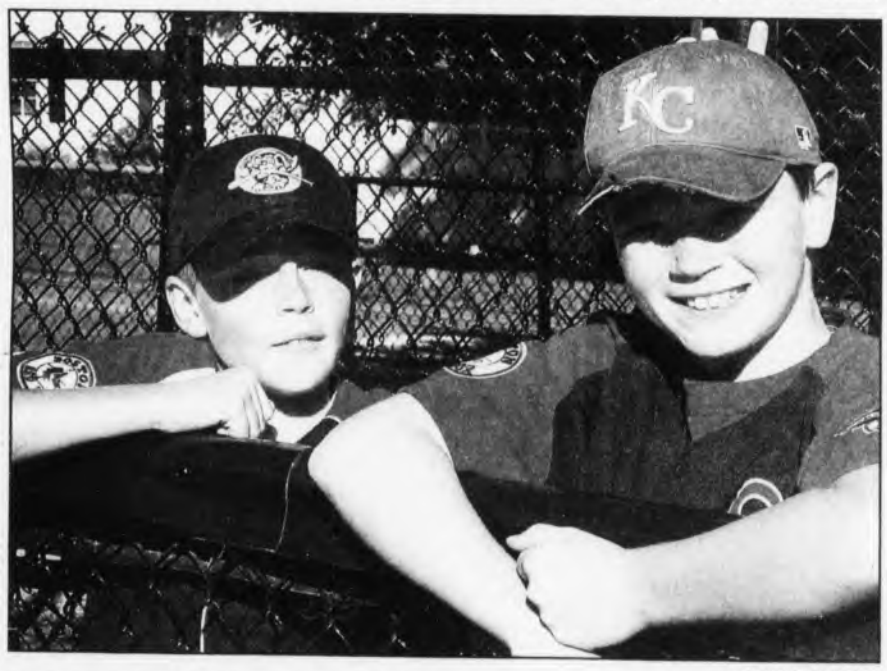
The mothers and sons hope to have another showdown next season.



Team Moms: Betty Morrisson, left, Kathy Iantosca, Donna Hayden, Deb Johnson, Wendy Kennedy, Linda O'Brien, Stacey Steele, Maureen Chamberlain and Laura Murphy.

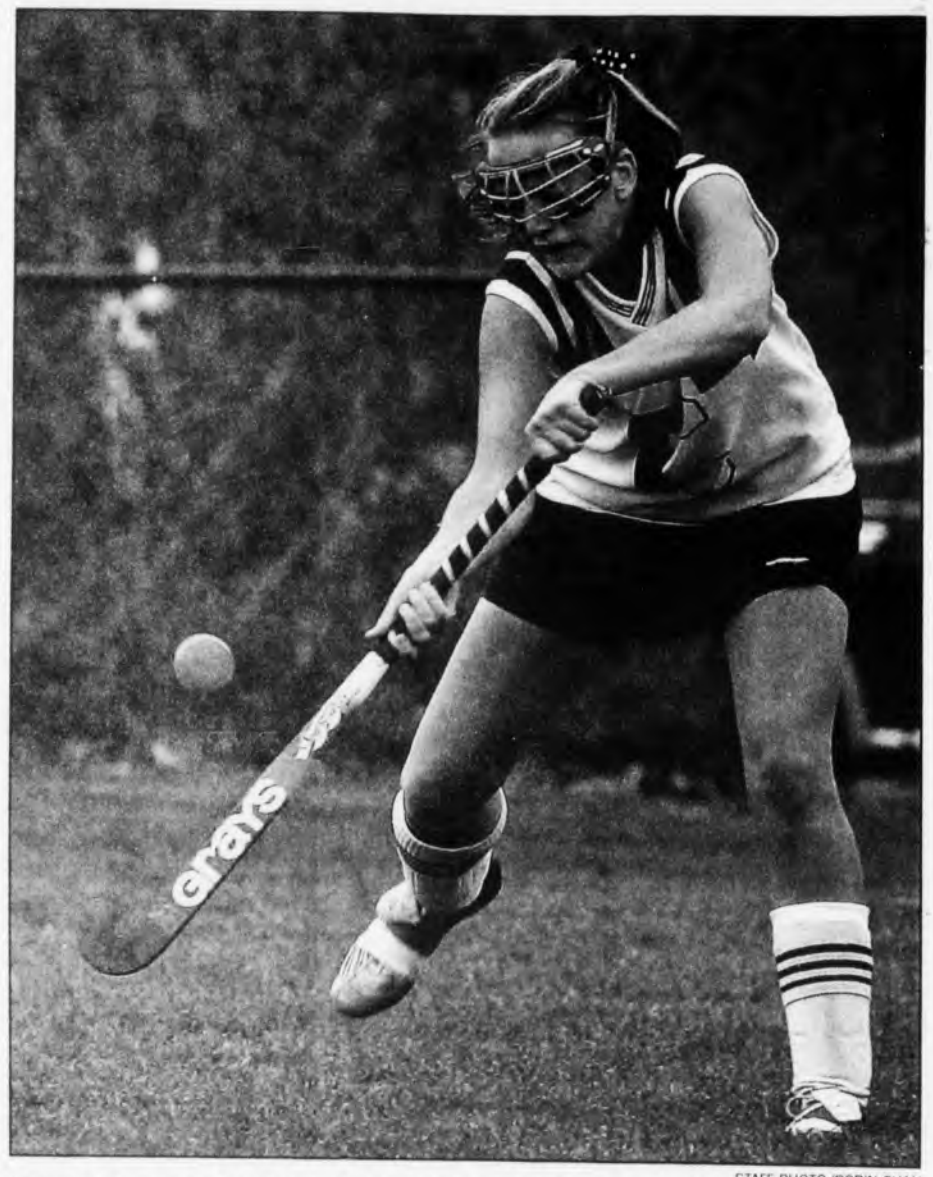


Stacey Steele gets ready to field a play at first base, while Steven Iantosca hopes to get to second base.



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Cole Morrison and Jack Chamberlain watch the action.



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Cohasset's Lesen Haracz tries to corral the loose ball during the first overtime of the Skippers' postseason win over Seekonk.

Lady Skippers say goodbye

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mention team.

Martone led the team with seven goals, finishing with eight points during the season. Bostwick will miss coaching players like Martone who came out and gave their all to her program.

"When she first came out for the team you had to wrap the skirt around her three times," Bostwick said with a laugh. "She made a name for herself and I got joy out of coaching a player like her to feel good about herself, it was a real accomplishment to get honorable mention."

Kimla and Meehan led the team with 11 points. Kimla added six goals and five assists, while Meehan tallied five goals and six assists.

Kimla, Meehan and Strecker were the backbone of the team during their tenures on varsity and their absence next season will leave a big hole.

"It really is a great class of kids they all had different styles to each one of them," Bostwick said. "The captains kept everyone focused all season."

Having All-Stars and the level of talent the team had in 2007 wasn't always the case for Bostwick, whose teams qualified for the tournament 10-out-of-19 years at the helm.

"We were lucky if we had one All-Star when I started at Cohasset," she said. "The Cohasset ladies made a name for themselves, and these seniors whether they started or filled in (made a difference)."

Seniors like Christine Kent, Amanda Hurd, Maura Regan, May McCarthy, Sandra Hart and the injured Kali Deveney all did their part to make another successful year.

Deveney along with Meagan Coakley kept Bostwick "on track," all year serving as team managers. Kent, Mullin's back up in net, showed a great attitude and focus, in or out of the game. McCarthy saw a spot start here and there and filled in nicely when called upon. Her minutes were never wasted on the field.

Hart, Regan and Hurd all contributed important minutes as well.

Defeating Seekonk in the opening round of the tourney and finishing second in the league after beating East Bridgewater once and tying it a second time were just a few highlights for the girls this fall.

The Seekonk win, in four overtimes, was a remarkable test of the Lady Skippers' endurance and commitment and the game was as memorable as high school tournaments get.

"It's a game I will never forget," Bostwick said. "It was one of the most intense games I have ever coached and we came out on top which was even better."

Harwich eventually defeated the girls in the quarterfinals, a team that has had Cohasset's number over the years.

"I hope the kids can beat Harwich with a little time and effort," Bostwick said.

Cohasset will return seven juniors and six sophomores from the varsity squad this year and should compete again next season.

For Bostwick, 2007 will be a very memorable year that she will hold close to her heart.

"Everything fell into place this year," Bostwick said. "I have had a lot of fun throughout the years, it's been an awesome experience meeting all the kids. I hope I have taught all of them to have a lifetime of activity."

End of season Skipper football awards

Outstanding Offense – Dave Snowdale, Outstanding Defense – Jake Cuneo, Most Valuable Player – Kyle Pinkus, Hustle and Desire – Cliff Musto, Coach's Award – Tyler Kelly, Unsung Hero – P.J. McCaw, Most Improved – Jordan Sargent, Hull Game MVP – Pat Doonan, Chatterton Award – Mark Flibotte, Cohasset/Scituate Youth Football – Kyle Pinkus

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ond half scoring and outplayed it defensively, but was unable to overcome the first half deficit. Allie Farren and Isabel Robinson led the squad with four points and four rebounds apiece. Jen Mullin pulled down eight defensive rebounds, grabbed three steals and blocked one shot. Allie Farren (five), Anna Seraikas (two), Olivia Franklin and Isabel Robinson provided the other nine blocked shots.



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CHRISTINE KENT

Who wants to bring home a bad a progress report in the midst of holiday shopping?

Possibly my cheesiest intro to date but, none the less, it is true! Winter vacation is just around the corner. It seems as though some of the students and teachers alike have become caught up in a holiday daze. Some teachers even forgot that midterms were this Wednesday, meaning a mad dash to "grade grub" (definition: the art of lobbing teachers for higher scores), take make-up quizzes, and find the homework that was "left at home." Who wants to bring home a bad a progress report in the midst of holiday shopping?

The highlight of the stressful week came with the Tuesday victories for the Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball teams who played against South Shore Christian Academy. Congrats players! If anyone is interested in attending these exciting home sporting events an admittance fee is required. For seniors and students the price is $3 while adults pay $4. Luckily for attendees, jackets and coats will not be necessary since the games are played in the comfort of the gymnasium…no more teeth chattering cheers!

On a different note, a new organization, the International Club, has been created for those interested in learning about the diverse world! This new organization will meet during lunch on Tuesdays to discuss global issues and will hopefully take field trips to the UN and other international landmarks. Mr. Kotter, the HS French teacher is the leader of the club along with senior and creator, Chloe Koines. While it is unlikely that these meetings will lead to peace in the Middle East, they should prove to be thought provoking…and more productive than sitting around the lunch table gossiping about the previous classroom antics.

One last thing before the weekly run down; don't forgot to help out the charitable foundation by dropping of a toy for a less fortunate child. The High School student council has set up a drop off box in the main office.

Now for the week's main events:

- Monday, Dec. 10: The beginning of a new week!
- Tuesday, Dec. 11: If any students were wondering why their parents were "roaming" the halls then rest assured, it was only a parent coffee meeting and not an attempt to relive the golden years of high school!
- Wednesday, Dec. 12: A much needed half day. Obviously, the middle school kids took the time to rest up before their big Winter Concert in the auditorium.
- Thursday, Dec. 13: The Yearbook Committee met.
- Friday, Dec. 14: CHS songbirds took flight, leaving for the High School Music Community day tour.

Well, That's it for me this week. Have a great weekend and stay warm!

Christine Kent is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly in the Mariner.

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Homes dress up for the holidays Cohasset house tour draws a crowd



Leslie Fallon of Cohasset points out the beautiful Cymbidium orchards that were arranged in a place setting found in the kitchen of one of the homes on Bow Street. Proceeds from the tour help pay for maintenance of gardens at the Lightkeepers, Constitution Park, and the Historical Society.



The family of music lovers on Bow Street had pinecone figures made with their likeness for the Holiday House Tour.

Staff photos by Robin Chan



Anna Drennan, right, of Milton chats with Milton native Jean Ellen Sullivan, left and homeowner of the house on Border Street, during the Holiday House Tour.



A snowy winter scene adorns a table at the Cohasset Historical Society, which was decorated by the members of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset for the Holiday House Tour last Thursday.



Tour-goers admire the dining room that was decorated by members of the Community Garden Club in a Border Street home while on the Christmas Memories house tour last week.



Bet Baker, right, of Cohasset admires a Christmas tree at the Historical Society decorated with miniature presents by the members of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset.



Rachel Eisenhaure of Cohasset plays holiday music on the harp for people checking out a home on Bow Street during the house tour. She is a Community Garden Club member herself.

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Gates Memorial Clock arrives in North Scituate

People traveling through North Scituate this coming week will be sure to notice the flurry of activity as a majestic 10 foot, 9 inch Verdin Company Howard Replica II double-sided clock becomes part of the new landscape at the village green.

The clock will be officially dedicated at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 22, in memory of Lawrence "Chick" Gates. Born and raised in North Scituate, Mr. Gates was known for his deep love of Scituate and his many quiet acts of generosity. The clock will serve as a lasting tribute to Chick's unwavering care and the joy he took in serving his community. An informal gathering will be held at Chick's office at 366 Gannett Road, next to Nor'easter Surf Shop following the dedication ceremony. Breakfast fare and hot drinks will be served and everyone is invited to join Chick's family and friends in celebration of his lifelong commitment to Scituate.

Several of Chick's closest friends, including Scott Roberts, Myron Boluch and Gil Wilder, spearheaded the effort to raise the necessary funds for purchasing the naming rights to the clock; once installed, the clock will belong to the town.

"Many people have donated time and materials to this effort," said Chick's daughter, Jan Gates Yeh. "Plymouth Quarries is donating the granite stone for the plaque, the cobblestones and stone dust. Ed Duffy is donating his time, labor and expertise in picking up the materials from the quarry and working with the committee in creating the cobblestone design that will surround the clock base. Scituate Concrete Pipe donated the footing." And Yeh said that there are "so many others who helped in big and small ways."

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The DVDs, which would make great holiday gifts, can be ordered by calling Shaun Galvin at 781-424-2917 or via email to shaungalvin@yahoo.com. Requests can also be mailed with a check for $20 per DVD to P.O. Box 526, Hingham, MA 02043.

Caroling is Dec. 15

Hey there, songsters. Here's a holiday treat for young and old. Once again, Cohasset's First Parish Church is sponsoring a well-loved Cohasset tradition – Caroling on the Common – on Saturday, Dec. 15.

Everyone is welcome to this community event for young and old, especially families with school-age children. Exceptional singing voices are not required; carols will be familiar and simple. Because it gets dark quickly, participants are asked to bring flashlights.

Carolers will leave from the Parish House at 4 p.m. As in the past, carolers will serenade a few homes on the Common, but this year most of our singing will be done around the duck pond – as weather permits. At approximately 4:45 p.m., everyone will return to the Parish House for cocoa, cider and cookies. Cookie donations would be appreciated.

Everyone is asked to bring a pair of socks – or two or three – which will be donated to Boston Health Care for the Homeless. Socks should be white cotton; both men's and women's sizes are welcome.

Come join friends for an old-fashioned holiday get-together, and pass the word. The more the merrier! For more information, call Sandy Bailey at 383-1100 or Woody Chittick at 383-3215.

Book Angel Program

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, is sponsoring its annual Book Angel Program to benefit local children. The goal of the program is to promote literacy and give the gift of reading to a local child. The book angel selects an angel from the tree in the store and buys a book for the child described on the angel. Buttonwood will give a 15 percent discount on the book and deliver the book to the appropriate agency. Program recipients will be Wellspring in Hull, Friends of the Homeless in Weymouth and the Blue Hills Healthy Families serving the South Shore.

This is the 14th year Buttonwood has sponsored the Book Angel Program. About 200 books were donated last year. The program runs through Dec. 21.

For more information, call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665.

Jade Forest to offer pain seminar

John Loupos, CSE, will teach a mini-seminar from noon to 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 16, on the subject of Clinical Somatics for back, shoulder and hip pain. The simple, yet comprehensive, movement patterns that will be taught are designed to eliminate pain and stiffness and enhance proprioception and flexibility. Somatics uses uniquely designed movement patterns to help you gain smarter muscles by recalibrating the faulty brain/muscle default modes that cause chronic pain and stiffness. Somatics doesn't require exertion because it's non-competitive and non-jarring, making it suitable for a wide range of physical conditions.

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Holiday concert to feature Celtic Christmas

Harpist Aine Minogue will perform her Celtic Christmas Concert at 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 16, at the Old Ship's Coffeehouse in the Parish Hall, at 107 Main St., Hingham Square. Aine's renowned harp playing, her beautiful, nearly ethereal voice, and her enchanting guests have made this event the high point of four recent seasons and a frequent sell-out. From her time as harpist in residence at Bunratty Castle in Ireland, to her playing and teaching here in the U.S., Aine only gets better. For more information on Aine, visit www.minogue.com.

Admission is $10 at the door. Beverages and desserts are 50 cents each. Proceeds benefit the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. For more information or to volunteer, call 781-749-1767. Volunteers will be admitted free.

Bikram Yoga classes

Cohasset Recreation Department has announced registration is underway for Bikram Yoga classes to be taught by Katrina Klein of Bikram Yoga South Shore. Klein is a national licensed master yoga teacher.

Classes for ages 7 through 13 are scheduled to begin Wednesday, Jan. 9, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., at Bikram Yoga Cohasset Studio, 380 CJC Highway, second level, west wing.

The session will be six weeks in duration, meeting each Wednesday from Jan. 6 through Feb. 13. The fee for the six-week session is $70 per participant. Those attending need to bring a mat and water to each class.

Registration may be made online at Bikramyogacohasset.com or at Cohasset Recreation Department at Town Hall.

Bikram Yoga focuses on physical flexibility, coordination and strength of mind and body. Children who practice yoga often experience increased self-esteem and are better able to cope with stress according to many studies. More detailed information is available on the Web site.

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Fire House Night at Bare Cove Fire Museum

Another "hot" time was had by all at Plymouth River School in Hingham as the Bare Cove Fire Museum hosted the annual Fire House Night. With several communities represented by a number of firefighters and other interested people – several children included – an evening of pictures and film of local fires and rescues was presented. Fire chiefs present and past: Chief Mark Duff from Hingham; Chief Ken Blanchard from Hanover; Chief Andy Reardon from Norwell; Chief Ken Galligan from Brockton; Chief Dick Wehter, retired, of Hingham; and Chief Tom Gorman, retired of Quincy, were in attendance.

Call the museum at 781-749-0028 for more details. Come by the museum to get a Firewood Derby kit to participate in an evening of old fashion fun.

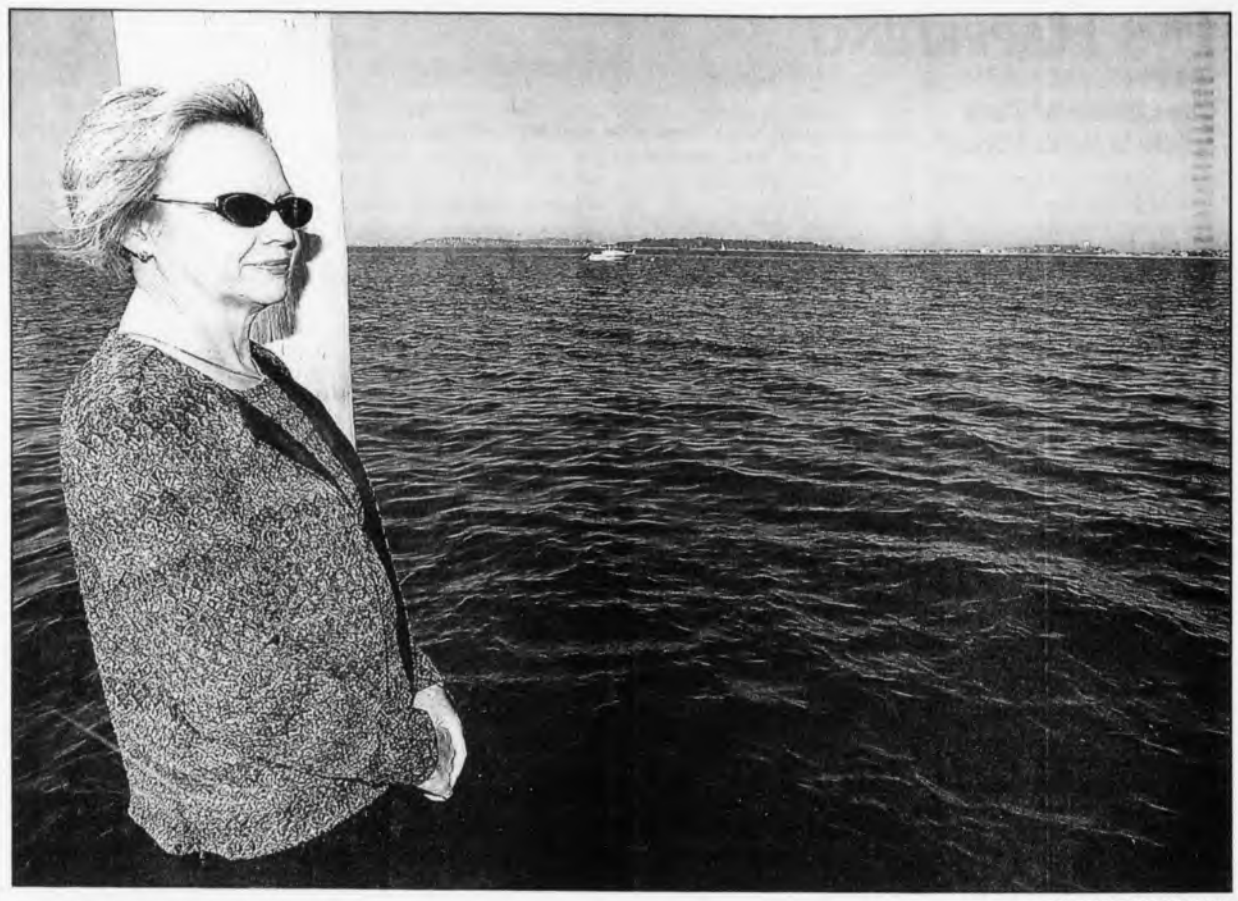
Featured, and well received by a large crowd, were three presentations of videotapes and slides by Mark Stockwell, staff photographer of the Attleboro Sun-Chronicle; Scott Langille, a North Attleboro firefighter; and the museum's own, Bob Stella. Stella presented one of his own productions titled "All Companies Working, Season 4" of fires and rescues he has filmed, which included the dangerous and skilled kayak rescue in Hull.

A buffet of sandwiches, potato salad, pickles, potato chips and chili was served along with soda and coffee. Desserts galore ended the meal.

Raffles were won by a number of people, including a child who won a camera.

Circle the date of Friday, March 28, for the next big event – the annual Firewood Derby. Call the museum at 781-749-0028 for more details. Come by the museum to get a Firewood Derby kit to participate in an evening of old fashion fun.

Bare Cove Fire Museum, a 501(c)3, is open every Wednesday evening, tours are available. A private tour may be arranged. Bare Cove fire Museum offers visitors of all ages an opportunity to see how firefighting was once done in Hingham, as well as other communities, once upon a time. Visit the Web site at barecovefiremuseum.org. Email address: info@barecovefiremuseum.org. New members and old are always welcome.



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Annabelle Wallace, who believes that people are hungry to reconnect with their inner spirit, looks out over the ocean near her home in Hingham.

Soul coaching leads to spiritual awareness

Hingham woman helps one reconnect

By Carol Britton Meyer
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"Soul coaching is not affiliated with any religion; rather it provides quality time for folks to take a breather during their hectic lifestyles."
– Soul coach Annabelle Wallace

It's possible to find peace in the midst of the turbulence of everyday life.

That's the message Hingham resident Annabelle Wallace wants to convey during these challenging times.

Wallace recently took a reprieve from her psychotherapy practice only to find that after a year she wanted to get back to helping people. In what capacity, though, was uncertain until a friend suggested she explore "soul coaching."

Wallace, who had looked into executive and life coaching but found they didn't have the right "feel," took to the idea immediately. "My heart said, 'There you go. This is it,'" she said. "Soul coaching is a behavioral, cognitive, humanistic, and mind-body-spirit approach, with an emphasis on getting in touch with your own spirituality. It helps us clear away mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual clutter so we can discover our own inner wisdom and seek direction and clarity in our lives."

In her psychotherapy practice, Wallace would sometimes say to her clients, "We're doing soul work here," so soul coaching seemed a natural fit.

So off to southern California she went to take a class with Denise Linn of the International Institute of Soul Coaching, who wrote a book about this subject. "This really opened up a whole new world," Wallace said. "Soul coaching is not affiliated with any religion; rather it provides quality time for folks to take a breather during their hectic lifestyles. This is an opportunity to gain a higher perspective of something bigger than ourselves — a spiritual awareness."

After taking some deep breaths in order to gain a different perspective, Wallace felt "reenergized and reinvented" and ready to do some "soul work" upon her return to Hingham. "Soul coaching involves aligning ourselves with the inner spiritual sense of our being so we can feel peaceful in the midst of what's happening in the outside world," she said. "It gives us a healthier perspective at a time when we're being over-stimulated with the toxicity of the media — everywhere we look we're seeing images of war, starving children, the results of Hurricane Katrina, terrorist attacks, the sadness in Darfur, adolescent suicides and killings, and other tragedies of life. We feel their pain and a sense of compassion as well as frustration as we wonder what we can do to help. We sometimes feel overwhelmed with a sense of hopelessness, combined with our own individual issues."

Wallace is also concerned that "the ego is ruling our lives. All around the world we're not respecting each other or our neighbors and are putting too much emphasis on things," she said. "Big cars and houses make some of us feel important, but this thinking takes away from our spiritual selfhood. Prayer, reflection, and meditation help us become more centered."

Children, teens, and young adults are also affected by what's happening in their own lives, country, and in the world. "The role models we have, whether actors or politicians, are sending confusing messages to young people about morals and self-respect," Wallace said. "In addition, parents are overworked and stretched out with financial and commuting pressures. Children, who often don't get the attention they need, are sensing these feelings."

Kids these days are often overbooked with organized after-school activities. "Going out for walks, playing ball in the backyard, and connecting with nature is a gift parents can give to their children," Wallace said. "Soul coaching allows us to be in touch with our inner soul, and then we will honor ourselves and others rather than [indulging in] criticism and judgment."

Wallace believes that people are hungry to reconnect with their inner spirit. "They feel alone and depressed and seek material objects, alcohol, drugs, and others means to fill their emptiness," Wallace said. "With hard work, the inner peace we will find will carry us through the most challenging times, and that higher power, if we are open to it, will give us a sense of direction and of what our purpose is."

Soul coaching "energizes the spirit that has been dormant due to negative life experiences, inappropriate messages, or unhealthy beliefs that inhibit the expression of our true Spirit," Wallace said. For further information, including the one-day workshops Wallace offers, email her at aqwallace@comcast.net.

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Old-Fashioned outdoor New England winter fun

Kim Foley MacKinnon
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Maybe your first inclination in winter is to hunker down inside and wait for spring, but in New England, you'll be waiting a mighty long time. Instead, why not pull on your long johns and snow pants and head into the great outdoors? You don't have to ski or snowboard to have fun in the cold. These winter family activities will give you rosy cheeks and cheer you up during those dark nights. Remember, there's always hot chocolate to look forward to after.

Massachusetts

If you have kids who wonder about the "olden days" (and we're not referring to your youth) head to Old Sturbridge Village, the Northeast's largest outdoor history museum which depicts a rural New England town of the 1830s. Roam around and inside more than 40 original buildings, each carefully restored. While there are special events for the holiday season, just visiting on a regular day is a treat. There is always something going on and the museum in winter looks as pretty as a postcard. Talk to the authentically costumed staff, visit the potter or make a craft at the Visitor's Center. Your kids will learn how their counterparts occupied their time in winter way before television and the Internet.

The museum gets gussied up in holiday finery in December for "Christmas by Candlelight," including on Dec. 15 and 16. Meet Father Christmas and Santa Claus (they are different!). You may even be able to take a horse-drawn sleigh or wagon ride if the weather cooperates.

Maine

New England Dogsledding offers something most people have only read about, the chance to yell "mush!" to a pack of sled dogs while you race through the woods.

Take a late afternoon or evening one-hour ride at Great Glen Trails at the base of Mount Washington, or try a longer trip (two to three hours) into the White Mountain National Forest – on the longer trip you'll get a chance to learn how to handle the dogs yourself and have more time to take in the scenery.

New England Dog Sledding is based at the Telemark Inn, an Adirondack-style wilderness lodge near Bethel. For more time with the gorgeous and intelligent huskies, book the National Forest Dogsled Ride Weekend Package. It includes two nights' lodging, all meals and a National Forest dogsled ride.



PHOTO BY NEW ENGLAND DOGSLEDDING

Get cool this winter with dogsledding in Maine.



PHOTO BY DARBY FIELD FARM

Take a ride in an antique sleigh in New Hampshire.

Vermont

For more than 20 years, the Adams Family Farm has offered traditional sleigh rides through the Vermont woods to an old log cabin where you can warm up by a wood fire with hot chocolate. On the 1 1/2-hour trip, the sleigh is pulled by two Belgian draft horses. While the sleigh rides are a relatively new offering, the farm has been in the Adams family since 1865. Make sure to pick up some maple syrup, which the family has produced for decades.

For an added treat, go on a Wednesday night for fondue. Dip fruit into the family's traditional chocolate fondue made with homemade fudge. Make sure to schedule time before or after to visit the indoor livestock barn, where kids can pet and feed horses, calves, goats, sheep, donkeys and llamas, not to mention alpacas, chickens and pigs.

The place also offers guided snowshoe tours for families with kids ages 6 and up.

New Hampshire

For a sleigh ride with an awesome view of Mount Washington Valley, head to New Hampshire and the Darby Field Inn. The inn is ideally located, just six miles from the hubbub of North Conway. Take a ride in an antique sleigh, pulled by either Welsh Cob mares or Spike, an 18-year-old Belgian gelding. After the ride, warm up with cider and homemade cookies by the woodstove. Or, book a ride-and-dinner package, which includes a four-course meal.

If you want to make a weekend of it, book the "Sleigh and Stay" package, which includes two nights' lodging, breakfast, dinner one night and the sleigh ride. If you do stay, take advantage of other activities, including snowshoeing.

Local Jeuscapades

For skaters, wintertime in New England means time to strap on your skates and channel your inner Olympic contender (or visions thereof). Skating indoors is one thing, but to truly enjoy the magic of the season, you need the bite of fresh air on your face as you glide (or fall) around an outdoor rink.

Combining ice-skating with lunch, a museum or shopping makes an outing everyone in the family can enjoy.

In downtown Boston, head to the Frog Pond (www.bostoncommonfrogpond.com), where the gold dome of the State House gleams in the background. If you bring your own skates, you get a great deal. Kids under 13 get free admission, while adults pay just $4. Skate rental is $8.

In Cambridge, the Charles Hotel converts its outdoor patio into a rink each year, making Harvard Square a great destination for skaters (and shoppers). Admission is $5 for adults, and $3 for kids, with skate rentals $5.

IF YOU go...

Old Sturbridge Village
1 Old Sturbridge Village Road
Sturbridge, Mass.
800-733-1830; www.osv.org
Admission to Christmas by Candlelight is $12 (tickets available online). Regular admission is $20 adults, $6 youth ages 3 to 17 (under 3 free).

Adams Family Farm
15 Higley Hill Road
Wilmington, VT
802-464-3762; www.adamsfamilyfarm.com
The sleigh ride is $18 for adults, $9 for children ages 4-12, free for under 4 (for the fondue night, there is an additional charge of $18 per pot). Call for dates and times. Barn admission is $10 p.p. Snowshoe tours $35 for adults, $22.50 for kids.

Darby Field Inn Sleigh Rides
185 Chase Hill, Albany, NH 03818
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Spa-ing in the Berkshires at Canyon Ranch

Fran Golden
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

IN NEW ENGLAND

It was during the A.B.S. on the Ball class, where we bounced on a giant ball for the benefit of our tummies and backs, that I met Mary Freitas of Westport.

Freitas, 68, a former Fall River elementary school math teacher, has developed a routine of visiting Canyon Ranch in Lenox, Mass., between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

She considers it her special treat, her time to unwind between preparing a big Thanksgiving meal and other celebrations. She rushes to get her Christmas cards written, then heads for a few days with friends at the spa. She recently visited for the third time in three years.

"This is my Christmas present to me," Freitas said. "You almost feel selfish, but it's time for you. The holidays are so much stress, as much as you try to get it organized. Here you get to regroup."



PHOTO BY CANYON RANCH

Relaxing with a facial at Canyon Ranch.

There is a lot to be said for indulging here. The spa is in a beautiful Berkshires setting, built to incorporate a historic mansion with picturesque grounds. The décor is upscale country, yet this is a place where you can be casual at all times — pack sweatsuits.

The property gets all decked out for the holidays — last year, a Christmas tree creatively boasted peacock feathers.

And then there's the program, which includes eating gourmet meals — this is not a fat farm, though calorie counts are given on menus for those who want them — a choice of dozens of exercise classes and spa treatments.

My favorite class was Nia, a movement class where the instructor urges you to do "floor play" and to "find the movement that pleases your body." The result after 50 minutes is you find yourself both relaxed and energized.

In the spa, try the signature hot stone massage — heavenly — or the excellent Thai massage, which is sort of like having a yoga class with someone else doing the work.

Indoor water areas allow time to warmly soak and chat. Seasonal activities such as cross-country skiing give you a chance to explore the outdoors.

Guests can also pick the brains of health experts — I took a class in de-stressing that heavily emphasized breathing.

Nighttime activities include a Bingo night that's a blast, and movie nights.

A three-night package is priced from $1,830 per person, double occupancy, and includes accommodations, all meals, many activities and a $360 allowance for services. Call 800-742-9000, or visit www.canyonranch.com.

Village decked out for holiday stroll

FROM STROLL, PAGE 1

"The great thing about the Holiday Stroll is its not all about retail. The banks, the realtors, restaurants, the Arts Center are all involved. It's a true downtown community event," says Beverly Bielewicz, owner of Paperscapes. She and her family have long been attendees of the Holiday Stroll, but this will be her first year as a merchant. Her shop will have a professional face painter to decorate children's faces with holiday cheer.

The merchants will also be holding raffles in every store, the proceeds of which will benefit the Appalachia Service Project. Cohasset ASP is an interfaith program that sends teens and adults to areas of Appalachia to do badly needed repairs on homes in some of the poorest areas of the United States. Last year, the village merchants donated over $1200 to the ASP cause.

Already the Village is "dressed in holiday style." For the second year, 72 wreaths were purchased from the school's METCO (Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity) scholarship fundraiser. In two workshops, a group of village merchants and business owners adorned the balsam wreaths with this year's signature burgundy bow and lots of glittering starfish. Employees at Pilgrim Bank decorated more than 400 starfish with gold glitter. A lighted tree is set up on the sidewalk in front of the Cohasset Hardware building.

Cohasset Police Officer John Small will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots with a box in front of Darilynn's. The toys will go to a child in need on Christmas.

"We have a nice group of merchants and business owners who want to see the Village Holiday Stroll a success. We want to make it a nice event for families and the town."

— Darilynn Evans, Darilynn's

"We're helping some of the programs in town that are doing good things," says David Bigley, owner of All the Best Natural Foods.

The event, organized and sponsored by village merchants and business owners, has been in the works for over two months. A group has been meeting to fine-tune the event's logistics and organization of the evening at Atlantic Bagel every Wednesday morning for the past nine weeks. Police and fire officials were consulted to ensure the safety of the event.

"We have a nice group of merchants and business owners who want to see the Village Holiday Stroll a success. We want to make it a nice event for families and the town," said Evans.

A selection of Christmas music will be played on St. Stephen's Carillon Bells from 4:30 to 5p.m. to add to the merry atmosphere. Tours of the bells will be available following the concert. Live bands and carolers will get music flowing throughout the village.

"It really is a strolling party," says Bigley, adding the evening is a fun event for neighbors and families to meet and acquaint (or re-acquaint) themselves with the village shops, "there's a lot of new stores in the village so I hope people come and see what's here."

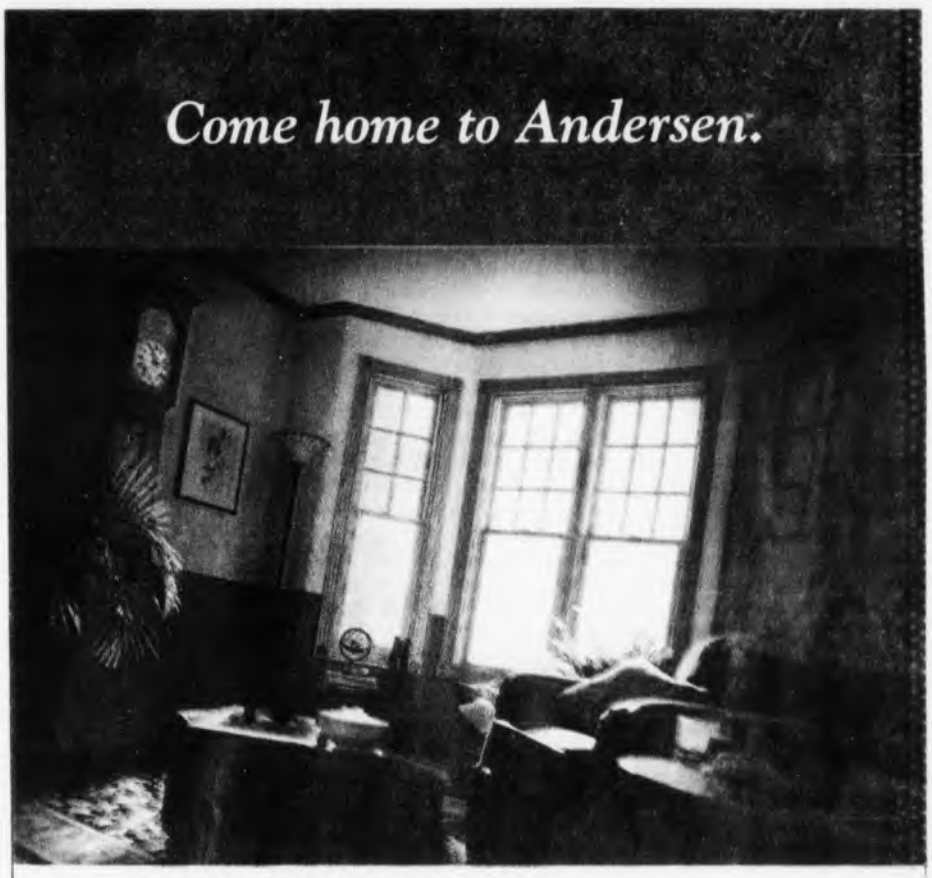
The Holiday Stroll wouldn't be complete without a visit from the jolly old St. Nick. Children with a wish list can visit with Santa Claus in the Coldwell Banker office, or to make sure he gets the message, send a letter to the North Pole in Coastal Countryside.

Although snow is in the weekend forecast, the Village Holiday Stroll will go off in the rain, snow or shine, but the merchants have their fingers crossed for clear skies.

The Cohasset Village Holiday Stroll will take place Saturday, Dec. 15 from 4-7 p.m. in Cohasset Village. The village will be closed to traffic on South Main Street from Elm Street to Brook Street, roughly from the Red Lion Inn to Cohasset Hardware during the event. There will be no parking on Elm Street or Depot Court near the Community Center. For more information, please call Darilynn Evans at (781) 383-1002.

Village Stroll highlights

- Hayrides, 5 to 7p.m., pick-up on Elm St. across from Dean & Hamilton Realtors
- High School Jazz Combo, 5 to 5:30p.m. at South Shore Art Center
- The Balloon Man and chowder at Pilgrim Bank
- Santa Claus at Coldwell Banker
- Face painting at Paperscapes
- Got-Rocks Ladies at Epiphany Designs
- Christmas music on the Carillon Bells of St. Stephen's Church (4 to 4:30p.m.) followed by tours of the tower
- Treats for Santa and reindeer at Darilynn's
- J Place, 5:50 to 7 p.m., between Tedeschi's and French Memories
- Gourmet chocolate tasting at All the Best
- Malt cider and hot cocoa at Independence Fire Company
- Cookie decorating at French Memories



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Obituaries

Richard Francis Curry

Member of Local 12 and Local 275

Richard Francis "Dick" Curry, 77, of Scituate died Nov. 18, 2007, after a long illness.

A 1950 graduate of Braintree High School, Mr. Curry enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served in the Strategic Air Command in Greenland during construction of the Thule air base. While in Greenland, he was made a member of the Royal Order of the Bluenose for crossing the 80th parallel on the ground. He also served in Guam during the Korean War. A skilled marksman, he was awarded Expert marksman status at basic training in the Air Force. Prior to joining the Air Force, he served in the U.S. Navy Reserve in Squantum.

Mr. Curry was a member of Local 12 Plumbers and Gasfitters Union and Local 275 in Quincy for more than 40 years. He retired in 1990. His work revolved mostly around heavy construction including Boston high-rises, the renovation of Boston Garden and Museum of Fine Arts, Tufts Dental School, Mass General Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital.

He was an avid historian, and, during his retirement, became interested in his family's link to his community's past. Through five years of research in archives and cemeteries, Mr. Curry discovered that he was a direct descendant of many Mayflower Pilgrims and became a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendents, of which he was a life member. He marched in the Mayflower 375th Anniversary Parade with his granddaughter, Grace. He also devoted many hours to Scituate Historical Society and enjoyed helping others find their family history. His interest in history extended to his devotion for reading. Mr. Curry had a love for books and had a large library of historical and political books. The speed at which he could read was astounding to all who bought him a book as a present.

An adventurer at heart in his youth, Mr. Curry had a pilot's license and flew his two small planes around the region before starting his family. He also built his own SCUBA equipment in the early days of diving and continued diving for many years. He shared his love for adventure and the outdoors by becoming a Scoutmaster for Scituate's Troop 91 In the late 1960s and early '70s. He also coached youth baseball. He was a proud father and grandfather and took a great interest in his three sons' engineering education. Even though he suffered a profound illness he endured many hardships to attend his grandchildren's athletic events.



He leaves his wife, Franca Berardini Shapiro; his children, Michael Shane Curry of Jamaica Plain, Capt. Sean Curry of Cohasset and his two children, Gracie and Billy, and Scott Curry of Woburn, his wife, Paula, and son Davis; and two brothers, Gerry of Florida and Kevin of Braintree.

Friends and family are invited to attend visiting hours from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., on Friday, Nov. 23. A funeral will be held at 10 a.m., on Saturday, Nov. 24, at Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home, 382 First Parish Road, Scituate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Brigham and Women's Hospital, Center for Chest Diseases, 116 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02116.

Worship News

'Messiah' Sunday

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., , will perform selections of Handel's "Messiah" at 10 a.m., on Sunday, Dec. 16. The choir will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra featuring Atlantic Strings and vocal soloists from the Boston area.

The public is welcome to join the congregation for this holiday tradition. Admission is free.

St. Joseph Retreat Center schedule of events

St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset will host the following programs:

- Dec. 14 through 16, Quiet Advent Weekend.
- Sunday, Dec. 23, Evening of Prayer, "Blue Christmas." 7 to 8:30 p.m.
- Dec. 27 through Jan. 2, End of Year Retreat. Come for one, three or seven days/nights of directed or private prayer in a quiet, meditative setting.
- Saturday, Jan. 12, Day of Prayer, Knit, Pray, Love: A Day for Knitters.
- Jan. 13 and 20, Days of Prayer, Sacred Images: Contemplation and Creativity, come for one or both days.
- Saturday, Jan. 19, Day of Prayer, A Day of Prayer with 12-step spirituality.
- Thursday, Jan. 24, Morning of Prayer, Celebrating Winter.

Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Join us for Caroling on the Common on Saturday, Dec. 15!

Gather at 3:45 p.m. at the Parish House! Return to the Parish House at 4:45 for cookies, cocoa and cider. Please bring cookies to share and a few pairs of white cotten socks (men's & women's sizes) to be given to Boston Health Care for the Homeless.

Sunday, Dec. 16:

8 a.m. – Circle Ministry (group led by Joan Kovach & Susan Meikleham and meeting 1st & 3rd Sundays)

10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House – "What Is It About Jesus?"

Religious education classes for toddlers, children, and youth and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 a.m. in the Parish House.

Refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall follow the service and RE classes

For all who took Angel Tree tags last Sunday, gifts are due back today to be given to our South Shore Friends of the Homeless.

11:15 – Noon – Children and youth – Rehearsal for "Morning Star," our December 23rd intergenerational service of Christmas

Holiday services in the Meeting House:

Sunday, Dec. 23 — 10 a.m. — Intergenerational Service of Christmas

Monday, Dec. 24 — 8 p.m. — Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together as we celebrate these holidays and holy days!

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org_or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church invites you to join us this Advent.

We are an open, welcoming, Christian community dedicated to caring for all people, both near and across the world. To learn about the Episcopal Church go to www.ecusa.anglican.org.

Highlights of our parish life include:

- "Godly Play" Christian education for children ages three through grade 5.
- Jr. High and High School youth groups , adult education, Bible study, book group
- Outreach to the hungry, homeless and those in prison
- Monthly luncheon for seniors
- Fellowship and fun; music
- Environmental ministry; weekly yoga and meditation group

Sunday Services at 8 am and 10 am

Wednesday healing service with Holy Eucharist at 9:30 am

Christmas services:

Dec. 24, Christmas Eve: 5 pm Family Service & Holy Eucharist; 7:30 p.m. Festal Holy Eucharist; 10:30 pm music followed by 11 pm;

Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 10 am Contemplative Holy Eucharist.

To contact us: Stop by at 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset (We are the church "on the rock." Enter during the week at office around back) or call 781-383-1083, or email cwood@ststephenscohasset.org.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service on Monday, Dec. 24th at 4 p.m.. New Year's Eve Service on Monday, Dec. 31st at 11:15 p.m.. There will be no class on Thursday, Dec. 27th.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church — Rev. Robert Schipul, Pastor; Dan Eddy, Vicar; Sunday worship 9 a.m.; Adult Bible Study and Sunday School start at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday Prayer Service 7 p.m.; 460 Chief Justice Cushing Highway/Rt.3A, Scituate, MA 02066; Office: 781-545-5271; Parsonage: 781-545-9878; Christ Lutheran is handicapped accessible; www.clc-scituate.org. Christmas Eve Service is at 6:30p.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.





Vets helping vets through Forget-Me-Not-Drive

By Joe McElroy
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Lt. Ralph Talbot DAV, Chapter 65, Veterans' Weekend Forget-Me-Not-Drive was a great success. Chapter members want to thank the public for its outpouring of generosity that raised $6,000 from four store locations and mail-ins. We more than tripled the results of last year. Forty-five chapter members and seven non-member Masons did shifts at our several store locations. We are grateful to Stop & Shop and Shaw's for hosting us.

We have already begun distributing the donations for their intended purpose: to help disabled veterans and their immediate families who are in need. On Sunday, Dec. 2, Chapter members visited the West Roxbury Veterans' Administration Hospital. We presented a $2,000 check to the Joanne Assad, Administrator of Volunteer Services, and gave second check for $2,000 to the Department of Massachusetts DAV Van Transportation Program. Every penny of the balance will be distributed by the end of our financial reporting year, June 30, 2008.

We serve Abington, Cohasset, Hanover, Hanson, Hingham, Hull, Norwell, Pembroke, Scituate and Weymouth. Perhaps you know a disabled veteran who needs help or would like to join our chapter; if so, ask them to contact Joe McElroy, Adjutant, by calling 781-383-0505, writing to Lt. Ralph Talbot DAV Chapter 65, P.O. Box 890300, E. Weymouth, MA., 02189 or emailing cohjoe@aol.com.

Joe McElroy, a Cohasset resident, is Adjutant Lt. Ralph Talbot DAV Chapter 65.



COURTESY PHOTOS

From left, John Minihan, Milton Shoemaker, Al Donovan, Paul Salvas (Cdr), Joe Barbiere and Dick Jennings hold a $6,000 check from the Forget-Me-Not-Drive.





(Above) From Left, Stanley Spear (District2cdr) and Paul Salvas (Ch65 Cdr) with a $2000 donation to the DAV van program.

(Left) From left, Joe Mcelroy (Ch65 Adjutant), Joanne Assad (WRVAMC Volunteer Services), Paul Salvas (Ch65 Cdr), and John Crowley (Ch65snrvice) with $2000 for the West Roxbury VA volunteer services.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28

1:29 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, downed power lines, caller reports downed wires at this location. E1 reports wires down from house to pole.

1:45 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, notification, malfunction with the traffic lights at this location.

1:52 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

1:53 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

2:05 p.m. **Pond St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:31 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, fire, investigation, officer reports an odor of gas at this location.

2:52 p.m. **Sohier St., Deer Hill/Osgood School** check.

2:55 p.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

3:07 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, 10-year-old female has passed out.

4:32 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, fire, investigation, 911 caller reports that her company detector is going off and there is a strong smell of gas.

5:08 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller reports a suspicious man switching plates off a green Honda.

5:52 p.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:25 p.m. **N. Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:22 p.m. **King St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

7:33 p.m. **Beach St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:19 p.m. **S. Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:20 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:28 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

THURSDAY, NOV. 29

1:15 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, 911 caller states "he heard a loud crash in the area." It sounded like a motor vehicle into a stone wall. Officer reports passing a motor vehicle with heavy front end damage. Officer out with the motor vehicle. Jerusalem Road at Windy Hill.

6:21 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:37 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

11:07 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, investigation, caller on this date states she read about the incident in the newspaper and she is calling to state that she did witness this occur. It was an accident by a charter bus company and she will be attempting to retrieve the contact info and pass it along to this agency.

2:06 p.m. Sohier St., traffic enforcement.

3:25 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Bound Brook Lane**, traffic enforcement.

4:14 p.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

4:14 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

4:16 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid.

4:35 p.m. **Rustic Drive**, investigation.

4:50 p.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:46 p.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:58 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:53 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

9 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:40 p.m. **Hull St.**, traffic enforcement.

10:15 p.m. **Hull St., and Grace Drive**, suspicious activity.

FRIDAY, NOV. 30

1:24 a.m. **High School and Sohier St.**, building checks secure.

1:51 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

2:01 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

6:26 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

6:48 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:51 a.m. **Pleasant St., and Cushing Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

6:59 a.m. **South Main St., and Spring St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:22 a.m. **North Main St.**, parking complaint, caller states "they are parking on the sidewalk, again." Motor vehicles have been moved into a driveway.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, light wind, 37.

9 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, suspicious person, caller reports a suspicious male party hanging around the playground wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt. This is a youth from the school, officers have spoken to him, everything is all set.

9:09 a.m. **Elm St.**, traffic enforcement.

10:09 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:53 a.m. **Elm St., and South Main St.**, parking complaint, caller reports the parking is making it very difficult to get by. Vehicles have been moved.

10:56 a.m. **N. Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

11:06 a.m. **Forest Ave., and Jerusalem Rd.**, hazard, caller reports a Verizon truck parked in the road taking up an entire lane of traffic.

12:28 p.m. **Cedar Lane**, property (lost), party in HQ reporting property missing.

1:19 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Bound Brook Lane**, traffic enforcement.

2 p.m. **Pond St., and Lantern Lane**, traffic enforcement.

2:07 p.m. **South Main St., and Spring St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:31 p.m. **South Main St., and Spring St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:34 p.m. **Elm St.**, animal complaint, large brown and white dog walking around the police station parking lot.

3:07 p.m. **Roberts Drive, Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

4:47 p.m. **Hull St., and Grace Drive**, traffic enforcement.

4:59 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:15 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, property (recovered), walk in party to turn in a wallet that she located in the parking lot at this location. Message left on the answering machine of person who owns the wallet. Wallet will be held at dispatch.

5:29 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

5:59 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:16 p.m. **Elm St.**, well being check, caller reports she has not been able to get a hold of her mother for 2 days. Female is at her residence and checks out ok, she will contact her daughter.

7:20 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

7:34 p.m. **South Main St.**, protective custody, Lt. on sight with a 16-year-old male in protective custody.

7:53 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assault and battery (past), 911 caller reports her male friend threw her out of the vehicle and punched her in the eye. She has been sitting in the cold for 3 hours at this location. Officer is bringing female victim to HQ at this time to get the full story. 884 reports that there is probable cause to arrest the male half of this incident and that he may be at his home in Scituate. Scituate PD now enroute to make arrest on Cohasset's probable cause. Scituate PD has the male party in custody at this time bringing the prisoner to Cohasset HQ. Scituate Police on arrival at Cohassset PD. Cohasset Police Lt. requesting Cohasset Fire for prisoner who is asking to go to hospital – he is feeling dizzy. 47-year-old Scituate male arrested on A&B.

8:57 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, fire department to dispatch for victim of domestic violence with injuries.

9 p.m. **Elm St.**, arrest, male party in custody. Male prisoner being transported to South Shore Hospital. Bail clerk notified of arrest at 10:20 p.m. Bail clerk will be responding to South Shore Hospital to bail prisoner from there.

9:01 p.m. **Elm St.**, investigation.

9:31 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, prisoner requesting a paramedic to talk to. Male prisoner is being transported in police custody at this time to South Shore Hospital.

9:53 p.m. **South Main St.**, disturbance – drunks, caller reports they need the police for a male party that is very intoxicated and being unruly. Officer transporting male party to his residence. Management did state that the male party showed up at the establishment in this condition.

10:50 p.m. **Elm St.**, bolo announcement. Bolo from Hingham Police for motor vehicle, a brown Toyota operated by a b/m, approximately 40 years of age. Male was acting strange and approaching people in Hingham.

10:55 p.m. **King St., and Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, possible suspect vehicle in an incident that occurred in Hingham. Officers stopping vehicle on Route 3A near Sohier Street. They request that Hingham PD respond to scene for possible ID. Hingham unit on scene at this time. Hingham units advising that the descriptions match, but this is the wrong vehicle. All units clear.

11:31 p.m. **Hull St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports mother just pulled into her driveway and was followed into her driveway by a gold/brown Corolla with a black male about 40 years old. Dispatch received a 2nd call on this from the original caller's mother. Mother is stating this male did pull into her driveway and was asking her questions and then fled out of driveway onto Hull Street. Vehicle turned onto Canterbury Street in Hingham. Note: This is the same vehicle from Hingham bolo. Hingham PD attempting to stop vehicle on Rockland Street. Hingham, Hull and Cohasset units on scene. Units report they have this vehicle stopped on Rockland Street in Hingham. Units reporting that Hingham has male in custody for possession of crack cocaine.

11:37 p.m. **Route 228 St., and Route 3A**, bolo announcement. Hingham Police report that they are receiving a report of a green GMC van all over the road on Route 228 North approaching Route 3A intersection. They still have the caller on the line. Cohasset units advised of same.

11:39 p.m. **Hull St., and Fisher Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, officer off with the bolo vehicle, standing by at Hull Street near Fisher Road for a Hingham cruiser. Hingham PD also out with vehicle now. Officer and Hingham units reporting that this party is totally lost. He is attempting to get to the Hingham Police Station.

SATURDAY, DEC. 1

12:56 a.m. **King St.**, open door, the gate was open. Property checks secure.

5:26 a.m. **Surry Drive**, open door/window, paper delivery person reports an open front door. Open entry door. Several motor vehicles in the driveway. Dogs barking inside the residence. Officer spoke with the homeowner.

6:27 a.m. **South Main St., and Spring St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:39 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:45 a.m. **South Main St., and Depot Ct.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:01 a.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, traffic enforcement.

7:08 a.m. **Rustic Drive**, vandalism report, caller states there was a sign taken from his fence.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, windy, 32.

10:32 a.m. **Pond St.**, parking complaint, DPW reports cars parked on both sides of driveway including fire lanes.

10:40 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, multiple callers report a motor vehicle accident at this location. Juvenile arrest: Age: 16. Charges: Unlicensed operation of motor vehicle.

11:49 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, heart attack.

12:30 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, call directly into Fire HQ for a diabetic female having problems.

1:27 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle crash/hit and run, caller reports someone hit her car and left.

2:21 p.m. Medical aid.

3:14 p.m. **North Main St.**, walk in party reports he is having a party tonight and is expecting his company to park in the ball field parking lot.

4:11 p.m. **Bayberry Lane**, animal complaint, caller reports that his golden retriever is missing. It is male with a nautical flag collar.

5:24 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

5:59 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, checked school.

5:59 p.m. **Sohier St.**, checked school.

5:59 p.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:31 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

6:44 p.m. **Old Coach Rd.**, disturbance – neighborhood, caller reports kids throwing things at houses in this area.

7:03 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Matthew T. Haskins, 3 Welgate Circle, Quincy. Charges: Possession of Class D drug, marked lanes violation.

8:17 p.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:12 p.m. **Summer St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports someone knocking on her door and leaving.

SUNDAY, DEC. 2

12:27 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, all buildings secure.

2:12 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, received a 911 from a highly intoxicated male asking for help.

6:42 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

7:46 a.m. **Hull St.**, power outage, multiple callers reported power outages. Nation Grid notified and are working on it.

9:33 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, threats, walk in reports tailgated and threatened by this motor vehicle. He wanted it logged in case there is a further issue.

10:15 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

10:41 a.m. **S. Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

11:16 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop.

11:18 a.m. **South Main St., and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:37 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, second floor front windows opened.

12:04 p.m. **Sohier St., Deer Hill/Osgood School** check. Lunchroom window screen is torn at Deer Hill School, window is secure.

12:27 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, caller reports a large branch hanging on power lines over her driveway.

12:42 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, female has fallen.

1:02 p.m. **Lower King St.**, hazard, caller reports the gates went down, then went up. He crossed and the gates came down again when he got over the tracks.

1:56 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

2:15 p.m. **North Main St., and Highland Ave.**, public service, removed 3 kids from duck pond, ice not safe.

4:21 p.m. **North Main St.**, public service, walk in party reports kids on the pond, the ice is thin and not safe.

4:29 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

4:37 p.m. **S. Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

4:47 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:50 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement, dispersed gathering.

9:56 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

MONDAY, DEC. 3

6:07 a.m. **North Main St.**, hazard, caller reports the gates are down – no train. Contacted MBTA – they are aware of gate malfunction, they have a crew on the way.

8:50 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

8:57 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, building checks.

9:03 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic enforcement.

9:17 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, building checks.

10:19 a.m. **North Main St., and Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

10:40 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deer Hill/Osgood school check.

10:43 a.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

10:53 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:01 a.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

12:28 p.m **Hull St.**, public service. Officer on scene reports resident living in her basement. Officer requests notify fire and call the Board of Health.

1:04 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, traffic enforcement.

1:41 p.m. **Deep Run**, officer wanted. Fire detail requests an officer for an irate homeowner whose mailbox has been demolished. Officer reports a civil matter.

2:58 p.m. **Deep Run**, fire, investigation – regarding; blasting.

4:45 p.m. **Lower King St.**, hazard. Caller reports the gates came down, then went back up. She drove through and they came down again and the train came.

5:43 p.m. **Lower King St.**, hazard. Same complaint about the gates going down and coming back up.

5:50 p.m. **North Main St. and Ripley Road**, icy road conditions. DPW is coming out to sand now.

6:06 p.m. **Front St., Scituate**, medical aid; transported SSH/ALS.

TUESDAY, DEC. 4

12:47 a.m. **Deer Hill**, building checks.

12:52 a.m. **High School**, building checks.

12:59 a.m. **Route 3A**, traffic enforcement.

3:25 a.m. **North Main St.**, hazard. Caller reports the gates are down – lights are flashing – no train. Contacted MBTA dispatch, they will have a crew en route to location.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Cohasset Board of Selectmen, acting as liquor license authority, will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 7, 2008 at 8:00 PM in the Selectmen's Office, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, to consider the application of Mullaney's Fish Market, Inc. 754 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Cohasset, to transfer its annual wine and malt package store license to Mullaney's Fish Market, Corp. same address. The proposed manager is Joseph P. Norton II. The licensed premises consists of a retail fish market and specialty food store with two entrances at either end of the building. The public is invited to offer public input on this proposed in writing in advance of the public hearing or in person at the hearing

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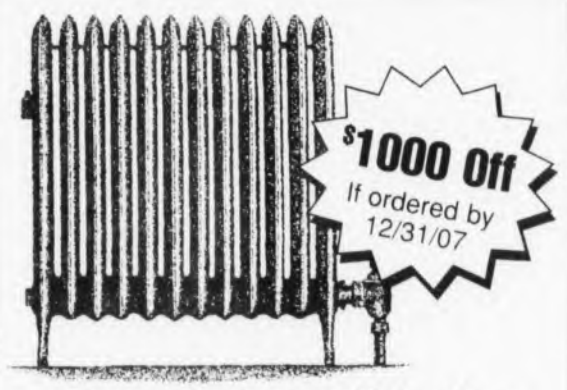
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What's happening on the South Shore

DECEMBER 13-21, 2007

'Christmas' is a family affair

Harrington shares spotlight with children

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Franklin resident Michael Harrington and his four children are all appearing in this year's Reagle Players production of "It's Christmas Time." You have to look pretty closely, however, if you want to see all five of the Harringtons together at once.

"We're all on stage together during a production number set to 'The Most Wonderful Time of the Year,' but Megan is costumed to play a dancing Christmas tree so you wouldn't necessarily know it was her," explains Harrington of one of the parts his 12-year-old daughter is playing in the 25th anniversary holiday spectacular, which also features his sons, Sean, 15, and Danny, 5, and 9-year-old daughter, Julie. Members of the Harrington family have been appearing in the Waltham production since 2000 when the then 8-year-old Sean wanted to try out to be an elf and his father went along to support him.

"I auditioned for Reagle Players so my son would feel more comfortable trying out. Happily, we both made it and we've been doing the show ever since," said Harrington last week by telephone. "Sean started out as an elf, he later played one of the Santas in the show, and now he is in the chorus with me. Over the years, all of the kids have become involved in 'It's Christmas Time' and they see it is as part of our family's holiday tradition. We were living in Waltham for the first few years, but even after we moved to Franklin we stayed involved with this show even though it has meant a bit of a commute. We all travel together and do this whole thing as a family."

And, although she does not appear on stage, wife and mother Laurie Harrington also plays a key role.



Julie, Sean, Megan and Danny Harrington perform with their father Michael in the Reagle Players production of "It's Christmas Time."



Michael Harrington performing with Victorian Carolers in the Boston Public Garden scene of "It's Christmas Time."

"Laurie is the glue that holds us all together. She makes sure we have all our costumes together and everything else we need before we leave the house. We definitely couldn't do this without Laurie's support. On show weekends, when we have five performances in three days, we move the whole family to Waltham," says Harrington, a software developer with Zygo Corporation, who summers with his family in Mattapoisett.

Featuring a cast of hundreds under the direction of Reagle Players founder Robert J. Eagle, "It's Christmas Time" is often likened to "The Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular," with good reason. Both revues feature a Living Nativity, a Parade of the Wooden Soldiers, Santa's Workshop, dozens of tiny tots, Raggedy Anns and Andys, and more. While the Waltham production does not feature the world-famous Rockettes, there will be precision dancing and a special guest appearance by soloist Sarah Pfisterer who has appeared on Broadway in "The Phantom of the Opera" and the 1994 revival of "Show Boat." Harrington welcomes the favorable comparisons with that other holiday spectacular now celebrating its 75th anniversary.

"The show is a lot like the Radio City Christmas show, complete with beautiful sets and costumes and just about every Christmas song you have ever heard in your life."

Reagle Players will present "It's Christmas Time" at the Robinson Theatre, 617 Lexington St., Waltham, for its final weekend of five performances, Dec. 14-16. For tickets and more information, call 781-891-5600 or go online at reagleplayers.com.



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Dickinson Gallery, 1132 Main St., Weymouth. Roger Gill, of Rockland and Weymouth will be the featured artist at the gallery Dec. 15 through Jan. 4, 2008. His paintings feature New England scenes like the Eastern Point Lighthouse, Cohasset Harbor, a neighbor's home, and summer and autumn landscapes. At the same time, the gallery will display the work of Stephen Holland, Edwina Caci, Dan Meyers, Pat Bianco, J. Marshall Dyke, and 12 other artists Wednesday through Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays from noon to 5:30 p.m.. 781-331-3384.

Calendar of events

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun tab.

Thursday, Dec. 13

Sounds Of The Season with the Weymouth High School Wildcat Band Ensemble Dec. 13, 4 to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 15, 9.30 to 11 a.m. In the Weymouth Bank lobby, 744 Broad St., East Weymouth Light refreshments will be serve. For information, call 781-337-8000.

The Maritime Artisans Series is a project of Mass Bay Maritime Artisans at Jones River Landing Environmental Heritage Center. The series highlights builders and artisans working in traditional maritime trades in the Mass Bay area. See the complete schedule of speakers, workshops, and demonstrations at jonesriver.org For directions to Jones River Landing, go to www.jonesriver.org call 617-462-7215 Thursday, Dec. 13, 7 p.m Jones River Landing For additional information go to jonesriver.org, or call or email Reuben Smith, Boatshop at 617 462 7215, and reuben@tumblehomeboatshop.com

The Buttonwood Book Group for Middle School children (Grades 6-8) will meet on Dec. 13, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset. The facilitator is Ms. Barb Mullin. The selected book is **"Miracle on 49th Street,"** a smile inducing sports and holiday novel, from the #1 New York Times bestselling author Mike Lupica. No reservations are necessary. All are welcome. 781-383-2665.

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Wednesday and Thursday evening from 8 to 11 p.m.

Down East Dancers Special Holiday Dance Dec. 13,at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Dance lesson at 7 p.m. DJ Paul DeMaria. Holiday Refreshments and cash bar. $12. 781-925-1170; 508-653-7937. downeastdancers.com

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's open mic** with **Undaunted Professor Harp Blues Jam** Dec. 13 at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Musical Holiday Party 20 South Shore Stars Dinner Theater, (formerly Quincy Dinner Theater) Dec. 1-21 at Braintree Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree. Dec. 13-16, and Dec. 20-21. In addition to all evening performances Thursday-Saturday, there will be Saturday matinees and Sunday matinees. All evenings: dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m. Matinees dinner at 1 p.m., show at 2:30 p.m. Tickets: $42.50 Thursday; $45 Friday-Sunday. Discounts for seniors and groups over 20. Handicapped accessible, free parking. Call 781-843-5862.

Friday, Dec. 14

What Christmas Means To Me stars the cast of the smash hit "Connie, Brenda, Patsy & Me" along with JM Productions own executive producer John F. McDonald, Jr. of Quincy. This musical event will feature sentimental songs, memorable monologues and the ever-favorite audience sing a long and competition. Shows Dec 13 and 14. **For tickets, call:** JM Productions at 617-786 SHOW (7469) or visit jmproductionspresents.com Patrons can also call Raffael's directly at 781-925-4515. Tickets for show only seats are $30 per person with seating beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets for dinner and show $50 per person with seating at 6:30 p.m.

Edaville USA Christmas Festival of Lights, Route 58, Caver through Jan. 1. Fireworks on Fridays through Dec. 28. Visit edaville.com or call 877-edaville for informatin.

CALENDAR, see next page

Theater review

Holiday tradition still sings

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESONDENT



From left, cast members of South Shore Stars Dinner Theater's Musical Holiday Party 20 are Kristen Cooler, Ashley Kenney, Gina Nawazelski, Jim Grassia, Katie Ford, Sally Exilus, Joyce McDonough and Diana Jelmini.

When Joyce McDonough launches into "I'm Still Here" in act one of the South Shore Stars Dinner Theater's "Musical Holiday Party 20" — at Braintree's Sons of Italy Hall through Dec. 21 — she isn't just singing a Broadway show stopper, she is paying homage to the very show she has hosted since its inception.

Performing customized lyrics that Stephen Sondheim may or may not know about, McDonough — once again channeling both Kaye Ballard and Kaye Stevens — tells the tale of the 20th anniversary production of the South Shore holiday staple and the bumps on its road from Quincy's Masonic Temple to its new home in Braintree. If the enthusiastic full house attending last Thursday's performance is any indication, fans of this show will follow it wherever it may go. McDonough has made the move, too, and is not the only company member to head further south. Director and writer George S. Stevens, who founded and runs Braintree's Darling Productions with Molly Hochkeppel, is at the helm and, and the show, long presented as a Quincy Dinner Theater production, is now under the South Shore Stars Dinner Theater banner.

Not surprisingly, familiar music tops the evening's song list, from the Steve Allen opener "Something Big" through more than 20 Christmas favorites performed by an 11-member cast. While Stevens has cast three dependable veterans, McDonough, Jim Grassia, and Gina Nawazelski — he is otherwise presenting an all new company of young performers, several of whom are current students at either the Boston Conservatory or Berklee College of Music.

While the fresh-faced newcomers — Kristen Cooler, Sally Exilus, Diana Jelmini, Ashley Kenney, Joe Mullin, Mikayla Pachuki, Alex Valentine, and Kenneth Wilson — add youthful exuberance to the proceedings and look quite sharp in their elegant act two evening wear, only a few stand out musically. Alex Valentine proves himself comically on "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" and also on the splendid "Can't Take My Eyes Off of You," which gives the men in the cast a chance to harmonize on the Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons hit. Wilson is clarion clear on "It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year," and Nawazelski leads the other ladies on the touching and timely "Come Home for Christmas." The entire company is shown off beautifully in act two's lovely "Carol of the Bells," which includes some fine work by choreographer Michelle Webb.

The non-musical comic interludes are mercifully brief, but attempts at musical parody like "Shiver Dance" and "Women's Underwear" would do well with some trimming or perhaps could be cut altogether. Also sometimes problematic is the inclusion of too many non-holiday numbers like the "Dreamgirls" anthem "And I Am Telling You" which serve only to interrupt the evening's theme.

The performers are ably backed by a five-piece band, which includes Music Director Petros Sakelliou, Stellos Mihas, Marcelo Woloski, Francesco Marcocci, and Damion Corideo.

South Shore Stars Dinner Theater will present "Musical Holiday Party 20" at the Sons of Italy Hall, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree, Dec. 13-16, and 20-21. For tickets and information, call 781-843-5862 or go online at quincydinnertheater.com.

Mark your calendar

JOSE MATEO BALLET THEATRE presents its 20th annual production of "The Nutcracker" Dec. 21 through 23, at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center. Call 617-354-7467 or visit ballettheatre.org for performance times and ticket information.

A LITTLE CHRISTMAS IN JACKSON SQUARE Musical groups from five Weymouth churches will participate in the 10th annual A Little Christmas in Jackson Square, an Epiphany Sunday concert at 3 p.m. Jan. 7 at East Weymouth Congregational Church, UCC, 1320 Commercial St. Weymouth. A free-will offering will be taken, with all proceeds to benefit the Weymouth Food Pantry. For information call 781-335-6919 or 781-340-1403 or log on to eweyucc.org. East Weymouth Congregational Church, UCC www.eweyucc.org

SOUTH SHORE'S FINEST BRIDAL EXPO takes place Jan. 20, at the Independence Mall in Kingston from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., For information, visit CMRevents.com or call 508-224-4044. Register at web site for Scavenger Hunt. Enter to win free wedding package compliments of the Country Club of Halifax.

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"Musical Memories" by Kaye O'Brien

By Land and By Still Life, the oil paintings of Wey-mouth artist Kaye O'Brien will be featured in the Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery through Jan. 3, 2008. The Library is located on 66 Leavitt St. For information visit the Library's website hinghamlibrary.org.

BEST BET

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The Plymouth Community Theatre presents **A Christmas Spectacular Variety Show** to be held at 8 p.m. Dec. 14 and 15, in the Russell Library room at the Plymouth Center for the Arts, 11 North St., in downtown Plymouth. More than a dozen talented singers, dancers, comedians and entertainers, both amateur and professional, have come together to create a memorable holiday show. Plymouth Idol winner **Angella Kronillis** will sing, as will a chorus of carolers. The **Center Stage Dancers** of Plymouth will perform two numbers. Music will be provided by a **three-piece combo of musicians** from the **Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra** as well as by instrumentalist Paul Curtis on the keyboard. "The Tenth Reindeer," an original skit, will be performed by **Liz Hester, Michael McHone and Jim Carroll.** Tickets are limited due to the small performing space. Tickets may be purchased in person (on Monday, Wednesday or Friday) or by phone (any day) at the Center for the Arts, 508-746-7222, or by charge card by calling the Theatre's Ticket Hotline, 508-743-7830.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its annual **Christmas dance with DJ: Dave Becker** from 8 to 11:30 p.m. Dec. 14 at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington. Doors open 7:15 p.m. Free dance lesson 7:30 to 8 p.m. Fine dancing, music featuring DJ Dave Becker and his saxophone, refreshments, door prize, cash bar. 781-331-0021. southshoresingles.org

The Plymouth Community Theatre presents **A Christmas Spectacular Variety Show** at 8 p.m. on Dec. 14 and 15 in the Russell Library room at the Plymouth Center for the Arts, 11 North St., in downtown Plymouth. Enjoy the holiday spirit as over a dozen talented singers, dancers, comedians and entertainers from Plymouth, Pembroke, Halifax, Weymouth, and even Boston, is made up of many new faces as well as returning performers. The musical accompaniment is provided by three members of the Plymouth Philharmonic. Purchase tickets at the Center for the Arts, 11 North St., Plymouth, by calling the Center at 508-746-7222, or with your credit card by calling the Ticket Hotline, 508-743-7830. Tickets are $20.

Single Executives Club Christmas Party and Singles Dance. Dec. 14, 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Best Western Hotel Grand Ballroom, 477 Totten Pond Rd., Waltham. Exit 27A off Rte. 128. Terrific dance music by award-winning DJ. For singles and couples 35+ years old. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres 9 to 10 p.m. Generous door prizes and MATCHING game with additional prizes. Free dance lessons at 7:30 p.m. Proper business dress required, sports jacket for men highly recommended. Cost is $10 before 9. Co-Sponsored by the Young Professionals Club of Boston. *'Toys For Tots' donations accepted.* 781-446-0234. www.se-4u.com

New England Singles Dance, Dec. 14 p.m. to midnight. Moseley's On The Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, MA. DJ

All Seasons Restaurant and Sports Lounge, 327 Plymouth St., Halifax, Dec. 14, **Mike McHugh Band,** 781-293-4135.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree, **DJ Rick** every Friday. 781-849-7007.

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell, Dec. 14, **Despite Dwight.**

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Dec. 14, **Fat City Band.** Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Saturday, Dec. 15

The Trustees of Reservations Raise The Wreath, Weir River Farm, Hingham. Saturday, Dec. 15, 1 to 4 p.m. After a hike to sustain ably harvest evergreens, join The Trustees of Reservations to make the barn wreath and leave with centerpiece for your own holiday table. Refreshments served. **Space** limited. Pre-register by calling 781-740-4796. Members: $3 Nonmembers: $5.

Halifax Mobile Home Estates invites all adults to their **December Dinner Dance** at Henrich Hall. Music will be provided by **Dave Burbank and the DB Orchestra**, from Dec. 15 from 6 to 11 p.m. Dinner will be Chicken Cordon Bleu with all of the fixings. Appetizers, dessert, coffee and tea. A special guest, Jolly Ole St Nick will be there dancing up a storm. Door prizes, raffle, and all kinds of fun. Bring your own bottle as always. Cost: $15 per person for both the meal and the dance. $5 just for the meal; $10 just for the dance. For reservations call Sally Burke at 781-293-8646 or Jo Schofield at 781-293-1206.

Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth. Dec. 15. Traditional Irish Seisiun every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hornpipes, with great craic and singalong. Admission is free. No Cover. Come sing, come play, come listen. 508-830-1262.

Dickinson Gallery, 1132 Main St., Weymouth. **Roger Gill,** of Rockland and Weymouth MA, will be the featured artist at the gallery Dec. 15 through Jan. 4, 2008. His paintings feature New England scenes like the Eastern Point Lighthouse, Cohasset Harbor, a neighbor's home, and summer and autumn landscapes. At the same time, the gallery will display the work of Stephen Holland, Edwina Caci, Dan Meyers, Pat Bianco, J. Marshall Dyke, and 12 other artists Wednesday through Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays from noon to 5:30 p.m.. 781-331-3384.

The Hat Trick Mystery Dinner Theatre will be presenting "Santa's Retirement Party." A hilarious audience interactive murder mystery show where a murder takes place, clues are surreptitiously dropped and the audience has to solve the mystery. Become a "Super Sleuth" and guess "Whodunit." Enjoy an evening of thrills and chills, holiday cheer and delicious food. Saturday Dec. 15, at 7:30 at Kendall Hall at the First Parish Church, Plymouth. Tickets $25 includes hot dinner buffet and show. For reservations call 508 747 6856.

Edaville USA Christmas Festival of Lights, Route 58, Caver through Jan. 1. Fireworks on Fridays through Dec. 28. Visit edaville.com or call 877-edaville for information.

All Seasons Restaurant and Sports Lounge, 327 Plymouth St., Halifax, Dec. 15, **Brother Spike,** 781-293-4135.

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell, Dec. 15, **Elbow Room.**

The Snug, 116 North St., Hingham, **Blue Train** Dec. 15, 9:15 p.m. No cover.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Dec. 15, **Love Dogs (end of season)** Cover charge. Casual dress. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Musical Holiday Party 20 South Shore Stars Dinner Theater, (formerly Quincy Dinner Theater) Dec. 1-21 at Braintree Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree. Dec. 13-16, and Dec. 20-21. In addition to all evening performances Thursday-Saturday, there will be Saturday matinees and Sunday matinees. All evenings: dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m. Matinees dinner at 1 p.m., show at 2:30 p.m. Tickets: $42.50 Thursday; $45 Friday-Sunday. Discounts for seniors and groups over 20. Handicapped accessible, free parking. Call 781-843-5862.

Sunday, Dec. 16

The Island Grove Chorus will present it's annual **Christmas Concert** at the Emmanuel Church, 519 Washington St.,Braintree. Dec. 16, at 2 p.m. Special guests will be the **Cappers Chorale**. Tickets are $10 available from Joanne 781-843-4355 or Judy 781-848-5843

Three Boston area artists explore geometric abstraction in **Consequences of Geometry**, a new exhibit at The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury. Although **Diane Ayott, Mary Bucci McCoy** and **Rose Olson** work with different mediums, their art, in the end, is shaped by geometric systems. **Consequences of Geometry** will open Dec. 16 and run through Feb. 24. A reception is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 16, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Veterans Reaching Out To Veterans Open Forum, Dec. 16, from 1 to 5 p.m. American Legion Post 40, 199 Federal Furnace Road, Plymouth, Point of contact: Judi Brown, 1-774-283-2209 or 1508-850-3457. If you need help and can not make the open house, call , we can help. The open house "Veterans Reaching Out To Veterans" will bring us together, sharing information, questions, answers to our questions on health care, **VA Hospital Benefits**, veteran's benefits, American Legion benefits, veterans housing, veterans assistance, disability benefits, **dependents' benefits**, **transportation**, and more.

South Shore Conservatory flutist **Donald Zook** invites the public to join him at 4 p.m. Dec. 16,. at the Ellison Center for the Arts as he celebrates the inauguration of his new gold flute. The free concert features Conservatory pianist **Jane Viemeister.** The duo will perform works by Doppler, Briccaldi, Godard, Widor and Debussy. They will also present the New England premiere of *Fantasy* by South Shore Conservatory composer/pianist **John Kramer.** The Ellison Center for the Arts is located at 64 St. George Street in Duxbury. For directions, visit southshoreconservatory.org

Holiday Concert at Old Ship Coffeehouse, 107 Main St., Hingham. Harpist Aine' Minogue will perform her Celtic Christmas Concert at the Old Ship's Coffeehouse off the Square on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 4 p.m. Admission $10 at the door. For information or to volunteer (free admissions) call 781-749-1767.

Monday, Dec. 17

Toastmasters Club, Hanover, The new South Shore Professionals Toastmasters club will meet on the first and third Monday of every month. This is a great opportunity to learn about how Toastmasters can help you become a more effective leader and communicator. The meetings will run from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and will be held at the Rockland Trust building, 2036 Washington St.- third floor. Arrive 15 minutes early since the meeting starts at 6 p.m. sharp. Contact Stacey for information on this meeting at 617-548-5877 or stacey@letitflow-fitness.com. For information on Toastmasters visit toastmasters.org.



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South Shore Conservatory Music Series will feature Music Together master teacher, Jennie Mulqueen for festive stories and songs. The performance is interactive and entertaining for children ages newborn thru kindergarten and their parents. Past performance sold out. Tickets are limited. Three performances: Dec. 19 at 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Cox Hall, Hingham. Dec. 20 at 4:30 p.m. Ellison Center, Duxbury. $8 adults/$4children/$15 family maximum. Holiday cookies and eggnog served after the concerts For tickets visit southshore conservatory or call 781-749-7565 x10 or 781-934-2731x10.

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Tuesday, Dec. 18

The South Shore Men of Harmony Barbershop Chorus invites men of all ages who like to sing to join them during the month of November to rehearsals that will be open to anyone who would like to learn Christmas music sung in the Barbershop acapella style. They will be accepting invitations from all sorts of organizations to present Christmas programs and would be delighted to include whoever is interested in having fun singing. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. in the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St., at the corner of Central Street. Call 781-337-SING for additional information or e-mail danielcostello@gmail.com or billfitzjr@aol.com.

Gayle A. Loik and Susan Benoit present **A Life in Color,** through the end of December at **Bella's Restaurant**, 933 Hingham St, Rockland.

Wednesday, Dec. 19

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Archbishop Williams hosts Annual Christmas Concert Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium at 80 Independence Ave., Braintree. Free. For information call 781-843-3636 or visit awhs.org

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Wednesday and Thursday evening from 8 to 11 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 20

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Friday, Dec. 21

New England Singles Dance Dec. 21, 8 p.m. to midnight. VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington, $9.

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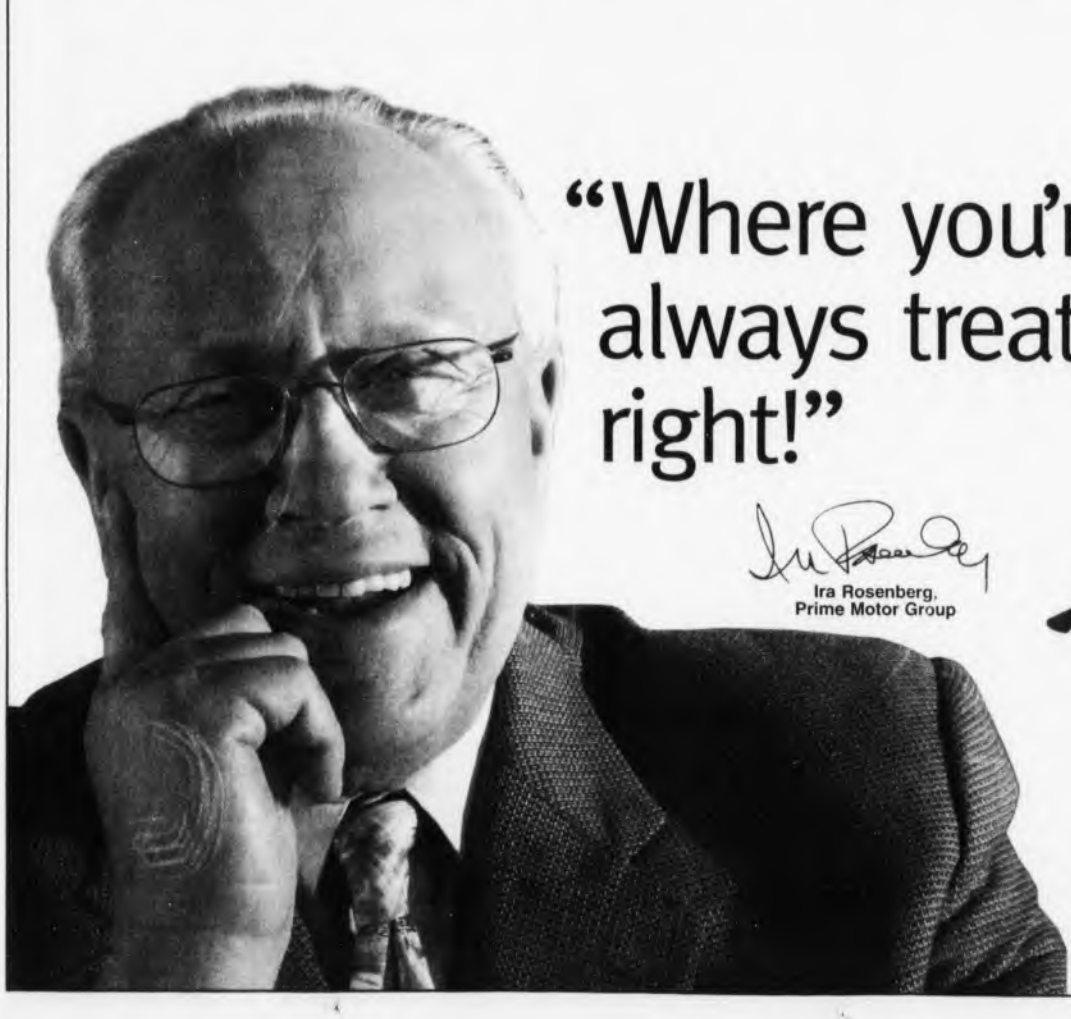


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Parents lose special education fight

Effort to pull son from program fails

By Nancy White
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A Cohasset mother no longer wants her eighth-grade son – the youngest of five boys – to receive special education services at the Cohasset Middle-High School.

Peggy Lewis says her son's individual education plan, dubbed an IEP, was doing him more harm than good.

So, eight months ago she and her husband Kevin tried to have their son, then in the seventh-grade, removed from the IEP.

Little did she know then the case would end up in Superior Court and the Lewises' issues with the school system would be splashed across the front pages of newspapers and reported on TV. Peggy Lewis was also asked to be a guest interview on a radio talk show earlier this week.

If anyone is surprised about the commotion the ruling has caused in the media, it's her. Lewis never sought to be a spokeswoman for parental rights in special ed ("for crying out loud, it's unbelievable," she says), but she firmly believes in what she has fought for — and still believes she's right.

The latest development came last Friday (Dec. 14) when a Norfolk Superior Court judge ruled the Cohasset Public Schools could keep the Lewis's son in a special education program against his parent's wishes.

The one-and-a-half day trial was the climax of the lengthy struggle between the parents and the Cohasset schools.

Since last spring, the fight to remove their youngest son from a special education program has consumed a good part of their life. To a recent interview, Peggy Lewis came armed with a thick binder full of information and relevant documenta-

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Joseph Carroll, 4-1/2, enjoys the winter scene on his swing next to his house on Beechwood Street on Friday (Dec. 14), the day after the first storm. Winter made another early arrival on Sunday.

Winter makes a snow-stopping entrance

'White Christmas' possible this year

By Nancy White
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Residents dreaming of a "White Christmas" may just get their wish — barring a particularly warm day or heavy rain between now and Tuesday. A blanket of icy, crunchy snow still covers lawns and snow is piled up on along the streets after Cohasset, and towns throughout the Commonwealth, were hit with two snowstorms just two days apart. Together, the storms dumped about a foot of the white stuff.

With TV weather forecasters predicting several inches of snow to begin falling fast and furious shortly after lunchtime on Thursday, the Cohasset DPW was prepared. They had a full shed of sand and salt and their plow trucks stood at the ready.

"We managed to get it all cleaned up," says Kenny Thayer of the Cohasset DPW, "but it took a lot of extra man hours to accomplish it."

The Cohasset DPW is responsible for the 37 miles of accepted roads in town and 11 miles of private ways. MassHighway takes care of Route 3A, a state road.

The Highway Department has six standard trucks with plows and three sanders with plows. The whole fleet was out in full force during the storms. On Monday morning workers were still sanding and salting the roads to ensure safe passage for commuters and school busses alike.

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With Cohasset's signature country roads and dozens of cul-de-sac developments, snow removal can be a little tricky in those tight places, "we manage to work around it, we've been doing it for years."

When Sunday's storm rolled around, the DPW set to work while most were still in bed.

"It was a hard storm with the rain and wetness then it got cold and icy," says Thayer of the Sunday storm. Inches of snow fell, then the temperature rose and a wintry mix of sleet and rain began to fall from the sky. When the temperatures dropped again, the layer of rain turned to ice making for treacherous conditions both on the road and on foot, not to mention difficult shoveling.

The DPW is already looking ahead to the Mother Nature's next onslaught and refilled the near empty salt and sand shed.

Meanwhile, Joseph's Hardware was flooded with customers beginning last

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Galt Grant of King Street keeps warm by shoveling out snow from his side door to the driveway on Friday morning (Dec. 14) after the big snow storm hit the area the day before.

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Cohasset Police Officer John Small has coordinated the annual Marine Corps Toys for Tots drive at the police station for the past 21 years. He estimates Cohasset Toys for Tots has provided $200,000 worth of toys for needy children over the years.

Name: John Small.

Occupation: Cohasset police officer and coordinator of the local Toys for Tots drive.

Best day of your life: Every Christmas Eve when I realize that children who are less fortunate will receive toys.

Best vacation: Bermuda with my grandfather, Herbie Jason.

Favorite season: Spring.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite meal: Roast beef with gravy and mashed potatoes.

Best magazine: "Four Wheeler" magazine.

Best movie: "Smokey and the Bandit."

Best TV show: "Sea Hunt" with Lloyd Bridges.

Most memorable moments: Working on the Lightkeepers Memorial, the Lighthouse Replica and the anchor project in front of the Cohasset Sailing Club.

Pet peeve: When I am working police details and motorists do not follow the signs saying "road closed – do not enter."

Goal: To make it to retirement.

Person you'd most like to meet: My great, great grandfather whose endeavors included serving on a whaling ship and heading west during the 1849 gold rush.

Biggest worry: Staying healthy.

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Cat Dam clarified

The Selectmen briefly revisited the issue of Cat Dam, the tide gate in inner Little Harbor this week. Selectman Ralph Dormitzer reported there was still some confusion about the Board of Selectmen's stand on Cat Dam and what it would like to see the neighbors to accomplish in the coming months.

The Board voted unanimously on a clear and specific motion outlining the Selectmen's position. In addition to not seeking a study of Inner Little Harbor by Coastal Zone Management (CZM), the Selectmen will not turn over operational control of Cat Dam to the Conservation Commission.

They requested four abutters representing both sides of the issue be selected to recommend an operational schedule for April through December 2008, given that the dam will be fully open from January to March. If the representative group does not reach a consensus prior to March 1, the Selectmen will establish the operational schedule.

Bars open until 2a.m. on New Year's Eve

Cohasset bars were given the opportunity to remain open until 2a.m. on New Year's Eve. The Red Lion Inn requested the extended hour, but all other bars can stay open as well. Typically, bars close at 1a.m. The Red Lion Inn has given the town and the Selectmen a lot of trouble over the past year, said Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil, with both management and fire safety issues, "is it time to send a message to the Red Lion Inn?"

However, Selectman Paul Carlson said it wasn't fair to penalize the other establishments who might like to stay open late on New Year's Eve. The Board voted unanimously to allow establishments with bars to stay open until 2a.m. on Jan 1st.

Mark your calendar

- Jan. 3: Nomination papers are available for the 2008 Annual Town Election at the Town Clerk's Office.
- Jan. 14: The Annual Town Meeting warrant will close for petitioned articles. Citizen's Petitions require 10 signatures to be guaranteed placement on the warrant.
- Jan. 22: Town Manager Bill Griffin will make his first presentation on the fiscal 2009 budget.
- Feb. 14: Deadline for nomination papers to be returned to Town Clerk's office for eligibility on the ballot.
- March 7: Last day to register to vote in the Annual Town Meeting.
- March 29: Annual Town Meeting begins at 9a.m.
- April 5: Annual Town Election

South Shore Tide Chart

EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Dec.	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 20	7:10	9.9	7:47	8.7	12:48	0.3	1:32	-0.3
Sunrise: 7:08 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:13 p.m.*			
Fri. 21	8:06	10.3	8:47	8.8	1:45	0.2	2:30	-0.8
Sunrise: 7:08 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:14 p.m.*			
Sat. 22	9:02	10.6	9:45	9.0	2:41	0.0	3:27	-1.2
Sunrise: 7:09 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:14 p.m.*			
Sun. 23	9:57	10.9	10:41	9.1	3:36	-0.1	4:21	-1.4
Sunrise: 7:09 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:15 p.m.*			
Mon. 24	10:51	10.9	11:35	9.2	4:30	-0.2	5:14	-1.5
Sunrise: 7:10 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:15 p.m.*			
Tues. 25	11:44	10.8	—	—	5:23	-0.2	6:05	-1.4
Sunrise: 7:10 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:16 p.m.*			
Wed. 26	12:27	9.1	12:36	10.6	6:15	-0.1	6:55	-1.1
Sunrise: 7:11 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:17 p.m.*			
Thurs. 27	1:18	9.0	1:27	10.1	7:06	0.1	7:45	-0.7
Sunrise: 7:11 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:17 p.m.*			

Tides between Cohasset and Plymouth are within 10 min.

POLICE BEAT

Pocketbook with $500 cash stolen from parked car

By Mary Ford
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Police Chief Hussey urges all residents to lock their cars and put any valuables, like a handbag, in the truck out of sight.

A woman who left her white Dooney & Bourke designer pocketbook that contained an envelope with $500 inside in her unlocked car while she went into the post office came out and discovered her pocketbook was missing, police said.

The incident was reported at about 2:45 p.m., last Thursday (Dec. 13). Police Chief James Hussey said the victim checked inside the post office to see if she may have left it there and did not come across it.

Officers checked the area and the mailbox to see if it had been discarded and were unable to locate it. They are also reviewing any security cameras from area businesses to see if they picked up anything.

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OUI arrest

A 38-year-old Cohasset woman who lives on N. Main Street is facing a host of charges after she allegedly hit several cars before pulling into her driveway last week.

The incident started at about 5:50 p.m. last Thursday (Dec. 13), when andofficer saw a car driving on the wrong side of the road in front of him on Ripley Road. The officer activated the blue lights but the car did not stop; it allegedly went through the red light at Ripley Road, hitting two cars that were stopped at the light, and then struck a third car at the intersection of N. Main Street and Ripley Road, before accelerating into a driveway on N. Main.

The officer left the cruiser and continued down the driveway. The car, driven by the woman, was stuck in the snow and was spinning its wheels. The officer tried to get the operator to shut the car off and open the door but she allegedly refused. The officer managed to open the door, remove the woman and shut the engine off. At this point other officers arrived at the scene. Based on their observations, the woman was placed under arrest and charged with operating under the influence of alcohol (third offense); operating with a suspended license and suspended registration; and failure to stop for a police officer. Police have information that she hit a fourth vehicle and charged her with leaving the scene of an accident (four counts). The woman could be facing still penalties under Melanie's Law, which stiffens penalties for repeat drunk driving offenses.

Road rage

An apparent road-rage incident on Government Island led to an altercation last Friday (Dec. 14) at about 11:30 a.m., police said. Police received a call about a fight in progress and that one of the people had left the area in a small gray car. The officer observed the car on Border Street and pulled it over. The operator admitted to having been on Government Island and said he and another motorist had exchanged words when one of them tried to pull around the other on Lighthouse Lane.

The driver of the gray car said he got out and approached the other man and claimed that he was grabbed and the man tried to drive away. At that time, he said he was not injured.

Police interviewed the other man, who was in a four-wheel drive vehicle and had visible scrapes on his face. He explained that he tried to pull around the gray car and yelling ensued. The other operator got out and approached his window, reached in and scratched his face. The man in the four-wheel-drive vehicle grabbed the other guy's sweatshirt and his vehicle started moving; the other man fell to the ground.

Later in the day, the man in the gray car discovered that a large area on his elbow was badly scraped and he was transported to the hospital.

Police have spoken to a witness and are waiting to see if the men involved want to press charges as a result of the altercation. If they wish to go to court, police can assist them in doing that, Chief Hussey said.

Footprints

Police are investigating whether footprints in the snow around a house on Jerusalem Road could belong to some teens authorities believe have been involved with several "missing bikes" and other activity. A Jerusalem Road resident reported the footprints last Monday (Dec. 10) at about 9:40 a.m. She thought someone had been looking in her windows. "We would not be surprised if it turned out some kids were snooping around," Chief Hussey said. "There have been problems in the neighborhood."

3A accidents

- Last Tuesday (Dec. 11) at about 5:20 p.m., two cars collided on Route 3A by Tedeschi Plaza. Police said a 2000 Volvo driven by a Cohasset resident that had been traveling south was trying to make a left into the plaza and a 2004 Lincoln driven by a Scituate resident was trying to make a left out of the plaza onto the state highway.

There was minor damage to both cars, police said. The operator of the Lincoln, who described heavy glare and did not see the Volvo, was cited for failure to use care when turning.

- On Friday (Dec. 14) at about 11:30 a.m. a 2006 Toyota driven by a Scituate resident and was headed south slowed down behind a car that was making a left from Route 3A into a curb cut just past the Beechwood Street intersection when it was struck from behind by a 2002 Hyundai. The Hyundai was driven by a Scituate resident who was cited for failure to use care in stopping. Both vehicles had minor damage, police said.

Potential scam

A caller complained to police that a man claiming to work for UPS had a package to deliver but the resident would have to pay $75 when it arrived. Chief Hussey said police are checking with other towns to see of there have been similar reports. He stressed that unless there have been arrangements for a package to be delivered COD (cash on delivery) then no one should have to pay money for delivery.

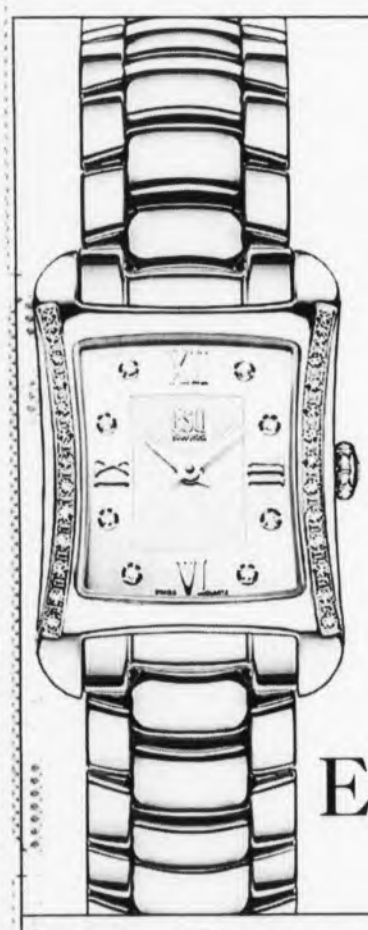
"We were glad to receive this report so we could follow up," Hussey said.

Firewood missing

Police are treating the loss of six cords of firewood as a theft until it is proven otherwise. The owner of a property on Lamberts Lane where a new house is being built reported the missing firewood to police last Thursday (Dec. 13). The maple firewood was part of the purchase and sale agreement for the property, Chief Hussey said. The property owner came down to cover the firewood with a tarp and discovered it was gone.

Hussey said it would have taken a large dump truck to cart the firewood away. "We are treating this as a theft until we determine what happened," he said.

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Police Beat

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Ski jump moved

Police asked a group of youths building a ski jump out of snow in the middle of the street to move it off the road last week. A caller from Ash Street reported the effort to police who followed up.

Vietnam vet

A Vietnam veteran had the wrong address when he went to a house on S. Main Street to collect household items. The resident contacted police and described the man as suspicious. However, police said it was an address mix-up. Residents can contact an organization representing Vietnam veterans who will come and collect used items.

Parking ban

No all-night parking is allowed on any street in Cohasset from Nov. 15th-April 1st per the town's traffic rules and orders.

SNOW FUN



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Boys at the bottom of the hill brace themselves for impact as they have fun playing in a sledding dog pile in front of the Middle High School last Saturday (Dec. 15). Another storm Sunday added to the snow cover.

Drinking water protection grant awarded to Cohasset

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, and state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, announce the town of Cohasset was among those receiving a Drinking Water Supply Protection Grant from the state Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs recently.

The grants pay for half of the cost – up to $500,000 – of purchasing land to protect public drinking water supplies. Land acquired through the program is deemed protected open space for drinking water supply protection purposes and cannot be developed, thereby limiting the water supply's potential exposure to pollutants or other environmental harms.

"These types of grants are a great use of state tax dollars. It is hard to put a price on the value of protecting our drinking water supply."

— State Sen. Robert Hedlund

Cohasset will receive $366,850 toward the purchase of 30 acres around Lily Pond, the town's main reservoir.

"These types of grants are a great use of state tax dollars," Hedlund said. "It is hard to put a price on the value of protecting our drinking water supply."

"I am pleased to see that the town of Cohasset received this water supply protection grant," Bradley said. "I would like to personally thank Gov. Patrick and his administration for recognizing all the hard work of the town of Cohasset and the success of the town's water department. I know that these funds will be put to good use and look forward to seeing the results."

Building Permits

The following building permits were issued in November at Town Hall:

Peck, 30 Diab Lane, five Marvin replacement windows, $2,920; Lemoine, 38 Forest Ave., six sq. red cedar roofing shingles, $6,500; Cohasset Golf Club, 175 Lamberts Lane, strip roofing and re-roof, $15,000; Brennan/Sargent, 69 Ripley Road, 24-foot by 28-foot family room with living space above, $80,000; DeLorenzo, 10 Cedarledge Village, remove existing cabinets and replace with new cabinets, $7,000; Tierney, 217 S. Main St., remodel kitchen, enclose porch and finish basement, $50,000; American Legion Post, 88 Summer St., six sq. rubber roofing, $3,200; Geary, 73 Forest Ave., stove insert, $4,024;

Wallingford, 706 Jerusalem Road, remodel basement, two windows, $15,000; Wade, 129 Nichols Road, replace all windows, doors, install soffits, remodel and repair sun porch, $245,000; Rockland Trust, 773 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, tenant panel, wall sign and four directional signs, $3,000; Evergreen Builders LLC., 52 Ledgewood Drive, finish basement, stud, insulate, plaster and add bath, $25,000; Donohue, 221 Forest Ave., kitchen remodel in existing space, $25,000; Whitley, 120 Jerusalem Road, construct deck according to plans, $39,000; and Stansell, 23 Cedar Lane, re-roof screen porch, new deck flooring, screens, doors and gutters, $15,000.

Christmas tree drive Saturday, Jan. 5

The Cohasset Middle School Student Council and PSO Christmas Tree Drive 2008 will be held Saturday, Jan. 5. Holiday trees can be picked up and taken away at the cost of $20 per tree. The cost for tree pick-up for senior citizens is $15. To arrange pick-up, call 781-383-2492 by 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 4, and leave a message with your address, phone number and any special instructions. Make your check out to Cohasset Middle School and attach it to your tree. Trees will be picked up from the end of driveways between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 5.

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No discharge area moves ahead

Selectmen approve draft application

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"Our water is already polluted and suffering, anything we can do proactively to get to a solution is going to help the health of the harbor."
— Karen Quigley, Harbor Health Committee

Cohasset is taking steps to ensure the future health of its harbor — the centerpiece of town geography and home of boaters, swimmers, sailors, rowers and lobstermen.

The Harbor Health Committee has been toiling since December last year to put together an application for a "No Discharge Area" for Cohasset Harbor and its outer waters. The committee has teamed up with similar organization in Marshfield and Scituate to instate a regional No Discharge Zone for the body of water off the town's shores and in the North and South Rivers.

A No Discharge Area, or NDA, is a designated body of water in which the overboard discharge of all boat sewage, even if it is treated, is prohibited. In an NDA, vessel sewage must be discharged to a shoreside or mobile pumpout facility.

On Monday night, the Board of Selectmen signed off on the draft application to be submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in January. The Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management will submit the application on the towns' behalf once all three communities have given their stamp of approval.

"It's not a groundbreaking effort, it's been done in other communities," said Harbor Health Chairman Karen Quigley in a phone interview.

The coastal waters off Plymouth, Kingston, Duxbury as well as all of Buzzards Bay already have the federal NDA designation. If the application is submitted by mid-January, Quigley hopes to hear back from the EPA by May, just before boating season is in full swing.

The Cohasset Harbormaster Lorri Gibbons is on board with the effort and is equipped with a town-owned pump-out boat.

"The NDA is an important step toward the goal of clean water in Cohasset Harbor and the shoreline," said Gibbons in an e-mail. The town pumpout boat is available to any boater upon request by calling the Harbor Department by phone or contacting by VHF radio.

The NDA designation will be another layer of protection for the water. Under the federal Clean Water Act it's illegal to discharge untreated sewage from a vessel into US waters within three miles of shore. However, boats with certain types of functioning sanitation devices may discharge treated effluent in the coastal waters, harbors and bays, unless an NDA has been established.

The NDA is a step in the right direction for Cohasset, whose harbor has been classified by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection as "impaired water," meaning there is enough pollution in the water to deem it not healthy, said Quigley. Concrete evidence can be found in the Harbor not meeting state water quality standards, beach closures and shellfish bed closures. An NDA is a tool towns can use to protest their waters from increased bacteria in the water.

"We're being proactive in this effort...Our water is already polluted and suffering, anything we can do proactively to get to a solution is going to help the health of the harbor," said Quigley.

Other communities, from Hull to Cape Ann, are pursuing an NDA designation. The Coastal Zone Management has an aggressive goal to have all Massachusetts water declared an NDA by 2009, said Quigley. Boston Harbor and North Shore regions are currently developing NDA nominations for their waters.

The tri-town NDA proposes outer delineations that match up with the Duxbury/Kingston/Plymouth NDA.

"We chose particular buoys and visual markers to tell boaters where it is okay to discharge," said Quigley. If successful in its pursuit of an NDA, flyers will be hung in key locations (Yacht Club, Sailing Club, Cohasset Harbor Marina) as well as a notice to all mooring holders.

"I don't think it's going to be a big change for the harbor since boaters were already subconsciously following the rule," said Quigley, who explains many boaters she spoke with were surprised something like this wasn't already in place. But, for out-of-town boaters signage in the channel will let them know Cohasset Harbor is an NDA.

The process to get an NDA designation is a unique one. Towns are required to request an application from the EPA; the designation is not one that is imposed upon a coastal area.

"It's the right thing to do for our environment," said Quigley.

For more information on No Discharge Areas visit http://mass.gov/czm/nda.htm

EDC back again for guidance

Seeks Selectmen approval of new charter

By Nancy White
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"I apologize, we should have had you back before this."
— Gary Vanderweil, Selectmen Chairman

Since the last time the Economic Development Committee came before the Selectmen there have been major changes in Cohasset that could affect the town for years to come. At the end of October the long-awaited Greenbush train made its first ride through Cohasset and in November the much-debated village zoning bylaws made their way into the books.

But, in the two month span between the Oct. 15 meeting and the Dec. 17 meeting, the Selectmen did not make good on their pledge to provide some guidance and ranking of objectives in response to the Economic Development Committee's new charter.

Only Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil had provided the committee with the written input it was seeking in October. Selectmen Ralph Dormitzer and Paul Carlson submitted some ideas and suggestions on Monday, the day of the meeting.

"I apologize, we should have had you back before this," said Vanderweil, then praised the group for being proactive, "you get things done and that's why."

EDC Chairman Peter Brown told the Selectmen his Committee was looking for the Board's feedback and approval on the committee's newly drafted charter.

"We want to ensure our charter is acceptable and have us in sync with the Board," said Brown. The committee also was interested in hearing any different ideas from the Selectmen.

The EDC was originally charged in part with identifying strategies to increase the Town of Cohasset's commercial/industrial tax base and reduce the town's reliance on residential tax revenue. They also were to identify potential obstacles to development, such as zoning bylaws.

The new charter builds upon what has already been accomplished, including supporting the establishment of the Transit Oriented Overlay District (TOD) in the lot adjacent to the new MBTA train station and the new village zoning bylaws.

The new TOD development a 30,000 square foot shopping center, recently approved by the Planning Board, will increase the tax revenue on the site by four or five times over.

Thus far, the EDC has done little with marketing and promoting development because it felt it was premature, given the zoning bylaw obstacles. Now that a framework of zoning bylaws are in place for the TOD and the Village, the committee is ready to turn its attention to marketing Cohasset to the type of development its citizens would like to see. Building a web position was also a key effort, if the EDC were able to find the expertise.

Part of its new outlined charter was putting together a mix of people with different backgrounds and expertise to help the committee accomplish its varied goals. To that end, a new member with both a real estate and marketing background, Alain Pinel, was appointed to the EDC at the meeting.

Pinel is a relative newcomer to Cohasset: he moved to town within this past year. But, his love for Cohasset was immediate and passionate. Almost a year ago, he was visiting his son in Marshfield and took a drive through Cohasset village, "I just fell in love with Cohasset." Describing himself as a spontaneous person, he said he bought a house on South Main Street the very next day.

The native Frenchman has a diverse resume of real estate, journalism, sales and marketing experience.

"My real estate background will no doubt be very helpful," said Pinel, "Cohasset has many natural attributes — absolutely extraordinary attributes — that we can capitalize on. We can use those benefits for the benefit of the town."

Pinel sees the ocean and the arts as the main appeals of Cohasset and envisions a marketing strategy developing around those characteristics. Making changes that are in line with what Cohasset already has — like the art scene and the sea — would keep what people already love about Cohasset and come to Cohasset for at the focus.

Vanderweil asked the group to come back again to the Selectmen on Tuesday, Jan. 22 to re-visit the EDC's charge. He said he would canvas the Selectmen individually to see if they felt the drafted charter needed major changes in order to give the committee a heads up.

In the meantime, Vanderweil requested the EDC identify a few concrete goals of the next year to discuss at the meeting. But, Brown pointed out he would also like to look at goals that may take five years to accomplish.

"The EDC has viability well beyond an annual period. There's always a role for it and always a need for change," said Brown.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Happy Holidays Cohasset. I want to wish all a very Merry Christmas, happy vacation week to all who have one and a super Happy New Year of 2008! It looks like we are going to have a little bit of a warm up over the weekend with some rain in store but hopefully, it won't be too much of a mess, we have certainly had our share. Please send in all of your news and photos if you have any of family, friends and maybe some snow-time fun. Not a lot of news to report this week as everyone is busy getting ready for the week but here goes what I have.

REGISTRATION

Believe it or not, here is some great Spring-time news to read about and get ready to do for the kids. The Cohasset Youth Baseball & Softball Association (CYBSA) will hold its annual registration for the upcoming baseball and softball spring season ON LINE Dec. 21 through Feb. 1. Parents/Guardians can complete the registration process by visiting our website: CYBSA.net. The CYBSA will also provide a one day walk- in registration on Saturday, Jan. 26. Please visit our website for more details.

MUSICAL SUNDAY

Due to last week's crazy weather, this wonderful performance will be happening this week instead on Sunday morning. Come one, come all to the Second Congregational Church at 43 Highland Ave at 10 am. A beautiful presentation of selections of the Messiah will take place with a 40-member chorus and full chamber orchestra. All are welcome and a reception will take place following the concert.

NEW ARRIVAL

If you see **Tim and Donna Montgomery** and **Jane and Scott Herzog**, all of Cohasset, smiling more than usual, be sure to congratulate them!

They are the brand-new grandparents to **Wilder Hyland Herzog**, who arrived on Nov. 30, 2007 at precisely 2:02 p.m. He weighed in at 9 pounds, three ounces!

Wilder's proud parents are **Keith and Amanda Herzog** of Scituate.

Congratulations all!

TREE PICKUP

This year's Christmas Tree Drive will be held on Jan. 5, and is sponsored by Cohasset Middle School Student Council and the PSO. Christmas trees will be picked up and take it away for $20 ($15 for seniors) between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1p.m. To have your tree picked up, please call: 781383-2492 and leave a message with your name, address, and phone number. On Jan. 5, leave your tree at the end of your driveway with a check made out to Cohasset Middle School. The school council and PSO thanks you for your support! Questions or to volunteer to help (a few trucks are needed!) please call **Wendy Erler** 383-0141.

SPECIAL NOTE

A special note was sent in for all to see last week. "Thank you to all for making the Fifth Grade Kinnealey Meats Fundraiser for Camp Bournedale such a sucess! The Fifth Graders did a great job selling and had a wonderful response from customers. **Joe Kinnealey** of Kinnealey Meats once again offered his time and excellent product to the students and their families and in addition, made a very generous donation to the Fundraiser. We especially want to thank those individuals who stood in the FREEZING COLD with all on that Saturday to make the pick-up so organized: **Bet Baker, Ike Craven, Amy Davis, Carol Davis, Kevin Dooley, Donna Hayden, Patrice Vogelman Keniley, Collette McElhinney, Jamie Williams** and **Colby Williams**. Thank you and we'll see you in the Spring for Pizza Kits!" Great work to all!

That is it for this week. Send me in all of your news and photos no later than Tuesday by 5 pm for next week's column.

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LIBRARY CORNER

January book is 'The Thirteenth Tale'

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. For more information, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Library Book Group – The group will not meet in December. Instead, the group will meet after the holidays at 10 a.m., on Jan. 30, to discuss Diane Setterfield's book "The Thirteenth Tale."

Movie Matinee – Can't get out at night to see a movie? Come to a free showing of the film "To Catch a Thief" starring Cary Grant and Grace Kelly at 11 a.m., on Friday, Jan. 4. Free admission and light refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Movie site license generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee.

Homebound Delivery Service –A volunteer from the Friends of Cohasset Library will be pleased to visit homebound individuals at their residence to take requests for library materials. Requests may be made for specific books, including large print and audio, magazines and DVDs. The staff would also be happy to make suggestions. Selections will be delivered on a regular schedule. For more information, call the library at 781-383-1348 and ask to speak with the Reference/Adult Services Librarian.

FOR CHILDREN

Story & Craft Registration — Register now for Story & Craft. This program is for Cohasset residents ages 3-6, is a 4 week commitment, and requires pre-registration. Each week a theme is explored through literature, music, and craft. Online and telephone registration begins today. To register online go to www.cohassetlibrary.org, click on the Calendar tab at the top of the page, click on Jan. 10, and then click on Register. Please put your child's name and age in the appropriate field.

Twelfth Night Epiphany concert at Abbey

Glastonbury Abbey of Hingham is honored to offer the musical gifts of Walter Rossbach, organist, choral director and tenor soloist of Reston, Va., as he performs an Epiphany Organ Concert at 4 p.m., on Jan. 6, in the Glastonbury Abbey Church. Rossbach has spent 56 years of every Sunday professional performance at liturgical churches in the New York and Northern Virginia/Washington, D.C. areas. He recently retired after serving 12 years as minister of music at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Great Falls, Va. His career spans duties at Episcopal, Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches, and currently includes frequent performances at Arlington National Cemetery's Post Chapel. He is a gifted musician who is renowned for his virtuosity, dynamics and emotionally sensitive registrations that he brings out of the organs on which he performs.

This event promises to be an intimate and joyous close to the Christmas season.

Rossbach has performed numerous concerts and recitals especially in the dedication of new organs. He is one of only two organists to perform on an organ in the White House in the presence of the president (President Jimmy Carter). He enjoys performing before all sizes of Christian congregations and finds his greatest joy in leading the singing of rousing hymns, often improvising reharmonizations, interludes and modulations to heighten the worship experience in song. Rossbach enjoys informal settings for his programs, and will be sharing comments about the music performed during the concert.

A reception will take place at the Abbey Center following the concert where hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served. This event promises to be an intimate and joyous close to the Christmas season. A good will offering with a minimum suggestion of $25 per family is requested. Tickets will be available at the door on the day of the concert as well as the Glastonbury Abbey bookstore, 16 Hull St., Hingham, prior to Jan. 6. Bookstore hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hingham PMC Kids Ride volunteer meeting

Although it looks like winter is here for a while, planning has already started for the Second Annual Hingham Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) Kids Bike Ride. The initial organizational meeting for volunteers will be Wednesday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Hingham Library. The ride, designed for kids from three to 15, will take place at Hingham High School on Sunday, June 22. Kids from all over the South Shore will raise funds to benefit the Dana - Farber Cancer Institute, learning about the satisfaction of philanthropy while participating in a fun family day and enjoying physical activity. Volunteers are needed for all aspects of the event from planning the post -ride celebration to monitoring the bike route and cheerleading.

Kids participating in the 2007 Hingham ride raised more than $64,000 to benefit the Dana Farber Cancer Institute and just as important, the more that 550 riders between the ages of 3 and 15 enjoyed a fun-filled family day and experienced the satisfaction of giving to others. Kids on all kinds of bikes including those with training wheels from all over the South Shore participated.

For information on the PMC and the PMC Kids program go to www.pmc.org.

Lifesaving Museum to host program on lost crew of the Portland

Walter Hickey, Archives Specialist at the National Archives Northeast Region will host the program, "Following the Paper Trail: Researching the Lost Crew of the Portland," at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 10, in the Hull Lifesaving Museum at the Point Allerton U.S. Lifesaving Station, 1117 Nantasket Ave. Cost is $3 for members; $5 for nonmembers.

The devastating Portland Gale that struck New England on Nov. 27, 1898, which bears the name of the steamship Portland, was wrecked as she attempted to make the return trip from Boston Harbor to Portland, Maine. With all 192 passengers and crew tragically lost, the Portland is one of the worst disasters in New England maritime history.

The location of the wreck had long been one of the great mysteries of Massachusetts Bay, until recent underwater archaeology efforts at the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary revealed the wreck site. Sadly, much of the Portland's documentation went down with the ship.

Walter Hickey, Archives Specialist at the National Archives Northeast Region in Waltham, has followed a paper trail of archival materials, including deceased seaman's papers filed by the victim's families to carefully identify the crew of the Portland. The program will cover how dedicated research has helped to solve one of the steamer's many mysteries.

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Winter makes a snow-stopping entrance

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Wednesday and it really hasn't let up since, says owner Barry Joseph, naming shovels, ice melt and snowblowers as top selling items. Over the past week alone, sixty customers became the envy of their shovel-wielding neighbors when they brought home brand new snowblowers.

"Business has continued to be steady all weekend because one storm rolled into another," Joseph attests. While he's heard other hardware and large home improvement stores have run out of ice melt and shovels, Joseph's Hardware has kept a supply on hand.

"Our customers are appreciative we haven't run out of anything," says Joseph. Two hundred additional shovels arrived on Saturday, along with a half dozen pallets of ice melt. Post storms the demand for ice melt was still there as residents tried to keep their walkways and driveways free of ice — and safe to walk. As a result, Joseph's ordered and received two truckloads of ice melt over a two-day period earlier this week.

"We've sold tons of shovels and snow-related items," says Joseph. He credits the store's intuition for a big storm coinciding with their ability to reserve product ahead of time from their suppliers as the reasons he hasn't run out of anything.

One customer brought in his snowblower with two flat tires and told Joseph's employees he didn't think he would have to use it this year so he never brought it in to be fixed. After last year's minimal snowfall, these twin storms seemed to catch some residents off guard.

In between the two storms, the annual Village Holiday Stroll was able to get off without a flake falling from the sky.

"It was very lucky, very lucky" says Darilynn Evans, owner of Darilynn's, "it would have been a disaster if the storm came early."

Village merchants and businesses were able to entertain the community with music, games, food and plenty of holiday cheer.

"It was crisp and cold, that's for sure, but people of all ages came out," says Evans. Perhaps unlike snow people could handle being outside in the cold temperatures. Businesses throughout the village opened their doors to let people warm up inside, many of them offering hot soup or beverages.



STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

Emma Carroll, 4-1/2, has a ball while rolling up a big ball of snow for a snowman besides her house on Beechwood Street last Friday morning (Dec. 14).



We have liftoff?! Des Havlicek goes airborne after hitting a jump with his children Quinn, 4, Declan, 7, and Cass, 4, while enjoying the snowy hill in front of the Middle/ High School on Saturday afternoon (Dec. 15).



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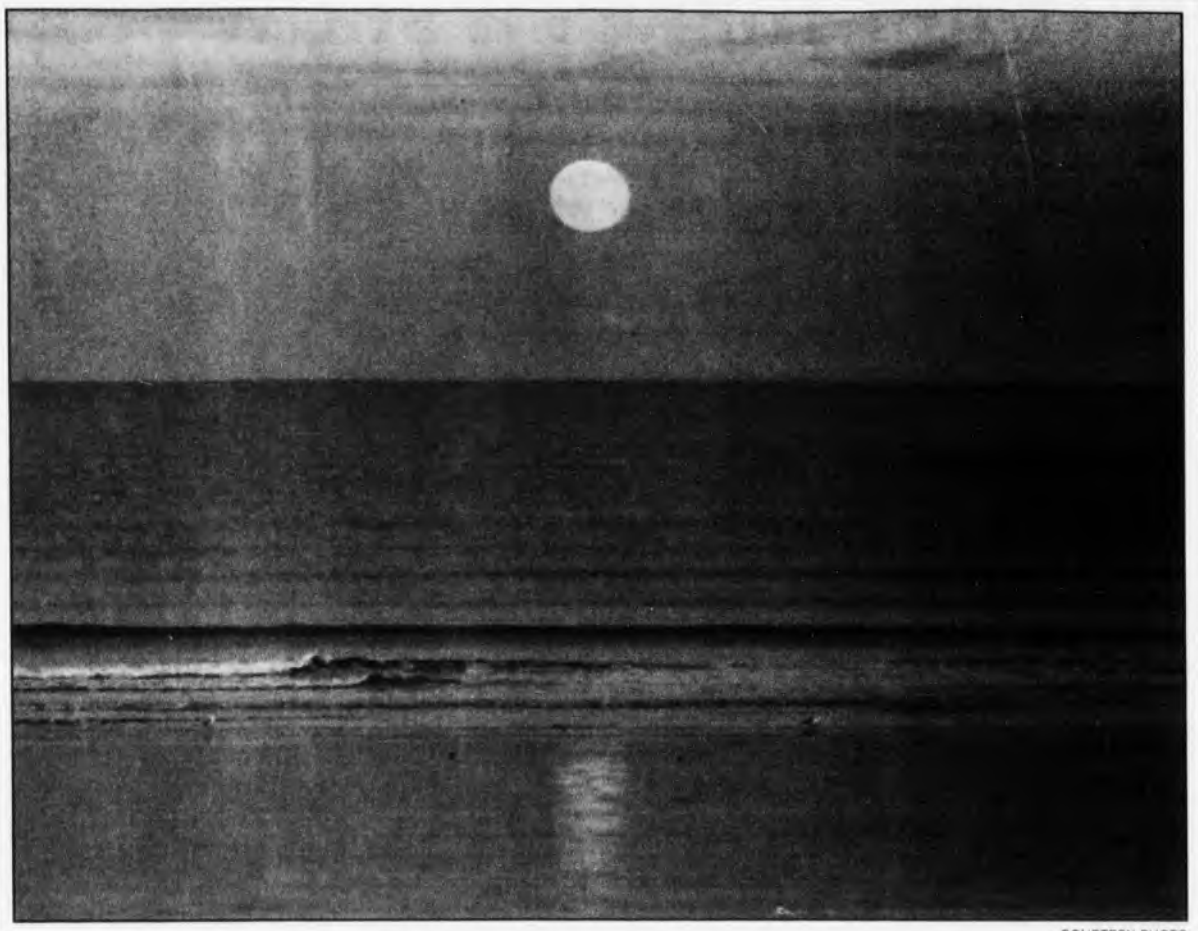
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The Weir River Estuary 2008 Calendar features the scenic beauty of the Weir River Estuary as seen from Hingham, Cohasset, and Hull. The calendar features information including where to put in a kayak, how to identify the estuary's rare volcanic rocks, and why the estuary is important for fish and birds. The calendar cover shows the Hull Land Conservation Trust's 2008 priority properties, the new Chatham Street entrance to the Weir River Woods and the western edge of Straits Pond.

The Sun and Moon 2008 Calendar also features pictures of harbor and beach sunsets and moonrises, as seen from Hull. Each photo is unique to its month: The March sunset is an example of cirrostratus fibratus clouds. The sky rain shown in April is known as virga. The May calendar shows how the sun sets behind Boston's Prudential Center, as seen from Hull on May 6 of each year. The number 11 in the September Boston skyline photo occurred at sunset on Sept. 11, 2004. As seen in the photo taken the Saturday after Thanksgiving, 2007, the full moon rises as the sun sets, pulling the tide out. The December sunset happened on Christmas Day, 2004.

You can also find the calendars by putting "Weir River Estuary" into the search at www.lulu.com.

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Recalling a Cohasset Christmas tradition

The Cohasset Historical Society wishes all of you safe and happy holidays and invites you to share with us your Cohasset Christmas traditions, as has former Cohasset resident, Samuel Ayres, who wrote this passage in 1995 recollecting the Cohasset Christmases of his childhood at 365 Jerusalem Road. We have edited it only slightly for length.

By Samuel Ayers

Christmas dinner at Rockayr was a truly festive occasion with all the proper accouterments; the immense silver loving cup brimming with fruit, pinecones and greens, guarded by four flickering candles; place plates and the best Dresden china; monogrammed linen napkins two feet square; cut glass finger bowls on lace doilies.

The first Christmas I can clearly recall was in 1921 when I was eight years old. At that time, we were just beginning to live permanently in what had hitherto been our summer home in Cohasset; a large, rambling, circa 1870 shingle house set well back from the road with a sweeping ocean view. How isolated we were during those first winters when a big nor'easter might maroon us for days, until a snow plow drawn by four horses could break through the drifts to our place, 2-1/2 miles out from the village.

The yuletide observance at Rockayr (as our place was called) was carried out in strict accordance with prevailing custom, commencing no earlier than Christmas Eve, and ending precisely on January 6th. In other words, the "Twelve Days of Christmas" was religiously adhered to, especially by good Episcopalians like ourselves. During the day of December 24th a large balsam wreath, with only a red bow for decoration, would be hung on our front door, and armfuls of freshly cut evergreens and red-berried holly were brought in to decorate the downstairs rooms. Thus the stage was set for old Michael the gardener to bring in the tree late in the afternoon and set it up at the end of the sun parlor, where an open fire would already be going (the tree would not be trimmed until later on, when I was in bed).

Once darkness had set in, the lighting of the candles took place with all the family gathered around. On the stair landing, cantilevered out from the house, were two large diamond-paned windows. In each one a white candle in an old-fashioned tin holder would be lit by Mother, to "guide the way to the stable for Mary and Joseph". Once that "mission of mercy" had been faithfully completed, the candles would be snuffed out for good. One other ritual — this one rather more secular — still lay ahead: the reading of the poems. These were a charming potpourri of Christmas verses — ranging in subject matter from the infant Jesus to The Boy's Post Prandial Chant — that Mother had come across in a magazine years earlier, and which ever since had been read aloud before the fire on Christmas Eve. Immediately thereafter "our stockings were hung from the chimney with care", pinioned by miniature clothespins to a venerable red cord spanning the mantle.

On Christmas morning when we foregathered in the dining room for breakfast, all present were properly dressed for the day; no bathrobes and slippers, no dishabille or hair-curlers. Although Father may have been in a holiday mood, we remained in our seats until he had his second cup of coffee, and only then were we allowed to break for the sun parlor.

What a sight that long, luminous room was in all its yuletide raiment, accompanied by the crackling of a log fire. There was the tree, nearly nine feet tall and literally bowed down with an eye-boggling accumulation of ornaments, including out-sized Victorian paper dolls dating back to my father's childhood (he was born in 1874), and strings of lights blown in the shapes of Santa Clauses, angels and even roses; collector's items all. The stockings, bulged with the promise of hidden surprises, each one accompanied by a colorful cornucopia filled with small hard-candies, and, on the mantel above, a barley candy Saint Nicholas or maybe a reindeer.

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Then, well replenished by dinner and in acknowledgement of Him whose birthday it was, Father walked into the living room and sat down at the piano—it should be remembered that this was all before the age of radio and television, and, accompanied by the spirited if sometimes discordant singing of his family, began to play the old familiar carols.

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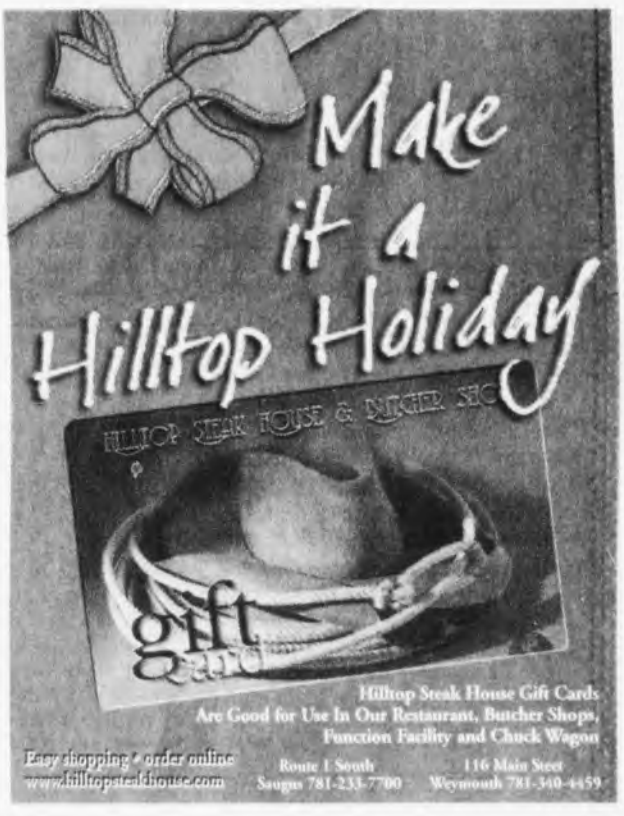
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Bells on Christmas Day

Love, peace, hope.

The church bells chime out on Christmas Day with a joy beyond description.

Yet, in turbulent times such as these, when so many people are facing so many hardships, we can feel like we are just going through the motions.

Many are facing a "Blue Christmas," with loved ones overseas.

Others are facing a so-called "sub-prime Christmas," when a bucking economy has thrown dreams of tinsel-wrapped presents under the tree into the trash bin, and the hope for the holiday season is reduced to paying for the rent, heat, and food.

Health problems cloud the dreams of others.

Hovering over all are troubling reports of racial strife, cries of injustice, mall shootings, and the specter of a widening war.

Our souls resound with the sadness in the verse of this traditional carol:

"In deep despair I hung my head, there is no peace on Earth I said,

For hate is strong, and mocks the song, of peace on Earth, good will toward men."

Christmas carols are so much a part of the season, reflecting all our hopes and dreams, rejoicings and longings.

An "outburst" of the Christmas carol arose in England in the fifteenth century, according to Clement A. Miles in the Dover Publications book, "Christmas Customs And Traditions."

This outburst grew out of the realization that the Light of the Word shone from Bethlehem, a light to bring radiance to a time as dark and tumultuous as our own. This paraphrase of an Old English carol, quoted by Miles, tells how the birth of the Christ Child brought light into the dark world:

"It was dark, it was dim....

Till on Christmas Day.

Now man is brighter than the sun..."

This brightness comes not because all our troubles are swept away, but when we know in our hearts that light and love will ultimately overcome the darkness:

"Then rang the bells more loud and deep, God is not dead, nor does he sleep, for wrong shall fail, and right prevail, of Peace on Earth, Good Will toward men."

Each Christmas brings memories of those that passed before, to run like ribbons through this day. Some Christmas morns are bright and fun, others tinged with a longing for the loved one not with us.

The world is too often a dark place.

What the Christmas bells chime out is hope,

What Christmas bells chime out is the joy that, in the Son, we have a gift of light to help us through.

We need to be more like the children of the Grinch's Whoville, and let ourselves experience the wonder that Christmas is born not in trimmed trees, wrapped gifts, and "roast beast," but of joy and hope.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Board of Health, Jan. 9, 7 p.m.

CMHS School Council, Jan. 2 and Feb. 6, 2:30 p.m., Room 116 at the high school.

Conservation Commission, Jan. 3, 7 p.m.

Planning Board, Jan. 9, 7p.m.

Selectmen, Jan. 7, 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Jan. 7, 6 p.m.

Water Commission, Jan. 5, 10:15 a.m. at the King St. plant.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Jan. 8, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

BRIEFLY

Register to vote for Presidential Primary

The Governor signed legislation on Monday, Nov. 26, to move the date of the Presidential Primary to Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008. The last day to register to vote will be Wednesday, Jan. 16. Registration will take place at the Town Clerk's office from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a Town Meeting or Election Day may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register to vote. If people move, they may register to vote as soon as they move into a new home. Registration is closed for a brief period before each Town Meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. If people register during a closed period, they will be eligible to vote only in later Town Meetings or elections.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Loss of parental rights

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to inform all parents to beware of the "No Child Left Behind Act." In 2001, Congress amended the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) as the No Child Left Behind Act. This act requires public schools to bring all students to proficiency in reading and math by the 2013-2014 school year. The law includes sanctions for schools that fail to make acceptable progress. If the school does not educate any subgroup, the school will fail to meet this standard, which means every state needs to develop an accountability system in which the consequences fall on responsible adults. Failing schools should be closed, reconstituted or taken over. All students should have the right to leave poor schools for better schools. That is why you read in The Cohasset Mariner, "We are seeking children with disabilities. If you have a child or know of a child with a disability please call Linda Gill, director of Student Services."

This is how a want ad in the newspaper would read.

Congress also amended the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) in 2004, which at that time changed the "Parental Rights" brochure to the "Procedural Safeguards" brochure. Obviously there was a reason for that.

The brochure makes parents think that schools need their consent for initial testing and evaluation and to also implement services when in fact, if you read between all the lines very closely, the school district needs nothing from the parent.

These two acts of Congress did nothing more than take all your parental rights away from you regarding your child's education. If the school district needs your child for whatever reason, they can have him/her. So beware, if your child is not a straight A-B student the school district can get them and own them and all the laws give them all the rights to do just that. It is an option of the school district, approved by the Superintendent, as to how far and for whatever reasons they want to take out restraining orders on parents to gain total control of your child.

Peggy Lewis
85 Ripley Road

Cat Dam decision process flawed

COMMENTARY

AL STEFAN

Nancy White wrote an accurate summary of the current status of viewpoints surrounding the flushing of Inner Little Harbor through Cat Dam. I approached participation at these meetings with an interest in learning how our town's Selectmen would manage this delicate situation and what direction they would take concerning the health of Inner Little Harbor. While there have been many well thought out passionate opinions I am concerned with how those opinions are now being acted upon. Based on these interests and concerns I have agreed to serve on the new, Selectmen-mandated, scheduling committee. But I have serious concerns with the process that led to the establishment of this committee as well as the validity of any negotiated middle ground we may reach, (all past attempts have failed). In effect this new effort is just another measure to sweep this serious environmental issue back under the rug. Neighborhood rancor festers on, and Inner Little Harbor's health continues to degrade.

The neighbors advocating for increased flushing brought two historic town sanctioned studies from environmental consultants whose job it is to monitor tidal estuaries. These neighbors came with the goal of using that historic evidence as justification for a new study, again by environmental experts, to assess how much additional flushing is needed to stop the degradation of ILH and Peck's meadow, and hopefully reverse it.

The neighbors advocating maintaining the status quo due to concerns over property values and the desire to see water, not mud, brought forward no evidence from either personal experience or from an objective professionally performed study, to support a claim that their property values would be reduced. In fact, conversations with town realtors indicate that comparable homes on Little Harbor sell for more than those on Inner Little Harbor. If seeing water all day is so appealing, why are equivalent homes on the other side of Cat Dam selling for the same or more money? The answer: no one knows and an objective economic study should be performed, especially by those who wish to use this as an argument, and potentially increase the risk of long-term environmental degradation in the name of short-term property value and aesthetics. With regards to any environmental impact, these neighbors brought with them only their own non-expert observations and used these views to counter all previously funded studies. Examples of their logic included "We still see lots of birds, therefore everything must be fine." Or, "If ILH flushes out of Cat Dam every day, millions of fish will have no water to survive." To the latter argument I might suggest that the trillions of fish in tidal estuaries around the globe, including those in every other estuary in Cohasset, manage this issue just fine. They go with the flow. At any rate, however well intentioned, are inexperienced opinions from either side really what we want to base the health of ILH on?

Faced with third party, objective environmental science versus unsubstantiated property value concerns, the Selectmen have decided to maintain the status quo, deny the Conservation Commission the authority to manage the environmental health of this public resource and set up a new group of neighbors to attempt to negotiate amongst themselves the schedule for maintaining a public resource.

My concerns with this approach are as follows:

- A new group of residents will attempt, again, to make a decision about town-owned property with not a single member in the group having experience in environmental work or objective specifics of real estate assessments.
- One group will argue for increased flush-

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'Greenbush Guys' wrap up three years

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

It hardly seems possible that we have been on the job as the "Greenbush Guys" for three years as of next month. The past three years have flown by in the twinkling of an eye. As most of you know, our principal obligation is to provide the interface between the Town of Cohasset and the Greenbush project. Since we are both engineers, we have the ability to understand the drawings and the design issues of the Greenbush.

When we started in January of 2005, the Greenbush plans were mostly complete and approved by the prior Town administration. The Town had already had its chance to provide comments on the design, so additional Town driven changes could not be made to the design. However, like any construction project, changes did happen as a result of unforeseen field and construction issues. We were able to provide significant Town input to these newer changes. Clearing the track bed began in spring of 2005. For the first time, it was evident where the train would run and the visual changes it would make in our Town. After clearing, you could see from King St. to the center of Town. That really opened everyone's eyes. Grading the rail bed soon followed, preparing the ground for the track system.

While we were working on Greenbush, we were asked by the Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen to take a look at the Village Revitalization Project and see what it might take to get that project off of top dead center. The Revitalization Committee was reinstituted and they agreed on a final set of details for the design. We engaged the engineers who did the original design to make the necessary changes to fine-tune the design. Unfortunately, so much had been spent on design and changes that we were worried about having sufficient funds to complete the project. Like all towns, the Massachusetts procurement laws require the construction phase of a project like this to be publicly bid. We did manage to organize the bid package in such a way that we could implement the construction in phases. So, if we got bids back that were too rich for our blood, we could at least get as much construction done, as available funds would allow. That's exactly what happened.

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When the bids were received we could only complete the drainage in the village and the surface work (streets, sidewalks, etc.) on Main Street and Depot Court. So, that portion was done in 2005 and early 2006. The balance of the work would need to wait for additional funding. Our residents and merchants suffered through the construction turmoil of this project. Clearly, this was not a stealth project. The Town subsequently applied to the Commonwealth for an increase in our PWED (Public Works Economic Development) grant that originally funded revitalization. Cohasset did receive sufficient additional monies to complete the Elm and Brook Street work. Finally, after more years than anyone would like, the Village area looks shinier and more up to date.

Another project we undertook was to apply for a Massachusetts Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Grant to construct a pedestrian pathway to the Greenbush Station. We were not successful on our first grant request. On our second try we were awarded a grant. The first leg of this sidewalk was completed on King Street to Route 3A this fall. The balance from King and 3A to the Greenbush Station will be constructed in 2008. This part of the station sidewalk is more complicated because it must dovetail with Scituate Hill development at 3A and Lower King Street, the new commercial/residential project next to the station and the MBTA widening of Route 3A at Lower King Street.

In 2005, the DPW stopped by to see us and asked if we could give them a hand getting the Forest Avenue street upgrade and sidewalk project going. The Forest Avenue residents have been asking for sidewalks for a long time, with not much happening. The DPW had been squirreling away Chapter 90 funds (State funds for road and sidewalk maintenance) for a few years in anticipation of funding this project. The Town Manager OK'd our involvement and away we went. Norfolk County did the engineering work at no cost to the Town. We acted as general contractors to maximize the work that could be done on our modest budget. This fall, lo and behold, after a lot of details were hammered out, we have a nice new road and great sidewalks. It was great to see the families strolling on the new sidewalk this fall.

At the same time Beechwood residents had received funds from Town Meeting several years ago for a sidewalk that had never been constructed. Again, the Town Manager asked if we could get that project moving. We managed to get plans generated, and supervise construction contractors. This walk was finally completed several weeks ago.

All while this was going on, many many things were happening with the Greenbush project. Tracks were laid, crossings were constructed and trains are running in revenue service. We have had the pleasure of working with a great number of Cohasset residents. The questions we've been asked have been very interesting and varied. Most had pretty straightforward answers. A few are very involved.

Not all have been solved to our satisfaction or to those of the residents. At this point we have developed a Punch List of Open Items that is quite lengthy. For the past six months dialog on these issues with the MBTA was set aside so that the Project's full attention could be devoted to getting the train up and running. Now that the train is running, we have asked the project to meet with us so that the outstanding issues in Cohasset can be resolved. Rest assured, we continue to work diligently to get these lingering problems solved.

It has been a real pleasure to have the opportunity to work for the Town and so many of its fine residents. These three years have just flown by. Due to the Holiday Schedules, there will be no Making Tracks column next week, so this is our year-end spectacular. Thank you all. Have a very Happy Holiday Season.

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Asterisks for record book

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



When the next baseball record book comes out, the player at the top of the career home run column will be Barry Bonds with 756, more than Hank Aaron, Babe Ruth and any other major league slugger you can name.

His record may also carry after it an asterisk to show that most of them came at a time when steroids and human growth hormones were as important as the pre-game steak in the lives of professional athletes.

Roger Clemens has won 354 games in his career (eighth on the all time list) and seven Cy Young Trophies as the best pitcher in his league but, if last week's report on 'roids is right, his records will carry the baggage of an asterisk too.

Pete Rose's had 4,256 hits, the most by any player since Abner Doubleday banged out a single at Cooperstown, but that carries an asterisk, too, since Pete used to bet on the outcome of ball games and didn't report his winnings to the IRS.

If we're not careful, we're gonna run out of asterisks.

As far as I know, the first time the word asterisk appeared on the sports page was in 1961 when Roger Maris was making a run at baseball's most sacred (at that time) mark, Babe Ruth's 60 homers in 1927.

The baseball commissioner himself, Ford Frick, advised the asterisk, not because there were steroids or any other performance enhancing drugs in the Yankees locker room, but because Roger's season was 162 games and Ruth's only 154.

Ford didn't mention it at the time but, as a sportswriter for the New York Evening World, he was the Babe's ghostwriter for "Babe Ruth's Own Book of Baseball." Roger broke the record but the asterisk was forgotten.

Perhaps Ruth's record itself should have carried an asterisk.

The Bambino hit 29 homers in 1919 and 54 in 1920. The previous record was 24 by Ned Williamson of the Chicago White Stockings way back in 1884 and he had the advantage of being able to call for a high or low ball from the pitcher.

Somewhere in between the 1919 and 1920 season someone sneaked what became known as "the rabbit ball," the old ball with a new center and wound tightly with string, into the game. Don't all records after 1919 deserve an asterisk?

Josh Beckett was baseball's only 20-game winner last season. A gentleman named Charles Radbourn, who was called "Old Hoss" by his pals, won 60 games for Providence in the National League under 1884 rules. Who deserves the asterisk?

Despite his records, gambling on his sport has been enough to keep Pete Rose out of baseball's Hall of Fame and performance enhancing drugs may doom Roger Clemens and Barry Bonds chances for immortality at Cooperstown.

I say take all three, add Shoeless Joe Jackson and Eddy Cicotte of the Black Sox, and give them all a plaque in the Hall.

With asterisks, of course.

The problem with snow days

THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT

DIANE K. DANIELSON



It also means that right after the kids are appropriately bundled to go sledding in 10-degree weather, one will inevitably have to go to the bathroom.

If there were ever two words that cause normally rational parents to panic – besides "head lice" and "slumber party" – it's "snow day." Snow days mean no child care (back-up, emergency or otherwise) and the sudden need to come up with activities for children who, while surrounded by hundreds of expensive, barely used toys, still have the nerve to proclaim, "I'm bored." It means having to listen to SpongeBob non-stop for eight hours and/or holding conference calls while wearing a clown nose and juggling oranges to keep them quiet. (Yes, it's possible if you have one of those nifty headsets.)

It also means that right after the kids are appropriately bundled to go sledding in 10-degree weather, one will inevitably have to go to the bathroom. On your second attempt to go to the sledding hill, the other child – who by then would have been crying because she was too hot all bundled up while waiting for you to re-bundle the first child – will get stuck in a snowdrift. You pull her out, only to leave behind a boot. After you dig out the boot (shaking as much snow out of it as possible) you try to replace it on your child's now frozen foot only to have her cry and scream at you for freezing her foot off. Meanwhile, the other child has managed to get snow in his gloves, down his neck and in other places that have no logical explanation whatsoever.

So, with a few admonitions about not eating the yellow snow, you finally head out for the sledding hill loaded down with extra socks, mittens, hats and a large dose of Kahlua in your king-sized travel mug of coffee.

One hour later, as your teeth chatter and you can no longer feel your toes or fingers (having given your gloves to a child who somehow managed to leave the house without any), you want to collapse from the exhaustion of dragging sleds and kids up and down a hill that once seemed no bigger than a molehill, but now bears a striking resemblance to Mt. Everest.

This is when you start to miss the days when you might be considered an "essential employee" in a corporate office. This is a title reserved for those employees who deem themselves so essential that a blizzard, a declared statewide snow emergency and even a two-hour E! Television special on "whether Angelina and Brad should adopt Britney's kids" will not keep them away from the office. Generally, I've noticed that the individuals who deem themselves the most essential are those with small children at home. (Who could blame them? More Kahlua, please!)

But, then again, what's 2 feet of snow to someone who finally gets to use their four-wheel drive SUV? Of course, most of these "off-road" warriors have no idea how to drive in bad weather. But, that's not going to stop them because for some reason when they plop behind the wheel of that Hummer, they instantaneously sprout superpowers. It must be in the owner's manual or something. How else could one explain why they think that they can see through whiteouts like Superman, or sprout spikes before hitting black ice like the Batmobile?

For the non-four-wheeling crowd, after parking the kids back in front of SpongeBob, we're left to drag our exhausted selves back outside to shovel out our cars and pray for spring. Usually our reward is an hour or more of solitude, which gives us enough energy to keep going. But, this is also about the time when your perennially chipper neighbor (whose kids have long since gone off to college) walks by with his dog to comment, "Don't you think this is beautiful?" To which I have to stop myself from replying, "As a barely surviving parent who lost the essential employee argument and is in the second hour of shoveling and still have yet to locate my non-four wheel drive vehicle under this 8-foot tall snow drift, don't you think I should whack you upside your head with my shovel?"

Instead, I smile pleasantly, remind myself that this is the most I've seen of my neighbors since last winter and then I offer him what's left of my Kahlua.

Diane K. Danielson is a Cohasset resident who fondly remembers writing about global warming last December, but this year is instead stocking up on Kahlua, which she will gladly share with anyone who wants to shovel and de-ice her driveway.

HEALTH NOTES

Be on alert for carbon monoxide

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Cold weather is the time to be wary of carbon monoxide. Exposures and poisonings occur more often during the fall and winter, when we are more likely to use gas furnaces, heaters and generators in our homes. A recent study by the CDC's National Council for Environmental Health found that approximately 480 United States residents died each year from non-fire-related CO poisoning. In addition, an estimated 15,200 persons with confirmed or possible non-fire-related CO exposure or poisoning were treated annually in U.S. hospital emergency departments. Highest fatalities occur in December and January with over 2,000 exposures and more than 50 fatalities each month. Although males and females were equally likely to visit emergency departments for CO exposure, males were 2.3 times more likely to die; perhaps attributable to high risk activities such as working in enclosed garages with generators or power tools. The CO poisoning death rate was highest among people over 65, possibly because of higher risk for undetected exposure. The most common symptoms of CO exposure are nausea, headache and dizziness, which can be easily mistaken for a viral illness or other conditions that are common among the elderly. More severe symptoms including loss of consciousness, shortness of breath and loss of muscle control are often not reported.

Cohasset's new defense against CO poisoning. Last August, the Fire Department acquired a new device that improves their ability to detect carbon monoxide poisoning. The Rad 57 Oximeter is now available on the ambulance, which responds to all emergency calls to the Fire Department. This $6,000 unit is a rugged version of the hemoglobin pulse and oxygen meters you've seen on patient's fingers in hospitals. It can detect the presence of elevated levels of carboxyhemoglobin saturation – CO poisoning – and several other life sign indications from a patient. The completely self contained device weighs less than a pound, is painless when applied and its batteries can be recharged while operating in the field. More important, it provides an instantaneous certain indication when a patient has dangerous levels of deadly CO in the blood. Thus, immediate responders can begin lifesaving treatment sooner.

To Prevent Carbon Monoxide exposure, Take the following precautions:

- Have your heating system, water heater and any other gas-, oil- or coal-burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician every year.
- Install a battery-operated CO detector in your home and check or replace the battery when you change the time on your clocks each spring and fall.
- If your CO detector sounds, evacuate your home immediately and telephone 911.
- Seek prompt medical attention if you suspect CO poisoning and are feeling dizzy, light-headed or nauseated.
- Do not use a generator, charcoal grill, camp stove or other gasoline- or charcoal-burning device inside your home, basement, garage or near a window.
- Do not run a car or truck inside a garage attached to your house, even if you leave the door open.
- Do not burn anything in a stove or fireplace that is not vented.
- Do not heat your house with a gas oven.
- If you smell an odor from your gas refrigerator's cooling unit have an expert service it. An odor from the cooling unit of a gas refrigerator can mean you have a defect in the cooling unit. It could also be giving off CO.
- Do not use portable flameless catalytic chemical heaters indoors. Although these heaters don't have a flame, they burn gas and can cause CO to build up inside your home, cabin or camper.
- When purchasing gas equipment, buy only equipment carrying the seal of a national testing agency, such as the American Gas Association or Underwriters' Laboratories.

For more information about carbon monoxide poisoning and prevention visit cdc.gov/nceh.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

BRIEFLY

Dickens Christmas

Our Town is offering an end-of-the-year special that starts with Roving Reporter Rich Ofsthun heading south for the Dickens Christmas event in Scituate.

The show then goes on to highlight two big 2007 happenings for Cohasset; the Beechwood Ballfield dedication and the coming of the Greenbush Train line. Wrapping up this special one-hour show is a performance by Cohasset's very own Gr8fls playing the Sea Note. Tune in starting Monday at 9pm on Comcast channel 10.

Christmas tree drive

The Cohasset Middle School Student Council and PSO Christmas Tree Drive 2008 will be held Saturday, Jan. 5. Holiday trees can be picked up and taken away at the cost of $20 per tree. The cost for tree pick-up for senior citizens is $15. To arrange pick-up, call 781-383-2492 by 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 4, and leave a message with your address, phone number and any special instructions. Make your check out to Cohasset Middle School and attach it to your tree. Trees will be picked up from the end of driveways between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 5.

Parents lose special education fight

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tion she accumulated both in research and correspondence with the schools.

"All I want is my parental rights back," she said about a month ago, before the Superior Court trial. Now, she feels her parental rights have been taken from her at the hands of the school. As seasoned parents of five boys, she believes she knows what's best for her youngest son.

To complicate the matter, Peggy Lewis has a dual role with the Cohasset schools — as a parent and as an employee. For the last three years, she has worked as the secretary in the main Middle-High School office.

From the Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh's point of view, the issue was never about the adults in the situation, "I've never seen it as a parent rights versus school rights issue, it's the right of every child to have a free appropriate public education," said Walsh in a phone interview this week.

"We're pleased with the result, as student advocates we work everyday to have each student achieve their best result," said Walsh, adding the decision reinforces what the school and its staff does day in and day out.

But, for Peggy Lewis the decision has only reinforced with her there is something wrong with the system: the laws and Cohasset Schools.

"Something has to happen because of this, parents don't know they could lose all say over their child's education," said Lewis.

Her son had been on an IEP since the first grade to address speech and language issues. It was never really a question of whether her son needed extra help; it was who was going to provide the extra services to her son, Lewis says. While her son was in the seventh grade last year, Lewis found the special education services being rendered were not helping her son achieve educational goals, like satisfactory grades. When the special education department proposed increasing her son's services, she disagreed. If the current services weren't helping, then what were additional services going to do, she argued.

What no one seemed to listen to, explains Lewis, is she and her husband never said they thought their son couldn't use the extra help, they just didn't want the Cohasset school system to provide it. "We don't have any trust in the Cohasset schools."

The distrust, born out of incomplete progress reports and what they said was unresponsiveness within the special education department, prompted the Lewises to reject the new enhanced IEP back in March. Instead, they proposed hiring an outside tutor to help their son with his schoolwork.

But, school representatives felt the student would not succeed without additional in-school special education services, said Walsh, and would not be given a "free and appropriate public education," legalese for the responsibility a public school system has by law to provide all students eligible for special education with the services they need to succeed.

Providing the Lewises' son with "a free and appropriate public education" has been the central issue throughout the process. Federal and state law ensures that all students with disabilities receive an appropriate public education at no expense to the family. A free and appropriate public education differs for each student because each student has unique needs.

When the Lewises and the special education department could not come to a consensus by the end of the school year in June, Director of Special Services Linda Gill filed for a hearing with the Bureau of Special Education Appeals (BSEA), a division of the Massachusetts Department of Education.

After a five-hour hearing in August, the hearing officer ruled that without the special education program the 13-year-old would not be provided with a free and appropriate education; however, enrolling him in a regular education program would not "seriously endanger the health and welfare of the child or the school district" and the parents had the right to remove him from the IEP. When the decision came down, the Lewises wrote a letter to Gill enacting their right to take their son off the IEP and enroll him in regular education.

Shortly after school began this fall, the School Committee brought a Superior Court suit against Peggy and Kevin Lewis. According to the BSEA hearing document, going to a Superior Court proceeding to show the child should be placed in an appropriate educational program is the only way to override the parents' lack of consent. At Superior Court, the school has to show that with the parents' recommended educational program there would be serious harm to the health and safety of the child, substantially disruption for other students or a denial of a free and appropriate education, according to the BSEA hearing document.

In September, the schools sought and were granted a restraining order from the courts that allowed them to place the Lewises son back on the new IEP.

Although the School Committee's name is on the suit, Chairman Rick Flynn says the School Committee had little to do with the case except being kept apprised by the administration as the developments were made.

"We support them [the school administration and special education department], but we don't get involved with the intricacies of the day to day operations of the school," said Flynn in a phone interview, "they have the expertise."

"Our responsibility is to provide a free and appropriate public education for students. If the Lewises' son was taken off the IEP his education would have been deficient," said Flynn.

How did it get this far?

A school department bringing parents to Superior Court so they can provide a student with more services is atypical. The majority of the time parents are the ones seeking extra services for their child from the public school system.

In the case of all students who need special services, there is a step-by-step process to determine a plan for the child. It begins with the development of an individualized education program (IEP) and the parents, as a part of the team, have to accept the IEP. The team composition varies but typically includes special education administrators, special education teachers, guidance counselors and the parents. Once an IEP is developed, the parents can accept the IEP in full, in part, or not at all.

If the team cannot come to an agreement the next step is a mediation session with a representative from the Department of Education and/or a hearing with the Bureau of Special Education Appeals (BSEA). Both steps were taken in the Lewises' case.

"Those efforts had been exhausted," said Walsh in a phone interview this week, "at each opportunity there was an appeal."

The efforts to get the Lewises' son on the new IEP was in support of a team decision, said Walsh, where the consensus of the team was the new IEP would work for the student and provide a free appropriate public education.

Although the idea of a team is to build a collaborative environment, according to the Massachusetts Department of Education IEP Process Guide, the schools have the ultimate responsibility to ensure the IEP has the services that a student needs.

But, Peggy Lewis believes the Cohasset schools went too far in her case.

"We did everything we were supposed to do, but we're still in this place," says Lewis, "the administration let it get this bad."

The administration has yet to respond to numerous complaints Lewis filed, she says. The School Committee refused to put her on the agenda to discuss her issues with the Special Education department.

The School Committee declined to meet with Peggy Lewis because it did not feel her concerns were appropriate for a public forum, said Chairman Rick Flynn. An executive session required legal counsel and Flynn says the committee was not prepared or biased to do so.

"If nothing else, this is making people aware how the school can use their power — if they want to," says Lewis.

A long road

For all parties involved with the issue, the culmination at Superior Court was a long time coming.

"We are very pleased to be able to provide the services this child needs to be successful," said Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh.

While the Lewises are not pleased with the situation, they plan to keep their son enrolled at Cohasset Middle School at least through the end of the school year, but will be keeping a close eye on his special education program through weekly meetings.

"We'll be protecting him along the way," said Lewis, "he's going to be okay."

Lewis plans to send her youngest to Xaverian High School in Westwood beginning in the fall, just like his four older brothers.

The time she has invested in her son's case is enormous. Over the summer, Lewis spent hours talking with special education advocates, lawyers and the Department of Education. This fall, as they prepared to appear in Superior Court, they spent thousands of dollars on a lawyer to help them fight their battle with Cohasset schools, but due to financial reasons they forged ahead in Superior Court without legal representation.

"I've learned so much, it's amazing," said Lewis, but not all of it is good news for her and parents like her.

"If you read between all the lines very closely the school district needs nothing from the parent," she writes in a letter to the editor this week.

Lewis was not afraid to take her situation public and has spoken freely to the media. When the Superior Court suit was filed and the School Committee declined to hear her in an open forum, she wrote a letter to the Mariner. The Tinytown Gazette wrote a series of articles on the Lewises' issues. After the court proceeding and decision last week, front-page stories and TV spots followed.

On Wednesday night (Dec. 19), she and her husband were guests on the WBZ 1030 night talk show, Nightside with Dan Rea. The host was surprised with the onslaught of calls so to accommodate them all he extended their time on the show into a second hour.

The school's legal counsel, Murphy, Hesse, Toomey and Lehane law firm, represented the Cohasset School Committee at the trial and at the proceedings leading up the day at Superior Court. Lewis requested the school's legal expenses devoted to her son's case and at the close of October the legal fees have mounted to almost $20,000 and it could be considerably more when all is said and done.

"There are parents begging for (special education) services and they can't get them," Lewis said, "it's a shame."

On the school side, School Committee Chairman Flynn explains each child and each case is looked at on an individual basis. In this case, at every step of the way the schools were affirmed they were seeking to provide what the child needed, "We had confidence in the administration and our legal counsel and felt it was the right thing to do…At the end of the day, we did what was needed to look out for the best interest of the child and it was upheld in the court."

But, for Peggy Lewis she believes her son has been treated poorly by the school district. She maintains he was closely monitored and unfairly singled out on numerous occasions.

"An IEP works against kids and we don't want it," she said, "I just feel this has been so big, so bad, something has to be done to protect the parents and children.

"I never would have agreed without a fight," says Lewis. She and her husband are still contemplating if they'd like to pursue an appeal or another avenue to get some more answers, "I know we're right, I know there's something wrong."

Glossary of Special Education Terms

• **Individualized education program, or IEP**: An IEP is developed at a team meeting (consisting of parent(s) and the school's special education representatives) and represents a formal agreement about the services that the school will provide for a child's special education needs. The IEP is a contract between the parent/guardian and the school.

• **Free Appropriate Public Education, or FAPE**: A child who is eligible for special education services is entitled by federal law to receive a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). FAPE ensures that all students with disabilities receive an appropriate public education at no expense to the family. FAPE differs for each student because each student has unique needs. FAPE specifies that needed services must be provided without cost to the family.

• **Bureau of special education appeals, or BSEA**: A department within the state Department of Special Education that conducts mediations, advisory opinions and hearings to resolve disputes among parents, school districts, private schools and state agencies concerning eligibility, evaluation, placement, IEPs, special education services and procedural protections for students with disabilities.

• **Special Education:** Special education is specially designed instruction and related services that meet the unique needs of an eligible student with a disability or a specific service need that is necessary to allow the student with a disability to access the general curriculum. The purpose of special education is to allow the student to successfully develop his or her individual educational potential.

• **Special education Team**: A team is a group of teaching professionals and the parents who convene to plan and provide plan and provide the help that a child needs. The teams must include parent(s)/guardian, at least one special education teacher, at least one regular education teacher, someone to interpret the evaluation results and explain what services may be needed, the child (if between 14 and 22) and possibly others invited by the school district or parent.

**Definitions from "A Parent's Guide to Special Education," a joint publication of the Federation for Children with Special Needs and the Massachusetts Department of Education.*

LEWIS FAMILY TIMELINE

March

• The Lewises' reject their son's new IEP after the special education department recommended additional services. They told the school they would provide additional services outside of school, their proposal was rejected in part.

• The school and the Lewises go into "mediation," where a Department of Education representative attempts to mediate a resolution for the child. No resolution was met.

May

•Late May: Director of Special Services Linda Gill files for a BSEA (Bureau of Special Education Appeals, a department of the state Department of Education) hearing.

July

• Peggy Lewis files Special Education compliance complaints with the Department of Education.

August

• Aug. 6: Peggy Lewis, as an employee of the school department, files a harassment complaint against Linda Gill with the Cohasset schools.

• Aug. 7: BSEA hearing, five hours of testimony is heard.

• Aug. 23: BSEA hearing decision filed. The hearing officer found the school department would be providing a "free and appropriate public education" if the new IEP with additional services was implemented, but said the parents' had the right to make educational decisions for their child.

• Aug. 28: The Lewises send a letter to Gill requesting their son's removal from special service.

• Aug. 31: The Lewises receive notice from Gill informing them that their son will be a regular education student for the first two days of school (Sept. 4 & 5) then in the following days they will be awaiting the Superior Court decision on his special education plan.

September

• Sept. 5: A Superior Court suit is filed against the Lewises.

• Sept. 6: The Lewises receive a notice of hearing for a restraining order in the mail. The restraining order would prevent the Lewises from removing their son from services after the BSEA decision gave them the right to do so. The hearing was scheduled for the same day at 2p.m. At the hearing, a restraining order was issued and the Lewises's son was ordered to go on the new IEP.

• Sept. 17: The Lewises go back to court with a lawyer to try to keep their son on the old IEP while the new IEP was in dispute. The request was denied.

• Late September: Peggy Lewis contacts the members of the School Committee to see if she can be placed on an upcoming agenda. She is denied.

October

• Oct. 5: The Cohasset Mariner publishes a letter to the editor from Kevin and Peggy Lewis. Their letter explains how she lost her parental rights over her child and is facing a two-to-three day trial in Superior Court. The letter also indicates her frustration with the School Committee after they refused to put her on a meeting agenda.

• Oct. 10: The Tinytown Gazette publishes the first in a series of articles about the Lewises and their struggles with the Cohasset school special education department.

November

• Nov. 26: Kevin and Peggy Lewis represent themselves at a pre-trial hearing at Norfolk County Superior Court.

December

• Dec. 13 & 14: At Norfolk Superior Court in Dedham, school administration, teachers and experts testify over a one and a half day period. Judge Patrick Brady rules the Cohasset public schools can keep the eighth grader in a special education program against his parent's wishes. A written decision is pending.

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(Above) Two-year-old Ned Torrey stops by the Coldwell Banker office in Cohasset Village during the Holiday Stroll to remind Santa that he want "trucks, lots of trucks" for Christmas.

(Left) Six-year-old Morgan Cingari tries to get the frosting onto the cookie she's decorating at the French Memories Bakery during the Holiday Stroll in Cohasset Village on Saturday.



(Right) What could be better than chicken minestrone soup while out for a Holiday Stroll on a cold night? The crowd kept Brian Houlihan busy at the soup table outside of the Bia Bistro.

(Below) Eight-year-old Jake Koncius is helping the Grinch give away glow sticks and lollipops to all the strollers passing by on Saturday evening.







(Above) Carmela Drew Fine Foods outdoor table drew a lot of attention. Kevin Kelley particularly enjoyed the various cheeses.

(Left) Stephanie Hoskin, instrumental music teacher at Cohasset Middle-High School, directs the Cohasset Middle-High School Jazz Ensemble at the South Shore Art Center during the Holiday Stroll.

Staff photos by Robin Chan



(Right) The window models at Ports & Company wave to passers-by during the Holiday Stroll. Angie Goosser of Hingham (left) and Phyllis Donovan of Hull frequently volunteer at Ports to support a variety of fundraisers.

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Chamber elects slate of officers

The Cohasset Chamber of Commerce has announced its officers for a one year term are: Frank Campbell, President (Pilgrim Bank), Karen Kirkendall, Vice President (Coastal Countryside Real Estate), Lisa Hewitt, Treasurer (Sheehy & Hewitt, Attorneys), and Darilynn Evans, Secretary (Darilynn's). Other Directors include: David Bigley (All the Best), Beverly Bielewicz (Paperscapes), Sean Cunning (Sullivan, Garrity and Donnelly Insurance), Mary Grayken, Lisa Lynch (Ports & Company), Brian Simone (Morgan Stanley), and Faith Waltman (Epiphany Designs).

Cat Dam decision process flawed

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ing of an amount of time they do not know or have the expertise to determine. The other side will argue to maintain the existing schedule in order to preserve their preferred view of a water filled ILH and minimize the unsubstantiated threat of property value reductions by some undetermined amount based on financial assessments that have not been performed, and environmental opinions they, as well, do not have the expertise to offer.

• If our group cannot come to a conclusion, (and how could we, and with what degree of confidence could anyone have that our decision, however well intentioned, was accurate), the Selectmen will make the decision for changing the schedule of dam operation. And they have not used the previous environmental assessments of ILH to make a decision, and to-date have not performed an economic study to substantiate maintaining the status quo.

• Faced with the above, where is anybody going with this?

• Beyond this Cat-Dam issue, is there now a broader town policy that supports local, non-expert, residents controlling, managing, and making critical decisions on town-owned property that we all benefit from and have access too? If this were an historic town building sitting on the Common, would we allow the set of abutting neighbors to make structural safety assessments and beautification changes without a single architect, or historian in the group? How does the health and beauty of Inner Little Harbor differ?

All historic town sanctioned studies have determined that ILH is polluted and getting worse due to many factors, one of which is Cat Dam; a dam installed decades ago when the knowledge base of environmental science was much smaller than it is today. No one has determined what level of increased flushing through Cat Dam can fix it. Rather than having an expert determine this (whether for free with Coastal Zone Management, or paid to a different consultant), and offer a non-binding report, we are instead allowing emotional opinions from non-experts determine the future of this body of water. How can this approach be in the short or long term interest of our town?

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Upset special

Cohasset knocks off reigning league champions

By David Wolcott
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If the object of the game is to get the ball into basket, doesn't it make sense to take shots closer to the hoop rather than farther away? That's exactly the logic the Cohasset High School girls basketball team employed Tuesday night as it defeated the three-time defending South Shore League champion Carver Crusaders, 51-48, on the road.

"They beat us in every facet of the game that you could think of," Carver High School head coach Tony Pina said after the loss. "They got after loose balls better than we did and they got up and down the floor better than we did. They did everything better than we did. We didn't play well at all and I think Cohasset had a lot to do with that fact."

The Crusaders (2-1) had been able to use the three-point shot as a key to their success, but their shooting eye failed them Tuesday night. They ended up 5-for-21 from beyond the arc in the loss with many of those misses coming during an extended cold spell from the field in the first half.

"Early in the game we were forcing things with the offense and the shots were not falling," Pina said. "When that was happening we weren't looking for the inside game. We didn't show the patience we needed to let things play out. Cohasset did a good job with the press, forcing us to take a lot of time to get the ball up the court."

While Carver missed the long-range shots, Cohasset was more than happy to pound the ball inside to its tall girls and take its chances from a great deal closer to the basket. Sisters Tori and Sammi Lehr led Cohasset with 12 points each, combining to score 20 of Cohasset's 28 points in the second half.

Sophomore point guard Ally Thatcher led three Carver players in double-figures with 14 points. Classmates Ashley Fruzzetti and Mari Meserve added 10 points each in the loss.

Fruzzetti and Thatcher scored early to get Carver out to a 10-4 lead in the first four minutes of the game, but Cohasset battled back to get within a basket, 12-10, at the end of the first quarter.

Carli Haggerty's three-point play gave the Skippers their first lead of the game with six minutes left in the half, 17-14. The lead seesawed the rest of the half before Thatcher stole a pass and set up Fruzzetti for a jumper that tied the game heading into the break, 23-23.

Carver picked up the intensity in the third quarter. Meserve helped things out by setting up Thatcher and Lakiesha Govoni (six points) for easy hoops to give Carver a 28-27 lead, but Cohasset answered by pounding the basketball down in the paint to the Lehr sisters for high-percentage points. The Skippers had the momentum as well as a 39-33 lead heading into the final quarter.

The momentum was back in Carver's favor early in the fourth quarter. Megan Sheehan's arching three-pointer capped off a 7-1 run that tied the game, 40-40, with just under five minutes left. Sammi Lehr's free throw put Cohasset back on top by a point,

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Cohasset's Jake Wheelwright, top, breaks down Pembroke's Tom Simon during the Skippers season opener Saturday, Dec. 8.

Wrestlers get back on mat

Young Skippers look to defend May Shore League crown

By Joel Racicot
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The Cohasset High School wrestling team may be a bit inexperienced and undermanned but it will be tough to face nonetheless this winter sports season.

The team has only a pair of seniors, Steve Hurlbut (215 pounds) and Nick Secatore (160-171). Both captains will be looked upon to lead the young team in the competitive May Shore League. Hurlbut finished third in the Division 3 South sectionals last year. Secatore has worked hard in the off-season and come into this year ready to lead the young Skippers.

Juniors Mike Froio (152-160) and David Toomey (145) are also captains on this year's team. Froio finished fifth as a freshman in the Division 3 South sectional and looks to get back in the mix this year. Toomey finished fourth in the sectional last year.

"We have a lot of underclassmen that don't have a tremendous amount of experience," head coach Torin Sweeney said. "We will be a work in progress."

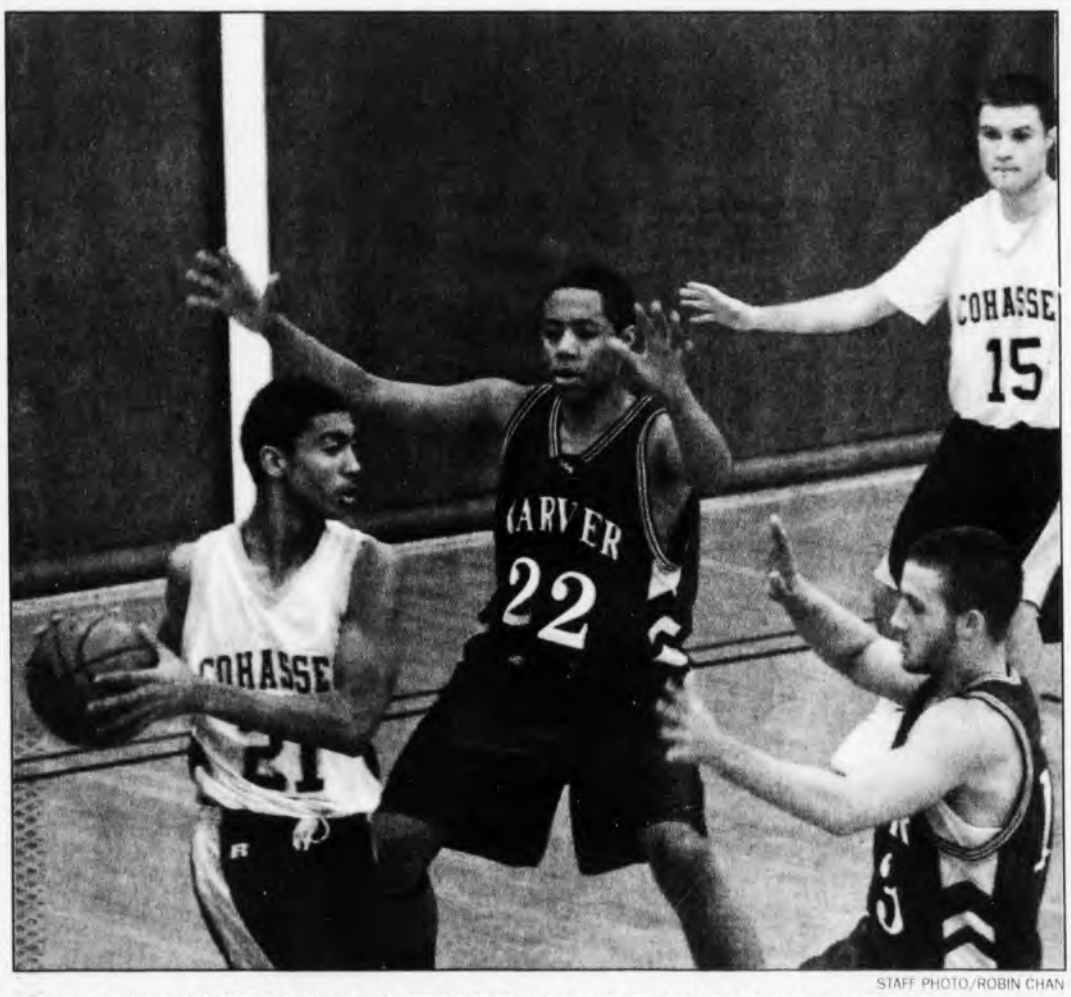
As far as the four captains, they lead in the experience department and all four will be vital to the Skippers hopes for success in 2007-2008. Last year Cohasset finished 16-13 and won the May Shore League championship by finishing 7-0 in league. The May Shore combines teams from the South Shore and the Mayflower League into one league.

"Those guys have the most experience and will be looked upon for leadership," Sweeney said. "So far they have done a great job."

The biggest problem for Cohasset has been filling up its roster. The Skippers have 24 kids from the freshman up, but haven't found a wrestler at 112 pounds. Thus, they have been forced to forfeit the valuable points.

"We have great team chemistry and work ethic, but the biggest problem has been at 112

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Cohasset freshman K.J. Pontes looks for a teammate to pass the ball to as the Carver defenders swarm him.

Learning as they go

Skippers win one; lose two to start the season

By Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

Despite winning its first game of the season, 66-42, against South Shore Christian Academy, the Cohasset boys varsity basketball team dropped two in a row to South Shore League opponents Abington and Carver. But, these two losses are not the same types of losses the Skippers experienced last season because this year, the team is putting forth strong, competitive efforts each time it takes the floor.

Although the final score of Friday's game against Abington, 77-57, makes it appear as Cohasset got blown out right from the start, the Skippers played a very competitive first half and head coach Dorian Bryant looked at the game as a "good learning experience."

Cohasset only trailed by six points at halftime and was in it for most of the game. The killer for Cohasset: turnovers. Led by sophomore point guard Kristian LaPointe, the Green Wave of Abington was able to run all over the court and force numerous turnovers on the Cohasset side. Lapointe, who finished with 18 points, is by far the fastest player in the league and makes quick decisions.

"We need to find a way to slow him down nest time so we don't end up running a marathon out there," Bryant said about the skilled player.

Junior and second year varsity player Marcus Charles led the way for Cohasset. He scored a team-high 17 points in the game and kept the Skippers in it for much of the first half. Senior captain Pat McCarthy, returning from a finger injury that kept him out of the first game, also hit double digits for Cohasset. McCarthy finished with 10 points.

Unlike the game at Abington, Cohasset was neck and neck with Carver until the final minute of Tuesday night's game. Thanks to McCarthy's six points in the first quarter, Cohasset led by one point going into the second half. Fortunes turned bad though for the captain as he tallied his third foul on a technical foul called by the referees. With three fouls this early in the game, McCarthy was forced to sit the rest of the half.

Despite Charles' two three pointer's, one coming with an extra foul shot making it seven total points, Cohasset fell into a tiny slump and trailed by three at the half.

With McCarthy back in the game to start the second half, Cohasset appeared to be rejuvenated. He hit two big three-pointers to keep Cohasset within eight points at the end of the third quarter.

With a little four minutes left in the

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Eighth grade girls travel basketball team defeats Pembroke, falls to Abington

The eighth grade girls travel basketball team faced Abington and Pembroke last weekend and came away with one win and one hard fought loss. Saturday night, Cohasset traveled to Abington and came home on the short end of a deceptive 31-21 score.

Defense set the tone early with Cohasset playing an aggressive 1-2-2 against a strong Abington squad. Abington took an early four-point lead, but it was not destined to last. Strong defense forced it to play an outside game and when the girls tried to come inside they ran into tall Cohasset centers and forwards who shut them down with 22 blocked shots, led by Allie Farren (eight), Watson Leffel (five), and Olivia Franklin, Christie Fitzgerald and Anna Seraikas with three each.

The score went back and forth throughout the first half. The half court press generated scoring opportunities on steals by Anna Seraikas and Christie Fitzgerald, which combined with breaks off defensive rebounds kept Cohasset neck and neck with its opponent. The energy was high and players ran the court full speed for the entire half, and even through substitutions, the team played like a well-oiled machine. Ellie Tedeschi off an assist hit a short jumper in traffic, adding two points for Cohasset. At the close of the half, Cohasset connected on a long pass over the press to a breaking Allie Farren, but her heavily defended lay-up did not count due to a travel call. When the buzzer rang the score stood 17-13 in favor of Abington.

Cohasset continued the intensity in the second half. The game was physical, but Cohasset held its ground. The team moved the ball well on offense and was able to get off a lot of shots. Strong offensive rebounding by Watson Leffel (eight), Allie Farren (seven), Jen Mullin (six), and Isabel Robinson (three) gave Cohasset additional chances to score. In the last four minutes of play, Abington's aggressive press forced turnovers that led to points. Cohasset continued to hustle and put up shots, but the ball did not fall in its favor. The hard fought contest ended with Abington winning, 31-21, but according to spectators the score hardly reflected how the game was played.

Every player on the team gave a 100% effort and worked well with their teammates. Special recognition goes out to Anna Seraikas who had an outstanding game, leading the team on offense and sparking the squad on defense. In recognition of her tenacious play Seraikas earned the coveted Hustle Award tallying six points, two rebounds, seven steals and three blocked shots.

Sunday the team defeated Pembroke at home, 38-21. Cohasset came out aggressive, but it took three minutes for the team to warm up and settle into its game. With the score 2-2, Cohasset's defense sparked offense activity. Jen Mullin put in a short jumper and Allie Farren chipped one in on a second effort to make the score at 6-4. Well-executed traps on Cohasset's half court press created turnovers and fast breaks. Anna Seraikas and Isabel Robinson were sent to the line where they made 3-of-4 attempts. Sage Stebbins took control of a loose ball and hit Watson Leffel for two points. A high-speed lay-up off a steal by Christie Fitzgerald put Cohasset in the lead at the half, 15-4.

The squad came out in the second half and made a number of nice plays both from the offensive set and on breaks. Sage Stebbins with (11), Allie Farren (10), Watson Leffel (eight), Isabel Robinson (seven), Jen Mullin (six), and Olivia Franklin (two) and Ellie Tedeschi (two) all rebounded well. Anna Seraikas found Allie Farren for two points before Pembroke put in a lay-up. Cohasset answered right back. Allie Farren scored and then she assisted on Olivia Franklin's basket. Press breaks led to drives and lay-ups by Christie Fitzgerald, Isabel Robinson and Sage Stebbins pushing the score to 34-18. A swish dropped from the corner by Olivia Franklin was called back on a three-second violation. With 50 seconds remaining in the contest, Sage Stebbins stole the ball and drove the length of the court for two points. Just 25 seconds later, Sage stole the ball again, finding Seraikas for a pair and putting the final score at 38-21.

Once again, all players came out to play ball against Pembroke, but it seemed Sage Stebbins was all over the court. Stebbins received the Hustle Award in recognition of her focused effort and high level energy that resulted in four points, three offensive rebounds, eight defensive rebounds and seven steals.

Close calls

Sixth grade boys basketball travel team wins one, loses two

The sixth grade boys travel basketball team kicked off its regular season last weekend against a very talented ball club from Weymouth. It was a close contest for most of the first half that featured a lot of back and forth on both sides with many near misses for the boys in blue. Jack Conte played well at the point guard position with a couple of nice baskets from the outside. Mark Rattenbury had some great opportunities in the middle and made his share of rebounds. Mark Brown scored four points. He led the team in rebounds and fought hard all game with a terrific effort.

Rocco Laugelle generated several turnovers that were converted into points and continued to disrupt Weymouth's even tempo. Mark McKenna drained a nice free throw from the line. Timmy Cavanaro and Jack Stanganelli played well off the bench on defense and picked up a few key rebounds along the way. Doug Fitzgerald and Zach Coggins contributed from the guard position, including two points for Coggins at the buzzer. But it was Weymouth's double teaming tenacity that would confuse Cohasset in the end and ultimately keep it at bay throughout the game. Weymouth prevailed 34-22 to take the season opener.

Cohasset faced Hanson next. Hanson rolled out its right-hander to intimidate the lads from the coast, but fear not, Cohasset's keen coaching staff scouted the one-armed bandit early and matched him up with its master of dexterity Rocco "hands" Laugelle. Laugelle would torment his opponent's talented attack with toughness and a knack for forcing the righty to pitch lefty. He scored six and loved every minute of it. Mark Brown led his boys with a dozen and played both ends of the court like a champ. Henry Brown posted five points. Brendan O'Connell directed the show from the point. He scored a half dozen and served up some dishes to the big heavy's down low.

Joe Buckley delivered his usual punishment on the boards and on defense, and oh yeah, scored five points along the way. Chris Haggerty scored a deuce. He also played terrific on the boards yanking down his share of rebounds. Jack Conte, Zach Coggins and Mark McKenna all contributed big on defense and make great decisions with the ball. Connor Green did his thing with rebounds and heads up play all night that complemented an overall outstanding team effort that led Cohasset to its first win of the young season, 36-27.

Cohasset took on Abington next. The boys in blue knew coming in that the Green Wave were a well coached, great shooting, tough bunch with good height. Doug Fitzgerald came out firing with his Cousy-like rhythm. He provided some nice points to keep it close early with well-timed rebounds. Brendan O'Connell had some nice bids from the perimeter. Chris Haggerty posted a pair and snatched many a rebound. Jack Stanganelli played terrific at the forward post. He scored two points to knot it up at 10-10 with a minute left in the first half.

Connor Green drained a nice foul shot to keep things close before Abington began to pull away as the second half rolled on. Then the Brown and Buckley show turned on the lights. Henry was on fire as he logged six points in the second half alone. Joe added six to his first half pair to post a snowman for the night. But it was Joe B. on the boards and seemingly matching every rebound with a steal that kept this game close down to the wire, and that wire was stretched thin at the buzzer. Cohasset pulled ahead 25-24 with 29 seconds remaining. Timmy Cavanaro snagged an offensive rebound and took it to the hoop, but it rolled off the rim and into an Abington players' hands with 10 seconds left in the game. The Abington player went coast to coast for the lay-up to go ahead by one point. Cohasset inbounded the ball, but its last second shot wasn't meant to be as the boys in blue lost, 26-25, on the road.

Cohasset knocks off reigning league champions

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but the speedy Thatcher answered back in a flash with a driving hoop to give Carver its final lead of the game, 42-41, with 4:03 remaining on the clock.

Cohasset charged back into the lead with a little help from everyone as four different players scored a hoop to give them a 49-42 lead with 1:50 to go, but Govoni and Thatcher responded with baskets that cut the lead to 49-46 with 1:10 left to play.

Chelsea Pilling made sure her only hoop of the night was a big one when her short jumper got Carver to within a single point with 39.4 seconds left.

Tori Lehr nailed a jumper to put Cohasset on top 51-48. Carver turned the ball over in the backcourt and was forced to foul Sammi Lehr with 5.9 seconds left. She missed the front end of the one, which meant Carver had to go the length of the court in less than five seconds.

The Skippers (2-1) weren't about to allow a miracle comeback by Carver as they stalled Carver in the backcourt long enough for time to run out before it could get a shot off.

Up next

The Cohasset Holiday Tournament will take place Thursday, Dec. 27, at the high school. West Bridgewater faces Hull in the first game at 3 p.m. The Skippers face Sacred Heart at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28, the consolation and championship games will take place at the same times. Cohasset resumes its regular season schedule Friday, Jan. 4, when it travels over the bridge to face Harwich at 6:30 p.m.

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Back on the mat

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pounds, we can't cover it because we only have one kid at 103," Sweeney said.

Despite the youth, Cohasset will compete against a very difficult schedule. The kids may be young, but Sweeney thinks the good slate of meets will make his guys stronger.

"This is one of the most difficult schedules we have had," Sweeney said. "It's tougher than we anticipated, but our guys are only going to get better with every match at the varsity level."

Cohasset faced Pembroke and Mansfield to begin the season Saturday, Dec. 8, and dropped both matches. The Titans and the Warriors are strong teams, but many Skippers fared well.

Pembroke won, 36-26, but in that match Matt Dooley (103), Andrew Littauer (140), Jake Wheelwright (152), Froio (160) and Hurlbut (215) all won for Cohasset. Littauer won his match by pin.

Mansfield defeated Cohasset, 56-18, but Dooley, Toomey (145) and Jack Murphy (119) all won by pin.

Since then

Entering Wednesday night's (Dec. 19) home match against Bristol-Plymouth the Skippers have alternated wins and losses en route to a 2-5 record. Cohasset picked up its first victories of the season Saturday, Dec. 15, as it defeated Canton, 39-31, and Hanover, 56-18, in a home quad-meet. The Skippers didn't fare as well against Hingham, 46-27, or Norton, 38-32. Cohasset's other loss came Wednesday, Dec. 12, as it lost, 49-19, to the Eagles at BC High.

Up next

The Skippers are on the road now for a while as they compete in two tri-meets, a holiday tournament and a dual-meet. Saturday, Dec. 22, the squad travels to Lynnfield High School to take on Wakefield, Wilmington and the host school. The meet begins at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, and Friday, Dec. 28, the boys take part in the Marshfield Holiday Tournament at Marshfield High School. Competition begins at 10 a.m. Thursday and noon Friday. Saturday, Jan. 5, the team travels to Braintree to take on St. John's Prep, Bridgewater-Raynham and the host school. Competition begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, the boys travel to Norwell to face the Clippers at 3:30 p.m.

Cohasset returns home Saturday, Jan. 12, to take part in its Invitational Tournament. Competition begins at 10 a.m.

Cohasset Youth Baseball & Softball launches new online registration

The Cohasset Youth Baseball & Softball Association (CYBSA) will hold its annual registration for the upcoming baseball and softball spring season online beginning Friday, Dec. 21, through Friday, Feb. 1. Parents/Guardians can complete the registration process by visiting our Web site: CYBSA.net

Registrations that are completed after Friday, Feb. 1, will be charged a $50 per player late fee and late registrants will only be placed on a team if space permits, on a first come-first serve basis. The late fee will be strictly enforced, and there is no guarantee that late registered players will be accommodated, as uniform orders and other season plans will be made Feb. 1. Everyone's cooperation in registering players in a timely manner is greatly appreciated as it allows the Cohasset Youth Baseball & Softball Association to establish rosters and order equipment and uniforms so that it's ready for Opening Day.

Be advised that returning players already assigned to a Major League team are still required to register.

The Cohasset Youth Baseball & Softball Association will also provide a one day walk-in registration Saturday, Jan. 26. Visit CYBSA.net for details.

Learning as they go

FROM BHOOPS, PAGE 17

final quarter, Cohasset looked to be drained. That is until rising freshman star Robert Jones went on a scoring rampage. Jones drilled two three-pointers and then made a lay-up scoring eight Cohasset points in a row to bring the Skippers to within a basket of Carver.

"For a freshman, I was surprised how well Robert knows the game and how well he can control the floor from the point position," Bryant said about his first year player.

Cohasset still trailed by two with about two minutes left in the game when junior and second year varsity player Danny Martin sunk two free throws to tie and the game. Then, on Carver's next possession, Martin grabbed a rebound and beat everyone down the floor for an easy lay-up attempt. Well, an easy lay-up attempt for most players, but for Martin, as he showed the fans last year, and open lane means only one thing: a slam dunk. And that is exactly what Martin was thinking on this night as he went up with both hands, dunked the ball, and even swung on the rim; all a part of giving his team a two-point lead with two minutes left in the game.

"We lost our composure a little bit on the floor, which happens, but we can take this as a positive learning experience."
Dorian Bryant

Unfortunately, the roaring crowd was soon to be disappointed, as Cohasset could not muster a point the rest of the game consequently losing to Carver, 59-50. When asked what happened at the end of the game, Bryant responded, "We lost our composure a little bit on the floor, which happens, but we can take this as a positive learning experience."

With Martin finishing with 10 points, McCarthy finishing with 12 points, and Jones finishing with eight and showing signs of maturity, Bryant has a lot to take away from this game as his team heads into the Holiday Tournament. Most importantly though, Bryant noted that, "It's nice to see we can play with a team like that [Carver] whom most coaches around the league see as one of the better teams."

Cohasset 66, South Shore Christian 42

Following the team's first game over South Shore Christian Academy, Bryant stressed the fact that his basketball team had a much better attitude than it did a year ago. Well with their new and improved attitude the Skippers were able to go on to defeat South Shore Christian, 66-42.

With McCarthy out of action due to a broken finger, it was up to the rest of the team, including four new varsity players, to step it up. These four new players consist of junior Gordon Smith, who played both junior varsity and varsity last year, sophomore John Maher, and two freshmen K.J. Pontes and Jones. All were able to get significant playing time and make contributions to Cohasset's first win of the season. Jones finished with seven assists from the point guard position.

At halftime Cohasset already led the game by 14 points, 34-20. This was largely due to the outstanding performance of Charles. After draining two three-pointers with under a minute to go in the half, and finishing with three three-pointers, Charles tallied 15 points by half. He would go on to finish with a game high 19 points.

Martin also played fantastically in the game, starting right where he left off last season. With seven points in the first and six in the second, he played solid the whole game and finished with 12 points.

The Skippers dominated the game right from the tip and it continued in the second half where they played almost flawless basketball and like a team should.

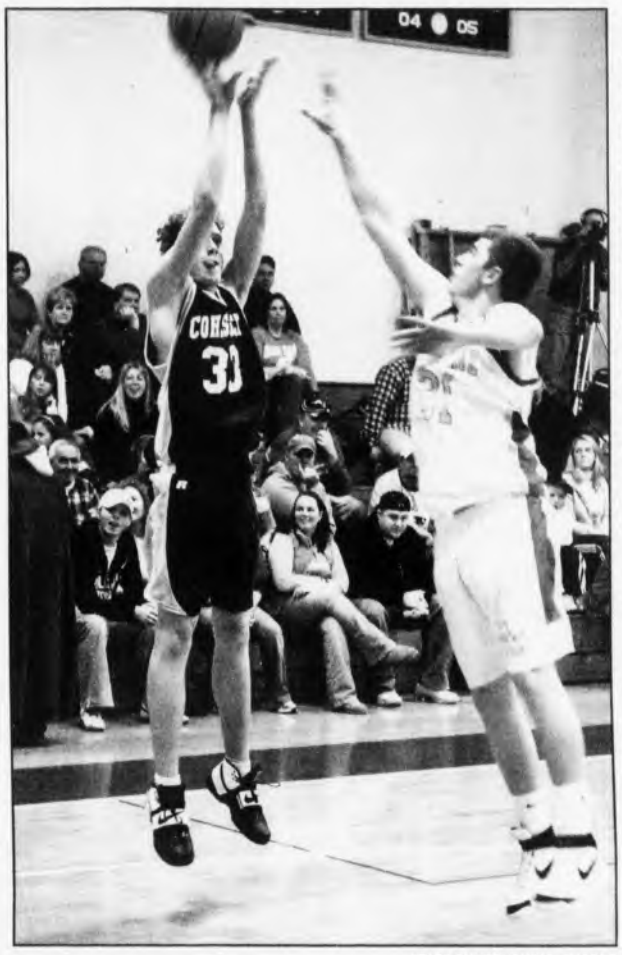
"They're a bunch of guys that like to be together," Bryant said after the game about his team's chemistry. "The attitude is a lot better than it's been in the locker room," Bryant said about the fact that for the first time in a while the team believes in itself and the players are excited to play.

Bryant also talked about what his team is going to be working on the hardest and most this season to continue winning.

"Defense and rebounding is going to be our focus," Bryant said. "If we can do those things then we'll have a chance." One difference from last season Bryant also pointed out is the fact that because of the age of his team it's "not afraid to fail."

Up next

The Cohasset Holiday Tournament will take place Thursday, Dec. 27, at the high school. West Bridgewater faces Hull in the first game at 4:30 p.m. The Skippers face Sacred Heart at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28, the consolation and championship games will take place at the same times. Cohasset resumes its regular season schedule Friday, Jan. 4, when it hosts Harwich at 6:30 p.m.



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Cohasset's Danny Martin takes a jump shot against Abington.



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LIFE AT LINDEN PONDS

CHRISTINE KENT



Too bad there were no snow days or "ice days" to shorten the week, which many students struggled to complete with grace and motivation! Who can blame us? With the distraction of glistening snow just waiting for kids to play Man VS Wild, it was hard to focus on any homework assignments…oh and did I mention the fact that for *some* it's only a matter of days until Old Saint Nick visits?

For the seniors, the anticipation of receiving college letters proved, or rather continues to be, exciting enough amidst the holiday chaos. No worries guys, like the saying goes, "there is a school for everyone" so keep on the sunny side…and if all else fails, TRAVEL! Sorry parents, it may not be the best advice, but it's all I've got right now!

On a different note, middle school English teacher, Mr. McCabe has started a clothing drive for adult winter apparel for the homeless. Packages of new socks, jackets, hats, gloves, and any other warm garments are needed and can be dropped off in room 224 in the middle school.

Next up, a special message from the Cohasset Education Foundation: "Please check your mail for the recent annual appeal that went out to all of you from the Cohasset Education Foundation. The CEF funds projects that enhance and enrich our program. It also is building an endowment to ensure long-term support for our schools. Check out the website www.cohassetedu-cation.org and send in your donation to the CEF at PO Box 309, Cohasset, MA. Students, Parents, and alums-please Support the CEF!"

Now, it is time for the run down of the weekly events!

• Monday, Dec. 17: The girl's varsity gymnastics team flipped into *enemy territory* to compete against Carver.

• Tuesday, Dec. 18: National Honor Society hopefuls met in the library during lunch to discuss a possible future in NHS. Also, the boys and girls swimming team beat Silver Lake.

• Wednesday, Dec. 19: The wrestling team donned their spandex suits before facing Bristol Plymouth Voc. Tech. If the wrestling matches did not provide enough excitement for viewers than maybe the boys varsity hockey game in Carver did the trick!

• Thursday, Dec. 20: Forget the Boston Pops… the Chorus and band members were able to channel their inner superstars for the delightfully entertaining High School Winter Concert.

• Friday, Dec. 21: The last day before vacation…enough said!

Well, that's it for me this week! Have a safe and great holiday break!

Christine Kent is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly in the Mariner.

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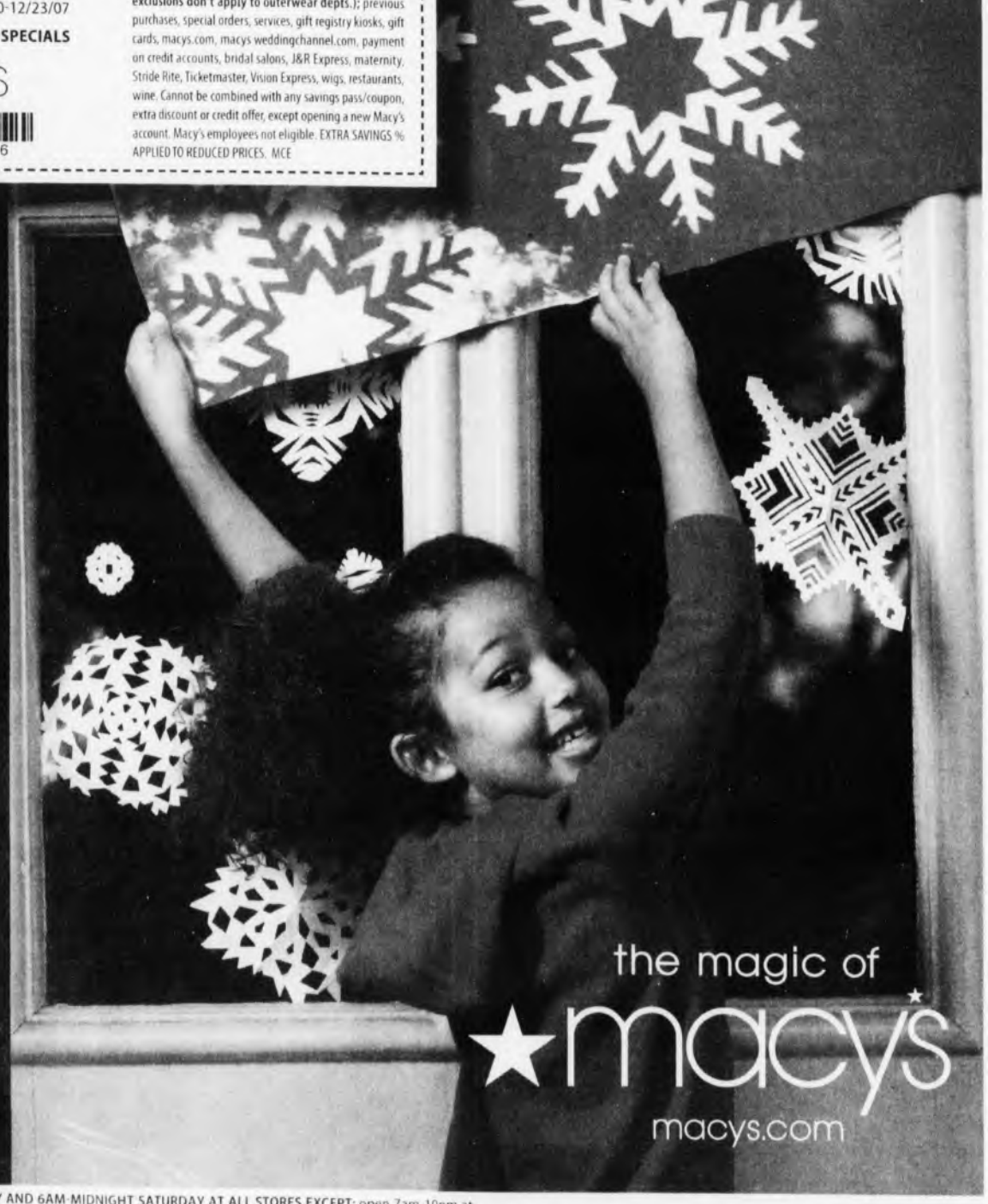
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SSCC Nursery School registration to start

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South Shore Community Center Nursery School offers three levels of programs to meet the needs of children ages 3 to 5. The morning program is from 9 to 11:30 a.m., and the afternoon program is from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Lunch Bunch or Discovery Class is offered as an extended day program as well as various Community Center programs. The program for the youngster children, the Nursery Program is for children who will be 3 years old by Nov. 1. The Pre-Kindergarten Program is for children who will be 4 by Nov. 1. Also offered is a special Enrichment Program for those children who are older 4s and 5s who are looking for a challenging year before they enter kindergarten.

The Nursery School program's goal is to provide a happy, safe environment where children will develop trust and have a positive school experience. The children will have the opportunity to recognize their own talents and abilities and will be encouraged to approach new experiences with a spirit of enthusiasm and self-confidence. Guidelines for Preschool Learning Experiences created by the Early Childhood Advisory Council to the Massachusetts Board of Education are followed. It is based on the standards set up for the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.

The Nursery School has observation mirrors in each classroom so feel free to stop in any time to see all of the things that occur in the program. For more information or to set up an appointment to meet the director, call Ann Madden at 781-383-0036. The director can also be reached by email at amadden@southshorecommunitycenter.com. South Shore Community Center Nursery School is licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care and is at 3 N. Main St., Cohasset Village.

Teen Center to hold dance

A dance for Cohasset youngsters in grades 6 through 8 will be held from 7 to 10 p.m., Friday, Jan. 4, at the Midnight Blue Teen Center, next to the Red Lion Inn. A student identification card will be required when signing in for the dance and no one will be admitted after 8:30 p.m. Youngsters should make sure they can gain admittance before their ride leaves, as once the center reaches capacity, no further admittance will be allowed.

The cost is $5 per person and snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase. This is not a school function. For more information, call the Recreation Commission at 781-383-4109.



COURTESY PHOTOS

The children from the Nursery School Enrichment and PRE-K program go caroling around Cohasset Village.

Holidays at the South Shore Community Center



Jimmy Grech and Jaime Fox of the Enrichment class work on a gingerbread house. For more information about programs at the community center, call 781-383-0088.



The children of the PRE-K program dressed as reindeer sing and play Jingle Bells.

It's Happening

Bikram Yoga classes

Cohasset Recreation Department has announced registration is underway for Bikram Yoga classes to be taught by Katrina Klein of Bikram Yoga South Shore. Klein is a national licensed master yoga teacher.

Classes for ages 7 through 13 are scheduled to begin Wednesday, Jan. 9, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., at Bikram Yoga Cohasset Studio, 380 CJC Highway, second level, west wing.

The session will be six weeks in duration, meeting each Wednesday from Jan. 6 through Feb. 13. The fee for the six-week session is $70 per participant. Those attending need to bring a mat and water to each class.

Registration may be made online at Bikramyogacohasset.com or at Cohasset Recreation Department at Town Hall.

Bikram Yoga focuses on physical flexibility, coordination and strength of mind and body. Children who practice yoga often experience increased self-esteem and are better able to cope with stress according to many studies. More detailed information is available on the Web site.

Class size is limited; early registration is advised.

Drama Kids classes available

Drama Kids is offering after-school classes for children ages 3 through 12. The Drama Kids program focuses on developing children's verbal abilities while enhancing creativity, social confidence and building self esteem. Classes take place at locations in Scituate, Cohasset and Hingham.

Call 781-749-4911 or visit dramakids.com for more information.

Lifesaving Museum vacation activity

The Hull Lifesaving Museum at 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull, will host a drop in activity for children from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday Dec. 26 and Thursday, Dec. 27. Children can drop by the museum to make their own Hull pop-up book. The museum staff will capture the charm of the town, with pop-ups of local landmarks, such as the Lifesaving Museum, Paragon Carousel, and Boston Light. Kids can begin with the museum's template and add plenty of their own creativity. The activity is recommended for children 4 and older. A donation of $5 is suggested.

For more information, call 781-925-5433 or visit www.lifesavingmuseum.org.

New exhibit at art center

A national show, juried by Boston artist Gerry Bergstein, "Paint!" has opened at the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road. Gerry selected 56 pieces from more than 600 images for the show. Among the artists whose work was selected are Boston artists Lisa Houck, Colleen Kiely, C.J. Lori, and William Tarnowski. Artists from the South Shore include Abby Zonies from Milton; Vcevy Strekalovsky, Michael Weymouth, Page Railsback, and Priscilla Seddon from Hingham; Paul Andrade from Quincy; and Richard and Kimberlee Alemian from Cohasset.

Eleven states across the country including New York and California are represented in the exhibition. The exhibition will continue through December.

In addition The Dillon Gallery will showcase the work of SSAC Gallery Artists with "Small Works," featuring artwork under 400 square inches and priced for holiday giving.

South Shore Art Center gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday and noon to 4 p.m., Sunday. For more information, visit www.ssac.org, email shannan@ssac.org or call 781-383-2787.

New Years Eve Celebration

The Hull Knights of Columbus will host a New Year's Eve Celebration at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 31, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 440 Nantasket Ave., Hull. A roast beef dinner will be served at 8 p.m., and dance music will be provided by D.J., Gerry Connell. Tickets cost $30 per person. Everyone is welcome. For reservations, call 781-925-1712.

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Jessica Moy concentrates on her holiday recipe.



Kalin McMahon, Olivia McAlarney-Gross, Luke Adams and Sam Fox are hard at work coming up with creative recipe ideas for the holidays.



Julia Gallagher thinks up a great recipe for hot cocoa.



Christopher Fitzsimmons has a great idea for pumpkin pie!

Well it's that time of year again. Crazy schedules, decorating, shopping and running here, there and everywhere. Of course, all of this leaves very little time for creative cooking. To make this busy holiday season just a little easier for you and your family, Derry Schwantner has compiled recipes from Mrs. Welch's kindergarten chefs in the new computer lab at Osgood School.. Students lent their talents and cooking expertise to this fabulous cookbook and each recipe was carefully typed using their exact wording. Enjoy and Happy Holidays!



Sam Hess and Reid Hosp agree it takes a lot of big thinking for all of these great recipes!

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Gregory Smith

All you have to have is cheese and mayonnaise.

Put some bread and cheese and mayonnaise on a plate. Then put on the other half of the bread. Cook it with an oven or with a stove. All we just do is play while it cooks. My mom makes it. The grilled cheese is cut into triangles and then we pick it up and eat it.

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Plain pasta
Shake cheese

My mom uses a pot. She stirs it I think on the stove. It cooks for I think about 20 minutes. When its done my mom puts shake cheese on it.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES

Ellery Sledesky

Dough
Chocolate chips
Sprinkles

Mix it around. Put some frosting on it and make it into a shape. Put it in the oven for maybe like an hour or tow. That's it.

HOT COCOA

Julia Gallagher

Marshmallows
Nothing else

Brown sugar in a pot for 10 minutes. Put it together with milk.

PIE

John Ford Centeio

Blueberries
Eggs
Bread

Mix it together. Put it in the oven for I think 15 minutes. The oven needs to be 40 degrees.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE

Samuel Kefallinos

Ginger
Other things and stuff

Put it in the oven before you decorate it for about 10 minutes or 20 minutes on 400 degrees or something. Put decorations on and then smash it with a hammer. That's the end of the recipe.

VEGETABLES

Lenna Pellegrini

Some corn

I cook it in the oven and I butter it for 5 minutes. I put it on a plate with a kind of special dinner like at a dinner party.

PIZZA

Luke Adams

Dough
Cheese
Maybe sauce

I think you put it in the oven for an hour and I don't know what else.

BROWNIES WITH CANDY CANES IN THEM

Madeleine Donovan

Butter
Sugar
I think flour

You mx it all together and put it in the oven for I think 10 seconds. The oven should be 30 degrees.

PUMPKIN PE

Christopher Fitzsimons

Pumpkins
Some pie crust
I forget the rest

You slice it and put it in the oven for 5 hours. Wait until its dinner time and have dinner. After dinner, you have the dessert and the dessert is the pumpkin pie. You eat it with a fork.

GINGERBREAD MEN

Samuel Fox

Ginger bread
Candy
Ginger
Some sprinkles

You cook it in the oven for 8 minutes. The oven should be kind of in the middle of hot and cold. You wait until it cools off and then you eat it, but it might be too hard because once I made a volcano out of gingerbread and it was way too hard to bite.

ORANGE JUICE

Samuel Hess

Some oranges

You squeeze the oranges into a container. Take out the orange pieces with a knife. Then drink it.

EGGNOG

Maggie Hoffman

First you crack 3 eggs. Then you put a pound of milk in it and then you stir it up. Then you put it in the oven for about 5 minutes. The oven should be like about 2 degrees. Take it out of the oven and then you just pour it into glasses.

SANDWICH

Reid Hosp

Just peanut butter
Fluff
Jelly
I guess that's it

Just put one bread down and then put fluff and anything else on it. Then you put the other bread on it. Cut it four times.

SANTA COOKIES

Olivia Mcalarney-Gross

Frosting
Sprinkles
Sugar
Flour
Vanilla
Water

Mix it all together. Put it in the bowl and then in santa cutouts. Put them in the oven for a half an hour and the oven should be just a little bit hot. When they're done cooking we put sprinkles on them and then we put frosting.

CRANBERRY SAUCE

Kalin McMahone

Cranberries

Open the can. Take it out with a fork. Sometimes I put it on a plate. Then I eat it. My mom says sometimes I can eat the whole thing because I love cranberries!



COURTESY PHOTOS/DERRY SCHWANTNER

Mrs. Welch's class puts their "thinking caps" on to come up with some great holiday recipes.

ICE CREAM

Anna Thomas

Flour
Taste of Peppermint stick
Peppermint
Little bit of water

Mix all together and then it would taste like peppermint sticks. Put it in the freezer. You serve it in a cone or a bowl.

PIZZA

Regan Thomas

Salsa
Cheese
Pepperonis
Crust

You do salsa first and then the cheese. Then put the pepperoni and then the crust. Put it in the oven for 15 minutes. The oven should be very hot. Put it on a plate or a pan and then you pick it up and eat it.

HOT CHOCOLATE

Michael Sanderson

Chocolate
Water
Crème I think
Candy canes

We just put water in a pan and put chocolate in the pan and wait for it to boil. Then my mom pours it in a mug and then we dip candy canes in it.

Business Notes

New instructors join growing Pilates studio

An explosion of interest in Pilates exercise has led Mindfull Body Works Pilates Studio in Cohasset to expand. By taking a larger space and increasing the number of instructors from one to three, MBW can accommodate more clients who are interested in Pilates equipment training.



Ann Rein



Donna Silva

There are few who take on the demanding educational requirements of equipment certification. Both Ann Rein and Donna Silva have received certifications through accredited international education programs and are qualified to teach private and semi-private equipment based lessons as well as mat classes. Each brings a unique history and style to their teaching.

Ann Rein has lived on the South Shore for most of her life, working in business and project management. She left corporate life and started a gardening business, pursued herbal studies and became a beekeeper. After suffering with low back pain for many years, and on the recommendation of her chiropractor, she started taking Pilates mat classes in 1999. Within a few months her back pain was gone. Ann's personal experience motivated her to further her own practice and teach Pilates to help others. She is certified in the classical method through the Peak Pilates program.

Donna Silva was introduced to Pilates exercise through the dance world. Donna danced, taught and lived in New York City, Seattle, Wash., and Switzerland. After enjoying a successful 15-year-span of dancing with several companies, including the Joffrey Ballet, she founded and directed Dance Academy Silva in Switzerland, training young dancers there for 13 years. She continues to teach dancers as a guest teacher in various programs and schools across the U.S. and Switzerland and is presently on the faculty of The Gold Studios, Boston Ballet and The Boston Conservatory. Her certification is in both the contemporary Stott Pilates style and the classical style through Peak Pilates.

MBW is a fully equipped, privately owned Pilates studio that offers private and semi-private partner training, and mat classes. It is located in the James Brook Crossing Shoppes center at 1 Pleasant Street. Personal training is by appointment and is available from 8 a.m. to early evening, Monday through Friday; and from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday. For more information, contact owner, Lynn Stafford at 781-383-3256.

Pilgrim Bank welcomes Judith Cogan

Pilgrim Bank announces that Judith Cogan has joined the bank as vice president, commercial lender, as of December 2007. In this newly created position, Cogan will be responsible for expansion of Pilgrim's commercial real estate, commercial lending and business development areas. She brings several years of commercial lending experience to Pilgrim.

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Fran Golden
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Golfo Dulce, Costa Rica -

It was the banana the monkey was interested in, but I couldn't take my eyes off the long fingers of her dark monkey hands as she reached for her treat.

I was holding the monkey at Canas Blancas animal sanctuary on the Golfo Dulce (Sweet Gulf) of Costa Rica, and it felt an awful lot like I was holding a toddler – I even found myself rocking the animal on my hip.

I had come here to get up close with nature and this was about as close as you can get.

My exploration of the remote Pacific coasts of Costa Rica and Panama was on the 100-passenger expedition ship Pacific Explorer.

The ship took us mostly to places where we did not encounter any other tourists – there are few roads in these parts.

But there were howler monkeys, their cry deep and threatening, and white-faced capuchin monkeys swinging from trees. We saw tree sloths that looked a lot like women's wigs, their hairy bodies high in trees; bright red macaws; toucans with bright yellow beaks and more.

We kept our binoculars always at the ready.

Aboard the ship, our routine was quickly established: Cruise mostly at night – the seas were sometimes rough and rocking in bed felt a lot better than standing – and hike during the day, with most of the treks of the easy variety.

At each stop we used inflatable Zodiak rafts to get to shore – clumsy to get into and out of at first, but by the end of the trip, throwing our legs over the side seemed routine.

Mud and wet was a factor in our exploration – not surprising since we spent a lot of time in the rainforest. The crew has developed a quirky system to deal with muddy, wet shoes: You leave them on deck where they are washed down with a hose and then taken to the engine room to dry.



Monkey business at Costa Rica's Manuel Antonio National Park.



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Embera children in Panama's Darien Jungle.

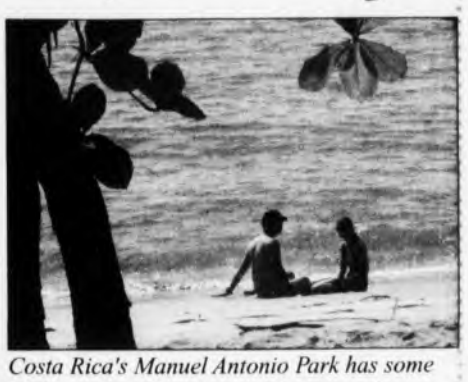
Simplicity works best in a place with no Internet access, no CNN, no stores or restaurants even. The one exception was Manuel Antonio National Park in Costa Rica, which has a small tourist town nearby – those of us who wanted to test our Spanish ordering cervezas (beer) walked over there after our hike.

One day, we were the only humans on a tiny island in Panama's Coiba National Park, home to the richest waters in Central America. Our naturalist guides led snorkeling tours with sightings including sea turtles and reef sharks (and tiny biting jellyfish). Kayaks were downloaded from the ship, and a friend and I paddled around the island a couple of times before settling into one of the canvas chairs the crew had set up along the pretty, sandy beach.

Later, dolphins and a pair of whales were spotted off the ship, the captain maneuvering the vessel to give everyone a view.

The most remote stop on our itinerary was in the Darien Jungle, the huge protected forest that runs from Panama to Columbia. Here we visited an Embera village where 100 people or so live a traditional rainforest lifestyle complete with huts on stilts and limited electricity – this wasn't a hokey tourist place where they turn on satellite TV when visitors leave, but the real thing (the Pacific Explorer is the only ship to visit and the villagers otherwise subsist mostly on fishing and hunting with bows and arrows).

The villagers greeted us on a beach, the women clothed only in skirts and beads; the men in loincloths. All wore tattoos. Machine gun-armed Panamanian guards patrolled nearby, keeping an eye out for drug smugglers who are known to pass through the jungle.



Costa Rica's Manuel Antonio Park has some of the prettiest beaches on the country's Pacific Coast.

The chief greeted us in Embera, which was translated by a tribe member into Spanish and then by a crew member into English.

"The community of Embera people are happy to see you arrive here," he pronounced.

Dancing ensued to live music – drums and wooden flutes – the dancers more shy than exuberant as they moved their feet to the beat, inviting passengers to join in. An impromptu market followed – with the natives selling handmade baskets and carved wood creations for U.S. dollars (the money is used mostly to support education).

And then for something completely different… Next day we found ourselves at the manmade wonder that is the Panama Canal. After visiting the excellent Miraflores Locks Visitor Center and watching a big Princess cruise ship slowly traverse the lock, we boarded a small boat, the Isla Morada, once owned by Al Capone (who used it to smuggle booze in the Great Lakes) for our own partial crossing. In a 1,000-foot lock we were lowered to the next level, watching 26 gallons of water flow into the chamber at three million gallons per minute.

It was fascinating, but my mind wandered back to the monkeys and my time away from civilization.

IF YOU go…

Cruising there: The Pacific Explorer offers nine-night itineraries, Nov. through April, between Los Suenos, Costa Rica and Colon, Panama (including a pre- or post-cruise overnight at the Courtyard by Marriott in San Jose, Costa Rica). The ship visits Manuel Antonio National Park, Caletas Beach and the Golfo Dulce in Costa Rica, and Coiba National Park, the Darien Jungle, the Panama Canal (partial crossing), Portobelo and the San Blas Islands in Panama. Cruise-only fares are from $3,799 to $5,599 per person. Two-week land/cruise packages are from $5,299 to $7,099 per person. Fares include most excursions, soft drinks (alcohol is extra). In the few cases where there are additional excursion opportunities, they are reasonably priced – for instance, a Zipline Canopy Tour offered at $55. Passengers receive an information-packed folder before each trip including a "suggested reading" list.

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Wallace does his thing at the British School of Falconry in Manchester, Vt.

A day in the life of an American hawk handler

Lindsey Parietti
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

IN NEW ENGLAND

Manchester, Vt. -

Before Wallace starts his day, he has to face the scale.

If he or any of his colleagues is more than a half-ounce over their ideal weight of 2 pounds, boss Rob Waite won't let them work.

And that means a long day without flying or tasty bits of beef for these Harris hawks.

The hawk's flying weight is a measure of its motivator: hunger.

When Wallace isn't hungry, he's lazy, indifferent, and might even skip out on his job, which is mostly flying to the outstretched arms of slightly nervous and awestruck tourists.

"He's selfish, but you have to admire him for it," says Waite, who trains, exercises and hunts with the 16 hawks and two eagles that belong to the British School of Falconry in Manchester, Vt.

When the school opened here in 1995, it was the first of its kind in the U.S. to teach hawk handling and hunting (there is a sister school in Scotland). Hawks were the means of bringing home the bacon before the advent of guns.

When Waite, originally from Buckinghamshire, England, unties Wallace's leg from his glove and "casts" the sleek, powerful auburn-colored bird, he flies to the nearest perch.

Waite tells me to raise my gloved arm, signaling Wallace to return. There's no loyalty here: It's his fondness of meat, not of the falconer, that makes Wallace comply.

In an instant, he's coming in so fast that my arms and shoulders tense, instinctively bracing me for the landing.

Before I can close my eyes, Wallace lands. I only feel the sole of his bird feet as he gulps his cube of beef.

Wallace and another hawk named Elmer are constantly looking for prey, rotating their heads nearly 360 degrees to search the grassy field for pheasant and other temptations – they can spot a mouse a quarter of a mile away.

Waite throws a decoy pheasant on the ground. Elmer attacks the decoy, turning his back to Waite, protecting it with his wings and ferociously ripping out its feathers to get to the meat.

Suddenly, any urge to pet the birds' feathers disappears.

Waite points out these birds are hardly pets. "You've got to respect them," he says.

The British School of Falconry, which is affiliated with nearby resort The Equinox (800-362-4747; www.equinoxresort.com), offers introductory lessons ($89), hikes with the hawk ($149) and a hunting experience ($299).

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

TUESDAY, DEC. 4

5:54 a.m. **North Main St. and Red Gate Lane**, traffic enforcement.

6:24 a.m. **Route 3A,** traffic enforcement.

8:33 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

11:42 a.m. **Cedar St.,** lockout. Caller reports she is locked out of her car, which is running, and the dog is inside.

2:12 p.m. **High School and Pond St.,** building checks.

2:15 p.m. **Rocky Lane and North Main St.,** traffic enforcement.

2:17 p.m. **High School and Pond St.,** building checks.

2:18 p.m. **Rocky Lane and North Main St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation issued.

2:18 p.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks, Deer Hill/Osgood school check.

2:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** three-car motor vehicle crash.

3:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** traffic enforcement.

3:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle crash. Caller reports she has been rear-ended and is complaining of neck pain.

3:30 p.m. **Pond St.,** suspicious vehicle. Caller reports there is a van in the driveway of her property, no one is supposed to be there and she does not know who it is. Officer reports it's a surveyor from the Water Department.

4:47 p.m. **N. Main St.,** traffic enforcement.

5:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** medical aid; male having seizure in the deli department.

5:38 p.m. **Lower King St.,** hazard. Caller reports gates went down then up – no train – gates went down and train came through.

5:55 p.m. **Cedar Lane**, investigation.

6:14 p.m. **Pond St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** traffic enforcement.

6:47 p.m. **Chief Justice Hwy.,** traffic enforcement.

7:30 p.m. **Quincy PD.,** BOLO announcement, late entry – Quincy PD reports cancel BOBO – subject has been located en route to Jordan Hospital.

10:37 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.,** building checks.

10:44 p.m. **Pond St.,** building checks.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5

12:32 a.m. **High School and Pond St.,** building checks.

12:33 a.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

2:01 a.m. **Border St.,** suspicious vehicle. Motor vehicle parked in lot, with its lights on, but is secured.

6:40 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** traffic enforcement.

7:19 a.m. **Cushing Road,** traffic enforcement.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, calm, 23.

9:12 a.m. **King St.,** suspicious vehicle. Caller reports a vehicle has been parked at this location for about 35 minutes with a male party inside.

10:11 a.m. **Booth Hill Road,** medical aid; transported SSH/ALS. Scituate Fire requesting R3 for a female that has slipped on the ice in her driveway.

10:17 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** traffic enforcement.

11:13 a.m. **Nichols Road,** fire, investigation. Caller reports construction company has broken through a gas line at this location.

11:40 a.m. **Norfolk Road and Cushing Road,** suspicious vehicle. Caller reports a red van parked in front of her house for about 15 minutes, she would like him checked out.

12:44 p.m. **Nichols Road,** property damage. Detail officer reports one of the construction trucks just did some property damage at this location.

1:25 p.m. **Summer St.,** suspicious activity. Party in reporting he received a call asking if there were illegal immigrants working on the roof at the Legion. Party just wanted same logged.

1:48 p.m. **Turreys Lane, Scituate,** medical aid. Scituate Fire requesting R3 for a party with a broken jaw. R3 cancelled before arrival.

2:01 p.m. **Pond St. and Lantern Lane,** traffic enforcement.

2:14 p.m. **Lamberts Lane,** suspicious activity. Caller reports a truck parked in the road and there are people taking stuff out of the truck and putting it into a Jeep. Caller feels this is suspicious.

2:16 p.m. **Spring St., and South Main St.,** motor vehicle stop.

2:33 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

3:02 p.m. **Hammond Ave.,** larceny. Caller reports she had a package stolen off her front door step.

4:25 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** 209A service.

5:29 p.m. **Ripley Road,** 209A violation, investigated.

6:14 p.m. **Stevens Lane,** caller reports fire in oven.

7:07 p.m. **Church St.,** fire, investigation. Caller reports a telephone pole on fire.

7:12 p.m. **Border St.,** medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, diabetic problems.

8:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle crash. Caller reports vehicle rolled off truck hit Dumpster. This occurred on private property.

9:17 p.m. **Pond St.,** suspicious activity. Caller reports there is a truck parked with lights on and running, backed up into driveway of construction site.

9:33 p.m. **High School and Pond St.,** building checks.

9:37 p.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

9:41 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.,** building checks.

THURSDAY, DEC. 6

1:27 a.m. **South Main St.,** traffic enforcement.

1:31 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** traffic enforcement.

2:09 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

2:19 a.m. **High School and Pond St.,** building checks secure.

2:20 a.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

6:37 a.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane,** traffic enforcement.

7:19 a.m. **Pond St**., traffic enforcement.

7:54 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road,** motor vehicle crash. Caller reports motor vehicle crash at this location. 27-year-old man to be summonsed on charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

8:15 a.m. **Elm St.,** suspicious letter. Received an email via department stating that a male party was talking to a female party from Randolph on Myspace and the female stated "I'm going to OD and goodbye" and then the female signed off. Female is said to be from Randolph. Randolph PD has been notified of same.

9:11 a.m. **Forest Ave. and Jerusalem Road,** suspicious activity. Caller reports a youth's bike is laying in the road at this location. Caller believes it looks like a child may have been pulled off the bike. Officer reports she is bringing the bike back to the station for safekeeping, nothing suspicious.

12 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** officer wanted, caller reports minor motor vehicle crash, just needs assistance in exchanging paperwork.

1:28 p.m. **South Main St.,** fire. Caller reports her CO2 alarm is going off.

1:58 p.m. **Pond St. and Lantern Lane,** traffic enforcement.

2:10 p.m. **Depot Ct. and South Main St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

2:47 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** traffic enforcement.

2:52 p.m. **North Main St.,** traffic enforcement.

4:06 p.m. **North Main St.,** fire – public assist. Caller requests a lift assist from Fire Department.

5:03 p.m. **Norman Todd Road and Beechwood St.,** traffic enforcement.

5:07 p.m. **Lantern Lane,** 209A service.

5:25 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop.

5:56 p.m. **Hull St. and Grace Drive,** traffic enforcement.

6:32 p.m. **Lower King St.** hazard (traffic), caller reports the same ongoing problem with the gates. They come down, then go back up and finally come down again before the train comes.

6:33 p.m. **Elm St.,** lost property. Walk-in reports her purse was just stolen and would like to file a report.

7:13 p.m. **Sohier St.,** traffic enforcement.

7:19 p.m. **South Main St.,** parking complaint.

8:43 p.m. **Hull St.,** assist other police department. Assisting Hingham with an erratic operator. Arrest: Dawn M. Splaine, 42, 38 Valley Beach Road, Hull. Charges: OUI of liquor.

11:12 p.m. **Pond St.,** building checks.

11:18 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.,** building checks.

FRIDAY, DEC. 7

12:56 a.m. **King St.,** alarm. Caller states, "there is an alarm going off." Ongoing problem.

1:38 a.m. **King St.,** alarm. Caller states, "an alarm is going off." Ongoing problem.

1:47 a.m. **King St.,** alarm. Caller states, "There is an alarm going off." Ongoing problem. Caller further states, "This is the second night in a row and why wasn't something done earlier in the day." Caller called back with the phone number of the owner of Jonathan Livingston Square. Hingham Police contacted for information on business owner, who has an officer there, also. Business owner notified and will be responding. Business owner on the scene. Contact information should be listed. Business owner will call later in the morning with contact information. Business owner will have the alarm serviced later in the morning.

1:56 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

1:57 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

6:39 a.m. **South Main and Summer streets,** traffic enforcement.

6:52 a.m. **Fairoaks Lane,** assist citizen. Caller requests information on the alarm that has been going off. She was advised that the business owner is aware of the problem. She was also advised to call back if it goes off again.

6:57 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.,** traffic enforcement.

7:43 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** caller reports a large piece of metal debris in the roadway.

8 a.m. Weather sunny, calm, 23.

9:02 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** traffic enforcement.

9:54 a.m. **Beechwood St.,** suspicious vehicle. Caller reports a suspicious motor vehicle sitting in front of his house with two males inside it.

10:01 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

10:28 a.m. **Deer Hill/ Sohier St.,** building checks.

10:30 a.m. **Sohier St.,** traffic enforcement.

10:41 a.m. **Sohier St.,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

11:02 a.m. **Sohier St.,** motor vehicle stop.

11:14 a.m. **South Main St. and West Gate Lane,** traffic enforcement.

11:49 a.m. **North St.,** fire – public assistance.

12:10 p.m. **Elm St.,** 209A service.

2:06 p.m. **Depot Court and South Main St.,** traffic enforcement.

2:24 p.m. **Elm St.,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

2:45 p.m. **Cedar St.,** fire. Caller reports her carbon monoxide detector has activated.

2:54 p.m. **Hull St.,** motor vehicle crash/injuries. Callers reporting motor vehicle crash at this location. This crash is on the Hingham side. Hingham PD on scene at this time.

3:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** erratic motor vehicle operation. Caller reports a maroon pickup Ford Ranger traveling at a high rate of speed on 3A. Nothing found.

4:03 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** motor vehicle crash/injuries. 911 caller reports a motor vehicle accident in this area. Transported to SSH/BLS.

4:39 p.m. **Forest Ave.,** motor vehicle crash. Caller reports a SUV into the wall.

5:47 p.m. **Sheldon Road and Atlantic Ave.,** fire, investigation. Caller reports strong odor of gas outside.

6:19 p.m. **Lower King St.,** motor vehicle crash. Caller reports a vehicle skidded into a telephone pole. Another caller reports the pole is snapped in half. National Grid notified with a priority of 1.

6:58 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** erratic motor vehicle operation. Caller reports a truck driving in the middle of the road. Officer reports this party checks out.

9:06 p.m. **Sohier St.,** suspicious activity. 911 caller reports ice balls thrown at her car. Officer reports area search negative.

10:46 p.m. **North Main St.,** motor vehicle crash. Multiple callers report a motor vehicle accident at this location. Officer reports one of the gates was struck and will not come down in the condition it is in. It appears that the gate electronics have been knocked off the pole. MBTA has been notified. MBCR Dispatch advises that there are no more trains coming through for the night.

10:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** larceny in progress. Officer reports a woman loading Christmas wreaths into her vehicle. Summons will be given to the female party. A 56-year-old female from Weymouth summonsed on charges of an attempt to commit a crime.

SATURDAY, DEC. 8

12:11 a.m. **Summer St.,** animal complaint. Caller complaining that a dog is barking at the above address. Officer reports the dog owner was spoken to and the dog has been taken inside.

12:32 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** buildings secure.

1:05 a.m. **Jerusalem Road,** motor vehicle crash. Caller states there is a car in the woods.

7:08 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** animal complaint. Caller has found a black Lab.

8:44 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

8:49 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** traffic enforcement.

9:21 a.m. **Long Road and North Main St.,** traffic enforcement.

9:59 a.m. **Sohier St., Deer Hill/Osgood,** school check.

10:03 a.m. **Sohier St.,** traffic enforcement assignment. Motor vehicle stop at this location.

10:14 a.m. **Sohier St.,** traffic enforcement.

12:53 p.m. **King St.,** report of lost property. Walk-in reports her wallet was stolen/lost at this location. Party called back stating that the wallet was found.

1:29 p.m. **King St.,** parking complaint. Parking complaint in the handicapped section. Officer advised parking spots were covered with snow.

1:33 p.m. **Beach St.,** fire, investigation. Caller reports an odor of natural gas.

2:54 p.m. **Norman Todd Lane,** medical aid; transported to QMC/BLS

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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tuesday, January 8th at 8:15 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Variance** pursuant to §5.3 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Mark Ellis**, seeks to raze the existing structure and construct a new single family dwelling at **88B Beach Street,** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-12-17a.

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ZBA/16 AND 22 DEPOT COURT
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tuesday January 8th at 9:45 PM** to hear and act upon an application to reopen and modify a **Special Permit** File #07-05-04 pursuant to §8.7.2 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Richard H. Brown, Jr. and Gina M. Brown**, seek to re-build a building that was destroyed by fire located at **16 and 22 Depot Court** according to the letter/application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-05-04.

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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **January 8th , at 9:15 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Heidi Condon, Assoc. Architect (land owner is Chritina J. Brolin of 465R Jerusalem Rd.)**, seeks to replace existing garage with a less non-conforming garage at **10 Beach Street** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-12-14.

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ZBA/14 LAMBERTS LANE
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **January 8th , at 8:45 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **APPEAL,** filed by **Michael and Barbara Mullin of 14 Lamberts Lane**, of the Building Inspector's Decision to not rescind the building permit issued to the owners of 20-22 Lamberts Lane. According to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-11-19.

AD#11546928
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ZBA/92 PLEASANT ST.
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **January 8th , at 10:15 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Can Tiryaki, Architect (Land owner is Douglas and Karyn Ellinger)**, seeks to construct an addition of a sunroom and covered porch at **92 Pleasant Street** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-12-17b.

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WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Join us for Caroling on the Common on Saturday, Dec. 15!

Gather at 3:45 p.m. at the Parish House! Return to the Parish House at 4:45 for cookies, cocoa and cider. Please bring cookies to share and a few pairs of white cotten socks (men's & women's sizes) to be given to Boston Health Care for the Homeless.

Sunday, Dec. 23

10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House – "Morning Star" – An Intergenerational Service of Christmas

There will be no childcare. All children are invited to join their parents/guardians for the service in the Meeting House. Children and youth participating in the service, please be here by 9 AM to rehearse with the choir.

Refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall follow the service.

Monday, Dec. 24

8 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Come join us for this service of story and legend, poetry and prayer, anthem and carol, word and wonder, as we celebrate this holy day marking the birth of the baby Jesus, who marked this world with his life and legacy of love.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together as we celebrate these holidays and holy days!

May the blessings of Christmas touch our hearts and our world with Peace on Earth, Good Will to All!

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church invites you to join us this Advent.

We are an open, welcoming, Christian community dedicated to caring for all people, both near and across the world. To learn about the Episcopal Church go to www.ecusa.anglican.org.

Highlights of our parish life include:

· "Godly Play" Christian education for children ages three through grade 5.

· Jr. High and High School youth groups , adult education, Bible study, book group

· Outreach to the hungry, homeless and those in prison

· Monthly luncheon for seniors

· Fellowship and fun; music

·Environmental ministry; weekly yoga and meditation group

Sunday Services at 8 am and 10 am

Wednesday healing service with Holy Eucharist at 9:30 am

Christmas services:

Dec. 24, Christmas Eve: 5 pm Family Service & Holy Eucharist; 7:30 p.m. Festal Holy Eucharist; 10:30 pm music followed by 11 pm;

Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 10 am Contemplative Holy Eucharist.

To contact us: Stop by at 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset (We are the church "on the rock." Enter during the week at office around back) or call 781-383-1083, or email cwood@ststephenscohasset.org.

CAROLING ON THE COMMON



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Mary Lengyel, 9 left, is seen through a book of Christmas carols held by her father, John, while singing with the other carolers from the 1st Parish Unitarian Universalist Church. This is the fourth year that the church has organized the caroling. Carolers brought white socks for the Boston Healthcare for the Homeless.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service on Monday, Dec. 24th at 4 p.m.. New Year's Eve Service on Monday, Dec. 31st at 11:15 p.m.. There will be no class on Thursday, Dec. 27th.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church — Rev. Robert Schipul, Pastor; Dan Eddy, Vicar; Sunday worship 9 a.m.; Adult Bible Study and Sunday School start at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday Prayer Service 7 p.m.; 460 Chief Justice Cushing Highway/Rt.3A, Scituate, MA 02066; Office: 781-545-5271; Parsonage: 781-545-9878. Christ Lutheran is handicapped accessible; www.clc-scituate.org. Christmas Eve Service is at 6:30p.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.

St. Joseph Retreat Center schedule of events

St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset will host the following programs:

• Sunday, Dec. 23, Evening of Prayer, "Blue Christmas." 7 to 8:30 p.m.

• Dec. 27 through Jan. 2, End of Year Retreat. Come for one, three or seven days/nights of directed or private prayer in a quiet, meditative setting.

• Saturday, Jan. 12, Day of Prayer, Knit, Pray, Love: A Day for Knitters.

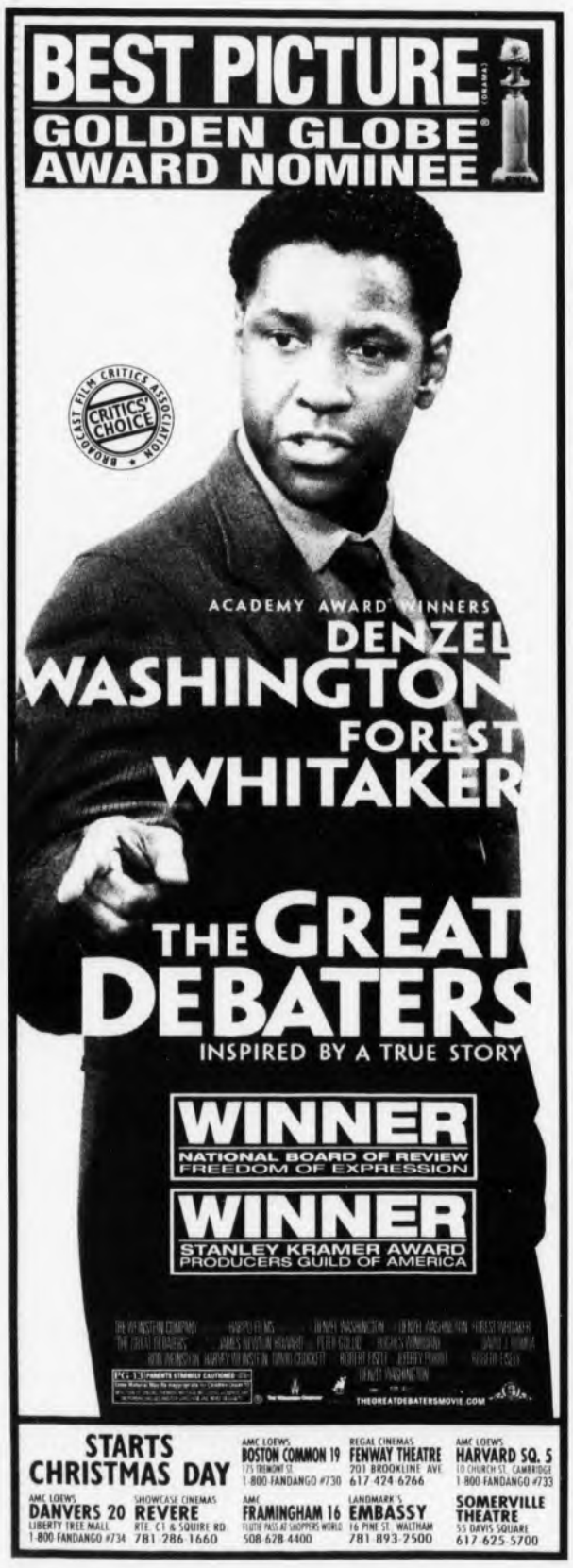
• Jan. 13 and 20, Days of Prayer, Sacred Images: Contemplation and Creativity, come for one or both days.

• Saturday, Jan. 19, Day of Prayer, A Day of Prayer with 12-step spirituality.

• Thursday, Jan. 24, Morning of Prayer, Celebrating Winter.

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OBITUARIES

John E. Sadler

Owner of John Sadler Painting Co.

John E. Sadler, 57, of Cohasset, died Dec. 18, 2007, at the Tippett House in Needham.

The son of the late John F. and Ann (McMulkin) Sadler, he was born and raised in Cohasset. He was educated in Cohasset schools and graduated from the University of Hartford.

Mr. Sadler was a past president of Cohasset Rotary Club, and was the owner of John Sadler Painting Co.

He leaves his wife, Oriana T. (Tempesta) Sadler; his children, Michael Sadler of Norwalk, Conn., Cristina Sadler, Alessandra Sadler and Francesca Sadler, all of Cohasset; his brother, Stephen T. Sadler of Westwood; and his sisters, Susan M. Sadler of Cohasset, Joanne Johnson of Scituate and Linda Purcell of Plymouth.



John E. Sadler

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., on Saturday, Dec. 22, at St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. Visiting hours will be 4 to 8 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 21, at McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., across from St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. Interment in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Memorial donations may be made to Adult Brain Tumor Research Fund, c/o Dr. Patrick Wen, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney St., Boston, MA 02115.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.mcnamara-sparrell.com.

Francesco Agostino

Employed in building maintenance

Francesco "Frank" Agostino, 53, of Hull, died Dec. 16, 2007, at South Shore Hospital.

Born in Italy, he was the son of Matilda (Asturini) Agostino of Braintree and the late Salvatore Agostino. Formerly of Italy, Mr. Agostino had been a Hull resident for 31 years.

He worked as a welder at Quincy Shipyard for 14 years, and went on to work in building maintenance up until his illness this year.

Mr. Agostino enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He loved his two dogs, a Labrador and a Jack Russell mix.

He leaves his wife, Giustina J. "Tina" (Saldi) Agostino; his mother; his children, Francesco A. Agostino and his wife, Tracy, Marisa A. Agostino and Vincent D. Agostino, all of Hull; his brothers, Salvatore Agostino of Hull, Joseph Agostino, Rocco Agostino and Natale Agostino, all of Hingham; his sisters, Rosa Toscano of Hull, Theresa Toscano of Braintree and Gina Rosano of Cohasset; and four grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., on Friday, Dec. 21, at St. Ann Church, Hull. Interment in Hull Village Cemetery. Arrangements are by Pyne Keohane Funeral Home, Hingham.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research, P.O. Box 50, Memphis, TN 38105.

Gates Memorial Clock to be dedicated

People traveling through North Scituate will be sure to notice the flurry of activity as a majestic 10 foot, 9 inch Verdin Company Howard Replica II double-sided clock becomes part of the new landscape at the village green.

The clock will be officially dedicated at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 22, in memory of Lawrence "Chick" Gates. Born and raised in North Scituate, Mr. Gates was known for his deep love of Scituate and his many quiet acts of generosity. The clock will serve as a lasting tribute to Chick's unwavering care and the joy he took in serving his community. An informal gathering will be held at Chick's office at 366 Gannett Road, next to Nor'easter Surf Shop following the dedication ceremony. Breakfast fare and hot drinks will be served and everyone is invited to join Chick's family and friends in celebration of his lifelong commitment to Scituate.

Several of Chick's closest friends, including Scott Roberts, Myron Boluch and Gil Wilder, spearheaded the effort to raise the necessary funds for purchasing the naming rights to the clock; once installed, the clock will belong to the town.

"Many people have donated time and materials to this effort," said Chick's daughter, Jan Gates Yeh. "Plymouth Quarries is donating the granite stone for the plaque, the cobblestones and stone dust. Ed Duffy is donating his time, labor and expertise in picking up the materials from the quarry and working with the committee in creating the cobblestone design that will surround the clock base. Scituate Concrete Pipe donated the footing." And Yeh said that there are "so many others who helped in big and small ways."

Stop & Shop raises funds for Campaign Against Hunger

The Stop & Shop store in Cohasset demonstrated its commitment to hunger relief by raising $4,966 as part of Stop & Shop Supermarket Company's record-breaking year with Food for Friends. Stop & Shop's 18th annual Food for Friends campaign raised more than $1.24 million for over 300 local hunger relief organizations throughout the Northeast.

"We're very proud of our customers and associates," said José Alvarez, president and chief executive officer for Stop & Shop. "Not only have we been able to support food banks and hunger relief agencies across our trade area through Food for Friends, but we've been able to raise the most in the history of the program at a time when food pantries are seeing their reserves dwindle."

The funds to be donated by the Cohasset store include money raised from paper turkey sales and a matching donation from the Stop & Shop corporate office.

As part of Stop & Shop's Food for Friends campaign, each Stop & Shop store sold paper turkeys at checkout in $1, $3 and $5 denominations. The turkeys could be personalized by each customer and were displayed throughout the store. One hundred percent of the funds raised by Stop & Shop will be donated to local and regional hunger relief organizations.

"This continues to be a critical year for fundraising. With the rising costs of fuel and oil, many families have to decide whether their money will go toward food or heat, because they can't afford both," Alvarez said. "More than 12 percent of Americans live at or below the poverty level and nearly a third of them are children. This is something we can't ignore, and as one of the largest retailers in the Northeast, we're committed to help."

The funds to be donated by the Cohasset store include money raised from paper turkey sales and a matching donation from the Stop & Shop corporate office. The majority of the funds raised will go toward a local organization dedicated to feeding the hungry, with the remainder going toward state and regional food pantries. The 2007 Food for Friends campaign took place Oct. 26 through Nov. 29.

'Messiah' performed this Sunday

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., will perform selections of Handel's "Messiah" at 10 a.m., on Sunday, Dec. 23. The choir will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra featuring Atlantic Strings and vocal soloists from the Boston area.

The public is welcome to join the congregation for this holiday tradition. Admission is free.

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TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

DECEMBER 20-28, 2007

Good as Gold

Jewish mothers make good comedy

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESONDENT



Judy Gold in "25 Questions for a Jewish Mother" at the Calderwood Pavilion, 527 Tremont St., Boston, through Dec. 31.

Moments after arriving at a recent press conference to promote "25 Questions for a Jewish Mother," wearing a starched white apron and offering up a platter of rugelach, playwright and performer Judy Gold makes what she considers to be an important point about her latest project. According to Gold, the play, at Boston's Calderwood Pavilion now through Dec. 31, is a respectful look at Jewish mothers, which just happens to be performed by a comedienne who is often accused of doing jokes that play to stereotypes when she speaks of her own Jewish mother in her act.

"This piece is all about seeing your mother as a human being. It is based on interviews that playwright Kate Moira Ryan and I did all over the country with 50 Jewish mothers from all walks of life. This show deals with so many issues, but it is not stand-up comedy. It is a play with a beginning, middle and end and I love it so you better give me good reviews," said Gold, 45, to a room full of Boston arts writers.

An out lesbian who received two Daytime Emmy Awards for writing and producing "The Rosie O'Donnell Show" and who has also headlined her own comedy specials on HBO and Comedy Central, Gold acknowledges feeling some nervousness when it came time to speak with the more religious of her subjects.

"We started with the orthodox Jewish women in Queens and then played Jewish geography ('Do we know anyone who lives around here?') to meet the others. I was very nervous with the Orthodox women, because I'm gay. They were great, however, maybe because I am not their daughter. They were fascinating, too, because they always referred us to other women. And, whatever age they were or whatever their economic circumstances, there was always food offered, usually rugelach, in every home. And every mother talked to her children every day. One woman we spoke with told us she got up every day at 3 a.m. to call her daughter in Israel."

"I think Jewish mothers are often the butt of jokes because they are just very funny."
Judy Gold

Gold said the desire for frequent contact with their children made perfect sense given the history of the Jewish people.

"I suppose because the Jews have been kicked out of every country since the beginning of time, it is important for the mothers to know that their children are safe."

With two young children of her own, 11-year-old Henry and 6-year-old Fenn, from a now-ended nearly 20-year relationship, Gold says she has been inspired by her own mother to take a traditional approach to parenting.

"My mother really passed along her love of the Jewish traditions to me. I keep a very traditional kosher home, even though I've done nothing else traditional. I'm a gay woman with two children from artificial insemination and I make my living as a comic."

Her work on the play, which was presented off-Broadway last year, has given her new perspective, but Gold still believes Jewish mothers make good comedy.

"I think Jewish mothers are often the butt of jokes because they are just very funny. Jewish comics also feel safe enough to say whatever we want, because we know we'll always be loved by our mothers, and we'll always talk to them, no matter what."

The Huntington Theatre Company will present Judy Gold in "25 Questions for a Jewish Mother" at the Calderwood Pavilion, 527 Tremont St., Boston, through Dec. 31. For tickets and more information, visit the box office, call 617-266-0800, or go online at huntingtontheatre.org.



Jose Mateo Ballet Theatre presents its 20th annual production of "The Nutcracker" Dec. 21 through 23, at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center. Call 617-354-7467 or visit ballettheatre.org for performance times and ticket information.

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Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web atwickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun tab.

Thursday, Dec. 20

State House Christmas Tour with Senator Hedlund. The Marshfield Republican Town Committee is hosting a private tour of the State House and reception with State Senator Bob Hedlund and other GOP Officials and Legislators on Thursday, Dec. 20 from 2 to 4 pm. This event is open to the public. RSVP by calling Ed O'Connell at 781-834-8715, or Paul Fitzpatrick at 781-424-9945.

Kevin Youkilis autograph signing at Bob's Stores. 5 p.m., 100 Mazzeo Drive, Randolph in the Randolph Crossing Plaza. With a purchase of $100 or more in Red Sox merchandise, the first 100 customers can receive a VIP card that entitles them to priority for an autograph and color photo. All other customers must pick up a free ticket for the signing at the Randolph store starting at 3 p.m. For more information, call 781-963-1930.

Holiday Caroling at Ellison Center for the Arts, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, Dec. 20 6 p.m. Admission: $8 adults, $4 children, $15 family maximum. ($25 family maximum for both Solstice Event and Holiday Caroling) Holiday caroling concert and sing-along. Enjoy faculty and students performing holiday music and sing-along with them. This festive evening will be remembered all year long. Space is limited. Holiday cookies and eggnog served. Tickets may be purchased online at southshoreconservatory.org For information and tickets contact Amy Schomp at 781-749-7565 x 19 or amyshomp@southshoreconservatory.org

Join Music Together master teacher, Jennie Mulqueen for festive stories and songs. The performance is interactive and entertaining for children ages newborn thru kindergarten and their parents. Past performance sold out. Tickets are limited. Dec. 20 at 4:30 p.m. Ellison Center, Duxbury $8 adults/$4children/$15 family maximum. Holiday cookies and eggnog served after the concerts For tickets visit southshoreconservatory or call 781-749-7565 x10 or 781-934-2731x10.

Musical Holiday Party 20 South Shore Stars Dinner Theater, (formerly Quincy Dinner Theater) Dec. 1-21 at Braintree Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree. Dec. 13-16, and Dec. 20-21. In addition to all evening performances Thursday-Saturday, there will be Saturday matinees and Sunday matinees. All evenings: dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m. Matinees dinner at 1 p.m., show at 2:30 p.m. Tickets: $42.50 Thursday; $45 Friday-Sunday. Discounts for seniors and groups over 20. Handicapped accessible, free parking. Call 781-843-5862.

Fish Tale Bar On The Water restaurant, 44 Jericho Road., Scituate. Dec. 20, **Drift Away** musical trio, Rhythm, Rhyme, and Harmony w/**Joe Micarelli**, **John Litwin**, & **J Place, from** 8-11:30 p.m. No Cover Charge.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St., Pembroke. **Texas Hold 'Em every Thursday** The games take place 6:45 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Dec. 20 **Satch Romano's open mic** with **Cat Sass Blues Band Reunion – Christmas Blues Jam** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Wednesday and Thursday evening from 8 to 11 p.m.



Holiday Caroling at Ellison Center for the Arts, Alden St., Duxbury, Dec. 20 6 p.m. Admission, $8 adults, $4 children, $15 family maximum. ($25 family maximum for both Solstice Event and Holiday Caroling) Holiday caroling concert and sing-along. Enjoy faculty and students performing holiday music and sing-along with them. This festive evening will be remembered all year long. Space is limited. Holiday cookies and eggnog served. Tickets may be purchased online at southshoreconservatory.org For information and tickets contact Amy Schomp at 781-749-7565 x 19 or amyshomp@southshoreconservatory.org

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Friday, Dec. 21

Jose Mateo Ballet Theatre presents its 20th annual production of "The Nutcracker" Dec. 21 through 23, at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center. Call 617-354-7467 or visit ballettheatre .org for performance times and ticket information.

Musical Holiday Party 20 South Shore Stars Dinner Theater, (formerly Quincy Dinner Theater) Dec. 1-21 at Braintree Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree. Dec. 13-16, and Dec. 20-21. In addition to all evening performances Thursday-Saturday, there will be Saturday matinees and Sunday matinees. All evenings: dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m. Matinees dinner at 1 p.m., show at 2:30 p.m. Tickets: $42.50 Thursday; $45 Friday-Sunday. Discounts for seniors and groups over 20. Handicapped accessible, free parking. Call 781-843-5862.

Singles Executives Club Christmas party and dance Dec. 21, singles can congregate at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Event will last until midnight Free dance lessons will be from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples, 35+ years old. Cost is $10 before 9 p.m. Proper business dress required; sports jackets recommended. Toys for Tots *donations accepted.* For information visit www.se-4u.com.

Jo's Nautical Bar, Hull, Friday, Dec. 21, **DRIFT AWAY** musical trio Rhythm, Rhyme, and Harmony w/**Joe Micarelli**, **John Litwin**, and **J Place** 8:30pm. No Cover Charge

New England Singles Dance Dec. 21, 8 p.m. to midnight. VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington, $9.

Edaville USA Christmas Festival of Lights, Route 58, Caver through Jan. 1. Fireworks on Fridays through Dec. 28. Visit edaville.com or call 877-edaville for information.

All Seasons Restaurant and Sports Lounge, 327 Plymouth St., Halifax, Dec. 21, **Radio for the Blind** 781-293-4135.

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell, Dec. 21, **Despite Dwight.**

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Dec. 21, **Next Page Christmas party, Dave & The Goliaths** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree, **DJ Rick** every Friday. 781-849-7007.

Saturday, Dec. 22

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Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell, Dec. 22, **Random Play.**

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Dec. 22, **Mission of Blues** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth, Saturday, Dec. 22. Traditional Irish Seisiun every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9:00+p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hornpipes, with great craic and sing-along. Admission is free. No Cover. Come sing, come play, come listen! Call 508-830-1262.

CALENDAR, see next page

School vacation

SOUTH SHORE NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER, Norwell, will offer December vacation week programs on Wednesday, Dec. 26, Thursday, Dec. 27, and Friday, Dec. 28, for grades kindergarten through two, and children 3 fi to 5 years of age. Choose one session or attend all three sessions. Sessions will take place 9:30 a.m. to noon, and grouped by age. Cost per day is $30 members, $35 non-members. Register by Dec. 19. Pre-registration and prepayment required. **Clever Critters** is the topic for children in kindergarten through grade two. Explore the world of wildlife, and investigate a different animal group each day to discover what makes them special. Topics are: Wednesday, Dec. 26: Wolves, Coyotes and Their Canine Cousins. With large sharp eyes, alert ears and a bushy wagging tail, these "dogs" may resemble Fido, but don't bring one home as a family pet. Thursday, Dec. 27 includes: Rats and Other Rodents. Can a rat really cook like Ratatouille? No, but they are smart. Find out how smart, and visit with rat, Dunkin. Dunkin's rodent cousins – mice, beavers and the biggest of all, the capybara, will also be discussed. Friday, Dec. 28, will feature: Out Flightless Feathered Friends. What do a penguin, ostrich and a kiwi have in common? They are all birds that cannot fly. Find out what these creatures do to get around and why being flightless may not be all that bad. Dress for the weather as participants may go outside each day. **Favorite Animal Authors** is the topic for 3 fi- to 5-year-olds. Join Nature Center preschool teacher/naturalist Melissa Kurkoski for a Vacation Week Program of free play, art, outdoor exploration and more. Authors and their stories will come to life. Sessions include: Wednesday, Dec. 26: Animals Near and Far with Jan Brett; Thursday, Dec. 27: Creatures Under Water with Leo Lionni; and Friday, Dec. 28: Bugs All Around Us with Eric Carle. Each day will be a new adventure as animals and places near and far are discovered through stories and illustrations! Dress appropriately to go outside. For more information and to register, call South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, Education Department at 781-659-2559, ext 214, or view the Web site at ssnsc.org.

HULL LIFESAVING MUSEUM, 1117 Nantasket Avenue, Hull. **Children's School Vacation Activity** School Vacation Activity: Pop-Up Books, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 26 and 27, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: $5 suggested donation. Contact: Victoria Stevens, 781-925-5433. Email: lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net **Pop In to make a Pop-Up Book!** Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 26 and 27, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Drop by the museum between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 26 and 27, to make your own Hull Pop-Up Book. Capture all the charm of Hull with pop-ups of local landmarks, such as the Lifesaving Museum, Paragon Carousel, and Boston Light. Kids can begin with our template and add plenty of their own creativity. A great way to spend a winter afternoon. Recommended for children ages 4 and older. $5 suggested donation.

TOWN COMMONS

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Dickinson Gallery, 1132 Main St., Weymouth. **Roger Gill,** of Rockland and Weymouth MA, will be the featured artist at the gallery Dec. 15 through Jan. 4, 2008. His paintings feature New England scenes like the Eastern Point Lighthouse, Cohasset Harbor, a neighbor's home, and summer and autumn landscapes. At the same time, the gallery will display the work of **Stephen Holland, Edwina Caci, Dan Meyers, Pat Bianco, J. Marshall Dyke**, and 12 other artists Wednesday through Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays from noon to 5:30 p.m.. 781-331-3384.

Monday, Dec. 24

Edaville USA Christmas Festival of Lights, Route 58, Caver through Jan. 1. Fireworks on Fridays through Dec. 28. Visit edaville.com or call 877-edaville for information.

National Shrine Of Our Lady of La Salette - 947 Park St., Attleboro. Visit lasalette-shrine.org for a complete schedule of events.

Tuesday, Dec. 25

Striar Jewish Community Center Community Day. 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Striar Jewish Community Center, 455 Central St., Stoughton. Buffet 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Admission is $7 for non-members. For more information, call 781-341-2016.

Wednesday, Dec. 26

Three Boston area artists explore geometric abstraction in **Consequences of Geometry**, a new exhibit at The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury. Although **Diane Ayott, Mary Bucci McCoy** and **Rose Olson** work with different mediums, their art, in the end, is shaped by geometric systems. **Con-sequences of Geometry** will open Dec. 16 and run through Feb. 24.

Thursday, Dec. 27

"Fabric as Art", quilt show by Coastal Quilt artists on display through Jan. 2, 2008 at South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell. "On the Path" by Lynne Conover of Abington is one of 32 quilts in the exhibit "Fabric as Art" on display through Jan. 2, 2008 at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell. Twelve women formed the Coastal Quilt Artists and each has quilt(s) on display. Prepare to be dazzled by their use of bold colors, designs and textures! The fabric, which is akin to paint for an artist, showcases a variety of quilting techniques.The quilts are for sale and make excellent holiday gifts. The show is free; for more information contact the South Shore Natural Science Center at 781-659-2559 or view the website ssnsc.org

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Friday, Dec. 28

Fish Tale Bar On The Water restaurant, 44 Jericho Road., Scituate, Dec. 28 ***J PLACE***~solo, singing and playing acoustic guitar 9-11p.m. No Cover Charge

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Mark your calendar

NSRWA'S SPONSORS 11th ANNUAL NEWYEAR'S DAY WALK at Luddam's Ford Park in Hanover, Jan. 1 at 1 p.m. Join the NSRWA for this annual event. This year's walk will be Luddam's Ford Park off of West Elm St. in Hanover. Board member Carolyn Sones will lead the walk of the old rail line on the Hanover side of the Luddam's Ford Pond. After a brisk walk, kick off New Year's with a hearty snack and hot beverage. Visit www.nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA office at 781-659-8168 for information. Donations are welcome and pre-registration is not required.

A LITTLE CHRISTMAS IN JACKSON SQUARE Musical groups from five Weymouth churches will participate in the 10th annual A Little Christmas in Jackson Square, an Epiphany Sunday concert at 3 p.m. Jan. 6 at East Weymouth Congregational Church, UCC, 1320 Commercial St. Weymouth. A free-will offering will be taken, with all proceeds to benefit the Weymouth Food Pantry. For information call 781-335-6919 or 781-340-1403 or log on to eweyucc.org. East Weymouth Congregational Church, UCC www.eweyucc.org

SOUTH SHORE'S FINEST BRIDAL EXPO takes place Jan. 20, at the Independence Mall in Kingston from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For information, visit CMRevents.com or call 508-224-4044. Register at web site for Scavenger Hunt. Enter to win free wedding package compliments of the Country Club of Halifax.

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Workshops

SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER offers workshops this winter in a variety of photographic practices. In conjunction with the Art Center's January photography exhibition, both morning and afternoon workshops will be offered by the New York City Photography Collective, "Seeing with Photography" on Friday, Jan. 4. Cindy Vallino will teach Digital Basics, for those who received a digital camera for Christmas, on Saturday Feb. 2 from 2 to 5 p.m.; Advanced Digital on Saturday, Feb. 9, and Photographic Portraits Wednesdays, March 5, 12 and 19. Rain Rodolph offers Traveling with your Camera on Jan. 23, 7 to 9 p.m. and Jan. 30, 7 to 9 p.m. Register online at ssac.org or call for more information call 781-383-2787. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, MA 02025.



Photography by Cindy Vallino

THE NORTH RIVER ARTS SOCIETY is offering the following winter classes. For information or to register, visit northriverarts.org, call 781-837-8091 or email info@northriverarts.org.

Memberships – The NRAS offers memberships with benefits including reduced class fees and the opportunity to participate in its Member's Show, Focus on Figures Show, Switch Gallery exhibits and the annual holiday art sale. In addition, members have the opportunity to be considered for the Spring Juried Show, as well as solo and group shows at the Ventress Gallery in Marshfield and the Dolphin Gallery at the Hingham Library. Governed by a Board of Directors, the NRAS awards annual $1,000 scholarships to young Marshfield artists pursuing an art degree.

Bird carving – Join Kevin Dunn to create a hand carved and painted bird from wood using knives, gouges, and/or grinding devices. This 10-week course will teach basic techniques and help the more advanced carvers improve their skills. Carving blanks provided. Students must provide their own carving knife and sandpaper. To be held from 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays, Feb. 12 to April 29, with no class held Feb 26 and April 1. Fee: $80 for members and $100 nonmembers. For more information, call Kevin Dunn at 781-837-3786.

The Business of Your Art – Join Liz Haywood-Sullivan for this intensive two-day workshop full of tips on how to develop your art career and/or how to manage it. The workshop will include promotion techniques, getting noticed and published, managing artwork, bookkeeping tips, pricing, galleries, competitions, and much more. Handouts included. Bring a notebook and questions. Limited to 30 participants so sign up early. Held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 26 and Sunday, Jan. 27. Fee: $80.

Everyone Can Draw and Paint – Susan F. Lynch Raffa will conduct this class, which is primarily a beginning still-life class, but all levels are welcome. Work in a simplified, controlled setting to learn the skills necessary to begin and complete a drawing and/or painting. Instruction will be provided to all students in order to build skills and use the correct tools to consistently create successful projects. Work primarily in oil from a still life. A supply list will be provided upon registration. Bring charcoal and a sketchbook. Purchase a punch card and attend the weeks that work best for you in this ongoing class held from 7 to 10 p.m., Mondays. The fee is as follows: four-week minimum punch card, $90 for members and $105 for nonmembers; five weeks, $110 for members and $130 for nonmembers; six weeks, $125 for members and $145 for nonmembers; 7 weeks, $140 for members and $160 for nonmembers; and eight weeks, $160 for members and $180 nonmembers.

Drawing for the Absolute Beginner – Andrea Favret will conduct this seven-week course designed to help the beginner gain the confidence to draw what they see. Learn to think, see and feel like an artist in this comprehensive approach to developing fine art skills. Students will be taught using a variety of exercises designed to tap into the part of the brain that speaks in a visual language. The class will start with the basics of line, shading, posture, materials and attitude in a relaxed and understandable approach to learning. The instructor will field questions to fine-tune the class to individual needs. Bring a sketchpad and drawing utensils to the first class. Additional materials will be discussed at that time. Held from 10 a.m. to noon Mondays, Jan. 28 through March 17, with no class held Feb. 18. Fee: $125 for members and $145 nonmembers.

Watercolor for the Absolute Beginner – Andrea Favret will teach how to handle equipment, proper posture and how to mix paints and color by creating your own color wheel. Attention will be focused on techniques such as making flat wash, controlled blooms, dry brush and much more. Students will watch demonstrations and will be given exercises to complete their own works of art. A materials list will be provided upon registration. This seven-week course will be held from noon to 2 p.m., Mondays, Jan. 28 through March 17, with no class held Feb. 18. Fee: $125 for members and $145 for nonmembers.

Beginning/Intermediate Watercolor – Join Mary Callahan for this seven-week course designed for all levels, which will provide the necessary fundamentals and explore the techniques of watercolor. Work from still-life setups, photos, or from your imagination. The emphasis will be on color and design, with the goal of creating an organized emotional statement. Held from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Jan. 8 through Feb. 26, with no class held Feb. 19. Fee: $140 for members and $160 for nonmembers.

Oil Painting – Join Jody Regan to learn to see and paint from life in this beginning to intermediate oil painting class. Study color mixing, paint application, value, and composition of the picture space. Improve powers of observation and drawing while painting from still life and landscape in a supportive environment. This eight-week class will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Fridays, Jan. 11 through March 21, with no class held Jan. 25 and Feb.15 and 22. Fee: $160 for members and $180 for nonmembers.

Winter Landscape in the Studio – Join Sue Charles in this class where painters will work from their own photographs or ideas and explore the process of composing and producing finished landscape paintings over a period of seven weeks. Includes cropping for composition, preliminary charcoal drawings, and thumbnail color studies. Artists may work in any style and are encouraged to try new methods. The class will venture outdoors when the weather permits. Previous drawing or painting experience required. Slideshows and critiques included. Held from 9:30 to 12:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Jan. 8 through Feb. 26, with no class held Feb 19, or from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Jan. 9 through March 5, with no class held Feb 13 and 20. Fee: $140 for members and $160 for nonmembers.

Still Life in Oils: Mastering Edges – Join Margaret McWethey for this six-week class. This class will concentrate on creating dynamic edges and studying edge types and how to make them; both graduated and blended. Held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Jan. 9 through March 5, with no class held Jan. 23 and Feb. 13 and 20. Fee: $125 for members and $145 for nonmembers.

Beginning Pastels – Join Donna Rossetti Bailey to learn about pastel painting. This eight-week class, geared to beginners, will cover the basics from materials to techniques. Drawing skills will also be reviewed, along with instruction on composition. There will be plenty of one-on-one instruction in an informative and encouraging atmosphere. Held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Thursdays, Jan. 10 through March 13, with no class held Feb. 14 and 21. Fee: $160 for members and $180 for nonmembers.

Painting a Pastel Portrait – This eight-week course, led by Margaret Farrell Bruno is an exploration of using the pastel medium to paint a portrait. The class will begin with a traditional approach to the pastel painting technique. Drawing, composition, light, shadow, and values will be emphasized, along with pastel application and capturing a likeness. As the course progresses, students will be introduced to under-painting as well as learning how the use of different papers and supports creates varying and different effects. Whenever possible, they will work from a live model, but suggestions will be made on how to create vibrant portraits from your own photographs, as well as using photographs as an aide to finishing a portrait. Held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Mondays, Jan. 28 through March 24, with no class held Feb 18. Fee: $160 for members and $180 for nonmembers, plus a model fee when applicable.

Open Life Studio – No instructor. Working from a live model is a time-honored way to greatly improve your drawing and painting skills. Join this dedicated group and enjoy the camaraderie from 7 to 10 p.m., Thursdays. Call Coordinator Karl Nestelberger for details at 781-337-7398 or email karlnestelberger@yahoo.com.

Drop-In Knitting with Mac – Participants will all levels of knitting experience are welcome to join Mac Haran for this drop in class, which is both fun and informative. There is no charge. This ongoing program is held from 4 to 6 p.m., Wednesday, at the GAR Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills.

Switch Gallery – All North River Arts Society member artists are invited to sign up for the Show Two Exhibition to be held from Monday, Jan 7 to Sunday, Feb 3. Show hanging takes place at 11 a.m., Sunday, Jan 6. To be added to the list and for information, send email us to info@northriverarts.org. Switch Gallery is the NRAS member's co-op gallery and is open during regular business hours from 9:30 to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

North River Art T-shirts – Hot off the silkscreen, NRAST-shirts are available in four new colors. Short sleeve shirts, in limited supply, cost $15 and are available in cumin, watermelon and lagoon blue. Check for the availability of the long sleeve shirts, which were sold out at the last check. They cost $20 and when available, come in crimson.

Young artists

Drawing & Painting: Skills for the Young Artist – Susan Raffa Lynch will teach children 4.5 to 6 basic drawing skills which will remain with them as they grow, in this five-week session. Showing them that they can make creative decisions and use good judgment regarding their work is great for self-esteem and confidence. Held from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m., Mondays. Session I: Jan. 7 through Feb. 11. Session II: Feb. 25 through March 24. The maximum class size is 12 students. Fee: $60 for members and $70 for nonmembers.

Drawing with Color in Winter – Children 6 to 9 can join Deborah Comeau to work with pencils, colored pencils, and paints to draw animals and their worlds in the home, on the farm, and in the wild. Help put color into a winter afternoon during this four-week course. Held from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays. Session I: Jan. 23 through Feb. 13. Session II: March 5 through 26. Session II is not a repeat of Session I. The maximum class size is eight students. Fee: $50 for members and $60 for nonmembers.

Sewing – For children 12 and up with no previous sewing experience required. Join Brooke Stanton for this seven-week course, where you will learn to measure, cut and sew your own original designs. You'll need a sewing machine, fabric, scissors, pins, and ideas. The maximum class size is 12 students. Held from 4 to 5:30 p.m., Mondays, Jan. 14 through March 10, with no class held Jan 21 and Feb 18. Fee: $90 for members and $100 for nonmembers.

February Art Camp – For children 6 to 9, with Marion Carlson, this week will be full of fun activities and awesome art projects. Flexible sign-up schedule: spend a day or the entire week. Bring a snack. Held from 9:30 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, Feb. 18 to 22. Fee: $25 per day and $100 per week.

Young Artists Day – For young folks 2 to 20, spend a morning exploring the arts with the talented staff of art instructors. Hands-on activities will be geared to all ages from toddlers to teens including a collaborative mural, printing, drawing, collage and much more. Parents and guardians can meet the teachers and learn about the after-school and summer programs. Lots of very cool projects will be included. Held from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Jan. 12. Admission is $2 per young artist.

Boy Scout Artist Badges – Earn your Artist Badge at North River Arts Society with Nancy Connolly. A workshop can be scheduled to covering all the necessary requirements for your group. Den leaders can call the office or send an email for more information. The cost is $5 per scout.

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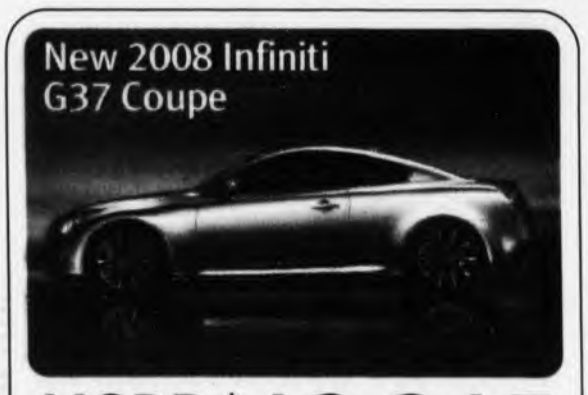
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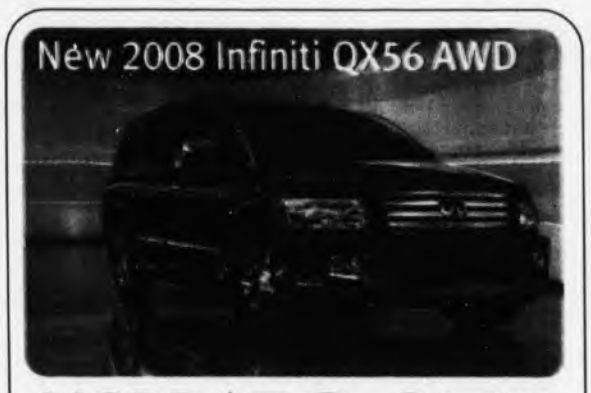
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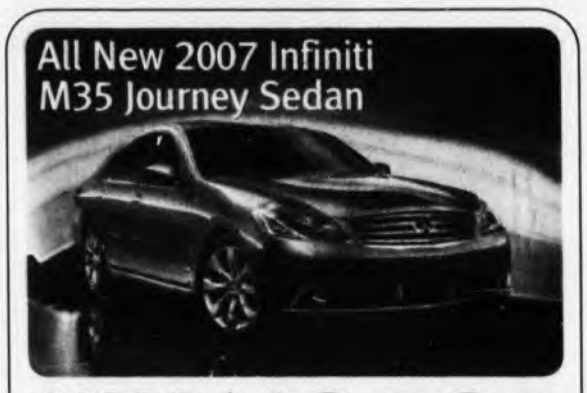
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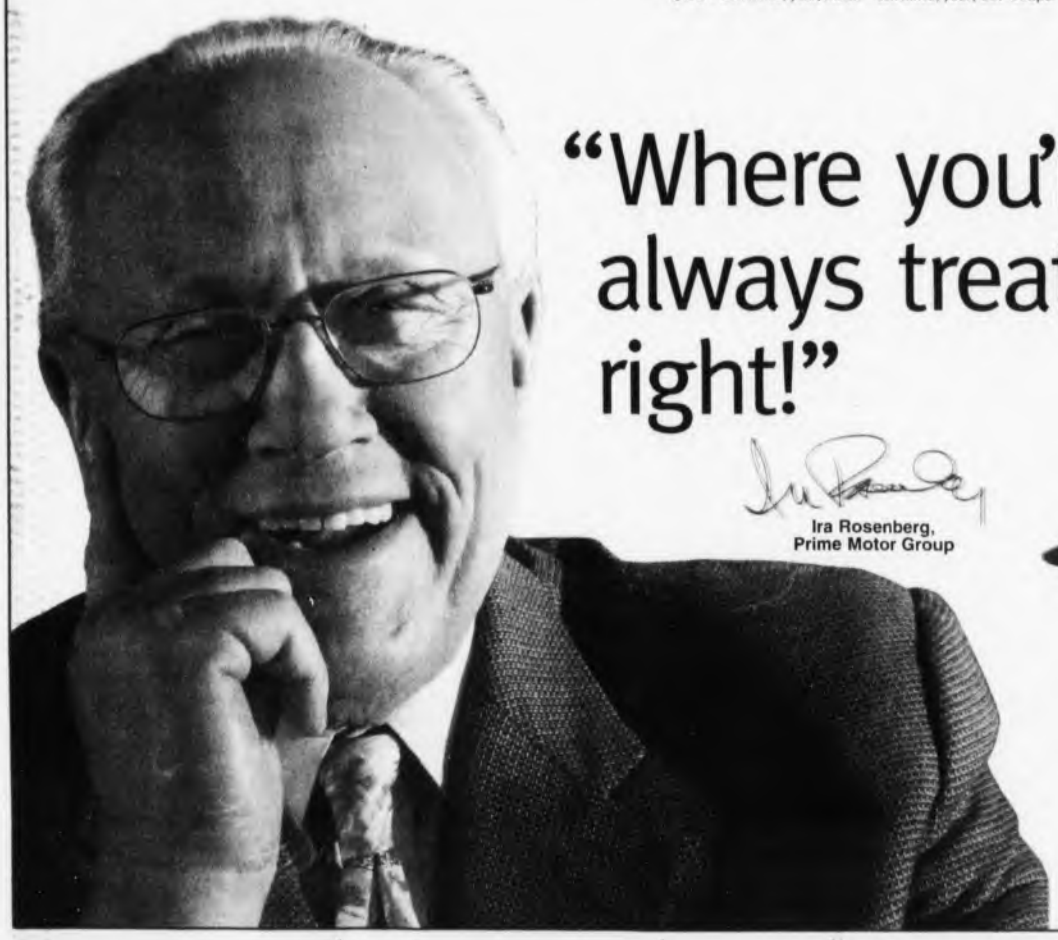
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Citizen of Year nominations open

Who is the town's top citizen? In keeping with a 15-year tradition recognizing an individual for outstanding service to the community or a special achievement – the Mariner is now accepting nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year Award.

Please read story on page 9 and find the nomination form on page 5. Nominations are due by 5 p.m., Friday (Feb. 1).

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Project success

Author Lisa DiTullio keeps it simple

By Nancy White
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"...keep your eye on what needs to get done and keep a steady pace."
— Lisa DiTullio, "Simple Solutions"

Keeping things simple amid a full-time job and a family is a difficult task. Add in speaking engagements and writing a book and the task seems almost insurmountable. But, one Cohasset mother is managing to keep all the balls in the air, stay sane and enjoy life.

Lisa DiTullio is the working mom who is balancing it all. The title of her first book "Simple Solutions" is also the key to how she does all the things she has charged herself to do. It's the blueprint to her successful career as the current director of project management at Harvard Pilgrim Health Care and the secret to her multi-tasking lifestyle.

Her self-published book is geared toward business-minded individuals looking to inject simplicity and efficiency into their businesses, whether they are large or small.

In a straightforward style, the book based on examples and case studies of the business and corporation DiTullio knows best — Harvard Pilgrim Health Care.

For 18 years, DiTullio has been an employee at Harvard Pilgrim Health Care in a variety of positions. But, it's her current job as Director of the Project Management Office at Harvard Pilgrim that gave her the basis to write her first book.

While many dream of writing a novel that will become the next must-read on the New York Times bestsellers list, DiTullio set out to write a business book based on her corporate experiences and philosophies.

For the last two years, she began speaking at corporate meetings and conferences on her strategies to keep project management uncomplicated.

"Through audience reaction to what I was saying during speaking engagements, I realized there was really a story there to tell," DiTullio says so she set out to write a book, "but, of course, I had no concept at all of what that meant," she quips. To accomplish her goal, she saw her project through from soup to nuts — writing, editing, formatting and publishing.

With the publishing of the book, she set clear goals for her end result. She wanted to become recognized as a thought leader in the project management world and attract more speaking engagements.

Last January, she began the time-consuming process of writing. With five children between the ages of 10 and 18 she leads a pretty busy lifestyle like most working mothers so finding time to devote to writing a book was a challenge.

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Lisa DiTullio of Cohasset holds her book "Simple Solutions" which outlines how a business, no matter what the size or trade, can introduce successful project management.

FY 2009 numbers are on the horizon

School budget process starts

By Nancy White
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For some the winter months mean hot chocolate by a fire, snowball fights and mountain skiing, but for all town departments winter means the budget season begins in earnest. Much like the early snowstorms New England has received, the School Committee got a jump-start on the season last week.

The school administration presented a preliminary fiscal 2009 budget of $14,358,893 that includes projected state aid numbers. The budget is a 4.9 percent increase, or $672,493, over this year's budget.

There are rumblings at the state level that there could be a revenue shortfall this year or next, said School Committee member Alfred Slanetz. As a result he would like to see the proposed budget err on the side of caution. The administration projects a one percent increase in state aid for fiscal 2009.

"I don't see state aid for education being decreased" given the state's commitment to MCAS achievement, said Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh although she agreed a state shortfall was likely in the coming years and the numbers presented were appropriately conservative.

Last Wednesday night (Dec. 19), the school administration presented a budget overview to give School Committee members a big picture vantage point before diving into the nitty-gritty of budget line items in January.

"Often time we can get caught up in the line items and lose sight of the big picture," said Walsh to open the presentation, "this is our chance to stop and assess our progress and report back to the town."

The budget overview touched on the major efforts the administration has made to streamline their operations in order to achieve a greater degree of efficiency. Walsh said the key focus for this year's budget was "operational efficiency." Principals were asked to look within their schools to identify inefficiencies and come up with solutions to maximize existing staff, materials and technology.

While efficiency was a main goal in the budget, Walsh said about 90 percent of the budget was fixed costs, including teacher and staff salaries, transportation (regular and special education), cleaning costs, contractual services and utilities.

"Those are things we don't have any control over," said Walsh.

Several indicators of progress being made throughout the school system were identified: strong MCAS scores in grade 3 reading and math and grade 6 and 8 math, significant jumps in SAT mean scores, increased participation in AP testing and progress toward proficient/advanced MCAS scores district-wide.

To begin to address areas not as strong, the proposed budget includes a math specialist shared between the two elementary schools, two new AP electives, foreign language classes for grade 6, continuation of Virtual High School program, reorganization of middle school staff to increase instructional

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Vanderweil to call it a day

Koed says he will seek reelection

By Nancy White
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"I made it pretty plain to my supporters three years ago I was only running for one term."
— Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil

The 2007 election will be remembered for its last minute write-in campaigns for a seat on the School Committee, but what will go down in the history books for the 2008 election?

The election landscape will begin to take shape as early as next week when candidates can begin to pull papers, which are available Jan. 3, and start to obtain the required signatures. The town election will be held on Saturday, April 5.

Both the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board have two seats with expiring terms, while the School Committee has one seat. The Mariner checked in with each of the committee members up for re-election this spring on those boards to see who is planning on running for re-election. However, come next week the field will be wide open and citizens longing to serve their town will have just as much as chance as any of the incumbents.

The Board of Health, Board of Assessors, Recreation Commission, Sewer Commission and Water Commission each have one seat expiring in April. Paul Pratt Memorial Library Trustees has three terms expiring. The Town Moderator and Town Clerk are up for election as well.

The Board of Selectmen will see some change following the election. The terms of current Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil and Fred Koed expire in April.

Koed will seek re-election to his fourth term on the Board of Selectmen in April, he said in a phone interview earlier this week.

Vanderweil, however, will not seek another term as a selectman. "I made it pretty plain to my supporters three years ago I was only running for one term," and time hasn't changed his mind, he said in a phone interview. Before running for Selectmen Vanderweil served on the Sewer Commission for two decades.

Over the last three years, the town and the Selectmen have tackled myriad issues from the Cook Estate to forecasting the town finances to town-wide stormwater and flooding issues.

He's quick to say all the accomplishments over the past three years have been team effort and he was only one-fifth of the team. "I don't deserve any more credit than 20 percent."

Vanderweil names better financial planning through long-range capital planning, amortization schedule and development of a financial model for the

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	Sunrise: 7:11 a.m.				*Sunset: 4:17 p.m.*			
Fri. 28	2:08	8.9	2:19	9.6	7:58	0.4	8:33	-0.2
	Sunrise: 7:11 a.m.				*Sunset: 4:18 p.m.*			
Sat. 29	2:58	8.7	3:11	9.0	8:51	0.7	9:22	0.3
	Sunrise: 7:12 a.m.				*Sunset: 4:19 p.m.*			
Sun. 30	3:49	8.5	4:05	8.4	9:46	1.1	10:12	0.8
	Sunrise: 7:12 a.m.				*Sunset: 4:20 p.m.*			
Mon. 31	4:40	8.3	5:01	7.9	10:43	1.3	11:03	1.3
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Tues. 1	5:31	8.4	5:59	7.6	11:41	1.3	11:55	1.5
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Wed. 3	6:23	8.3	6:57	7.4	—	—	12:39	1.3
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Thurs. 4	7:14	8.4	7:53	7.3	12:47	1.7	1:35	1.2
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- Jan. 3: Nomination papers are available for the 2008 Annual Town Election at the Town Clerk's Office.
- Jan. 14: The Annual Town Meeting warrant will close for petitioned articles. Citizen's Petitions require 10 signatures to be guaranteed placement on the warrant.
- Jan. 22: Town Manager Bill Griffin will make his first presentation on the fiscal 2009 budget.
- Feb. 14: Deadline for nomination papers to be returned to Town Clerk's office for eligibility on the ballot.
- March 7: Last day to register to vote in the Annual Town Meeting.
- March 29: Annual Town Meeting begins at 9a.m.
- April 5: Annual Town Election

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FY 2009 numbers are on the horizon

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time, and development of an in-house elementary level program for children with severe special needs.

Although the school department is proposing a $14.3 million budget, Walsh said that amount only covers about 90 percent of the cost to actually run the district.

"We're having an increasing reliance on outside revenue to support the operating budget," said Walsh, adding the committee needed to acknowledge that while the school budget is increasing, the percent of town contribution is decreasing. In the fiscal 2009 forecast, 77.5 percent or $12,517,582 is coming from town taxpayers with state aid projected to make up 11.4 percent, or 1,841,311. Then, offset funds provide 11.1 percent of the district spending — close to $1.8 million — to bring the projected cost to run the district to $16,154,126.

"It's a significant increase over fiscal 2006," said Walsh, in fiscal 2006 only 8.5 percent of actual spending came from offset funds, with the town contributing 82.4 percent and the state chapter 70 aid making up nine percent.

The offset revenue has multiple components, including athletic fees, booster club funds, transportation/bus fees, use of facilities fees, state circuit breaker (special education funding), Metco reimbursement, grants and donations. Since fiscal 2006, bus fees, parking fees and athletic fees have either been instated or increased.

"We would not have made it any other way," said Walsh, "if we didn't have offsets, we'd be asking for an additional $730,639."

School Committee member Adrienne MacCarthy said the increased fees have hurt a lot of families, "it's a very sore subject for a lot of people." While other towns may have similar high fees for athletics and parking, she said, Cohasset has a higher tax rate so families are getting hit both ways.

In order to maximize instructional time and teaching staff, surprisingly the administration is proposing two full-time teachers to be cut at the middle school level. The teaching staff will be re-allocated at the middle school to increase math lab time and foreign language studies as well as hire a math specialist for the elementary schools.

Slanetz was concerned with giving up two full-time teaching positions from the schools budget, "why don't we use that to add a grade five math teacher or to enhance the science program at Deer Hill," he said, adding instead of giving up two teachers the schools should apply the two teaching positions to move the district ahead and toward the School Committee five-year district goals, like lower class sizes.

"Changes need to happen in stages, this is the year for math," said Walsh.

The overview of the budget highlighted key points of the budget, but more in-depth school-by-school budget breakdowns will be in January. The final School Committee budget certification will be in early March.

School budget calendar for fiscal 2009

Jan. 10: Budget overview with school principals and the athletic, curriculum, special services directors.
Jan. 16: School Committee meeting
TBD: Budget summit with the town and presentation of the budget to Board of Selectmen and Advisory Committee
March 5: School Committee public hearing on budget/final adoption and certification of budget.
March 6-14: Central office staff prepares Town Meeting budget materials.
March 14: Budget document ready for distribution.
March 29: Town Meeting

POLICE BEAT

Snowball throwing is accident waiting to happen

By Mary Ford
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Police Chief James Hussey said police are encouraging parents to talk to their children about the dangers of throwing snowballs at passing cars. Hussey said he believes that some kids think it is fun to try and hit a moving target, like a car, and may not realize what could occur if the driver is distracted and takes his eyes off the road, or if the snowball causes damage to the vehicle.

Last week, officers spoke with some youths following a snowball incident on Grace Drive that has been described as an ongoing problem.

"We want to counsel our adults to communicate with their children so they understand the potential harm," Hussey said.

Police will seek complaints if they find the same children they spoke to engaged in the same activity again.

Over the past week, there were several complaints reported in the police log about kids throwing snowballs. In one incident the snowball hit a windshield wiper and broke it.

Jewelry theft

A thief or thieves made off with a jar full of change and some bills totaling about $30 and 33 separate items of jewelry ranging in value from $50 to more than $1,000 last week. The Sohier Street homeowner reported the theft after seeing the change jar missing in the kitchen and then discovering the missing jewelry. Detectives are investigating. There was no sign of a break-in. The family was out most of the day. Police believe the theft occurred sometime between 7 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Wednesday (Dec. 19).

MV crashes

• A 2002 Audi, owned and operated by a Cohasset resident, went into a skid when it tried to drive around a parked UPS truck and slid sideways into the rear of the truck that was parked on Jerusalem Road near N. Main Street last Thursday (Dec. 20) at about 1:30 p.m. The driver's side of the Audi sustained some damage. A tow truck had to pull the car out of the snow, but it was drivable, Chief Hussey said. No one was cited and there were no injuries.

• Two vehicles merging on 3A just past the Beechwood Street intersection made contact resulting in the mirror of the 2002 Dodge, owned and operated by a Hull resident, being clipped by the wheel of a semi-trailer truck. The mirror was broken. The truck driver and motorist both called police, who assisted them with the paperwork.

• An off-duty officer observed a hit and run accident on 3A at Pond Street and followed the blue Chevy, stopping it near Beechwood Street. Further investigation revealed the operator, a 45-year-old Scituate, woman was operating under the influence of alcohol. She was charged with OUI and also with leaving the scene after causing property damage and negligent operation of a motor vehicle. Police said she struck the rear of a car that was on 3A waiting to turn left onto Pond Street and then drove off.

Cabinets gone

Police are investigating a report of missing kitchen cabinets from a barn they had been stored in. When the owner went to retrieve the cabinets, they were gone. It is unclear when they went missing because they had been in storage for quite some time, Chief Hussey said.

Identity theft

A woman notified police that she believes her former boyfriend has access to her Jet Blue mileage points and is using them for a trip on the airline. Detectives are investigating, Chief Hussey said.

Suspended license

A man who was driving a yellow Ferrari without permission was arrested after police received a tip that his license was suspended. Police arrested the 47-year-old man, who was a caretaker and lived in an apartment on the property where the owner of the car lives, for operating on a suspended license and driving a motor vehicle without authority. The man, who owns the Ferrari, was out of state, police said.

After the tip came in, an officer saw the yellow Ferrari on S. Main Street, stopped it and asked for the operator's license. The operator did not have a valid license, he was taken into custody and the car was towed.

Warrant arrest

A man was arrested on a warrant Sunday following a report from a caller that she was missing some valuable belongings. Police responded to White Head Road and ran a computer check on the 57-year-old South Boston resident that revealed he had a warrant out of South Boston Court for larceny over $250. The man was arrested on the warrant. The caller was relocating to the residence when she discovered the missing items, police said. The man was a friend of the caretaker arrested in an unrelated incident last week for driving the Ferrari without permission, police said.

Annoying calls

Police called the number on the caller ID of a resident who told the officers about receiving numerous annoying phone calls from Colorado. Chief Hussey said the officer left a message on the Colorado number that if the calls continued, the authorities in Colorado would be contacted. Since that warning, the calls have stopped, Hussey said. He explained that the resident thinks the person making the annoying calls had him confused with someone else.

Parking lot

A 2005 Toyota Sequoia parked at Stop & Shop was struck and damaged by an unidentified vehicle last week. The caller told police she had just came out after doing her grocery shopping and saw that someone had hit her car and left the scene. The video surveillance cameras were not operating at that time, police said. There was obvious damage to the Toyota. The incident occurred at about 6:50 p.m. on Monday (Dec. 17).

Internet chat

A woman whose ex-boyfriend made threats during an internet chat with her was advised that she could seek a restraining order at Quincy District Court, police said. If she does not, then police will warn the ex-boyfriend that if this type of activity continues, it could lead to court action. Police have a copy of his online remarks.

Post cap

Police are investigating the loss of a plastic, fence post cap valued at $200. The report came in at about 6:15 p.m. on Saturday (Dec. 22) from a King Street resident.

Snowman

A motorist, who backed into a snowman statue at a local hardware store, is going to pay for the damage, police said. The incident occurred on Monday (Dec. 17). Police said the store provided a plate number and police contacted the motorist who did not realize the mishap had caused damage.

Parking ban

No all-night parking is allowed on any street in Cohasset from Nov. 15th-April 1st per the town's traffic rules and orders.

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Selectman Vanderweil won't run; Koed will

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town will make a difference in the town for years to come. The Selectmen also worked to re-structure fees so the revenue was more in balance with the cost.

The creation of active Selectmen-appointed committees, like the Housing Partnership Committee, the Harbor Health Committee and the Stormwater Committee are also high on his list of undertakings over the last three years.

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Planning Board

Two Planning Board seats, one for a three-year term and one for a five-year term, will expire in April. The seats are currently held by Bob Sturdy and Bill Good.

Good was appointed to the Planning Board in May to fill the remainder of the year on Peter Pratt's term. Pratt stepped down from his position on the Planning Board in late April. Good made it clear from the get-go he would not seek to be elected in 2008.

"I'm thrilled to have had the opportunity to participate during the last year," said Good, naming the approval of development of Old Colony Square shopping plaza next to the MBTA station and the passage of the village zoning bylaws as two highlights.

"There is an opportunity for a more thriving village economy as a result of new zoning bylaws that will pay off for years to come," he said.

Good was appointed to the Board in May largely because of his previous 15-year experience as a Planning Board member and the knowledge that came with that.

"I can't imagine someone coming in and not having that," said Good. As a result, he'd like to see someone with a broad base of experience in town government, particularly with planning, land use, zoning, affordable housing —"all the issues that are constantly in front of the Planning Board."

Good will not disappear from the face of town politics; he plans be a part of the re-activated Design Review Board. The Design Review Board was active in the past in assisting and advising the Planning Board in a variety of ways, but had fallen off the map over the past few years.

Long-time Planning Board member Bob Sturdy could not be reached for comment. However, board chairman Al Moore has said at recent meetings that Sturdy does not plan to run for reelection. Sturdy will complete 25 years on the board in April.

School Committee

School Committee member Alfred Slanetz is the only member of the five-person committee up for re-election in April.

"Definitely, I'm running," he said in a phone interview with no hesitation. Over the last three years, Slanetz has seen a lot of positive change in the schools and the School Committee, including development of a five-year plan with specific measures and goals as well as increased financial accountability.

"When I came on the board every year we were cutting teachers (to balance the budget) and that was unacceptable," said Slanetz, "now, we know where the money is being spent."

Figuring out where the school needed to go and how to get there was also a big accomplishment, "we have definitions of what is excellence and in some measures we're making progress," he said. With measurable headway being made, Slanetz's doesn't want to leave the job half finished.

"I'd like to see our five-year plan to the end and make Cohasset one of the top 10 districts in the state," he said, "all of the kids deserve the best education they can get and the town deserves a school system to can provide that."

Although Slanetz has children at the elementary level with a lot more schooling ahead of them, he said his motivation for being involved on the School Committee extends to a philosophical level, "I'm a big believer in education."

Nomination papers available Jan. 3

Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election for 2008 will be available on Thursday, January 3, 2008 at the Town Clerk's Office. The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb. 14.

In order to hold an elected office, you must be a registered voter of the town. It is important to note that you are not running for office until you take out papers and the Board of Registrars certifies your signatures.

Positions available for the 2008 town election include: Selectmen — two for three-year positions; Moderator — one three-year position; Town Clerk – one three-years position; School Committee — one three-year position; Trustees Paul Pratt Memorial Library – three three-year positions; Assessor—one three-year position; Board of Health — one three-year position; Planning Board — one for five-year position and one three-year position (to fill an unexpired term); Recreation Commission – one five-year position; Sewer Commission–one three-year position; and Water Commission — one three-year position.

Friday, March 7, 2008 is the last day for voters to register for the Annual Town Meeting held on Saturday, March 29, 2008 and for the Annual Town Election to be held on Saturday, April 5, 2008.

SSCC Nursery School registration starts Jan. 2

South Shore Community Center Nursery School announces applications for the 2007-2008 school year will be available Tuesday, Jan. 2, at the Nursery School and Community Center offices. All families on the South Shore are eligible to apply. The registration process is based on a lottery system. All applications are due back to the Nursery School office by 3 p.m., on Jan. 25. Included in the envelope should be a copy of the child's birth certificate and a $100 registration fee. Application envelopes should be clearly marked Nursery School Registration. The lottery will be drawn the week of Feb. 4, and acceptance letters will be sent via mail the following week. Any child who does not get a placement in the program will have their registration fee returned.

South Shore Community Center Nursery School offers three levels of programs to meet the needs of children ages 3 to 5. The morning program is from 9 to 11:30 a.m., and the afternoon program is from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Lunch Bunch or Discovery Class is offered as an extended day program as well as various Community Center programs. The program for the youngster children, the Nursery Program is for children who will be 3 years old by Nov. 1. The Pre-Kindergarten Program is for children who will be 4 by Nov. 1. Also offered is a special Enrichment Program for those children who are older 4s and 5s who are looking for a challenging year before they enter kindergarten.

The Nursery School program's goal is to provide a happy, safe environment where children will develop trust and have a positive school experience. The children will have the opportunity to recognize their own talents and abilities and will be encouraged to approach new experiences with a spirit of enthusiasm and self-confidence. Guidelines for Preschool Learning Experiences created by the Early Childhood Advisory Council to the Massachusetts Board of Education are followed. It is based on the standards set up for the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.

The Nursery School has observation mirrors in each classroom so feel free to stop in any time to see all of the things that occur in the program.

For more information or to set up an appointment to meet the director, call Ann Madden at 781-383-0036. The director can also be reached by email at: amadden@southshorecommunitycenter.com.

South Shore Community Center Nursery School is licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care and is at 3 N. Main St., Cohasset Village.

Land Conservation Trust calendars to benefit Weir River Estuary

The Hull Land Conservation Trust has published two calendars featuring the beauty of the Weir River Estuary. Links to the calendars and information about the trust can be found at www.HullLandConservationTrust.org. Each purchase includes a contribution to the Hull Land Conservation Trust.

The Weir River Estuary 2008 Calendar features the scenic beauty of the Weir River Estuary as seen from Hingham, Cohasset, and Hull. The calendar features information including where to put in a kayak, how to identify the estuary's rare volcanic rocks, and why the estuary is important for fish and birds. The calendar cover shows the Hull Land Conservation Trust's 2008 priority properties, the new Chatham Street entrance to the Weir River Woods and the western edge of Straits Pond.

The Weir River Estuary 2008 Calendar features the scenic beauty of the Weir River Estuary as seen from Hingham, Cohasset, and Hull.

The Sun and Moon 2008 Calendar also features pictures of harbor and beach sunsets and moonrises, as seen from Hull. Each photo is unique to its month: The March sunset is an example of cirrostratus fibratus clouds. The sky rain shown in April is known as virga. The May calendar shows how the sun sets behind Boston's Prudential Center, as seen from Hull on May 6 of each year. The number 11 in the September Boston skyline photo occurred at sunset on Sept. 11, 2004. As seen in the photo taken the Saturday after Thanksgiving, 2007, the full moon rises as the sun sets, pulling the tide out. The December sunset happened on Christmas Day, 2004.

You can also find the calendars by putting "Weir River Estuary" into the search at www.lulu.com.

Custom calendars with your own special photo are also available by emailing Judeth Van Hamm at one@hullportside.net or by calling 781-925-5665. Also contact Judeth for a gift card to say a calendar is on its way.

Check out the January issue of Parents and Kids!



Finding Inspiration

Parents and Kids wants to inspire you. This month, we introduce you to local families who have found inspiration via adoption, healthy lifestyles and charitable giving. And if your family needs inspiration on the menu front, we invite you to visit a Sudbury family who received a menu makeover from celebrity chef Jon Ashton. Plus, our Winter Things-to-Do Guide features more than 50 ways to have some fun this winter.

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Project success

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"The philosophy I talk about in the book, I applied to this project," she explains. By dividing it into smaller, manageable chunks she says she was able to make significant headway in a matter of months. She carved out time to work on the book by going into her quiet office in Quincy to write on Saturdays.

Although she says she was never one who loved to write, a bout of writer's block never hit her, "it poured out, I never was sitting at a blank computer screen."

In addition, she was fortunate to have both an understanding husband and children, "I made it clear this was something I really wanted to do and no one ever made me feel guilty because of my choices," she says. She dedicates the book to her family and her parents.

As an added bonus, she says her children were able to see just how much they could accomplish, if they set their mind to something.

In the short span of four months, DiTullio finished the first draft of her book, then spent the next two months editing.

"The hardest thing is knowing when to be done," especially for a self-described perfectionist like herself but, following the methods set forth in her book, she had set a firm deadline for the book to be complete. She wanted to have it ready and available at a November Project Management conference in Anaheim, California. With a week to spare, her books were available for purchase at the conference — they sold out within the first day and a half of the weeklong conference.

DiTullio says people gravitate toward her philosophy of keeping it simple, "some of the things I write about are so obvious but so often people need to be reminded to keep it simple."

The book outlines a step-by-step process to project management, "business is complex no matter what the industry," says DiTullio, her book outlines how a business, no matter what the size or trade, can introduce successful project management. By maintaining a simple recipe, with simple requirements and standards in place, the project leaders do not burden the team with complexity. A chapter is devoted to how to build cohesive project teams in today's corporate world.

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— Lisa DiTullio, "Simple Solutions"

"All business needs teamwork," she says, but building a successful team for a short-term project can be a challenging. DiTullio outlines efforts a corporation or project manager can take to build a productive team that will both do the project well and on time.

Believe it or not, DiTullio is already thinking about writing another book about how her project management philosophies can come out of the boardroom and into day-to-day life.

"Business and life can be overcomplicated and run at high warp speed, my approach is to give (readers) simple reminders to keep things simple to maintain sanity and get it done," she says, "keep your eye on what needs to get done and keep a steady pace."

"My life is very full, very rich, very busy," she attests, "whatever is embedded in book is what I live by. I apply it to my day-to-day life and I still manage to have fun doing it."

"Simple Solutions" is available in hardcover and paperback online at Barnes and Noble, Amazon and at any bookstore by-request. To find out more about Lisa DiTullio visit www.lisaditullio.com.

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Hey Cohasset, Happy New Year! I hope that everyone has had a wonderful Holiday Vacation week so far and continue to enjoy it into the year of 2008! Due to the wonderful week of holidays, kids being home from school and so many who have time off from work, the news is a bit sparse to share but that is ok! I will share with you what I have and look ahead to a year filled with positive and fun-filled news along with additions, weddings and school news galore.

TWINS!

Congratulations go out to **Matthew and Elisabeth Larson** who are the proud parents of twins born on Dec. 15, 2007. **Chloe Elisabeth Larson** was born at 12:30 pm weighing in at 5 pounds 15 ounces and was followed shortly thereafter by her brother **Max Roar Larson** at 12:33 pm weighing in at 6 pounds 1 ounce. Both babies are in excellent health and are now at home with their parents. Max and Chloe are the grandchildren of the proud grandparents **Mary and Don Larson** of Cohasset and **Bob and Maggie Gill** of Weston, Mass. Enjoy these wonderful new little ones!

CYBSA SIGNUPS

The Cohasset Youth Baseball & Softball Association (CYBSA) will hold its annual registration for the upcoming baseball and softball spring season ONLINE through Feb. 1. Parents/Guardians can complete the registration process by visiting the website: CYBSA.net. The CYBSA will also provide a one-day, walk- in registration on Saturday, Jan. 26. Please visit the website for more details.

TREE PICKUP

This year's Christmas Tree Drive will be held on Jan. 5, sponsored by Cohasset Middle School Student Council and the PSO. Christmas trees will be picked up and taken away for $20 ($15 for seniors) between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1p.m. To have your tree picked up, please call: 781383-2492 and leave a message with your name, address, and phone number. On Jan. 5, leave your tree at the end of your driveway with a check made out to Cohasset Middle School. Thank you for your support! Questions or to volunteer to help (the pickup neesd a few trucks!) please call **Wendy Erler** 383-0141.

TEEN CENTER DANCE

A dance for Cohasset youngsters in grades 6 through 8 will be held from 7 to 10 p.m., Friday, Jan. 4, at the Midnight Blue Teen Center, next to the Red Lion Inn. A student identification card will be required when signing in for the dance and no one will be admitted after 8:30 p.m. Youngsters should make sure they can gain admittance before their ride leaves, as once the center reaches capacity, no further admittance will be allowed.

The cost is $5 per person and snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase. This is not a school function. For more information, call the Recreation Commission at 781-383-4109.

BIKRAM YOGA

Registration is underway for Bikram Yoga classes to be taught by **Katrina Klein** of Bikram Yoga South Shore. Katrina is a national licensed master yoga teacher. Classes for ages 7 through 13 are scheduled to begin Wednesday, Jan. 9, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., at Bikram Yoga Cohasset Studio, 380 CJC Highway, second level, west wing.

The session will be six weeks; the fee is $70. Register online at Bikramyogacohasset.com or at the Recreation Department at Town Hall.

That is the news for this week. Please send in all of your news to share by email or mail.

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Digging all the snow



Emily Lengyel, 7, peeks her head out of a snow cave that was built in her yard on Dec. 15.



Grace Lucier, 10, looks out from the tunnel that she was making at the Lengyels on Saturday, Dec. 15.



Alexandra Butler, 14 left, laughs while throwing snow at her mother, Susan, after pushing her into a snowbank.



Emily Lengyel, 7 left, and Maggie Lucier, 6 right, crawl in a snow tunnel that was made in front of Emily's house.

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Volunteers key to popularity of Girl Scouts

By Nancy White
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Girl scouting is alive and well in Cohasset.

Two hundred girls, from kindergarten to high school, registered for girl scouts in Cohasset this fall. Four recent high school graduates earned their Girl Scout Gold Awards, the highest honor in the organization, this past year. Nearly every month the town's girl scouts of all ages come together for a town-wide event - the popular Halloween party, the mother/daughter tea and father/daughter social, to name a few.

This year, every girl who registered could be placed in a troop — an accomplishment Cohasset Girl Scout coordinator Lillian Curley says was no small feat.

"If we didn't have the adult volunteers, we wouldn't have Girl Scouts," says Curley. Five new leaders and mothers stepped forward to lead troops this fall, as well as returning veterans. Curley and her co-leader Liz Richardson have been with their current troop, which includes high school freshmen and sophomores, since they were Daisy girl scouts in kindergarten. The troop has lost some numbers, but a small group of motivated teens still attend bi-weekly meetings. Most of the girls are aiming to complete their requirements of the Gold Award before the end of their junior year.

Although not much will change on a local level for the Cohasset girl-scouting program, the greater Girl Scouts Patriots' Trail Council, which incorporates 65 communities in and surrounding Boston, will merge with two other Massachusetts councils in February. As of Feb. 1, 2008, the Patriots' Trail Council will cease to exist and the Eastern Massachusetts Council involving nearly 50,000 girl scouts will take its place, says Curley.

Curley has been Cohasset's delegate to the council realignment meetings. In the first week of December, she along with delegates from area towns, voted to approve the realignment.

Council realignments are happening all over the US as part of the Girl Scout USA's new business strategy to revitalize the Girl Scout movement, according to their website.

Camping, cookies and the outdoors are and always will be a part of girl scouts, but keeping the organization fresh and relevant for a new generation involves constant change.

"Girl scouts made a huge difference in my life, some of my best memories of childhood is with girl scouts," says Curley.

Curley and Richardson grew up together and were in the same Girl Scout troop from first grade into high school. They decided to be troop leaders so they could give their daughters the same opportunities they had growing up.

"It teaches them to work together as girls," says Richardson, "they get beyond personality conflicts and cliques."

Keeping girls interested in girl scouts in middle school and high school has been a challenge, says Curley. Kids are so busy and have myriad activities available to them often girl scouts doesn't top the list, she says. Mixing traditional Girl Scout activities, like camping, with more modern activities, like shopping and having lunch out has kept girl scouts from becoming a chore for the high school aged girl scouts. The community service and leadership opportunities being a Girl Scout allows have also kept many of the girls involved through high school.

"In the crazy world we live in, Girl Scouts gives them some balance and teaches them to be true to themselves," says Curley and of her troop, "I think they are proud of their accomplishments."

The oldest girls now run the majority of their own meetings and organize some of the town-wide Girl Scout events, including the popular Halloween party and the father/daughter social both held at the Deer Hill gymnasium. "Even if a girl is only a part of a troop for two years, they usually get something out of it," says Richardson.

The biggest challenge right now in Cohasset is finding troop leaders for the girls of all ages.

"My hope and goal is to have every girl who want s to register can be a part of troop. We need parents to come forward to be leaders," says Curley. Volunteer troop leaders are given training provided by the district council, as well as support with activities. New leaders can always consult seasoned troop leaders for advice and guidance, says Curley.

"The scouting program as a whole in Cohasset is great," says Curley, "the parents have been unbelievable."



COURTESY PHOTO

In September, the Cohasset Girl Scouts got together at the Black Rock Country Club in Hingham for a mother/daughter tea. A clown provided hilarious entertainment for the youngest Girl Scouts. The tea is just one of the annual events put on the Cohasset Girl Scouts.

Cookie sale starts Jan. 3

Last year, Last year, current Caty Gilman of Cohasset troop 4775 was the town's top cookie seller with 357 boxes. Over a period of two weeks, she pounded the streets near her home to knocking on doors to sell the cookies.

She begins again with a clean slate when the Girl Scouts commence their cookie selling campaign on Jan. 3. The sale of the famous cookies generates revenue for the local troops and district council to support quality Girl Scout programs, according to their website.

"I try to at least pass 100 boxes," says Caty, but each year her eyes are on the prize, literally. At major landmark cookie sales, 100, 200, 300 — even 1000 — Girl Scouts are given prizes for their sales. Prizes begin with selling just 12 boxes. This year, Caty notes if a girl scout is able to sell 1000 boxes, she will be awarded a coveted iPod music player.

While the majority of the money raised through Girl Scout cookie sales goes to the regional Girl Scout council to maintain campsites, fund training for adult volunteers and special programs, the individual troop benefits as well.



PHOTO/NANCY WHITE

Caty Gilman of Cohasset Troop 4775, who was last year's top seller, is getting ready for the annual Girl Scout cookie sale that starts Jan. 3.

"With half the money we do things for ourselves, and the other half we do things for someone else," says Caty. In the last year, they have sent letters and supplies to soldiers in Iraq, donated books, collected food pantry items and visited homeless shelters. They also use the money to go on unique camping trips, like last year's sleepover at Plimoth Plantation.

"It's a great confidence builder, you have to be very professional and polite," says Beth Marsden-Gilman, Caty's mother. While selling cookies, girls from across the council are learning life skills including: leadership, entrepreneurship, decision making, goal-setting, business skills and money management, according to the Girl Scouts' website.

For Caty, it's just a fun experience that leads to more fun experiences in Girl Scouts.

Look for Girl Scouts knocking on your door between Jan. 3 and 28. They'll be having booth sales outside local supermarkets January through mid-March.

Thin Mints remain the most popular cookie across the nation, but Caramel deLites and Peanut Butter Patties are also favorites. This year all varieties of Girl Scout cookies will be zero trans fat, in compliance with US FDA guidelines. Cinna-Spins, a new variety, are five 100-calorie single serving packs for those diet conscious consumers. All varieties are $4 per box.

The Cookie Sale is Girl Scouting's single largest program activity and the public's most recognizable image of Girl Scouting. All registered Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts and all Girl Scouts 11-17 are eligible to participate in the annual sale.



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Traveling igloos

Editor's note: This week we are recycling this editorial from 2005. It is worth repeating judging by the number of "traveling igloos" we have seen over the past two weeks.

We're not sure if it's a nationwide problem or unique to New England.

But why do so many motorists drive with snow all over their cars?

Could it be many houses don't have garages? Could it be those that do are so cluttered the family car is parked outside? Could it be laziness?

We admit to being totally perplexed about this and there isn't a great deal written about the practice.

Granted the recent snowstorms during the holiday season when we were all stressed were events that put even self-proclaimed "snow lovers" near the edge. They may be considering becoming "snow birds" by looking in the travel pages for a warm oasis.

In addition to cabin fever, those fans of winter — like the rest of us — have been coping with tons of snow to remove from walkways and driveways and the potential of no-school days for children that aren't always a vacation for working parents.

But there are SUVs out there that cost upwards of $60,000 whose owners are driving them around with nary a peephole to see the outside world and upwards of a foot on snow on the hood and roof. We have news for them: anti-lock brakes and four-wheel drive aren't going to protect you or the motorists and pedestrians around you if you can't see out the windows.

Flying snow and ice can also hit another vehicle causing that motorist to crash.

It's just commonsense: lack of visibility and huge pieces of ice and hardened snow flying through the air are safety hazards. Even light, powdery snow coming off a car or truck causes a fog-like condition for other vehicles.

One Internet Web site put it best. According to Car Talk's Official Winter Driving Tips at: www.cartalk.com: "You need visibility in poor conditions, because you have to keep your eye peeled for every other knucklehead on the road."

Tom and Ray Magliozzi of Cambridge (a.k.a. "Click and Clack, the Tappet Brothers"), who also host a talk show on National Public Radio member stations, offer these suggestions:

"Make sure every glass surface is clear and transparent using a snow brush and/or ice scraper. Your side-view mirrors and all lights should be brushed and cleared as well.

"Now if you haven't been smart enough to do so already, clean the snow off the rest of the car. Why? Because the rest of the snow will either (a) slide off the roof and cover your windshield as you're slowing down; or (b) fly off onto someone else's windshield and cause him or her to smash into you."

So let's not see any more traveling igloos out there — they know who they are!

If those drivers are not going to listen, then we hope they take the following advice.

Among myriad other winter driving tips ranging from tune ups to keeping windshield wipers in good shape, the Magliozzi brothers also add this: "Our best tip is still this: move to Hawaii!"



MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Board of Health, Jan. 9, 7 p.m.

CMHS School Council, Jan. 2 and Feb. 6, 2:30 p.m., Room 116 at the high school.

Conservation Commission, Jan. 3, 7 p.m.

Planning Board, Jan. 9, 7p.m.

Selectmen, Jan. 7, 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Jan. 7, 6 p.m.

Water Commission, Jan. 5, 10:15 a.m. at the King St. plant.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Jan. 8, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Register to vote for Presidential Primary

The Governor signed legislation on Monday, Nov. 26, to move the date of the Presidential Primary to Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008. The last day to register to vote will be Wednesday, Jan. 16. Registration will take place at the Town Clerk's office from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a Town Meeting or Election Day may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register to vote. If people move, they may register to vote as soon as they move into a new home. Registration is closed for a brief period before each Town Meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. If people register during a closed period, they will be eligible to vote only in later Town Meetings or elections.

HEALTH NOTES

Small injuries need attention

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

From one who is nursing three burns, seven minor cuts and scratches on his hands and is afraid to look at his shins, it's time to write an article on the health implications of becoming diverted. Holidays seem to be the time to think about something else, and unless you are very focused, it's done at some peril. However, the real peril is thinking the small injury will go away. How many have said "Oh gosh! It needs a Band-Aid, but I don't have time now" – wrong! Minor cuts, scrapes and burns can easily become infected if not cleaned and dressed properly.

Burns: To treat a burn, it needs to be cooled immediately. Use a cloth soaked in cool water or place it under running cold water. Keep it in the water for up to 10 minutes, if necessary. This is the single most effective way to help the pain of a burn. If no skin is broken and no blister appears, it's OK to leave it open. Do not pop blisters or pull the skin away from a broken blister. Cover the blister. We'll say how later.

Cuts and Scrapes: A cut may result in a lot of bleeding, or very little. Clean the wound with soap and water. Minor cuts and scrapes usually stop bleeding on their own. If not, the edges of a cut can be held together by using a butterfly bandage. A puncture wound, where a sharp narrow object goes through the skin, often does not bleed much. Allowing a minor puncture wound to stop bleeding on its own may help clean the wound out. Simply cover a minor puncture wound with a bandage.

Minor cuts, scrapes and burns can easily become infected if not cleaned and dressed properly.

Remember, these tips are for minor cuts. Seek medical attention if: a wound will not stop bleeding, the injury is near your eye or ear or if it's associated with a dirty or rusty object. Also, see a doctor if your last tetanus shot was more than 10 years ago or if signs of infection are present, such as redness, fever or severe pain.

Stop the bleeding, clean the wound, disinfect and cover the wound.

Antibiotics and bandages can do the job, but there's now a better way.

Should you have a liquid bandage product in your first aid kit?

Once the wound is disinfected and closed, liquid bandages are better, faster, more convenient and effective than Band-Aids. As a trial horse for treatment of minor cuts, etc., I can testify that the liquid bandage beats Band-Aids, no contest. Many companies make a liquid bandage product that requires just one application. They also offer a gel-based product that can fill in and protect skin cracks. The liquid or gel barrier keeps out dirt and germs that can help prevent infection. Moreover, although it may sting slightly during application, the spray-on type disinfects along with providing surface protection.

Scientific tests have conclusively proved that FDA-approved medical grade adhesives used in some spray on or liquid bandages heal wounds as rapidly as wounds under conventional bandages. No statistical differences were observed between the number of completely healed wounds or speed of healing between liquid and fabric bandaging systems. The major differences favoring the liquid bandages were ease of application and stopping bleeding.

Using liquid bandage

Using a liquid bandage product will usually not cause any major discomfort. Some bandages have a sticky feel, but they are nearly invisible and, unlike Band-Aids, require no removal procedures after healing other than washing with soap and water. Serious cuts require medical treatment, so don't use a liquid bandage product in those cases. If you can't seek medical treatment immediately following a more severe cut, you should use cloth bandages or whatever else you have in hand rather than a liquid bandage product. And be sure to read all the instructions.

Caution: Liquid bandages are new on the market and problems are sure to arise, but considering the benefits, they are worth a real look. What they won't do is reduce the results of distraction or inattention.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health. His column Health Notes appears weekly in the Cohasset Mariner.

Unsafe ice on Lily Pond this winter

There will be no winter activity on Lily Pond this winter. To reduce the amount of discolored tap water in the distribution system, the Water Department has installed a system of aeration tubes in Lily Pond. The units create a steady stream of tiny bubbles that rise to the surface of the water.

"This aeration system will make all of the ice on Lily Pond unsafe for any winter activity on the ice this year," said Glenn A. Pratt, chairman of the Water Commission. "We may not need to run the aeration system every winter, so this may not be a permanent situation."

Because of the unsafe ice, warnings will be posted and the police will enforce the ban on any winter activity on Lily Pond. The Water Department has discussed this with the Recreation Department, Police Department, Town Manager and Fire Department so all affected town agencies are working together to ensure a safe winter.

The bubbles will add oxygen to the pond water helping to reduce some of the iron and manganese that is dissolved in the pond water, which should help to reduce discolored water in the water distribution system. The aeration system will also improve the ecological state of the pond, according to the Water Department.

Signs are being placed around Lily Pond to warn people from walking on the ice. The Water Department activated the system Dec. 15.

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Who is Cohasset's top citizen?

By Mary Ford
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This year's recipient will be the 15th person honored as the Cohasset Citizen of the Year.

In keeping with an 15-year tradition recognizing an individual for outstanding service to the community or a special achievement — the Cohasset Mariner is now accepting nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year Award.

Here at the Mariner, we invite our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to Cohasset. This is a community award: the Mariner is the mean by which we are able to recognize, thank and honor those around us who make the quiet, generous contributions that make our town a wonderful place to call home.

Last year, Cohasset Mariner readers honored Roger Whitley as Citizen of the Year. Whitley, a retired architect, former Advisory Committee member, and Paul Pratt Library Trustee, who has spent much time over his 50 years as a Cohasset resident "involved." That involvement has not stopped at Town Hall or at the library. He is active at First Parish Church, once led the Rusty Skippers (town band) as its drum major, and joined the Peace Corps with his wife, Kitty, after the kids were grown and off on their own.

The deadline for nominations for the 2007 Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1. Please see the nomination form on page 5. The form may be photocopied. Letters of nomination are also accepted and should be mailed or sent by fax to The Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham 02043. Our fax number is 781-741-2931. Letters of nomination by email to mford@cnc.com are also welcome.

This is not a popularity contest. Following the close of nominations, a selection panel — after reviewing the names submitted by poring over the nomination letters and comments — will select the Citizen of the Year.

Nominees may be someone in elected office, a member of an appointed town committee, teacher or school administrator, clergy member, firefighter, police officer or other municipal worker. And the nominee may be a person in the business community, sports figure or an "unsung" neighbor or friend who has freely given of his or her time and energy for a worthwhile Cohasset project or cause.

This year's recipient will be the15th person honored as the Cohasset Citizen of the Year, joining past recipients:

1993: **Gerard T. Keating**, "Mr. Cohasset": for his more than half-century of contributions to the community, including serving as chairman of the Council on Aging, chairman of the school committee, president of the hockey boosters club, vice president of the Cohasset Historical Society, director of veterans services, and lector, eucharistic minister and usher at St. Anthony's Church.

1994: **Joseph D. Buckley**, for his work behind the scenes helping seniors understand the complexities of the healthcare system and to access health benefits through SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders), his service on the Council on Aging, and volunteer work over the years with the Boy Scouts, Little league, Sunday School and more.

1995: **Dr. Robert T. Sceery**, for his more than 40 years of dedicated service as a pediatrician in town and school doctor. He also served on the board of health and led the fight back in the 1970s to sewer the town. He is also a familiar figure at town meetings where he speaks his mind on important issues.

1996: **The Rev. Gary Ritts**, pastor of the Second Congregational Church, for being a positive force for good through his work with the Appalachia Service Project (ASP), an ecumenical volunteer effort involving Cohasset teenagers. ASP is a home building ministry in central Appalachia.

1997: **Anna Abbruzzese**, for all her volunteer work including preparing and delivering meals for the Pine Street Inn, driving the senior shuttle and coordinating the Gourmet Cooking Club at the Council on Elder Affairs; and her many efforts to help revitalize Cohasset Village through the Farmers' Market and much more.

1998**: Katherine Stanton**, for her tireless service to the town and its citizens over the years. She also volunteers as a case reviewer for the state Dept. of Social Services, served on the school committee and recreation committee, and along with her family was involved with the creation of the Cohasset Sailing Club.

1999: **Clark Chatterton**, for his generosity of spirit and deep caring for his fellow man, his years of work as a teacher and athletic director at the high school, including innumerable efforts helping others behind the scenes. He also helped raise money for many causes including Alumni Field and the American Cancer Society.

2000: former state **Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray** for a lifetime of service to her hometown, first as den mother and Little League mother and Girl Scout leader, and then as selectman. She was also honored for her public service as state representative for more than two decades and for always putting her constituents first.

2001: **Glenn Pratt** for his dogged determination over 20 years to see more cemetery space in town, remembering local soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice, helping to lead the effort to expand the community center, serving as an elected official, and spearheading the effort to build a memorial to local mothers who lost sons in wartime.

2002: **Arthur Lehr** for more than 50 years of volunteer service on worthwhile projects including the Boy Scouts; serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals and as a Registrar of Voters; Clerk of the Works for the DPW garage, Little League Complex, and Mariners Park; serving on the Recycling Committee, as town Civil Defense Director, on Gravel Pit Reuse Committee and more.

2003: **Marjorie Murphy** for touching countless lives through her roughly 25 years as school librarian at Deer Hill. With eyes that twinkle and an infectious smile, Mrs. Murphy devoted her life to helping children discover the wonders of reading and the value of a good book.

2004: **John Coe,** a WWII veteran, for all his volunteer service at the Senior Center where he helps make the center a warm place where people come and meet friends; for his work quietly behind the scenes helping fellow citizens and his service as the "beloved Town Crier" every year at the Village Fair.

2005: **Marjorie "Margie" Steele**, who is the "heart and soul of the Cohasset Food Pantry," for her energy and long-time commitment to the important service, which has helped countless people in need over the years.

2006: **Roger Whitley,** a retired architect, former Advisory Committee member, and Paul Pratt Library Trustee, who has spent much time over his 50 years as a Cohasset resident "involved."

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Radar patrols on Mass Pike

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Many years ago, when I was working for my Uncle and living at his expense in a gated community in Cherry Point, North Carolina, a bunch of us guys used to hop in a car on weekends and drive to Washington, D. C., to visit the museums and listen to the lectures and do other things.

Sometimes the other things delayed our departure until the wee hours of Monday morning and we had to hustle to drive the 200-or-so miles back to our gated community before they closed the gates and ran out of chipped beef on a shingle for breakfast and guys with armbands fanned out to retrieve the stragglers.

The problem was a certain suburb of Petersburg, Virginia, known as, if I recall correctly, Colonial Heights.

I'm not sure if enough people lived in Colonial Heights to field a baseball team but they had a police department that patrolled Route 1 through town with the enthusiasm of a father riding herd on a daughter who has just reached puberty.

Nor did I know the tax rate of Colonial Heights, or even if they had one, the amount of money changing hands between police and speeders on Route 1 being enough, I suspect, to cover the municipal budget. It was my guess that a speeder was one doing 31 miles an hour. Remember, this was 60 years ago.

Colonial Heights came to mind last week when I learned that state troopers patrolling the Massachusetts Turnpike have been ordered to fire up their radar guns and ticket more speeders inside Route 128 since receipts from speeding fines have slumped to only $1.7 million this year.

The order to ticket unwary speeders on the pike was issued, said spokesman Mac Daniel, because revenue from fines had dropped off by $600,000 since the troopers who usually wrote them up had to be deployed elsewhere to make the Big Dig tunnels safer after a ceiling became unglued and collapsed, killing a woman.

At least the pike people are giving us a warning, which is more than we get for most speed traps. And they're apologizing, too. Well, sort of.

"It's extremely unfortunate the Big Dig has drained the Turnpike's resources to such an extent that this method of balancing the books is even on the table for debate," Mary Connaughton, a member of the board, told the Herald.

Add a hefty speeding fine to tolls that are scheduled to rise the first of the year and soon it will require a small bank loan to visit that maiden aunt in the Berkshires next summer.

Not that it matters to me. I gave up driving a car several years ago and my friend who chauffeurs me on long journeys, like a trip to Chelsea, is no more enamored of tolls and speed traps than I, and she's never even been to Colonial Heights, as far as I know.

Let's see now, does Route 9 go all the way to the Berkshires?

The Bachelor Diet

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

I'm quite aware that the blame for my expanding waistline must be laid squarely on my wife's shoulders. She's the one who introduced me to decent food.

Maintaining a healthy weight isn't the no-brainer for me that it once was. It's a major brainer now, and I'm not certain I'm equipped to handle it. Obviously I'm not alone — two or three trips to BJs are all it takes to figure that out. Something has changed in the wider society. Have you seen a photo album from the 60s or 70s lately? Everybody looked like a total dweeb, and it wasn't just the terrible hair and loud slacks. They were all scrawny and British-looking by today's standards. Relatives we once considered grotesquely overweight look pretty hot now, I'll be honest.

But my weight problem is not society's problem. I'm quite aware that the blame for my expanding waistline must be laid squarely on my wife's shoulders. She's the one who introduced me to decent food. Before we met I'd never heard of yellow pepper risotto, warm spinach salads, chicken Marsala, rack of lamb... Will you excuse me? I'm suddenly in the mood for leftover beef tenderloin.

Ah, that's better. Do you see the problem, though? Do you see how she took an innocent bachelor and corrupted him forever with all her fancy stews, her home made merlot-infused Bolognese sauces, and, uh... Excuse me again.

Yes. Now, I never meant to marry an excellent cook. It's just something that happened. I'm not proud of it, but as an honorable man I'm not renouncing my vows this late in the game. I promised to love and cherish and devour everything she sautéed. I'm pretty sure that's how it went. But acting with this kind of fidelity comes at a price: the obligation to get off my duff and sign up for a gym membership every December.

Instead of that, this year I've decided to help others lose weight by writing a book called The Bachelor Diet. So far it contains two recipes, and I'm pretty sure I can come up with at least one more. Here's a free preview, exclusive to Mariner subscribers:

Wheaties and Milk

Pour 3 1/2 cups of Wheaties into a bowl. Cupping your hand, push Wheaties that have overflowed the bowl off the table and back into Wheaties box. Add 1-1/3 cups milk. Push newly-overflowed Wheaties/milk combo off table and back into Wheaties box. Eat by rounded spoonfuls. Drink remaining milk from bowl, dribbling two teaspoons onto shirt collar. Press right-hand shirt sleeve against wet collar. Wheatie belch optional. Calories: 150.

Angel Hair Pasta

Fill a 3-quart saucepan with water, place over high heat and cover. Lean back against opposite counter and think about bras. After two minutes, uncover. Small air bubbles appearing at bottom of saucepan indicate water has reached a mere 130 degrees, but stubbornly add 2 pounds of angel hair pasta anyway. Cover. Become distracted by a televised sport, preferably football, although Texas Hold'em will do in a pinch. When pot inevitably yet unexpectedly overflows, yell "Aaa!" and pat pat pat the stove top dry with a dish rag. Scald hand with sopped up boiling water. Yell again. Stir pasta.

Leaving pot uncovered, alternate attending to pasta and watching televised sport, being sure to chisel pasta fused to bottom of pot each time you return to stove. Smell smoke in the steam, and wonder how it is possible to scorch and blacken something that is completely under water. Allow anywhere between 8 and 30 minutes to pass, depending on the frequency, duration, and quality of commercial breaks.

Place a clean colander in sink. Recall that you are a bachelor, and therefore neither own a colander nor even know that is the name for one of those bowl-shaped sieve thingies. Instead, cover saucepan and lift from stove. Carefully holding the cover with your left hand and the pot handle with your right, dump all the pasta into the garbage disposal. Let stand for one minute while you grit your teeth and make a noise similar to that of a hungry, crying person. Stare at the black rubber flange between you and your pasta, then at the cupboard, the TV room, and back again at the flange. Think how relatively clean the garbage disposal was, in theory, before you dumped all your pasta into it. Pull hanks of congealed angel hair pasta from the disposal, halfheartedly rinsing them before placing them in your bowl. Fetch jar of pasta sauce from refrigerator and pour over cold pasta. Microwave at high power for two minutes. Hear crowd noise rising from the TV room and remove bowl from microwave after only 15 seconds have elapsed. Add far too much Parmesan cheese. Stir cold sauce and cheese into cold pasta and eat about half before realizing you've lost your appetite. Calories: 150

There's never been a better time to publish this diet book than the week after Christmas, when so many weak souls are tempted by leftover mashed potatoes, lasagna, apple pies, caramelized... uh, would you excuse me for a week or two?

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset, around which he plans to run three times per week very very soon, pushing a turkey and a spiral-cut ham in a double jogger.

LIBRARY CORNER

Movie 'To Catch a Thief' airs Jan. 4

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. For more information, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Library Book Group – The group will not meet in December. Instead, the group will meet after the holidays at 10 a.m., on Jan. 30, to discuss Diane Setterfield's book "The Thirteenth Tale."

Movie Matinee – Can't get out at night to see a movie? Come to a free showing of the film "To Catch a Thief" starring Cary Grant and Grace Kelly at 11 a.m., on Friday, Jan. 4. Free admission and light refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Movie site license sponsored by the Friends of the Library and Cohasset Democratic Town Committee.

Basic Genealogy and Family History – Meet professional genealogist Michael Brophy at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 31. He will discuss how to research family roots, organize findings and explore record sources. This is an opportunity for budding or experienced genealogists. Register for this free event either online, by telephone or in person at the library. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

FOR CHILDREN

Children's Author to Visit – On Friday, Jan. 18, from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m., local author Randy Houk will preview her soon to be released children's book, "In Wheelwright Park Don't Bite, Don't Bark," a true story about teaching dogs to respect each other while enjoying Wheelwright Park. Houk is well known for her work with the Humane Society of the United States. "Chessie, the Travelin' Man" and "Jasmine," two of her true rescue stories, can be found in the Children's Room. This event is for caregivers and children age 5 and older. Registration is required and children must be accompanied by an adult. To register, go online to cohassetlibrary.org, click on Calendar, find Jan. 18, and click on Register.

MamaSteph is Back – MamaSteph will perform in the Meeting Room on Monday mornings in January from 10:30 to 11. This is a lap sit program. To ensure the safety and the enjoyment of all participants, children will need to be with their caregivers at all times. All ages and communities welcome. Funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library. Doors will close promptly at 10:35 a.m.

Drop In Story Time – Story Time will take place in the Story Room Monday mornings from 10:30 to 11 during the month of January. Join others for big book adventures, music and movement. All ages and communities welcome.

Afternoon Story and Craft – There are still a few spaces available in the afternoon Story and Craft program. Story and Craft is for Cohasset residents age 3 through 6, is a four-week commitment and requires pre-registration. Each week a theme is explored through literature, music and craft. Online registration is available by going to cohassetlibrary.org, click on Calendar, find Jan. 10, and click on register.

BRIEFLY

Dickens Christmas

Our Town is offering an end-of-the-year special with Roving Reporter Rich Ofsthun heading south for the Dickens Christmas event in Scituate.

The show then goes on to highlight two big 2007 happenings for Cohasset: the Beechwood Ballfield dedication and the coming of the Greenbush Train line. Wrapping up this special one-hour show is a performance by Cohasset's very own Gr8fls playing the Sea Note. Tune in Monday at 9pm on Comcast channel 10.

Christmas tree drive

The Cohasset Middle School Student Council and PSO Christmas Tree Drive 2008 will be held Saturday, Jan. 5. Holiday trees can be picked up and taken away at the cost of $20 per tree. The cost for tree pick-up for senior citizens is $15. To arrange pick-up, call 781-383-2492 by 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 4, and leave a message with your address, phone number and any special instructions. Make your check out to Cohasset Middle School and attach it to your tree. Trees will be picked up from the end of driveways between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 5.



Victorian Christmas decorations adorn the branches of a Christmas tree at the Cohasset Historical Society's Wassail party that included music and refreshments.

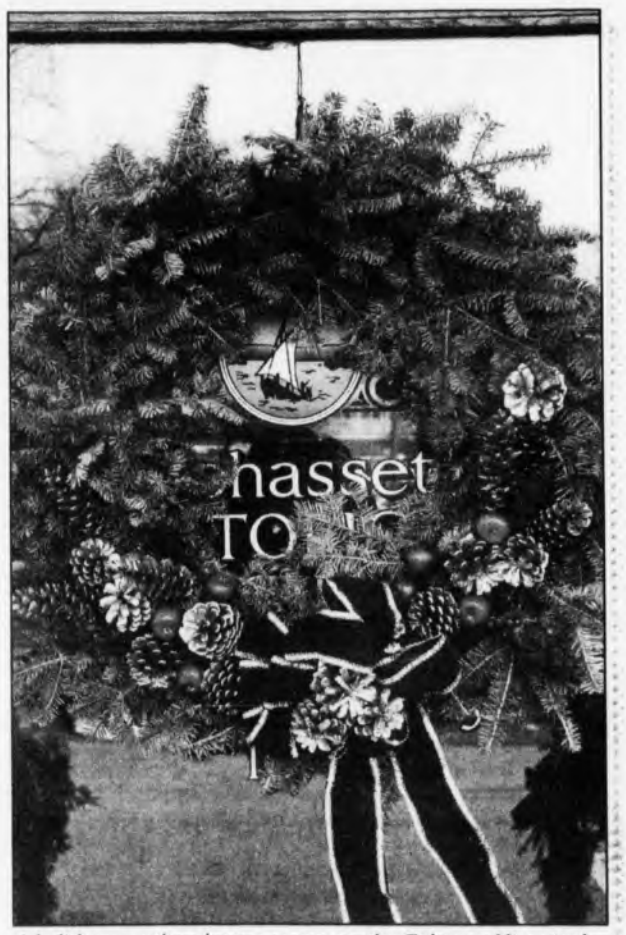


Victorian Christmas stockings hang from the fireplace at the Cohasset Historical Society's Pratt Building during its Annual Wassail Party Dec. 9.

Here we come a-wassailing!

Historical Society tradition celebrates the season

Photos by Craig Goedecke



A holiday wreath welcomes guests to the Cohasset Historical Society's annual Wassail Party Dec. 9 at the Pratt Building, 105 S. Main St.



Harpist Rachel Eisenhaure provides holiday music as guests enjoy the Cohasset Historical Society's traditional Wassail Party at the Pratt Building earlier this month.



The historic Pratt Building featured Victorian-era decorations for the Cohasset Historical Society's annual Wassail Party. Invitations were extended to members, guests and the public to join in the festivities.



Guests flock to the Cohasset Historical Society's Annual Wassail Party held at the Pratt Building Food, beverages and the traditional Wassail were served, and musical entertainment added to the occasion.



Glenn Pratt smiles as he was awarded Volunteer of the Year 2007 by the Cohasset Historical Society's President Kathleen O'Malley at the annual Wassail Party held at the Pratt Building, 105 S. Main St. Pratt was also given a framed photo that included historical photos of the building.

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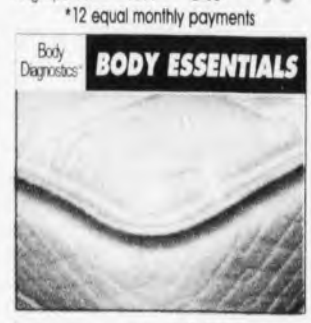
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Wrestlers ready for tourney

Skippers look to get back on winning track

By Joel Racicot
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Records can be a bit deceiving at times. The Cohasset High wrestling team will head into the Marshfield Tournament with 3-8 overall record, 1-0 in the May Shore League, but the young Skippers have faced some stiff competition.

Take Saturday's tournament at Lynnfield. Cohasset traveled to the north shore to go up against the host school, as well as Wilmington and Wakefield. All three are very strong Division 3 teams and all three senior laden squads utilized their experience against the Skippers.

Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney took this tournament on 15 years ago, but after taking many years off, decided to rejoin the group for some quality early season competition.

"We are young but next year we should have a good opportunity to win one of those," he said after Cohasset lost all three matches in the tournament.

Jack Murphy (125-pounds), Mike Froio (160) and Stephen Hurlbut (215) won all three of their matches while David Toomey (145) won both of his matches. Froio won all three of his matches in overtime to stay undefeated on the season at 8-0.

"He split time on the varsity last year and I expect him to do very well this season," Sweeney said. "He wrestles six minutes hard every time which very few kids can do—he wont get beat on conditioning."

Murphy improved to 7-3 on the season while Toomey went to 7-2 overall.

Hurlbut won all of his matches by pin and improved to an impressive 10-1 overall on the season.

The Skippers nailed down their first league win of the season with a 36-30 win against an improved Bristol-Plymouth team.

Matt Dooley (103), Murphy, Rudy Helboch (119) and Hurlbut, all had pins in the May Shore League contest.

"I was very pleased," Sweeney said. "Bristol Plymouth is much improved and we really wanted to win our first league match."

Up next

Thursday, Dec. 27, and Friday, Dec. 28, the boys take part in the Marshfield Holiday Tournament at Marshfield High School. Competition begins at 10 a.m. Thursday and noon Friday.

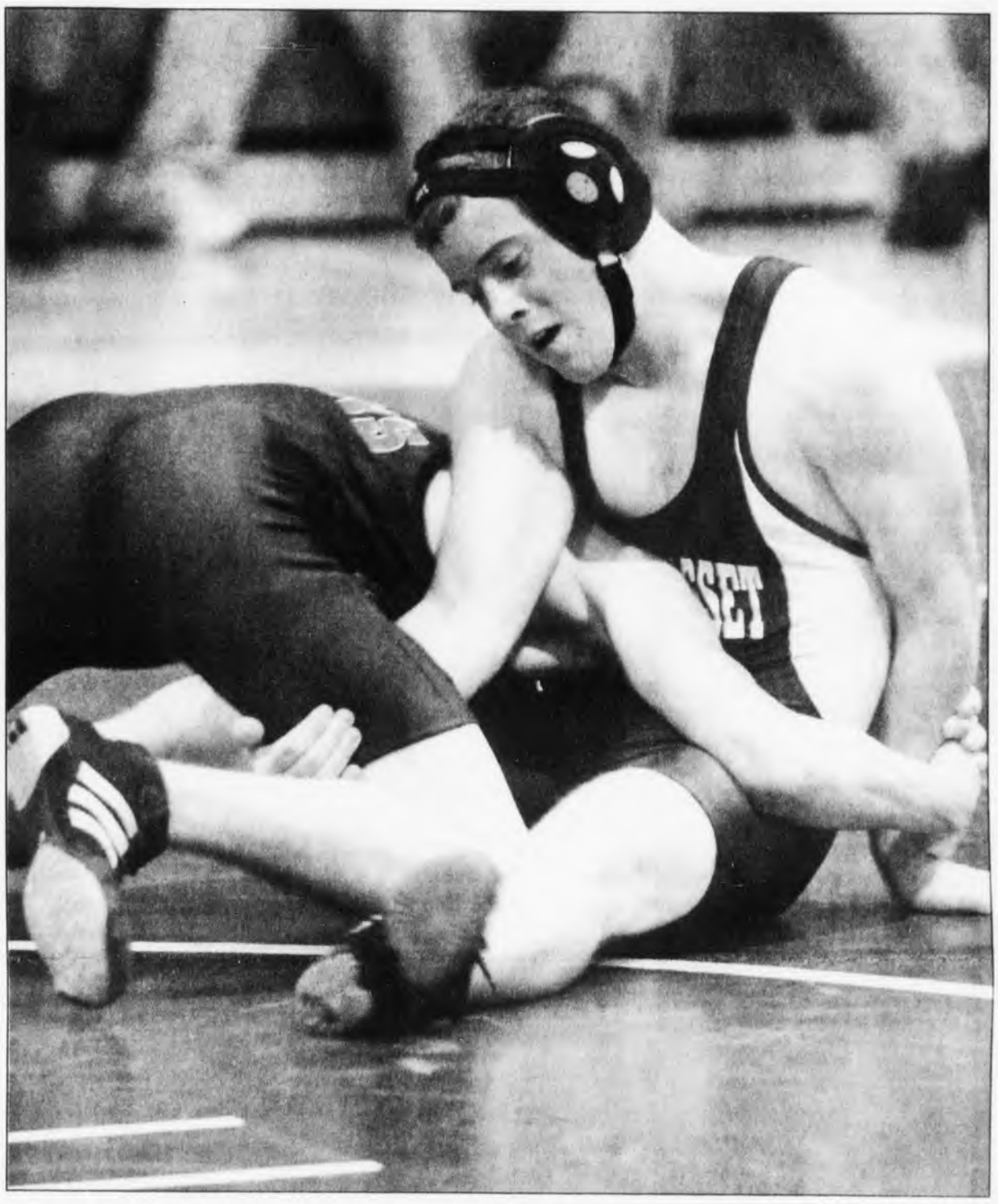
"We will have our hands full but it will be a great experience for the guys," said Sweeney about the holiday tournament.

Saturday, Jan. 5, the team travels to Braintree to take on St. John's Prep, Bridgewater-Raynham and the host school. Competition begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, the boys travel to Norwell to face the Clippers at 3:30 p.m.

Cohasset returns home Saturday, Jan. 12, to take part in its Invitational Tournament. Competition begins at 10 a.m.

2007-2008 roster

Steve Hurlbut, Nick Secatore, Mike Froio, David Toomey, Ross Collins-Wooley, Andrew Liberty, Rudy Helboch, Chris O'Grady, Graham Sinclair, Matt Dooley, Jack Murphy, David Hurlbut, Andrew Littauer, Jake Wheelwright, Nick Lieberman, Cam Washak, Chris Brady, Sean MacCarthy, Bill Mack, Colin Tarpey, Robbie Hill, Matt Brooks, Thomas Flibotte and Alex Kinnealey make up this year's squad.



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Cohasset's David Toomey wrestles Pembroke's Ryan Kopper. Cohasset will head to Marshfield for the annual tournament Friday, December 28.

12th annual Cohasset Holiday Basketball Classic schedule

Thursday, December 27 (uniform color)

3:00 p.m. game one girls, West Bridgewater (dark) vs. Hull (white)

4:30 p.m. game two boys, West Bridgewater (dark) vs. Hull (white)

6:00 p.m. game three girls, Sacred Heart (dark) vs. Cohasset (white)

7:30 p.m. game four boys, Sacred Heart (dark) vs. Cohasset (white)

Friday, December 28

3:00 p.m. girls consolation game

Game one loser (dark) vs. game three loser (white)

4:30 p.m. boys consolation game

Game two loser (dark) vs. game four loser (white)

6:00 p.m. girls championship game

Game one winner (dark) vs. game two winner (white)

7:30 p.m. boys championship game

Game two winner (dark) vs. game four winner (white)

Possible snow dates are Dec 29 or Dec 30 (beginning at 12:00 pm).

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Cohasset boys basketball coach Dorian Bryant talks to his players during a timeout against Abington.

The hometown rules of wrestling

By Kelsey Abbruzzese
CORRESPONDENT

Torin Sweeney, Cohasset High School's wrestling coach for nearly 25 years, has been a staple in the town's wrestling culture since he attended high school there.

Don't argue with Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney about the rules of wrestling.

"He knows the rulebook like he wrote it and if there's any call that's questionably not right, he turns into a fire-breathing dragon," said Michele Hubley, the mother of one of Sweeney's state champion wrestlers. "If you were watching from the sidelines and couldn't hear him, you would think the man had been possessed and needed exorcism. And you know what? He's right and they [the refs] know it."

During matches, Sweeney crouches on the side of the mat, taking advantage of the connection between athlete and coach during matches that is unique to wrestling. He carries himself like the wrestler he was at Cohasset High School: broad-shouldered, blond-haired, and pacing slowly around the mat in between matches. There is control and restraint on his face until the timer pauses the match and then he is up, gesturing and demonstrating moves on his assistant coach and talking his athlete through what he can do to win. As soon as the whistle blows for a break during the match, the wrestler's head immediately turns toward Sweeney.

Sweeney, who has coached Cohasset wrestling for nearly 25 years, acknowledged that his persona on the mat differs from his style outside the gym, at home or teaching physical education and health in Cohasset.

"I'm very much a practical joker and carefree. At work, we laugh all the time, but certainly

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Sixth grade boys hoop wrap up

Cohasset's sixth grade boys travel basketball team lined up to do battle against neighboring Hull, Friday night at home in another close contest that went down to the wire. Known for their toughness and talent, Hull never fails to play hard from start to finish and this night was no different.

A well balanced game on both ends of the court, this match-up showcased the depth on both benches. A terrific team effort by both clubs kept this game within a few points either way for the entire 28 minutes of play.

Cohasset won 23-20 bringing its record to 2-2.

Zach Coggins displayed a wonderful touch to lead the team in scoring with a half-dozen points. He had all great shots from the perimeter, and showed excellent decision making for this big-time playmaker.

Joe Buckley never let up with a tenacious attack on both sides of the ball. Buckley showcased excellent hustle and is a beast on the boards. Complementing Joe at forward is another big gun, Mark Brown.

Mark made some clutch baskets down low and from the foul line along with coming up and down with some timely rebounds. More big man moves came from Mark Rattenbury who came up with some nice lay-ups from close range off some hard fought rebounds to score four points.

Jack Stanganelli continues to enhance his game with great decisions on defense and excellent position play and Connor Green made a nice bucket off the glass to keep the game close, as well as playing some stingy defense.

At the half, Hull led by a pair but Cohasset came out firing in the third quarter leading to a 6-0 run that put the home-team ahead. But Hull wouldn't let this game get away they fought back hard with some great jump shots and good fouling shooting.

Brendan O'Connell showed great ball control serving some nice dishes to his wingmen along with terrific hustle all night. Jack Conte played great against the press and denied the opponent any easy attempts at the hoop.

Back and forth, both teams matched each other point for point, right down to the last minute and that's when things tightened up.

Timmy Cavanaro was matched up against Hull's big man in the middle late in the game with the score tied 18-18 and Hull with the possession. The plan was to get the ball in the middle for the go–ahead points, but Cavanaro had another plan in mind getting two clutch steals to get the ball to Cohasset's money man Rocco Laugelle.

Rocco would convert the key turnovers into points while booking a few trips to the foul line along the way. The capacity crowd witnessed some excellent finish work by Master Laugelle and the home team.

CYBSA launches new online registration

The Cohasset Youth Baseball & Softball Association (CYBSA) will hold its annual registration for the upcoming baseball and softball spring season online beginning December 21, 2007 through February 1, 2008. Parents/Guardians can complete the registration process by visiting our website: CYBSA.net

The registration process will be closed on February 1, 2008. Registrations that are completed after February 1, 2008 will be charged a $50 per player late fee and late registrants will only be placed on a team if space permits, on a first come-first serve basis. The late fee will be strictly enforced, and there is no guarantee that late registered players will be accommodated, as uniform orders and other season plans will be made on February 1. Your cooperation in registering players in a timely manner is greatly appreciated as it allows the CYBSA to establish rosters and order equipment and uniforms so that we are ready for opening day.

Please be advised that returning players already assigned to a Major League team are still required to register.

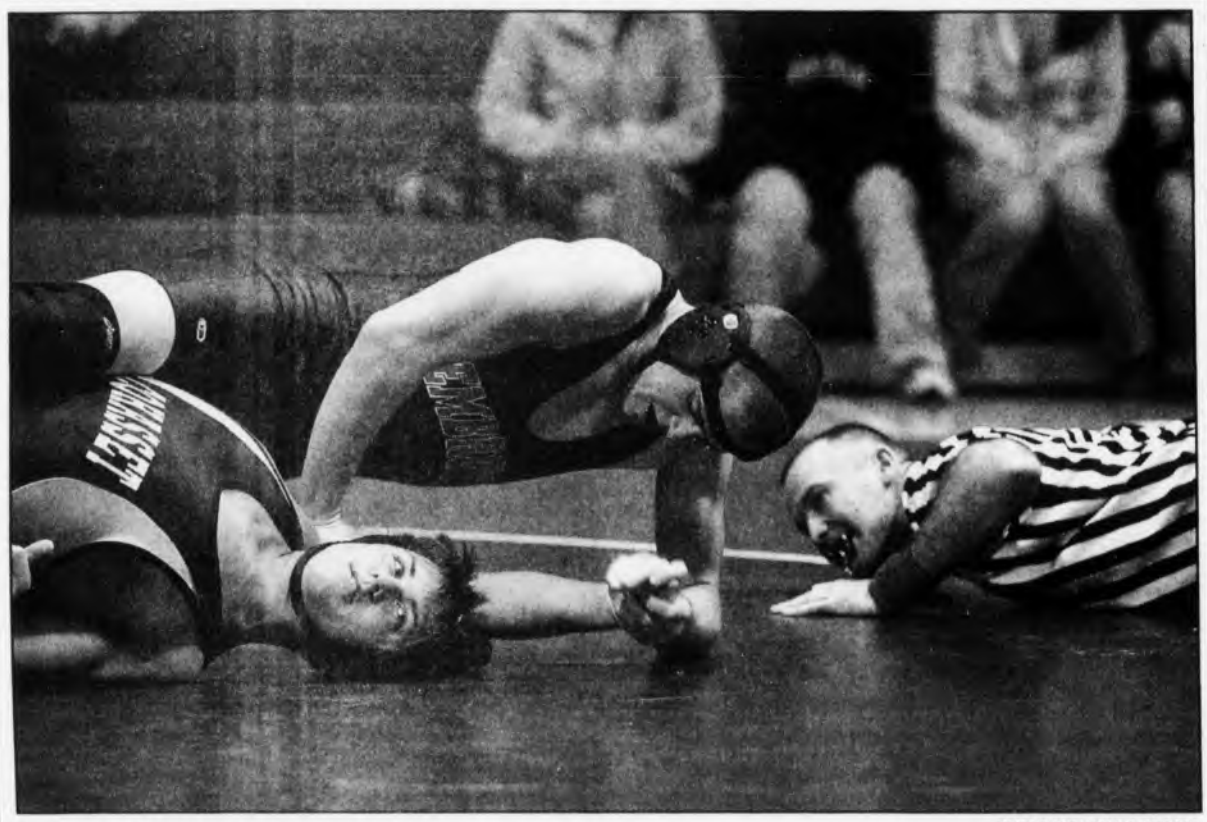
The CYBSA will also provide a one day walk- in registration on Saturday, January 26, 2008. Please visit our website for details.

Skippers skate to second victory

The Cohasset High hockey team defeated Abington/East Bridgewater 1-0, Saturday, at Pilgrim Arena in Hingham en route to its second victory of the season. The boys are now 2-1 overall and 2-0 in South Shore League play.

Jonny Wade received the game puck after turning away 52 shots in the game to preserve the shutout in net. Brendan Doonan scored the game's only goal. Pat Doonan and Charlie Czerkawski got the assist.

Cohasset opened the season with a 5-2 win against Carver and followed up with a 5-1 loss against Mansfield.



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Pembroke's AJ Nihill tries to pin Cohasset's Nick Sacatori during their match.

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The hometown rules of wrestling

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my competitive spirit gets involved. I have so much invested in the kids. There's so much time invested in practice that when you get to those meets, you want things to go according to plan," Sweeney said.

Sweeney's knowledge of the sport comes from a lifetime in the wrestling world. Back when he started coaching, two years after graduating from Cohasset, he was coaching former classmates. Now, at 43, he has the 2005 Division 3 state championship under his belt, was named the 2005 MIAA Division 3 Coach of the Year, and continues to act as, according to Hubley, "attorney for the defense supreme" when it comes to his wrestlers.

"[Cohasset] couldn't find a coach, so they were going to drop the program," Sweeney said. "I said, 'Well, I'll do it, just don't drop the program.'"

"Now, some of the guys I wrestled with, their kids are coming up," he added.

Sweeney's wrestling experience dates back to his days as a kid himself. As a high school sophomore, he made it to the state tournament. He won the Southeast title his junior year and then placed second as a senior. After high school, Sweeney simultaneously earned his degree in physical education and coaching at the University of Massachusetts-Boston and coached Cohasset's wrestling crop.

For Sweeney, the hard work, energy and competitiveness he displayed in college were qualities that appeared as early as eight, during pickup football games with his older brother, Shawn, and Shawn's friends.

"He and his friend Jordan Hoy always used to be the last ones picked, so we made them one person and called them 'the flying circus,'" said Jim Porter, a Cohasset native and childhood friend of Shawn Sweeney. "They were four years younger and couldn't do anything, so they just sort of ran around."

"We always knew he was tough and always tried really, really hard despite his size," Porter added. "And he stood up for himself. He didn't back down."

Sweeney expects the same from his wrestlers. Both Hubley and Jack DeLorenzo, Cohasset's former assistant principal, cite Sweeney's ability to demand the best from his wrestlers while being involved in their lives outside the sport. Hubley's son, Nick Cambi, the 2007 most valuable wrestler for the Mayflower-South Shore conference and now a wrestler at Roger Williams University, remembers what happened when he didn't complete a move that would have prevented his opponent from gaining an escape.

'[Sweeney] yelled, 'Nicky, do you want everyone to think you have a stupid coach?'" Cambi said.

"Everybody laughed," Hubley said. "We thought his head was going to come off his body."

"He'll get into matches unlike other coaches, who sit in the corner and watch," Cambi said. "He's more upbeat during the match. He's very competitive."

After spending 19 years as Cohasset's assistant principal and one year as principal, DeLorenzo saw the less fiery side of Sweeney.

"The most impressive thing to me was his banquets," DeLorenzo said. "He talked about every single kid as if they were state champions."

"He understood that it's a high school sport and there are so many other things kids are responsible for, pressures they're under. He always took that into consideration," DeLorenzo added. "Kids will get into trouble discipline-wise and coaches will try to get them to be eligible, but he was extremely supportive because he said education and discipline come first."

During the 2005 season, Sweeney said there were several times when he had to act as more of a counselor than a coach, due to two of this top wrestlers having behavioral problems. Cohasset held off rival Foxborough to clinch that title, after Foxborough made a late run to trim a 20-point Cohasset lead to eight points. After wins by Shane Dorian, David McKenna and Joe Kehoe, the team solidified its victory by a 12.5 point margin.

"It was a trying year. It wasn't your typical wire-to-wire championship where everything went perfectly smooth," he said.

Sweeney said this year's team is younger than the 2005 squad, but he still expects the same level of dedication and competition that he asked of his wrestlers for many years.

"I'm fair but I set the bar extremely high," Sweeney said. "I don't allow a kid to give a second-tier effort. I only accept their best effort. If they lose, fine. But sometimes I can get kids to do better than they thought and that's something I take a lot of pride in."

"It's almost like your own child," he said later. "You see them sweat all week long. When you start to coach them, you know how much of their heart and soul is into it."

Sweeney has two of his own children, Daniel, 4, and Olivia, 6, with wife Becky. When asked if he would encourage Daniel to wrestle, Sweeney responded that his son would have to want it.

"It's such a grueling and intense sport. It's gut-wrenching. I don't want to put my kid through that if he doesn't want to do it," he said. "If their hearts are not in it, just forget about it. Why even bother? You might get away with that in other sports, but in wrestling, you can't get away with kind of trying hard."

Out on the mat, with every flaw exposed, wrestlers experience much of, as Sweeney puts it, "the agony of defeat." With every pause, though, their heads still swivel toward Sweeney for guidance. Fire-breathing dragon or not, he still knows a wrestler's vulnerability as he walks off the mat.

"He never is anything but constructively positive in even of worst of losses," Hubley said. "He teaches them discipline and is tough on them but shows them how to win. It gives them something to get through this long season."

Cohasset High School sports schedule

Boys Varsity Wrestling

December		Time
28	@Marshfield Tourn.	12 p.m.
January		
5	@Braintree	1 p.m.
5	@Bridg/Rayn.	1 p.m.
5	@St. John's Prep	1 p.m.
9	@Norwell	3:30 p.m.
12	Cohasset Invit.	10 a.m.
16	@Carver	7 p.m.
19	@Whit/Hans.	10 a.m.
19	@Durfee	10 a.m.
19	@Wayland	10 a.m.
23	Southeast Reg.	7 p.m.
25	@Marshfield	4 p.m.
25	@Rockland	4 p.m.
25	@Scituate	4 p.m.
30	@S.S. Reg.	7 p.m.
February		
2	Nauset	10 a.m.
2	Worcester Tech.	10 a.m.
2	Milton	10 a.m.
5	Tri-County	3:30 p.m.
9	@MIAA Div. 3	TBA

Boys Varsity Basketball

All games at 6:30 p.m. unless nted.

December		
28	Cohasset Tourney	4:30 p.m.
28	Cohasset Tourney	7:30 p.m.
January		
4	Harwich	
8	@Hull	7:30 p.m.
11	@Norwell	
15	Mashpee	
16	@ S.S. Regional	5 p.m.
18	@E. Bridgewater	
22	Abington	
25	@Carver	
29	@Harwich	
February		
1	Hull	6 p.m.
5	Norwell	
7	S.S. Regional	5 p.m.
8	@Mashpee	
13	E. Bridgewater	
14	S.S. Christian	

Girls Varsity Basketball

All games at 6:30 p.m. unless noted.

December		
28	Cohasset Tourney	3 p.m.
28	Cohasset Tourney	6 p.m.
January		
4	@Harwich	
8	@Hull	6 p.m.
10	Norwell	
15	@Mashpee	
18	E. Bridgewater	
22	@Abington	
25	Carver	
29	Harwich	
February		
1	Hull	7:30 p.m.
5	@Norwell	
8	Mashpee	
11	@Cape Cod Reg.	5:30 p.m.
13	@E. Bridgewater	
14	S.S. Christian	5 p.m.

Girls Varsity Gymnastics

January		
5	Bridg./Rayn.	1:30 p.m.
11	Hingham	7 p.m.
14	@Hanover	7 p.m.
19	Pembroke	1:30 p.m.
26	Brockton	1:30 p.m.
28	@Marshfield	7 p.m.

Boys Varsity Ice Hockey

February		
1	Notre Dame	7 p.m.
4	@Silver Lake	7 p.m.
9	@Cranberry Conf. Meet/Somerset	TBA

January		
2	@Rockland	5:55 p.m.
4	S.S. Regional	8 p.m.
5	Norwell	7:40 p.m.
11	Old Rochester	6:50 p.m.
12	@Hull	7:40 p.m.
16	Mashpee	5:20 p.m.
19	Harwich	7:40 p.m.
23	Carver	7:40 p.m.
26	@Abington	4:30 p.m.
30	@Norwell	7:40 p.m.
February		
6	Hull	7:40 p.m.
8	Rockland	8 p.m.
10	@Mashpee	6:55 p.m.
13	@Harwich	7 p.m.
16	@S.S. Regional	2:50 p.m.
20	@Old Rochester	10:30 a.m.

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Caribbean capers: family fun in the sun

Christine Loomis
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Beneath the sea is a vivid world where hiders and hunters play out an aquatic dance of life. On the surface, blue-green water connects diverse cultures on islands spread across thousands of miles, thick with bougainvillea and ringed with sand in shades of pink, gold, black, and white.

This is the Caribbean, North America's tropical playground of balmy waters and sweet beaches, cool pools and open-air restaurants. Yet each island is unique in its culture and landscape. Some islands are French or Dutch or Spanish; some are mountainous and tree-covered, others flat and sandy.

The Caribbean isn't one destination, it's many, and it's loaded with family-friendly resorts offering the best of all worlds — as much time together as you want, time apart if you wish, family activities, discoveries just for kids. Here are six family-loving resorts on six different islands with everything you need to stay and play.

On St. Croix, the largest U.S. Virgin Island at about 80 square miles, the must-see is Buck Island Reef National Monument. The must-stay is The Buccaneer, 340 acres, three beaches, and 138 guest rooms in a setting that exudes casual elegance. Owned and run by the Armstrong family for generations, the Buccaneer is anything but chain-like. There are lodging options (I love the Doubloon rooms near Mermaid beach), multiple restaurants, and a complimentary Kids Camp for ages four to 12. Don't miss the weekly crab races, an enduring — and endearing — Buccaneer tradition.

Decades before "eco-tourism" was a catch phrase, Maho Bay Camps, inside Virgin Islands National Park on St. John, was all about the environment and affordable paradise. Snorkeling and diving there are excellent, as are diverse art and craft classes. The resort's "Cottage" tents, community buildings and pristine beach are connected by walkways and many steps (parents of toddlers take note), but this isn't roughing it; tents have comfy beds and everything from linens to cookware. As low-key as St. John itself, Maho Bay is for families whose idea of glitz and nightlife are stars and the sound of the sea.

Several airlines fly non-stop from Boston to Puerto Rico where the coolest activity is an evening kayak tour of a bioluminescent bay—picture a million fireflies going for a swim. El Conquistador Resort & Golden Door Spa, 31 miles from San Juan, is huge - 984 rooms (recently renovated), 22 restaurants, and a private island. Now there's a new water park with a massive main pool, four slides and a lazy river. Camp Coqui is for ages four to 12; family programs include guided eco-tours of mystical El Yunque Rain Forest and mom/daughter hand-and-feet spa treatments.

For the friendliest people and fabulous hiking it's St. Lucia, one of my favorite islands. Almond Smugglers Cove opened in 2007, an all-inclusive specializing in personalized service. The 357-room resort has five pools, four restaurants, and a spa, and it sits on a cove with black and white sand. It also has Almond's chain-wide Kids Club for newborns to teens. Discover St. Lucia's British heritage at "high tea" each afternoon.

In Jamaica, climbing Dunn's River Falls is a must-do. But families will find a lot of other activities at the Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort Montego Bay, which sits on a half-mile of beach. Each oceanfront family suite boasts a private Jacuzzi. Families mingle at the resort's beach parties and dive-in movies (at the pool). The KidSpree Vacation Club is complementary for ages six months to 12 years. The 524-room hotel is full service (except there's no room service) but also all-inclusive, meaning no surprise bill at checkout for dozens of a la carte offerings.

Curacao is my son's favorite island, no contest. The ostrich farm and Dolphin Academy are memorable for him, but so is meandering through multi-hued Willemstad with its pontoon bridge and eclectic shops. Located by the Sea Aquarium on 1,500 feet of fine snorkeling beach, "super inclusive" Breezes Curacao (premium drinks are included) has every activity imaginable plus circus workshops and ice skating - yes ice skating - on an artificial rink. Kids Club is for infants through age 12 and there's a Teen Center.



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Family pool fun at Breezes Curacao.

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Maho Bay Camps. May to Dec., kids age 15 and younger stay free with parents. $80-$130 per night. 800-392-9004; www.maho.org

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Standing in waist-deep water, my daughter Kira and I joined two other guests and four bottlenose dolphins, including the exuberant Dee Dee, for a Dolphin Beach Encounter (one of several dolphin experiences at Anthony's Key). The Beach Encounter doesn't require snorkel gear or even swimming, making it ideal for everyone from young children to grandparents. Kira was 20, but playing with dolphins brought out the kid in her, right down to giggling, mugging for the camera, and being sad when it was all over.

The program is a mix of interesting information about dolphins and demonstrations of their behaviors and skills. Spectacular leaps provide the best photo ops, but there's something humbling and powerful about looking into the eyes of a dolphin and recognizing a deep intelligence. As we left Dee Dee I wondered who really learns the most when humans and dolphins come together.

Flash forward a couple of years. My son and I arrive for a session at the Dolphin Academy on Curacao, and who's there but Dee Dee, flown in from Roatan to help start a new program at Curacao's Sea Aquarium. She didn't remember me — or did she? — but it still felt like seeing an old friend.

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Snowmobilers come from all over to experience "The Country" in Maine.

Exploring 'The County' in Maine

Tim Jones
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

IN NEW ENGLAND

Aroostook County, Maine -

Tell your friends that you are on your way to Aroostook County for a getaway, and what you'll probably get is a puzzled look and the question, "Why?"

But after a couple days of world-class cross-country skiing or snowmobiling you are most likely to answer, "Why not?"

Known simply as "The County," Aroostook is located in the upper right-hand corner not only of the state of Maine, but also of the entire U.S. Next stop, Canada.

It's the largest county in land area east of the Mississippi, covering 6,829 square miles. But fewer than 75,000 people live there.

That leaves a lot of empty space to play.

Winter is the big tourist season in Aroostook County. Snowmobilers come from all over, drawn by deep snow and immaculately groomed trails. Rentals are plentiful.

Sometimes you'll ride through virtual tunnels of spruce trees. Other places you can see for miles across rolling farm country.

Or you may find yourself crossing wetlands or river courses.

All of it is simply beautiful.

The County also has the best cross-country skiing in the northeast – 11 Nordic ski areas, including two world-class venues: The 10th Mountain Ski Center (www.10thmtskiclub.org) in Fort Kent and the Nordic Heritage Center (www.nordicheritagecenter.org) in Presque Isle.

While both are rated as world-class competition centers for Nordic and biathlon, they are wonderful for regular folks, too.

The budget motels in the area sell out quickly in snowmobile season. But if you've got kids, base at the Caribou Inn (www.cariboinn.com) in Caribou, which has a swimming pool.

Or, if you're traveling with your sweetheart, I'd recommend the Rum Rapids Inn (www.rumrapidsinn.com), a beautiful, secluded B&B on the banks of the Aroostook River in Crouseville.

My wife and I were, frankly, stunned by the great area restaurants, where dinner for two runs $50 to $75. Try the delicious osso bucco at Napoli's in Caribou, or the Scallops Frangelico at the Greenhouse Restaurant at the Caribou Inn – the latter looking more like a truck stop than a fine dining establishment, but looks are deceiving.

You can fly up to Presque Isle on US Airways (www.usairways.com) from Boston for about $341 roundtrip. Rental cars are available at the airport.

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Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Join us for Caroling on the Common on Saturday, Dec. 15!

Gather at 3:45 p.m. at the Parish House! Return to the Parish House at 4:45 for cookies, cocoa and cider. Please bring cookies to share and a few pairs of white cotten socks (men's & women's sizes) to be given to Boston Health Care for the Homeless.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org_to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church invites you to join us this Advent.

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Highlights of our parish life include:

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- Outreach to the hungry, homeless and those in prison
- Monthly luncheon for seniors
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Sunday Services at 8 am and 10 am

Wednesday healing service with Holy Eucharist at 9:30 am

To contact us: Stop by at 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset (We are the church "on the rock." Enter during the week at office around back) or call 781-383-1083, or email cwood@ststephenscohasset.org.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

New Year's Eve Service on Monday, Dec. 31st at 11:15 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

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Twelfth Night Epiphany concert at Abbey

Glastonbury Abbey of Hingham offers the musical gifts of Walter Rossbach, organist, choral director and tenor soloist of Reston, Va., as he performs an Epiphany Organ Concert at 4 p.m., on Jan. 6, in the Glastonbury Abbey Church. Rossbach has spent 56 years of every Sunday professional performance at liturgical churches in the New York and Northern Virginia/Washington, D.C. areas. He recently retired after serving 12 years as minister of music at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Great Falls, Va. His career spans duties at Episcopal, Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches, and currently includes frequent performances at Arlington National Cemetery's Post Chapel. He is a gifted musician who is renowned for his virtuosity, dynamics and emotionally sensitive registrations that he brings out of the organs on which he performs.

Rossbach has performed numerous concerts and recitals especially in the dedication of new organs. He is one of only two organists to perform on an organ in the White House in the presence of the president (President Jimmy Carter). He enjoys performing before all sizes of Christian congregations and finds his greatest joy in leading the singing of rousing hymns, often improvising reharmonizations, interludes and modulations to heighten the worship experience in song. Rossbach enjoys informal settings for his programs, and will be sharing comments about the music performed during the concert.

A reception will take place at the Abbey Center following the concert where hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served. A good will offering with a minimum suggestion of $25 per family is requested. Tickets will be available at the door on the day of the concert as well as the Glastonbury Abbey bookstore, 16 Hull St., Hingham, prior to Jan. 6. Bookstore hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

OBITUARIES

Michael Kent

Restaurateur

Michael Kent, 53, of Cohasset, died Dec. 21, 2007, at his home following a long illness.

Mr. Kent grew up in Newton, the son of Elaine Kent and the late Sherman Kent, and was a graduate of UMass-Amherst.

A longtime restaurateur, Mr. Kent was founder of National Restaurant Brokers Inc. and MSK Productions.

He leaves his wife, Susan Kent; his sisters, Ilene Kent and Joanne Applebaum; his sister-in-law, Renee Kemmeries; his brother-in-law, David Applebaum; his niece and nephew, Danielle and Joshua Applebaum; his aunts and uncles, Leah and Jerold Kaplan and Roseann and Philip Rosdol; his cousins; many friends; and his dog, Jake.

A celebration of Mr. Kent's life will be held at 10 a.m., on Sunday, Dec. 30, at Atlantica Restaurant, 44 Border St., Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Greater Boston Food Bank at www.gbfb.org or Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue at wwwygrr.org.

St. Joseph Retreat Center schedule of events

St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset will host the following programs:

- Dec. 27 through Jan. 2, End of Year Retreat. Come for one, three or seven days/nights of directed or private prayer in a quiet, meditative setting.
- Saturday, Jan. 12, Day of Prayer, Knit, Pray, Love: A Day for Knitters.
- Jan. 13 and 20, Days of Prayer, Sacred Images: Contemplation and Creativity, come for one or both days.
- Saturday, Jan. 19, Day of Prayer, A Day of Prayer with 12-step spirituality.
- Thursday, Jan. 24, Morning of Prayer, Celebrating Winter.

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Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church — Rev. Robert Schipul, Pastor; Dan Eddy, Vicar; Sunday worship 9 a.m.; Adult Bible Study and Sunday School start at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday Prayer Service 7 p.m.; 460 Chief Justice Cushing Highway/Rt.3A, Scituate, MA 02066; Office: 781-545-5271; Parsonage: 781-545-9878; Christ Lutheran is handicapped accessible; www.clc-scituate.org. Christmas Eve Service is at 6:30p.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.

Program on lost crew of the Portland

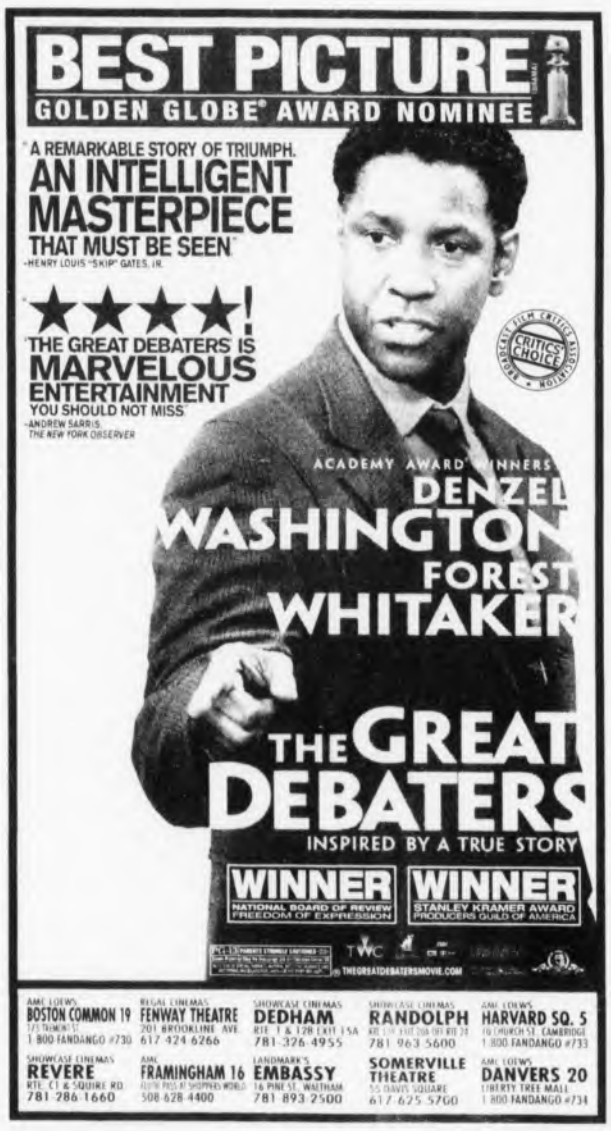
Walter Hickey, Archives Specialist at the National Archives Northeast Region will host the program, "Following the Paper Trail: Researching the Lost Crew of the Portland," at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 10, in the Hull Lifesaving Museum at the Point Allerton U.S. Lifesaving Station, 1117 Nantasket Ave. Cost is $3 for members; $5 for nonmembers.

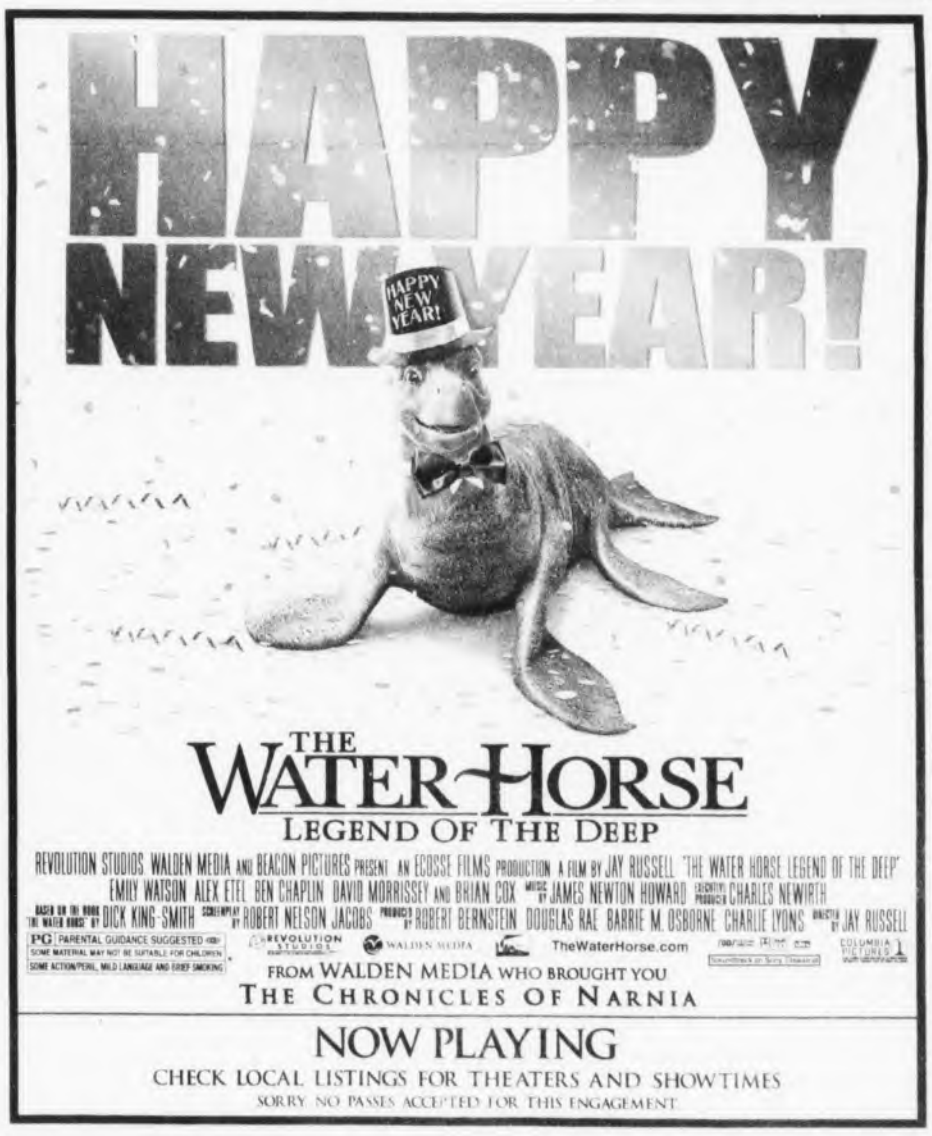
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Police/Fire Log

SATURDAY, DEC. 8

3:15 p.m. **Elm St.,** officer wanted. Walk-in party would like to see an officer regarding a ticket he received out of state.

3:32 p.m. **North Main St. and Red Gate Lane,** traffic enforcement.

3:56 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/BLS.

4:48 p.m. **Wheelwright Park,** lost person. Caller reports his girlfriend is walking their dogs in Wheelwright Park and has gotten lost. On a call from the female party who is lost she was told officers are on the way and to keep walking on the path. Her cell phone died. Officer reports the lost party has been found.

5:18 p.m. **Nichols Road,** officer wanted. Caller would like to speak with an officer regarding hoses from the LM Holdings Project. Officer reports the bypass appears to look weakened. LM Holding Project manager notified.

6:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** animal complaint. Caller reports there is a deer trapped between the gates and the fence. Officer reports nothing showing – animal must have found his way out.

7:15 p.m. **Elm St.,** investigation. 26-year-old Braintree man summonsed on charges of armed robbery and threat to commit a crime.

7:34 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle stop. Vehicle stored/impounded. 18-year-old Scituate female summonsed on charges of operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration and uninsured motor vehicle.

9:59 p.m. **South Main St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

10:23 p.m. **Sohier St.,** motor vehicle stop; vehicle stored/impounded. Officer reports out with motor vehicle. Requests wrecker for motor vehicle with revoked license plates due to insurance cancellation. Officer also reports that operator's drivers license is expired. 60-year-old male from Norwell summonsed on charges of operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration, uninsured motor vehicle and unlicensed operation of motor vehicle.

10:28 p.m. **South Main and Summer streets,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

10:29 p.m. **Forest Ave.,** traffic enforcement.

10:37 p.m. **Forest Ave.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

SUNDAY, DEC. 9

12:49 a.m. **Jerusalem Road,** traffic enforcement.

1:25 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

1:26 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

5:55 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.,** traffic enforcement.

7:41 a.m. **Linden Dr.,** disturbance. Caller stated that for the past few months someone has been placing things on top of her car overnight. Last night someone left an empty 12-pack of Bud Light on top of her car. Caller wanted this logged.

10:46 a.m. **North Main St.,** hazard. Caller reports train gates are down and lights are going off for about 10 minutes with no sight of train coming. Contacted the MBTA.

10:51 a.m. **Rustic Dr.,** vandalism report. Caller reports front light and mailbox damage. This party has an ongoing case.

11:17 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** traffic enforcement.

12:05 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** public service. Caller reports kids throwing snowballs at people coming out of church and Diniro's parking lot.

1:28 p.m. **Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Ave.,** well being check. Caller reports a woman walking at this location with no jacket, clutching her arms and crying. Officer reports no one in the area.

3:04 p.m. **Sohier St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

3:32 p.m. **South Main St.,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

3:40 p.m. **South Main St.,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

MONDAY, DEC. 10

12:39 a.m. **S. Main St.,** traffic enforcement.

1:08 a.m. **Highway Secor,** icy road conditions, contacted DPW and State DPW, they will be enroute to sand.

8:55 a.m. **Deer Hill/Osgood School** check, building checks.

9:08 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** traffic enforcement.

9:39 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.,** suspicious activity, caller reports she had found foot prints around her house on Friday night in the snow, she thinks someone has been looking in her windows.

10:20 a.m. **Scituate** Fire requesting medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11 a.m. **High School and Pond St.,** building checks.

11:12 a.m. **Deep Run,** medical aid, detail officer reports another detail officer injured on duty, a left knee injury, having trouble standing.

12:28 p.m. **Depot Ct., and South Main St.,** traffic enforcement.

12:35 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

2:22 p.m. **Pleasant St., and Depot Ct.,** traffic enforcement.

5:05 p.m. **Hull St., and Grace Drive,** traffic enforcement.

5:19 p.m. **King St.,** traffic enforcement.

6:50 p.m. **Route 3A,** traffic enforcement.

7:16 p.m. **North Main St.,** traffic enforcement.

8:57 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

9:15 p.m. **Scituate,** animal complaint, caller reports the dog he was taking care of is missing, dog address is Whitehead Rd., Cohasset, a black Lab, caller also contacted Scituate PD.

9:46 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.,** 209A violation.

10:12 p.m. **Wheelwright Farm,** fire, public assist.

10:13 p.m. **Lantern Lane,** 209A violation, officer reports one in custody. 39-year-old Cohasset man charged with abuse prevention order, violating Probate Court.

10:58 p.m. **North Main St.,** hazard, caller reports the gates are down – lights are flashing, no train, they have been waiting for 10 minutes. Contacted MBTA.

TUESDAY, DEC. 11

12:28 a.m. **North Main St.,** hazard, gates are malfunctioning, MBTA service men enroute.

1:19 a.m. **South Main St., and Summer St.,** traffic enforcement.

6:29 a.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane,** traffic enforcement.

7:25 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle crash, no physical damage to either vehicle.

8:41 a.m. **Sohier St.,** traffic enforcement.

8:51 a.m. **Sohier St.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:32 a.m. **Sohier St.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:45 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.,** public service, caller reports a forklift has slid on some ice and into a parked motor vehicle. No injuries. No reports needed just assistance with paperwork.

10:23 a.m. **North Main St.,** motor vehicle stop.

10:34 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Norman Todd Rd.,** well being check, caller reports an elderly female walking in the road in a bathrobe carrying a suitcase. Officers have checked the area, nobody found matching description.

11:35 a.m. **South Main St.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:39 a.m. **Elm St.,** female suspect from bank robbery in the town is in custody at Whitman PD. Unit to pick female up to transport to Cohasset PD. Arrest: Marci D. Picardi, 120 South Ave., Apt. 6, Whitman. Charges: Warrant.

11:46 a.m. **South Main St.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:09 p.m. **South Main St.,** traffic citation/warning.

1:29 p.m. **Elm St.,** transport prisoner, detective transporting one female prisoner to Quincy Court.

2:16 p.m. **Border St.,** disturbance, caller reports he is having a problem with another fisherman at this location. Officers report the other male party involved has not arrived yet.

2:52 p.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.,** traffic enforcement.

3:13 p.m. **Forest Notch,** suspicious activity, caller reports she just wants it noted to make other people aware. She just received a call from a male party stating he works for UPS and has a package to deliver but when the package arrives the resident will have to pay $75.

3:17 p.m. **North Main St.,** fire – public assist, lift assist.

4:35 p.m. **Lower King St.,** motor vehicle crash, minor motor vehicle accident, no injuries, officer reports no report required.

4:49 p.m. **Pond St.,** traffic enforcement.

4:54 p.m. **North Main St.,** fire – public assist, lift assist.

5:03 p.m. **N. Main St.,** motor vehicle stop, vehicle stop, citation issued.

5:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle crash, caller reports a vehicle just backed into her. Both parties standing by waiting for officer to arrive. Officer reports no injuries – report taken.

5:54 p.m. **North Main St.,** traffic enforcement.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

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6:34 p.m. **Hanover Police Dept.**, bolo announcement. Sometime within the past 24 hours a PA Landers dump truck was stolen from Winter Street in Hanover, if found contact Hanover PD.

6:37 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer wanted – domestic.

6:56 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

7:47 p.m. **Pleasant Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, upper back pain.

7:57 p.m. **Elm Ct.**, animal complaint, caller reports he found a cat – light brown w/dark brown. Caller stated the cat looks like it is well taken care of.

8:44 p.m. **Highland Ct.**, harassment, caller reports she would like to speak to officer reference to threatening phone calls, she knows who is doing them.

9:10 p.m. **Sheldon Rd., and Atlantic Ave.**, fire, investigation, caller reports outside odor of gas at above location.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12

1:24 a.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

1:26 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

2:20 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

3:11 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

6:36 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

7:04 a.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:49 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

10:43 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11:06 a.m. **Norman Todd Rd.**, disturbance, caller reports he needs the police for a male party that is "very angry" and making threats to him and is out of control. Peace has been restored at this time.

12:53 p.m. **Elm St.**, animal complaint, large brown and white dog laying in front of the fire station doors.

1:35 p.m. **Depot Ct.**, parking complaint, Fire Capt. reports a white vehicle has been parking in a bad spot at this location making it difficult for the fire apparatus to pass. vehicle has been tagged.

1:46 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

1:55 p.m. **Elm St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports strong inside odor of gas at this location. Command requesting Keyspan to the scene.

2:24 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Bound Brook Lane**, traffic enforcement.

2:30 p.m. **Black Rock Rd., and Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

2:39 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Mill Lane**, motor vehicle stop.

4:43 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Norman Todd Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

5:43 p.m. **Elm St.**, investigation.

5:50 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

6:12 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:47 p.m. **South Main St., and Summer St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:32 p.m. **Virginia Lane**, animal complaint, walk in party reports she has a stray dog at there home.

7:41 p.m. **Pond St.**, parking violation, cars parked in Fire Lane. Cars issued parking tickets.

8:55 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

9:34 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:42 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:43 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:44 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:47 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop.

11:29 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, assist citizen, caller stated that a man is walking with no shoes on and only a T-shirt. Transporting citizen to Hull.

THURSDAY, DEC. 13

1:26 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:32 a.m. **Elm St.**, investigation.

4:49 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

4:50 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

5:07 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

6:04 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Linden Drive**, traffic enforcement.

7:37 a.m. **Sohier St.**, domestic.

8:54 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, disturbance, 911 caller reports he is having a verbal dispute with his neighbor. This matter has been referred to the building inspector.

10:04 a.m. **North Main St.**, hazard, officer reports is appears a pole was hit at this location and is about to snap at the bottom of the pole. National Grid notified.

10:09 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, investigation, caller reports water pouring out of a house. The sprinkler system was left on at this residence and froze up, unable to tell if there is any damage inside the residence. Homeowner notified via cell phone, they have a maintenance person from his business responding to the residence with a key. Units have gained access to the residence, no damage inside.

10:17 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, larceny, caller reports a "felony theft" and he needs an officer. This is a theft of 6 cords of fire wood, officer investigation.

11:42 a.m. Medical aid, transporting other/BLS.

12:57 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Red Fox Lane**, disabled motor vehicle. Several callers reporting a disabled vehicle in the middle of 3A, nobody around.

1:17 p.m. **Summer St.**, property damage, caller reports a vehicle just crashed into his neighbor's fence and took off up Summer Street. The vehicle is described as a green Jeep Wrangler with a young female operator wearing a white sweater. No report needed, officer has spoken to the resident and the resident is satisfied, not worried about the minor damage.

1:41 p.m. **North Main St.**, well being check, caller reports a vehicle slid through the crossing gates while the train was coming through and snapped the gate off and smashed the windshield. Unable to locate at this time, units looking at all crossings.

1:54 p.m. **Beechwood St., and South Main St.**, assist citizen, officer out on portable with a female in a wheelchair attempting to make it to her residence. Officer has assisted female into a pick up truck and the party will transport the female to her residence.

2:05 p.m. **Ash St.**, hazard, caller reports a group of youths building a ski jump in the middle of the street. Officer has advised the youths to remove the ski jump from the roadway.

2:13 p.m. **North Main St.**, fire – public assist, female party needs assistance getting into her vehicle.

2:16 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Jerusalem Rd.**, assist motorist, caller reports a school bus is stuck on the hill.

2:44 p.m. **Bayberry Lane**, B&E of motor vehicle, 911 caller reports she went into the post office and came back out and her pocketbook was stolen and it contained $1200 inside it. Officers have spoken to the female victim and also post office employees. Detectives notified of same.

4:28 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, disturbance, caller reports a group of youths on her property and she would like them removed.

5:14 p.m. **Henry Turner Bailey Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS. Scituate Fire request R3 for a man trapped under a car. Scituate PD reports this is a man that slipped and fell under a car and broke his leg.

5:50 p.m. **North Main St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle crash/hit and run, officer reports a vehicle crashed into 4 other vehicles and fled. Officer in pursuit of vehicle.

5:57 p.m. **North Main St., and Ripley Rd.**, pursuit/vehicle, officer reports he witnessed a car crash and is now chasing one of the vehicles. Officer has one in custody after a pursuit. Arrest: Mary L. Carlson, 42, 150 North Main St., Cohasset. Charges: OUI of liquor (3rd offense), operating motor vehicle with suspended license, operating motor vehicle with suspended registration, failure to stop for police, failure to stop/yield, leaving scene of property damage.

8:59 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, a truck that is stuck up the path at this location is leaking fuel.

9:33 p.m. **Cedar Acres Lane**, fire, investigation, caller reports a tree that fell on the wires and is sparking. National Grid has been notified.

FRIDAY, DEC. 14

2:15 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, transport citizen, caller requests a ride to his house, his truck is stuck in the snow.

8:29 a.m. **Elm St.**, prisoner transport.

8:48 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, laceration to thumb.

9:27 a.m. **Driftway, Scituate**, medical aid, unresponsive patient.

9:31 a.m. **Route 3A**, traffic enforcement.

9:41 a.m. **Town**, hydrant details.

9:44 a.m. **Summer St.**, property damage, caller reports he would like to see an officer regarding his mailbox being damaged overnight. Damage was done by a plow.

10:16 a.m. **Border St.**, assist other Police Department, Scituate PD reports a pole has snapped and is across the road along with the wires, they need assistance in shutting the road down.

10:52 a.m. **Elm St., and South Main St.**, downed power lines, caller reports a truck came by and took down all the wires. E3 reports they need the road shut down.

11:32 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, very minor accident, no injuries

11:34 a.m. **Sankey Rd.**, downed power lines, caller reports the power lines have been taken down from pole to house.

11:39 a.m. **Border St.**, fight, caller reports he was just attacked by another male and they did have a physical fight. Units have spoken to both parties, report to follow. Two males being summoned, one on charges of A&B, the other on charges of A&B with dangerous weapon

12:23 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS. R3 will be transporting to SSH for a serious arm injury. R3 transporting to SSH/ALS.

12:37 p.m. Officer wanted, caller believes that her neighbor has paid off the highway department to pile the snow in front of her driveway.

12:56 p.m. **Route 3A**, traffic enforcement.

12:57 p.m. **Elm St.**, investigation.

1:38 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, threats (bodily harm).

1:50 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, hazard, walk in party reports a large tree resting on the power lines in this area.

2:37 p.m. **Sohier St.**, property damage, caller reports a Jeep was just doing donuts in the parking lot and tore up the gravel, he would like to see an officer. A black Jeep operated by a youth, tore up gravel in the lot. No real damage. Caller just wanted the driver identified and his parents notified if located.

5:01 p.m. **Elm St., and Stevens Lane**, parking complaint, walk in party reports a vehicle at this location that isn't pulled into its parking space all the way could be hit due to slippery roads.

5:10 p.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:20 p.m. **N. Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:06 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, parking complaint/motor vehicle blocking, caller complains of a truck that was stuck this morning, and is still sitting there. He states emergency vehicles will not be able to get through if necessary. Officer reports that wrecker is unable to tow this motor vehicle due to its position. Wrecker driver has pushed the van off of the road far enough so that emergency vehicles can access all homes.

8:48 p.m. **Parker Ave.**, parking complaint, caller reports at the end of this street there are cars parked on both sides which makes it hard to see when pulling out onto Border Street.

9:02 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports kids throwing something that he states is heavier than snow at cars, his was one of the vehicles struck.

9:42 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

9:46 p.m. **Church St.**, medical aid.

11:29 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service, officer reports a truck stuck in a snow bank and minor damage to a sign.

11:46 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

SATURDAY, DEC. 15

12:32 a.m. **N. Main St.**, parking complaint.

1:55 a.m. **Pond St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

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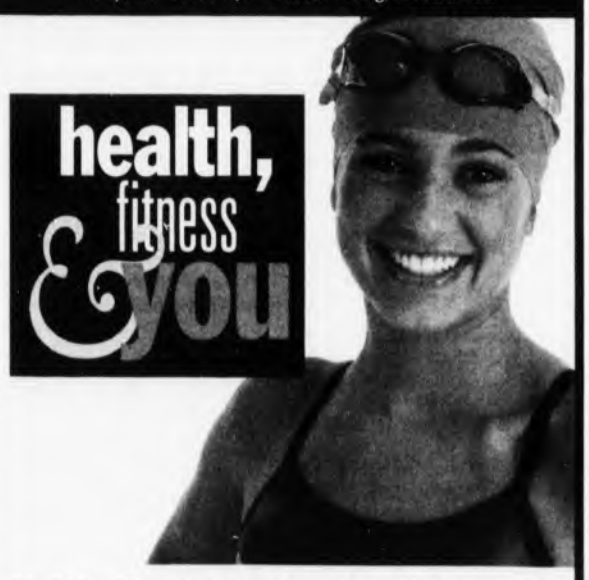
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NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 05P2506EP

In the Estate of PHYLLIS C. DEDECZ
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death November 25, 2007

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that KENDALL DE LONG of CHARLESTOWN in the County of SUFFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 30, 2008**.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

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AD#11548619
Cohasset Mariner 12/28/07

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LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen, acting as liquor license authority, will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 7, 2008 at 7:15 PM in the Selectmen's Office, Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave. to consider allegations that Cohasset Sarro, Inc. d/b/a Red Lion Inn, 71-85 South Main Street, may have violated state and/or local laws and regulations regarding the service of alcohol after hours on October 26, 2007, and after hours and off the licensed premises on November 21, 2007 into November 22, 2007.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

AD#11547703
Cohasset Mariner 12/28/07

ZBA/16 AND 22 DEPOT COURT
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tuesday January 8th at 9:45 PM** to hear and act upon an application to reopen and modify a **Special Permit** File #07-05-04 pursuant to §8.7.2 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Richard H. Brown, Jr. and Gina M. Brown**, seek to re-build a building that was destroyed by fire located at **16 and 22 Depot Court** according to the letter/application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-05-04.

AD#11546917
Cohasset Mariner 12/21, 12/28/07

ZBA/10 BEACH ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **January 8th , at 9:15 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Heidi Condon, Assoc. Architect (land owner is Chritina J. Brown of 465R Jerusalem Rd.)**, seeks to replace existing garage with a less non-conforming garage at **10 Beach Street** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-12-14.

AD#11546898
Cohasset Mariner 12/21, 12/28/07

ZBA/92 PLEASANT ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **January 8th , at 10:15 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Can Tiryaki, Architect (Land owner is Douglas and Karyn Ellinger)**, seeks to construct an addition of a sunroom and covered porch at **92 Pleasant Street** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-12-17b.

AD#11546936
Cohasset Mariner 12/21, 12/28/07

ZBA/14 LAMBERTS LANE
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **January 8th , at 8:45 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **APPEAL**, filed by **Michael and Barbara Mullin of 14 Lamberts Lane**, of the Building Inspector's Decision to not rescind the building permit issued to the owners of 20-22 Lamberts Lane. According to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-11-19.

AD#11546928
Cohasset Mariner 12/21, 12/28/07

ZBA/88B BEACH ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tuesday, January 8th at 8:15 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Variance** pursuant to §5.3 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Mark Ellis**, seeks to raze the existing structure and construct a new single family dwelling at **88B Beach Street,** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #07-12-17a.

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Cohasset Mariner 12 21, 12/28/07

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TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

DEC. 27, 2007 - JAN 4, 2008

World of Wheels rolls into Bayside Expo Center

Show proves Americans still love their cars

The Town Fair Tire World of Wheels will fill Bayside with more than 300 dazzling custom vehicles of all types - cars, trucks, motorcycles, street rods, drag racers, tuners, antiques, off-roads, magazine cover cars, classics and collectibles.

Now well into its third decade and still the weekend attendance record-holder at Boston's Bayside Expo Center, the Town Fair Tire World of Wheels custom car competition and motorsports exposition rolls into town for its 34th annual run Jan. 4-6, 2008. The show is proof positive that Americans young and old still love their cars, says show chairman Dick Royer.

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The majority of these vehicles are created by local car enthusiasts who will be competing for prizes in the International Show Car Association-sanctioned GM Performance Parts Show Car series. "The money and time that these car enthusiasts put into customizing their vehicles is nothing short of amazing, and they can be justifiably proud of the results of their efforts, not only because of the 'eye' appeal of the finished vehicles, but also because of the extraordinary craftsmanship they represent," says Royer.

To achieve their dream vehicles, they chop tops, round fenders, fill, lower, chrome, electrify, soup up, fuel inject, supercharge and hang an array of aftermarket engine and styling kits onto their vehicles. Some customs start as only a frame, and the finished vehicle bears only passing resemblance to the original. Others are restored with manic attention to detail, including fabricating missing parts from scratch. Interiors range from original, to a variety of new leathers, fabrics and colors. Paint schemes trend from bright to muted with a range of flame accents and air-brushed graphics applied over multiple coats of clear and color finishes.

The Town Fair Tire World of Wheels also will offer spectators the chance to meet and get autographs from sports and other celebrities, to see specialty vehicles and to be entertained by many other attractions for the whole family.

The show takes place the weekend of Jan. 4-6, and extreme car builder featured guests will appear at the show on Sunday, Jan 6. They will be Will Castro from TV's "Unique Whips," 12:30 to 4 p.m., Jimmy Shine from TV's "Hard Shine," noon to 4 p.m., and Ken "Posie" Fenical, noon to 4 p.m.

"The builders/exhibitors who show off their vehicles at the Town Fair Tire World of Wheels are living life-long dreams of what their perfect car would be, and these well known extreme builders represent the pinnacle in the auto-as-art world," Royer said. "Whether you're a show exhibitor and fellow builder or a spectator dazzled by customs who also dreams of the perfect car, this is a once in a lifetime chance to meet these extreme builders in person."

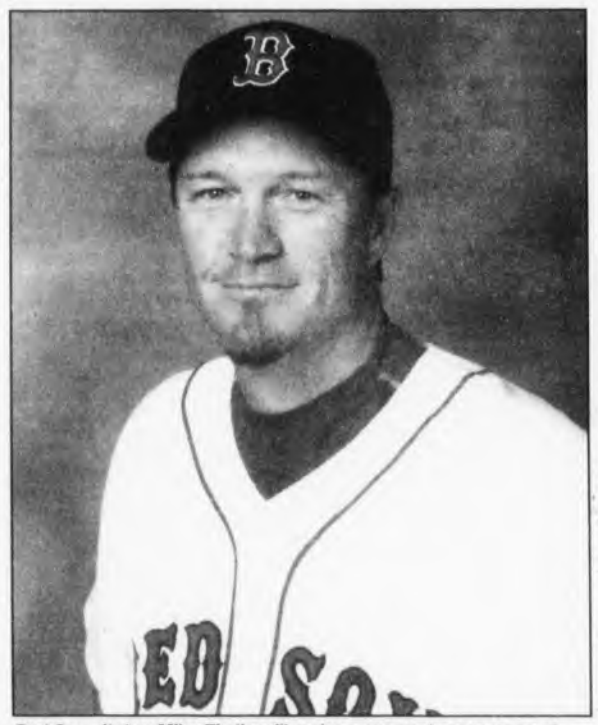
Other Town Fair Tire World of Wheels features will include a real-life, full-sized replica of Tow Mater, the loveable but not too smart rusty tow truck with a heart of gold and voice of Larry the Cable Guy who was Lightning McQueen's sidekick in Disney/Pixar Studios' hit animated feature film "Cars," as well as a Chevy exhibit by Super Rod magazine called the Heartbeat of America and one of New England's largest automotive toy and memorabilia markets.

Among additional celebrities appearing at the show will be Red Sox pitcher Mike Timlin, Sunday, 1 to 3 p.m.; former New England Patriots running back Mosi Tatupu, Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; former WWF and WCW wrestling superstar Virgil, Friday, 7 to 9 p.m., Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. and 6 to 10 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.; Amber "Pixie" Acia from TV's "LA Ink," Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.; and Chris Jacobs from TV's "Overhaulin," Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

In the show's Action Arena, the BMX Extreme Bikers and USA Breakdancers will perform throughout the weekend, and the Boston Derby Dames will give roller derby demonstrations. Additional attractions will include racetrack exhibits, annual model car contest, radio station promotions and giveaways.

The show takes place at Boston's Bayside Expo Center, located off I-93, exit 15, and on the MBTA Red Line's JFK/UMass T Stop (free shuttles during show hours). Show hours are Friday, Jan. 4, 2008, 5 to 11 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is $15 for adults, $5 for children 6-12, free for children 5 and under. Discount coupons will be available at participating Town Fair Tire locations as the dates for the show get nearer.

For information, call 508-238-2800 until show week, then 617-474-6000 or visit worldofwheels.com. To enter the custom vehicle competition, call 401-766-8591. The Town Fair Tire World of Wheels is produced by Championship Auto Shows, Inc., Auburn Hills, Mich.



Red Sox pitcher Mike Timlin will make a personal appearance at Town Fair Tire World of Wheels to greet show spectators and sign free autographs from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6



Tow Mater, who was Lightning McQueen's lovable rusty tow truck sidekick in the Disney/Pixar Studios' hit animated feature film "CARS," will join over 300 custom vehicles of all types and special attractions at the 2008 Town Fair Tire World of Wheels motorsports exhibition in Boston's Bayside Expo Center the weekend of Jan. 4-6. With his heart of gold and Larry the Cable Guy voice, Mater stole the show in "Cars." He is based on a Chevy Duallie pickup truck and was built by Eddie Paul and the craftsmen at EP Industries, El Segundo, Calif., along with Lightning and several other "stars" to promote the movie. Now "Cars" fans young and old can see Mater in the "flesh" at the Town Fair Tire World of Wheels.

Calendar of events

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun tab.

Thursday, Dec. 27

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Dickinson Gallery, 1132 Main St., Weymouth. **Roger Gill,** of Rockland and Weymouth, will be the featured artist at the gallery through Jan. 4, 2008. His paintings feature New England scenes like the Eastern Point Lighthouse, Cohasset Harbor, a neighbor's home, and summer and autumn landscapes. At the same time, the gallery will display the work of **Stephen Holland, Edwina Caci, Dan Meyers, Pat Bianco, J. Marshall Dyke,** and 12 other artists Wednesday through Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays from noon to 5:30 p.m.. 781-331-3384.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Dec. 27 **Triple Crown** 781-829-6999.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St., Pembroke. **Texas Hold 'Em every Thursday** The games take place 6:45 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Dec. 27 **Satch Romano's open mic** with Hoodoo-SugarBlue Blues jam featuring members of Hoodoo Revelator and Sugar Blue at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. next pagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

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Friday, Dec. 28

Christmas Follies Spectacular, This collection of talent will feature alumni hailing from NYC, Boston and all over greater southeastern Massachusetts Friday, Dec. 28 through Sunday, Dec. 30. December 28 and 29, performances will be held at the **Starline Room and Paris Cabaret,** 49 Monk St., Stoughton. Doors open at 7 p.m. with performance at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 30, a matinee dinner show will be held at **Benjamin's Restaurant,** 698 Bay St., Taunton. Doors open at 12 p.m. with a five-course meal beginning at 12:30 p.m. and show beginning at 2 p.m. Call 508-828-9189 for reservations or for more information or E-mail heart2heartprods@aol.com.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its annual **New Year's dance** with **DJ: Dave Becker** Dec. 28, from 8 to 11:30 p.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Doors open 7:15 p.m. Free dance lesson 7:30 to 8 p.m. Fine dancing, music, refreshments, door prize, cash bar. 781-331-0021 southshoresingles.org

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Dec. 28 **Chubba Long** 781-829-6999.

Mark your calendar

10TH ANNUAL A LITTLE CHRISTMAS IN JACKSON SQUARE, an Epiphany concert on Sunday, Jan. 6, at 3 p.m. at East Weymouth Congregational Church, 1320 Commercial St at Jackson Square in East Weymouth. The event will feature the mighty century-old pipe organ used to accompany a more than 100-voice choir and musicians from five Weymouth churches, including Weymouth United Methodist Church, Immaculate Conception Parish, First Church in Weymouth and Union Congregational Church in Weymouth Landing, plus the choirs of East Weymouth Congregational Church. A collection will be taken for the Weymouth Food Pantry. For information call 781-335-6919, 781-340-1403 or go to eweyucc.org.

THE COMPANY THEATRE, 30 Accord Park, Norwell presents the recreation of the final concert of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and The Big Bopper featuring John Mueller, Gene Jaramillo and J.P. Richardson Jr. (The Big Bopper's son). Jan. 12 for two shows at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the box-office, by phone at 781-871-2787,and online at companytheatre.com. Visit yourbuddyjohn.com for information about the concert.

SOUTH SHORE'S FINEST BRIDAL EXPO takes place Jan. 20, at the Independence Mall in Kingston from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For information, visit CMRevents.com or call 508-224-4044. Register at web site for Scavenger Hunt. Enter to win free wedding package compliments of the Country Club of Halifax.

CALENDAR, see next page

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Pat Mcloud



Christine Hurley



Pat Hicks

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Fish Tale Bar On The Water restaurant, 44 Jericho Road., Scituate, Dec. 28 ***J PLACE***~solo, singing and playing acoustic guitar 9-11p.m. No Cover Charge

Edaville USA Christmas Festival of Lights, Route 58, Caver through Jan. 1. Fireworks on Fridays through Dec. 28. Visit edaville.com or call 877-edaville for information.

All Seasons Restaurant and Sports Lounge, 327 Plymouth St., Halifax, Dec. 28, **Tom Amerault** 781-293-4135.

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell, Dec. 28, **Chris Fitz.**

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Dec. 28, **Blind Billy & The Spectacles** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. extpagecafe.com myspace.com /satchsnewbluesrevue

Saturday, Dec. 29

Get The Led Out, the ultimate Led Zeppelin tribute, takes to the stage of Plymouth Memorial Hall in Plymouth, on Saturday, Dec. 29 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets priced at just $20 are available at the Plymouth Memorial Hall box-office, located at 50 Court St., in Plymouth, online at plymouthhall.com and by phone at 508-747-1340 & 866-468-7619. Tickets are also available at all FYE outlets. There are also a limited number of VIP tickets available at $50 which include a pre-show party and great seats.

Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth Saturday, Dec. 29, **Traditional Irish Seisiun** every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hornpipes, with great craic and sing-along. Admission is free. No Cover. Come sing, come play, come listen. 508-830-1262.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Dec. 29 **Patriots Game Bash** 781-829-6999.

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Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell, Dec. 29, **Shay's Rebellion.**

Sunday, Dec. 30

Sports Card Show. 8:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., Holiday Inn, Hampshire Street, Mansfield. For more information, contact Douglas Keating at 508-369-2471 or www.cardboardpromotions.com.

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South Shore Stars Dinner Theater (formerly Quincy Dinner Theater) celebrates New Year's Eve with **Bandstand Review**, at the Braintree Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree. Social hour and hors d'oeuvres begin at 7 p.m., dinner at 8 p.m. Bandstand Review show, dancing, prizes; midnight champagne toast followed by continental breakfast. Complete package is $75 per person. Call 781-843-5862 to reserve. Free parking and handicapped accessible.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Dec. 31, **New Years Eve featuring the Mother Focus Party** 781-829-6999.

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell, Dec. 31, **The Swinging Steaks New Year's Eve Party.**

Tuesday, Jan. 1

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands are sponsoring the annual Seafarers' Island Holiday on New Year's Day Tuesday Jan. 1, 2008. There will be two separate ticketed cruises from Rowes Wharf to Spectacle Island: from 11a.m. to 3 p.m., and from noon to 4 p.m. Rowes Wharf is in downtown Boston (by the Boston Harbor Hotel, Atlantic Avenue). The closest T stations are South Station (Red Line), Courthouse (Silver Line), and Aquarium (Blue Line). The trip goes regardless of the weather, with no rain date. Tickets will be sold on the day at Rowes Wharf from 10 a.m. onwards (availability permitting). Since space is limited, advance paid reservations are strongly recommended. Subject to availability, tickets can be bought on the day (cash only please) from 10am at Rowes Wharf. The cost is $25 for adults, $20 for seniors (65+) and FRIENDS members, $15 for children (3 to 12), $13 for FBHI members' children, and babies travel for free (but still need a ticket). For information about FRIENDS activities visit fbhi.org_or call 781-740-4290.

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Wednesday, Jan. 2

Inauguration of Susan M. Kay as **Mayor of the Town of Weymouth** - Swearing in Ceremony for Weymouth Town Council and Weymouth School Committee Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008 at 9:45 a.m. Susan Kay leaves Town Hall for ceremony 10 a.m. Inauguration and Swearing In Ceremony in the Abigail Adams Middle School Auditorium at11 a.m. Reception immediately following ceremony in Town Hall. **Free and open to the public**. Seating at the Abigail Adams Middle School Auditorium is first come, first served; doors will open at 9:30 a.m. Abigail Adams Middle School 89 Middle St., Weymouth. Weymouth Town Hall 75 Middle St., Weymouth. For information visit weymouth.ma.us or call 781-335-2000; TTY: 781-331-5124.

Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak St., Brockton. **Free admission every Wednesday night** 5 to 9 p.m., Bring the children and check out the latest exhibits. For more information call 508-588-6000 or visit fullercraft.org.

Danceworks130 Jackson St., Canton. **Free belly dance class,** all ages on Wednesdays at 7 to 8:15 p.m., Dance to all kinds of music. One free class per student. Call 781-828-3229 to register.

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Thursday, Jan. 3

The Alzheimer's Care Partners Group will meet Jan. 3, at 10:30 a.m. at the John Curtis Free Library, 534 Hanover St.,,(Route 139) Hanover. The discussion topic will be current news and local resources. This is an open group for people who are just beginning to deal with these issues. For information contact Penny Peterson, LCSW at 781-659-2691.

Stories and Art for Preschoolers and Toddlers at The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury is held first Thursday of the month from 10 until 11:30 am, starting with a story, followed by a snack and art project. The next program is scheduled for Jan. 3 and costs $5, per session. Pre-registration is required at 781-934-6634, extension 15.

Network4Success with the Business to Business Networking Group. They meet the first Thursday of each month at the Plympton Library, 5 to 6 p.m., and the third Thursday of every month at the Halifax Country Club, 12 to 1:30 p.m. For more information, e-mail info@network4success.org or visit http://www.network4success.org.

The German-American Club of Walpole (Boylston) German language and literature classes on Thursdays. 7:30 p.m., Walpole. Several levels of instruction are offered, including a class for beginners. For more information, call Dan Evans at 617-326-3892 or Joan Murray at 617-894-3130.

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New England Singles Dance Jan. 4, 8 p.m. to midnight. VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington Adults of all ages. Casual dress. Hors d'oeuvres. Door prizes. Music from the 70's to the present and requests with New England's top DJ's. Admission $10. singles-dances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance. Friday, Jan. 4, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte. 3. (781)446-0234. www.se-4u.com. Dancing with music by Award-winning DJ from 8:30-12:00 AM. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes, and match game prizes. Free dance lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.. For singles and couples, 35+ years old. Cost is $10 before 9. Proper business dress required; sports jacket highly recommended.

School vacation

SOUTH SHORE NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER, Norwell, will offer December vacation week programs on Wednesday, Dec. 26, Thursday, Dec. 27, and Friday, Dec. 28, for grades kindergarten through two, and children 3 fi to 5 years of age. Choose one session or attend all three sessions. Sessions will take place 9:30 a.m. to noon, and grouped by age. Cost per day is $30 members, $35 non-members. Register by Dec. 19. Preregistration and prepayment required. **Clever Critters** is the topic for children in kindergarten through grade two. Explore the world of wildlife, and investigate a different animal group each day to discover what makes them special. Topics are: Wednesday, Dec. 26: Wolves, Coyotes and Their Canine Cousins. With large sharp eyes, alert ears and a bushy wagging tail, these "dogs" may resemble Fido, but don't bring one home as a family pet. Thursday, Dec. 27 includes: Rats and Other Rodents. Can a rat really cook like Ratatouille? No, but they are smart. Find out how smart, and visit with rat, Dunkin. Dunkin's rodent cousins – mice, beavers and the biggest of all, the capybara, will also be discussed. Friday, Dec. 28, will feature: Out Flightless Feathered Friends. What do a penguin, ostrich and a kiwi have in common? They are all birds that cannot fly. Find out what these creatures do to get around and why being flightless may not be all that bad. Dress for the weather as participants may go outside each day. **Favorite Animal Authors** is the topic for 3 fi- to 5-year-olds. Join Nature Center preschool teacher/naturalist Melissa Kurkoski for a Vacation Week Program of free play, art, outdoor exploration and more. Authors and their stories will come to life. Sessions include: Wednesday, Dec. 26: Animals Near and Far with Jan Brett; Thursday, Dec. 27: Creatures Under Water with Leo Lionni; and Friday, Dec. 28: Bugs All Around Us with Eric Carle. Each day will be a new adventure as animals and places near and far are discovered through stories and illustrations! Dress appropriately to go outside. For more information and to register, call South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, Education Department at 781-659-2559, ext 214, or view the Web site at ssnsc.org.

HULL LIFESAVING MUSEUM, 1117 Nantasket Avenue, Hull. **Children's School Vacation Activity** School Vacation Activity: Pop-Up Books, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 26 and 27, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: $5 suggested donation. Contact: Victoria Stevens, 781-925-5433. Email: lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net **Pop In to make a Pop-Up Book!** Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 26 and 27, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Drop by the museum between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 26 and 27, to make your own Hull Pop-Up Book. Capture all the charm of Hull with pop-ups of local landmarks, such as the Lifesaving Museum, Paragon Carousel, and Boston Light. Kids can begin with our template and add plenty of their own creativity. A great way to spend a winter afternoon. Recommended for children ages 4 and older. $5 suggested donation.

Volunteers

HOSPICE OF THE SOUTH SHORE SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

- Greater numbers of people are turning to hospice services as they near the end of life and therefore the need for hospice volunteers is growing. Hospice of the South Shore, a program of South Shore Hospital, is looking for volunteers to share time each week with hospice patients and their families. Volunteers do a variety of things, depending on the needs of the patient and his or her family. Activities may include providing respite for caregivers, running errands, or just keeping someone company. Many hospice volunteers describe the experience of helping individuals with advanced illness as an honor and a privilege. Hospice of the South Shore will be conducting a volunteer training class. If you are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, call Marcia Clifford at 617-755-1314.

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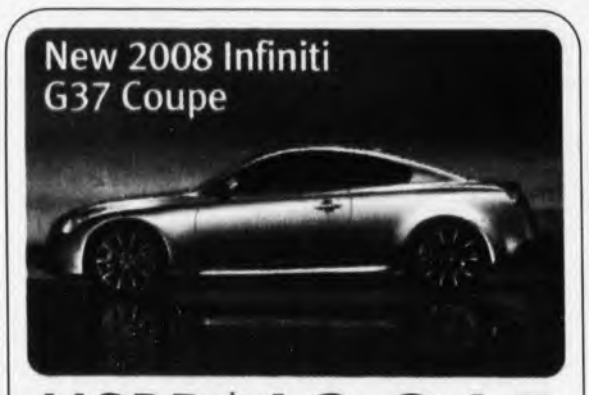
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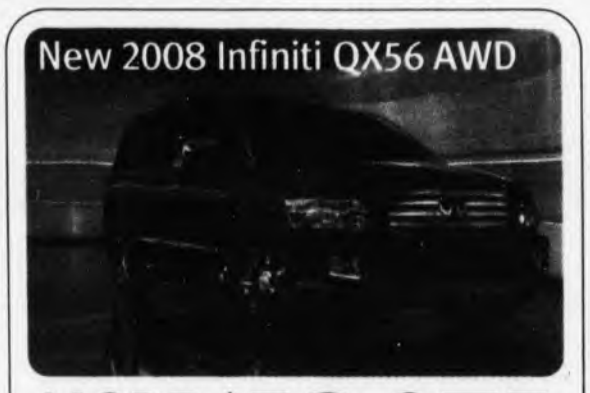
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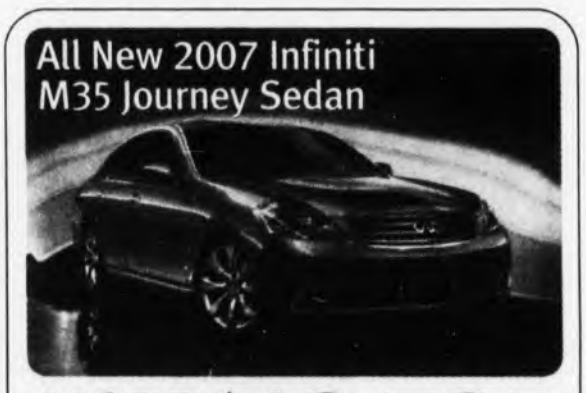
MSRP $58,075

LEASE FOR $599* per mo. for 42 mos. $4,999 cap cost reduction

Leather, Navigation, Power 3rd Row Seat, 20" Chrome Wheels, Heated Steering Wheel

Model #86418

All New 2007 Infiniti M35 Journey Sedan



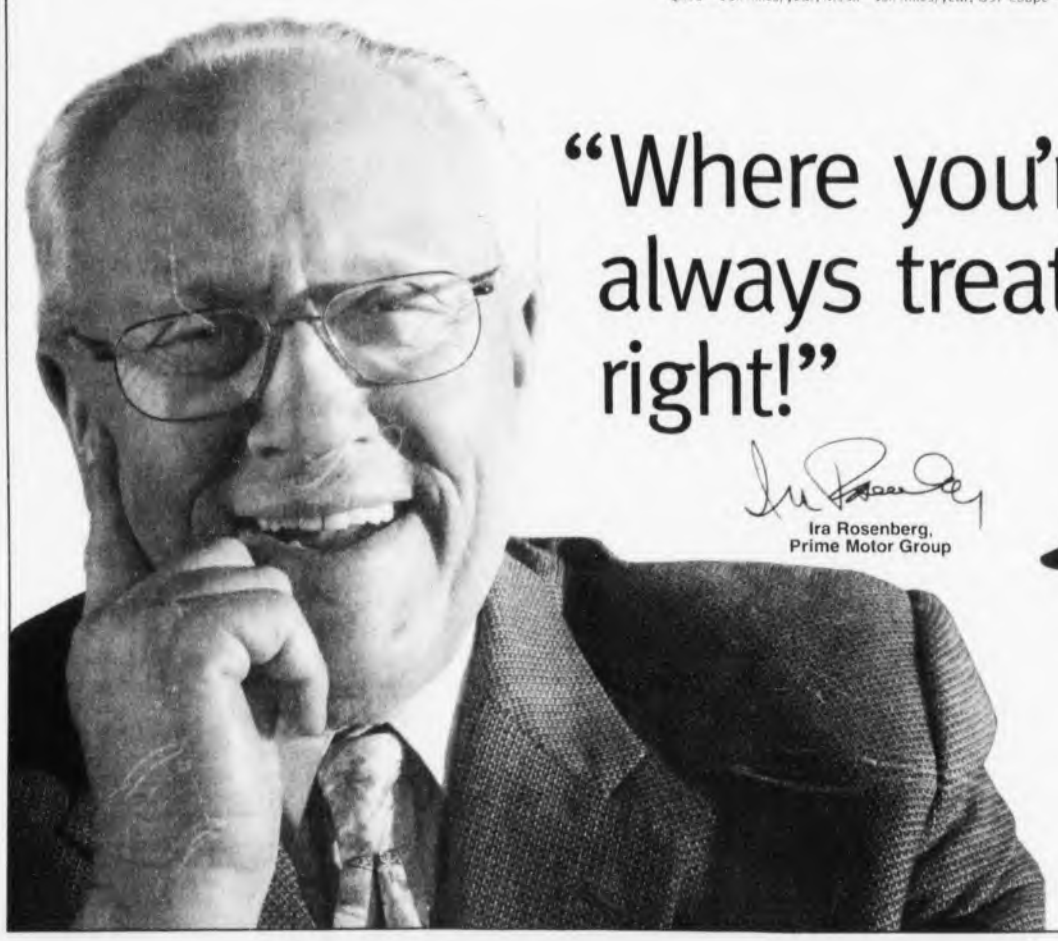
MSRP $43,725

LEASE FOR $349* per mo. for 39 mos. $4,799 cap cost reduction

Leather, Bose Audio, Power Seats

Model #98117

*Tax, 1st months payment, plates, registration, title, documentation and bank acquisition fees additional on all leases. Zero security deposit. FX35 – 10k miles/year; QX56 – 10k miles/year; M35x – 10k miles/year; G37 Coupe – 10k miles/year. Offer expires 1/2/08.



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